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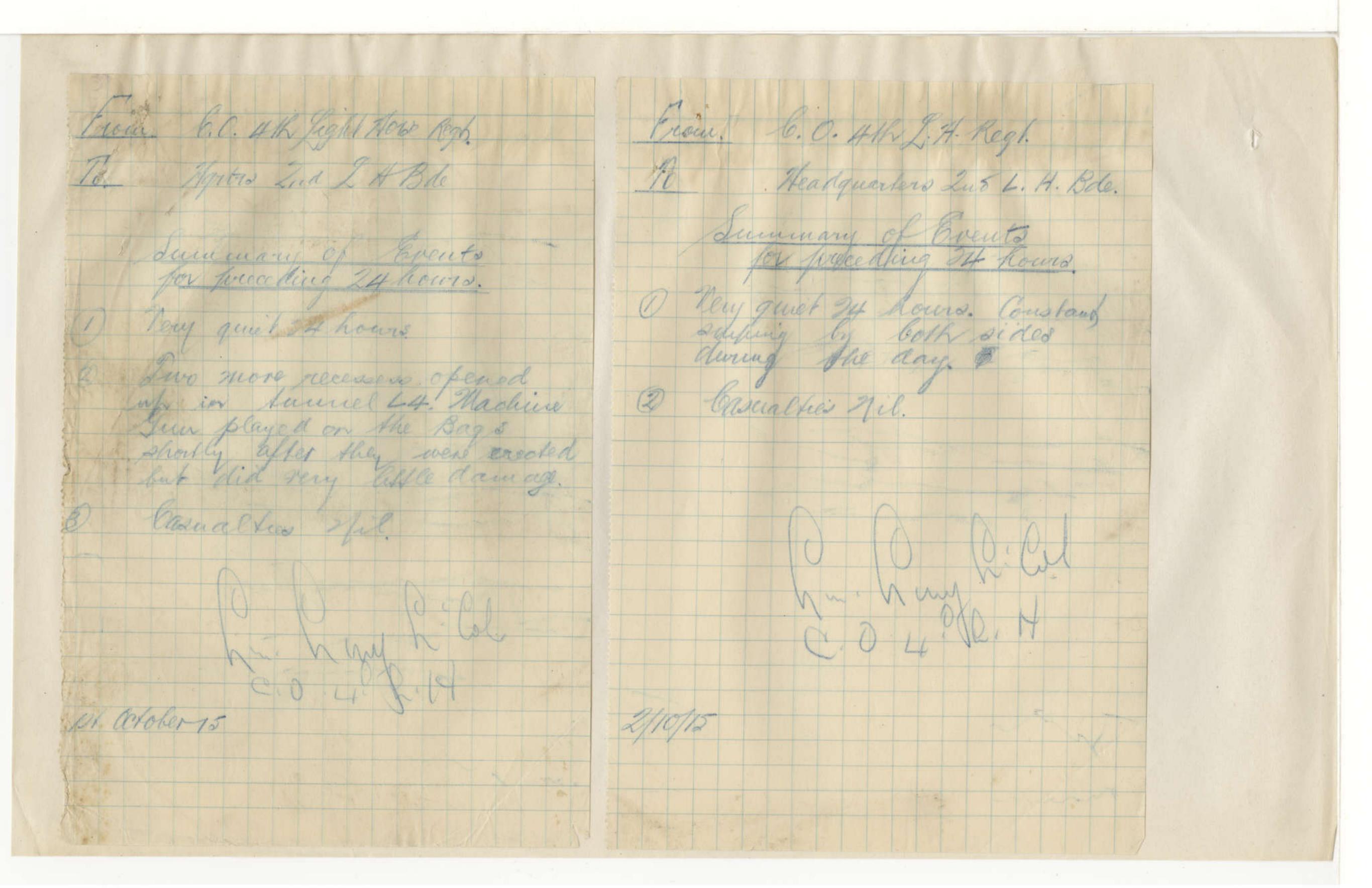
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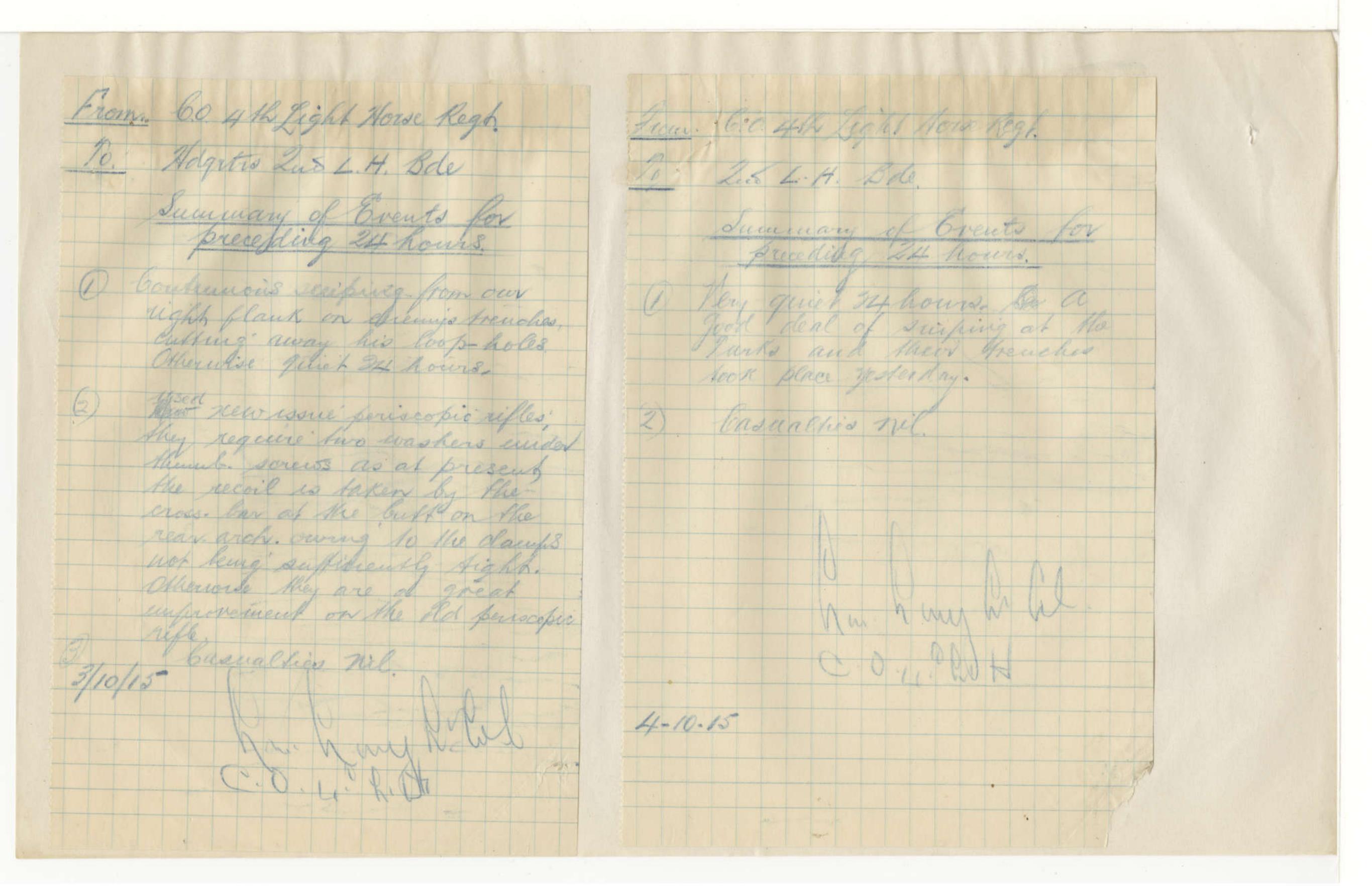
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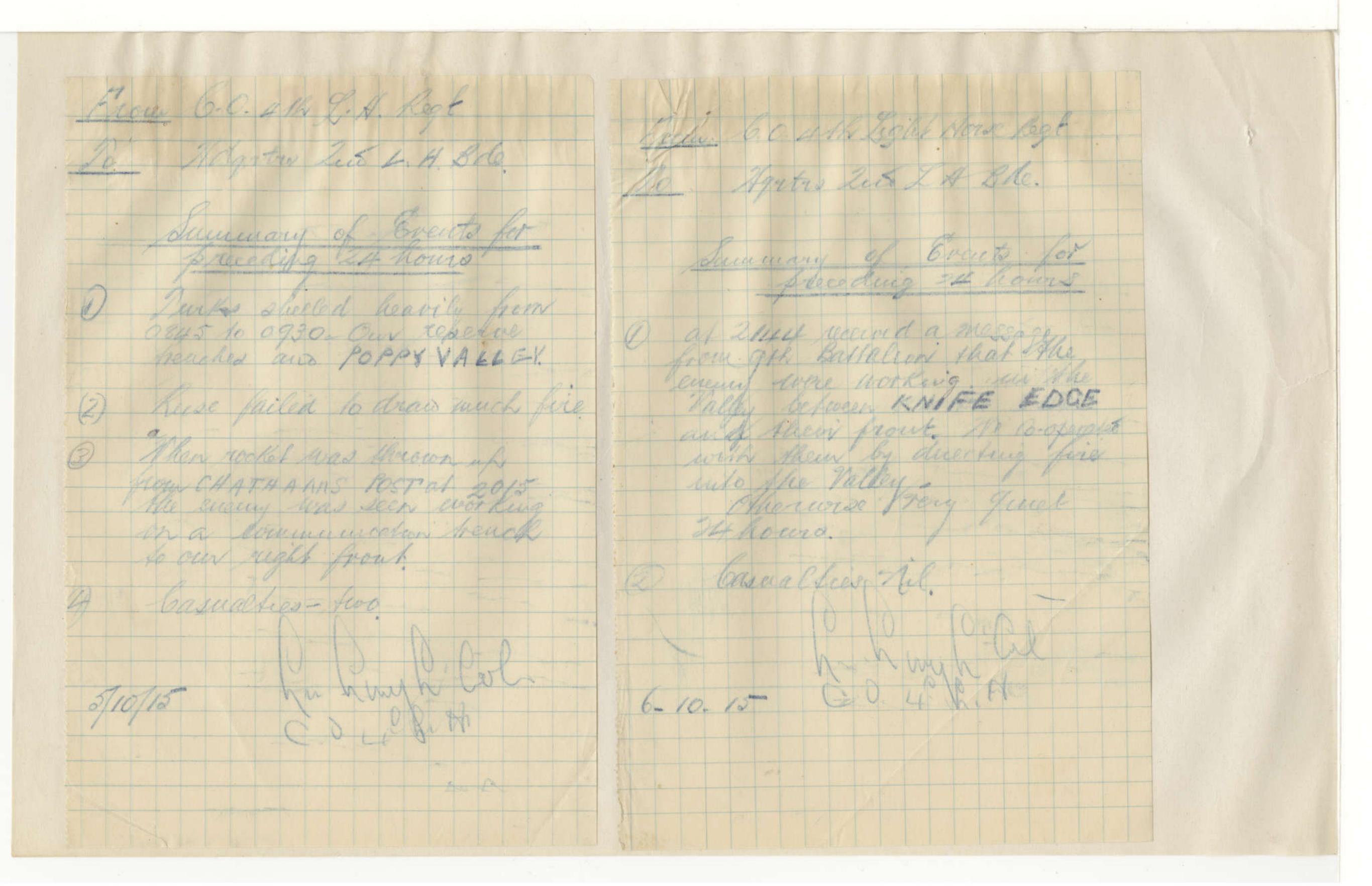
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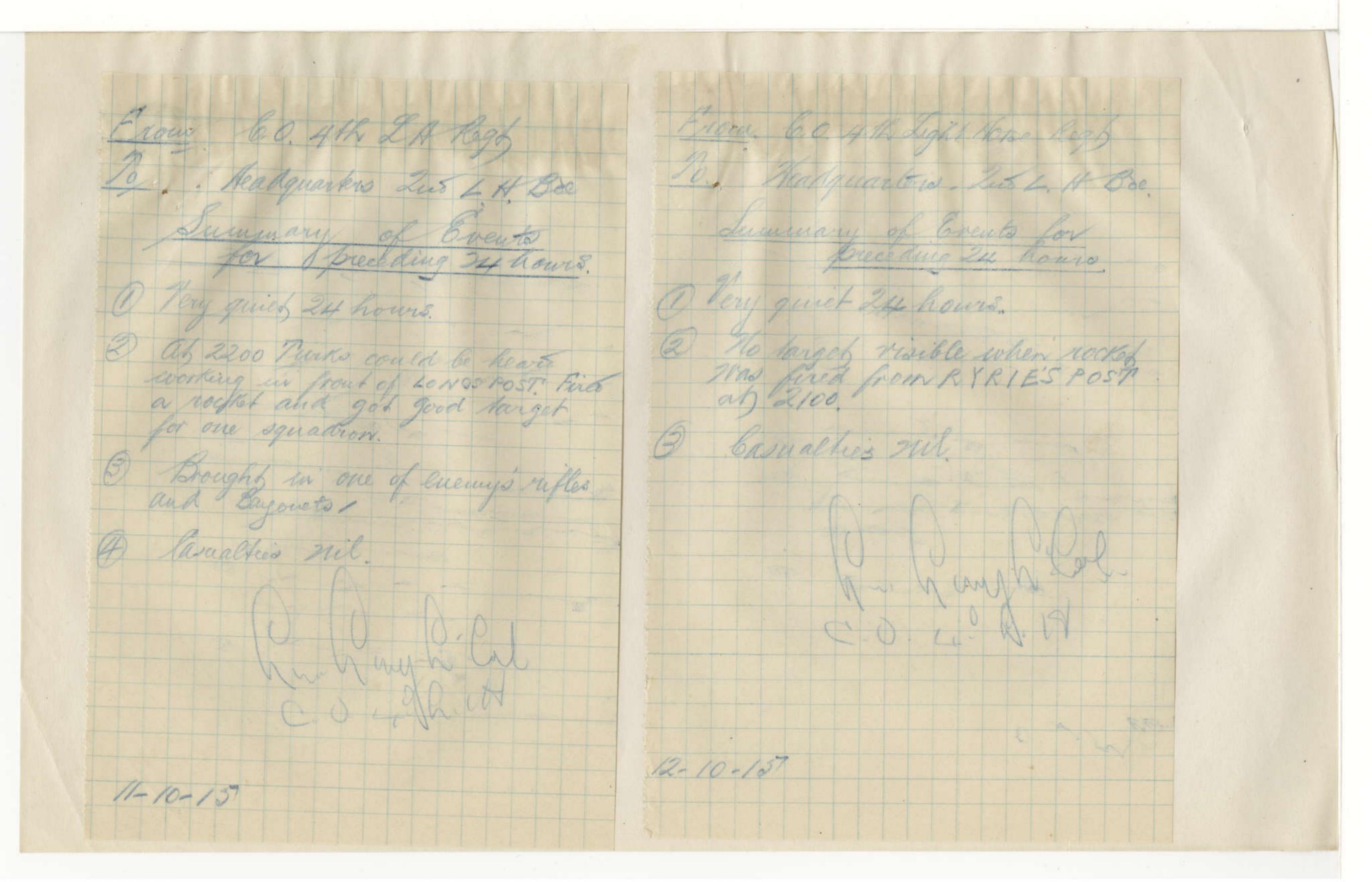


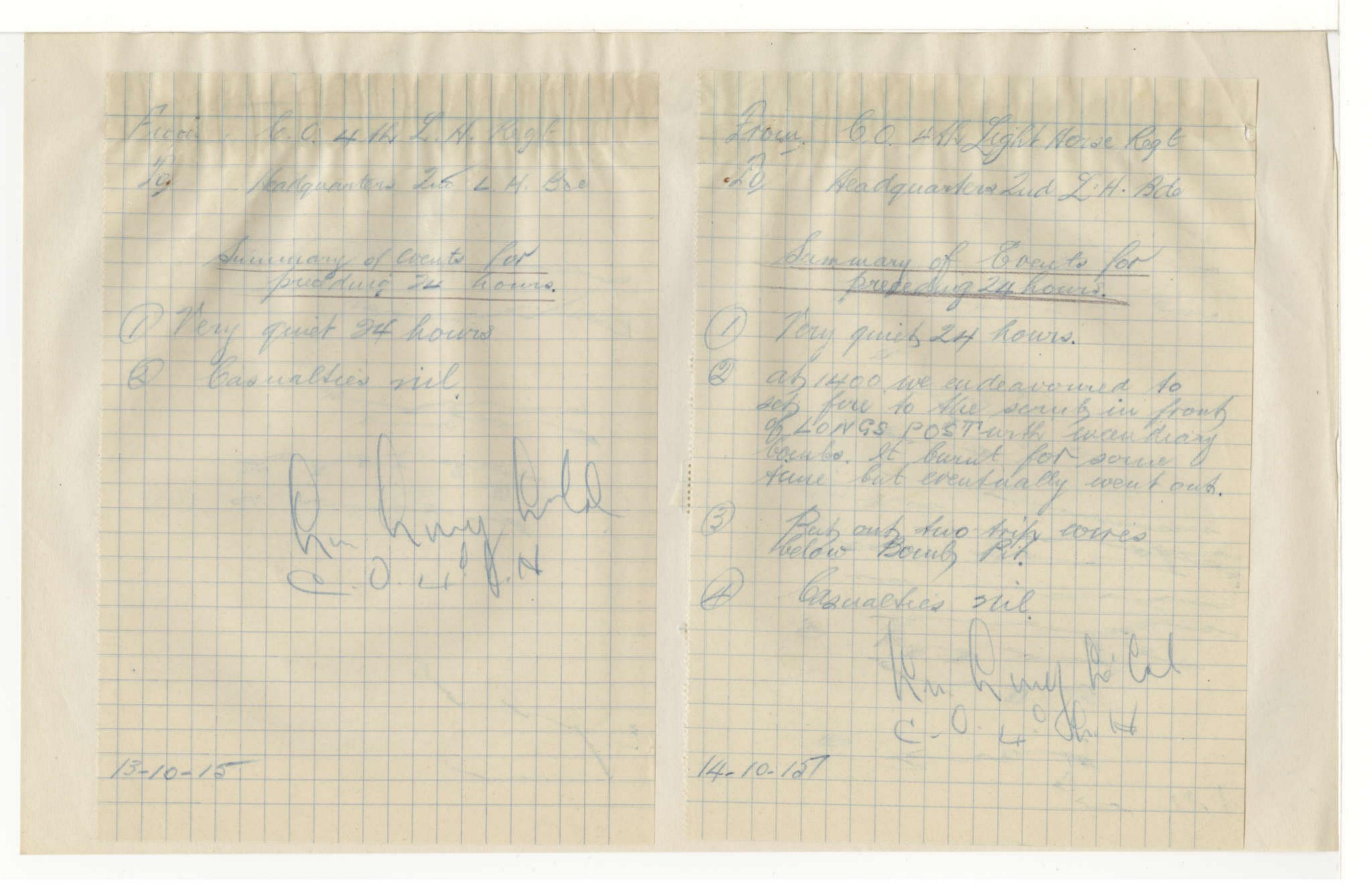


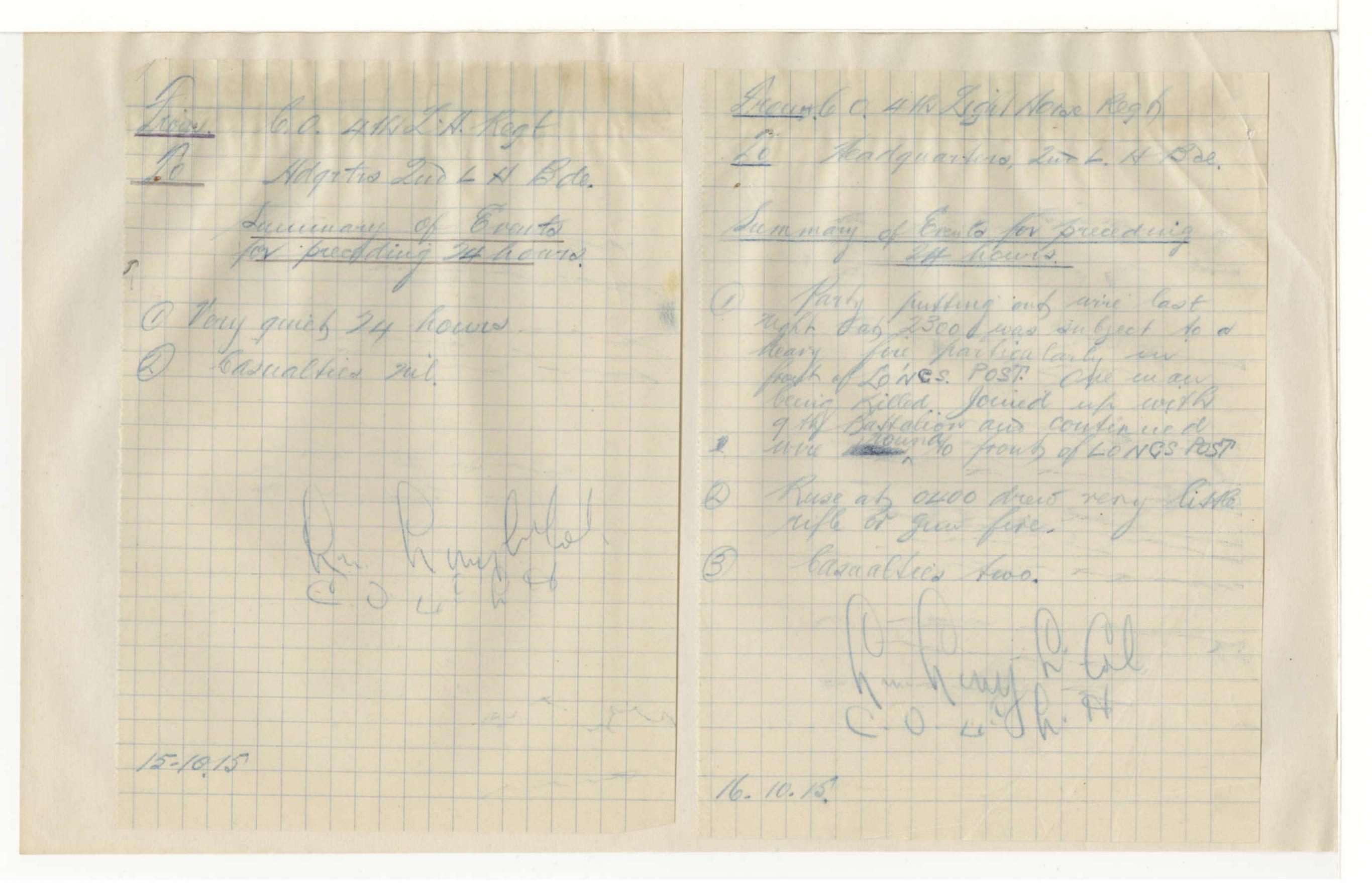


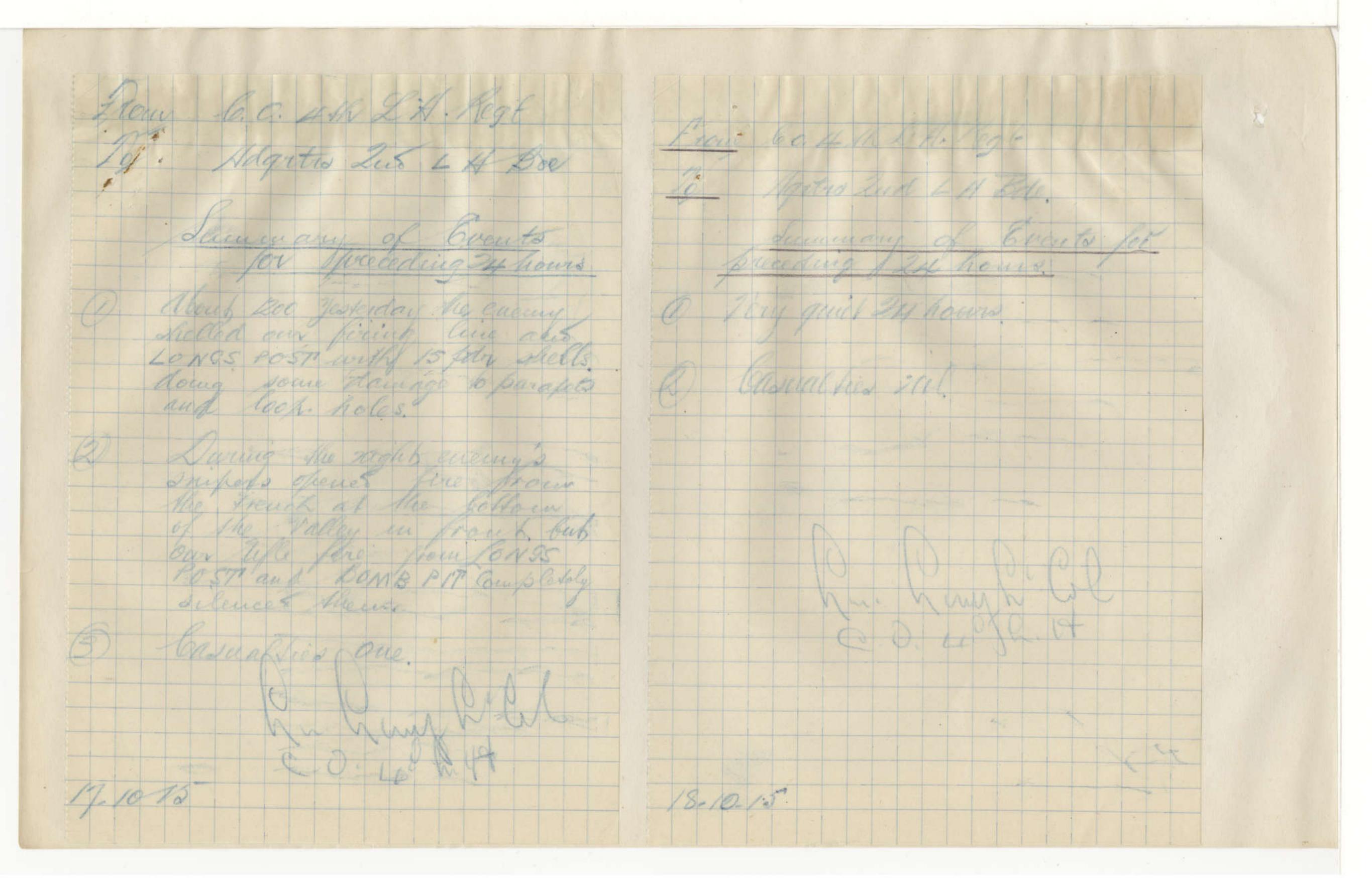
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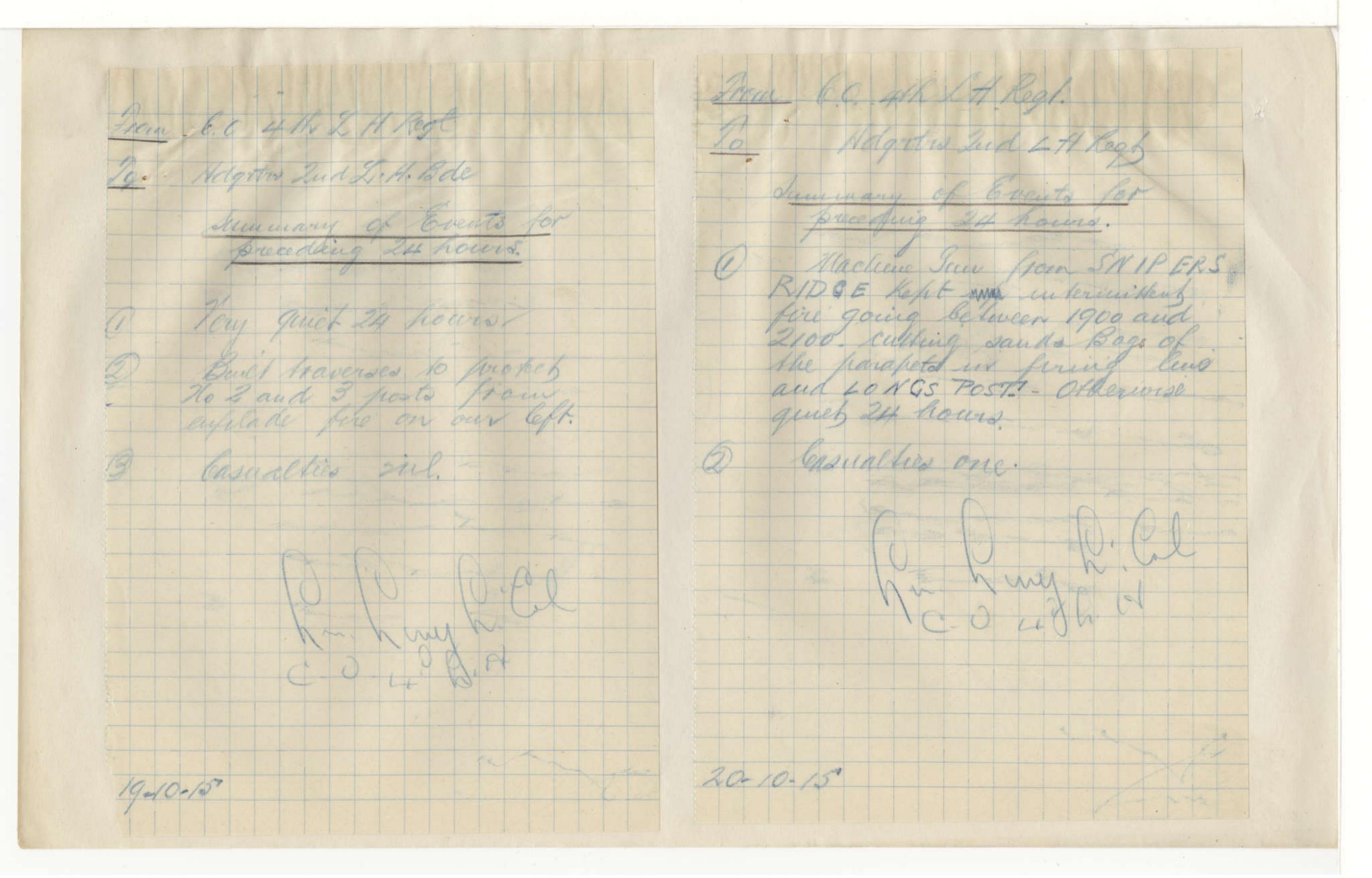
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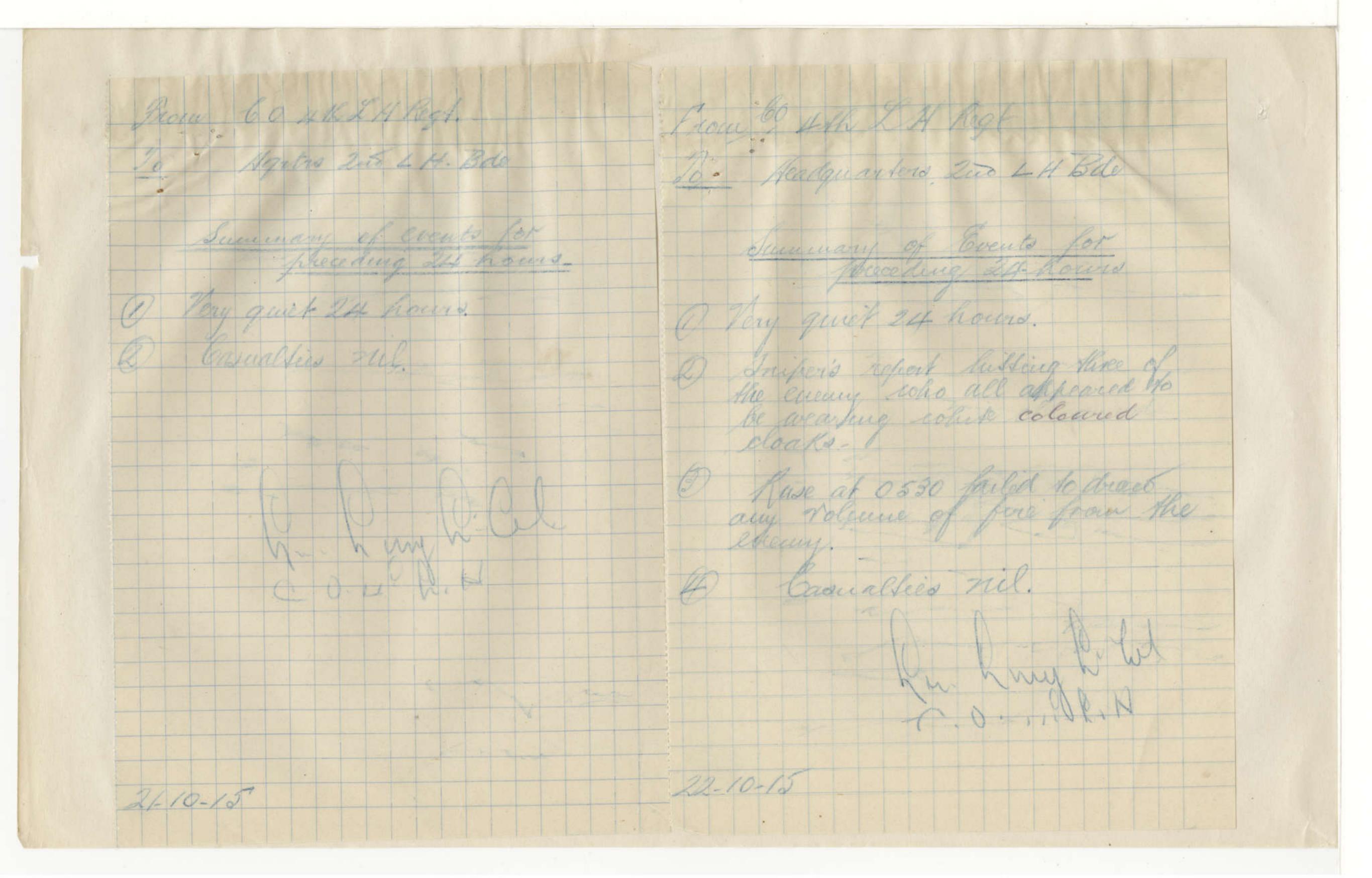


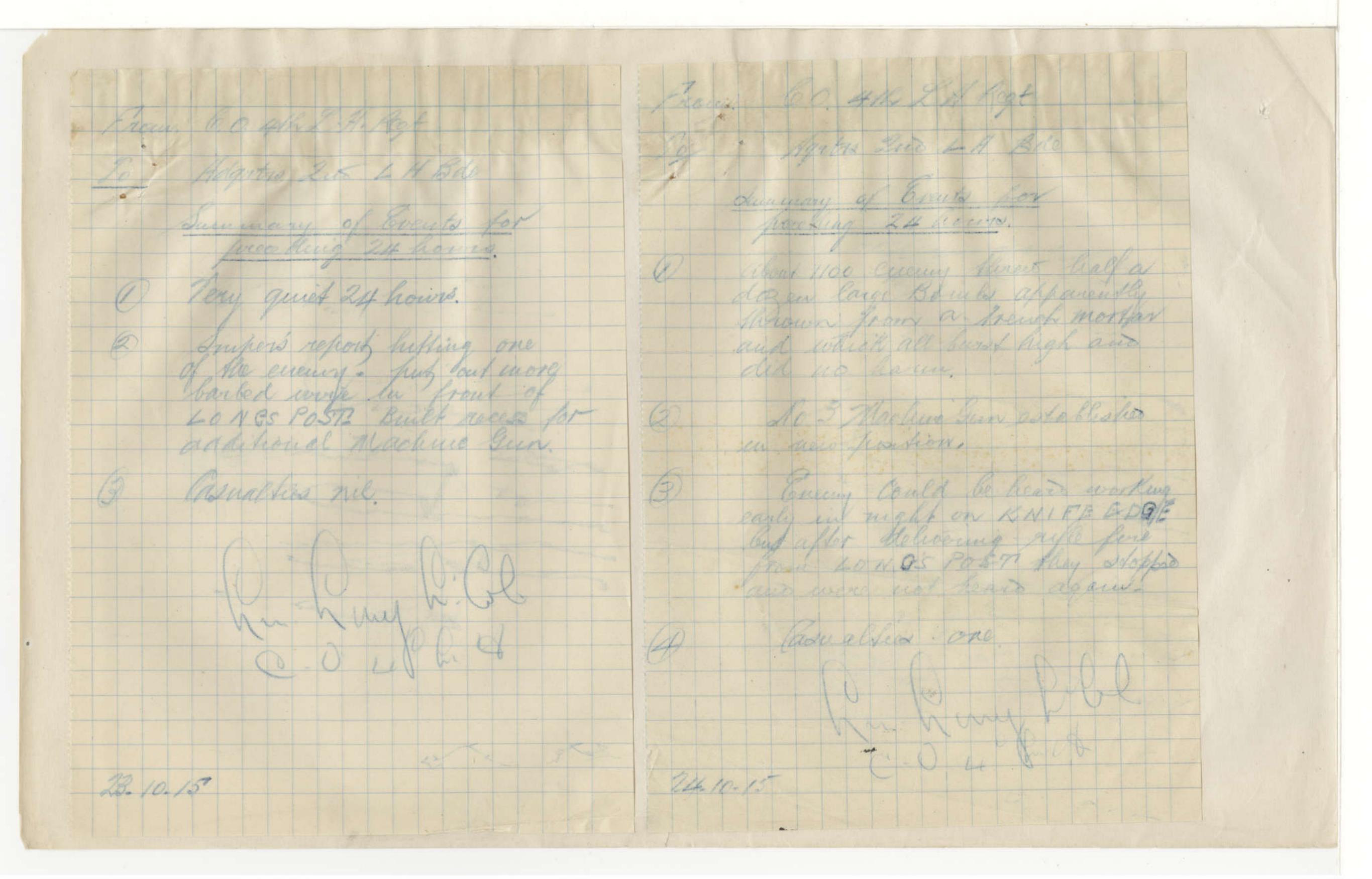


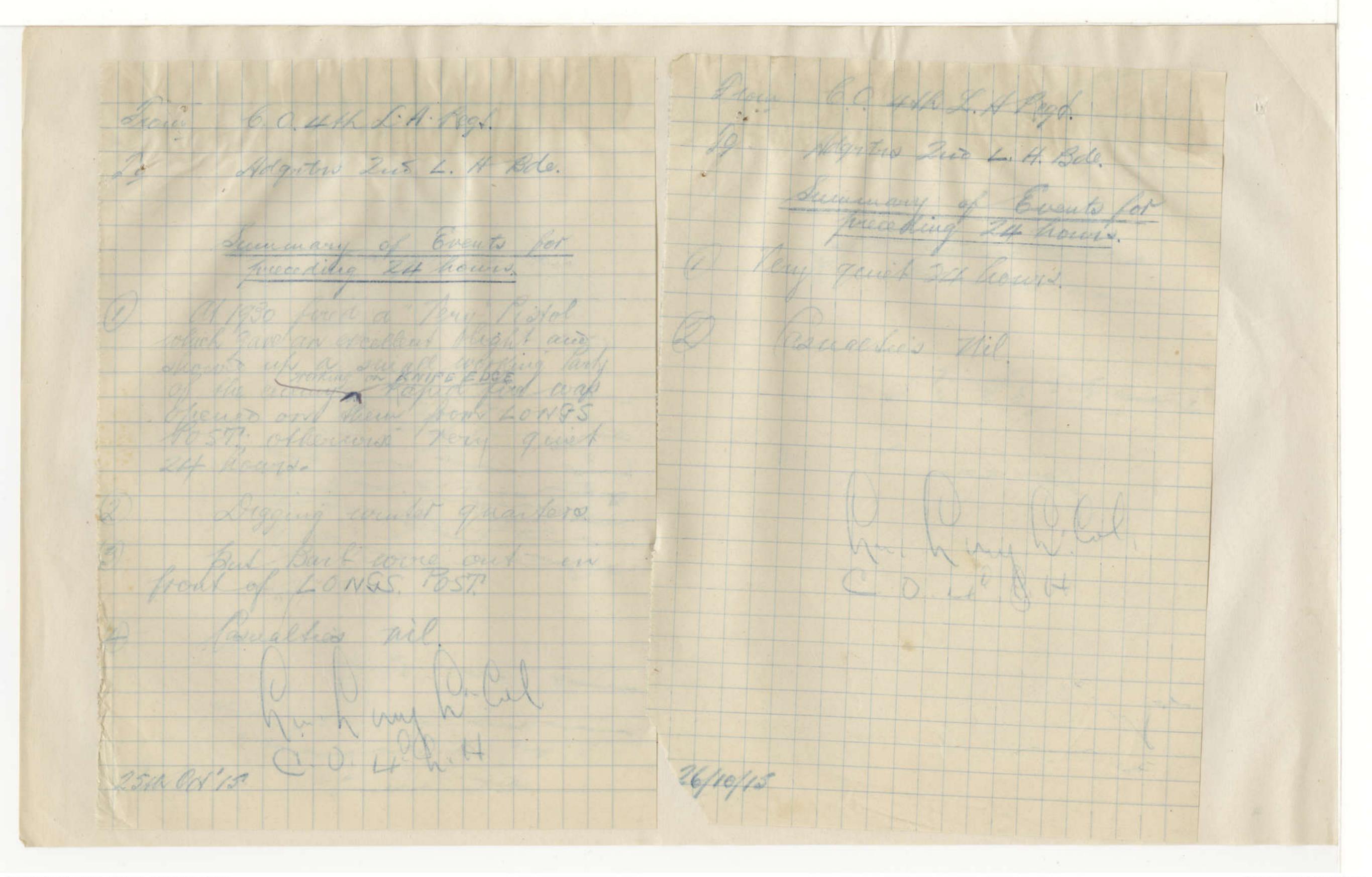


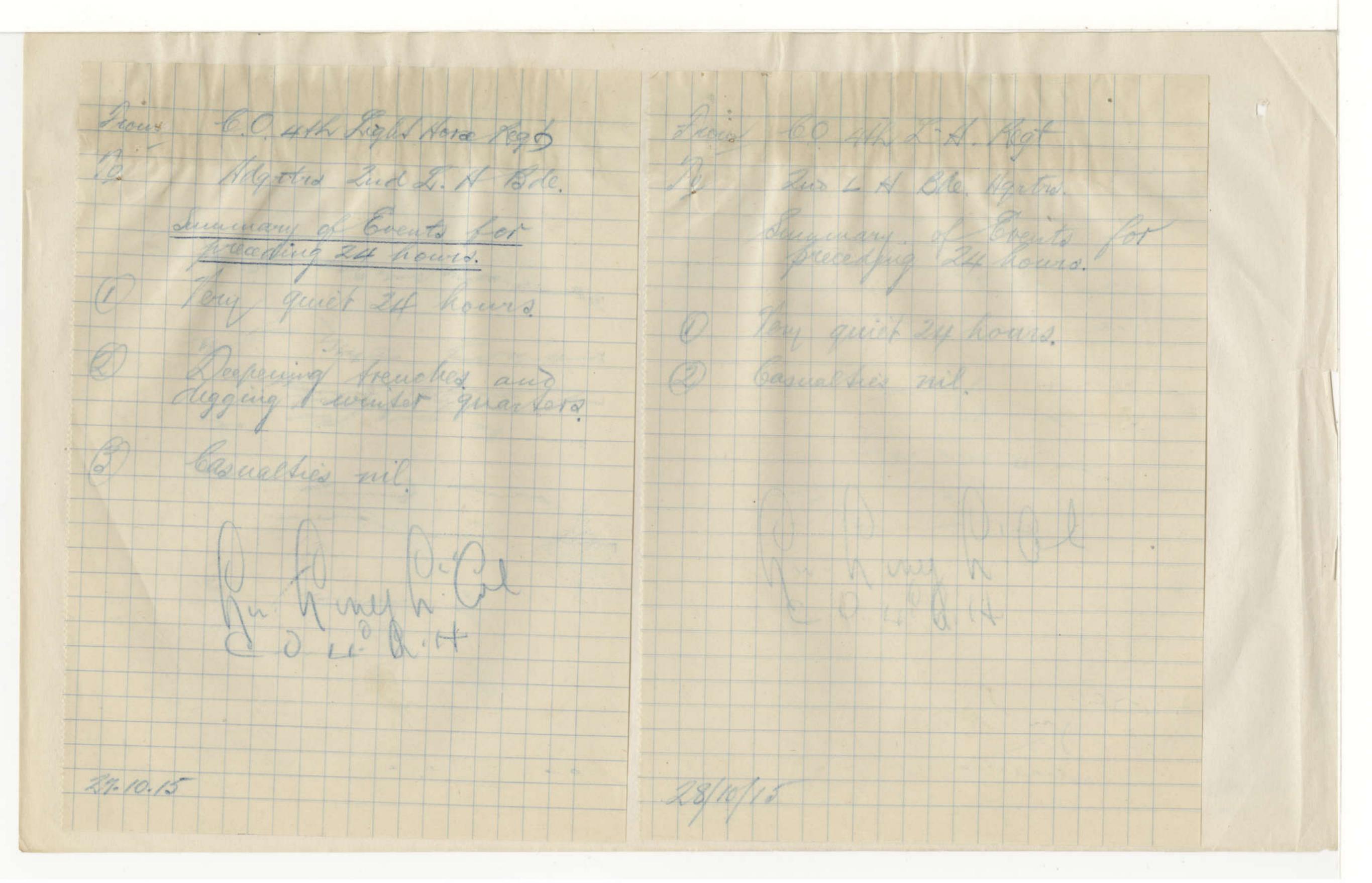


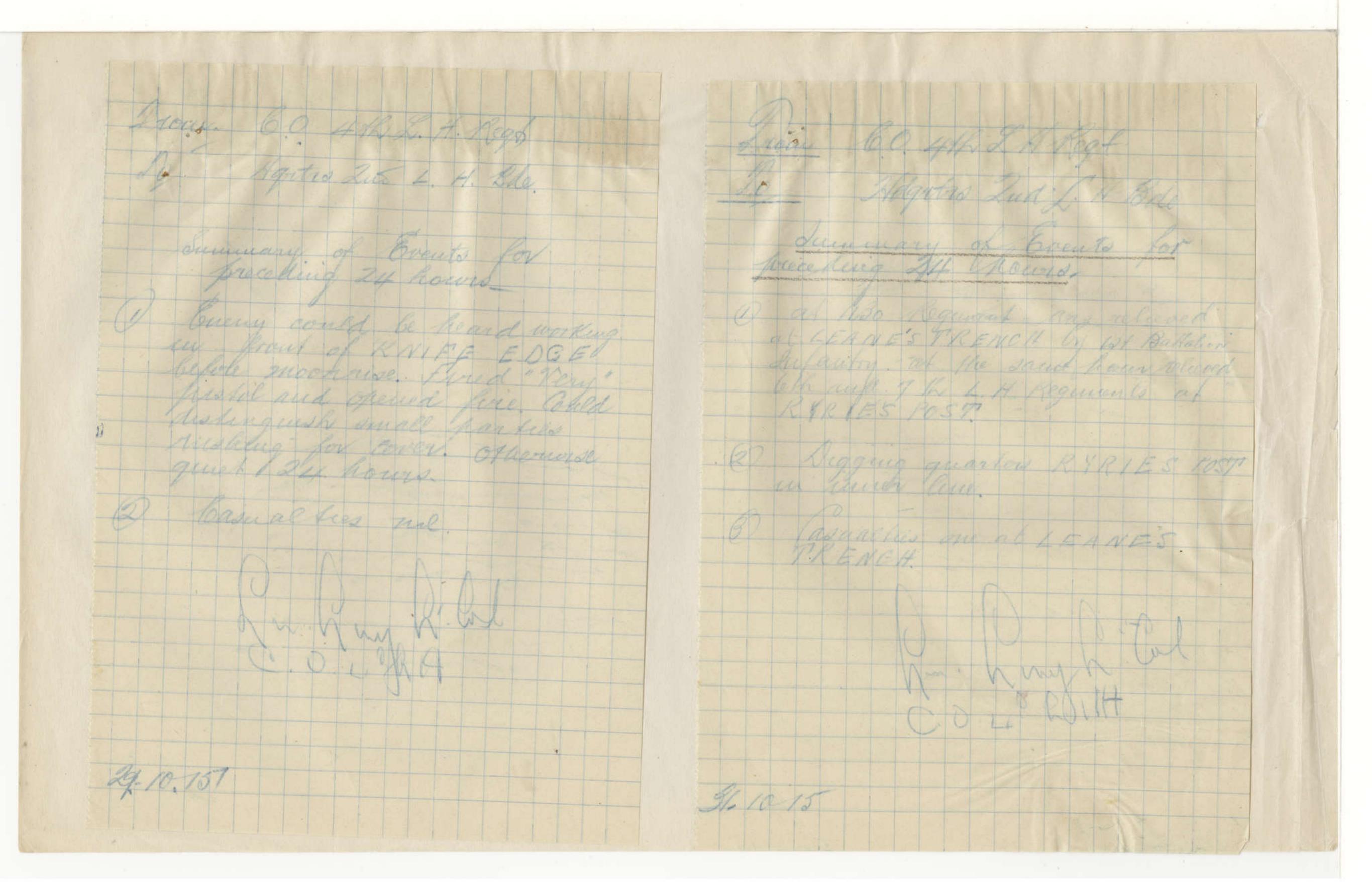












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Headquarters, End L.M.Brigade, 7/10/15,

Demonstration - night 7/8th October, 1915.

(a) A demonstration by the 2nd L.H. Brigade and 3rd Inf Brigade will be made tenight at 2030. It will consist of firing parachute rockets with the intention of lighting up the enemy trenches on SNIPERS' RIDGE, WEIR RIDGE, KNIFE EDGE, TURKISH DESPAIR WORKS and trenches S of CHATHAM'S POST,

Kbl Detail 2nd L.H. Brigade.

(i) Two white parachute rockets will be sent up by each Regiment, the 1st at 2030 and the 2nd before the 1st begins to fade, the time being taken from CHATHAMS POST

Rifle Fire, immediately the trenches are illuminated, will be brought to bear as follows:

4th L.H.Regt on KNIFE EDGE and trenches opposite.

5th L.H.Regt on trenches S of CHATHAMS POST and also

on southern end of TURKISH DESPAIR WORKS.

Machine guns 4th and 5th L.H.Regts (outer line) will be brought into action on any targets presenting themselves.

Machine guns 5th and 6th L.H.Regts (inner line) will, if CHATHAMS POST.

Destroyer - right flank.

Destroyer on the right flank will be acting in conjunction with the above demonstration.

(d) Watches will be synchronized at 1800.

B.M. 2nd L.H. Brigade.

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Headquarters, 2nd L.H.Bde A.I.F 15th Oct 1915.

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Demonstration - 4 a.m. 16/10/15.

- 1. Object in accordance with Divisional Memo G 610 of 14/10/15, copy attached.
- 2. (a) At 4 a.m. 16/10/15 immediately the 1 ight of the parachute rocket from vicinity of L ONE PINE is observed, the garrisons of LEANE'S TRENCH, RYRIE'S and CHATHAM'S POSTS will fire one round per man at enemy works known as KNIFE EDGE, TURKISH DESPAIR and BIRD TRENCHES respectively.

(b) Machine Guns, 5th & 6th Regts (Inner line) will fire a few

short bursts on BIRD TRENCHES.

(c) In all trenches whistles will be shounded, orders shouted and fixed bayonets will be shown.

(d) Bombing parties will be held ready in all bombing posts and will be brought into action against the enemy trenches which can be reached in the volume of fire indicates such trenches to be filled.

(e) Trench mortar CHATHAMS POST will be discharged against positions on TURKISH DESPAIR WORKS where there are indications of troops being assembled.

3. Naval gun fire will be directed on the NEK and CHUNUK BAIR and on HARRIS RIDGE and Communication trenches leading thereto.

O/C 5th L.H.Regt to detail an officer to go on board right flank destroyer to direct fire on last named places.

Naval gun fire will begin at 4-10 a.m.

Officer detailed to report to M.L.O., WATSONS PIER at 1700 o'clock to-day.

- 4. Artillery will be firing on enemy communication and support trenches.
- 5. Attention is directed to paras 4 & 5 of attached Div memo G 619 of 14/10/15.

Bde Major, 2nd L.H. Bde A.I.F

Issued at 1230 by 2nd Sig Troop.

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G 619

Divisional Headquarters, 14th October 1915.

2nd Light Horse Brigade.

(i)

- 1. A demonstration will be made along the whole of the front held by the Army Corps at 4 a.m. on the 16th inst.
 - The objects of the demonstration will be:-

i) to cause alarm to the enemy-

- (ii) to draw fire and test the strength holding the opposite lines:
- (iii) to accustom troops new to the trenches to an outburst of enemy fire.
- The signal for the demonstration to begin will be the firing of a parachute rocket from RUSSELL'S TOP at 4 a.m.
- 4 The following are the lines upon which the demonstration will be conducted.

Immediately upon the display of the parachute light on RUSSELL'S TOP answering parachutes will be fired from the vicinity of LONE PINE and HILL 60.

- (ii) Thereupon one round per man, and a few rounds per m machine gun fitted with flash extinguishersnwill be fired. The machine gun fire will be directed on predetermined points, being laid and clamped in daylight.
- (iii) In all trenches whistles will be sounded, orders shouted and fixed bayonets will be shown.

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(iv) Crackers, where avail abl e, will be used.

(v) Bombing parties will be ready in all bombing posts and will be brought into action against the enemy trenches which can be reached if the volume of fire indicates such trenches to be filled.

(vi) Trenches mortars will be held in readiness at selected points and will be discharged against positions where there are indications of troops being assembled.

(vii) Naval gun fire will be directed on the NEK and CHUNUK BAIR and on HARRIS RIDGE and communication trenches leading thereto. An officer from 2nd L.H. Bde will be placed on the right flank destroyer to direct fire on the last named places. Naval gun fire will begin at 4-10 a.m.

(viii) The G.O.C. Divisional Artillery is arranging for artillery fire on enemy communication and support thenches.

- 5. All patrols will be withdrawn before the hour named forgethe demonstration. All units in rear of fire trenches will be warned to be clear of places where "overs" are likely to fall.
- 7nless a suitable target is presented the expenditure of smal larms ammunition will be limited to the number of rounds ordered above. One of the objects of the demonstration will be defeated if our own troops are allowed to reply to the enemys fire.

(Signed) D.GLASFURD Major, General Staff 1st Australian Division.

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- 5th L.H.Rogt.
- 1. 0/C 5th L.H. Regt to detail (a) one Squadron to line Beach for 300 yards S. of Forward BEACH POST and (b) a small party to be stationed between CREEN KNOLL and BEACH in gully on edge of burnt pleateau 150 yards in front of lower firing line. These parties to be in position at 0825.
- 2. At 0530 party detailed as in 1 (b) will fire 2 "very" pistol flares ever OREEN ENOLL followed by 5 rounds rapid The treep on the right of the Beach party will then open fire on BALKAN PITS and the party 1(b) will then withdraw to the firing line.
- 3. Immediately this party is within the lines, the garrison of CHATHAMS POST, the lower firing line and the balance of the Beach party will commence a steady sniping on enemy works on HARRIS RIDGE, portion of garrison of CHATHAMS POST to direct fire on TURKISH DESPAIR SOUTH.

 The Beach party will be withdrawn not later than 0545
- 4th L. H. Rogt
- 4. At \$6550 O/C 4th L.H.Regt will send up a white rocket over the KNIFE BDGE and will then direct a steady fire on to this work and PINE RIDGE; not more than 5 rounds per man to be expended.
- 6th & 7th L.H.Regte.
- 5. (a) From 0530 to 0540 the garrison of RYRIES POST beyond showing a few bayonets, will maintain a strict sile noe The Garland trench mortar from CHATHAMS POST and the catapult from support line 5th L.H. will throw bombe into TURKISH DESPAIR WORKS. Should fire be drawn, garrison will then fire 2 rounds per man at TURKISH DESPAIR WORKS. (b) At 0540 % sharp whistle blasts will be sounded from the left of the 6th L.H. and the garrison of RYRIES POST will then cheer.
- Machine Guna Inner Line
- 6. Machine Guns, 5th & 6th L.H.Regts (INNERLINE) will fire a few short bursts on BIRD TRENCHES.
- 7. Destroyer will be shelling along HARRIS RIDGE. Southward from the GREEN KNOLL, commencing at 0835.
- 8. C/C Regts will arrange that all troops are clear of the valleys in rear of firing lines by 0515
- T. Water fatigue parties wilk not move out before 0600.

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- will be put into the firing line between the 2nd L.H. Eds and the to make room.
- Regt. will be handed over to the 1st Inf Ede and the line now held by the garrison of RYRIE'S FOST is reallotted as under:

 From the Right of RYRIE'S FOST to and including

 From No 5 Tunnel to, but excluding No 7 Tunnel 4th L.H.Regt

 From No 7 Tunnel inclusive to and including
- No 10 Tunnel Trench - 7th L.H.Regt

 3. (a) The relief will be carried out on the 28th inst. the
 4th L.H.Regt first being relieved by the Infantry. 0/C 4th L.H.
 to arrange with Officers Commanding 6th & 7th L.H. Regts as to the
 subsequent relief of the portion of their line to be contracted.
 - (b) All trench stores including periscopes, periscopic rifles, telescopic sighted rifles, mauser (sniping) rifles, wallaby rifle rests etc., at present in the trenches to be handed over, will be taken over by incoming units. The number of articles so handed over will be noted and receipts obtained in the usual manner.
 - (c) All Machine Guns now in the trenches to be handed over will remain there, except where they are replaced by machine guns brought by incoming units. In cases where machine guns are thus left behind, new detachments will be provided by the incoming unit.
- 4. The INNER LINE will be reallotted to 6th, 4th, & 7th L.H. as

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