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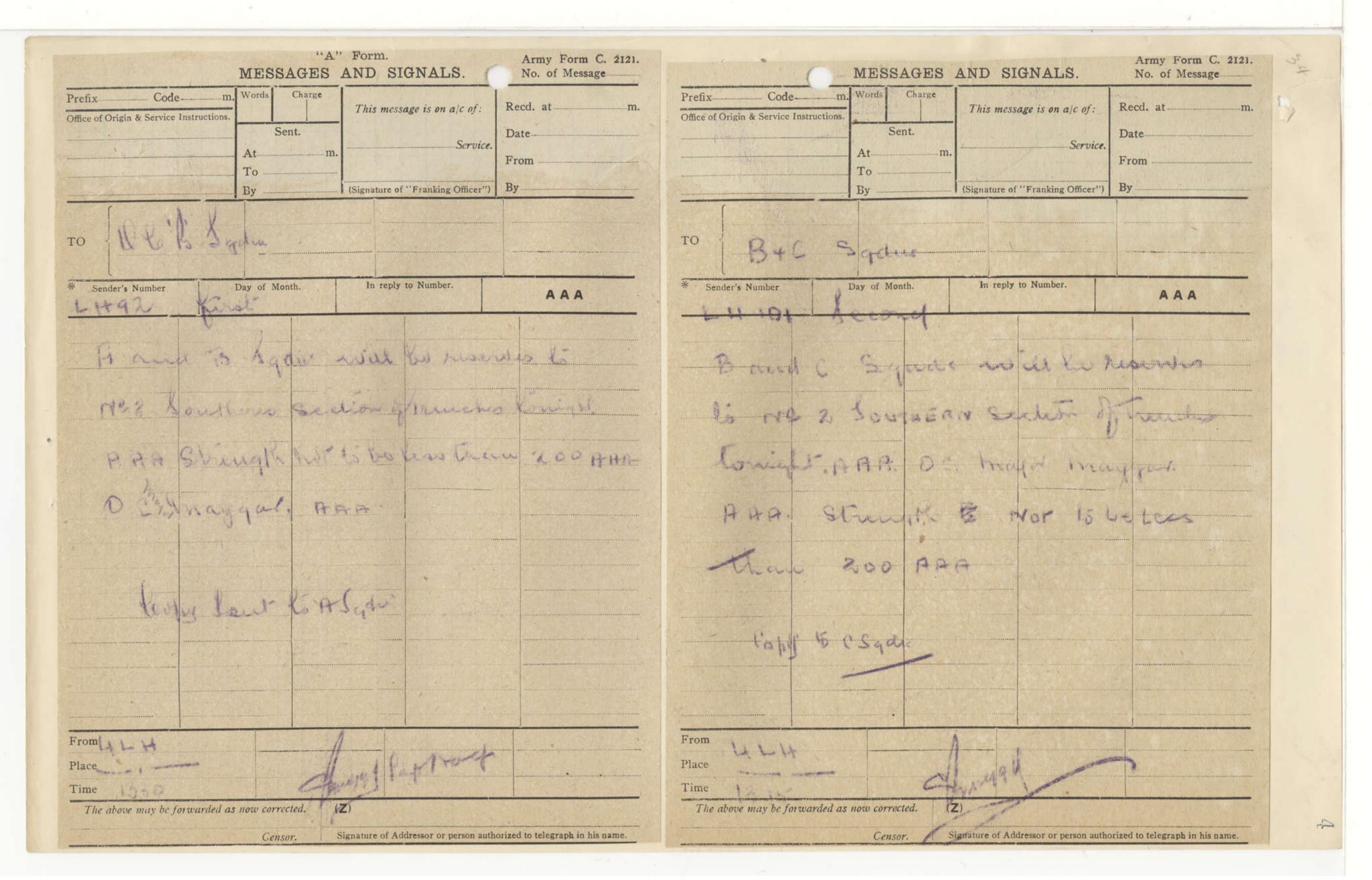
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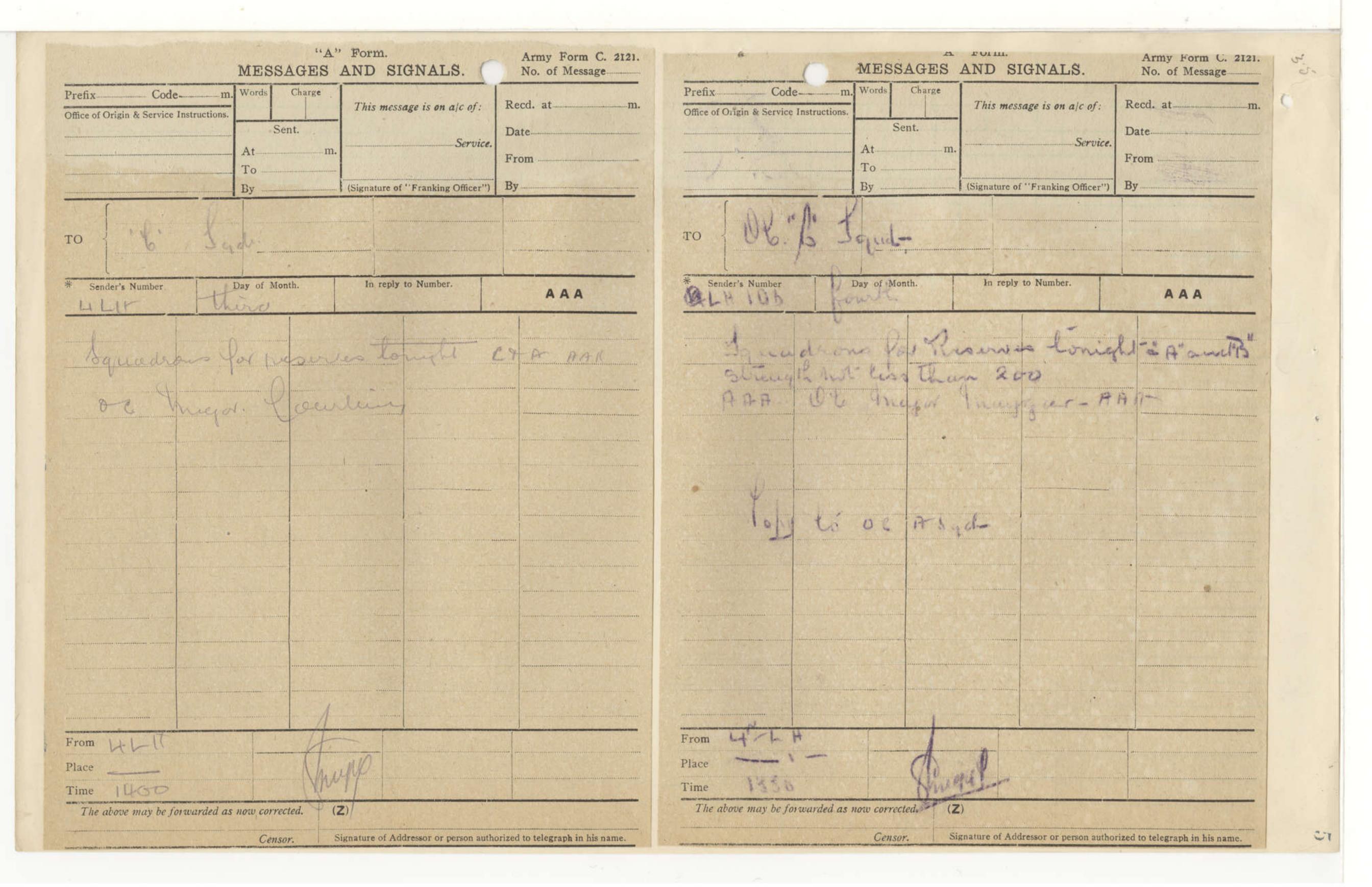
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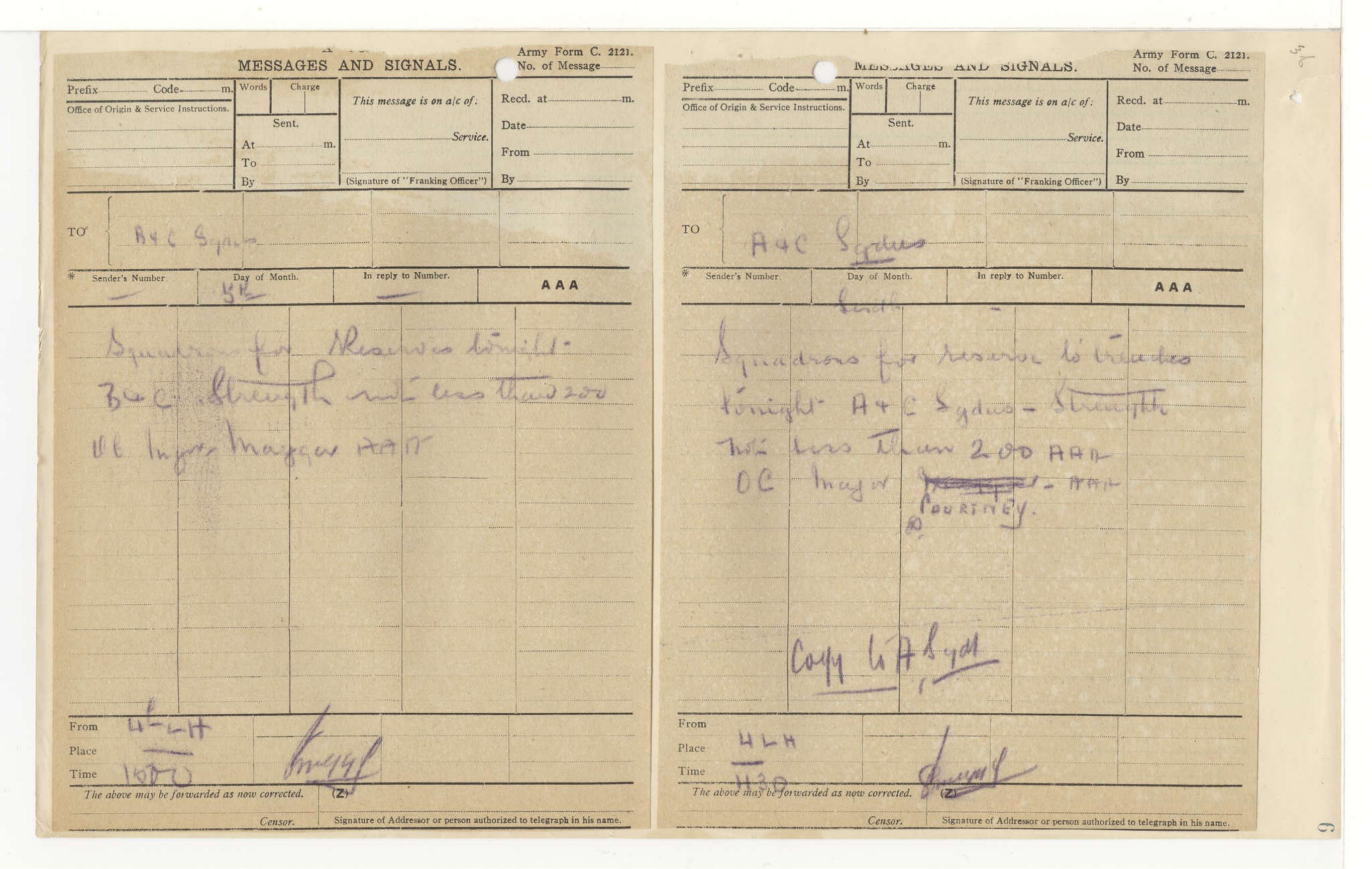
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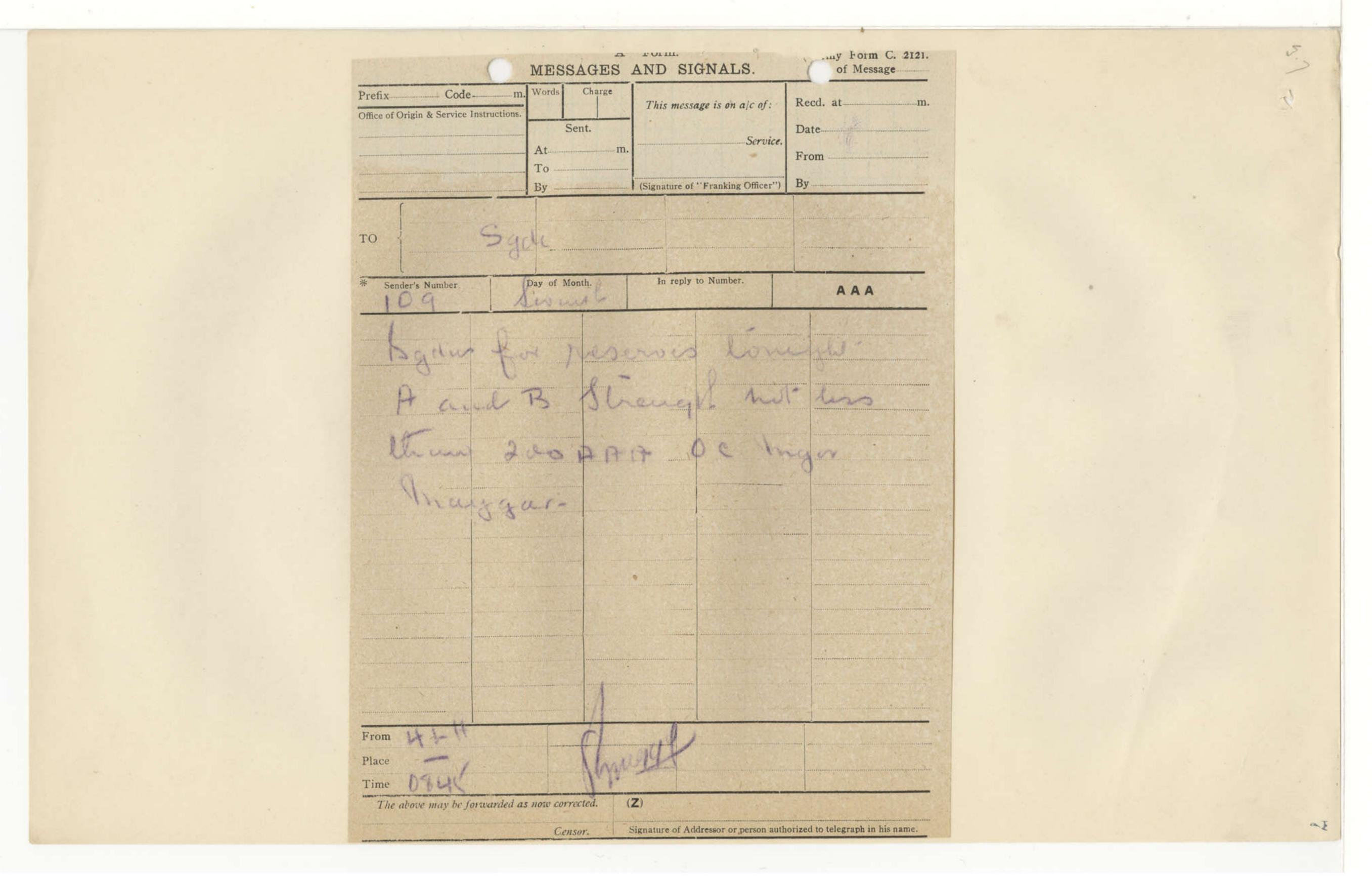
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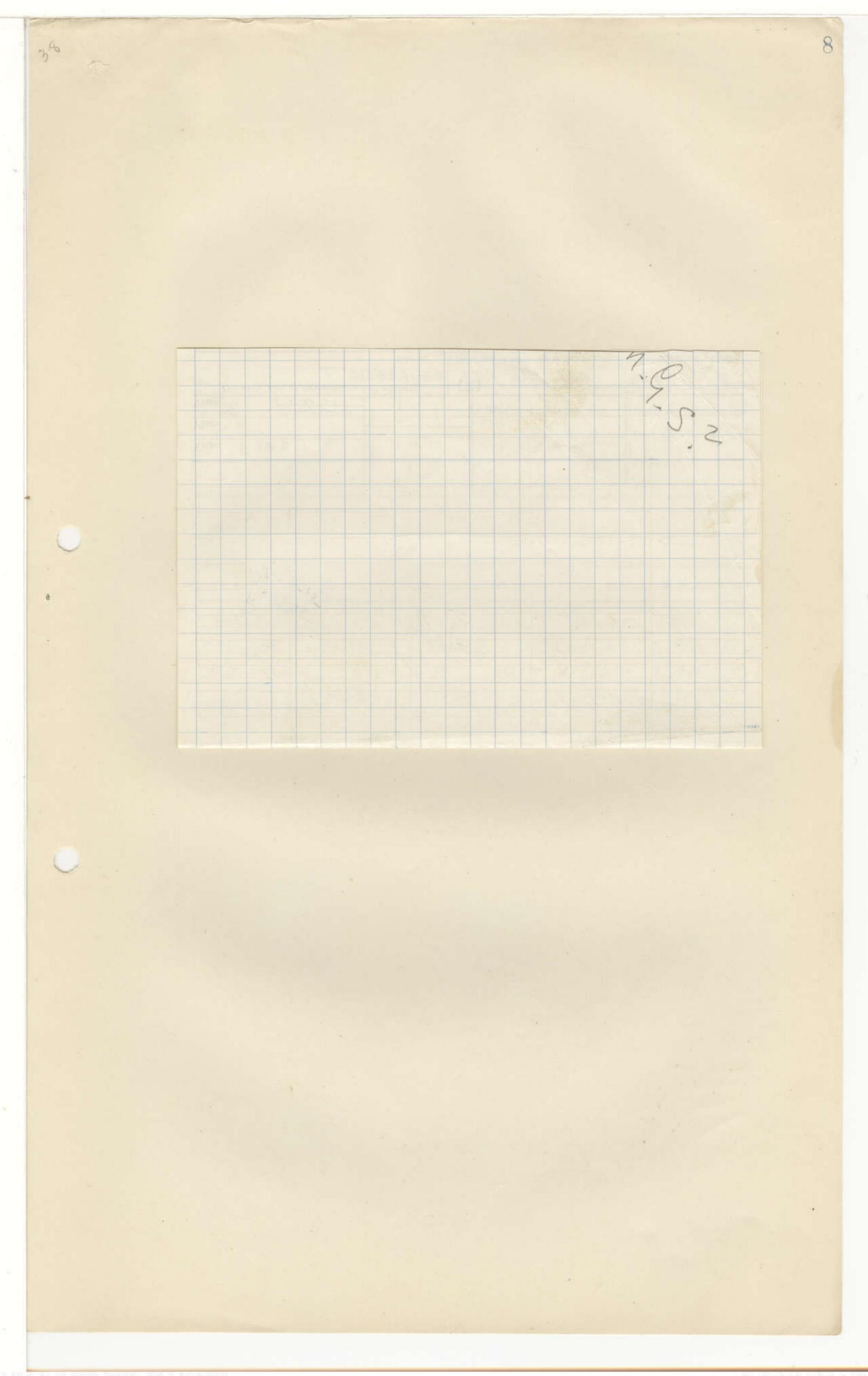
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Divisional Headquarters lat Australian Division, 11th July 1915.

Officer Commanding, 2nd L.H. Bde

The Army Corps Commander has and occasion recently to call attention to the two subjects referred to below:-

(i) In a recent report it was stated that " the enemy were seen crawling towards our trenches and they were driven off with a bomb".

Such opportunities favor the use of the rifle and not the bomb.

A Lieut-Colonel recently took out a party of 3 (11) men and bombed a Turkish working party.

Such menor operations are the duty and privilege of young officers and n.c.os. Senior officers although they must always be ready to set an example, are rarely justified in taking risks, where the object to be gained is of minor importanceM.

> /Signed) C.B.B. WHITE Lieut-Col General Staff lst Australian Division.

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For information.

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Headquarters, 2nd L.H. Ede A.I.F. 12th July 1915.

As RAMAZAW begins to-night or to-morrow night, it is expected that the resultant religious fervour may lead to a sudden determined attack.

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appears to be incurred, Sub-section commanders will make provision for getti ng men into good cover during bombardment by enemy guns. This could be done by preparing bomb proofs and pits adjacent to or on the flanks of the trenches. Look-outs will of course be left in the vacated trenches; and should be given protected positions in previously selected sites.

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- 1. Information has been received from the ath Corps that a Turkish Officer of the 20th Regt who was captured, stated that his company had already been supplied with 2 cases of gas bombs to be mechanically propelled. He also asserted that he had been supplied with pumps for pumping liquid fuel to be ignited by sun glasses.
- 2. Troops in front line and supports will be warned accordingly An operation memorandum by Div Headqrs. has already been issued laying down the principles of dealing with gas attack. The measures contained therein will be adopted when necessity arises

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Night firing

1. Most of the heavy firing on the night of the 13th inst came from the enemy. It is our present object to induce the enemy to expend ammunition; when this is achieved a limited outlay is well justified.

Care must be taken, however, against the development

of habits of unaimed and uncontrolled fire at night.

H ostile 2. Heavy shelling of trenches by artillery is a feature artillery of present day warfare. In France at times 1,000 shells bombard- have fallen on limited frontages of trench in a few minutes. ment. The enemy takes every care to conceal his guns as far as possible and it is always/ difficult to locate a hostile gun. Our guns however always seek every opportunity to assist their comrades in the trenches.

The trenches will often be subjected to heavy artillery fire and it will not always be feasible to vacate

them even temporarily.

Local arrangements commanders must make all possible arrangements to reduce casualties. In doing so they should be guided by the following considerations :-

(a) The enemy does not attack until bombardment is finished, and there is general ly no need to keep a large number of men in the actual fire trench provided the front is well observed.

(b) The bombardment has been very local as a rule. Cooperation in and between sub-sections may sometimes permit the fire trenches to be almost entirely evacuated, the cross fire from other parts of the line giving protection.

(c) It may be possible to pass men along the fire trenches to a flank into the trenches of the next unit if the bombardment is sufficiently local.

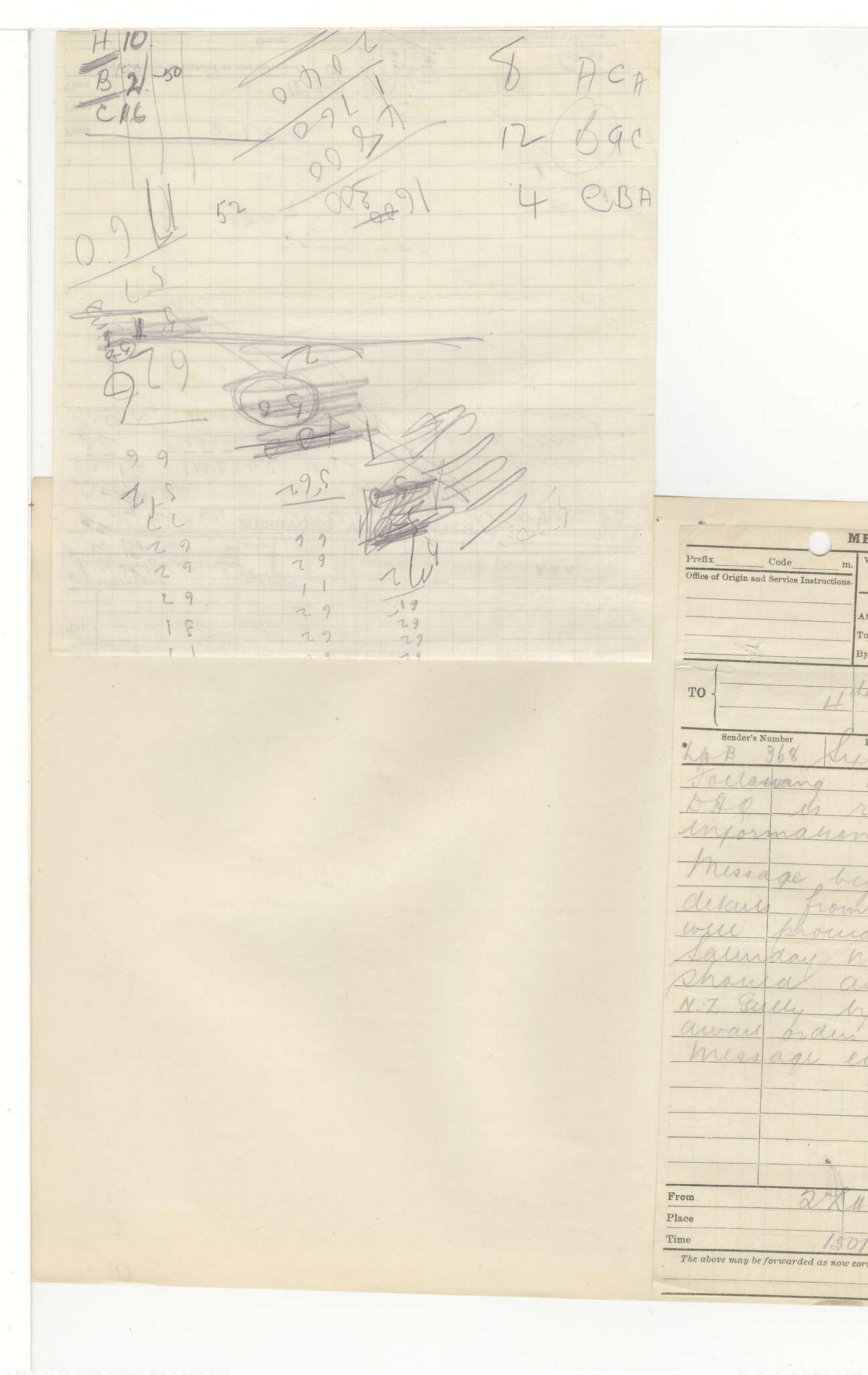
Unit commanders must take action to familiarise themselves with the position of the units on both flanks and with the capabilities of the positions of flanking units for mutual fire support. They must then decide the extent to which it is possible to move their men from the trenches, and where they aa

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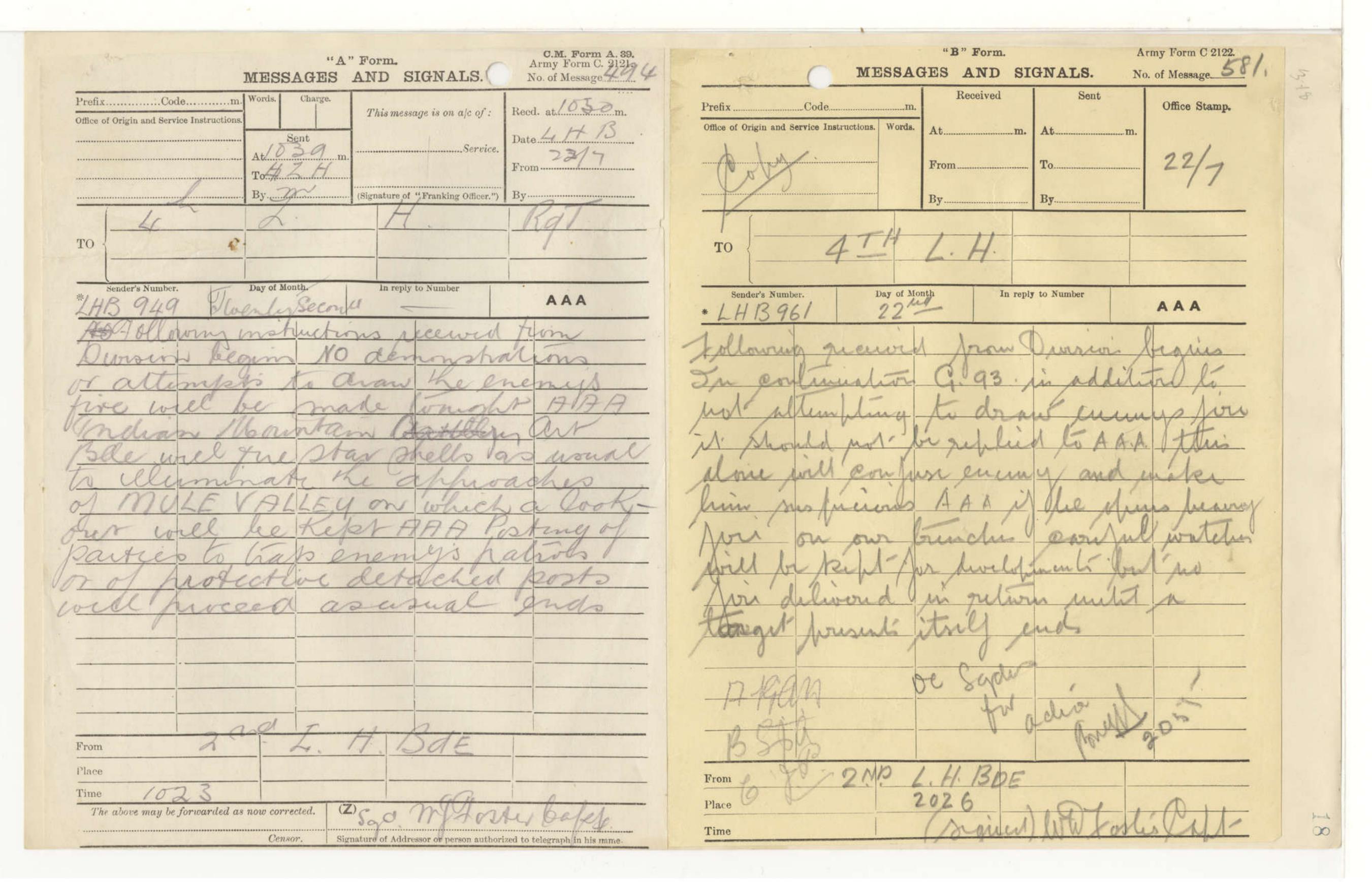
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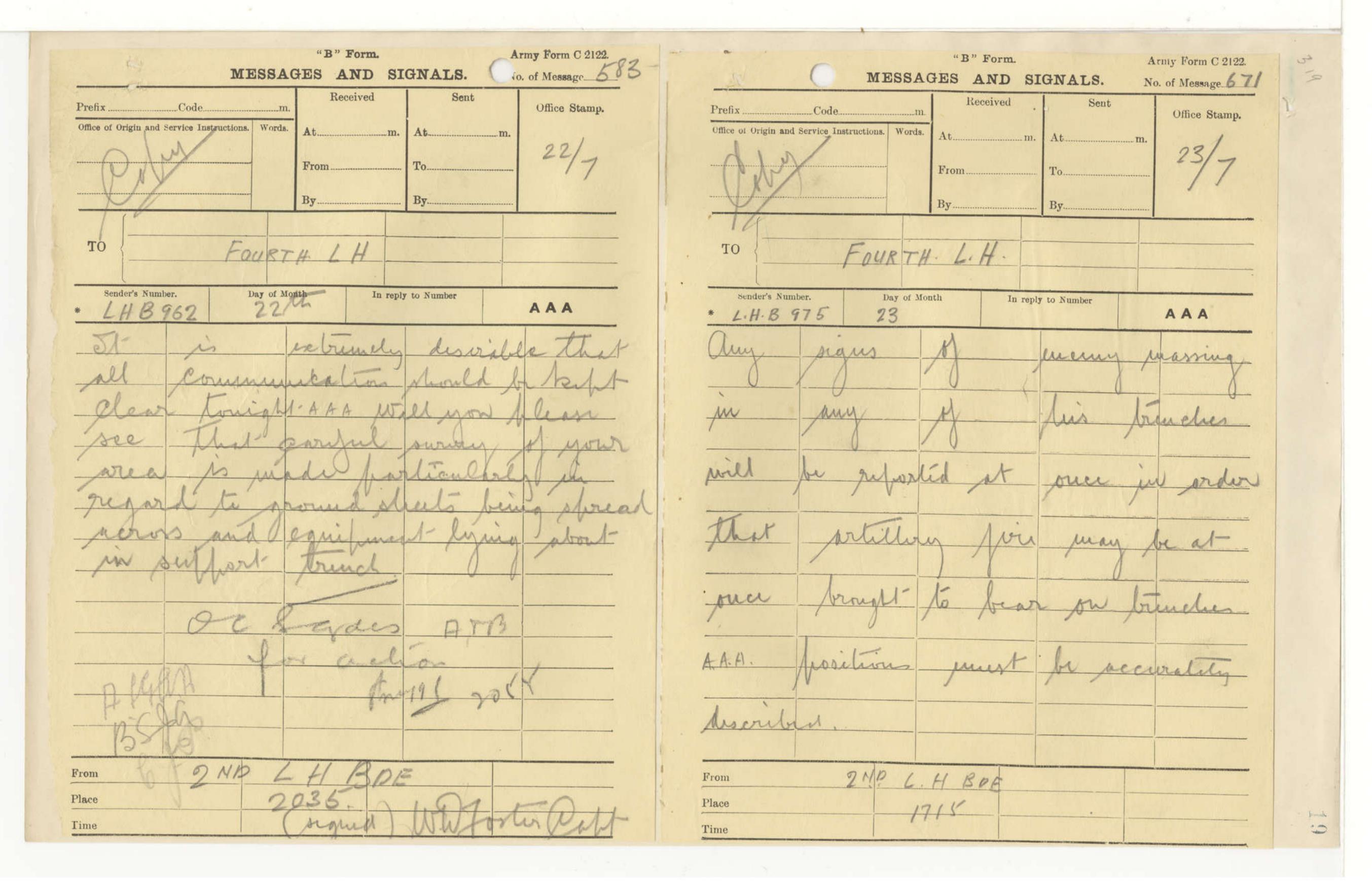
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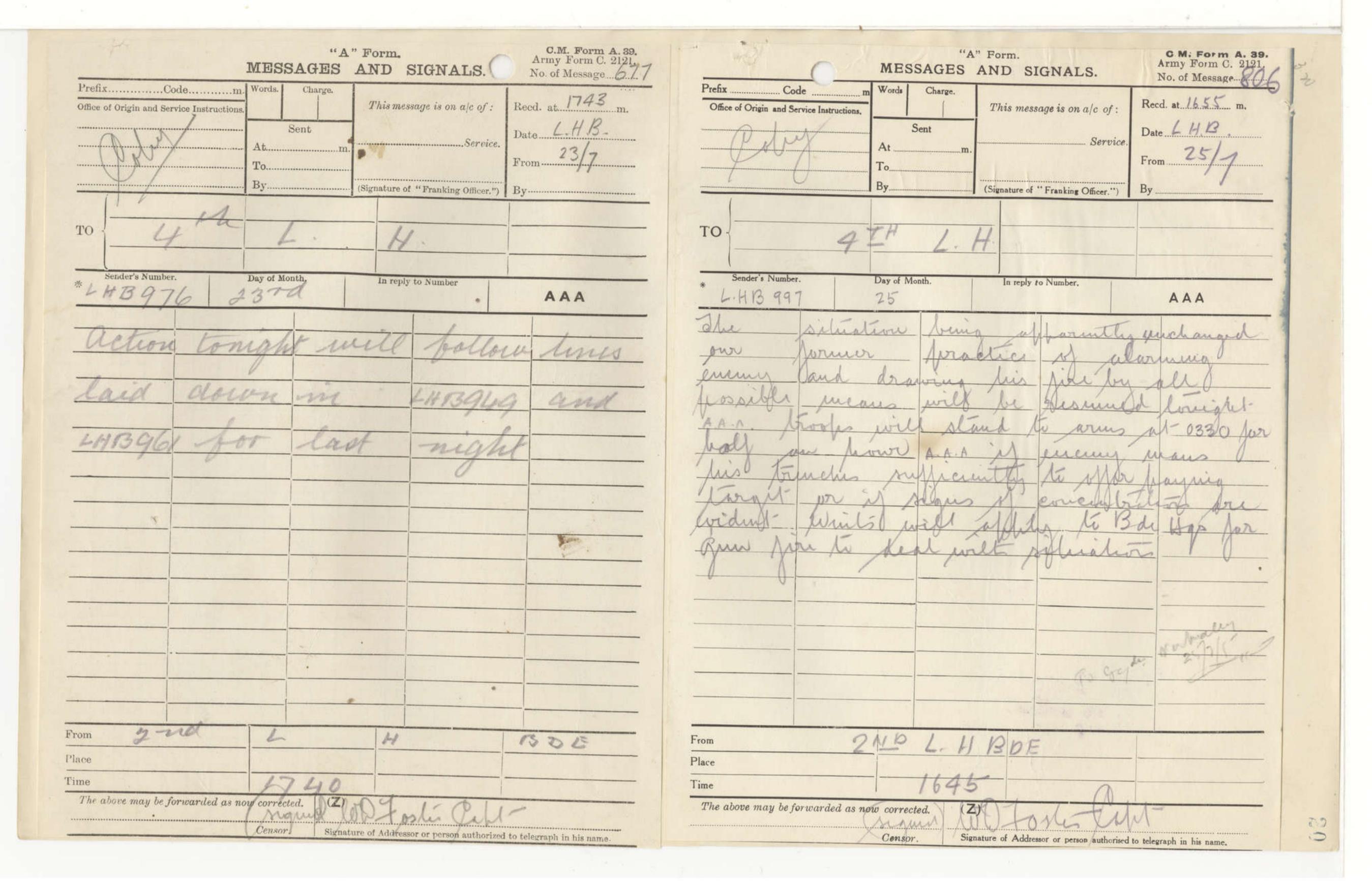
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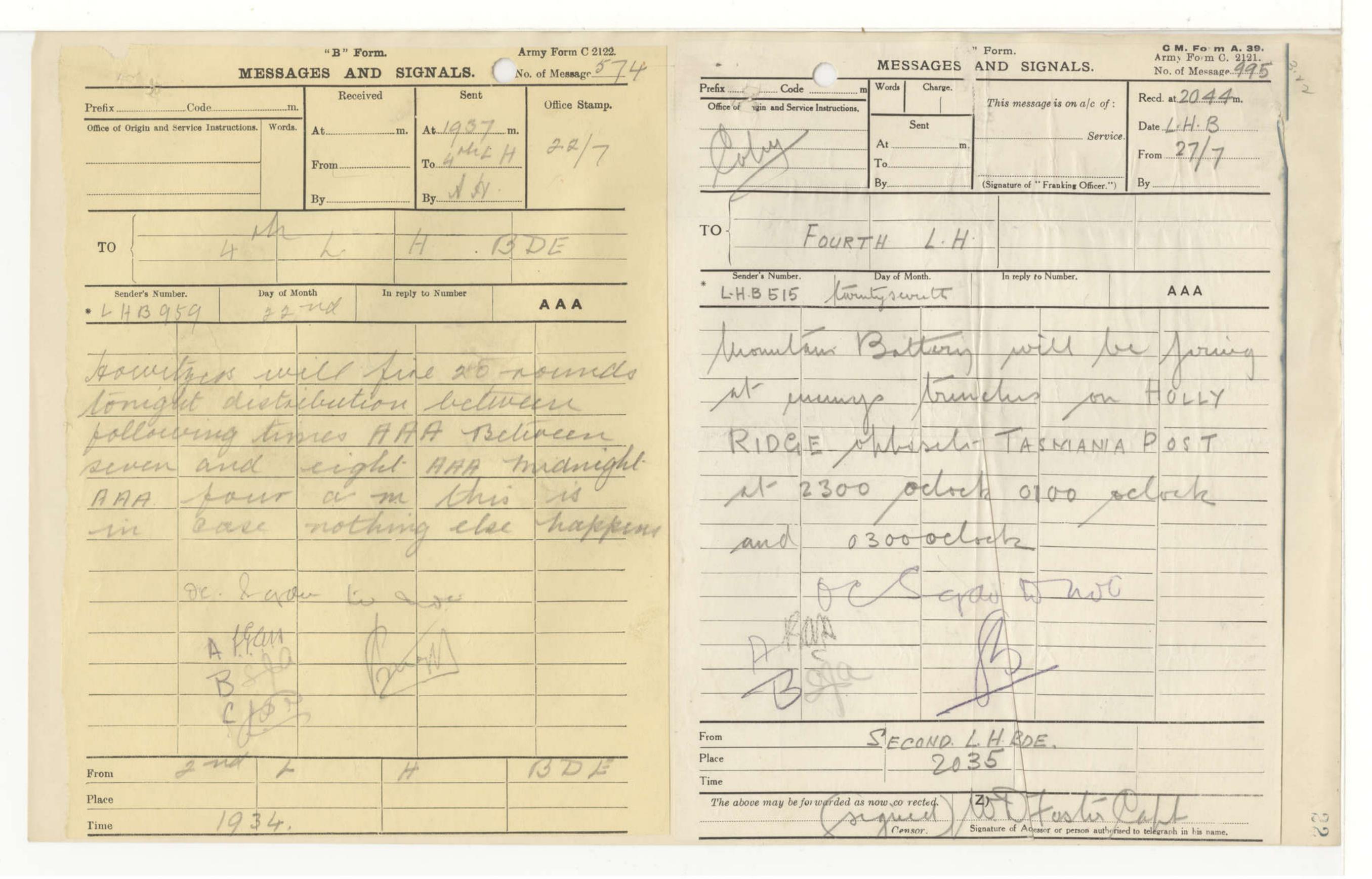
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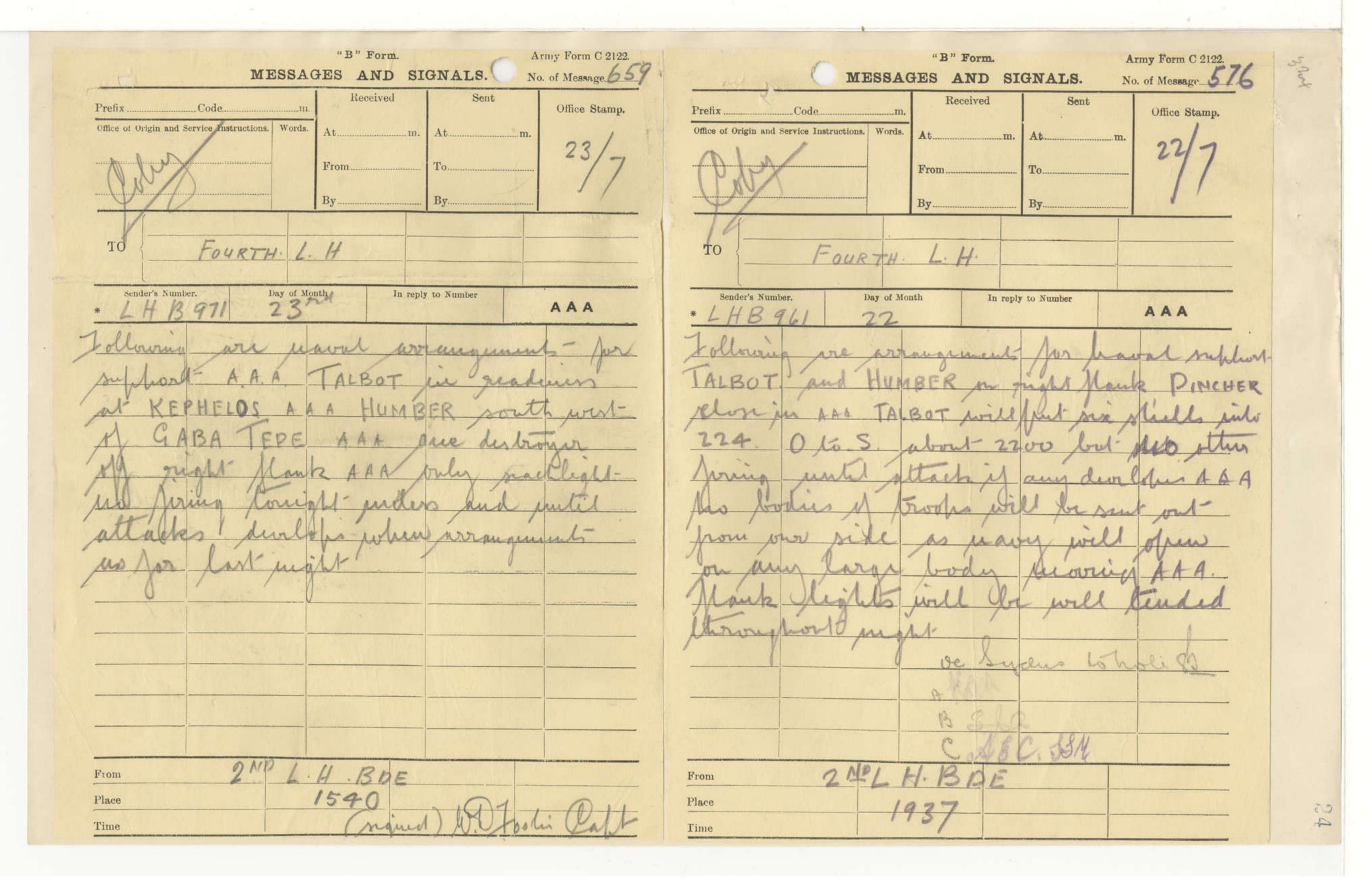
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- 2. With the same object, officers commanding units are to ensure that men detailed, without supervision, on duties such as water carrying, water-bottle filling, of bathing parades can be quickly communicated with and brought back.
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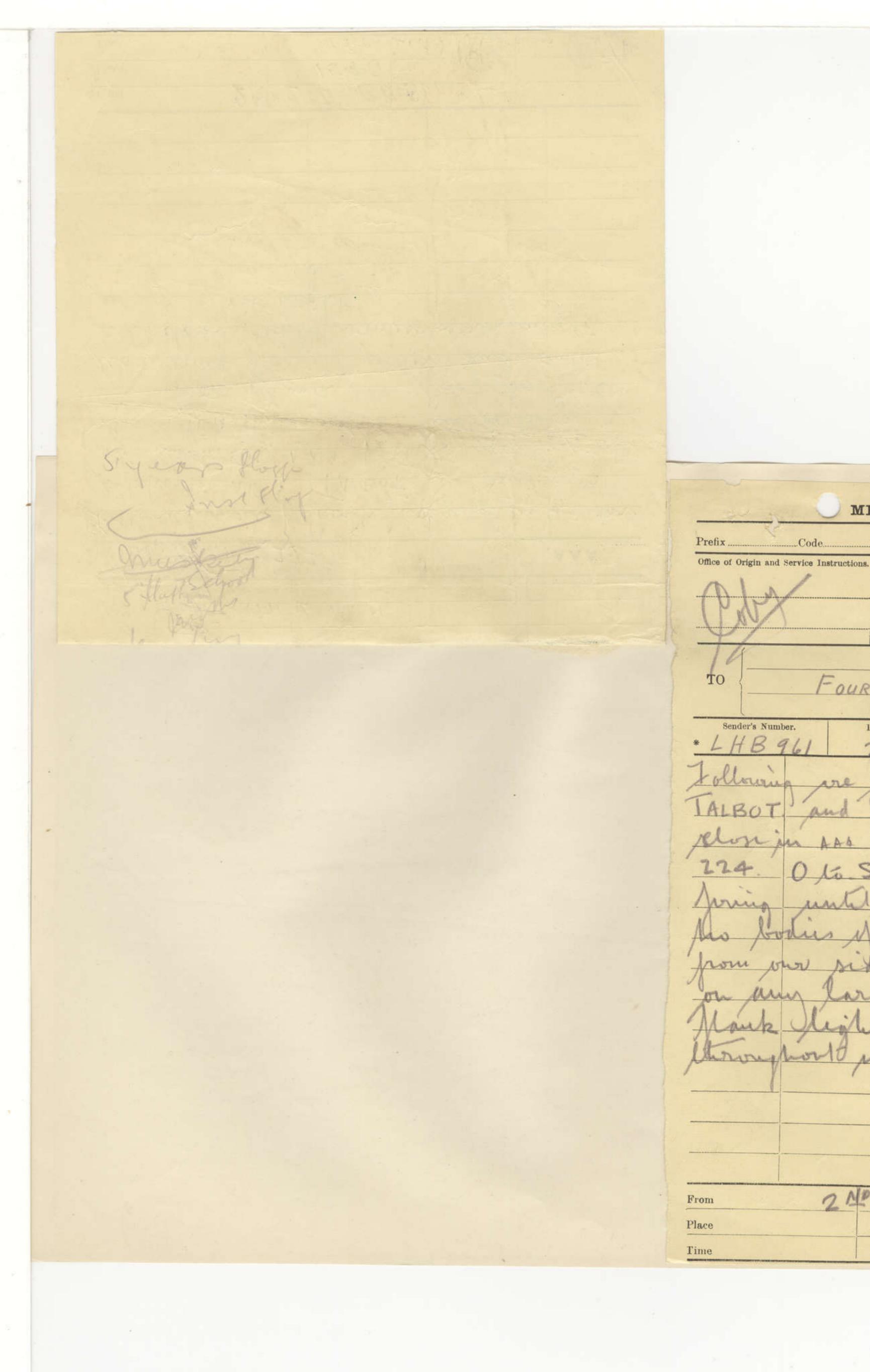
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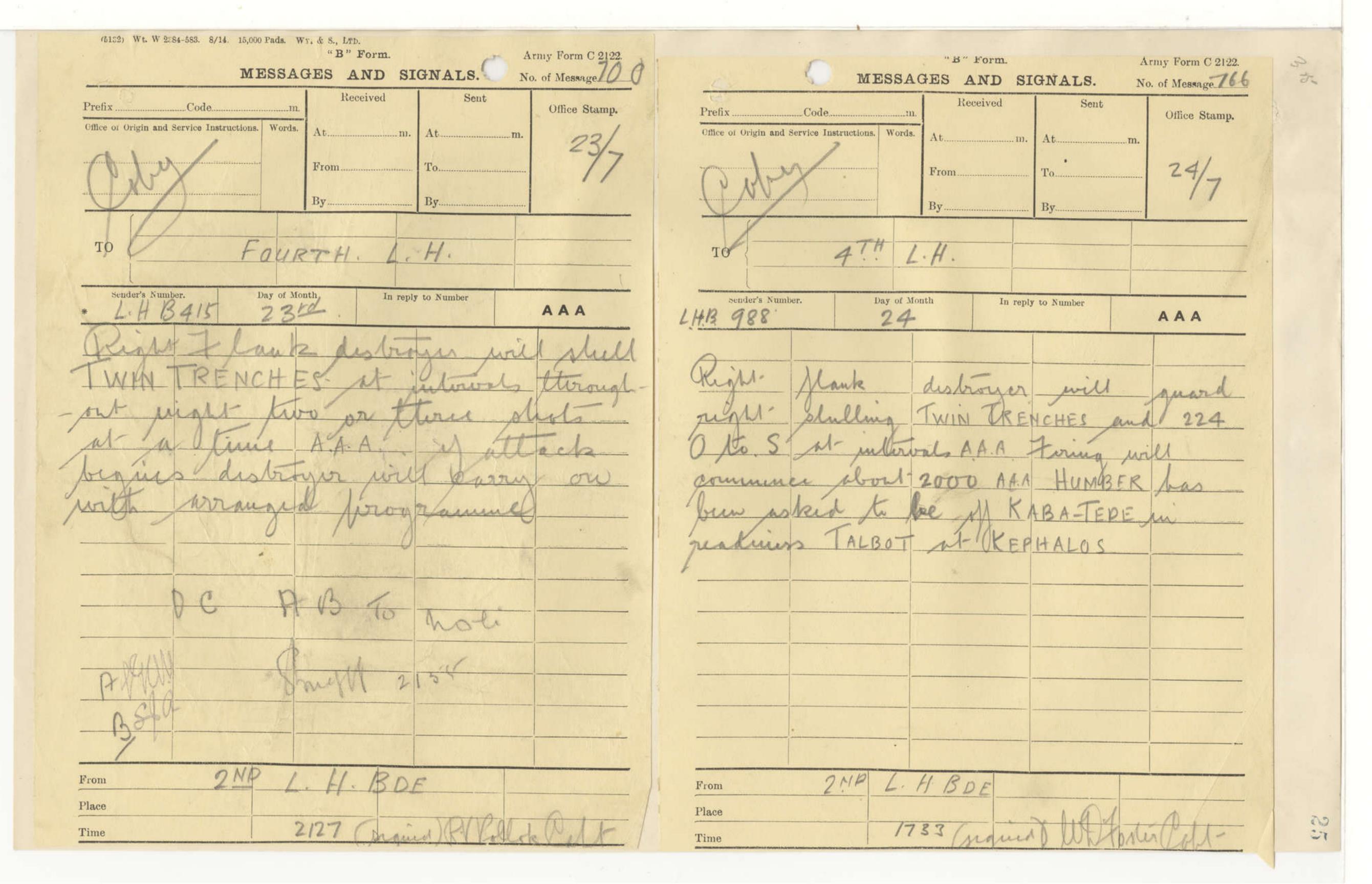
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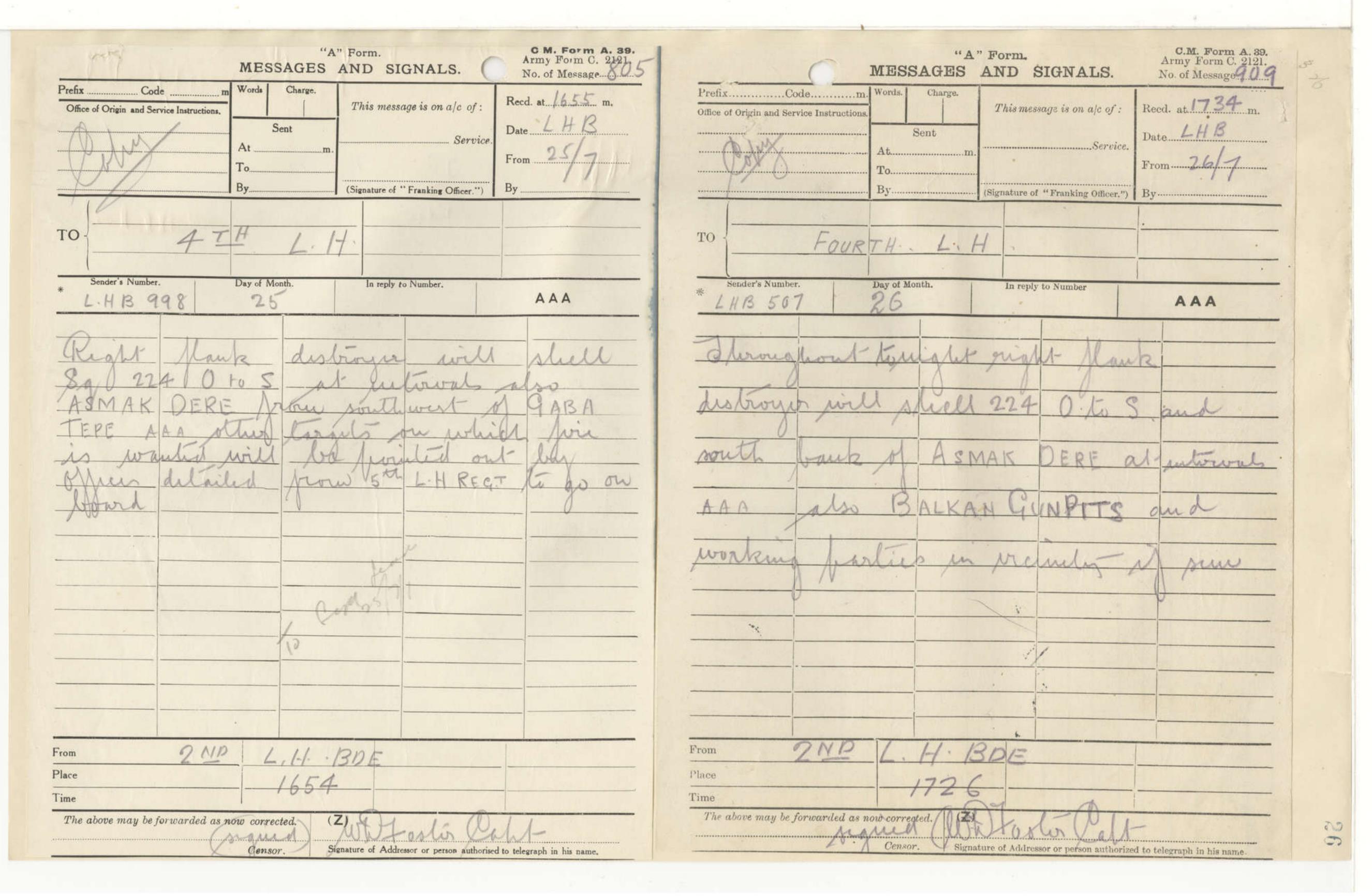


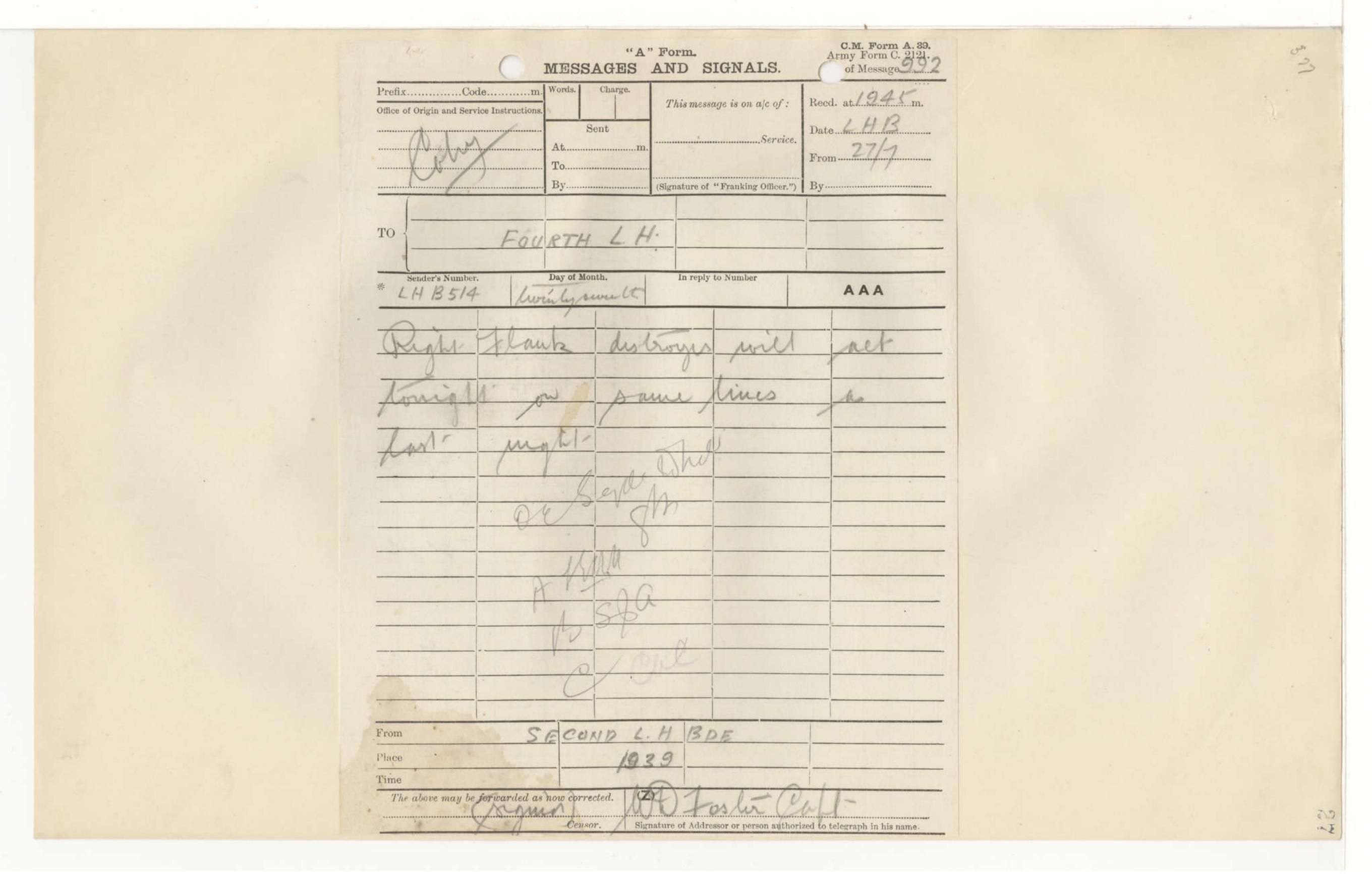
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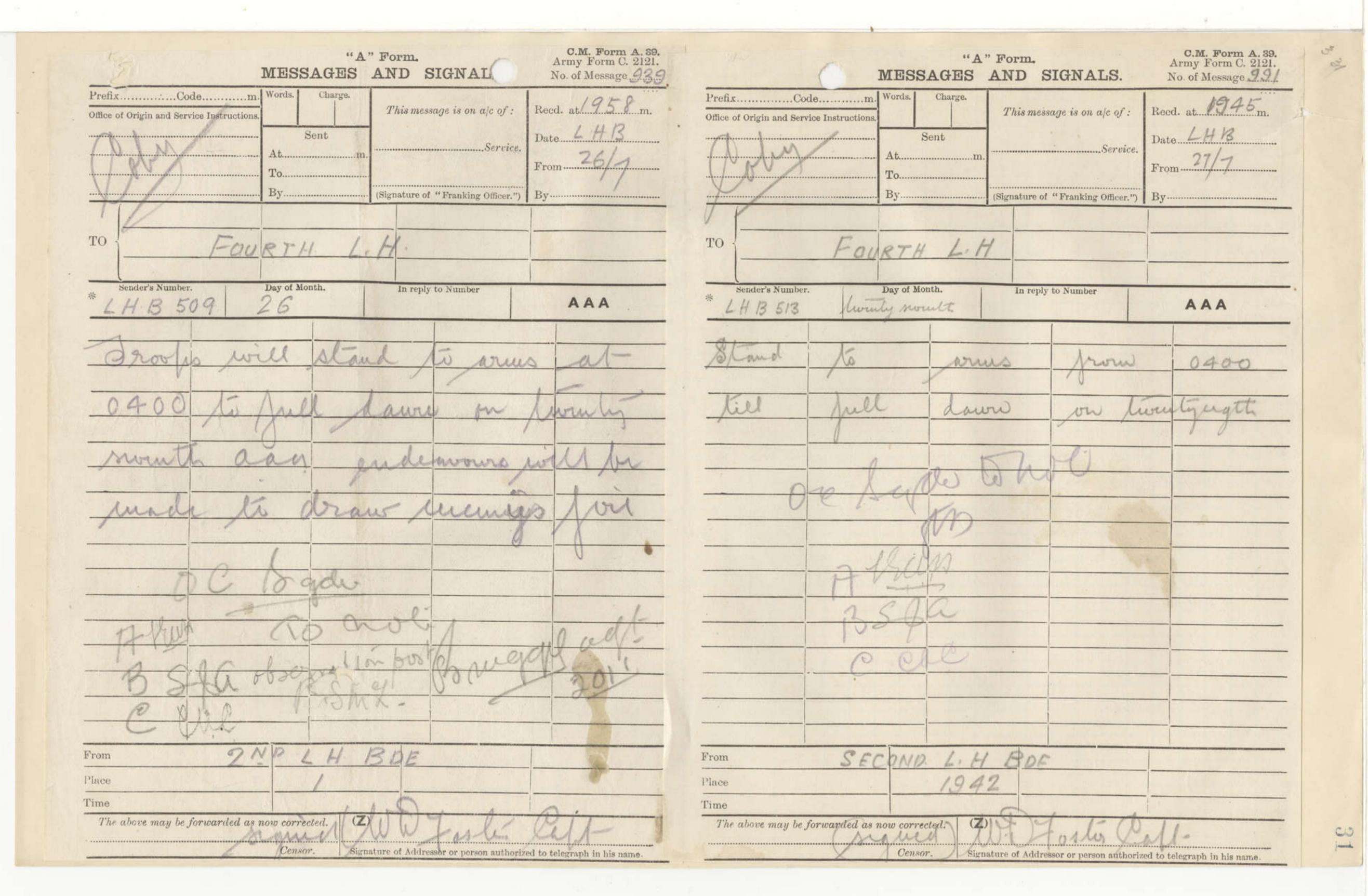




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(continued) in front of them they are very difficult to destroy; and therefore are not likely to fail in predenting easiather during entired periods of an Patrols Amongst other useful information Obtained from an Ahrneman presoner of how been learned that scouts come out from the Turkeck tranches at might and eresp up to our position to observe if possible our movements. . Sections will therefore Aake steps to have men lying up for these scouts at likely porouts of approach Everything favours the man who hes still in dealing with a man who has to move to fulfel his mission, and

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Headquarters, 2nd L.H. Ede A.I.F. 29th July 1915.

The C/O.

The following extract from a programme for destroyers, outlining the action the Army Corps Commander would like them to take during the last week in July and the first week in August, is forwarded for information:-Right Flank destroyer.

Any supporting fire or searchlight work which may be specially asked for this flank.

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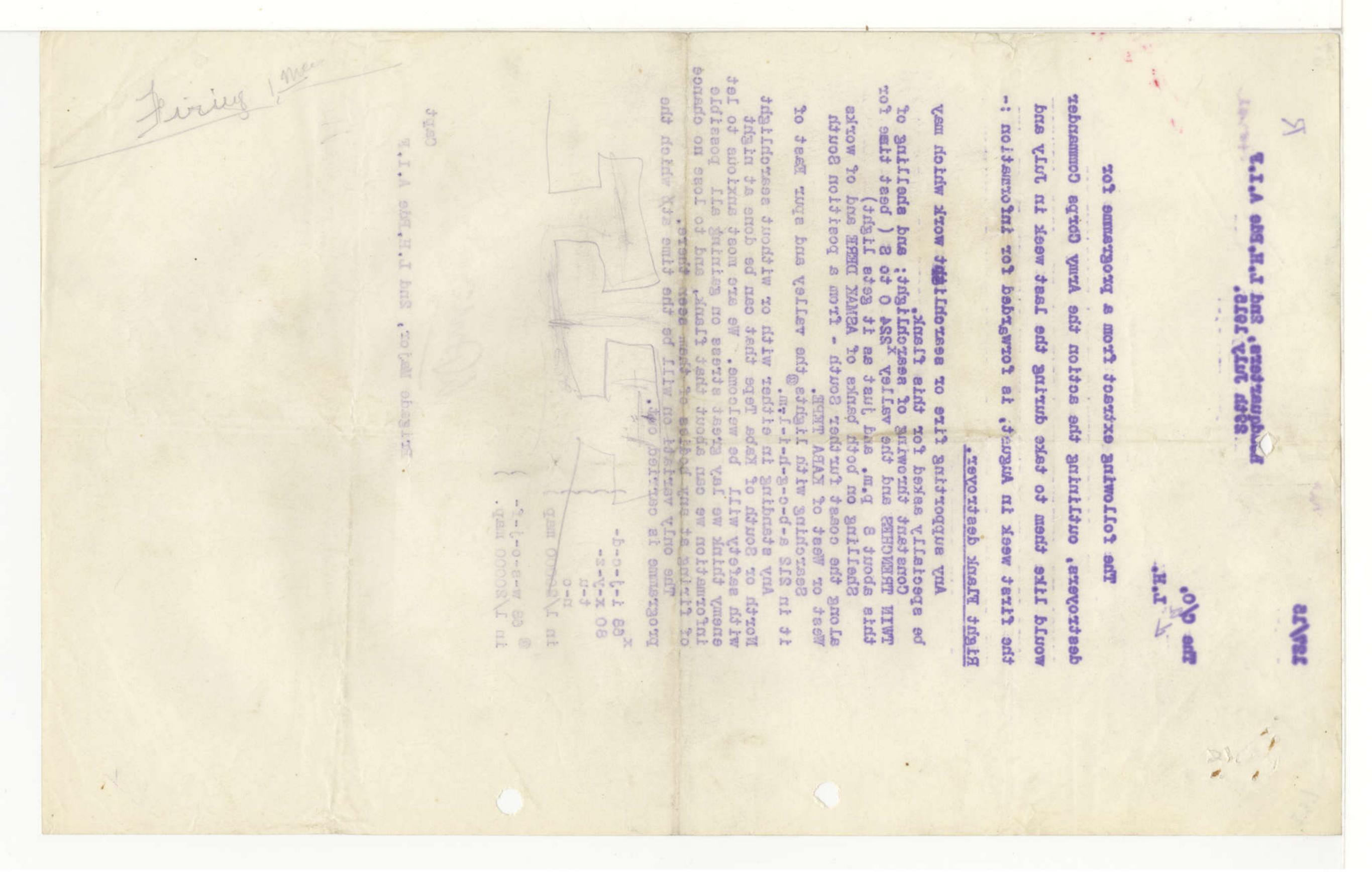
Any standing in either with or without searchlight North or South of Kaba Tepe that can be done at night with safety will be welcome. We are most anxious to let enemy think we lay great stress on gaining all possible information we can about that flank, and to lose no chance of firing at any bodies of them seen there.

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



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Operation Memorandrem Nº22 by hiert bol hong bonnounding & hight Horse Kegs 28 July 1915 the Regiment will on the , 29th July 1915, take over the trunches on Holly Ridge, and the forward turnel Arenches of the much time, at present held by the Thought Horse 'Allotment of Trenches from the left of the 6th might House. "B" Sgån 40 yards from left of "e" Sgån "A" Sigden from left of B" to the right of the 12" Battalion. Cach ogradion well find its own supports. One complete Anoop per squadron to be detailed as a regimental reserve. defence of the Arenches is to be at the least one man per stor ste fung line, plus one man per stor yards in support. 3 trung line well supply observers to mount every 96 yards. Reliefs are to becapy recesses on each side of observation posts, he remainder to be employed in inprovements to trenches, parapets, loopsholes, and cleaning up the firing line. Sendries are to be posted perspectly and are to continuously on the 4 Supports and clean ammunition. Support henches to have a sentry whose duty it will be to unnediately warm the supports in case of alarm or atsack. Each Sydn header well maintain and keep up to date a plan Manner of employing supports.

E Squadron Commanders to have their Adgrs either in the fire trenches or behind a traverse at the head of a communication Arench near the fire trenches. Troop Commanders will actually two in the Fire Trenches. Attention is drawn to Standing Orders for muts in Arenches, para iv (2) 1 (1-5) 6:7.8.9.10.12.13. also to sentries orders and duties of groups which are to be read to groups and sentues when being no Dugouts are so be constructed un any part of the position without the authority of the O.C Sigdu. Officers N.C.O's and men will not leave Arenches or Sydu area without permission. Termission may be granted by . O. C. Squadrous. trong line well wear equipment at all simes unless working, when it will be hept close handy with the rufte. At night all ranks will wear equipment and have rifle alongside shem. I Request will should to arms daily afron 0380 to 0430. 19 Chemforcing Firmy Line line will be carried out once by day and once by night. Practice in reserves forming for counteraltacks when ordered. When thenches are shelled, the senior officer or N.t. o well order all ranks to take cover except observers.

Range cards for each troop will be Lange boards. constructed, bept up to date and placed in conspicuous places on each Squadron Area Touch squadron Area. All refuse to be deposited in pits in rear of centre of lines. by 7 P.M. Tools required for night work to be drawn by 7.30 P.M. It Kanige Marks are not be left eseposed on App of the Arenches. Such articles make an effective hange mark for eveny's artillery. All ranks are to be warned not to lorder in the communication trenches. 16 Ammunton 220 rounds per soufle to be maintained 17 Duties The officers on watch are responsible for The order and eleanliness of the firing time. they will superintend any necessary construction or hepair works and are hespousible for firing line working parties. He will arrange for meals of the foring line to be brought in and Water Bottles filled. Returns. The following neturns are to be

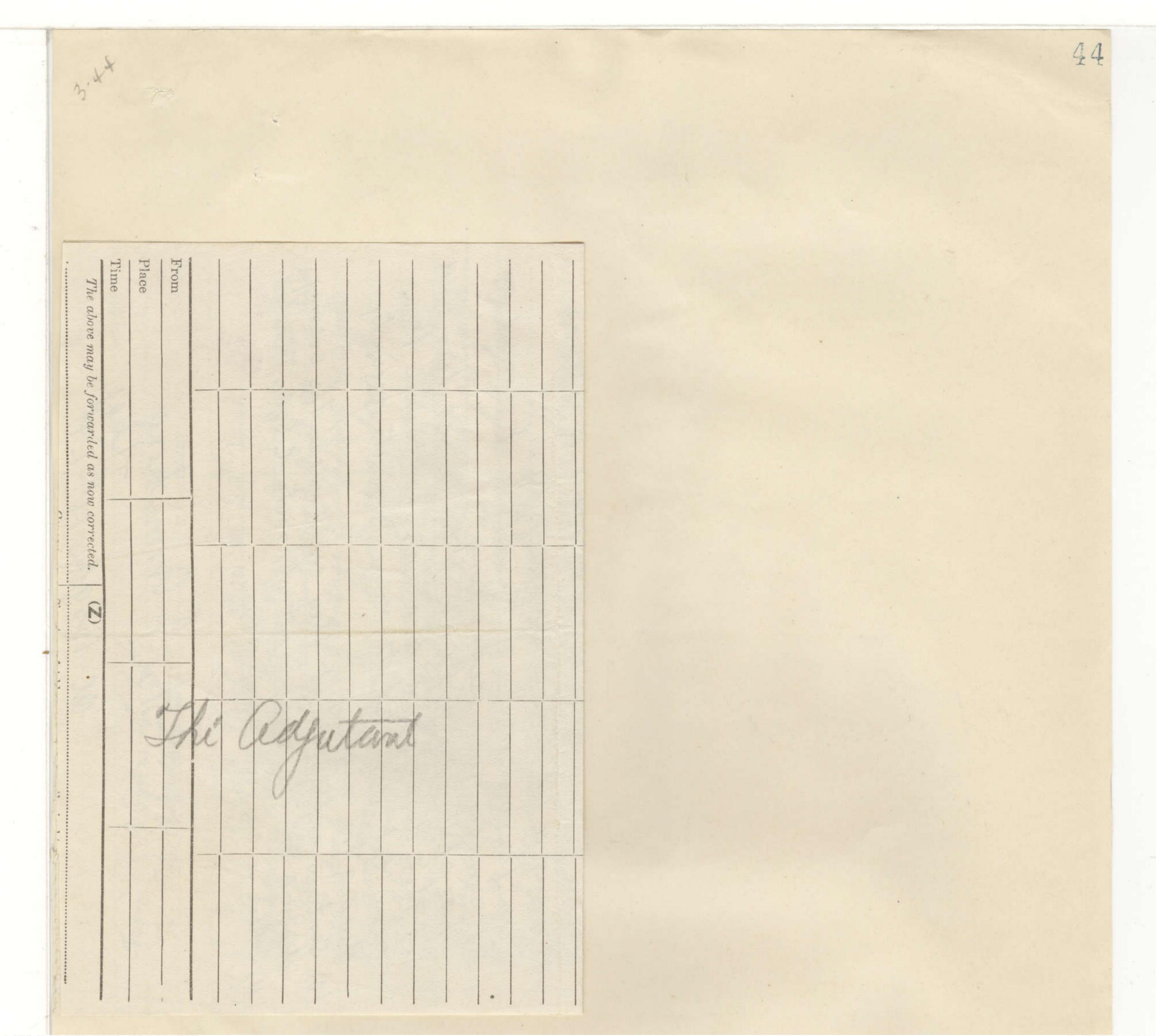
to be rendered to R.A.Q. punctually at times shown. 4.15 Am All well report Summary of events, observations 5-45 Am and number of casualtres for preceding 24 hours. To be rendered in memorandum form by o.e Return of armunition expended and amount required so fell up. 5-45 Am 3 P.M hist of tatrols basically Return showing casually for preceding 24 hours 7 P.M Weekly Returns every Saturday Saturday at 6 P.M. 7-30 P.M Covery Monday Return of explosives, bombs, & hand. grenades on hand The relief of the 7th L. How will commence with the forming have at 1000 on the 29th modernd will be as under: Relief for firing line in order e B, A, Sydns will move by B Sydn Annel thenre by support tremhes to head of Nº 9 and 10 "Sapos "C" and B" in that order In Nº 9 and and Am Nº 10. The head of Another to be at head of sales by 0955. Supports to follow me the Jame order of Sydus and by same Annel. The officer in change of each certion of the furing time will be at The bead of his Anoops. Sumlarly the to be at the head of their troops. The relief of the fruits have mee be

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Service of Manual Andrews and State of Manual Andrews and man the land the same of the land P1 44 1 35-7-1 The State of the property of the said my tany only quine and shelling memowall Confronting our tracelles without of the observable there is thought to made to whom? 121 Jus in Door as Cu gus detack in air county the more than in the Thomas of the son the calony the branched Stranger Mason during will be did to the prome as the they do do allow they promotion of principal winds the Massenship for long was property for green withing in Amount of the sales (3) In House Thurst Till House & Pull Land 14 The 2 1 LIB WILL BE RUNNING GORYRUS PAST by The survey works fruit to as The 12" BY and for the work of the Hishay Things which we the Catter of ampine will be Known and THRK 1814 DUSTONES INDRKS (21) I show the them the bear bearing waining there was thought there in Carry war y 645 Ans The finespect times SIDW

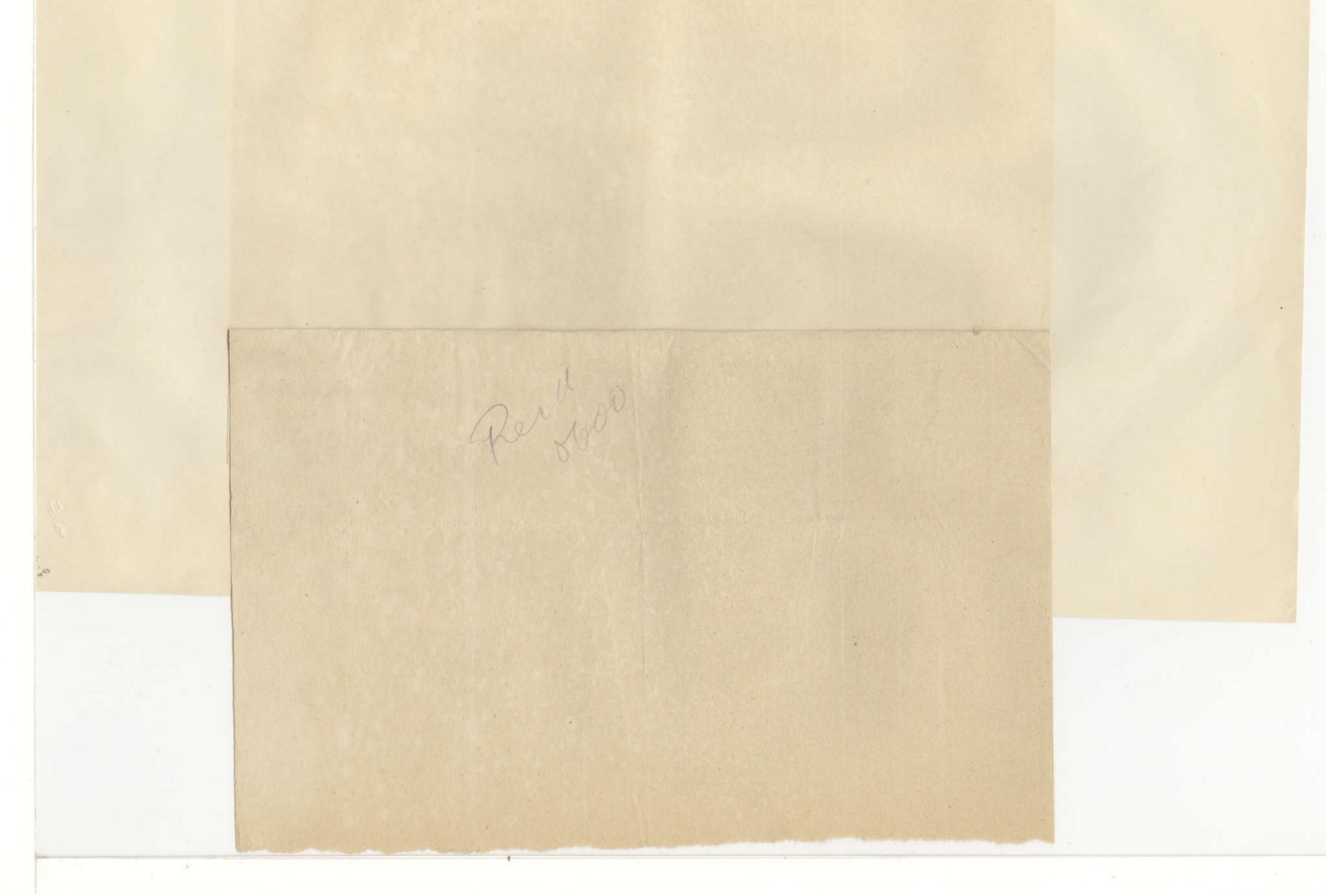
30/7/15-From OCB Sgdn 4th LH To The adjutant (1) I beg to report that at 1000 on 29th unst the Summary of revents of 24 hrs Squadron occupied part of RYRIES POST HOLLY RIDGE trenches, from and including 10 7 Sap to and excluding 10 9 Sap, a frontage of approve 40 yds. 1. The Squadion mond off from Uld One troopison reserve and occupying part of firmy line as ordered yesterday morning at 09.30, The Furt Hoop which. TUNNEL TRENCHES. (2) at 1915 about 35 yds in front of 10 7 Sap the was to take our the new ferring line sentry reported that he could see what appeared was in position ready to take our 6 take our from. to be a stick 18 inches long with a white head on it resembling an aiming disc. 2 Lupports + Persuns were then in This seemed to work out of a box or tehind a their tun mond up to their positions square looking freee of earth about 18 square having a top like a small gable. 3. Sniping was carried our during From The movements of the stick it looked as if someone was segnalling the day, but no defente result was Three shots evere Jula at it by The snipers and Observed. seen but some shots came from its vicinity during the night 4. Bombs ucu thrown by our own some fell short & number went into (3) Sentues report that They could bear the enemy degging on the right point opposite & Sgan tunches (4) There were no casualties their Frenches + creploded. 5. There were two men wounded in the facedon yesterday, one het by bullet in firmy line, + one by shell in the valley. Ster & amothing OC Black HK LH 30/1/5, Igamindhayh major

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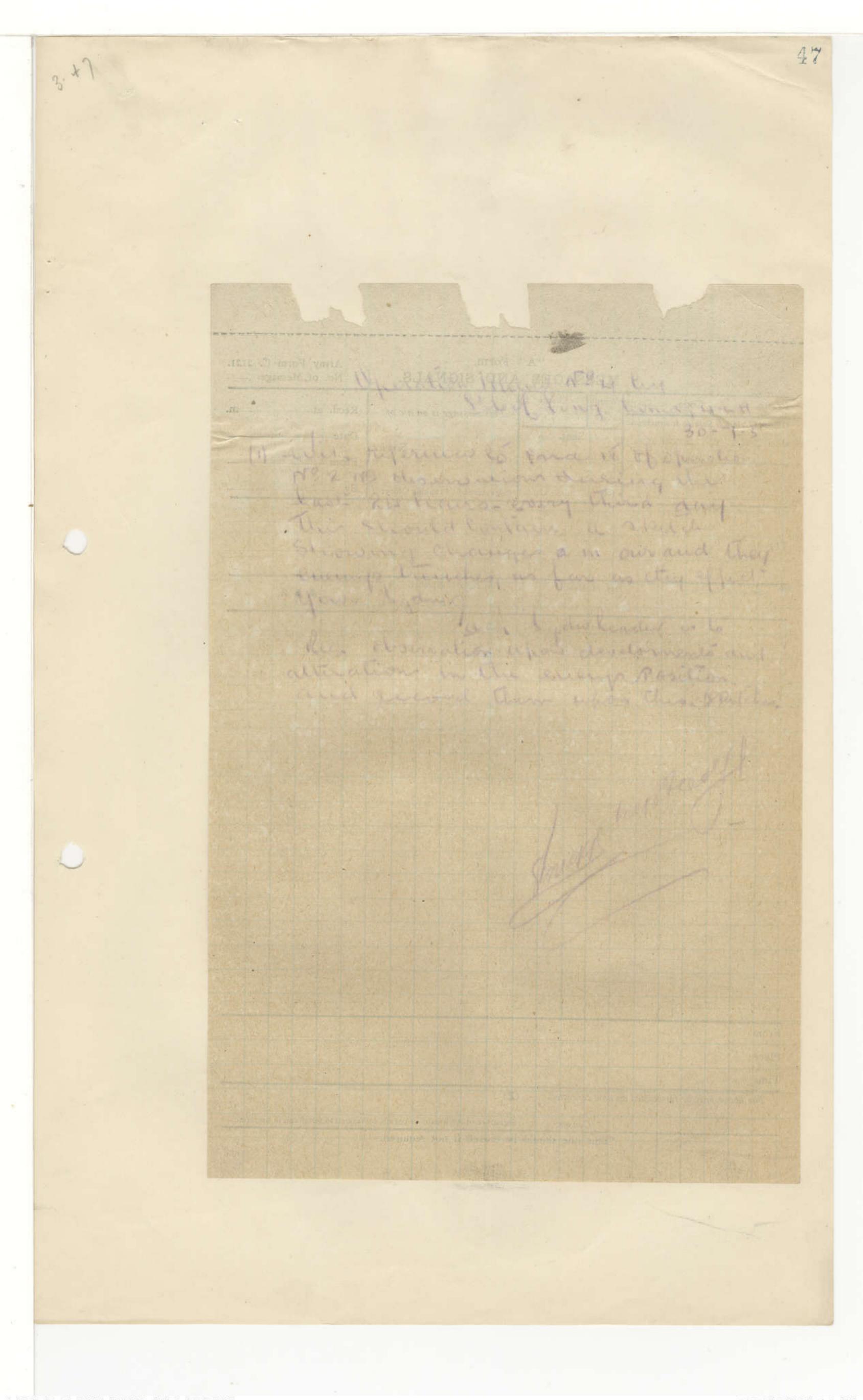
6 Squadron 4th 76 Gallipoli o 545 Sumary of events, observations & No of casualties for preceding 24 hours. We relieved the of L. He yesterday morning I nothing occurred till 3 fim when the enemy started wheeling Mr. Rankin was wounded the owners Thro blacke 34 to Wales been in Their dugouto they would certainly have been Killed. Iniping was carried on suring the day a 2 turks, were at least, bit by out ment. Sap 6 is 80 feet forwards forwards tis mono being supper inpuraries (cray or Colorent very Carrier

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Ist Australian Division Commandeng Htrees Read granters 2nd hight Aonse Bde Summary of Events for past 24 hours. to report. About the Required melined Me of Englit Borse Regiment commencing with the firmy line at 1000. By 1100 the religious the day, Awo Thinks have been reported were thrown for practice for hand there.
About 50 % frame explotted in meny base ulter - 1 officer and 2 the rounds. Required Nol. Am And the said Commady 4 4 4 Aonse



Operation Memorandum No 4.

Brigadier- General G. de L. RYRIE Commanding 2nd L.H.Bde A.I.F

> Brigade Headquarters, 31st July 1915

Map of GALLIPOLI PENINSULA 1/20,000

1. The following copy of Force Order No. 21 (Secret) dated 27th July 1915 is published for information.

" 1. The new 1/20,000 Map of GALLIPOLI issued in seven sheets will be taken into use as the official map of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force from midnight 31st July/1st August 1915.

After that date all references in orders, reports, or other documents will be understood to refer to this map unless another map is specifically mentioned.

2. All previous orders regarding the maps to be used by the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force will be cancelled as from midnight 31st July/1st August."

2. All copies of sheets 1,2, and 3, of maps of the GALLIPOLI PENINSULA 1/40,000 at present on issue to units, will be returned to Brigade Head-quarters by 9 a.m. on the 2nd August.

Brigade Major, 2nd L.H. Brigade.

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| 1 | Brigade Headquarters |
| 2. | 4th L.H.Regt |
| 3. | 5th L.H.Regt |
| 4. | 6th L.H.Regt |
| 5. | 7th L.H.Regt |
| 6. | 2nd Signal Troop |

1st Australian Division Commanding officer Headquarters 2nd Longert Horse Bde advites were principally on the left of the line and worseld of periodical boutling from a papeleas or trench dose to that portrol of the line. They were unproving their positions more or less along the whole of the front. left of our position there also appear to de Raphends or Aneurhe working towards our right or centre. On each occasion that work was observed to be proceeding in these positions or when housing from left our of position it was stopped by our bout throwers Alrowing bours mo their trenches County of Light House 31/7/15

OPERATION MEMORANDUM No.15
by
Major-General J.G.LEGGE, C.M.G.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters, lat July, 1915.

Special Force and Army Corps Orders.

- 1. Attention is directed to the following orders, copies of which have been issued to commanding officers :-
 - (a) Special Force Order, dated 29th June, 1915, congratulating 29th Division on its attack made on 28th June;
 - (b) Special Army Corps Order dated 30th June, giving details of am attack by the Turks on Anzac position during the night 29th/30th June.

Respirators.

2. - In continuation of paragraph 2, Operation

Memorandum No.13, dated 28th June, in those cases

where of necessity respirators are kept in the fire

and support tranches, they will be placed in properly

labelled tin receptables and held on charge to

platoon commanders.

In other cases respirators will be stored under regimental or battalion arrangements in such manner that they can be readily issued.

In all cases men will be instructed in the handling and use of respirators and the instructions for use will be posted up in the trenches.

C.B.B.WHITE Lacut.-Colonel. General Staff. Agrandor der Comm

OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 16

Major-General J.G. Legge, C.M.G., Commanding 1st Australian Division.

> Divisional Headquarters, 2nd July, 1915.

Extract from Army Corps. Order.

1. - Army Corps Order No. 13 dated 1st July 1915, is repeated hereunder :-

"I. The Army Corps Commander has heard that recently a party found a Furkish spiper's hole with 200 fired cases of our own ammunition in This shows how careful we must be about bringing the rifles and ammunition of our own wounded and dead back when-ever possible. know the Turks to be short both of rifles and ammunition, so that any of ours left behind are sure to be used; and here is a case where for all we know a number of our own men may have been picked off by this sniper armed by us. 2. At several points in our defences it is found that the enemy are able by machine gun or heavy rifle fire to cut down sand-bag parapets, just as we in our turn destroy theirs Brushwood fascines are to be by our fire. employed whenever possible in such places as revetments: when earth is well banked up in front of them they are very difficult to destroy; and therefore are not likely to fail in preventing casualties during critical periods of an attack."

Patrols.

2. - Amongst other useful information obtained from an Armenian prisoner it has been learnt that scouts come out from the Turkish trenches at night and creep up to our position to observe, if possible, our movements.

Sextions will therefore take steps to have men laying up for these scouts at likely points of approach. Everything favours the man who lies still, in dealing with a man who has to move to fulfil his mission, and a few successful ambuscades will have an excellent effect.

General Staff.

OPERATION MEMORAL Jo. 17 by

Major-General J.G. Legge, C.M.G., Commanding 1st Australia Division.

> Divisional Headquarters, 4th July, 1915.

Telephones.

1. - The following entract from Army Corps Routine Order dated 2nd July, 1915, is published for information;-"165. A telephone service having been installed, the following numbers are published for information :-Nos.

General Staff, ANZAC: Office. 1.

2. (Brig-Genl. Carruthers, D.A. &. Q.M.G. A. C.M. G. (It.-Col. Knox,

3. (Brig.-Genl. Lotbiniere, C.R.E. (Lt-Colonel Lesslie, A.A.&. Q.M.G.

4. Brig. General Owen C.R.A. D.A.D.O.3., Aust. D vn. (Lt-Col. Austin, D.A.D.O.S., N.Z.&.A.Divn. X (Capt. Beck

5. (Capt. Parry Okeden, Ammn. Supply Officer

(N. Z. Divl. Frain, (Major Worsley) 6. H.Qs. Australian Divn., (telephone in Signal office).

7. General Staff, N.Z.&.A.Divn.

Aust. Divn. A.S.C. (Colonel Marsh)

9. Aust. A.S.C. Depot, Brighton Beach (Capt. Paine) 10. N.Z. Traffic Regulating Station, Shrapnel Valley.

11. No. 5 N.Z. A.S.C. Depot (Capt. Cleeve) (No. 4 N.Z. A.S.C. Depot (Capt. Elliott). (Mule Cart Transport Corps, (Capt Alexander).

* NOTE. Telephone in office of N.Z.Divl. Train, where an orderly will call other officers mentioned."

> C.B.B. WHITE, Lieut, Colonel, General Staff.

INFORMATION.

The following information has been obtained from prisoners taken

by the N.Z.&.A. Division. 1. The Turks are offering a reward of 4/- a rifle brought back from between the lines and the same amount for 100 rounds of ammunition.

2. The enemy's troops are often told that a derman aeroplane is sing to fly over the position and that they must not fire at it but it rarely comes. The men are also strictly forbidden to blaze away at our machines when they go over but the temptation is always too strong and regardless of the orders of their officers, they always fire.

3. The rumour of the advent of a Zeppelin is current. 4. It is said among the Turks that a great part of our garrison

here is composed of Greeks from the Islands.

5. When an attack is made the attacking party collect in three lines in the fire trench (a) crouching on the parapet (b) on the banquette and (c) standing in the bottom of the trench.

6. The Turks boast of their prowess and superiority with the

bayonet. 7. They always look for an attack on Saturdays or Sundays, their idea being that as we are Christians and Sunday is a "holiday" (?) we "keep our spirits up by pouring spirits down" and then in a semi-intoxicated e endition become bellicose.

'8. All men in the firing line are awake all night but when it gets

dawn, all turn in except for the men on duty in the trench. 9. Their late C.O., a kind and a gallant man, was shot dead

10. Some interesting papers have been taken from the killed, amongst through a loophole. them a manuscript copy of our last proclamation thrown into their lines. As these proclamations were printed it seems that it is arousing interest

among the rank and file. In one letter the Coy. Commander complains of the utter lack of discipline of his coy. and suggests that all his n.c. os should be removed. OPERATION MEMO ... No. 18

Major-Goneral J.G. Legge, C.M.G. Commending lat Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters, 6th July, 1915.

1. - Attention is drawn to a circular memo from Army Corps Headquarters dated 5th July, 1915 and issued herewith.

2. - Units will indent forthwith for respirators on the scale of 1 per individual plus 50 % spare. For units in fire, support or reserve trenches they will be placed as directed in para. 3 of the circular, Those units in reserve positions beyond the trometer will hold the respirators on platoon (or troop whare ready for immediate issue.

> C.B.B. WHITE, Lt.-Golonel, General Staff.

TNFORMATION.

TRANSLATION OF TURKISH DIVISIONAL ORDER.

SIGHIR DERE 16.6.15 From 126th Regt., let Zovaro Battalion.

To O.C. 126th Ragt.

1. Up till now a togal of 497 men have been sent to the hattalion. Of these 83 have served in the Greek War of 1897 or ware under arms for one and a half months in the Balkan War. As far the remainder they have never been exercised (according to the Company Commander's reports) and they are of no military value. . 2. All the men have the old pattern Mauser rifle.

> O.C. 128th Regt. 1st Battalion (signed) ZEKI.

6.7.15 - Casualties in bombardment of SEDDEL BAHR 3 officers 60 men 400 animals also quan ity stores and amin. The bombardment of beaches & front yesterday was the heaviest yet experienced but general damage very small it was preliminary to a general attack made all along the line by tresh troops ascertained to come from ADRIANOPEE. Our losses neglig ble and enemy infantry everywhere immediately driven back with very heavy loss Special efforts made first on junction of R.N.D. with French. Here about 500 Turks penetrated to our front trenches but counter attack at once made by supports and men who retired recaptured position. Turkish killed at this point 300. 90 bodies counted close to parapet on the right, remainde in centre. Enemy subsequently reported massing on this flank in front of French but suffered heavily from shell fire and no further attack on Brit: front in this neighbourhood. Second fur ther west at tack made on H 12 from direction H 13. Enemy here come under heavy rifle and machine gun fire from right of 29th and left of 42nd Div. and attack died away; enemy lost. 150 killed. 3rd on our left Turks massed in force in Nullah N.E. of J13 and have attempted several attacks. None of these pushed home owing to steadiness of our troops and offociave are liery support and Turkish loss again exceedingly heavy. Impression care of whole affair that a gran attack was ordered but so for as infantry was concerned the attack failed Turks have expended large chount of ammunition and to materialise. added considerably to already very serion to the night was quiet

OPERACION MEMORATION No. 19

Major-General J.G. Hagge, C.M.G., Commanding 1st Australlian Division.

> Divisional Headquarters, July, 9th, 1915.

renches Visiting of orders, deted 7th July, 1915, is published for

information :-"173. Officers visiting transhes of other units of their own brigade will make their presence known informally to each ordinar they meet. When visiting tranches of other brigades they will do the same, but being leaving their own area they will report their intention to the brigade or esection commanders of the section or sections they intend visiting, so so to be oble to establish thath. identity quickly in case the officer to whom they introduce themselves double their bone fides. Any man cubaring the transhes of another battalion is to be provided with a pass establishing his identity and mission. Officers in breached who find in their command any officer or man who is not known to them are to accertain whether he is a member of the forces at Anuaca. If they have any doubts they are to detain him or take him to Post or Section Head-Quarters while enquiries are being made."

General Staff,
1st Australian Division.

INFORMATION.

steamers and five large sailing shaps.

The reported suicide of SUTEMAN ASKEWI. Late Commander of Turkish Army operating against the folds in MESOPOMENIA is confirmed.

Gendames from KONIA and Dublic are said to have arrived at Constantinople for despectable. The Purinculas They are being trained and armed with old riflets.

It is reported that no less there is no the Turkish of the Turkish of the purincular of the Turkish of Kestamuni is said to have protocold asying that in consequence good be vest would be lost.

THANSLATION OF TURKISH MINIOPARES.

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It is inferred from the cosesilon of the enemy's attack to-day
that they have sustained heavy leases and that there is no probability

of the original position, the southers which are in our hands
of the original position, the southers which are in our hands
must be defended at any cost and those in the enemy's hands must be
further approached and the trenches prepared secondingly. The Zone
committees should use the engineer cos. In front for digging trenches.
The enemy trenches, the capture of which is considered possible must
be captured without waiting for the projected general attack by fresh

General attacks on our southown position grow feebler each time. Our adversary is very hopeful when he indeed that there is no presentity of any fresh attack.

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COPY

Operation Memorandum No 21 A.

Major-General J.G.LEGGE, C.M.G. Commanding 1st Australian Division,

Divisional Headquarters 12th July 1915.

The following combined fire demonstration is to be carried out to-night by N.Z. & A. Division, with co-operation by the Australian Division as indicated below;-

- 1. The left flank destroyer is to shell the BARY 700 NEK from 7.45 to 8.15 p.m.
- 2. At 9-15 p.m. a bomb attack will be delivered from No 11 Section and QUINN'S and COURTNEY'S POSTS. The Garland bomb threwers will be used at suitable points along the line at the same time.
- 3. At 9-45 p.m. there is to be a short burst of rifle fire al ong the front of Nes Ill and LV Sections.
- 4. At 10 p.m. one blue light is to burnt at intervals along the front of Nos 111 and 1V Sections followed by the exhibition of pole targets and dummies. If this has succeeded in filling the trenches with the enemy, intimation will be sent by section headquarters to the field batteries mentioned below.
- 5. At 10.10 p.m. O.C. Mountain Artillery Brigade will arrange to fire star shell and engage hostile machine gun emplacements in the direction of BABY 700 and THE CHESSBOARD, and will then continue to send up star shell over JOHNSTONE'S JOLLY and LONESOME PINE at intervals during the night to enable No 11 Section to harass the enemy repairing the damage done this morning there.
- At 10.15 p.m., but only if required to do so, PHILLIPS' and CADDY'S batteries will engage the CHESSBOARD and THE NEK respectively, SYKES' battery is to engage the enemy trenches in front of QUINN'S, and SYMON'S battery is to fire into LEGGE VALLEY. Not more than 20 rounds (shrapnel) is to, be fire by any one of these batteries.

C.B.B.WHITE Lieut-Col General Staff.

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The C.O.,

For information.

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

12/7/15

OFFRATION MEMORANDUM No. 22

Major Ganeral J.G.Legge, C.M.G., Commanding 1st Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarter #, 14th July, 1915.

das attack.

1. - In continuation of para 1 of Operation Memorandum No. 13, the following instructions upon the methods of dealing with gas attack are issued for guidance:-

(I) (i) Gas attack, as experienced up to date in Europe

may take two forms -

(a) Gas released from retorts - which is the method referred to in G.H.Q. instructions, dated 9th June.

(b) Gas released from shells fired from morters or guns.
This is the form of attack which reports lead us
to believe is the more likely.

(ii) Our action if the enemy employs gas against us 48

to be considered under the heads :-

(a) How to deal with the enemy (b) How to deal with the gas.

(2) As regards (ii) (a) the employment of gas we be offensive measure is only effective when it results an public. For ethought and previous preparation will remove any while of panic.

The general principles upon which the defence

should be conducted are :-

(V)

(i) Troops will be kept under cover and nothing will and done to prevent the enemy launching attack - the steps detailed hereafter will be taken to meet it.

(ii) The word 'GAS' will be passed along the trenches

quietly and without panic.

(iii) Respirators will be issued instantly; notice of gas attack will be given to section and divisional headquarters and the report verified.

(it) If gas is local - as for instance when it is released from bombs - troops will be moved away from vicinity of released gas; arrangements will be made in such cases for covering of front by adjacent units.

Local reserve troops who are in low ...ound will be moved to adjacent high points. Special orders for this will be necessary. Individual freedom of

(vi) Where supports trenches are higher than fire trenches these will be made ready for occupation

if fire trenches become temporarily untenable.

If the gas arrives in the form of a gas cloud heavy fire and bembing will assist in dispersing it. If however it arrives in shells or bombs the gun or mortar throwing the shells and the shells themselves will be vulnerable to artillery fire. In such a case the nearest artillery officer will be informed promptly and told the direction from which shells are coming. The artillery unit first informed will at once search and sweep the suspected area for the enemy mortar firing bombs. As soon as orders have reached the howitzers, other natures of guns will cease fire and await further opportunities.

These opportunities will be given by the massing of the enemy in his trenches and in the areas generally occupied by his reserves preparatory to the assemble with the intention of which he

opened his gas attack.

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Enough reserve positions and approaches to fire trenches will therefore be freely shelled but the fire trenches will be left untouched unless a good human target is presented, so as not to deter the front lines of infantry from exposing themselves. These front lines will however be attacked by hand bombs, Japanese, and Garland bombs until the enemy emerges to face our fire.

be localized if released from retorts. Gas released from shells which burst outside the trenches will probably not have sufficient volume to surmount our parapets. Gas from shells actually bursting in the trenches will be localized by means of wet blankets stretched across either end of affected trenches. The blankets may with advantage be wetted with the solution used for portable pump sprays. The gas can then be dispersed by using the sprays already on issue.

Standing to Arms.

2. - The hour for standing to arms will be changed from 3.30 a.m. to 4.30 a.m. commencing from July 16th.

General Staff,

Let Australian Division.

Major-Gomeral J.G. Hagge, O. M. G.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters, 20th July, 1915.

(20 ACCOMPANY SPECIAL ARMY CORPS ORDER, dated 19th JULY, 1915.)

1. - General. The attack referred to in Special Army Corps Order, dated 19th July, may take the form of either :-

(ii) as strong night attack; or
(ii) as assault after heavy bombardment by day.
Our measures to meet attack and to launch local counterattacks at once, at any time of day or night, must be reviewed and set in order.

- 2. Bombs and flares. Particular attention will be paid to the organization of bomb throwers and the provision of an ample supply of bombs and flares.
- by enemy's fire, and, wher necessary, alternative means of communication will be provided.
- 4. Action in event of bombardment. (i) When troops are withdrawn from fire trenches subjected to heavy artillery bombardment, the units on either side of the part evacuated will be informed so that some of their fire, and particularly their machine gun fire, may be brought to bear on the ground in front of the evacuated portion. At the same time the section commander will be informed and he will, in turn, wern all other sections of the defence, as well as the artillery. Every effort will be made to arrange for cross fire to be brought to bear on the ground in front of trenches subjected to heavy bombardment for this is the portion most likely to be assaulted.

(ii) The troops withdrawn will be formed up under the nearest cover, with several observors watching for signs of the enemy's advance, ready to man their old trenches or other fire positions as soon as the enemy's assault begins, that is, as soon as the bombardment has ceased.

(iii) As the garrison may not be able to employ its full strongth in fire, the remainder will be formed up ready to counterattack at once with the bayonet if the enemy manages to effect a loagment in our trenches.

and all the usual massing of enemy troops will be reported at once to section commanders and commanders in the fire tronches.

(v) As soon as bombardment coases, fire positions are to be restored whenever this is possible. For this purpose stocks of sandbags and lengths of ready made wire cutanglements are to be kept close at hand ready for use as required.

5. - Preparations to meet attack. In order to be propared for the attack which is not unlikely, all our present arrangements should be reviewed in detail and improved where necessary. Steps for rapidly rebuilding our defences and for the delivery of immediate local counter-attacks require to be thought out before-hand, and rehearsed as far as may be practicable.

Goneral Staff.

OPERATION LURIGRANDUM No.24

Major-General J.G. Magger, C.M.G.

Divisional Headquarters, 22st July, 1915.

Diventance and accommission.

Commander's message to the troops, regarding attack by
the Turks, copies of which are issued herewith.

(a) Regimental and brigade reserves of ammunition will be will be completed and pouch ammunition will be made up to 200 rounds per man.

(b) Bombs and grenades will be brought up to scale

Carland bombs ... 20 per gun

S.7-inch bombs ... 220 "

Hand grenades - No.I Section 600

Four Lotbinians hombs will be kept at

flaves will be drawn sufficient to light the fronts exposed to attack for three hours.

Arrangements for lighting bombs will be completed - bomb sticks lit just before the moon sats, and a good proportion of bombs kept up in the fire transhes within easy reach or the bomb throwers.

(c) Telephonic communications between section headquarters and posts on the one side and
divisional headquarters on the other, are to
be checked, and whore possible protected
against the enemy's fire. Lateral communication along the fire and support trouches is
also to be arranged for and tested.

(d) All men will be provided with auti-gas helmets or respirators, and anti-gas arrangements perfected.

(e) All but essential fatigues are to be knocked off by 4 p.m. on the 22nd.

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(iv) Arrangements for naval support are as

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OPERATION MEMORANDUM Major-General J.G. IHGGE, C.M.G. Commanding 1st Australian Division

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In anticipation of attack :-(a) Regimental and brigade reserves of ammunition will be completed and pouch ammunition will be made up to 200 rounds per man.

(b) Bombs and grenades will be brought up to scale

fronts exposed to attack for three hours

Arrangements for lighting bombs will be completed - bomb sticks lit just before the moon sets, and a good proportion of bombs kept up in the fire trenches within easy reach of the bomb throwers.

(c) Telephonic communications between section head-quarters and posts on the one side and divisional headquarters on the other, are to be checked, and where possible protected against the enemy's fire. Televal communications against the enemy's fire. Lateral communication along the fire and support trenches is also to be arranged for and tested.

(d) All men will be provided with anti-gas helmets or respirators, and anti-gas arrangements perfected.

(e) All but essential fatigues are to be knocked off by 4 p.m. on the 22nd.

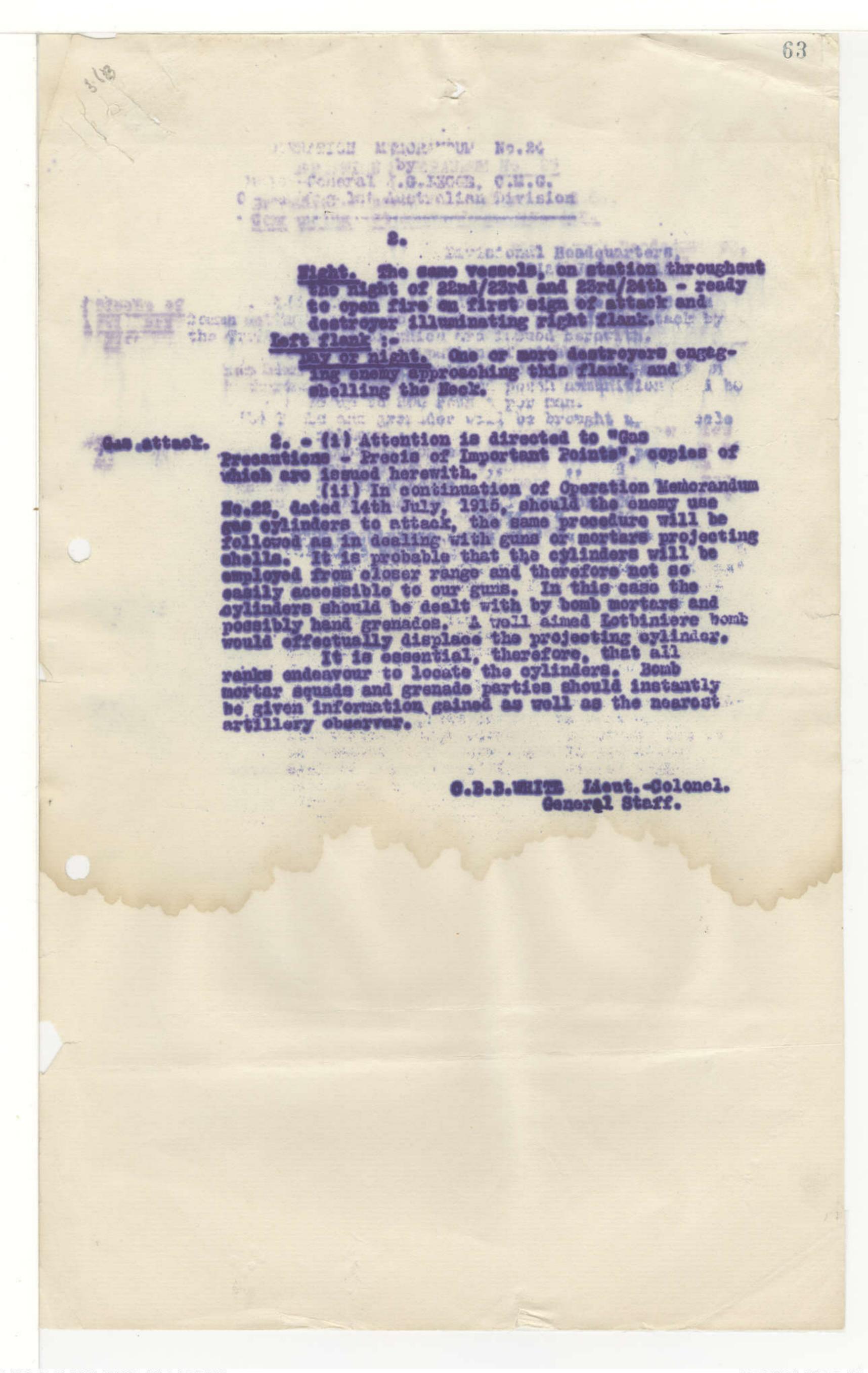
(iii) Troops will stand to arms 10 minutes before the moon sets on 22nd and 23rd for half an hour and again at 3 a.m.

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(iv) Arrangements for naval support are as follows :-

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OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 25

Brigsdier-General H.B. Walker, D.S.O., Commanding 1st Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters.

Effects of Artillery Fire. 1. - When our guns are shelling enemy works confronting our trenches reports of the observed effects of fire should be made to Divisional Headquarters. The officer commanding divisional artillery has been directed to inform units concerned when a bombardment is intended.

Attack.

2. - In continuation of paragraph 1, Operation memorandum No. 22, dated 14th July, 1915, as soon as a gas attack is discovered the word "GAS" will be passed promptly along the trenches. Special messengers will be told off from sentry groups to awaken sleepers within specified areas.

The necessity for complete preparation to meet gas attack is imperative.

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3. - Paragraph 2, Operation Momorandum No. 22, dated 14th July, 1915, is cancelled.

In future troops will stand to arms daily from 0400 to 0445.

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Local Hames.

4. - (i) That part of HOLLY SPUR held by the 2nd Light Horse Brigade will be known as RYRIE'S POST.

Battalion and Light Horse works on HOLLY RIDGE and in the VALLEY OF DESPAIR will be known as TURKISH DESPAIR WORKS.

communication. telephonic communication exists between Divisional Headquarters, and any part of the division, and the forward works on HOMLY RIDGE and SILT SPUR.

C. B. B. W H I T E, Lieut. -Colonel.

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OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 26

Brigadier-General H.B. Walker, D.S.O., Commanding 1st Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters, 31st July, 1915.

from Aircraft.

1. - The increased activity of enemy aeroplanes renders the following precautions necessary to prevent hostile aircraft observers setting information of our dispositions :-

(i) All movement of guns and work on gun emplacements will be carried out under cover of darkness.

(ii) Artillery positions, guns and vehicles will be concealed or disguteed when not in use.

(iii) Machine gung will also be concealed when not in use.

Action on the approach of hostile aircraft.

2. - On the approach of hestile aircraft,

(i) All movement will coase; men will not look up, as upturned faces are easily neticeable to aircraft observers. Field glasses will not be used except from cover. Working parties will sit down and keep quiet.

(ii) Strict silence will be maintained; the presence of troops has often been detected by sounds from positions where nothing has been visible.

(iii) No guns will fire unless necessary during the progress of an action.

(iv) Rifle or machine oun fire will not be opened on aircraft except by order of an officer. When ordering fire, officers will remember that fire is usually effective, only when directed in the same line as the aeroplane is fravelling. Crossing shots are useless; the machine is bullet proof underneath.

Distinguishing marks.

3. - (i) Priendly aeroplanes are marked :
Red and white circles - British

Red, white, and blue circles - French

Red, white, and green circles - Italian

(ii) Hostile aircraft are usually marked by a black cross, or are painted black, and have the ends of the wings turned back.

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