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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
OOSTTAVERNE Sector	1/2/18		Distribution of Battalion:- Front Line "D" Coy. WALL FARM 1 Platoon "B" Coy. Supports "C" Coy. 1st Reserve "A" Coy. 2nd "B" Coy.	31st Bn, A & F, on night 54th " " " left Appendix A - situation map.
			Enemy attitude very quiet; very little activity on either side, owing to heavy fog. Ground partially frozen but muddy. Our machine guns fairly active during night while intermittent bursts were fired by enemy over front line and supports. Heavy mist continued, ground freezing.	Appendix "1" - Intelligence Report
	1-2/2/18		Our artillery active, chiefly 18 and 60 pds. against LAKE FARM.	
	2/2/18	1.30 pm 5 pm	Enemy artillery fired few shells at intervals between 9.30 am. and 6 pm, and 18 light shrapnel between 8 & 10 pm.	
			Our machine guns active over enemy positions and tracks; enemy machine guns active against aircraft, but did not fire over our positions during day.	
			Aircraft on both sides active during day, especially ours.	
			Our 18-pds active against enemy positions and tracks.	
			After early morning, mist cleared - light haze over WAMBEEK valley all day - ground very muddy.	
	3/2/18	6 am.	Our heavy trench mortars fired on RIFLE and BEEK FARMS.	

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OOSTTAVERNE Sector	3/2/18		During the day our artillery was fairly active, but very few shells were received from the enemy. As usual, the enemy's attitude was quiet, although his aircraft was active, but not as much so as ours.	
	4/2/18	12.15 am.	<p>Slight rain fell about midnight - ground very muddy.</p> <p>Our 18-pdrs. fired 20 rds. on enemy front line. During remainder of morning our artillery was quiet, but was active during afternoon and night. The enemy's guns and trench mortars were more active than usual. Our aircraft active, but no enemy planes seen. Machine guns on both sides active.</p> <p>Inter-bay relief completed; distribution now as under</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Front Line      "C" Coy.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Supports        "D" "</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1st Reserve     "B" "</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2nd "            "A" (less 1 Platoon)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">WALL FARM     1 Platoon "A" Coy.</p>	
	5/2/18		<p>Ground very muddy. Ground in "St. Chan's Land" much cut about, and shell holes full of water.</p> <p>Our Artillery active throughout day and night, enemy artillery less active, but his machine guns were fairly active, while his trench mortars were unusually active; our trench mortars and aircraft active - enemy aircraft rather quiet.</p> <p>Ground extremely bad in front of WALL FARM - shell-holes (up to 30 ft. diameter) full</p>	

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OOSTTAVERNE Sector	5/2/18		of water - ground very boggy and will not carry a man's weight. it's allan's land very wet and boggy.	
	6/2/18	2.15 am	Light rain set in and continued till about 5 am. Our Artillery active - enemy artillery fired very few rounds on sector, but was more active against flank sectors. Our Heavy Trench mortars fired 8 rounds on WAM FARM at 6.45 am, while between 11.30 am and 12.30 pm. our 6" Trench mortar fired 10 rounds.	
	7/2/18	7.10 am	At 7.5 am. enemy light Trench mortars fired 16 rounds about 300 yds. in front of right of line, and a further 6 rounds in same place at 7.15 am. Aircraft on both sides active, particularly ours. No. 1 post on right of our line captured corporal of M. G. Coy, of 162 <sup>nd</sup> I. R., who came in from direction of WAM FARM. He was a Pole, and had been an active soldier for 5 years. He stated that the food received by him was enough to live on but was not good, although he looked in good condition. Stated that his Regt. consisted of about half Prussians, half Poles, with a very few Bavarians and Saxons. Our artillery active, and enemy's slightly more active than usual. Owing to rain in the morning and low heavy clouds all day, no aircraft from either side were in the air. Ground very muddy.	

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OOSTAVERNE Sector	8/2/18	7.15 pm.	<p>2 of enemy appeared from old trench about 250 yds. from our line and were at once attacked by 2 of our non-commissioned officers, who were searching for haversack dropped by prisoner captured yesterday. Enemy fled towards right and were fired on by Lewis Gun. One, who appeared to be wounded, disappeared over ridge, while other was captured by 3rd Btn, A.I. Co., who are on our right.</p> <p>Usual artillery activity on our part, but very little from enemy. Our trench mortars quiet. few sounds from enemy's.</p> <p>Our aircraft active, but none of enemy's seen.</p> <p>Morning wet - weather improved during afternoon - bright night, during which enemy fired intermittent bursts of M.G. fire.</p> <p>A lot of water in CUMBERLAND ST near junction with front line and in parts of front line (OLGA TRENCH)</p>	
	9/2/18		<p>Our artillery much more active than enemy's. The enemy's attitude was, as usual, quiet, although his trench mortars were more active than usual, and at 8 pm, 2 of his "pigeon" bombs accounted for 2 slight casualties (Capt. A.M. Robertson and one man) at WALL FARM. Our Heavy Medium and Light Trench mortars were active against RIFLE and WAM Farms.</p> <p>Our machine guns carried out their usual harassing fire during the night, while the enemy were active during the night over MANCHESTER ST. and JUNE Fm.</p> <p>Few little aerial activity on either side.</p> <p>Weather fine but cloudy. St. Chan's Land very boggy.</p>	

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OOSTTAVERNE Sector	10/2/18		Our artillery was very active during the day and night and on two occasions during the day several rounds from our 4.5" hows. fell just in front of our own line. The enemy's artillery only fired 40 rounds during the day, but registered 2 direct hits on WALL Fm., without doing any damage. At 10 pm we bombarded RIFLE Fm., and at 10.30 pm. the enemy retaliated between front and reserve lines.	
		11 am.	9.45" trench mortars fired 19 rounds } against RIFLE Fm. Good shooting observed. 6" " " " 100 " }	
		2 to 3 pm	9.45" " " " 10 " } retaliated on WALL Fm. 6" " " " 125 " }	Enemy's artillery
		10 pm.	Stokes mortars cooperated with artillery bombardment and fired 90 rounds. Enemy trench mortars only fired 9 "pigeon" bombs against WALL Fm. during the day. During the day and night enemy machine guns fired short bursts, while ours showed the usual activity during the night.	
	11/2/18		Spring to strong wind and low clouds, there was no aerial activity on either side. Slight rain fell during night. Our artillery was active during the day, but the enemy fired very few rounds. Enemy machine guns fired short bursts during day and night. Ours fired short bursts at intervals during night, and were more active than usual between 5.30 am and 6 am on 12/2/18.	
	12/2/18		No trench mortar or aerial activity on either side. Tracks are very muddy. Our artillery displayed less activity than usual, and enemy's only fired a few rounds. Usual night activity of machine guns on both sides, except that ours were unusually active between 6 and 10 pm.	



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OOSTAVERNE Sector	12/2/18		Very little trench mortar activity on either side, and no aerial activity. Heavy mist during day. Showers, and intensely dark during night.	
	12/2/18	9.35 pm.	Enter - Company relief completed - dispositions now Front Line "A" Coy. WASP Fm. 1 Platoon "C" Coy. Supports "B" Coy. 1st Reserve "D" Coy. 2nd "C" (less 1 Platoon)	
	13/2/18		Our Artillery active against BEEH, JULY BEE, WASP, LAKE WAM and SQUARE Fms. Our own and enemy trench mortars displayed usual activity. Enemy artillery normal while his machine guns fired bursts between 5.30 and 6 pm and were very quiet throughout the night. No aerial activity on either side. Enemy patrol seen at about 0230 hrs between 9 & 11 pm. consisted of about 6 and is first patrol seen by Battalion while on this sector. Heavy mist and rain all day. No Man's Land very wet. Artillery and trench mortars on both sides active. Enemy's trench mortars more active than usual. At about 1 pm. an enemy "pineapple" bomb landed in one of our Stokes mortar emplacements and caused a lot of ammunition to explode - Stokes mortar destroyed, but no casualties sustained, as mortar was not in action at the time. No aerial activity on either side. Heavy mist all morning.	

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OOSTTAVERNE Sector.	15/2/18		Our artillery normal, but enemy's only fired 16 rounds over sector. French mortars and machine guns on both sides showed usual activity. At 5 pm an enemy aeroplane patrolled our lines for about 10 minutes. When it attempted to cross our lines it was fired on and returned. Our aircraft quiet.	
	16/2/18	1.45 am	One of our aeroplanes crossed enemy lines in S.E. direction flying East	
		2.15 "	Bombs heard behind enemy lines.	
		1.55 am	Our artillery active - very little activity on part of enemy artillery. Our trench mortars active. The enemy's attitude has been quieter than on the two previous days, but at 6.35 pm he opened a strong barrage on our left of position with machine guns and light trench mortars. Apart from usual aerial activity on both sides, the following is worthy of note:- At 3.5 pm an enemy plane patrolled over our front line and supports, and despite the efforts of our anti-aircraft guns, machine guns and Stokes mortars was not brought down. At 3.20 pm 4 of our fighting machines approached from West, dived towards enemy, circled and flew C.P. W. Enemy continued patrol, flying very low and dropping signals till 3.35 pm, and when he had finished our machines returned, flying very high. As a result of this enemy artillery obtained direct hits on a Supporting Point and one about 1 yd. from H.T.M. emplacement. Day fine - moonlight till 12.30 am - frost fell.	

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OOSTAVERNE Sector.	16/2/18	8.35 pm.	Enter - Coy, relief completed; dispositions now Front Line D Coy, 31 <sup>st</sup> Pm, A.I.C. on right WALL Pm. 1 Pm. "B", 34 <sup>th</sup> " " " left. Supports "C" 1 <sup>st</sup> Reserve "A" 2 <sup>nd</sup> " " "B" (less 1 platoon)	
	17/2/18		Our Artillery active against various farms occupied by enemy - enemy's artillery showed increased activity on sector, but his machine guns and trench mortars were not as active as usual. Between 4 and 5 pm our Heavy Trench mortars fired 10 rounds and our medium Trench mortar 60 rds. against WAM, JULY and RIFLE Pms. Aircraft active on both sides, and one of ours was seen to crash to the ground near BUG WOOD - no explosion heard and no enemy anti-aircraft guns firing in that direction at time - Pilot and Observer (Australian) killed. Between 11.30 am. and 12.10 pm. an enemy aeroplane flew very low over whole sector from Front Line to VERNE DUMP; machine guns, Lewis and anti-aircraft guns and Stokes mortars active against it, but no apparent damage caused. No Man's Land frozen hard.	
	18/2/18		Our artillery active, but heavies did not shoot - all rounds fired falling short. Enemy's artillery quieter than yesterday - his trench mortars fired 25 rds. on WALL Pm. at 6.30 am, this being accompanied by heavy machine gun barrage. Our light trench mortars fired 15 rds. on rifle farm, while our machine guns carried out their usual nightly harassing fire.	V.H.B.



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Summary of Events and Information

OOSTTAVERNE SECTOR

18/2/18

At 11 am. enemy plane, flying low, patrolled our line, supports and MANCHESTER ST. no apparent damage done by our anti-aircraft, machine and Lewis guns or Stokes mortars. Our aircraft active during day, and at 6.30 pm. one flew over sector, going East - later 4 bombs seen to explode in direction of WERVICQ. At 6.50 pm an enemy plane dropped one bomb near batteries at right rear of sector.

19/2/18

Our artillery active - at 9 pm. it and trench mortars opened barrage on enemy frontions (raid being carried out by 54<sup>th</sup> Bn.). The enemy's artillery was active against supports and MANCHESTER ST., but there was little retaliation to our 9 pm bombardment, during which his trench mortars fired on WALL Fm.

20/2/18

At 11.45 am. enemy planes over sector engaged by our machines, which brought one down beyond OOSTTAVERNE WOOD. A little later another machine was engaged - it burst into flames and dived - fire extinguished before reaching ground; owing to mist could not see whether this was enemy plane, but believed to be. At 4.20 pm. enemy plane flew low from front line to supports - only patrolled for 5 minutes. Ground mist all day - night fairly clear and frosty - ground slowly thawing. Enemy artillery fairly quiet - ours very much less active than usual. No trench mortar activity on either side. No hostile aircraft seen - very little activity on part of ours.

At 2 pm light rain fell and continued during afternoon and night. Ground very bad.

No sign of enemy in the chain's Land

54<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F. (on left) relieved by 55<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F. during night 20/2/18



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OOST-TAVERNE Sector.	21-2-18	8.25 pm.	Our artillery, particularly heavies, very active - enemy's fired very little. Our own and enemy's aircraft active. Relief of Pn., by 60th Pn., A.S.F., completed, after which Pn., (less 1 Officer and 2 sections - nucleus garrison in second zone) marched to RAMILLIES CAMP, KEMMEL.	
KEMMEL	22/2/18		Battn. now "C" Battn, of Reserve Brigade. then engaged in cleaning of arms etc, and bathing. 4 extra Lewis Guns received for anti-aircraft defence, bringing total to 20 per Battn.	
"	23/2/18		Training of Pounding Platoon and 2 Lewis Gun Sections commenced. Pn., (less men in training as above, signallers, runners, observers, 50% of Lewis Gunners and nucleus garrison, of 2nd zone) engaged in various working parties in front and back areas.	
"	24/2/18	10 am	Divine Service.	
"	25/2/18		As for 23/2/18	
"	26/2/18		do. Rained in morning	
"	27/2/18		} As above except that all Lewis Gunners except Pns. 1 & 2 of each section employed with working parties. Rain fell on night of 27th and afternoon of 28th	
"	28/2/18			
			<p>W. Buser, Lt.-Col. C. O., 29th Div.</p>	



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APPENDIX

# WAR DIARY

OF

*29th Bn, A.I.F.*

FOR

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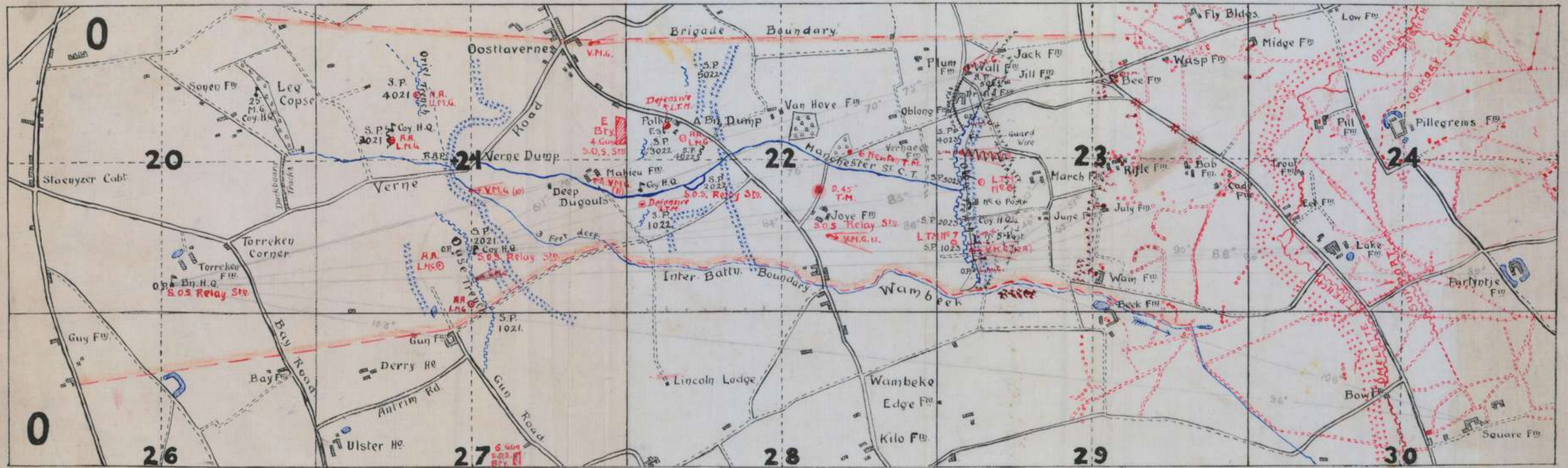
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| * 1       | Disposition map, Left Battrn, OOSTTAVERNE SECTOR.  |
| * 2       | Defence Scheme, Left Battrn, OOSTTAVERNE SECTOR  |
| 3         | Condition of above sector and work done in same.   |
| 3a        | Administrative arrangements in above sector  |
| * 4 to 24 | Duplicate Intelligence Reports (with duplicate Patrol Reports attached) for Battrns. tour of duty in OOSTTAVERNE SECTOR. |
| 25        | List of stores salvaged by Battrn, while in OOSTTAVERNE SECTOR.  |
| * 26      | Defence Scheme, "C" Battrn, Reserve Brigade  |
| 27        | Statement of casualties, strength etc.   |

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FROM TRENCH MAP  
WYTSCHAEDE.  
28 S.W. 2.  
Scale 1:10,000.

APPENDIX. /



Guard wire has been erected across front from WAMBEEK to left boundary  
Trench has been constructed between WIGL FM & Pillbox on left where mine is positioned.



SECRET.

DEFENCE SCHEME.

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LEFT BATTALION - OOSTAVERNE SECTOR.

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Reference:-  
WYTSCHAETE 28.S.W.2.  
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1. FRONT;

The front extends from the WAMBEEK at O 23 c 2 1 to O 23 a 2 8 but the following gaps occur:-

- (a) Between Right Flank and Battalion on Right about 200 yards.
- (b) Between OLGA TRENCH and WALL FARM 200 yards.
- (c) Between WALL FARM and Left Brigade about 200 yards.

2. BOUNDARIES

- (a) Right:- The WAMBEEK at O 23 c 2 1 - O 21 d 9 4 - GUN FARM (exclusive) - PICK HOUSE.
- (b) Left:- O 23 b 2 8 - Road Junction at OOSTAVERNE - O 21 b 58 75.

3. DISPOSITIONS

The sector is held as under:-

FRONT LINE.

- (a) One Company in OLGA TRENCH (the picquet line), with sentry groups about 50 yards in front of each picquet: 5 sentry groups by night and 3 by day.
- (b) 2 Officers and 1 Platoon at WALL FARM. This platoon comes under the command of C.C. Picquet Line for tactical purposes.

SUPPORTS. 1 Company in a line of unconnected S.P's in O 22 a & c.

RESERVES.

- (a) No.1 Reserve Company in OUSE TRENCH (S.P's 1021 & 2021) - O 21 b 95 05 to O 21 c 6 7;
- (b) No.2 Reserve Company - 2 Platoons in ORIEL TRENCH  
S.P. 3021 - O 21 a 5 2  
S.P. 4021 - O 21 a 6 5

One Platoon in Pillboxes at O 21 a 10 05.

This Company supplies 1 Platoon for Garrison of WALL FARM.

4. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

- (a) The PICQUET LINE is the line of resistance and will be held at all costs. Should the enemy succeed in gaining a footing in any portion of the line or on either or both flanks of same, defensive flanks will be thrown back, and the position held.
- (b) WALL FARM will be held at all costs, irrespective of whether the enemy has gained a lodgement in our line elsewhere.
- (c) The SUPPORT COMPANY will be at once assembled and held in readiness to counter attack wherever ordered. This counter attack must be made without any loss of time and with vigor and determination.
- (d) Immediately the Support Company has been ordered to counter attack, No.1 Reserve Company will be ordered to

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- (d) Move to the Support Lines, where it will remain in a state of "constant readiness". O C No. 1 Reserve Company will detail definite platoons to garrison each S.P. in the ~~Support Line~~ Support Line.
- (e) Simultaneously with the carrying out of (d) No. 2 Reserve Company will be ordered to move to and occupy OUSE TRENCH, where it will await further orders.
- (f) Working Parties will at once report to the nearest Company.
- (g) Battalion Guard will at once turn out and the M.N.C.O. in Charge will report to Battalion H'qrs for Orders.
- (h) Personnel of 177th. Company R E and attached Infantry
- (i) Working in vicinity of WYSCHAETE will report to Left Battalion H'qrs.
  - (ii) Working at VERNE ROAD (O 21 c & d) will assemble at VERNE DUMP and await further Orders.

## RAIDS

In the event of the enemy attempting a Raid on our front or that of the Battalion on our left, the O C WALL FARM Garrison will, without waiting for further orders, at once send a party into NO MAN'S LAND and endeavour to cut off the raiders.

TANK  
ATTACK

In the event of an enemy Tank attack, all troops will take cover wherever possible, having regard to the General Defence Scheme, and be prepared to deal with the enemy's Infantry.

ATTACK ON  
NEIGHBOURING  
SECTORS.

In the event of an attack on a neighbouring sector and assuming that our defences are unembarrassed, the O.C. Picquet Line will assist the Troops attacked with his fire, and will send a Platoon into NO MAN'S LAND to take the attack in flank.

## S. O. S.

- (a) The S.O.S. will be fired immediately the enemy is seen leaving his trenches.
- (b) The present S.O.S. Signals are:-
  - (i) Day - Red Flare from Mortar.
  - (ii) Night - Rifle Grenade - Red, Green, Yellow.
  - (iii) Raid - Rifle Grenade, 2 Red, 2 White fired from sector Raided.
- (c) In foggy weather the S.O.S. will be repeated from the following stations:-
 

JOYE FARM  
S.P. 2022.  
OUSE TRENCH.  
BATTALION H'qrs.

All S.O.S. signals fired in front line will be repeated by all above stations.
- (d) Immediately the S.O.S. is fired in Front Line, Battalion H. Q. will be advised of the fact by phone, and the reason for firing it.

M.G.'s  
S. T.M.'s.

- In addition to S.O.S. guns (which do not directly concern Company Commanders) the following Guns are available:
- (a) Front Line - 2 Stokes Mortars and 1 Vickers Gun. During the day the latter is withdrawn to a position in rear.
  - (b) WALL FARM - 1 Stokes Mortar and 1 Vickers Gun, supplied by Brigade on left

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O. A. A. DEFENCE

The following Lewis Guns will be mounted as protection against Enemy Aircraft

- POIKA Detachment - 1 Gun.
- No. 1 Reserve Coy - 2 Guns.
- No. 2 Reserve Coy. - 2 Guns.

L. H. Q.

- BATTALION - near TORREKAK FARM - O 20 d 0 2.
- PICQUET LINE - Cupola Dugout at O 23 c 2 6.
- SUPPORTS - O 22 c 05 75.
- NO. 1 RESERVE - O 21 c 95 40.
- NO. 2 RESERVE - O 21 a 35 10.

RATIONS

All rations will be delivered to VERNÉ DUMP by 1st. Line Transport. Those for picquet line will be carried forward by No. 1. Reserve Company; all other Units will send their own parties to draw and carry rations.

COOKING

No cooking will be done by day. Wet Rations will be cooked at VERNÉ DUMP under supervision of S. I. C.

WATER POINTS

- (a) Battalion H'qrs.
- (b) VERNÉ DUMP.

COMMUNICATIONS.

All Coys. are connected with Battalion H'qrs by Fuller phone.

WALL FARM is connected with Battalion H'qrs by D. 3 Phone which will only be used in case of emergency.

R A P

is at O 21 Central.

CHEMISTRY.

is at Battalion H'qrs.

RESERVE RATIONS

All Reserve rations will be inspected twice per week. Reserve water will be used daily and replaced by Fresh Water.

DUMP.

Battalion Dump is at VERNÉ DUMP.

ACKNOWLEDGE

*M. B. B. B.* Lieut. Colonel.  
C. O. "ACTIVE"

- Copy No. 1. ACID.
- 2 O. C. "A" Coy
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Left BATTALION, sub-sector of COSTAVERNE sector

APPENDIX 3

Conditions and Work Done.

1. On taking over the sector it was found that;
  - (a) The front line (OLGA TRENCH) was in fairly good order, duck-boarded throughout and contained ample shelters for the garrison. It is a continuous trench but is held by a series of posts, between which it is very shallow. Parts of it contained water and parapets in some parts required raising and strengthening. The wire in front was good except on the flanks.
  - (b) The strong posts in this area had been recently constructed and were in good order, except for the fact that some required draining.
  - (c) OUSE TRENCH was in good order but was not completed, and the Company Headquarters ~~requires~~ there required constant pumping. This Trench has been revetted, but in its present state is useless as a fire trench, as the parapets are too high and it is not wide enough to allow of firesteps being put in.
  - (d) The support and reserve lines had been partially wired, but required some staking down and the addition of more barbed wire.
  - (e) VERNE ROAD was in good order.
  - (f) MANCHESTER STREET COMMUNICATION TRENCH was generally in good order, but required a lot of draining and revetting.
  - (g) There were a number of habitable "pillboxes" in the sector.
  - (h) WALL FARM was in good order, but the track to it was in a very bad state. There were no trenches which a garrison could man in case of attack.
  - (i) The Sector was much shell torn, particularly between VERNE DUMP and the Front Line.
  
2. During its tour of duty in the sector the Battalion:
  - (a) Built up parapets where necessary, and constructed new shelters in OLGA TRENCH, and drained same.
  - (b) Filled up gaps in wire in the front of OLGA TRENCH, strengthened wire and extended same to the both flanks.
  - (c) Erected a ~~barbed~~ <sup>guard</sup> wire along the whole front.
  - (d) Laid ~~duckboards~~ duckwalks from OLGA TRENCH to WALL FARM, and from VERNE ROAD to OUSE TRENCH.
  - (e) Constructed short length of trench on northern side of WALL FARM.
  - (f) Fitted No.2. Reserve Company H'qrs. with 4 bunks.
  - (g) Assisted in draining, raising and revetting MANCHESTER STREET.
  - (h) Took ranges and made range cards for all posts in Support and Reserve lines.

*M. Buser*

Lieut. Colonel.  
C. C. 29th. Battalion.



Notes re Administrative Arrangements &c. while in COSTAVERNE  
Sector in February, 1918.

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1. Rear Battalion Headquarters, and Transport Lines were established at KEMBLE.
2. Rations were brought nightly by first line Transport to VERNE DUMP, from where they were taken by carrying parties to the different Companies.
3. Cooking was done at VERNE DUMP, but was only possible by night. Every evening the whole Battalion (including those who were in the front line) were supplied with hot tea or cocoa; at midnight they all had hot soup and in the early morning a hot meat meal.
4. COFFEE STALL A Coffee Stall was established at VERNE DUMP for the benefit of working parties during the hours of darkness. This was supervised by Chaplain ~~Mr~~ A.F. Eva and the cocoa, soup &c. was supplied by the Australian Comforts Fund.
5. CANTEEN. Chaplain A.F. Eva also established the Battalion Canteen near VERNE DUMP.
6. SOCKS. The Battalion drying room was established at KEMBLE. Each night every man returned a pair of wet socks and in exchange received a clean dry pair.
7. BOOTS. A boot/repairing shop was also established near VERNE DUMP.

Services mentioned in paras. 2, 3; 6; and 7 were under the immediate supervision of Major J. McArthur.

*M. Buser*

Lieut. Colonel.  
C.C. 29th. Battalion.



④ Daily Intelligence Summary

From 6 a.m. 1-2-18 to 2-2-18 Cam  
Map NYTSCHAETE 1-10-000.

1. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Our artillery fired at intervals throughout the period. 18 pairs at following times fired on enemy positions chiefly to right front of this sector :-

10 am to 1 pm. 96; 1.30 pm. 16; 2 pm. 60;  
3 pm. 15; 6.30 pm. 14; 8.40, 2 m. 25;  
12.30 am to 2 am. 30.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our H. T. M. fired between 5.30 a.m. & 6.30 a.m. on the following targets :-

WASP Fm	5 rounds
FLY - " -	10 - " -
BANG - " -	5 - " -
WAM - " -	5 - " -

At WAM Fm patrol on 30" ult. reported a new concrete position was in course of erection amongst the ruins. The H. T. M. are endeavouring to destroy this.

(c) Machine Guns. Our M. G. were fairly active throughout the night firing over enemy position and tracks.

OPERATIONS (Cont'd)

(d) Patrols. Liaison patrols to units on left & right throughout the night. Tracks maintained, no enemy seen or heard.

Patrol of 1 officer & 11 O.P. left right of sector at 9.57 p.m. & returned 11.50 p.m. Report of leaders & map forwarded herewith.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. NIL.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. No enemy shelling on this sector. A very little on our left.

Between 2.30 & 3.30 p.m. 3 light Minnewerker about 300 yards in front of our extreme left.

Machine Guns. Intermittent bursts from RIFLE Y BEEK Fm during the night over front line and supports.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very quiet.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. M.G. reported by Patrol at 0 29 b 60.85. Mine in front of WAM Fm tracks.

6. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Few enemy seen about 900 yds. in front of extreme right flank. Probably at M.G. position reported by Patrol.

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7. AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.  
 8. SIGNALLING. A few ordinary flares visible. On two occasions 3 flares were put up in quick succession from same spot. No action followed.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Heavy mist continued throughout period. Observation under these circumstances impossible. Ground freezing hard.

10. WORK DONE. All Garrison's working on maintenance of positions. 40 yards wire put out in front of front line. 2 belts concertina with apron front & rear & loose barbed inter-mixed. 12 coils used. Four hours pumping water from MANCHESTER SS. Guide wire erected from left of line to WALL Fm. Great deal of wire is salvaged & convenient dumps made.

By order of J. L. Harris Capt  
 a/c No. ACTIVE  
 5.50 a.m.



Active Order No. 58

1. Password for to. night. Feb 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>2</sub><sup>nd</sup>.  
**SPRING BOK.**
2. Patrols will leave outpost line to. night at 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.
3. Liaison patrols connecting with Unit on night will reach ~~Wamburak~~ at 7.5, 8.20, 9.10, 10, 10.55 p.m. 12 mid. night 1.5, 1.50, 2.40 3.45, 4.40, 5.35 a.m. Patrols ~~must not~~ call out to liaison patrols ~~if they~~ enter the lines they will not meet.
4. All steel helmets must be camouflaged at first opportunity
5. All water for drinking and cooking purposes must be drawn from stand pipes at 0 20 D O 2 and 0 21 central.
6. Stand to: 6.30 a.m. until enemy grenades can be clearly seen: 5.30 a.m. - 7.30 p.m.

7. Acknowledge  
Copies to

Donald	V.P. Feb.
about 1.2.18	Adj. Active.
Frank	
Bertie	mark.
Art.	



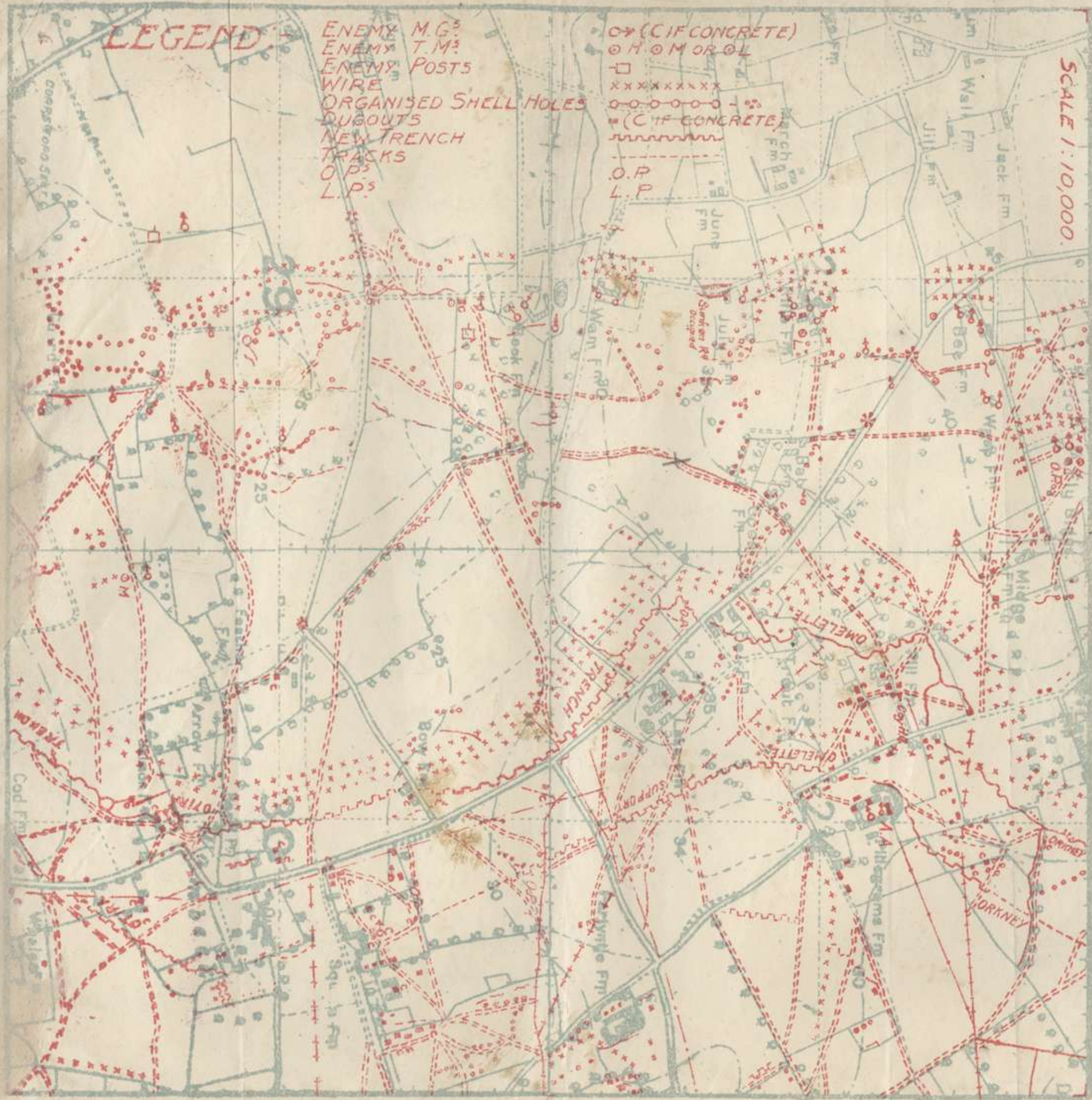
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DATE 2. 2. 1918.  
 TIME of departure 2-45 A.M.  
 " returns 4- A.M.

Name of NCO in charge Sgt L. Giffen

Number on Patrol 1 of P.O. & 4 men

Operation

after leaving trench made way through  
 our wire after clearing last row headed  
 straight for about 200 to 250 yds worked 100  
 minutes no movement of enemy was either  
 on board pushing on again turned left  
 our own wire again on escape left  
 by cutting pushed off again to the right for several  
 hundred yards a then crossed through wire  
 struck Red Base at Wall Farm. Ground very  
 rough wire in good condition  
 no new enemy works. no enemy  
 working parties were seen.

*L. Giffen*



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Daily Intelligence Summary  
from 0 am. 2-2-15 to 0 am 2-3-15  
Map - WYTSCHAETE 1:10,000

V. OPERATIONS

(a) Artillery. Our artillery active through-  
out periods.

1-30 pm to 5 pm. 18 pdrs. & 60 pdrs.

firing chiefly on LAKE FARM.

Excellent hits observed.

Throughout afternoon firing smoke  
shells on positions in WAMBEEK  
valley.

7 pm to 9-30 am. About 300 pdrs. shells  
on positions & tracks opposite  
sector

From 2-30 am. 18 pdrs. active.

(b) Patrols. Liaison patrols main-  
tained touch with units on right  
& left. No enemy seen or heard.

Patrol of 1 off. 8 + 9 p. r. left  
right of sector 12-5 am. Returned  
1-50 am. Report of leader &  
map forwarded herewith

(c) Machine Guns. Our M.G.'s active  
over enemy positions & tracks.

Also against enemy aircraft.  
at 2-15 pm.

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1. OPERATIONS (cont'd)

(d) Aircraft. Our machines very  
active throughout the day, at  
following times:-

11 am. 2, 11-40 am. 5, 1-30 pm. 5,  
2 pm 3, From 2-30 pm to 4 pm 3 over  
the sector the whole time.  
4 pm. 7.

Enemy a.w. & M.G.'s very active, but  
no apparent damage done.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil

3. ENEMY SHELLING.

Time	Target	Rns.	Calibre	Remarks
9-30 am.	Front line	6	77 mm	
10-40 am.	WALL Fm.	4	4.2	74° Line
11 am.	"	16	4.2	78° Line
7 pm.	Right of line	7	77 mm	100° Line
6 pm.	WAMBEEK Valley	16	77 mm	

These bearings taken from O.P. at  
020 d 05.10.

Trench Mortars. 18 Light Minnenwerfer  
to left front between 8 + 10 P.M.

4. ENEMY  
Enemy anti-aircraft active against  
our machines

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery more active than preceding 2 days. M.G. against aircraft very active. M.G. did not fire across our lines during day & not until 1 am. Generally quiet.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. M.G. located at O 23 d 65-38 by patrol. 3 lines of wire in front of WAM Fm. 2 very weak, + line nearest Fm fairly strong - 3' high + 6 to 9' in width. This line runs down to WAMBEEK River (see Patrol report) enemy working on WAM Fm. Party of enemy working on an emplacement, excavating etc, + also revetting. (Reported by patrol)

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 12-40 p.m. 1 machine approached our line driven off by a.s.m.b. 2-15 p.m. two machines driven off. 3-30 p.m. 1 machine flying very high. A number of our machines up at the time. Generally not nearly as active as ours.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT. About 9 am. small parties seen about LAKE FC. Enemy working on WAM Fm seen by patrol. Reps very quiet during day.

8. SIGNALLING. Very few flares used. 5.5 P.M. Light flashing (dots + dashes) on bearing of 75° true. 6.55 P.M. Red + white lamp signals on 95° true - very distant. 7.15 P.M. 3 Golden cluster flares on 109° true. A long burst of M.G. fire followed. All bearings taken from O.P. O 20 d 05-10.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. After early morning mist cleared. Light haze over WAMBEKE valley most of day, but generally good visibility. ~~Very~~ Ground very muddy.

10. WORK DONE. 400 yards of wire put out. Draining + cleaning front line trench. Revetting S.P. 50 21. Guide wire erected from WALL Fm to left.

By ~~number~~ 5-45 am. NO ACTIVE *pro. J. Harris Lieut*

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Active Order No 59

1. Password for to-night PARROT  
That of Flank Brigade is BARK.
2. Sentry groups must be pushed  
further out than they have been to date.
3. In the Line all carrying and working  
parties must carry rifles, bayonet,  
(in scabbard) and bandolier.
4. Liaison patrols will meet patrols  
from Pt on right at 6.50, 8.5,  
9.15, 10.10, 11.20 p.m., 12.30,  
1.20, 2.35, 3.40, 4.30, and 5.20  
a.m.

Issued to Coy at  
3.30 p.m. 2. 2. 18  
Copy to Arch.

H. P. G. A. Adj.  
Active.







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Strength of Party <sup>10</sup> 1/2 of 78 men  
 Name of Commander A. Whitlock Lieut  
 Time of Departure 4 A.M.  
 Return 2.25 A.M.

REPORT.

The object of my patrol was to reconnoitre the  
 enemy front & ascertain the work carried on by  
 the enemy - I left the left sector of Olga trench &  
 moved out in front of WALL FARM & thence to my  
 right & worked down in front of what I considered  
 to be the enemy's position. We moved in two lines  
 I was in charge of one line & myself in charge of the other.  
 I was in charge of left line & when about B 2/c 9.9 we  
 were halted by enemy sentry. We immediately retired  
 to MARCH FARM where we waited in a shell hole &  
 made observations. As soon as we retired we were  
 fired on by enemy rifles. Several flares were  
 fired from RIFLE FARM from a position about 150 yds  
 due south of it. We observed another enemy post about  
 the Snyker road - we retired to our trenches  
 through SNARSH FARM - which is now obsolete -  
 entered our trenches through route marked  
 the enemy were around RIFLE FARM was my  
 but we were a single apart were  
 as far as we could ascertain no work was being carried on by enemy  
 Date 3.2.18  
 Signature A. Whitlock

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① Daily Intelligence Summary  
 from 6 A.M. 3-2-18 to 6 A.M. 4-2-18  
 Reference Sheet WYTSCHAETE 1/10,000

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Fairly active throughout the period, particularly in afternoon.

Time	Target	Rnds	Calibre	Remarks
10 to 11 P.M.	Lake Fm.	25	6"	
2 pm to 3 pm	O 30 cent.	37	18 pdrs.	Appeared to be firing on con-
2:30 to 3 pm.	LAKE Fm	25	60 pdrs	crete positions
3 P.M.	O 30 cent.	10	18 pdrs	
3:15 P.M.	Rear positions	35	6"	
3:30-4 pm.	Enemy front line	34	18 pdrs.	
4 P.M.	Rear positions	20	6"	
4-10 pm.	Front Line	6	6"	
4-20 pm	" "	20	18 pdrs.	
7 to 9-30 pm.	Rear trench system	100	18 pdrs.	
12-15 am.	Front line - left.	20	18 pdrs.	

(b) Patrols. Liaison patrols to units on both flanks throughout the night. Touch maintained, & no sign of enemy.

Patrol of 1 off. & 7 others went out 9-30 pm returned 12 midnight. Patrol report & maps forwarded herewith (Report of Patrol 1 off. 7 others went out & returned 5-25 am also forwarded - to take for yesterday's summary)

1. OPERATIONS (contd)

(1) Trench Mortars Our H.T.M. fire as follows:-  
 6 am RIFLE Fm 10 rnds (short)  
 6:30 am BEEK Fm 10 rnds. (4 good hits remainder short)

(d) AIRCRAFT Our aircraft very active from early morning to 4 P.M. patrolling enemy lines & to rear. Fied on a great deal by I.M.G. & P.A.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. NIL.

3. ENEMY SHELLING.

Time	Target	Rnds	Calibre	Remarks, + Direction
10-25 AM.	WALL Fm	4	77"	HOUTHEN.
10-45 AM.	Coy A.R. Front line	10	77"	" "
2-20 PM.	Oosterveerne	3	5.9	
2-15 PM. to 2-45 pm.	POLKA EST. vicinity	25	4.2"	Probably searching for T.M.
10 pm to 12 midnight	Valley right rear front line	20	4.2"	H.E. + Shrapnel
(From 12 noon on throughout afternoon an occasional shell on WALL Fm)				
5 A.M.	Verne Dimp	2	77"	

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very quiet.  
Action against aircraft with 140  
aa. gun fire

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. BEE, RIFLE, &  
JULY Fms occupied by enemy at  
night. Movement around RIFLE  
Fm in afternoon suggests that  
this post is held by day also.  
Wire around RIFLE Fm, chiefly trip  
& single aprons.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

7.5 am enemy machine, crossed our  
line at medium height. Driven off  
by aa. gun fire.

8.25 am Machine over our lines  
& not engaged by aa.

8.30 am 2 planes over our lines  
for about 2".

10.30 am. 2 again over lines, driven  
off by aa. gun fire.

During afternoon a few enemy  
planes at long way back, picking  
about his balloons.

Enemy balloons up on following  
bearings taken from 0 20 d 05.10.

9 am 85° true, 12-30 pm. 2 up - 80° true  
& 130° true. 3-30 p. m. 106° true.

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7. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Great deal of  
movement LAKE Fm to PILL BOX &  
0 24 d 38. 12. & thence in Northern  
direction.

Slight movement about 4 p.m. at  
RIFLE Fm.

8. SIGNALLING. Ordinary flares were  
put up by enemy throughout night  
in about same numbers as usual.  
Golden cluster flares followed a  
heavy bombardment of T.M. at  
about 5 a.m. (3<sup>rd</sup>) on our right.  
At 10-15 green flare bursting into  
2 was fired by enemy from RIFLE  
Fm. Patrol was passing this  
place at the time.  
Action followed.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Light rain about  
midnight. Ground very muddy.  
Light haze hangs over WAMPDEN Valley  
during afternoon.

10. WORK DONE. Existing wire thick-  
ened & strengthened between left  
of line & WALL Fm. Work on deepening  
& draining trench started on right  
of line. Support post cleaned up  
& water pumped out. S. Harris Lt  
(By runner 5.50 am.) No active



ACTIVE Order No 60

1. The word for tonight "Jookas"  
that of Battalion on list "Wardoor"
2. On the night of 4/5 inst. Charlie  
will receive Donald in front line  
and a platoon of 2 officers and 30  
other ranks from Albert will relieve  
the platoon from Bertie in WALL FARM.

On relief Donald will occupy the  
Supports. The extra Lewis gun  
held by Donald will be handed over  
to Charlie.

Code word for completion of relief  
'SWISS'

Albert and Bertie will not change  
titles, but Albert becomes No 2  
reserve and Bertie No 1 reserve from  
6 p.m. on night 4/5<sup>th</sup>.

The platoon for relief of WALL FARM  
Garrison will move forward before  
Charlie commences to move.

No movement will take place till  
darkness permits.

Tommy Cookers will be handed over  
to incoming units.

Representatives from units will move  
forward to reconnoitre new positions <sup>to-night</sup>

A copy of the handing-over and taking  
over certificate will be forwarded to  
Battalion Headquarters

3. Canteen. The Battalion Canteen is  
open and is situated on the main  
track running North West from  
VERNE DUMP and about 100 Yards  
from the dump.

4. Water tins and food containers  
must be returned at first opportunity,  
otherwise the offending unit may find  
itself short of food and water.

5. All unserviceable gumboots will be  
returned to Gumboot store tonight and  
good ones obtained therefor.

6. The S.O.S. red over green over yellow is  
for both day and night. The mortar will  
only be used on special occasions.

Defence Scheme will be amended by  
bracketing 1 and 2 of sub-para 'b' of para  
8 and deleting the words "red flare from  
mortar"

7. The Coy in the Support line will place  
a picket in MANCHESTER STREET to stop  
all unauthorised persons either officers  
or other ranks from going forward.

8. Coys in Support and reserve will pay  
attention to the question of sabotage  
as long as they do not prejudice their  
position in daylight. R.E. material  
will be formed in small dumps close  
to MANCHESTER C.T. and the position  
of such dumps and their contents  
notified to the Battalion Works Officer.



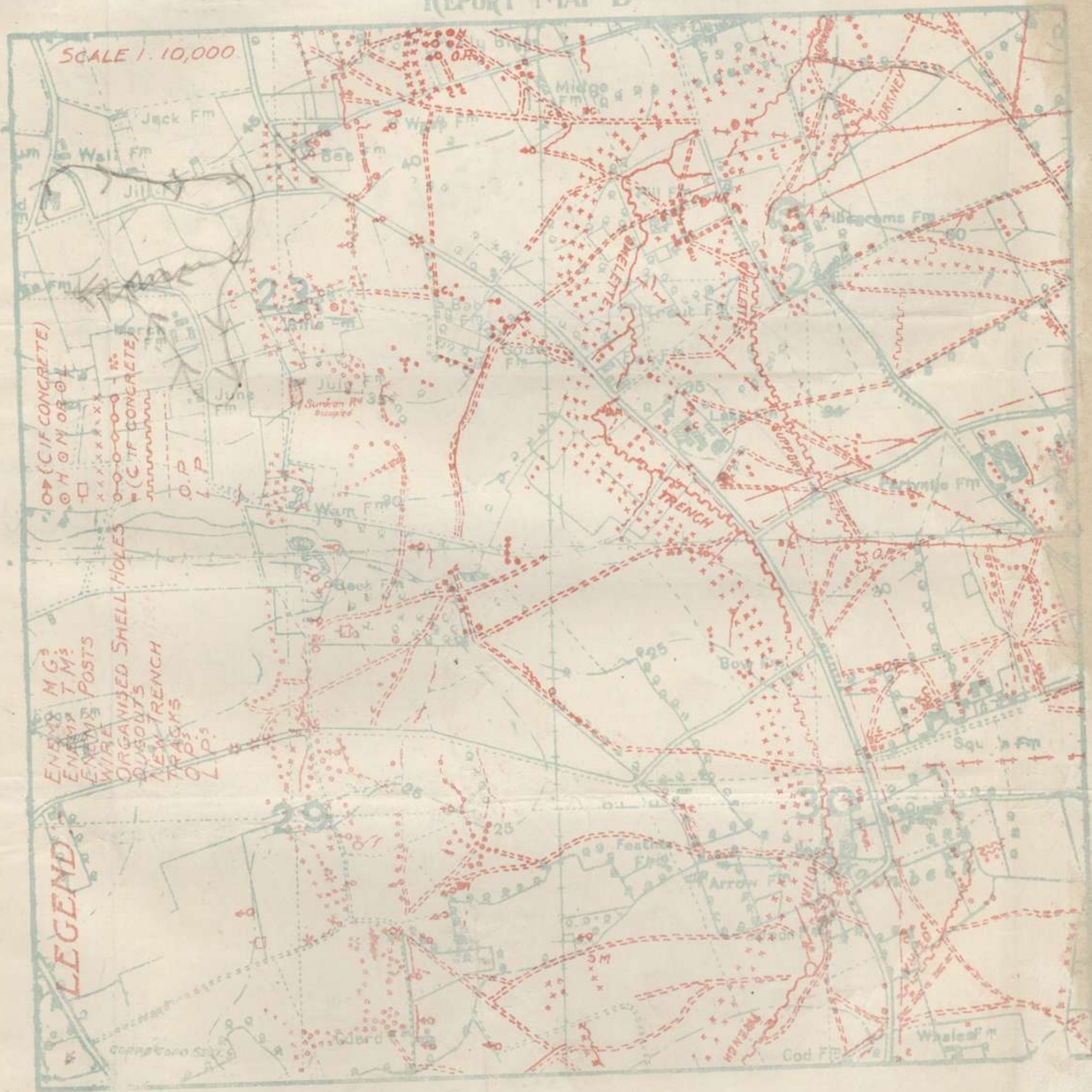
3  
all other material will be returned  
to VERNE DUMP.  
9 Acknowledge.

Issued to all  
Companies at 4 pm.  
3. 2. 18

V.P.H.S. Captain  
Adjutant MCTIVE.



UNIT. 29th Bn  
 STRENGTH OF PARTY. 104 / 860 + 6 in  
 NAME OF COMMANDER. Whitlock  
 TIME OF DEPARTURE. 9.30 PM  
 RETURN. 12 midnight  
 DATE. 3.2.18  
 REPORT MAP "B"





Report

The object of my patrol was to go out into  
Sto Maane Land from left flank & make a  
reconnaissance - paying particular attention  
to BEE FARM and JULY FARM & report on  
enemy work - I left from left flank as instructed  
a made my way direct to BEE FARM & halted about  
50 yards in front but could not hear enemy working  
several rifle shots were fired from there -  
I made my way south & when passing RIFLE FM  
a green flare was fired - on reaching a position  
about 50 yds in front of JULY FARM I halted  
& listened for enemy working parties but could  
hear none - a few rifle shots were fired from  
this position - I then moved back to D L C A

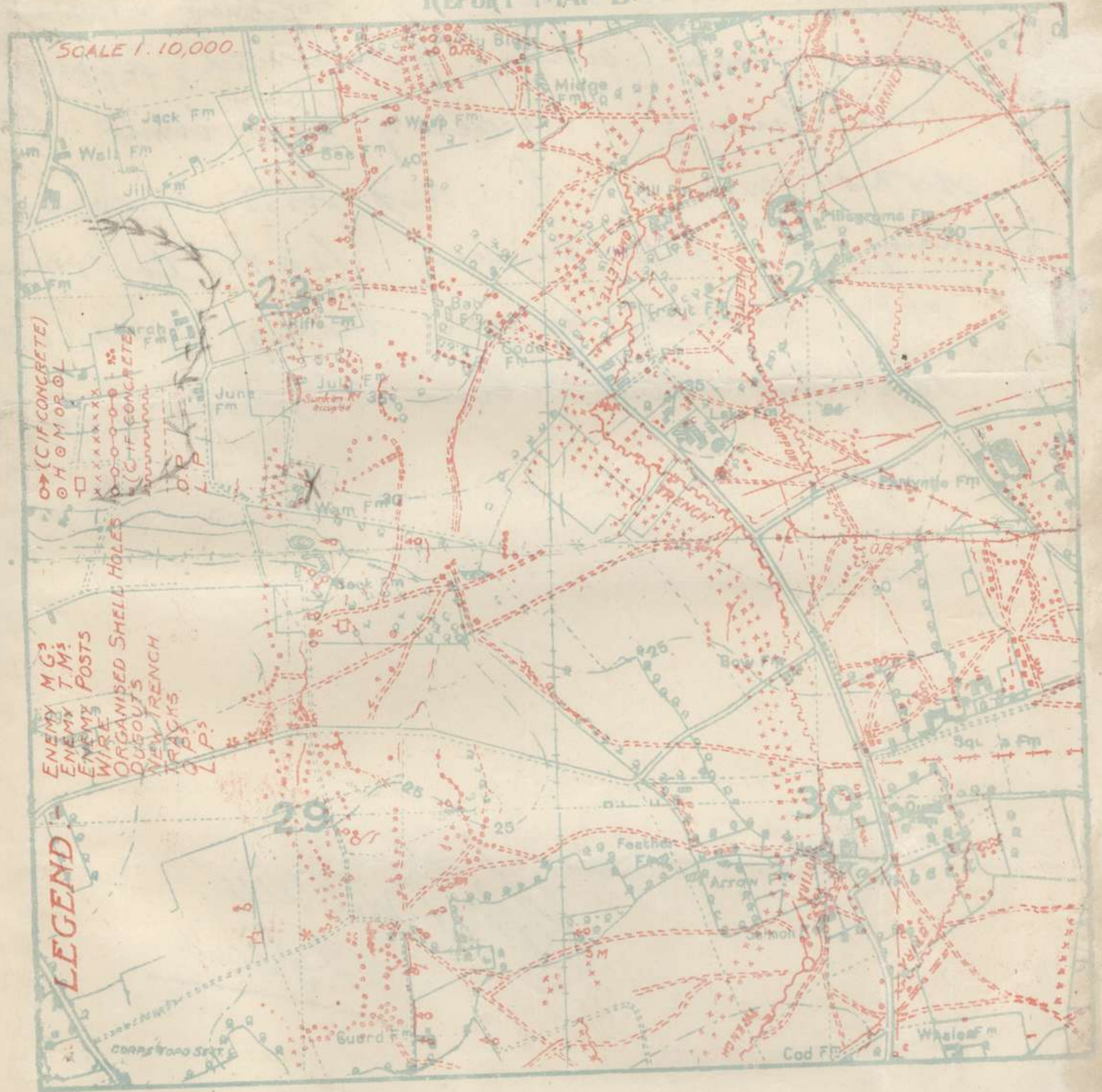
TRENCH by route marked -

General - The enemy appears to be very  
quiet in front of his positions & none of his patrols  
I have yet been encountered by any patrols  
from this bay.

Whitlock Lieut  
Donald



UNIT. 29<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 STRENGTH OF PARTY. 1 Officer 1 Sgt 8 men  
 NAME OF COMMANDER. Lt W Mitchell  
 TIME OF DEPARTURE. 1.5 am  
 RETURN. 2.30 am  
 DATE. 4-2-18  
 REPORT MAP "B"





## Object of Patrol

A General reconnoitering Patrol  
along our front.

I left our line by route marked  
at 1.5 am and continued along  
our line; during the time I  
was out I did not encounter  
any of the enemy patrols and  
only heard work being carried on  
behind his line & returning  
again at 2.30 am

L. W. M. Jones  
Lieut.



① Daily Intelligence Summary  
 1st Group Camp 4-2-18 to Camp 5-2-18  
 Reference Sheet WYTSCHAETE 1-10.000

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery quiet during morning but active for remainder of period.

During afternoon 18 hrs. fired on enemy tracks & positions as follows:-  
 O 23 d, O 24 a, HOUTHEM, front line, O 24 c, LAKE F<sup>m</sup>.

From 6 p.m. for remainder of period out O 24 c, front line, LAKE F<sup>m</sup>, O 24 b.

Our Heavies fired intermittently on following:-  
 HOUTHEM, O 24 c, WERVICQ (8"), O 24 b

During daylight there was some excellent shooting, many direct hits being observed.

(b) Patrols. Liaison patrols to units on flanks throughout the night. Touch maintained & no screaming seen or heard. Patrol 1 off 9 others went out 10.30 p.m. Returned 12.30 am. Report forwarded herewith

1. OPERATIONS (cont'd)

(c) Aircraft

Our machines very active throughout the day, patrolling evening lines & well to rear of same.

Fired on a great deal by aa gun, & M. G. fire. No apparent damage sustained.

(d) Relief. "C" Coy. relieved "D" in the line. Relief carried out without casualties & complete by 8 p.m.

Dispositions now as follows:-

- Front line "C" Coy
- Supports "D" "
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve "B" "
- 2<sup>nd</sup> " " "A" "

2. IDENTIFICATIONS NIL

3. ENEMY SHELLING

More active than usual. French mortars as follows:-  
 9.30 am 25 light "Minnow" on right of line  
 7.15 p.m. 6 " " " " in front of trench.



3 ENEMY SHELLING (cont'd)

Time	Target	Rnds	TYPE	IDENTIFICATION
2.5 pm.	020 C 38.	6	4.4	HOUGHTON
<del>2.45 pm</del>	021 a cont.	6	4.2	WERVICK
2.45 pm				
3.25 pm				
4.10 pm	021 b cont.	50	5.9	WERVICK*
9.30 pm.	021 c	10	4.2	---

\*The 5.9 battery fired 30 of the 50 rounds in 10 minutes, the remainder over, rest of time men fired.

Bearing on this battery taken from 022 C 1.8, 106 true

4 ENEMY ATTITUDE. More active with artillery & M.G. during day.

5 ENEMY DEFENCES. Patrols report work at WAM F3 still going on. M.G. at 023 B 2.3 located by patrol.

6 HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. No enemy machines seen during the day.

Balloons up as follows -  
 10 AM. 101° true, 10.10 AM. 109° true,  
 10.20 AM. 84 true. All bearings taken from 027 B 0.9.

7 MOVEMENT. Continual movement around LAKE FM + Rail boxes in vicinity, cow track leading N.

8 SIGNALLING. Fewer flares than usual.

5.45 am. Golden duster on left centre of line - no apparent result.

3.35 pm. Red lamp signal at 84° true about P 19 c, also another at 88° true about P. 19 d.

5.5. 5.30 pm. Red lamp signalling from last named place (55°) dots + dashes, continuous (Bearings taken from 020 d 05.10.)

9 MISCELLANEOUS.

10.55 AM. Train seen moving in northerly direction on blue bearing of 77°.

2.10 pm. Another train moving same direction i.e. 82° (P 13 d)

3.25 pm. Train moving south towards WERVICK at P 20 a cont

3.40 pm. 2 trains passed one going N - other going S.

All bearings taken from 020 d 05.10.



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9 MISCELLANEOUS (Cont'd)

state of ground very muddy.  
 Patrols find the going in N.M.L.  
 very heavy, ground much cut  
 about + shell holes full of water.  
 Observation better yesterday but  
 still slight mist over forward  
 country.

10 WORK DONE. 40 yds. wire from  
 right of line towards WAMBEER River  
 strengthened - aprons put out.  
 Sand bag placement of parapet  
 continued.  
 cleaning + draining MANCHESTER  
 1<sup>st</sup> going on.

W. J. Harris Lieut  
 a G.O. ACTIVE

By runner  
 5-50 am.



Secret

ACTIVE Order No 61. 4.2.18

Pass Word for tonight 'MAGPIE'

Signal for Battalion on left 'WHISTLE'

At Standdown and when men are asleep they must remove gumboots and wear either ankle boots or sandbags.

3. Strombe's Horns will not be used for giving warning of gas projector attacks. A new form of alarm for projector attacks is now being considered.

4. P.P.A's must be worn at the 'Alert' by all ranks when east of WYTSCHAETE.

5. The morning Stand-to hours in future will be from 5.30 am. until enemy trenches can be clearly observed.

6. Not knowledge.

Issued to Companies H.H.P. (Opposition)  
and 4 pm 4.2.18 Adjutant ACTIVE







As Commandeer of a patrol consisting of 1 officer, 1 Sergt & 8 men on the night of 4.5/2/18  
I hereby report;

- 1 The object of the patrol was to reconnoitre the company front & to find out any information regarding the enemy
- 2 I left at point marked (out) on map & followed route marked in pencil & returned at point marked (In) on map
- 3 The ground was very wet & muddy & boggy in places
- 4 While on patrol a M.G. was firing from spots marked X on map
- 5 A party of the enemy could be heard at work in direction marked  on map
- 6 I did not encounter any of the enemy patrols

Lieut H. Braden 1-30 A.M. 5/2/18



8 Daily Intelligence Summary  
From 0600 to 0600 on 6-2-15  
Reference sheet WYTSORHETE 1-10,000

1. OPERATIONS. Artillery.

Our artillery active throughout the period.

18 pdrs. active on following targets:-

12 to 2 pm. 80 rounds tracks & positions in O 24 b

10:30 am to 12 noon 28 enemy front line.

5 pm. 20 rounds. O 24 b.

9-15 to 9-30 pm. 25 rounds. Enemy front line & LAKE Fm.

10 am. 0 24 c. 6 rounds.

3 to 3-30 pm. 0 24 c. 20 rounds.

4 pm. 20 rounds. Carlette trench.

4-40 pm. 10 rounds. 0 24 c 27. Shrapnel

5-10 pm. 0 24 c 20 rounds. Shrapnel.

7 pm. 6 rounds. 0 24 c

10 pm. & on throughout night occasional rounds fired

Heavies as follows:-

12 noon 15 rounds. 0 24 b.

4:30 am to 2 pm 19 to rear of line.

2 pm. 7 rounds.

12-30 am. 15 rounds. 0 24 c. rd.

1. OPERATIONS (contd)

Trench Mortars.

9-30 to 10-15 pm. LT M fired 70 rounds on new works (35 rounds)

10-30 to 11 pm. 40 rounds on N.G. positions.

Could not observe result.

Patrols. Jasons patrols to units on left & right. Touches maintained. No sign of enemy.

10:15 & 9:00 v. 11 pm to 12:40 am

Report forwarded herewith

Aircraft. Our aircraft assumed flying active during daylight over enemy lines & to rear. Also heard over enemy lines early part of night.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING.

Time	Target	Rounds	TYPE	Direction, Rnds.
9 am	Support line	5	4.2	COMMUNES
2-45 pm	0 23 c 2b	2	77's	( <del>attempts</del> )
9-15 pm	To rear	12	Heavy	
9-45 to 10 pm	Support line Thapm 0 22 c	15	4.2	Gas
10-30 pm	0 22 c	1	77's	HOUTHEM
11-45 pm	0 21 d	1	77	" "
1-5 am	0 21 c	2	4.2	Communes

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3. ENEMY SHELLING (cont'd)

7.15 to 8 P.M. 12 rounds T.M. over right of our sector.

9.10 to 9.25 P.M. 18 rounds T.M. to right rear of front line.

Anti-aircraft guns very active against our planes. No apparent damage.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet. M.G.'s fairly active over front line & supports. (1 casualty at 6.15 am.) & against aircraft. T.M. more active than usual.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. M.G. located at BEE Fm.

Appears to be fresh work at LAKE Fm. - probably repairs.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Very quiet. 10.45 am. 6 machines flying W. very high.

3.15 P.M. 3 machines over lines for 3".

4.10 P.M. 2 " for about same time.

9 A.M. Balloon up on T.B. 93°

10 am. " " " " 118°

(from O.P. at 020 d 05.10)

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

5.15 P.M. 3 of enemy observed to slip into BEE Fm. about 5 minutes later a M.G. was fired across the top of WALL Fm. from that position. Considerable movement was observed during day in vicinity of Hill Prox 0 to Central.

At 7 am 7 men were seen walking back from ~~here~~ this point.

At 9.5 am. 3 men with packs on were observed in same vicinity.

At LAKE Fm. working party of 3 or 4 men. A pillbox appears to have been erected.

8. SIGNALLING.

6.20 P.M. 6 Mangle flares fired (while enemy anti-aircraft firing) very high bursts.

One of our planes over enemy lines at the time.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

6.10 P.M. 14 searchlights playing behind enemy lines.

In front of WALL Fm. the ground is extremely boggy, large shell holes (up to 30ft. in diameter) full of water



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9 AM SCENARIOS (cont'd)

(WALL FOS) Ground very boggy + will not carry man's weight. This extends out for about 100 yds. N.M.L. generally very wet + boggy rendering patrolling difficult. Light rain set in at 2.15 am. Ceased about 5 am.

10 WORK DONE

Guide wire erected from right of line to WAMBEEK River.  
 40 yds wire on right thickened.  
 15 yds front line covered with frames + sand bags + 6 yds sand bags.  
 Draining + cleaning MANCHESTER St.  
 Gun out rebuilt communication line established at S.P.L.O. 2.1.

Geo J Harris Lieut  
 a/c ACTIVE.

Py runner  
 5.55 am.







## Report of Patrol

I left our line at place & time as stated over the page & proceeded in a southerly direction veering south west about 200 yds out. I kept south west for about 300 yds. At least two m. G's were firing traversing the ridge in front of our line at intervals but I was unable to locate them. Slight ~~light~~ <sup>sound</sup> of work was heard but it sounded a long way back & behind & in the direction of Wam or Beck farms but behind them.

I saw or heard no movement of enemy.

The ground was strewn with stray bits of wire & was badly cut up, very boggy & slippery. Going out it was dark, observation difficult.

Dobalche H



ACTIVE Order No 62

5.2.18

1. Pass word to tonight (communicated later)
2. With reference to Active Order No 61  
para 5: Coy Commanders will order an earlier hour than 5.30 am. for stand-to should the light render necessary such action.
3. Copies of the Battalion Defence Scheme will not be taken into the front line by O.S. Coys who will make themselves thoroughly conversant with them and deposit same at Batten H.Q.s during their tour of duty in front line.
4. This ~~morning~~ morning a number of electric torches were seen in our sector. These must not be used by persons moving about before daylight.
5. Sentries on Saps must be armed. A Sentry must be posted day and night over each post, such Sentries to wear fighting order
6. Acknowledge

Issued to all Coys  
at 6.15 p.m. 5.2.18

W. H. P.      Captain  
Adjutant      ACTIVE







## Patrol Report

I left our line as per over page + proceeded SE by E for about 250 yds then turned to my half left. I proceeded across the Coy front veering to the left + reentered our line at No 9 Post (extreme left post)

Whilst out I heard no sound or movement of enemy + there was very little enemy M.G. fire. The ground was muddy + much cut up by shell fire.

L. G. Baschey









Unit Charlie's Section.

Strength of Patrol. 1 Officer 9 OR

Time & place of departure. No 9 Post 3 am 6/2/18

Time & place of return. No 1 Post 4-50 am 6/2/18.

The object of the patrol was to reconnoitre our front & if possible locate position of work reported being carried out near WAM. Fm.

The route followed is shown by pencil mark on map

The ground was very rough & wet & there is a great quantity of loose wire scattered about.

On the right there is a ~~low~~ trap were about 6" high shown by xxx on map.

Enemy MGs were very quiet. One gun fired from a long way back in the direction of Bee Fm.

While on patrol we did not see or hear anything of the enemy except for occasional whistling in the direction of Babb Fm

Col Shuchon Lt



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DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From dawn 6-2-18 to 6 a.m. 7-2-18

Reference sheet WYFSCHAEDE. 1. 10,000.

Sheet 28 S.W. & E (P/S 04) 1, 20,000

1. OPERATIONS. Artillery.

Our artillery active throughout the period on enemy positions, tracks as follows:

18 pdr. 10 AM. LAKE Fm 10 rds, up till

2 PM intermittent firing on O 24,

2.45 PM. BAB & CODE Fm 10 rds. Good hits.

3 PM. OMELETTE Fm 10 rds. Draped.

Intermittent fire up till 6 PM.

6.45 to 8 PM 58 rds. Enemy front line

Between 8 PM & 11.30 PM. 110 rds on

LAKE Fm & between this Fm & HOUTHEN.

For remainder of period fairly quiet.

Heavies as follows:

WERVIC 30 rds. 3.40 PM to 4.30 PM.

HOUTHEN 50 4. to 5 PM.

do 8 7.30 to 8 PM. Loud

explosion heard in HOUTHEN

(b) Trench MARKERS.

H.T.M. 8 rds. on WAM Fm 6.45 am.

Good observation was not obtainable

but bricks & other solid debris were

thrown up. (3 men observed running back)

6" T.M. 10 rds. between 11.30 am. &

12.30 PM.

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OPERATIONS (cont'd)

(c) Patrols. Liaison patrols to units on right & left during night.

Touch maintained & no sign of enemy.

Patrol 1 off 90 F. went out 11 PM. returned 12.45 AM. Report forwarded herewith.

(d) Aircraft. Active during daylight over enemy lines & positions.

2 machines patrolled the front until dark.

Enemy aa guns & MG active against planes.

2 IDENTIFICATIONS. NIL.

3 ENEMY SHELLING

Time	Target	Rnds.	Type	Direction & Rmks.
7.30 am	O 22 45.5.	10	77°	HOUTHEN
10.4 am	Frontline	6	"	(Marching H.T.M.)
11.35 am	MAHIEU Fm	2	4.2	COMMINES
11.45 am	O 21 d 2.9.	5	4.2	" -
12.30 PM	Frontline	4	77°	HOUTHEN.
11.30 am	O 21 c 5.8	4	77°	" -

Enemy artillery very quiet on this sector but more active on flanks.

Gun appeared to be firing from ORANGE Fm 019 c 5.8.

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3. ENEMY SHELLING. (cont'd)Trench Mortars.

7.5 am. 16 rds. L.T.M. landing about 300 yds. in front of right of line.

7.15 am. 6 more rounds in same vicinity.

(Sector on right subjected to fairly heavy bombardment of Heavy & Light T.M. from 8.10 P.M. to 8.35 P.M.)

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very quiet. Very little activity on this sector.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Gun appears to be in action at ORANGE Fm P 19 C 5.8.

Work still going on at WAM Fm (Patrol)

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

2 P.M. 1 machine very high left of sector

4 P.M. 1 machine approached our lines

& when opposite left of line turned South & commenced signalling with smoke trail dot & dash. Kept this up until reaching right of line.

Simultaneously with his turning South 2 bright lights appeared in HOUTHEN & when signalling finished lights went out. Subjected to heavy anti-air fire & returned.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

6.45 am. 3 men seen running from vicinity of WAM Fm after H.T.M. had fired.

7 am. 7 men seen about LAKE Fm

8. SIGNALLING.

With exception of signalling from enemy planes & 2 lights in HOUTHEN, only ordinary flares used.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

10.35 a.m. Train moving South between WERVICQ & COMMINES.

10.55 am. Train moved North from P. 20 d q 4. to P. 14 C 6.6.

2 P.M. 2 Trains moving North between WERVICQ & COMMINES.

Between 7-30 & 8 P.M. loud explosion heard in HOUTHEN following one of our shells. Visibility during day - good. Night very dark & cold. Rain early morning.

Ground very wet & boggy.

10. WORK DONE. 40 yds wire opposite WALL Fm strengthened with barbed. Revetted 30 yds front line. Revetted 30 yds. MANCHESTER ST.

9 clearing same in bad places. 50 ft. of firestep erected 100 ft. revetting S.P. 1.0.2.1.  
By runner for Harris Lieut



SECRETACTIVE Order No 62A

1. Password for tonight "Father"
2. The positions of sentries in the front line must be changed from time to time
3. Arrangements will be made at all Companies and Platoon Headquarters to remove or destroy all secret documents and maps in case of emergency, officers being specially detailed for this duty. In the case of Platoon Headquarters the Platoon Commander will personally destroy all such papers
4. Acknowledge.

Issued to all  
 Coy at 4.30 pm.  
 6.2.18

V.P. H. ~~Adjt~~ Captain  
 Adjutant ACTIVE

Note. Password of unit on left WATER

V.P.H.S.



① Daily Intelligence Summary  
from 6am 7-2-48 to 6am 8-2-48.  
Map sheet: S.W. & S.E. (P. 5 of) 1,70,000

### 1. OPERATIONS. Artillery

Our artillery active throughout the period. 18 Pdrs. as follows:-  
8.40 am. 40 rds. O 23 a & b, 11.50 near  
Houthem 8 rds., 3.40 pm. O 24 c 6.1. Ems  
4 p.m. O 23 d 65.90 30 rds., 4.15 pm.  
O 23 d 70.30. 12 rds., 6.50 pm. LAKE & RIFLE  
Fms 20 rds., 7.50 pm. 50 rds., 8.40  
pm. 30 rds on tracks between  
LAKE & RIFLE Fms., 10.55 pm. O 23 & 24  
40 rds., 12.30 am. O 23 30 rds.

Intermittent firing during remainder  
of period.

Heavies as follows:-

8.55 am. O 30 a 9.3. 15 O 24 c 4.3. 40 rds.  
(4.5), 11 to 11.40 am. O 23 d & O 24 c 20  
rds. (4.5), 3 to 3.30 pm. RAILWAY LINE  
97° true (from O 20 d 05.10) 8 (6"), 4.40 pm  
HOUTHEN 8 rds (4.5), 5.25 pm. -do- 6 rds  
(60 pdr), 11.50 pm. O 23, 38 rds (60 pdr)

Patrols. 1 off & 90.R. report and  
sketch forwarded herewith.  
Liason patrols to units on  
flanks throughout night. Touch  
maintained & no sign of enemy.

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### 1. OPERATIONS (Cont'd)

Aircraft Nil. Raining in the  
morning and low heavy clouds  
all day. The dawn and dusk  
patrol was not carried out.

### 2 IDENTIFICATIONS. At 7.10 a.m.

N° 1 Post on right of our front line  
captured German Corporal, who  
came in from direction of M. B  
position at WARR Fm. Belonged  
to the M.G. Coy. 162<sup>nd</sup> I.R. Tuteck  
(3 Hausat). Wined you on his  
arrival here giving brief part-  
iculars, and forwarded him to  
you at 9 am. This Regt opposite

this sector confirms previous  
information.

### 3 ENEMY ARTILLERY

Time	Target	Rnds	Type	Direction & Rmks.
12.30 pm	O 22 A	4.5	4.2	COMMINES
1.30 pm	4 B			(111 <sup>st</sup> have from
1.40 pm	Bay Road.	4	5.9	O 22 & 1075.) → COMMINES
4.15 pm	Bay Fm	2	5.9	—
1.15 am	O 21 C id	20	4.2	—

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Unit - Charlie  
Active

Strength of - 1 officer, 1 Sergt & men  
party

Time of departure - 3 A.M.

" " Return - 6.30 A.M.

Date 7/2/1918

As commander of patrol on morning of the 7/2/1918

I hereby report.

The object of patrol was to reconnoitre Company front  
To find out any information regarding the Enemy  
To find out if the Enemy occupied Concrete Dugout  
WEST of RIFLE FARM.

The route taken is ~~shown~~ by pencil place of  
departure marked (out) place of return marked (in)

I left our position at 3 A.M. & worked along route  
shown at 4 A.M. I approached Concrete Dugout WEST  
of RIFLE FARM. and found it was unoccupied

The ground is very wet & muddy in places the high  
ground having dried up considerably

There was no M. G. fire from enemy positions while  
I was on patrol

Everything was quite on Company Front

Lieut W. Braden











4. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Very quiet. Slight increase in artillery on this sector.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Gun flash on true bearing  $85^\circ$  from 020 d 05.10.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

At 7.15 am. 10 of the enemy were seen to enter Pice box at HIGH Fm. They appeared to be retiring from an advanced post.

4 P.M. 2 of enemy seen about RIFLE Fm.

2.50 P.M. 2 men were observed about 030 B 9.5. There appears to be a gap at this point.

8. SIGNALING.

4.55 P.M. White lamp signalling on true bearing of  $79^\circ$  from 070 d 05.10. No action observed.

2 till 3 am. White lamp flashing in direction of WERNICK. About an average number of flares used during the night.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

Great number of trains observed during day as follows:-

9 am. WERNICK to COMMINES.

9.15 am. COMMINES to WERNICK.

10.50 am. HOUTHEN towards COMMINES

11.20 am. Engine drawing 4 trucks through COMMINES towards HOUTHEN.

— " — Train travelling rapidly towards COMMINES from HOUTHEN. (lost to view at T.B.  $94^\circ$  from 070 d 05.10).

11.40 am. COMMINES to HOUTHEN.

— " — — " — WERNICK.

1.30 P.M. HOUTHEN to COMMINES.

2 P.M. to } 7 trains travelling North  
2.50 P.M. } passing between O.P. WERNICK  
Ch. spire

4 travelling from TENBRIELEN passing to rear of WERNICK + going into COMMINES.

2 passing WERNICK S.W. & going towards HOUTHEN.

4.30 P.M. 2 travelling South HOUTHEN.

4.40 P.M. 3 — " — East to WERNICK.

5 P.M. 1 — " — " from — " —

Ground visibility fair. Very heavy overhead. Ground very muddy after the rain.



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WORK DONE.

Revetted complete 24 yds, partly  
revetted 12 yds. front line.

Dug trench WALL from pill box  
12 yds.

Revetted 20 yds. filling behind  
frames 50 yds.

Pump salvaged + installed in  
front line.

W. S. Harris  
Lieut

By runner  
5.50 am.  
8-2-18.



## ACTIVE ORDER No 63

1. Amend numbered order issued 6<sup>th</sup> and 62<sup>A</sup>
2. Password for tonight 7<sup>th</sup> "Gallin"
3. Before Stand. to and Stand. down  
small protective patches of 1 N.C.O. and 3  
men will be pushed out in advance  
of front line.
4. Pits must be dug for the disposal of  
lime and other refuse from cookhouses
5. It has been noticed that shell holes in  
the vicinity of pill boxes are being  
used by the men instead of latrines. This  
practice must cease immediately and  
latrines constructed for the use of occupants  
of pill boxes. O.S.C. ~~for~~ Units will state  
their requirements in regard to material  
to this office tonight
6. It is important that samples of all  
lead found in enemy trenches or on the  
persons of prisoners be forwarded for  
examination in view of the shortage of  
lead in Germany and also in order to  
ascertain whether Neutral Countries still  
continue to supply the enemy with  
edibles
- 7 Acknowledge.

Issued to all Coys  
at 4.30 pm 7.2.18

V. H. ~~W.~~ Captain  
Adjutant ACTIVE



SECRET.

ACTIVE ORDER No. 64

1. Relief of front line and support units will be carried out as follows:
  - (a) Morning meal will be ready at 6 pm. At 6.30 pm a platoon from DONALD of 2 Officers and 30 Other Ranks will move forward to relieve garrison of WALL FARM. BERTIE will leave at same time to RELIEVE CHARLIE who on relief will occupy position vacated by BERTIE and will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve. After BERTIE has passed VERNE DUMP, ALBERT will move forward to relieve DONALD who on relief will take up ~~position~~ position as 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve in trenches vacated by ALBERT.
  - (b) Representatives of units to be relieved tonight to take over stores. Copies of handover certificates will be forwarded to this office.
  - (c) Guides will be furnished by DONALD - CHARLIE. Arrangements to be mutually arranged with relieving units.
  - (d) CHARLIE will hand over to BERTIE the extra Lewis Gun and accessories.
  - (e) Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion HQs by code word WATTLE.
  - (f) Tommy Cooks will be handed over to incoming units on front line.

(g) All comforts rations will also be handed over to incoming units.  
(h) Acknowledge.

Issued to all  
Copy at 8.45 pm.  
7.2.18

M.G.A. Captain  
Adjutant ACTIVE

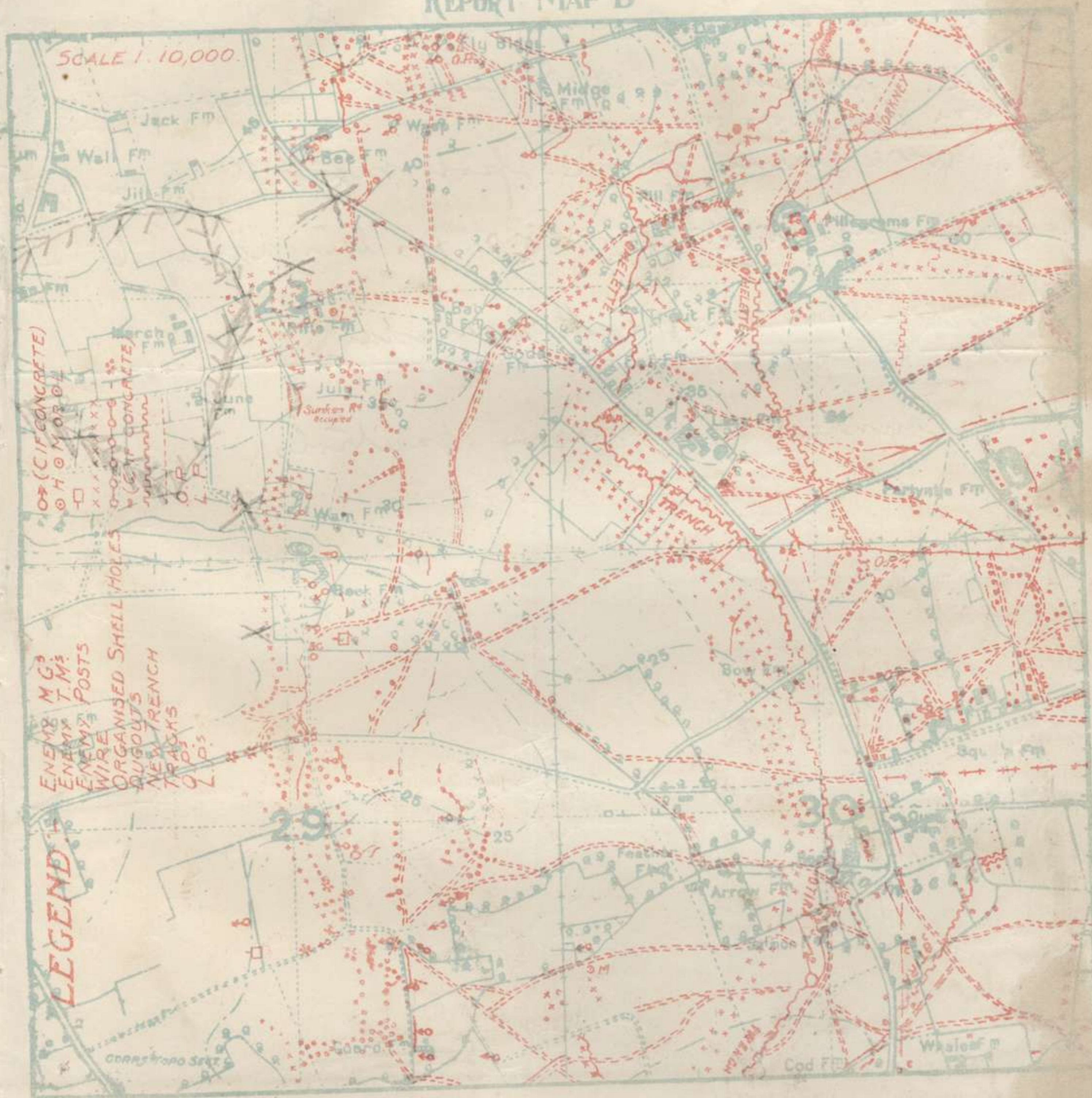
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*Charlie*  
 UNIT. *Active*  
 STRENGTH OF PARTY. *10 officers 1 sergeant*  
 NAME OF COMMANDER. *Lieut W. BRADEN*  
 TIME OF DEPARTURE. *3.15 A.M. Place of*  
 RETURN. *5.15 A.M. Return*  
 DATE. *8/2/1918*  
 REPORT MAP "B"





As Commander of patrol on morning of 8/2/1918  
I hereby report

- 1 The object of patrol was to reconnoitre company front & find any information regarding enemy also to find if at 23. C. 8.2. was occupied
- 2 I followed route shown by pencil & found post 23. C. 8.2. occupied by M. G. unable to approach as fire was direct on our route.
- 3 M. G. were firing from spots marked X on map
- 4 Concrete Dugout at 23. A. 8.0. has been damaged
- 5 The ground is very wet & muddy
- 6 I encountered no enemy patrols



① Daily Intelligence Summary  
 from 8am. 8-2-18 to 6am. 9-2-18  
 Reference Sheet - 28 S.W. 15 E (P.S. of) 1-20,000

1. OPERATIONS. Artillery

Our artillery active throughout the period.

18 pdrs. as follows:-  
 11-25 to 11-45 AM. 20 rds. 0 30 b.  
 2-30 P.M. 5 rds. 0 30 central  
 2-25 P.M. 25 " 0 23 ---  
 3-10 P.M. 32 " 0 23 d.  
 3-25 P.M. 4 " 0 23 d S.E.  
 3-50 P.M. 20 " 0 24 c  
 9 P.M. 40 " 0 23 central  
 9-25 P.M. 30 " ---  
 10 to 11 P.M. 50 " 0 24 a  
 12-20 am. 50 " 0 24 a + c

Heavies as follows:-  
 2-25 P.M. 12 rds. P 19 C 5.9 (6")  
 3-10 P.M. 7 " Left COMMUNES Spire (6")  
 --- to 3-30 P.M. 9 " P 19 C 5.9 (6")  
 4-10 P.M. 18 " Direction COMMUNES (4.5)  
 5-10 P.M. 3 " LAKE Fm  
 5 to 5-30 P.M. 22 " HOUTHEN (4.5)

Patrols. Liaison patrols to units on flanks. Touch maintained no enemy seen.  
 Patrols - 2 - 1 off 1 9 1 off 5 forwarded herewith.  
 (see PAGE 2 - at end)

1. OPERATIONS (contd)

Patrols. I.V.C.O. 1 man went out from right of line at 7 am. to search for haversack alleged to have been dropped by prisoner captured by us yesterday. Attacked 2 of enemy but latter fled. One wounded & disappeared over ridge & other captured by unit on our right. Our patrol returned safely. Could not find haversack which prisoner stated contained his papers.

DISPOSITIONS.

Inter-Coy. relief carried out last night - complete by 10-15 P.M. No casualties.  
 Dispositions now as follows:-

FRONT LINE	B Coy.
WALL Fm	2 off 300 P.D Coy.
SUPPORT COY.	A.
1 <sup>st</sup> RESERVE---	C.
2 <sup>nd</sup> " " "---	D.

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1. OPERATIONS (cont'd)

Aircraft 8:30 P.M. a Squadron of our planes passed over our lines flying in Easterly direction. 5" later enemy searchlights + a gun fire active.

11-8 to 11-25 P.M. Searchlights in play between Communes Hammeton.

11-20 P.M. Number of our planes flew over B.H.Q. in S. Westerly direction.

11-00 P.M. No. of our planes passed flying towards WERVICK.

Morning + evening patrol. Nil. Weather bad.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING.

Time	Target	Rnds	Type	Direction + Remarks
7-15 am	WALL Fm.	5	4.2	COMMUNES
10 AM.	Rear Front line	6	4.2	"
10:25 AM	"	10	4.2	"
2 P.M.	WALL Fm	8	4.2	"
2-30 P.M.	"	5	4.2	"
2-28 P.M.	O 20 d 2.5	5	5.9	"
4:05 P.M.	O 25 b	6	5.9	"

Trench Mortars.

6:40 am.	Left F. Line	6	L.T.M.	No damage
7:30 AM.	Centre of Sector	2	"	Caused 50 yds in front

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet. Short bursts M.G. during night.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Patrol reports post at O 23 C 8.2 occupied by enemy + M.G. in action. Also reports M.G. active at: O 24 b 10.15, O 24 b 2.4, 40 29 a 8.7. Concrete dugout at O 23 a 8.0. has been damaged. (Previous patrol by same leader found this dugout in good order + not occupied)

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT. 7.15 a.m. 2 of enemy appeared from an old trench of ours about 250 yds. in front of our line + were immediately attacked by a patrol (N.C.O's) of ours who were out searching for haversack of prisoner captured by us yesterday. The enemy fled towards the right were fired on by our L.G. One appeared to be wounded + disappeared over ridge + the other was observed to be captured by unit on our right.

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## 7. ENEMY MOVEMENT (cont'd)

2.40 P.M. One of enemy observed at RIFLE Fm.

1 man seen running about P. 19055.

3.50 P.M. 3 men seen O 30 C 1.9.

8. SIGNALLING

7.10 P.M. enemy sent up red, green & white flares in succession. No action observed.

3.50 P.M. 1 double white flare left of WALL Fm. No action.

2 P.M. Lamp signalling dot dash alongside tree at O 24 C 9.5.

9. MISCELLANEOUS Morning wet & observation bad.

2.20 P.M. Dense smoke cloud lasting 10" moving from WERNICA toward TENBRIELEN.

2 P.M. to 3.50 P.M. 11 trains entered WERNICA from N.E.

4 trains WERNICA toward HOUTHEM  
3 " HOUTHEM " WERNICA.

Number of trains passing between COMAINES & WERNICA.

Shunting goes on at great deal at these 2 places.

Weather improved in afternoon. Clear night.

By runner from S. Harris sent a I.O. ACTIVE

5.50 am.



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ACTIVE ORDER N 65

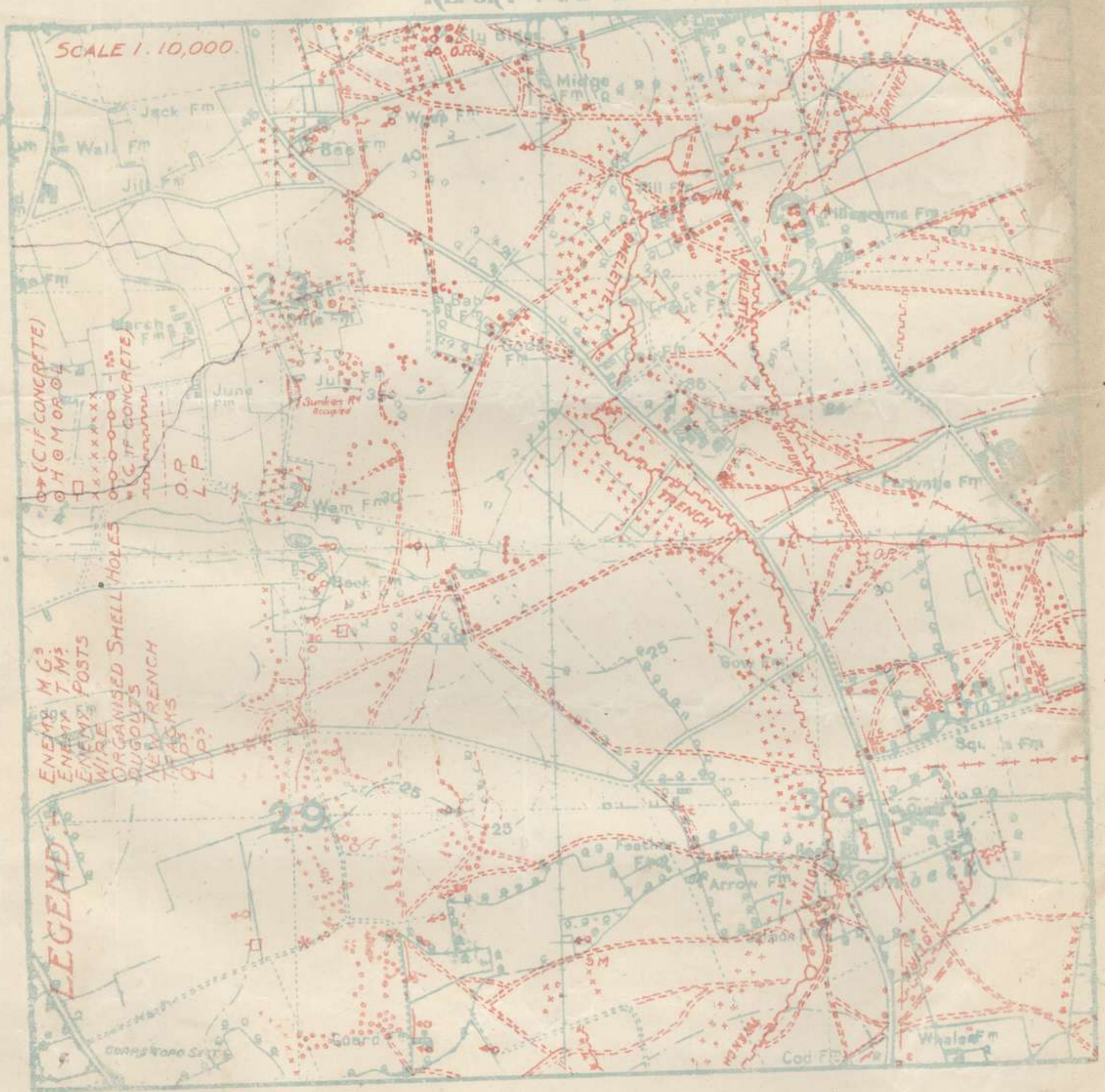
1. Pass out for tonight - "Heaven's" that of lines on left "Fand"
2. Reconnaissance patrols will leave our front line at 11 pm and 2.30 a.m.
3. Acknowledge

Issued to all Coy  
at 5.15 pm. 8.2.18

J.H.P. Captain  
Adjutant ACTIVE



UNIT. BERTIE ACTIVE  
 STRENGTH OF PARTY. 1 Officer 1 Lpl 4 Men  
 NAME OF COMMANDER. Lieut G. R. Gibbs  
 TIME OF DEPARTURE. 11:15 PM.  
 RETURN. 1:40 AM  
 DATE. 8/2/18  
 REPORT MAP "B"





BERTIE

ACTIVE

## PATROL REPORT

Place of Departure } marked on  
 Place of Return } map.

Purpose of reconnoitering ~~company~~ <sup>company</sup> front and obtain any  
 information regarding enemy ~~positions~~  
 Casualties Nil.

I encountered no enemy patrols and  
 found the front very quiet  
 Ground is in a very bad condition

Chas Gibbs Sr.



① DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
 From 6am 9-2-18 to 6am 10-2-18  
 Sheet Reference: SW x SE (Pfs. 04) 1, 20, 000.

1. OPERATIONS. Artillery.

Our 18 pdrs. active as follows:-

7.50 am.	O 23 btd	25 ruds.
9.20 am.	RIFLE FM	10 " "
10.25 am.	O 23 cent.	30 " "
11 AM.	O 24 C	10 " "
1-1.30 pm.	O 24 a	5 " "
2.25 pm.	O 23 b	20 " "
2.50 pm.	RIFLE FM	20 " "
3 pm	" "	25 " "
3.10 pm.	" "	30 " "
3.20 pm	" "	15 " "
8.10 pm	O 23 cent	10 " "
3.35 pm.	O 23 B	20 " "

Some very good shooting observed.

Heavies as follows:-

1-1.30 pm.	ORANGE F 16	9 ruds.
2 pm	"	9 "
8.45 to 2 pm.	"	5 "
12 noon	P 25 d	15 "
12 to 2.15 pm	P 26 b 6 b.	20 "

Fairly active towards WERNICA but could not observe result.

Some flashes of activity observed in the air between our lines.

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~~Some flashes of activity observed in the air between our lines.~~  
 Trench mortars

H.T.M. Art.

2 to 3 p.m. 10 ruds. on Rifle Ln.  
 6 direct hits observed.

M.T.M. Art.

50 ruds on Rifle Ln.

~~12.5 AM~~ L.T.M. Art.

12.5 A.M. 12 ruds. at WAM Fm. No result could be observed.

Patrols.

Liaison patrols to flanks carried on throughout the night. Trench maintained & no enemy present.

1 off + 4 others 10.30 pm to 12.05 A.M. Report forwarded herewith.

Aircraft. The dawn dust patrol was carried out. Otherwise no aerial activity.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING.

TRENCH MORTARS

8 AM.	5 Pigeons by WALL FM.
8 PM.	2 " " " " (2 casualties wounded)
4 PM.	15 Mimenwaffer O 23 C 4-8.
12-15 am.	8 Pigeons O 23 C 3-3.



## 3. ENEMY SHELLING. (Contd)

Time	Target	Rnds	Type	Direction	Rnds
1 PM.	O 230 1.5.	3	77°	HOUTH EM.	
1.10 PM.	Support lines	12	"	"	
2.50 PM.	O 230 2.7.	8	"	"	
3.10 PM.	" - "	10	"	"	
12.45 PM.	O 22 d 7.5	12	5.9	COMMINES.	
5.10 PM.	O 20 d cont.	6	4.2	- " -	
7.40 PM.	O 22 d 7.5.	8	5.9	- " -	

Gun flashes as follows:-

9.45 am. (firing on sector on left) 92° F.  
12 noon 95° F, 1.25 PM. 90° F.  
From O 20 d 05.10.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet. Increase in T.M. activity on this sector. M.G. active on MANCHESTER ST & JUNE Fm. during night.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. RIFLE Fm. damaged by our fire yesterday. Gun flashes as above.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 4.20 PM enemy machine approached our line. Driven off by a.a. fire.

7. MOVEMENT. Fair amount of movement about LAKE Fm. that Bow Fm 0 30 a 9.5.

8. SIGNALLING. 2.20 P.M. Signalling with white lamp from HOUTH EM. 5.15 + 5.30 P.M. double white flare. Every evening about same time this happens. 9.30 P.M. 1 during T.M. bombardment over our right numerous folded cluster flares sent up.

## 9. MISCELLANEOUS.

Train movement as follows:-

7.50 am. S. from COMMINES.  
8.35 am. W. " WERNICK.  
8.55 am. W. " - " -  
9.15 am. through - " - to COMMINES  
9.55 " N. " - " -  
12.30 PM S. " - " -  
1.15 PM. HOUTH EM to - " -  
1.25 " S from COMMINES  
Great deal of shunting going on at WERNICK + COMMINES.

Smoke issuing from factory chimney WERNICK during morning.



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MISCELLANEOUS (cont'd)

Observation throughout the day varied. Mist rising & falling. Weather fine but cloudy. No man's land in very boggy condition.

WORK DONE.

15 yds. trenches at WALL Fm deepened & drained.

Mounds leveled & spread out on both sides of drain in support lines. About 50 yds. wire in front of WALL Fm.

Raising duckboards & pumping in MANCHESTER ST.

Revetment continued in front line & Manchester St.

pro. S. Harris Lieut  
a No. ACTIVE

By runner  
5.50 a.m.  
10-2-18.



ACTIVE ORDER No 66

1. Postward for tonight "Isaac"

That at least one left "Isaac"  
2. It has again been noticed that there is  
a great deal of unnecessary movement  
during the hours of daylight.

Men having occasion to move  
about by day must use the Communications  
Trench whenever possible. Hence  
disciplinary action will be taken where  
this order is disobeyed.

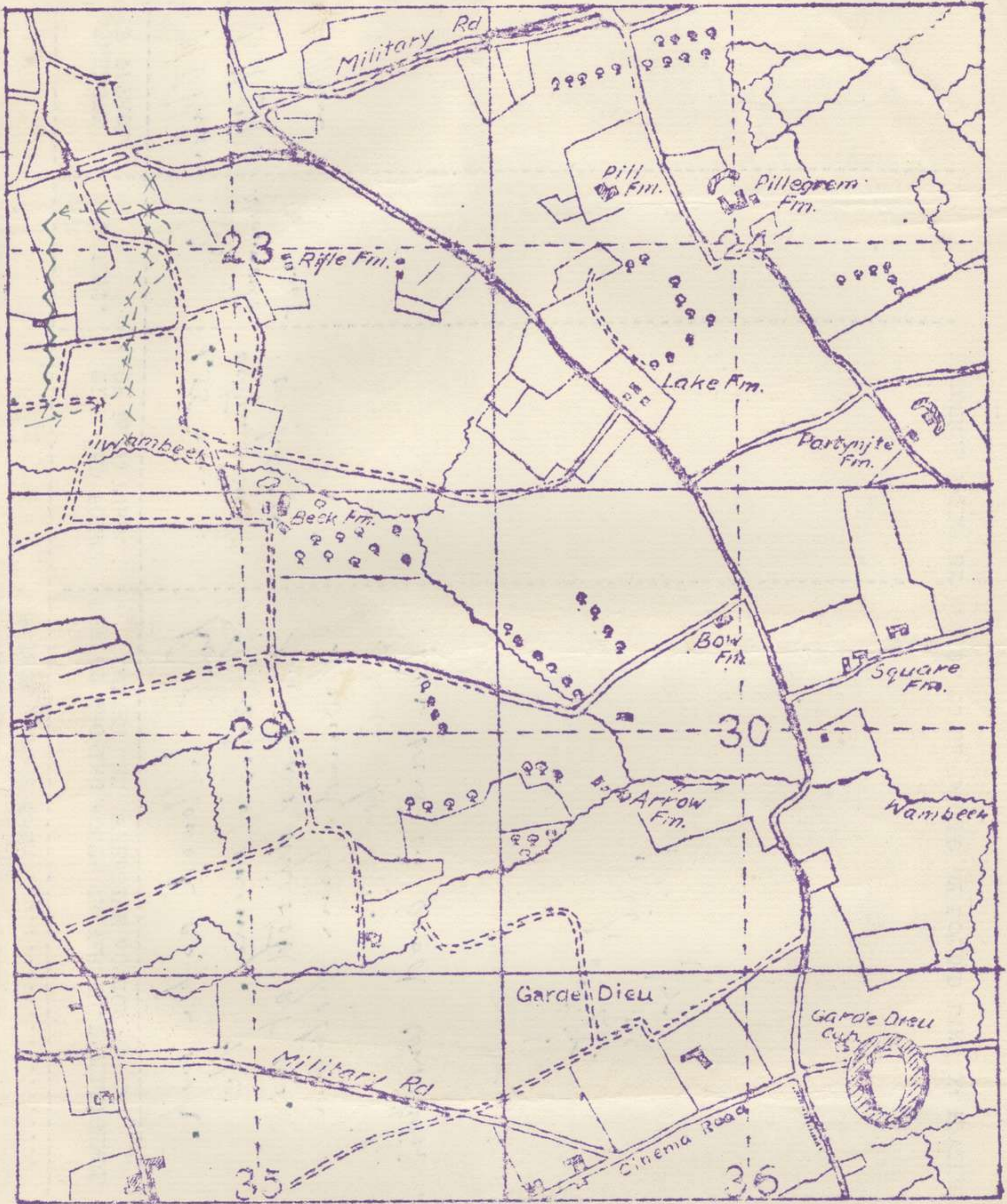
3. The question of Salvage is not  
receiving sufficient attention. All ranks  
must realize that any article saved  
means that article saved and the  
refusal of permitting a new article to  
be created. Coy Commanders will  
forward each morning reports showing  
the amount saved by their units and  
the occasions of such salvage.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.P. [redacted] Captain.  
Adjutant ACTIVE

Issued to all  
at 4:30 pm  
9-2-18





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PATROL REPORT from ..... Date.....

STRENGTH OF PATROL	OBJECT.	TIME AND POINT OF DEPARTURE.	REPORT SHOWING ROUTE TRAVERSED, INTELLIGENCE GAINED AND OFFENSIVE ACTION TAKEN.	TIME AND PLACE OF RETURN.
1 Officer 1 N.C.O. 4 Men	To reconnoitre the front	8.55 am. extreme right of trench	Route followed as per map. No sign of enemy. No fire was directed at us. Ground firm between shell holes. Our wire in good condition	2.50 pm. Extreme left of trench.

*P. J. ...  
11/2/18*

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12) Daily Intelligence Summary  
From 6 am 10-2-18 to 6 am 11-2-18  
Sheet reference: SWISE (pts. of) 1. 10,000

### 1. OPERATIONS. Artillery

Our artillery active throughout the day period. 18 pdrs. as follows:-

9-10 am. 8 rds. LIKE Fm.  
10 am to 12 noon 60 " 0.33 ard (RIFLE Fm.)  
12-15 p.m. 10 " RIFLE Fm.  
2 p.m. 20 " "  
2- to 3 p.m. bombardment of RIFLE Fm.  
3 to 3-30 p.m. 50 " - SQUARE Fm.  
3-30 to 4 p.m. distributed along sector  
4 to 5-10 p.m. 45 " - RIFLE Fm.  
do do 76 " - BEER Fm.  
6 to 8 p.m. 30 " - RIFLE Fm.  
10 p.m. bombardment of RIFLE Fm.  
3-30 AM. 34 " - RIFLE Fm.

The heavies fired on targets well to rear intermittently. The 4.5" co-operated with the 18 pdrs. in main shoots. They also paid some attention to RILLE BREMS Fm. where movement is often observed. Between 10-12 am. 9 rounds (4.5) fell short 10-20 yds. in front of our trench on extreme right. Between 2-3 p.m. 3 rounds in a place.

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### 1. OPERATIONS.

#### French Mortars.

H. T. M. 18 by as follows:-

11 am. 19 rds. RIFLE Fm. 3 rounds duds - otherwise good shooting  
2 to 3 p.m. 10 rds. RIFLE Fm.  
Four direct hits observed. (313 time fuses were used with apparently good effect as regards demolition purposes).

M. T. M. (6") as follows:-

11 am. 100 rds. RIFLE Fm. - good shooting observed.  
2 to 3 p.m. 125 rds. same target.

#### L. T. M.

10 p.m. From right gun 60 rds. left gun 30 rds. Co-operating with artillery.

Patrols. Usual liaison patrols. Report forwarded <sup>in summary</sup>

### 2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

NIL.

### 3. ENEMY SHELLING.

3-3-30 p.m. WALL & DRUID Fms 140 rds  
4.2 + 5.9 from direction of COMMINES.  
(2 direct hits on WALL Fm - no damage)  
10-30 p.m. In reply to our bombardment enemy shelled with 4.2 + 7.7's between front line + reserve (right). from direction COMMINES (4.2) + HOUTHEN (7.7)  
12-15 am. 4 rds. 5.9 supports WERVICQ.

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ACTIVE ORDER No 67

1. Password for tonight "Johnson"  
That of unit on the left "Lopez".
2. The following are required at Divisional Headquarters:-  
Specimens of latest German gas masks, German caps, belt and sidearms.
3. The Corporal of the 162<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment of enemy forces who was captured by us a few mornings ago has stated that he was an ornamental piece of the 162<sup>nd</sup> I.R. that they never come onto the line without capturing a post.  
All ranks are to be informed accordingly.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE

J.P.H.M.

Captain

Adjutant ACTIVE

Issued to all Coy  
at 3.30 pm 10.2.18







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Strength of Party. LOFE. 1SGT. 6 MEN

Name of Commander. LT. C.R. GIBBS...

Time of Departure 10.30 PM

Return 12.45 AM

REPORT

I encountered no enemy patrols and found front of sector very quiet  
Enemy machine gun fire was being concentrated on JUNE. FARM.  
Condition of ground very bad

Chas Gibbs

Signature .....

Date .....



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PATROL REPORT from *Lt G. Harper* Date *10-2-18*

STRENGTH OF PATROL	OBJECT.	TIME AND POINT OF DEPARTURE.	REPORT SHOWING ROUTE TRAVERSED, INTELLIGENCE GAINED AND OFFENSIVE ACTION TAKEN.	TIME AND PLACE OF RETURN.
<i>1 Off. 1 Sgt 6 Men.</i>	<i>Reconnoitre front of Sector to obtain enemy information</i>	<i>Departure 2.30AM <del>Return 3.15AM</del> Point of Departure <del>Point</del> marked on map.</i>	<i>No enemy patrols encountered. Enemy machine gun firing from direction of <i>Jule Farm</i>. Gun emplacement appeared to be slightly in front of farm building. <u>Condition of ground</u> Very bad inside our wire, outside in front of <i>Jane Farm</i> fair.</i>	<i>Return - 4.20AM. Point of return marked on map.</i>

*Lt Harper*

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14) Daily Intelligence Summary  
 from 6 am. 11.2.18 to 6 am. 12.2.18  
 Reference sheet E.W.F.E. (pts. of) 1.20,000

1. OPERATIONS. Artillery

Active throughout period as follows:-

18 pdrs. as follows:-

11.40 am.	BEEK F <sup>m</sup>	8 pdrs.
2.15-3.30 pm.	WAM F <sup>m</sup>	18 "
3.10 pm.	O 24 C	12 "
3.45 pm.	O 29 d	6 "
5.30 pm.	O 23 a	15 "
5.45 pm	RIFLE F <sup>m</sup>	10 "
9 pm.	On our sector but could not see target	75 "
10.45 pm.	RIFLE F <sup>m</sup> at intervals during	
3.30 am	this period	50 "
1 am	WAM F <sup>m</sup>	5 "
2.10 am	BEE F <sup>m</sup>	15 "
2.3 am	O 23 b	50 "
3.30 am	PILLEGREMIS F <sup>m</sup>	14 "

Heavies as follows:-

6.15-6.20 am	WERVICR	20 "	6"
5.30 pm.	O 23 do. 2.	10 "	4.5
8.45 to 9 pm	PILLEGREMIS F <sup>m</sup>	60 "	60 pdrs.
9.15 to 10 pm	Over sector	30 "	4.5
1.30 am	Direction	COMMINVES 15 "	4.5

Machine Guns. More active than usual between 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Short bursts at intervals through night.

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1. OPERATIONS. (Contd)

Patrols. Various patrols to units on flanks throughout night. Touch maintained and no enemy observed.

2 officers patrols sent out. Reports forwarded herewith.

Aircraft. Nil.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING.

Time	Target	Rnds.	Type	Direction & Remarks.
9.15 pm	WERVICR	30	5 g	WERVICR (2)
10 to 12 noon	O 25 cent.	4	5 g	direct hits no damage
6.50 pm.	Rem. front line	5	4.5	Gas. WERVICR

French mortars. Nil.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet. Artillery very quiet throughout period.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. WASS F<sup>m</sup> appears to be furnished during day (see statement).

Nil. Short bursts over front & supports during day.

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8. Hootthem / Wervic Activity. All

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT. 6.45 am. 2 parties of 6 went west joining into W450 F.S. (Previously reported as parties of 6 seen leaving at 5.45 PM. apparently to take up outpost duties 4.0 AM. & then moved from base F.S. and disappeared into trenches at 1.20 & 3.6. 2.40 PM Movement observed about PARTY HOUSE F.S. (0.25 & 7.4) 3.35 PM. Movement along track near SAUKE F.S.

8. SIGNALLING. The usual double white flare put up at 5.55 PM. 5.15 to 5.25 Lamp signalling in direction Hootthem. 5.30 P.M. 2 lamps signalling right of Hootthem.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. 2 am. Big fire observed in COMMINVES. 3.55 PM. Chimney stack with platform on top appears to be on O.P. basket hanging out right side thereof (either Port Factory P 310 75.80 or Ribbon Factory P 320 70.60.)

9. MISCELLANEOUS (Cont'd).

Trains as follows:-  
 10.30 AM. Hootthem to WERVIC.  
 10.40 AM WERVIC to Hootthem  
 10.47 AM. Through COMMINVES towards WERVIC  
 11.5 AM. " WERVIC travelling W.  
 11.45 AM Hootthem to WERVIC.  
 12.10 PM COMMINVES - " -  
 12.40 PM. Through WERVIC towards Hootthem.  
 2 PM. " - " - travelling E.  
 3.10 PM. Hootthem to WERVIC.  
 3.20 PM. - do -  
 3.55 PM. WERVIC towards Hootthem.

Slight pain through night. Tracks are very muddy.

10. WORK DONE. Right front WALL F.S. 50 yds. wire erected joining up 50 yds. erected on 10/11. 2 frames in gaps at WALL F.S. Revetted same with sheet iron. Cleaning & maintenance carried out in posts.

John J. Harris  
 a J.P.O. ACTIVE.

By runner  
 5.45 AM.  
 12-2-18.



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Active Order No 68

① Commencing from today the times of stand-to and stand-down will be as follows

5.15 am. to 6.15 am.

5.15 pm. to 6.15 pm.

- but Coy Commanders will still continue to
- Stand-to in the morning until the enemy trenches can be clearly seen
  - use their own discretion as to stand-to at an earlier hour should conditions so require.

All officers must visit their men during stand-to and see that everything is correct.

- Sentry posts in advance of front line must be visited frequently during the night and their positions changed nightly.
- During the night single sentries are not to be posted for WALL FARM and those posted must be in such a position as will prevent the post being surprised.
- Anti-aircraft guards are not to be entirely depleted for working parties etc., and at least 2 men must always be with each gun, one of whom will act as sentry.
- Reserve Companies will immediately on going into reserve line establish communication with Battalion on their flank. With a view to assisting flank units in case of attack routes are to be reconnoitred by Officers and N.C.O.'s of reserve Coys who will move in small parties; this will be done immediately Coys move into reserve.
- There must always be one officer on duty day and night with all Companies.

Issued to all Coys at

11.2.18

V.P.H. ~~Platt~~ Captain  
Adjutant NATIVE



Admiral Order 4-69

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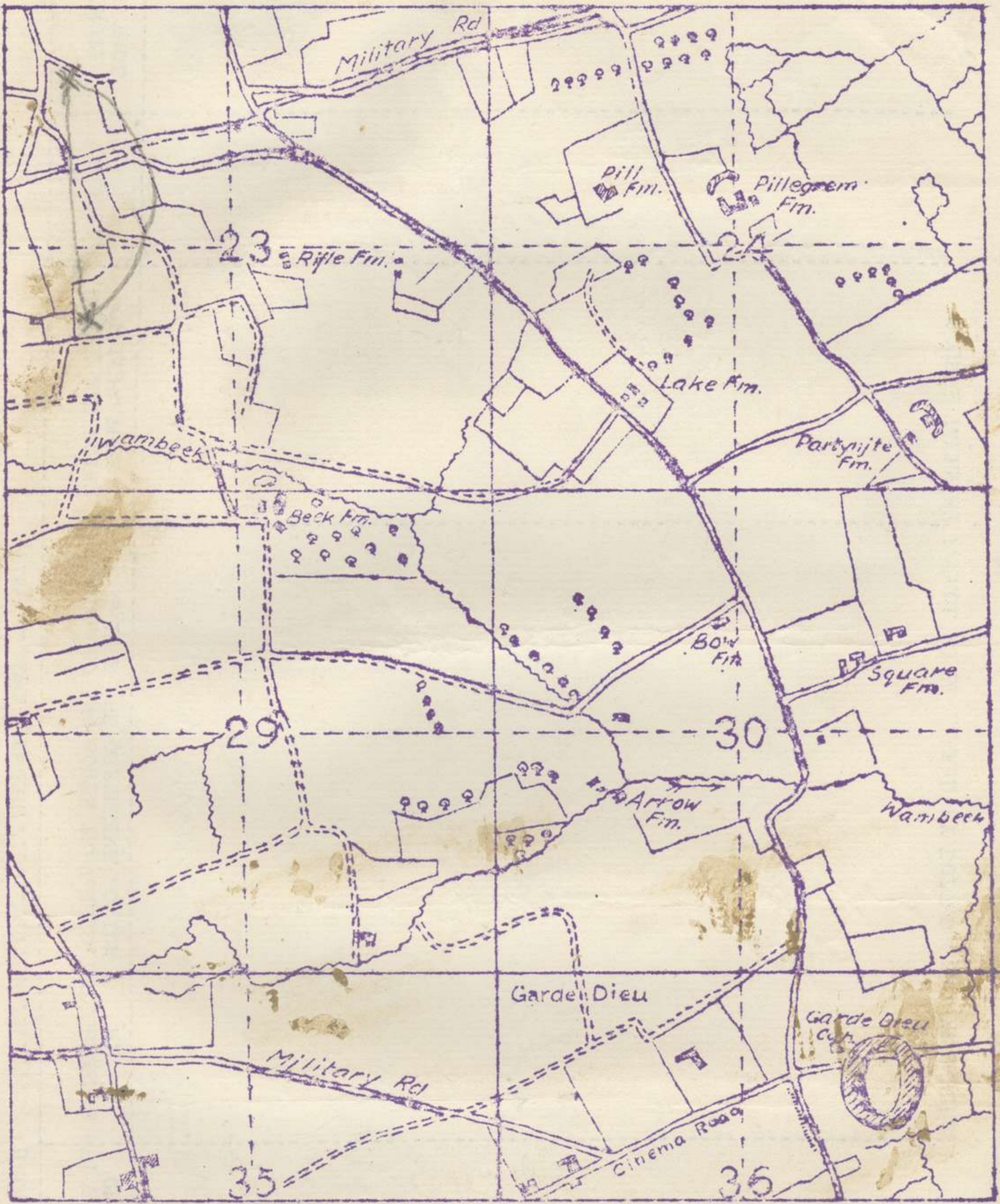
1. Password for tonight      Katee  
That of unit on left      Maggie
2. The minor operation carried out last night was quite successful, about 28 prisoners being taken with minor casualties on our side.
3. In future code names will not be used over the telephone. The Station calls only will be given when answering or calling up by phone. A list of these Station calls is in all Signal Offices.
4. For tomorrow the following arrangements for bathing have been made at the LINDENHOEK Baths:- 9 am. to 10.30 am. CHARLIE, who will move out in parties of not more than 6 men at a time. Platoons will reform after passing WYTSCHAETE and 100 yards distance must be maintained between platoons throughout the whole march:  
Soaps and towels to be carried. A change of clean underclothing will be available.  
DONALD will use the same baths from 1 pm. to 2.30 pm. Same arrangements to be maintained.  
All ranks will wear SBR's and men will carry rifle, bayonet and 50 rounds.  
O.C. will ensure that their units arrive at the baths at the time stated.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued to all Coy at  
4 pm. 11.2.18

V.R.H.S.

Captain  
Adjutant. ACTIVE





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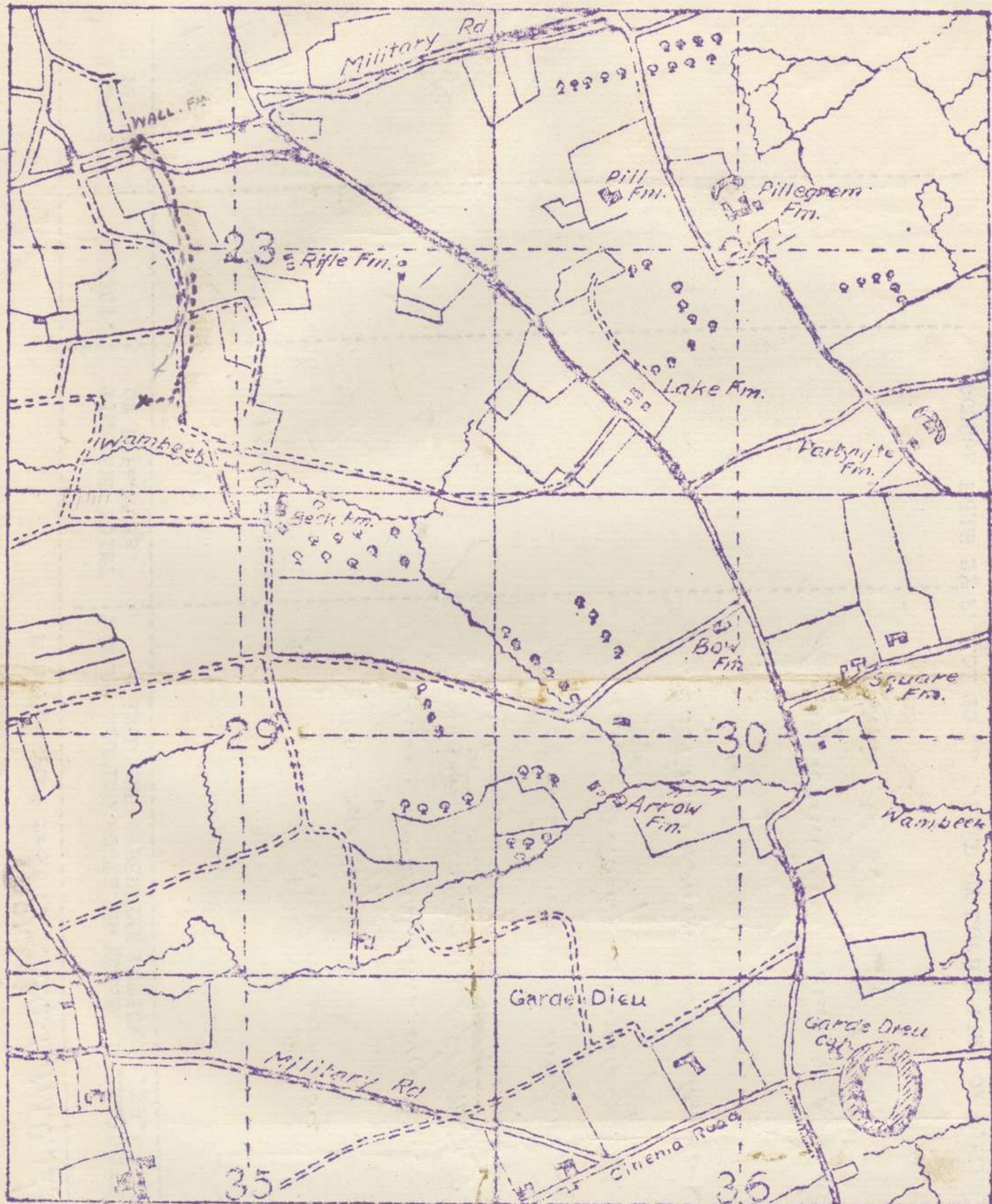
STRENGTH OF PATROL	OBJECT.	TIME AND POINT OF DEPARTURE.	REPORT SHOWING ROUTE TRAVERSED, INTELLIGENCE GAINED AND OFFENSIVE ACTION TAKEN.	TIME AND PLACE OF RETURN.
1 Officer 1 Sgt 5 Men	General Information from	11 P.M. extreme right flank of sector	Traversed outside our wire to zone 7m. Found no sign of enemy. Flares were being fired at a great distance away on right front. No enemy machine gun fire during the patrol	Returned at 1-5. a.m. + entered our line at the extreme left flank

Patrol in charge of  
Lt Wootley

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PATROL REPORT from Lt. W. J. LAMB DEN. Date 12. 2. 18.

STRENGTH OF PATROL	OBJECT.	TIME AND POINT OF DEPARTURE.	REPORT SHOWING ROUTE TRAVERSE <sup>d</sup> . INTELLIGENCE GAINED AND OFFENSIVE ACTION TAKEN.	TIME AND PLACE OF RETURN.
<p>1 Officer. 1 N.C.O. 5 Men.</p>	<p>General Reconnaissance Report on condition of mine around RIFLE FARM.</p>	<p>2. 25. A.M. WALL FARM.</p>	<p>Approximate route traversed shown on map.          Being to darkness of the night observation was very difficult.          Condition of NO-MAN'S LAND very bad ground heavy, men kept falling into shell holes, full of water &amp; mud.          Plenty of loose wire lying everywhere.          All enemy activity extremely quiet.          RIFLE FARM could not be located owing to the darkness.          No opportunities given for offensive action to be taken.</p>	<p>3. 50. A.M. (23.0.64.) Extreme Right of Sector.</p>

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16 Daily Intelligence Summary  
 8.00 to 6.00 AM 12.2.18 to 6.00 AM 13.2.18  
 Reference Sheet 28 S.W. 15 E/H/1/1/1.000

1. OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY  
 not as active as usual over this sector.

18 f. obs. as follows:  
 7-4.5 P.M. SQUARE FZ 27 rounds.  
 4.30 to 5 P.M. do 15 - "  
 9.50 P.M. WAM FZ 33 - "  
 10.15 P.M. BEEK & SQUARE FZ 32 - "  
 2 to 3 A.M. SQUARE FZ 20 - "

Occasional shells in 0236 & d.

W. S. as follows:  
 6 to 7 AM WAMP FZ 60 rounds  
 8 to 9 AM do 20 - "  
 8.15 P.M. Direction (Germans) 12 - " - could not observe  
 4.9 P.M. do 16 - " observe  
 10 P.M. do 16 - " bursts.  
 10.15 P.M. do 30 - "  
 2 to 3 A.M. SQUARE FZ 20 - "

Trench Mortars. H.T.M.  
 8.4.8.30 AM 4 rounds fired over WAM FZ (2 dir. hits)  
 9 - " - BEEK +  
 surrounding trenches doing  
 great damage to same  
L.T.M.

8 + 9 P.M. 10 rounds along positions opp.  
 our right. Could not observe result.

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1. OPERATIONS (Cont'd).  
Patrols. Season patrols to units  
 on flanks. Touch maintained and  
 no sign of enemy.

2 patrols both consisting of 1 off.  
 16 O.R. 9.30 to 11.15 P.M. & 1.25 P.M.  
 to 3.50 A.M. Reports forwarded  
 herewith

Machine Guns More active than  
 usual between 6.40 P.M.

Aircraft. Nil.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING.

Time	Target	Rnds.	Type	Direction & Rnds
12 noon	WALL	50	4.2	COMMUNES
16.2-30 P.M.	FZ		5.9	(No damage)
2 P.M.	0220510	8	77°	COMMUNES.
9.40 P.M.	022 d. ent.	6	77°	do
9.50 P.M.	021 w	4	4.2	do
11.20 P.M.	020 C	12	5.9	do

Trench Mortars.

8.30 AM, 1 M.T.M. fell on paradors of  
 front line between C.T. & left of line  
 18.45 AM, 12 M.T.M. in quick succession  
 into N-M<sup>2</sup>-Land. No damage sustained.

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4 ENEMY FIRE. Quiet. Increased activity in M.G. fire, laying down front line, C.T. supports & tracks.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. One of our patrols fired on by M.G. at 11.4 AM PM. WASP BEER dug & trenches in vicinity damaged by own H.S.M. fire.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 4.30 PM a hostile machine patrolled along his line opposite this sector.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT. 7.45 am parties seen moving about WASP & trenches in vicinity. Between 5.15 PM & dark great deal of movement observed in same place, walking over ridge & disappearing - apparently into OMELETTE TR. At 4.5 AM 2 parties returned to WASP PM.

8. SIGNALLING. 3.50 to 4.25 AM enemy signalling from 023 to a post some distance behind the line on a true bearing of 86 from 020 d 05.10. No flares from 1.2 to 3.15 AM.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Heavy mist hung over enemy positions off our throughout the day rendering observation difficult. Showery throughout the night. owing to intense darkness patrolling very difficult. In one case patrol failed to find objective.

10. WORK DONE. Revetted 16' trench at WALL PM. Widened same for distance of 9'. Filled in part of previously revetted portion. Lifted duck boards from old trench left of our line. Laid 90 yds. of these duck boards towards WALL PM. Front line trench pumped + 4 yds revetted to point of sap. General maintenance & salvage.

for J. Harris Lieut  
a J. O. ACTIVE

By runner  
5.50 AM.

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on night 13/14<sup>th</sup>.

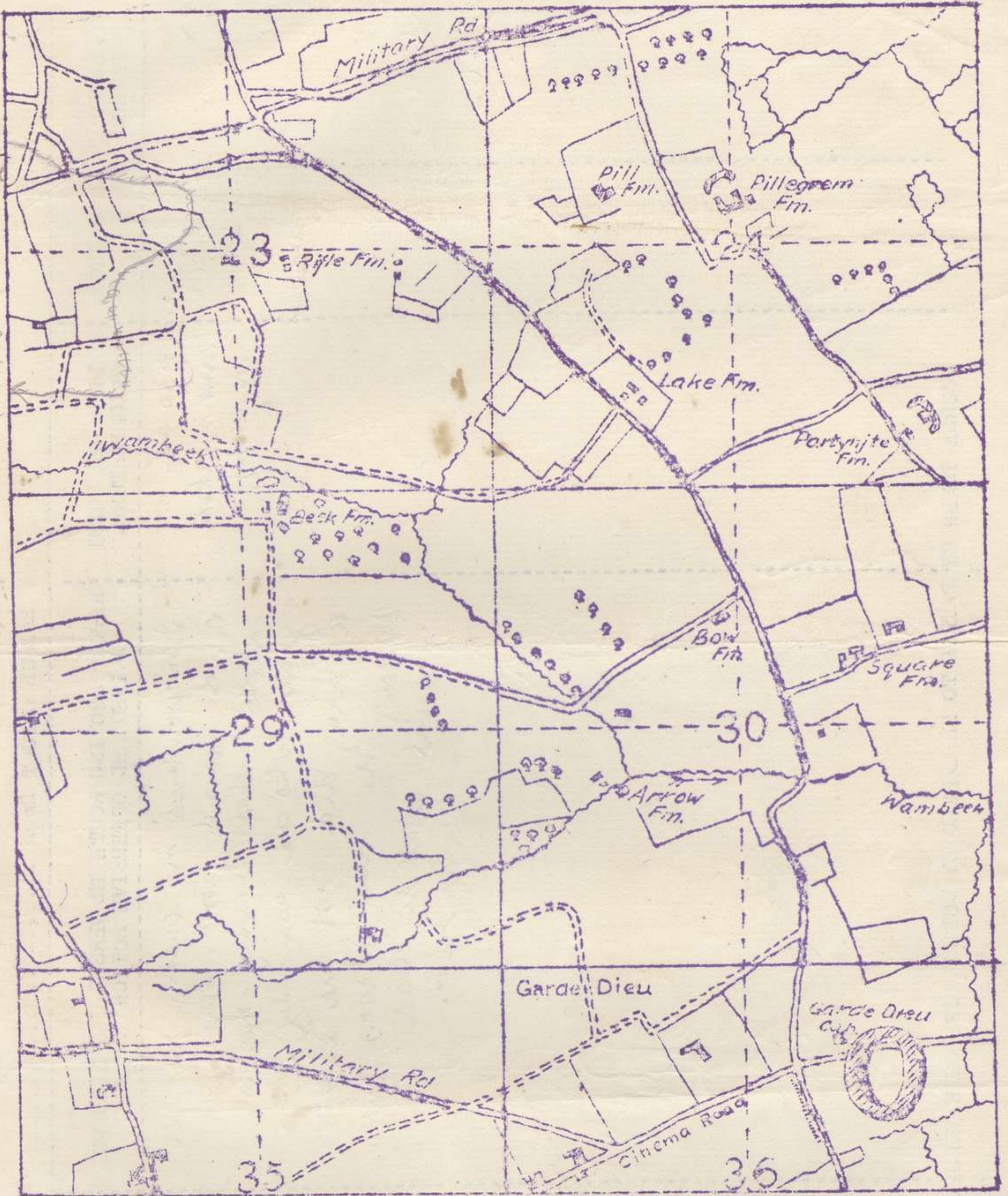
Sea will be ready at 6 pm. At 6.30 pm  
the relief for WALL FARM will move forward  
followed at 100 yards distance by  
Platoons of ALBERT all at 100 yards  
distance.

7 Acknowledge.

Issued to all Corps  
at 4.30 pm 12.2.18

V.P. Kemp Captain  
Adjutant ACTIVE





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<p>1 Officer 1 Sgt 5 Men</p> <p>Patrol commander Lieut G.R. Gibbs</p>	<p>To reconnoitre front of sector and obtain any enemy information</p>	<p>1.30 am (Point marked on map)</p>	<p>Encountered no enemy patrols and found front very quiet noting that enemy machine guns who are usually very active, did not fire a shot during the time I was out. Ground still in bad condition.</p>	<p>3.15 am</p>

G.R. Gibbs

COURSE TAKEN BY PATROL TO BE MARKED BY DOTTED LINE ON REVERSE.



Daily Intelligence Summary  
 Grant to am. 13.2-18 to 6 am. 14.2.48  
 Reference sheet 25.5.48 (P. 3.04)

OPERATIONS.

Enter by Relief was carried out  
 by this Pn. Relief complete  
 by 9.35 P.M. Dispositions now  
 as follows :-

Front Line	A Coy.
Wall Fm	C " (2 off. 300 r.)
Support	B "
1 <sup>st</sup> Reserve	D "
2 <sup>nd</sup> " "	C " (2 off. 300 r.)

Artillery Owing to poor visibility  
 could not observe distinctly  
 effect and in some cases targets.  
 During morning occasional  
 shells in 0.30 to 4.1, 1.0.2.3 C 6.4  
 In afternoon 18 pdr. active  
 firing on back of July Fms +  
 other targets in 0.2.5 d  
 Heavies on targets to rear of  
 lines.

During the night 18 pdr. active  
 on BEE WASP JULY WAMP Fms. Also  
 in direction LAKE FC.

Our 4.5" fired about 5 rounds. on  
 vicinity SQUARE FC WASP Fm. and  
 rear of enemy line towards HOUTHEN.

Trench Mortars.

2.45 P.M. 6" Stokes fired 10 rounds  
 vicinity WAMP FC x 40 rounds  
 over targets in 0.2.3 d.

Patrols. Liaison patrols to units  
 on left and right. Touch  
 maintained & no enemy seen.  
 2 patrols of 1 off. + 6 s.t., 1 off. + 8 s.t.  
 Reports forwarded herewith.  
Aircraft Nil.

IDENTIFICATIONS. NIL.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Time	Target	Rnds	Type	Direction & Remarks
8.15 to 8.30	WALL FC	10	4.2"	COMMUNES
8.30 to 8.45	road in	12	4.2"	" "
8.45 to 9.00	0.2.2.6.5.	12	4.2"	" "
9.30 am.	0.2.2.1.4.	8	4.2"	" "
10 a.m.	Left of line	12	7.7"	HOUTHEN
	WALL FC	10	7.7"	" "
9.20 PM.	WYTSCHAETE	10	4.2"	COMMUNES
9.35 PM.	do	8	4.2"	" "

Trench Mortars

2.45 P.M.	Right of line	15	L.T.M.	
4 P.M.	1/2 in front JUNE FC	6	" "	(Very short of our front line)
8.15 P.M.	front WALL FC	12	" "	
10 P.M.	Rear Front Line	6	" "	
11.30 P.M.	" "	3	" "	

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet. Enemy patrol observed for first time on this sector.  
Bursts of M.G. fire between 5.30 & 6am. but very quiet through night.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. French mortar observed firing in front of LAKE F<sup>2</sup> at about 0230 c 3.4. All trenches full about of our line.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Good deal of movement observed at LAKE F<sup>2</sup> & trenches in vicinity between 6am. & 8am.  
From 4 p.m. until dark men seen at intervals moving along road running S.E. from LAKE F<sup>2</sup>.  
Enemy patrol (about 6) seen about 0230 c 3.8. between 9 & 11 p.m.

8. SIGNALLING. Very few flares up into this sector during the night.  
No signalling observed.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Heavy mist & rain over sector the whole day

4. MISC. (Guns (contd))  
Observation for any distance bad.  
No man land very wet - shell holes full of water. This + extreme darkness rendered patrolling difficult.

12. WORK DONE.  
20 yds MANCHESTER S<sup>1</sup> repaired + 40 yds duck boards put down between bunker road & front line.

Canadian Store filled in Gun Boat store.  
General maintenance & Salvage carried out.

for J. Harris  
Lieut

a 2/10. ACTIVE  
By runner  
5.50 am.  
14-2-18.



SECRET

ACTIVE ORDER No 91

1. Patrol for trench "Wether"  
that of unit on left "Wagtail"
2. PATROLS. Night of 14/15 inst. 1 Officer  
6 Other ranks. Leave Coy HQ at 8.30 pm  
Route BEE FARM - RIFLE FARM - JUNE FARM -  
Right of Front Line  
Period of Patrol - 2 to 2 1/2 hours  
1 Officer. 6 Other ranks. Leave left of  
Front Line at 1.45 a.m. Route JACK FARM -  
JILL FARM - JUNE FARM - WAM FARM -  
Coy HQ. Period of Patrol 2 to 2 1/2 hours  
1 Officer and 6 Other ranks to reconnoitre  
JULY FARM as per verbal instructions  
Night of 15/16<sup>th</sup> inst. 1 Officer and  
6 Other ranks. Leave Right of Front Line  
at 9.5 pm. Route - O 23 d 0 5 -  
MARCH FARM - O 23 b 0 4 - WALL FARM  
Left of Front Line. Period of Patrol  
2 to 2 1/2 hours.  
1 Officer 6 Other ranks. Leave from  
junction of OLGA TRENCH and MANCHESTER  
57 at 2.5 am. Route O 23 a Central -  
RIFLE FARM - ~~JUNE FARM~~ - MARCH FARM -  
JUNE FARM - WAMBEEK RIVER - ~~Left of Right of~~  
Front Line.  
1 Officer and 6 Other ranks to reconnoitre  
JULY FARM  
Duties of all above patrols :-

Search No Man's Land. Report on situation  
at occupied posts within their limits.  
Condition of enemy wire, state of grounds,  
etc. Examine wire for information as  
to whether it is like that on sketch  
handed to O.C. Progress Line.

3. The Corps Commander has approved of the policy  
of not carrying out new work on SUNDAYS provided  
the amount of work done during the previous six  
days warrants it. Should the amount of work  
done during the previous six days not be  
satisfactory, SUNDAY work will be reinstated.

This is to be explained to the men so  
that they may understand that the matter  
of a holiday depends upon the energy  
which they themselves put into their daily  
work.

4. Gumboots. O.C. units will ensure that  
gumboots of men proceeding on leave are  
returned to the Gumboot Store. A man  
from the Store will be at R.A.P. each  
evening at 7 o'clock to collect same  
when men report to R.M.O.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE

H.P.H.P. Captain  
Adjutant ACTIVE

Issued to all Coy  
at 4.30 pm 13.2.18

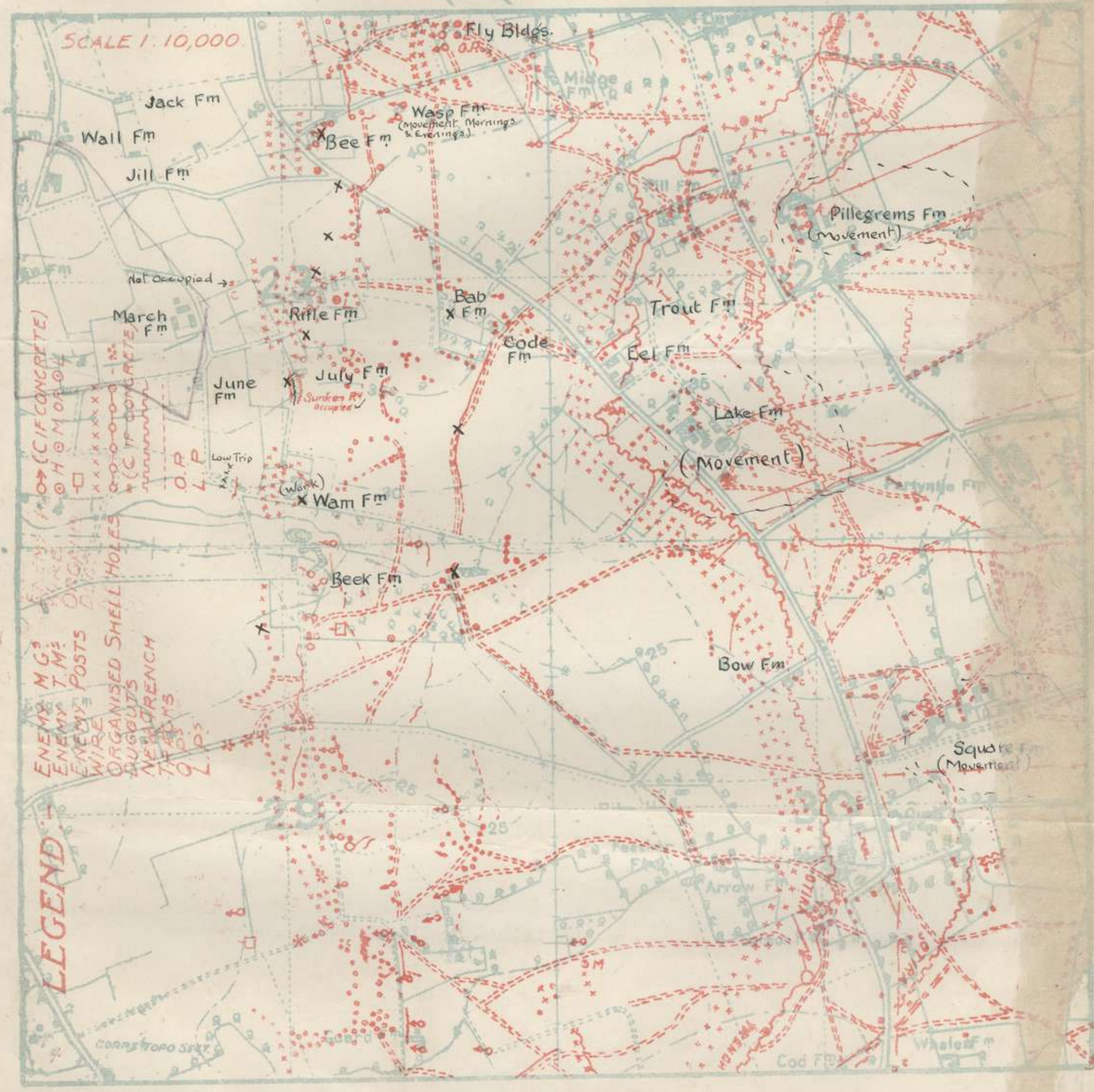
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UNIT. ALBERT  
 STRENGTH OF PARTY. 1 Officer + 8 O.R.  
 NAME OF COMMANDER. LTC A. MICKLE  
 TIME OF DEPARTURE. 9 p.m. Coy HQ  
 RETURN. 11.15 p.m.  
 DATE. 13.2.18  
 REPORT MAP "B"





REPORT:

Object: Ascertain state of ground + type of wire + report on  
Enemy movement + points occupied by them

Route: As shown traced on back hereof

Result: Ground very wet + heavy + great number of  
shell holes all of which are full of water.  
Found no sign of new type of wire.  
Saw Enemy patrol about 6 men at about 23.0.8.8

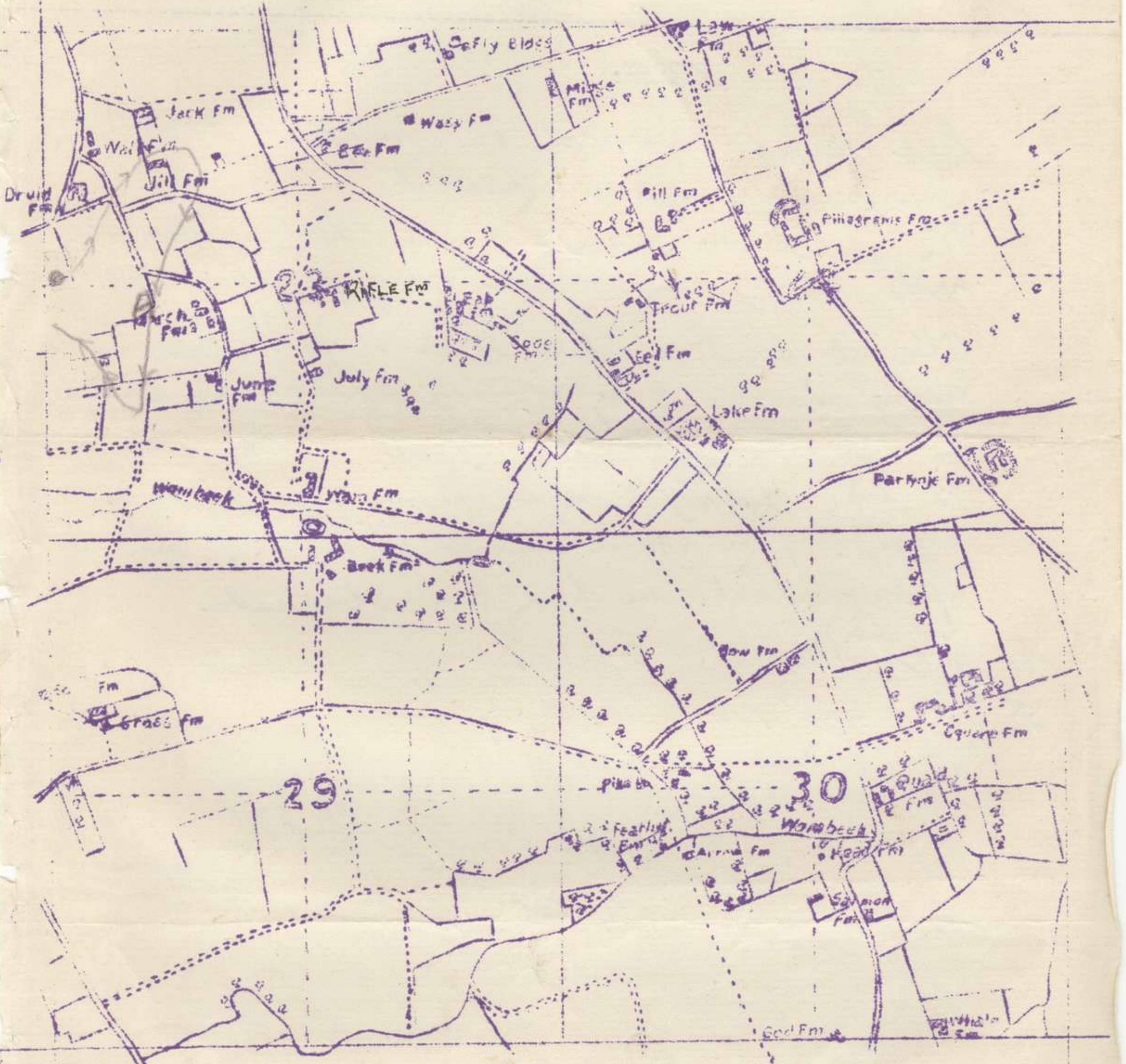
(Sgd) Stump It Leader.





# REPORT MAP B

Scale: 1:10000



- Legend**
- Enemy M.G. ....
  - " T.M. ....
  - " Posts ....
  - " Wire ....
  - " organised Shell Holes: .....
  - " Dugouts. ....
  - " Tracks ....
  - " O.P.s. ....
  - " L.P.s. ....
  - " New Trenches. ....



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1. UNIT... ALBERT  
 2. STRENGTH OF PARTY... 1 off 8 OR.  
 3. NAME OF COMMANDER... W. P. King  
 4. TIME OF DEPARTURE... 2 a.m. 13/14<sup>th</sup>  
 5. TIME OF RETURN... 4.15 a.m.

REPORT.

1. Left point marked on map & followed approximate route marked.
2. The ground is mass of shell holes, filled with water, which make very difficult going.
3. When at point marked 'A' on map (approximately) enemy machine gun opened fire on us, seemingly from direction of Rifle Farm. We were forced to take cover, & after enemy ceased, moved on again. He again opened fire. I am of opinion that we had been observed.
4. ~~The~~ <sup>one</sup> of the specimen type was encountered.
5. The night was extremely dark.

W. P. King

SIGNATURE.....

DATE.....



(17) Daily Intelligence Summary

From 6 a.m. 14-2-18 to 6 a.m. 15-2-18.

Reference sheet 28 S.W. 15 E (pts. 4) 11.20.000

1 OPERATIONS. Artillery

During the morning heavy mist prevented observation

During afternoon 18 pdr. as follows:

12h 12.30pm. O 23 a d 22 rds.

12.30 to 1 P.M. LAKE FC 14 - " -

3-15 P.M. O 23 d 12 - " -

4 P.M. - " - 20 - " -

5.30 P.M. LAKE FC 18 - " -

BEE FC 10 - " -

5.45 P.M. LAKE FC 15 - " -

6 h 6.35 P.M. MILLECREMS FC 30 - " -

7.10 P.M. SQUARE FC 10 - " -

8.30 to 9 AM O 23 d 30 - " -

10.45 P.M. O 24 a d c 10 - " -

Heavies as follows:-

12.20 P.M. 6 inf 15 (4.5)

2.50 P.M. Rear 15 60 pdr.

4.15 to 5.30 AM P 30 d 4)

5.30 P.M. FOOTHEM 12 7.2

10.15 P.M. Towards COMRAINES 16 4.5

11 P.M. - " - 19 4.5

Trench mortars

9 to 10 P.M. 20 L.T.M. RIFLE FC

(One of our L.T.M. destroyed by enemy fire during day)

1 OPERATIONS (cont.)  
 Patrols. Liaison patrols to units on flanks. Touches maintained & no enemy seen.  
 2 patrols sent out. Reports forwarded toewiths.  
 Biscraft Nil.

2 IDENTIFICATIONS Nil.

3 ENEMY SHELLING.

Time	Target	Rnds	Type	Direction (Rnds)
6.20 AM	O 20 d 41	11	4-2	COMRAINES
10.30 AM				
12.30 AM	WALL FC	42	4-2	(No damage)
11 AM	O 22 6	21	99°	- " -
12 noon	O 22 c	19	99°	- " -
2.55 PM	O 14 d 81	13	4-2	- " -

Trench mortars.

Time	Target	Rnds	Type	Notes
6.30 AM	WALL FC	3	4-2	
11 AM				
1 P.M.	near trench line			1 L.T.M. (one only loaded in trench)
6.15 PM	WALL FC	20		
8.30 PM		15		60 Stokes shells
9.15 PM		15		(blow up farm)
11.15 PM		5		

No damage caused to WALL FC. Most of rounds falling front or rear.

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4 ENEMY ATTITUDE. Alert. At 6-45  
P.M. M.G. opened barrage on our  
front line & tanks. This was  
repeated at 9-15 P.M. Both  
lasted about 4 minutes.  
More active with T.M.

5 ENEMY DEFENCES. M.G. reported  
by patrol to be firing from  
RIFLE FC. M.G. also active from  
BEE & JULY FC.

6 HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

7 ENEMY MOVEMENT. 5-20 P.M. great  
deal of movement in O.M.C.  
Artillery scattered a working  
party about LAKE FC.  
Long file of men moves across  
ridge. Appears to be a  
carrying party. Artillery  
opened & no more movement  
observed until dark.  
2 of enemy appeared for an instant  
at JULY FC.

8 SIGNALLING. Few flares fired  
by enemy through night.  
3 am One golden flare left of PLUM FC. Followed  
by 3 burst of fire from M.G. N.T.M.

9 UNSCALLED. Patrol report  
to men could very act. boggy.  
Heavy mist all morning.  
Observation bad.

10 WORK DONE. Report forwarded  
herewith.

for Lt Harris's List  
a J.C. ACTIVE  
My runner  
5.50 am.  
15-2-78



ACTIVE ORDER No 72

Unit

① Password for tonight "NANCY"  
That of Unit on left "THRUSH"

② Patrols

Right of 16/17<sup>th</sup> mid. 1 Officer & 6 Other ranks to  
leave Right of Front Line at 10.30 pm.

Route WAMBEEK RIVER - WAM FARM - O 23 c Central  
- BEE FARM - JACK FARM - Left of Front Line

1 Officer & 6 Other ranks to leave Front Line  
between MANCHESTER STREET and left at  
2.15 am. Route. VILL FARM - RIFLE FARM

- MARCH FARM - O 23 d 0 5 - WAMBEEK RIVER  
at about O 23 c 5 3 - between Right of Line  
and Coy H.Q.

Right of 17/18<sup>th</sup> mid. 1 Officer & 6 Other ranks to  
leave Left of Front Line at 9.55 pm.

Route. JACK FARM - VILL FARM - O 23 a 5 2 -  
O 23 d 0 8 - Right of Front Line

1 Officer & 6 Other ranks to leave Right of  
Front Line at 2.30 am. Route. Along

WAMBEEK RIVER to WAM FARM - MARCH FARM -  
RIFLE FARM - WALL FARM -

Above patrols will remain <sup>out</sup> 2 to 2 1/2  
hours

Duties: Search No Man's Land, report on enemy  
positions included in their route, pattern of  
wire used and condition of ground, and  
endeavour to secure identification

Special patrol to JULY FARM will go out on both  
above nights

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③ It has been noticed<sup>2</sup> that timber is being  
removed from various Signal Panel Points,  
thereby interfering with the lines. This may  
easily bring about a grave damage, owing  
to interruption of Communications. All ranks  
are to be informed of the serious consequences  
which may result from such interruptions,  
and will be warned that severe disciplinary  
action will be taken against anyone who is  
found interfering with telegraphic com-  
munications or Panel Points in any way  
at all.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE

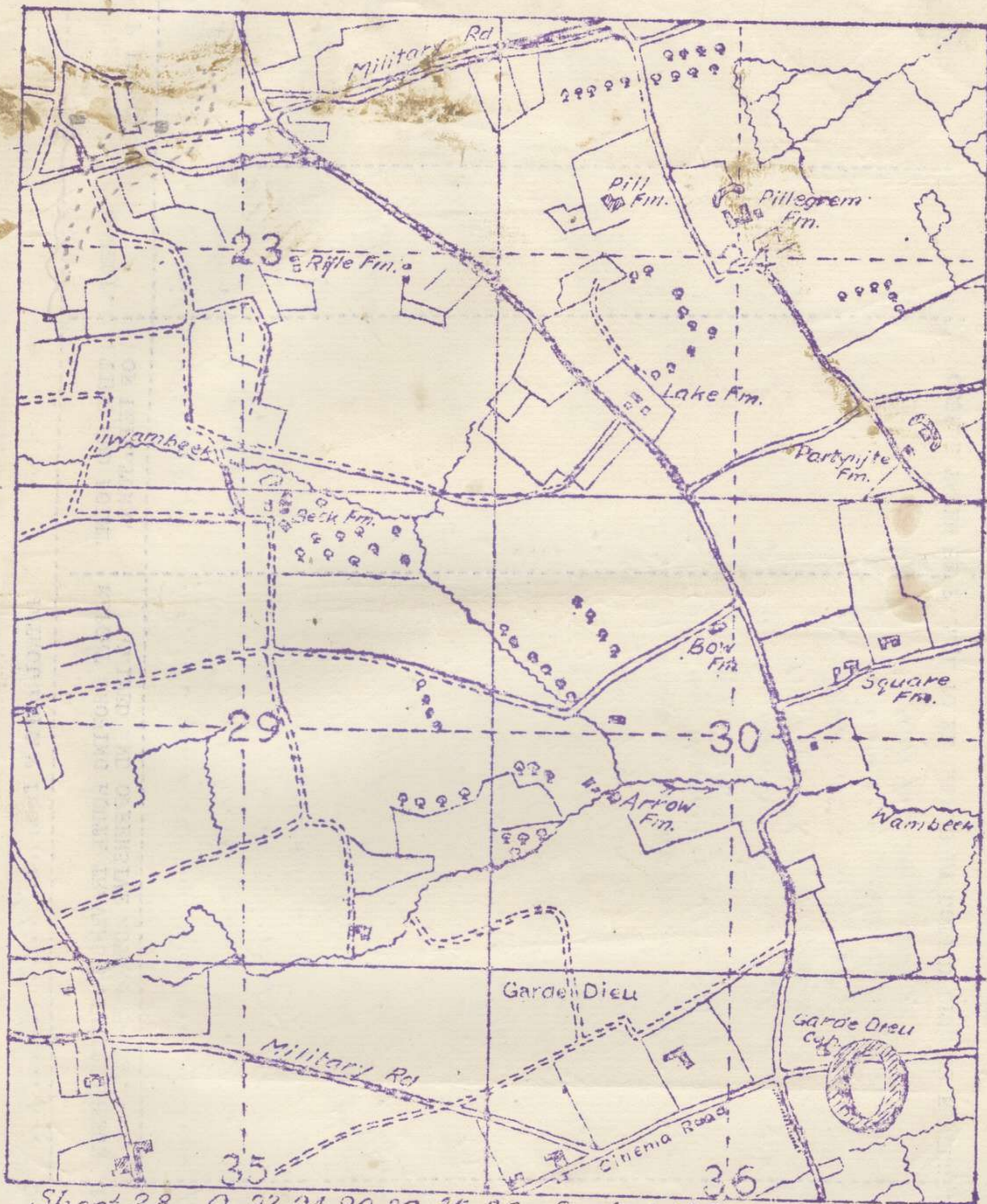
V.P.H.S. Captain  
adjutant ACTIVE

Issued to all Coy  
at 3.30 pm. 14.2.18

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STRENGTH OF PATROL	OBJECT.	TIME AND POINT OF DEPARTURE.	REPORT SHOWING ROUTE TRAVERSED, INTELLIGENCE GAINED AND OFFENSIVE ACTION TAKEN.	TIME AND PLACE OF RETURN.
1 Officer 6 Other Ranks	To report on enemy wire, condition of ground & identification	L of OLGAR TR at 8.30 pm	<p>1. The patrol moved out from L of OLGAR TR &amp; followed the route marked on map. After leaving JILL RM moved to far to the left &amp; was challenged by the listening post on right of 14 Pyde sector</p> <p>3. When passing in front of WALL RM the enemy opened up a large number of MGs also put over about 12 pineapple bombs, one dud falling within 10 yds of patrol.</p> <p>4. There is a MG position built on the W side of JILL RM facing WALL RM.</p> <p>10. A side wire breast high runs from JILL RM to R of 14 Pyde sector.</p> <p>12. Ground in very bad condition one mass of shell holes, some 30 to 40 ft in diameter.</p>	11 pm L of OLGAR TR

COURSE TAKEN BY PATROL TO BE MARKED BY DOTTED LINE ON REVERSE

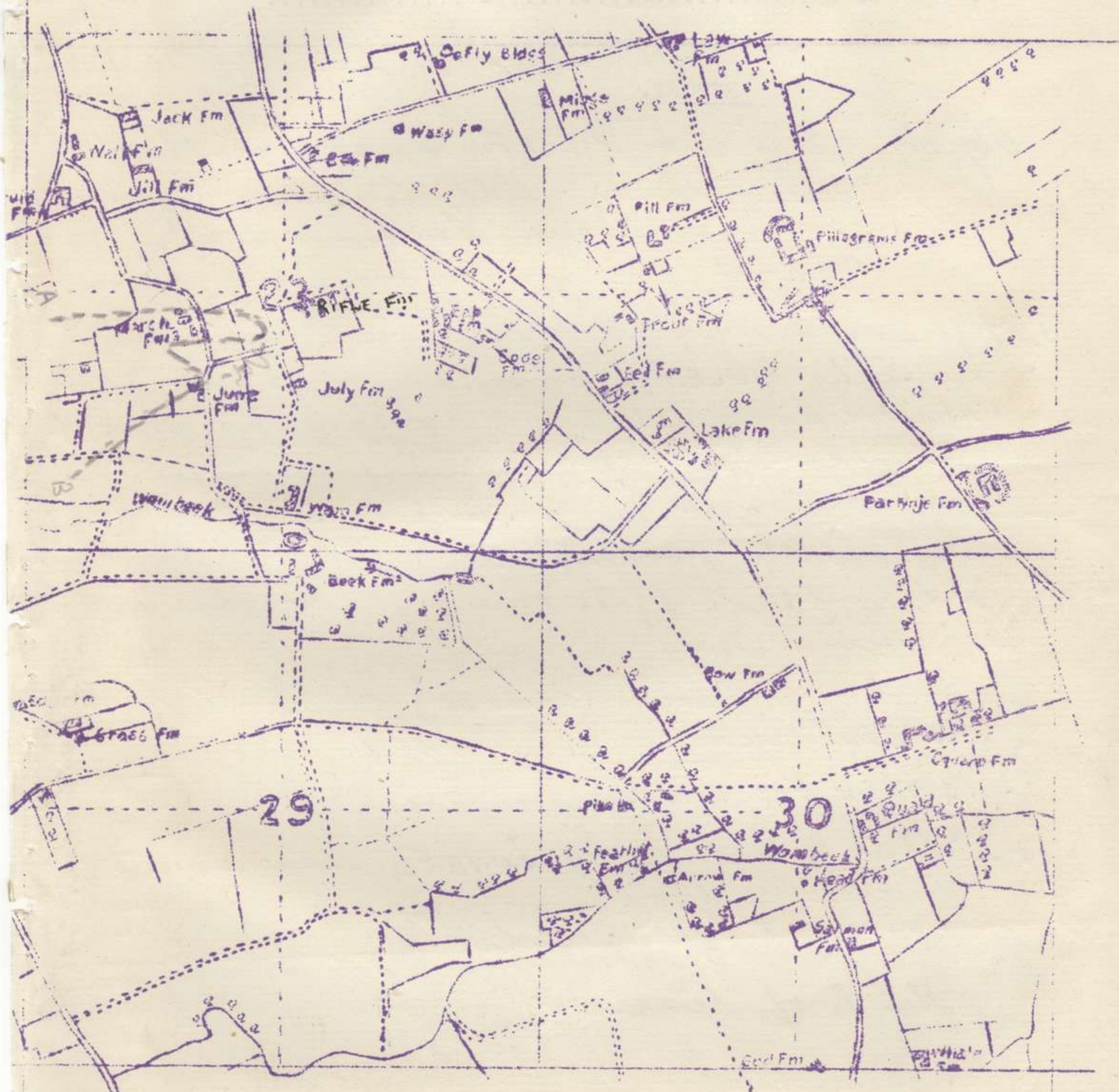
A.H. Brodie

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# REPORT MAP B

Scale: 1:10000



- Legend**
- Enemy M. G. ....
  - " T. M. ....
  - " Posts ....
  - " Wire ....
  - " organised Shell Holes: .....
  - " Dugouts. ....
  - " Tracks ....
  - " O.F.s. ....
  - " L.P.s. ....
  - " New Trenches. ....



APPENDIX 17

- 1. UNIT... 29<sup>th</sup> Bn A.I.F.
- 2. STRENGTH OF PARTY... 10 Officers & 60 Other Ranks
- 3. NAME OF COMMANDER... Lt A.H. Brodie
- 4. TIME OF DEPARTURE... 2 5 am
- 5. TIME OF RETURN... 4 45 am

REPORT.

Object. To visit RIFLE FM & report whether occupied, how held, condition of enemy wire, to search No 10's lands & to report on condition of ground & to obtain identification

- 1. Left point marked A on map & proceeded towards RIFLE FM. when about 75 yds I could hear enemy talking & coughing, on attempting to move closer up the enemy opened fire with about 5 or 6 M.G.'s & also threw over about 12 small pineapple bombs. I have no doubt that the enemy had observed me. I encountered no wire.
- 2. The country is covered with shell holes & inclined to be marshy.
- 3. MARCH FM was unoccupied.
- 4. What I took to be JUNE FM was unoccupied & has been blown to pieces.
- 5. The patrol returned at 4.45 am by the R of line.

SIGNATURE... A.H. Brodie Lt  
 DATE... 15-2-18



18 Daily Intelligence Summary

The above is a summary of the 16 to 18  
Report Sect 25 SW 1/2 E (pts off), 2000

OPERATIONS. Artillery.

Throughout the morning and  
early afternoon mist lay over  
enemy positions rendering ob-  
servations difficult.

13 pms + 4 s how. fired on LAKE,  
WHSR, BEE, RIFLE GRAN, EEL, TROUT  
FMS & FLY BUILDINGS. Intermittent  
throughout the period.

Heard fired on LAKE, PARTIENIE  
FARM & COMMINES.

Trench Mortars.

5-15 to 8-40 PM. HIT 8 pounds on  
BEE FMS @ good bursts, but  
could not observe result.

8-50 PM. LTM 20 pounds on RIFLE  
FMS

12-30 AM. LTM 8 pounds RIFLE FMS.

Air craft Patrol plane was not  
seen after morning to evening.

1-15 AM. One machine on enemy  
lines on E direction. Search light  
found direction HERVICQ.

2-15 AM. One machine passed flying  
E. Search light from COUCO V.

Bombs heard behind enemy lines 1-5 AM

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OPERATIONS (cont)

Patrols. Liaison patrols to units  
on flanks. Contacts maintained  
& no sign of activity.

2 of patrols sent out. Only  
report to hand & is forwarded  
on tomorrow.

IDENTIFICATIONS. NIL

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Time	Target	Rnds	Type	Direction & Remarks
6 AM	VERVEWOOD	11	470	COMMINES
10 PM	Right Front	5	450	---

(The only shelling on this sector  
during the period)

Trench Mortars

8-00 to 9-30 PM.	WALL	30	470	(all fell short)
12-45 AM.	---	6	---	--- 100 yds.
1-30 AM.	---	30	---	all to the left.
9-30 PM.	WIMBEKE	20	---	fairly

ENEMY ATTITUDE. MG not as  
active as last night. Still  
very alert on this sector.

7.15 fairly active during the  
night.

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8. Enemy Troops. Lt. M. located  
at BEE FM by patrol. M. G.  
still active at this point also  
RIELE FM. Patrol reports  
heard working nearby at BEE  
FM. M. G. active at Long FM.

#### 6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY

5 P.M. Enemy plane patrolled  
enemy lines for about 10".  
When attempted to approach our  
lines was fired on & returned.

#### 7. ENEMY MOVEMENT

None observed at FLY BUILDINGS at  
6-50 a.m.

7 a.m. One man from near BEE FM  
disappeared to the right.

5 P.M. 4 of enemy left WASP FM &  
disappeared to the right.

4:30 to 5:30 P.M. Movement along  
ridges at LAKE FM.

9. SIGNALLING. Two planes fired  
through the night.

9:45 P.M. Camp signalling on 85°  
true. Again at 10:15 P.M.

9. WASP FM.  
7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Smoke seen but  
observed from BEE FM.  
Smoke seen coming from Party Ho  
& E. P.M.

Morning heavy mist.  
Afternoon fine & clear.  
Night frosty but clear.

#### 10. WASP DADA

Report forwarded herewith.

John J. Harris Lieut  
a I. O. ACTIVE

By command  
5:55 A.M.  
16-2-18.



Unit

ACTIVE ORDER No 78

1. Password for tonight "OLIVE".  
That of unit on left "FINCH".
2. ~~A~~ Specimens of the German Gas  
grenade and material used for special  
winter clothing issued to Centres and  
others are required by G.H.Q.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE

Read to all boys  
at 7 pm 15/2/18

H.A.C.P.

Captain  
Adjutant ACTIVE







1. UNIT..... ALBERT.....
2. STRENGTH OF PARTY..... 1 M. 6 P.R.....
3. NAME OF COMMANDER..... Lt. W.P. Boyer.....
4. TIME OF DEPARTURE..... 9.5 p.m.....
5. TIME OF RETURN..... 11:45 p.m.....

REPORT.

1. Left point marked A on maps. Passed through March Farm, which was unoccupied. From there made for direction of Rifle farm. Encountered enemy wire - heavy. A rifle & a M.G. were fired from this point. I should say the position from which the M.G. was fired was 100 yds behind the wire. Could distinctly hear the enemy laughing.
2. Would say that this was probably Rifle Farm, & is strongly held.
3. Nature of ground: - Shell holes filled with water.
4. Condition of own wire is good.

W.P. Boyer Lt.

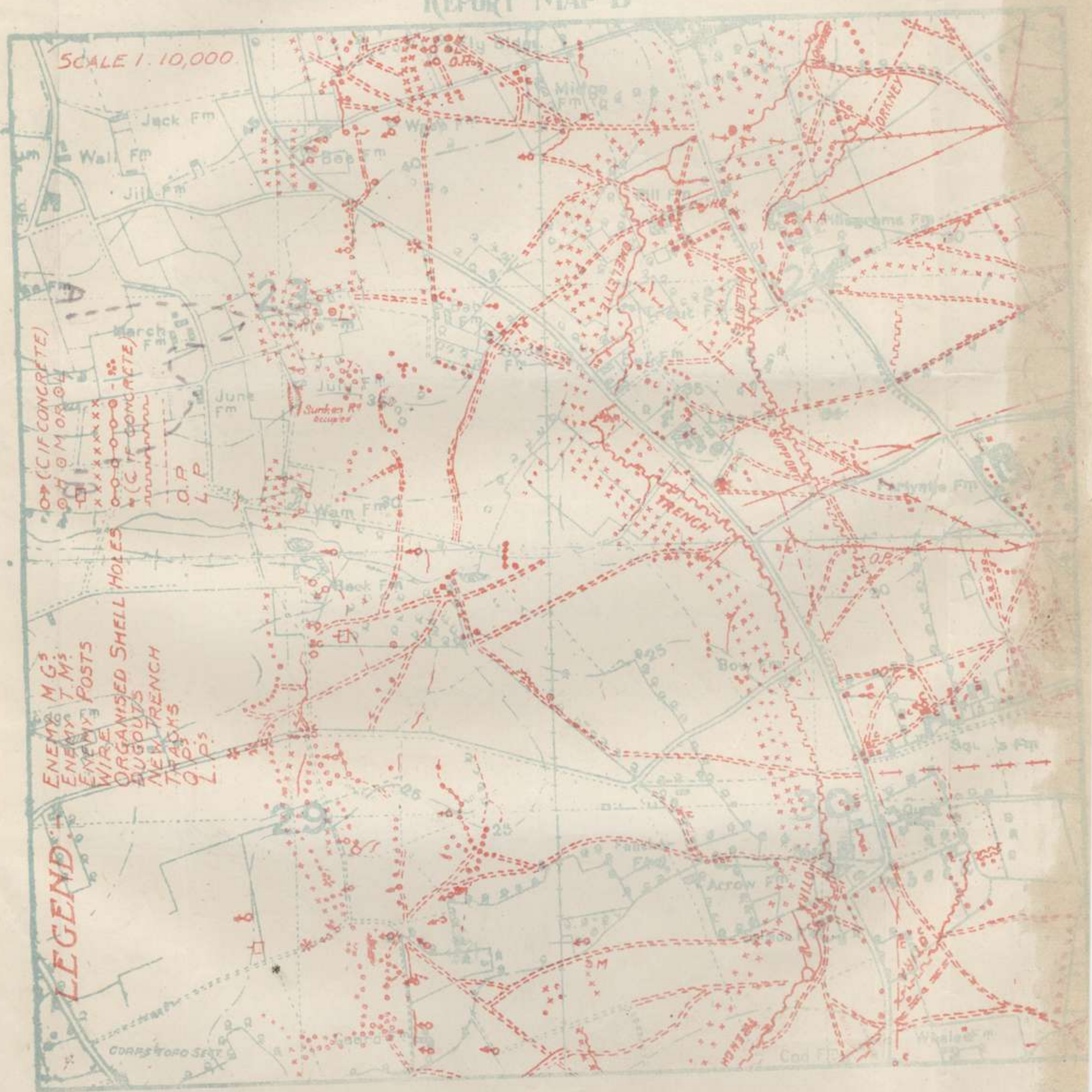
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UNIT. 29<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF  
 STRENGTH OF PARTY. 1 Officer & Other Ranks  
 NAME OF COMMANDER. Lt. AM Brodie  
 TIME OF DEPARTURE. 2 5 am  
 PLACE OF RETURN. 4 45 am  
 DATE. 15/2/18.  
 REPORT MAP "B"





Report.

Object. To visit RIFLE FM + report whether occupied, how held + condition of enemy wire. To search No Mans land + to report on condition of ground + to obtain identification.

1. Left point marked A on map + proceeded towards RIFLE FM when about 75 yds I could hear enemy talking + coughing; on attempting to move closer up the enemy opened fire with about 5 or 6 M.G.'s + also threw over about 12 <sup>small</sup> pineapple bombs. I have no doubt that the enemy observed us. I encountered no wire.
2. The country is covered with shell holes filled with water + inclined to be marshy.
3. MARET FM is unoccupied.
4. What I took to be JUNE FM was unoccupied + has been blown to pieces.
5. The patrol returned at 4 45 am by the R of mine.

at Brodie Lt

15 - 2 - 18.



Daily Intelligence Summary

from 11-2-18 to 17-2-18 Can.

Reference sheet 28 S.W. 15.E (photo of) 1:20,000

OPERATIONS Artillery

Our artillery took advantage of the splendid visibility throughout the day, & was active during the whole period. 18 hrs. on following targets:

WAM, LAKE, SQUARE, WASP, BEE, RIFLE, PILLEGRIMS, & BEEK Fms. Tracks on 0 23 + 24

L.S. Hws. on following targets:- SQUARE, FR., O 300, HOUTHEN, direction COMMINES, and tracks, road & trench junctions on 0 24 + 30, & P 19 + 25.

Heavies as follows - NERVICQ, HOUTHEN, COMMINES. After one shoot on NERVICQ large fire noticed to left of that town. Anti-aircraft active against enemy planes.

Trench Mortars.

2.15 PM. H.T.M. 15 rds. on JULY Fm. All fell short of target.

9.15 PM. 15 rds. WASP & BEE Fms. Could not observe whether good hits obtained, but L.T.M. (enemy) from which had been active from these places, was silent for remainder of night.

L.T.M.

Fired on low flying enemy plane. Number of duds.

OPERATIONS (contd) Patrols Usual liaison patrols to units on flanks.

2 Patrols sent out. One report only to hand and forwarded herewith.

Aircraft. Our aircraft active throughout the day from dawn till dusk. from 7.8 PM. several of our planes flying in E direction

2 @ 2.45 am Planes fired on by AA.M.G (tracer bullets observed) 1 1/2 bombs dropped on bearing of 80° true from 0 20 d 0 5 10.

IDENTIFICATIONS Nil

ENEMY SHELLING.

Time	Target	Rnds	Type	Direction	Remarks.
10-45 am	SUPPORTS	4	47°	COMMINES	
4 pm	0 2 2 2 0	22	5.9	- - -	(one man killed)
3.30 PM	WALL FT	25	4.2	- - -	
	Trench mortars				
6.45 PM	WALL FT	60	L.T.M.		No damage caused
8.30 PM	- - -	5	- - -		100 yds. in front.
8.45 PM	- - -	9	- - -		- do -

All from direction of WASP & BEE Fms. Quiet for remainder of night after bombardment by our H.T.M. of these positions.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quieter than 2 preceding days. At 6.35 PM. opened strong barrage on left of our position with M.G. & L.T.M. & bursts throughout the night.



5 ENEMY DEFENSES. (Reported by wire yesterday)  
 enemy working on road between July  
 Wood Fms. Mine now extends across  
 front between these two places, 3' high.  
 M.G.'s active at BEE, RIFLE & July Fms.

6 HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy machines  
 flying over sector at following times:-  
 9-40 AM, 10 AM, 10:10 AM, 10:15 AM. Our  
 A.A. M.G.'s active against them.

At 3:5 PM. an enemy plane with red  
 tail and large A on body patrolled  
 our front line and supports. Reported  
 by phone from MAHIED O.P. The  
 plane continued its patrol subjected  
 to heavy bombardment by A.A., M.G.'s  
 & Stokes, but no damage caused to it.

At 3:30 PM 4 of our fighting machines  
 approached from the West, dived  
 towards the enemy, circled and  
 flew N.W. The enemy continued  
 his patrol dropping signals,  
 until 3:35 PM. Flew very low the  
 whole time. As a result enemy  
 artillery obtained direct hit on a S.P.  
 & one about 1 yard from H.T.M. em-  
 placement. After enemy has finished  
 his patrol our machines returned  
 flying very high.

7 ENEMY MOVEMENT. 6:35 AM Good  
 deal of movement at BEE, WASH. Fly BLDGS.  
 At 5:15 PM, several of enemy moved from  
 Fly WASH Fms & disappeared behind trees  
 about 100 yds. to right of WASH.

Shell movement going on at LAKE Fms but  
 not so marked as usual. Working party at  
 8<sup>PM</sup> 26<sup>5</sup> central. 27<sup>50</sup> PM.

8 SIGNAL FLARE. 6:50 AM Lamp signalling t. 6.92°.

4:15 PM Lamp signalling for 5" on t. 6.97°.

4:15 PM signalling on t. 6.89°, 3-15 AM. 93° t.

All bearings from O.P. 0 20 to 05:10.

10:50 to 12 mid night, 10 strings of bubble  
 flares about July Fms. No apparent  
 action followed.

Message read by our Signaller was  
 forwarded to you by wire.

9 MISCELLANEOUS. Trains as follows:- 11:40 AM.

Between FERRISLEW & NEWICK travelling S.E.

2:10 PM. COMMUNES TO HOOTHEN, 2:25 PM. HOOTHEN  
 TO NEWICK.

Line observed on t. 6.71° from 0210 G.H. & dis-  
 tance 4,000 yds. Part had been shelled  
 by our Heavies. Fire lasted 20 minutes.  
 Smoke seen coming from B43 Fms morning  
 & evening.

Day fine & visibility excellent. Night  
 moonlight until 12:30 AM. Then clear &  
 bright. Frost fell during night.

Pro S. Harris Lieut  
 A.C. ACTIVE.

Pro runner  
 5:55 AM  
 17-2-18



Secret

ACTIVE ORDER No 74

1. Password for tonight "PRETTY"  
That of unit in left "SWALLOW"
2. On the night of 17/18<sup>th</sup> inst DONALD will relieve ALBERT in front line and a platoon of 2 Officers and 30 other ranks from BERTIE will relieve the garrison of WALL FARM. CHARLIE will relieve BERTIE in the Support Line. On completion of the relief ALBERT will move back to No 1 Reserve and BERTIE will become No 2 Reserve.  
Evening meal will be ready at 6 pm.  
At 6.30 pm the relief for WALL FARM will move forward followed by DONALD, platoons at 100 yards distance.  
CHARLIE will follow DONALD at similar intervals. An officer per Coy will be sent forward tonight to arrange for handing-over and taking-over of stores. Copy of handing-over and taking-over certificate will be forward to Bn Hd Qrs. Completion of the relief will be notified by the Code word "OXYGEN".  
Tommy Cookers will be handed over to incoming units of front line and WALL FARM, also Lewis Gun and accessories.
3. Men have been noticed carrying heavy weights by means of their rifle. This is absolutely forbidden. The rifle is not

to be used <sup>2</sup>under any circumstances for carrying loads of any nature.

4. A prisoner has stated that British prisoners of war are placed in a room behind the walls of which a listening machine is fixed. All ranks should be notified of this.

5 ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued to all Coys  
at 4.30 pm. 16. 2. 18

M. G. S. Captain  
Adjutant ACTIVE

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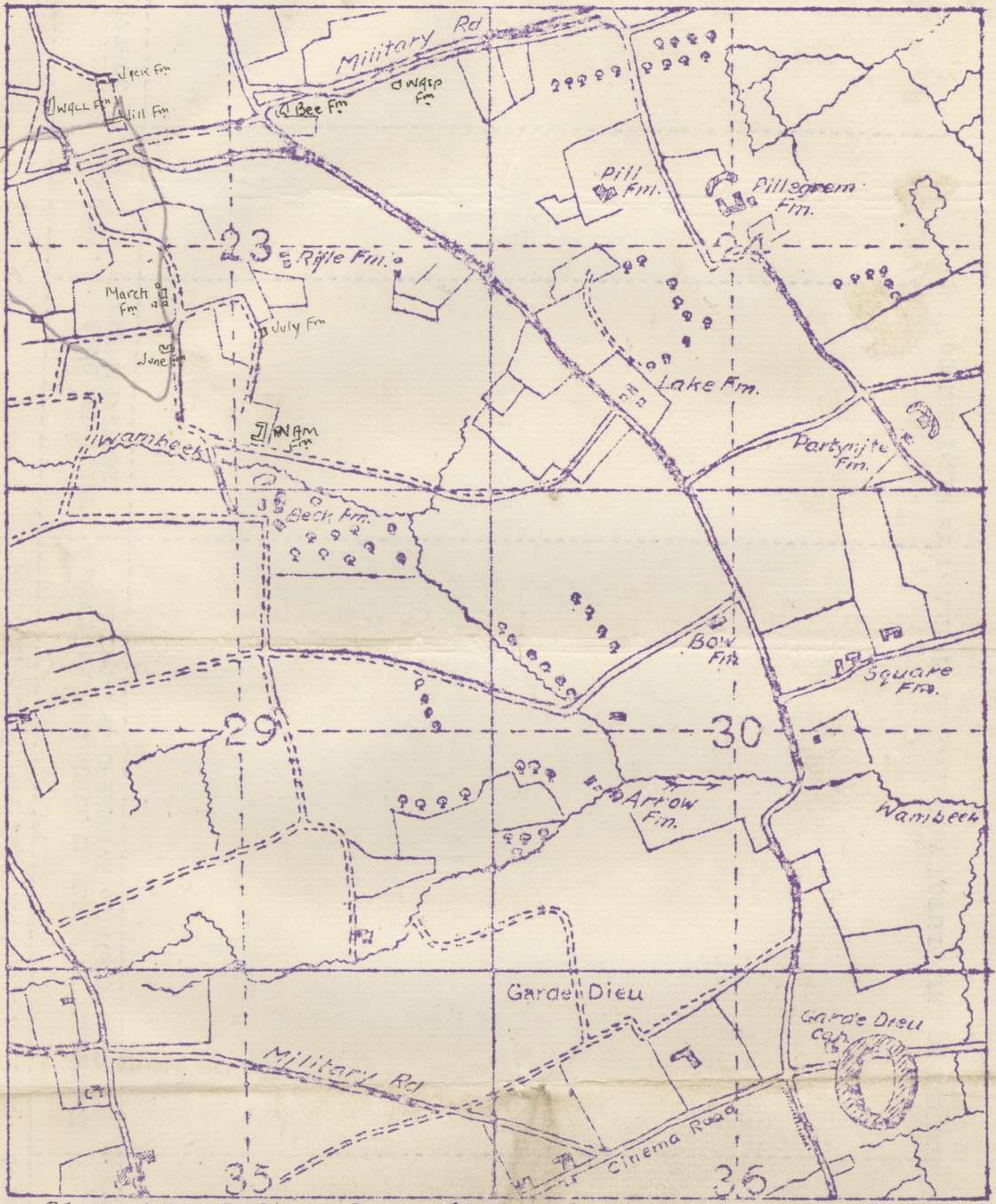
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PATROL REPORT from ALBERT

Date 16/2/18

STRENGTH OF PATROL	OBJECT.	TIME AND POINT OF DEPARTURE.	REPORT SHOWING ROUTE TRAVERSED, INTELLIGENCE GAINED AND OFFENSIVE ACTION TAKEN.	TIME AND PLACE OF RETURN.
One Officer 6.0 Rank	To ascertain 1) nature of ground 2) enemy wire 3) enemy movement	1.45 a.m from left of trench	Found that Jack, Gill & March farms are not occupied but the approaches to the first two are very bad. I was held up at Gill farm for about 1/2 an hour by heavy M.G. & medium trench mortar fire coming from direction of Bee & Rifle farms Saw no enemy movement but heard working parties about Bee farm	4.45 a.m Boyd H.Q

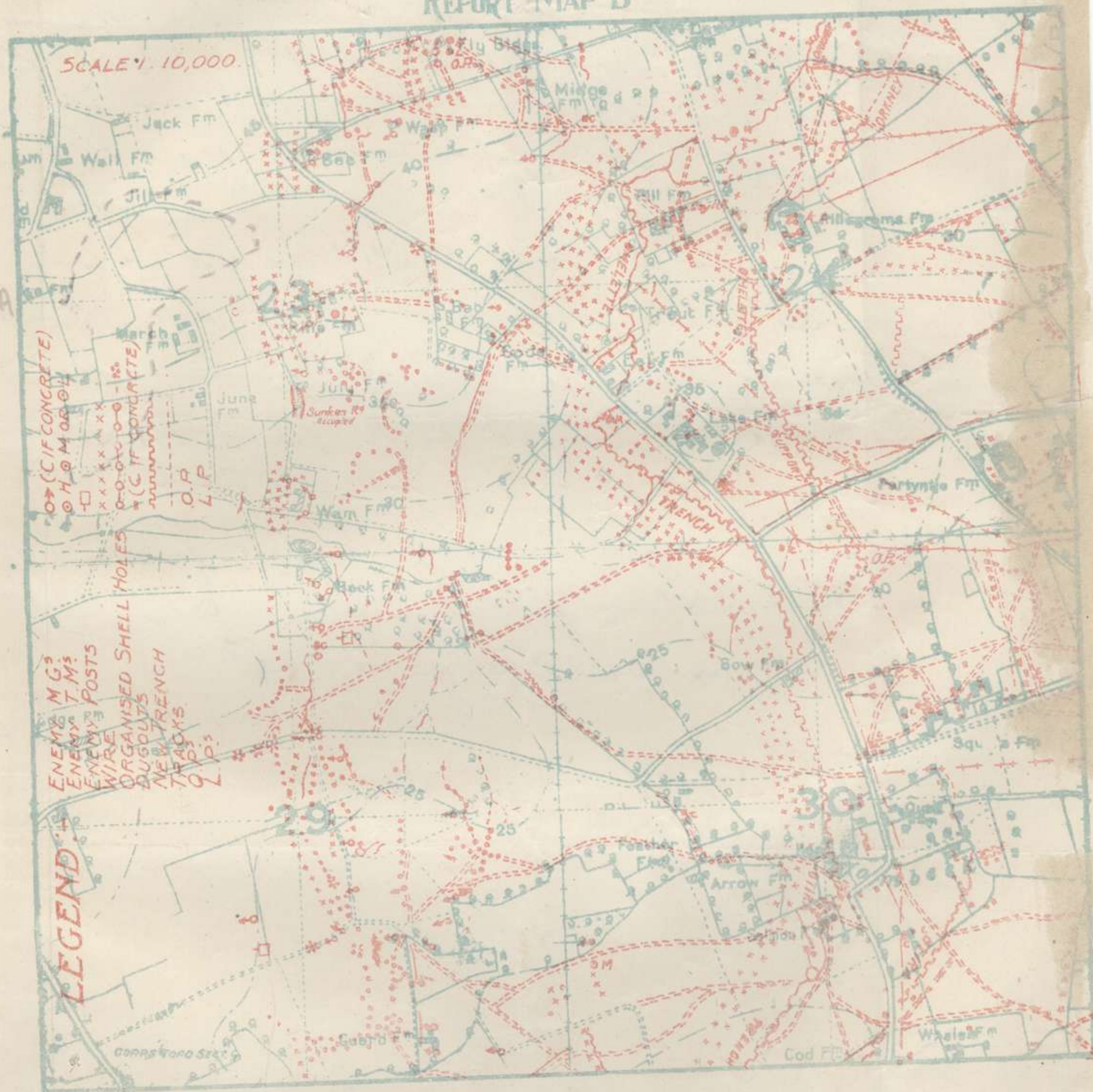
*Albert*

COURSE TAKEN BY PATROL TO BE MARKED BY DOTTED LINE ON REVERSE.

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UNIT. *29th Bnt. I.F.*  
 STRENGTH OF PARTY *10 Officers + 6 Other ranks*  
 NAME OF COMMANDER. *Lt A.H. Proder*  
 TIME OF DEPARTURE. *2 am*  
 RETURN. *5 am*  
 DATE. *17-2-19*  
 REPORT MAP "B"





Report.

Object. To report on enemy wire, defences, condition of country & identification.

1. Left point marked A. on map at 2 am & proceeded to JILL FM which is unoccupied but on the W side facing WALL FM is a former M.G. position also a short breastwork to hold 6 men, a plain wire runs from rear of the farm to a listening post of the 14th Bde. A tape also runs from the rear of the farm out for about 100 yds through our wire to an old trench.

From there we moved out but failed to strike any wire, the enemy could be heard speaking but M.G.s were very quiet.

We then moved back past MARCH FM & in on the R of the line at 5 am

The country is very rough & <sup>covered</sup> ~~filled~~ with shell holes filled with water.

Our own wire is good.

A.H. Brodie



(90) Daily Intelligence Summary  
From Cam. 17-2-18 to Cam. 18-2-18

Sheet reference 28 SW. I.E. (P. 14) 1,20,000

1 OPERATIONS - Dispositions  
carried out inter. by relief last  
night - relief complete by 8:35pm.

Dispositions now as follows:-

Front line	D Coy.
Supports	C " "
1 <sup>st</sup> Reserve	A " "
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reserve	B " "

#### Artillery.

Our artillery active throughout  
day - 18 fms. on following  
targets:- Pillegrens, Code, Lake,  
Square, Wam, July Farms. Wire  
cutting at Wam Farms.

4.5" Hows. as follows:- Code & Square  
Fms. Houthem, & direction Commines

6" 9.2, 160 pds as follows:-  
P30d, HOUTHEN, CODE Fms., NERVICQ,  
COMMINES.

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#### Trench Mortars

H.F.M. 10 rounds at WAM, July,  
& RIFLE Fms. between 4 + 5 P.M.  
M.T.M. 60 rounds at same time  
on same targets. Some good  
bursts observed.

#### PATROLS

Liaison patrols to units on  
flanks. Touch maintained  
& no sign of enemy.

2 patrols went out. 1 report  
forwarded herewith. (Also  
patrol report which was wired)

Aircraft. Our planes active  
from dawn to dusk patrolling  
lines & co-operating with  
artillery.

An R.E. 5 crashed near BUE  
Wood. No explosion heard  
& no enemy a.a. firing in that  
direction at time. Both  
Pilot & Observer killed, & were  
Australians.



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2 IDENTIFICATIONS. NIL.

3 ENEMY SHELLING.

Time	Target	Rnds	Type	Direction - Rmks.
6 am.	O 25A	30	5.9	COMMINES (101°)
6:17 AM	O 25d	14	5.9	- " - from
1 pm.	O 22d	10	77"	- " - O 20 d 05.10
2 PM.	O 22 c 1.5	10	42"	- " -
3-45 PM.	POLKA EST.	18	4.2"	- " -
5-10 PM.	Manchester St	56	4.2"	- " - (7 hits)
6-30 PM.	Wandekerke Vly.	9	5.9"	- " -
11 PM.	O 20 c	5	4.2"	- " -
2 to 3 AM.	N 30	54	5.9"	- " -
3 to 4 AM.	N 30	38	5.9"	- " -

Trench Mortars

9-15 PM	Wall Fm	20	L.T.M.	Bee or Wasp
12-15 AM	- " -	15	- " -	Fms.

4 ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet. M.G.'s + T.M.'s not as active as usual. Former fired occasional bursts over lines + tracks. Increased artillery activity on this sector.

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5 ENEMY DEFENCES. Patrol reports work going on at BEE Fm. Heard driving iron stakes into ground. L.P. reports wiring heard also at Bee Fm. Patrol reports talking heard at RIFLE Fm. Gun flash (5.9) on P. 6. 101° from O 20 d 05.10. at 6 am. 17". This battery ~~was~~ was active throughout the period. M.G. active at WAM Fm reported by patrol.

6 HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY

5-30 AM. enemy machine over our lines flying high.  
 9-15 AM. 4 e.a. over left of sector fired on by a.a. - returned.  
 10-35 am. 2 ea over sector flying high.  
 11-15 am. 1 e.a. flying very high  
 Between 11-30<sup>AM</sup> + 12-10 PM. e.a. of same type as reported in

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6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY (contd)

yesterday's summary flew very low over the whole sector from front line to VERNE DUMP. M.G. Sticks, + A.A. active against him but no apparent damage caused. This machine appears to be heavily armoured.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

7-30 a.m. to 9-30 a.m. enemy moving in pairs along ridge toward LAKE F<sup>m</sup>. At 3 P.M. LAKE F<sup>m</sup> + vicinity.

7 a.m. movement in vicinity of FLY Blags + WASP F<sup>m</sup>.

8. SIGNALLING.

6.20 P.M. Spangle flare fired about 1/4 way F<sup>m</sup>. No apparent action.

7-5 A.M. (daylight) flare was fired by enemy from direction of BAB Farm.

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9. MISCELLANEOUS.

7-35 a.m. enemy balloon up on t.b. 104°. 7.50 a.m. another on t.b. 85°.

11-30 A.M. Fire burning left of COMMINES on t.b. 99°.

1-25 P.M. Bright fire lasting 10 minutes on skyline on t.b. 93°.

All bearings taken from 020 d 05.10.

Patrols report 'no-man's-land' ground frozen hard + going fairly easy while moonlight last.

Ground observation difficult in morning but good in afternoon.

10. WORK DONE. Report forwarded herewith.

J. Harris Lieut  
Paymaster A.I.D. ACTIVE

5.55 AM. 15.2.18.

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1. Password for tonight "QUESTION"  
That of unit on left "STRAND"

2. Patrols.

Night of 18/19<sup>th</sup> inst.

(a) Leave Coy HQs at 11 pm. and proceed to BEE FM - RIFLE FM - JUNE FM - WAMBEEK RIVER - Right of Front Line

(b) Leave Right of Front Line at 2 a.m. and proceed to WAM FM - JULY FM - JACK FM - WALL FM - Left of Front Line

Night of 19/20<sup>th</sup> inst.

(a) Leave Left of Front Line at 11.15 pm. and proceed to WALL FM - JACK FM - BEE FM - MARCH FM - JULY FM Coy HQs

(b) Leave Front Line at Junction of MANCHESTER STREET and OLGA TRENCH at 2.15 a.m. and proceed to WAM FM - JUNE FM - RIFLE FM - JACK FM - Left of Front Line

These patrols will consist of 1 officer and 6 other ranks

Duties: Search No Man's Land, report on enemy.

Observe and report on enemy positions, movements and approaches.

These patrols will remain out for 2 to 2 1/2 hours but must leave the route laid down even though it takes longer to do it.

3. Please furnish by 8 pm tomorrow 18 lines nominal roll of members of the Church of England in your unit.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Forward to all Coy at 4.30 pm 19/11

H. P. H. S. Captain  
Adjutant ACTIVE







The object  
Patrol Report

The object of my patrol was to destroy a MG emplacement  
at JILL FARM. Ascertain the kind of wire the enemy  
had in front of his positions & state of ground & state of our  
own wire.

I left left of sector by route marked at time stated &  
went to JACK FARM but finding it of little importance  
went almost on line. I zigzagged south to JILL FARM to  
look for MG emplacement. I spent over half an hour  
looking for it & found one almost full of water of little use  
to anyone. I also found an old cannon flayed gun  
position. I then turned south to about B 23, A 5-2;  
but could not advance much further east of this point  
my moon being behind ~~us~~ & enemy machine gun  
fire which kept us down for over 10 minutes on several  
occasions. I could not get near enough to enemy wire  
to make any observations. Enemy could be distinctly  
heard working at BEE FARM. He appeared to be drawing  
in angle rods. Most likely setting one of his posts &  
sounding could be heard talking at RIFLE FARM.

Our own wire is pretty good in front of centre of  
sector, but just a little weak in places in front of WALL  
ARM & on right of sector.

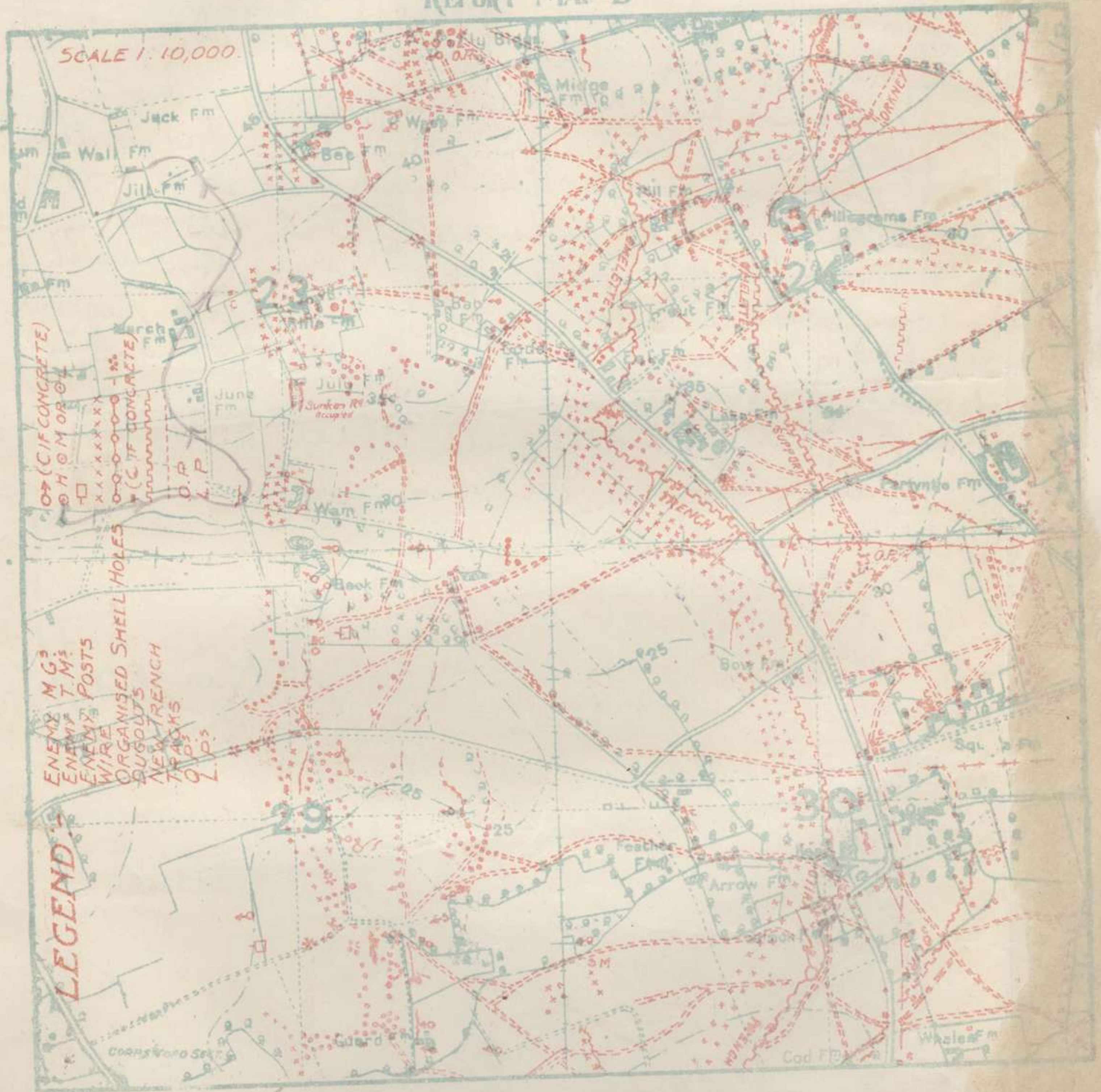
The ground was very hard & bumpy with the  
moonlight made walking very easy. The ground is  
very much torn up & at a dark night would almost be  
as good an obstacle as our own wire.

A Whitlock  
Lieut.



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UNIT. D. Coy. 29<sup>th</sup> Battery  
 STRENGTH OF PARTY. 10<sup>off</sup> 6 OR  
 NAME OF COMMANDER. <sup>PLACE</sup> Lt S.S. King  
 TIME OF DEPARTURE. 2.30am Right of Section  
 RETURN. 4.30am Wall Farm Left of Section  
 DATE. 18.2.18  
 REPORT MAP "B"





The duties allotted this patrol were 1 To examine  
 our wire at ~~WAM~~ WAMBEEK. 2 Report condition of ~~March~~  
 LAND. 3 Reconnoitre WAMB. MARCH & RIFLE FARMS & Report  
 state enemy's wire. The route followed is shown  
 on map by pencil line. Our wire between right  
 post of this sector & WAMBEEK is in good condition  
 Wire runs parallel with tram tracks for 150 yds. At point  
 due south from right post of this sector wire runs to  
 edge of WAMBEEK. Ground from this point to WAMB FARM  
 badly cut up by shell fire. Shell holes 1/2 full of water.  
 After crossing first road enemy wire in front of WAMB FARM  
 was fired on by enemy machine gun from that post.  
 Wire crossed was low & about 2 ft wide.  
 MARCH FARM is not occupied. Did not get in touch  
 with RIFLE FARM on account of bearing too much to left.  
 On way to WALL FARM passed hill bore right of  
 JILL FARM. This was very much broken about it is  
 unoccupied. Ground in front of WALL FARM is  
 cut up pretty badly with shell holes full of water.  
 All ground mowed over during along route is at  
 present frozen hard.

J. King 1/11



Daily Intelligence Summary  
from Cam. 15-2-48 to Cam. 19-2-48  
Reference Sheet 282.W + S.E. (pts. of 1.20.00)

OPERATIONS. Artillery

Our artillery active throughout  
the day as follows :-

18 pds : SQUARE Fm + tracks in  
0 30 B, RIFLE INASP Fms, 0 23 C + D,  
BEEK Fm

4.5" 30 rounds on LAKE Fm.

Howitzers :- 9.9.30pm 57 rounds WERVICQ  
+ COMMINES, 4.30 to 5.30pm about 120  
rounds between JULY + WANA Fms.

(All fell about 200 yds short +  
on a line about midway bet-  
ween these farms)

6-6.30pm 83 rounds WERVICQ.

Trench Mortars.

2.15 AM. L + M B. 15 rounds on RIFLE  
Fm.

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OPERATIONS (cont'd)

Patrols. Liaison patrols to units  
on flanks during the night.  
Touch maintained and no sign  
of enemy.

2 offrs patrols sent out. 1 Report  
forwarded herewith + 1 report and  
patrol previously wired to you.

Aircraft. Our aircraft active  
throughout the day patrolling  
between lines and observation +  
The dawn + dusk patrol was  
carried out.

6.30 P.M. 1 machine flew over  
travelling E. Later 4 bombs  
seen to explode in direction  
of WERVICQ.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

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B. ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Time	Target	Rnds	Type	Direction	Remarks
8.19 am.	02209.8	10	4.2"	COMMINES	
10.30 am.	Manchester St 02209.8	388	4.2"	- " -	
2.36 pm.	02209.8	20	4.2"	P2748.0.	
4.30 pm.	Manchester St 02209.8	26	4.2"	- " -	
5 pm.	0210	16	4.2"	HOUTHEN	
9.19 10 pm	02108.9	20	4.2"	COMMINES	
3.10 pm.	0220	10	4.2"	- " -	
9 am.	WALL FM	20	5.9"	WERVICQ.	

all fell 200 yds  
to rear

(Above bearing on 4.2" battery  
was taken from 030 d 05.10 + MAHIEU  
O.P. Rays crossed at above re-  
ference + same was duly wired  
to H.Q.)

Trench mortars

6-30 WALL FM 25 L.T.M. Bee (WASP FM)

(There was other T.M. activity on  
our right and left, but could  
not observe targets)

The above was accompanied by heavy  
M.G. barrage.

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet. Patrols  
report very little activity. M.G.  
as usual.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. One of M.G. which  
sweeps track from left of line to  
WALL FM located at MIDGE FM.  
M.G. also fired from JULY FM (Patrol)  
M.G. - do - RIFLE FM.  
T.M. still active at BEE FM.  
Battery of 4.2" located at P2748.0.

6. ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.

At 11 am same type of machine  
as previously reported patrolled  
our line, supports + along  
MANCHESTER St. Fired on by  
M.G. - a.w. + Stokes but no  
apparent damage done.  
Another enemy machine was  
flying above the whole time  
covering. Patrolled for an hour.  
Dropped bubble flare over left of  
line. Then one over right + flew off.

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6 ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY (cont'd)

6-50 P.M. 1 machine over at right near. Dropped 1 bomb near our Batteries.

7 ENEMY MOVEMENT.

6-30 A.M. Several parties of men seen moving along road near BEE Fm.

12-50 P.M. Movement about LAKE Fm. Again at 5 P.M.

5-20 P.M. Several parties leaving LAKE Fm moving W. + others N. Pahr reports movement heard in WAM, JULY-BEE.

8 SIGNALLING.

At 1-15 to 1-30 A.M. + again at 3-15 to 3-30 A.M. enemy put up double red flare which was followed at once by H.T.M. + M.C. bombardment of sector on our right. At 1-15 am also used a little artillery.

Kajeb

9 MISCELLANEOUS.

12 noon enemy balloon up on t. bearing of 65°.

7-30 A.M. on t. b. 84°.

While enemy 77 mm battery firing on said sector on our right at 5-15 A.M. a true bearing of 102° was taken.

Rec from O.P. at 0200 & 05.10.

10 WORK DONE Report forwarded herewith.

Jno. S. Harris Lt  
a 10 ACTIVE

By runner  
6 am.

19-2-18



Patrol report:  
Copy of wire just received:-

1 officer and five men  
left right of line at 2 am.  
Touched WARM BEEK then to  
about 0230 S. 4+5. then to MARCH  
Fm Returned centre of sector  
4 am. Movement heard at WARM  
Fm. 7 voices heard at July  
Fm. One M.C. fired from  
July Fm

6 am

19. 2. 18

J.M.



SECRET

ACTIVE ORDER No 76

1. Password for tonight "RICHMOND"  
That of unit on left "MALL"
2. Patrols. Night of 20/21<sup>st</sup> inst.
  - (a) Leave front line between Coy 4<sup>th</sup> and left and proceed to MARCH FM - BEE FM - JACK FM - JULY FM - Right of line.  
To leave at 9.45 pm.
  - (b) Leave Right of line and proceed to WAM FM - JUNE FM - RIFLE FM - JILL FM - Left of line.  
To leave at 2.5 am.

Strength of above patrols 1 officer 6 other ranks  
Patrols to remain out 2 to 2½ hours.  
Duties: 2 search No Man's land - report on enemy dispositions etc.
- 3 Commencing at mid-day Feb 20<sup>th</sup> the S.O.S. signal will be a rifle grenade breaking into 2 red and 2 green stars simultaneously. These are being issued tonight.  
The special signal for concentration of barrage in the case of minor enemy enterprises will continue to be the rifle grenade signal bursting into 2 red and 2 white stars.
4. A Company relief of unit on our right will take place tonight.
- 5 ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued to all Coy  
at 5 pm. 17.2.18

V.P.H.S.

Captain  
Adjutant ACTIVE







## Report of Patrol

I moved out from left of Company's sector and moved along an old saps, then through our wire and continued in the direction of Bee Farm.

There was no enemy activity to report out here; all I heard was sounds of someone coughing. After observing here for some time, I moved in a South westerly direction towards Rifle Farm, all was quiet here, there being no sounds of enemy activity.

I then moved towards June Farm and saw nothing here. I continued on towards the Warrenton then returned via No 1 post the right of our sector.

During the time I was out I neither saw nor heard any enemy working parties.

L. W. Motson Jr

Donald







T<sup>2</sup> ACTIVE.

19/2/18.

With 1 Sgt + 5 men I left the right of the Coy-line at 2 A.M.

I patrolled to WAMBEEK RIVER thence to WAM FARM, thence JULY FARM thence MARCH FARM, + returned to centre of line. No enemy encountered. Enemy movement heard at WAM FARM + voices heard at

JULY FARM. During a M.G. barrage at about 3.30 A.M. a M.G. operated from JULY FARM.

State of ground: frozen hard.

E. Thomas P.



⑧ DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 am. 19-2-18 to 6 am. 20-2-18  
Sheet Reference 28 SW. J.E. (pts 7) 1.20.000

OPERATIONS Artillery.

Our artillery active throughout the period, but owing to ground mist all day, could not observe where shots falling beyond LAKE Fm.

18 pdrs. on following targets:-

WAM, BAB, BEE, WASP LAKE Fms

The 4.5" hows. and Heavies fired on targets to rear of Lake Fm. throughout the day.

~~Trench mortars~~ At 9 p.m. barrage of all calibres on left & right sectors. 9-20 p.m. Fire slackened. 9-25 p.m. Heavies ceased firing.

Trench Mortars.

During above bombardment our T.M. fired as follows:-

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OPERATIONS. Trench Mortars (cont'd)

H.T.M. 5 rounds on Rifle Wully Fms

M.T.M. 30 " " " " "

L.T.M. Engaged above Fms.

9 organised positions in vicinity.

10-15 p.m. L.T.M. 15 rnds on Rifle Fm

Patrols.

Trace patrol basements on flanks. Touch maintained and no signs of enemy.

2 patrols sent out each consisting of 1 off to 6 a.m. First patrol report forwarded herewith, also second report of 18/19<sup>th</sup> particulars of which were forwarded with 18/19<sup>th</sup> summary.

Aircraft. Our planes active throughout the day, & at 11-55 a.m. 3 of them brought down one e.a. on our left.

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2 IDENTIFICATIONS

Nil.

3 ENEMY SHELLING

Time	Target	Rnds	Type	Remarks	Direction
9-15 am	WALL Fm	15	4.2"	WERVICQ.	
10-15 am	O 25 d	6	5.9"	HOUTHEM.	
11-30 am	O 20 b b b.	6	4.2"	COMMINES	
12-15 pm	WALL Fm	28	4.2"	WERVICQ.	
1-30 pm	" "	4	4.2"	" "	
4 pm	" "	7	4.2"	" "	
4-30 pm	Manchester St				
4-30 pm	Supports in O 21 d + O 22 c	23	4.2"	COMMINES	
5 pm	O 22 d Supports	21	4.2"	" "	
6-30 pm	WALL Fm	2	5.9"	WERVICQ.	
11-30 pm	Cross roads O 20 c + 2.	9	4.2"	HOUTHEM.	
12 midnight	O 26 d	5	5.9"	" "	
12-30 am	Supports O 22 d	17	4.2"	COMMINES	

Trench Mortars

9-20 am	Rifle line	3	4.2"	T.M.	
" "	WALL Fm	10	" "	Bee Fm	
10-15 am	Between JILL WALL Fm	4	" "	" "	

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3 ENEMY SHELLING (Cont'd)

Trench Mortars (cont'd)

From 9 to 9-30 pm. during bomb-  
ardment our own left numbers of  
M.T.M. T.T.M. fell near WALL Fm

4 ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet.

Artillery active on supports +  
Manchester St at intervals.  
Very little retaliation to our  
bombardment at 9 pm.

5 ENEMY DEFENCES. T.M. still

active from BEE Fm. Enemy  
heard by patrol working out  
his defences at RIFLE + JILL Fm  
Driving in angle iron etc

6 HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

None observed until after 11 am.  
At 11-11 5 AM. e. machines over  
this sector flew to left + were  
engaged by our machines

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6 AERIAL ACTIVITY (cont'd)

One a.a. was singled out + brought down some distance to our left beyond Oostaverne Wood. A little later another machine was engaged + burst into flames + dived. Flames were extinguished before machine reached the ground. Not certain owing to mist whether this machine ours or the enemy's, but 2 machines followed the damaged one right down + were not fired on by our a.a.

2 p.m. 2 a.a. flying very high N.W. engaged by a.a. fire.

2 to 3-15 p.m. 2 a.a. continually over sector flying very high, engaged by a.a. fire.

4-20 p.m. Our old friends again flying very low over front line and supports. Engaged by M.G. Patrolled for 5" only on this occasion.

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7 ENEMY MOVEMENT. Movement between LAKE TEL Fms during day at 11 AM + 3-30 PM.

Not as much movement as usual at BEE + WASP Fms. Patrols report movement heard at RIFLE, JULY + WAM Fms.

8 SIGNALLING. About 1 minute after bombardment commenced at 9 p.m. a double white flare was fired opposite right sector. This was followed by double green, double red, double green + orange ball. A little later double green fired + repeated back + along line. A great number of double reds + greens continued + reds burst into greens. On left no flares appeared until about 9-10 p.m. when double greens + reds fired for some time.

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8. SIGNALING (cont'd)

Could not hear what action followed on right. On left M.C. were quiet for some time - about 9-15 PM. opened light fire only. Practically no retaliation by artillery.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

Ground mist hung in valley all day & rendered observation forward impossible.

Night fairly clear & frosty. Ground showing thawing in afternoons.

J. L. Harris  
Lieut  
a I.O. ACTIVE

By runner  
5-55 AM.  
20-2-18.

Report our 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrol just received by wire 5-55 AM

1 off. to be left Centre of sector at 2-15 AM.

Route taken through LUNE to WAM back to RIFLE thence JACK & returned left of sector at 4-15 AM.

Enemy heard but no activity detected at WAM. RIFLE.

J.M.

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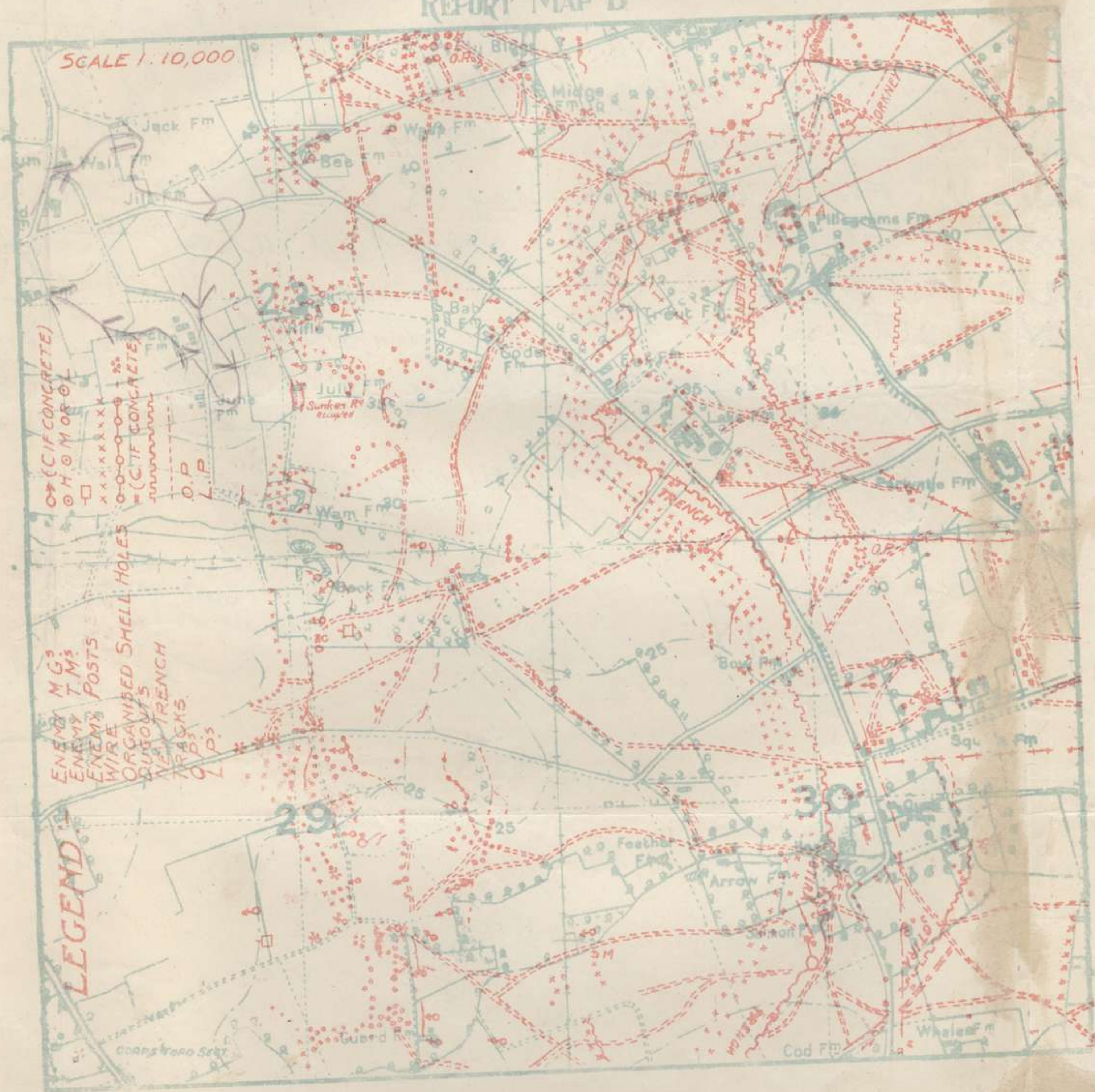
1. Password for tonight "SECOND".  
That of unit on left "TILBURY"
2. All men in forward areas must always have their S.P.R.'s with them. Officers will continually keep a careful watch over this matter and check any negligence at once. Severe disciplinary action will be taken ~~to~~ against all men found without their S.P.R.'s.
3. It is again brought to notice that the Signal Rifle Grenade for concentration of barrage will be fired from Front Line only.
4. Tomorrow 20th and Coy's in Supports and Reserves will return to Gunboat Stores all Gunboats on issue and obtain receipts for same.
5. All signal rockets except the S.O.S. rifle Grenade bursting into 2 red and 2 green stars will be returned to Battalion HQ's tomorrow night. This refers also to the rifle Grenade signal bursting into 2 red and 2 white stars except in the case of Front Line which will retain this particular signal in addition to the S.O.S. rifle Grenade.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued to all Coy's  
at 3.30 pm. 19.2.18

J.P.M.S. Captain.  
Adjutant ACTIVE



UNIT. 29th Battalion  
 STRENGTH OF PARTY 10 Officers 6 Privates  
 NAME OF COMMANDER. Lieut. White  
 TIME OF DEPARTURE. 11.15 P.M.  
 RETURN. 1.35 A.M.  
 DATE. 19.2.18.  
 REPORT MAP "B"





## Report

The object of my patrol was to visit JACK. FARM  
 BEE. FARM. JULY. FARM & MARCA FARM  
 I left section as marked on map: at 11.15. PM,  
 visited WALL. FARM. from there I went to JACK  
 FARM & to JILL. FARM where I had a good  
 look around for the Mercedes sun gun placement  
 but could not find it - from there I went towards  
 BEE. FARM. where things were fairly quiet  
 except for a little talking - from there I visited  
 JULY. FARM & when passing RIFLE FARM work  
 was being carried out & proceeded along towards  
 JULY. FARM. most likely the drawing in of shells from  
 in setting - after spending about 1/4 hour  
 in this vicinity I returned to MARCA  
 FARM. had a good look around there.  
 Our zone is pretty weak in front of  
 bay HQs

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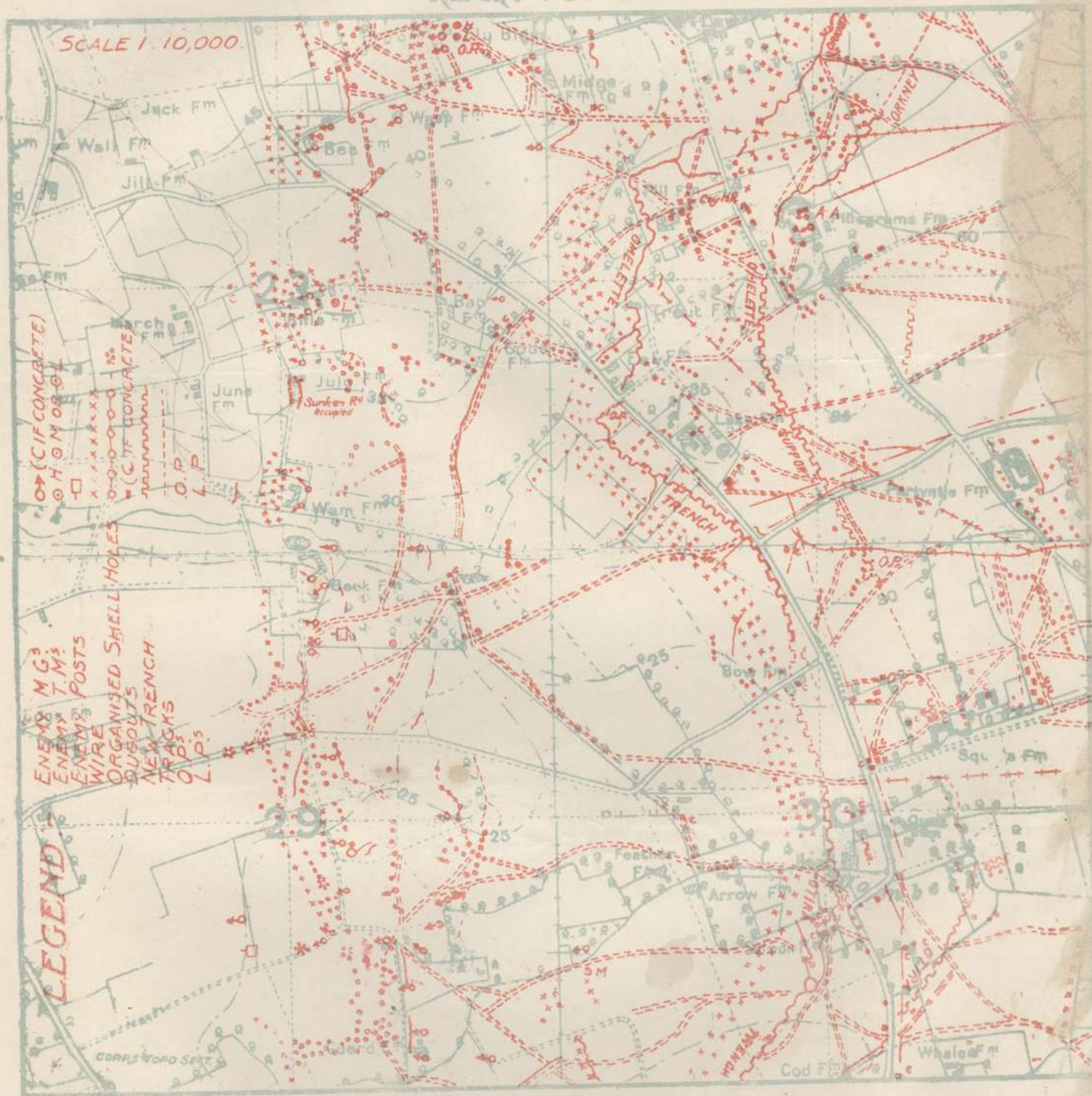
C. Whitlock  
Lieut



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UNIT. D Coy 29<sup>th</sup> Batta  
 STRENGTH OF PARTY. 10<sup>th</sup> BOR  
 NAME OF COMMANDER. 2/Lt. J.G. KING  
 TIME OF DEPARTURE. 2 15am <sup>March 1918</sup>  
 RETURN. 4 30am <sup>Left of Sector</sup>  
 DATE. 20.2.18

REPORT MAP "B"





The route followed is shown by pencil line on map. First visited JUNE FARM. This place is very much broken about & is unoccupied. There is no wire around the place. From there we moved to within 150 yds WARY FARM. Enemy could be heard here but no activity was detected. Then came back along NO MANS LAND 300 yds from our front line passed MARCH FARM & thence to RIFLE FARM. The enemy was very silent here & his position could only be detected by coughing heard. Gc JACK FARM was then visited & found to be unoccupied.

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2 DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY  
From 6 a.m. 20-2-18 to 6 a.m. 21-2-18  
Reference Sheet 28 S W & S E. (p. 15. of) 1-20,000

1. OPERATIONS Artillery.  
Our artillery very much less active than last few days.  
18 para. on LAKE, CODE 18AB Fms during the day. Practically no fire during the night.  
4.5" Hows. Between 10 AM & 30 PM. 40 rounds direction COMMUNES.  
Heavies were firing towards WERVICK.  
Unable to see any targets owing to mist in the morning and rain in afternoon.  
Trench mortars. Nil.  
Patrols. Liaison patrols sent to units on flanks. Touch mine - failed & no sign of enemy.  
3 Patrols sent out during night 2 consisting of 1 off 400 R. each

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1 OPERATIONS (cont'd) Patrols (cont'd)  
& one Special Fighting patrol of 2 off. & 150 lbs with Lewis Gun. Reports forwarded herewith.  
Aircraft.  
6-30 AM. 3 of our planes over enemy lines. M.G. & A.H. fire on them.  
7-30 AM. One of our machines patrolled enemy lines for 10 mins.  
2 IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.  
3 ENEMY SHELLING.  
Fairly quiet throughout the day with exception of following:-  
Between 7-30 & 11-30 AM. 180 rounds 5.9 in 0.20 a + b + a 7.5. from direction of COMMUNES.  
6 AM. & 11-30 AM. 20 rounds 4.2" 0.20 a + d direction COMMUNES.  
8 PM. 0.20 d 5.2. 8 rounds 4.2" WERVICK.  
10-11.5 PM. 0.76 a 8.9. 8 rounds 4.2" - 1 - 97° true from 0.20 d 0.5. 10.

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4 ENEMY ATTITUDE Very quiet.  
No T.M. activity at all during  
period. Only occasional bursts  
of M.G. fire.

5 ENEMY DEFENCES. Patrol reports  
M.G. firing from CODE FIVE.

6 HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

7 ENEMY MOVEMENT. At 8 A.M.  
movement between LAKE & PARTYN TIE  
FIVE 11 pm. between LAKE & EEL FIVE  
9-4.5 AM in vicinity BEE WASP  
FIVE.  
No signs of enemy in no-man's-  
land & none heard.

8 SIGNALS. 9-9 to 9-25 pm enemy  
signalling with lamp from  
HOUTHERN.  
12-20 A.M. Single red & single  
green put up by enemy on right. No  
immediate action followed.

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9 MISCELLANEOUS. Morning misty  
Afternoon at 2 pm light rain  
fell & continued most of the  
afternoon & night.  
Ground accordingly very bad  
again. No-man's land very  
heavy.  
Visibility bad throughout  
the period.

Geo. J. Harris Lieut  
a/c M.G. ACTIVE.

By runner  
15.00 AM.  
21-2-18

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copy of Patrol wire just  
received :-

1 off + 10 others left right of  
line at 2-5 AM. patrolled to  
WAMBEER, WAM, JUNE, RIFLE, JACK,  
and returned left of line at  
4-15 AM. No enemy seen  
or heard.

5.15 AM

JH  
21-2-18.



SecretACTIVE ORDER No 78

1. Password for tonight "TRUMPS"  
 That of unit on left "WATERLOO"
2. The examinations of enemy ~~prisoners~~ prisoners of the 16<sup>th</sup> I.R. reveals the following:

"Identification is badly needed by higher formations. A Special Assault detachment was sent out on night 17/18<sup>th</sup> inst. without success. The 17<sup>th</sup> Division on 18<sup>th</sup> inst issued an order that identification must be obtained by 21<sup>st</sup> inst."

This message will be repeated down to sections and all ranks will be on the alert to intercept and possibly capture one of these detachments which it would appear have not up to the present operated to any extent on this front.

3. (a) This Battalion will be relieved by Bracket on night of 21/22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1918 and will on relief move to RAMILLIES Camp KEMMEL.

(b) WALL FARM Garrison, DONALD and CHARLIE will furnish 1 guide per platoon to be at VERNE DUMP at 5.30 pm. to meet incoming platoons. The guide from WALL FARM will join DONALD before day-break tomorrow. A guide from each post occupied by ALBERT and BERTIE will assemble at TORREKEN CORNER at the same time for similar duty.



At Junction of MANCHESTER STREET and OLGA TRENCH  
DONALD will supply a guide from each post.

CHARLIE will supply similar guides at Brigade O.P.

4. (a) Advance Parties from BRACKET will go forward  
either tonight or early tomorrow morning.

As soon as handing-over and taking-over is  
complete a copy of the certificate will be forwarded  
to this office.

(b) DONALD will push forward a party of 1 officer  
and 20 other ranks to cover the whole front during  
the relief. This party will be withdrawn after  
relief is complete.

5. Maps, Log Books and any other information  
relating to the Sector will be handed over on relief.

6. Blankets rolled in bundles of 10 will be taken  
to limbers drawn up on VERNE ROAD 200 Yards  
on WYTSCHAETE side of VERNE DUMP. 2 men per

Co will accompany these limbers to RAMILLIES CAMP.

7. ALBERT will detail 2 parties of 1 N.C.O. and 10  
men each to bring back DONALD'S Gumboots.

These parties will arrive at front line at 5.30 am,  
DONALD will have Gumboots ready at that time and  
will <sup>detail an officer to</sup> supervise the return of these boots to Gumbboot  
Store

Done



8. Lewis Guns and Signalling gear will be loaded on limbers at TORREKEN CORNER for transport to RAMILLIES CAMP. A responsible N.C.O. from each Coy will accompany same.
9. After passing WYTSCHAETE platoons will be reformed and will move to Camp at distances of not less than 100 Yards.
10. Completion of relief will be notified by Code word "SMOKE".
11. Lieut. G. Harper and 2 other ranks per Coy will form advance party for RAMILLIES CAMP and will report at Br Hd Qrs at 8 am. tomorrow 21st inst for instructions.
12. Acknowledge.

Issued to all Coys.  
at 6 pm. 20.2.18

H. P. Hays. Captain  
Adjutant ACTIVE



Secret

Active Order No 79

- 1 In view of information given by enemy prisoners
- (a) Patrols ordered for tonight will be increased to 1 Officer and 10 other ranks.
  - (b) CHARLIE will supply a patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut Sheehan - Lieut King of DONALD will accompany) and 15 other ranks with Lewis gun to leave front line Hd Qrs at 11 pm and proceed by zigzag route to WAM FARM - thence by zig-zag route to JUNE FARM - JULY FARM - MARCH FARM - RIFLE FARM - zig-zag route to O 23 a central - zig-zag route to BEE FARM - JACK FARM - WALL FARM.
  - (c) Patrols referred to in (a) and (b) will thoroughly search No Man's Land and in the event of meeting enemy assaulting party will immediately attack and endeavour to kill or capture same.
  - (d) Report on action of patrols to be sent by telephone immediately on return.
- 2 German password for tonight "UKRINA"
- 3 Enemy light signals for tonight only reported to be:
- Green - Barrage
  - Red - Annihilating fire
  - Yellow - Longhorn range

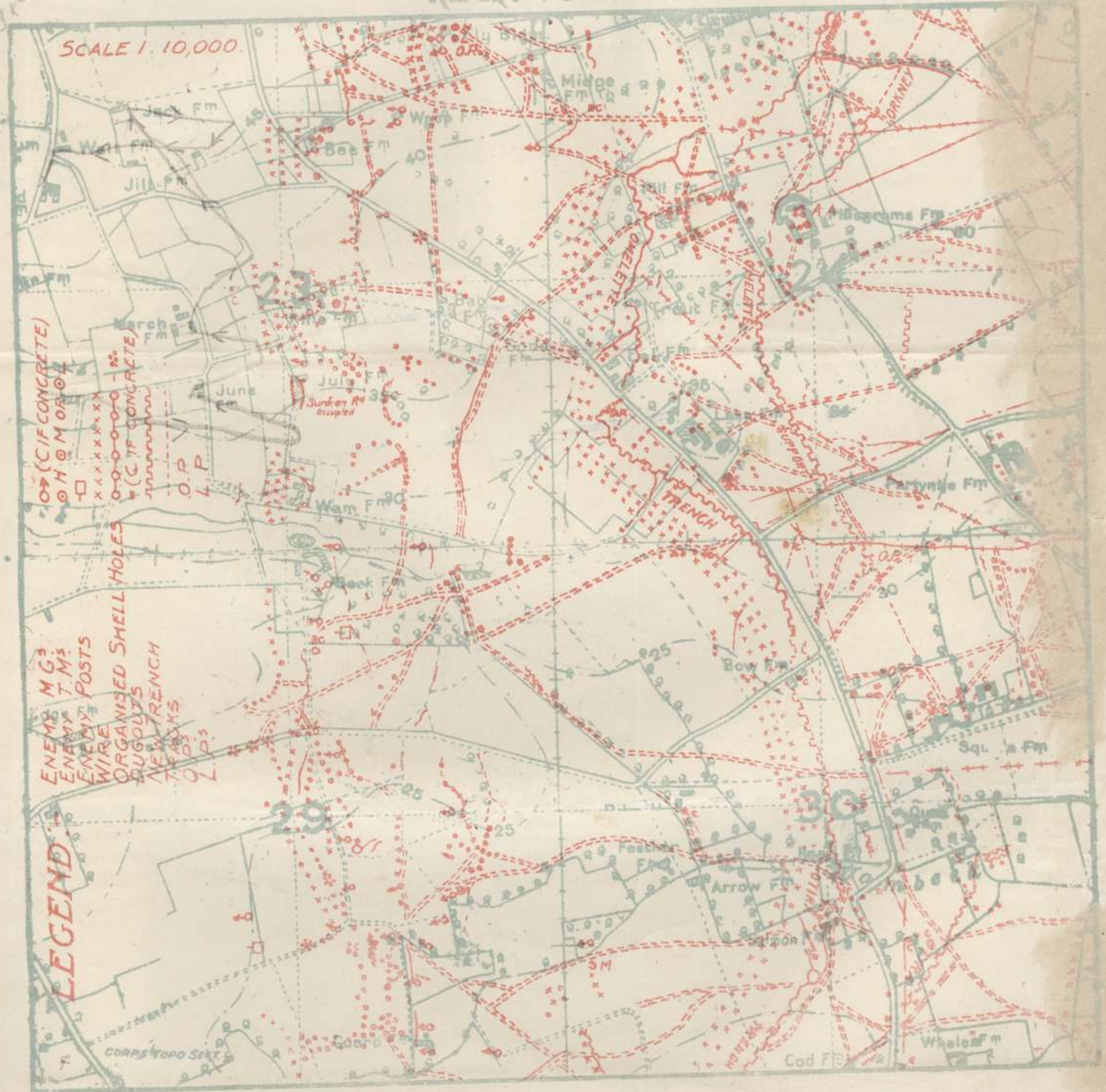
V.P.L. Mankie Captain  
Adjutant ACTIVE

20.2.18



*256*  
*Shelham's*  
*report to be prepared*  
*& forwarded as soon as*  
*possible after return.*  
*from beneath*

UNIT. *Charlie/Acton*  
 STRENGTH OF PARTY. *20 men 15 OR. (with L.G.)*  
 NAME OF COMMANDER. *Lieut. C. W. Shelham*  
 TIME OF DEPARTURE. *11.5 PM*  
 RETURN. *1.45 AM*  
 DATE. *20/21-2-18*  
 REPORT MAP "B"





see under

The object of the patrol was to thoroughly search the Moom Land & on the event of meeting enemy assaulting parties immediately attack & endeavour to kill or capture some.

The patrol moving on two parties left HQ at 11.5 PM & followed route shown on map.

While in the vicinity of W.A.L.F. voices could be heard some distance in rear of the party.

No sign of the enemy could be seen or heard in the Moom Land while on patrol MC: fired a few bursts well over our heads from the direction of Goode F.

The ground owing to recent rain was in a very muddy condition making it difficult to move quietly.

C. A. Shum Lt







Jan 29 1918

Strength of Party... 1 Officer 10 other ranks

Name of Commander... W. W. [unclear] Lt.

Time of Departure... 9.40 p.m.

Return... 11.35 p.m.

REPORT.

I was in charge of the Patrol which  
left our line about the centre Coy #2's.  
I moved to Moon's Farm where I halted  
and observed. There was no enemy activity  
here, the farm being unoccupied.

I then moved in a North-Easterly direction  
to a farm as Bee Farm, everything was quiet.  
I continued on to Jack's Farm & July Farm  
but found nothing to report on.

I heard no enemy working parties.  
I returned to our line about night of post.

Signature: [unclear]

Date 20.2.18







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unit ... 29 ...  
 Strength of Party ... 1 Off - 10 OR.  
 Name of Commander ... J. E. Thomas  
 Time of Departure ... 2.5 A.M.  
 Return ... 4.30 A.M.

REPORT.

I left night of the boy line  
 + proceeded to WAMBEER RIVER thence  
 MIAM FARM, back to JUNE FARM thence  
 RIFLE FARM, then back to JACK FARM

I did not see nor hear any  
 of the enemy.  
 Ground is very boggy.

J. E. Thomas

24/2/18

Signature

Date



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DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6am to 4pm 21-2-18

Reference sheet 285N. 15E (pt. of) 11-20000

1. OPERATIONS. The Battalion was relieved by the 60th Battalion A.I.F. on night of 21st (relief complete by 8.30 P.M.) and marched out to RAMILLIES camp at 0600. The relief was carried out quickly and no casualties suffered.

Artillery  
Our artillery, particularly the batteries, very active throughout the period.

18 hrs were active on RIFLE, CODE 7 WAM Fm and positions in 023 Sid

4.5" Hows active on LAKE, PARTYNIE Fm 4 on country roads in direction of COMMINES 6, 9.2. The hows very active on HERDICK, W.E. 1150-500, and

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1. OPERATIONS (contd)

COMMINES, also in vicinity of 027 A where 4.2" battery was located. Dense clouds of smoke rising from COMMINES evidently fire started by our shelling.

Aircraft

One aircraft active from early morning throughout the period patrolling enemy lines.

2. IDENTIFICATION. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING.

Time	Target	Rnds	Type	Direction & Remarks
10 am	0220	3	5.9"	COMMINES
11-50 am	Magister St. 0220	9	5.9"	" "
4.00 pm	" "	11	5.9"	" "
10-30 pm	WHL 10	8	5.9"	" "

Troop 4 30 hrs  
Nil.

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE Quiet, very little reply to our leaves.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES NIL.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 12-30 to 1 P.M. 6 enemy machines flying high over our line. 12 noon 13 a. flew along <sup>over</sup> our position & for short distance & dropped red signal. Enemy artillery fired several rounds & obtained 3 direct hits on this C.T. about 022 d 88.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT I.C.M. movement in vicinity of 494E F.M. at dawn.

8. SUBMUNES. 2 a. plane dropped from area above reference to.

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9. MISCELLANEOUS. Visibility excellent.

Following trains:-

9-45 AM COMMINES TO WERVICA.

9-55 AM HOUTHEN TO WERVICA.

10-15 AM WERVICA travelling N.

10-20 AM " " " W.

" " " " " N.

11 AM COMMINES " S.

11-45 AM Towards WERVICA.

" " " HOUTHEN.

3 PM Through WERVICA travelling S.E.

3:30 PM Train travelling S.E. rear of WERVICA.

Factories in WERVICA S.W. working all morning - smoke coming from all chimneys.

Balloon up as follows:-

9-55 AM to 500 ft. about 100' over houses on COMMINES - up for 5 minutes only.

21-2-18. J. S. Harriott  
A.S.D. ACTIVE.

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ACTIVE ORDER No 80

Secret

- 1. Password for tonight
- That of unit on left

*9.9 Bath*

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ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
 AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,  
 TOTTENHAM  
 6- APR. 17-11-.... A.M  
 CENTRAL REGISTRY.  
 A BRANCH,  
 / /

*V.P. MacKenzie* Captain.

Adjutant ACTIVE

Issued to all boys  
at 5 pm. 21.2.18



29th. BATTALION A.I.F.

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Summary of Stores received from line and returned to Salvage.  
 Period.....1st. - 20th. Feby.

Panniers	L G		2
Rifles	S.M.L.E.		34.
Waterbottles			27.
Helmets,	steel		25.
Spindles	cable		1.
Yukon	Packs		2.
Web	Equipment	Bags.	4.
Periscopes	No. 9.		1.
Panniers	shell (German)		36.
Gloves,	wiring	prs.	2.
Covers,	breech L.G.		1.
Barrels	L.G.		1.
Tins	refill Tommy Cokers (empty)		97.
Magazines	L.G.		32.
Shovels		15	
Picks	(heads)	10.	

*[Signature]*

Lieut. Colonel.  
 C.O. 29th. Battalion.

24-2-18.



SECRET.

Copy No. 910

DEFENCE SCHEME

"C" Battalion Reserve Brigade APPENDIX 26

Ref. Sheet.  
28 S.W. 1/20,000.

1. There are three separate schemes, (known as A, B, and C) that may be carried out in the event of an attack by enemy.
2. The Battalion must at all times be prepared to move at 20 minutes notice.
3. In the event of Alarm the Battalion will fall in on the alarm post, viz:- the vacant piece of ground North of the camp and East of the NEUVE EGLISE - Road.
4. On receipt of the order "Take Action, DAY "A", the Battalion will move to positions of assembly at BOIS DE WYTSCHAETE (O.19.A.). Route KEMMEL X Roads - thence main WYTSCHAETE - KEMMEL Road.
5. On receipt of order "Take Action, NIGHT "A", the Battalion will move to positions of assembly in ONRAET FARM (O.14.A.). Route KEMMEL X Roads - Main WYTSCHAETE - KEMMEL Road, WYTSCHAETE - ESTAMINET Corner.
6. On receipt of order "Take Action "B", the Battalion will move to the positions of assembly at H.29.D.7.7. - Route X Roads H.29.C.9.7. SPY FARM.
7. In the event of an overwhelming attack on the Divisional Front the Battalion will be required to man and complete the firing line system of the 2nd. Zone.
8. On the receipt of the order "Take Action Scheme "C", the Battalion will move into the positions in the Corps Line (2nd. Zone) as set out hereunder, the Battalion boundaries being the BLAUWPOORTBEEK on the Right and ESTAMINET Corner on the Left.

The Corps line is a series of strong points situated as follows:-

4. O.33	at	O.33. A. 5.7.
1. O.26	at	O.26. D. 8.1.
2. O.26	at	O.26. D. 5.5.
3. O.26.	at	O.26. B. 2.1.
4. O.26	at	O.26. B. 2.5.
1. O.20.	at	O.20. C. 6.4.
2. O.20.	at	O.20. C. 8.8.

Company frontages are as follows:-

- "A" Company from the BLAUWPOORTBEEK to a line running due East and West through O.26.D.0.3. which includes posts 4.O.33. and 1.O.26.
  - "B" Company from O.26.D.0.3. to pond in O.26.B.2.5. exclusive which includes posts 2.O.26. and 3.O.26.
  - "C" Company from pond O.26.B.2.5. inclusive to VERNE ROAD inclusive which includes posts 4.O.26 and 1.O.20.
  - "D" Company from VERNE ROAD exclusive to ESTAMINET CORNER.
- Battalion H'qrs. will be situated at O.19.D.30.15.

ROUTE:- KEMMEL X ROADS - WYTSCHAETE.

Contd./





Corps line will be manned by Nucleus Garrison consisting of 1 Officer and 2 Sections.

Officer in charge of the Nucleus Garrison will be held responsible that work in improving the line is maintained and that routes to the front line have been reconnoitred. In the event of an attack by the enemy he will hold on until the arrival of the Battalion when he will come under the command of the O.C. "C" Coy. He will report to Battalion H'qrs. by 11 a.m. daily on the work done during preceding 24 hours.

9. Parties working EAST of MESSINES - WYTSCHAETE RIDGE at the time a hostile attack eventuates will act in conjunction with troops on the spot; all other parties will concentrate with the Battalion. Officers in charge of working parties will always carry written instructions as to what action they are to take in the event of an attack.
10. Working parties will always have their rifles and equipment with them.
11. As a general principle in default of orders, detached parties will occupy the nearest defensive, report to and act under the orders of the nearest Company, Battalion, or Brigade Commander in order to repel any sudden attack.
12. S.B.R's. will always be carried in the area.
13. Notice boards are being erected directing the way to each strong post and places of assembly. All ranks must be instructed in the posts they are to occupy in the event of an attack.
14. Ammunition Dumps:- In the event of "Scheme "C" being carried into effect the Battalion Mobile Reserve will be kept up to establishment and at all times will be kept ready to move at short notice. It will move on the order to "Take Action", dump the Battalion Reserve of S.A.A. and Bombs at PECKHAM (N.30.A.6.9.) and return at once to Transport Lines. This will form a Nucleus for the establishment of the Brigade Dumps.  
The Battalion will at once take over PICK HOUSE DUMP (O.26.2.6.5.)
15. O.S.C. Coys. will arrange for all Officers and N.C.O's. to reconnoitre all routes provided for in Schemes A, B, and C, and forward of same.
16. Two Anti Aircraft Lewis Guns will be mounted over the camp whilst the Battalion are in reserve.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Copy No. 1. 8th. Aust. Inf. Bde.  
2. O.C. "A" Coy.  
3. O.C. "B" Coy.  
4. O.C. "C" Coy.  
5. O.C. "D" Coy.  
6. Nucleus 2nd. Zone (to be handed over on relief)

*J. M. Hanke* Captain.  
Adjutant. 29th. Battalion. A.I.F.  
Copy No. 7. Second in Command.  
8. Transport Officer.  
9. File.  
10. War Diary.  
(11. Spare.  
(12. )





	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O. Ranks.</u>
Killed in Action;		1.
Died of Wounds		1.
Wounded in Action.		5.
To Hospital	2	41
" Other Units		1.
" Seconded List.	-	-
" Supernumerary List.	-	-
" Training Battalion	1	4
" O.T.C.		1

From Hospital.	1	58
" Training Battalion.		3
" Other Units.		4
" Seconded List.	3	-
" Supernumerary List.	1	-
Reinforcements		1
Base.		1

<u>With Battalion.</u>		<u>Sick.</u>		<u>Detached:</u>		<u>TOTAL STRENGTH.</u>	
<u>Off.</u>	<u>O. R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
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