

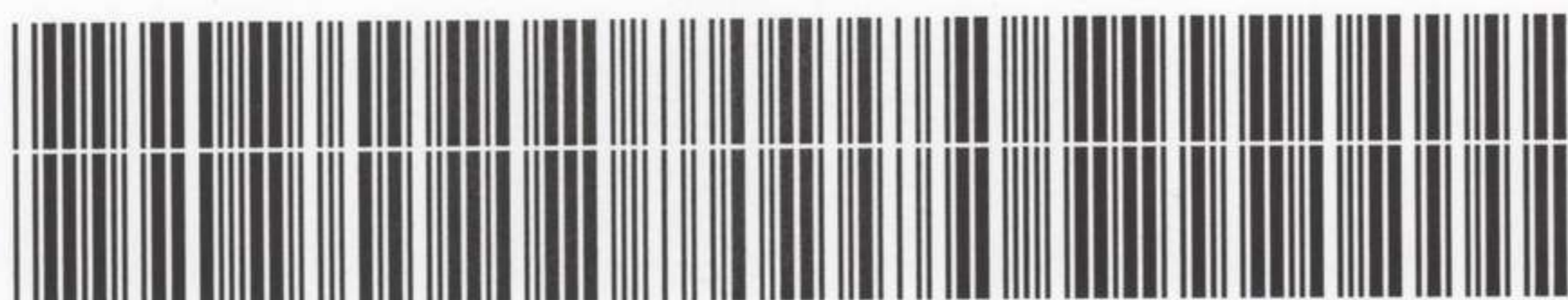
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*4<sup>th</sup> Australian Inf. Battalion.*

FOR

*MARCH* **1918.**

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## OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ridgewood	March		Fine cold day, Bn provided usual working parties for Second Zone.	
Camp	1		Bn dinner in the evening to bid farewell to Lt-Col J. G. Mackay DSO.	
	2		Wet day, working parties as usual, Training of Bn raiding party under Major D. R. Brown M.C. commenced.	
			Lt-Col J. G. Mackay DSO left today to 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div. to command 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. M. G. Battalion.	
			Major C. D. Lasse DSO. assumed command of Bn.	
			2/Lieut R. E. Taylor M.C. was evacuated to Hospital sick.	
	3		Nice warm day. Working parties as usual. Bn played in Camp.	
			Company Commanders visited the forward area.	
	4		Fine weather, working parties as usual. Head Quarter's staff visited the forward area. Training of raiders continued.	
			Major E. A. Lloyd to H. K. leave.	
	5		Beautiful day, working parties as usual. Training of raiders carried on.	
			Company officers and N.C.O.s visited the forward area also Quartermaster and Medical officer.	
			Lieut J. H. Lane to 1 <sup>st</sup> Coy Field Eng. for duty.	
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Ridge wood Camps	March 6		Beautiful days working parties as usual. Training of raiders continued. C.O. visited and inspected camps and transport lines. Lieut S. Bankier went to H.K. on leave.	
	7		Very nice day working parties as usual, and training programme continued. Commenced to tar our huts. Lt H.L. Montague joined unit. 2/Lt W. J. Court to H.K. Leave.	
	8		Good day, working parties as usual. C.O inspected camp. Bn was paid today. Concert for men in the evening. Lt D. Robertson and 2/Lt E. P. Green to Corps Inf. School and 2/Lt J. Taplin to H.K. on leave.	
	9		Good day, usual duties and working parties supplied. Bn dinner in the evening. Capt W. J. E. Estall to Corps Gas school.	
	10.		Usual fine weather Voluntary Church service in Y.M.C.A. C.O. inspected camp. Lieut W.P. Clemenger killed in Action. Lieut R. S. Crawford D.C.M. to P. T. & B. School at St. Pol.	

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Ridge wood Camp	March 11		Very warm day, supplied the usual working parties, and training of raiders continued. C.O. inspected camp and transport lines.	
	12		Continuance of good weather, Bn officers visited right Brigade forward sector. working parties of usual strength supplied.	
	13		Very nice day, usual supply of working parties. C.O. inspected camp and adjoining lines. Good concert in Y.M.C.A. in the evening. Performers from 195 <sup>th</sup> Labour Coy. B.E.F. 2/Lieut H.E. Hovendens to X. Corps L. G. School.	
	14		Weather broke today and it rained all day. Parties supplied as usual. C.O. inspected camp. Raiders training in night operations. Lieut E.R. Hawkins to Anyac School. 2/Lieut J.H. Lane returned from 1 <sup>st</sup> Auss Field Coy Eng. and was evacuated to Hospital sick.	
	15		Fair good day, usual working parties and training. Special attention being paid to instruction in Gas Defence. Capt R. M. J. Matthews M.C. returned from U.K. leave.	P.H.S.

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Ridge wood Camp	March 16		<p>Very nice day. Working parties supplied as usual, Training programme carried out as per instructions, Major C. D. Lasse D.S.O. to 4<sup>th</sup> Army Cent. Anti Gas School, and Major D.R. Brown M.C. assumed command. Another tour and inspection of forward area by Bn officers. Bn had a dinner in the evening. Lieut A. J. Wood temporarily attached to this unit from 21<sup>st</sup> M. G. Coy. for instruction as P.M.</p>	
	17		<p>Very nice day. Working parties as usual. Voluntary church service in the morning. Football teams from Bn played 195<sup>th</sup> Labour Coy. B.E.F. in the afternoon. Capt H. E. Woodman D.S.O. returned from 2<sup>nd</sup> Army Central School.</p>	
	18		<p>Fine weather continues. Training of raiders carried on, and inspection of Gas Helmets. Usual working parties supplied. Lieut A. S. Allen attached to Bn H. Qrs as Intelligence Officer. Capt W. J. Estall returned from Aust Corps Gas School, and Lieut A. E. Passmore went to Bde as salvage officer.</p>	

*C. J. [Signature]*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ridgewood Camp	March 19		Very wet day. received orders to relieve 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Bn in forward area. Advance officers from H.Q. and Coys left to take over.	
	20		Dull misty day. Bn moved this morning at 10 A.M. by train from Gordon Farm to Spoil Bank, then by route march to support area and relieved 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Bn about 11 A.M. Relief completed without incident. Major C. D. Sasse <sup>DSO</sup> returned from 4 <sup>th</sup> Army Anti Gas School and resumed command. Capt O. F. J. Wolff went to G. H. Q. Small arms school, and Capt C. C. Essey was evacuated to Hospital sick. Capt W. L. Cooke M.C. was appointed Works Officer for 4 <sup>th</sup> Bn Area	
Larch Wood Tunnels	21		Major E. A. Lloyd rejoined from leave and acts as Senior Major. Bombardment of gas shells WE began at 3.30 A.M. 5 casualties. Heavy shelling till noon. Quiet in afternoon. Working parties supplied in forward area. B. Coy moved from Ravine to tunnels.	
	22.		Beautiful day. Enemy quiet. Companies practised falling in ready to move forward time taken from 5 to 11 minutes.	
	23		Good weather. Officers visited front Bn and reserve lines. Major DR Brown M.C. detailed to command 1 <sup>st</sup> Training Bn in England. Senior Major visited companies. All leave cancelled.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

14<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bn.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Lancet Wood Tunnels	24		Good weather. CO. visited Brigade and had orders to move the Bn the following day to Tournai camp. Dugouts + ground cleared up in preparation for move. Senior Major visited companies. Working parties supplied.	
	25		Bn moved back in Reserve at TOURNAI CAMP. Took over from 5 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Good latrine camp. Move completed by 19.30.	
TOURNAI CAMP.	26		Men rested and cleared up. Senior Major Redgrave and Coy. officers visited Strong Points in Bn defence zone. Following officers rejoined. Capt Wolff Lieut Crawford Roberton Hawkins Green for schools and Lieut Brankin for leave.	
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N. 10. B.	27		Met day. CO + adj. visited Bn defence zone with Brigadier + selected S.P.s to be manned in case of emergency. Working party of 2 coys supplied for forward zone. D.C., practised manning S.P.s in Bn defence zone by night. Lieut Tappin rejoined for leave. Bn paid.	
	28		Cold + wet. Working party of 2 companies again. CO's conference and Brigade with G.O.C. Division re probable move south.	
	29		Cold and wet. Working parties as usual. Preparation begun for move south. Raffles at dawn as much as possible. Voluntary Church Service. Company Commanders conference. CO. dictated subaltern.	



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

4<sup>th</sup> Div. Inf. Bn.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOURNAI CAMP.	30		Good weather. Working parties supplied as usual. Co. visited Brigade in morning in the Battalion. Senior Major inspected lines. Senior Major lectured officers on F. S. Regs. part I.	
	31		Good weather. Brigade tactical exercise for C.O.s in open warfare formation with Brigade in afternoon.	

C. B. Lane Major

# WAR DIARY

OF

*4<sup>th</sup> Australian Inf. Battalion.*

FOR

*Month of - March - 1918*

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*A.*

Battalion Headquarters,  
22nd February, 1918.

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- "A" Co.
- "B" Co.
- "C" Co.
- "D" Co.

Preliminary Order.

1. Warning has just been received that the Division will be relieving the 4th Division in the left Divisional Sector about the 1st March, 1918.
2. Two Brigades are in the line, and one in Reserve.  
Of the 2 Brigades, the Right Brigade has two Battalions in the FORWARD ZONE; one in support partly in the SPOIL BANK and one in Reserve.
3. The Left Brigade which will be the 1st Brigade, has two Battalions in the forward zone, one <sup>of which is</sup> partly in the FORWARD ZONE and partly in the SPOIL BANK and two in Reserve.
4. The Reserve and Right Brigades relieve one another and the Left Brigade arranges its own reliefs.
5. The SYSTEM of DEFENCE are organised on much the same lines as the Sector just vacated.
6. The Battalion Intelligence Officer will make a Reconnaissance of the New Brigade Area forthwith.
7. The distribution of the Brigade will be as follows : -
 

<u>1st Battalion</u> -	FORWARD ZONE.
<u>2nd Battalion</u>	FORWARD ZONE & SPOIL BANK.
<u>3rd Battalion</u> )	SPOIL BANK.
<u>4th Battalion.</u> )	

 Brigade Headquarters will be at SPOIL BANK.
8. A\_C\_K\_N\_O\_W\_L\_E\_D\_G\_E.

  
 .....Lieut & Adjt.  
 4th Australian Infantry Battalion.  
 .....

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

app. A.  
 Brigade Headquarters,  
 22nd. February, 1918.

1st. Aust. Battalion,  
 2nd. Aust. Battalion,  
 3rd. Aust. Battalion,  
 4th. Aust. Battalion.



1. Battalion Intelligence Officers will leave to-day, for the forward area, Left Brigade of 4th. Division Sector, for reconnaissance, and return on Monday 25th. inst.

The order of going into the line will be as follows:-

1st. Battalion	Forward area.
2nd. Battalion	Forward area and SPOIL BANK.
3rd. Battalion)	SPOIL BANK.
4th. Battalion)	

Brigade Headquarters is at SPOIL BANK.

2. Battalion Commanders with Adjutants will visit their opposites on Monday 25th. inst.

3. Battalions will make their own arrangements with regard to Company Commanders visiting forward area.

4. Units will make their own transport arrangements.

*H. H. H.*  
 Major,

Brigade Major 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
18th. February, 1918.

SECRET.

- 1st. Aust. Battalion,
- 2nd. Aust. Battalion,
- ✓ 3rd. Aust. Battalion,
- ✓ 4th. Aust. Battalion,
- 1st. Aust. H.Q. Coy.,
- 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty..



Warning has been received that this Division will relieve the 4th. Aust. Division in the Left Divisional Sector by about 1st. March.

Two Infantry Brigades are in the line and one is in Divisional Reserve. Of the Line Brigades, the Right Brigade has two Battalions in the Forward Zone, one in Support, partly in the Forward Zone and partly in the Spoil Bank and one in Reserve.

The Left Brigade has one Battalion in the Forward Zone, one partly in the forward Zone and partly in the Spoil Bank and two in Reserve.

The Reserve and Right Brigades relieve one another and the Left Brigade arranges its own reliefs.

The 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde. will be on the left, the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. on the right, and the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. will be in Divisional Reserve.

Engineer Field Companies will be associated with their affiliated Brigades.

The systems of defence are organised on the lines adopted in the Centre Divisional Sector when the Division was last in the line and the disposition of the garrison is based on the same principle. These dispositions will be taken over by relieving Units pending further instructions.

Arrangements will be made for Commanding Officers to visit their opposite numbers and to reconnoitre their new areas as early as possible in order that they may become thoroughly acquainted with the Sector before the Division takes over the line.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major,

Brigade Major 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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cc "A" Co.  
B Co  
C Co  
D Co  
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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
23rd . February, 1918.

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Notes and forecast of probably moves.

1. On the 27th inst. by march route from MERRIB to DE ZON Area.

2. On 28th inst. by march route to RIDGEWOOD CAMP.

3. OUTPOST SCHEME.

The outpost system of the area which is being relieved is held in a series of small posts, which are collected in Platoon Groups in most cases. The weakness of small posts has been frequently illustrated of late and Company Commanders who take over the line will give this question of distribution of posts and garrisons very close consideration. Where Posts are held with small garrisons the general policy will be to increase the garrison and to increase the size of the posts. The policy of this Division is to establish picquets of the approximate strength of one platoon, and this policy will be kept in view. In order that the Divisional Commander may be correctly informed as to the exact location and strength of the garrison of the outpost system, Company Commanders 'taking over sketches' will be prepared and forwarded, as soon as possible, after the relief is completed.

4. PERSONNEL TO BE LEFT OUT OF THE LINE.

Brigade Classes will be continued while the Brigades are in the line.

Special instructors will be left out, and these will be attached to the Brigade Classes.

5. The amount of equipment taken into the forward area is to be strictly limited. Arrangements will be made without delay for the disposal of all kit surplus to war equipment.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. White Lt & Adjt.  
4th Aust. Inf. Battalion

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

4<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION  
23/2/18  
A. I. F. 3211

Brigade Headquarters,  
22nd. February, 1918.

SECRET.

- 1st. Aust. Battalion,
- 2nd. Aust. Battalion,
- 3rd. Aust. Battalion,
- ✓ 4th. Aust. Battalion,
- 1st. Aust. M.G. Coy.,
- 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty..



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Notes and Instructions on Relief of 4th. Aust. Division by the 1st. Aust. Division.

1. FORECAST OF MOVES.

The following is an outline of the probable moves and reliefs of the Brigades of the 4th. Aust. Division, by this Division.

27th. February.

1st. Brigade by march route from MERRIS to DE ZON Area relieving 12th. Aust. Brigade, which marches to MERRIS.

28th. February.

Relief of Left Brigade.

- (a) 1st. Battalion, 1st. Brigade to line moving by day by Light Railway to SPOILBANK, relief taking place by night.
- 2nd. Battalion, 1st. Brigade to Support by Light Railway as far as SPOILBANK, relief taking place by day.
- (b) + 3rd. and 4th. Battalions, 1st. Brigade by march route to RIDGEWOOD CAMP.
- (b) 2 Battalions of the 13th. Brigade on relief by 1st. Brigade to LOCRE.
- 2 Battalions, 13th. Brigade RIDGEWOOD CAMP to LOCRE.
- (c) 2nd. Infantry Brigade by march route from LOCRE to DE ZON Area.

28th. February.

Relief of Right Brigade.

- "A" Battalion, 3rd. Brigade by march route to PARRET Camp, exchanging with 1 Battalion of 4th. Brigade.
- "B" Battalion, 3rd. Brigade by bus to VOORMEZEELLE thence to relieve Support Battalion, 4th. Brigade which returns to the RAVELBUNG Camp by the same buses.

1st. March.

- "A" Battalion, 3rd. Brigade moves by day by Light Railway to SPOILBANK and after dark relieves right Battalion 4th. Bde. which returns to PARRET Camp.
- "B" Battalion, 3rd. Brigade relieves left Battalion, 4th. Brigade the latter returning into support.

2nd. March.

- "D" Battalion, 3rd. Brigade exchanges with the Battalion of the 4th. Brigade in PARRET Camp by march route.
- "C" Battalion, 3rd. Brigade moves by bus to VOORMEZEELLE and relieves Battalion of the 4th. Brigade in support.

2. RECONNAISSANCE.

Battalion and Brigade Intelligence Officers of the Brigades taking over the line will be sent forward to spend a few days with the Units which they are relieving and will thoroughly reconnoitre and report on the area. This will be done under mutual arrangements between Brigades.

The points on which reports are to be made should be laid down in written instructions. The reports of the Battalion and Brigade Intelligence Officers will be forwarded for the information of the Divisional Commander by the 5th. March.

In addition to the reconnaissance made by Intelligence Officers, such other reconnaissance will be made by Brigade and Battalion Staffs as are necessary.

3. OUTPOST SYSTEM.

The Outpost System of the area which is being relieved is held in a series of small posts, which are collected in Platoon Groups in most cases. The weakness of small posts has been frequently illustrated of late and Commanding Officers who take over the line will give this question of distribution of posts and garrisons very close consideration. Where posts are held with small garrisons the general policy will be to increase the garrison and to increase the size of the posts, wherever possible, by linking up two existing posts. The policy of this Division is to establish picquets of the approximate strength of one platoon, and this policy will be kept in view. In order that the Divisional Commander may be correctly informed as to the exact location and strength of the garrison of the outpost system, Company Commanders 'taking over sketches' will be prepared and forwarded, as soon as possible, after the relief is completed.

4. PERSONNEL TO BE LEFT OUT OF THE LINE.

Brigade Classes will be continued while the Brigades are in the line.

Special instructors will be left out, and these will be attached to the Brigade Classes.

The number of Officers detailed to undergo instruction at Brigade Classes will be reduced so that each Platoon in the line is under the Command of an Officer.

Bands will be employed on special duties, such as Q.M's. fatigues, etc., as Commanding Officers may require, provided that they release an equal number of infantry for line work. One Battalion Band per Brigade may be detailed for the Brigade Classes, and these will be relieved under Brigade arrangements.

5. The amount of equipment taken into the forward area is to be strictly limited. Arrangements will be made without delay for the disposal of all kit surplus to war equipment.

*R. H. ...*

Major,

Brigade Major 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.



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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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Battalion Headquarters,  
24th February, 1918.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR RAIDING PARTIES.

Daily		Recreation	Night Training.	
Physical Exercise	½ Hour.	Football.	Recognition of Stars	1½ hrs.
Bayonet Fighting	" "	Boxing	Movement by stars and compass.	" "
Rapid Loading and snapping.	" "	Tug-o-war	Silent movement.	" "
Run and brisk walk	" "	Medicine Ball.	Detection of movement	" "
Patrol and Scout-ing; tactical exercise.	1 "			
Lectures, equipment etc, compass.	½ "			

Note- Brisk march of 2 hours in drill order every third day in addition to above.

*R. White*  
.....Lieut & Adjt.  
4th Australian Infantry Battalion.

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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.Battalion Headquarters,  
28th February, 1918.REFERENCE MAP: Sheet 28 1: 40,000 and attached.DESCRIPTION OF LINE BATTALION OF THE LEFT BRIGADE SECTOR OF  
THE LEFT DIVISION.1. FRONTAGE. - Roughly 1400 yards extending from J. 32. C. 35. 70. to  
J. 26. B. 4. 4.Boundaries.(a) NORTHERN - from J. 26. B. 4. 4 to J. 25. B. 3. 1. to CROSS  
ROADS I. 30. D. 0. 6. to RAILWAY CROSSING I. 28. B. 75. 30 to  
LOCK 8.(b) SOUTHERN - from J. 32. C. 35. 70 to J. 31. central along side  
grid line to I. 33. central.Topographical Features.(a) BASSEVILLE BECQUE in "No Mans' Land" running almost  
parallel to FRONT LINE.

(b) SHREWSBURY FOREST.

Disposition of Companies.

2 in OUTPOST System	)	as per attached
1 in SUPPORT "	)	Map.
1 in RESERVE "	)	

2. DESCRIPTION OF DEFENCES.

The FRONT LINE consists of a system of small posts, 20  
in all, manned each by 1 N.C.O. and 8 men.

The wire in front is only fair and needs improvement.

The SUPPORT LINE consists of a trench partially completed  
well wired with double apron wire. The SUPPORT Company  
live in Pill-boxes at Company Headquarters and simply patrol  
the SUPPORT TRENCH. They do not occupy it. There is  
accomodation here for 5 Officers and 112 Other Ranks.

The RESERVE LINE consists of a trench in good order and  
well wired. As there is not sufficient living accomodation  
here for the whole Company, only 1 Officer and 40 Other ranks  
remain in the trench. The remainder of the Company are in  
dug-outs at HILL 60 -I. 29. C. 8. 0.

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3. APPROACHES.

There is a duckboard track from Battalion Headquarters forward to Col. Dump at I.30.C.85.20, and from there onwards to KINGS CASTLE by communication Trench. From KING'S CASTLE forward there are only mud tracks. There is also a duckwalk forward from Brigade Headquarters to the RESERVE LINE at about I.36.D.O.7. (IMPERIAL AVENUE). The track from Battalion Headquarters back to Brigade Headquarters is as follows -

Duckwalk to VERBRANDENMOLEN Road, thence by road via MIDDLESEX Road back to Brigade Headquarters.

4. ACCOMMODATION.

Battalion Headquarters - 8 Officers and 32 O.Ranks.

Reserve Company - 8 Officers and 100 O.Ranks.  
in dugouts at HILL 60; 1 Officer  
and 40 O.Ranks in RESERVE LINE.

Support Company - 5 Officers and 112 O.Ranks.

5. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

The FRONT LINE will hold on at all costs. The SUPPORT COMPANY will man the SUPPORT LINE. The RESERVE COMPANY will move forward and re-inforce the SUPPORT LINE leaving 1 Platoon in the RESERVE LINE until the SUPPORT BATTALION moves up. This platoon will then rejoin its' Company.

6. CO-ORDINATES HEADQUARTERS.

Battalion Headquarters - I.36.A.35.95.

FRONT LINE COMPANY -Right - J.32.A.65.95.

FRONT LINE COMPANY- Left - J.26.B.05.30.

SUPPORT LINE COMPANY J.25.D.1.4. (The GLEN)

RESERVE LINE COMPANY - I.35.B.95.95.

7. TROOPS IN ADDITION TO BATTALION.

(a) Machine Guns. These positions are at present being changed.

(b) Heavy Trench Mortars. - at J.25.C.95.70.

(c) Light Trench Mortars - There are 3 T.M's at KING'S CASTLE.

(d) A.A.L.Guns. - Two are situated in SUPPORT TRENCH.

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8. COMMUNICATIONS.

By wire to all Company Headquarters. There is also a High Power Buzzer from THE GLEN to Battalion Headquarters. Lucas Lamps can be used as alternative.

9. S.O.S. - ARTILLERY.

Artillery S.O.S. line runs ~~along~~ RIFLE ROAD approximately.

10. R.A.P.

R.A.P. is located at J.25.C.90.10.  
Advanced Dressing Stations are located at LARCHWOOD.  
Bearer Relay Posts are located at I.30.D.2.9.  
I.29.D.4.5.  
Motor Ambulance Loading Post at I.28.B.5.2.  
Main Dressing Station - KEMMEL.

11. mDUMPS.

Ammunition.

Brigade Dump - I.29.D.3.4 (SHERWOOD)

Battalion Dump - L.30.C.85.20 (Col.)

R. E. Dumps- I.32.B.5.7.  
I.35.A.0.8.  
I.30.C.85.20.

Reserve Rations.

600 Iron Rations - J.25.C.9.7.

400 Preserved Meat & Biscuits - I.29.B.25.50.

*R. White*  
.....Lieut & Adj. G.  
4th Australian Infantry Battalion

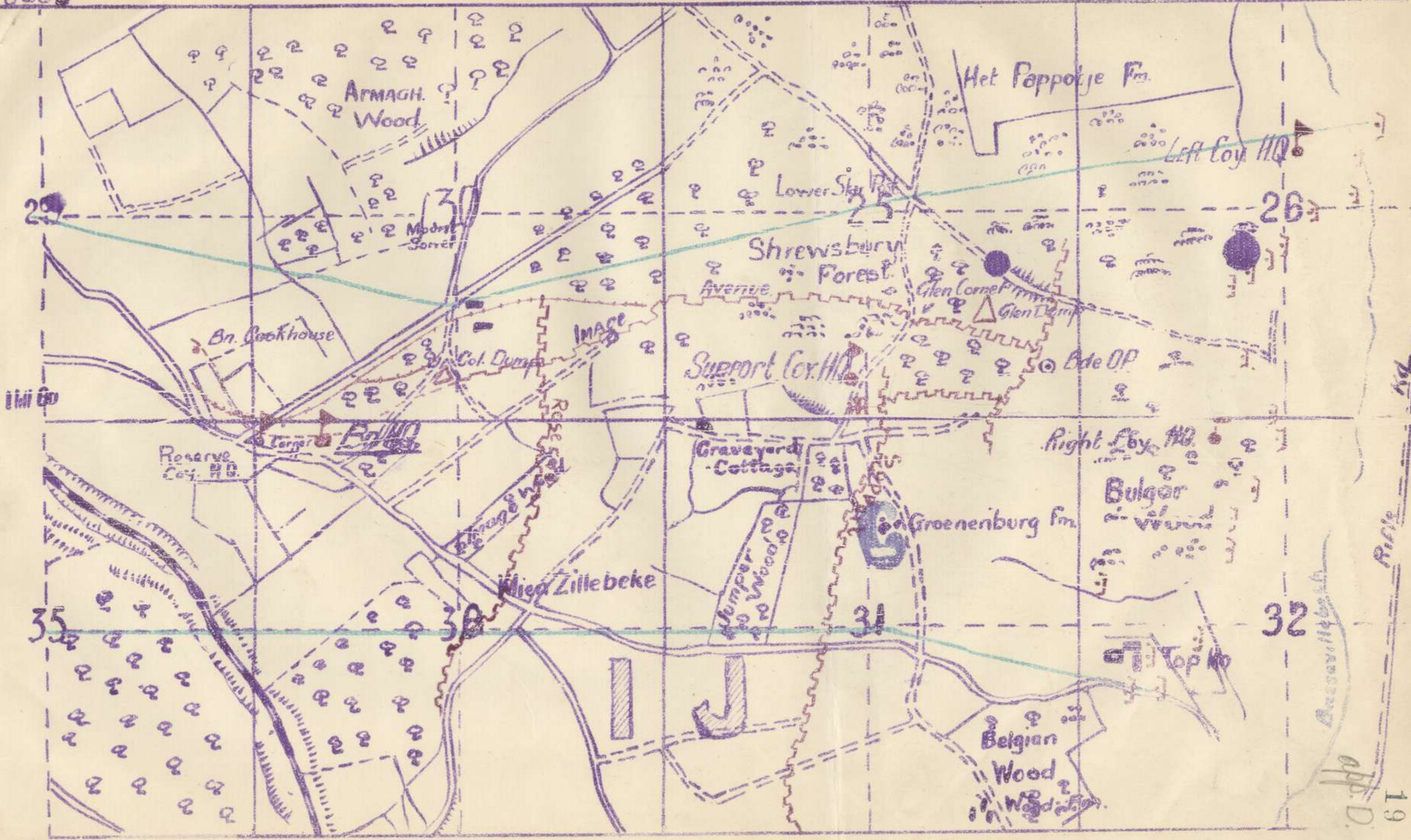
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3.	O.C. "A" Company per runner at 1800
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5.	O.C. "C" " " " " "
6.	O.C. "D" " " " " "
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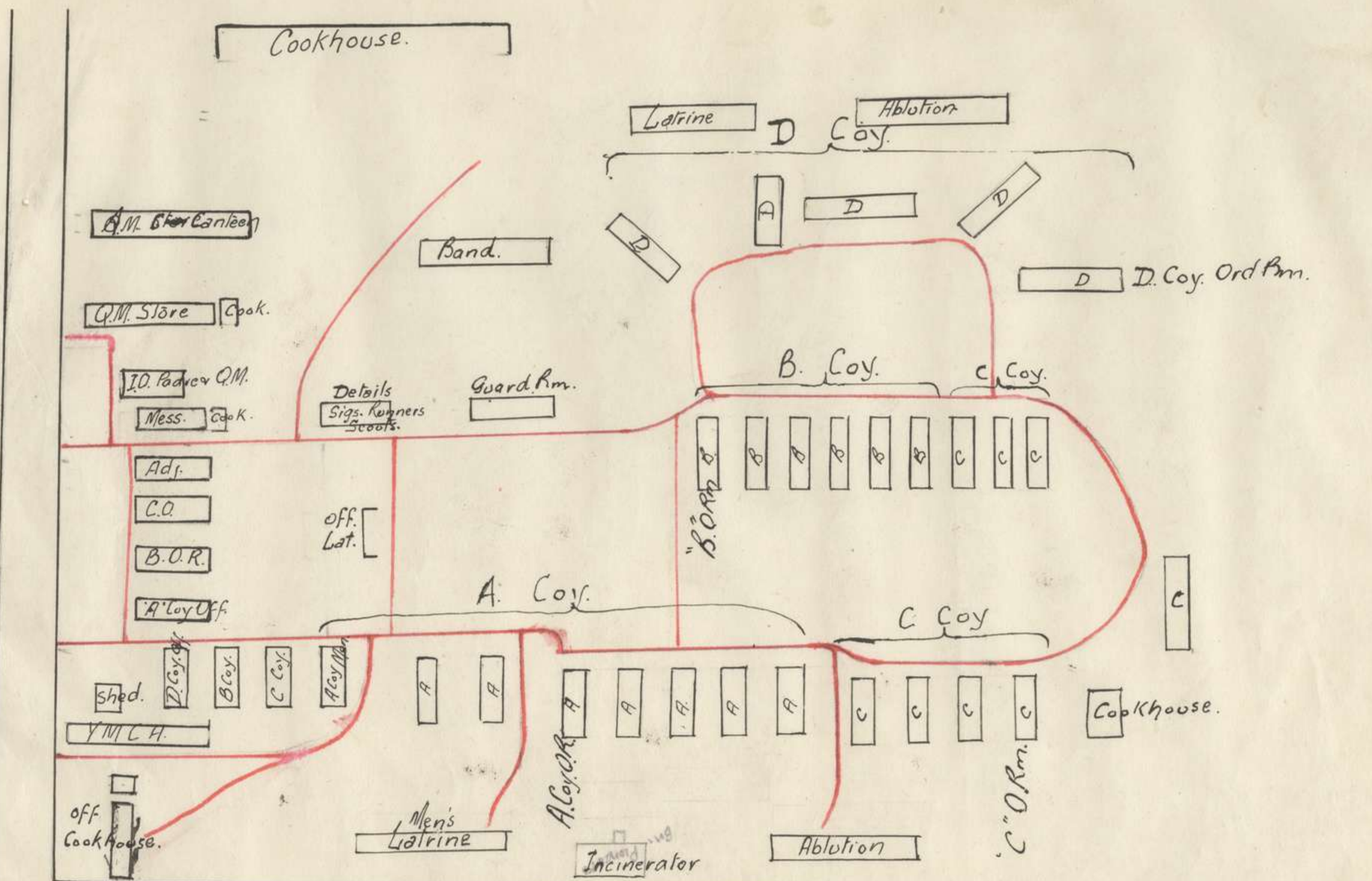
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3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. Camp

From La Clyffe

From The Brasserie

Ridge Wood Road



27<sup>th</sup> Nov 1918  
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 4<sup>th</sup> Bn. Camp  
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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
3rd March, 1918.

O.C's "A", "B", "C", & "D". Co.  
& Specialist Officers.

Battalion Circular Memo. No. 1.

All Officers and 3 N.C.O's per platoon will reconnoitre the FORWARD AREA as far as the Support Line at least twice. One reconnaissance being by night. The reconnaissance will include all ROUTES, HEADQUARTERS, DUMPS, STRONG POINTS etc, etc.

A certificate that the above has been carried out will be forwarded to reach Battalion Headquarters by 1800 on the 5th instant.

On completion of the above a reconnaissance of all roads leading up to the RIGHT BRIGADE will be undertaken.

A\_C\_K\_N\_O\_W\_L\_E\_D\_G\_E.

*C. K. White*

.....Lieut.  
Adjutant 4th Australian Inf. Battalion

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To  
4th Battalion

all officers + 3 ncos for  
platoon <sup>AT</sup> have reconnoitred the  
support line & dumps.

Wm Brown Cpl  
for AT

Woods report to Osborn 3/3/19

Woods Report

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"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C 2121  
(in pads of 100).

No of Message.....

Prefix .....	Code .....	Wards	Charge	This message is on a/c of .....	Recd. at .....
Office of Origin and service Instructions		Sent			.....Service
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TO { 4<sup>th</sup> Bn

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
*	5-3-14		

All officers and  
3 N.C.O. per plat.  
have reconnoitred  
the forward area as  
the support line.

H.L. Cooke Capt

From	B Coy.		
Place			
Time			

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

\* This line should be erased if not required  
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The adjutant  
4<sup>th</sup> Bn

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~~I~~ all

officers & S.N.C.O.'s per  
plans have recommended  
the forward area as  
far as the support line,  
once by day & once by  
night.

D. W. Day Capt  
S.C. B. Coy.

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4<sup>th</sup> Bn

5<sup>th</sup>

A.I.B.

Bn memo No 1 of  
3-3-18 complied with

W. J. Day  
Capt

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4th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION  
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Battalion Headquarters,  
4/3/18.

- O.C. "A" Coy.
- O.C. "B" Coy.
- O.C. "C" Coy.
- O.C. "D" Coy.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM NO. 2.

At the Commanding Officer's inspection of the lines today the following points were noticed:--

- (1) Scraps of paper, tins and bottles were lying about the lines.
- (2) Sweepings from inside huts were swept under the huts.
- (3) No attempt was made to cover up food. Jam, butter, bread etc. is to be collected in a box and covered over and to remain there until required for meals.
- (4) Some huts were without lists of occupants and Fire Orders.
- (5) Slop water and tea leaves were deposited just outside hut doors; this should be collected into a tin and carted right away from proximity of hut.
- (6) Each hut will have a tin outside for the collection of rubbish.
- (7) No uniformity existed in laying out kits. C.S.M's. will report to the R.S.M. at Battalion Orderly Room at 1800 today for instruction on this matter and thereafter the method laid down will be observed throughout the Battalion.

Orderly Officers are not regard their duty as 24 hours away from Company duty in which they pay a prefunctory visit to huts etc., they will make their presence felt and attend to the above matters.

The Commanding Officer expects a considerable improvement on his next visit.

*CK White*

.....Lieut.  
Adjutant 4th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
7th March, 1918.

O. C. "A" Company.  
"B" "  
"C" "  
"D" "

Memorandum No. 3.WORKING PARTIES.

1. "B" Company will relieve "A" Company Working Parties as from night 7th/8th March, 1918. "D" Company will relieve "C" Company Working Party as from 8th inst. The numbers required by "B" Company to make up a total of 125 will be obtained from "A" Company. The numbers required by "D" Company to make up a total of 125 will be obtained from "C" Company.
2. Capt. C. C. ESSEX and Capt. D. W. ISAACS will take turn about in command of "B" Company party. Capt. P. W. HAY and Capt. O. F. JWOLFF will take turn about in charge of "D" Company working party.
3. Complete Companies are to be sent, the only people being exempt are - C. Q. M. S and storeman, Company Clerk, 1 runner, batmen, sanitary men, raiders, Company Headquarters Lewis Gun Section, Company Orderly Sgt (not Corporal). C. S. M's will go with Company and assist in their control.
4. Instances have come to notice in which members of working parties have absented themselves from party and returned to Camp by an early train. Disciplinary action will be taken whenever this occurs. *occurs*
5. Men are to be marched to trains and entrained and detrained in a proper manner; the custom of allowing men to jump off trains and run to the Camp like a lot of school children getting away from school will cease forthwith.
6. Salvageing duties will be taken over from "D" Company by "C" Company.

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- 7. Whether on working parties or salvage, Company Commanders are required to visit their men while at their work at least once a day.
- 8. Men not engaged on work will be used to improve the Camp or given training as desired by Company Commanders.
- 9. The duties of Anti-Aircraft Lewis Gun Section will be taken over by Headquarters Section forthwith.

*E. White*  
 .....Lieut.  
 Adjutant 4th Australian Inf. Battalion.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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- O.C. "A" Coy.
- O.C. "B" Coy.
- O.C. "C" Coy.
- O.C. "D" Coy.

Battalion Headquarters,  
7/3/18.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM NO. 4.

Herewith 3 maps HOLLEBEKE - 1/10,000 - part of sheet 28 duly marked with the Divisional and Brigade boundaries and details of left Brigade Sector.

On completion of tour of duty in the line, maps will be returned.

Acknowledge on attached.

.....Lieut & Adjt.  
4th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

Received 3 maps - HOLLEBEKE - part of sheet 28.

Signature.....

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O.C. "A" Coy.  
O.C. "B" Coy.  
O.C. "C" Coy.  
O.C. "D" Coy.

Battalion Headquarters,  
8/3/18.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM NO. 5.

1. Great difficulty is being experienced in securing sufficient suitable maps and ensuring that they are in possession of Companies.
2. The undermentioned is the table of maps required to be in the possession of each Company and Companies will say by 1800 on the 8th. inst. the numbers of each map required to complete this table.
3. A monthly report will be forwarded to reach Battalion H. Qrs. by 1800 on the 27th. of each month stating whether the full numbers of maps shown below are in the possession of Companies or stating deficiencies with reasons for same.  
From the above a report must be compiled and submitted to Brigade Headquarters by 1800 of the 28th. inst.

1 : 100,000	HAREBOURNE	8
"	TOURNAI	8
"	OSTEND or CALAIS	8
"	GHEENT	8
1 : 40,000	SHEET 26	1
"	" 27	1
"	" 36	1
"	" 36a	1
1 : 20,000	SHEET 28 N.W.	5
"	" 28 N.E.	5
"	" 28 S.W.	5
"	" 28 S.E.	5
"	" 28 (S.E. & S.W. (parts of)	5
"	" 36 N.W.	5
"	" 36 N.E.	5
1 : 10,000	KIBBIEL	1
"	BALLEUL	1
"	WYPOCHASTE	1
"	PLONGESTREET	1
"	KORTSEWILDE	1
"	BASVARNSTON	1

*R. K. White*

..... Lieut. & Adjt.  
4th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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- O.C. "A" Coy.
- O.C. "B" Coy.
- O.C. "C" Coy.
- O.C. "D" Coy.

Battalion Headquarters,  
9/3/18.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM NO. 6.

ANTI-GAS PRECAUTIONS.

1. Sufficient attention is not being paid to Anti-Gas training.
2. Whether on fatigues or otherwise at least 20 minutes every other day will be given over to drill in the use of the Box Respirator and general instruction in Anti-Gas measures.
3. Officers will at all times set an example in the use of the Box Respirator and whenever the slightest evidence is available of Gas shelling they will put on the Box Respirators and insist on their men doing so without a moments delay.
4. There is no necessity for Officers to deem themselves nervous in the eyes of their men because they put their Box Respirators on first. The enemy gas at present in use is of such an insidious and uncertain quantity that only over precautions and insistence on obedience from the men can secure any degree of immunity.

5. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*G. K. White*  
.....Lieut.  
Adjutant 4th. Australian Infantry Battalion.



4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
11th March, 1918.

O. C. "A" Company.  
O. C. "B" Company.  
O. C. "C" Company.  
O. V. "D" Company.

Battalion Memorandum No. 7.

With reference to previous instructions issued relative to reporting hostile shelling. Information will be required on the following points -

- (a) Time shelling commenced.
- (b) Time shelling ceases.
- (c) Locality shelled.
- (d) Number of rounds.
- (e) Nature of enemy shelling; calibre; whether H.E., shrapnel or gas.
- (f) Apparent direction from which shelling comes.

The commencement of shelling will be reported to Battalion Headquarters by "Priority" telephone message giving the information outlined in (a), (c), (e) and (f) and rate of fire.

Battalion Headquarters will then arrange for counter battery work and notify Brigade Headquarters.

Time shelling ceases and number of rounds fired will also be notified to Battalion Headquarters.

Battalion OBSERVATION POST will act as above.

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.....Lieut & Adjt.

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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
12th March, 1918.

- O.C. "A" Company.
- O.C. "B" Company.
- O.C. "C" Company.
- O.C. "D" Company.

BATTALION MEMO, No. 8

SCHEDULE of PARTIES to be provided by Companies for the  
15th of March and onwards.  
Previous instructions cancelled.

Shift	Parties entrain CORDON PART	On returning Parties entrain SPOIL BANK	Strength of Party	Provided by.
<del>1st Shift</del> party for 2nd Field Coy. Eng.	0700	1500	100	"C" Co. and requirements from "A" Co.
2nd Day shift	1000	1800	70	"B" Co. and surplus men from "D" Co.
2nd Party for 2nd Field Co. Engineers.	1410	2200	50	"A" Co.
Night Shift	1700	2400	70	"B" Co.

O.C. Companies will go with each party.

States showing men available for work will NOW be sent  
to B.O.R. by 1600 daily instead of 0900.

A state will be furnished at 1600 today (12th).

*E. White*  
.....Lieut.  
Adjutant 4th Australian Inf. Battalion.

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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
16th March, 1918.

- O.C. "A" Co.
- O.C. "B" Co.
- O.C. "C" Co.
- O.C. "D" Co.

Battalion Memorandum No. 9.

Herewith Tables "A" and "B", Company Headquarters and Platoon Establishment. The necessary alterations will be effected forthwith.

All specialist N.C.O's at present attached to Battalion Headquarters from Companies will be taken off Company strength forthwith. Also all other details, with the exception of men attached to the Band, and Intelligence Section.

A certificate that alterations have been effected will be forwarded to reach Battalion Headquarters by 1600 on the 16th inst.

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*P. W. R. H.*  
.....Lieut & Adjt.  
4th Australian Infantry Battalion.

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COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.

Detail	Off.	W.O. II	Sgts.	Cpl	Ptes.	Remarks.	Total
Major Or Captain.	1						1
Captain	1						1
C. S. M.		1					1
C. Q. M. S.			1				1
Company Clerk				1			1
Drummers					4	(attached Batt-4 -alio Band.)	4
Signallers				1	6		7
Scouts					4	(att. Bn. H. Q.)	4
Gas N. C. O.				1			1
Stretcher Bearers.					4		4
Cooks					4		4
Sanitary Men					2		2
Runners					2		2
Batmen					2		2
Groom					1		1
	2	1	1	3	29	Total -	36.

Notes to TABLE "A".

1. A Corporal to be placed in charge of Company Signallers will be selected and tested by the Battalion Signalling Officer.

2. One Officer, one Sergeant, one Corporal and 12 men will constitute the Battalion Intelligence Section; the 12 men being attached from Companies ; 3 from each. The fourth man in each Company will remain with Company Headquarters, except for training. Additional Intelligence men will be attached at the discretion of the Battalion Intelligence Officer to Companies in front line.

3. The new establishment allows for only two cooks, but as four have been found necessary in the past, this number will be continued.

4. Men shown as Company Headquarters will not be attached to Platoons, but will be retained at Company Headquarters, and a Company Headquarters Roll Book will be prepared. The object in view is to save adding to Platoons men who normally never appear on the Platoon parade. For purposes of Battalion parades, the Company Headquarters details would be told off to different platoons in order that on such occasions they would know where to fall in.

5. The total establishment in ranks of Company Headquarters is as follows : -  
Off.- 2 ; W.O. Class II.- 1 ; C. Q. M. S.- 1 ; Cpls.- 3; Ptes.- 29.  
making a total of 36. 7 of whom are attached to Bn. Headquarters.

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PLATOON HEADQUARTERS.

Detail	Off.	Sgts.	Cpl.	Ptes.	Total
Platoon Commander Officer	1				1
Platoon Sergeant		1			1
Runner				1	1
Batman				1	1
4 Sections (10 <del>men</del> per Section)				40	40
	1	1		42	<u>Total.</u> 44

Notes to TABLE "B".

1. Each Company will have 9 Corporals and 7 Sergeants available for Platoon work: this is apart from the N.C.O's already allowed for Company Headquarters, and provides a Platoon Sergeant, 3 Sergeants, who besides being allotted to Sections and responsible for their general training, will be selected and trained; one as Lewis Gun Sergeant for the Company; one as Musketry Sergeant; one as Physical Training and Bayonet Fighting Sergeant. One Corporal out of the 9 will be selected as a Bombing N.C.O.
2. N.C.O's selected as Specialist N.C.O's will be given every opportunity of Schooling and Training that is available.
3. N.C.O's shown above come out of this total
45. ~~45~~ O. Ranks allowed on strength of each Platoon.
4. Each Section will have a Lance Corporal as second in command, and on no account will the Section Commander or Second in Command be sent to Schools or leave together.
5. It will be seen that only 12 N.C.O's (3 sgts and 9 Corporals) are available for Sections and that four sections will therefore have to be commanded by a Lance Corporal.
6. As the new establishment only allows for 2 cooks one from each of two Platoons will be shown as attached to Company Headquarters.

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Battalion Headquarters

20.3.1918.

OC "A" Coy.

OC "B" Coy.

OC "C" Coy.

OC "D" Coy.

Battalion Memorandum No.

A report on the undermentioned matters, and sketch, will be forwarded to reach Bn. H.Q.s by 1800 today

1. Accommodation. With sketch showing the exact dispositions of the company, and accommodation.

It is important that spare accommodation in tunnels be stated in order to provide for units not yet provided for.

2. Sanitation. Giving present state, and what measures are necessary to render a good sanitary condition. Special attention will have to be paid to matters of sanitation.

3. Anti-Gas Appliances etc. Giving list of stores taken over and whether any are required to complete. What anti-gas measures are being taken & whether sentries are posted etc.

4. Gas N.C.O. Whether company gas N.C.O.'s are carrying out the orders shown on attached sheet.

5. A.A. Lewis Guns. Stating whether guns & teams have been detailed for the following positions-

I. 29. C. 00. 90.

I. 34. B. 15. 60.

I. 29. C. 00. 90.

I. 24. B. 45. 45.

I. 35. A. 80. 80.

If not in position teams will be detailed forthwith by company nearest to the position, and a certificate that this has been done, forwarded to reach Bn. H.Q. by 1800 today.

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R. White Lieut & Adj.  
4th Australian Inf. Battalion

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Duties of Company Gas NCO's in the Forward Area

1. To provide the Company Commander with a "Wind and Weather Report every three (3) hours.
2. To examine all S.B.R.s daily and see that anti dimming solution is used after each inspection.
3. To see that sufficient gas sentries are posted and that each is thoroughly instructed in his duties.
4. To accompany working parties when more than two platoons are employed.
5. To check and take care of all anti-gas appliances.
6. To keep blankets of gas proof dugouts moist and rolled up when not in use.
7. To insure that gas cannot enter the dugouts by air shafts or other entrances.
8. After a gas shell bombardment to prepare a short report for the Company Commander under the following headings: —

Unit

Location

Time

Date

Nature of Ground

Number of Shells (approx)

Nature of Gas

Number of Duds collected

Casualties & Explanation as to cause

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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
21st March, 1918.

- O. C. "A" Company.
- O. C. "B" Company.
- O. C. "C" Company.
- O. C. "D" Company.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM NO. 15.

1. At 1000 on the 22nd March, 1918 each Company will hold a practice assembly outside dug-outs. The time taken for men to put on their equipment and move outside their dugouts ready for action will be taken.
2. The time taken to be from time of issue of orders to time the last man of the Company is outside ready for action.
3. On completion of the above, Battalion Headquarters will be notified, giving time taken, and men allowed to retire to dugouts without further delay.
4. In order to avoid confusion and blocks it is essential that Company Commanders arrange separate ways of egress and ingress to dug-outs.  
Headquarter details will move out via the entrance passing the COMMANDING OFFICERS Quarters.
5. In the case of Companies, "A" and "B" Companies will at all times be allowed to move out first.
6. A\_C\_K\_N\_O\_W\_L\_E\_D\_G\_E.

*RK White*  
.....Lieut & Adjt



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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
21st March, 1918.

- 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
- Major. D. R. BROWN, M. C.
- O. C. "A" Company.
- O. C. "B" Company.
- O. C. "C" Company.
- O. C. "D" Company.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM NO. 16.

1. The BATTALION RAIDING PARTY will move from present location and occupy accommodation to be allotted by the Q.M. at REDGEWOOD Camp .
2. Move to take place before 1000 on the **22nd** March , 1918. "C" Company will take over all duties at present supplied by RAIDING PARTY.
3. Major. D. R. BROWN, M. C , and O. C. "C" Company will report completion.
4. A\_C\_K\_N\_O\_W\_L\_E\_D\_G\_E.

*E. K. White*  
.....Lieut & Adjt.

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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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Battalion Headquarters,  
21st March, 1918.

- 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- O. C. "A" Company.
- O. C. "B" Company.
- O. C. "C" Company.
- O. C. "D" Company.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM No. 17.

Herewith BATTALION DEFENCE SCHEME <sup>Copy No.</sup>.....

This will be taken into use forthwith and old scheme returned  
to Battalion Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. K. White*  
.....Lieut & Adjt.

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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters  
22nd March, 1918.

- O. C. "A" Company.
- O. C. "B" Company.
- O. C. "C" Company.
- O. C. "D" Company.

Battalion Memorandum No. 18.

Herewith one notice board to place outside your Company Headquarters.

Notwithstanding the fact that men have been here over two days, a very few men in some Companies know where their Company Headquarters is, and the old story that we have been here only such a time is just as prevalent as ever.

All men are to be informed ~~that~~ of the location of their Company Headquarters immediately on arrival in a place.

While cutting movement down to a minimum, every man is to be sent out into the fresh air at least twice a day. This is to be rigidly insisted in.

Each Company will detail a party of 8 men daily to clean up its area. All tins and rubbish will be buried in one big pit. to be prepared for this purpose. Special places for burying night soil will be selected and the notice board forwarded herewith, placed on same.

*E. White*  
.....Lieut & Adjt.

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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters.  
24th March, 1918.

- Headquarters, 1st Australian Infantry Bde.
- O. C. "A" Company.
- O. C. "B" Company.
- O. C. "C" Company.
- O. C. "D" Company.
- R. S. M.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM NO. 20.

In connection with the Battalion move on the 25th March, 1918, the following matters are pointed out.

In the event of a Unit not arriving to hand over to, Companies will move out at the time stated in the Battalion Order.

It is probable we will not be able to enter the new camp until 1800, and in the event of this happening, Companies will just take up a position outside Camp.

Lewis Guns etc. will be picked up at MOLEN DUMP at 1330.

*R. White*

.....Lieut & Adjt.  
4th Australian Infantry Battalion.

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- O. C. "A" Coy.
- O. C. "B" Coy.
- O. C. "C" Coy.
- O. C. "D" Coy.

Battalion Headquarters,  
25/3/18.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM NO. 21.

The Battalion is now in reserve and as such is responsible for the maintenance and development of "A" Section of the Second Zone Defenses which extends from the WAMBUR up to and exclusive of DAN WOOD Square O. D. C.

The following posts are located in the above Zone:--

Post No.	Location.
S.P. 10. 20.	O. 20. C. <del>20.</del>
S.P. 20. 20.	O. 20. C. <del>20.</del>
S.P. 3.0. 20.	O. 14. C. <del>20.</del>
S.P. 1.0. 14.	O. 14. D. <del>20.</del>
S.P. 2.0. 14.	O. 14. D. <del>20.</del>
S.P. 3.0. 14.	O. 14. D. <del>20.</del>
S.P. 5.0. 15.	O. 15. A.

All Sheet 28.

A practice manning of the above posts will probably be held on the night 26/27th. inst.

Each Company will send at least one Officer and 4 N.C.O's, one per Platoon, to reconnoitre the above posts on 26th. inst. reporting completion to Battalion Headquarters.

**A C K N O W L E D G E**

  
 ..... Lieut.  
 Adjutant 4th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

- O. C. "A" Coy.
- O. C. "B" Coy.
- O. C. "D" Coy.
- O. C. "EB" Coy.

Battalion Headquarters.  
25/3/18.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM NO. 22.

The following working party will be provided as shown:--

Date	Party No.	Provided by.	Off. O/R's.
26th.	B. 4.	"A" Coy.	1 - 50.
27th.		"B" Coy.	2 - 20.
28th.		"C" Coy.	2 - 40.
		"B" Coy.	1 - 40.

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Trains will leave GORDON FARM at 0730 and return from SPOIL BANK at 1500.

Parties will be detailed to works by Officers of 1st. Pnr. Bn. Officers with parties will be responsible for work done.

Numbers shown above will go as one complete party under the Command of Capt. Matthews on 26th., Capt. Hay 27th., Capt. Cook 28th. Dress, Fighting order.

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*R. White*  
 ..... Lieut.  
 Adjutant 4th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
26th March, 1918.

- O. C. "A" Company.
- O. C. "B" Company.
- O. C. "C" Company.
- O. C. "D" Company.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM No. 23.

SECOND ZONE WORKS.

Battalion Memorandum No. 22 is cancelled and the following substituted : - *owing to the bay being marked as a nullum garrison.*

Date.	Party No.	Stgth of Party.	Provided by.	Off.	O. Ranks.
27th/3/18.	B. 4.	<u>Off. O. R.</u> 4-100	( "A" Co. ( "B" Co. ( "C" Co. ( "D" Co.	1. 1. 1. 1.	20. 40 20 20. 40 40.

*6:30 PM*  
Trains leaves GORDON FARM at ~~7.50~~ a.m., returning from SPOIL BANK at ~~3 p.m.~~ *2 PM*

Parties will be detailed to Works by Officer of the 1st Pioneer Battalion. Officers with party will be responsible for work done.

Numbers shewn above will go as one complete party under command of Capt. P. W. HAY.

Dress - Fighting order.

Full proportion of N. C. O's will be included in party to be supplied.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*P. White*  
.....Lieutn & Adjnt.  
4th Australian Infantry Battalion.

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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
27th March, 1918.

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- O. C. "A" Co.
- O. C. "B" Co.
- O. C. "C" Co.
- O. C. "D" Co.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM No. 24.

SECOND ZONESWORKS.

Battalion Memorandum No. 23 is cancelled and the following substituted ; owing to "D" Company being wanted as a nucleus garrison :

Date.	Party No.	Strength of party.	Provided by.	Off.	O. Ranks.
27/3/18	B. 4.	Off. 4 O. R. 100	( "A" Co. ( "B" Co. ( "C" Co.	2 1 1	40 20. 40

Train leaves GORDON FARM at 6.30 p.m., returning from SPOIL BANK at 2 a.m.

Parties will be detailed to works by Officer of the 1st PIONEER Battalion. Officer with party will be responsible for work done.

Numbers shewn above will go as one complete party under Capt. P. W. HAY.

Dress- Fighting order.  
Full proportion of N.C.O's will be included in party to be supplied.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*PK White*  
.....Lieut & Adjt.



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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
27th March, 1918.

- O.C. "A" Co.
- O.C. "B" Co.
- O.C. "C" Co.
- O.C. "D" Co.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM NO. 25.

Personnel as shown below, and to remain out of the line in the event of the Battalion taking part in operations, will be selected, and nominal roll of same forwarded to reach Battalion Headquarters by 1200 on the 28th March.

(a) Each Company.

- Sergeant 1.
- Corporal 1.
- Lance Cpl. 1.

(b) Each Platoon.

- Rifle Bomber 1.
- Scout & Sniper 1.
- L. Gunners 2.

Rolls will be kept up to date.

*R. White* ..... Lieut &  
Adjt.  
4th Australian Inf. Battalion.

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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.Battalion Headquarters,  
28th March, 1918.

H. Q., 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.  
O. C. "A" Co.  
O. C. "B" Co.  
O. C. "C" Co.  
O. C. "D" Co.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM NO. 26.

A Battalion MINING PLATOON will be formed forthwith. Lieut. V. V. BROWN, M. C. will be in command of same.

Each Company will forward the names of four good men to Battalion Headquarters by 2100 today.

Men selected will report to Battalion Orderly Room at 0900 on the 29th inst.

RAIDERS will be returned to their Companies forthwith.

300 rounds of dummy S. A. A. will be issued to Companies today, and as much practice as time permits will be given over to rapid loading, and rapid aiming practices, and indication of targets.

Officers and N. C. O's should refresh their memories with matters dealt with in F. S. Regs, Part I, and especially relative to REAR GUARDS and ADVANCE GUARDS, OUTPOSTS, etc.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*E. K. White*  
.....Lieut & Adjt.  
4th Australian Infantry Battalion.

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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Battalion Headquarters,  
28th March, 1918.

- 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
- O.C. "A" Co.
- O.C. "B" Co.
- O.C. "C" Co.
- O.C. "D" Co.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM No. 27.

SECOND ZONE WORKS.

Battalion Memorandum No. 24. of 27/3/18 is cancelled and the following substituted, "D" Company being wanted as a nucleus garrison.

Date.	Party No.	Parties.	Trains	Remarks.
On 29/3/18 and until further Orders.	"B" 4.	"A" Co. 2. "B" Co. 1. "C" Co. 1.	Off. 40. O.R. 20.) 100. 40.)	6.30. pm from GORDON FARM, party returning from SPOIL BANK at 2. a. m.
do.	"A" 1.	"B" Co. 1. "C" Co. 1.	25.) 25.) 50. 0. Rks.	2 Off. March Route. Report daily to "B" Coy. 1st Pioneer Bn. at CONFUSION CORNER. at 8. a. m.

- NOTES 1. Parties will be detailed to works by Officer of 1st Pioneer Bn. Officer with party will be responsible for work done.
2. Numbers shown above will go as two complete parties under Capt. P. W. HAY and [unclear] respectively.
3. Dress= Fighting order.
4. Full proportion of N.C.O's will be included in parties to be supplied.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*No 1 Party will be under Capt Woodman*

*[Signature]* Lieut & Adjt.  
4th Australian Inf. Battalion.

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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
29th March, 1918.

- 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
- O. C. "A" Co.
- O. C. "B" Co.
- O. C. "C" Co.
- O. C. "D" Co.

BATTALION MEMORANDUM No. 28.

The Battalion is now relieved of its responsibility for the **SECOND ZONE**, and from today on, together with the remainder of the Brigade, becomes **CORPS RESERVE**.

Iron Rations and S. A. A. will be checked daily, and a certificate forwarded daily till further notice that this has been done, stating any shortages which exist and reason for same, with steps taken to complete.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
.....Lieut & Adjt.

4th Australian Infantry Battalion.

4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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Battalion Headquarters,  
19th March, 1918.

D E F E N C E      S C H E M E.

No. 2. RESERVE BATTALION - LEFT BRIGADE - "C" DIVISION -  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

VERBRANDENMOLEN SECTOR.

REFERENCE MAP: Sheet E.1. 1:10,000.

- 1. (a) The BRIGADE front extends from J.32.C.10.75 --- NORTH FARM --- J.26. central --- J.26. B.40.40. Total frontage approximately 1500 yards.
- (b) NORTHERN BOUNDARY runs along the line J.26.B.2.4. --- Cross roads from J.25.B.22.10 --- I.30.D.00.70 --- Railway Cross- ing at I.28.B.80.30 --- LOCK 8.
- (c) SOUTHERN BOUNDARY is the line J.32.C.10.70 --- J.31.A.90.00 --- I.33. central .
- (d) The 4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION is No.2. Reserve Battalion of the LEFT BRIGADE.

2. PRECAUTIONARY ACTION.

- (a) If indications of a hostile attack appears, a precaut- ionary period will be initiated, commencing on the receipt of an order from Battalion Headquarters - "PRECAUTIONARY PERIOD"
- (b) On the initiation of a "PRECAUTIONARY PERIOD" Com- panies will be prepared to move at 15 MINUTES NOTICE. Iron Rations will be checked daily. Arrangements for the issue of one Mills Grenade per man and 50 rounds additional S. A. A. per man will be made. Transport will be prepared to move at 20 minutes notice. All working parties working in the forward area will report to SPOIL BANK.

3. All routes and Administrative arrangements forward have been reconnoitered and investigated and Officers and N.C.O's just arriving with the Battalion will make themselves thoroughly conversant with same immediately on arrival.

4. In the event of attack the Battalion will be available for counter attack or Reinforcement of the RESERVE SYSTEM, or both, as required.  
On the Battalion moving forward, Battalion Headquarters would move to SUPPORT Battalion Headquarters in LARCH WOOD Tun- nels.

5. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*B. White*  
.....Lieut  
Adjutant 4th Australian Infantry Battalion.

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DISTRIBUTION.

- Copy No. 1. War Diary.
- 2. 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 3. Headquarters.
- 4. O.C. "A" Company per runner at 1930.
- 5. O.C. "B" " " " " " "
- 6. O.C. "C" " " " " " "
- 7. O.C. "D" " " " " " "
- 8. Spare.

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(a) In the event of a hostile attack, the Battalion will be alerted by the Brigade Headquarters on the receipt of an order from the Brigade Headquarters - "PRECAUTIONARY PERIOD".

(b) Of the Battalion of a "PRECAUTIONARY PERIOD" Company will be alerted to move at 15 minutes notice. The Battalion will be alerted to move at 30 minutes notice. All vehicles will be alerted to move at 30 minutes notice. All vehicles will report to SPOT UNIT.

(c) All vehicles and administrative arrangements forward have been investigated and investigated and O.C. and N.C.O.'s must arriving with the Battalion will take immediate charge of the Battalion with same immediately on arrival.

(d) In the event of attack the Battalion will be available for counter attack or reinforcement of the RESERVE SYSTEM, or both, as required.

On the Battalion moving forward, Battalion Headquarters would move to SUPPORT Battalion Headquarters in LARCH WOOD area.

AGREEMENTS

Adjutant General Australian Infantry Battalion

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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
23rd March, 1918.

AMENDMENT NO. 1.

To DEFENCE SCHEME-SUPPORT-BATTALION, LEFT BRIGADE -"C" DIVISION-  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS. VERBRANDENMOLEN SECTOR.

PARA 5 (c & d) is cancelled, and the following substituted-

(c) "B" Company will move via the route marked RED on attached map, and occupy "A" and left half of "B", Sector of RESERVE LINE. *C*

(d) "A" Company will move via RAILWAY CUTTING to junction of track marked GREEN on attached map, with CUTTING, and thence by that track to RESERVE LINE and occupy "A" and right half of "B" Sectors of RESERVE LINE.

PARA 6 (a) -delete "As laid down for PRECAUTIONARY ACTION"  
PARA 5. (c & d) and in place of read as laid down in Amendment No. 1.

*BK White*  
.....Lieut & Adjt.  
4th Australian Infantry Battalion.

D I S T R I B U T I O N.

- Copy No. 1. War Diary.
- 2. 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.
- 3. Headquarters
- 4. O. C. "A" Company. per runner at 1100
- 5. O. C. "B" Company. " " " "
- 6. O. C. "C" Company. " " " "
- 7. O. C. "D" Company. " " " "
- 8 & 9. Spare.

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Battalion Headquarters,  
20th March, 1918.

REFERENCE SCHEME

SUPPORT BATTALION - LEFT BRIGADE - 2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS

VERBRAUNENBERG SECTOR

REFERENCE MAP: HOLLANDER 1:10,000

1. DESCRIPTION OF AREA.

(a) FRONT. The BRIGADE held the LEFT SECTOR of the DIVISIONAL FRONT, with one Battalion in the LINE, one SUPPORT and two in RESERVE.

The FRONT extends from J. 32, C. 10, 75 --- NORTH FARM --- J. 23, central --- J. 26, B. 40, 40; a total frontage of approximately 15000 yards.

(b) NORTHERN BOUNDARY runs along the line - J. 26, B. 2, 6 --- CROSS Roads at J. 23, B. 22, 10 --- I. 30, D. 00, 70 --- Railway Crossing at I. 28, B. 60, 50 --- LOCK 8.

(c) SOUTHERN BOUNDARY is the line J. 32, C. 10, 70 --- J. 31, A. 90, 00 --- I. 33, central.

(d) TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES. The most important, tactical and topographical feature of the SECTOR is HILL 60; and from here the main ridge runs in a NORTH EASTERLY direction towards CLAPHAM JUNCTION and in a SOUTH WESTERLY direction towards SYTSCHANTE.

The KLEIN-ZILLESBEEK spur runs in a SOUTH EASTERLY direction from HILL 60, dividing into two lower features: one on the NORTH running EAST into J. 31, C. and the SOUTHERN works into the RIGHT BRIGADE SECTOR.

On the NORTH the KING CASTLE Spur juts in a SOUTH SOUTH EASTERLY direction into the BRIGADE SECTOR.

The whole of the FORWARD AREA is under observation from SANDY CREEK RIDGE; which extends NORTH to join the main ridge just WEST of CHELUVELT.

Flowing NORTH and SOUTH about the centre of NO MANS' LAND is the BASSEVILLE BECK, which is very marshy and difficult to traverse, except when frozen. Just in rear of HILL 60 is a Railway Cutting about 40 feet deep, running NORTH WEST and SOUTH EAST.

2. DEFENCES. The Defences are organized in depth in two ZONES-

- (a) The Forward ZONE, consisting of the OUTPOST LINE,
- (1) The SUPPORT LINE,
- (2) The RESERVE LINE,

(b) The Second ZONE.



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(1) The **OUTPOST System** consists of a series of small Posts protected by a thin belt of wire.

Work is in progress to make a line of Platoon Posts in rear of above, and on completion Posts will be occupied and present small Posts used as Listening Posts.

The wire in front is being strengthened.

(2) The **SUPPORT System** consists of the **SHREWSBURY SUPPORT TRENCH**, running from the **KLEIN-KILLESBEE SPUR** on the **SOUTH** across the valley separating the above **SPUR** from the **KINGS CASTLE SPUR**.

About 500 yards in advance of the above **SPUR** is another Trench running along the **KINGS CASTLE SPUR**, ending on the right near **JULES PAUL**.

(3) The **RESERVE System** is a continuous Trench running from 600 yards to 1000 yards behind the **SUPPORT LINE**, well wired and sited just behind the crest of the ridge.

The **DIVISION** is responsible for the construction etc. of the **RESERVE SYSTEM**.

### 3. PRINCIPLES OF DEFENCE.

(1) The main principle of Defence is to resist to the last in each system.

(2) The **SUPPORT SYSTEM** is the main line of resistance and will be held at all costs.

(3) In the event of an enemy penetration, an immediate **COUNTER-ATTACK** will be delivered on lines to be organized beforehand.

### 4. REGIMENTAL AREA.

#### (a) INFANTRY

(1) One Battalion, with two Companies holding **OUTPOST SYSTEM** and two Companies **SUPPORT SYSTEM**.

(2) One Battalion in **SUPPORT**, with one Company in **RAVINE WOOD**; two Companies - **HILL 60** and vicinity. One Company and Battalion Headquarters - **LARCH WOOD TUNNELS** and vicinity.

On completion of works in hand, the **SUPPORT BATTALION** which is the 4th Battalion, will be disposed as follows -

1 Coy. in **RESERVE LINE**.

1 Coy. in **HILL 60** - (L. 33, C. 90.10)

Headquarters and 2 Coy's - **LARCH WOOD TUNNELS**, and vicinity - (L. 33, C. 4. 3.)

(3) No. 1. **RESERVE BATTALION** with Headquarters and two Companies at **SPOIL BANK** - (L. 33, C. 1. 7), and two Companies at ~~RAVINE WOOD~~ **RAVINE WOOD** (L. 34, B. 5. 5.).

(4) No. 2. **RESERVE BATTALION** at **RIDGEWOOD CAMP**.

#### (b) ARTILLERY.

The front is covered by two **FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADES**.

(c) VICKERS MACHINE GUNS.

Vickers Machine Guns are disposed as shown on the undermentioned table. All Machine Guns have a dual roll of Barra go and direct fire.

Battery.	Gun No.	Location.	E.O.S. Lines	Direct Fire.	Remarks.
"G"	1	J. 25. D. 62. 70	Left Bde.	For defence of KING CASTLE Spur by direct fire down its forward slopes.	Bde. M.G. Coy.
	2.	J. 25. D. 40. 92	Front		
	3.	J. 25. D. 69. 98			
	4.	J. 25. B. 79. 05.			
"H" (J25)	1.	J. 31. A. 71. 92	Right Bde.	For defence of forward slopes of KLEIN KILLBANK Spur.	Bde. M.G. Coy.
	2.	J. 25. C. 80. 30	Front		
	3.	J. 25. C. 89. 31			
	4.	J. 25. C. 93. 55.			
"I"	1, 2-1. 30. D. 75. 15.	to	Left Bde.	For defence of Southern slope of KING CASTLE Spur, the Northern slope of KLEIN KILLBANK Spur and the Valley between them.	Bde. M.G. Coy.
	3		Front		
		I. 30. D. 75. 27.			
	4.	J. 25. C. 10. 90.			
"J"	1.	I. 36. B. 36. 10.	Right Bde.	For defence of forward slopes of KLEIN KILLBANK Spur and the Valley between it and the KING CASTLE Spur.	Bde. M.G. Coy.
	2.	I. 36. B. 34. 17.	Front, also		
	3.	I. 36. B. 45. 79.	on BERRY COTTIS Area		
	4.	I. 36. B. 45. 85.	opposite Sector on our left.		
"K"	1.	I. 36. A. 20. 10.	Right Bde.	3 guns sweep high ground in I. 36. B.	Bde. M.G. Coy.
	to and vicinity.	Front.			
"L"	1.	I. 35. B. 55. 83.	Right Bde.	Nos. 3 & 4 guns cover I. 55. A.	Bde. M.G. Coy.
	2.	I. 35. B. 62. 85.	Front.		
	3.	I. 35. B. 78. 88.			
	4.	I. 35. B. 98. 93.			

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Battery	Gun No.	Location	S.O.S. Lines	Direct Fire	Remarks		
"A"	1.	I. 36. A. 78. 88	Left Bde.	Nos. 1 & 2	Div. H. G. Coy.		
	2.	I. 36. A. 82. 97.				Front.	
	3.	I. 30. C. 70. 82.		Nos. 3, 4 & 5 cover MOUNT SORRELL and Ridge to E. of it. Nos. 6, 7 and 8 sweep valley between the KING CASTLE and ELWIN HILLBERRY Spurs and cover KING CASTLE Spur in J. 25. B. and D.			
	4.	I. 30. C. 86. 10.					
	5.	I. 30. C. 94. 35.					
	6.	I. 30. C. 95. 44.					
	7.	I. 30. C. 95. 52.					
	8.	I. 30. C. 97. 59.					
"B"	1.	I. 35. A. 95. 25.			Right Bde.	Nos. 3 & 4 sweep re-entrant in I. 35. D. and I. 36. A.	Res. Bde. H. G. Coy.
	4.	to and vicinity.			Front.		

The Headquarters of all Machine Gun Companies are at HILL 60.

(a) FRENCH MORTARS.

The front is covered by a Battery of MEDIUM TRENCH MORTARS and a Battery of LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

The MEDIUM BATTERY is disposed in two groups. One firing from I. 25. B. 00. 65. to S.O.S. Lines; the other disposed in rear of RESERVE SYSTEM in case of a break through.

The LIGHT BATTERY is disposed as follows, 4 guns for S.O.S. Lines at following locations -

- (1) J. 25. D. 25. 20.
- (2) J. 25. D. 25. 25.
- (3) J. 26. C. 45. 90.
- (4) J. 26. C. 45. 95.

3 guns in rear covering the SUPPORT SYSTEM from the following locations -

- (5) J. 31. A. 6. 7.
- (6) J. 25. C. 9. 2.
- (7) J. 25. D. 10. 65.

1 gun is held in RESERVE at Battery Headquarters - The CATERPILLAR - I. 35. B. 1. 6.

(c) ANTI-AIRCRAFT LEWIS GUNS.

The SUPPORT BATTALION provides an A. A. Lewis Gun at each of the following locations -

- I. 29. C. 00. 90.
- I. 34. B. 45. 45.
- I. 34. B. 15. 60.
- I. 35. A. 80. 80.
- I. 29. C. 00. 90.

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5.

PRECAUTIONARY ACTION.

(a) If there are indications of an imminent enemy attack, a precautionary period will be initiated which will open on receipt of a message from Battalion Headquarters "PRECAUTIONARY ACTION".

On receipt of the above message the following action will be taken-

(a) Every man will be issued with one Mills Bomb and an additional 50 rounds S. & A. which will be drawn from SHERWOOD JUMP by forwarding an indent signed by the Company Commander to the H.C.O. in charge.

(b) Regimental Transport will be loaded and ready to move at 20 minutes notice.

(c) Company at HAVINE WOOD ("B" Company) will move via the route marked GREEN on attached Map, and occupy "A" and right half of "B" sectors of RESERVE LINE.

(d) "A" Company at HILL 60, TUNNELS will move via route marked <sup>red.</sup> on attached Maps and occupy left half of "B" Sector and "C" sector of RESERVE LINE.

(e) "D" Company at HILL 60. and "C" Company and Headquarters at LARCH WOOD Tunnels will stand to ready for action.

6.

ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

On receipt of notification of enemy

attack  
↔ (a) "A" and "B" Companies will move as laid down for precautionary action in para (5) - (c & d) and occupy the RESERVE LINE. Both these Companies will come under the command of Major. E. A. LLOYD, and in the event of enemy gaining a footing in the SUPPORT LINE, will be available for immediate COUNTER-ATTACK, or should the enemy break through on the left, to form a defensive flank on the line from NET PAPPONJE FARM to the high ground in I. 30. 2.

The remaining two Companies ("C" & "D") will stand to at HILL 60 Tunnels, and will garrison the RESERVE LINE when the other Companies move forward.

On receipt of orders from Battalion Headquarters "C" will move forward via the route marked RED on attached Map, and occupy "C" Sector, and left half of "B" Sector of attached map. "D" Company will move forward via route marked GREEN on attached map, and occupy "A" and Right half of "B" Sector of RESERVE LINE. On the last two Companies moving, Battalion Headquarters will be established at LINE BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.

(b) ANTI-AIRCRAFT Lewis Guns will accompany their Companies on moving. "A" and "C" Companies will be responsible for clearly marking the RED route, and "B" and "D" Companies the GREEN route.

Alternative routes will be reconnoitered by Companies concerned.

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S. C. S. SIGNAL.

The S. C. S. Signal will be put up by Companies in the OUTPOST SYSTEM, and carried on by the Posts at SUPPORT COMPANY HEADQUARTERS, and LINE BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.

8.

GAS ATTACK.

In the event of CLOUD GAS attack, alarms will be sounded, but the S. C. S. Signal will not be used.

In GAS SHELL bombardments, rattles will be used, but not STROMBO HORNS.

9.

SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Signal Communications for the SUPPORT BATTALION have been established between the Battalion and Brigade, and the Battalion and LINE Battalion, and Companies.

10.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

Following are administrative arrangements.

(a) AMMUNITION.

Brigade Dump - SHENWOOD DUMP - I. 22, R. 55, 55.

LINE BATTALION Dump - Col DUMP - I. 30, C. S. S.

This Dump also supplies S. A. A. to Brigade

Machine Gun Company.

SHENWOOD DUMP maintains the following

supplies -

S. A. A.	500,000 rounds.
Pistol Ammunition	2,000 "
Mills Grenades	500 Boxes
Smoke Bombs P.	95 "
Bombs, H. S. E.	100
Very Lights 1 <sup>st</sup> .	300
Ground Flares, RED	300
" " GREEN	300

Besides Stokes shells and components.

Arrangements have been made with the LINE BATTALION to maintain the following supplies of S. A. A. etc., in the fighting positions in the RESERVE SYSTEM allotted to two Companies of SUPPORT BATTALION, and also further supplies at COL DUMP.

Per Company in

COL DUMP.

for fighting positions.

S. A. A. - 50,000 Rounds.	300,000
Mills Grenades - 25 Boxes	200 Boxes.
No. 23.	
Very Lights - 50.	250.
Ground Flares, RED & GREEN	250 each.

In addition to above, all STRONG POINTS maintain a reserve of 20,000 S. A. A. and 10 boxes of Mills Grenades No. 23.

(b) RATIONS.

Rations for the following day are brought up to MOLEN DUMP by limbers, and carrying parties of 1 and 16 from Companies meet here at the Dump at 0710 daily, and convey to Companies. Cooking can be carried out at Company locations.

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(c). WATER.

I. 33. A. 4. 3. for Dixies and water bottles.  
I. 33. B. 1. 1. as above.  
I. 29. C. 4. 2. as above.

(d) RESERVE RATIONS.

Reserve Rations are located as follows -  
SHIRWOOD HUMP - 800 Supporting Point  
rations. Reserve Line for two Companies of SUPPORT  
BATTALION 300. General purposes rations.

(e) RESERVE WATER.

70 tins of water located in the RESERVE  
LINE for the two Companies of the SUPPORT BATTALION.

(f) MEDICAL.

R. A. P. is at J. 23. B. 13. 15. and from here  
cases are carried to the RELAY POST at I. 29. B. 2. 4.  
where a Trench Trolley is available.

A motor ambulance collects at I. 29. B. 5. 2.,  
and takes cases to A. D. S. - VOCHERELLE. Stretchers  
etc will be exchanged at all Posts.

*White*

.....Lieut.  
Adjutant 4th Australian Infantry Battalion.

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The following Anti-Gas precautions will be taken.

(1). When an area has been subjected to a concentrated Gas shell bombardment, arrangements will be made by the Company or Companies closest to same to post sentries on all routes entering area shelled, with strict orders to prevent anyone entering area without previously adjusting his Box Respirator.

(2) Sentries will be posted on all entrances to Gas Proof Dugouts with written orders setting forth his duties posted up at his post.

(3) Adequate arrangements for adjusting gas proof doors and closing all ventilation shafts in deep dugout systems in case of Gas Shell bombardment etc. will be put in hand and practised.

(4) Men will at all times rest with the Box Respirator in the "Alert" position.

(5) Company Gas M.C.O.'s will make a daily inspection of Box Respirators. A small reserve of Box Respirators is held by the Battalion Gas M.C.O. at Battalion Headquarters.

(6) Samples of dud shells and immediate reports on all Gas Shell bombardments will be entered. *giving:-*

- (i) Unit.
- (ii) Location.
- (iii) Time.
- (iv) Date.
- (v). Duration.
- (vi) Calibre of shell.
- (vii) Nature of gas.
- (viii) Nature of ground.
- (ix) Wind and weather report during bombardment.
- (x) Number of duds collected.
- (xi) Approximate number of rounds fired.
- (xii) Casualties.
- (xiii) Reasons for casualties.

(7) Anyone suffering from the effects to gas should not be allowed to smoke.

(8) Company Gas M.C.O.'s will be utilised to the utmost.

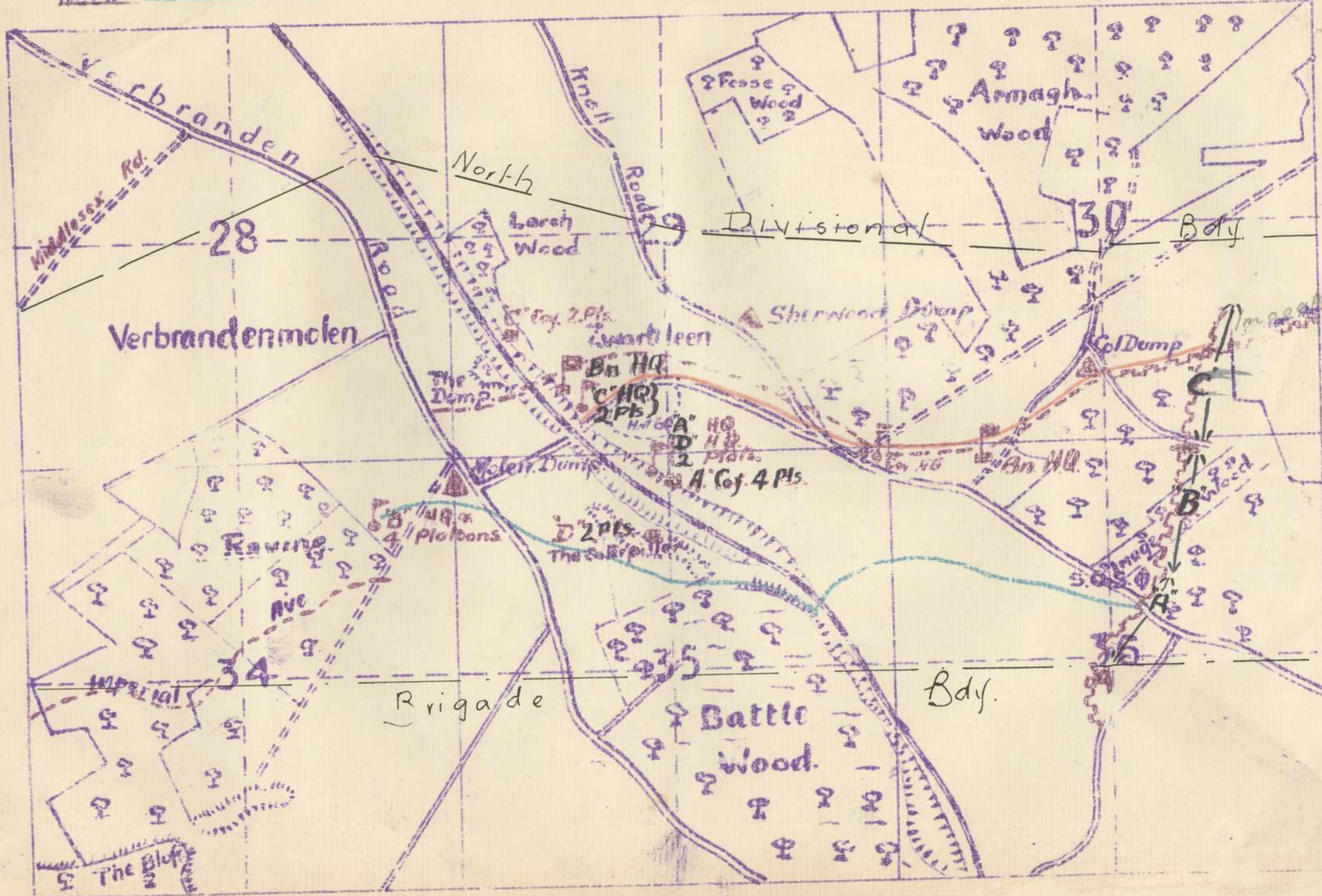
(9) All movement in or out of dugouts will be cut down to a minimum.

*C. K. White*  
 .....Lieut.  
 Adjutant 6th Australia Inf. Battalion.

Left Bn. Disposition Support Area.

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Left Route



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4th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

REFERENCE MAP: HOLLEBEKE 1:10,000. Battalion Headquarters,  
19th March, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUPPORT BATTALION SECTOR.

The following will be the Administrative arrangements for the Support Battalion Sector.:-

1. RATIONS. Rations will leave Q.M's Store at 0600 and travel by BRASSERIE-MIDDLESEX Road to Battalion Dump -I. 35. A. 05.90., opposite MOLEN DUMP, and should arrive between 0700 and 0720. *daily.*  
Each Company and Battalion Headquarters will detail a party of 10 Other Ranks under the C.Q.M. Sergeant to report to Battalion Dump at 0700 to receive rations and convey by hand trolley to Company and Battalion Headquarters. The whole will be under the R.S.M.  
Cooking will be carried out at Company Locations. Reserve rations are located at SHERWOOD DUMP.
2. WATER. Water is available at LARCH WOOD or its vicinity for each Company.
3. SALVAGE. Every endeavour will be made to salvage and return derelict ammunition and equipment etc. to the Battalion Salvage Dump-(Ration Dump), from where it will be removed to the ~~Brigade Dump~~ by returning Ration Limbers to the Brigade Salvage Dump; a receipt being obtained by the Q.M. and delivered to Battalion Headquarters the following day.  
If found practicable, a N.C.O. will be placed in charge of the Battalion Salvage Dump, and will give Companies receipts for the material salvaged, being finally published through BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS. *value of material salvaged*
4. TRENCH FEET. The normal Anti-Trench Feet precautions will be taken, and a certificate forwarded to reach Battalion Headquarters by 0900 daily that foot rubbing and inspection has been carried out.
5. SOCKS. The arrangements re changing sox will be as for the last Sector occupied by the Battalion, excepting that the change will be effected every other day instead of daily. The Q.M. will arrange to deposit two complete changes with the necessary bags at Battalion Headquarters the day after TAKING OVER.  
The fact that the weather is not cold and wet is not to be regarded as an excuse for not making the exchange. Frequent changing of socks will help largely to prevent foot soreness.
6. TRENCH & AREA STORES. Battalion Headquarters and Company Officers will check all stores and give a receipt only for those stores actually seen. Receipts will be forwarded by Company Officers to the Battalion Advance Officer as early as

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6. TRENCH & AREA STORES Contd.

possible, but before the arrival of the Battalion, and this latter officer will prepare in duplicate a consolidated return in duplicate for the whole Battalion, on the attached proforma.

In taking over rations, great care will be taken to check and discriminate between -

- (a) General Purpose Reserve Rations.
- (b) Supporting Point rations.

General purpose reserve rations consist of iron rations which are composed of the following ingredients-

- 1 Tin preserved meat (2 lb.)
- 1 lb. biscuits.
- 2 Ozs Sugar
- 5/8 Ozs tea.

Iron rations are packed in cases of 20.

Supporting Point rations consist of Preserved meat and biscuits only; the ration being 9 Ozs preserved meat and 10 ozs of biscuits. Preserved meat is packed in cases containing 48 tins, i. e. 64 rations. Biscuits are packed in cases containing 2 tins of 25 lbs each, equalling 80 rations. Companies taking over reserve rations will give receipts for the number of cases they take over and will specify whether they are General Purpose, or Supporting Point rations.

7. PACKS. Packs will not be taken forward, but will be dumped by Companies under arrangements to be made by the Q.M.

8. BLANKETS. One blanket, waterproof sheet, and greatcoat, will be taken forward. The remaining blanket will be collected by the Q.M. before morning moving from present location.

9. SEABIES. The 4th day after taking over, the Q.M. will commence making a complete change of underclothing throughout the Battalion, starting with "D" Company, and working right through the Battalion in the order "D" "C", "B" and "A" Companies, and Headquarters; continuing with one complete change of underclothing for either a Company or Battalion Headquarters, until the Battalion is relieved from the Sector. Arrangements may be made to bath a few men occasionally. *Daily.*

10. CANTEEN. The canteen will not be taken forward as the conditions in Support have been found unsatisfactory. Company arrangements may be made to collect lists of goods required with the money, and these will come up with the following days rations.

11. WORKS. Details of working parties are not now available but it is expected that every available man will be employed.

12. R. A. P. The R. A. P. is located in Tunnel adjoining Battalion Headquarters.

13. AMMUNITION. The BRIGADE Dump is situated at SHERWOOD Dump.

14. A\_C\_K\_N\_O\_W\_L\_E\_D\_G\_E.

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.....Lieut & Adjt.  
4th Australian Infantry Battalion.

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Normal

Precautionary A + B Res Line. C + D stand to

Attack

Y A + B move forward C + D go to Res Line

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Relief. The 1st. Battalion relieved the 52nd. Battalion in the front line, relief being completed without incident by 9.40 p.m.

The 2nd. Battalion relieved the 51st. Battalion in support, and the 3rd. and 4th. Battalions relieved the 49th. and 50th. Battalions respectively in Reserve.

(a) Our Artillery. 4.5 Hows. and 18 pdrs. fired on TROT HOUSE during the morning and again from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. BERRY and BUND COTIS were shelled at intervals during the day by our 18 pdrs, direct hits being obtained on the latter. At 12.30 p.m. our heavies were active shelling GHELUVELT with H.E.

In anticipation of an enemy operation on our left our artillery had a special shoot on S.O.S. lines from 4.15 a.m. to 4.30 a.m.

(b) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained communication with Brigades on either flank during night.

A patrol of one Officer and three Other Ranks left our line at 10.15 p.m. at J.32.C.10.75. to inspect our wire in front of right company sector. Wire consisted mainly of an apron fence of varying thickness. A gap 40 feet wide exists at J.32.A.5.2. The ground is in boggy condition and going was very hard. Patrol returned to our line at J.26.C.9.0. at 1.10 a.m.

(c) Our Machine Guns. Vickers guns carried out harassing fire on enemy roads and centres of activity during the night, 3,500 rounds being expended.

(d) Trench Mortars. Our trench mortars were not active during the period.

(e) Our Aircraft. Our planes patrolled enemy lines at intervals during the day, and crossed into enemy territory again at 9 p.m.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Enemy artillery was not active during the period only light scattered shelling taking place in the area.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
9.40 - 10 am.	BULGAR and BITTER WOODS.	10	4.2	H.E. BEUDEBEKE.
10.15 - 11 am.	BITTER WOOD	8	4.2	H.E. "
6 p.m.	TOP HOUSE.	5	4.2	
9 p.m.	KING CASTLE.	5	5.9	H.E.
12 midnight	J.25.D.8.3.	7	5.9	
4.30 a.m.	J.25 & J.31.	20	5.9	H.E.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy was quiet with the exception of his machine guns which were firing intermittently during the night on to our forward positions and approaches.

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5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes crossed our lines at intervals during the day. At 5.15 p.m. as result of an aerial combat enemy plane was forced to land near ALASKA HOUSES in J.33.C.

6. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Movement of individuals and parties of two and three men were observed at intervals during the day in the vicinity of BERRY COTTS, CAPITAL FARM, QUART BUILDINGS and BUND COTTS.

*H. D. Roberts*  
for Major,

Brigade Major 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 2.

FROM 6 a.m. 1st. MARCH, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 2nd. MARCH, 1918.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

Relief. The 1st. M.G. Coy., relieved the 13th. M.G. Coy., in the forward area, relief being completed without incident by 8 p.m.

Inter-Company relief took place on the Right Company front being completed without incident by 3.30 a.m.

(a) Artillery. Our 18 pdrs. and 4.5 Hows. were active at intervals during the day firing on enemy forward positions. Between 10 a.m. and 3.40 p.m. BERRY COTTS, TROT HOUSE, POOL FARM, GLASS HOUSES and vicinity were engaged. Our batteries also fired on GHELUVELT at 1.30 p.m. bursts being observed near the Church and Mill.

At 10 p.m. our artillery put down a barrage on S.O.S. lines, on account of an enemy operation on the right Brigade front.

(b) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained communication between Companies and Flank Brigades throughout the night.

(i) A patrol of one Officer and 8 O.R. left our line at 2.35 a.m. at J.26.B.5.4. to investigate Pill Boxes at J.26.B.9.4. Patrol moved due East to J.26.B.8.4. where they came under M.G. fire from vicinity of J.26.A.0.4. Patrol then moved South West returning to our line at 4 a.m. at J.26.B.3.2. Great difficulty in moving was experienced by the patrol on account of enemy M.G. fire and the constant firing of flares. Machine Guns could not be accurately located and no enemy works were observed.

(c) Machine Guns and Trench Mortars. Our M.Gs. and T.Ms. did not fire during the period.

(d) Our Aircraft. Our planes were active during the day patrolling enemy's lines; and on every occasion were actively engaged by enemy A.A. guns.

(e) Wiring. 5 coils of barbed wire were used in strengthening and extending existing wire at J.26.B.5.6.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Enemy artillery was rather more active than usual during the period. The support line in J.25.D. received attention during the day and night; and at 9.45 p.m. a heavy concentration took place in Square I.29.C.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
6.30 a.m.	J.25.D.	5.9.	15	E.N.E.
10 a.m.	J.31.D.	4.2.	6	E.N.E.
10 a.m.	I.35.A. & C.	8"	18	
2 p.m.	J.25.D.	5.9.	4	GHELUVELT.
3 p.m.	DAMP COPSE.	4.2.	6	E.N.E.
9.30 - 10.15 pm	J.25.D.5.6.	5.9.	30	GHELUVELT.
9.45 p.m.	I.29.C.	8"	100	
4 a.m.	J.25.D.	5.9	10	GHELUVELT.

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet generally but shewed increased artillery activity during the night.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy M.Gs. were active against our forward positions and approaches during the night, firing from FUNNY FARM and vicinity of J.26.A.O.4. Enemy T.Ms. were not active during the period.

6. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Enemy planes were not active during the period.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Very little movement was observed during the day. Several parties of 2 and 3 men were observed in the vicinity of BERRY COTTS at 10.30 a.m. and again during the afternoon.

*H. D. Robb*  
for Major.

Brigade Major 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 3.

FROM 6 a.m. 2nd. MARCH, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 3rd. MARCH, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

Relief. Inter-Company relief took place on left Company front, point completed without incident by 4.20 a.m.

(a) Artillery. Enemy communications and positions were engaged by our batteries throughout the day, including the following targets, TROT HOUSE, LONG FARM, BLACK COTTIS, POOL FARM and BASSEVILLE WOOD. Our heavies engaged targets in Squares J.28.A. and J.29.C. and D. Following a shoot at 12 noon a dense cloud of smoke was observed in J.29.D. lasting for 15 minutes.

(b) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained communication between Companies and Flank Brigades throughout the night.

A patrol inspected our wire in front of right Company sector from J.26.C.9.0. to J.32.A.8.7. but has nothing of importance to report.

(c) Machine Guns. During the night our Vickers guns carried out indirect fire on enemy's approaches and centres of activity. Lewis Guns engaged enemy parties during the day.

(d) Trench Mortars. Trench Mortars did not fire during the period.

(e) Our Aircraft. Weather conditions prevented aerial activity and no flights were undertaken.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Enemy artillery was not very active during the period, the greater part of the shelling taking place during the day on to Square J.25.D.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
7 a.m.	I.30.C.5.7.	5.9.	5	GHELUVELT.
9 a.m.	J.25.D.	5.9.	6	S.E.
9.40 a.m.	I.33.	5.9.	12	East.
9.40 a.m.	J.25.D.	5.9. ) 77 mm.)	11	S.E.
10.30 a.m.	I.29.C.3.6.	5.9.	10	East.
11 am - 12 noon	J.25.D.	77 mm.	17	S.E.
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	J.25.D.	5.9.	10	S.E.
5 p.m.	J.25.D.6.6.	5.9.	10	S.E.
3.25 a.m.	J.32.A.5.9.	77 mm.	7	110° True B. from J.32.A.65.95.

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy was very quiet during the period.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy H.Gs. were quieter than usual, only occasional bursts being directed against our forward positions during the night. A Minenwerfer fired from approx. J.27.C.00.50. at 3 p.m. on to BITTER WOOD. It was immediately engaged and silenced by our artillery.

6. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Enemy planes were not active during the day, only one plane being observed over our sector.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Considerable enemy movement was observed during the day. Between 9 a.m. and 12 noon several parties of 2 and 3 men were seen in vicinity of FAIR COTTS. i. J.28.B. At 12 noon a party of about 20 strong was observed working on JAGEL TRENCH at J.27.C.2.8. They were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. At 2 p.m. a large covered wagon drawn by two horses appeared at J.33.B.7.3. and disappeared behind ALASKA HOUSES.

At 6.45 p.m. an enemy party about 40 strong was observed moving in the vicinity of CAPITAL FARM and TROT HOUSE. They were dispersed with Lewis Gun and rifle fire.

Smoke was seen during the day at CAPITAL FARM, TROT HOUSE and KENT FARM.

*H. J. Robb*  
for Major,

Brigade Major 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 4.

FROM 6 a.m. 3rd. MARCH, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 4th. MARCH, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

Relief. Inter-Company relief was completed without incident by 4.15 a.m. on the right Company front.

(a) Artillery. Harassing and destructive fire was carried out by our batteries against enemy communications and positions during the period. Targets engaged include, TROT HOUSE, PACK FARM, ALASKA HOUSES, BUND COTTS, and BASSEVILLE WOOD.

(b) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained communication between Companies and flank Brigades during the night.

In addition the following special patrols were sent out:-

(i) A patrol of one Officer and six O.R. left our line at 1.35 a.m. at J.32.C.1.7. to reconnoitre area in vicinity of FUNNY FARM. Patrol moved to J.32.C.4.6. then turned North for 100 yards thence back to our line at point of departure reaching there at 2.55 a.m. No evidence of new work could be seen but several men were observed in the vicinity of the farm. Sounds of hammering could be heard from direction of EAST FARM. An enemy sniper was located firing from a point 30 yards North of FUNNY FARM.

(ii) A patrol of one Officer and 8 O.R. left our line at 2.30 a.m. at J.26.B.4.4. to inspect enemy wire in vicinity of J.26.D.8.9. Patrol moved out to this point and then turned back to our line at J.26.C.95.95. reaching there at 4 a.m. Enemy wire is very weak consisting mainly of single strands and trip wires. The area traversed is very wet and boggy and movement was found very difficult. No enemy movement of any kind was observed.

(c) Machine Guns. Indirect fire on enemy communications was carried out by our Vickers guns during the night and Lewis guns directed intermittent bursts of fire against enemy forward posts.

(d) Trench Mortars. Our trench mortars did not fire during the period.

(e) Our aircraft. Our planes were not active during the day.

(f) Wiring. Four coils of barbed wire were used in front of posts at J.26.B.4.3.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. ENEMY SHELLING. Enemy artillery was rather more active than usual, the support line in J.25.D. again receiving most attention. I.28.D. was twice engaged during the period with 5.9s.

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<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
7 - 7.45 a.m.	IMAGE WOOD.	4.2	20	GHELUVELT.
8 a.m.	IMAGE WOOD.	4.2 time H.E.	3	S.E.
9.25 a.m.	J.26.A.	4.2	8	GHELUVELT.
1.35 p.m.	J.26.A.	5.9	11	S.E.
2 p.m.	Mt. SORREL.	5.9	7	S.E.
2.40 p.m.	I.28.D.	5.9	30	S.E.
3 p.m. - 4 pm.	J.25.	5.9	59	East.
10 p.m.	KING CASTLE	5.9	4	East.
11.45 p.m.	Front System.	Light Barrage		
3.30 a.m.	J.25.D.	4.2 Gas	20	GHELUVELT.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy was very alert at 11.45 p.m. at the time of raids in the HOLLEBIKE Sector, and showed increased M.G. activity: otherwise quiet.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Machine Guns were active against our forward posts and support and reserve systems during the night. M.Gs. were firing from FUNNY FARM, J.32.B.5.3. and BERRY COTTS. Trench Mortars were not active during the period. Snipers fired several shots from direction of PACK FARM and from posts near FUNNY FARM.

6. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Nil.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Movement of individuals and parties of 2 and 3 were observed in the vicinity of BERRY COTTS. at intervals during the day. At 6.30 a.m. enemy outposts were seen withdrawing to Pill Boxes near KENT FARM. They were engaged with L.G. and rifle fire and casualties were inflicted.

At 9 a.m. a party of 15 men were working on JAGER TRENCH at J.27.C.4.4. and were dispersed by L.G. fire.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. At 11.45 p.m. and during the operation on our right the enemy sent up numerous double RED flares, on which a barrage including artillery and M.G. fire was put down on our front, support and reserve systems. The artillery barrage line appeared to be along a line from TOP HOUSE (J.32.C.2.9.) NORTH FARM, J.32.A.9.9. to J.26.C.7.1.

H. D. Ralph  
for Major,

Brigade Major 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Relief. Inter-Company relief took place on the left Company front, being completed without incident by 4.15 a.m.

(a) Artillery. Our 4.5 Hows. and 18 pdrs. kept enemy positions under intermittent bursts of fire during the day. Targets engaged include enemy working party at BERRY COTTS, enemy positions in vicinity of TROT HOUSE, PACK and LONG FARMS, BUND COTTS, BASSEVILLE and CAPE WOODS.

(b) Patrols. The usual liaison patrols kept touch with Companies and Flank Brigades throughout the night.

Owing to special instructions received No Man's Land was not patrolled to any depth and patrols had nothing of any importance to relate.

(c) Machine Guns. 2, 000 rounds were expended by our Vickers Guns on BERRY COTTS, and vicinity.

Lewis Guns were active against enemy forward positions during the night.

(d) Trench Mortars. Our mortars did not fire during the period.

(e) Our Aircraft. Inclement weather conditions prevented aerial activity and no planes were observed.

(f) Wiring. 5 coils of barbed wire were used in strengthening existing wire in front of post at J.26.B.4.0.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Enemy artillery was slightly less active than usual, the forward area receiving only light scattered shelling during the afternoon.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
9 a.m.	TOP HOUSE, J.32.C.3.9.	15	77 mm.	GHELUVELT.
11 a.m.	J.25.D.	4	4.2	S.E.
1 p.m.	BITTER WOOD.	7	77 mm.	GHELUVELT.
2 p.m.	J.25.D.1.7.	5	4.2	117° T.B. from J.25.D.1.4.
4 p.m.	J.25.C. and D.	12	4.2	CAPE WOOD.
5.30 p.m.	I.33.C.2.6.	5	5.9	E.N.E.
9 - 10 p.m.	I.30.D.	7	5.9	East.
5.30 a.m.	J.25.D.	20	4.2	S.E.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy M.Gs. displayed the usual activity, intermittently sweeping our forward positions with bursts of fire. Guns were active from FUNNY FARM, vicinity of POOL FARM, J.27.A.1.2. and J.32.B.4.6. Enemy mortars did not fire during the period.

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6. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES:-.

Movement of small parties was again in evidence in vicinity of BERRY COTTS, and HAMP FARM. At 12 noon an enemy working party in this vicinity was dispersed by our 18 pdrs.

Parties of two and four men were observed during the day at KENT FARM, BUND COTTIS, TIN HOUSES, ALASKA and QUART BUILDINGS, and STONE FARM.

7. MISCELLANEOUS. A bearing of  $117^{\circ}$  True was taken from J.25.D.1.4. on gun flashes of battery which was active firing on to J.25.D. during the afternoon.

*H. A. Robb Lt.*  
for

Major,

Brigade Major 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 6.

FROM 6 a.m. 5th. MARCH, 1918, to 6 a.m. 6th. MARCH, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was very active during the period firing on enemys forward defences and communications. Targets engaged include TROT HOUSE, POOL FARM, BLACK and BUND COTTS, and BASSEVILLE WOOD. 18 pdrs. engaged an enemy working party in vicinity of J.32.B.5.9. at 10.15 p.m.

Our heavies directed fire on to GHELUVELT MILL and CHURCH, during the afternoon.

(b) Patrols. Communication between Companies and flank Brigades was maintained throughout the night by liaison patrols.

(i) At 8.15 p.m. a patrol of 1 Sgt. and 6 men left our line at J.26.B.4.4. to examine ground in vicinity of RIFLE ROAD ay J.26.D.7.9. and to determine the existance of any enemy wire in the vicinity of this point. Patrol moved in an Easterly direction for about 100 yards then turned South to J.26.D.7.9. thence back to our line at J.26.C.9.8. reaching there at 9.40 p.m. No enemy wire could be seen, nor were any of the enemy encountered. The ground was very boggy and going hard throughout.

(ii) A patrol of 1 Sgt. and 6 men left our line at 1.50 a.m. at J.26.C.8.2. to locate and report on enemy wire in front of posts. Patrol moved to J.26.D.2.1., to J.26.D.3.5. thence back to our line at J.26.C.8.5. reaching there at 3.30 a.m. No enemy wire could be seen, but patrol could not penetrate No Man's Land as far as the BEEK on account of the swampy nature of the ground. An enemy working party was located at about J.26.D.8.3.

(c) Trench Mortars. Our mortars did not fire during the period.

(d) Machine Guns. Lewis Guns were active firing on enemy forward positions during the night. Several small enemy parties were engaged and dispersed.

(e) Aerial Activity. Our planes were very active during the day and early part of the night, continually patrolling enemy forward positions and rear areas. Heavy A.A. fire was directed against them on all occasions.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

5. ENEMY SHELLING. Enemy artillery was not very active during the 24 hours, the majority of the shelling being confined to our forward systems of defence.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
8 a.m.	J.25.D.	6	4.2	East.
9 a.m. to 12 noon.	J.25.D.	30	77 mm)	S.E.
2 p.m.	FORREST ROAD, J.25.D.	4	4.2 ) 77 mm	East.
5 p.m.	J.25.D.	4	4.2 Time HE	S.E.
6 p.m. to midnight.	SHREWSBURY FOREST.	20	5.9	S.E.

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6. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet.

8. ENEMY DEFENCES. Pill boxes at J.24.D.3.9. were examined and found unoccupied. New works are in progress at about J.32.3.5.9.

M.Gs. were again active against our forward positions. Front line posts were intermittently swept by fire and KLEIN ZILLBERG and HALFWAY HOUSE were subjected to bursts of indirect fire during the night. FUNNY FARM guns were again active.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were very active during the day. Several were over our lines at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. at heights from 3 to 12,000 feet. They were actively engaged by A.A. gun and M.G. fire, but with no apparent result.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Several small parties of the enemy were seen near BERRY COTTS during the morning.

At 4 p.m. and again at 5.15 p.m. two men, one wearing gloves and carrying a riding crop, were observed to move cautiously down the slope near BERRY COTTS. They examined our position with glasses for several minutes with a map spread out on the ground. They returned to BERRY COTTS on each occasion.

Individual movement was observed in vicinity of STONE FARM, East, and POOL Farms.

9. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. Nil.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Flares. During the bombardment of BERRY COTTS at 2.30 p.m. a three star WHITE rocket was fired from the Pill box. No apparent result was observed to follow.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO.7.FROM 6 a.m. 6th. MARCH, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 7th. MARCH, 1918.1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was again very active during the day, enemy positions and communications being intermittently shelled by 4.5 Hows. and 18 pdrs. Targets engaged include TROT HOUSE, RIFLE ROAD in vicinity of POOL FARM, JAGER TRENCH in J.27.C. and KENT FARM.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our 6" Mortars fired several rounds for registration purposes on to Cross Roads at J.32.B.6.4. during the afternoon. Stokes Mortars did not fire during the period.

(c) Machine Guns. Harassing fire was carried out by our Vickers Guns on enemy positions in vicinity of BERRY COTTS. Lewis Guns engaged targets in enemy forward positions during the night, 450 rounds being expended.

(d) Aerial Activity. Our planes were very active during the day, frequently crossing over the enemys lines. At 11.20 a.m. formations amounting to 20 planes crossed into enemy territory.

(f) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication *with* between flank Brigades throughout the night.

(i) A patrol of one Officer and 7 O.R. left our line at J.32.C.3.6. at 8 p.m. to reconnoitre area in vicinity of FUNNY FARM. Patrol moved to J.32.C.5.7., J.32.C.5.5. to J.32.C.7.5. thence back to point of departure reaching there at 9.30 p.m. Flares were fired from FUNNY FARM, but M.Gs. were not firing. No enemy were encountered by patrol.

(ii) A patrol of one Officer and 7 O.R. left our line at J.26.C.9.9. at 10.30 p.m. to determine existence of enemy wire near RIFLE ROAD at J.26.D.7.5. Patrol moved to J.26.D.5.7. J.26.D.5.5. returning to our line at J.26.C.9.6. at 12 midnight. Great difficulty was experienced in crossing the SLEEK on account of the marshy state of the ground. None of the enemy could be seen or heard nor was any of his wire encountered.

(iii) A patrol of one M.C.O. and 6 men left our lines at J.32.A.8.7. at 10.15 p.m. to attempt to locate hostile working parties in vicinity of POOL FARM. Patrol moved to J.32.B.3.3. and from there a sentry in the enemy line was heard to challenge. Three small wiring parties were seen at J.32.B.3.2. and a party of about 20 of the enemy were seen digging in vicinity of POOL FARM. Patrol returned at 4.35 a.m. to J.32.A.9.9.

(iv) At 2 a.m. a patrol of one M.C.O. and 6 men left our line at J.32.A.8.7. to report on enemy wire in vicinity of J.32.B.3.4. Patrol moved to J.32.B.2.4. where a trip wire consisting of 4 strands was met with, this wire was followed to J.32.B.3.3. Patrol then returned to our line at J.32.A.7.5. via J.32.B.1.5. J.32.B.1.3. reaching there at 4 a.m. Enemy patrols were heard to be challenged at about J.32.D.7.5. and J.32.D.7.7.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Enemy artillery was much more active during the past 24 hours. During the morning about 30 4.2s. fell in J.25.D. From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Squares I.29.D., I.30.C. and D., I.36.A. and B. were shelled with 4.2 H.E. and Gas at the rate of about 10 per minute. At 12 midday 193 - 5.9s. fell in I.28.B. and D.

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Except for increased artillery activity enemy is still quiet.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. New work, which appears to be camouflaged was observed from J.32.B.5.5. to rear of POOL FARM. An enemy M.G. was observed firing on our planes from approx. J.27.A.20.80.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were active during the day but flew at a great height on all occasions.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Men were observed during the day in vicinity of BERRY COTTS, BUND COTTS and QUART BUILDINGS. One man was seen to enter FUNNY FARM at 4 p.m.

9. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. An enemy Heavy T.M. was found at I.32.D.45.65.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Gun flashes were observed on T.Bs. of 95° and 122° from J.25.D.1.4.

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FROM 6 a.m. 7th. MARCH, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 8th. MARCH, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

Relief. Inter-Company relief took place on both Company fronts being completed without incident by 4 a.m.

(a) Artillery. Our batteries actively engaged selected targets in enemy's forward area during the day.

At 8.30 p.m. in view of a possible attack by the enemy on our left, a special shoot by our 4.5 Hows. took place against ALASKA HOUSES, and at 10 p.m. against BUND COTTS. Heavy artillery co-operated by engaging GLASS HOUSES and QUART BUILDINGS.

Counter batteries actively engaged hostile guns firing on to Squares I.28., 29., 30. and 36. during the morning.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our Stokes Mortars did not fire during the period. At 4.30 p.m. 6" Newton Mortars fired 23 rounds for registration purposes on Cross Roads at J.32.B.50.45. and Road Junction at J.26.D.6.0.

(c) Machine Guns. Lewis Guns expended 800 rounds against enemy positions during the night. 2,000 rounds of S.A.A. were expended by our Machine Guns against BERRY COTTS during the night.

(d) Snipers. Our snipers were active during the day, and three hits are claimed.

(e) Aerial Activity. Our planes were again very active during the day, constantly patrolling the enemy's lines and penetrating deeply into his territory.

(f) Patrols. (i) A patrol of one Officer and 9 O.R. left our line at 7 p.m. from J.26.B.40.45. to reconnoitre enemy positions and wire in vicinity of RIFLE ROAD at J.26.D.7.5. Patrol moved South to J.26.D.6.5. thence back to our line at J.26.D.1.9. reaching there at 9 p.m. No sign of the enemy posts could be seen and none of his wire was encountered.

(ii) At 11 p.m. a patrol of one Officer and 7 O.R. left our line at J.26.C.90.00. to locate enemy positions in vicinity of J.32.B.3.6. Patrol moved to J.26.D.2.2. then turned South to J.32.B.1.6. thence back to our line at J.32.A.8.7. reaching there at 1.40 a.m. No enemy were encountered and enemy posts, with the exception of a M.G. position at J.32.B.3.6., could not be located. No enemy wire was met with.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was again very active during the day, most of the shelling being confined to our reserve system and back areas. VERBRANDENMOLEN was heavily shelled with 5.9s. between 10 a.m. and 10.45 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

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Heavy gas shelling was experienced between 11.30 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. in Squares I.30. and 36.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibro.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
9 a.m.	J.25.B. and D.	4	4.2	S.E.
10 - 11.45 a.m.	I.28.A. E. & D.	260	5.9	T.B. of 90° from I.29.C.4.3.
11.25 a.m. )	I.30. & I.36.	250	77 mm	S.E. and East.
12.15 p.m. )	I.29.D.		Gas.	
1 - 1.30 p.m.	I.28.B. & D.	100	5.9	T.B. 98° from I.29.C.4.3.
5.30 p.m.	SHREWSBURY FOREST	22	4.2	East.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy artillery was again very active during the morning; his attitude otherwise was quiet.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy was heard at work in vicinity of J.32.B.4.4. A M.G. was located at J.32.B.3.6,

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aircraft was very active during the day. Several planes patrolled our lines at 12.30 p.m. and two low-flyinh crossed our lines at 2.20 p.m.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Constant movement of small parties of men was observed in vicinity of STONE FARM and disappeared down road towards QUART BUILDINGS. At 4 p.m. and again at 5 p.m. several men were seen at BERRY COTTS.

9. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. Nil.

10. MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy was unusually active with flares in front of our sector during the night.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO 11.

FROM 6 a.m. 10th. MARCH, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 11th. MARCH, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our counter batteries engaged hostile batteries firing on I.29., I.29., I.36. and J.25. between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Harassing and destructive shoots by our 18 pdrs. and 4.5 Hows. took place during the period on enemy communications and positions. Targets engaged include Roads in J.32.B., dugouts at J.33.A.2.1., area enclosed by BERRY COTTS, SWAGGER FARM and CAPITAL FARM, HATCH FARM, BLACK COTTS and ALASKA HOUSE.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our mortars did not fire during the 24 hours.

(c) Machine Guns. Vickers guns were active during the night, enemys positions being subjected to intermittent bursts of fire. 21,600 rounds were expended.

Lewis Guns fired 700 rounds against enemy forward positions during the night.

(d) Aerial Activity. Our planes were constantly over enemy lines during the day, and on all occasions drew heavy enemy A.A. and M.G. fire.

(e) Wiring. 9 coils of barbed wire were used in constructing 35 yards of apron and 30 yards of trip wire at J.26.D.0.9.

(f) Patrols. Lateral communication between Companies and flank Brigades was maintained throughout the night.

(i) A patrol of one Officer and 6 men left our line at 11 p.m. at J.26.C.9.8. with the object of locating enemy positions in vicinity of RIFLE ROAD at J.26.D.5.5. Patrol moved to J.26.D.4.5. to J.26.D.3.2. then back to our line at J.26.C.8.5. reaching there at 12.55 a.m. Enemy were discovered in two pillboxes at about J.26.D.5.6. No enemy patrols were encountered or working parties heard.

(ii) A fighting patrol of one Officer and 9 O.R. left our line at J.32.A.9.9. at 1.45 a.m. to endeavour to capture enemy post previously located at J.32.B.5.6. Patrol moved along BULGAR Road to J.32.B.2.6. From here a reconnoitring party went forward and found the post unoccupied. Signs of recent occupation were clearly visible. An enemy wiring party was located at J.32.B.5.3. and 18 pdr. shells were seen to burst among them on which working ceased. Area in vicinity of enemy post was thoroughly searched but no further signs of enemy advanced posts were seen. Patrol returned to our line at 5.15 a.m. to point of departure.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was particularly active during the day. Registration and destructive shoots were carried out by his heavies on Squares I.30., I.28. and I.29. during the afternoon. The support line again received a quantity of gas shells.

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<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
Intermittent all day.	SHREWSBURY FOREST.	-	77 m.m. & 4.2.	
10 a.m.	I.30.Central.	20	8 inch.	
2.35 - 6.10 pm.	I.28.(C. & D.) I.34.(A. & B.)	75	8 inch.	S.E.
2.50 - 3.30 pm.	I.28. & 29	13	8 inch.	110° T.B. from I.29.C.3.3.
3.35 - 4.20 pm.	I.28. & 29.	19	8 inch.	do.
3.50 - 4.35 pm.	I.34.	62	4.2	East.
4 p.m.	BULGAR WOOD.	9	77 m.m.	E.S.E.
4.30 - 6.15 pm.	I.28.C. & D.) I.29.B. & D.)	144	8 inch & 5.9.	110° T.B. from I.29.C.3.3.
4.45 p.m.	I.30.D.1.3.	40	4.2	
5.30 p.m.	J.25.C.4.2.	30	4.2	
5.30 - 6.30 pm.	I.30.D., I.36.A.	30	4.2 & 8"	S.E.
5 p.m.	THE GLEN.	10	77 Gas	S.E.
6 p.m.	THE GLEN	8	77 Gas	S.E.
7 - 7.15 p.m.	I.34.C.	10	5.9	S.E.
6.50 - 7.5 pm.	I.27.A.7.3.	17	5.9	E.S.E.
7.5 - 7.15 pm.	I.28.D.6.4.	15	5.9	E.S.E.
9 p.m.	HALFWAY HOUSE.	18	77 m.m.	E.N.E.
10.13 - 10.20 pm	I.28.D.7.4.	17	4.2 Gas.	E.N.E.
10.20 - 10.25pm	I.28.D.7.4.	13	5.9	E.N.E.
11.10 - 11.20 pm.	I.28.D.7.4.	22	5.9	E.N.E.
3 - 3.30 a.m.	I.28.D.	30	5.9	E.N.E.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. An increase in artillery and M.G. activity was noticeable. Infantry was quiet.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. A wire entanglement is in course of construction at J.32.B.5.3. Two occupied pillboxes surrounded by loose wire were located at J.28.D.5.6. Patrol reports two occupied pillboxes at J.32.B.6.5. to be strongly occupied but not wired.

Enemy M.Gs. were very active during the night, most of the fire being directed from guns in J.27.C. and J.33.A. and C.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were not as active as usual only two being observed over our sector during the day.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Little movement was observed during the day on account of low visibility. During the afternoon small parties and individual men were seen in vicinity of BERRY COTTS, GLASS HOUSES and STONE FARM.

Movement in vicinity of KENT FARM at daybreak and dusk was again noticeable. An enemy wiring party working at J.32.B.5.3. at about 3.30 a.m. was dispersed by our 18 pdrs.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. At 5.30 a.m. a RED lamp was seen flashing from BERRY COTTS.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 12.

FROM 6 a.m. 11th. MARCH, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 12th. MARCH, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

Relief. The 2nd. Battalion relieved the 1st. Battalion in the line, relief being completed without incident by 12.10 a.m.

(a) Artillery. Our counter batteries actively engaged enemy artillery firing on Squares I.28., I.29., I.30.C, and I.36.A. during the afternoon.

Harassing and destructive fire shoots were carried out by our 18 pdrs. and 4.5 Hows, during the 24 hours. Targets engaged included, ROAD from J.32.B.5.4. to J.33.C.1.9., Area enclosed by BERRY COTTS, SWAGGER FARM and CAPITAL FARM, tracks in J.32.B., J.33.D. and J.34.A., ALASKA HOUSE, BLACK COTTS, STONE FARM (J.28.A.) and HATCH FARM (J.34.D.).

(b) Trench Mortars. Inactive.

(c) Machine Guns. Lewis Guns expended 500 rounds on enemy forward positions during the night. Vickers guns did not fire during the period.

(d) Aerial Activity. Our planes were constantly over the enemys lines throughout the day.

(e) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication between Companies and flank Brigades.  
Patrol reports are not available.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was again very active against our support system and rear areas during the day and night. Destructive shoots were again carried out against our positions in J.28.D. and I.30.C. during the day.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
9-10 a.m.	I.36.B.	60	4.2	
10-11 a.m.	I.30.D.1.5.	50	4.2 Gas & HE.	E.N.E.
10 am - 3 p.m.	I.36.B.3.2.	50	3.9 & 4.2	E.N.E.
10.35 a.m. -	Support Line and	100	77 m.m.	East.
4.45 p.m.	THE GLEN.			
11.50 a.m.	BULGAR WOOD.	5	77 Gas	East.
1 - 2.30 p.m.	I.28.B. & D.	90	5.9	T.B. 110° from I.29.C.3.3.
	I.29.C.			
2.45 p.m.	I.28.B.	2	5.9	
2 - 8 p.m.	I.30.C. & D.	100	5.9	East.
4.30 p.m.	I.30.D.5.6.	30	77 m.m.	East.
5 - 5.50 p.m.	I.28.B. & D.	38	5.9	T.B. 110° from J.29.C.3.3.
	I.29.C.			
7 p.m.	I.35.A.	4	5.9	
7 - 8 p.m.	IMAGE WOOD.	40	5.9	
11 - 11.20 p.m.	J.26.C.	40	77 Gas & HE.	S.E.
11.30 p.m.	I.30.C., I.36.A.	50	5.9	S.E.
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5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Signs of new work on a trench is visible at about J.27.A.2.A. Wire is visible near BERRY COTTS at J.27.A.30.45. (Observers). M.Gs. were active during the night from vicinity of J.26.D.7.0., J.26.D.8.5. and POOL FARM.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were rather active during the day over our lines but were always at a considerable height.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.

At 3.30 p.m. one man was observed at TROT HOUSE with pack. Several men were seen during the day at BUND COTTS and at 6.15 p.m. two men with packs were seen to enter one of the pillboxes.

Smoke and flame could be seen in vicinity of TROT HOUSE at 12.40 p.m.

Wheeled transport could be heard behind enemy's lines in direction of PACK FARM during the night.

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(a) Artillery. Our counter batteries were again called on to deal with enemy batteries firing on I.28., I.29., I.33.C. and I.34.D. during the day.

Throughout the period our 18 pdrs. and 4.5 Hows. subjected enemy positions and centres of activity, to intermittent bursts of fire. The following targets were engaged, TROT HOUSE, suspected T.M. at J.32.D.6.6., POOL FARM, ALASKA HOUSES, Roads from J.33.C.1.9. to J.33.D.2.3. and from J.33.A.3.7. to J.33.C.5.7. RUSK FARM, QUART BUILDINGS and tracks in J.34.B.

At 10.15 p.m. 4.5 Hows. fired 100 rounds of gas shell on to BUND COTTAGES.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our Stokes Mortars fired 15 rounds on enemy positions in RIFLE Road in J.26.D.

6" Newtons fired several rounds during the afternoon on enemy positions in vicinity of J.26.D.8.3.

(c) Machine Guns. Lewis Guns actively engaged targets in enemy forward positions during the night, 800 rounds being expended. Vickers guns did not fire during the 24 hours.

(d) Snipers. Our snipers were active during the day and fired wherever a favourable target presented itself.

(e) Aerial Activity. Our planes constantly patrolled enemy forward positions during the day.

(f) Patrols. Lateral communication between flanking Units was maintained throughout the night by means of liaison patrols.

(i) A patrol of one Officer and 8 O.R. left our line at J.32.C.1.8. at 12.50 a.m. to reconnoitre FUNNY FARM. Patrol moved to about J.32.C.4.5. under cover of a party at J.32.C.2.8. No enemy were encountered but a working party and talking could be heard in vicinity of DAMP COPSE. Patrol returned to point of departure at 3.35 a.m.

(ii) A patrol of one Officer and 8 O.R. left our line at J.26.C.8.7. at 1.45 a.m. to investigate newly sawn logs in vicinity of J.26.D.4.4. Patrol moved to this point but failed to locate any sawn logs so returned to our lines at point of departure at 3 a.m. The ground traversed is still very wet and boggy and movement difficult.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was again very active. Registration shoots on to IMAGE AVENUE, counter battery work and destructive shoots on to our positions in I.28. and I.29. were the chief characteristics of the activity shown.

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<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
7 a.m.	J.31.C.	30	77 m.m.	ZANDVOORDE.
7.45 - 8.30 am	C.T. near HALFWAY HOUSE	12	4.2	
8.30-9.30 a.m.	I.36.B., J.31.A.	30	5.9	E.N.E.
9.30 a.m.	I.30.D.8.6.	26	77 m.m.	
11.40-6.30 p.m.	Hill 60	100	5.8 & 8"	S.E.
12.30 p.m.	LARCH WOOD	28	5.9	S.E.
2- 3 p.m.	I.30.D.Central	50	5.9	E.N.E.
2 - 4 p.m.	J.25.D.	40	4.2	
3.45 - 4 p.m.	I.30.D.	22	4.2 & 77	
3.45 p.m.	"O" Track, J.29.C and D.	6	8 inch.	East.
3 p.m.	VERBRANDEN Road	20	8 inch	East.
5.30 - 8 p.m.	I.36.B.2.3.	100	5.9.	E.N.E.
5.35 p.m.	RAVINE WOOD	30	4.2 Gas.	East.
5.45 p.m.	LARCH WOOD	11	5.9	S.E.
5.35 - 6.40 pm	J.31.D.	170	4.2	123° T.B. from J.25.D.60.45.
6 - 8.30 p.m.	HALFWAY HOUSE and THE GLEN.	60	5.9	E.N.E.
6.40-6.55 p.m.	J.31.A.	52	4.2 HE & Gas.	118° T.B. from J.25.D.60.45.
7 p.m.	J.25.C.6.4.	30	4.2 H.E. & Gas.	do.
7.15 p.m.	IMAGE AVENUE	50	77	S.E.
7.30 - 8 pm.	Vic. of THE GLEN	130	4.2 H.E. & Gas.	120° T.B. from J.25.D.1.0.
3 a.m.	Hill 60	100	5.9	S.E.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery very active otherwise attitude very quiet.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Work was being carried out in vicinity of DAMP COPSE. A GRANATENWERFER firing to the right of our sector was observed in action at DAMP COPSE between 2 and 3 a.m. M.Gs. were active from DAMP COPSE in vicinity of J.32.D.5.3. during the night.

Observers report Pillboxes at J.32.D.6.6. to be occupied.

At 10.30 p.m. and 1.30 a.m. an enemy mortar fired 63 rounds on to our posts in J.26.B., but its position could not be located.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aircraft were moderately active over our sector. They were engaged on every occasion by our A.A. and M.G. fire and driven off.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Movement of from 3 to 5 men was seen in vicinity of BERRY COTTS, STONE FARM and QUART BUILDINGS. A sentry was observed in JAGER TRENCH at about J.27.B.2.2.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. As a result of our artillery shooting a quantity of enemy flares was exploded at 7 p.m. in Square P.2. and at 10.30 p.m. during gas shell bombardment of BERRY COTTS, shouting, blowing of horns and beating of gongs were heard.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 14.

FROM 6 a.m. 13th. MARCH, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 14th. March, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Harassing and destructive shoots against enemy roads, tracks, centres of activity and positions were carried out by our artillery throughout the period. Targets engaged included camouflaged road from J.32.D.45.40 to J.32.B.5.4. strong points at J.26.D.7.5., J.32.B.45.25., trenches J.27.C., J.28.A. and B. J.33.A., Tracks at J.33.C.35.25., CAPITAL FARM, TROT HOUSE, KENT FARM and suspected M.G. post at J.27.D.15.60.

(b) Trench Mortars. Inactive.

(c) Machine Guns. Inactive.

(d) Snipers. Snipers were active during the day. A hit is believed on an enemy sentry at J.27.C.1.9.

(e) Aerial Activity. Our planes were active during the day, actively patrolling the enemy forward and rear areas. Targets in J.27.C. were engaged with M.G. fire by one of our planes during the morning.

(f) Patrols. A patrol of one Officer and 9 O.R. left our line at J.32.C.55.95. at 11.15 p.m. to reconnoitre FUNNY FARM. Patrol moved to about J.32.C.7.3. and took up position for observation. No enemy movement was seen or heard. Going was found extremely difficult on account of the darkness and rough nature of the ground. Enemy was very quiet during the time patrol was out and very few flares were fired. Patrol returned to point of departure at 1.35 am.

(ii) A patrol of one Officer and 12 O.R. left our line at J.26.B.4.1. at 11.30 p.m. to locate enemy duckwalk track in the vicinity of J.26.D.6.8. and to intercept any enemy party in front of sector. Patrol moved to J.26.D.5.8. but could not locate any tracks in the vicinity. On account of bad visibility and rough nature of the ground going was extremely difficult. No enemy were seen or heard and patrol returned to our line by same route at 2.10 p.m.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. NIL.

3. DISPOSITIONS. NIL.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was slightly less active than usual, being lighter and more scattered and generally in the forward area.

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<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibro.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
Intermittently.	J.25.B.	171	4.2	107° T.B. from J.26.D.70.35.
"	Reserve Line.	105	4.2	S.E.
7.25 - 7.40 am.	J.31.A. & B.	190	4.2	E.S.E.
7.45 a.m.	J.25.D.	50	77	E.S.E.
7.55 a.m.	J.31.B.	18	77	E.S.E.
8.15 - 8.50 am.	LARCH WOOD.	13	5.9	East.
8.25 - 9.5 a.m.	J.25.D.0.1.	100	4.2 & 77	106° T.B. from the GLEN.
9 a.m.	J.32.C.4.9.	18	4.2	H.E. & Gas.
9. - 10.40 a.m.	J.26.B.	29	77	145° T.B. from J.21.B.70.35.
9.20 - 10.30 am	J.26.C.	16	77	E.S.E.
9.30 - 1.30pm	I.30.D.	90	4.2	East and S.E.
1.30 p.m.	BATTLE WOOD.	35	5.9	East.
2.50 - 4 p.m.	J.31.A. & B.	28	5.9	
2.50 - 4.10 pm.	J.31.B.1.6.	34	77	91° T.B. from the GLEN.
3.15 - 3.50 pm.	J.25.D.7.6.	21	77	
3.30 - 3.40 pm.	J.26.C.	20	4.2	
4.25 p.m.	J.25.A.	15	4.2 H.E.	116° T.B. from the GLEN.
7.15 - 7.40 pm.	J.25.C. & D.	32	77 H.E.	126° T.B. from the GLEN.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. An enemy L.G. was located firing from J.32.D.7.0. A new line of camouflago is in position about J.33.C.0.0.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were active during the day. At 12.15 p.m. our planes engaged a hostile plane which was forced to land in its own territory. At 4.30 p.m. a hostile formation of 9 planes attempted to cross our lines but were driven off by A.A. and Machine Gun fire.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Movement of small parties of 3 or 4 men in vicinity of BERRY COTTS, STONE FARM and Pillbox at J.26.D.0.1. during the day. At the latter a sontry was on duty all day.

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(a) Artillery. Counter batteries engaged enemy batteries firing on I.28. during the day. Harassing and destructive shoots by our 18 pdps. and 4.5 Hows. against enemy centres of activity and positions was carried out during the period. Targets engaged included - Pillbox at J.26.D.70.75., M.G. positions at J.26.B.85.30., J.27.A.50.50., J.32.B.5.3., J.32.C.6.6., PACK FARM, Road J.33.A.7.7. to J.33.A.3.5. and J.33.B.8.4. to J.34.C.3.7.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our T.Ms. were not active during the 24 hours.

(c) Machine Guns. Vickers Guns fired 4,000 rounds of S.A.A. during the night on their S.O.S. lines.

(d) Aerial Activity. Inclement weather conditions prevented aerial activity and none of our planes were seen during the day.

(e) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication between Flank Brigades throughout the night.

(i) A patrol of one Officer and 10 O.R. left our line at J.26.C.8.4. at 10.30 p.m. to intercept and engage any enemy patrols in front of sector. Patrol moved to J.26.D.4.3. thence North to our line at J.26.B.3.1. reaching there at 12.45 a.m. Sounds of men working at sandbagging in the vicinity of J.26.D.8.4. were heard but no enemy were encountered.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.3. DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was generally quiter than usual with the exception of shoots on to I.28.C. and D. and J.26.B. during the afternoon. The former was counter battery work and the latter destructive shoots against our Pillboxes.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
Intermittent	IMAGE WOOD, I.30.D.	40	4.2	S.E.
7.30 - 8 a.m.	J.31.C. and D.	30	4.2	
9.30 a.m. - 3.30	J.26.B.	250	4.2	S.E. by E.
10 - 11 a.m.	KLEIN ZILLEBEKE	70	77	
1 p.m.	COL DUMP	20	4.2	East.
1 - 4 p.m.	The GLEN & HALFWAY HOUSE	40	77	
1.15-2.30 p.m.	Hill 60 & vicinity	100	4.2	S.E.
1.15 - 7 p.m.	VERBRANDEN Road, I.28.B.	220	5.9 & 8"	S.E.
2 - 5 p.m.	I.30.C.	40	5.9	E.N.E.
6 p.m.	COL DUMP	20	4.2	
6 - 6.15 p.m.	Reserve Line, I.30.D.	50	4.2	East.
6.30 p.m.	J.26.	40	4.2	East.
7.25 p.m.	Reserve Line, I.30.D.	50	4.2 Gas	S.E.

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5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very quiet.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Considerable indirect fire by enemy M.Gs. was directed against our trench systems and communications. Direct fire guns were observed firing from BERRY COTTS, and at approx. J.26.D.6.3. during the night. *at 10.15 pm*
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were not active during the day, none being observed over our sector.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Movement of parties of from 3 to 4 men was seen during the day in vicinity of BERRY COTTS, GLASS HOUSES, STONE FARM and Pillbox at J.28.D.0.1.
9. MISCELLANEOUS. At 1.30 a.m. the enemy fired a considerable number of air bursting gas shells on to our rear areas and battery positions. At 4.45 a.m. an S.O.S. Signal was put up to the North of our sector. Our artillery and M.Gs. opened for a few minutes on their S.O.S. Lines.

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## SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 16.

FROM 6 a.m. 15th. MARCH, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 16th. MARCH, 1918.

## 1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. In accordance with pre-arranged programme the following locations were intermittently bombarded during the period. Strong Points at J.27.C.9.6. and J.32.B.35.00., track J.33.D.15.35. to J.34.C.55.40., M.G. position at J.33.A.35.75. CAPITAL and FUNNY FARMS.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our trench mortars were inactive.

(c) Machine Guns. Vickers Guns fired 13,000 rounds during the night, enemy positions and tracks being subjected to intermittent bursts of fire.

(d) Aerial Activity. A few of our planes were actively patrolling the enemys territory during the day.

(e) Patrols.

(i) Liaison patrols maintained communications to the flanks.

(ii) Patrol of one Officer and 12 O.R. left our lines at J.32.A.9.7. at 10 p.m. to ascertain if enemy post at J.32.B.2.6. was occupied and to obtain identification. The post was discovered to be occupied, but owing to artillery activity the patrol was not able to move further forward. Patrol returned to J.32.A.70.35. at 11.50 p.m. The ground here is firm but much cut up. Shell holes were full of water.

(iii) A patrol of one Officer and 12 O.R. left our lines at J.26.B.40.30. at 11 p.m. to examine RIFLE Road and intercept enemy patrols. Patrol moved to J.26.B.70.05. An enemy patrol of about 12 was seen at about J.26.B.70.40. by the light of a flare but though the patrol endeavoured to intercept them they were lost in the darkness. Enemy working party was heard at approx. J.26.B.95.80. The patrol returned to J.26.B.30.10. at 2 a.m. On the outward journey the going was good but on returning further South the patrol found the ground very marshy.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was generally quieter than usual

Time.	Location.	Rounds.	Calibre.	Direction
7 am - 7 pm.	I.35.B.	70	4.2	S.E.
11 am - 6 pm.	MOUNT SORRELL & vicinity	100	4.2 & 5.9	S.E.
11.26 am - 11.45am	J.26.C.	6	4.2	S.E.
11.30 am - 7 pm	LARCH WOOD Tunnels and vicinity.	50	5.9	East.
12.10 - 1.32 p.m.	I.29.C.	40.	5.9	E.S.E.
12.15 p.m.	I.26.A.	3	5.9	S.E.
4.5 - 4.20 pm	I.25.D.	12	77	E.S.E.
4.30 p.m.	VERBRANDEN Road, I.28.D.	8	5.9	East.
4.30 - 6.40 p.m.	I.25.D.	87	4.2	ESE <del>and</del>
6.45 - 6.50 p.m.	J.25. and J.31.	35	77 Gas & H.E.	E.S.E.
6.55 - 7 p.m.	J.25.D. and J.31.B.	56	4.2 & 77 Gas & H.E.	E.S.E.
7.10 p.m.	VERBRANDEN Road, I.28.D.	6	5.9	S.E.
10.25 - 10.30 pm	I.36.A.3.9.	40	4.2	East.
11.20 - 11.28 pm	I.30.D.0.3.	40	4.2	E.S.E.
12 mid. - 1.30 am	LARCHWOOD Tunnel and vicinity.	60	5.9	East.

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5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet but vigilant.
- (a) His heavy T.Ms. fired 16 rounds on J.32.A.1.3. at 7.40 a.m. from T.B. of 121° from J.33.A.15.05. near KENT FARM. A T.M. from rear of LONG FARM fired 3 rounds into BELGIAN WOOD at 7.45 a.m.
- T.M. from J.32.D.45.40. near EAST FARM fired a number of rounds on to J.32.C.3.9. at 9.5 a.m.
- (b) M.G. activity below normal.
6. ENEMY DEFENCES. A M.G. emplacement was located at J.32.B.89.40.
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Inactive. At 8.30 a.m. 2 enemy planes flew very high ~~over~~ in a SE direction over BATTLE WOOD. At 4.30 p.m. one plane flew over I.30.D. in a N.E. direction also very high.
8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.
- (a) Movement at Pillbox at J.33.C.45.00., at Pillboxes near KENT FARM, at BERRY COTTS., at GENERALS DUGOUTS, at STONE FARM J.28.B.15.50., at J.28.D.00.12.
- (b) Large smoke screen or burning dump seen on a T.B. of 163° from I.25.D.60.45.
9. ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. Nil.
10. MISCELLANEOUS. Between 1 and 2 a.m. enemy appeared to be firing Pineapples on to the Brigade Sector on our right. No detonations, however, could be heard.

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Relief. Inter-Company relief took place on both Company fronts, being completed without incident by 10 p.m.

(a) Artillery. In addition to maintaining harassing fire on to centres of recent enemy activity the following targets were engaged - strong point at J.33.C.2.1., trenches in J.27.C., J.28.D., J.34. A, B and C., Pillbox at J.28.D.0.1., BERRY COTTS, TROT HOUSE, POOL FARM, TIN HOUSES, RUSK and STONE FARM.

At about 9.45 p.m. working parties at about J.27.C.1.8. and at FUNNY FARM were dispersed by our 18 pdrs.

Our heavies were engaged on counter battery work at intervals during the day against enemy batteries which were firing on RAVINE WOOD, SHREWSBURY FOREST and BULGAR WOOD.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our trench mortars did not fire during the period.

(c) Machine Guns. Our Vickers Guns were active during the night, 15,000 rounds being expended on the following targets - BERRY COTTS, HAMP FARM, TROT HOUSE, PACK FARM, LONG FARM, KENT FARM and BUND COTTS. Roads and tracks in J.33.C. were also subjected to intermittent bursts of fire.

(d) Aerial Activity. Great activity was displayed by our planes during the day and the early part of the night. Planes flying low over enemy forward positions drew a great amount of enemy A.A. and a.C. fire on all occasions.

(e) Patrols. Lateral communication was maintained throughout the night with Flanking Units by means of liaison patrols. In addition the following special patrols were sent out.

(i) A patrol of one Officer and 8 O.R. left our lines at J.26.B.4.4. at 11.45 p.m. for the purpose of examining the state of No Man's Land in front of the left Company. The patrol moved via J.26.B.9.1. - J.26.B.80.05. - J.26.D.60.95. and J.26.D.60.70. returning at 1.45 a.m. to our lines at J.26.C.95.95. The ground to J.26.B.80.05. is fairly dry and free of obstacles. RIFLE ROAD from J.26.B.8.0. to J.26.D.7.9. is fascined but partially cut up by shell holes. On entering BITTER WOOD the rough nature of the ground made going very difficult. Partially demolished and unoccupied pillbox was located at approx. J.26.D.5.7. Rusted cupolas with old tape running back to the German lines were discovered at about J.26.D.40.75. and close by an old disused observation tree. ~~Going through BITTER WOOD was found to be difficult.~~

(ii) A reconnoitring patrol of 1 Officer and 12 O.R. left our line at J.26.A.7.5. at 9.30 p.m., to obtain information regarding the state of the ground and nature of obstacles in the vicinity of FUNNY FARM. Patrol moved to J.32.C.8.8. and could not approach any closer on account of a large enemy working party covered by a patrol, in the vicinity of the farm. The area traversed was found to be badly cut up by shell fire and very marshy. All shell holes are full of water. At several points, patches of old and damaged wire on low stakes was met with. Patrol returned to point of departure at 11.10 p.m.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.3. DISPOSITIONS. Nil.*SMB*

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4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery displayed the usual activity during the day, destructive and counter battery work being the main characteristics of the shoot.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
Intermittently.	BATTLE WOOD, I.35.D.	30	4.2	S.E.
Intermittently.	MOUNT SORRELL & vicinity.	50	4.2 & 77	
8 - 10 a.m.	I.36.B. & J.31.A.	50	77	
8.30 - 11 a.m.	MOUNT SORRELL & THE GLEN.	40	5.9	N.E.
11 - 1 p.m.	HALFWAY HOUSE & Reserve Line.	50	4.2	East.
11.30 am - 2 p.m.	KLEIN ZILLEBEKE	100	5.9 Gas & Shrapnel.	E.N.E.
12.20 p.m.	BULGAR WOOD.	60	4.2 Gas & H.E.	E.S.E.
12.35 - 12.55 pm	J.26.A.	40	4.2 Gas & H.E.	
12.18 - 1.45 p.m.	J.32.A.	42	4.2 Gas & H.E.	E.S.E.
12.35 - 1.55 p.m.	J.26.B.	50	4.2	110° T.B. from J.26.B.4.4
1.30 - 4.30 p.m.	IMAGE WOOD & J.25.Cont.	80	77	
1.45 - 5 p.m.	I.36.A.	30	77	S.E.
2. - 4 p.m.	J.32.A.8.7.	53	4.2	N.E.
3.31 - 4 p.m.	J.25.Central	13	77 & 5.9	S.E.
4 - 7 p.m.	LARCH WOOD	20	4.2	East.
5 - 6 p.m.	HALFWAY HOUSE	20	5.9	E.N.E.
6.30 - 6.45 p.m.	J.32.A.	30	4.2 H.E. & Gas	E.S.E.
9.55 - 11.15 pm	I.29.A. and D.	146	5.9	S.E.
4.55 a.m.	I.30.C.	18	77	S.E.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet but alert.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. A screen has been put up along ridge from J.33.A.4.8. to J.27.C.4.5. It is evidently intended to continue the work for 8 poles are in position to take more screening. Wire has been strengthened in front of BERRY COTTS and POOL FARM. M.Gs. were firing during the night from BERRY COTTS, J.32.B.6.9. KENT FARM and immediately North of FUNNY FARM. At 6.45 a.m. a heavy T.M. fired 6 rounds on to right Brigade Sector from approx. KENT FARM. Working parties were located at about J.27.C.1.8. and at FUNNY FARM and dispersed by our 18 pdrs. at 9.30 p.m.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were not active during the day.

Balloons were observed as follows - 107°, 110°, 143° T.Bs. at 9.25 a.m. and 125°, 128° T.Bs. at 3 p.m. from I.29.C.80.25. also 69°, 121°, 141° T.Bs. from J.25.D.60.45. during the day.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Movement of small parties of from 2 to 3 men and of individuals was observed during the day at BERRY COTTS, BUND COTTS, STONE FARM and at a Pillbox about J.29.D.5.3.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Gun flashes were observed at 2.32 p.m. on a T.B. of 115°, and at 3.35 p.m. on a T.B. of 133° from J.25.D.60.45.

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(a) Artillery. In accordance with a pre-arranged programme the following localities were bombarded at intervals throughout the period - strong points J.26.D.8.8., J.26.D.85.05. BULGAR ROAD in J.32.B., MARGATE FARM, TRAM FARM, M.G. Positions J.33.A.4.7. and J.33.A.5.4.

(b) Trench Mortars. Stokes mortars fired 15 rounds on to a suspected M.G. position at about J.26.D.8.5. during the night.

(c) Machine Guns. Enemy forward positions including BERRY COTTS, HAMP FARM, TROT HOUSE, PACK, LONG and KENT FARMS, were subjected to intermittent bursts of fire by our Vickers Guns during the night. 17,500 rounds of S.A.A. were expended.

(d) Aerial Activity. Our planes were again very active, enemy forward and rear areas being kept under constant observation during the day.

(e) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained communication between Companies and flank Brigades throughout the night.

(i) A patrol of one Officer and 12 O.R. left our lines at 10.30 p.m. from J.32.C.3.8. to locate and report on the nature of the approaches to FUNNY FARM and to locate enemy wire in the vicinity. Patrol moved directly to FUNNY FARM without opposition reaching there at 12.55 a.m. The farm was found to be unoccupied and shewed signs of recent use. The Pillbox is about 15 feet by 10 feet, consisting of two compartments one containing a table and a bunk. It is untenable, having been partially blown in by shell fire the previous day. Very little M.G. fire was experienced by the patrol but the going was extremely difficult owing to the swampy nature of the country. Two belts of wire, 40 to 60 yards from the farm were met with but were easily crossed on account of being damaged by shell fire. No enemy were encountered and patrol returned to our lines at point of departure at 1.30 a.m.

(ii) A patrol of one Officer and 10 O.R. left our lines at J.26.B.4.3. at 1.15 a.m. to intercept and engage any enemy patrols in front of sector. Patrol moved out to about J.27.A.0.4. and from here enemy were located in a trench about J.27.A.2.4. No enemy patrols were seen or heard and patrol returned to our lines at 4 a.m. to point of departure. During the time the patrol was out many flares were fired by the enemy but M.Gs. were not very active.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was quiet during the morning but became extremely active during the afternoon continuing to shell until about 11 p.m. at night. Heavy concentrations of gas shells were put down in the vicinity of our Support and Reserve Systems, vicinity of Hill 60 and on to our battery positions from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
7.9 a.m.	J.25.C. and D.	35	77	N.E.
7.25 - 4.30 pm	BATTLE WOOD, I.35.D.100	100	4.2.	S.E.
8 a.m.	THE GLEN	30	4.2	East.
8 - 11 a.m.	KLEIN ZILLEBEKE	60	77	E.N.E.
9.25 - 1.30 pm	I.36.A.	75	77 & 4.2	S.E.
10 - 4 p.m.	Res. Line & Mt.SORRELL	100	4.2 H.E. & Gas.	N.E.
10 - 4 p.m.	VERBRANDEN ROAD, I.28.D.	30	5.9 & 4.2	East.
10 - 2 p.m.	JUMPEL WOOD and HALFWAY HOUSE	250	77 Gas.	E.N.E.
10.50 a.m.	J.26.A.	225	5.9 & Gas.	UGLY WOOD.
12.30 - 5 p.m.	LARCH WOOD, I.29.C.	50	4.2	S.E.
1.55 - 3.3 p.m.	I.34.B.6.5.	100	4.2 & Gas	E.S.E.
2 - 7 p.m.	KLEIN ZILLEBEKE	100	77 Gas & HE.	E.N.E.
2.45 p.m.	J.31.A.	50	4.2 & 5.9 H.E. and Gas.	CAPE WOOD.
2.40 p.m.	J.25.D.	30	5.9	S.E.
4 - 7.30 p.m.	Res. Line.	175	77 Gas.	S.E.
4.11 p.m.	I.29.C.	120	4.2 Gas.	S.E.
4.45 p.m.	I.34.B.6.5.	3 per min.	5.9	112° T.M. from I.34.B.8.5.
4.45 p.m.	J.31.D.	32	4.2	E.S.E.
5.8 p.m.	J.31. and I.36.	300 in 10 minutes.	5.9 H.E. 4.2 & 77 Gas	120° T.B. from J.25.D.9.3.
5.30 p.m.	I.36.A.4.9.	120	4.2 Gas.	120° T.B. from I.36.A.4.9.
5 - 6 p.m.	I.29.C. & vicinity	10 - 20 per minute	77 Gas.	E.S.E.
5 - 6.30 p.m.	RAVINE WOOD.	100	5.9	East.
6.3 p.m.	THE GLEN	90	77 HE & Gas.	ZANDVOORDE.
6.10 - 7.30 pm	I.34.B.	200	5.9	112° T.B. from I.34.B.6.5.
6.20-6.40 p.m.	J.31.A.	30	5.9	CAPE WOOD.
6.47 p.m.	I.29.D.	180	77 HE & Gas	82° T.B. from I.29.D.9.1.
7.37 - 8 p.m.	I.29.C.	450	4.2 & 77 Gas	East.
8.3 - 8.38 pm.	I.36.A.4.9.	24	4.2 Gas.	E.S.E.
8.57-9.28 p.m.	I.29.C.	320	5.9	112° T.B. from I.34.B.6.5.
Continuous Battery Salvos	J.25.C. & D.		4.2 Gas.	East.
9.11.30 p.m.				
10.15 p.m.	I.36.A.3.2.	20	77 HE & Gas.	95° T.B. from I.36.A.3.2.
12.35-12.48 a.m	I.29.D.4.4.	20	77 HE & Gas	
2 - 2.30 a.m.	RAVINE WOOD.	30	4.2	

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. With the exception of artillery the enemy was quiet.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Camouflage screening previously reported is now completed to TROT HOUSE. Several poles are lying on the ground at the end of the screen and it is evidently intended to continue the work.

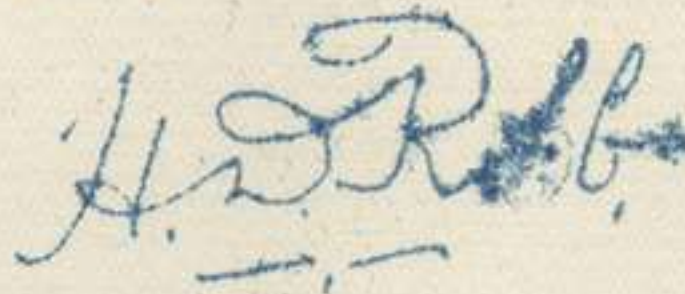
7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were not active during the day.

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8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.  
Usual movement was observed at BERRY and BUND COTTS, STONE FARM and at Pillbox at J.29.D.5.3. At 12.45 p.m. a sentry was observed in trench at J.27.A.1.4. During the day several men were seen moving about in this trench. At 6.30 p.m. 10 men were seen at BUND COTTS for a few minutes. At 4 p.m. a pigeon was released from Pillbox at J.29.C.5.3.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Balloons were observed during the day on True Bearings of 65°, 70°, 93°, 97°, 99° and 115° from J.25.D.75.35. At 3.20 p.m. smoke screens were observed in the valley to the East of ZANDVOORDE on True Bearings of 133° and 146° from J.25.D.60.45.

Gun flashes were observed as follows at 5 p.m. - on T.Bs. of 126°, 130° and 142° from J.25.D.60.45.



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(a) Artillery. Throughout the period intermittent bursts of fire were directed against enemy positions in front of the Brigade Sector. Targets engaged included - strong point from J.26.D.8.6. to J.26.D.85.03., BULGAR ROAD in J.32.B., MARGATE FARM, TRAM FARM, ALASKA HOUSES and BUND COTTS, M.G. Positions at J.27.C.50.56., J.33.A.4.7. and J.33.A.5.4. At 4.30 a.m. a special shoot took place with the object of enveloping enemy parties in No man's Land and in Squares J.26.B. and D., J.32.B. C and D. POOL and EAST FARMS, T.Ms. at J.32.B.52.18. and J.32.D.45.48. were targets specially selected for 4.5 Hows. Heavies were active at intervals during the day on counter battery work, engaging enemy batteries firing on Squares I.29.C. and J.32.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our Stokes Mortars fired 20 rounds on to suspected M.G. position at J.26.D.7.5.

(c) Machine Guns. In order to assist the Brigade on our left in carrying out a minor operation against enemy positions in J.27.A. our Vickers Guns put down a special barrage from J.27.A.05.35. to J.27.B.08.95. at 2.30 a.m.

Targets engaged during the night were TROT HOUSE, Tracks in J.27.C. PACK, LONG and KENT FARMS, Tracks in J.33.A. and BUND COTTS, 20,000 rounds being expended in all.

Lewis Guns engaged enemy forward positions during the night and in one case inflicted casualties on an enemy party.

(d) Snipers. Snipers were active in the early morning and at dusk. Casualties were inflicted on a small party at the Junction of RIFLE and BULGAR Roads at 7 a.m. Two of the enemy were seen to fall and were there throughout the remainder of the day.

(e) Aerial Activity. Our planes were constantly over the enemys lines. They were invariably subjected to heavy A.A. and M.G. fire but without result.

(f) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication between Companies and flank Brigades.

(i) At 10.30 p.m. a patrol of one Officer and 14 O.R. left our lines at J.32.A.9.7. to engage any enemy parties in front of sector and endeavour to procure identification. Patrol moved to J.32.B.20.65. and found the going through BULGAR WOOD extremely difficult. The suspected enemy listening post at J.32.B.2.7. was investigated but found to be unoccupied. M.G. fire from POOL FARM hindered the movement of the patrol. No enemy were encountered but a working party was located at about J.33.A.0.5. Patrol returned to our lines at J.32.A.7.5. at 2.30 a.m.

(ii) A patrol of one Officer and 12 O.R. left our lines at 11 p.m. at J.26.C.8.6. to intercept and engage any enemy patrol in front of sector with a view of securing identification. Patrol moved to J.26.D.0.4., J.26.D.5.5., J.26.D.5.2. thence back to our line at J.26.C.8.4. reaching there at 2.20 a.m. No enemy were seen or heard and Pillboxes at J.26.D.4.5. were found to be unoccupied.

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2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.3. DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was not quite as active as previously, the majority of his shelling being against our defensive systems.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
6 a.m.	TOP HOUSE	18	5.9	
8.10 a.m.	KLEIN ZILLEBEKE	50	77 Gas	N.E.
8.12 a.m.	J.25.	100	4.2 Gas	N.E.
11.33-11.40 am	J.31.A.	22	4.2 & 5.9	UGLY WOOD.
11.58	J.31.A. & D.	100	4.2 Gas.	
12 - 4 p.m.	Reserve Line & Mount SORREL	80	77	
12.45-8.15 pm.	Hill 60 & Vicinity	70	4.2	
12.45-1.25 p.m.	RAVINE WOOD, I.34.B.	40	8"	
3 - 3.20 p.m.	BELGIAN WOOD	50	4.2	E.S.E.
3 - 7.30 p.m.	JUMPER WOOD & IMAGE TRENCH	100	77 Gas	
3.35 - 4.5 pm.	BELGIAN WOOD	140	4.2	E.S.E.
3.34-3.58 pm.	J.31.B. & J.32.A.	30	5.9 & Gas	UGLY WOOD.
4.10-4.45 pm.	J.31.D.2.8.	138	4.2	E.S.E.
4.15-4.34 p.m.	J.32.A.	30	77	CAPE WOOD.
4.54-4.15 p.m.	J.31.A.	6	4.2	
6.45-7.35 pm.	I.28.B.	300	4.2	
7. - 7.10 pm.	LARCHWOOD TUNNEL.	60	9.2	
3 am.	I.30.C.5.8.	18	4.2 HE & Gas	E.S.E.
4.15 a.m.	I.30.C.9.8.	10	4.2	E.S.E.
4.30 a.m.	I.30.C.5.9.	16	77	E.S.E.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. More aggressive and alert than usual, firing T.Ms. at intervals right throughout the night and M.Gs. opened at the slightest sound or movement.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. camouflage screenings in vicinity of TROT HOUSE has been continued for 100 yards towards BERRY COTTS. Heavy Trench Mortars were observed firing from points on T.B. of 121° and 123° from J.26.D.60.45. (believed to be near Pillboxes at J.32.D.95.80. and J.32.D.99.88.) M.Gs. were active during the night from J.26.D.9.5. and J.32.B.4.3.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes crossed our lines during the morning, 7 planes in all being observed. Balloons were ascending and descending during the day from points on T.B. of 90°, 103°, 105°, 125°, 127°, 130° and 140° at 7.45 a.m. and 157°, 164°, 181°, 186°, 191° between 12.30 p.m. and 1 p.m. from J.29.D.8.2.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Considerable individual movement was observed at BERRY COTTS, and STONE FARM throughout the day. Movement of parties of 2 and 3 men was observed near Pillboxes at J.32.D.95.80., J.32.D.9.8., J.33.C.4.3. and at J.29.C.5.8.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. At 1.35 a.m. enemy shells dropped short near BERRY COTTS, on which a WHITE flare breaking into two REDS was sent up from the Pillbox and again at 2.50 p.m. shells fell short and 11 similar flares were fired. At 3.5 a.m. six more flares breaking into WHITE cluster were fired from the Pillbox and repeated at STONE FARM.

Three large coils of barbed and 4 coils of French wire were used at J.32.C.1.7. in constructing double apron entanglement 40 yards long.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 20.

FROM 6 a.m. 19th. MARCH, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 20th. MARCH, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Harassing and destructive shoots by our 18 pdrs. and 4.5 Hows. against enemy positions and communications was carried out during the period. The following targets were engaged - Tracks in J.27.C. and J.33.A., dugouts at J.32.B.45.25. JELLY TRENCH in J.32.D., JAGER TRENCH in J.33.A., Headquarters at J.33.B.5.6., Roads in J.33.B. and C., BUND COTTS, QUART BUILDINGS and UGLY FARM.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our mortars did not fire during the period.

(c) Machine Guns. Vickers Guns constantly swept enemy positions and approaches with bursts of fire during the night. The following targets were engaged - BERRY COTTS, CAPITAL FARM, TROT HOUSE, PACK, LONG and KENT FARMS, SWAGGER and MARGATE FARMS, ALASKA HOUSES and Road Junction at J.33.C.10.85. 16,500 rounds were expended in all.

(d) Snipers. Snipers were not active on account of low visibility.

(e) Aerial Activity. Our planes were active during the early morning but weather conditions prevented flying during the remainder of the day.

(f) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication between Companies and flank Brigades throughout the night.

(i) A patrol of one Officer and 14 O.R. left our lines at J.32.A.8.5. at 3 a.m. to reconnoitre POOL FARM. Patrol moved to J.32.B.1.3. and found it impossible to proceed further on account of the swamp. Recent rains had made the BEEK impassable. No signs of the enemy were seen or heard and patrol returned to our line at point of departure at 4.30 a.m.

(ii) A patrol left our lines at 3 a.m. to reconnoitre enemy positions in vicinity of J.26.B.85.75. but had not returned in time to forward patrol report.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was rather less active than usual. The forward area received most attention being mainly harassing fire with light calibre guns. A destructive shoot took place between 4.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on to VERBRANDEN Road in I.28.D.

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<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibro.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
8.30-10.30 a.m.	I.32.B.2.9.	17	5.9	E.S.E.
8.45 a.m.	J.26.A.	12	77	UGLY WOOD.
9.5-10.35 a.m.	J.25.C.	21	5.9	E.S.E.
11.30-4 p.m.	J.26.B.	150	77	CAPE WOOD.
12.15 p.m.	J.26.C.0.4.	4	77	East.
1.10 p.m.	J.25.C.9.4.	15	77	E.S.E.
1.50 p.m.	I.30.D.	12	77	E.S.E.
1.55-2.5 p.m.	J.31.A.	Light Barrage	4.2	E.S.E.
2 p.m.	J.32.A.	14	4.2	S.E.
2.5 p.m.	J.31.B.	80	4.2	CAPE WOOD.
3.40 p.m.	J.31.B.	30	5.9	CAPE WOOD.
4.35-5 p.m.	VERBRANDEN Road.	300	4.2 & 5.9	(T.B.)
4.50 - 7.5 p.m.	LAKCH WOOD Tunnel & vicinity.	4.2 & 5.9 intermittently up to 18 per minute.		120° from 1.29 c. 3.4.
7.30 p.m - 7.42.	I.29.C.	96	77	
6 a.m.	J.26.B.2.4.	8	4.2	E.S.E.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very quiet.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Camouflage screening between PACK FARM and TROT HOUSE has been broken in 9 places. A large mound of earth is visible at J.33.C.15.22. near which movement of men was observed during the day. Enemy mortars fired several rounds from BERRY COTTS, Pillbox about J.32.B.99.90. and from the direction of LAMB FARM. A H.G. was particularly active from about J.32.B.5.5. throughout the night.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Three enemy planes flying very high were engaged by our A.A. Guns in the early morning and forced to return. Enemy observation balloons were up during the day of T.Bs. of 54°, 58°, 81°, 86°, 133° and 148° from J.25.D.60.45.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At 6.5 a.m. 6 men were seen working at J.32.D.99.77. and at 6.55 am 5 men were seen at Pillbox at J.32.D.99.90. The usual movement of small parties of men was again observed at BERRY COTTS, BUND COTTS, STONE FARM and QUART BUILDINGS.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Two flares breaking into YELLOW Clusters were fired from vicinity of BERRY COTTS and repeated at STONE FARM at 6.10 p.m. and again at 6.15 p.m.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 21.

FROM 6 a.m. 20th. MARCH, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 21st. MARCH, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS:

(a) Artillery. Throughout the day our batteries were engaged in harassing enemy tracks, trenches and centres of activity and on bringing destructive fire to bear on Pillboxes, etc. The following targets were engaged - M.G. position at J.26.D.5.6. Pillbox at J.26.D.8.1., Trench from J.27.A.2.6. to J.27.C.2.7., M.Gs. at J.28.B.00.46. and Roads in J.28.D. and J.34.B. In anticipation of an enemy relief in front of our sector tracks in Squares J.27., J.28., J.34. SWAGGER and MARGATE FARMS, COSY COTTS. ANT HOUSES and QUART BUILDINGS were subjected to intermittent bursts of fire throughout the night. Special wire cutting programme was also carried out against wire at POOL FARM between 2 and 5 p.m. At 5.35 a.m. on S.O.S. Signal being fired on our right Company front, our batteries opened on their S.O.S. Lines.

(b) Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars fired 80 rounds on to S.O.S. Lines between 5.30 and 6 a.m.

(c) Machine Guns. Vickers guns expended 13,500 rounds against enemy positions and approaches during the night, the following targets being engaged - BERRY COTTS, CAPITAL FARM, TROT HOUSE, PACK, LONG, KENT, SWAGGER and MARGATE FARMS, Duckboard tracks in J.27.C., ALASKA HOUSES and Road Junction at J.33.C.12.85. Our Vickers Guns also put a barrage down on their S.O.S. Line when S.O.S. Signal was fired at 5.30 a.m.

(d) Patrols. (i) A patrol of one Officer and 10 O.R. left our lines at 3 a.m. (20th.) at J.26.B.45.45. to reconnoitre enemy post in vicinity of J.26.D.8.7. Patrol moved to J.26.D.8.9. to J.26.D.7.7. thence back to our line to point of departure at 5.30 a.m. Movement was extremely difficult on account of the rough nature of the ground. Enemy movement was observed in the vicinity of the post and as far as could be seen seems to be isolated and protected by wire which has a gap in the centre.

(ii) A patrol of one Officer and 16 men left our lines at 10 p.m. at J.26.B.4.5. to reconnoitre enemy position in the vicinity of J.26.B.9.1. and J.26.D.9.9. Patrol moved to J.26.B.8.2. to J.26.B.8.0. thence back to our line at J.26.B.45.45. reaching there at 1 a.m. No Man's Land was found very marshy and movement very difficult. A Pillbox at J.26.B.95.10. is occupied by the enemy and has a trench leading to it from a post at J.27.A.00.15. A sentry was observed on duty at this point during the day. One party of two m and one party of 3 men were observed by patrol to move from the post towards post at J.26.D.8.7.

(iii) A patrol of one Officer 15 O.R. left our lines at 11.30 pm at J.32.A.9.9. to intercept and engage any enemy patrols in front of sector. Patrol moved from J.32.B.2.9. to J.26.D.2.2. thence back to our line at J.26.C.8.3. at 2.40 a.m. The party waited in vicinity of J.26.D.2.2. for about an hour but no enemy movement was seen. A dog was heard to growl from vicinity of J.26.D.7.0. and immediately enemy M.G. opened from same spot. Enemy wheeled transport could be plainly heard from direction of LONG FARM.

(e) Aerial Activity. Our planes were active over enemy lines during the day and on occasions penetrated deep into his rear areas.

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2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.3. DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was quiet during the period up to about 4.30 a.m. when a heavy concentration of gas was put down on our Support and Reserve Systems, back areas and battery positions. The bombardment was still in progress at 6 a.m.

Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. a 5.9 H.V. gun firing from direction of WERVICQ put 8 rounds into BEGGARS REST CAMP in N.A.D.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
8 - 10 a.m.	SPOIL BANK.	20	5.9 & 8"	80° T.B. from I.33.D I.8.
9 a.m.	NORTH FARM (J.32.A.7.5.)	12	77	N.E.
9.50-10.7 a.m.	J.26.B.1.3.	40	77	98° T.B. from J.25.B.1.3.
10 a.m.	J.26.C.9.9.	12	77	98° T.B. from J.26. D.60.45.
10-11 a.m.	BEGGARS REST (N.6.D.1.8.)	8	5.9 (HV)	
12.5-1.15 p.m.	J.32.A. & C.	27	4.2	E.S.E.
12.30 p.m.	I.34.C.8.4.	30	4.2 & Gas	WERVICQ.
9-10.30 a.m.	THE BLUFF.	40	8"	East.
11.35-12.30 p.m.	I.30.	96	77 54 blinds	N.E.
12.30-2.30 p.m.	I.29.	18	5.9	East.
12.30-2.30 p.m.	THE BLUFF.	70	5.9	East.
2 - 3 p.m.	J.25.D.6.4.	40	4.2	E.S.E.
2.15 p.m.	I.34.C.8.4.	20	77 Gas	WERVICQ.
3 - 3.10 p.m.	J.25.C. Light Barrage	77	77	E.S.E.
7.30 p.m.	I.34.C.8.4.	18	5.9	WERVICQ.
7.30 p.m.	I.34.C.8.4.	6	9.2	WERVICQ.
9.10 p.m.	I.30.C.4.8.	20	4.2 Gas	E.S.E.
10 p.m.	J.26.B.1.3.	40	77	98° T.B. from J.25.D. 60.45.
10.30-12.30 a.m.	I.29. & 30.	20	5.9	East.
10.30-12.30 a.m.	THE BLUFF.	12	5.9	East.
11.15-11.30 p.m.	THE BLUFF.	50	77 Gas.	East.
4.15 a.m. - 6am	I.34.C.8.4.	Barrage	5.9 4.2 & Gas.	WERVICQ.
3.20-3.30 a.m.	I.29.C.3.4.	60	77 & 4.2 Gas	WERVICQ.
4 - 6 a.m.	I.29.C.3.4.	200	77 & 4.2 Gas	WERVICQ.
4.50 - 6 a.m.	J.36.A.1.9.	Barrage	77 & 4.2 & Gas.	E.S.E.
5 - 6 a.m.	SPOIL BANK & Vicinity.	Heavy concentration	4.2 Gas.	S.E.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Increased artillery and T.I. activity was noticeable and forward posts were very alert opening M.G. fire on the slightest sound.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy posts were located at J.26.D.85.75. J.27.A.00.15. and an occupied Pillbox at J.26.B.95.10. Trench mortars were active during the night from BERRY COTTS, J.32.B.50.05. J.32.D.99.90. and a flash of a Heavy T.M. was observed on a T.B. of 135° from J.25.B.60.45. M.Gs. were firing from BERRY COTTS, J.26.D.7.0. and J.32.B.25.65.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aircraft were more active than usual, six planes crossing our lines during the afternoon. An enemy machine dropped two bombs at 9.45 p.m. in vicinity of I.27.A. and is believed to have been brought down by our A.A. Gun fire in vicinity of DICKEBUSCH.

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8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES.  
 Movement of parties of two and three men were seen during the day in vicinity of J.32.D.99.88., BERRY AND BUND COTTS. A sontry was observed in trench at J.27.C.2.5. Between 5.30 p.m. and 7.15 p.m. 44 men were seen to move in parties of 3 or 4 from STONE FARM along duckwalk track to J.29.A.7.7. where they disappeared. All were wearing full packs.

9. MISSCELLANEOUS. At 8.15 a.m. a large dog was seen to move from POOL FARM to Pillbox at J.26.D.70.35.

During enemy shelling in the morning, one shell, when it burst, threw two WHITE lights into the air which floated slowly to the ground. It is thought to be a ranging shell.



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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 22.

FROM 6 a.m. 21st. MARCH, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 22nd. MARCH, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. The following targets received attention from our batteries during the 24 hours under review - Tracks in J.27.C. & D., J.33.C., J.28.A. & C. and J.34.A. & C., trenches in J.27.C. and J.32.D., T.F. J.27.A.15.40. M.G. J.27.A.40.73., Pillboxes at J.32.B.98.15., J.32.B.98.05., J.34.D.05.16 and ALASKA HOUSES.

From 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. a special wire cutting programme was carried out against wire from J.32.B.5.4. to J.32.B.50.25. (POOL FARM).

(b) Trench Mortars. 6" Newtons fired 6 rounds on to Pillboxes at J.26.D.6.5. at 5 p.m. Stokes Mortars did not fire during the 24 hours.

(c) Machine Guns. Vickers Guns expended 17,500 rounds in intermittent bursts during the night on the following targets - BERRY COTTS, CAPITAL FARM, TROT HOUSE, PACK, LONG, KENT, SWAGGER and MARGATE FARMS, ALASKA HOUSES and Road Junction at J.33.C.10.85.

(d) Snipers. Snipers were active during the day and seven enemy casualties are claimed in vicinity of POOL FARM.

(e) Aerial Activity. Our planes were again very active during the day, enemy forward positions being kept under constant observation.

(f) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication between Companies and flanking Units throughout the night. In addition the following special patrols were sent out.

(i) A patrol of one Officer and 10 O.R. left our lines at 11 p.m. at J.32.A.9.7. to intercept and engage any enemy patrols in front of sector. Patrol moved to J.32.B.3.7., J.32.C.7.9. thence back to our line at J.32.C.5.9. at 2.15 a.m. No movement of enemy patrols was seen or heard. No Man's Land in vicinity of area traversed is still swampy and going very difficult.

(ii) A patrol of one Officer and 8 O.R. left our lines at J.26.C.8.4. at 12.30 a.m. to locate enemy forward posts in front of Company sector. Patrol moved to J.26.D.6.4., J.26.D.7.9. thence back to our lines at J.26.B.3.1. at 3 a.m. No forward posts were located but an enemy wiring party, about 20 strong, was observed at about J.26.D.9.5.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Two prisoners belonging to 2nd Coy. 1st. Battalion 93rd I.R. of the 8th. Division were captured in J.32.A. They were two of a party of three carrying schnapps to the front line, got lost and on being fired on surrendered. The third man escaped. Prisoners state that the enemy party who attempted a raid on our posts on early morning of the 21st were 15 strong and were sent out to obtain identifications. When fired on they returned to their lines one being wounded.

3. ENEMYS ORDER OF BATTLE. Order of Battle North to South. 72nd I.R., 93rd I.R., 153rd I.R.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery continues to be active, practically the whole of our area receiving shelling during the day. Destructive shoots took place against our positions in I.28., I.29. and J.25.D., otherwise shelling appeared to be harassing fire.

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<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
6 - 7.40 a.m.	J.32.A.	Barrage	77 & 4.2	E.N.E.
7 - 10.15 a.m.	I.29.C.3.4. & vicinity.	Barrage	5.9 & Gas	East.
8 - 9 a.m.	J.31.Central	40	4.2	E.N.E.
8.30 - 11 a.m.	JUMPER WOOD.	70	4.2	E.N.E.
9-10.30 a.m.	RODNEY DUMP.	30	5.9	East.
9 - 10.30 a.m.	I.28.	85	5.9 & Gas.	East.
9 - 10.30 a.m.	I.30.	15	4.2	East.
10.30 - 12.30 p.m.	RAVINE WOOD.	40	4.2 & 77	East.
10.30 - 12.30 p.m.	I.28. & 29.	200	4.2 & 5.9.	East.
11 - 12 noon.	Ros. Line.	50	77 Gas.	-
12.30 - 12.50 p.m.	I.35.A.30.85.	65	4.2 & 5.9.	E.S.E.
12.30 - 2.30 p.m.	I.30.	100	4.2	East.
1.35 - 2.15 p.m.	I.29.C.0.6.	50	4.2	East.
2. - 3.30 p.m.	MOUNT SORREL.	100	5.9	N.E.
2.30 - 3.15 p.m.	I.29.C.0.6.	80	4.2 5.9 & Gas	E. & ESE.
3. - 4 p.m.	HALFWAY HOUSE.	30	5.9	N.E.
4.20 - 5.25 pm.	LARCHWOOD.	60	4.2 Gas.	East.
5.10 p.m.	J.31.A.9.9.	15	4.2	E.S.E.
5.40 - 5.55 p.m.	J.25.D.	300	4.2	E.S.E.
6.20 - 6.55 p.m.	J.31.A.9.8.	78	77	E.S.E.
6.45 p.m.	J.25.D.	30	4.2	E.S.E.
7 p.m.	J.31.A., B., & C Light Barrage	5.9	5.9	N.E.
7.25 - 7.50 p.m.	I.28.D.8.5.	30	4.2 Gas	East.
7.30 - 10.30 p.m.	I.28.	50	4.2	East.
9 - 12 midnight	J.25.C. and D.	100	77	-
1.45 - 3.15 a.m.	I.29.C.3.4.	20	77 Gas.	East.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Much quieter than in previous 24 hours.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Camouflage screening between TROT HOUSE and PACK FARM has been greatly damaged by shell fire. Wire ~~has been~~ erected at J.26.D.9.5. A Granatonwerfor was located at about ~~in being~~ J.26.D.8.4., and M.Gs. were active from J.32.B.5.1. and J.32.B.4.5. during the night.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were not active during the day, none being observed over our sector.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Low visibility prevented observation during the morning. Movement of individual men was observed during the afternoon at BERRY COTTES, POOL FARM, Pillbox at J.32.D.9.9. and at BUND COTTES.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. At 7.35 p.m. an enemy plane fired a flare bursting into WHITE over RED over WHITE whereupon enemy artillery commenced a bombardment for 15 minutes to the left of our sector.

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Relief. The 3rd Battalion relieved the 2nd Battalion in the line, the 2nd Battalion taking over Reserve Position. Relief was completed without incident by 10.10 p.m.

(a) Artillery. Throughout the period under review batteries were actively engaged in harassing enemy's trenches, roads and recent centres of activity, the following targets being engaged - M.G. position at J.32.B.3.6., Pillbox J.32.D.6.6., T.P. J.32.D.45.40. MARGATE FARM, area enclosed by TIN HOUSES, J.33.D.0.7., J.33.D.3.7. J.33.D.0.3., QUART BUILDINGS, tracks in J.28.C., PETER FARM and vicinity. A special wire cutting programme was carried out against wire from J.32.B.5.4. to J.32.B.50.25. and J.32.A.3.3. to J.27.A.3.4. between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

At 2.30 a.m. 18 pdrs. effectively silenced enemy mortars firing from POOL, PACK and LONG FARMS.

At 6 a.m. according to a pre-arranged programme 18 pdrs. 4.5 Hows and 6" Hows. co-operated in a counter preparation shoot on to enemy positions in front of sector.

(b) Trench Mortars. At 10.30 p.m. our L.T.M. fired 8 rounds on to enemy positions in J.27.A.

(c) Machine Guns. Vickers Guns kept the following enemy positions under fire at intervals during the night. BERRY COTTES, CAPITAL FARM, TROT HOUSE, PACK, LONG, KENT, SWAGGER and MARGATE FARMS, ALASKA HOUSES and Road Junction at J.33.C.10.85., 15,750 rounds being expended in all.

(d) Aerial Activity. Our planes were again very active during the day, being constantly over enemy forward positions and rear areas. Our planes also crossed into enemy territory during the night.

(e) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication between Companies and flanking Units throughout the night.

(1) A patrol of one Officer and 10 O.R. left our line at J.32.C.2.8. at 2.30 a.m. to cover right group during fog. Patrol moved to J.32.C.2.6. to J.32.C.5.5. where the party came under fire from an enemy Minenwerfer. Two shells fell amongst the patrol causing 2 casualties. One of the men was missing and although a thorough search was made no trace of him could be found. Patrol returned to our line at 1.10 a.m. at J.32.C.3.7. No enemy were seen or heard.

\* Patrols were out on the left Company front but reports are not yet to hand, (and will be forwarded later to Division).

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was very quiet during the 24 hours, with the exception of destructive shoots against our batteries and positions in I.29.C. shelling was light and scattered over the whole sector

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<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
8.18 a.m.	J.28.A.	12	4.2 Gas.	UGLY WOOD.
8.40 - 8.53 a.m.	J.25.B.	16	4.2	" "
10.30-12.30 p.m.	I.29.C.0.5.	180	4.2 & Gas	E.S.E.
1.25 p.m.	J.31.Central.	20	4.2	UGLY WOOD.
2.48 - 2.55 p.m.	J.31.B.	80	5.9	" "
9 - 10.40 p.m.	I.29.C.0.5.	24	4.2 & Gas	East.
9.45 p.m.	J.31.	15	4.2	ZANDVOORDE.
10.30 p.m.	J.25.	70	77 Gas	TENBRIELEN.
10.40 - 12.20 a.m.	I.35.A.5.7.	45	4.2	WERVICQ.
4.30 - 2 a.m.	I.35.A.5.7.	30	4.2	
12.45 a.m.	I.29.	40	77	ZANDVOORDE.
1 - 1.15 a.m.	I.29.	20	4.2	"
2.10 a.m.	I.36.	40	4.2	"
4 a.m.	Hill 60	40	77	-
4.30 a.m.	I.33.	20	5.9	WERVICQ.
5.20 - 6 a.m.	I.35.A.5.7.	30	5.9 & 4.2	East.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Slight increase in T.M. fire was noticeable, otherwise the enemy was quiet.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Granatenwerfers at POOL FARM and Minenwerfers at PACK and LONG FARMS were active at intervals during the night and were silenced by 18 pdrs. at 2.30 a.m. M.G. at BERRY COTTS. fired intermittently throughout the night.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were not active during the greater part of the day. At 6 p.m. 5 planes flying very high approached our lines but were engaged and driven off by our A.A. Guns. At 6.30 p.m. an enemy balloon broke away and drifted in a S.W. direction.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Low visibility prevented observation during the morning and greater part of the afternoon.

Slight movement was observed at BERRY COTTS, STONE FARM and at Pillbox at J.29.D.5.3. during the afternoon.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. At 5.40 p.m. a dense cloud of WHITE smoke was observed on a T.B. of 105° from J.25.D.75.35. At 7.5 p.m. during shelling of BERRY COTTS. the enemy fired 15 ORANGE Cluster flares along the ridge East to GHELUVELT Mill. Between 9.15 p.m. and 10 p.m. many similar flares were fired in front of our sector. No apparent enemy action was observed to follow on either occasion.

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(a) Artillery. In accordance with a pre-arranged programme the following targets were engaged - M.G. J.32.B.5.1., Pillbox J.32.D.6.6., JELLY TRENCH, J.32.D.67.12., TROT HOUSE, Tracks in J.33.A & C., COPSE COTTS, House at J.28.D.1.9., and tracks in J.34.C. and D. Between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. a wire cutting programme was carried out against wire from J.27.A.3.5. to J.27.A.3.4. and J.32.B.5.4. to J.32.B.50.25.

At 10.45 p.m. and at regular intervals throughout the night our 4.5 Hows. fired on to KENT FARM and vicinity with the object of neutralising the fire of enemy mortars. Mortars were silenced for a period but re-opened in the early morning.

(b) Trench Mortars. At 3.15 p.m. our Medium Trench Mortars registered on to Pillboxes at J.26.D.75.65. At 8.30 p.m. they fired 8 rounds on to Pillboxes in J.26.D.

(c) Machine Guns. The following positions in enemy's lines were subjected to intermittent bursts of fire throughout the night. BERRY COTTS, CAPITAL FARM, TROT HOUSE, PACK, LONG, KENT, SWAGGER and MARGATE FARMS, ALASKA HOUSES and Road Junction at J.33.C.10.85. 12,500 rounds were expended.

(d) Snipers. Snipers fired a number of rounds during dusk but apart from making enemy ~~at~~ <sup>take</sup> cover no results were obtained.

(e) Aerial Activity. During the day our planes frequently crossed into enemy territory. At 8.20 p.m. one of our planes flew over ZANDVOORDE and shortly afterwards three heavy explosions were heard as from bombs.

(f) Patrols. In addition to usual liaison patrols during the night the following special patrols were sent out.

(i) A patrol of one Officer and 12 O.R. left our line at 3.55 a.m. 23rd at J.26.C.9.8. to reconnoitre suspected enemy positions in vicinity of J.26.D.5.8. Patrol moved to J.26.D.7.8. to J.26.D.7.5. but no signs of enemy posts or movement were seen. The condition of No Man's Land in vicinity of route traversed is improving. Patrol returned to our line at 6.20 a.m. at J.26.C.8.5.

(ii) At 10.30 p.m. a patrol of one Officer and 10 O.R. left our line at J.32.C.2.8. to intercept and engage any enemy patrols in front of sector. Patrol moved to J.32.C.2.5. to J.32.C.6.9. thence back to our line at J.32.A.1.2. reaching there at 11.30 p.m. Patrol halted at intervals, and listened for sounds of enemy movement but none was heard. An enemy M.G. was located firing from about J.32.D.5.1.

(iii) At 3 a.m. a patrol of one Officer and 12 O.R. left our line at J.32.C.1.8. to inspect FUNNY FARM. Patrol moved to Pillboxes at J.32.C.60.65. which were thoroughly examined and found to be in good order. One contained a wooden table, a bunk and a number of flares. No wire of any description was met with and No Man's Land was found to be easily passable. Patrol returned to our line via J.32.C.5.4. to point of departure at 4.45 a.m.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. DISPOSITIONS. Nil.



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4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. There was a marked decrease in hostile artillery activity during the period under review. The shelling was light and scattered with the exception of light concentration shoots on J.32.A. and J.26.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>	<u>Distinction.</u>
9 - 9.15 a.m.	J.32.A.	7	4.2	WERVICQ.	Destructive.
2.30	J.31.A & B.	20	5.9	CAPE WOOD.	"
3.35 & 6.30 pm	J.32.A.	125	4.2	" "	"
3.30 p.m.	I.30.A.	15	77	TENBRELIEN	Harassing.
4.30 p.m.	J.26.	50	4.2	WERVICQ.	Destructive.
1.30 a.m.	I.30.	20	4.2	"	Harassing.
1.30 a.m.	I.30.	18	4.2	CAPE WOOD.	"

Battery firing on J.32. is on a T.B. of 91° from J.25.B.6.4.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Artillery much more quiet than usual; mortars showed an increased activity on our right group.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. M.Gs. were active from J.27.C.3.2. and J.32.D.5.1. during the night. Enemy mortars were active from BERRY COTTS (firing on to J.21.C.) at 8.45 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. Granatenwerfers were again active from POOL FARM. There appears to be an O.P. midway between PACK and LONG FARMS. A camouflaged trench leads from the former.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 3.30 p.m. an enemy plane crossed our lines at a great height flying S.E. otherwise enemy aircraft was in-active during the day. A number of enemy planes were heard over our lines and rear area during the night.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. men were seen at irregular intervals moving in and out of Pillboxes near NUT FARM (P.2.B.). At 5 p.m. a wounded man was seen to be moved from the Pillbox in direction of ZANDVOORDE.

Men were observed near Pillbox at J.29.D.5.3. throughout the afternoon. When visibility allows men can be seen at this point at any hour of the day and a sentry is on duty always. Considerable movement of small parties of men was observed along duckwalk track in vicinity of QUART BUILDINGS.

12 men were seen at 6.10 p.m. carrying food containers from about J.28.B.3.3. to QUART BUILDINGS.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy balloons were observed during the day on T.Bs. of 89° and 132° from I.36.B.8.8.

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(a) Artillery. Throughout the day and night our batteries were engaged in harassing enemy roads, tracks and centres of recent activity, the following targets being engaged - Pillbox J.26.B.9.5., T.M. J.26.D.60.45. RIFLE ROAD in J.32.B. and D., BERRY COTTS, Post J.27.A.00.15., M.G. J.27.C.5.6. and tracks in J.33.B., C. and D.

A wire cutting programme was carried out between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on enemys wire from J.27.A.30.50. to J.27.A.3.4. and J.32.B.5.3. to J.32.B.5.2.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our trench mortars were not active during the 24 hours.

(c) Machine Guns. Our M.Gs. were active throughout the night, 12,000 rounds being expended on the following targets - BERRY COTTS, TROT HOUSE, PACK, LONG and KENT FARMS, BUND COTTS, SWAGGER and MARGATE FARMS and Road Junction at J.33.C.10.85.

Lewis Guns fired 2,000 rounds of S.A.A. from shell hole positions on to POOL, PACK and LONG FARMS during the night, greatly reducing hostile M.G. fire.

(d) Aerial Activity. Our planes constantly patrolled the enemy lines during the day, frequently penetrating to a great depth into enemy territory. Heavy A.A. Gun and M.G. fire was directed against them on all occasions. At 10 p.m. our planes dropped 4 bombs about J.27.

(e) Patrols. A patrol of one Officer and 10 O.R. left our line at J.32.C.1.8. at 12.30 a.m. to reconnoitre FUNNY FARM. Patrol moved to unoccupied Pillbox at J.32.C.6.6. to J.32.C.8.7. J.32.C.7.8. thence back to our line at point of departure reaching there at 2.20 a.m. When at J.32.C.8.7. patrol came under M.G. fire from FUNNY FARM and found it impossible to move closer. Tracks are plainly visible between FUNNY FARM and Pillbox at J.32.C.6.6.

(ii) A patrol of one Officer and 10 O.R. left our line at J.32.A.7.5. at 1 a.m. to reconnoitre ground in vicinity of POOL FARM. Patrol moved to J.32.B.2.2. where it came under M.G. fire from POOL FARM and from about J.32.D.3.9. A large enemy patrol, estimated at about 30 strong, was seen moving North at J.32.B.1.5. Patrol moved to J.32.B.2.1. thence back to our line at point of departure reaching there at 2 a.m.

(iii) A patrol of one Officer and 12 O.R. left our line at 3.50 a.m. at J.26.C.9.8. to locate enemy wire in front of Left Company Sector. Patrol moved to J.26.D.3.9. thence South to J.26.D.3.7. and back to our line at J.26.C.9.3. reaching there at 5.50 a.m. No enemy wire was located. Enemy was very alert and on the slightest sound M.Gs. were opened and numerous flares fired.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. DISPOSITIONS. Nil.

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4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. A decrease in enemy artillery activity is very noticeable. Except for a destructive shoot on to J.31.C. about midday, light harassing fire was the chief characteristic of activity.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibro.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
10.30 - 12 midday.	J.31.A.	25	4.2	123° T.B. from J.25.D.5.5.
11.55 - 1.15 pm	J.31.C.	350	4.2	" "
3 - 6 p.m.	I.30 & I.36.	50	5.9	105° T.B. from J.25.D.5.5.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. A marked decrease in activity in all arms is noticeable but enemy is very alert.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES. Wire is visible round Pillbox at J.25.D.8.5. Enemy mortars fired about 40 rounds on to J.25.D. and J.31.B. from vicinity of PACK and KENT FARMS between 6.45 a.m. and 7.50 a.m. M.Gs. fired at intervals during the night from POOL and FUNNY FARMS and from about J.32.D.3.9.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were slightly more active than usual, five planes being seen over our lines during the day. Between 12.15 p.m. and 12.45 p.m. enemy plane flew over our lines. The machine was engaged by A.A. Lewis and M.Gs. and forced to return. It veerplanned towards enemys lines and appeared to be damaged but not out of control.

8. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. At 8.35 a.m. about 30 men were seen moving in single file into BERRY COTTS, where they commenced work. They were dispersed by 18 pdrs.

At 4.45 p.m. a man left BUND COTTS, picked up a bicycle and rode down road in J.33.C. and D.

At 6 p.m. an Officer carrying a portmanteau entered Pillbox at NUT FARM.

Movement of parties of two and three men were seen at 6.30 pm in vicinity of BUND COTTS.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. An enemy battery was observed in action in a house in WERVICQ on a T.B. of 122° from I.36.D.2.8.

Signalling with RED lamp on a T.B. of 120° from I.36.D.2.8. was observed as follows - WRSTWERWER 1ST DOR.....T....LSLS.

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ADDEMDUM. At 7.45 a.m. (24th) a party of 20 of the enemy approached our right group of posts in J.32.C. but were driven off with Lewis Gun and rifle fire. They immediately withdrew under cover of barrage which was put down in answer to a Flare Signal.

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INTELLIGENCE NOTES.

The following are extracts from recent 4th. Aust. Division Summaries. -

Left Brigade Front. - Square 27.A.

Enemy M.G.s suspected at 25.80. at 40.70. at BERRY COTTES., at 10.30. at 00.05.  
Working parties and other movement have been noticed around BERRY COTTAGES. There is an O.P. at 00.45.

Square 26.B. M.G. suspected at 70.50. and two near 90.20. Posts in South East corner of Square are linked by a trench.

Square 27.C. Movement and flares noticed at CAPITAL FARM. M.G. suspected at 80.30. and T.M. at 52.50. M.G. at 23.60.

Square 26.D. Working party seen at 20.95. There is a sniper about 50.50. There is material dumped near road at 65.40. The BASSEVILLEBEEK is flowing freely but can be crossed on loose timber at about 40.40. There is a T.M. at about 33.15.

Square 33.A. M.G. at 50.50. Small parties seen entering dugout or tunnel at 30.35.

Square 32.B. Smoke seen at 60.98. Post at 20.20. Sniper at 25.75. and M.G. at about 20.70. There is a sniper at about 30.52. and M.G. at 50.50. Sniper at 40.30. Minceweifer at 25.10. Enemy seen wiring at 50.10. There is an old dugout at 10.20. M.G. is suspected at 95.60. Corporal. Smoke and movement noticed round ALASKA HOUSE in 33.B. Working parties seen in 28.B. There are screens near road at 29.C. 50.75. and movement around building near 29.C. Central. Movement also noticed East of GHELUVELT in 22.D.

Right Brigade - Left Battalion Front. Square 32.C.

PUNNY FARM seems rather an active centre. Wiring is going on from about 50.50. to 50.70. Sniper at 60.65. also M.G. Front of P.F. at Farm is wired with barb, concertina 2' high, fair thickly. Post at 20.05.

Square 32.D. M.G. at about 60.50.

Square 3.A. Movement seen at LAMB FARM and N.W. and West of ZAND-VOONDE. Enemy observing at 15.15.

Square 2.B. Enemy observing at 90.90. Movement at 30.60. Working parties heard in lower part of 2.B. Wire is very thick in front of PEE TRENCH.

Square 2.A. Smoke. Flares and M.G. at 70.35. Enemy seen observing at 25.55. Dugout at 70.45. Wire from 40.60. to 80.70. thick and good. 50' to 50' wide 3' high.

Square 2.D. Enemy seen observing from near WIND COTTES.

Square 1.B. M.G. at about 50.30. Enemy attempted raid 25-2-18. repulsed with losses. GOAT FARM. not occupied by enemy.

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Square. 1.D. CIRCUS POINT.- Sniper.  
MAY FARM - Movement, smoke, flares, and M.G.

Square. 1.C. Wire in front of MAY FARM much damaged.  
Sounds of working party at 35.30. H.G. and Enemy post at 50.50.  
wire very broken in front. H.G. at CHALK FARM.

Right Brigade - Right Battalion. Square. 6.D. Working parties  
seen in lower parts of the square. Wire very old and bad.  
Minoverfer at 10.30. H.G. at LOCK 6.

Square 12.B. N.W. Corner. F.S. and wire strong both sides of  
canal. H.G. at about 30.60. T.M. at 40.50. and H.G. near by.  
Movement seen on East side of canal. Enemy seen signalling at  
40.00.

Square. 12.A. Sniper on W. side of Canal near LOCK 6.  
Enemy post at 55.70. Enemy wiring in N.E. portion of square.

Sufficient copies are enclosed for distribution  
down to Battalions.

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From 6.a.m. 1-3-18. to 6.a.m. 2-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. The usual harassing and destructive fire was carried out day and night on enemy communications and centres of activity. During the day BERRY COTTS, TROT HOUSE, POOL FARM, GLASS HOUSES and GHELUVELT were engaged. At 9.43.p.m. and later a barrage was put down on our S.O.S. lines on account of an enemy raid.

(b) M.Gs. Carried out indirect fire on selected targets during the night.

(c) Aerial activity. Our planes were active during the day and patrolled the enemy lines frequently.

(d) Patrols. In addition to liaison and covering patrols sent out last night.

(1) One officer and 8. O.Rs left from J.26.B.5.4. at 2.30.a.m. to investigate Pill Boxes at J.26.B.9.4. When at J.26.B.8.4. enemy M.Gs : opened on them from vicinity of J.26.A.0.4.

Patrol experienced great difficulty in moving on account of very numerous M.Gs and flares.

(2) Patrol consisting of Capt. McDONALD and 13 O.Rs left O.6.C.4.1 at midnight to clear No Mans Land after enemy raid. On reaching a point about 200 yards N.E. from post I.O.6. hostile M.G. fire was encountered and enemy were observed 50/80 yards in front and were engaged.

Capt. McDONALD and 1.O.R. were wounded.

(3) Patrol of Lieut. J. MEAD DCM and 11.O.Rs left from O.6.C.4.1. at 1.a.m. and when about 10 yards out from our wire were challenged by enemy post. Patrol moved South along our wire to HOLLEBEKE Road and proceeded E along it for about 50 yards. Patrol then returned to point of departure and were again fired on by enemy post which is approx at. O.6.C.55.00.

(e) Prisoners. One man unwounded and 1 Officer and 2 O.Rs. wounded were captured.

2. IDENTIFICATION. Prisoners belonged to 8th. Coy 76. R.I.R. 17th. Res Div. (normal.)

3. Enemy OPERATIONS.

Raid. During the relief in the right Brigade sector a hostile party of 3 Officers and 120 O.Rs, consisting of infantry and pioneers raided our line in the vicinity of posts I.O.6. (O.6.C.4.0.) and post 4.0.12. (O.12.A.40.85.) The enemy appears to have moved from an assembly position near LOCK 6. in three parties of approximately 40 each.

At 9.45. p.m. enemy opened up a heavy artillery bombardment on our right brigade front and a heavy Minenwerfer barrage on our posts south of the canal. <sup>covering</sup> A party of 1 Officer and 15 O.Rs of brigade which was being relieved were withdrawing when a large party of enemy were seen approaching South of the canal. The Officer in charge ran to nearest platoon Hdqrs and sent up the S.O.S. Signal which was promptly answered by our artillery and machine guns.

One party of the enemy were successful in taking post I.O.6. and after fighting pushed on to Coy H.Q. about 80 yards in rear, Coy H.Q. personnel were captured and enemy commenced to withdraw.

In the meanwhile post 4.0.12 had driven the enemy back on its front and then turned to help post I.O.6. Lewis Gun fire was opened and the enemy withdrawing with the prisoners were very severely dealt with.

Post I.O.6. was immediately re-occupied and normal conditions prevailed at 10.40.p.m.

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One Officer and 20 O.Rs of enemy are known to have been killed and 1 Officer and 3 O.Rs were taken prisoner. (1.O.R. only, being unwounded) Report on examination of these prisoners is attached.

A complete nominal roll of the enemy raiders consisting of 190 names was obtained from the wounded Officer. This list appears to include also the party who attempted a raid on posts of the division South of us.

During the raid the support and reserve systems were heavily bombarded.

4. Enemy Disposition. See information from prisoner attached.

5. Hostile Artillery. Activity slightly more active on left and quiet on right. J.25.D. was shelled during the day and night and at 9.45 p.m. there was a heavy concentration in Square I.29.C. 18 rounds (8") fell in I.35.A.&C. from 10.a.m. and 15.(5.9) fell in J.25.D. at 6.30.a.m.

J.25.D. was also shelled with 30 5.9s. between 9.30.p.m. and 10.15.p.m. During enemy operation on right a barrage of 15. 10. and 21. c.m. shells was placed over forward communications and the front line was shelled mainly by 7.7. and 10.c.m. and a few 15. c.m. shells.

6. Enemy Attitude. Quiet. (except for operation.)

7. Enemy Defences.

Wire. Light wire was encountered in front of GAME COPSE.

M.Gs. M.Gs fired on our patrols from O.6.C.55.00. and from J.26.A.0.4. A M.G. was also active at FUNNY FARM.

T.Ms. T.Ms fired on our front line on right during enemy operation and at 9.30.p.m. heavy Minenwerfers fell in O.6.B.8.8. T.Ms were otherwise inactive.

8. Hostile Aerial Activity. Enemy planes were inactive.

9. Movement. Occasional movement was seen in vicinity of BERRY COTTS. Flares. Between 9.50. p.m. and 10.p.m. enemy fired two red lights followed by two green and during the raid golden cluster rockets were fired from his front line on the right and repeated back.

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From 6.a.m. 2-3-18. to 6.a.m. 3-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. The principal objectives shelled by our Artillery were;-  
Dugouts at BLACK COTTS. J.32.A.; J.32.B.45.25. J.27.C.70.19.; TROT HO J.27.C.; FUNNY FARM. J.32.C. ALASKA HO. J.33.B. P.3.C.30.95 and P.2.D.60.85. Harassing fire was carried out during the night on enemy roads and tracks.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our heavy T.M.'s shelled LOCK 8. (O.6.D.) and PIN HOUSE. (P.1.C.)  
Light T.M.'s expended 50 rounds on enemy positions between O.3.C.9.2. and O.12.B.1.9.

(c) Machine Guns. During the day Lewis Guns engaged small enemy parties. \* At night Vickers guns fired continuously on enemy communications and centres of activity.

\*See para 8.

(d) Aircraft. Inactive.

(e) Patrols. Both brigade fronts were patrolled continuously during the night.

The ground in front of our posts in O.6.D.&.C. is very marshy. Enemy covering party and wiring party were seen in vicinity of O.6.D.1.3. and were engaged.

Our wire on front raided on night 1/2 March was found to be much trampled down and bodies of enemy dead recently killed were found. All of these were in possession of bombs.

Listening posts were established in front of post 7.0.6. and a O.6.C.95.35.

Two patrols operating along front of left battalion right brigade encountered rifle and grenade fire from enemy in pill boxes at GAME COPSE (P.1.C.).

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Documents taken from enemy killed on night 1/2 are forwarded herewith (Corps.)

3. Nil.

4. Hostile Artillery Activity. Enemy's artillery has been normally quiet. The principal areas shelled were J.25. J.31. and I.31. all from E.S.E. direction.

The following true bearings were obtained on the enemy batteries.

Time.	Area Shelled.	Nature.	Bearing Observed from.
6-7.a.m.	I.28.D.	4.2.	ZANDVOORDE J.31.C.00.47.
9.10.50.a.m.	I.36.C.	77.	97o.
11.a.m.	KLEIN-ZILLEBEKE.	4.2.	103o.
3.25.a.m.	J.32.A.	77.	11o. J.32.A.65.95.

Two guns in action were observed on True bearing of 125o from I.30.D.0.5. (pointed out to C. B. observers.)

3 gas shells fell in vicinity of Post 2.0.6.

5. Enemy's attitude. Quiet during the period.

6. Enemy Defences. Wire in front of GAME COPSE is very thin and forms a poor obstacle.

H.G. emplacements. were located at Pill box at P.1.C.2.4. and at P.1.D.8.2.

A T.M. was located at TROT HO. (J.27.C.) and was silenced by our artillery.

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7. Hostile aerial activity. Inactive.

8. Movement.

(a) Routes and tracks. Considerable movement was seen opposite left Brigade front.

Between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, several patrols of 2 and 3 men were seen in vicinity of FAIR COTTES. (J.28.B.)

At 12 noon a party of about 20 was observed working on JAGER Tr, at J.27.C.2.3. They were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

At 2 p.m. a large covered wagon drawn by two horses appeared at J.55.B.7.3. and disappeared behind ALASKA HOUSES.

At 6.45 p.m. an enemy party about 40 strong was observed in vicinity of CAPITAL FARM and TROT HO. They were dispersed with Lewis Gun and rifle fire.

Smoke was seen during the day at CAPITAL HILL, TROT HO. and KENT FH.

Movement of individual men was seen at LOCK 6. P.2.D.1.2., P.3.C.4.3. to P.2.D.5.5.

At 7.15 a.m. a party of 30 men in groups of 5 were observed walking from P.16.D.50.25. disappearing at CROSS ROADS. THUNDERBLEN. 20 men were observed digging in field at P.16.D.2.5.

(b) Railways. 3 men were seen pushing a truck on Light Railway in vicinity of LOCK 6. Unusual train movement was noticed in direction of WERVICO, BOUS BECQUE, and HALLUIN.

10. Miscellaneous. A copy of "Gazette des Ardennes" was dropped by a small red balloon in vicinity of SPOIL BANK during the afternoon of 2nd. Inst. Copy is forwarded to Corps.

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Summary No. 2. of Intelligence  
from Army and Corps Summaries.

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1. Moves and Special Training.

(i) The 11th. Reserve Division mentioned in connection with the 31st. Division in Summary No. 1 of 28th Febry has now come into the line in the STADEN Sector (i.e, astride the YPRES-STADEN railway.)

(ii) Later information obtained from prisoners of the 18th. Reserve Division shows that this division also took part in extensive manoeuvres about the end of January.

The 17th. Res. Division of the same Corps was to have participated but this was cancelled.

(iii) A relief of the 259th. Division should be expected at any time now.

(Observers should note particularly any enemy movements indicating that a relief is in progress.)

It appears probable also that the 17th. Res. Division will shortly be relieved by the 8th. Division in the HOUTHEM Sector.

2. Sturm Battalions. The 4th. Assault Battalion has been identified in the STADEN Sector.

This battalion is composed as follows;-

It is commanded by a Major and is made up of 4 Coys each of which has 15 STURM TRUPPS of 8 men each. Each group of 3 TRUPPS has 2 light M.Gs and each Coy has in addition 6 Light M.Gs, and a Flammenwerfer Zug of 18 men.

The battalion has also a Heavy M.G. Coy, a Light Minenwerfer Coy, and a Granatenwerfer Coy, and also according to prisoners 30-40. Hussars attached.

This battalion has recently undergone special training chief in hand-grenade throwing. Also a weekly attack practice has been carried out on trenches modelled after the British positions in Flanders.

A reliable prisoner recently captured gave the following enemy intentions.:-

(a) Local. 3 Sturm Trupps assisted by some infantry and artillery between the 1st and 11th March have as an objective the capture and retention of two pill-boxes in our line in the STADEN Sector.

(b) General. Prisoner's Officer recently told him that their battalion would shortly leave for ARRAS Area where it would be joined by a number of other Assault Battalions. These would all form the first wave of a big attack which is to take place there shortly. He further told them that three big attacks, in all are to be made the one near ARRAS, an encircling movement near VERDUN and the third in an unknown locality; also that 400 "Tanks" are distributed in the areas where these attacks are to be made. Prisoner stated that the morale of his battalion is excellent.

3. Miscellaneous. (i) The following are comparative statements of the number of Bombs dropped by our and enemy aeroplanes during December 1917 and January 1918.

December 1917.

Bombs dropped by our Squadrons.	Bombs dropped by enemy aeroplane
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(ii) Enemy Projector Gas Attacks.

It is probable that the enemy will make an extensive use of gas in his next offensive.

Projector positions and the tracks leading to them are very difficult to camouflage successfully and aeroplane photographs should be carefully scrutinized with a view to their detection.

(iii) Enemy's increased activity on our Army front corresponds to increased activity further South and is probably part of a plan of operations to be carried out along the whole of the Western front. Raids may be expected to continue for some little time.

(iv) Leave in several of the divisions on our Army front has stopped since 24th February.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 3.

From 6.a.m. 3-5-18. to 6.a.m. 4-5-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Dugouts at TROT HO (J.27.C.); P.3.D.35.82.; P.3.A.85.95. and HOLLEBEKE Cham were shelled, and also roads and tracks in O.12.B. J.33.C.2.D. J.23.A.2.B.

In addition our artillery co-operated with "B" Division in raids of last night.

Our heavies shelled WERVICQ. COMINES and TENBRIELEN.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our L.T.M.'s engaged enemy G.W. positions at O.6.C.9.2. and O.12.B.0.9. and fired on targets between LOCK 5. and LOCK 6.

(c) Machine Guns. Vickers guns fired throughout the night on enemy communications and Lewis Guns fired intermittent bursts against enemy forward posts.

(d) Aerial Activity. Inactive.

(e) Patrols. The divisional front was patrolled continuously during the night, but no enemy were encountered.

A patrol of 6 men under Lieut. NORTHCOTT. investigated FUNNY FARM. Several enemy were seen moving in vicinity and hammering was heard at EAST FARM.

A patrol of 8 men under Lieut. FOWLER. reconnoitred enemy wire in vicinity of J.23.D.8.9. Ground here is very wet and boggy and movement difficult.

A party of 9 O.R.'s under Lieut. F.J. HEAD patrolled ground for 500 yards in front of posts 10. 0.6. and 7. 0.6. and also along railway to O.6.D.1.1. Enemy was exceptionally quiet, and no H.G. fire was encountered and flares appeared to be fired from enemy support line.

(f) Snipers. Our snipers fired on two men in GAME COPSE and one was seen to fall.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

4. Hostile Artillery Activity. Enemy artillery was quiet on the right brigade front during day but rather more active on the left Brigade.

Support line in I.25.D. was again shelled by 5.9s from easterly direction.

The Area I.23.D. was intermittently shelled from S.E. direction.

From dusk onwards artillery was more active on the right brigade front.

I.33.D. was heavily shelled. OAK Support and forward communications were lightly shelled.

During the raid by right Division enemy retaliated mainly in vicinity of O.5.A. 24. M.W. bombs fell on forward posts and support line in O.5.D. and O.6.C.

5. Enemys Attitude. Quiet except during the raid when H.G. activity increased.

6. Enemys Defences. Work. A party was heard working at EAST FARM J.32.D.

Wire. Enemy wire in vicinity of J.23.D.8.9. is very weak consisting mainly of single strands and trip wires.

H.Gs. were located firing from P.1.B.7.2. GAME COPSE. LOCK 6. FUNNY FARM. J.32.B.5.5. and BERRY COTTS.

7. Hostile Aerial Activity. Nil.

8. Movement. Small parties of 2 and 3 were observed in vicinity of BERRY COTTS at intervals during the day.

At 6.30.a.m. enemy outposts were soon withdrawing to pill boxes near KENT FARM. (J.35.A.) They were engaged with Lewis Gun and rifle fire and casualties inflicted.

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At 9.45 a.m. a party of 15 men working on JAGER TRENCH at J.27. C. 4.4. were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

Individual movement was observed at LOCK 6. and in P.2.B. and along a duckboard track between P.1.C.7.4. and P.1.D.2.7.

#### 10. Miscellaneous.

Flares. During the operation on our right at 11.45 p.m. enemy sent up numerous double red flares, which immediately brought down his barrage. Red and White and Golden Clusters flares were also put up.

At 5.15 a.m. 30 golden clusters were fired on our centre battalion front, but no subsequent action was observed.

Signals. At 2.45 a.m. a flash lamp was observed working at LOCK 5. for ten minutes.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, NO. 4.

From 6.a.m. 4-3-18. to 6.a.m. 5-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our activity was above normal. The following special targets were fired on:-

Battalion H.Q. at J.35.B.5.3. QUART BUILDINGS (J.28.B.) BLACK COTTAGES (J.33.A.) M.G. at J.26.D.75.45. Dugouts and Farms in J.27. and J.32. Buildings, roads and Tracks in P.2. and P.3. and posts in O.12.A.

Party of enemy working at BERRY COTTS was dispersed.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our L.T.M.s engaged enemy M.G. and G.W. positions at O.6.C.85.20. LOCK 6. and O.12.B.4.6.

(c) Machine Guns. BERRY COTTS was subjected to continuous fire during the night. L.G's fired intermittently on enemy forward posts.

(d) Aerial activity. During the morning our planes patrolled the front of our right brigade.

(e) Patrols. No Mans Land was continuously patrolled but no enemy was encountered.

Ground between J.31.D.9.2. and P.1.B.3.3. is very wet and muddy.

Enemy wiring parties were heard some considerable distance E of post 3. O.12. and on W bank of the CANAL at LOCK 6. and were engaged. with L.G. fire.

2. Identifications. Nil.

3. Enemy Dispositions. No movement out of ordinary was seen, which might indicate a relief.

4. Hostile Artillery Activity. Enemy shelling was less active than usual. Between 9.15.a.m. and 9.45.a.m. 30. 5.9s and 4.2s fell in vicinity of THE CLUSTERS J.31.C.0.5.

J.25.D. was intermittently shelled during the day with 4.2s. from S.E. direction.

During the night forward posts in O.6.C. and areas O.5.B. and O.6.A. were fairly heavily shelled.

17 gas shells fell in O.5.B. between 2.30.a.m. and 3.30.a.m. Gun flashes of enemy 4.2. battery firing on J.25.D. during the afternoon were seen on a T. B. of 117 degrees from J.25.D.1.4.

5. Enemy Attitude. Quiet.

6. Enemy Defences. Enemy M.G's were active from FUNNY FARM, vicinity of POOL FARM (J.27.A.) and J.32.B.4.6.

Working parties were heard opposite our posts 3. O.12. 4. O.12. and 1. O.6. and wiring party in the vicinity of LOCK 6.

7. Hostile Aerial Activity. Nil.

8. Movement and Organisation. Considerable movement was seen throughout the day at JUNGLE HO. (P.2.D.)

Several parties were seen at BERRY COTTS and HAMP FARM, a working party here, being dispersed by our 18-pdrs at midday. Small parties were seen at KENT FARM, BUND COTTS, TIN HOUSES, ALASKA and QUART Buildings, STONE FARM, at O.6.D.05.05. PIN HO. at P.2.C.0.5. and in Trench at P.8.A.5.5.

10. Miscellaneous. Flares. When our bombardment commenced on the front of the division on our right, enemy fired flares bursting into two reds, which immediately brought down his barrage. Visibility. Was very bad owing to fog and rain.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, NO. 5.

From 8.a.m. 5-5-18. to 6.a.m. 6-5-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery again active. Targets engaged include GAME COPSE, DAMP COPSE, CHALK FARM, TOBE CROSS ROADS, P.S.A. CAPITAL FARM, TROT HOUSE, POOL FARM, LOCK 5, LOCK 6. and roads and tracks in J.55, and J.54, and in P.2, and P.3. 100 rounds 4.5. How. were expended cutting the wire from P.1.C.50.50. to P.1.C.70.90. and from P.2.A.60.95. to J.52.D.65.00. Our 18-pdrs engaged an enemy working party in vicinity of J.52.B.5.9. at 10.15.p.m.

Our heavies actively shelled TENERIELIN and destroyed a small ammunition dump at WERVICO.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our L.T.M.'s fired on enemy outposts at O.3.C.85.20. and on suspected enemy T.B. post at LOCK 6.

(c) Aerial Activity. During the day our planes were very active patrolling enemy forward positions and rear areas. They were subjected to heavy A.A. fire.

Our bombing planes were active during the early part of the night.

(d) Patrols. Continuous patrolling was carried out during the night on all battalion fronts. No Mans Land in P.1.B. S.E. of BITTER WOOD, and E. of BULGAR WOOD, is very wet and boggy. Enemy parties were heard in GAME COPSE and at approx. P.1.B. 9.3.

Wiring parties were heard on W. bank of the CANAL at O.6.C.95. 10. W of GAME COPSE and at J.26.D.8.5. Lewis gun fire was opened on each of these parties.

A patrol of 14 men under Lieut. LEAD left our lines from O.6.C. 0.4. at 2.50.a.m. to reconnoitre enemy listening post E of post I. 0.6.

On the approach of our patrol, two of enemy were seen to run from this post which is approx at O.12.A.55.91. and a few minutes later two more ran from a position slightly N, all making towards LOCK 5.

The L.P.'s were searched and found to be old gun pits and some bombs were found.

What was probably an artillery board was found at O.12. A.55.91. This was painted red and white as shown.



2. Identifications. Nil.

4. Hostile Artillery Activity.

Enemy's shelling was again below normal. About 120 rounds 4.2's fell in I.53.C.8.D. during the day.

Registration fire with 5.9's and 4.2's was carried out on RAILWAY Trench and IMPERIAL AVENUE.

Flash bearings. At 12.25.p.m. the flash of a big gun firing at long intervals was seen on a T.B. of 620 from J.51.C.00.45. At 1.10.a.m. flashes from howitzers were observed on T.B. of 680 from J.31.C.00.45.

5. Enemys Attitude. Quiet.

6. Enemys Defences. (For wiring parties see para 1. (d))

Enemy L.P. was located at O.12.A.55.91. Pill Boxes at J.26.D. 5.C. and also those in vicinity of GOAT FARM (P.1.B.) were found unoccupied.

New works are in progress at about J.52.B.5.9.

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M.G.'s were noted at FUNKY FARM, LOCK 6, and GAME COPSE.  
An Observation Post is suspected in a tree at P.14.A.40.75. where  
pegs can be seen on the tree trunk.

7. Hostile Aerial Activity. Enemy planes were active during the  
day over our forward lines.

At 9.a.m. 3.p.m. 4.30.p.m. and 1.10.p.m. single planes  
flow over our Battery positions at a low altitude. They were  
all engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire but with unapparent result.

8. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemys line.

Routes and Tracks.

A duckboard track runs from approx.  
P.2.D.7.5. to P.1.D.0.1. Another leaves the CANAL at P.7.C.0.7.  
and runs E for about 150 yards where it is lost to view.,  
A well beaten track runs from O.6.D.31.05. to O.6.D.75.40.

Movement.

Small parties were seen in vicinity of BERRY COTTS  
several times during the day.

At 4.p.m. and again at 5.15.p.m. two men one wearing gloves  
and carrying a riding crop moved cautiously down the slope near  
BERRY COTTS.

They examined our position with glasses with a map spread  
out on the ground. They returned to BERRY COTTS on each  
occasion.

Several small parties moved along the road from  
KRUISEWIE through P.5.B. and P.6.A.

Parties were seen and smoke rise on several occasions  
from BUND COTTS.

Fatigue carrying timber were observed P.7.B.7.2. and  
P.13.B.0.3. and from P.14.A.1.3. to SUBURB VILLAS returning to  
DACHA TRENCH.

A pegged out route resembling a buried cable runs about  
300/500 yards W. of SUBURB VILLAS.

Railways. During the morning a number of trains were  
observed in HALLUIN.

10. Miscellaneous. During the bombardment of BERRY COTTS at 2.30.  
p.m. a three star WHITE rocket was fired from the PILL BOX.

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At 8.45.p.m. a gun flash was observed on  
magnetic bearing of 82o from J.31.C.1.5.

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From 6.a.m. 6-3-18. to 6.a.m. 7-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. In anticipation of a probable relief of the 259th Division harassing fire by our field guns and heavies was kept on roads and approaches at dusk and throughout the night.

Principal objectives shelled during the day were GAME COPSE DAMP COPSE, CIRCUS POINT, TROT HO. RIFLE ROAD, JAGER TRENCH, in J.27.C. KENT FARM and on LOCK 5 and 6.

During enemy gas shelling from 5.p.m. onwards our counter batteries heavily shelled hostile groups in vicinity of COMINES, WERVICQ and TENBRIELLEN.

Active hostile field guns at P.2.D.7.4. and P.2.D.7.7. were silenced at 8.p.m. and explosions occurred here during our shelling between 8 and 8.30.p.m.

Two small ammunition dumps were blown up near COMINES.

(b) Trench Mortars. Our L.T.M.'s fired 30 rounds on M.G. and T.M. positions at LOCK 6.

Our 6" Mortars registered on Cross Roads at J.32.B.6.4.

(c) Machine Guns. Lewis guns engaged targets in enemy forward posts during the night.

Vickers guns fired particularly on vicinity of BERRY COTTS and on tracks which would be used in case the above relief took place.

(f) Aerial Activity. Our planes continuously patrolled the front frequently crossing over the enemys lines.

At 11.20.a.m. 20 planes crossed over into enemy territory.

(g) Patrols.

Map is attached (to Aust Corps) showing all patrols on the divisional front.

Three patrols of the left brigade crossed the BASSEVILLE BEEK, and found the ground very boggy and shell torn.

(i) Patrolled W of RIFLE ROAD in vicinity of J.26.D.5.7. but encountered neither wire or enemy posts.

(ii) Patrol of 6 men under Sgt. BARRON crossed the BEEK at about J.32.B.2.5. and were challenged by an enemy post at about J.32.B.3.3.

Three small wiring parties were seen at J.32.B.3.2. and a party of about 20 were seen digging in vicinity of POOL FARM.

(iii) Another party under Sgt BARRON reconnoitred enemy wire in the vicinity of J.32.B.3.4.

4 strands of trip wire were found running between J.32.B.2.4. to J.32.B.3.5. Enemy liaison patrols were seen and heard challenged by enemy posts at about J.32.D.7.5. and J.32.D.7.7.

Patrols of the right brigade report hearing enemy wiring in direction of CIRCUS PT.

2. Identifications. Nil.

3. Hostile Artillery Activity. Enemys artillery was much more active than usual.

During the morning the areas J.25.D. 0.5.A.&.D. WHITE CHATEAU. Outposts (O.3.C) and O.11.B. were shelled.

Between 5.30.p.m. and 8.p.m. a heavy gas concentration from direction of COMINES was put down on Centre Battalion front, about 1500 10.c.m. shells falling on centres of activity in I.36.D. J.31.C. O.6.B. and P.1.A.

Between 5.p.m. and 7.p.m. the areas I.29.D. I.30.C.&.D; I.36.A.&.B. were shelled with 4.2's H.E. and Gas at the rate of about 10 per minute.

At 12 midday about 200 5.9's fell in I.28.B.&.D. The following T.Bs were taken on flashes of enemy batteries.

950 from J.25.D.1.4.

1230 "

2.30.p.m. 640 41' from I.28.A.7.C. (4.2. H.)

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4. Enemys attitude. Enemys artillery was more active than it has been for some time.  
He again appeared to register on communications of the Centre Battalion Sector.
5. Enemys Defences. New work which appears to be camouflaged was seen just to rear of POOL FARM.  
Enemy wire in vicinity of LOCK 6 was found to be very thin. Pill boxes at GAMB COPSE are occupied by day and night. A H.G. was located at O.S.C.95.25. and an A.A. H.G. was observed at approx J.27.A.20.80.
6. Hostile Aerial Activity. Enemy planes were very active during the day flying low over the right brigade front.  
At 9.50.a.m. our planes drove down a hostile machine over enemys line in a S direction.
7. Movement and Organisation in and behind Enemys Lines.  
Dumps. A small trench dump ~~is situated~~ located near Pill Box at P.7.C.95.30.  
Headquarters. A sentry is posted at pill-boxes O.12.B.35.65.  
Tramways. A truck was seen being pushed along a tramway at about P.7.A.75.40.  
Movement. Men were seen during the day at BERRY COTTES. BUND COTTES. QUART buildings. LAMB FARM. ALASKA HOUSES. Pill-box at P.2.D.3.6. and passing along duckboard track between P.1.C. and P.2.D.  
At 3.30.p.m. a party of 10 men near PACK FARM were dispersed by our artillery.  
At dusk about 40 men brought what appeared to be boxes to about O.18.D.7.7. and dumped them near the ruins there.
8. Arms and Equipment. An enemy Heavy T.M. was found by a patrol at I.32.D.45.65. but was too heavy to bring in.

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ANNEXE.(i) From 57th. Division Summaries.

Enemy posts and M.G.'s have been located at J.26.B.85.30. and at J.27.A.35.45. HALP FARM J.27.A.05.45.

## (ii) Further information is required on -

- (a) Enemy posts in vicinity of LOCK No. 6.
- (b) FUMBY FARM J.32.C.
- (c) Enemy posts in vicinity of P.1.B.3.8.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, NO. 7.

From C.a.m. 7-3-18. to 6.a.m. 8-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

Our batteries were active throughout the period. During the morning our counter batteries engaged hostile guns firing on I.28.29.30. and 33. At 4.50.p.m. our heavies retaliated to enemy shelling of our forward area.

A shoot by the heavies also took place during the night on targets in J.27.B.&D. (SWAGGER - MARGATE FARMS) and J.53.A.&D. (BLACK COTTS and ALASKA HOUSES) to hamper enemy relief.

During the night bursts of fire were also directed on the CANAL BANK in P.7.C. P.9.A.70.88. LAB FARM. BUND COTTES and LARK FARM. Our shelling caused a fire and an explosion at 2.40.a.m. S.E. of ZANDVOORDE.

(b) Trench Mortars.

Our T.M.'s were active on our right and fired 35 rounds on enemy positions at LOCK 6.

Our 6" Newton Mortars carried out registrations on Cross Roads at J.52.B.50.45. and road junction at J.26.D.3.0.

(c) Machine Guns.

Targets were engaged during the night particularly BERRY COTTES. and enemy communications.

(d) Aerial activity.

Our planes were active throughout the period and during the day frequently flew over enemy lines.

(e) Patrols.

The Divisional front was patrolled during the night but there was nothing of interest to report. Ruins at P.1.B.3.3. were examined and found unoccupied. A listening post was established at O.3.C.95.30.

2. Identifications. Nil.

4. Hostile Artillery Activity.

There was an increased activity by enemy artillery, especially on our reserve and back areas. Between 11.a.m. and 12. noon I.36.D. and J.31.C. were heavily shelled with 10.c.m. H.E. and gas shells, and between 3.50.p.m. and 4.45.p.m. J.31.C. and P.1.A. were shelled with 250 H.E.

Between 10.a.m. and 10.55. 170 10.c.m. H.E. fell in I.34. 35. During the day I.33.C. and D. I.35.A. O.4.C. and D. and O5.C. were intermittently shelled.

Time.	Location.	Rounds.	Calibre.	Direction.
9.a.m.	J.25.B.&D.	4.	4.2.	S.E.
10 -11.45.a.m.	I.28.A.B.&D.	260	5.9.	T.B. of 900 from I.29.C.4.5.
11.25.a.m. to 12.15.p.m.	I.50. & I.53.	250	77mm.	S.E. and East.
1 to 1.30.p.m.	I.29.D.	Gas		
	I.28.B.&D.	100	5.9.	T.B. 980 from I.29.C.4.3.
5.50.p.m.	SHREWSBURY FOREST.	22.	4.2.	East.

5. Enemy Attitude.

There was an increase in artillery activity. Further registrations were carried out on parts of our forward area. Otherwise enemy attitude was quiet.

A enemy patrol of 4 men in HESSIAN WOOD was dispersed by our rifle grenade fire.

6. Enemy Defences.

M.G. position was located at J.52.B.5.6. A M.G. at O.3.D.05.05. on East bank of railway near LOCK 6. was very active. Enemy work was heard going on in vicinity of J.52.B.4.4.

7. Hostile Aerial Activity.

Enemy aircraft were active and flew low over our lines between 1.15.p.m. and 1.25.p.m. at 2.20.p.m. and at 4.15.p.m.

8. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemy lines.

Movement. 7 men were seen at P.2.C.7.2. one using field glasses, watching enemy bombardment of our lines. This post being kept under observation.

Our left Brigade reports constant movement of small parties near STONE FARM and other movement at BERRY COTTES. And enemy relief

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appears to have taken place. In anticipation of this our  
 Artillery took special action. Movement was also noticed  
 near Pill-Boxes at P.2.E.6.2. and P.2.C.7.1.

10. Miscellaneous. Left Brigade reports that the enemy was un-  
 usually active with flares during the night.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, NO. 8.

From 8 a.m. 8-3-18. to 8 a.m. 9-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

Our artillery was active during the period. The following locations were shelled: POOL FARM, QUART BUILDINGS, Road J.27.D.8.0. to J.28.C.53.99. END FARM, BLACK COTTES and other enemy centres and approaches. Enfilade fire was directed along the CANAL DUGOUTS in O.12.B. and P.7.C. and movement in J.27.B.4.5. was engaged. Our 18 pdrs obtained 5 direct hits on Pill Box at P.2.D.6.8. The left group promptly responded to an S.O.S. observed on the left of the division.

Our heavies successfully destroyed bridges at U.30.A.75.90. and U.30.B.50.25. and destroyed pill box in P.2.B.90.55.

In addition to the above the usual harassing and destructive fire was carried out on enemy communications and positions

(b) Trench Mortars. During the night LOCK 6 and suspected T.M. position at O.3.D.1.4. were engaged.

(c) Machine Guns. In the evening in response to an S.O.S. from the division on left our guns on the left opened on their S.O.S. lines and enemy forward positions. Left division reports our artillery and M.G. fire proved of valuable assistance in repelling German attack.

(d) Aerial Activity. Our planes patrolled the front during the day and at times flew well over enemy forward areas at low altitudes.

(e) Patrols. In addition to the usual liaison patrols and covering parties, there were ten patrols out on the divisional front during the night. A well defined track was noticed running from J.32.B.2.6. along BULGAR ROAD to enemy post at J.32.B.5.6. At about J.32.B.2.3. a bridge capable of taking three men abreast was observed across the BEEK.

Ground in vicinity of J.32.B.5.6. was firm and of good going, but to the West of the BEEK the ground is still boggy and difficult.

The BEEK at J.26.D.4.4. consists of water filled shell holes and is impassable. The ground in J.32.C. South of FUNNY is becoming much firmer but down in front of HESSIAN WOOD is very wet and swampy

2. Identifications. Nil.

3. Dispositions. Nil

4. Hostile Artillery Activity. This was not so active during the period and shelling was comparatively light and scattered. During the morning about 20. 4.5s fell in J.25.A.&.B. (coming from CAPE WOOD) and several 5.9's and 4.2s H.E. fell in I.28. Right Brigade reports scattered shelling over outpost and support systems, and over our approaches. Between 6.20. and 6.50. p.m. about 50 gas shells (4.2) fell around I.27.C.&.D.

5. Enemy Attitude. Quiet.

6. Enemy Defences. M.G.'s and T.M. were active from LOCK 5 and 6. M.G.'s were located at about J.26.D.5.2. J.32.B.6.6. J.32.B.4.9. An enemy granatenwerfer firing from LOCK 5 was silenced by our artillery.

There is a belt of single apron wire from J.26.D.2.5. to J.26.D.2.6. Enemy was heard wiring about 200 yards in front of O.6.C.8.4.

Our right brigade reports that on their right front, the enemy appears to push out small mobile listening posts and M.G.'s forward from his outpost system, which vary their position, according to our artillery fire and patrol movement.

7. Hostile Aerial Activity. Enemy planes crossed our lines once or twice flying high.

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8. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemy lines.

Enemy wiring party heard in front of post at O.S.C. 3.4. was engaged by our L.G.'s.

At 3.30.p.m. small parties of the enemy were seen moving forward near HAMPFARM. Our Lewis Guns fired on these and appeared to have inflicted casualties.

Our observation posts report the usual movement around enemy centres of activity. Transport was heard during the night near HOLLEBEEK CHATEAU.

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The left Division reports that the enemy attempted an attack on TOWER HILLETTS SECTOR at 5.45.p.m. yesterday which however was repulsed.

Further North the enemy gained a temporary footing in the JERICHO-JOPPA System but was successfully ejected this morning.

## Addendum to 1. (d)

A special aerial reconnaissance was made this morning by A.F.C. along our front. The road HOLLEBEEK CHATEAU to ZANDVOORDE appeared to have been used by troops and tracks were observed from P.S. Control to CIRCUS POINT. Trenches were manned with M.G.'s from KORTWILDE to ZANDVOORDE and from KORTWILDE to PILLEGRINS FARM (O.S.C. 1.)

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From 6.a.m. 9-5-18. to 6.a.m. 10-5-18.

1. OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

During the day Cross Roads at J.33.C.3.4. JAGER TRENCH in J.27.C. and J.55.A. tracks in J.27.D. CAPITAL, BASSEVILLE and KENT FARMS were subjected to harassing fire.

Enemy outposts in O.12.A.&E. were shelled.

Our 18-pdrs fired on light railway running through O.6.D. and O.12.B. and seven direct hits were obtained.

During the night strong enemy wiring parties W of LOCK 5 and 6 reported by patrols were dispersed by our artillery, and tracks in J.27.D. J.28.C.&D. and J.54. were subjected to bursts of fire.

Our counterbatteries actively engaged enemy batteries firing on I.28. and I.29.

(b) Trench Mortars. At 7.30.p.m. our H.T.M. silenced enemy granatenwerfer firing from LOCK 5 on to OAK SUPPORT (O.5.D.).

L.T.Ms fired on enemy T.M position in LOCK 6 and on suspected enemy L.G. post in the pill-box O.6.D.3.0.

(c) Aerial Activity: Our aircraft were active throughout the day and particularly at dusk.

(d) Patrols. Patrols on all battalion fronts last night report sounds of work heard in and behind enemy lines.

A strong wiring party working in front of LOCK 5 and 6 were covered by a screen lying at about 150 yards in front of posts 2. O.12. and 3. O.12.

Fire from Artillery, L.Gs and rifle grenades was directed on to this party.

Ground in the vicinity of J.26.B.5.0. is very much shell-torn and patches of barbed wire badly cut up made movement extremely difficult.

Information of enemy defences obtained by patrols is contained in para 6.

2. Identification. Nil.3. Reliefs.

Our posts in vicinity of BELGIAN WOOD report hearing sounds of many men walking on duckboards opposite their front.

Our listening post has also picked up several enemy conversations which in conjunction with the above point to an enemy roadblock in front of the CANAL up to BULGAR ROAD taking place over last night and tonight.

A Special shoot is taking place tonight on enemy Headquarters and tracks behind this sector.

4. Hostile Artillery Activity. During the day a marked increase generally was noted in enemys artillery activity.

Throughout the last few days enemy shelling from direction of ZANDVOORDE has increased.

Between 9.30.a.m. and 3.30.p.m. a destructive shoot consisted of about 400 8.2s and 5.9s fell in vicinity of I.28. I.29.A.&C.

Harassing fire was directed on outposts in O.6.C.&D. and in vicinity of O.11.A. O.5.C.&D. O.6.A. I.36.D. J.31.C. P.1.A.&B. I.30. J.25.D.

Registration was carried out on O.11.A. The following areas were subjected to gas shelling;- J.25.D. I.30.D. I.29.C. O.5.C.

5. Enemys Attitude. Artillery and H.Gs showed an increase in activity. Considerable sounds of work were heard approx in enemy front and support lines throughout the night.

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6. Enemy's Defences.

Wire. Wiring parties were heard in front of LOCKS 5 and 6 and in vicinity of MOAT FARM.

Machine Guns. Were active from FUNNY FARM, LOCKS 5 and 6 and vicinity of MOAT FARM, J.26.E.9.3, POOL FARM and DAMP COPSE.

Trench Mortars. An enemy T.M. fired again from LOCK 5.

7. Hostile Aerial Activity. Enemy's planes were active over forward and rear areas of left brigade but were less active over right brigade.8. Movement and Organisation in and behind Enemy's lines.

Small parties of men were seen in vicinity of BERRY and BUND COTTS, TROT HO, STONE FARM, ANT HO. (J.28.D) and at J.26.D.8.4.

Individual movement was observed at P.2.D.70.35, P.8.B.75.00, P.2.D.35.40, and at O.6.D.6.1.

Smoke was seen rising from pill box at J.26.D.8.1.

Posts. Two posts each holding 6 men were observed at P.2.D.3.5, and P.2.C.7.1.

O.Ps Two men were seen observing at BUND COTTS at 1.30.p.m.

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ANNEXE.1. Information required.

(a) Patrols of several successive days last week reported MOAT FM unoccupied.

A M.G. post is now reported there and confirmation is required.

(ii) Confirmation of M.G position reported by left brigade at J.26.C.9.2.

(iii) Enemy defences along RIFLE ROAD.

(iv) Definite information on work of snipers.

2. Intelligence. Divisional H.Q. should be notified at once if further copies of aerial photos just sent out are required.



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From 6.a.m. 10-5-18. to 6.a.m. 11-5-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. The following locations were included in a pre-arranged programme, and subjected to intermittent bursts of fire throughout the period.

TUBE Cross Roads and N.E. to P.2.D.70.50. J.32.B.55.40. to J.55.C.1.9. Area enclosed by BERRY COTTES, SWAGGER FARM and CAPITAL FARM, MARGATE FARM, ALASKA HOUSE, hostile strong points at P.4.A. P.5.D.40.45. P.5.A.00.15. and P.3.A.86.58. Tracks P.2.A.77.90. to P.2.B.15.75. to 43.70. to 50.70. to P.3.A.00.90.

In response to a request from Left Brigade for covering fire, a number of rounds of 18-pdrs were expended on the following from 2.a.m. to 4.a.m.;- POOL FARM to J.52.B.50.55. J.32.B.8.5. J.26.D.70.00.

An enemy working party in P.2.C. was dispersed during the day.

(b) Trench Mortars. Inactive.

(c) Machine Guns. During the night enemy positions were subjected to intermittent bursts of fire, 21,300 rounds were expended.

(d) Aerial Activity. Our air supremacy was maintained throughout the day, our planes being constantly seen over the enemy line.

(e) Patrols. Excluding those responsible for maintaining communication with flanking units, the following left our lines with definite objectives.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 6 men left our line at 11.p.m. at J.26.C.9.8. with the object of locating enemy positions in vicinity of RIFLE ROAD at J.26.D.5.5. Patrol moved to J.26.D.4.5. to J.26.D.3.2. then back to our line at J.26.C.8.5. reaching there at 12.55.a.m. Enemy were discovered in two pillboxes at about J.26.D.5.6. No enemy patrols were encountered or working parties heard.

A fighting patrol of one Officer and 9 O.Rs left our line at J.52.A.9.9. at 1.45.a.m. to endeavour to capture enemy post previously located at J.52.B.5.6. Patrol moved along BULGAR ROAD to J.52.B.2.6. From here a reconnoitring party went forward and found the post unoccupied. Signs of recent occupation were clearly visible. An enemy wiring party was located at J.32.B.5.3. and 18 pdr shells were seen to burst among them on which working ceased. Area in vicinity of enemy post was thoroughly searched but no further signs of enemy advanced posts were seen. Patrol returned to our line at 5.15.a.m. to point of departure.

A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men left J.31.D.7.2. at 7.30.p.m. and moved via W edge of FISH POND to old buildings S W of MOAT FARM, which were found unoccupied. No Mans Land is swampy and in bad condition. Machine Gun at P.1.B.70.75. was active. Patrol returned via POTSDAM Group at 11.p.m.

A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 5 men left HESSIAN WOOD Group at 7.50.p.m. and moved out close to enemy wire at P.1.C.5.8., which is fairly thick. Enemy working was heard in COPSE and another well in rear. Patrol then came in through Post 11.O.3. at 11.p.m. Two whistling sounds were heard during tour, resembling message-senders being fired.

2. Identifications. Nil.

4. Hostile Artillery Activity. Enemy's artillery was particularly active during the day.

Harassing fire over our forward and rear communications has been the chief characteristic of his activity throughout the 24 hours, scattered shelling and a few bursts of fire

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being put over both sectors during the day.

Registration and destructive shoots were carried out by his heavies on Squares I.30, I.28, and I.29: during the afternoon.

The Support Line again received a quantity of gas shell.

5. Enemys Attitude. Machine Guns very alert along whole front, and a slight increase in artillery activity.

6. Enemys Defences. A wire entanglement is in course of construction at J.52.B.5.5. Two occupied (buildings) pill boxes surrounded by loose wire were located at J.26.D.5.6. and two pillboxes at J.52.B.6.5. are reported to be strongly occupied but not wired.

Sounds of work could be heard from GAME COPSE, LOCK 6 and MOAT FARM, also well in rear of his lines.

Machine guns active from P.1.B.70,75. and LOCK 6.

7. Hostile Aerial Activity. Slightly below normal, only on two occasions were hostile planes seen to cross out front.

8. Movement and Organisation in and behind Enemys Lines.

Little movement was observed during the day on account of low visibility.

Movement in vicinity of KENT FARM at daybreak and dusk was again noticeable.

Pillbox at P.2.C.7.1. appears to be a Headquarters, as movement can always be seen in its vicinity, also an observer with field glasses is on duty daily. At 6.50.p.m. carrying party of 15 men were observed at this location ( 18-pdrs fired on same.)

10. Miscellaneous. At 5.30.a.m. a Red lamp was seen flashing from BERRY COTTS.

Between 2.30.p.m. and 3.p.m. 4 trains were observed moving N.E. near MENIN and at 6.20.a.m. one moving in an N.E. direction from WERVICO.

Signalling. From P.2.C.80.05. at 7.a.m. was observed, apparently in touch with front line.

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From 6.a.m. 11th. to 6.a.m. 12th March.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our 18-pdrs and 4.5. hows engaged the following targets which have proved active from aerial photos and observers reports:-

Road from J.32.B.55.40 to J.33.C.1.9. BERRY COTTS. SWAGGER FARM. CAPITAL FARM. DAMP COPSE. HATCH FARM. STONE FARM. ALASKA HOUSES. BLACK COTTS. Pillboxes at P.7.C.3.1. PIE FARM. HOLLERBEKE CHAU. LOCKS 4. 5. and 6. and tracks in P.1.C.&.D. P.2. P.3.A., J.32.B. and J.33.D.

Parties of enemy moving in O.12.B. and P.2.D. was dispersed at 5.p.m.

Our heavies successfully engaged hostile batteries firing on right brigade front between 5.p.m. and 6.p.m. and actively fired on enemy batteries shelling Areas I.28. I.29. I.30.C. and I.36.A. during the afternoon.

At 8.p.m. a small ammunition dump in direction of COMINES was exploded by our heavies.

Trench Mortars. Our L.T.M's fired 20 rounds on hostile T.M. position at LOCK 5.

Medium T.M's fired 10 rds on GAME COPSE.

Aerial Activity. Our planes constantly patrolled our front and the enemy's forward areas.

At 5.40.p.m. three of our planes made for a hostile balloon which was immediately pulled in.

Patrols. Our patrols on the right brigade front found the enemy's patrolling activity much above normal.

A patrol of 1 Off and 12 men left O.12.A.2.8. at midnight and reached O.12.A.35.75. where they were engaged by an enemy post or large patrol with M.G. and rifle fire and bombs at about 25 yards range. Patrol reported back and another party of 1 Off and 20 men moved out to try and intercept this hostile post, but no trace of enemy party was found.

A patrol of 1 Off and 8 men patrolled to HESSIAN WOOD through enemy's wire to about P.1.C.7.9. where patrol waited to observe. A hostile patrol of 25/50 were observed moving towards our party. Our party withdrew and enemy party all lay down. Post were warned and L.G. fire opened on enemy party.

Several patrols throughout the night reported a strong enemy working and wiring party in vicinity of GAME COPSE.

Artillery were informed and opened fire at frequent intervals on the COPSE.

A patrol of 4 men under Liout. McINERNEY left P.1.A.80.45. at 11.p.m. and moved towards HESSIAN WOOD when an enemy patrol was observed moving W but was too far distant to engage.

Our patrol continued Eastward and observed another enemy patrol moving towards our post at P.1.A.3.2. near which they halted apparently to observe. Our patrol then moved round them; and on enemy commencing to retire fire was opened on them.

At this time a third large enemy patrol came in sight and leaving 5 men to watch, patrol leader retired and warned our post and brought out a stronger party. On reaching the 5 men, the latter reported that all enemy patrols had retired, and our men had distinctly seen 5 bodies being taken away, notwithstanding heavy fire of Hales grenades from our posts.

Ground from the CANAL up to MOAT FARM is still reported very boggy difficult to move across.

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Patrols also reported a large working party at MOAT FARM, definitely proving that the enemy now occupies this post nightly. Patrol reports of the left brigade were in too late to be forwarded back.

Further information obtained by patrols is contained in para 6.

2. Identifications. Nil.

3. Enemy's Order of Battle and Disposition.

From the activity in patrolling referred to above it appears probable that relief took place on the night 10/11th.

4. Hostile Artillery Activity.

Enemy's artillery was again very active on the Divisional front, a decided increase in Counter Battery work being noted.

Destructive shoots were carried out against the support system of the left brigade and on rear areas in the vicinity of HILL 60, LARCH WOOD, and VIER BRANDEN MOLEN.

Heavy scattered shelling occurred during the day on forward defences and communications on the left brigade front.

Destructive shoots were carried out on I.56, P.1.A. and O.6.B. and J.31.C.

Areas O.5.B. and O.6.A. were heavily shelled between 5.30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

15 and 21 cms hows registered on the reserve line near I.56 Central.

The following areas were shelled with gas.

At 10.15 a.m.	48 rounds on O.5.B. and O.6.A.
10- 11 a.m.	50 " " I.30.D.1.5. (4.2s)
11.50 a.m.	5 " " BULGAR WOOD. (77s)
11- 11.20 p.m.	40 " " J.26.C. (77s)

True bearings were taken from flashes on to the following enemy gun positions.

10 a.m. 920 from J.31.C.00.45.

5.50 p.m. 1580 " J.52.A.30.90.

5-6 p.m. 1360 50' " J.51.C.55.53.

5. Enemy's Attitude. Artillery fire was again above normal, and patrolling on the right brigade front much above normal.

6. Enemy's Defences. From Patrols and O.P.'s.

Work. Large working parties were heard at GAME COPSE and MOAT FARM. New work is visible in a trench at about J.27.A.2.0.

Wire. Enemy wire at about P.1.C.6.9. is very weak. Wire is visible near BERRY COTTS at J.27.A.50.45.

M.G.'s. Machine guns were active from J.26.D.7.0., J.26.D.8.5. POOL FARM, DAMP COPSE, P.1.B.6.4. and three from GAME COPSE.

T.M.'s. An hostile G.W. fired 14 bombs from LOCK 5 on to the front of our extreme right Coy.

20 heavy T.M. bombs fell during the morning on P.1.A. and O.6.C. and another 20 heavy and medium T.M.'s during the night on J.31.D. and P.1.A.

Posts. GAME COPSE and MOAT FARM appears to be being made into strong posts. Strong Posts are apparently under construction also at P.1.C.12.45. and at P.2.C.7.3.

7. Hostile Aerial Activity. Enemy planes were inactive on right brigade front. A few flew at a considerable height over our left front.

8. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemy lines.

At 5.30 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. men carrying packs were observed to enter TROT HO and BUND COTTS respectively.

Individual movement was observed at P.1.C.70. P.2.D.7.3. P.2.D.6.8. P.3.C.7.2. and P.3.C.0.6. and at KIKI FARM.

Smoke and flame were seen near TROT HO at 12.40 p.m.

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-----Photo. 5.B.A.400.

Shows many tracks in use specially round dug-outs at P.8.B.55.40. P.9.A.60.84. P.9.D.18.42. Strong Point at P.9.C.78.15. AQUA FARM. (P.9.C.) see also photo 5.B.A.399.

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Trenches from P.2.D.4.9. to P.2.C.3.2. appear to be enlarged or dug deeper by the newly thrown earth around same.

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Tracks are seen leading from trenches at P.8.A.5.4. to cross roads at P.7.B.6.5.

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ARBROATH FARM. (J.9.C.) is apparently used as a Headquarters by the number of tracks leading into it. The concrete building at P.8.B.65.55. just past which at P.8.B.6.6. appears to be a dump undoubtedly used by the Douville railway running from that location to P.9.B.1.9. Other pronounced centres of activity on this photo, are the concrete buildings in P.9.A.55.65. A.60.7.5. A.65.90. a junction of tracks also appears at P.9.B.1.9.

Aerial Trench Reconnaissance.

Road leading from HOLLEBEKE CHATEAU to KORTWILDE is in good condition and much used.

New trenches at P.31.B.75.75. have been continued to river at P.31.B.75.50.

Air reconnaissance reports follows smoke screen -  
P.35.C.3.9. at 3.50.p.m. P.35.A.9.5. 4.50.p.m. P.21.A.2.1. 4.58.p.m. P.27.A.95.45. 4.40.p.m. P.29.C.2.8. 4.40.p.m. P.29.A.2.1. 4.40.p.m. P.29.A.2.1. 4.50.p.m. Appeared to be screening COMINES from north west.Information Required.

1. Suspected Headquarters at P.2.C.7.1.
2. Wire entanglement in course of construction at J.32.B.5.
3. Suspected Headquarters at ARBROATH FARM in P.9.C.
4. Further information on GAME COPSE. P.1.C.

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Wheeled transport could be heard behind enemys lines in the direction of PACK FARM during the night.

10. Miscellaneous. During enemys patrol activity in the night a gong was heard at intervals in enemy lines.

At 6.20.p.m. a flash lamp was observed working from MORSE FARM.

Two red flares still appear to be the enemys S.O.S. signal and 3 greens the cease fire signal. Two rockets each bursting into 3 white lights was also observed to draw fire.

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Two raids were carried out simultaneously by the Right Division last night. The night raiding party secured 5 prisoners and inflicted many casualties on the enemy. The left raiding party also captured 5 prisoners. Identifications in each case were normal. The right party had six casualties, in the left one nil.

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Summary No. 3. of Extracts from  
Army and Corps Intelligence.

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1. Enemy Dispositions.

The 239th Division may still be opposite us holding the sector from the YPRES-COMINES Canal to approx FOREST ROAD in J.26., but a relief is believed to have taken place between the 8th and 11th March. Confirmation is required.

North of the 239th Division the 18th Reserve Division is still holding the REWIN ROAD sector. This division carried out the attack on the evening of the 8th March and according to a prisoner would be relieved immediately after the attack. Later reports show that a relief of the 18th. Res. Div. by the 5th. Bav. Division took place probably on the 9th March.

A relief of the 17th. Reserve Division possibly by the 8th Division in the HOUTHEM Sector just south of us is also expected shortly.

The 7th. Division mentioned in Summary No. 1. has come into the line in the BECLAERE Sector.

The number of divisions in reserve opposite our Army front has recently been reduced from 15 to 11.

2. Enemy Intentions.

(i) A deserter who surrendered to us N of the LA BASSEE Canal, states that the big attacks will take place in ALSACE, and south of the LA BASSEE Canal. Minor operations will be undertaken along the whole front. Artillery preparations commence on the 10th March.

Wooden tanks, to mislead our Flying Corps have been seen by men of his company in FOURNES.

(ii) A prisoner captured on the 10th states that a large raid on a small attack on a two battalion front is to take place shortly E of MESSINES.

(iii) A deserter in the MOORSLEDE Sector states that a raid is to be made by 1 Coy, in 28.D.1.2. on the 14th Inst.

3. Listening Sets.

The enemy has used the following method of forming an earth connection for listening set "loops".

One end of a steel wire is attached to a projectile which serves as an earth pin.

This pin is a hollow steel tube, weighted, and shod with a round-nosed point. It weighs 14 lbs and is 3' 2" long.

The earth connection afforded by the pin being planted in the ground is supplemented by the contact formed between the steel wire and the barbed wire of our entanglement.

4. Infantry Gun.

Reports have again been received that the enemy is using a light infantry gun. This has a calibre of 7.7. cm., is worked on wheels, and is very mobile.

Recently these guns have been used by Sturm battalions to assist in raids. A prisoner of the 17th Sturm Battalion stated the fact that the gun teams belong to the raiding party's unit is a great moral incentive to the men.

5. German Tanks.

The following details of a German tank were given by a deserter who left the CRIFELD Steel works in February.

Description. The tank was shaped like a torpedo. It weighed 10 to 12 tons and was 23 feet long, 10 feet broad, and 8 feet high. It could maintain a speed of 10. mph, on the flat and could turn about easily.

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The loop holes could be closed by means of caps said to be gas tight.

Armament.

- (i) A 5.5 cm. C.F. gun on pivot mounting with telescopic sight. The gun fires shrapnel H.E. and gas shells.
- (ii) 4 machine guns, one firing to each side, one ahead and one to the rear.
- (iii) Flame projector, with a range of 60-70 yards, to be used instead of L.Gs in case of stubborn resistance.

Personnel.

The personnel of the tank consisted of 2 drivers, 2 gunners, 4 machine gunners, and 2 reserve numbers under the orders of an engineer subaltern. All wore asbestos clothing.

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From 8.a.m. 13-5-18. to 8.a.m. 15-5-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. In accordance with a pro-arranged programme the following centres of activity were bombarded by our 18-pdrs and 4.5. hows.

POOL, FUNNY, RUSK and UGLEY FARMS, DAMP COPSE, GAME COPSE, ALASKA HOUSES, QUART BUILDINGS, TROT HO, HOLLEBIKE CHAU, and LOCKS 4 and 5.

Also roads from J.35.C.1.9. to J.35.D.3.3, and from J.33.A.5.7. to J.53.C.5.7. and tracks in J.54.B. P.1.C.&.D. P.2.B. and P.7.C. and P.12.

Our 4.5 hows silenced an enemy T.M. firing from LOCK 5, and a heavy and T.M. firing from about O.12.D.85.85.

Counter batteries actively engaged hostile heavies firing on I.28, I.29, and I.53.C. throughout the day.

Heavies shelled COMINES and caused a fire near the Station. Eastern slopes of ZANDVOORDE ridge were also shelled.

Trench Mortars.

Our L.T.M.'s fired 25 and 25 rounds respectively on LOCK 5 and LOCK 6, and 15 rounds on enemy position in RIFLE ROAD in J.23.D.

Medium T.M.'s fired 29 rounds on to LOCKS 5 and 6 O.12.B.50.50 O.6.C.95.05, and GAME COPSE.

Machine Guns. Lewis guns fired intermittently throughout the night on enemy forward posts.

Snipers. Snipers of left brigade had a busy day on enemy movement in J.27.A.&.C.

Aerial Activity. Our planes were active throughout the day, a flight of 10 passing over to enemy's lines at 5.p.m.

Patrols. No enemy patrols were encountered by any of our patrols during the night.

A patrol of 1 off and 13 men left BELGIAN WOOD at 7.50.p.m. to endeavour to intercept enemy patrols near MOAT FARM. Patrol lay in wait at about P.1.B.65.85 for 56 minutes but no enemy parties were sent out. It is estimated that 5. M.Gs are now emplaced at MOAT FM and considerable work was being carried out there.

Another patrol lay in wait in the wire W of GAME COPSE for 1½ hours but no hostile patrol were seen. Working parties were again heard.

A patrol reconnoitring FUNNY FM heard a working party in DAMP COPSE. A T.M. was firing from the COPSE and a M.G. from about J.32.C.5.5.

A hostile T.M. was observed firing from P.2.A.1.3.

2. Identifications. Nil.3. Hostile Artillery Activity. Enemy's artillery was again very active. A registration shoot was carried out on IMAGE AVENUE. Counter battery work and destructive shoots took place on our positions in I.28, and I.29.

Shelling of a destructive nature is reported over all the forward area of the right brigade.

The principal areas shelled were :-

HILL 60	about 200 rounds	5.9s and 8 inch	from S.E. direction.	
J.31.D.	170	" 4.2s	" "	
THE GLEN.	60	" 5.9s.		E. N. E.
J.34.A. and				
THE GLEN.	200.	" 4.2s and Gas.		S.E.
Vicinity of J.31.C.				
I.36.B., P.1.A. and				WERVICC. )
O.6.B.	600.	" 4.2s and 77s.	from	ZANDVOORDE. )
O.4.D. and O.5.C.	100.	" 7.7s.		WERVICC. )

LONE TREE DUMP (O.4.A.) and Coy H.C. (O.6.B) were

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The following true bearings were taken on gun flashes.

		12lo-observed from		O.5.B.5.7.
		115o		do.
5.35. - 6.40.p.m.	4.123o	(4.2s shelling	J.31.D)	J.25.D.30.45.
3.50.p.m.	118o.	(5.9s. "	J.31.A)	do.
7.30.p.m.	120o.	(4.2s. "	J.25.C)	J.25.D.1.0.
	37o	(5.9s. "		O.3.B.80.55.
4.45.p.m.	118o	(9.2s. "	I.34.)	I.28.D.8.8.
	80o	7.7cm.		J.31.C.05.50.

A 5.9. battery was observed firing from 200 yards W of

WERVICO CHURCH.

4. Enemy's Attitude. Artillery activity again showed a slight increase.

The fact that a considerable amount of work is being carried out on enemy forward posts seems to indicate a defensive policy being maintained by enemy opposite us.

5. Enemys Defences.

Work. See para 1. Patrols.

Machine Guns. were very active against our patrols. Guns were located at FANNY FM MOAT FARM. DAMP COPSE, and J.31.D.5.3.

Trench Mortars. There is apparently an increase in the number opposite us.

Hostile granatenwerfers were located at DAMP COPSE. P.2.A.1.5. O.12.D.85.85. LOCK 5. Light and Heavy T.M's were also active from positions in P.2.C. P.2.B.

Flash of a T.M. or gun was observed at P.3.D.0.3.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity. Inactive on right brigade front but moderately active over left brigade.

7. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemys lines.

Individual movement was seen in the vicinity of BERRY COTTS. STONE FARM. QUART BUILDINGS. at P.2.C.50.85. and TUBE CROSS ROADS. and around pill boxes at P.2.C.7.0. P.2.D. and P.3.D.

Dumps. Two camouflaged dumps can be plainly seen at En.dos. OBEAUX. (P.19.B.).

Observers report pillboxes at J.52.D.6.6. to be occupied.

8. Miscellaneous.

During the gas shell bombardment of BUND COTTS. At 10.30.p.m. blowing of horns and beating of gongs were heard.

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ANNEXE.

- (1) From French Army Summary 27-12-17.

" During the bombardment which preceded a raid on the 26th December in the neighbourhood of HARTMANSWEILLERKOFF. the enemy employed gas shell with time fuzes. Those shells, which appeared to be 10.5.cm. burst with a slight detonation about 120 feet in the air. They produced a blue cloud, with a strong smell of mustard and phosphorus, which sank slowly to the ground."

- (ii) At 7.a.m. this morning a party of WEST RIDING troops about 40 strong raided an enemy pill box at about J.17.A.7.6. under cover of a barrage. The raid was completely successful and between 30 and 40 Germans and 2 light M.Gs. were captured. Our casualties were light.

Note. With reference to para(1) "All ranks should be warned of the possibility of this gas being used".

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From 6.a.m. 13-3-18. to 6.a.m. 14-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

Enemy Raid. At 10 p.m. enemy placed a heavy barrage on the support line and C. T.'s on our Southern battalion front. This became exceptionally heavy at 11.50 p.m.

At 12.5 a.m. under cover of this barrage a party of the enemy about 70 strong approached our wire between posts 2. O.6. and 3. O.6. They were immediately engaged with Lewis Gun and rifle fire and bombs. The leader of the party was killed, and a few succeeded in crossing our wire.

A hand to hand fight ensued, and as a result at least 13 enemy were taken prisoner, and about 10 enemy dead are lying in the vicinity of the posts. Patrols report that enemy stretcher bearers were at work in No Mans Land after the raid for some time.

On account of the fact that most of the prisoners were wounded the exact number taken is not yet known.

Our casualties were light. Strength of the party and object of the raid together with statements of prisoners are given in the attached annexo.

Artillery. Intermittent bursts of fire were placed on the following centres of activity;- J.26.D.74.45. J.32.B.45.25., CAPITAL FARM, HENT FARM, TROT HO, JUNGLE HO., M.G. at J.27.D. 15.60. CROSS Tracks at J.33.C.35.25. LOCK 6. and P.1.D.4.C.

Harassing fire was carried out on defences in P.1.C.&D. P.2.A. and trenches in J.27.C., J.28.A.&B.

4.5 Hows successfully registered on to a hostile 10.cm. Battery at P.7.C.88.80.

Working parties were dispersed at P.8.D.6.8. and at BASSE VILLE FARM.

Our heavies engaged targets in P.7.B. and P.8.C., KORTWILDE and in vicinity of WERVICQ where a fire was started at 8.20 p.m.

Trench Mortars. Our L.T.M.'s fired 12 rounds on hostile M.G. and T.M. positions in LOCK 5, and 50 rounds on GAME COPSE at midnight silencing a M.G. there. Medium T.M.'s fired on J.32.B. Central. P.1.C.7.7. and on GAME COPSE.

Snipers. Our snipers were again active and an enemy sentry is believed to have been hit at J.27.C.1.9.

Aerial Activity. Throughout the day our planes were again active. Targets in J.27.C. were engaged with M.G. fire during the morning.

Patrols. A number of strong fighting patrols were out on the divisional front during the night. All parties report hostile M.Gs. much more active than usual.

A party of 1 Officer and 20 men were out from 3.30 a.m. until 6.30 a.m. to examine our wire and look for enemy dead in front of the posts where the enemy raided.

Distinct gaps were found in our wire in front of posts 4. O.12. and 3. O.6. Wire cutters had apparently been used. No enemy dead were found but enemy stretcher bearers could be heard at work.

A fighting patrol of 28 men under Lieuts HEAD and SHARLANI left our lines in two parties to reconnoitre enemy post at C.12. A.6.8. and if possible secure prisoners. The wire around the post was found to be much improved. Two rows were negotiated and patrol was penetrating the third when the enemy opened up heavy M.G., rifle and bombing fire. Our patrol retaliated but being in the open sustained 5 casualties and had to withdraw.

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Another patrol of 1 Off and 13 Other ranks passed out between FISH and WET PONDS to reconnoitre MOAT FARM. At P.1.B.4.S. very heavy fire from apparently 5. M.Gs at MOAT FARM. was encountered. The patrol leader was slightly wounded and party penetrated to about P.1.B.5.7. when hostile artillery and H.G. fire necessitated a withdrawal.

Two patrols were out at 7.45.p.m. and at midnight respectively to watch GAME COPSE. A H.G. fired from there, but no working parties could be heard.

Transport could be heard on roads in rear of the COPSE.

## 2. Identifications.

(a) Prisoners taken belonged to the 3rd. Company 1st Battalion 70. I.R. 51st. Division.

A brief history of this division is given in the attached annexo.

(ii) A German messenger dog apparently belonging to the Coy opposite our extreme left strayed into the lines of the Division on our left last night. In the collar was found a complete map of the dispositions of two platoons of the 25th Bav. R.I.R. (8th. Bav. Res. Division.) and according to the sketch these platoons had on their Northern flank the 85th. R.I.R. (18th. Res. Division.)

## 3. Hostile Artillery Activity. Hostile Artillery has shown a decrease during the period.

Except for the barrage put down between 10.30.p.m. and 12.45. a.m. shelling was more scattered than usual and of a harassing nature over the whole of the forward areas.

The following areas were subjected to heavier shelling:-

J.31.C.&D.1.A. J.25.B. to I.33.B. J.25.D.0.1., I.30.D., O.5. and O.6.

True bearings were taken on to enemy batteries as follows:-

7.50. - 8.10.p.m.	4.2. shelling	J.32.C. at 870	from J.31.C.00.45.
10.p.m.	H.V.guns.	" KEMMEL	at 1200 " M.17.B.95.40.
8.25 - 9-5.a.m.	4.2s and 77s	J.25.D. at 1060	J.25.D.00.55.
2.50 - 4.10.p.m.	77s.	J.31.B. at 910	do.
4.25.p.m.	4.2s. and gas	J.25.A. at 1160.	do.
7.30.p.m.	77s and gas.	J.25.C.&D.1230.	do.
10.a.m.	77s.	J.26.B. 1450	J.21.B.70.35.

## 4. Enemys Attitude. Hostile artillery has shown a decrease in activity. The Right Brigade report the enemy exceptionally alert, any movement on our part at once drawing H.G. fire.

## 5. Enemys Defences.

Wire. Three new belts of wire have been placed in front of the hostile outpost at O.12.A.6.8.

Machine Guns. were very active firing from J.32.D.7.0. O.12.A.6. MOAT FARM (5 guns) GAME COPSE. HOLLEBEKE CHAU. (The latter gun enfilades CHATEAU ROAD)

Our posts and approaches in P.1.A. were actively engaged.

Trench Mortars. Hostile T.Ms were very active against our Right Brigade front from LOCKS 5. and 6.

A new line of Camouflage is in position at about J.33.C.0.0.

## 6. Hostile Aerial Activity. Enemy planes were more active than usual, but most of his attempts to cross our lines were frustrated by A.A. and H.G. fire.

At 12.15.p.m. our planes forced a hostile plane down in enemy territory.

At 5.30.p.m. two message balloons containing copies of the "Gazette des Ardennes" were dropped by a hostile plane.

## 7. Movement and Organisation in and behind Enemys lines.

Movement was observed at BERRY COTTS. STONE FARM. Pillboxes at J.28.D.0.1. J.33.C.1.7. and P.2.D. and on OUDERRUISECKE - MENIN Road  
Trenches. A working party of 10 men were observed in a trench at P.2.B.5.4. and dispersed by our artillery.

A trench about 200 yards N of large pillbox at P.2.C.7.5. is frequently used by enemy.

Liscellaneous. At 12.15.p.m. an enemy plane flying at a great height over our rear areas left a horse shoe shaped trail of dense white smoke.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 14.

From 6.a.m. 14-3-18. to 6.a.m. 15-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS. Our tactical operations were confined to active patrolling along the whole Divisional front.

Artillery. The following locations were among those selected, and subjected to intermittent bursts of fire during the period.

Suspected Headquarters at P.4.A.3.5. PACK FARM, road from J.33.A.7.7. to J.33.A.35.70. Strong Points at P.3.A.85.42. and P.2.D.36.59. road from J.33.B.60.53. to J.34.C.27.75. LOCK 5 and P.1.D.4-9. In addition the following hostile M.G. positions were dealt with during the day J.26.D.70.75. J.27.C.00.50. J.27.A.5.5. J.32.B.5.3. J.32.C.6.3. and minenwerfer at J.26.B.85.30.

A number of rounds were expended by all batteries in checking zero lines and registrations.

At 9.20.P.M. our left group Batteries co-operated in a raid carried out by the Division on our left, by subjecting the road J.33.B.60.43. to J.34.C.27.75. to intense enfilade fire.

An S.O.S. signal was sent up to the North of our Sector at 4.40. a.m. Our artillery and M.G. opened up on their S.O.S. lines for five minutes, when all was reported quiet.

Trench Mortars. Our Stokes Mortars fired 25 rounds on hostile M.G. positions in vicinity of O.12.B.7.5. effectively silencing same.

M.G. and T.I. positions in vicinity of LOCKS 5 and 6 were shelled by 33 rounds.

Harassing fire by 30 rounds was put over on enemy M.G. position at P.1.C.7.7. Total ammunition expended 83 rounds.

Aerial Activity. Our planes were active at dawn, and just before dusk, patrolling our own and the enemys forward areas.

Patrols. Other than liaison and protective the following patrols left our lines with definite objectives.

Right Brigade - A patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. CLARKE) and 12 other Ranks left P.1.A.8.4. at 8.p.m. and proceeded in the direction of GAME COPSE for 150 yards. Whilst at this location an enemy M.G. was observed firing from E side of GAME COPSE. No enemy working parties or movement were observed. Patrol then moved towards HESSIAN Group and came in at O.6.D.8.9. at 11.30.p.m. without meeting any hostile patrol. The rumble of transport was distinctly heard in rear of enemy lines.

A patrol of 12 other ranks under Lieut. GUDGEON. left BELGIAN Group at 12.30.a.m. and proceeded in direction of MOAT FARM. About 40 yards out from our wire a new belt of hurriedly constructed wire which did not prove a very effective barrier, was discovered. This was followed for about 20 yards where the party laid in wait for about 45 minutes. The enemy could be plainly heard working at MOAT FARM with heavy material. Patrol then came in at POTSDAM Group by 4.30.a.m. and whilst returning were fired on by M. Gun from MOAT FARM and by a L.T.Mortar which was not located.

A patrol of 1.N.C.O. and 6 men left HESSIAN Group at 7.30.p. and moved via Western edge of WET POND towards MOAT FARM, which was watched for an hour. Machine Guns (5) were very active and the garrison of posts were exceeding watchful and alert, firing on the least noise.

A signalling plant was observed due East from MOAT FARM, which shows a very powerful light. Patrol then returned via BELGIAN WOOD coming in at 11.25.p.m. No Mans Land is in a very bad condition and very slippery.

A patrol of 10 other ranks led by Lieut. KING. moved on from O.6.C.5.4. at 8.p.m. and established a line of listening posts 200 yards in advance of our posts Nos. 1.O.6., 2.O.6., 3.O.6.

A little M.G. fire was observed from LOCK 6, otherwise the enemy was quiet. They came in at 10.p.m.

Left Brigade. - A patrol of 1 Officer and 10. O.R. left our line at J.26.C.8.4. at 10.30.p.m. to intercept and engage any enemy patrol.

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in front of sector. Patrol moved to J.26.D.4.3. thence North to our line at J.26.B.3.1. reaching there at 12.45 a.m. Sounds of men working at sandbagging in the vicinity of J.26.D.8.4. were heard but no enemy were encountered.

2. Identifications. Nil.

3. Hostile Artillery Activity.

Artillery activity for the period remains fairly persistent, but has been slightly less active over our left Brigade area and over our rear communications.

The areas receiving the greatest attention from the hostile artillery includes the following, - P.1.A. shelled by 20 rounds 15cm. and 30 rounds 21cm. O.6.B. by 25 rounds 21cm, 22 rounds 10cm, 22 rounds 7.7cm, and 20 rounds 10cm; during the day I.26.D.2.D. and J.26.B. were shelled during the afternoon, the former was a counter battery shoot, the latter a destructive shoot against our pillboxes.

5. Enemys Defences.

Trench Mortars. A considerable increase in T.M. bombing has been reported during the last two days on our right Brigade front, the following table gives an estimate of their activity during the period under review.

7 a.m.	25 rounds	in J.31.D.
8 - 8.30 a.m.	25 "	" GRAVES COPSE.
8.50. - 9 a.m.	53 Granatenwerfer	" O.5.D.
9.15. - 11.30 p.m.	23 rounds.	Over left and right Company posts.

O.6.A. B. and C. O.11.B. and P.1.A. were also lightly shelled at intervals.

Trench Mortars were observed firing from positions at the S end of pillboxes at P.7.A.75.41. and P.7.A.30.35. in each case two men could be seen operating the mortars, another mortar was seen firing from O.12.D.9.9. on to our positions on the CANAL in O.6.C.

Machine Gun Their Machine Gun activity shows a slight decrease during the period. No Mans Land was swept at intervals, but there was a noticeable decrease in the amount of fire directed on our approaches.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity. No enemy machines were over our sector during the day.

7. Movement and Organisation in and behind the enemys lines.

At 8 a.m. several small parties were observed moving E from LOCKS 5 and 3. Later a party of about 20 attempted to follow and forced to take cover, being engaged by our snipers and M.Gs, but no casualties were observed. Normal individual movement was observed during the day, and all such targets were immediately taken advantage of.

8. Miscellaneous.

Two small screens have been erected at P.2.D.2.4. it is possible they may hide M.G. as they have been reported firing from this direction.

At dawn stretcher parties were seen carrying wounded back from near enemy wire opposite our posts 1.0.6. to 3.0.6.

At 1.30 a.m. the enemy fired a considerable number of air bursting gas shells on to our rear areas and battery positions.

4.45 a.m. an S.O.S. Signal was put up to the north of our Sector, our artillery and M.Gs opened for a few minutes on their S.O.S. lines.

Enemy shelled vicinity of LA CLYDE cross roads N.7.C.9.9 with H.V. Gun at 4 minute intervals, starting 12.20 a.m. 9 or 10 rounds in all being fired.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 15.

From 3.a.m. 15-3-18. to 6.a.m. 16-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

Throughout the last 24 hours our field batteries have actively engaged known enemy centres of activity. Intermittent bursts of fire were placed on FUNNY and CAPITAL FARMS, DAMP COPSE, RUPERTS COPSE, LOCKS 4, 5, and 6. Strong Points at J.27.C.65.00. J.27.D.05.70. and from J.32.B.97.20. to J.32.D.99.90.

Roads from J.27.D.50.75. to J.27.D.77.28. and J.33.D.16.36. to J.34.C.57.42., track from P.2.A.05.20. to P.2.A.80.30., and trench between J.35.B.20.55. to J.34.A.97.38. were thoroughly swept during the evening and early morning.

Working parties at pill-boxes at P.2.D.68. and P.8.B.15.85. and P.13.A. were dispersed. Accurate shooting was also observed on pill-box at LOCK 4 and on L.G. post at J.35.A.35.75.

Concentrated fire was put down on enemy granatenwerfer firing gas bombs on our right brigade front.

4.5 Hows successfully engaged hostile 7.7 batteries at P.3.A.00.30. and P.2.B.75.30.

All batteries expended a number of rounds on practice in replying to aeroplane calls. Our heavies engaged targets in WERVICO and ZANDEVOORDE.

Trench Mortars. Medium T.Ms carried out destructive shoots on to LOCKS 5 and 6 and on GAME COPSE.

Light T.Ms engaged hostile M.Gs in GAME COPSE and hostile T.Ms firing from HOLLERBEKE CHAU and LOCK 5.

Machine Guns. 13,000 rounds were fired during the night on to enemy positions and tracks.

Aerial Activity. During the day our planes were active penetrating to some distance behind his lines. At night several flights of planes were heard to pass over and bombs were heard dropping in the direction of WERVICO and MEMIN.

Patrols.

Right Brigade. Patrols on the right brigade front report hearing enemy working party near the CANAL about 100 yards S of LOCK 6. This party was dispersed by L. G fire.

Working parties were also heard in the vicinity of GAME COPSE and at about P.1.B.5.8. hammering and driving stakes into the ground.

A enemy patrol was also observed to move South from the pill-box just South of GAME COPSE, and were then lost to view.

Left Brigade. One patrol left to ascertain if enemy post at J.35.2.6. was occupied and if so to attempt to take prisoners. Post was found to be occupied but our artillery prevented the patrol from proceeding further.

Another patrol set out to examine RIFLE ROAD and to intercept enemy patrols. When our party was at about J.26.B.70.05. an enemy patrol of about 12 was seen at about J.26.B.70.40. Patrol endeavoured to intercept them but lost them in the darkness.

Condition of ground. Ground in P.1.B.&C. is still reported boggy. Ground W of the BASSEVILLE BEEK in J.32.A.&B. is reported firmer but shell holes are still full of water. In 26.B. it is quite good to move on.

2. Identifications. Nil.

3. Hostile Artillery Activity. On the left brigade front enemy's artillery was normal but increased activity is reported by the right brigade. Registration shoots were carried out on the Support Lines and C.Ls, and on and immediately in rear of our Outpost system in O.6.

Between 3.a.m. and 4.50.a.m. scattered but fairly heavy gas shelling occurred on I.32, and I.33. A number of these shells burst from 20-50 feet from the ground with a blue cloud which lost its

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colour in a few seconds.

Other areas heavily shelled were :-

11.a.m. - 6.p.m.	100.	4.2s and 5.9s	fell near MOUNT SORREL.
11.30.a.m. - 7.p.m.)	150.	5.9s.	
12 midnight- 1.30.)			I.28.D. and
4.50.p.m. - 6.40.p.m.	120.	4.2s. and 77s.	I.29.C.
			J.25.D. and
	180	4.2s and 77s.	J.23.A.
	120	4.2s	I.36.C. and J.31.C.
	120	4.2s and 77cm.	O.11.A.
	30	4.2s	O.6.C.
			O.4.B.

Between 1.15.a.m. and 1.35.a.m. our front system from about the CANAL to J.31.D. was heavily shelled by granatenwerfer bombs. Those mortars were heard firing from the direction of CIRQUE POINT, CHALK FARM, HAY FARM, GAME COPSE, LOCK 5, and LOCK 6, and O.12.D.9.9. No blinds could be found.

Trench mortars were observed by the left brigade observers firing from J.32.D.45.40. from rear of LONG FARM and on True bearing of 1210 from J.33.A.15.05.

4. Enemys Attitude. Slightly increased hostile T.M. activity has been noticed and particularly just N of the CANAL.

Working parties have again been very busy. Work is always continued till dawn.

Machine gun activity was below normal.

5. Enemy Defences.

Machine Guns. were located at GAME COPSE LOCK 5 and at J.33. B.80.40.

Wire in front of GAME COPSE is thick and in good condition. A little new wire is visible at P.8.A.5.9.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity. Very little activity. Several were observed at a very high altitude.

7. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemys lines.

At 7.25.a.m. 8 men passed from P.2.C.1.9. to P.2.C.7.1. to P.2.D.3.7. they carried shovels but no equipment.

A party of 12 men wearing peak caps, some carrying sticks, moved along ridge from approx. P.8.A.5.9. to P.2.B.9.5. This appeared to be a reconnaissance party.

Smoke was seen rising from pillbox at P.1.B.01.65.

Movement was also observed at pillbox at P.7.A.7.4., P.2.C.7.1., P.7.C.9.3. P.7.A.85.05, P.15.A.6.3, P.8.B.15.85. Also at Pillbox at J.35.C.45.00., at Pillboxes near KENT FARM, at BERRY COTTES, at GENERALS DUGOUTS, at STONE FARM, J.28.B.15.50. at J.28.D.00.12.

A man appeared to be observing from pillbox at P.15.A.6.6. Artillery was informed, and fired, obtaining several direct hits.

Six men were working on a trench near JUNGLE HOUSE, P.2.D. Central. Considerable movement was again seen in the vicinity of the pillboxes around P.2.C.7.1.

Railways. At 12.50.p.m. a train was seen travelling N.E. from WERVICO.

at 8.50.p.m. a train entered COMINES from the South.

Dumps. The two camouflaged dumps reported on the 12th Inst at En. des. OBEAUX have been removed.

8. Miscellaneous.

Observation Balloons. were observed at bearing of 840 true from O.5.C.75.20. and at 700, 960, 1120, 1350, 1570 true from O.6.A.25.95. At 1440 A Signal lamp could be seen sending continuously from a pillbox at about P.8.A.7.7.

At 9.30.p.m. Orange clusters were fired by the enemy and repeated three times to the rear. No action followed.

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Note. Whenever patrols are being sent out some distance into No Man's Land, Unit Commanders should invariably inform our artillery through the attached F.O.O.



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ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

1. In 1st. Australian Division Summary No. 1. of Intelligence, the enemy were shown as holding the MENIN ROAD, ZANDVOORDE and HOUTHEN Sectors with the 18th. Res. Division, 239th. Div, and 17th. Res. Division, respectively.

In Summary No. 3 it was stated that the relief of the 18th. Res. Division by the 5th. Bav. Division had taken place probably on the 9th March, and that the 239th. Division had been relieved by an unknown division between the 8th and 11th March.

2. Prisoners taken during the enemy raid just South of the YPRES-COMINES Canal on the night 13/14th March stated that the 76th. R.I.R. of the 17th Res. Division had been relieved by the 70th I.R. of the 31st Division. It is thought however that this was only a Battalion relief to allow of the 70th I.R. carrying out the raid.

It may therefore be taken that the 17th. Res. Div. still hold the HOUTHEN Sector and it is probable that their Northern boundary is still as shown on the sketch appended.

3. Information obtained from the messenger dog captured in J.21.B. on the night 13/14th March, proved that in the Northern part of the ZANDVOORDE Sector the 239th Division had been relieved by the 8th. Bav. Res. Div. (23rd. Bav. R.I.R.) It showed also that the 18th. Res. Div. were still holding the MENIN ROAD-Sector but that their Southern boundary was further North than previously.

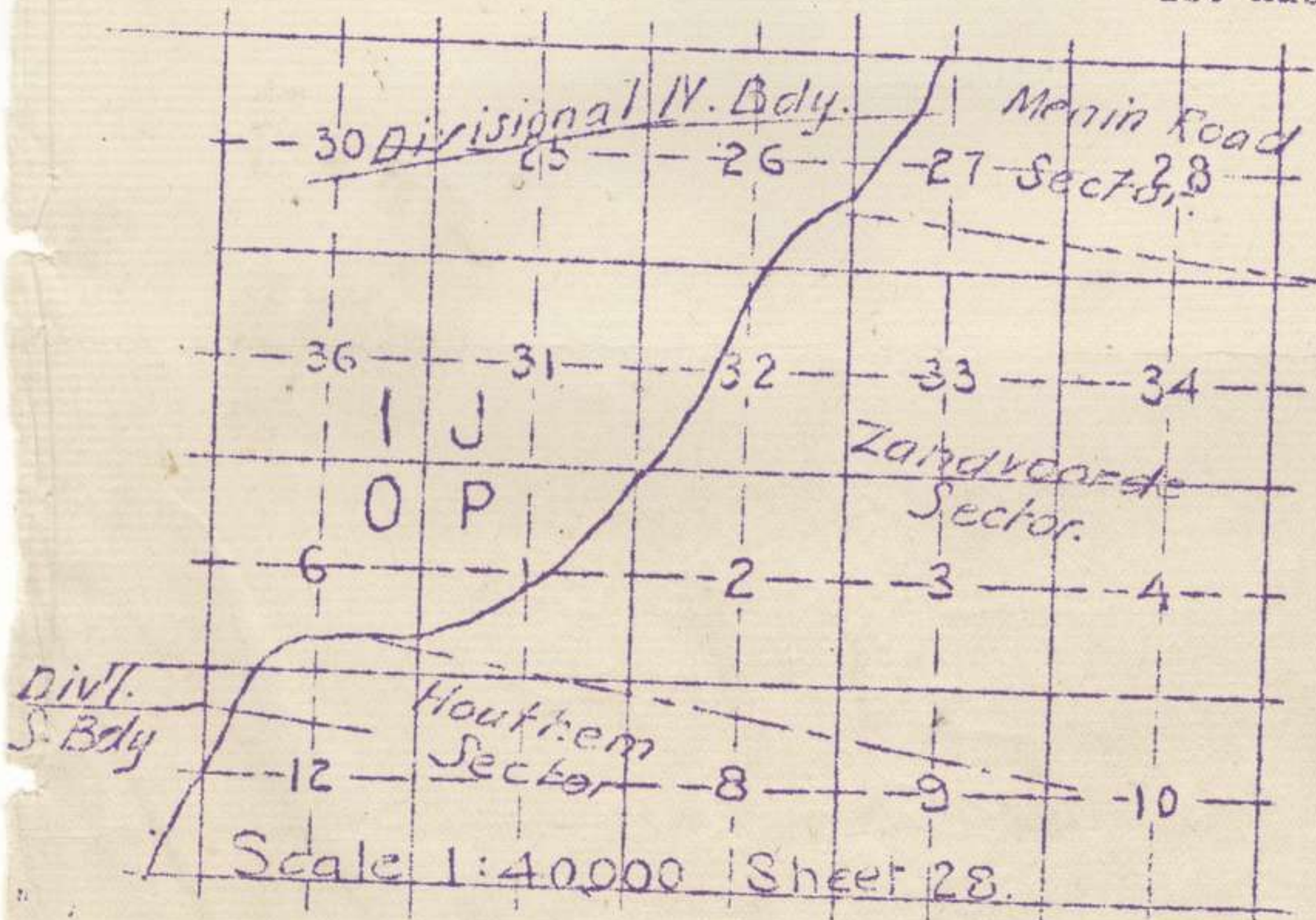
It is therefore possible that two German Divisions have come into the ZANDVOORDE Sector opposite us.

4. The necessity of establishing the distribution of the enemy on our front is urgent. Action will be taken by Brigades in the line to press on with arrangements for raiding the enemy.

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From 6.a.m. 17-3-18. to 6.a.m. 18-3-18.

I. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. The chief feature of our action was the thorough searching and sweeping of enemy roads and tracks in P.8. P.12. J.32.E.&D. and J.27. In addition the following selected centres of recent activity were subjected to intermittent bursts of fire during the period. NAPOO. LAMB and SWAGGER FARMS. BELL BUILDINGS. COSY COTTIS. LOCKS 5 and 6 Machine Guns in J.32.C. and P.2.B. dugouts in J.26.B. and J.33.A. and Trench Mortars active at P.1.C.8.7. and P.1.D.78.75.

With the object of engaging any enemy patrols and working parties in No Mans Land during the early morning, a barrage was put down by the Left Group on the line J.26.B.9.1. J.26.D.45.70. J.26.D.35.00. J.32.B.05.40. J.32.C.42.45. and subsequently making two lifts each of 50 yards and sweeping to cover the whole zone, 4.5. Hows co-operated by simultaneously bombarding POOL. FUNNY and EAST FARMS. Trench Mortars at J.32.B.52.18. and J.32.D.46.48. and trench from J.32.B.51.51. to J.32.B.55.12.

Trench Mortars. Our stokes mortars directed harassing fire on enemy outpost at P.1.B.6.6. P.1.C.7.7. and P.1.C.75.80. to the extent of some 30 rounds.

LOCKS 5. and 6. granatenwerfer position at O.12.A.80.45. and T.M. and M.G. positions in vicinity of HOLLEBEKE CHATEAU were shelled, also a suspected M.G. position at about J.26.D.8.5. received attention. In all 95 rounds were expended.

Machine Guns. Our M.Guns during the darker hours of the evening and night released some 27,500 rounds of S.A.A. The selected targets included the following.

BASSEVILLE FARM. GAME COPSE. EAST FARM. PIN HOUSE. BERRY COTTIS. HAMP FARM. TROT HOUSE. PACK LONG. and KENT FARMS. and known enemy tracks.

Aerial Activity. Seizing the opportunity, our airmen took every advantage of the improved conditions of visibility, and were to be seen throughout the day, patrolling the enemys forward area as well as our own.

Patrols. In addition to liaison and protective patrols, several special patrols went out from our right Brigade sector.

Hostile M.Guns were active from GAME COPSE. MAY FARM. and MOAT FARM. Hostile T.M.s were active from Southern pillbox of GAME COPSE.

Except for above activity and a working party heard well in rear of GAME COPSE, the enemy was very quiet, no signs of hostile patrols were seen. Gas in No Mans Land hampered patrol movement.

From our left Brigade Sector the two following reports are the outstanding features of the nights patrolling.

1. A patrol of 1 Officer and 12 O.Rs left our lines at 10.30.p.m. from J.32.C.3.8. to locate and report on the nature of the approaches to FUNNY FARM and to locate enemy wire in the vicinity. Patrol moved directly to FUNNY FARM without opposition reaching there at 12.55.a.m. The farm was found to be unoccupied and showed signs of recent use. The pillbox is about 15 feet by 10 feet, consisting of two compartments one containing a table and a bunk. It is untenable, having been partially blown in by shell fire the previous day. Very little M.G. fire was experienced by the patrol, but the going was extremely difficult owing to the swampy nature of the country. Two belts of wire, 40 to 60 yards from the farm were met with but were easily crossed on account of being damaged by shell fire. No enemy were encountered and patrol returned to our lines at point of departure at 1.30.a.m.

2. A patrol of one Officer and 10 O.Rs left our lines at J.26.B.4.3. at 1.15.a.m. to intercept and engage any enemy patrols

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in front of sector. Patrol moved out to about J.27.A.C.4. and from here enemy were located in a trench about J.27.A.2.4. No enemy patrols were seen or heard and patrol returned to our lines at 4.a.m. to point of departure. During the time the patrol was out many flares were fired by the enemy but M.Gs were not very active.

Lieut. S. TINDALL was in charge of No. 1. Patrol, and 2/Lieut. P. BINNS in charge of No. 2.

2. Identification. Nil.
3. Hostile Artillery Activity.

An all round increased activity in all calibres and species of shell, was noted during the 24 hours under review.

Heavier shelling of the Reserve Support and Battery positions occurred, whilst outpost groups were shelled as usual.

Heavy concentration of gas shell were put down in the vicinity of our Support and Reserve Systems, on our right Brigade front the enemy used his L.T.M. mostly for this shoot which lasted from 10.30.p.m. to 1.a.m.

From 5.p.m. to 11.p.m. our battery positions in the vicinity of HILL 30 were fired on by gas shell.

From 10.p.m. to midnight a very heavy gas concentration (phosgene) was put down over I.33. I.34. and O.3. A lighter concentration was put down in various areas forward of this.

During the day active harassing fire was directed on our forward communications and trenches, and movement in the forward zone. C.Ts were blown in in several places, and Coy Headquarters of right battalion slightly damaged.

4. Enemys attitude. A more aggressive attitude has been adopted during the 24 hours under review by enemy artillery and T.Mortars. Machine Gun fire was very easily drawn in No Mans Land, but no infantry patrolling appears to take place.

5. Enemys Defences.

Work. An outpost can be seen at P.2.A.7.9. and well worn tracks can be seen leading to same, A new enemy trench is suspected from O.12.B.4.7. to O.6.D.72.33. Camouflage screening previously reported is now completed to TROT HOUSE. Several poles are lying on the ground at the end of the screen, and it is evident intended to continue the work

Machine Guns. On our right Brigade front especially the hostile machine guns, have been very active, and exceptionally alert, firing over our forward approaches from MOAT FARM and GAMB COPSE. A M.Gun emplacement is suspected at O.6.D.72.33.

Trench Mortars. Very active, on left sector of right Brigade they co-operated with enemy artillery in gas bombardment of our forward posts with gas bombs.

T.M. bombs fell in vicinity of P.1.A. and O.6.A. and C. On our right Battalion sector, heavy minenwerfer and granatenwerfer fired 140 rounds for the period chiefly over O.5.D. and O.6.C.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity. Seven hostile planes were observed between 5.p.m. and 7.p.m. several of which unsuccessfully attacked one of our planes over their lines.

Two other planes were also observed during the day, but no attempts were made to cross our lines.

Six hostile balloons were up during latter part of the day opposite the Divisional Sector.

7. Movement and Organisation in and behind the enemys lines.

Improved visibility probably accounts for increased movement observed. Individual movement was observed throughout the day, all living targets were immediately taken advantage of.

At 12.45.p.m. a sentry was observed in trench at J.27.A. 1.4. At 4.p.m. a pigeon was released from pillbox at J.29.C.5.3.

8. Miscellaneous. A fire was observed in direction of TEMBRIEM at 10.30.p.m. Gun flashes were observed at true bearings of 94o and 99o from O.5.C.75.25. the former (77cm) being active all day, and

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and the latter a heavy gun ( probably 21cm ) fired during evening on I.34. Gun flashes also observed on T.B. of 1260 1300 and 1400 from J.25.D.60.45.

Balloons were observed during the day on T.B.s of 650. 700. 930. 970. 990. and 1150. from J.25.D.75.35.

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3.B.A. 492. TRACK HOUSES. P.4.A., it is suspected by the number of tracks leading into and around this area, that a headquarters, possibly that of a regiment, would be stationed here, and the number of tracks leading from this suspected headquarters down to RUBERTS COPSE, again confirms the considerable movement and activity round about the latter location (P.3.D.7.8) careful study of photo 3.B.A.564 of the 16th Inst shows distinct attempts to camouflage certain new work on the eastern edge of the COPSE, then again new work appears at P.3.D.4.3. which from the lay of the ground and the design of the structure leads one to suspect an O.P.

In general, talking of this area covered by the above photos S.E. of ZANDVOORDE (P.3.D.) should be kept under especially close observation, as all photos show considerable activity in this area.

3.B.A.593. of the 18-3-18.

Shows a considerable number of new tracks leading from LARK FARM. P.3.B.35.65. leading up to TIN HOUSE then on up to BLACK COTTS (J.33.A.8.2.)

3.B.A.235. NAPOO FARM. P.8.A.70.25. shows great signs of life by the number of tracks leading into same, also the trench system and wire appears to be constantly renovated.

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At 5.30.P.M. a dense cloud of white smoke was observed on a true bearing of 127° from J.51.C.10.48.

Flares were fired from pillboxes well in rear of enemy lines at 3.5.p.m. No action followed.

At 1.35.a.m. enemy shells dropped short near BERRY COTTS. on which a white flare breaking into two Reds was sent up from the Pillbox, and again at 2.50.p.m. shell fell short and 11 similar flares were fired.

At 3.5.a.m. six more flares breaking into White clusters were fired from the Pillbox and repeated at STONE FARM.

Dumps. An alteration in the dump previously reported at P.7.C.95.35. has been noticed, and what appear to be decauville trucks tipped off the track can be seen - no decauville line is visible.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. NO. 18.

From 6.a.m. 18-3-18. to 6.a.m. 19-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

In anticipation of an enemy relief opposite our centre battalion front, our field guns fired intermittent bursts on all enemy tracks in that vicinity.

Harassing fire was maintained by all Batteries throughout the period, and the following selected points of activity as shown by recent air-photos and other Intelligence, were systematically bombarded;— ALASKA HOUSES, TRAM FARM, TRACK HOUSES, BUND COTTS, MARGATE FARM, Strong Points in J.23.D. and P.2.C. and PILL BOX in P.1.D.

At 6.50. a.m. 7.13.a.m. and 3.p.m. Our 18-pdrs were successful in silencing active hostile Trench Mortars at J.32.D.99.88. LOCKS 5 and 6 of the CANAL, P.1.D.95.10., and MAY FARM. A number of rounds were expended on practice in replying to aeroplane calls. A large working party at P.1.C.5.7. was dispersed at 10.25. p.m.

In co-operation with a raid carried out by the Division on our left the 1st Battery barraged the line J.26.D.65.55.—J.32.B.55.40. for five minutes, afterwards lifting to J.27.C.40.65.—J.33.A.45.43., whilst the 2nd Battery bombarded the area enclosed by CAPITAL FARM — SWAGGER FARM — TROT HOUSE — MARGATE FARM, 4.5" Hows. simultaneously shelled the latter targets.

With the object of engaging any enemy patrols and working parties during the early morning our Left Group Batteries thoroughly searched and swept No Mans Land with 18-pdrs at 4.30.a.m. for five minutes, whilst the 102nd How.Bty., bombarded FUNNY POOL and EAST FARMS., Trench Mortar at J.32.B.52.18. and J.32.D.45.28. and trench from J.32.B.51.51. to J.32.B.65.12.

29 rounds of 6" Newton bombs were expended by No. 1 Battery Medium Trench Mortars in counter shoots on to active Trench Mortars at O.12.B.6.1., LOCK 5 and P.1.C.15.45., with very effective results.

Machine Guns. Our Vickers Guns expended 30,000 rounds on enemy centres of activity, the following special targets being engaged;— BASSEVILLE FARM. PIN HOUSE.  
TUBE CROSS ROADS. PIE FARM.

Road from P.7.A.5.4. to P.7.B.4.3.

Road from P.2.C.5.7. to P.2.A.9.3.

Railway ombankment from O.12.D.90.95. to P.7.C.4.2.

TROT HO. Tracks in J.27.C. and J.33.A. PACK. LONG. and KENT FARMS and BUND COTTS.

A special barrage was put down between J.27.A.05.35. and J.27.B.08.95. to assist in the minor operation carried out by the division on our left at 2.30.a.m.

Lewis Guns engaged enemy forward positions and it is reported inflicted casualties on an enemy party.

Snipers. Snipers of the left Brigade found a number of targets at dawn and at dusk. A small party at Cross Roads J.32.B.5.4. were fired on at 7.a.m. Two of the enemy fell, the bodies were seen there throughout the day.

Aerial Activity. Our aeroplanes were again very active. At 6.30.p.m. several scouts opened with their M.Gs on enemy lines.

Patrols. Patrols out during the night report;— Three hostile M.Guns active from MOAT FARM and others at P.1.C.20.55.(approx) and GAME COPSE and POOL FARM.

MOAT FARM is strongly garrisoned. A working party was observed slightly South of GAME COPSE (dispersed by 18-pdrs) and another at J.33.A.0.5.

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in front of GAME COPSE, a hostile party of 16 were observed to leave Southern edge of GAME COPSE and move towards our line, but on hearing movement from our patrol, they took cover and were not seen again, although position was watched for an hour afterwards.

M.Guns and T.Mortars were active and garrison of posts alert. One of our patrols was fired on from MOAT FARM.

2. Identifications. Nil.

3. Hostile Artillery Activity. The hostile artillery activity showed a slight increase during the 24 hours under review, the characteristics of his days shoots being a box barrage put round HESSIAN WOOD and POTSDAM GROUPS, the support line of the Divisions centre battalion was heavily shelled at times, also the forward ends of the communications trenches received attention, several direct hits being obtained, on the Left Brigade front his shelling was mostly against our defensive systems.

4. Enemys Attitude. With the exception of his artillery he was much quieter than usual on our right Brigade front. On the left Brigade front he adopted a slightly more aggressive attitude firing T.Ms at intervals throughout the night.

Along the whole divisional front the enemys grows more alert and nervy every day, upon the least sound or movement, his M.Gs are opened at random.

5. Enemys Defences.

Work. Camouflage screening in vicinity of TROT HOUSE has been continued for 100 yards towards BERRY COTTS, and some new wire has been erected at approx. P.8.B.15.85.

Trench Mortars. Heavy T.Ms were observed firing from J.26.D.30.45. (believed to be near Pillboxes at J.32.D.95.80. and J.32.D.99.88.). Heavy and light Trench Mortars were active on our right Brigade front, our outpost line receiving most of the bombing, but no serious damage was done.

A trench mortar firing from O.12.D.8.9. was silenced by our 18-pdrs, this T.M. has been previously reported.

Trench Mortars were also active from vicinity of HOLLEBEKE CHATEAU and CIRCUS POINT.

Machine Guns. The following hostile M.Guns are those reported as having been active during the period.

3 Machine guns very active from MOAT FARM, and from vicinity of J.26.D.9.5. and J.32.B.4.3.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity. With the exception of seven hostile planes seen during the morning, and which just crossed our lines, no hostile aeroplanes was seen.

Balloons were ascending and descending during the day from points, on T.B. of 900. 1030. 1050. 1250. 1270. 1300. and 1400. at 7.45.a.m. and 1570. 1640. 1810. 1830. 1910. between 12.30.p.m. and 1.p.m. from J.29.D.8.2.

7. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemys lines.

Considerable individual movement was observed throughout the day, the following places and locations being the main centres of movement.

BERRY COTTS. STONE FARM. J.32.D.9.8. J.33.C.4.3. O.12.D.9.6 P.7.C.45.10. P.2.C.7.1. P.2.D.60.35.

At 7.20.p.m. 8 men moved from P.2.D.5.1. to P.2.C.7.1.

A party of 10 men at O.12.B.2.7. was dispersed by 18-pdrs.

Miscellaneous. At 2.p.m. a smoke cloud rose from about Q.24. and drifted N.E. across the outskirts of MENIN.

Two lines of small white flags with a black vertical stripe run from P.8.B.15.85. to KIKI FARM. (P.8.C.) to CHATEAU FARM (P.7.A) and from BASSEVILLE FARM (P.7.B) through CHATEAU FARM to O.12.D.9.9. thence along railway to LOCK 4.

Several fuses of 21 cm shells which have been used lately in destructive shoots on pillboxes, have been collected and all are set for detonation (O.V) without delayed action.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. NO. 19.

From 6.a.m. 19-3-18. to 6.a.m. 20-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery.

Our policy of aggressive harassing fire was continued by all batteries in accordance with recent intelligence. Intermittent bursts of fire were directed on to the following locations CHALK and UGLY FARMS. DAMP COPSE. JELLY and JAEGER trenches ZANDVOORDE, QUART BUILDINGS. CIRCUS POINT. BUND COTTS and dugouts at J.32.B.45.25. In addition roads in P.2.B.&C. were thoroughly searched and swept during the late evening and early morning.

The Right Group were successful in silencing hostile Trench Mortars and M.Gs at P.1.C.95.10. P.1.C. 15.45. P.1.D.45.95. P.2.A.6.9. P.2.C.35.05. P.2.C.08.97. by a systematic gas bombardment at 9.5.p.m. 10.48.p.m. and 12.10.a.m. At 6.30.a.m. movement in P.1.C.75.82. and P.1.D.40.95. was dealt with by our 18-pdrs.

No.1.M.T.M. Battery carried out a destructive shoot on to Trench Mortars at O.6.D.35.25.

Trench Mortars. 60 rounds were fired from our STOKES Mortars during the period, 25 of which were used on GAME COPSE the remainder directed on hostile M.G. and T.M. positions at LOCKS 5 and 6.

Machine Guns. Vickers guns constantly swept enemy positions and approaches with bursts of fire during the night. 26,500 rounds of S.A.A. were expended. The following were included in the list of targets to receive special attention. CHALK FARM. PIE FARM. CIRCUS POINT. BASSEVILLE FARM. BERRY COTTS. CAPITAL FARM. TROT HOUSE. PACK. LONG and KENT FARMS. numerous road junctions and known centres of activity.

Snipers. On account of low visibility snipers opportunities did not present themselves, they were therefore inactive.

Aerial Activity. Adverse weather conditions considerably hampered our aerial activity, and with the exception of a few planes seen during the early morning, conditions prevented flying during the remainder of the day.

Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained communications with flank- ing units and formations.

Listening posts were established at five points on the right Brigade front, and four special patrols moved out from our centre Battalion sector. They report;-

MOAT FARM and GAME COPSE garrisons were very quiet. M.Gs at LOCKS 5 and 6 were more active than usual, whilst those at GAME COPSE and MOAT FARM fired occasional bursts throughout the night.

The rain has left No Mans Land in a very bad state and it is extremely difficult to move quietly.

The same difficulty was met with by our Left Brigade who report that No Mans Land is in a very swampy condition, and the DEEK is impassable.

2. Identification. Nil.

3. Hostile Artillery Activity. A marked decrease of shelling was noticeable during the 24 hours under review.

Between 3.p.m. and 5.p.m. 17 21cm shells fell along OLAF AVENUE in I.36.D. two hits being obtained. From 11.30.a.m. to 1.p.m. a concentrated shoot of 15cm and 7.7cm was carried out on THE CLUSTERS. On the Left Brigade, the forward area received most attention composed mainly of harassing fire from light calibre guns.

A destructive shoot took place between 4.30.p.m. and 5.p.m. on to VERBRANDEN ROAD in I.28.D.

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4. Enemys Attitude. Undoubtedly owing to low visibility, the enemys activity has shown a slight decrease in all combatant branches.

Trench Mortars were still very active on the right Brigade front, and fire was very easily drawn from his M.Guns, confirming the continuation of his very alert attitude.

5. Enemys Defences.

Work. A trench appears to be under construction from MOAT FARM towards FISH POND, this cannot be definitely located by ground observers.

Camouflage screening between PACK FARM. and TROT HOUSE has been broken in 9 places.

A large mound of earth is visible at J.33.C.15.22, near which movement of men was observed during the day.

Trench Mortars. From 6.30.a.m. to 7.30.a.m. O.6.C. and O.11.B. were heavily bombed by heavy and light T.Mortars. This appears to be a regular habit of the enemy, the mortars engaged in these shoots probably fire from O.12.D.9.9. P.7.A.7.3. P.7.A.80.35. where they have been seen in action on several occasions.

It is believed that several other Trench Mortars are emplaced on the Railway embankment between O.12.B. Central and O.6.D.1.0.

Other approximate locations from which hostile trench mortars activity is suspected include MOAT FARM. GAME COPSE. CIRCUS POINT. CHALK FARM BERRY COTTS. LAMB FARM. Pillbox at J.32.B.99.90. and from P.2.C.55.05.

M.Guns. A M.Gun firing throughout the night was particularly active from about J.32.B.5.5. Others also firing from LOCKS 5. and 6 at intervals during the night.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity. Three enemy planes flying very high were engaged by our A.A. guns in the early morning and were forced to return. Enemy observation balloons were up during the day on T.B.s of 540. 580. 810. 860. 1330. and 1480 from J.25.D. 60.45.

7. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemys lines.

Several working parties were observed on the ridge in P.2.B. just after daybreak, they appeared to be digging.

At 7.a.m. men carried some heavy timber from P.2.C.2.2. to P.2.C.7.4. where a dump was formed. There appears to be a post at P.2.D.1.3. men were seen moving between here and pillbox at P.2.D.10.15. Pillbox at O.12.D.9.8. appears to be used by the enemy as an O.P. Smoke was seen rising from pillbox at P.13.A.5.6.

Six men were seen working at J.32.D.99.77. during the early morning, 5 men were seen at pillbox at J.32.D.99.90.

The usual movement of small parties of men was again observed at BERRY COTTS. BUND COTTS. STONE FARM. and QUART BUILDINGS.

8. Miscellaneous.

Two flares breaking into YELLOW clusters were fired from vicinity of BERRY COTTS. and repeated at STONE FARM at 6.10.p.m. and again at 6.15.p.m.

At 10.30.p.m. when our artillery opened fire on the centre Divisional front enemy fired 15 flares bursting into two reds, commencing in the area bombarded, they were fired in succession working northwards.

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From 6.a.m. 20-3-18. to 6.a.m. 21-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. During the period the following locations were systematically harassed with intermittent bursts of fire;- COPSE COTTS, SWAGGER FARM, MARGATE FARM, COSY COTTS, ANT HOUSE, QUARTZ BUILDINGS, MAY FARM, DAMP COPSE, PILLBOX at J.26.D.8.1., and M.Gs at J.28.B.00.46., J.26.D.50.60., P.1.D.40.00., P.1.D.20.10., P.1.D.30.00. and J.32.B.50.10.

In addition tracks and roads in J.28.D., J.33.C., J.34.V.&D., J.29.C.2.D., and O.12.B. were thoroughly searched and swept from 8.p.m. to 6.a.m. in anticipation of an enemy relief.

Working parties at P.2.C. and J.33., were dispersed during the day. A number of rounds were expended by the LEFT GROUP in cutting wire from J.32.B.51.30., to J.32.B.50.25., Hostile Trench Mortars in P.1.C.&D., P.2.C. and O.12.B. were dealt with by gas from our 4.5" Hows., and H.E. from 18-pdrs.

At 5.46. a.m. our LEFT GROUP reported having received an S.O.S. from the Left Battalion, and opened up on their S.O.S. lines. The Superimposed Group were also instructed to open up and did so at 5.48.a.m. Later reports were to the effect that Infantry did not require S.O.S. and at 5.53. and 6.1. a.m. our LEFT and SUPERIMPOSED GROUPS respectively ceased firing.

A second S.O.S. was reported to have gone up on the RIGHT GROUP front at 6.30.a.m. and our RIGHT AND SUPERIMPOSED GROUPS again put down their S.O.S. barrages, until 7.a.m., when Infantry having reported everything practically normal, all Batteries ceased firing.

Trench Mortars. 490 rounds were fired by our Stokes Mortars during the period, 340 of which were fired on to our S.O.S. lines between 5.30. and 6.a.m. the remainder being used in harassing and destructive shoots, on known enemy targets.

Machine Guns. Vickers Guns expended some 23,500 rounds of S.A.A. against enemy positions and approaches during the night, they also put down a barrage on their S.O.S. lines when S.O.S. signal was fired at 5.30.a.m.

Aerial Activity. For the greater part of the day, no activity occurred. Towards evening, when weather became more favourable, a few of our planes patrolled our own and the enemy's forward areas.

Patrols. Our Right Brigade patrols report as follows. Hostile M.Gs were active from LOCKS 5 and 6. Pillbox at O.6.C.9.2. and GAME COPSE.

No Mans Land is in a very bad condition and almost impassable in O.6.C. Other portions opposite the Right Brigade front, are very wet and muddy.

Enemy listening posts were located at O.6.C.95.15. and at P.1.B.90.95.

GAME COPSE and approaches to same were reconnoitred, patrol moving via P.1.C.4.9. to P.1.C.75.90. 75.80. and P.1.C.70.75. No enemy wire was encountered. The northern Pillbox is not occupied. Patrol was fired on by M.Gun and Trench Mortars from the second pillbox (counting from the north) this pillbox is strongly garrisoned, and the remaining two pillboxes were also occupied.

The above patrol was commanded by Liout. DAVIDSON. The Left Brigade Patrols report;-

1. A patrol of one Officer and 10.O.R. left our lines at 3.a.m. (20th) at J.26.B.45.45. to reconnoitre enemy post in vicinity of J.26.D.8.7. Patrol moved to J.26.D.8.9. to J.26.D.7.7. thence back to our line to point of departure at 5.30.a.m. Movement was extremely difficult on account of the rough nature of the ground. Enemy movement was observed in the vicinity of the post and as far as could be

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seen seems to be isolated and protected by wire which has a gap in the centre.

2. A patrol of one Officer and 16 men left our lines at 10. p.m. at J.26.B.4.5. to reconnoitre enemy position in the vicinity of J.26.B.9.5. and J.26.D.9.9. Patrol moved to J.26.B.8.2. to J.26.B.8.0. thence back to our line at J.26.B.45.45. reaching there at 1.a.m. No Mans Land was found very marshy and movement very difficult. A pillbox at J.26.B.95.10. is occupied by the enemy and has a trench leading to it from a post at J.27.A.00.15. A sentry was observed on duty at this point during the day. One party of two and one party of 3 men were observed by patrol to move from the post towards post at J.26.D.8.7.

3. A patrol of one Officer 15.0.R. left our lines at 11.30.p.m. at J.32.A.9.9. to intercept and engage any enemy patrols in front of sector. Patrol moved from J.32.B.2.9. to J.26.D.2.2. thence back to our line at J.26.C.8.3. at 2.40.a.m. The party waited in vicinity of J.26.D.2.2. for about an hour but no enemy movement was seen. A dog was heard to growl from vicinity of J.26.D.7.0. and immediately enemy M.G. opened from same spot. Enemy whelled transport could be plainly heard from direction of LONG FARM.

2. Identification. 4 prisoners, 2 unwounded and 2 wounded, one of which has since died, were taken this morning at about 0.6.D.8.9. they belonged to the

2nd. Battalion. 153. I.R. 8th. Division.

As an ANNEXE to this Intelligence Summary, a short history of the 8th Division, along with the preliminary interrogation of the above prisoners will be found.

### 3. Hostile Activity.

Operations. Two minor operations in the form of raids, were attempted by the enemy opposite our division during the early hours of this morning.

(a) Attempted Raid against our post in J.32.C. was feebly carried out, enemy retiring when fired on by Lewis Gunners.

(b) Attempted raid, against our posts in CHATEAU GROUP O.6.D. which resulted in 4 of the enemy being left in our hands.

Artillery. Activity was of a normal nature during the day, but at 10.20.p.m. enemy commenced an extensive gas and H.E. shelling of our battery areas, especially in I.33. and I.28.

This was followed by heavy shelling of our support and reserve systems at 10.45.p.m. which lasted until about 11.30. when things were much quieter.

Considerable 4.2" gas and H.E. shelling of J.31. was reported from 3.30. to 5.a.m. and at 5.46 the above S.O.S. was acted upon.

4. Enemy's Attitude. With the exception of the two attempted raids, one opposite each Brigade front, and the increased artillery and T.M. activity on our left Brigade front, the general hostile attitude along the whole divisional shows a slight decrease.

5. Enemy's Defences. Enemy posts were located at J.26.D.85.75. J.27.A.00.15. and an occupied Pillbox at J.26.B.95.10. Trench Mortars were active during the night from BERRY COTTS. J.32.B.05.05. J.32.D.99.90. and a flash of a heavy T.M. was observed on a T.B. of 1350 from J.25.B.60.45. Between 6.a.m. and 7.a.m. 30 heavy minenwerfer bombs fell on the outpost system of our Right Battalion.

Enemy M.Gs were much quieter than usual except for those at LOCK 6 which continuously swept No Mans Land in O.6.C.&D. his M.Gs were also active firing from BERRY COTTS. J.26.D.7.0. and J.32.B.65.25.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity. Enemy aircraft were slightly more active than usual, six planes crossing our lines during the afternoon. At 9.45. P.M. enemy machine dropped two bombs in vicinity of I.27.0. At 7.30.p.m. a plane flew at a low altitude over the forward area of our right Battalion. It then flew along the canal and dropped two bombs near RODNEY DUMP, It was then immediately engaged by A.A. and M.Guns, and was finally heard flying towards WERVICQ.

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Preliminary examination of prisoners taken  
this morning in O.6.D.7.8. by the Division.

1. Identification.

Prisoners (two) belong to 8th. Coy. 2nd Battalion.  
153. I.R. 8th. Division.

2. Method of Capture. Prisoners formed part of a patrol of 10 including  
the leader.

They had the following instructions given them before  
leaving their support lines.

(a) That their artillery would be firing on our battery  
positions with gas shell between the hours of 3.30.a.m. and 6.00.  
then a 5 minutes barrage would be put up, under the cover of which  
the patrol had to move forward, observe the effect of their  
artillery & bring back an identification. Four of the patrol were  
accounted for, two wounded and 2 unwounded prisoners being taken  
by us, one of the wounded having since died.

Patrol lost direction and because disorganised, walked on  
too far, and the above were taken prisoners.

3. Reliefs. The first Battalion came into the line during the night  
7/8th being relieved by the 2nd Battalion during the night 17/18th,  
and inter-battalion reliefs take place every 10 days.

Inter-company relief, the 2 companies in support relieving  
the two companies in the front line every 5 nights, next inter-  
company relief tomorrow night 22nd/23rd Inst.

4. Disposition. of the 153. I.R.

1st. Battalion. in rest around MENIN.

2nd. Battalion. 2 Coy front line and 2 in support about  
1.000 meters in rear of front posts.

3rd. Battalion. 1 Coy in line, 1 in support and 2 Coy in res  
under the impression that the following was the order of battle from

5. Order of Battle. Prisoner was very vague on this point, but is  
N.3. 72.I.R. 93.I.R. 153.I.R. 76.R.I.R.

6. Company Strength. Trench strength. 45.

Composed as follows;-

- 2 groupe of 8. O.R. and 1 N.C.O. 18.
- 4 light pattern M.G. 4 men each. 16.
- Company Commander N.C.O. and runners. 11.

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7. TRAINING. Prisoners company had undergone strenuous training in  
Battalion, Regimental and Divisional manoeuvres whilst in the  
vicinity of MENIN, but no other divisions participated.

One prisoner had heard it rumoured that their division was to  
act as a MARSCH DIVISION, or consolidating division, they were to  
follow up an attack and then consolidate.

The methods of training, were of a trench warfare nature.

8. Units seen in rear around MENIN.

88. R.I.R. } 18th. Res. Division.

132. I.R. }  
153. I.R. } 17th. Res. Division.

9. German Tanks. Of either real or represented tanks, prisoners had  
not heard or seen anything.

10. Headquarters. Regt in MENIN.

is not known. Battalion on the hill near ZANDVOORDE, exact location  
P.I.C. Company three block houses just round CHALK FARM

11. NAMES OF OFFICERS.

- Regt Commander Major. Kunrremann
- Batt " Capt. Von. Schenk.
- Coy. " Lieut. Darge.

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7. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemys lines.

Movement of parties of two and three men were seen during the day in vicinity of J.32.D.99.88. BERRY and BUND COTTS. A sentry was observed in trench at J.27.C.2.5. Between 5.30.p.m. and 7.15.p.m. 44 men were seen to move in parties of 3 or 4 from STONE FARM along duckwalk track to J.29.A.7.7. where they disappeared, all were wearing full packs. Other small parties were observed at LOCK 5. and pill box at P.2.C.10.82. both of which were dispersed by our 18-pdrs.

8. Miscellaneous. At 8.15.a.m. a large dog was seen to move from POOL FARM to pillbox at I.26.D.70.55.

During enemy shelling in the morning, one shell when it burst, throw two WHITE lights into the air which floated slowly to the ground.

New notice boards have been erected at O.12.D.25.75. and P.7.C.90.55.

A small red cross flag can be seen at P.7.C.0.7. At 5.30.p.m. a lamp was seen operating from PUMP FARM.

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12. Gas MASKS and effect of our gas shelling.

Leather gas masks were worn by prisoners They were in support line when they noticed our gas on the evening of the 19th, prisoners know of no casualties having been caused by same.

Effect of our Artillery shelling.

Prisoners all held a very high estimate of our artillery stating that whenever shelling commenced, every body, ran for their lives into comparative safety.

Short history and composition of the 8th Division, identified opposite this Divisional Sector this morning.

8th. Division.

Commander;- Duke ERNST of SACHSEN-ALTENBURG.

16th. Infantry Brigade.

Commander;- Colonel ZWINGER.

72nd Inf. Regt.

93rd. Inf. Regt.

163rd. Inf. Regt.

Organisation. The 8th Division is recruited in the IV Army Corps district (Prussian Saxony) The most important towns in the Army Corps District are MAGDEBURG, HALLE a.s., HALBERSTADT, TORGAU, ALTENBRUNN and DESSAU.

The 8th Division originally consisted of the 15th and 16th Infantry Brigades, the 15th having the 36th Fusiler Regiment and the 93rd Infantry Regiment, and the 16th having the 72nd Infantry Regiment and the 163rd Infantry Regiment.

In March, 1913, the 36th Fusiler Regiment was withdrawn to form part of the reconstituted 113th Division, and the remaining three infantry regiments were grouped together in the 16th infantry Brigade.

History. On mobilization the IV Corps (7th and 8th Divisions) was incorporated with the first German Army under von KLUCK. It took part in the Siege of LOUVAIN, the entry into BRUSSELS, the Battle of MONS and the Battle of the MARNE. In September, 1914, it was engaged against the British left Wing east of SOISSONS, during the battle of the AISNE. Towards the end of September, 1914, it was transferred from the First Army to the Sixth Army, under the Crown Prince of Bavaria, in which it still remains. In the early days of October, 1914, after attacking south of ARRAS, the Corps established its line from south of the SCARPE to MONCHY-au-BOIS. At the end of May, 1915, the 8th Division was relieved in the MONCHY Sector by the 11th Division, and withdrawn into Army Reserve near DOUAI. In the first fortnight of June, the 7th Division was relieved south of the SCARPE by the 1 Bavarian Reserve Corps, and both divisions of the IV Corps came up to relieve the 117th Division, which had had to bear the brunt of the French attacks at NOTRE DAME de LORETTE and SOUCHEZ.

After having resisted the French attacks at SOUCHEZ in May and June together with the 7th Division, the 8th Division was relieved at the beginning of September by the 123rd Division, and went into Army Reserve in the neighbourhood of ROUBAIX-TOURCOING. At the Battle of LOOS the 8th Div. was rushed up hurriedly to take part in the counter attacks against LOOS. Here it established itself in its new line and was later joined by the 7th Division.

The IV Army Corps was not seriously engaged in 1916 until the Battle of the SOMME. On the 3rd July it was replaced on the LOOS-LENS front by the extension southwards of the 11nd Bavarian Army

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Corps and the 5th Bavarian-Division, and marched via FLINES and DOUAI to FLERS, where it arrived on the morning of the 16th July. The Corps was thrown into the battle immediately on the POZIERES-LONGUEVAL-DELVILLE WOOD front, and suffered extraordinarily heavy losses in its fruitless attempts to recover the ground lost by the divisions previously in line on this front. On the 28th July the Corps was relieved by the IX Reserve Army Corps, and went to refit in the VALENCIENNES area. Thence it went into line in a quiet sector opposite ARRAS relieving the 1 Bavarian Reserve Corps and the 38th Landwehr Brigade on the 9th August. After five weeks' rest on this front the Corps was again called upon to take part in the SOMME battle. It was relieved opposite ARRAS by the IX Army Corps and came into line in the THIEPVAL-COURCELETTE sector, where it replaced the 45th Reserve Division on about the 18th Sept. Here again it saw very heavy fighting and suffered severely. It was relieved on the 1st October; by the 7th. Division by the 2nd Naval Division and the 8th Division by the 4th Ersatz Division. It then returned to its old sector on the LOOS salient where the 7th Division relieved the 33rd Reserve Division south-east of LOOS, while the 8th Division relieved the 54th Reserve Division north east of LOOS. The 7th Division, however, was relieved by the 11th Reserve Division on the 10th November and came into line again, almost immediately on the right flank of the 8th Division, where it replaced the 50th Reserve Division south of LA BASSEE Canal.

The total casualties, admitted officially for the 8th Division for its two visits to the SOMME are as follows:-

	<u>Total casualties.</u>	<u>Percentage of Establishment.</u>
8th Division.	7.878.	87.5.
153rd. Inf. Regt.	3.002.	100.
72nd. Inf. Regt.	3.556.	85.
93rd. Inf. Regt.	2.320.	77.

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Field Artillery. 74th. F.A. Regt.

Engineers. 2nd. Field. Coy., 1 Pioneer Bn. No. 4.  
8th. Divisional Bridging Train.  
8th. Minenwerfer Company.

Communication Troops. 8th Telephone Detachment.

41st. Field. Hospital.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. NO. 21.

From. 6.a.m. 21-3-18. to 6.a.m. 22-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Continual harassing fire was maintained by all Batteries on to the chief centres of activity opposite the Divisional Front.

Roads tracks in P.2.C. P.2.A.&.B. P.8.A. J.27.C.&.D. and J.33. were intermittently searched and swept.

The following locations were subjected to bursts of fire at intervals during the period. EAST FARM. CIRCUS POINT. WIND COTTS. CHALK FARM. DUMP FARM. ALASKA HOUSES. LAMB FARM. BUND COTTS. and at the request of our left Brigade LONG and PACK FARMS.

Active hostile M.Guns in J.27.A. O.6.C. and O.12.B. were silenced by our Right Group in addition to T.Me at O.12.B. 35.50. and P.7.A.75.41.

At 11.45.a.m. hostile gun flashes were observed at J.35.B.9.5. and Battery was effectively neutralised by fire from the 102nd How. Battery.

Between 2.p.m. and 5.p.m. an observed wire cutting shoot was carried out by the 4th and 102nd Batteries on to J.32.B.51.38. to J.32.B.50.25.

Trench Mortars. 15 rounds of 6" NEWTON BOMBS were expended by No.1.H.T.M. Bty during the early morning of the 21st Inst, on to hostile T.M. positions and strong points in P.1.B.C.&.D. and P.7.A. Infantry report these shoots very satisfactory several direct hits being observed.

STOKES MORTARS fired 10 rounds on to a granatenwerfer position at O.12.A.80.45. 20 rounds on M.G. and T.M. position at LOCKS 5. and 30 rounds on M.Guns at P.1.C.15.45. and O.3.D.65.15. Total expenditure of ammunition 60 rounds.

Machine Guns.

Vickers guns expended 27,500 rounds on to known enemy positions and approaches, and centres of activity, including the following.

BASSEVILLE FARM. CIRCUS POINT. PIN HOUSE. PIE FARM. PACK. LONG. KENT. SWAGGER and MARGATE FARM.

Road from P.2.C.5.7. to P.2.A.9.3. Road from P.7.A.5.4. to P.7.B.5.3.

Lewis Guns. Dispersed hostile working party in advance of our post 2.0.6.

Snipers. Snipers were active during the day, and seven enemy casualties are claimed in vicinity of POOL FARM.

Aerial Activity. Our planes were again active during the day, and whenever weather permitted, enemy forward positions were kept under constant observation.

Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained communication with flank-ing units and formations. Special reconnaissance patrols report as follows;-

Our wire has been broken in several places between HESSIAN and BELGIAN WOOD GROUPS.

MOAT FARM was kept under observation but very little movement was noticeable.

GAME COPSE was also watched. 2.M.Guns and L.T.M were active, otherwise no signs of movement were observed. Enemy wire in front of COPSE reported strong.

Hostile M.Gs were active from LOCKS 5. and 6. and voices were heard at the latter.

Another M.Gun was very active from railway embankment in close vicinity of LOCK 6, which forced one of our patrols to with-draw. Enemy working party about 20 strong observed at about J.26.D.

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9.5. No Mans Land is still in a bad condition but improving.  
 2. Identification. Two prisoners taken last night belong to the 2  
 Coy. 1st. Battalion. 93.I.R. 8th. Division.

Order of Battle. North to South. 72.I.R. 93.I.R. 153.I.R.  
Method of Capture. The two prisoners along with a third man,  
 were detailed to bring up the rum issue to the enemy front posts.

They apparently over stepped their original destination, and  
 walked on until challenged by one of our patrols, two of them  
 immediately surrendered, the third dropping all he possessed, bolted  
 towards the German lines.

3. Hostile Artillery Activity. was active throughout the period  
 maintaining a desultory gas and H.E. bombardment on both forward  
 and back areas. Phosgene and mustard gas were identified.

4. Enemys Attitude. A general decrease in hostile activity, was  
 evident during the 24 hours under review.

5. Enemy Defences.

Work. He does not appear to be working so vigorously on his  
 wire and defences during the last two days. Wire is being erected at  
 J.26.D.9.5.

A granatonwerfor was located at about J.26.D.8.4. and M.Guns  
 were active from J.32.B.5.1. and J.32.B.4.5. during the night.

Trench Mortars. Heavy and Light T.M. opened at intervals on  
 our Right Battalion outpost system, but were immediately silenced by  
 our 18-pdrs.

M.Guns. M.Guns were active throughout the night, No Mans Land  
 was persistently swept, also the forward approaches.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity. The only hostile plane seen over our  
 sector yesterday was at 7.10.p.m. when an enemy scout flew over our  
 forward area. He was engaged by M.Guns and quickly driven off.

7. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemys lines.

Owing to low visibility little movement could be observed.  
 At 2.15.a.m. a enemy working party opposite Post 2.0.6. was dispersed  
 by rifle grenades. Movement of individual men was observed dur-  
 ing the afternoon at BERRY COTTS. POLL FARM. PILLOCK at J.52.D.9.9.  
 and at BUND COTTS.

8. Miscellaneous. At 7.35.p.m. an enemy plane fired a flare bursting  
 into White over Red over White whereupon enemy artillery commenced  
 a bombardment for 15 minutes to the left of our sector.

Light Signals. At 6.40.a.m. two flares, red bursting into  
 yellow clusters were fired by the enemy opposite our right Battalion  
 sector, a light shelling of the forward area was immediately opened.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 22.

From 6.a.m. 22-3-18. to 6.a.m. 23-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our batteries engaged enemy posts and approaches during the day and night. An effective gas shoot was carried out at 9.p.m. on enemy Trench Mortars at O.12.B.35.50. LOCK 6 and J.32.D. and enemy machine guns in J.32.B. and J.33.D. were fired on and silenced. A hostile party at P.7.C.35.10. was shelled and dispersed and at 2.30.a.m. active mortars in POOL, PACK and LONG FARMS were effectively quietened.

A special wire-cutting programme was carried out by our left groups between 2.p.m. and 5.p.m. on enemy wire from J.32.B.51.38. to J.32.B.30.25, and from J.27.A.30.50. to J.27.A.32.40.

Trench Mortars. Our medium mortars fired on enemy granatwerfer position at O.12.A.80.45, an enemy party observed at O.6.D.80.20. and along RIFLE ROAD.

Our Stokes Mortars harassed enemy M.G. and T.M. positions in vicinity of LOCKS 5 and 8, J.27.A. and other centres.

Machine Guns. Frequent fire was maintained during the night on enemy forward posts, headquarters, roads and tracks, and along the railway embankment from O.12.D.3.9. to P.7.C.4.2. 27,750 rounds of S.A.A. were expended.

Aerial Activity. From 10.a.m. our planes were busy on patrol and made frequent flights over enemy lines.

Patrols. The divisional front was actively patrolled during the night. Forward of the centre battalion, No mans land is rapidly becoming dry and passable.

2. Identification. Nil.

3. Hostile Artillery. Our right brigade reports slight increase in enemy artillery activity but in the left brigade area it has been quiet except for shoots against our batteries and positions in I.29.C. OAK AVENUE and OAK Support were shelled during the night from a S.E. direction instead of as previously from ZANDVOORDE. The following is a table of the principal areas and positions shelled. -

Location.	Rounds.	Calibre.	Direction.
I.33.C.&.D.	370.	7.7.	From mainly ZANDVOORDE.
P.1.A.	265.	"	" "
J.31.C.&.D.	260.	"	" "
O.6.A.&.B.	280.	7.7. 10.&.15.cm.	" "
O.5.C.&.D.	220.	10.cm.	mainly WERVICO.
O.5.A.&.B.	135.	"	some gas.
I.29.H.O.5. 10.30.to 12.30.p.m.)	160.	4.2s and gas.	E.S.E.
J.31.B. 2.18.to 2.55.p.m.	80.	5.9.	UGLY WOOD.
J.25. (10.30.p.m.)	70.	7.7.gas.	TEMBRIELEN.

4. Enemy's attitude. Slight increase of enemy artillery activity on right front where the enemy is reported to be alert and nervous. On the left, except for slight increase in T.M. fire he was quiet.

5. Enemy Defences. Our patrols gained the following information. There was increased activity at GAME COPSE and enemy were very alert there. The wire 50 yards in front of pill box at P.1.C.55.70. was strong but broken in places by our shell fire, some gaps were 18 feet wide. An enemy post 300 yards forward from O.6.D.7.8. was located and three other posts in the vicinity including a pill box strongly garrisoned. T.M. fired occasionally from behind these posts and from LOCK 6. One of our patrols moving from J.32.C.2.6.

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- to J.32.0.5.5. came under enemy T.M. fire.
- 6. Hostile aerial activity. Several enemy planes were on patrol during the day but did not cross our lines. Between 7.40.p.m. and 9.p.m. an enemy plane dropped bombs on the BLUFF. An enemy balloon was seen to break loose at 6.50.p.m.
- 7. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemy lines.

There was no unusual movement to report.

- 8. Miscellaneous. During our shelling of BERRY COTTS at 7.5.p.m. the enemy fired 15 Orange cluster flares along the ridge East to GHELJVELT MILL. Many similar flares were fired in front of left brigade between 9.15.p.m. and 10.p.m.

At 2.p.m. our shelling seemed to cause an explosion near LOCK 6. which sent up flares and volumes of white smoke. An enemy dump was set on fire at P.17.B. which burnt for two hours.

Between 5.15.p.m. and 7.p.m. large volumes of smoke rose from a house in P.12.D. during our shelling.

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Identification and Description of German shell  
forwarded by 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade on the morning  
of the 21st. Inst.

E.K.Z. 16. or E.K.Z.

(a) DESCRIPTION.

This fuze is very similar to I.K.Z. 16.  
The differences are :-

1. The percussion pellet is locked by screws, and is fixed.
2. The needle pellet is locked by centrifugal bolts, and is moveable.
3. A plunger is inserted into the channel in the nose of the fuze. This plunger has a disc of thin brass attached to it, and locks inside the channel just above the head of the needle pellet.

A small lead plug is removed from the opening of the channel in the top of the fuze, and the plunger inserted before firing.

(b) ACTION.

On shock of discharge - nothing.

On rotation, needle is released, and the flash channel of the obturating shutter is brought into line with the detonator and flash channel to gain.

On impact, plunger drives in the needle, which fires the ignition cap. The flash burns through the delay pellet, if one is provided, passes to the detonator, which detonates the picric acid in the shutter, the detonating wave finally passing by way of the gain to the filling of the shell.

(c) USE. Field Gun. 7.7. cms.

(d) EXAMINATION. As for I.K.Z. 16.

Blinds have been caused by the plunger being bent.

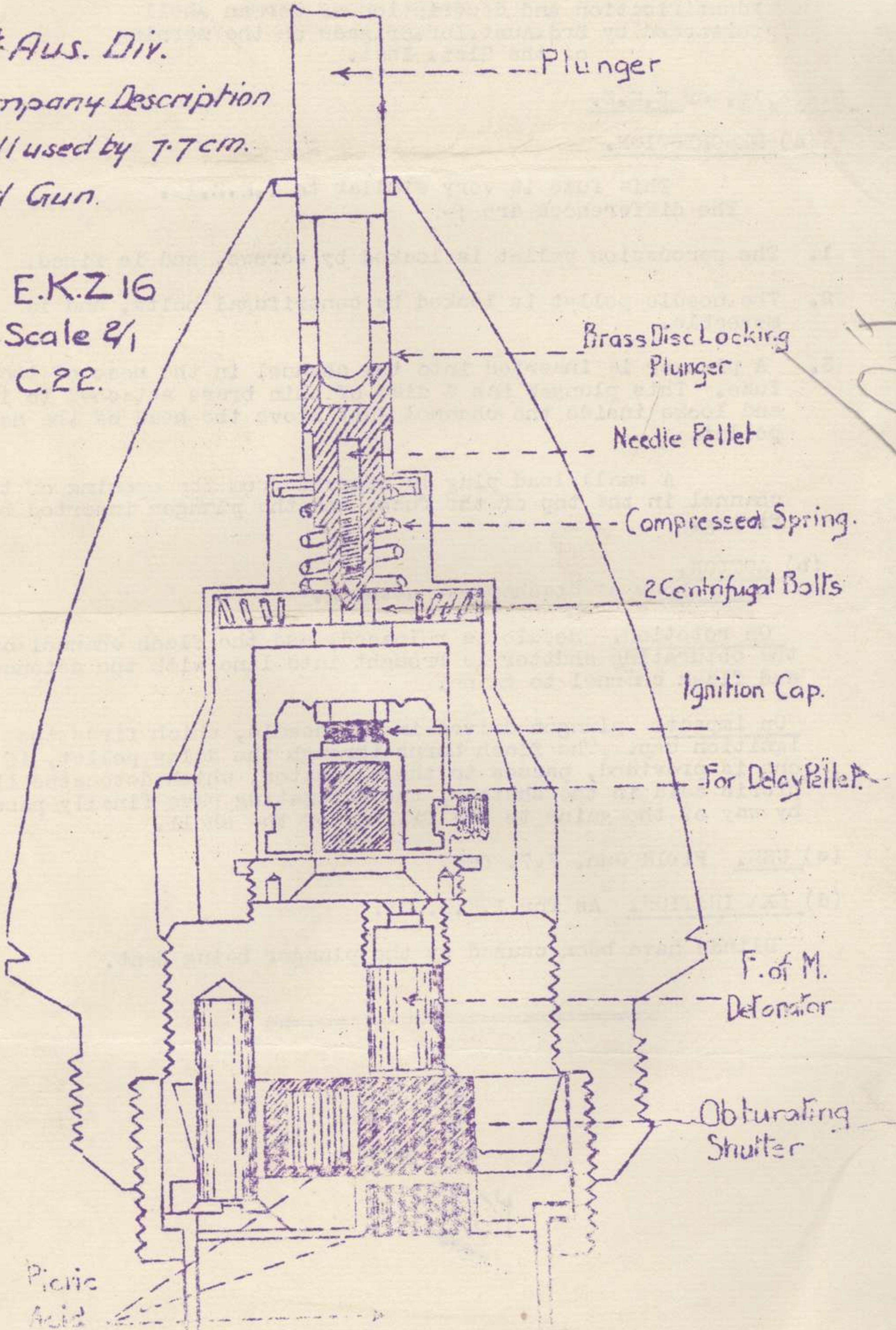
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To accompany Description  
of Shell used by 7.7 cm.  
Field Gun.

E.K.Z 16  
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From 6.a.m. 23-3-18. to 6.a.m. 24-3-18.

## 1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our field guns thoroughly swept enemy centres of activity and communications in J.32, J.33, J.34, and J.27, and P.2, P.8, and P.3.

COPSE COTTS, PACK FARM, POLL FARM and JELLY TRENCH were bombarded at intervals.

Enemy parties were dispersed in the vicinity of GAME COPSE at 1.15.a.m. and near the pillboxes in P.2.D. and P.8.A. at 4.30.p.m.

Wire cutting was carried out between J.27.A.3.5, to J.27.A.3.4, and between J.32.B.5.4, and J.32.B.50.25. Active hostile T.Ms positions in P.1, P.2, and P.7, and at LOCK 7, were engaged during the night with H.E. and gas.

Between 2.a.m. and 2.15.a.m. a gas bombardment was carried out on LONG, POOL and PACK FARMS.

Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars fired 60 rounds during the night on to hostile M.G. and T.M. positions at HOLLEBERKE CHAJ, LOCKS 5 and 6. 20 rounds were fired on to an enemy working party near GAME COPSE.

Machine Guns. Vickers guns expended 22,500 rounds on enemy posts, communications and centres of activity.

Snipers. A number of targets were engaged at dawn and at dusk.

Aerial Activity. Our planes again constantly patrolled our own and enemy lines during the day. Bombing by our planes was heard during the night in the direction of MENIN and ZANDVOORDE.

Patrols. The attached map (to Aust Corps) shows routes taken by all patrols on the Divisional front.

Bright moonlight made patrol work difficult. Patrols of the right brigade report enemy Machine Guns very active during the early morning; slight sapping sounds were heard at LOCK 6; No Mans Land is drying but the shell holes still contain water.

Patrols of the left brigade examined the suspected enemy post at J.26.D.5.8, and the pill-boxes at FUNNY FARM. Both were found to be occupied. One of the pillboxes at FUNNY FARM contained a wooden table, a bunk and a number of flares. The ground in this vicinity was found easily passable.

## 2. Identification, Nil.

## 3. Hostile Artillery Activity.

Enemy's artillery activity was below normal particularly on the left brigade front. The areas most heavily shelled were:-

J.32.A. - 125 rounds 4.2s from the direction of CAPE WOOD.

J.26. 50 rounds 4.2s from the direction of WERVICQ.

I.28.B.&D. 100 rounds 4.2s.

Areas O.11.B. and O.3.C. were shelled by 8" from the direction of WERVICQ.

Hostile T.Ms were active on to forward posts in J.21.C. J.31.C. and P.1.A. and on O.6. and O.12.

## 4. Enemy's Attitude. Quiet, but nervous and alert opposite our right.

## 5. Enemy's Defences. Work. A working party was heard in the vicinity of GAME COPSE. This was effectively dealt with by our artillery. There appears to be an O.P. midway between PACK and LONG FARMS with a camouflage trench leading to it from the former.

Machine Guns. A hostile gun from direction of SPUD FARM fired bursts occasionally on the Sally port in OAK SUPPORT. The enemy showed the usual activity during the night.

T.Ms. Enemy mortars were again active during the night and early morning from vicinity of LOCK 6 but were silenced by our field guns.



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6. Hostile aerial activity: During the day no enemy planes were seen except at 5.30 p.m. when one, flying S.F. at a great height, crossed our lines.

7. Organisation and Movement in and behind enemy lines. There was no abnormal movement. At 5.30 p.m. a party of the enemy at P.8.A.5.9. was dispersed by our shell fire. The vicinity of the pillbox at J.29.D.5.3. seems to be an active centre.

8. Miscellaneous. Enemy balloons were observed from I.53.E.8.6. on T.Ls of 830 and 1520, from O.5.B.5.7. on T.Ls of 1230 and 1500, and from O.5.C.75.20. on grid bearing of 1200. The flash of a large calibre gun was observed at a grid bearing of 1120 from O.5.C.8.2.

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From 6.a.m. 24-5-18. to 6.a.m. 25-5-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Aggressive harassing fire was maintained by all batteries against the chief centres of recent enemy activity.

The following locations were subjected to intermittent bursts of fire during the period MAY FARM, JUNGLE HOUSE, DAMP COPSE, CIRCUS POINT, TUBE CROSS ROADS, NAPOO FARM, BERRY COTTS, TRACK HOUSES and KENT FARM, O.25.B, LOCK 4, OAKNEY Tr, HOLLEBEKE MILL, BANG. PUMP and BOLB FARMS and POLL HOUSE.

In addition roads and tracks in P.2.B.&C, P.5.A, P.8.A, P.7.A, J.35.B.&C, and J.32.D.

A number of rounds were expended by our left group in cutting wire in J.32.B, and J.27.A.

Active Trench Mortars at LOCK 5 and 6 P.1.B,85.85, P.1.D,50.95, P.1.C,95.10, and P.7.B,55.90, were effectively dealt with during the night.

Our heavies shelled WERVICO, COMINES and HOUTHEM. Two small dumpsons at approx. O.12.D,8.8, and the other N of HOUTHEM Church were exploded.

Trench Mortars. Our 6" NEWTON trench Mortars expended 27 rounds in sweeping area between O.12.A,8.2, and O.3.D,9.1, to destroy hostile trench mortars, and in destructive shoots on to J.26.D,8.5, and LOCK 3.

Stokes Mortars fired 10 rounds on GAMB COPSE, and between 10.P.M. and 3.a.m. put over 50 rounds on hostile H.Guns and trench mortars positions at P.1.C,15.45, O.3.D,35.15, O.12.A,80.45, and LOCKS 5, and 6.

Machine Guns. During the night Vickers guns used 22,000 rounds in harassing enemy Headquarters, and occupied posts and communications.

Our Lewis Guns fired 2,000 rounds from shell hole positions on to enemy posts. This was found to greatly reduce hostile H.G. fire.

Aerial Activity. Our planes were normally active and penetrated some distance behind enemy lines. At 10.p.m. 4 bombs were dropped in J.27.

Patrols. Bright moonlight made patrolling again very difficult. From patrol reports it appears in general that on

(i) Right Brigade - enemy is working hard but otherwise quiet, Not patrolling.

(ii) Centre Brigade - Quiet except for T.M. activity, Not patrolling.

(iii) Left Brigade - Quiet but alert and actively patrolling.

Machine guns, were active from POLL HOUSE, SPUD FARM, MAY FARM, GAMB COPSE, FUNNY FARM, POOL FARM.

Trench Mortars, were located at MAY FARM and at P.1.D,4.7.

Working parties, were heard at CHALK FARM, about 200-300 yards E of THE GIANT and at BANG FARM. At the latter two locations work was being carried out with metal. Transport and noises were heard in the direction of KORTEWILDE.

Ground, in O.3.C, and along the valley of the ROOZEBEEK is still swampy and wet.

2. Hostile Operations. At 7.45.a.m. a party of 20 enemy approached our posts in J.32.C, but were driven off with Lewis Gun and rifle fire. They immediately withdrew under cover of barrage which was put down in answer to a flare signal.

3. Hostile Artillery Activity. Enemy artillery again showed a marked decrease in activity. Destructive area shoots were carried out on (i) Our wire in O.17.B.&D. (150 rounds from direction of COMINES.) (ii) J.31.C. (350 4.2s direction 1250 T.B. from J.26.D,5.5.)

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(iii) O.G.B. and P.1.A.&B. (1,000 4.2s and 7.7s from ZANDVOORDE and TENBRIELEN)

In addition to the above shoots light harassing fire only was directed on our forward areas. 19 rounds of 8" How and 8 rounds 12" How are reported to have fallen in GREEN WOOD between 3 and 4.p.m. from the direction of COMINES.

The H.V. gun which shells BAILLEUL fires from the railway between WERVICQ and MENIN.

4. Enemys Attitude. A decrease in activity of all arms is noticeable, but enemy is very alert. At three points on our front, destructive shoots were carried out. These appear to indicate minor operations being premeditated in the vicinity of O.17.B.&D. and on the front O.6.B. P.1.A.

5. Enemys Defences. In addition to enemy M.Gs, T.Ms, and working parties reported under "Patrols" observers report; - M.G. was active from about J.32.D.3.2. Trench mortars were active on the whole of our front. Positions were noted in vicinity of MIDGE FARM, PACK FARM, KENT FARM.

6. Hostile aerial activity. Wire is visible round the Pillbox at J.23.D.8.5. Enemys planes were rather more active than usual several flying quite low over our forward areas. These were heavily engaged with A.A. and M.G. fire. At 12.45. a hostile plane appeared to be hit by our machine guns and volplaned down behind his lines. At 10.15.p.m. a hostile plane dropped bombs in the vicinity of RAILWAY DUMP (I.35.D.)

7. Movement and Organisation in and behind Enemys Lines. Considerable individual movement was again seen round the pillboxes in P.2.C.&D. an P.B. and along the road running from CROWS NEST to KRUISECKE. in P.5.B.

At 8.55.a.m. about 30 men were seen moving in single file into BERRY COTTS, where they commenced work. They were dispersed by 18-pdrs. A working party E of BOMB FM was also dispersed.

Movement was seen also at HOLLEBEKE MILL, BUND COTTS and NUT FARM (suspected to be an Officers H.Q.)

#### 8. Miscellaneous.

Flash bearings. Enemy battery in house on T.B. of 1220 from I.36.D.2.8. at 3.55.p.m. at 1170 from O.5.C.8.2. (Gun did not appear to be in a pit as camouflage was pulled over it after firing)

At 4.45.p.m. 15 cm How at 1100 from O.5.C.8.2. This Howitzer is near some houses in P.16.D.

At 5.45.p.m. three guns in action at 1140 from O.5.C.8.2. Two outside guns were about 30 40 yards N and S respectively of the Centre gun to which the above bearing was taken.

Signalling. At 2.a.m. a signalling lamp was observed flashing from FLY BUILDINGS. A red signalling lamp was noted on a T.B. of 120 from I.33.D.2.8. The following letters were picked up; - W.R.S.T.W.E.R.W.E.R. 1ST DOR ..... T ..... L.S.L.S.

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#### ANNEXE.

(i) Observers should at present, note particularly all train movement opposite our front.

(ii) From a flanking Div. Summary.

Following out a plan for keeping enemy L.W. quiet. 4 batteries fired 80 rounds each in bursts of fire throughout the night each battery firing for 2 hours. The first started at 10.p.m. and the last ended at 6.a.m. No L.W. were reported during the night and the plan proved most successful.

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From 6.a.m. 25-3-18. to 6.a.m. 26-3-18.

1. Operations.

(a) Artillery. At frequent intervals during the period bursts of fire were directed on various enemy posts and active centres opposite our front. In the evening and early morning roads and tracks used by the enemy were frequently harassed.

Our left group obtained some good results on enemy mortar positions at LOCKS 5 and 6. O.12.B.2.8, and O.12.B.20.45. Our 4.5 Hows. and 18-pdrs shelled and effectively silenced mine-throwers at WHIZ and BANG FARMS, POLL HOUSE and FLY BUILDINGS. A working party in P.2.C.05.50 was successfully dispersed at 7.50 a.m. and another good shoot was observed later against a large working party on the main road at P.3.D.30.50. Our observers noticed that the shelling of enemy PILL BOX at O.24.C.80.00 caused 4 casualties among what appeared to be five officers making a reconnaissance.

(b) Trench Mortars. On the left 40 rounds were expended on T.Ms and M.G. positions in the vicinity of LOCK 5 and POLLEBEKE CHATEAU. 15 rounds were also fired on GAME COPSE.

Some good shoots were observed on the TWIES during the night and against enemy M.Gs firing from RIFLE, WHIZ and GYM FARMS. 30 rounds in all were expended on the right front.

(c) Machine Guns. 2,000 rounds were expended on targets in O.12.C.7.9, and O.18.A.73.56. On the left, enemy posts, headquarters and approaches were fired on, 10,000 rounds being expended.

(d) Snipers. One of our snipers was successful in obtaining a hit on a man at WHIZ FARM during the evening.

(e) Aerial activity. Our planes were active at times during the day. No enemy planes are reported.

(f) Patrols. Patrolling was rendered difficult owing to the bright moonlight.

The ground in O.17.B. is reported as being in fairly good condition, but around O.17.C.9.1, it is very wet.

In the valley of the ROOZEBEEK it is very swampy. One patrol worked round the rear of GREEN FARM from which post 3 enemy were seen to run towards BANG FARM. Our patrol immediately opened fire, but no results were observed. An enemy patrol of 20 was sighted moving S.W. towards the road from about O.17.D.15.30. Our patrol attempted to cut it off but was observed by the enemy, who fled towards FLY BUILDINGS from which heavy M.G. fire was opened on our men.

On the left of our front enemy M.G. fire was active and hampered movement. Information gained is given under "Enemy Defences". A patrol encounter took place in the vicinity of WET POND. We suffered some casualties, and one wounded enemy Officer was taken prisoner, further details are not yet to hand.

2. Identifications. One wounded German Officer was captured in Sq. P.1.C.15 patrol encounter. He belonged to 3rd. Bn, 153. Inf. Regt., 8th. Div. (normal.)

3. Hostile Artillery Activity. Enemy artillery was quiet during the period. O.5.B.3.3. received some attention, 60 rounds of 10. c.m. being counted. Other places shelled included J.31.C. 100 rounds 5.9s 90c from J.31.C.00.45. O.5.A.2.3, 70 rounds 7.7s from ZANDVOORDE. I.38.A.2.2.0. 30 rounds 10.c.m. etc. (some gas)

4. Enemy's Attitude. Artillery has been quiet but T.Ms and M.Gs have been rather active, especially the former.

5. Enemy's Defences. Work. A party was heard driving in stakes at LOCK 5. Wire. A wiring party was observed at MAY FARM. Wire in front of the GIANT is very strong.

M.Gs. A gun is suspected at P.2.D.3.3.

T.Ms. These were active from WHIZ and BANG FARMS, FLY BUILDINGS, POLL HOUSE, LOCKS 5 and 6, and O.12.D.9.8. Our artillery effectively,

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engaged them. T.Ms are suspected at O.12.B.2.8, O.12.B.4\*5. and O.12.B.2.1. and showed some activity during the night until silenced by our artillery.

Post. An enemy post was located on road WEST of BEE FARM.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity. Nil.

7. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemy lines.

Our observers report considerable train movement mainly MENIN to HALLUIN to BONCOQ. A column of enemy transport moving along road in K.31.C. was successfully engaged by our artillery.

Other movement seen and engaged by our guns is reported elsewhere. Some movement was noticed around Pill Boxes in P.2.D. towards centre of Sq.

8. Miscellaneous, Flashes.

910 T.B. from O.5.B.5.7. near GHELUWE. 760 T.B. from O.15.D.7.5. (our artillery seemed to get on to this battery.)

830 T.B. from O.15.D.7.5. in front and to left of hospital in GHELUWE. 900 T.B. from O.15.D.7.5. firing towards ARMENTIERES.

Gun seen firing on our rear positions from MENIN-WERVICQ Railway From flash to report 42 soon.

106, 105, 1040 T.B. 5.9s ( at about 3,500 yards) from O.16.A.95.75.

890 T.B. from O.20.D.20.03. firing towards KEMEL. 6. to 8.a.m.

At 11.30.a.m. flashes were observed at P.8.D.8.2.

Signalling. Lamps were seen in use from FLY BUILDINGS and from LOCK 4.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.CONFIDENTIAL.FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 26.

From 6 a.m. 23-3-18. to 6 a.m. 27-3-18.

I. OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Throughout the period extensive harassing and destructive fire was carried out by all batteries in accordance with pre-arranged programmes, and any suitable targets reported by our Observers, were engaged.

BERRY COTTES, GULFZ BUILDINGS, TIN HOUSES, FLY BUILDINGS, HOLLE - BEKE HILL, POLL HOUSE, LONG MARGATE, KENT, SALMON, WHIZ, DICE, APPLE, and BANG FARMS and PONT MALHET DUMP in P.31.B. were subjected to intermittent bursts of fire, having all been recently reported as centres of much enemy movement.

From 8 to 8.25 p.m. our left group put down a screen around GAME COPSE to cover the return of one of our patrols, which had been unable to return the previous night.

Much enemy movement in P.18.B, P.19.A, P.15.C, and working parties at O.34.C.80.85, O.14.C.50.00, J.35.A.55.10, and P.2.C.85.45, were all effectively dealt with during the day.

At 4.15 a.m. S.O.S. was reported on our left sector, and the Left Group Batteries put down their S.O.S. Barrage until 4.40 a.m. when all being reported quiet, Batteries ceased firing.

Trench Mortars. These were active at intervals throughout the night, included in the targets engaged were FLY BUILDINGS, GYI and BEE FARMS, good bursts being observed on the latter.

Our Stokes Mortars expended 33 rounds on hostile M.Gs at GAME COPSE and P.1.C.15.45.

At 4.45 a.m. in reply to S.O.S. from the right battalions of our left Brigade, 5 guns opened rapid fire on front of positions being raided, good shooting is reported, shells falling in midst of enemy raiding party. In all 252 rounds of ammunition were expended.

Machine Guns. Our Vickers maintained harassing fire on the undermentioned targets during the night.

PIN FARM, CIRCUS POINT, PIN HOUSE, BASSEVILLE FARM, TUBE CROSS ROADS. Road from P.2.C.5.7. to P.2.A.9.3. Road from P.7.A.5.4. to P.7.B.5.5.

Hostile Aircraft over our forward positions were also engaged.

14,400 rounds of S.A.A. expended.

Snipers. Owing to absence of movement in forward area no targets were obtained.

Aerial Activity. Our planes were busy both by day and at night. At 5 a.m. one of our planes drove an enemy scout down out of control behind his own lines.

Bombing of the enemy lines particularly in the direction of COMINES was carried out.

Patrols. The following information is extracted from our patrol reports, reading from right to left along the Divisional front.

Listening posts were established in front of our Right Battalion. They report.

Much enemy transport could be heard in rear of enemy lines. A suspected enemy post in vicinity of WAI FARM was inspected and found unoccupied. An enemy party of about 20 was observed about O.25.D.2.9. moving in an easterly direction.

An enemy patrol of about 18 was seen moving quickly in the direction of FLY BUILDINGS at 11.15 p.m.

Two men were observed beside tree at O.17.D.2.0. A belt of wire, behind which is a short trench about 50 yards long, is situated at about O.17.D.2.1. The trench at about O.17.D.2.2. appeared to be manned.

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Working parties, voices, and the clanking sounds of iron were heard at FLY BUILDINGS.

At about 0.23.B.2.8. men were seen walking between two mounds as though sentries on a post.

Several short lines of wire forming serious obstacles are scattered over No Mans Land in 0.17.D. One strong bolt of wire runs from 0.17.C.9.1. to 0.17.D.9.3. No Mans Land in 0.17.D. is reported very wet.

Machine Gun fire from THE GIANT and about 0.12.A.5.3.

Wiring between THE GIANT and THE TWINS could be distinctly heard. No Mans Land in 0.11.D. is fair but marshy in places. Enemy movement was observed at LOCK 5 and a hostile listening post was located in CANAL BANK opposite our post 7.0.6.

No Mans Land is improving rapidly particularly in 0.3.C. west of the CANAL, but East of CANAL the ground is very marshy.

On the Left Brigade front, hostile M.Guns became much more active after midnight, previous to which they had been quiet.

2. Identifications. A prisoner of the 5th Coy 2nd. Battalion 93. I.R. 8th Division was captured near HOAT FARM. He was a member of a patrol of 20 men on the previous night, had been cut off and spent the whole day in a damaged pillbox in vicinity of HOAT FARM.

In an attempted raid on our posts in 0.3.C. two of the enemy were killed and belonged to the 76. R.I.R. 17th. Res. Division. Both above identifications being normal.

Order of battle. The order of Battle of Regiments of the 8th Division has not changed, but Battalion and inter-company reliefs have taken place. The 76. R.I.R. is still holding the Northern sector of the 17th. Res. Division, astride the YPRES-GOLINES CANAL.

Hostile Activity. Minor Operations. At 3.50.a.m. enemy put down a barrage of T.H.s and Field Guns on our Outpost and Support Systems; this ceased at 4.5.a.m.

Immediately following, this a party of the enemy about 40 strong was seen approaching our wire opposite post 3. 0.12. of the Right Bn. Our Lewis Guns opened fire and the S.O.S. was fired by our post. Enemy did not attempt to cross our wire but withdrew hurriedly. The ground was searched later by our patrols, but no enemy could be found.

Under cover of the above, which appears to have been a feint attack, another party of the enemy about 25 strong approached our wire, immediately north of the canal between posts 8.0.Y. and 9.0.Y.

This party was engaged by rifle and Lewis Gun fire also bombs by our posts Nos. 6.0.6. and 7.0.6. 8.0.8. Post No. 9.0.6. had in the meantime been blown out. The enemy then retired in disorder leaving two killed behind; these were searched but only one piece of paper could be found, which gave the identification of No. 1. Coy. 1st. Bn. 73th. R.I.R. The enemy did not obtain any identifications.

3. Hostile Artillery Activity. Showed a slightly more aggressive attitude especially between 8.50.a.m. and 9.p.m. when the VERBRANDEN - HOLEN VALLEY and 0.3.B. was subjected to heavy 4.2s and 5.9s shelling, and our position in 0.3.B. received 50 rounds of 8".

Trench Mortars. Hostile Trench Mortars were fairly active during the night from direction of CHALK MAY and FUNNY FARMS. Trench mortars were located firing from positions at 0.12.B.35.55. 0.13.D.9.9. and P.7.A.80.35. A T.H. fired from east of BEE FARM on to centre Battalion right Brigade front posts during the morning.

Trench Mortars also co-operated with enemy artillery barrage at 3.50.a.m.

Machine Guns. Active from THE GIANTS and THE TWINS. M.G. position located at approximately 0.12.A.5.2. and 0.12.A.60.75.

Work. Iron rails or other similar material in vicinity of FLY BUILDINGS could be heard being used.

4. Enemy's Attitude. All arms have shown increased activity during the 24 hours. Enemy is very alert and appears to be very anxious to get continual identifications.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity. At 7.20.a.m. an enemy plane patrolled our forward area and was later driven off by 4 of our planes.

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At 2.30.p.m. 3.30.p.m. and again at 5.30.p.m. one plane flying very low circled three times over the right of our Divisional front, firing M.Guns into our trenches.

On our Left Brigade front, enemy machines crossed our lines on several occasions during the day.

For the last four nights it has been the habit of the enemy to fly a scout machine very low over our forward area between the hours of 7.p.m. and 8.p.m.

#### 7. Movement and Organisation in and behind the enemys lines.

A party of the enemy at P.1.C.7.7. was dispersed by artillery at 11.30.a.m. At 6.15.a.m. six men left pillbox at P.8.C.87.40. and moved towards LINKS WOOD.

Between 7.a.m. and 7.20.a.m. seven men moved from pillbox P.7.C.9.3. to pillbox at P.7.A.80.35. Movement was also observed at KIKI MI, and pillboxes at P.8.C.0.6., P.8.C.75.45., P.8.C.95.45., P.2.C.7.1.

From 9 to 12 p.m. the noise of such traffic was heard in rear of enemy lines and it seemed much heavier transport than usual. Two of enemy were observed apparently laying wire at about O.30.B.0.5. AT 8.30.p.m. a party of six men near WHIZ FARM were dispersed by L.G. fire; also at 7.30.p.m. near GYM FARM. At 7.p.m. seven men walked from a trench behind the TWINS and disappeared in a trench between THE TWINS and the ROOZEBEEK. They were engaged with rifle fire apparently without effect.

Movement of parties of 2 and 3 was seen continuously throughout the day on the GROWS NEST - KRUISECKE road.

At 11.15. about 200 men in parties of 20 were seen to proceed along the ZANDVOORDE - TENBRIELEN road, disappearing at about P.3.D.4.4. Our 18-pdrs and 6" Hows opened but results could not be seen as the men had disappeared over the crest.

At 14.40. a party of men were seen at WIND COTTS. Our artillery opened and two shells fell right amongst the party.

Between 16.30 and 17.15, 7 two horse wagons accompanied by men were seen on MENIN ROAD in K.31.B. moving North.

At 0925, dense clouds of thick black smoke seen rising behind GHELUVELT. At 5.40.p.m. a smoke screen covered MENIN and HALLUIN. <sup>Cons. det. abic</sup> Trains. Train movement was again observed throughout the day, and is given in detail in the Annex to Aust Corps.

#### 8. Miscellaneous. During yesterday a flag coloured RED, YELLOW and BLACK was flying from MENIN BELFRY. At 1500 a gun was seen firing from Railway in MENIN in approx. R.13.C.

The following enemy message in Morse was observed last night at 710 T.B. from O.19.B.3.2.

P,CH,I,T,CH,A,N,U,N,D,I,H,R,R,F,T,K,D,T,A,N,A,N,D,P,K,S,CH,V,N,D,P,  
K,E,H,CH,8,A, A,R,

At 11.p.m. and again at 4.20.a.m. S.O.S. was fired on our right and left respectively. During the bombardment at 11.p.m. and 4.

a.m. red clusters were fired by the enemy. The following balloons were observed, 80, 81, 62, 69, 88, 101 degrees true from O.20.D.05.20. 70, 78, and 80 degrees mag, from O.16.D.95.30.

109 degrees true from O.10.D.85.95. This balloon was up and down at irregular intervals throughout the day and is about 9000 yards distant. It was plainly visible when on the ground. About 6.35.p.m. a heavy smoke barrage was released from about P.19.C.6.8. obscuring COMINES.

Gun Flashes as follows, -

76, 88, 109, 92 degrees True from O.20.D.05.20. Flash of heavy gun 82 degrees True from O.20.D.05.20. Chimney stack 93 degrees True from O.20.D.05.20. was noticed smoking.

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From 6.a.m. 27-3-18. to 28-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Bursts of fire were directed at intervals on active enemy centres and roads and tracks. Two direct hits were obtained on POLL HOUSE. A gas bombardment was carried out against FORT BUILDINGS and centres of movement around DICE FARM from 10.30. p.m. to 11.30.p.m. Our 4.5s shelled an enemy battery in P.15.C. starting fire among the ammunition and causing the enemy to run for cover. On several occasions active enemy T.Ms were effectively silenced. At 4.10.a.m. in answer to an S.O.S. signal on the right of the left brigade our guns opened fire and continued until 4.25.a.m.

(b) Trench Mortars. 255 rounds were expended on the left brigade front. 25 rounds were fired into an enemy working party near HOLLEBEKE. Several enemy casualties are reported and the party hastily dispersed.

On the right brigade front our 3" Stokes fired 53 rounds and the heavies fired 13. A direct hit was obtained on the GIANT effectively silencing a M.G. there.

(c) Machine Guns. On our left front 9,000 rounds S.A.A. were fired on enemy centres and approaches. In addition 1,750 rounds were expended on a low flying enemy plane in the early evening.

On the right 2,750 rounds were expended on similar targets.

(d) Aerial activity. Our planes were out during the day flying over ~~our~~ our and enemy lines.

(e) Patrols. The Divisional front was actively patrolled during the night. No Mans Land from WALL FARM to BEE FARM is reported to be very boggy and almost impassable. GREEN FARM was found unoccupied, the ground in the vicinity was fairly dry.

On the left Brigade front search was made opposite the right battalion, for any enemy dead from the previous nights raid, none were found. The ground on the left front is now fairly dry although shell holes still contain water.

At 3.30.a.m. A small enemy party approaching the right battalion front left brigade was fired on by the left post of the right brigade, and the enemy retired. A patrol went out to search for any of the enemy but only an enemy ground sheet and a bomb were found.

At 5.a.m. on the 27th Inst One of our patrols fired a Lewis Gun on a party of 5 of the enemy making towards JUNE FARM, and the enemy ran back to a larger patrol of about 20. Our patrol tried to follow but the whole enemy party quickly retired on JUNE FARM.

Enemy Minor Operation. At 4.a.m. this morning, the enemy opened a T.M. barrage round our posts 1.0.6. and 2.0.6. on the right front of the left brigade.

At 4.9.a.m. a party of the enemy about 10 in number approached post 1.0.6. They were immediately engaged by Lewis Guns, rifle fire and bombs. The artillery responded immediately to our S.O.S. The nearest post of the flank brigade assisted and the enemy retired. Two of the enemy were seen to fall. Following on the enemy retirement a strong Fighting Patrol left our lines to search for any of the enemy. None were found but there were signs of a body having been dragged along the ground. No identification was obtained by the enemy.

2. Identifications. Nil.

3. Hostile Artillery Activity. Enemy artillery activity shows a slight increase. On the right sector the shelling was scattered but on the left it was more confined to the forward area. A few gas shells fell in Sq. J.31. at 4.10.p.m. and also between 8.p.m. and 9.15.p.m.

4. Enemy's Attitude. Alert. Slight increase of activity in all arms opposite left sectors where the enemy appears to be anxious to occur identifications.

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4. Enemy's Defences.

Work. A hostile party was heard working in the vicinity of LOCK 5. between 3 and 4.a.m. and our machine guns engaged it.

Wire. Concertina wire 150 yards W. of BEE FARM. 3 trip wires encountered 100 yards from BEE FARM. Main wire in front of BEE FARM is out about 80 yards and consists of loosely twisted wire, on screw pegs about 3 feet high and 10 to 20 feet wide.

M.G. posts. Guns fired from BEE FARM. O.17.D.6.6. O.17.B.85.50. and one is suspected at P.7.C.1.6. Guns were also active at NOAT MAY. and CHALK FARMS and at O.12.A.60.75.

Trench Mortars. Enemy mortars showed much activity especially at LOCKS 5 and 6. at 4.a.m. preceding attempted enemy raid.

Mortars were located at O.12.B.2.8. O.12.B.4.5. O.12.B.2.1. O.12.B.35.35. and one is suspected at O.20.D.80.25. and at P.3.D.35.30.

Track. A well beaten track runs from O.23.C.6.8. towards RIFLE FARM.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity. At 5.15.p.m. one low flying enemy plane flew across ROOZEBEEK VALLEY and over our outpost system particularly towards the centre of the divisional front. The plane was a three seater and black, and attempted to fly very low. Our A.A. guns opened fire and with the approach of one of our machines, the enemy plane flew off.

7. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemy lines.

At P.1.D.7.4. a tree with a platform 12 feet from the ground and ladder attached was observed at dusk. Movement was noticed in the vicinity. The artillery are attending to this matter.

Much wheeled traffic was heard behind enemy lines opposite our right front at 4.30.a.m.

8. Miscellaneous. The following flashes were noted.

800 and 800 5 secs. T.B. from O.15.D.70.55. 990 grid from O.10.C.6.6.

At 4.15.p.m. flash seen near VILLERS FARM P.9.D.9.7. 96. 97½. 940 T.B. from O.20.D.05.20.

Enemy battery observed at about P.15.A.1.9.

Flares. At 10.30.p.m. numerous flares bursting into double red brought down enemy artillery on our right front.

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ANNEXE. The 239 ( German ) Division which was relieved on our front about the 8-10th Inst, has now appeared on the battle front in the South.

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From 6.a.m. 28-3-18. to 6.a.m. 29-3-18.

1. Operations.

Artillery. The chief activity of our gunners during the period, was the directing of systematic harassing fire on recently reported enemy centres of activity and communications.

Roads and tracks east of S.O.S. lines were thoroughly searched, and swept during the late evening and early morning, and in addition the following locations subjected to intermittent bursts of fire:- CIRQUE POINT, DAIRY COPSE, TUBE CROSSROADS, PERRIGRINE FARM, LAIZE FARM, BOMB FARM. Headquarters at P.8.C.30.33. concrete dugouts at P.15.B.7.8. and ODE FARM.

Large working parties at O.12.A.60.77, P.7.C.1.7, and FORT BUILDINGS were effectively engaged and dispersed at 5.15.a.m. 6.25.P.M. and 9.p.m. respectively.

An active hostile Battery in action at P.3.D.20.36, was silenced at 4.30.p.m. by the 203rd Battery, 4.5.Hows, set fire to a dump on a grid bearing of 1600 from J.31.C.10.48.

Our heavies very successfully engaged a hostile 4.2. battery in P.5.D. on a True bearing of 760 from O.15.D.70.85. direct hits were reported. A shoot also took place on BELLS BUILDINGS and on works in J.39.

Trench Mortars. 204 rounds in all were expended on known centres of activity and on T.M. or L.G. emplacements BEE FARM, GYM FARM, The TWINS and FLY BUILDINGS were engaged, and also GAME COPSE and LOCKS 5 and 6.

Machine Guns. 16,000 rounds of S.A.A. were expended in maintaining harassing fire on enemy targets including the following.

BOMB CENTRE, SPUD FARM, PIN HOUSE, PID FARM, BASSEVILLE FARM.

Snipers. The enemy gave no favorable opportunities to our snipers during the period.

Aerial Activity. Although the weather conditions were unsuitable for flying, our planes were up on two or three occasions patrolling the enemy's lines.

Patrols. The following information was gained by patrols during the night.

A track was picked up running east and leading to RIFLE FARM which was found unoccupied at about 11.p.m.

A track runs from RIFLE to JULY FARM. Wire in front of JULY FARM was found to be thick, including numerous trip wires.

A flare was fired from a H.G. post at about O.23.B.2.4.

A German rifle well oiled and dry was picked up at O.23.C.3.9.

An enemy patrol of 3 came towards our patrol from about JULY FARM. Our patrol crawled towards them but encountered some more wire in front of JULY FARM, but by the time the enemy had disappeared. The enemy party could be heard talking about 30 yards away on the other side of the wire, but as the latter was too strong to get through our party crawled back to JUNE FARM.

A.M.G. fired from RIFLE FARM at about 3.30.p.m.

The engine of a light railway could be distinctly heard to the roar of JULY FARM. An enemy listening post was located at O.17.D.3.7. Four mortars were observed firing from POLL HOUSE. Dump about a 1,000 yards east of WHIZ FARM was observed burning.

A patrol moved to within about 40 yards of the GIANT. The only wire encountered being a low trip wire. No enemy was seen or heard, and no M. Guns fired from THE GIANT.

No Mans Land along the left Brigade front is in a very wet condition but the route taken by the patrol to within 40 yards of the GIANT was comparatively good.

Our patrol moved to O.6.C.45.10, where they were sniped at. A.M.G. fired two bursts from O.6.C.75.40. A hostile working party with screen was observed at O.6.C.7.1. HORN FARM was reported to have been unoccupied during the tour of one patrol.

The condition of No Mans Land is again wet and in a bad condition and very heavy between the two



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From 6.a.m. 29th to 6.a.m. 30-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Harassing and destructive programmes were carried out on roads, tracks and centres of activity. Good shooting is reported by infantry observers to have taken place during special shoots on JULY and LAKE FARMS and on a hostile battery position at P.8.D.40.45.

Gas concentrations were fired on to vicinity of P.13.B. 70.55. and on active hostile T.Ms at POLL HO. MURPHY FARM. BOMB FM. FORT BUILDINGS and COPSE FARM. Active hostile 4.2 battery at P.8.D. 95.25 and 77 battery at P.8.D.92.52. were effectively silenced with gas and H.F.

Trench Mortar positions in P.1.D. 0.12.A.2.B. P.1.C.2.D. and H.Gs at DAMP COPSE were also shelled.

Parties at BOMB FARM. HOUTHEM CH along the HOUTHEM road were dispersed.

(b) Trench Mortars. Stokes guns fired 65 rounds on T.M. and M.Gb post in GAMI COPSE, and HOLLEBEKE CHAU, and 37 rounds on FLY BUILDINGS GYM FM and THE TWINS.

(c) Machine Guns. 17,000 rounds were fired on specially selected targets, active pillboxes, tracks etc.

(d) Snipers. Our snipers hit a German seen at 0.17.D.35.60.

(e) Aerial Activity. Our activity was much below normal on account of unfavourable weather conditions.

(f) Patrols. Several attempts were made during the night to way lay and capture enemy patrols on known roads, but no enemy were encountered.

Patrols report;- M.Gs active from 0.17.D.65.40. and LOCK 5. Enemy posts were discovered at 0.17.D.60.57. 0.17.D.55.90. (both of these have been previously reported) and also at 0.17.D.6.9. Working parties were heard driving in wooden stakes in the vicinity of LOCK 5 and wiring some distance E of THE GIANT.

Wire in front of post at 0.17.D.8.9. is about 8 foot thick. No Mars Land has again become difficult for movement.

2. Identifications. Nil.

3. Enemys Order of Battle. The fact, that parties of the enemy opposite our left brigade front have been observed about much more freely and carelessly, over forward areas, seems to point to a relief having taken place in that sector.

4. Hostile Artillery Activity. Enemy shelling was much below normal, consisting chiefly of scattered harassing fire. About 100. 5.9s and 4.2s from TENBRIELLEN and WERV100. fell in the vicinity of OOSTAVERNE WOOD. 200 rounds of 4.2 fell between BATTLE WOOD and KLEIN ZILLEBEKE. 100 rounds 4.2 from the direction of COMINES fell round WHITE CHAU in 0.4.

5. Enemys attitude. A decreased activity in all arms has occurred.

6. Enemys Defences.

M.Gs. have been less active than usual. Guns were located active at BEE and JULY FMS. LOCK 5 and at 0.17.D.65.40.

Wire in front of WAM farms is about 12 yards wide but not dense. In front of post at 0.17.D.6.9. it is 8 feet thick.

T.Ms. showed a considerable decrease in activity. Positions were noted at 0.24.A.08.75. 0.24.A.3.8. and at LOCKS 5 and 6.

7. Hostile Aerial Activity. Nil.

8. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemys lines.

Routes and Tracks. Small parties were seen throughout the day at pillboxes at P.2.D.2.5. P.12.B.30.60. P.9.A.90.55. P.14.A.5.9. P.7.C.1.7. P.8.A.70.25. P.3.C.75.45. P.2.B.1.1. P.7.A.40.90. also at HOLLEBEKE MILL in Wood at P.9.A.3.4. Bomb, COPSE, KIKI, CHATEAU and NAPOO FMS, and along road at 0.18.D.8.4. From the pillbox at P.2.D.2.5. men proceeded by road through P.2.D. and thence, duckwalks through P.3.D. to ZANDVOORDE. At 10.15.a.m. 12 men passed along road in P.16.D. towards TENBRIELEN.

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Railways. A track was seen on a light-railway at O.3.D.75.15. Men were seen working on this railway at O.3.D.65.10.

Headquarters. Constant movement to and from the pillboxes at O.13.B.33.33. point to a H.C. A sentry also is often observed there.

9. Miscellaneous.

Signalling. From 7.50. to 8.5.p.m. two lamps were observed signalling at 910 and 950 from O.20.D.0.2.

At 5.p.m. signalling was observed at 1150 29' from O.8.D.65.80.

Gun flashes.

6.43.p.m.	840	True	from	O.15.C.6.9.	5.9s.
7.14.p.m.		do.		do.	
"	1200		from.	O.11.A.2.4.	
"	1350		"	O.11.A.2.4.	
"	670		"	O.20.D.0.2.	
"	830		"	"	
"	900		"	"	
9.20.a.m.	1000	51'	"	O.8.D.35.35.	Heavy Gun.
4.10.p.m.	1340		"	"	4.2 Battery.
5.45.p.m.	990	30'	"	"	77
11.30.a.m.	990		"	O.9.A.5.8.	4.2.

Flashes were also observed at 1200, 1010, 1330 and 1500 true from J.31.C.10.48. and at 920 54' true from O.19.D.52.55.

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ANNEXE.

(i) The following is a brief summary of the work done by three Squadrons working with the 3rd Army on the 26th and 27th Inst.

26th Inst.

240 - 20lb bombs were dropped on BAPAUME and on troops transport and camps between BAPAUME and ALBERT, and approximately 32,450 rounds were fired from H.Gs.

Direct hits with bombs were obtained on many objectives. Horse transport was dispersed, troops were scattered and great disorder resulted. A camp at SAPIGNIES was set on fire, transport between CROISILLES and FONTAIN-CROISILLES was observed to pile up in a heap. It was practically impossible to miss them with bombs or machine guns, since the targets presented were usually immense masses of Germans crowded together on roads and in towns. A panic was inevitably caused every time each pilot attacked. Pilots report seeing dead literally piled in heaps by the sides of the roads. Almost all the above work was done under 1,000 feet.

27th Inst. 183 - 20 lb bombs were dropped and about 14,840 rounds fired. Direct hits were obtained on a column of German infantry on the march along a road near MONTUBAN, on the railway west of ERVILLERS, and on transport between MARIECOURT and BRAY, at CHINGUES, on the SUZANNE-BRAY road and near ERVILLERS.

In many cases transport stampeded, great confusion was caused amongst large bodies of troops and many casualties were inflicted. Two F.A. were destroyed.

In addition on the 26th Inst Another Squadron dropped 50 - 112lb bombs on BAPAUME.

(ii) Situation with regard to German Divisions on the Western Front.

Up to the evening of the 28th Inst, 31 Divisions have been engaged on the battle front. The estimated number of fresh divisions in reserve is 20, of which 12 Divisions are considered to be in the battle area.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 50.

From 6.a.m. 30-3-18. to 6.a.m. 31-3-18.

1. OPERATIONS.

Artillery. With the object of harassing the enemys communication to the utmost extent all Batteries maintained sweeping, and searching fire on roads and tracks east of S.O.S. lines along the Divisional front.

In addition, the following locations were selected as centres of much recent activity and subjected to intermittent bursts of fire, GAME COPSE, MAY FARM, CIRCUS POINT, CHALK FARM, TUBE CROSS ROADS, POMP, PIP, LAKE, CODE, SPUD, MURPHY, COPSE, DIVE PAT and HIGH FARMS, FORT and FLY BUILDINGS.

A number of gas shells were expended on to hostile trench mortar positions.

Trench Mortars. At 3.30.p.m. Our heavy trench mortars fired on WHIZ FARM for 15 minutes with good effect. Our Stokes mortars fired about 100 rounds during the period, special targets receiving attention included GAME COPSE and hostile H.G. in vicinity. Enemy working party at P.I.C.I.S. were dispersed by 16 rounds. LOCKS 5 and 6 received 41 rounds of harassing fire.

Machine Guns. The usual harassing fire was carried out by our machine guns during the darker hours of evening, and night, and one hostile aeroplane was engaged by our machine gunners when flying at a low altitude.

Aerial Activity. During the spells of favourable weather our planes were to be seen, patrolling our own and the enemy forward positions, throughout the day.

Patrols. The following information is collated from reconnaissance patrols reports.

Night 29/30th Inst. JILL FARM was found water logged. A granatowfer fired from direction of FLY BUILDINGS. H.Guns fired from BAB FARM and O.23.B.2.8. No Mans Land was found wet in O.23.A.

Night 30/31st. Wire about 15 yards wide and 3 feet high, 40 yards in front of WAM FARM was discovered. A. H. Gun fired from WAM FARM. No Mans Land along the valley of the WAMBEKE is very wet No Mans Land in O.17.C.8.D. is in fair condition, but shell holes contain a good deal of water. Two dugouts could be discerned at about O.12.A.4.2. Talking heard in THE GIANT. Two flares were fired from LOCK 5 and a H.G. opened fire from the TWINS. No Mans Land in O.11.B. and O.12.A. was found in bad condition.

In vicinity of O.6.D.55.55. two listening posts (evacuated by the enemy two nights ago on approach of our patrol) were examined and found unoccupied. At O.6.D.15.25. there are three single lines of German wire.

No Mans Land opposite our Left Brigade front is again reported as being very muddy, and passage by patrols made extremely difficult.

2. Identifications. Nil.

3. Enemy Activity.

Artillery. Hostile shelling was much below normal during the 24 hours under review with the exception of a destructive shoot on battery positions in O.9. the remainder, consisted of harassing fire against our forward areas, and communications.

Trench Mortars. Enemy trench mortars displayed a normal activity their main items being 20 rounds in GREEN WOOD from a heavy T.M. at O.18.C.65.70. Granatowfer bombs fired from LOCK 5 on to vicinity of PORRET FARM and at 8.a.m. 10 rounds fell in vicinity of WALL FARM from WHIZ FARM.

H.Guns. General activity much below normal. Active machine guns were located at the following centres - BAB, JULY, WAM, WHIZ FARMS, LOCK 5, The TWINS, FLY BUILDINGS, O.23.B. 2.8. and from about O.17.D.55.40.

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7. Hostile Aerial Activity. Between 11 and 11.30 a.m. an enemy scout machine flew very low over our forward area, it was heavily engaged by A.A. and M.Guns. At 7 a.m. enemy machine was observed at a high altitude, but did not attempt to cross our lines.

8. Movement and Organisation in and behind enemy lines. Small parties of men were observed throughout the day, moving from one location to another. When within range fire was brought to bear on them. In the form of an annex to this Summary, a special time table of train movements is published.

9. Miscellaneous. Two men observed repairing telephone wire at O.12.B.6.6. A well defined track can be traced from pill-box at P.7.A.75.30. to P.7.A.10.25.

Gun flashes were observed as follows

Time.	Bearing from Calire	Area shotted	Approx distance.
10.30 a.m.	86 deg. 0.15.C.6.9. 77s.	HOLLIBAKE.	P.13.B.9.4.
11.45 a.m.	84 deg. 0.15.C.6.9. 77s.	HOLLIBAKE.	P.13.B.9.7.
do.	90 deg. 0.20.D.0.3.	"	6,000 yards.
do.	do. do.	"	5,000 yards.
1.30 p.m.	100 deg. 0.16.D.95.25.		
9.45 a.m.	80 deg. 0.16.D.95.25.		
	115 deg. 0.11.A.2.4.		
	and 98 deg.		
	96 deg. 0.10.D.85.80.		3,000 yards.

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ANNEX.

TRAIN MOVEMENT.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>FROM.</u>	<u>TO.</u>
11.55 a.m.	TENDRILEN.	
11.10 a.m.	do.	HOUTHEN.
11.24 a.m.	GHELUWE.	WERVICO.
11.55 a.m.	HOUTHEN.	do.
12. noon.	-	do.
		- Shunting east of HOUTHEN.
12.5 p.m.	WERVICO.	TENDRILEN.
12.10 p.m.	WERVICO.	MININ.
12.15 p.m.	-	- Two trains entered TENDRILEN.
12.20 p.m.	WERVICO.	TENDRILEN.
12.30 p.m.	TENDRILEN.	WERVICO. Fast train.
12.50 p.m.	WERVICO.	TENDRILEN.
1.30 p.m.	MININ.	WERVICO.
1.50 p.m.	do.	do.
2.20 p.m.	do.	do.
12. Noon.	WERVICO.	MININ.
2.15 p.m.	HALLUM.	going South.