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Title: Headquarters, 7th Australian Field
Artillery Brigade

March 1918



AWM4-13/35/17PART3

7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

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Strength of Brigade on 1st March, 1918.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
32	792

Strength of Brigade on 31st March, 1918

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
31	835

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7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Schools attended by members of the Brigade
during March, 1918.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>other Ranks.</u>
Lewis Gun School	4	9
Corps Gas School	1	3
Cookery School		3
Veterinary School	1.	1
Gas School	1	4
Wireless School		4
Army Artillery School	1	1

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7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

CASUALTIES INCURRED DURING MARCH, 1918.

6 "Other Ranks" Wounded.

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7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.30INTELLIGENCE.6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 29-3-1918.OUR FIRE.- 18 pdrs.

12 noon 50 rds. in to Copse J.18.d.05.20.
 1.30 to 3pm. 150 rds. on enemy movement in K.13.b..K.7, K.19, K20
 36 rds. on Battery at J.26
 18 rds. on transport X roads K.30.b.
 18 rds. on traffic X roads K.30.c.

4.5" Hows.

12.45 pm 150 rds. on J.18.d.05.20
 3 to 4 pm 80 rds Calibration and Registration.

HOSTILE FIRE.

12.45 to 3 pm. 20 rds 77mm and 4.2How. fell in J.9 from direction of Morlancourt.

AIRCRAFT.

2.30 p.m. Aeroplanes flying very low over position drove down one of our 'planes.

Much movement observed during the day in K.4 and K.10, consisting of Cavalry transport and column of Infabtry. These were engaged and dispersed, casualties being caused. Two 4.2 Batteries located at K.4.c. These appeared to have teams in close proximity to guns, and when engaged teams retired over ridge. A much used road or track appears to run approximately through K.4.Central and K.10. Central

Bosche seems to show considerable hesitation in entering MORLANCOURT.

VISIBILITY - GOOD

W. C. Bradford
Lieut.
Orderly Officer, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 1-3-1918.OUR FIRE.

18-pdrs. fired 70 rounds at request of Infantry, silencing T.Ms. at C.11.c.61.83, C.11.a.82.02, U.24.c.42.82, U.24.a.67.18 and U.24.a.64.40.

4.5" Hows. fired 65 rounds on active T.Ms. at U.24.c.42.82, U.24.a.67.18, U.24.a.64.40, C.5.d.30.90 and the LAUNDRY in C.5.c.

" 5 rounds on Dugout at C.11.c.70.80.

" 54 rounds, with balloon observation, registering Bridges at U.30.b.22.45 and U.30.b.24.30.

" 36 rounds - Area shoot on T.Ms. in DEULEMONT.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>DURATION</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
9.30 a.m.	-	10	5.9s	UNA SUPPORT. - harassing fire..-
12.30 to 1 pm.	142° T.B. from SURREY FARM	20	4.2	O.P. at C.9.d.3.4. destructive. -

Otherwise, except for normal T.M. activity, Sector remained quiet.

AIRCRAFT.

Several of our machines were seen during the day, but weather conditions were generally most unfavourable for flying.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Infantry report unusual activity of enemy working parties and transport behind enemy line all along the front, during the night. Our fire, and that of the 60-pdrs. was reported to be effective, and transport could be heard galloping off. Besides horsed traffic, sounds of Tractors were heard at intervals on roads at U.30.c.30.60 and C.5.d.85.50.

It is reported that a great deal of work is being done under camouflage at C.5.b.75.57.

VISIBILITY Fair.

Ronke Johnston
Lieut.,
A/Orderly Officer, Right Group Arty.

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To _____				From
By.....				(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....
TO {		3 rd August D.A.H.Q.		
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* T. 93.		15		
<p>Intelligence Report to 6 am. aaa 18 pds. fired 47 rounds on active T.M.S. at C11C 6183 and C5d 319 also 50 rds. harassing fire on DEULEMONT and roads to FRELINGHIEN. aaa 4.5" Hows fired 30 rounds harassing fire on road in C11f + C12a. and CEMETERY TRENCH</p>				
From	GK54			
Place	2nd R.H.Q. 5			
Time				
<small>The above may be forwarded as now corrected.</small>				
Censor.	<small>Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name.</small> <small>(Z) 2nd R.H.Q. 5</small>			
<small>* This line should be erased if not required.</small> <small>(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)</small>				

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 2-3-1918.OUR FIRE.

About 10 a.m. several automobiles, like Staff cars, were observed on the Road in D.Z.d.40.07. They were engaged by 18-pdrs. but after 3 rds. were fired, the targets moved off.

15-rounds were also fired by 18-pdrs. on train at U.22.d.40.38.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
7.45 a.m.	Behind F'HIEN.	10	5.9	C.2.d. (harassing fire)
10.30 a.m.	do.	20	5.9	C.2.d. do.
11.40 a.m.	About C.18.d.	12	5.9	C.8.b. & C.14.a. (harassing fire).
1.15 p.m.		6	P'apples	POND HOUSE in C.10.d.

Otherwise Sector remained quiet.

AIRCRAFT.

Although very unfavourable flying weather prevailed, a few of our Aeroplanes were active at intervals throughout the day.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

10.20 a.m. Train observed at T.B. 113° from SURREY FARM.

11.30 a.m. Train " " " 73° " do.

Enemy T.Ms. in line from UNKNOWN FARM to WICART FARM put up a box barrage around MOAT FARM last night to cover an assaulting party of 50 Germans who rushed one of our patrols there. Patrol swam the Moat and escaped without casualties.

VISIBILITY Fair in morning, Bad in the afternoon.

Rooke Johnston
Lieut.,
A/Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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TO {		3rd Aust. DAHQ				By.....
* Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA
T.100. Second						
<p>Intelligence Report to 6 am. Ada 18 hrs. fired 20 rounds on four T.M.s at V24C 75.65, V24C 42.82, V24a 67.18 and V24.a.64.40 also 27 rounds at area shoot on T.M.s in DELLEMONT AAA hostile fire hit.</p>						
From	GK54					
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(Z) R. Johnston						
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 3-3-18.HOSTILE FIRE.

During the course of the afternoon about 20 4.2s. and 6 77mms. fell in C.10.c. Harassing fire from direction T.B.120 degrees Sound Bearing from SURREY FARM.

Otherwise Sector remained quiet.

AIRCRAFT.

No activity.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Nothing unusual to report.

VISIBILITY Low.

Rooke Johnson Lieutenant,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 4-3-1918.HOSTILE FIRE.

Between 3 pm. and 3.30 pm. to-day about 20 M.Ws. fell in C.10.b and d. and about 10 in U.23.b and c.
Otherwise Sector remained quiet.

AIRCRAFT.

No activity.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

During the night M.Gs. were active from SCREENED FARM, UNKNOWN FARM, THE ARCHES and SOAP HOUSE.

New earthworks and duckboards are visible close to the River LYS at U.23.b.8.4. (approx.)

Patrols report sounds of hammering in FRELINGHIEN last night.

Between 10.10 pm. and 11.15 pm. working parties were heard, apparently working on concrete, at THE ARCHES (C.11.a).

As soon as our barrage opened last night, on the Left Group Sector, enemy fired a great number of Verey Lights and double RED Rockets - for about 15 minutes.

VISIBILITY Indifferent: Ground Mist.

Robert Thornton Lieut.,
A/Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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			By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....
TO {		<i>3rd Arst. DAHQ</i>		
* Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<p><i>Intelligence Report to 6 am.</i> <i>area at 12 50 am.</i> <i>about 15 4.2 HE gas</i> <i>fell in C1 central area</i> <i>Otherwise the sector</i> <i>remained quiet.</i></p>				
From				
Place	<i>AK 54</i>			
Time				
<i>The above may be forwarded as now corrected.</i> (Z) <i>Johnstone</i>				
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 5-3-1918.Our fire.

N I L .

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
12 noon.		7	T.M.	U.29.a.
3 p.m.		30	T.M.	C.16.b.

At 12.45 p.m. enemy put about 15 5.9s. into C.9.b. Then he commenced harassing fire on C.9 and C.10.a and b. with 4.2 H.E. and Gas. 2 direct hits were obtained on SURREY FARM, but no damage was caused. About 40 rounds in all, from direction 97 degrees T.B. from SURREY FARM (Sound Bearing).

AIRCRAFT.

Owing to the improved visibility, aircraft of both sides were much more active than usual, and enemy planes are reported as flying over our Battery positions at a low altitude once during the morning and once in the afternoon.

Balloons were up on both sides of the line; at 4.25 p.m. one enemy balloon was seen to ascend at T.B. 85 degrees from SURREY FARM.

VISIBILITY Good.

Ronke Johnson
Ronke Johnson Lieut.,
Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 6-3-18.OUR FIRE.

4.5" Hows. fired 88 rounds checking Zero line.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
10.15	About C.11.b.	an occasional 77mm on DESPIERE FARM (C.3.c) and F.L. in C.4.d.)	77mm	harassing fire.
1 p.m.	About D.13.d	6	77mm	Behind LE BIZET. (harassing fire.)
2 p.m.	T.B. 106° from SURREY FM. (S.B.)	8	4.2	LE TOUQUET STATION (C.10.b) Registration.
3.30 pm.	About D.13.d. (C.B.S.O. was informed of this shoot and our Heavies silenced the enemy fire almost immediately).	5	4.2	SURREY FARM (C.9.d.) Registration. One direct hit.

AIRCRAFT.

- 7.45 a.m. 7 enemy planes attempted to cross our lines but were driven off by M.G. and A.A. fire.
 11 a.m. 5 E.As. over our lines again driven off.

At 2.15 pm. 5 enemy planes flew over our lines, but were turned back by our A.A. barrage and M.G. fire. They dropped 6 bombs on C.9.Central.

Our own machines were active all day.

For the first time for some weeks, enemy made definite attempts to penetrate to our back areas, to-day; but his machines were in all cases turned by our A.A. Defence.

VISIBILITY Fair.

R. W. Johnson
 Lieut.,
 A/Orderly Officer, Right Group Artillery.

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			By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....
TO {		3rd August. D.A. HQ.		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month		In reply to Number.	AAA
* 27.121	6 R			
<p>Intelligence Report to 6am. AAA Our file AAA 4.5 "Hours. fired 20 rounds on active T.M. in LAUNDRY area C.S.C. AAA Hostile fire AAA from 11.20 pm. to 11.45 pm. about 100 4.2 s. fell in vicinity of DES PIERRE FARM in C.S.C. from behind FRELINGHIEN. AAA Every T.M.s were active at short intervals during the greater part of the night on our front & support lines in C.S.C. firing from SOAP HOUSE & LAUNDRY LAUNDRY AAA found Bearing of 4.2 s read 60° TB fire SURREY FARM</p>				
From				
Place	GK 54			
Time				
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.- INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 7-3-1918.OUR FIRE.

18pdrs. fired 20 rounds at traffic on road in U.30.b.
 " 10 " on movement around DURIEZ FARM. (C.5.d.)
 " 10 " on movement in TWIN FARM (C.12.a.)
 " 20 " on active T.M. at U.29.d.50.30.

4.5" Hows. fired 19 rounds checking Zero Line.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
10 a.m.	N. of F'HIEN.	6	4.2	C.10.c.
11.20 a.m.	-	10	5.9	C.16.a.
1.30 pm.	N. of F'HIEN.	15	4.2	C.16.a.
2.45 pm.		15	4.2	C.1.d. destructive shoot.
3.15 pm.		15	5.9	Road at C.9.c.80.25. harassing fire.
3.30 to 4 pm.	About D.13.	10	5.9.	PETITE RABEQUE FARM C.8.c. Reg. 2 direct hits.
3.45 pm.	do.	10	5.9	MOTOR CAR CORNER, C.14.a. harassing fire.
3.45 pm. to 4.15 pm.)	-	150	4.2 & 77s	Road in C.14.b. Heavy harassing fire.
3.30 to 6 pm.		400	5.9	C.1.b. (SUPPORT FARM & Vicinity) Destructive. No material damage.
5.50 pm.		300	4.2, 77s & 5.9s.	C.15.b., and C.16.a.& b.

Three Batteries appeared to be engaged at Gun-fire, possibly in retaliation for shoot of ours on the Sector to our left. Flashes were observed from SURREY FARM at T.B. 85, 92, 101, 103 and 104 degrees.

4.25 pm. 104° T.B. 50 5.9 MOUNTAIN GUN FARM and vicinity. (V27.c)

6 pm. 25 - 30 5.9 B.11.d.

These 30 rounds fell in close proximity to this Headquarters; Except for the destruction of some official papers, no damage was caused.

AIRCRAFT.

Planes of the enemy showed only normal activity, although our own machines were extremely busy all day.

VISIBILITY Poor in morning, Fair in afternoon.

Ronke Johnston Lieut.,
O.O., Right Group Artillery.

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			By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")
TO {	3 - August D.A. HQ.			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	A A A	
* T.176	Elemental			
<p>Heavy firing heard at 4 am. well North and also south of ARMENTIERES Aaa This sector remained quiet aaa Our fire will</p>				
From	GK 54			
Place				
Time				
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.

6 am. to 6 pm. - 8-3-1918.

OUR FIRE.

18-pdrs. fired 40 rounds on Working Parties at U.29.d.5.1 and C.6.a.95.60, Dispensing same.

4.5" Hows. fired 120 rounds - Calibration and Registration of Zero line.

" 30 rounds on Battery reported by O.P. to be firing from D.7.c.00.95. Fire neutralised.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
9.30 am.	105° T.B.	20	4.2	LYS FARM, C.15.d.
Do.	105° T.B.	20	Time H.E. 4.2s distributed all the Sector - Support lines.	
9.40 to 10.30 am.	D.7.c.00.95	150	77mm	F.L. in C.4.d. - harassing fire.
11.45 am.	96° T.B. (Flash)	50	4.2	C.15.Central.
12.20 pm.	do.	12	4.2	LYS FARM, C.15.d. Several fires caused.
2 to 2.15 pm.	-	30	4.2	C.1.a. Destructive area shoot.
3 pm.	-	15	77mm	Vicinity BUTCHER'S SHOP, C.10.c.
2 to 2.30 pm.	About 100 shells of various calibres were fired on F.L. in C.4.d. and C.10.b. in the form of light barrage. Six rounds fell short in his own line, whereupon Verey Lights bursting into two Green Stars were sent up from his F.L.			
3.45 pm.	106° T.B.	50	4.2	DESPIERE FARM, C.3.c.
3.50 to 4.20	do.	150	4.2	C.3.a. Destructive Shoot.
3.45 to 4pm.	106° T.B.	70	4.2	SURREY FARM, C.9.d.
	Eleven direct hits were obtained and all communications were cut. This Battery carefully ranged and registered two days ago.			

ALL BEARINGS WERE TAKEN FROM SURREY FARM O.P., C.9.d.30.40.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

New work is visible in enemy trenches, about U.29.a.30.60.

New earthwork is visible at C.5.b.00.00.

Movement was observed to-day in vicinity of a suspected dump at U.30.c.4.5.: and also around SCREENED and UNKNOWN FARMS.

M.Ws. were active last night firing from UNKNOWN FARM and from T.B. 84 degrees from U.23.d.13.86.

VISIBILITY Indifferent, at times Fair.

Walter Johnston Lieut.,
O.O. RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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TO {		3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q				
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	AAA	
*T.129		7/5				
<p>Intelligence Report to 6am, AAA our file ADA 18pm fired 20 rounds on T.M. at C.I.C. 60.40 ADA 4.5" Hows fired 20 rds on T.M. at C.I.C. 60.78. ADA Heavy firing heard during night on sectors to NORTH and SOUTH but this sector remained quiet ADA</p>						
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY. - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 9-3-1918.OUR FIRE.

18-pdrs. fired 20 rounds on enemy movement at C.6.a.95.70 at request of Infantry.

4.5" Hows. fired 10 rounds on a Pill-Box under construction at C.5.b.56.74.

" 105 rounds on SCREENED FARM, C.5.b. 2 direct hits were obtained on reinforced concrete structure without doing any damage. Five hits were observed on other parts of building and considerable damage resulted.

" 35 rounds with balloon observation, registering Bridge at C.11.c.40.90.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
11.15 a.m.		5	4.2	C.10.d. harassing.
12.4 pm.		4	4.2	C.9.d. "
1 pm.		3	77mm	C.10.a. "
2 pm.		5	4.2	C.9.d. "
"		1	5.9	C.10.b. "
2.30 pm.		5	77mm	C.4.c. "
3.30 pm.		3	5.9	C.9.c.& d. "

Sound bearing of 4.2s - 76° T.B. from SURREY FARM.
 " " " 5.9s - 115° T.B. " " "

At about 6 pm. Infantry reported 5.9 How. Battery firing on C.3.d and C.9.b. T.B. 142 degrees from C.4.a.75.75. C.B.S.O. was informed and Heavies counter-Battery work had desired effect.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Infantry report 2 new Pill-Boxes at C.5.b.56.74 and C.5.b.10.10. The former is still under construction and well camouflaged. SCREENED FARM tower is reported by Infantry to be used as an O.P.

M.Ws. fired on to NO-MAN'S-LAND last night from U.29.d.52.50.

AIRCRAFT.

Our planes were very active all day. About 2 p.m. a flight of E.As. crossed our lines and penetrated as far as LE BIZET, flying very high.

VISIBILITY. Fair.

Porter Johnson Lieut.
O.O., RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY.

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			By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
TO {		3rd Augt. DA HQ.			
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	AAA:	
J. 132	month				
<p>Intelligence Report to ban.</p> <p>AAA Our fire hit aea</p> <p>Hostile fire consisted of</p> <p>25' of 77mm. Gas on</p> <p>C13.b. at 8.30pm</p>					
From	GK54				
Place					
Time					
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RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 10-3-18.OUR FIRE.

18-pdrs. fired 10 rounds on working party at THE ARCHES, C.11.a.
 " 12 " " " " " C.11.a.7.3.
 " 20 " " T.M. at U.29.d.50.30.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
8 to 9.30 am.	Behind F'HIEN	150	4.2, 5.9 77mm.	C.2.a Destructive.
8.15 am.	N. of F'HIEN.	8	4.2	C.10.a.
9.10 am.	72° T.B.	10	4.2	C.4.a.
9.35 am.	95° T.B.	20	77mm	C.10.c.
10 am.	do.	50	77mm	C.10.c.
11.20 am.	85° T.B.	6	77mm	C.15.a.
12.40 to 1 pm.	98° T.B.	70	77mm	HOUPLINES.
1.30 pm.	98° T.B.	200	77mm	F.L.System in C.16.a.
2.15 pm.	do.	20	77mm	C.8.d.
2.25 pm.	do.	10	77mm	C.16.a.
2. to 3.30 pm.	-	50	77mm	C.2.d Destructive. A proportion of Gas used.
3.15 pm.	-	8	4.2	C.16.d.
3.50 pm.	About D.13.b.	100	77mm	C.10.b.& d.
4 to 4.30	-	100	4.2	C.1.c. A proportion of Gas used. - Destructive.
4.30 pm.	86° T.B.	50	4.2	C.9.c.
5.50 to 6 pm.	82° T.B.	50	4.2.	U.26.c.5.2. - Destructive.

ALL BEARINGS ARE T.B. FROM SURREY FARM.

Flash observed at 85 degrees T.B. from SURREY FARM. Information passed to C.B.S.O.

About 4 pm. 77mm Bty. firing on C.10.b was located by flash and map reference to local detail to be at D.13.b.30.85. C.B.S.O. was informed and the Bty. concerned was silenced.

AIRCRAFT.

Twice during morning enemy planes were over our lines, but were driven back by our A.A. fire. Otherwise enemy showed only normal activity.

Our planes were extremely busy throughout the day.

VISIBILITY indifferent.

Robert Johnson Lieut.,
O.O., Right Group Artillery.

"A" Form. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.				Army Form C. 2121. (In pads of 100.)	No. of Message.....
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				To.....	
				By.....	By.....
TO {		3rd August. D.A. H.Q.			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
* 7.138 tenth					
<p>Intelligence Report to 6 am aaa Obs fire aaa 15 pds fired 20 rds. on T.M. at aaa Hostile fire aaa 6.10 to 6.40 pm. 100 rds. 77mm on C.4.C. flash observed 70° TB. from SURREY FM. 7.15 to 7.45 pm. 100 rds. 4.2s. on C.10.d. flash at 72° TB. from SURREY FM. 8 pm. to 10.15 pm. 400 5.95 on C.2.a. 10.50 to 11.15 pm. 100 5.95 on C.2.a. 2.30 to 3 am. 100 5.95 on C.2.a. This 5.9 How. Fired from well to SOUTH of PHU LUNG HAIEN and appeared to be conducting a destructive area shoot.</p>					
From	C.K.54				
Place					
Time					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z) R. Whastow.	
Censor.	Signature of Addressee or person authorised to telegraph in his name.				
* This line should be erased if not required.					
(3796.) Wt. W 492/M 1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1137.)					

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY - INTELLIGENCE.6 am. to 6 pm. - 11-3-18.OUR FIRE.

18-pdrs. fired 40 rounds on enemy working parties at UNKNOWN FARM, and at U.29.d.70.50, U.29.d.70.30, and U.29.d.72.57.

HOSTILE FIRE.

<u>Duration</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Area shelled.</u>
9 am.		150	77mm	U.17 and U.23.
9.45 am.	DEULEMONT	15	5.9	U.26. and U.27.
10.45 am.		3	5.9	LE BIZET.
11.30		6	H.V. 24 ^{c.m}	NIEPPE.
3 to 4.30 pm.	98° T.B. (S.B.) from SURREY FM.	50	4.2	LE TOUQUET STATION, C.9.d.

During the shelling by the enemy last night, flashes of a 5.9 Bty. were observed 115 degrees T.B. from C.15.b.1.4.

AIRCRAFT.

Our planes were very active all day, and were constantly fired on by enemy A.A. guns.

About mid-day, 2 enemy machines crossed our lines, but were turned back at once by our A.A. fire.

VISIBILITY Very Poor.

Rooke Johnson Lieut.,
O.O., Right Group Artillery.

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TO { 3rd Divst. D.A. HQ.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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* 7.146 11/1
 Intelligence Report to 6 am. AAA
 Our file AAA 14.5 Hours fired
 100 Rounds gas on area from
 FME DU GRAND VERRVIN along
 road and trench system
 in C.12.b. and C.6.d. to
 DEULE MANSIONS. also
 12 Rds on active M.W.s. ~~on~~ at
 LAUNDRY and SOAP HOUSE at
 C.17.a. 60.80 at C.11.a. 5813., at
 C.H.C. 62.58 and at C.H.C. 61.83.

AAA Hostile fire AAA
 From 9.30 to 12 midnight about
 300 15.95 and 60 4.2s
 H.E. & gas fell in C.1.a. ~~from~~
 destructive shoot from behind
 FRELINGHIEU Area At 5am.

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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

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			By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	

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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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* 7.146 Contineud

enemy put down a barrage
 of 4.2s and 77s and Minies
 on our support in C.10 in
 combination with a heavy
 shafe on Sector. to our
 right aaa at 5.40 am
 about 100 4.2s & 77s ~~mostly~~
 gas were directed against
 trenches in C.10.

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.			
Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.
L. S. d.			From.....
Charges to Collect:			Sent, or sent out.
			Office Stamp.
			R.M.F. 11/11/18
			At..... m.
			To.....
			By.....
			Office..... Received..... m.
			GNAV 11/11/18
Handed in at.....			
TO		GR54	
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
BF198	11/11		
<p>Intelligence our fire net Hostile fire 9.50 pm to 10-15 pm. Enemy shelling C1A with 15 CM and gas 200 shells 10-20 to 10.35 pm. same place 15 CM and gas 100 shells 11-50 pm. same place with 10 CM. 60 shells all from direction of Frelinghem 6 am. Enemy shelling C1B with 15 CM and continuing same direction</p>			
FROM	GL99		
PLACE & TIME	6-30 am		
<small>* This line should be erased if not required. (3866.) Wt. W528/M1970. 100,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1213.)</small>			

7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE.506 a.m. to 6 p.m. 29-3-1918.OUR FIRE.- 18 pdrs.

12 noon 50 rds. in to Copse J.18.d.05.20.
 1.30 to 3pm. 150 rds. on enemy movement in K.13.b..K.7, K.19, K20
 35 rds. on Battery at J.26
 18 rds. on transport X roads K.30.b.
 18 rds. on traffic X roads K.30.c.

4.5" Hows.

12.45 pm 150 rds. on J.18.d.05.20
 3 to 4 pm 80 rds Calibration and Registration.

HOSTILE FIRE.

12.45 to 3 pm. 20 rds 77mm and 4.2How. fell in J.9 from direction of Morlancourt.

AIRCRAFT.

2.30 p.m. Aeroplanes flying very low over position drove down one of our 'planes.

Much movement observed during the day in K.4 and K.10, consisting of Cavalry transport and column of Infabtry. These were engaged and dispersed, casualties being caused. Two 4.2 Batteries located at K.4.c. These appeared to have teams in close proximity to guns, and when engaged teams retired over ridge. A much used road or track appears to run approximately through K.4.Central and K.10. Central
 Bosche seems to show considerable hesitation in entering MORLACOURT.

VISIBILITY - GOOD

McPherson Lieut.
 Orderly Officer, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.

7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE.6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 30.3.1918.OUR FIRE. - 16 pdrs.

11 a.m. to 12 noon	65 rds. harrassing fire on K.20 and K.21
12.10 p.m.	276 rds. ARTILLERY Barrage.
1.30 p.m.	30 rds concentration on K.20a.
3 p.m.	160 rds. on 6 enemy guns in K.3.a & K.4.a.
3.15 p.m.	120 rds. on enemy Machine guns
4 p.m.	100 rds on enemy Field Kitchen teams <i>with gun</i>
4.35 p.m.	32 rds. on road K.20.a. <i>burst</i>
4.55 p.m.	500 rds on 24 enemy guns in K.4.c & K.3.s.
Various intervals	100 rds. harrassing fire on K.28.c., K.21.c and K.8.d.
	222 rds. on K.19 enemy Infantry

4.5" Hows.

12.30 p.m.	60 rds. on roads at MORLAMOUR to cross roads K.20.b.
	15 rds. on enemy advancing down hill from K.20 central towards MORLAMOUR
2 p.m.	50 rds. on cross roads K.20.b.

HOSTILE FIRE

11 a.m. onwards	Whole forward area subjected to barrage of 15 cm, 10 cm. and 77mm and on J.15 b. and Railway crossing J.7.a.
	1 man killed and 4 wounded, also 2 horses wounded (26th Battery)
	Heavy enemy fire on J.11 and J.17 along river between REILLY and J.4 central
11.35 a.m.- 1 p.m.	100 rds. on J.22a. 4.2s - 200 rd 4.2s and gas on J.14.s.

AIRCRAFT

9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	4 enemy balloons were up opposite Divl. Sector and one remained up until 1 p.m.
9.30 a.m.-10.30	Enemy aircraft very active.
11 a.m.	A hostile plane flying very low over 25th Battery position was brought down by that Battery's Lewis Gunners. The plane fell in MERICOURT and burst into flames. The pilot appeared to have been killed by machine gun fire and was burnt in his plane

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11.6 a.m. Our planes attacked enemy plane and brought same down in our lines.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

At 11.20 a.m. this morning, a hostile 4.2 battery was reported to be shelling J.17.a.60.80 (O.P.) T.B. $63^{\circ}30'$, from direction J.3.a.

At 4.20 p.m. O.P. reported that an enemy Battery had come into action in the open at K.26.a.80.30. This information was handed to the 8th F.A. Brigade.

The attack made by the enemy on the 10th Infantry Brigade front was completely repulsed, many dead Bosche being left dead in front of our line. The artillery fire was reported to have been particularly good.

VISIBILITY. fair at intervals during the morning, but poor during the afternoon.

*G. Brewster Capt.
for
Orderly Officer, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Bgde.*

Lieut.

7th AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE.from 6 p.m. 30.3.1918 to 6 p.m. 31.3.1918.OUR FIRE. + 18 pdrs.

300 rds. harrassing fire at various intervals during the night on enemy roads and tracks.
 11 a.m. 70 rds. on enemy guns in K.3.d.8.5. with good effect. and causing casualties.
 11.55 a.m. 20 rds. on enemy battery in K.3.c. Direct hit was obtained on No.2 gun of enemy battery
 12.45 p.m. 15 rds. on 2 enemy four horse teams in K.3.a. dispersed by our fire.
 4 p.m. 230 rds. on roads and valley K.9 and K.10
 4.10.p.m. 60 rds. on enemy movement in K.14.d. with good effect.

4.5" Hows.

100 rds at intervals through the night on roads in enemy's back area.
 1.5.p.m. 30 rds. on enemy Battery in K.3.d.5.5. which was neutralised by our fire.

HOSTILE FIRE. -

Hostile artillery was less active during this period at 4.15 p.m. a few 4.2s fell in J.4.b. and J.5.a. During the afternoon 50 4.2s and 77mm fell in J.22 and 23 and 12 5.9s in front of MERICOURT. At irregular intervals during the day 4.2s fell in J.19.b.

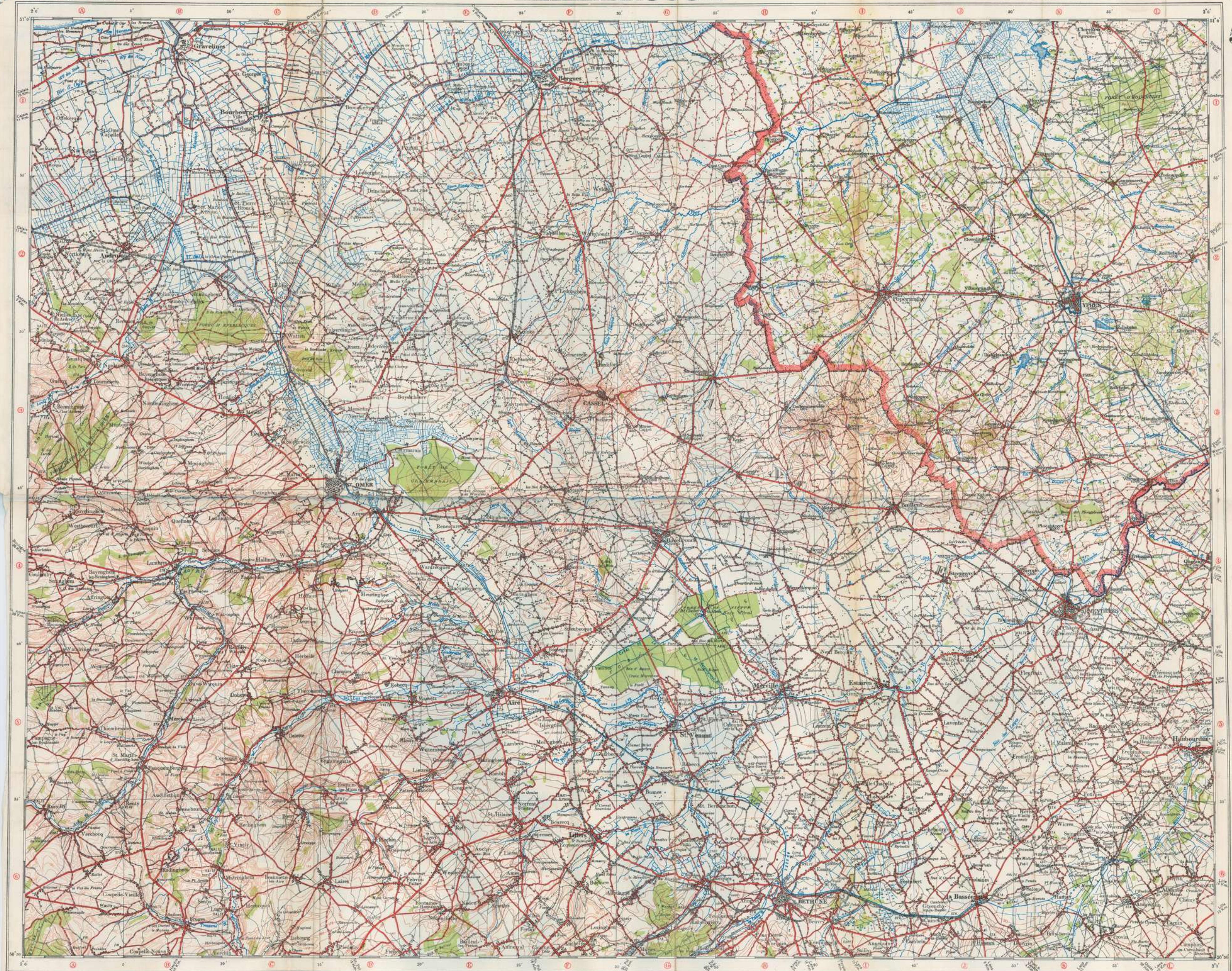
AIR ACTIVITY. -

Two enemy planes crossed our lines but were kept at a good height by our A.A.guns. 12 enemy planes were seen to land behind red house in K.10.a. During the afternoon 7th planes flew over our lines and after dropping 2 bombs on our back area were driven off by our A.A.fire.

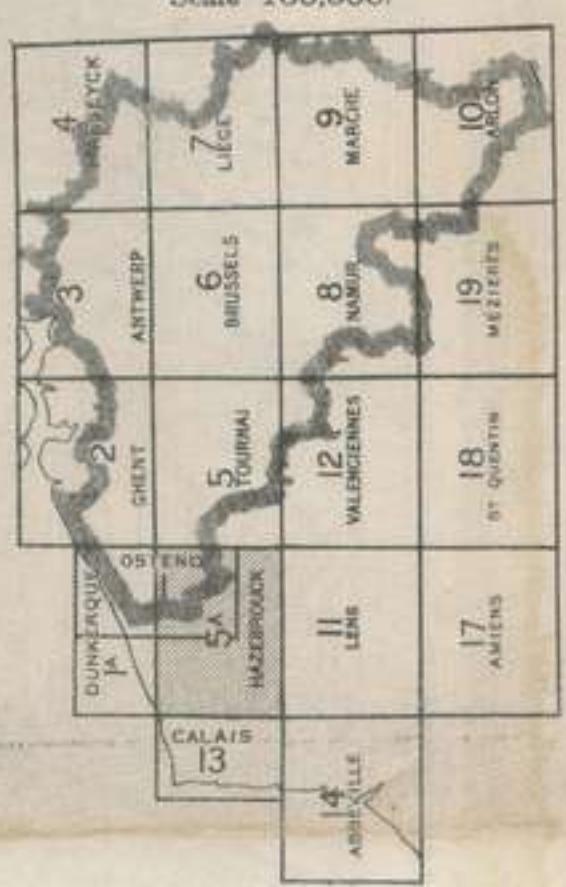
GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Enemy was observed signalling with a lamp in K.5.a. A great deal of enemy transport was observed at different times during the day on road E.23 and E.30 moving from South to North. G.S.Wagons were also seen at cross roads K.20.b.30.85. This information was communicated to 3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q. this morning.

J. C. D. A. M. S.
Lieut.
Orderly Officer, 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.



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G.S.G.S. 2554 Ordnance Survey 1916.

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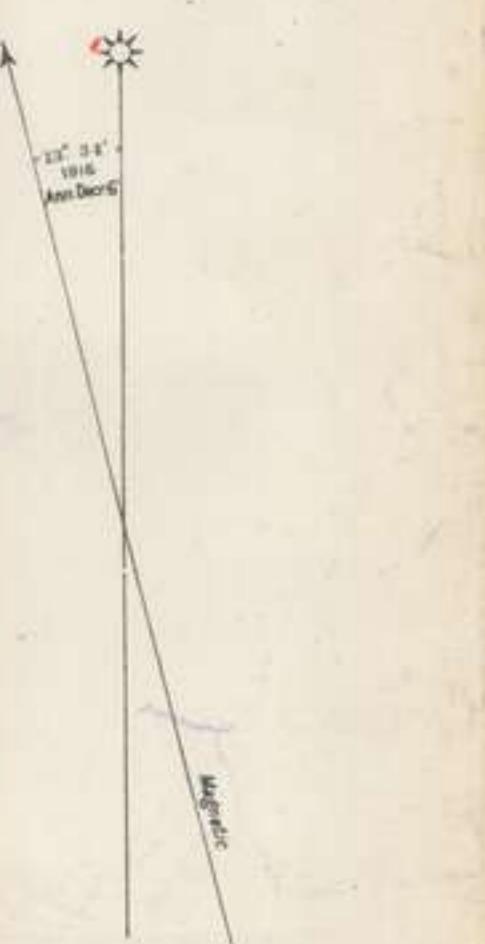
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LEZIERES	BRUNOIS	MONS
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LEZIERES	BRUNOIS	DIEPPE
LEZIERES	BRUNOIS	AMMERS
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LEZIERES	BRUNOIS	ARRAS
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LEZIERES	BRUNOIS	REIMS
LEZIERES	BRUNOIS	CHAMBERY
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LEZIERES	BRUNOIS	LYON
LEZIERES	BRUNOIS	MARSEILLE
LEZIERES	BRUNOIS	NICE
LEZIERES	BRUNOIS	BARCELONA
LEZIERES	BRUNOIS	PORTUGAL

26.3.18
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The position of a point may be described on this map by the system used on squared trench maps: i.e., by imagining the sides of the rectangles on the map divided into so many parts East and so many North of the S.W. corner. The co-ordinates are then defined by the numbers and letters which appear on the margin. The full reference for a point is thus:

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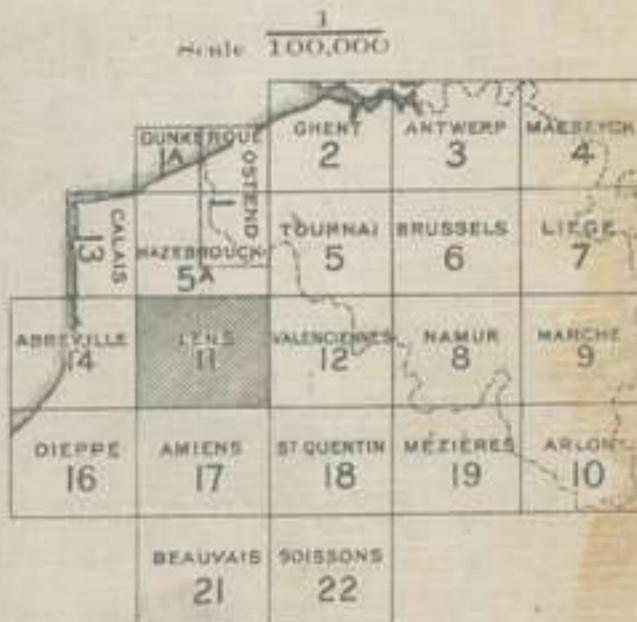
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REFERENCE

Canal or waterway
Chateau Farm
Church or Chapel Tower
Fort
Heights in metres (10 metres - 128 feet)
Quarry
Water mill, Wind mill

Scale 100,000 or 1 Inch to 1.58 Miles
Mile 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Miles
Kilometre 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 Kilometres
1 Centimetre to 1 Kilometre

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REFERENCE

Railway single & double
Road 1st class, macadamised
Road 2nd class, macadamised
Road 3rd class, quality doubtful
Road 4th class, Farm road or track

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Ordnance Survey 1916.

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