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46th Infantry Brigade, narrative of events from 12th - 17th Sept. 1916), 8p.

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Report on the operations carried out by the 53 RD. Infantry brigade in the Thiepval Area from 24th – 29th Sept. 1916, 29p.

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WO95/1952/62547, 6p.

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Summary of operations: covering the period 29th Aug. to 11th Sept. 1916 – 16th Division, 9p.

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Report on the operations of the 20th Infantry Brigade in the vicinity of Ginchy from Sept. 3^d to 7th, 1916
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Fourth Army intelligence summary (26th June 1916, 27th June 1916, 28th June 1916), 12p.
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Extract from report on the Second French Army in Champagne, and the lessons to be learnt there from, 13p.

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Extracts from a diary by Keith Probert, April 1915, 6p.

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Photocopied war diaries/reports:
The British attack on Beaumont-Hamel, July 1st 1916, Royal United Services Institute Journal, Vol. LXVI, Feb 1921, pp.137-141
III The battles on the western front (English and German language versions), 40p. (English); pp.53-116 (German)
VI. The Western Front in July and August (English and German language versions), 29p.(English); pp.338-389

(German)

German language extracts from unidentified source, pp.83-103

German Reports on Defence Works, pp.8-13

Instruction for firing with "Green – Cross" (GAS) Shell from light field howitzers on the area north of artillery ravine and mametz wood (translation of a German document), 1p.

Army order regarding the execution of counter-attacks (translation of a German document), 2p.

Main principles in the employment of the assault battalion (Sturmbataillon) (translation of a German document), 1p.

Copy of captured German document showing the organization of the artillery in the sector held by the 3^d Guard Division, 1p.

Annex to Fourth Army summary no. 77, dated 10th Sept. 1916, 3p.

Experiences of the IV German Corps in the battle of the Somme during July 1916, 14p.

Experience of the German 1st Army in the Somme battle, 24th June – 26th November 1916, 6p.

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Photocopied war diaries/reports/correspondence:

Notes on the lessons of the operations on the Somme as regards infantry attack formations and the employment of specialists, 27p.

Record file of papers – record: AWM 252 [A106] – [A107], 58p.

Correspondence from C. Carre Riddell to his father, 6p.

Fourth Army: hints of the intelligence service during battle, 7p.

B. H. Liddell Hart., Impressions of the Great British offensive on the Somme, 67p.

Lessons learnt from the battle of the Somme (translation of a German document), 4p.

Some pages from "Military operation: France and Belgium, 1916 - History of the Great War based on official documents" 10p.

Range card for defence, 4p.

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Artillery lessons of the battle of the Somme, 6p.

Note on the results of the battle of the Somme up to the 8th September, 3p.

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R's plan 8th July, 4p.

Summary of daily activity on 4th Army front from 4th Army summary of operations, 2p.

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10 maps with annotations for "Attack on Guillemont, 1916", compiled in the historical section (Military branch)

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2 maps – "The Somme, 1916: the battle of Albert 1st July, the Fourth Army objectives"

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1 map, Ref: Wo95/2403/51268
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8 maps with annotations for "Forth Army front"
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German casualties. Battle of the Somme, 2p.

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Battle of the Somme: preparation by the Fourth Army, 63p.
Report of the Fourth Army Commander's remarks at the Conference held at Fourth Army headquarters, 22 Jun 1916, 6p.
Miscellaneous: includes Somme plans, operation orders, correspondence ...etc.

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This folder includes miscellaneous draft notes (raw data sheets, statistics..etc)

Also includes: Some pages photocopied from a book and some notes on "Middlebrook – First day on the Somme"
