

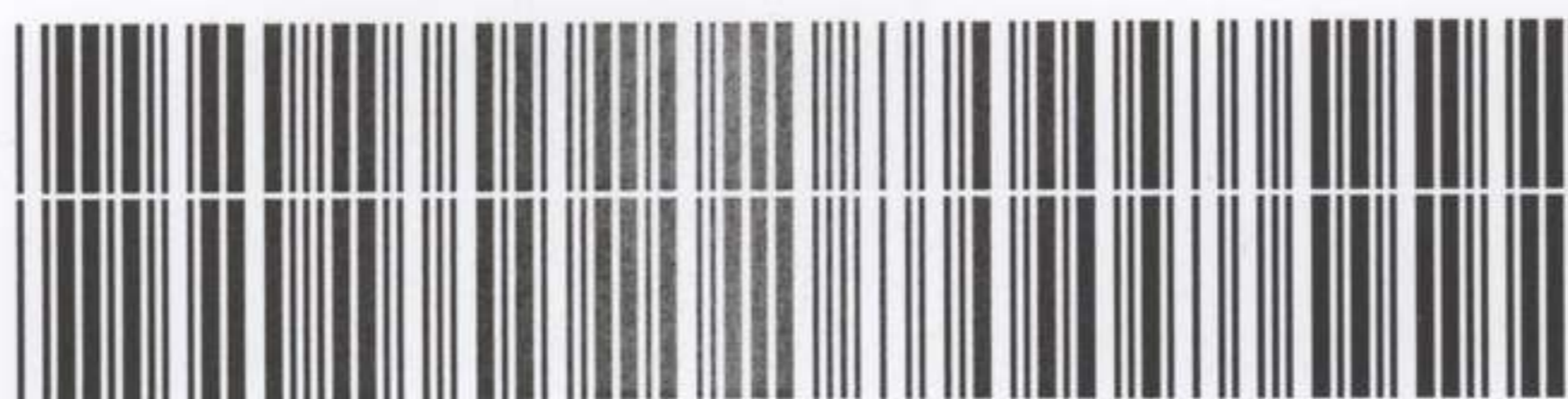
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FRANCE Sheet 36 A C 16 - B cent.	JUNE 1		BN in Camp. Training as per Syllabus. Platoons from 2 nd ARMY Central School of Instruction gave demonstration in model platoon training, this was attended by all ranks of the BN & was extremely interesting and instructive. A contact aeroplane demonstration was given in the afternoon as per order attached	No 1
"	2		BN in Camp. Bde Church parade held by Chaplain NEVILLE. & was attended by CORPS Commander & DIV Commanders. This was the last service conducted by the 5 th BN. Padre before leaving for AUSTRALIA.	
" Sheet 27 S.E. V 8 - D 3.5	3		BN relieved 2 nd AUST. INF. BN and moved to Support area as per Operation Order No 7 attached. BN Hdqrs at V 8 - D 3.5. D. Coy at BN Hdqrs. 'B' Coy V 14 - C 9.8	No 2
"			'A' Coy V 20 - B 8.3. & 'C' Coy at V 20 - B 4.5. - Warning order re Relief issued attached	No 3
" Sheet 27 S.E. & 36 A N.E. W 18 - D 1.5	4		BN in Support. Day spent quietly cleaning up Lewis Guns etc ready to move into the line. BN moved forward and relieved 9 th BN in the front line as per Operation Order No 8 attached (also Administrative instructions) Dispositions as per Sketch attached. Nucleus Coy reformed and moved to relieve 3 rd Bde	No 4 No 5
			Nucleus Coy at V 24 - C 2.4 - Nominal Roll attached. Relief of front line was complete by midnight with only two casualties. Patrols maintained	No 6

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FRANCE Shuts 27 SE & 36 NE W18-D1.5	1918 JUNE	4	<p>lateral communication. A patrol of Lieut. P. J. O'FARRELL & 8 OR's left own lines with a view to gaining touch with the enemy. Although they penetrated into NO MAN'S LAND to a depth of 300 yards, no enemy were seen. M.G.s & Stokes mortars fired on enemy posts during the night. Enemy attitude quiet but alert. Decorations as follows were awarded by Corps Commander: No 762 P.R.E. A. HALL - B.A. to Military Medal. No 336^B P.R.E. F. J. MAHER, 1762 L/PL. T. HAYDON & No 1168 CPL S. L. WILLIAMS, D.C.M. were awarded Military medals. LIEUT. COL. D. A. LIXTON D.S.O. awarded C.M.G.</p>	
" "	.5		<p>A patrol of Lieut H. C. MORRISON and 2 O.R.s left own lines to reconnoitre a farm house at X20-c 8.5 which was found to be unoccupied, as was also hedge at X20-c 65-35 - This patrol returned safely to own lines. A daylight patrol of Lieut W. B. GRANTHAM and 2 O.R.s located a post of the enemy at X20-c 6-4 - Deepening & enlarging of reserve & support lines has been on and arrangements have been made for more mining to be done on own front. None of our patrols have encountered any enemy in spite of the fact that two or more patrols leave our posts nightly, these do not include</p>	

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FRANDE Sheet 275 E a 36 AN E W 18-D 1.5	JUNE 5		the usual liason patrols. The enemy however is alert as is proved by his frequent night sniping of M.G. posts. Lieut. R. G. SAMSON to hospital. 3 ORs wounded. Capt. Chaplain C. NEVILLE to Base. Capt-Chaplain E. G. PETHERICK from Base + Lieut. C. C. HANSON M.C. from hospital.	
" "	6		Liason & reconnaissance patrols have been active. A patrol from our left Coy located an enemy post at X 20-C 2.5. Another patrol from our right Company patrolled NO MANS LAND and three of the enemy who were sighted ran away. An enemy post located at X 25-B 6.1 was found to be unoccupied. Another patrol from our left Coy after being out some time had to return owing to a fire breaking out behind them at NORD HELF. Their return was made awkward by enemy M.G.s and Snipers. No opportunities were afforded to our snipers but rifle grenades were used with good effect on enemy posts. Enemy very active at night with M.G.s & snipers. Very little activity in NO MANS LAND. Lieut. G. W. L. KAY killed in action. 3 ORs wounded, 2 ORs wounded (gas) - Lieut. H. W. GARRICK to hospital.	
" "	7		On two occasions daylight patrols raids were carried out by us on enemy posts in front of left Company - See extract from Intelligence Summary attached	No 7

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FRANCE Sheet 27 SE + 36 NE W18-D 1.5	1918 JUNE	7	<p>Lieut PARKER and 3 OR's took a post at X20-C 7.2 garrisoned by 12 of the enemy, eight of whom they killed, the remainder escaped. A patrol under Lieut D. Robertson and 6 OR's left own lines with the object of finding out if enemy posts at X26-A 1.3 were occupied, the patrol was unable to ^{get} quite up to this position, on account of enemy shelling in NO MAN'S LAND, MG's, and an unusual amount of flares, so they returned to own lines, without casualties. Enemy post in X20-C were subjected to a severe bombardment of No 27 + 36 grenades, several dozen being expended. This was in retaliation of slight enemy grenade work, during the day. It was impossible to observe results owing to smoke and dust, but efforts will be made later to obtain information. In view of recent events the enemy has been considerably more alert than usual. Lieut F.B. Conway returned from 2nd T. B. England. Capt. T.K. MARTBY and S. Ricketson D.C.M returned from 2nd ARMY School. 1 OR. Died of wounds, 1 OR. wounded.</p>	No 8
		8	<p>BN relieved by 1st BN A.I.F. and moved to Billets at (Sheet 27) V 24 - See BN. Operation Order attached. Relief being completed by 12 midnight</p>	No 9

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FRANCE Sheet 295K V24-D4.7	JUNE 9		BN in Support. Dispositions as follows. Hdqrs + 'D' Coy at V24-D4.7 - 'B' Coy at V24-C7.4 - 'C' Coy at V24-C2.3 + 'A' Coy at V23-C8.5. Day spent resting and cleaning up. In this area BN. was responsible for manning C + D Line which ran approximately C line V30 D+B to W2-B5.9 + D line V30-C3.6 to V17-A8.4 Lieut A.S. ROBINSON to hospital. 1 OR killed + 1 OR wounded. Lieuts J.A. ANDERSON A.O. RIGGS + J.G. HALL also S.O.R.S to 2 nd ARMY School. CAPT. K.G. PERMERER + LIEUT. W.J. ELKISON returned from hospital. Fatigue parties amounting to 350 O.R.s went sent to work on C + D lines at night for 5 hours.	
" "	10		BN in Support. Usual fatigue parties supplied. Lieut A.M. GILLIES returned from XV CORPS School. Recommendations as per attached list were forwarded Lieut N.S. MADDOX awarded M.C.	No 10
" "	11		BN in Support. Usual Fatigue parties supplied.	
" "	12		BN in Support. BN was to have moved into front line as per Operation Order attached (also administrative instructions) This order was cancelled as the 7 th BN were carrying out an operation.	No 11
" "	13		BN. relieved 7 th BN in the front line as per message from 2 nd A.I. Bde attached	No 12

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FRANCE Sheets 275E + 36 M.N.W E 1-CO.8	1918 JUNE 13		Dispositions were as per Sketch attached. Relief was completed by 13-24 AM. - Liaison patrol maintained lateral communication. Patrols report NO MANS LAND in good condition. Mining was carried out by our front Companies. The enemy is still very alert and has adopted a strictly defensive attitude. The enemy launched a minor enterprise against our positions which had be taken from them the night before, but our line was not altered. Two prisoners belonging to the 205 R I.R. unwounded + 3 wounded of same Regiment are in our hands.	No 13
" " "	#		Patrol of Lieut CONWAY + 3 O.R.s left our lines at E 11 B q-q to locate an enemy M.G. which was giving trouble. Patrol was unable to locate position. No mans Land reported in good condition. Patrol report attached. During a raid by the 88th Brigade on our right, our right post cooperated by bringing to bear fire from two L.G.s on suspected M.G. post near Gopre to be raided. Right post killed three of the enemy who were observed in front. These men were in full marching order. Belonged to 205th R.I.R. LIEUT R.P.G. HAMILTON wounded - 13 O.R.s wounded - 3 O.R.s killed - 1 O.R. died of wounds.	No 14

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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRANCE Sheets 275E & 36A N.E. E 1-60.8	JUNE 14		1 O.R. wounded (remained on duty) 3 O.R.s missing. Lieut H.C. MORRISON + 5 O.R.s to XVI CORPS School. Lieut W.T. MEIKHE is returned from 2 nd ARMY School.	
" "	15		Patrol of Lieut MADDOX M.C. is + 2 O.R.s left E 11-C 8.2 reconnected ledge running from E 11-C 9.0 to E 11-D 4.1 and found that ledge was held by 4 M.G.s. Patrol returned without casualties. A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 3 O.R.s left from E 12-A 1.0 reached a point 30 yards from house at E 12-A 4.0. A M.G. & h.P. were located. A patrol which left on line at E 11-D 4.4 met with strong opposition from approximately E 11-D 7.4 and the commander of the patrol is reported missing. Lieut N.S. MADDOX M.C. + 5 O.R.s left on line at about 5 pm and brought back 12 prisoners from post at about E 17-B 75-95. Report on enterprise attached. Prisoners belonged to 205 th B.I.R. Gas projectors we used on our front and attached . Orders in reference to proposed enemy attacks on our position are attached.	No 15 No 16 No 17
" "	16		Lieut DAVIS and 3 O.R.s left E 11-B 9.3 to locate new enemy works near ledge E 12-A 3.0. A M.G. post was found in house at E 12-C 45-95 and an enemy	

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FRANCE Sheets 27SE & 36 ^A NE #E1-C.O.8	JUNE 16		post in shell hole at E12 - A3-D. Three of the enemy were killed by this patrol. Lieut DAVIS was wounded and could not get back to our lines one of the men of the patrol remained with him. Later 16 men crawled out to try and get Lt DAVIS but were unsuccessful. Enemy more alert than usual. 2 nd HIKOT DAVIS wounded & missing. 1 O.R. missing. 1 O.R. wounded. Lieut D. B. HARRIS returned from hospital.	
		17	BN relieved by 9 th BN as per Order No 16 attached, and moved to Bivouac Area	NO 18
Sheet 27SE V23-B2.8		18	BN in Reserve. Ordered to move to Rest area. BN Operation Order attached	NO 19
Sheet 36 ^A NE C11-C5.7		19	BN in Camp at SERCUS. Day spent in cleaning up equipment and resting. Capt S. GILMOUR to DIV. Reinforcement Camp. Capt F ANGEL to hospital.	
		20	BN in Camp. Training as per Syllabus. The following N.C.O.'s & men were awarded The Military Medal:- No 1612 CPL SCHWAB, E, 584 PTE GARDNER, T. H. C. 5707 PTE HASTINGS, S. P. - 6643 L/CPH SIMMS, W. A. M. Lt LANGFORD F. returned from Reinforcement Camp.	NO 20
		21	BN in Camp - Training as per Syllabus. Lt F. R. IMRAY to hospital.	

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FRANCE SHEET 36 NW	JUNE 21		Lieut S. V. KIRWOOD M.M. to hospital. Lieut A. J. Robinson to hospital. Recommendations as per lists attached, forwarded.	Recommendations NO 21
"	22		BN in Camps. Training as per Syllabus. While in this area one BN in the Brigade was detailed as Inlying Picquet each night and had to be prepared to move at half-hour notice. Capt HASTIE, T. M.C. to Leurs Gun Course at LE TOUQUET. Capt B. M. O'SULLIVAN taken on strength from Supernumerary	
	23		BN in Camps. Brigade Church parade. Lieut R. H. BARBER, M.C. to Rest Camps. Lieut J. G. HALL returned from 2 nd ARMY School.	
	24		BN in Camps. Training as per Syllabus. Lieut N. W. GUYENS to Rest Camps. 2 nd LIEUTS J. H. COLVIN, M.M. and F. E. FLEMING joined BN from Cadet BN. Lieut S. E. COHEN to be Q.M. vice Hon. Capt. H. S. HAWKER, M.C. to Australia. Message re sudden move in case of attack attached.	No 22.
	25		BN in Camps. Brigade Sports. 5 th BN. won Brigade competitions + holds Cup until next competitions. Concert held on Sports ground at night.	
	26		BN in Camps. Training carried on. BN. 7 Boy Dull.	

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FRANCE Sheets 36ANW E 1-CO-8	JUNE 27		BN. moved to Bivouac area at Sheet 27 SE - W 16 - B 7.4 as per Operation Order No 17 attached. BN spent nearly all day erecting a Camp in this area. then moved forward at night to Support Position as per previous order No 17. Dispositions were as follows. Hdqrs. W 20 - B 65 - 85. A + B Coys at W 20 - A 95 - 9 - C + D Coys at W 21 - B 3 8. Lines running in front of these locations were occupied by BN. in case of attack. Nucleus reformed as per list attached and moved to V 10 - A 6 - 0. No 907 Sgt A.T. MORRISON + 2012 Cpl J.V. Rully awarded D.C.M.	No 23
Sheet 27 SE W 20 - B 65 - 85		28	BN. in Support. Working parties carried on with improving their trench lines. Lieut. W. J. ELLISON to 2 nd ARMY Intelligence School. 1 O.R. wounded.	No 24
		29	BN. in Support. Usual working parties supplied.	
		30	BN. in Support. Usual working parties supplied. Lieut. A TAVENER to 2 nd ARMY Lewis Gun Course. R. M. O's report for month attached	No 25

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9	BN. Operation Order. #
10	List of Recommendations.
11	BN. Operation Order + Administrative Instructions.
12	Message regarding relief from 2nd A I Bde.
13	Sketch of Dispositions.
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16	Order re Gas Troops
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18	BN. Operation Order No 16
19	BN. Operation Order.
20	Training Syllabus.
21	Recommendations for Awards.
22	Message from 2nd A I Bde. re move in case of attack.
23	BN. Operation Order No 17 also Administrative Instructions.
24	Roll of Nucleus.
25	R. M. O's report for months work.

App. B. C. H. W. A. L. I. N. T.
A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z.

CONTACT AEROPLANE DEMONSTRATION.

APPENDIX

Reference Sheet 36A.

1. A contact aeroplane demonstration will take place on 1st June.
2. The objects of the demonstration are :-
 - (a) To demonstrate the various methods of indicating our positions to aeroplanes.
 - (b) To enable troops to judge the various heights at which aeroplanes are flying.
 - (c) To practice transmitting messages by means of aeroplanes.
3. For the purpose of the demonstration trenches will be manned as under :-

5th Bn.	- Trench running from C.16.B.2.8. - C.10.D.4.0. - C.10.D.8.2.
7th Bn.	- Trench running from C.10.D.8.2. (exclusive) - C.11.C.2.6.
8th Bn.	- Trench running from C.16.B.7.3. - C.17.A.1.6.
8th Bn.	- Trench running from C.17.A.1.6. (exclusive) - C.17.A.55.95.
4. The following troops (not less than 400 per Battalion) will attend the demonstration :-
 - (a) All Lewis gunners.
 - (b) All Signallers.
 - (c) All Officers and men who are not thoroughly familiar with contact aeroplane work.
5. All Companies will be ^{on parade} at 1 p.m.
6. The following methods of indicating positions to the contact aeroplane will be employed :-
 - (a) Groups of four rifles each rifle at an interval of one foot from the next will be laid on the parapet about every ²⁰ yards with muzzles facing towards the front.
 - (b) On the aeroplane calling for same by means of its claxton horn ground flares will be lit in the bottom of the trench.

It should be explained to troops that in actual practice only the most advanced troops must light flares.
7. To indicate the height at which the aeroplane is flying the following lights will be fired :-

500 feet	White
1000 "	Red
2000 "	Red and White in succession
3000 "	Red and Green in succession.

Lewis gunners will take particular notice of these lights and it should be impressed on them that Lewis guns fire is practically useless against aeroplanes when flying above 3,000 feet. Lewis guns will be mounted in the trenches and A.A. sights employed. No loaded magazine must be in the possession of any Lewis gunner.
8. Aeroplane signalling stations will be established at or in the vicinity of Brigade Headquarters, C.9.D.7.4.; 5th Bn. Hdqtrs., C.16.D.2.4.; and 7th Bn. Hdqtrs., C.11.C.5.7. Ground sheets and POPHAM panels will be used and short messages will be signalled from each Battalion Headquarters to the aeroplane which will then drop them at the Brigade Headquarters station.
9. Coy. Commanders will arrange for short lectures to be delivered to the men prior to the demonstration, explaining to them what it is intended to carry out, and also the importance of contact flying.
10. In conjunction with the aeroplane demonstration message rockets will be used. Each Bn. will fire between the hours of 2 P.M. & 3 P.M. 2 rockets bearing messages to Bdc. Hdqtrs. O.C. No.4 Signal Section, will arrange to post sentries in the vicinity of Bdc. Hdqtrs. to warn all passers by and to collect the rockets.

(Sgd) A.O. RIGG, Lieut.
Adjt.

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SECRET. Copy No.Headquarters 5th Battalion A.I.F.
2/6/18.BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 7 BY
LIEUT. COL. D. A. LUTON D.S.O. COMMANDING.

Reference Sheets 27 & 36A 1 : 40,000.

- RELIEF. 1. (a) 2nd A.I. Bde. will ~~be~~ relieved the 1st A.I. Bde. in the Div. Support area on the 3rd inst.
(b) 5th Inf. Bn. will proceed by route march to relieve the 2nd Inf. Bn. at V.8.d.3.5.
- STARTING POINT. Bn. will move from Bn. parade ground at 8 a.m.
- ROUTE. 2. C.5.C.2.4. - G.6. Central - V.25 Central - V.19.B.4.5. - V.20.B.8.2.
- ORDER OF MARCH. 3. H.Q. Sigs., Intell., Band, "D" Coy.; H.Q. Details; "G", "B" and "A" Coys., A.M.C., Guard & Police.
- DRESS. 4. ~~Wear~~ Fighting order. Steel helmets to be carried on haversack. Greatcoats rolled and strapped on to the belt at the back; waterbottles to be filled.
- PACKS. 5. Packs will be clearly marked and dumped at entrance to camp by 7.30 a.m. where they will be picked up by motor lorry and will not return to Battalion till; tour of duty in forward area has been completed. O.C. "A" Coy. will detail 1 man to remain with the packs as guard.
- BLANKETS. 6. Will be rolled in bundles of 10, clearly marked and stacked near entrance to camp by 7.30 a.m.
- DISTANCES. 7. The following distances will be maintained:- between Coys. 100 yards; between Bns. 500 yards; between unit and transport 100 yards.
- HALTS. 8. There will be halts of 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour.
- TRANSPORT. 9. Will move with Bn. On completion of move Transport will be brigaded and occupy lines at V.14.C.5.0.
COOKERS. Cookers will move in rear of respective Coys. T.O. will notify Coys. at the time at which horses will call for cockers.
- LEWIS GUNS. 10. Lewis guns, with the exception of A.A. gun, will be packed in limbers on night of 2nd/3rd inst. A.A. gun will be carried on the Company cockers.
- ADVANCE PARTY. 11. Lieut. G.E. BOOTH and 1 N.C.O. per Coy., with bicycles, will proceed to new billets to take over billets, stores etc. This party will report to B.H.Q. at 7.45 a.m.
- DEFENCE SCHEMES. 12. Defence schemes and information of value to the incoming units will be handed over.
ETC. 13. Area stores, surplus S.A.A., bombs, etc., and extra wag carts will be handed over, and receipt obtained for same. Receipts will be obtained in TRIPLICATE. All tents and trench shelters will be left standing.

P.T.O.

VALISES & REGTL. 14. Will be stacked near entrance to camp at 7 a.m.
& O.C.Y. RECORDS.

CERTIFICATES. 15. Certificates of cleanliness will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 7.45 a.m. to Bn. Orderly Officer.

REPORTS. 16. To head of column.

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(Sgd) A.O. RIGG, Lieut.
Mjt.

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5th BATTALION WARNING ORDER.

Reference Sheets 27 & 36A 1 : 40,000.

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The 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 3rd Aust. Inf. Bdo. in the line on the 4th inst. and night of 4/5th inst.

5th Battalion will relieve the 9th Battalion in the line Left of the Brigade sub-sector.

Advance party of 1 Officer and at least 4 N.C.Os. per Company will be sent to all posts on the night 3rd/4th inst. and remain there.

Dispositions of the 5th Battalion will be :-

- "A" Coy. Line Right.
- "B" " " Centro
- "D" " " Left.
- "C" " Support.

Advance party will take over all maps, plans of work, trench stores, etc. and receipts forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 2 a.m. on the 5th inst.

Nucleus Battalion will be reformed and will relieve Nucleus Battalion of the 3rd Aust. Inf. Bdo. on the BORRE - PRADILLAS defences.

Personnel detailed from this Battalion under the charge of Major H. CARTER will report to Major SWIFT, 7th Bn., at 7th Bn. Headquarters - V.16.A.8.1. - at 1 p.m. on the 4th inst.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) A.C. RICE, Lieut.
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4/6/18.

BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 8 BY

LIEUT.-COL. D.A. LUXTON C.M.G., D.S.O. COMMANDING.

Reference Sheets 27 & 36A 1 : 40,000.

RELIEF.

1. The 2nd A.I.Bde. will relieve the 3rd A.I.Bde. in the line on 4th inst. and night of 4/5th inst. 5th Inf. Bn. will relieve the 9th Inf. Bn.

DISPOSITIONS.

2. Coys. will be disposed as follows :-
 Line Right "B" Coy.
 Line Left "D" "
 Support Line "C" "
 Reserve Coy. "A" "

Bn. Hdqtrs. will be located at W.18.D.1.5.

DEFENCE SCHEMES, ETC.

3. All maps, plans of work, defence schemes and information of value will be taken over. Area and trench stores will be taken over and receipts obtained. Receipts will be forwarded to Bn. Hdqtrs. by 2 a.m. on the 5th inst.

DISPOSITION SKETCHES.

4. Coy. Commanders' Disposition sketches will be forwarded to Bn. Hdqtrs. by 3 a.m. on the 5th inst.

NUCLEUS COY.

5. Will be reformed and join 2nd A.I.Bde. Nucleus Bn. which will be located at near BORRE.

TRANSPORT.

5. Transport lines will not move.

STARTING POINT.

6. Head of column will pass starting point - Cross roads - at V.11.C.1.4. Coys. will pass starting point as follows :
 "D" Coy. 8 p.m.
 "B" " 8.10
 "C" " 8.20
 "A" " 8.30

ROUTE.

7. Starting Point - V.18.B. - W.13 C. & D. - W.20.A.& B. - W.16. C. & D. - W.17. C. & D., - to W.24.A.8.8. where guides will meet Coys.

DISTANCES.

8. The following distances will be maintained :- 100 yards between platoons and 200 yards between Coys.

GUIDES.

9. Guides will meet Coys. at W.24.A.8.8.

DRESS.

10. Fighting order, 200 rounds S.A.A. and 1 bomb per man, will be carried; waterbottles filled, one iron ration and 24 hours ~~man~~ rations. Groatcoats will be rolled in waterproof sheets and carried on top of the haversack.

RELIEF.

11. Relief will be notified to Bn. Hdqtrs. by wiring the word CALM.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) A.O. RIGG, Lieut. Adjt.

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1	File	
4	Brigade	Runner
6	O.C. "B" Coy.	"
8	" "D" "	"
10	Sig. & Intell.	"

Copy No.	To whom.	Method.
2 & 3	War Dairy	
5	O.C. "A" Coy.	Runner
7	" "C" "	"
9	Q.M. & T.O.	"

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Headquarters 5th Battalion A.I.F.
4/6/18.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCOMPANY.OPERATION ORDER No. 8.

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LEWIS GUNS.

1. All Lewis guns will be loaded on limbers ready to move by 4 p.m. on 4th inst. 20 magazines per gun must be with the gun at all times. Lewis gun limber will move in rear of first platoon of each company.

VALISES, COY. & RESERVE BOXES, &c.

2. Will be stacked at Coy. Hdqtrs. by 2.30 p.m. today and conveyed to Q.M. Store by horse transport.

HATS.

3. Felt hats will be marked with name of soldier and stacked at Coy. Hdqtrs. by 2.30 p.m. today.

RATIONS.

4. No. 1 DUMP will be situated at X.19.A.1.6. for Line Coys. and Support Coy. Sgt. CUNNINGHAM will be in charge of No. 1 Dump. No. 2 DUMP will be situated at W.18.D.1.5. for Bn. Headquarters and Reserve Coy. Rations for Line Coys. will be carried by Reserve Coy. from dump to the posts. Rations will be made up for each post at the dump by C.Q.M.S. and Line Coys. will send a guide to the dump to guide post party direct to the post, and so prevent the crowding of ration parties round Coy. Hdqtrs.

COOKING.

5. All cooking will be done at the waggon lines except that tea for Support and Reserve Coys. will be made at Battalion Headquarters.

CANTEEN STORES.

6. Coys. will forward by morning runner a list of stores which they require the Canteen Officer to purchase.

S.A.A. & GRENADES.

7. DUMP will be situated at X.19.A.1.6. Grenade Officer (Lieut. J.W. MAUNSELL) will be in charge and all requisitions for bombs, S.A.A., etc., will be forwarded to Grenade Officer.

R.A.P.

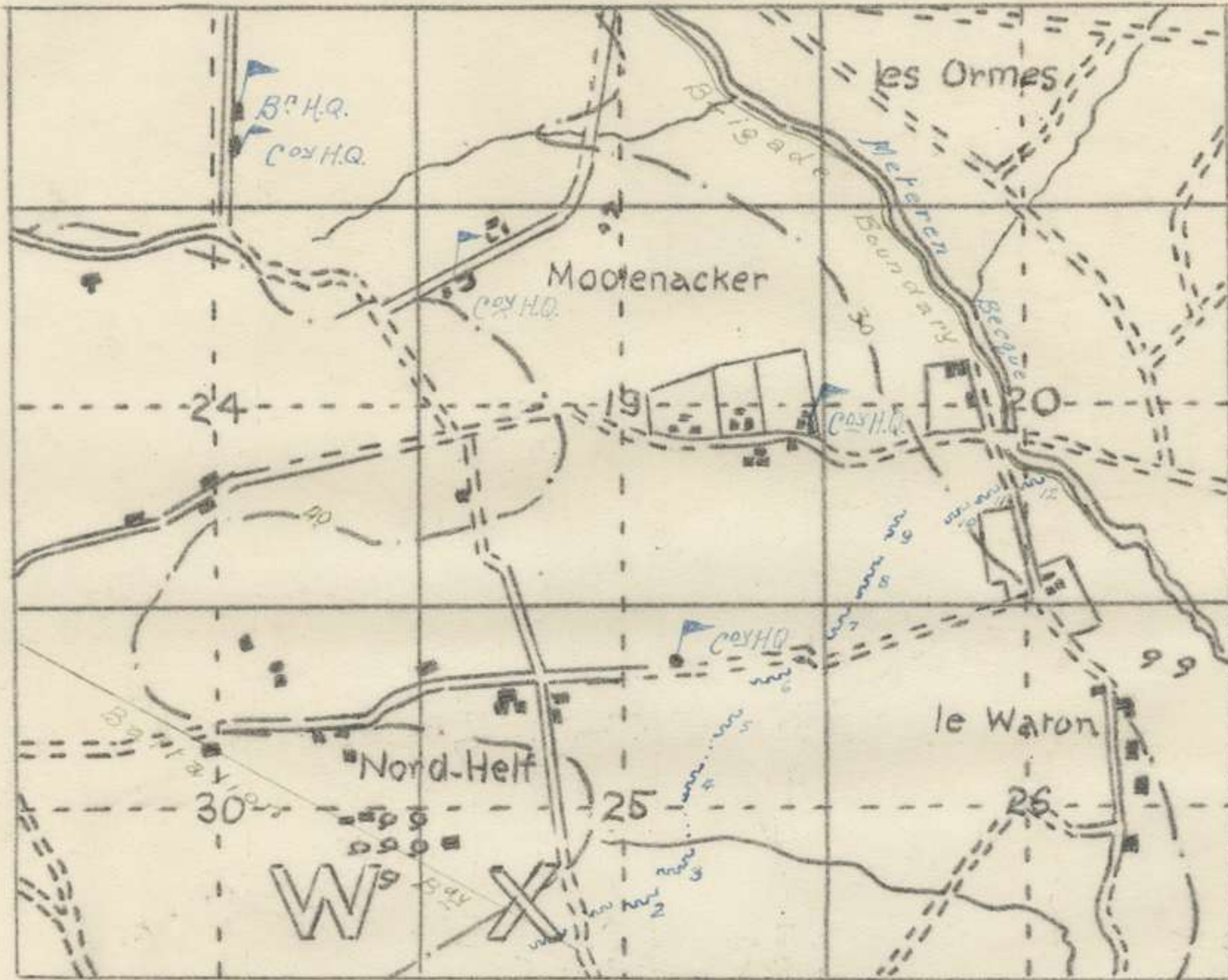
8. Will be situated at W.24.A.5.7.

ACKNOWLEDGE.(Sgd) A.O. RIGG, Lieut.
Adjt.

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10	T.C.	"
11	Sig. & Intell. Offs.	"

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NOMINAL ROLL OF OTHER RANKS DETAINED FOR NUCLEUS
COMP NY, 5th BATTALION.

Headquarters.

No. 96 C.S.M. D. Smith M.C.
311 Sgt. C.H. Phillips M.M.
6282 Cpl. J.P. Fogarty.

4233 Sgt. A. Lampard
409 Sgt. C. St. V. Dawson M.M.
Wm R. Owens

1. Signallers.

3973 L/Cpl. E. J. Cabbins
5734 Pte. H.D. Moore
398 " B. Harrison

20 Pte. J. Boldarini
3811 " D. J. Ferguson

" Company.

2878 Sgt. J.P. O'Bye
2734 L/Cpl. G. Jones

6047 Cpl. O.C. Murphy
~~3373~~

Runners.

3373 Pte. H. Petric

Lewis Gunners.

5984 L/Cpl. R. J. Caldwell
6044 Pte. A.S. McPherson
4259 " K. Newton
3692 " S.L. Andrews

4507 L/Cpl. E. Shields
1859 Pte. R.W. Mason
4227 " J.C. Jones
5943 " T. Seoberg

Scouts.

1487 Pte. L. Johnson
1709b " C.H. Thomas

6240 Pte. S. J. Downes
7031 " A.E. Irvine

Rifle Grenadiers.

3897 Pte. T.A. Lewis
2455 " J.L. Broadgrass
6394 " J. Evans

3120 Pte. E.E. Hayes
7286 " P.P. Keeney

Signallers.

6394 Pte. T. Manshaw

3736 " I. J. O'Neill

Stretcher bearer.

7035 Pte. K.G. Wright.

"B" Coy.

699 L/Sgt. J.R. Burton
7068 L/Cpl. D. Orchard

6650 Cpl. T.F. O'Connell

Lewis Gunners.

5375 Pte. S.D. Pollockton
6324 " W.E. Elliott
4937 " A. Sullivan
6104 " H.T. Winter

6501 Pte. C.L. Graham
1638b " A.S. Lowrie
657b " E.B. Pitterson
6076 " J.A. Scott

Rifle Grenadiers.

9755 Pte. F. Pickup
6716 " J. Barrow

6570 " F. Richard
6639 " G. B. Silvester

Scouts.

5674 Pte. A.H. Cole
5786 " L. Worsley

8284 " J. Cheverton
7582 " P. F. Womersley

Signallers.

6907 Pte. W. Wilmott

Runners.

2736 Pte. T. ... Butcher

5710 " J. Hough

"C" Coy.

5412 Sgt. R. Smith
335 L/Cpl. C. T. Chapman

1246 Cpl. W. Jew

Lewis Gunners.

7210 Pte. L. Carson
3830 3830 " J. ... Gray

6887 Pte. A. ... Tinsley
7252 " F. B. Gabriel

Rifle Grenadiers.

7071 Pte. J. Ritchie
7326 " L. Thompson

5789 Pte. L. J. Williams

Scouts.

3651 Pte. D. J. Jones

6665 Pte. D. E. Duncan

Riflemen

3539 Pte. P. Klot
3799 " K. G. Crabtree
Sniper. 379 Pte. C. C. Broadhurst

Signallers.

4329 Pte. R. G. Matthews

167 Pte. W. Bedford

Stretcher-bearer.

3164 Pte. A. ...

P.F.O.

"D" Coy. 4762a Sgt A. P. Crookall 906 Col. P. R. Mann
 6825 L/Cpl J. J. Rooney
Lewis Gunners.
 6988a L/Cpl J. Bradley 1217 L/Cpl J. McDonald
 5745 Pte J. T. Gibb 7548 Pte H.B. Reidy
 2258 " J. D. Skimmon 2232 " L. H. Jones
 6741 " W. L. Box 7455 " E. P. Bennett
Rifle Grenadiers.
 5735 Pte ... Davis 3688 Pte ... Anderson
 7204 " S. Baxter 4841 L/Cpl J. C. Hayward
Miners.
 6907 L/Cpl E. Johnson 6827 Pte M. J. Free
 6904 Pte ... Tennent 6371 " G. ... Wallon
Signallers.
 3958 Pte H. McE. Rolis 6593 Pte V. G. J. Snod

OFFICERS.

Headquarters. Major A. Carter Lieut. ... F. Béchervaise
 (Rear Headquarters)
 " " Coy. Captain S. G. Gilmour
 "B" Coy. Lieut. ... H. Gillies Lieut. W. T. Bickle
 "C" Coy. Captain F. H. ... lby (School)
 "D" Coy. Captain S. Ricketson DCL. (School)
 Lieut. F. R. Foray Lieut. D. J. Alters
 Lieut. J. B. Hall.

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For War Diary. EXTRACT FROM 2nd A.I.Bde. INTELLIGENCE
SUMMARY No. 4.

From 6 a.m. 7/6/18 to 6 a.m. 8/6/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Infantry.

Minor enterprises. - 1. At 5 a.m. (7th inst.) Cpl. SCHWAB 5th Bn. left from X.20.c.5.5. with 2 men and proceeded to X.20.C.72.20 from which position 2 men could be seen in a post at X.20.C.75.20. Our men crawled forward and captured the 2 Huns and returned to our lines with them without other hostile posts opening fire. Wire was noticed in front of the post at X.20.C.75.25. Immediately in front of post the crop was cut for a distance of about 20 yards leaving only a narrow strip of corn sufficient to screen the post.

2. At 9 a.m. Sgt. MORRISON and 2 men (5th Bn.) decided that they could capture some prisoners and they left our line from X.20.C.2.2. and proceeded towards hostile post at X.26.A.6.8. A continuous trench with wire in front was crossed and it was observed to be lightly occupied about X.26.A.80.92. Crossing over road the enemy post at X.26.A.6.8. was rushed, garrison of 9 completely surprised and brought back to our lines together with a machine gun which was in the post. A few shots were fired at returning party from X.26.a.60.92. but no damage was done. We had no casualties in these daylight raids. The post was well stocked with ammunition and also with a quantity of our Mills grenades.

3. Lieut. PARKER and 3 other ranks of the 5th Bn. left from X.20.C.7.7. at 10.45 a.m. (7th inst.) to raid enemy post at X.20.C.7.2. When party was about 20 yards from post, they were observed by a sentry so they rushed the post immediately. A very brisk fight took place in which 8 Huns were killed. M.Gs. opened fire from various positions and it was not possible for our party to gain identification. Our party returned without casualties. The post rushed formed part of a continuous trench.

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"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121
(In pads of 100.)

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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
A2876	7th		

Mr. Commander wishes
to congratulate your Batt
on the energy and
enterprise displayed
this morning

From: [Signature]
Place: [Signature]
Time:

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

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SECRET.BATTALION ORDER NO 8 BYLT COL. D. A. LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. COMMANDING.Reference Sheets : 27 S.E. & 36A N.E. 1 : 20,000.

RE-ORGANISATION. 1. Re-organisation of the Divl. sector takes place on the 8th and night of 8th/9th inst.

RELIEF.

2. (a) 1st Bn. will relieve from and including No.5 post to and including No.12 post.
 (b) 4th Bn. will relieve No. 1 to 4 Posts including ^{five} "A" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve posts 5, 6 & 7 and Coy. Hdqtrs. of "B" Coy. 5th Bn.
 "B" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve Posts Nos.8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 and Coy. Hdqtrs. of "D" Coy. 5th Bn.
 "C" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve "C" Coy. 5th Bn. in the Support system between the line X.19.C.5.0. - W X.24.B.05.85. and left Boundary of Division.
 "D" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve "A" Coy. 5th Bn.

GUIDES.

3. 1 Guide from each post of the line Coy. and 1 guide per platoon at "B" Coy. Hdqtrs. will be sent to W.24. A.6.8. (R.A.P.) at dusk. "C" Coy. will send 4 guides for the 1st Bn. and 2 Guides for the 4th Bn. to the same location.

L.G. LIMBERS.

4. 1 limber per Coy. for "B", "C" & "D" Coys. will report at No.1 Dump at 11 p.m. to convey L.Gs., etc.

DRESS

5. 1 bomb per man and 220 rounds S.A.A. will be carried under Coy. arrangements to the new area.

MOVEMENT ON RELIEF.

- On relief Coys. will move to V.24. Route W.17.C. & D. -
 6. W.13. D. Guides will meet Coys. at cross roads at W.24.b.9.2.

COMBINED POST.

7. 1 section of "A" Coy. will man posts in "C" line at W.19.A.5.2.

COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

- Completion of relief will be notified by wiring the
 8. word "WEAK."

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) A.O. RIGG, Lieut.
Adjt.

Extracts from Honours File. 5th Battalion A.I.F.

No. 907 Sgt ARTHUR THOMAS MORRISON. In broad daylight on the morning of 7th June 1918 near METEREN Sgt Morrison and 2 O.R. surprised an enemy post, which had been raided about two hours previously and captured 9 of the enemy and a light M.G. He made a thorough search round the trench to find any papers etc, and then returned with the prisoners to our own line. This N.C.O. has been with the Battalion since the outset and has shown the greatest courage and initiative on all occasions.

Recommended by Lt-Col D.A.LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. for D.C.M.

7/6/18. No. 2012 Cpl. JOHN VALENTINE REILLY. In broad daylight on the morning of 7th June 1918 near METEREN this N.C.O. and 2 O.R. went out and captured 2 of the enemy from one of their posts and returned safely to our lines. Later the same party visited another post and after a great struggle killed 8 of the enemy. This operation was one which needed great determination and pluck, and but for their courage and initiative this party must have become casualties because the post was held in such great strength. This N.C.O. grappled with one of the enemy while in the post and after a struggle shot him through the head with his revolver.

Recommended by Lt-Col LUXTON CMG DSO for D.C.M.

No.1612 Cpl. ERNEST SCHWAB. In broad daylight on the morning of the 7th June 1918 ~~near~~ when near METEREN Cpl. SCHWAB was one of a party of 3 who surprised an enemy post and captured 2 of the enemy. Later he assisted 2 others to kill 8 of the enemy after a long fight. The post was strongly held and but for the courage and initiative of this NCO the party must have become casualties. The party was forced to evacuate the post on account of extremely heavy machine gun fire which was opened on them from five different positions.

Recommended by Lt-Col D. A. LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. for M.M.
CLIFTON

No. 584 Pte THOS/ HENRY/GARDNER. In broad daylight on the morning of 7th June 1918 near METEREN this man was one of a party of 3 who captured 2 of the enemy. They afterwards visited another post and killed 8 of the enemy after a great fight. The post was very strongly held and but for the courage and initiative shown by this party they must have become casualties. The party was forced to evacuate the post on account of the extremely heavy M.G. fire which was opened on them from five different positions. Pte Gardner took part in two minor raids and showed great courage and pluck on all occasions.

Recommended by Lt-Col D.A.LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. for M.M.

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7/6/18. No. 5707 Pte STEPHEN PATRICK HASTINGS. In broad daylight on the morning of the 7th June 1918 near METEREN this man was one of a party of 3 who surprised an enemy post and captured the garrison of 9 and a Machine Gun and brought them all back to our lines safely. He showed great courage and initiative and set a splendid example to men of the Battalion. This man had previously done remarkably good patrol work during former tours in the line.

Recommended by Lt-Col D.A.LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. for M.M.

No. 6643 L/Cpl WILLIAM ANDREW MALCOLM SIMMS. In broad daylight on the morning of the 7th June 1918 near METEREN L/Cpl Simms in company with a Sgt and 1 man surprised an enemy post and captured 9 of the enemy and 1 machine gun, and brought them all back to our lines. This N.C.O. showed great courage and initiative and has set a splendid example to other men of the Battalion at all times.

Recommended by Lt-Col D.A.LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. for M.M.

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Headquarters 5th Battalion A.I.F.
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APPENDIX

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BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 10 BY

LIEUT.-COL. D.A. LUXTON G.M.G. D.S.O. COMMANDING.

Reference Sheets 27 S.E. & 36A N.E. 1 : 20,000.

RELIEF.

1. An inter-battalion relief will take place on the 12th inst. and night of 12th/13th inst. as under:-
 - (a) 5th Bn. will relieve 7th Bn. in the Right sector of the Brigade sub-sector.
 - (b) On completion of relief 7th Bn. will move back into the area now occupied by, and take over the duties of 5th Bn.

ADVANCE PARTIES.

3. Advance parties from Coys. will be sent into all posts 24 hours prior to relief.
 - "C" Coy. will relieve Front Line Right;
 - "A" Coy. will relieve Front Line Left;
 - "B" Coy. will relieve Support Coy; and
 - "D" Coy. will relieve Reserve Coy.

DISPOSITIONS.

3. Company Headquarters are located as follows :-

"C" Coy. Line Right.	E.11.A.20.40.
"A" Coy. " Left.	E.5.C.50.00.
"B" Coy. Support.	E.4.C.8.8.
"D" Coy. Reserve	W.27.D.6.5.

DETAILS OF RELIEF.

4. Company Commanders will reconnoitre positions, and will arrange mutually between Coys. concerned details of relief not herein provided for.

DEFENCE SCHEMES, MFC.

5. All maps, documents and information of value to the incoming Unit will be handed over. Area and trench stores will be exchanged and receipts given. DUPLICATED receipts will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters, by first runner on 13th inst.

DISPOSITION SKETCHES.

6. Original Company Commanders' Disposition sketches will be sent to Battalion Headquarters, by first runner the day after relief takes place.

DRESS.

7. Fighting order; greatcoat rolled in groundsheet and carried on back; one iron ration and unexpanded portion of day's rations, and full waterbottles will be carried.

COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

8. Completion of relief will be notified by sending by wire the code word "KASK".

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

(Sgd) S. RICKETSON, Capt.
Actg. Adjt.

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13	R.M.O.	"

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"A" Sig. & Intell.Offs.
"B" Q.M.
"C" T.O.
"D" R.M.O.

Operation

Reference Battalion/Order No. 10 of 11/6/18, Para. 1, sub-para. (b) should read "On completion of relief 7th Bn. will move back into the area occupied by and take over the duties of the 8th Bn."

(Sgd) S. RICKETSON, Capt.
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCOMPANYBATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 10.Reference Sheets 27 S.E. & 362 N.E.
1 : 20,000.MOVE?

1. Companies will leave present billets at following times :-
- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| "A" Coy. | 9 P.M. |
| "D" " | 9 P.M. |
| "C" " | 9.30 P.M. |
| "B" " | 9.45 P.M. |

L.G. LIMBERS.

2. These will report to Company Hdqtrs. at following time
- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| "A" Coy. | 9 P.M. |
| "B" " | 9.30 P.M. |
| "C" " | 9.30 P.M. |
| "D" " | 9 P.M. |

Nos. 1 of each gun will proceed with the Company limber
of Battalion Hdqtrs.

In the case of "B" & "D" Coys. the limbers will go direct to Coy. Hdqtrs. and unload there. In the case of "A" and "C" Coys. the limbers will go to where road crosses railway at E.3.D.2.7. and unload there. Coy. Commanders will be responsible for guiding their Coy. limber to place where the guns are to be unloaded

COOKERS.

3. The Quartermaster will be responsible for seeing that these are guided to their proper locations. They will be drawn tonight by 7th Bn. transport horses. These will report at 9 P.M.

DETACHED PARTIES.

4. The party from "D" Coy. of 1 Off. and 40 O.Rs. at present in BORRE will be relieved at 9 A.M. tomorrow morning (13th inst.) They will rejoin their Coy. in the Reserve position on relief, moving forward in parties of 10 at 5 minutes between parties.

VALISES, BLANKETS, ETC.

5. Each Coy's. ration limber will take as many valises, blankets, etc., back as possible after bringing up tonight's rations. The balance will be taken back by the Coy. L.G. limber after moving the Coy. forward this evening. Q.M. will arrange to leave a bandsman at each Coy. as guard over Coy. dump until it is moved

CARRYING PARTY.

6. All carrying forward will be done by Reserve Coy. An Officer will be detailed each night from this Coy. to see that carrying parties get away correctly and to time.

R.A.P.

7. R.A.P. is established at E.4.D.3.C.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

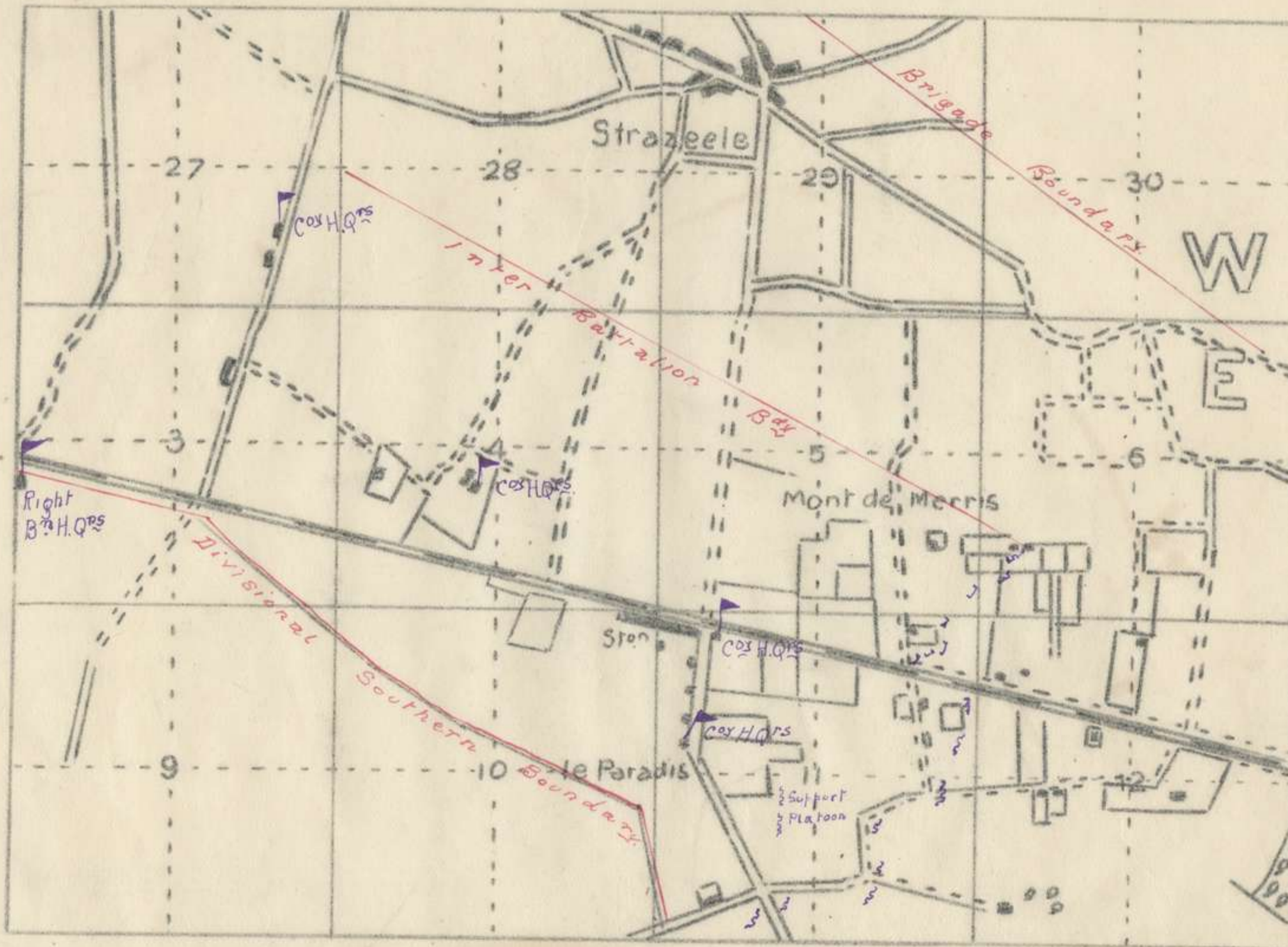
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5th Battalion will relieve 7th Battalion in the right section of the Bde sub-sector on night 13/14th inst. On completion of relief 7th Battalion will move back into Bde reserve & take over the quarters now occupied by 5th Battalion, Bde units acknowledge

From	2nd A.I. Bde
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The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	(Z) <i>[Signature]</i> Capt.
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Right Centre Coy 77 BATTALION

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Night 11/11/40

Patrol leader and ...

Location of Departure E 11. B 9-9

Relief E 6. C 1-3

Object to call in contact parties

Report

Penetration of ... a depth of 500 yds ...

Post was ... in possession of correct map ...

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PATROL MAP.



15/6/18.

No. 11 PlatoonNo. 10 Post.

I took out a patrol consisting of 5 O.R. viz. Sgt. A.H.G. LUCAS, Cpl JACOB, L/Cpl JACKSON (No. 9 Platoon), Pte MERRIN (9 Platoon) and Pte E. SHEPHERD.

Object of Patrol to find Cpl. E.M. CHAMBERS, who was missing, and also to secure identification.

We left No 10 Post without any identification on us whatever and were armed with revolvers and 1 bomb per man - Pte Shepherd took a rifle and bayonet also.

We made our way along the PLATE BECQUE to enemy position and found same to be unoccupied (it was in this vicinity that Cpl. CHAMBERS was supposed to have been taken prisoner.) We then searched about and found absolutely no trace so we crossed the Becque on a board just past solitary tree (the Becque containing water about 5 ft deep and about 5 ft wide.)

On coming to the other side we had to get through a newly wired barb wire fence and made our way through a pea crop about 8 in

high for about 60 yards when we were suddenly fired on. Sgt Lucas, Pte Merrin and self were in the lead, as I had left the other three to watch our rear near the wire fence on Becque, about 60 yards back. We immediately rushed the 3 sentries and beckoned to the others to reinforce and as a matter of fact they had already started to our assistance.

The sentries willingly surrendered and threw their rifles away but we found we were in a nest of about 8 posts, by this time we had emptied 3 posts and the remainder of the party had joined us and were busy emptying out some of the other posts which was very quickly done at the sight of bombs and revolvers.

The only trouble we encountered was a Sgt who persisted in squealing for help and would not come out of his dugout, but with the aid of Pte Merrin's boot and my revolver after pulling the cover off we soon started him off home with the rest, who were by this time crossing the becque. They walked quickly up the fence and were just nearing the road where we had to make a sharp turn to the left to get to my post when one of my escort fired a revolver shot under one's heels followed by several other shots and this started a marathon run to Coy. Hqs - a most amusing scene. Prisoners numbered 6 N.C.Os

6 Ptes.

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(Sd.) NEIL S. MADDOX Lt.

O.C. No. 11 Platoon

15/6/18.

APPENDIX 17 34BATTALION ORDER NO. 15 BYLIEUT.-COL. D. A. LUKTON C.M.G. D.S.O. COMMANDING.

- INFORMATION. Reference Shts - 27 S.E. & 36A N.E. - 1. 20.000.
1. From information received it is believed that the enemy intends to attack on the Corps Front on the morning of the 16th inst. All troops must be informed of this and told how much depends on their personal courage and determination to maintain the defences of the forward zone.
 2. An intense bombardment with H.E. and Gas and probably a heavy smoke screen may be expected along the whole front. As S.O.S. Signals may not be seen, short blasts on Strombos horns, lasting ten seconds will be used as supplementary S.O.S. signals. The horns will be installed in the front line forthwith. All ranks will be warned that this signal will differ from the Gas Alarm in that the signal will not be continuous, but in short blasts.
 3. The main line of resistance on the Divisional Front will be the COURTE CROIX Switch - STRAZEELE - STRAZEELE Avenue - Reserve Line and must be held at all costs. But at the same time the Brigade must keep its lines forward of this main line of resistance intact and if necessary counter-attacks will be delivered for this purpose. The men must realise that all posts must be held to the last.
- INSTRUCTIONS.
4. With a view to meet the attack the following steps will be taken and must be completed before midnight 15/16 inst.
 - (a) The Picquet Line will be thinned out. In each Coy. in the Picquet Line there will be three platoons in the firing line and one platoon in close support.
 - (b) Anti-aircraft Lewis Guns will be mounted in all trenches where troops are situated to deal with low flying hostile aircraft.
 - (c) All crops and hedges which obstruct the field of fire must be cut or thinned out. Sickles, shovels, entrenching tools, etc. will be used for this purpose.
- MINES.
5. (a) Road at E.11.c.7.3. will be mined and mines exploded before midnight 15/16th inst.
 - (b) The mine at E.3.d.2.5. at present guarded by the Reserve Company will NOT be exploded except by the order of the C.O.

(Sd.) S. RICKETSON, CAPTAIN.
Acting Adjutant.

Headquarters 5th Battalion A.I.F.
17/6/18.

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BATTALION ORDER NO 16 BY

Lieut-Col. D. A. LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. COMMANDING.

Reference Sheets 27 S.E. & 36A N.E. 1 = 20.000.
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RELIEF.

1. The 5th Bn will be relieved by the 9th Bn on the night of 17/18th inst. On relief the Bn will move to Bivouac Area V.23.b.2.8. and will then form portion of the Div. Reserve.

GUIDES.

2. "C" Coy. (Line Right) will have guides for each post waiting at R.A.P. at 10 p.m. "A" Coy. (Line Left) will have a guide for each post at Coy. Hqrs at the same time. The Support Coy. will have platoon guides at Coy. Hqrs at 9.15 p.m. Reserve Coy. will not be required to provide any special guides.

MAPS.

3. All maps; photos; plans of work and Defence Schemes connected with the respective areas and special duties supplied will be exchanged.

TRENCH STORES.

4. S.O.S. Signals; Ammunition, trench and area stores will be handed over on relief and receipts obtained. Two copies of these receipts will be forwarded to Bn Hqrs by 11 p.m. on 17th inst.

INTELLIGENCE.

5. Companies will complete their Intelligence reports up to 10 p.m. this evening and hand over same to the relieving unit.

LEWIS GUN LIMBERS.

6. Limbers for "C" Coy. will be where roadcrosses railway at E.3.d.2.6 at 10.30 p.m. Limber for "A" Coy. will be at Support Coy Hqrs E4.c.9.8 at 10.30 p.m. Limbers for Support and Reserve Coys will report at respective Coy Hqrs at 9.30 p.m.

COOKERS.

7. The cookers of line and support Coys will move to bivouac area on morning of 17th inst. Cooker for Reserve Coy. will proceed at 9.30 p.m. in the evening.

ADVANCED PARTIES.

8. The Bn 2nd in Command (Major H. CARTER) will arrange for taking over of bivouac area from the 9th Bn. He will see that guides (to be found from nucleus) are waiting for their respective Coys. at V.23.d.5.70 at following times: For "B" & "D" at 10.30 p.m. For "A" & "C" at 11.30 P.M.

BOMBS.

9. The full complement of ammunition and one bomb per man will be carried out.

GENERAL.

10. The R.M.O. will have his gear at Bn Hqrs at 10.30 p.m. to go by Bn Hqrs limber. Quartermasters will have Officers' valises and mens blankets and mail ready for them in the bivouac area. If a guard be necessary he will apply to MAJOR CARTER for one from nucleus. He will see that a hot meal is ready for Coys on their arrival in the new area. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between Os.C. concerned.

COMPLETION OF

RELIEF.

11. Completion of relief will be notified to Bn Hqrs by sending by wire in B.A.B. Code.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sd.) S. RICKETSON, Captain.
Acting Adjutant.

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2	"A" Coy	Runner
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7	O.C. NUCLEUS	"
8	9th BN	"

E.R. 78

Headquarters 5th Battalion A.I.F.
18/6/18.All Coys, Q.M. & T.O.

The Battalion will move by Route March to SERCUS area this afternoon 18th inst (C.11.c.5.7.)

ORDER OF MARCH. Sigs, Intelligence, "D" Coy., "B" Coy., "A" Coy., "C" Coy., H.Q. Details.

COOKERS. Cookers will move in rear of their respective Companies.

Head of column will pass starting point (V16.b.7.4) at 3.20 p.m.

ROUTE. V.16.b.7.4 - V.15.d.1.5 - V.15.d.2.3 - V.20;B.9.7.- V.20.B.8.2. - V.19.b.4.5.

DISTANCES. between Companies 100 yards - Transport 100 yards in rear of Headquarters Details.

HALTS. Halts of 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour.

NUCLEUS COY. will be disbanded and personnel therefrom will march with Coy. to which it belongs.

BAND. will meet the Battalion at 3.25 p.m. at V. 15.d.2.3.

VALISES &c. Valises and Blankets (rolled in bundles of ten) will be ready ay Coy. Hqrs at 2.45 p.m.

Leading Coy. are required to leave bivouac area at 3 p.m.

(Sd.) S. RICKETSON, Captain,
Acting Adjutant.

Extracts from Honours File.

4255 L/Cpl. Rayford Royal MCKAY. 5th Bn.

On the 14th June 1918 near MONT de MERRIS while taking a message from his post to the post on his right during a counter-attack by the enemy, L/Cpl McKay was seized by three Germans. Later, when one man was left as his escort, L/Cpl McKay waited his opportunity and attacked his escort. He then succeeded in returning to his post and together with a small party of men pursued a body of about 20 of the enemy across No Man's Land. This N.C.O.s dash and initiative undoubtedly saved his own life and caused many enemy casualties.

Recommended by Lieut-Col. D. A. LUXTON CMG DSO for M.M.

3676 Pte Atolf Aleksanter Aalto 5th Bn.

On the 14th June 1918 near MONT de MERRIS, when the enemy counter-attacked Pte Aalto who had only just taken up his position in a new Lewis Gun post found himself heavily attacked and, realising that his platoon post was depended on his protecting the flank he continued to work his gun thereby causing the enemy many casualties and preventing them getting round the flank of the platoon post. After having fired 600 rounds his gun was red hot and stopped and Pte Aalto withdrew under heavy fire carrying his gun.

Recommended by Lt-Col D.A. LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. for M.M.

29 15/6/18. Lieut. Neil Scott MADDOX M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At 6 P.M. on 15/6/18 near STRAZEELE this Officer took charge of a daylight raiding party, consisting of himself and 5 other ranks. They raided a series of enemy posts and captured 12 prisoners. His leadership and courage enabled the enterprise to be a great success. It was entirely due to his careful handling that his party was enabled to approach within rushing distance of the enemy. This Officer has previously been awarded the M.C. 39

Recommended by Lt-Col D.A. LUXTON CMG DSO for Bar to M.C.

14/6/18. No. 762 L/Cpl. Athur HALL MM & Bar. During an enemy attack on the platoon post on the morning of 14th June 1918 near STRAZEELE L/Cpl HALL organised a party to move forward to intercept the attacking enemy, who were endeavouring to envelope one of our posts. The action of this party undoubtedly saved the post on his flank from being surrounded. This M.C.O. has shown consistent courage and initiative and his example has had a marked effect upon the men of his platoon. He has already been awarded the M.M. & Bar.

Recommended by Lt-Col D. A. LUXTON D.M.G. D.S.O. for 2nd bar to M.M.

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15/6/18. No. 313 Sgt. Arthur Henry George LUCAS. At 6 P.M. on 15/6/18 in company with Lieut MADDOX M.C. and 4 other ranks, Sgt LUCAS proceeded on a daylight raid near STRAZEELE. A series of small posts was encountered and sentries commenced sniping. Without hesitation Sgt LUCAS in company with Lieut MADDOX and Pte MERRIN, rushed the sentries who surrendered when their posts were reached. This N.C.O. immediately rushed to another isolated dugout and captured 2 more prisoners. The success of the enterprise was entirely due to the dash; courage and determination of the individual. He has at all times shown consistent courage and devotion to duty.

Recommended by Lt-Col D.A.LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. for D.C.M.

No. 3144 Cpl. Ernest William JACOB. This N.C.O. in company with Lieut MADDOX and 4 O.R. proceeded on a daylight raid near STRAZEELE on 15/6/18. With 2 other men he covered the rear from interference from other enemy posts near by. Immediately it was found that the nest of posts being raided was strongly held, he reinforced the raiding party, and rushed an enemy post, bringing back with him one prisoner.

Recommended by Lt-Col D.A.LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. for M.M.

No. 2736 L/Cpl John David JACKSON. This N.C.O. in company with Lieut MADDOX and 4 O.R. proceeded on a daylight raid near STRAZEELE on 15/6/18. With 2 other men he covered the rear from interference from enemy posts near by. Immediately it was found that the nest of posts being raided was strongly held, he reinforced the raiding party and rushed an enemy post, bringing back two prisoners. He has consistently shown courage and determination as a leader of men.

Recommended by Lt-Col D.A.LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. for M.M.

No. 280 Pte Alfred Michael MERRIN. This soldier in company with Lieut MADDOX and 4 O.R. proceeded on a daylight raid near STRAZEELE METTREN on 15/6/18. They were sniped at from a group of posts and Pte MERRIN rushed one of the enemy and forced him to surrender. Singlehanded, he immediately captured the remaining two men of the post, and brought them back to our lines under heavy fire.

Recommended by Lt-Col D.A.LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. for M.M.

14/6/18. No. 3279 L/Cpl Ernest Victor FOWLER. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a determined enemy attack on our posts on the morning of 14th June 1918 near STRAZEELE, this N.C.O. took his Lewis Gun out into No Man's Land to hold up the enemy. He continued firing his gun during the attack and accounted for 20 of the enemy who were afterwards counted in front of his gun.

Recommended by Lt-Col D.A.LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. for M.M.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2121.
(In pads of 100.)

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

TO 5th 6th 7th 8th Bns. 2nd A L.T.M.Bty.
1st Aust. Division

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* AZB 195	23rd		

The Brigade will be prepared to move at half an hours notice. In the event of a move being ordered, the order sent will be "Move to LA KREULE, Zero hour ---". The route to be taken will be as on the march down. Starting point will be C.5.C.2.4. Order of march and times for passing Starting Point ill be - 8th Bn. Zero hour, 5th Bn. Zero plus 20 minutes, 6th Bn. Zero plus 40 minutes, Hqs. Zero plus 60 minutes, 7th Bn. Zero plus 70 minutes, 2nd A L.T.M.Bty. Zero plus 90 minutes. Units will move to the respective bivouac areas occupied by them prior to moving to SERCUS Area. Fighting order will be worn with greatcoats and ground sheets rolled. Packs and blankets will be dumped at present camps and a small guard left in charge of same. Transport will accompany units and on arrival at LA KREULE area will be brigaded and occupy lines occupied prior to the move down. On arrival at LA KREULE Nucleus Bn. will be reformed with Major SWIFT (7th Bn.) in Command. Brigade Headquarters in the event of a move will close at SERCUS at Zero hour and reopen at V.10.A.6.0. at Zero plus 45 minutes. In the event of the Brigade being required to Counter attack, 7th and 8th Bns. will be in the line with 8th Bn. on Right and 5th and 6th Bns. in Support. Acknowledge.

Time 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *H. H. H.* Captain
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.

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Headquarters 5th Battalion
24/6/18

Officers.

NOMINAL ROLL OF NUCLEUS COMPANY.

Lieut. W. T. Meikle -- "B" Coy.
" A. Tavener "B" "
" N. S. Maddox MC "C"
Capt. H. Burke MC. "D"

Headquarters
H.Q. Sgts. 96 CSM D. Smith M.C.
201 Sgt. M. D. Cunningham
3701 " F. Baldwin.
Signallers. 6609 Pte. D. J. Linahan
3740 " G. W. Campbell
398 " Harrison B.
3981 " W. Pinkerton M.L.I.

H.Q. Intelligence.

417 Pte. G. Carter.

"A" Coy. No. 1916 Cpl E. J. BURKE
N.C.O.s No. 2878 Sgt J. T. O'PHY
2514 L/Cpl R. LUIR
L/Gunners 5737 Pte L. MULLALLY
2160a " R. J. CONROY
6979 " W. P. DUFFO'S
3759 " M. G. GURRIE
Bombers 1012 " E. SKIPPER
6866 " G. R. NEAL H
Rifle Gren. 4570 " R. L. P. LAMER
7470 " R. DOWNER
Signallers 5962 " J. A. FIDDY
Stretcher-Br. 6855 " H. H. BARBER

No. 957b Pte W. McRITCHIE
2054 " L. GOVERN LE
3402 " R. J. KING
429b " E. WOODBRIDGE
7320 " L. R. SCOTT
6973 " J. CHAMBERLAIN
5564 " E. FREVENT
7125 " B. E. HILL
4293 " H. STEVENSON

"B" Coy. No. 3782 Cpl J. B. DICKSON
N.C.O.s No. 646 Sgt. J. D. McHILL
6460 L/Cpl R. L. BROSE
L.Gunners. 7467 Pte H. S. DOGHER
5672 " J. J. CLARK
593a " H. J. WALLER
6274 " F. E. YES
Rifle Grenadiers. 670b " J. R. ADALL
3435 " L. P. WEBB
Intelligence 2400 " A. KELLY
4812 " T. FERGUSON
Signaller 2071 " S. P. KILDEA (Rest Camp)
Stretcher-Br. 5702 " J. P. H. GIBBY

6501 Pte J. D. CR HILL
6712 " A. BARNETT
6675 " S. D. FULLERTON
6521 " J. E. KENDALL
5761 " J. SMITH
7215 " G. COOMBS
6744 " E. FILLMORE
5797 " W. A. SMITH
4175 L/Cpl Clarke L. (Rest Coy)

"C" Coy. No. 3144 Cpl. E. W. JOOBE
N.C.O.s No. 1559 Sgt. A. D. JOHNSON
5027a L/Cpl. R. H. BERNETHY
6655 Pte H. W. WALLACE
7524 " R. McLEOD
3967 " H. J. TRUESDALE
6273 " G. LEWITT
1616b " T. BRATT
4062 " O. C. DANDY
4145 " W. DE GEMAN
5243 " E. J. CARROLL

762 L/Cpl A. HILL M.L.I. & Bar
3887 Pte E. KING
3767 " C. E. DAVY
7338 " WALKER
362 " R. A. HILL
6861 " G. C. WELLINGTON
336b " F. D. LAMER
4249 " R. G. MATTHEWS

"D" Coy. No. 1566 L/Cpl J. O. MILDAY
N.C.O.s No. 1952 Sgt. G. V. GUTLER
906 Cpl. P. R. HARK
Lewis Gunners. 2433 L/Cpl W. B. PILKINGTON
6784 Pte D. J. MCHONEY
6360 " R. YORK
1825 " G. E. WOODMORE
Snipers. 2827 Pte H. J. FREE
3060 " E. C. LARON
Grenadiers. 1902 L/Cpl B. ILLAN
3995 Pte L. WEDDY
Signallers. 6741 " G. FORBES

3907 Pte W. J. HERSHILL
6822 " R. B. TREATY
6813 " J. R. SMITH
7615 " H. YOUNG
2358b " J. J. MURPHY
4693 " R. HERBOND
3891 L/Cpl H. D. P. POWER
1923 Pte A. CONQUEST
7285a " G. S. NUNNELL

Reference 29 5th BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 17,
27 S.H. & 364 M.E. 1/80,000.

26/6/18.

- MOVE. 1. On the 27th inst. the 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. will move from BERGUS area to the Forward area.
- ROUTE. 2. From G.11.D.5.7.; Starting Point (O.5.C.2.4.); O.6 Centre V.25 central; V.19.B.4.5.; V.20.B.8.3.; V.20.B.9.7.; V.15.D.2.3.; V.15.D.1.5.; V.16.B.7.4.
- STARTING POINT. 3. Head of column will pass Starting point at 8.20 a.m.
- ORDER OF MARCH. 4. H.Q. Sigs. & Intell.; "A" Coy.; "B" Coy.; "C" Coy.; "D" Coy.; Pioneers, A.M.C.; Q.L. Store and Police; Transport. Cookers to move in rear of Companies.
- DISTANCES. 5. Distances of 100 yards between Coys. and 100 yards between rear of Battalion and Transport.
- HALTS. 6. Halts will be at 10 minutes to the clock hour.
- RELIEF. 7. On the 27th and night 27/28th inst. 5th Battalion will relieve 4th Battalion in Support in the vicinity of ROUGE GROIX.
- ADVANCE PARTIES. 8. Advance parties of 1 M.C.C. per Coy. and 1 for H.Q. Details under Lieut. MAUNSELL will move forward and take over the dispositions as held by 4th Battalion on night 26/27th.
- CAMP WARDENS. 9. "A" & "D" Coy. will each leave 1 man to act as Camp Warden for the camp at present occupied by the Battalion, and will hand same over to 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. On arrival of that Bde. these wardens will join 2nd Bde. Nucleus Bn.
- MAPS, DEFENCE SKETCHES &c. 10. (a) All maps, plans of work, aerial photos., and defence schemes will be exchanged with outgoing Unit and receipts obtained.
(b) S.O.S. signals, area and trench stores will be taken and handed over, and receipts in QUADRUPPLICATE given and taken. These receipts will be required by 8 a.m. on 28th.
- DISPOSITION SKETCHES. 11. Company Commanders' disposition sketches will be sent to Battalion Hdqtrs. by first runner on the 28th inst.
- NUCLEUS & TRANSPORT. 12. (a) Nucleus Battalion will be re-formed and will take over the duties and quarters of the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Personnel to join Nucleus Battalion will report to Lieut. LEBKLE who will report to Major GAUGHEY at V.10.C.6.5. at 3 p.m. on the 27th.
(b) Transport will move with the Battalion and on completion of move will occupy the lines at V.14.C.5.0.
- COMPLETION OF RELIEF. 13. Will be notified to Bn. Hdqtrs. by sending by wire the code word "DREAMING".
- REPORTS. 14. Reports to Battalion Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Capt.,
Acting Adjt.

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7	O.C. "B" "		12	Sigs. & Intell.	"

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCOMPANY5th BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 17.

Reference - Sheets
BY S.H. & 36A N.H. 1/80,000.

26/6/18.

ROUTINE.

1. Routine for tomorrow will be - Reveille 5.30 a.m.; Breakfast 6 a.m.; Sick parade 6.30 a.m.; Battalion parade 7.45 a.m.

TENTS & BIVOUACS.

2. All tents and their surroundings will be left thoroughly clean; tent flies to be rolled back. Bivouacs will be struck and stacked by Companies in the vicinity of the Guard Tent and receipt obtained from the Officer i/c of the Dump, viz :- Lieut. HERRICKS.

HATS.

3. All felt hats will be collected and handed in to Q.M. Store before 3.30 p.m. today. A very careful check is to be made by C.Q.M.Ss. as to the number and condition of the hats which are so collected. Badges and chin straps are not to be removed. Men for the Nucleus will hand in their hats as well as the rest of the Company. C.Q.M.Ss. will be held personally responsible for this matter of the collection of hats. A.M.C., Pioneers & Police will return their hats to "D" Coy.

COY. BOXES, &c.

4. Coys. will return all surplus gear, also their record boxes to Q.M. Store today by 3.30 p.m.

BLANKETS.

5. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and clearly labelled. They will be stacked in the vicinity of Quarter Guard by 6.30 a.m. tomorrow morning. Officers' valises will be in the same place by 7 a.m.

PACKS.

6. Further information as to packs later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) E. RICKETSON,
 Capt.,
 Acting Adjutant.

War diary R.M.O 5 Inf: Bn: A.I.P
June 1st - June 30

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
France	June		<p>During the month the battalion has had two tours in the line, followed by an 8 days period of intensive training, a short distance behind the line. With reference to these 8 day periods of training some comments might be passed.</p> <p>1. The division has been continuously in the line for many months, which means a continuous strain or living at high tension on the part of all ranks. (2) These short periods of intensive training give very little chance for the men to rest, as the men are kept on the go the whole time (3) Leave to local villages is granted to a limited extent, but the villages are of such poor quality that they hold very few attractions for the average man. The result is thus: (1) a tendency to make the men stale & "dopey". (2) an increase in the amount of sickness & number of evacuations. The remedy is simple - withdrawal of the division to some locality 20 or ³⁰ miles away from the forward area, the first week of this time being spent in <u>rest</u>, not in intensive training; after a week of rest - a modified syllabus of training:</p> <p>The work of evacuating the forward area has been carried out by the 1st Fld. ambulance in splendid style: at no time has the slightest hitch occurred. Major McKillop has been in charge of this work & all the R.M.Os in the division highly appreciate the way in which he has carried it out.</p> <p>The epidemic influenza is still prevalent. There seem to be</p>	APPENDIX 25

WAR DIARY
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