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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
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Infantry

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Title: 18th Infantry Battalion

August 1917



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	2/8/17		Companies carried out training in Bullets vide Syllabus for week	
	2/8/17		W. H. J. Hockhart reported from Hospital Companies carried out training as for 2nd ind Staff Ride vide Bde Training Memo No 24	
	4/8/17		Route march.	
	5/8/17		Bde Training as laid down by Bde Training Memo No 24. Lt. J. C. Harrison to 5th Training Batten. Lt. R. H. Willis from hospital 2nd William Arnold Temple promoted 2nd vide D.A.G. 45/5/36. A.I.F. list No. dated 1/8/17. Occupation Clerk. Rel. Capt. Schools attended 2nd Ronald Lacey Fidge promoted 2nd from 1st. A.I.F. list 212 2/21/17 dated 22/7/17 Occupation, Station hand. Rel. Capt. Schools attended	

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	6/8/17		Continued Training with Bde Training Column to 24. Billing Party reported to Bde enroute to ARQUES. Lint Parfitt Billing Officer.	
	7/8/17		Bde moved back to tented camp MALHOVE. 2 nd Lint Brown from leave Lint Leslie reported from 5 th Training Bde. Lint AW Irvine for Intelligence School.	
	8/7/17		Inspection by Company Commanders. Swimming Parade. Repitched camp in afternoon. This WRC. Smith leave to Eng land. Lint H. S. Connelly from Capt. (Supply) Bde. Lint E. L. Davids from 5 th Army School. Lint G. J. Walters from temp i/c Div Loo School.	

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	9/8/17		Route march via Bti Training Area No 12. (route) ARQUES - BELLE-CROIX - RENESCURE then to ARQUES-CASSEL Road - to ARQUES.	
	10/8/17		Training continued via Bti Training Area No 12. programme C. Wood fighting movement order issued by Brigade at 10 pm we move to BLAMART - LE RONS. district	
	11/8/17		Advance killing Party, Lt Parfitt killing Officer is reported to Staff Captain BLAMART. Bdr Swimming Carnival held at MALHOVE LAGOON in afternoon Bti moved out at 5.45 PM. enroute to BLAMART - LE RONS killing area. Lt. Col. G. H. Murphy D.S.O. leave to England.	
	12/8/17		Church Parade C. of E. BLAMART. 11.0 AM. R.C. QUESTADE. Lt. B. P. Woodlands to 2nd Army Infantry School	

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	13/8/17		Training continued vide B.A.D. Training memo no 12.	
	14/8/17		Training continued vide B.A.D. Training memo no 12.	
	15/8/17		Kit inspection & general cleaning parade in forenoon. Half holiday in afternoon. Visit of Harris to Lewis Gun School LE TOQUET.	
	16/8/17		Route march vide B.A.D. Training memo no 12. Route:- QUESTEDE- ECQUES-HEVRINGHEM-A.F.2.70.50.-A.11.C.80.00.-A.5.d.90.20.- BELLE-CROIX-QUESTEDE. W.R.E. Dryden to 5 th Training Bn	

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	17/8/17		Allocation of Divisional Baths MALHOVE to Bth. Kit inspection + bag route march to Baths	
	18/8/17		Route march. Route:- QUESTEDÉ - BELLE-CROIX - GRAND QUESTEDÉ - QUESTEDÉ.	
	19/8/17		Church Parade 11 AM. Movement order received from Brigade at 5 pm. to move to billets at ARQUES. Lt. Parfitt (billeting officer) + billeting party reported to Brigade at 9 P.M. Bth. Movement order issued at 9 AM. A. of Mr. Harrison reported to 5th A.I. Bde for temp. duty as Sig. Officer.	
	20/8/17		Battalion moved to ARQUES billeting area + took over billets vacated by 2nd Pioneer Bn. A. W. S. Hoors reported from Hospital (see.) List.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	21/8/17		Wood fighting ^{exercise} carried out during morning at FOREST de CHAIRMARRAIS. Swimming parade held in afternoon. Officer W.R.C. Smith from leave.	
	22/8/17		Lecture on "Effects of new German Gas" given by Div. Gas Officer Captain the given at 9 AM. Allotment of Div. Batches MALHOVE. Officer G. Harris from School.	
	23/8/17		Training continued under Bn Training trains ^{trains} No 15. Programme "A" Lieut Thompson from O.T.C.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	24/6/17		Inspection of Division by Lieut Gen. Birdwood followed by march past. Lieut W. A. Temple to 2nd Div. Sig. School.	
	25/6/17		Training continued under Bde Training Memo No 18. Programme "A" Lt. A. L. B. Mackenzie to Corps School Lt. E. B. W. Daniel to Corps School.	
	26/6/17		Church parades. 11 AM. Lt. Col. G. F. Murphy D.S.O. from leave. Lt. H. W. Irvine M.C. returned from Corps School. Lt. H. F. Polto " " " " 2/Lt. R. L. Fidge " " " " Capt. R. O. Douglas (Rtd.) unattached sick. Capt. C. C. Becki (Relieving M.O. from 5th Field Ambulance.	

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	27.8.17		Divisional Parade. Inspection by Divisional Commanded. Rehearsal for proposed inspection by. G. O. C in C.	
			Lt. W. F. Graham from 1 st Angus Corps School	
	28/8/17		Wood fighting with Rth Training Memo No 15.	
			Lt. W. F. Graham proceeded on leave to M. K.	
	29.8.17		Inspection of Division by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig G. O. C in C.	
			A. K. G. Lunnell returned from Div. Class of Inst. in Bowling	
			A. C. E. Etheridge do.	
			A. J. H. Clayton do.	
			A. C. Cleary do.	

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	29.8.17		<p>1/2 Lt. A. Duncan to Div class of Inst. in Bawling</p> <p>1/2 Lt. L. B. Greaves do</p> <p>1/2 Lt. J. Harris do</p> <p>1/2 Lt. J. F. Brown do.</p>	
	30.8.17		<p>Route march with Bth Training Bn. to 17. Route as follows. ARQUES.</p> <p>WARDRECQUES — PONT ASQUIN — B. 22.6.60.00. BLARINGHEM — B. 2.6.90.00. —</p> <p>RENESECURE. — PONT CAMPAGNE. — ARQUES.</p>	
	31.8.17		<p>Training unit company arrangements. Allotment Div. Batha MALHOVE.</p>	
	1.9.17		<p>Training unit Coy. arrangements. Platoon Competition. Results</p> <p>to A Platoon A Coy. 1st gaining pts. to. Platoon C. Coy. 2nd gaining</p> <p>pts. to. Platoon D Coy. gaining pts.</p> <p>A. R. A. Willis to 5th Training Bth.</p>	
	2.9.17		<p>Church parade. 11.0. A.M.</p> <p>Capt. C. C. C. proceeded on leave to United Kingdom.</p>	

APPENDIX

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SECRET

STAFF RIDE - 3rd August 1917 - (Reference Training Memo 24)

P H A S E I

To commence at 10 a.m.

SITUATION. "A" Battalion is on the right from road junction U.21.a.6.7. inclusive to road junction U.15.a.90.25. exclusive, with "C" Battalion in support.

"B" Battalion is on the left from U.15.a.90.25. inclusive to northern boundary of "W" area, with "D" Battalion in support.

Battalion sectors are bounded by parallel lines on true bearings of 113° from points marking their flanks on HARLETTES - LE BUISSON ROAD

Required at Brigade H.Q. (Road junction U.15.a.90.25.) at 11.30 a.m. :-

- (a) From battalions. Outpost Order with sketch shewing positions of piquets and groups, supports [#] and [#] positions of L.G's., Bn. H.Q., and R.A.P.
- (b) From M.G. Coy. Sketch shewing positions of M.G's. in outpost line, with arcs of fire.
- (c) From Fld. Amb. Position of Advanced Dressing Station.

N O T E: 1. For 1st and 2nd Phases
17th and 18th Bns will each represent "A" Bn.
and 19th and 20th Bns " " " " "B" Bn

2. For 3rd Phase:
17th and 18th Bns each become "C" Bn.
19th and 20th Bns " " "D" Bn.

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P H A S E II

To commence at 12 noon.

SITUATION. The enemy (estimated strength 1 Battalion) have attacked the outpost line and failed. The Brigade is ordered to advance on a two battalion frontage ("A" and "B" battalions in front with "C" and "D" in support) and make good the high ground between the BOIS de BOUVELINGHEM and BOIS de l'EGLISE.

Required at Brigade Headquarters (centre of ridge between BOIS de BOUVELINGHEM and BOIS de l'EGLISE) by 1.30 p.m.:-

- From Battalions 1. Battalion order for the advance. Battalions to attack on a 2 Coy. frontage in 4 waves. Bn. Commanders are to provide for the advance of the M.G's in their sectors.
- 2. Sketch shewing position taken up and dispositions of troops on the high ground between the BOIS de BOUVELINGHEM and the BOIS de l'EGLISE.

From M.G. Coy. Sketch shewing positions of 8 machine guns covering the Brigade frontage.

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From T.M.Bty:-

Sketch showing route to be used by the battery (which is made mobile in limbers) in closely following the advance, and the position of readiness to enable it, or part of it, to become available early in the new position.

P H A S E IIISITUATION:

Enemy has been severely handled and his strength is now estimated at about 100. He is in a demoralised condition and retreating rapidly.

A further advance is ordered, "C" and "D" Battalions, which have moved up into valley in BOIS de BOUVELINGHEM, passing through "A" and "B" Battalions. "C" and "D" Battalions are instructed to make good the spur running through V.25.c., b. and d., and V.26.c. and d., and to take up an outpost position on that line.

Required at Brigade H.Q. (at road junction D.1.a.2.9.) at 3.30 p.m. :-

From Bns:-

1. Bn order for the advance including M.G's. in their sectors.

2. (a) Bn. outpost order.
(b) Sketch showing outpost position taken up and disposition of troops.

From M.G. Coy.:-

Sketch showing positions of 8 M.Gs in new outpost line, with arcs of fire.

From 5th Field Ambce:-

1. Position of forward Advanced Dressing Station.
2. Route selected from rear Advanced Dressing Station to new position.

NOTE: In Phase III -

17th and 18th Bns each represent "C" Bn.
19th and 20th Bns each represent "D" Bn.

Bde HQ 2/8/17.

Issued at 8 p.m.

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Bde. Bomb Offr.	2nd Aust. Div.	5th Engrs	(6)	No. 24.
		5th F.Amb.	(4)	

Ag. Base
Major,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

SECRET.

TRAINING ORDER.

by

Lieut. Col. G.F. Murphy, D.S.O.
Commanding 18th Battalion, A. I. F.

Headquarters,
5th August 1917.

REFERENCE: HAYESBOUCK 1/100000
1/200000 Sketch W1 and W2.

Our patrols have reached the line of the road running
SW through BOUVELINGHEM, through U 17 central, U.17c, U.22.b.

The Bde. is about to bivouac for the night in valley
in U.15.c & a.

We are in touch with I Bde. at cross roads U.21.a.80.20
and with Y Bde. at U.15.b.50.95

The 18th Bn. will supply the outposts and will take up a
general line-along the high ground between U.21.a and U.15.b.

"A" Coy will be in outposts in right sector with "C" Coy
in support, "B" Coy in outposts in left sector with "D" Coy in support

Inter Coy. boundaries. U.15.c.80.20 thence on line 113° true.
Dispositions and sketches to reach Bn. H.Q. by 11.15am.

The picquet line will be the line of resistance and will be
held at all costs.

Sheet 2.

Mobile Echelon will be at ALQUINES Church at 10.30am.

Signalling officer will arrange for communication by runners and visual from detached posts.

Tool echelon to be at U.15.c.60.60

R.A.P at U.15.c.50.30

Bn. Headquarters at U.15.c.50.30

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 8.10am, 5/8/17.

Le Robson
Lieut.
Adjutant 18th Battalion A.I.F.

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-5-		"C" Coy
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-7-		Sign Officer
-8-		Transport Off.

TRAINING MEMO. No. 25.

A. General Principles.

L. G. Section		Riflemen		Half bombing Section.		R. G. Section.		Half bombing Section.	
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4. Lewis Guns. (i) Deal with enemy attacks above ground.
(ii) Prevent enemy bombers from observing, by keeping their heads below ground.
(iii) Cover advance of our bomb team.
(iv) Cover and assist in consolidation when objective is gained.
5. Stokes Mortars.
(i) Fire on hostile approaches towards point of contact to disorganise or destroy hostile reinforcements and supplies.
(ii) Deal with strong points.
6. Riflemen. (i) Provide snipers who will select suitable positions outside trench and pick off any of enemy who may expose themselves.
(ii) Take advantage of any opportunities (such as darkness or mist) to get out of trench and attack enemy overland from a flank or in rear.

D. Reliefs.

(i) Platoon Commander of the leading platoon (or a specially selected N.C.O.) will be stationed in rear of the section of rifle grenadiers. He will control the internal reliefs of his platoon, and will satisfy himself that every man going to the rear exhausted or a casualty is a genuine case, and will see that his place is immediately filled from the rear. Exhausted bomb throwers will be replaced from the half section in rear of the rifle grenadiers. The exhausted men will rest in rear of the rifle grenadiers, until they are required for the next relief. As many reliefs as possible will be carried out within the platoon before the platoon itself is relieved.

(ii) The Company Commander will be responsible for the relief of platoons and will himself judge when it is necessary to carry out a relief. The platoon reliefs will be carried out by sections commencing with the bombing section. The Lewis Gun section will be the last relieved if it is considered desirable to relieve it with the rest of the platoon.

On a platoon relief taking place, each section on relief will pass to the rear of the company until it is considered that, in spite of the rest obtained there, they will be useless for further bombing in this attack.. In the latter case, the company when exhausted will be withdrawn (a platoon at a time) under battalion arrangements, as each platoon has its last turn of bombing.

(iii) Every forward movement of the bomb throwers will necessitate a forward movement on the part of every man (except possibly Lewis gunners of the two leading platoons) between the point of entry and the point of contact, and also the entry of new men from the point of entry towards the enemy to lengthen the chain of carriers.

An officer or N.C.O. should be stationed at the point of entry to control the supply of new men into the trench to maintain 1 man per 3 yards.

E. Supplies of bombs and ammunition.

1. Brigade will be responsible for the supply of bombs and ammunition from the Brigade dump to the Battalion Dumps, and the Brigade Bomb Office will be responsible that all bombs are detonated, and that rods and sufficient blank ammunition for rifle grenades are sent forward.

2. From the Battalion dump bombs will be taken forward in buckets or boxes. Sand bags should not be used in place of buckets.

3. At the point of entry a dump will be formed, and the officer or N.C.O. stationed there is responsible that ammunition goes forward as required.

4. From the point of entry bombs and other ammunition are passed by a chain of passers up the trench.
5. Relieving bombers take the bombs from the boxes or buckets and hand them to the throwers or rifle grenadiers as the case may be.
6. All empty bomb buckets should be passed back to the point of entry.

F. Method of advance.

1. The advance will be carried out by a succession of quick determined rushes of one or two traverses at a time.
2. Rifle grenadiers will cover the rush of bombers by a volley of grenades.
3. Bombers will cover the advance of the rifle grenadiers by an intense shower of bombs.

G. Command.

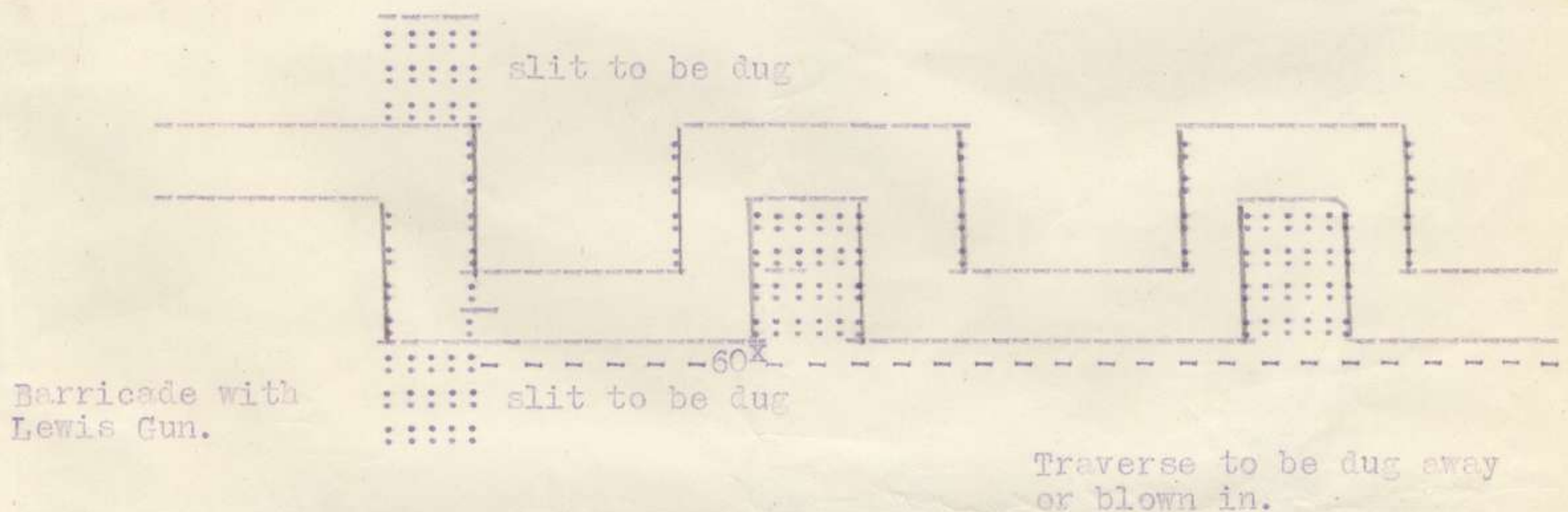
1. The Command of the attack (under the general direction of the battalion commander) rests with the Company Commander to which the leading platoon belongs (subject to para.G.2.)
2. Command passes only on relief of the leading Company's last platoon.

H. Communications.

1. The position of the platoon commander will be at the rear of his rifle grenadiers.
2. The Company Commander is at the rear of his leading platoon.
3. The platoon commander is responsible for keeping his Company Commander informed of the situation, and the latter for distributing this information by runners to the Stokes Mortars and Battalion Headquarters..

I. Blocks.

On gaining the objective a block of the type shown below should be constructed if it is not intended to continue the attack further.



The sides of the trench and the traverse are broken down so that the Lewis Gun at the barricade can sweep the trench for a distance of 60 yards (about), thus forcing the enemy to attack overland, in which case rifle and machine gun fire would be sufficient to cope with it. The slits in each side of the barricade enable a greater concentration of fire to be directed on any overland attack.

The work of constructing the block will normally be done under cover of the advanced bombers, who on completion of the work, will fall back to the prepared position.

If the situation permits a belt of wire (about 12^x on either side of the trench) should be placed at right angles to the trench about 30 or 40 yards in front of the barricade.

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K. General:

(i) Trenches during the advance must be kept clear to allow of free passage of runners and reliefs. This will be done by the chain of carriers keeping close to the sheltered side of the trench, and clearing the dead, and digging out filled in parts as opportunity occurs.

(ii) When bombing up parallel trenches one party should not pass a C.T. connecting the two before the other party reached it.

(iii) If the ground permits, rifle grenadiers and Lewis gunners would get out of the trench and support the bombing attack from the flank.

(Signed) A.J. BOASE, Major,

for G.O.C.
5th. Aust Inf. Bde.

Bde.H.Q.
8/8/17.

TRAINING MEMO No. 28

1. The ground at Chateau de BATAVIA (north, south and east of the hedge surrounding the Chateau grounds) S.27., S.21.d., and S.22.c., has been allotted to the Brigade for training, as well as the FORET de CLAIRMARAIS and the flat near the 18th Bn camp.

- Each battalion ... { 16 targets for rifle shooting
 (4 " for Lewis Guns
- M.G. Coy. ... 4 targets.

- (c) No live bombs are to be used for bombing, rifle grenade or Stokes Mortar Practices.
- (d) No digging (except for providing latrines) or ~~cutting~~ cutting of trees is to be done on any of the training grounds without permission from this Office.

3. For the purpose of allotting the training, battalions will be denoted as "A", "B", "C" and "D" battalions. The Table below shows the allotment of Training grounds-

<u>Date</u>	<u>"A" Bn</u>	<u>"B" Bn</u>	<u>"C" Bn</u>	<u>"D" Bn</u>
Augst. 9th	17th	18th	19th	20th
" 10th	17th	20th	18th +	19th
" 11th	18th	19th	17th	20th
" 13th	18th	17th	20th	19th
" 14th	19th	20th	18th	17th
" 15th 16th	19th	18th	17th	20th
" 17th	20th	17th	19th	18th
" 18th	20th	19th	18th	17th

Charente de Balavia

Route d'Alger

Surel de Clairmarais

4. Battalions will work as follows :-

"A" Battalion - CHATEAU de BATAVIA.

- 1 Coy. Bombing along trench with duds. System of relief and supply of bombs to be practised as laid down in Training Memo No. 25.
- 2 Coys. doing alternately -
- (a) Coy. Scheme in S.27.b. and S.22.c. (general and special Ideas forwarded ~~was~~ separately)
- (b) Bayonet fighting and close order drill. Bayonet fighting will be carried out under supervision of Sgt. TWIST, Army Gymnastic Staff and battalions will arrange to provide at least 25 "blob"-sticks.
- 1 Coy. Musketry on 25 yards range. 2x 3 Grouping practices - 1st Practice "instructional," 2nd Practice "Standard test" will be fired. Those who fail to qualify in second practice

are to /

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are to be tested in the 3rd ~~xxxx~~ practice. Remainder of the Coy. will carry out rifle grenade work on Rifle Grenade range, with ~~ends~~ *dummys*.

"B" Battalion -

12 mile route march. Route to be selected by C.O. and notified to Brigade Headquarters by 8 p.m. the previous evening. Parade State to be furnished also.
Dress: Full marching order.

"C" and "D" Battalions

Practice formation for wood fighting as laid down in Training Memo No.23 moving on a compass bearing. Training Grounds in the FORET de CLAIRMARAIS are allotted as follows :-

"C" and "B" Battalions - Area within the points
S.5.c.8.0. - S.6.a.3.1., S.4.b.5.3., M.35.d.7.1.
"D" Battalion - Area within the points S.4.b.5.3.,
M.35.d.7.1., M.29.c.2.8., M.28.d.5.6.

5. 5th Aust. M.G.Coy. will carry out instructional practices on range for those who failed to qualify in the standard tests as gunners.

Remainder of Company to carry out close order drill loading of transport, map reading, and route marching. O.C. Machine Gun Coy. may also put qualified gunners through range practices at his discretion.

6. X 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. will carry out route marching, preparation of ammunition, close order drill, map reading, and shooting with "dud" ammunition on a ground near CHATEAU de BATAVIA in S.57.d., which will be indicated to him on the ground by Brigade Major at 9 a.m. 9th instant.

7. All units will commence training at 9 a.m. and will dismiss in Camp at 4.30 p.m. daily (except "B" Battalion whose hours will be governed by time taken for route march).

Wednesday afternoon will be a half holiday. x

A. J. Boase

Major,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Bde. H.Q.,
8/8/17

2nd Aust. Div.
17th Battalion
18th :
19th :
20th :
5th A.M.G.Coy.
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.

APPENDIX

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

15/253

Brigade Headquarters,
13th August, 1917.

17th. Battalion
18th. Battalion
19th. Battalion
20th. Battalion
5th. A.M.G. Coy.
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.
2nd. Aust. Division.

Reference Training Memo No. 26.

Please amend Table of allotment of Training Areas to
read as under. -

Date.	"A" Bn.	"B" Bn.	"C" Bn.	"D" Bn.
Aug. 13th.	18th. Bn.	17th. Bn.	20th. Bn.	19th. Bn.
" 14th.	18th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	17th. Bn.	20th. Bn.
" 16th.	19th. Bn.	20th. Bn.	18th. Bn.	17th. Bn.
" 17th.	19th. Bn.	18th. Bn.	17th. Bn.	20th. Bn.
" 18th.	20th. Bn.	17th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	18th. Bn.
" 20th.	20th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	18th. Bn.	17th. Bn.

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Major,
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.Battn. Headquarters,
9th August 1917.TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 12.

1. In connection with the allotment of training grounds, four programmes have been drawn up, ("A", "B", "C", "D") as per para. 3.

2. The 18th. Battalion will work on these programmes according to the following table :-

August 9th. - "B" Programme.	August 15th. - Wednesday,
" 10th. - "C" "	Half holiday.
" 11th. - "A" "	" 16th. - "B" Programme.
" 13th. - "A" "	" 17th. - "D" "
" 14th. - "C" "	" 18th. - "C" "

3. "A" Programme. - CHATEAU de BATAVIA, S. 27, S. 21. d, S. 22. c.
Parade ready to move off, 7'50 a.m.

One Company:-

(1) Bombing along trench with dummies. System of relief and supply of bombs to be practised as in Training Memo. No. 25.

One Company:-

(2) Musketry on 25 yards range. Two grouping practices.
1st. Practice, instructional; 2nd. Practice, "Standard Test" will be fired. Those who fail to qualify in 2nd. practice are to be tested in 3rd. practice.

Remainder of the Coy. will carry out rifle grenade work on Rifle Grenade Range, with dummies.

Two Companies:- doing alternately;

- (3) Coy. Scheme (general and special ideas attached) and
(4) Close order drill and bayonet fighting under Sgt. Twist, Army Gymnastic Staff.

Note:- 1st. Day, "A" & "B" Coys. will do (1) and (2) alternately,
"C" & "D" Coys. will work on (3) and (4).

"B" Programme.

12 mile Route March. Full marching order. Move off at 9 a.m.

"C" & "D" Programmes. - FORET de CLAIRMARAIS.

Practice formation for wood fighting, Moving on Compass bearing vide Training Memo. No. 8. issued 30th. July.

Parade ready to move off 8'20 a.m.

Le Robson

.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

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2. Second in Command. ✓
3. "A" Coy. ✓
4. "B" Coy. ✓
5. "C" Coy. ✓
6. "D" Coy. ✓
7. Spare. officer ✓
8. " "

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"A" Programme.

Reference Para.3, - Training Memorandum No.12.

GENERAL IDEA.

1. The enemy has retired from the line of the canal de NEUF FOSSE in a south westerly direction, covered by small detachments of picked troops with machine guns. We are following up the retreating enemy closely.

SPECIAL IDEA.

Our advanced troops (of which your Company is a part) have reached the line of the DECAUVILLE approx.S.21.d.8.3. - S.22.c.2.1.

Your scouts report that the enemy, estimated at 15 men with a machine gun are holding a parapet along the northern side of the hedge surrounding the CHATEAU de BATAVIA.

Machine Gun emplacement is suspected at N.E.corner of hedge.

Company Boundaries are :-

Right - The fence from S.21.d.8.3. to S.27.b.5.5.

Left - Line of road round eastern edge of CHATEAU de BATAVIA wood (exclusive).

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters
12th. August 1917.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 13.

1. Reference Training Memorandum No. 12, the following are the arrangements for 13th. instant.

Reveille	5'30 a.m.
Sick Parade	6.0 a.m.
Breakfast	6'30 a.m.

2. The Battalion will march to CHATEAU de BATAVIA, head of column to pass starting point at 7'30 a.m.

3. Starting point at (Sheet 36a. N.W.) A. 22. a. 95. 80.
Order of march will be as follows :-

"A" Company
"B" Company
"C" Company
"D" Company
Signallers and Details.

4. Dress. Battle order, with waterproof sheet, messkins and hats.

5. Kitchens will accompany Battalion and will move in rear of their respective Coys.

6. "A" Coy. will draw bomb buckets from O.M. Store before moving. "B" Coy. will arrange for paste and paper for patching targets.

L. E. Robson

.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

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2. "A" Company

3. "B" Company

4. "C" Company

5. "D" Company.

6. Sig. Officer.

7. Quartermaster.

8. Transport Officer.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 29

1. Training for next week will be carried out as laid down in Brigade Training Memo. No. 28 dated 8th August, except for the following amendments:-
- (a) No firing with ball ammunition will be carried out on 25 yards range after Monday, 20th instant.
 - (b) The bombing trenches are being deepened and will be available for live bombing practices on and after Monday, 20th instant.
 - (c) The Company which was previously allotted the 25 yards range will now carry out close order drill, rapid loading, visual training and judging distance, bayonet fighting and physical training.
2. With regard to para 1 (b), when live bombing practices are in progress, units will post sentries to keep unauthorised persons out of the danger zone, and take all precautions necessary for safety.
3. Training grounds are allotted as under :-

Date	"A" Bn	"B" Bn	"C" Bn	"D" Bn
20th Aug	20th Bn	19th Bn	18th Bn	17th Bn
21st Aug	17th Bn	18th Bn	19th Bn	20th Bn
22nd Aug	Half Holiday Bns. Close order drill. Inspection of Equipment, etc, near billets.			
23rd Aug	17th Bn	20th Bn	19th Bn	18th Bn
24th Aug	18th Bn	19th Bn	17th Bn	20th Bn
25th Aug	18th Bn	17th Bn	20th Bn	19th Bn
27th Aug	19th Bn	20th Bn	18th Bn	17th Bn
28th Aug	19th Bn	18th Bn	17th Bn	20th Bn
29th Aug	Half Holiday.			
30th Aug	20th Bn	17th Bn	19th Bn	18th Bn
31st Aug	20th Bn	19th Bn	18th Bn	17th Bn

A. Boase

Bde. H.Q.
17/8/1917.

Major,
Brigade-Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution

17th Battalion
18th "
19th "
20th "
5th A.M.G. Coy.
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.
2nd Aust. Div.
File
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE



Brigade Headquarters,
20th. August, 1917.

17th. Battalion
18th. Battalion
19th. Battalion
20th. Battalion
5th. A.M.G. Coy.
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.

Reference Training Memo No. 29. of 17th. August, 1917.

1. In order to make the fullest use of the training ground at Chateau de BATAVIA, it has been decided to utilize it for the whole day on Wednesdays and grant the Battalion which is "A" Battalion on Wednesday a half-holiday later in the week, when it has completed its two days training there.

2. This will necessitate a slight modification in the table of Training Grounds. Please amend Tables shown in Training Memo. No. 29 to read as follows :-

Date.	"A" Bn.	"B" Bn.	"C" Bn.	"D" Bn.
21st. August.	17th. Bn.	18th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	20th. Bn.
22nd. August	17th. Bn.	20th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	18th. Bn.
		(Note.- Half-holiday for B, C & D Bns.)		
23rd. August	18th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	17th. Bn.	20th. Bn.
		(Note.- Half-holiday for C Bn.)		
24th. August	18th. Bn.	17th. Bn.	20th. Bn.	19th. Bn.
25th. August	19th. Bn.	20th. Bn.	18th. Bn.	17th. Bn.
27th. August	19th. Bn.	18th. Bn.	17th. Bn.	20th. Bn.
28th. August	20th. Bn.	17th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	18th. Bn.
29th. August	20th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	18th. Bn.	17th. Bn.
		(Note.- Half-holiday for B, C, and D Bns.)		

3. The bombing trench has been deepened and Battalions will, for the ensuing 8 days carry out bombing practice with live bombs. Live Rifle Grenades are not to be used.

4. The following precautions will be observed by "A" Bn. -
(a) All ranks taking part in bombing practices will wear steel helmets.
(b) R.M.O. and Battalion Medical details with stretchers, will remain in a convenient position at the Training Ground, whilst bombing is in progress.
(c) Sentries will be posted as under, in addition to any other sentries the Battalion Commander may see fit to post :-

One at S.27.b.9.1. (Road junction)
" " S.28.c.2;5 (Railway Crossing)
" " S.27.d.1.5. (Railway Crossing)
" " S.27.a.6.2.

Sentries will be instructed to prevent anyone passing their posts in the direction of the bombing trench whilst bombing is in progress.

(d) Bombing practices will commence at the following hours:-
10.30.a.m. - 2 platoons.
11.30.a.m. - 2 "
2.p.m. - 2 "
3.p.m. - 2 "

At least $\frac{1}{2}$ hour's cessation of bombing will be allowed between practices, to allow traffic to pass. Arrangements are to be made to signal Sentries when bombing ceases, and when it is about to begin again.

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- (e) Companies on Close Order Drill and Bayonet fighting will work only in S.27.b. and northward.
- (f) No horses, cookers, etc., are to be left on the road south of fork at S.27.b.9.1.



A. J. Boase

Major,
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Note: 700 miles no 5 grenades per Bn are available
for the above practices

17 Bn may draw same at 8 AM 2/8/17
from Bde HQ

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO. 30.NEW GAS.

1. The Divisional Gas Officer will lecture to Units on the New German ("Yellow Cross") Gas, as under. -

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Place.</u>
9.a.m.	22nd. August.	18th. Battalion	Embankment on Canal in S.22.c.
10.30.a.m.	do.	19th. Battalion	do.
9.30.a.m.	23rd. August.	17th. Battalion	N.19.c.5.7.
11.a.m.	do.	20th. Battalion 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.	S.9.b.9.7. do.

2. Units will be formed up in position in a suitable formation to enable the Lecturer to address the whole Battalion at the same time, 5 minutes before the lecture is due to commence.

3. A sample of the New "Yellow-Cross" or "Mustard" Gas, will be passed round for all Officers and N.C.O's to smell.

A. J. Boase

Major,

Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution:

17th. Battalion
18th. Battalion
19th. Battalion
20th. Battalion
5th. A.M.G. Coy.
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.
Div. Gas Officer.
File
Spare



EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
21st. August 1917.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 15,

Reference Training Memorandum No. 12 of 9th. August 1917.

1. The following is a revised allotment of programmes :-
August 22nd. 9 a.m. Gas Lecture (vide Trg. Memo. No. 16)
Half Holiday.

"	23rd.	"A" Programme.	
"	24th.	"A" "	
"	25th.	"C" & "	
"	27th.	"B" "	
"	28th.	"D" "	
"	29th.	"C" "	Half Holiday.

2. "A" Programme. - Training at CHATEAU DE BATAVIA has been modified as follows:- Schemes of training will be denoted by A1, A2, A3, A4, and will be allotted as under :-

	<u>23rd. August.</u>		<u>24th. August.</u>	
	Mng.	Aft.	Mng.	Aft.
"A" Company.	A2	A1	A3	A4
"B" Company.	A3	A4	A2	A1
"C" Company.	A4	A3	A1	A2
"D" Company.	A1	A2	A4	A3

A1 Scheme. Live bombing practices to commence at 10'30 a.m., 11'30 a.m.
2 p.m., 3 p.m. - Two platoons working at a time.

The following precautions will be observed:-

- (a) All ranks taking part will wear steel helmets.
(b) Sentries will be posted as under by "A"1 Company.
One at S.27.b.9.1. (Road junction)
One at S.28.c.2.5. (Railway Crossing)
One at S.27.d.1.5. (Railway Crossing)
One at S.27.a.6.2.

Sentries will be instructed to prevent anyone passing their posts in the direction of the bombing trench whilst bombing is in progress.

- (c) No horses, cooks etc., are to be left on road south of fork
S.27.b.9.1.

At least a quarter of an hour's cessation of bombing will be allowed between practices. Coys. will arrange signals with sentries to indicate when bombing ceases and when it is about to begin.

A2 Scheme. Platoons doing (a) close order drill (b) rapid loading.
(c) visual training and judging distance, and (d) physical training and bayonet fighting, in rotation.

A3 Scheme. Coy. scheme (as in Training Memo. No. 12)

A4 Scheme. Close order drill and bayonet fighting (as in Trg. Memo. No. 12)

Note:- Companies doing A2 and A4 schemes will work in S.27.b. and northward.
Live bombs will be available on ground.

Distribution.
A, B, C, D Coys.

S.M., The Johnson

.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
21st. August 1917.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 16,

- A. NEW GAS.
1. The Divisional Gas Officer will lecture to the battalion on the New German ("Yellow Cross") Gas at 9 a.m. 22nd. inst. on the Canal Embankment in S. 22. c.
 2. The battalion will be ready to move at 8.35 a.m.
 3. A sample of the New Gas will be passed round for all officers and N.C.O's to smell.

- B. REVOLVER PRACTICE.
Reference Training Memorandum No. 15, Programme A.

All officers and Nos. 1 of Lewis Guns will carry revolvers when parading at CHATEAU DE BATAVIA.

They will carry out a short revolver course under Lieut. Jones (19th. Bn) comprising :-

- (a) Description and parts of Revolver.
- (b) Care of Arms.
- (c) Range Discipline.
- (d) Rules for Aiming.
- (e) Grouping and Application Practices.
- (f) Muscle exercises.

Ammunition will be available on ground.

L. Hobson

Distribution.
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2. "A" Coy.
3. "B" Coy.
4. "C" Coy.
5. "D" Coy.
6. Sig. Officer.
7. Q. M. & *L. Johnson*
8. Transport Officer.

..... Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters,
23rd. August, 1917.TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO. 31.

1. It has been found impracticable to carry out live bomb practices at the Bombing trench at CHATEAU de BATAVIA. Units will therefore arrange to carry on with dummy bombs as previously.
2. "Staff Rides" will be carried out on Monday and Tuesday (27th and 28th instant) of next week. Details will be issued later.
3. Training for next week will be carried out on the same scheme as laid down in Training Memorandum No. 26.
Allotment of Training Grounds is as under :-

Date.	"A" Bn.	"B" Bn.	"C" Bn.	"D" Bn.
27th. August	19th. Bn.	18th. Bn.	17th. Bn.	20th. Bn.
28th. August	20th. Bn.	17th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	18th. Bn.
29 30th. August	20th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	18th. Bn.	17th. Bn.
(Half-holiday "B" "C" and "D" Bns.)				
30th. August	17th. Bn.	18th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	20th. Bn.
31st. August	17th. Bn.	20th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	18th. Bn.
1st. September	18th. Bn.	19th. Bn.	17th. Bn.	20th. Bn.
3rd. September	18th. Bn.	17th. Bn.	20th. Bn.	19th. Bn.
4th. September	19th. Bn.	20th. Bn.	18th. Bn.	17th. Bn.
(Half-holiday "B" "C" and "D" Bns.)				

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Major,
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.Distribution :

17th. Battalion
 18th. Battalion
 19th. Battalion
 20th. Battalion
 5th. A.M.G. Coy.
 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.
 2nd. Aust. Div.
 File
 Spare.

EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
24th. August 1917.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 17,

Reference Training Memorandums Nos. 12 and 15.

1. It has been found impracticable to carry out live bomb practices at the CHATEAU DE BATAVIA. Dummies will be used as heretofore.
2. Training ~~mm~~ for next week will be carried out as in Training Memorandums Nos. 12 and 15. Further allotment of programmes is as follows

August 27th.	-	"B" programme.
" 28th.	-	"D" "
" 29th.	-	("C" "
		(Half Holiday.
" 30th.	-	"B" programme.
" 31st.	-	"D" "
September 1st.	-	"A" "
" 3rd 2nd .	-	"A" "
" 4th.	-	"C" "

The following is the allotment of schemes for 1st. and 3rd. prox.

	<u>1st. September.</u>		<u>3rd. September.</u>	
	<u>Morning.</u>	<u>Afternoon.</u>	<u>Morning.</u>	<u>Afternoon.</u>
"A" Company.	A 1.	A 2.	A 3.	A 4.
"B" Company.	A 4.	A 3.	A 2.	A 1.
"C" Company.	A 3.	A 4.	A 1.	A 2.
"D" Company.	A 2.	A 1.	A 4.	A 3.

3. It is intended to devote 27th. and 28th. instant to Outpost Schemes. In the meantime opportunity should be taken by all officers to read up instructions in connection with Outpost work and to lecture their men on the subject.
4. Staff Rides will be carried out on Monday and Tuesday, 27th. and 28th. instant.

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2. 2nd. in Command.
3. "A" Company.
4. "B" Company.
5. "C" Company.
6. "D" Company.
7. 2/Lt. A. F. Johnson.

L. Johnson
.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A. I. F.

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
25th. August 1917.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 19.

Reference Training Memorandum No. 17. para. 3.

Herewith General and Special Ideas for Staff Ride, 27th. inst
Coy. Commanders, 2nds. in Command, and at least 2 platoon
Commanders per Coy. will take part.
RENDEZVOUS:- M.28.b.9.1. at 4.30 p.m.

GENERAL IDEA.

Reference, Sheet 27 SW.
The enemy has been attacked and been defeated on a wide
front. His rear trenches have been captured (represented by
railway line MALHOVE-FORT ROUGE-RENESECURE) and scattered
parties of the enemy are rapidly retreating through the
FORET DE CLAIRMARAIS.

SPECIAL IDEA.

The Brigade boundaries are T.13.c.0.4. to N.1.a.0.0.
on the right and S.10.b.8.3. to M.4.b.8.0. At 3 p.m. our
patrols have cleared the forest and have reached the canal
N.19.a.0.1. to M.16.d.8.1. in pursuit of the retreating
enemy. The enemy has managed to destroy the bridges and are
seen retreating towards the high ground. The canal is
impassable for troops.

L. E. Robson
.....Lieut
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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2. "A" Coy.

3. "B" Coy.

4. "C" Coy.

5. "D" Coy.

6. G.O.

7. 2nd. in Command.

8. 2/Lt. Johnson.

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
27th. August 1917.

MEMORANDUM.Arrangements for 28th. instant.

1. The battalion less Lewis gunners as hereunder detailed will work on programme "C" - Wood Fighting.
Routine :- Reville, 6 a.m.
Sick Parade, 6'45 a.m.
Breakfast, 7 a.m.
Parade ready to move, 8'15 a.m.
2. Lewis gunners will carry out firing on range at CHATEAU DE BATAVIA, "D" & "A" Coys. in the morning, and "B" & "C" Coys. in the afternoon.
"D", & "A" Coy. gunners will report to Lieut. A.W. Irvine in front of Battn. Orderly Room at 8'30 a.m. and will return to billets for midday meal and will report to Coys. at FORET DE CLAIRMARAIS by 1'30 p.m. - "C" & "B" Coy. gunners will accompany their Coys. in the morning; will report back to billets for midday meal and will report to Lieut. Irvine in front of Battn. Orderly Room at 1'30 p.m.
O.C. "C" Coy. will detail 2/Lieut. Harris to assist the Lewis Gun Officer on range.
3. "A", "C" & "D" Coy. kitchens will move from billets at 10 a.m. to FORET DE CLAIRMARAIS. "B" Coy. kitchen will remain in billets to cook for details and L. Gunners.
4. Transport Sgt. will detail a limber to be ready at 8 a.m. to take Lewis guns of 2 Coys. to Forest, and to return them to Battn. at 11'30 a.m. also a limber to take Lewis Guns of remaining 2 Coys. to Forest at 12'45 p.m. and to return them on completion of exercise.

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5. Reminder - Staff Ride (vide Training Memorandum No. 19) will be held to-morrow. Officers will rendezvous at FORET DE CLAIRMARAIS under arrangements which will be made on ground.

Distribution.
File. ✓
"A" Company,
"B" Company.
"C" Company.
"D" Company.
L. G. Officer.
Transport Sgt.
R. M. O.

Le Robson
.....Lieut.
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