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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Wippenhoek.  BELGIUM (Near YPRES)	1.10.17.	1.30pm	<p>Battalion subsided at 1.30pm &amp; proceeded to forward area. Bivouaced in Gordon Area approximately (Sheet 28 NW) I.G.C. Working parties as follows reported for work in forward area as follows:- 20 Officers 100 O.R. to 5<sup>th</sup> Field Coy. Engineers - 1 Officer 50 O.R. to 6<sup>th</sup> Field Coy. Engineers - 2 Officers 100 O.R. to 7<sup>th</sup> Field Coy. Engineers. Casualties: one O.R. wounded.</p> <p>Details not taking part in <del>front</del> action with Battalion next marched to 1<sup>st</sup> Augae Corps Reinforcement Camp at CAESTRE. Capt. J. L. O'DONNELL A/O.C. 5<sup>th</sup> Bde Details.</p>	
	2.10.17		<p>Company commanders went forward to reconnaissance ground over which next operation will take place. Working parties reported for work in forward area as follows: 20 Officers 100 O.R. to 5<sup>th</sup> Field Coy Engineers</p>	



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GORDON AREA nr YPRES. 2/10/17			<p>2 off 100 OR to 6<sup>th</sup> 7d Coy A.E. - 2 off 100 OR to 7<sup>th</sup> 7d Coy A.E.</p> <p>All parties employed in improvement of tracks forward in vicinity J.3. a &amp; b. D.27. c &amp; d. Casualties - one OR killed, one OR wounded.</p> <p>All parties arrived back by 5 am. 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.</p> <p>Lieut B.P. WOODLAND appointed Temp. Capt vice Lowther wounded. 24/9/17.</p>	
3/10/17			<p>Preparations carried out for anticipated operation 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde is to be Reserve Bde to 2nd Aust Div in an assault to be carried out on "S" day (to be notified later). 2nd Army is to attack, 2nd Aust Div assaulting on front from ZONNEBIEKE southward.</p> <p>100 extra Rds SAA, 4 Sandbags, 3 Rifle Grenades, per man &amp; 25 shovel &amp; 6 picks issued in anticipation.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde Order received in afternoon.</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bn Order issued 9 pm. (attached to this sheet).</p> <p>Major W.R.C. ROBERTSON M.C. proceeded to Senior Officers Course ALDERSHOT.</p>	



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GORDON AREA W YPRES.	3/10/17	7.0 pm	Advice received as follows - <del>Zero</del> "S" day will be Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup> . Zero hour - 6.0 am.	
	4/10/17	6.0 am	Zero hour Battalion "Stood to Arms" in Camp.	
		6.30 am	Bn moved to RAILWAY wood, being settled in position by 7.55 am.	
			News received that Red line captured by 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Bns.	
		11.20 am	Bn received orders & moved to WESTHOCK Ridge. HQ to KIT & KAT.	
		1.55 pm	Bn received orders & moved to ANZAC. Ad Ints at ANZAC HOUSE.	
			1 other Rank was wounded during move. Bn now under orders: Working parties were provided during afternoon as follows.	6 <sup>th</sup> Bde.
			4 officers 180 O.R.s carrying S.A.A. Stokes mortar ammunition & water forward. Casualties sustained to parties. 3 O.R. killed 18 O.R. wounded.	
	5/10/17	1.30 pm	Working parties of 5 officers & 250 O.R.s reported to 6 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy Engineers at T.2. c. 50.40. for carrying & laying duckwalks from GARTER PI to ALBANIA.	



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	5/10/17		<p>Burial party of 1 officer &amp; 30 ORs were sent forward to jumping off tape ZONNEBEKE &amp; worked in conjunction with parties from other units. About 45 dead were buried. Orders to move forward received at 3pm.</p> <p>5-45pm Bu moved forward at 5-45pm &amp; relieved 24th Bu in right sector of line. Relief completed at 11-45pm seven ORs were killed &amp; one officer (2nd Lieut J.V. PARRY) &amp; 11 other ranks were wounded.</p>	
	6-10-17		<p>Bu <del>located</del> carried on with consolidation of front line, dug supports &amp; connected up <del>the</del> front line trench with flanks Btms. Casualties during day. 3 ORs killed &amp; 2 Wnd.</p>	
	7-10-17		<p>Patrols were sent out under cover of practice barrage to raid enemy trenches. Fifteen prisoners were captured &amp; brought back &amp; a number killed &amp; wounded. Our casualties during raid were 3 ORs killed 4 wounded &amp; 1 OR missing.</p>	



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	7.10.17		Bn relieved by 22nd Bty. Relief not completed till 4.15 am on 8th. Orders re relief received at 3 pm. Total casualties for the day were 6 OK. Killed 721 Wund. & 2 missing. 1 officer (2nd Lt EW SATCHEL) wounded.	
	8.10.17		Relief completed at 4.15 am. Bty on relief moved back to rear supports left sector & relieved 24th Bn. This relief was completed by 6.30 am.	
ZONNEBEKE.			Bn Hd Qts located at "Pill box" (D. 22. C. 25. 95) on night of 8th/9th Hd Qts was moved to Railway Cutting at D. 22. a. 60.00.	
	9.10.17		11.45 am Bn received orders & moved forward to occupy support line & advise received ZERO hour to be 5.20 am.	
		5.20 am	Bn moved forward to front line.	
		8 am	Bn received orders to <del>move forward</del> be ready to move forward.	
		9.15 am	Orders received to move forward & support 17th Bn in BLUE LINE	



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	9.10.17	10 am	Bn in position on left flank of 17 <sup>th</sup> Bn. in advance of RED LINE. & assisted in digging in & consolidating during operation. CAPT. B.P. WOODLANDS - 2 <sup>ND</sup> LIEUTS HULL AYL & 2 <sup>ND</sup> L.I. HALE'S were killed & LIEUT J.P. HILL wounded. During the night the Bn was relieved in the line by 45 <sup>th</sup> Bn & moved back into support.	
	10.10.17	3.0 am	Relief completed by 3.0. am. Orders received at 4.50 pm for relief by 46 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	
	9.10.17	9.50 pm	Relief completed. Bn moved back to billets at Infantry Barracks YPRES.	
			Number <del>of</del> who took in action 20 officers 517 ORs. Total casualties in line 7 officers 144 ORs.	
	11.10.17	11 am	hustled parade. Inspection by M.O.	
		3.10 pm	Orders received from Bde to move to STEENVOORDE.	
	12.10.17	5.15 am	Bn moved at 5.15 am to Station YPRES & entrained at 7.30 am for ABEELE. Arrived ABEELE at 10.0 am.	



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	13.10.17		9 route marched to STEENVOORDE. Details from CAESTRE rejoined Bu at 11.30 am. Ad 240 located at J. 30.C. 60.10.	
	14.10.17		Bu carried on with reorganisation & reequipping during day. Church parades at 11.0 am. Lt. AGNEV. — LT SELLARS rejoined from Training Bth.	
	15.10.17		Bu carried on with training under Bth arrangements. Lt. Col. G.F. MURPHY D.S.O. leave to United Kingdom	
	16.10.17		Training continued. Lecture to officers by. Area Commandant of STEENVOORDE. at Cinema	
	17.10.17		Training Continued Capt. Cheek's M.O. leave to Paris	
	18.10.17		Training Continued Lt. MURRAY. to Lewis Gun School LE. TOUQUET	



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	19.10.17		Training continued. Lecture to officers & h. C.Os at Cinema STEENVOORDE by Area Commandant. Lints IRVINE A.W. & CLAYTON G.J.C. leave to PARIS.	
	20.10.17		Training continued. Route march.	
	21.10.17		Church Parades at 11.0. am.	
	22.10.17		Training for week commenced & to include musketry, Gas Drill & Specialist Training Inspection by C.O. C. Brigade.	
	23.10.17		Training continued. Capt. C. Checchi M.O. returned from leave.	
	24.10.17		Training continued. Demonstration of rapid wiring. Lints A.W. Irvine & G.J.C. Clayton from leave movement orders received from Bde at 7.0 pm. move to BIELEBUSCH AREA.	



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	25.10.17		<p>Transport moved by road to DICKEBUSCH AREA.</p> <p>Battalion embussed at STEENVORDE &amp; moved to <del>the</del> DICKEBUSCH AREA. Bn Hd Qtrs located at (Shed 28 NW) H. 23.0.20.30. <del>the</del></p> <p>Lieut Col. G. F. Murphy D.S.O. returned from leave.</p> <p>Lieut H. A. Duncan leave to England.</p> <p>Lieut A. E. Gaskell (evacuated) to 5th Field Amb.</p>	
	26.10.17		<p>Bn carried on with training &amp; treatment of feet. Movement order received from Bde at 4 pm to move to GORDON AREA.</p> <p>Lieut H. A. Thompson &amp; 600 P.R. to 5th Field Coy Engineers</p> <p>Majors R. M. SAILER MC. &amp; 1 officer &amp; 2 NCOs per company sent forward to reconnoitre route &amp; position of camp in GORDON AREA.</p>	
	27.10.17		<p>Battalion moved at 9.30 am by route to GORDON AREA. ROUTE:— Starting Point H. 34.0.10.80. — KAVISTRAAT — WARRINGTON ROAD arriving at Shelled Camp at 1.15.0.80.8.0 at 11.30 am.</p>	



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	28.10.17		Salvage parties detailed to clean up all salvage in Bth area. Remainder of Bth carried on with building shelters etc.	
	29.10.17		Inspection of Companies by <sup>a Rel.</sup> Coy. Commanders & training in rapid manipulation of halt. Coy. Commanders went forward to reconnoitre portion of front line to be taken over by Bth. Capt & Chaplain W. V. HIGGINS leave to United Kingdom.	
	30.10.17		Working party of 1 Officer & 50 ORs went forward for work with 5th Field Coy. Casualties incl. 1st Lt P. D. Hunted reported from Hospital 2nd Lt W. S. O'Grady rejoined from sec. list.	
	31.10.17		Sgt WALLS. A. A. to be eff'd via A. I. F List 248 of 23/10/17. WALLS. Aubrey. Austell. Date of appointment 18/10/17. Next of Kin: Mother, Mrs J. J. Walls, Warr St Edlington N. S. W.	

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	31-10-17		<p>Sgt BONHAM E.S. to be 2nd vid A.I.F. List 248 of 28/10/17.</p> <p><u>BONHAM. EDGAR STANLEY.</u></p> <p>Date of appointment to A.I.F. 18/10/17.</p> <p>next of kin Father, G. C. Bonham, Penrhurst St.</p> <p>REL. Presbyterian Penrhurst NSW.</p> <p>Sgt. Major R.H. Gascoigne Roy to be 2nd vid A.I.F. List 248.</p> <p><u>GASCOIGNE - ROY. Rupert Hugh.</u></p> <p>Date of appointment to A.I.F. 18/10/17.</p> <p>next of kin brother: Mrs H.E. Gascoigne Roy.</p> <p>REL: C. of E. 64 Herlin St. N. Sydney.</p>	



EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.Battalion Headquarters,  
7th October 1917.  
-----SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

Following are reports from patrols last night (6/7th.) regarding small garrisons opposite our front. I took advantage of artillery shoot at 6'15 a.m. this morning to endeavour to mop up a few of these parties and gain identification.

Two parties of volunteers went out under two officers. "A" Company Lieut. K.C. Connelly and 20 O.R. moved out in four parties of five each, on a 75 yards front; the right flank of the party moving from D.29.b.05.50. and moved towards D.29.b.20.70.. This party encountered no opposition for about 100 yards and then came under machine gun fire from D.29.b.25.80. Lieut. Connelly estimates the number of the enemy seen by the men to be about 25. One party rushed the position at D.29.b.20.70. Second party rushed a listening post at D.29.b.18.80. The remainder of party were hung up on line of hedge which is wired. The enemy is in a narrow trench immediately on Hedge line. Bombs were thrown into the trench and then they commenced to make their way back, cleaning up the ground between the Hedge and our own line. One N.C.O. (Sgt. Rouse) carrying in a captured machine gun. This N.C.O. was still missing at 10 a.m. Unconfirmed reports state that he was killed by shell. Lieut. Connelly's party returned to the starting point.

On the left, Lieut. H.H. Thompson and party of 25 O.R. went out along sap running forward from D.23.c.80.50. and on reaching remains of old house at D.23.c.10.50. extended to the right from C.T. They immediately came under machine gun fire from the left flank and in front, and approached to within 25 yards of line running from D.23.d.35.00. to D.23.d.35.45. The men dropped into shell holes and engaged the enemy with rifle fire. The officer estimates that the enemy strength in front of this party is placed at 30. The 19th. Battalion opened fire on the enemy machine guns on their front and to our left flank. A party of the enemy 25 to 30 strong tried to work round the left flank. These were fired on by Lewis guns from our front line, and dispersed. Ten or twelve were seen to fall. Our party then came back covering the withdrawal of the right party with prisoners. Prisoners brought in belong to the J.R.450. They relieved the Bavarians last night. An enemy plane also fired on our men during the stunt. Thirteen prisoners were brought in and two passed through the 11th. Battalion lines. Hun stretcher bearers have been seen evacuating wounded. Their casualties are estimated at 25 to 30 killed and wounded. The enemy has rushed up fresh garrisons.

*Chas. J. Murphy*  
.....Lt-Col.,  
Commanding 18th. Battalion, A. I. F.

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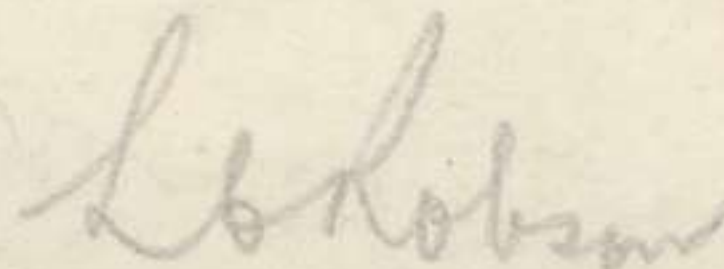


EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.Battalion Headquarters,  
11th. October 1917.18th. Battalion ORDER No. 17.

Reference Sheet 27 and 28.

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1. The 18th. Battalion will move to-morrow 12 h. inst. by train to ABBELE and thence will march to STEENVOORDE area.
2. Routine for 12th. inst.
  - Reveille - 4 a.m.
  - Markers to report to the R.S.M. at 4'25 a.m.
  - Rifles to be piled on parade ground by 4'30 a.m.
  - Hot tea at 4'45 a.m.
  - Parade ready to move at 5'15 a.m.
3. Lieut. A.E. Johnson will be Battalion Entraining Officer.  
Lieut. A.F. Irvine, M.C. will be Battalion Detraining Officer.
4. Baggage - Officers' gear and other gear for Transport will be stacked not later than 5 a.m. near the Cookers.  
Blankets will be rolled in bundles of ten and will be stacked near the cookers by 4'30 a.m. They will thence be carted to the station and will be carried on the train to ABBELE.
5. O.C. "A" Company will detail a loading party of 1 N.C.O. and five O.R. to report to Pte. A. Goode at Battn. Orderly Room at 4'30 a.m.  
O.C. "B" Company will detail a party of 1 N.C.O. and 5 O.R. to report to Cpl. R. Dennis at ABBELE station immediately on detraining.
6. O.C. "D" Company will detail a rear party of 1 Officer and ten O.R. which will join the battalion on parade ground at 5'10 a.m.
7. A C K N O W L E D G E.



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

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"A" Company.

"B" Company.

"C" Company.

"D" Company.

Lieut. A.E. Johnson.

Lieut. A.F. Irvine, M.C.







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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
 12th. October 1917  
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Headquarters,  
 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.  
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REPORT ON OPERATIONS (1/11th. October 1917)

The battalion moved by bus from WIPPENHOEK to Gordon Camp on 1st. October, arriving there at 4'30 p.m.. Engineer working parties of 4 officers and 250 O.R. were engaged during the night forming duckboard tracks and a road forward to ANZAC. Similar parties were provided on the night of 2/3rd. and on the night of 3/4th. up till 8 p.m.

On the 4th. inst. the battalion "stood to" at zero - 30 minutes, and moved forward to RAILWAY WOOD at zero plus 35 minutes.

The battalion "dug in" at RAILWAY WOOD (I.11.b.)

The battalion moved at 11'50 a.m. to WESTHOEK RIDGE near RECTORY. Battalion Headquarters was established at J.1.d.30.60 at 12'15 p.m. The battalion came under the orders of the C.O.C. 6th. A.I. Bde. and moved to ANZAC RIDGE at 1'55 p.m.. Battalion Headquarters was established at ANZAC at 2'50 p.m. During this move the first casualty since zero hour was sustained. Working parties were provided that afternoon and up till 12 midnight they carried S.A.A., Stokes Mortar Ammunition and water. On this work 3 O.R. were killed and 18 wounded. At 7'15 p.m. an order from 6th. Bde. was received as under - "Should enemy pierce our line QUIET will counter attack immediately and JACKDAW move from ANZAC to Red Line AAA Therefore JACKDAW will keep liason officer with runners at QUIET Headquarters all night in case other means of communication fail AAA C.O. QUIET to notify his arrangements - QUAIL 7'15 p.m."

On the 5th. inst 5 officers and 250 O.R. reported at J.2.c.60.40. for carrying duckwalks. A track was laid from GANTER POINT via ALBANIA to TOKIO.

A burial party also buried about 45 dead who were on jumping off tape ZOWEBEKE.

Working parties returned at 5 p.m.

The battalion moved forward at 5'45 p.m. to right sector of line and relieved 24th. Battalion.

The C.O. and all Company Commanders had previously gone forward and seen the positions held by the four battalions of the 6th. Brigade. During the progress of the relief, S.O.S. signals were sent up east of POLYGON WOOD and repeated laterally.

The hun placed a barrage on our trenches in reply to ours and the relief was held up till 11'45 p.m. as a result. Seven other ranks were killed and one officer (2/Lt. J.V. Parry) and 11 other ranks wounded, during relief.

On taking over the trenches, the front line was found connected up, but the flanks were not connected with adjoining units. I had asked the C.O. 24th. Battalion to make a start on a support line and he had managed to complete some 80 to 90 yards by relief. The front line varied in depth and there were no fire steps, the trench being in many places too deep to fire from. During the time the battalion was in the line T heads were constructed every 25 yards (to accomodate 1 N.C.O. and 6 men) and the support line dug from right flank to BROODBEINDE ROAD. Patrols were sent out to gain touch with the enemy. Patrol reports were submitted on 6th. inst. and 7th. inst. On the 7th. inst. advantage was taken of the practice barrage at 6'15 a.m. to raid the enemy's trenches. Fifteen prisoners were brought back to our lines and some 35 killed or wounded. Full report has already been forwarded. On the 7th. inst. the enemy subjected the front line to a steady and prolonged bombardment with field guns. The weather became unsettled and steady rain set in about 11'45 a.m. and continued throughout the afternoon and night. The trenches soon became a quagmire and the men were compelled to sit in mud and water up to their knees. The 22nd. Battalion relieved us that night. S.O.S. signals were sent up on the right of the 1st. Division line, and repeated some distance away on the left. No signals were sent up by battalion, at any time whilst in the line, and no movement of troops suggesting a counter attack was witnessed. Relief was not complete 4'15 a.m. 8th. inst.

(Signed)



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During this tour, 2/Lieut.E.F. Patchell was wounded (bomb) and Lieut. A.F. Potts injured. Nine other ranks were killed and twenty-four wounded.

The battalion on relief moved to rear supports left sector, relieving 24th. Battalion. Relief was completed by 6'30 a.m. 8th. inst. Battalion Headquarters was in "pill-box" (D.22.c.25.95.) near gasometer ZONNEBEKE.

On the night of 8/9th. Battalion Headquarters moved to Railway cutting at D.22.a.60.00. and remained there till relieved by 12th. Bde. On the morning of the 9th. inst. the battalion moved forward to support at 4'45 a.m. and then to front line after zero. At 8 a.m. orders were received to hold battalion in readiness to reinforce 17th. Battalion on Blue Line.

At 9'15 a.m. orders were sent to reinforce 17th. Battalion on Blue Line.

The Battalion moved forward and found the 17th. Battalion and 20th. Battalion about 150 to 200 yards in advance of the Red Line and digging in. The 18th. Battalion moved to the left flank of the 17th. Battalion and assisted in digging in and consolidating the position. Parties of Northumberland Fusiliers moved along Railway line about 9 a.m. and there were many stragglers from them, in shell holes throughout the day.

Capt. B.P. Woodland was killed whilst reconnoitring and 2/Lt. Mull, Sig. Officer, whilst arranging for visual signalling. 2/Lieut. A.C. Hales was also killed and Lieut. J.P. Hill, M.C. wounded.

During the night the Brigade was relieved by the 45th. Battalion and moved back into supports.

They were relieved on the night of 10/11th. by 46th. Battalion and moved to Infantry Barracks, YPRES.

Total casualties in the line - 7 officers, 144 O.R.

TROPHIES :- Three Maxim '08/15 and three Maxim '08 (heavy) are now in our possession. Two others were being brought out by pack horses but both they and the horses were blown to pieces by a shell. Four heavy trench mortars were found whilst digging support line at approx. D.23.c.70.60.; one (No. 3465) was brought back to Battalion Headquarters.

Communications between Battalion and Brigade was partly by runners and partly by phone. The latter was unsatisfactory, practically no assistance being received in the maintenance of the line. Communications forward by runners was satisfactory. The Lucas lamp and small lamps recently issued were used for visual, and found satisfactory.

The enemy's planes were active throughout the operation, using machine guns on infantry and during artillery fire, using flares apparently to regulate range.

The evacuation of wounded from the front was slow, some cases being out for 48 hours. The sole reason appears to have been the lack of bearers.

Experiments were made in carrying S.A.A. forward in bandoliers instead of boxes. Carrying parties managed 500 rounds per man with comparative ease. Men were able to select their own tracks over difficult ground. Where two men are set to a box, the wounding of one of the men meant that the box is lost. With bandoliers the loss is reduced by 50% at least. The main objection to this method of carrying S.A.A. forward is the difficulty of forming a dump.

Recommendations for immediate awards will be submitted to-morrow 12th. inst.

*Geo. Murphy*

.....Lt-Col.,  
Commanding 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.







9<sup>th</sup> October 1917

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Lieut. Abel Richmond Sheath

About three nights before the attack, this Officer was wounded whilst engaged in forming a Brigade battle dump. He remained at duty so that he would be able to take part in the operation. During the attack his Coy. Commander and all the other Officers became casualties. In addition, every Officer in the Coy. on his left was a casualty. He took command of the greater part of the two Coys., and rushed the enemy's positions, repeatedly shewing courage, coolness and resource of a high order. On gaining the final objective he quickly dug in and consolidated the right flank of the Brigade front, and during the enemy's counter attacks and heavy shelling again inspired all by his cool bearing and utter disregard of danger,

*Awarded Military Cross*

Lieut. Wilfred Stanley Moors.

This Officer by his splendid example led his men to the attack with great vigour.

He very skillfully took command and handled this Coy. after the Coy. Commander had been killed in the advance. He placed his gun and then rushed a strong point at Garter Point, almost single handed and was responsible for its capture with 14 prisoners.

Up to the time he was wounded, by his fine example he kept up the men's spirits under heavy fire and attended to the supply of ammunition &c. He established and garrisoned an important tactical position. He was wounded while visiting his posts.

*Awarded Military Cross*

No. 607 C.S.M. Joseph Maxwell.

This N.C.O. took command of a platoon and led them forward with great gallantry,

During and on consolidation, he rendered great assistance to the Coy. Commander and the platoon commanders. During a period of heavy shelling he kept up communication between platoons and flanks.

When a strong point was being heavily barraged, on his own initiative, he went from a position of safety and moved the men forward out of the barrage. The post was badly damaged but only one casualty was sustained. The action of the Sgt. Major undoubtedly saved many lives.

He rendered valuable assistance in the relief which was conducted without incidence in spite of the fact that six out of eight guides became casualties.

Throughout the whole operation he carried out his duties with great skill and enthusiasm and was a source of great inspiration by his splendid example.

*Awarded D.C.M.*

No. 1980 Sgt. Roderick MacKenzie.

During the assault on the morning of Sept. 20th Sgt. MacKenzie displayed bravery and leadership of the highest order in dashing forward close to the barrage with his section. He was responsible for the capture of several shell hole positions. During the consolidation he showed absolute disregard for personal safety and rendered his officers great assistance in laying out and constructing defences.

He took out several patrols and gained much valuable information. During these patrols he carried in many wounded

*Awarded D.C.M.*



1980 Sgt. Mackenzie.

often under heavy machine gun fire and that of snipers.

His splendid example did much to keep up the moral of his men under the heavy shell fire which followed consolidation

*awarded DCM.*

1894 Sgt. THOMAS BUCKLEY.

On the protective barrage lifting from before the red line, our advance was delayed by a machine gun firing from a shell hole. Sgt. Buckley was instrumental in bringing the fire of several rifles and a Lewis gun to bear on an enemy gun. The position was then rushed and in the hole were found two machine guns and two smaller automatic guns. One German was found dead in the shell hole.

On reaching our objective and again on the Green line, Sgt. Buckley did splendid work in consolidating the new position and set a fine example of coolness and cheeriness to the men.

He was wounded close by Anzac on his way out to guide in the relieving Battalion.

*awarded DCM.*

2867 L/Cpl. William Henry Kates.

He gave valuable services throughout with his Lewis gun. During the advance a German Machine gun opened on our men. Kates rushed forward and engaged the gun at close quarters thus enabling it to be rushed.

Later on in the day he observed a machine gun coming into action 100 yards in front. He immediately went into "No Man's Land" and put the gun out of action.

His work throughout was splendid.

*awarded DCM.*

3680 Pte. Frederick John Turner.

Stretcher bearer, who worked without ceasing in gathering wounded in the forward area. His work throughout was a splendid example of devotion to duty.

*awarded M.M.*

2453 Pte. Peter Stanly Proudfoot.

Performed excellent work as Stretcher bearer. All ranks speak highly of his skill and sympathy in handling badly wounded men, and his devotion to duty was most marked.

*awarded M.M.*

5344 Pte. George Thomas Hayden.

Showed conspicuous gallantry during an attack on the enemy to the north of FLINT COPSE. He dashed forward in advance of his comrades and bombed the first enemy strong point captured. The six enemy survivors of the bombing surrendered and were despatched to the rear by Pte. Hayden. He then went forward and assisted in taking the remainder of the strong point. The immediate success at this point was due to the confidence inspired in Pte. Hayden's comrades by his dash.

*awarded M.M.*



No. 3848 Pte. James Glover.

For great skill and daring in handling a section during the progress of a raid on enemy trenches on 8/10/17. Although subjected to heavy machine gun fire he engaged the enemy with rifle fire allowing 'A' Coy. to raid successfully ~~xxxxxx~~ and withdraw back to their own lines. Pte. Glover remained firing and protected his own party's withdrawal. This man has shewn great devotion and courage on several occasions in recent operations. Number participating in raid - 2 Officers 45 O.R.

*Awarded M.M.*  
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No. 3757 Pte. Henry Bowden.

Acted as Battn. Runner and continually carried messages forward from Battn. H.Q. to Coys. in the assault, passing each time through a heavy barrage. He worked untiringly and showed great devotion to duty. It was impossible at times to maintain telephone lines owing to enemy shell fire and communication was kept up mainly by the efforts and examples of this runner.

*Awarded M.M.*  
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No. 405 Sgt. Aubrey Austell Walls.

Under cover of a practice barrage, a party went forward to clean up a sniping position in front of our line. Sgt. Walls led a party on the right flank with dash and daring, and after a number of the enemy had been killed, brought back the party with 15 prisoners safely to our trenches.

*Awarded M.M.*  
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No. 4383 Cpl. Herbert William Franks.

(A.A.M.C. details attached to 18th Battn.)

For bravery and devotion to duty under trying circumstances. At BROODSEINDE on the night of 7th inst. the R.A.P. was destroyed by a shell, although a heavy bombardment was being carried out, and, stretcher bearers were killed he devoted his attention to the stretcher cases and had them quickly moved to a safer position. During the ~~xx~~ subsequent operations he was untiring in the discharge of his duties and rendered very valuable assistance.

*Awarded M.M.*  
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No. 542 L/Cpl. Jack Henry Grono.

For bravery and devotion to duty. During a daylight raid on the enemy's trenches on the morning of 8/10/17 a party from 'B' Coy. in conjunction with 'A' Coy. made a raid on enemy trenches which were held very strongly by the enemy with several machine guns. While 'B' Coy. was advancing under cover, 'A' Coy. had to advance across the open. This brought them in full view of the enemy who subjected them to rifle and machine gun fire. Seeing this L/Cpl. Grono took his section forward and engaged the machine guns with rifle fire. By doing so he drew the enemy fire from 'A' Coy. upon himself. This enabled 'A' Coy. to carry out the raid successfully and to withdraw to their own lines. He remained in position and covered his own party's withdrawal. Number participating in raid 2 Officers 45 O.R.

*Awarded M.M.*  
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No. 1884 L/Cpl. George Oswald Campbell Blackett.

During the advance from the HANNEBEKE he kept his men under good control and did good work during consolidating.

During the night of 20/21st Sept. he noticed an enemy patrol; He went out, captured and brought them in single handed. There were three men in the enemy patrol. He did good solid work throughout.

*awarded MM.*

No. 5362 Pte. Andrew Aloysius Madden.

He was one of the party which captured ANZAC and GARTER POINT. Later he repeatedly carried messages under fire between two separated posts in our line. Although not a Lewis gunner he attached himself to a gun crew which had been badly knocked about and gave a great amount of assistance in keeping the gun in action.

He showed a good example of coolness and steadiness under shell fire.

*awarded MM.*

No. 3907 L/Cpl. David William Meldrum.

This N.C.O. fought his Lewis gun after the remainder of his crew had become casualties. On reaching the final objective he was posted well in advance in order to cover the consolidation. Here again all but himself became casualties. He remained in position and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy until relieved. On relief he organised a crew for his gun and commanded it during the whole action. He displayed courage and soldierly instinct of the highest order and undoubtedly did much to ensure the protection of the troops against local counter attack.

*awarded MM.*

No. 2360 Cpl. John Samuel Dixon.

This N.C.O. did much valuable work during the whole operation. During some heavy shelling he was wounded in two places but remained on duty until the situation had cleared, continuing to command his detached post. He did not leave until ordered to the rear.

His example was one displaying great courage and soldierly spirit.

*awarded MM.*

No. 3966 Pte. Ernest Wise.

This man was platoon runner and observer. He brought in information under heavy machine gun and shell fire. He was wounded but delivered his despatch before having his wounds attended to.

This was a very important message and his act was one of great personal sacrifice. He has on previous occasions done very good work.

*awarded MM.*



No. 1725 Cpl. Allan Andrew McInnes.

On three consecutive nights he was working in the forward area in charge of pack horses and limbers carrying S.A.A. bombs water and rations forward. Although they were being continually shelled, he displayed great courage and determination in conducting the horses and drivers through the shell fire and separating his horses so as to minimise the casualties and never leaving his job until it was completed.

He showed a splendid example to the drivers by his courage. The work he was doing was of great importance to the men in the firing line. Three drivers were killed and two wounded, and 12 horses killed and wounded during the time they were at this work.

*awarded MM.*

No. 5648 L/Cpl. JOHN JOSEPH O'DONOGHUE. (No. 1 of a Lewis Gun).

Although wounded in the back and shoulder by shrapnel he continued to serve his gun during the advance. On reaching the final objective he established himself in a forward shell hole and covered the work of consolidation on his sector.

Although his wounds were painful, he remained on duty until night.

*awarded MM.*

No. 8815a Pte. Gerald George Edward Glisson. (Battalion Runner)

He repeatedly went to and fro through shell fire carrying messages from the front line to Brigade report centre.

On the 21st three runners were wounded in trying to get a message back. Glisson volunteered and succeeded in delivering the message safely.

*awarded MM.*

4241 Cpl. Alexander George Shearer.

This N.C.O. led his men forward to the attack close to our barrage, mopped up several enemy strong points before they were able to show fight, undoubtedly thereby saving many casualties. On reaching the final objective he pushed on with a small patrol and gained valuable information.

He visited his posts under heavy fire in order to ascertain whether they were safe.

His example throughout the whole action was that of great soldierly quality. He has on previous occasions done very valuable work.

*awarded MM*

No. 2885 Pte. Thomas Lindsay Carey. (Stretcher Bearer).

He displayed wonderful coolness and courage in carrying wounded under very heavy fire. He repeatedly returned to the firing line and continued to attend to the wounded showing untiring energy and devotion to duty.

*awarded MM*



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Lt.-Col. G.F.Murphy,

Authority.

London Gazette Supplement No.30111  
of 4/6/17.  
A.I.F.List 186 of 5/6/17.

Lt.-Col. E.A.Wisdom,

London Gazette Supplement of 3/6/16,  
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Daily Orders Part II.No.42.para.2946.

MILITARY CROSS.

Major

~~Major~~ R.M.Sadler,

A.I.F.List No.100 of 7/10/16.

Major

~~Major~~ H.L.Bruce,

A.I.F.List No. 89 of 13/9/16.

Capt. C.G.Walklate,

A.I.F.List No.138 of 20/1/17.

Capt. C.H.Harrison,

A.I.F.List No.138 of 20/1/17.

Capt. E.L.Davies,

A.I.F.List No.163 of 13/4/17.

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A.I.F.List 208 of 20/7/17.

Major.W.R.C.Robertson,

A.I.F.List No.163 of 13/4/17.

Lieut. J.P.Hill,

A.I.F.List No. 163 of 13/4/17.

Lieut. W.J.Graham,

A.I.F.List No.208 of 20/7/17.

Lieut. A.W.Irvine,

A.I.F.List No.208 of 20/7/17.

Lieut. J.M.Harrison,

A.I.F.List No.208 of 20/7/17.

Lieut.(Hon.Capt.) S.Beddie,

A.I.F.List No.186 of 5/6/17.

Lieut. W.S.Moors,

A.I.F.List No.252 of 30/10/17.

Lieut. A.R.Sheath,

A.I.F.List No.252 of 30/10/17.

Capt. A.R.Bolton-Wood,

A.I.F.List No.106 of 28/9/16.

Capt. N.H.Hobbs,

A.I.F.List No.100 of 7/10/16.

Capt. C.H.Kaepffel,

A.I.F.List No.100 of 7/10/16.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

Lieut. R.E.Dryden,

1st.ANZAC R.O.No.295 of 2/9/16.

No.2150.Cpl.Grantham, G.E.

1st.ANZAC R.O.No.295 of 2/9/16.

2/Lieut. E.A.Eldridge,

A.I.F.List No.208 of 20/7/17.

2/Lieut. J.Maxwell,

1st.ANZAC R.O.No.434 of 14/10/17.

1894.Sgt.Buckley, T.

1st.ANZAC R.O.No.434 of 14/10/17.

1980.Sgt.Mackenzie, R.

1st.ANZAC R.O.No.434 of 14/10/17.

2867.Sgt.Kates, W.H.

1st.ANZAC R.O.No.434 of 14/10/17.

MILITARY MEDAL.

C.S.M.

No.645.~~2nd~~Stickley, L.A.

A.I.F.List No.85 of 2/9/16.

2505. C.S.M. Wright, H.C.

1st.ANZAC R.O.No.295 of 2/9/16.

3644. Pte. Grace, H.J.

1st.ANZAC R.O.No.295 of 2/9/16.

158. Sgt. Crooke, F.M.W.

1st.ANZAC R.O.No.254 of 6/9/16.

1700. Pte. Hennessey, B.V.

1st.ANZAC R.O.No.254 of 6/9/16.

1995. Pte. Ryan, J.F.

1st.ANZAC R.O.No.254 of 6/9/16.

1884. Sgt. Bryson, J.L.

1st.ANZAC R.O.No.254 of 6/9/16.

1603. Cpl. Coombes, C.R.

1st.ANZAC R.O.No.254 of 6/9/16.



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	Authority.
Lieut. E. Parfitt,	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 254 of 6/9/16.
No. 2066. Pte. Shaw, R.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 254 of 6/9/16.
2047. Sgt. Eckersley, F.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 254 of 6/9/16.
705. Cpl. Collins, C.M.	A.I.F. List No. 110 of 7/11/16.
<del>2047</del> Lieut. W. Harris,	A.I.F. List No. 110 of 7/11/16.
877. RQMS. Hooper, J.C.	A.I.F. List No. 110 of 7/11/16.
2692. Pte. Laurie, A.K.	A.I.F. List No. 110 of 7/11/16.
146. Pte. Spooner, S.A.	A.I.F. List No. 110 of 7/11/16.
2488. Pte. Walker, J.M.	A.I.F. List No. 110 of 7/11/16.
336. Pte. Williamson, H.B.	A.I.F. List No. 110 of 7/11/16.
2/Lieut. R.L. Fidge,	A.I.F. List No. 110 of 7/11/16.
Lieut. R.D. Hunter,	A.I.F. List No. 163 of 13/4/17.
277. C.S.M. McLaren, W.V.	A.I.F. List No. 163 of 13/4/17.
392. Sgt. Patterson, W.A.	A.I.F. List No. 163 of 13/4/17.
2441. Sgt. Nipperess, E.H.	A.I.F. List No. 163 of 13/4/17.
3821. Sgt. Allsopp, E.A.	A.I.F. List No. 163 of 13/4/17.
4682. Pte. Foster, G.	A.I.F. List No. 163 of 13/4/17.
3945. L/Cpl. Strickland, J.J.	A.I.F. List No. 163 of 13/4/17.
2059. L/Cpl. Stanger, J.	A.I.F. List No. 202 of 10/7/17.
5137. L/Cpl. Whitlock, W.	A.I.F. List No. 202 of 10/7/17.
5621. Pte. Larkings, W.F.	A.I.F. List No. 202 of 10/7/17.
4792. Pte. Graham, J.	A.I.F. List No. 202 of 10/7/17.
19. Pte. McCrae, L.O.	A.I.F. List No. 202 of 10/7/17.
1330. Pte. Skelton, J.B.	A.I.F. List No. 202 of 10/7/17.
251. Pte. Jackson, A.	A.I.F. List No. 202 of 10/7/17.
2796. L/Cpl. Semple, H.C.	A.I.F. List No. 202 of 10/7/17.
5914. L/Cpl. Knight, A.L.	A.I.F. List No. 202 of 10/7/17.
8815a. Pte. Glisson, G.G.E.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 435 of 14/10/17.
5648. L/Cpl. O'Donoghue, J.J.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 435 of 14/10/17.
3907. Cpl. Meldrum, D.W.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 435 of 14/10/17.
2360. Cpl. Dixon, J.S.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 435 of 14/10/17.
3966. Pte. Wise, E.A.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 435 of 14/10/17.
4241. Cpl. Shearer, R.G.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 435 of 14/10/17.
2885. Pte. Carey, T.L.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 435 of 14/10/17.
1684. Cpl. Blackett, G.O.C.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 435 of 14/10/17.
5362. Cpl. Madden, A.A.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 435 of 14/10/17.
1725. Cpl. McInnes, A.A.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 435 of 14/10/17.
3757. Pte. Bowden, H.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 453 of 31/10/17.
3680. Pte. Turner, F.J.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 453 of 31/10/17.
5344. Pte. Hayden, G.T.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 453 of 31/10/17.
2453. Pte. Proudfoot, P.S.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 453 of 31/10/17.
3848. Pte. Glover, J.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 453 of 31/10/17.
2/Lieut. A.A. Walls,	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 453 of 31/10/17.
4385. Cpl. Franks, H.W.	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 453 of 31/10/17.
542. L/Cpl. Grono, J.H.	5th. A.I. Bde. memo. No. 41/300.

CROIX DE GUERRE.

Major S.P. Goodsell,	Daily Orders Part II. No. 38. para. 2735.
2/Lieut. R.L. Fidge,	Awarded Croix de Guerre with Palm.
	1st. ANZAC R.O. No. 58 of 13/2/17.

MEDAILLE MILITAIRE.

5159. Pte. Cromack, C.	A.I.F. List No. 206 of 17/7/17.
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BRONZE MEDAL FOR MILITARY VALOUR. (Italian Decoration.)

1896. Sgt. Buchanan, D.G.	A.I.F. List No. 159 of 30/3/17.
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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

No. 28. Sgt. Tevelein, S.R.	A.I.F. List 138 of 20/1/17.
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MENTIONS.

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--do--	A.I.F.List No.138 of 20/1/17.
--do--	A.I.F.List No.186 of 5/6/17.
Lt.-Col. E.A.Wisdom,	A.I.F.List No.138 of 20/1/17.
Capt. E.W.Kirke,	A.I.F.List No.138 of 20/1/17.
Capt. E.J.McNabb,	A.I.F.List No.138 of 20/1/17.
Capt. C.G.Walklate,	A.I.F.List No.138 of 20/1/17.
Lieut. W.J.Graham,	A.I.F.List No.186 of 5/6/17.
--do--	1st.ANZAC R.O.No.291 of 26/8/16.
Capt. J.B.Lane,	A.I.F.List No.186 of 5/6/17.
Lieut. L.C.Lucas,	A.I.F.List No.186 of 5/6/17.
Lieut. R.J.Fitzroy,	1st.ANZAC R.O.No.291 of 26/8/16.
2529. Pte. Polkinghorne, E.A.	A.I.F.List No.186 of 5/6/17.

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