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MORLANCOURT	1/6/18.			
		2 a.m.	Battalion in Support to 19th.Battalion. Coys. report "arrived O.K." and settled down. Disposition:- Battalion H.Q. at J.10.d.40.20. - "A" Coy.H.Q. at J.22.a.90.10. Coys. in trenches J.23.b.40.40. - J.23.a.95.20. - J.23.d.20.80. - "B" Coy.H.Q. At J.17.c.20.20. - Company in trenches J.17.c.60.40. to J.23.a.00.20. - "C" Coy.H.Q.at J.17.a.40.20. -Company in trenches J.17.c.70.65. to J.10.d.85.25. - "D" Company H.Q. at J.10.d.90.20. Company in trenches J.11.c.50.45. to J.11.c.90.80.	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear. Companies carried on with cleaning parades, and foot inspection, and inspection of Box Respirators.	
		2 p.m.	Parties for work on 19th.Battalion sector being detailed. Officers in charge of parties reported to Engineer officer at 19th.Battalion H.Q. for instructions and to look over job. Liaison Officer to report to 19th.Battalion H.Q. each night from "D" Company.	
		4 p.m.	Changes in Officers:(vide A.I.F.List 336) Capt.C.H.Kaeppel ^{MC} ceased to be seconded and resumed Regimental Duty. - Capt.R.J.McNiven ceased to be seconded as Gas Officer, 2nd.Aust.Division, and is placed on Regimental Seconded List. - Capt.J.N.Doyle, Lieuts.L.Sellers, J.Harris, R.D.Hunter, M.M., W.A.Temple, and 2/Lt.L.A.Smith, evacuated wounded, Placed on Regimental Seconded List. - Lieut.E.Parfitt, M.M. transferred to Permanent Supernumerary List. Capt.L.M.Cadle, killed in action, is Struck off Strength.	
		8'30 p.m.	Brigade Baths at HEILLY allotted to the Battalion and re-allotted to "C" and "D" Coys. from 8'30 p.m. to 2 a.m.	
		9'30 p.m.	Working parties of 2 Officers and 150 O.R. from "A" and "B" Coys. moved on to jobs.	
	2/6/18.			
		3 a.m.	Working parties returned. No casualties. The following work was carried out - 110 yards C.T. dug 3' deep by 2'6" wide at head of TORRENS C.T. in J.12.c. and d. (Works report attached -appendix //J/18)	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear. Coys. carried on with cleaning of Arms, Clothing etc.. Further allotment of baths at HEILLY to Battalion for to-night.	//J/18.
		2 p.m.	Works programme received. Battalion to supply 150 men for work on 19th.Battalion sector.	
		4 p.m.	C.O. 21st.Battalion arrived to make a personal reconnaissance of left sector. Changes in Officers: Lieuts.S.M.Clark, J.A.Holdsworth and G.H.Duncan rejoined from attachment to 20th.Battalion, A.I.F.	
		5 p.m.	Officers in charge of working parties reported to Engineer Officer at 19th.Battalion H.Q. for instructions re job	

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MORLANCOURT	2/6/18.		8'30pm. Parties from "A" and "B" Coys. for baths commenced to move. 9'30pm. Working parties from "C" and "D" Coys. moved forward on to job.	
SECTOR	3/6/18.		2'45 Working parties returned. No casualties. The following work was carried out :- a.m. 200 yards of C.T. running between BUNBERRY LINE at J.18.b.20.20. towards COBAR LINE. The trench was dug 3' deep by 3' wide. (Works report attached - appendix 2/J/18) 9 a.m. Weather: Fine and clear. Coys. carried on with cleaning of clothing, arms, ammunition etc. 12'30pm. Works programme received from Brigade. 4 p.m. Changes in Officers: Major H.L.Bruce, M.C. proceeded to Base (Medically unfit) - Lieut. J.E. Agnew evacuated wounded by shell fire. 5 p.m. Officers in charge of working parties reported to Engineer Officer at 19th. Battalion H.Q. for instructions. 7'30 Brigade Order No.183 received and acknowledged; re change of Brigade boundaries and p.m. redistribution of units on Brigade sector. 9'30pm. Working parties moved on to jobs on 19th. Battalion sector.	2/J/18.
	4/6/18.		2 a.m. Working parties returned without casualties.. The following works were carried out :- 300 yards C.T. running from BUNBERRY Line to COBAR Line deepened to average depth of 4'6" by 3' wide. This work is located in J.18.b. Position for an emergency ration dump was dug at Battalion H.Q. - size 8' x 9' x 6'. (Works report attached)- 9 a.m. Weather: Fine and clear. 10a.m. Party of 25th. Battalion, A.I.F. officers arrived to look over Support positions. 25th. Battalion will probably relieve 18th. Battalion on night of 5th/6th. June 1918. 12'30pm. Works programme received from Brigade. 2 p.m. Another party of 25th. Battalion officers arrived to look over the sector. List of other ranks awarded Military Medals received from Brigade:- Bar to M.M. awarded to 2333. Sgt. C.G. Bishop, D.C.M., M.M. - Following awarded M.M. - 1044. L/Sgt. Mahoney, S. 2055b. Sgt. Ebbrell, C.I. - 2454. Pte. Peacock, G.R. - 1887. L/Cpl. Wild, R.V. 5837. Pte. Scotland, R.C. - 2871. L/Cpl. Hosking, A. - 805. L/Sgt. Arnold, R.F. 5382. L/Cpl. Nuttall, W.W. - 5368. Pte. Milliken, G. - 6340. Pte. Kitchener, S.J. 3671. Sgt. Ryan, J.A. - 1978. Sgt. Nolan, G.P. - 3518. Sgt. Jennings, A.L. 2203. Pte. Taylor, F. - 6607. Pte. Phillips, W.H. - 2204. Cpl. Smith, J.O. 1144. Sgt. Cruickshank, E.E. - 2043. Pte. Whiddon, R. - 24. Pte. Turley, P. 2285. Sgt. Luck, J.J. - 6537. Pte. Dunkinson, E.A. - 4512. Pte. Bent, F.J.A.	Appendix 3/J/18.
			Recommendations for above awards attached.	-Appendix 4/J/18.

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MORLANCOURT.	4/6/18			
		3'40 p.m.	Battalion Order No.29 re change of Brigade boundary, issued. Boundary is being altered to run from present front line at J.30.c.9.9. to J.23.c.0.0. thence west along old boundary. The 5th.Aust.Inf.Bde. to take over from 13th.Aust.Inf.Bde. that portion of the front between the old boundary and J.30.c.9.9. on the night of 5th/6th.June 1918. - The readjustment to affect "B" Company only who will move from the present position in J.13. to a Sunken Road in J.23.d. in Support to 20th.Battalion, A.I.F. Battalion Headquarters to be at J.13.d.8.8. - "B" Coy. will be under the direct tactical command of C.O. 20th.Battalion. (Battn.Order attached -	Appendix 5/J/18.
		5 p.m.	Officers in charge of working parties reported to Engineer Officer at 19th.Battalion H.Q. for instructions. Changes in Officers: 2/Lieut.J.J.Owens marched in from general reinforcements - 21st.Reinftrs. to 18th.Battalion, A.I.F.	
		7 p.m.	5th.Aust.Inf.Brigade Order No.184 received and acknowledged, re relief by 6th. & 7th.Aust. Inf.Brigades on night of 5th/6th.June 1918.	6/5/18
		9'30pm.	Working parties moved on to job.	
	5/6/18.	10'15pm.	Battalion Order No.30 re relief by 25th.Battalion on night of 5th/6th.June 1918 issued. Appendix	7/J/18.
		2'30 a.m.	Parties returned. No casualties. The following work was carried out :- 270 yards COBAR Line extended in southerly direction. Trench deepened to an average depth of 4'3" by 3' wide. Location of trench J.18.b. and d. - K.13.c. Ration dump at Battalion H.Q. J.16.b.60.80. completed. Party of 32 O.R. supplied to work on building a new Headquarters in Support Line Right.	Appendix 8/J/18.
		2'50 a.m.	Enemy put down a fairly heavy barrage on left Battalion (19th.Battn.) sector of H.E. and Gas shells.	
		3 a.m.	S.O.S. signal was fired by the line Battalion and repeated by our centre Company. All Coys. "stood to" and awaited orders before moving to assembly positions. Telephone communications maintained with 19th.Battalion.	
		3'10 a.m.	Lieut.E.W.Satchell (Liaison Officer) reported that the bombardment had eased off slightly. No infantry action reported.	
		3'15 a.m.	Lieut.Satchell reported by 'phone that 19th.Battalion were out of telephonic communication with the front line Coys.	
		4 a.m.	Capt.C.H.Kaepfel, M.C. (O.C."D" Coy.) reported that a 19th.Battalion runner reported to him with a message from the front line asking for support. Report	
		4'2	Reported this to C.O. 19th.Battalion by 'phone and the runner was sent to report to his own Battalion Headquarters.	

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MORLANCOURT SECTOR.	5/6/18.		<p>4'5 a.m. Bombardment ceased.</p> <p>4'12 a.m. Lieut. Satchell reported that 19th. Battalion received a message from front line Company stating that the Boche had raided the left Company in front line and had gained a slight footing in our trenches. Support Company moving up.</p> <p>4'20 a.m. Lt.-Col. H.M. Beiers, M.C. phoned to say that he may require a platoon from 18th. Battalion to assist in counter-attack. Coys. ordered to "stand down"</p> <p>4'25 a.m. "A" Company warned to hold a platoon in readiness to move forward to assist the 19th. Battalion.</p> <p>6'35 a.m. C.O. 19th. Battalion sent phone message to say that the Boche had been pushed out. Nine unwounded, 11 wounded prisoners and 4 Machine guns were captured. Estimated 80 Boche dead left in our position.</p> <p>6'38 a.m. Coys. informed. "A" Coys. platoon "stood down"</p> <p>8 a.m. Advance parties from Coys. and Battn. H.Q. moved under Lieut. E.B.W. Daniel to reconnoitre route to, also positions occupied by 27th. Battalion in I.10.c.</p> <p>8'5 a.m. C.O. 25th. Battalion arrived to make a personal reconnaissance of Support and Line positions.</p> <p>9 a.m. Weather: Fine and clear. Coys. carried on with cleaning parades and established dumps of tools etc. for handing over &c.</p> <p>5 p.m. Advance officer of 25th. Battalion arrived to take over stores, ration dumps etc. at Battalion Headquarters.</p> <p>9'30 p.m. Guides from Battalion H.Q. and from each Coy. reported to Lieut. E.W. Satchell at Cross roads J.10.c.90.60. to guide incoming unit into position.</p> <p>10'5 p.m. C.O. and Headquarters of 25th. Battalion arrived.</p> <p>10'20 p.m. 25th. Battalion started to move through to positions.</p>	
	6/6/18.		<p>12'35 a.m. Relief completed. Battalion on relief moved back to positions in I.10.c. vacated by 27th. Battalion. Guides met their Coys. at HEILLY Station and took them to their positions. 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. to be Reserve Brigade to 2nd. Australian Division.</p> <p>9 a.m. Weather: Fine and clear. Coys. all settled down and located in bivouacs built into steep banks on either side of a deep valley. Battalion Headquarters at I.10.c.8.8. "A" and "B" Coys. near Battalion H.Q. in valley. - "C" and "D" Coys. in Sunken road and trench in I.10.b. and I.11.a. During the day Coys. carried on with cleaning parades, kit inspections etc.</p> <p>4 p.m. Changes in Officers: Lieut. C.E. Etheridge and Lieut. R.H. Willis marched in to Nucleus Battalion from 5th. Training Battalion, England.</p>	

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MORLANCOURT SECTOR.	6/6/18.	5'30 p.m.	Baths allotment received from 5th.A.I.Brigade. Baths at BONNAY allotted to Battalion for 7th.inst.	
	7/6/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear. Coys. carried on with bathing, kit inspections throughout the day.	
		4 p.m.	Changes in Officers: Lieut.J.Maxwell, M.C.,D.C.M. arrived at Nucleus Battalion from Scouting, Observation and Sniping School.	
			Battalion to supply 237 O.R.'s with a proportion of officers for cable burying. Party to be on the job at approximately J.11.c.6.8. Task: trench to be dug to a depth of 7' - task per man: 1 1/2 yards, cable to be laid and trench filled in.	Appendix 9/J/18
	8/6/18.	8 p.m.	Parties moved forward on to job. Capt.N.H.Hobbs, M.C. in charge of party. Works report att'd.	
		4'15 a.m.	Party returned without casualties. Work carried out by the Battalion party was to the satisfaction of the officer in charge of the job.	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear. Men engaged on work during the night were allowed to rest during the day. Others who were not engaged on work during the night were put on cleaning up the Battalion area.	
		4 p.m.	Work party to be supplied again for cable burying.	
		8 p.m.	Party moved forward in charge of Capt.J.B.Lane to start on job at approximately J.17.b.20.90. Task per man the same as previous night.	
	9/6/18.	4'20am.	Party returned without casualties. Task as set down for night being completed.	
		9'30 a.m.	7th.Aust.Inf.Brigade Order No.188 received and acknowledged, re anticipated operation by 7th.Aust.Inf.Bde. in conjunction with 13th.Aust.Inf.Bde. The operation to be carried out in conjunction with 13th.Aust.Inf.Bde. with 18th.Battalion in Reserve at J.21. Objective to be approximate line of Road junction K.25.c.0.5.(inclusive) - K.19.d.4.6. - K.13.d.65.20. - K.13.b.2.6. - 13th.Aust.Inf.Brigade on the right to push forward its left flank to join up with the right of new flank. The 6th.Aust.Inf.Brigade will carry out two raids on enemy posts at K.1.d.9.2. and E.19.b.7.1. Weather: Fine and clear.	10/5/18
		10'45 a.m.	The C.O. went to 7th.Aust.Inf.Brigade H.Q. to interview G.O.C. with reference to anticipated operation.	
		2'30 p.m.	5th.Aust.Inf.Brigade Order No.185 received and acknowledged re anticipated operation by 7th.Aust.Inf.Brigade.	11/5/18

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MORLANCOURT SECTOR.	9/6/18.	2'30 p.m.	C.O. returned from 7th.Aust.Inf.Bde. - Meeting of Company Commanders to discuss the operation. 18th.Battalion to move forward on the night of 9th/10th.inst., move to be completed by 3 a.m. On the 10th.inst. The Battalion to be in reserve at the disposal of G.O.C. 7th.Aust.Inf.Bde. and to be used only in case of counter-attack.	
		3'5p.m.	Battalion Order No.31 issued, re move forward and action of Battalion.	Appendix 12/J/18.
		4 p.m.	Changes in Officers: 2/Lieut.A.A.Walls, M.M. proceeded to 4th.Army Infantry School. Lt.-Col.G.F.Murphy, D.S.O. awarded C.M.G. - Lieut.L.C.Robson awarded M.C. - No.3586.L/Cpl. S.S.Rawcliffe awarded D.C.M. vide Birthday Honours List published in A.I.F. Order List 340 of 4/6/18. Advice received from Brigade that cable burying party would be again required for work to-night. Arrangements made re move forward. All gear to go forward to be dumped, ready for loading, in Company dumps. Rations of meat and tea were cooked, to go forward on limbers.	
		8 p.m.	Working party, Capt. C.H.Kaepfel, M.C. in charge, moved forward on to job.	
		10 p.m.	Battalion Headquarters & Details, Company H.Q. and details moved forward to take over new position in J.21. Working party to rejoin on completion of job.	
		11'50p.m.	Arrived at new Battalion Headquarters.	
	10/6/18.	3'20 am.	Working party returned from job without casualties.	
		3'25 am.	Battalion reported in position. Addendum to 5th.Aust.Inf.Brigade Order No.185 received. Zero hour for 7th.Aust.Inf.Bde. operation to be 9'45 p.m. on 10th.inst.	
		4 a.m.	Bombs were issued at rate of 2 per man and tools were put in Platoon dumps.	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
		1'30 pm.	C.O. arrived from Transport Lines.	
		4p.m.	Scattered shelling in rear area by enemy artillery. No shells fell in the vicinity of Battalion Headquarters.	
		9'40 p.m.	Barrage opened. All Coys. stood stood by in dug-outs. Gas sentries posted and specially warned to be on the alert against gas shelling.	
		10'12 p.m.	Observers from O.P. reported by 'phone that two green flares were observed on centre of the front, followed by two red flares, at 10'10 p.m.	
		10'20 p.m.	Three green flares observed on "A" (right) Battalion sector notifying that objective had been captured.	
		10'32	Phone message from General Wisdom to C.O. - "In touch with Left Battalion, quite O.K. - 20 prisoners on the way back. Retaliation slight. No word from centre of Right Battalion but flares fired in direction of Right Battalion seem to indicate that they have reached	

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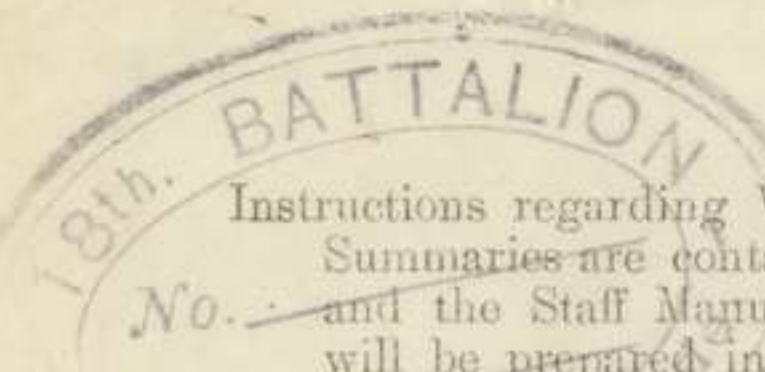
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MORLANCOURT SECTOR.	10/6/18		<p>10'32pm. their objective but were not fired according to plan. Casualties to left Battalion very slight.</p> <p>10'40 pm. Observers report that single red flares at 10 seconds interval went up on left front.</p> <p>10'43 pm. From Observers: " 3 red flares at 4 seconds interval on right, 2 reds (groups) on left Battalion, probably notifying that objective is being consolidated"</p> <p>10'44 pm. Message repeated from Observers.</p> <p>10'45 pm. Reported this message to 7th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.</p> <p>11. p.m. From Lieut. G.H. Duncan "Consolidated on whole front".</p> <p>11'1 p.m. Groups of 2 green flares at 40 seconds interval on right.</p> <p>11'7 p.m. From General Wisdom to C.O. "Reports from all Battalions say O.K. and digging in".</p> <p>11'20 pm. Barrage ceased.</p> <p>From observers: "One white parachute flare went up on each flank".</p> <p>11'30 pm. Things very quiet. Apparently all O.K. No enemy shelling.</p> <p>12 m/n. Message (BMH 3) from 7th. Brigade received states "Enemy reserve Battalion 1 kilometre in rear. Counter attack may be expected immediately".</p>	
	11/6/18.		<p>1 a.m. Phone message from General Wisdom to C.O. "140 prisoners brought in. Prisoners state that they saw movement and expected an attack on morning of 11th. inst. 7th. Brigade casualties estimated at 200. The 6th. Brigade in first raiding party captured 1 M.G. and 6 boche. Second raid met with strong opposition. Party withdrew bringing casualties with them."</p> <p>1'30 am. From Lieut. G.H. Duncan "All O.K. 150 prisoners coming in. Identifications normal".</p> <p>4'16 am. Telephone lines down.</p> <p>4'30 am. Telephone lines restored.</p> <p>9 a.m. Weather: Fine and clear.</p> <p>Coys. carried on with cleaning up Battalion Area and collecting salvage, returning same to Battalion salvage dump.</p> <p>4 p.m. Things very quiet during the day. Enemy artillery very quiet.</p> <p>8 p.m. Wire from 5th. Brigade states "Lt-Col. G.F. Murphy, C.M.G., D.S.O. awarded bar to D.S.O. -Convey congratulations of Army, Corps, Div. and Brigade Commanders". ends. WIRE attached.</p>	
	12/6/18.		<p>5 a.m. Things very quiet during the night. Our artillery fairly active. An occasional burst of enemy shelling on front line near BRAY-CORBIE Road.</p> <p>9 a.m. Weather: Fine and clear.</p> <p>Coys. continued with salvage work.</p>	

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SECTOR.	12/6/18.	11'30 am. Phone message from Brigade-Major 7th.Aust.Inf.Brigade "18th.Battalion to rejoin Brigade in Reserve Area, moving under own arrangements". 4 p.m. Things quiet during the day. 7 p.m. Warning Order received from Brigade stating that the Division will probably be relieved by 5th.Australian Division, between 14th. and 16th.inst. 5th.Brigade probably moving on 14th.inst. 9'4 pm. Battalion commenced to move back to position in I.10.c. as occupied previously. 11'30 pm. Move completed.	
	13/6/18.	9 a.m. Weather: Fine and clear. Coys. carried on with inspection of clothing, arms and equipment with bathing and cleaning parades during the afternoon. Preparations were made for anticipated move on 14th.inst. 4 p.m. Message received from Brigade. Lieuts.G.J.G.Clayton and W.F.Jones and 2/Lieut.A.A.Walls,M.M. awarded Military Cross. 4071.Sgt.Boyce, P.J. (M.M.) awarded D.C.M.	
	14/6/18.	2 a.m. Brigade Order No. 186 received re move to CAMON AREA by motor bus. Battalion to move by bus in accordance with Battalion Order No.32. 6 a.m. Battalion Order No.32 issued. 7'30 am. Advance party, consisting of Lieut.E.B.W.Daniel and one N.C.O. per Company and Battn.H.Q. moved to new area by bus with 19th.Battalion. 1 p.m. Battalion commenced to move. An officer and 4 O.R. were left behind to hand over stores etc. to incoming unit. 3 p.m. Arrived at embussing point. 3'45 pm. Embussed and moved to CAMON Area. 4'50 pm. Arrived at debussing point near RIVERY and moved by march route to bivouacs near CAMON. Battalion Headquarters located at M.9.d.70.90. - Coys. located near Battalion Headquarters. Arrivals during week: 28 O.R. Departures during week: 29 O.R.	Appendix 13/J/18
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	15/6/18.	9 a.m. Weather: Fine and clear. Disposition of Battalion :- Battalion H.Q. located in house at M.9.d.95.00. -Remainder of Battalion H.Q. personnel in shelters M.9.d.70.40. (Sheet 62 D) "A" Company:- M.10.c.40.60. in shelters - "B" Company:- M.10.b.00.40. in shelters. "C" Company:- M.10.c.00.40. in shelters - "D" Company:- M. 9.b.00.70. in shelters. Q.M.Store and Transport at Hospice, RIVERY. - R.A.P. in house opposite Battn.H.Q.	

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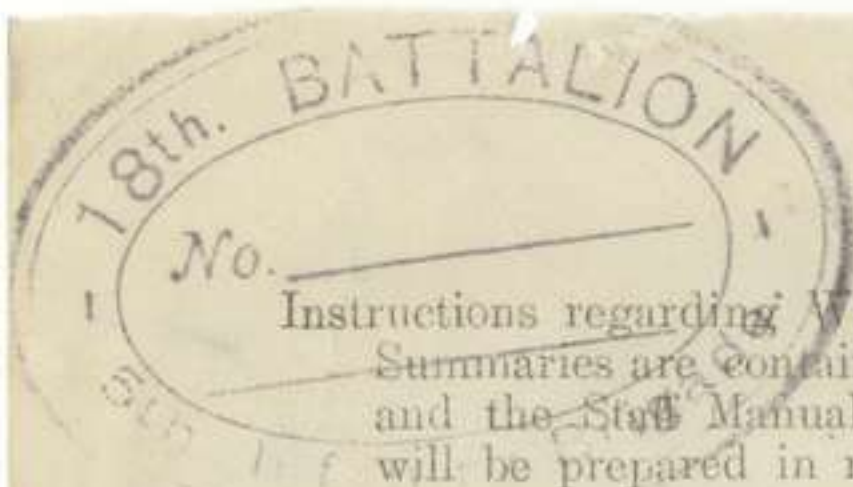
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CAMON AREA.	15/6/18.	9 a.m.	Two Anti-Aircraft Lewis guns mounted at in each company area. One " " " " " at Battalion Headquarters.	
		9'30 am.	Coys. carried on with inspection of kit and equipment, followed by cleaning of clothes, arms, ammunition etc.	
		10'30 am.	Battalion visited by Brigadier.	
		2 p.m.	Bathing parades for all Coys. carried out during the afternoon in lakes in vicinity of Battalion area.	
		6 p.m.	Details 16 O.R. marched in from Base, HAVRE.	
		7 p.m.	Nucleus Battalion from BERTEAUCOURT marched in. Strength: 3 Officers & 96 O.R. Officers: Lieut. J.C. Harrison, Lieut. C.E. Etheridge (from 5th Training Battalion) and Lieut. J. Maxwell, M.C., D.C.M.	
	16/6/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
		10'30 am.	Church Parade for all denominations. Rev. A.J.B. King, C. of E. service.	
		11 a.m.	C.O. attended conference at Brigade Headquarters.	Appendix 7/5/18.
		1 p.m.	Half holiday.	
		10 p.m.	Syllabus of training issued for week ending 22nd. June 1918. Instructions issued re role of Battalion in present area. - Ref. Map sheet 62 D. 1/40000. App. Reconnaissance by Company Commanders of "A" and "B" Coys. and Intelligence Officer carried out through the day as per para. 4 of Battalion Instructions 16/6/18. Leave to ABBEVILLE for officers opened. Allotment of 2 officers per day per motor lorry from RIVERY.	Appendix 14/J/E 15/J/18
	17/6/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
		9'30 am.	C.O.'s inspection of Companies. "A" Coy. 9'30 a.m. "C" Coy. 10'30 a.m. "D" Coy. 11'30 a.m.	Appendix 16/J/18
		10 a.m.	After C.O.'s inspection, companies paraded for inspection and examination of rifles by Armourer, by arrangement of D.A.D.O.S. 2nd. Aust. Div. Lewis guns and revolvers also, examined. Armourer's inspection complete 5 p.m. see Results: 182 rifles received minor repairs - 24 rifles exchanged. - 8 Lewis guns repaired, and and 2 returned to Workshop for repairs that could not be carried out by Armourer on spot. Baths at the Hospice, RIVERY allotted to Battalion as follows :- 10 a.m. to 12 Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. after armourer's inspection. Companies proceeded in turn to the baths - All Coys. and H.Q. details put through during the day.	



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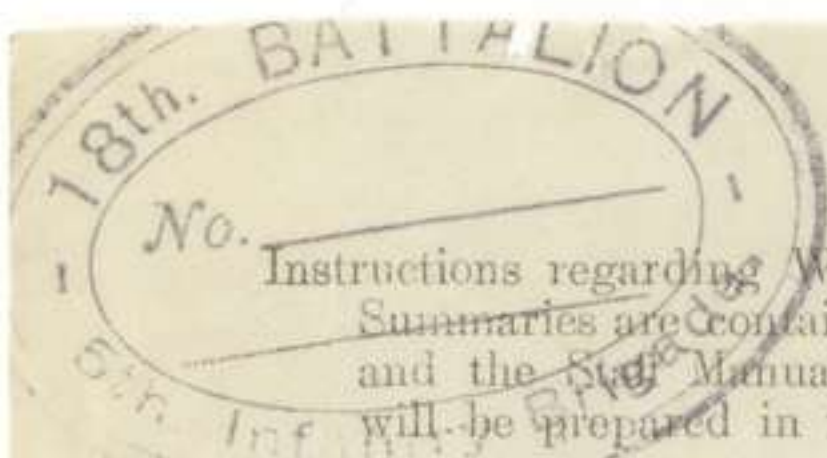
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CAMON AREA.	17/6/18.	4 p.m.	During the day reconnaissance was carried out by Company Commanders of "C" and "D" Coys. as per para.4 of Battalion Instructions d/- 16/6/18.	
	18/6/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
		9'30 am.	Coys. carried on with training as per syllabus of training for week.	
		10 a.m.	C.O.'s inspection of "B" Company.	Appendix 17/J/18
		11'15 am.	Arrival of Foden Lorry for fumigating purposes.	
		12 M/d.	C.O.'s Orderly Room.	
		1 p.m.	"C" Coy's fumigation of clothes, followed by "A" Company.	
		1'30 pm.	"B" and "D" Coy. training as per syllabus of training.	
			Marched in from O.C.Bn. 2 Officers - 2/Lieut.W.E.Sansom and 2/Lieut.F.Wilkins.	
			Marched in from Base, HAVRE, 6 O.R. details.	
		4 p.m.	Changes in Officers: 2/Lts.W.E.Sansom and F.Wilkins from O.C.Bn. Capt.C.Davis (R.M.O.) marched out to rejoin 5th.Field Ambulance. Capt.G.M.Whish (new R.M.O) marched in from 5th.Field Ambulance.	
		10 p.m.	Weather: Change. Thunder, showers and rain throughout the night.	
		N.B.	During the period of the Battalion in this area, the enemy has shelled AMIENS periodically during the day and night. Enemy aircraft has also been active in the vicinity during night time. To-day, one of our captive balloons, in the vicinity of VILLERS-BRETTONEUX, was seen to descend in flames - work of enemy aircraft..	
	19/6/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Showery.	
		9'30 a.m.	"B" and "D" Coys. carried on with fumigating of clothing by Foden Lorry.	
			"A" and "C" Coys. training as per syllabus - Lewis Gun and Musketry Ranges.	
			Battalion class for training signallers under Sgt.Guard.	
		3'45 p.m.	Lecture and demonstration by Capt.C.G.Walklate, M.C. and Sgt.W.H.Kates, D.C.M. for officers and N.C.O's on Light German Machine Gun.	
			Weather cleared, now bright and fine.	
		4'30 pm.	Comforts issued to troops (Beer)	
		6 p.m.	Lieut.J.C.Harrison evacuated to hospital, "P.U.O"	
	20/6/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
			One Officer (2/Lieut.H.S.Williams) and 5 O.R. marched in from Base.	



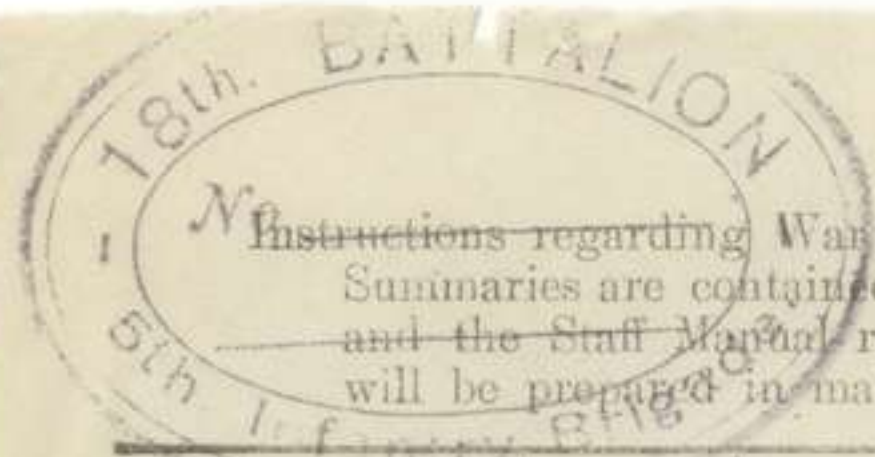
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CAMON	20/5/18.	9'30	Companies parade, carrying on training as per syllabus.	
		a.m.	Parties from "A" and "C" Coys. on Lewis Gun and Musketry Ranges throughout the day.	
		3 p.m.	Lieut. from A.I.F. War Records Section visited the Battalion and addressed officers and N.C.O's on "Museums"	
		3'15 pm.	Parade of all Transport and Kitchens for inspection by the Colonel Commanding the Brigade.	
		4 p.m.	Changes in Officers: 2/Lieut.H.S.Williams, 21st.Reinf'ts.18th.Battalion joined Unit.	
	21/6/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
		9'30 am.	Companies training throughout the day as per syllabus.	
		11 a.m.	Inspection by C.O. of Battalion quota (100 O.R.) of Guard of Honour for Corps Commander's - (Lieut.-General Sir.J.Monash, K.C.B.,V.D.) parade, presentation of awards and inspection of 5th.Aust.Inf.Bde. on 22nd.inst.	
	22/6/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
		9'30 am.	Portion of "B" Company on Lewis Gun Range.	
		10'15 am.	Battalion Guard of Honour moved off.- 3 Officers - Capt.C.G.Walklate,M.C., Lieut.A.R.Sheath,M.C. and Lieut.R.E.Dryden, D.C.M. and 100 O.R.	
			The following officers and other ranks of this Battalion received ribands:-	
			Lt.-Col.G.F.Murphy, D.S.O. - C.M.G. and Bar to D.S.O.	
			Lieut.L.C.Robson - M.C.	
			Lieut.W.F.Jones - M.C.	
			Lieut.J.Maxwell,DCM - M.C.	
			Lieut.A.W.Irvine,M.C- Bar to M.C.	
			2419.Cpl.E.S.Morris - D.C.M.	
			5837.Pte.Scotland, R.C. - M.M.	
			5382.Cpl.Nuttall, W. - M.M.	
			1978.Sgt.Nolan, G.P. - M.M.	
			2203.L/C.Taylor, F. - M.M.	
			4512.Pte.Bent, F.J.A. - M.M.	
			1044.Sgt.Mahoney, S. - M.M.	
			2871.Pte.Hosking, A. - M.M.	
			6340.L/C.Kitchener, S.J. - M.M.	
			3518.Sgt.Jennings, A.L. - M.M.	
			6607.Pte.Phillips, W.H. - M.M.	
		12'30 pm.	Report received that there had been an accident on Lewis Gun Range - 2/Lt.D.Bolger, "B" Coy. and 3907.Cpl.D.W.Meldrum,M.M. wounded. Both admitted to 5th.Field Ambulance. Court of Inquiry into above ordered to assemble at 3 p.m.	Appendix /J/18.
		3 p.m.	Demonstration at A.20.b.3.3. (Sheet 62 D) with Bombs, Message Rockets and Stokes. The following officers attended :- "A" Coy.Lieut.E.B.W.Daniel. "B" Coy. Lieut.S.M.Clark. "C" Coy. Lieut.W.F.Jones, M.C.- "D" Coy.2/Lieut.H.S.Williams.	

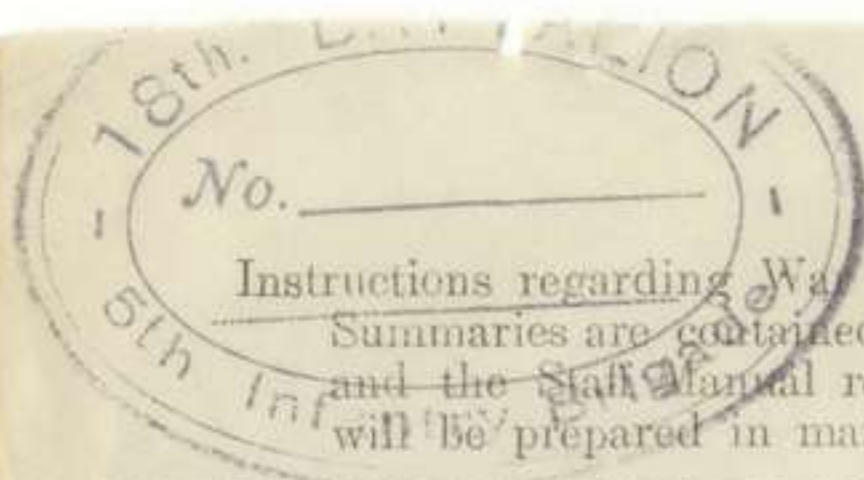


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CAMON	22/6/18.	4 p.m.	Changes in Officers: 2/Lieut.D.Bolger evacuated accidentally wounded. - Lieut.A.E.Johnson proceeded to Aust.Corps Gas School. - Lieut.F.J.Brown rejoined from attachment to 19th.Bn.	
		6 p.m.	C.S.M.Dransfield, G. marched in ex 5th.Field Ambulance and is temporarily attached to "B" Coy.	
		7 p.m.	5th.Brigade Concert Party (Green Diamonds) opened at the Hospice, RIVERY.	
	23/6/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear. (Padre)	
		10'30 am.	Church parade - all denominations. Rev.A.J.B.King/conducting C.of E.service.	
			Lieut.C.E.Etheridge and 2/Lieut.W.E.Sansom marched out to 2nd.Aust.Div.Sig.School.	
		1 p.m.	Half holiday.	
		4p.m.	Changes in Officers: Two officers (as above) proceeded to 2nd.Div.Sig.School.	
			Major W.R.C.Robertson, M.C. proceeded to Commanding Officer's School.	
			R.S.M.;H.C.Wright, M.M. proceeded on leave to England. - C.S.M.,A.T.C.Clarke, "C" Coy. temporarily relieving.	
			Meritorious Service Medal awarded to No.1 Sgt.J.Chapman and 2426.C.Q.M.S.McIntyre, T. vide A.I.F.Order No.346.	18/J/18.
	24/6/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
		9'30 am.	Companies parade - "C" and "D" Coys. working on Range, Lewis Gun and Musketry.	
			Baths at the Hospice, RIVERY allotted to the Battalion from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	
			"A" Company to Gas Chamber at Hospice RIVERY as per arrangements of Brigade Gas Officer.	
			"B" Company to baths, proceedings afterwards to Gas Chamber. "A" Company to the baths.	
			"C" and "D" Coys. came in early from the Range and did baths and Gas chamber alternately.	
			All companies completing their bathing parades and going through the Gas chamber during the day.	
		4'15 pm.	A/Brigadier, Colonel E.F.Martin, C.M.G.,D.S.O., met C.O's of Battalions and other officers at 18th.Battalion Headquarters	
		9 p.m.	Battalion Warning Order (No.1) issued re move forward.(Reference Brigade Order 8/118,24/6/18)	19/J/18



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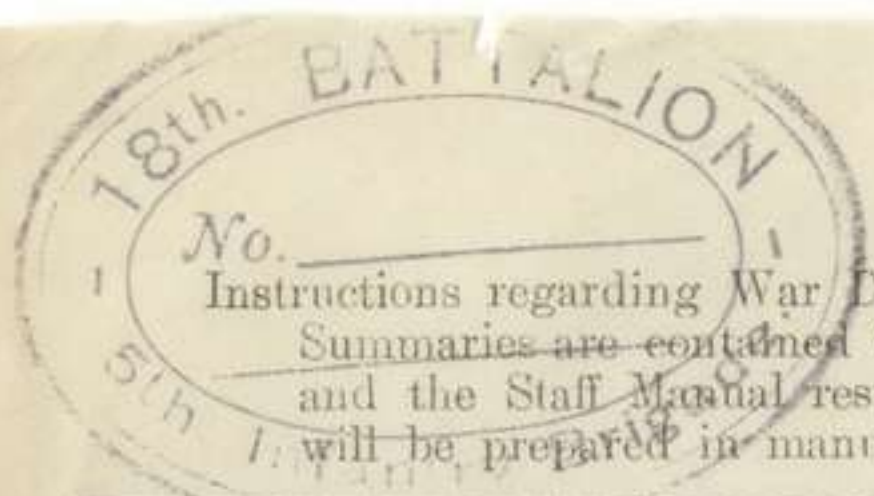
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CAMON	25/6/18	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
			Third anniversary of the Battalion leaving Australia on active service.	
		10'45 am.	C.O.'s parade on which he gave a short review of the Battalion's work, operations engaged in, award won, work of Comforts Committee and the Y.M.C.A. (Precis attached)	Appendix 20/J/18.
		1 p.m.	Battalion impromptu sports meeting held on "D" Coy's parade ground. 600 francs prizes donated from Regimental Funds. - Tug-o-War won by "B" Company.	
		4 p.m.	Changes in officers: Lieut. C. Blackford, 17th. Battalion attached as Signalling Officer to this Battalion.	
		7'30 pm.	Dinner given by officers of the Battalion to the Commanding Officer - Battalion's 3rd. anniversary. Toasts - "The King", "Our Guest", "Absent Friends" - The dinner was followed by an entertainment given by the "Green Diamonds" (5th. Brigade Concert Party)	
		Midnight.	"National Anthem" and "Auld Lang Syne"	
	26/6/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
		9'45 am.	Visit from official photographer of War Records Section - Photos taken of Battalion officers, and Battalion N.C.O.'s.	
			Companies carrying out training as per syllabus, throughout the day.	
		2 p.m.	Commanding Officer and Adjutant attended Divisional Conference at RIVERY.	
		4 p.m.	Changes in Officers: 2/Lieut. J.R. Neild marched in from No. 2 O.C. Bn.	
		8 p.m.	Battalion Warning Order No. 2 issued. - Relief of 3rd. Australian Division by 2nd. Australian Division. 18th. Battalion probably relieving 33rd. Battalion, A.I.F. as "B" Support Battalion. Map sheet 62 D. Battalion Headquarters at O.24.c.3.3. Capt. C.G. Walklate, M.C. to be in command of Nucleus quota. C.S.M. King, W.C. of "A" Company to be C.S.M. at Nucleus.	20A/J/18
	27/6/18	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
		9'30 am.	Companies training. Officers detailed for nucleus were Capt. C.G. Walklate, M.C. of "A" Coy. Capt. M.K. Readford of "B" Company.	
		10 a.m.	Capt. N.H. Hobbs, M.C. marched out en route to England to take over duties as Adjutant, A.F.C. Training Wing. - Lieut. A.R. Sheath, M.C. of "C" Company temporarily to command "B" Coy.	
		4 p.m.	Advance parties moved forward. Changes in Officers: As above.	
		9 p.m.	Battalion Order No. 33 issued. 18th. Battalion to relieve 33rd. Battalion in support as "B" Battalion. Map Sheet 62 D. SW - 2nd. Lt. J.R. Neild detailed to hand over in CAMON AREA to advance parties of 33rd. Battalion.	Appendix 21/J/18.

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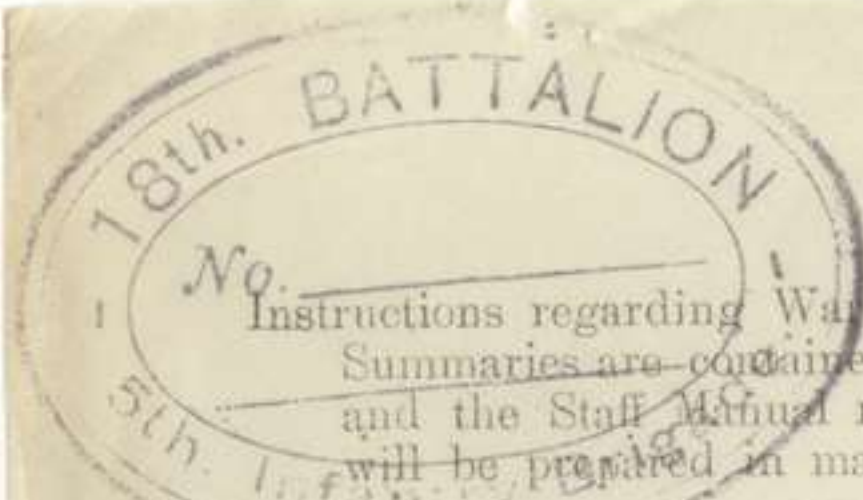
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CAMON. BLANGY - TRONVILLE. VILLERS - BRETTONEUX SECTOR.	28/6/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear. Nucleus personnel moved to RIVERY under Brigade arrangements thenve back to Transport Lines at LAMOTTE, owing to inability to supply water. Remainder of the Battalion engaged in clearing up the area, ready to hand over to incoming unit.	
		Noon.	2/Lieut.J.R.Neild reported having handed over. Receipts obtained for cleanliness of billets and bivouacs and for trench shelters, tents etc. handed over.	
		12'15 pm.	Battalion moved from CAMON Area in the following order - Bn.H.Q., "A", "C", "D", "B" Coys.	
		12'30 pm.	Cleared starting point - cross roads M.16.d.40.80. and moved. Packs dumped at Pack store.	
		3'30 pm.	Passed through BLANGY-TRONVILLE and rested for evening meal.	
		5'30 pm.	Resumed march and arrived at rear of BOIS-1'ABBE, resting there until 9,p.m., being unable to cross the ridge at 0.26. before 9'30 p.m.	
		10 p.m.	Moved through and picked up guides at CRUCIFIX CORNER. As "D" Company passed through valley 0.22, rear of Battn.H.Q. the enemy barraged the road and valley with 5'9 s, killing 2 and wounding 3 O.R's. The barrage also caught Transport, wounding Cpl.Chalmers, J. mortally, wounding a driver and killing 2 horses.	
		10'30 pm.	A shell landing in the trench near the R.A.P. killed Cpl.A.A.McInnes, M.M. of the Transport Section and 1 O.R. - Sgt.W.H.Kates, D.C.M. was wounded but remained on duty after being dressed at the R.A.P.	
		11'25 pm.	Relief complete - Relief arrangements satisfactory.	
	29/6/18.	1 a.m.	Battalion Dispositions. Battalion Hd.Qrs. in dug-out at 0.24.c.3.3. - "A" Coy. in VILLERS System, occupying 0.24.d.10.80. to 0.24.a.95.10. - Gas alarms, two 18 pdr.shell cases and 4 gas rattles. One anti-aircraft Lewis gun mounted on each flank. "B" Company in BANANA SWITCH, 0.30.a.& b. - all 4 platoons. Coy.Hd.Qrs. approx.0.30.a.4.7. Two anti-aircraft Lewis guns at Company H.Q. - "C" Company, No.9 Platoon 0.30.a.50.00. No.10 Platoon 0.30.a.35.15., - No.11 Platoon 0.30.a.15.50., No.12 Platoon 0.30.a.10.65. Gas alarms - 1 Strombos Horn and 1 Gas gong. - "D" Company 0.24.central - 0.30.b.2.7. Gas alrms - 1 Strombos Horn.	
		3 a.m.	Situation - Normal.	
		7 a.m.	Intelligence - Nothing to report.	
		8 a.m.	Situation unchanged. Wind N.N.E.	
		10 a.m.	Situation Normal.	
		Noon.	Patrol pass-words issued. (Copy attached)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VILLERS - BRETTONEUX SECTOR.	29/6/18.	4 p.m.	Casualty Return: 4 O.R., K.I.A. - 1 O.R., D.O.W. - 4 O.R. Wounded.	
		5 p.m.	Order issued re working parties for night of 29th/30th.June. 1 Officer 4 N.C.O's and 32 O.R. for work on R.A.P., working in 4 shifts of 6 hours each. Officers and N.C.O's to look over job at 6 p.m. 1 N.C.O. and 4 men for making concertina wire - to report at 9a.m. daily. 1 N.C.O. and 4 men for making pit props - to report at 9 a.m. daily. 1 Officer and 75 O.R. for deepening HUNTER Street, work commencing 10'30 p.m. 1 Officer and 75 O.R. for wiring HUNTER Street, work commencing 10 p.m.	
		10 p.m.	Working parties - 2 Officers and 150 O.R. - moved on to jobs.	
		11'30 pm.	"B" Company reports by xxx phone that a few gas shells fell in their sector -No casualties.	
	30/6/18.	3 a.m.	Working parties returned - No casualties - Officers in charge report work satisfactory. Tasks done during 24 hours - 1 N.C.O. and 8 men working with Engineers on concertina wire making and pit props. Material carried to junction of HUNTER Street and front line, and 250 yards double apron wire erected from P.19 .d.60.50. to P.20.c.10.40. - Deepening and fire-stepping HUNTER Street. Trench deepened another 1'3" and widened to 4' at top and 3' at bottom. 179 yards of wire completed from P.19.central to P.19.d.20.70.	Appendix 23/J/18.
		6 a.m.	Situation normal. Weather: Fine and clear.	
		8 a.m.	Salvage return - Value of material salvaged for week ending 27/6/18 - £222-12-10.	24/J/18.
		Noon.	Lieut.C.G.Butler left unit for Nucleus en route to 5th.Training Battalion, ENGLAND.	
		3 p.m.	Situation remains unchanged.	
		4 p.m.	Casualty return: 1 O.R. wounded and 1 O.R. evacuated sick. Changes in Officers: Major W.R.C.Robertson, M.C. and Lieut.A.E.Johnson marched in to Nucleus Battalion ex schools and Lieut.G.J.G.Clayton, M.C. marched in to Nucleus ex Hayling Island Musketry School, ENGLAND.	
		10 pm.	Parties from 18th. and 20th.Battalions reported and moved on to jobs - cable burying under Capt.J.B.Lane, 18th.Battalion.	
		Midnight.	Battalion fighting strength as at 30/6/18 - 27 Officers 628 O.R's. Battalion strength as at 30/6/18. - 38 Officers 799 O.R's.	

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18th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

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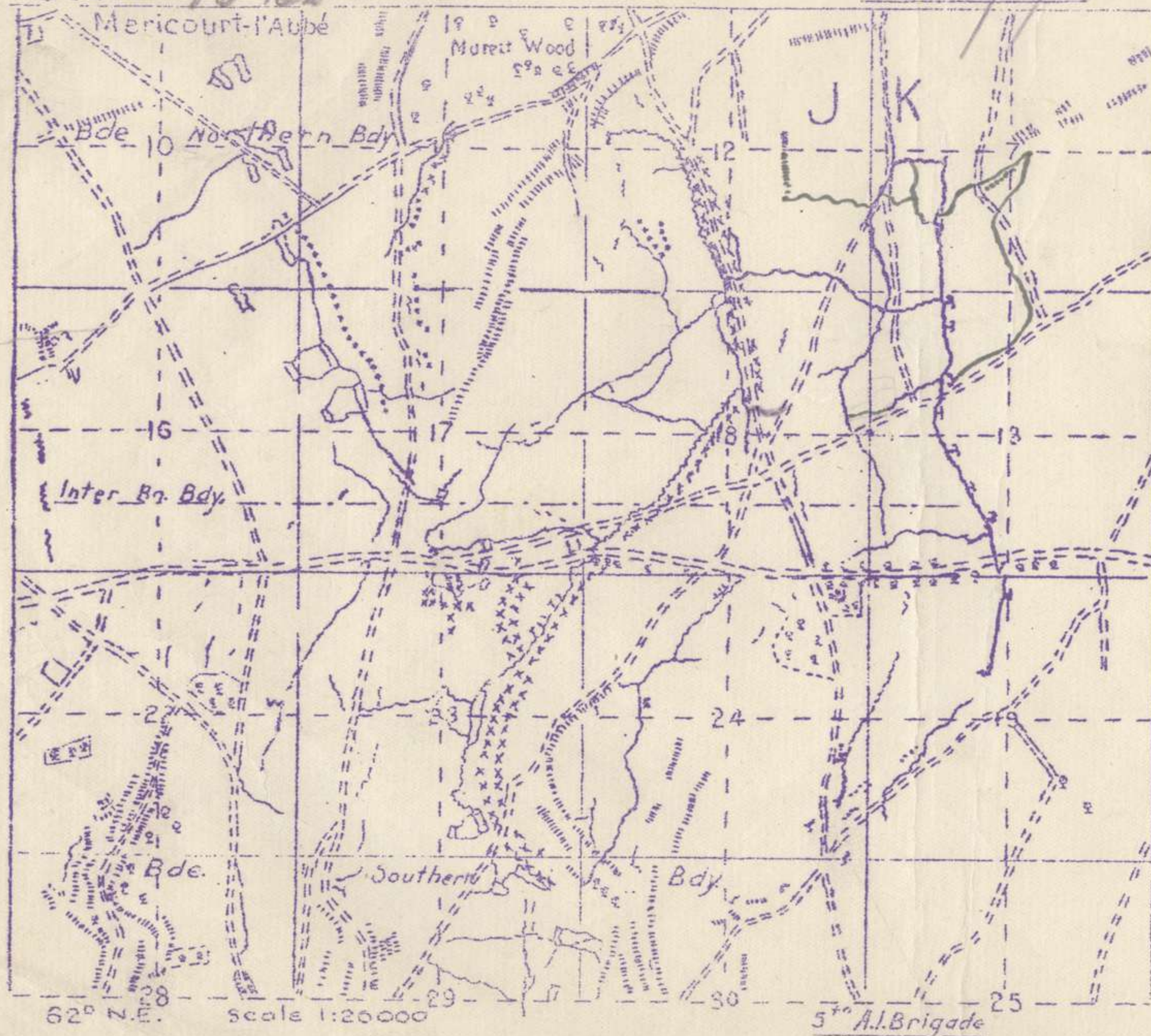
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MAP

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REMARKS.



110 yards C.T. dug 3' deep and
3' wide at top from BUNBURY
LINE at J.18.6.20.20. towards
COBAR LINE

100 yards C.T. dug 3' deep
by 2' 6" wide at head of
TORRENS C.T. in J.12.C.4.d



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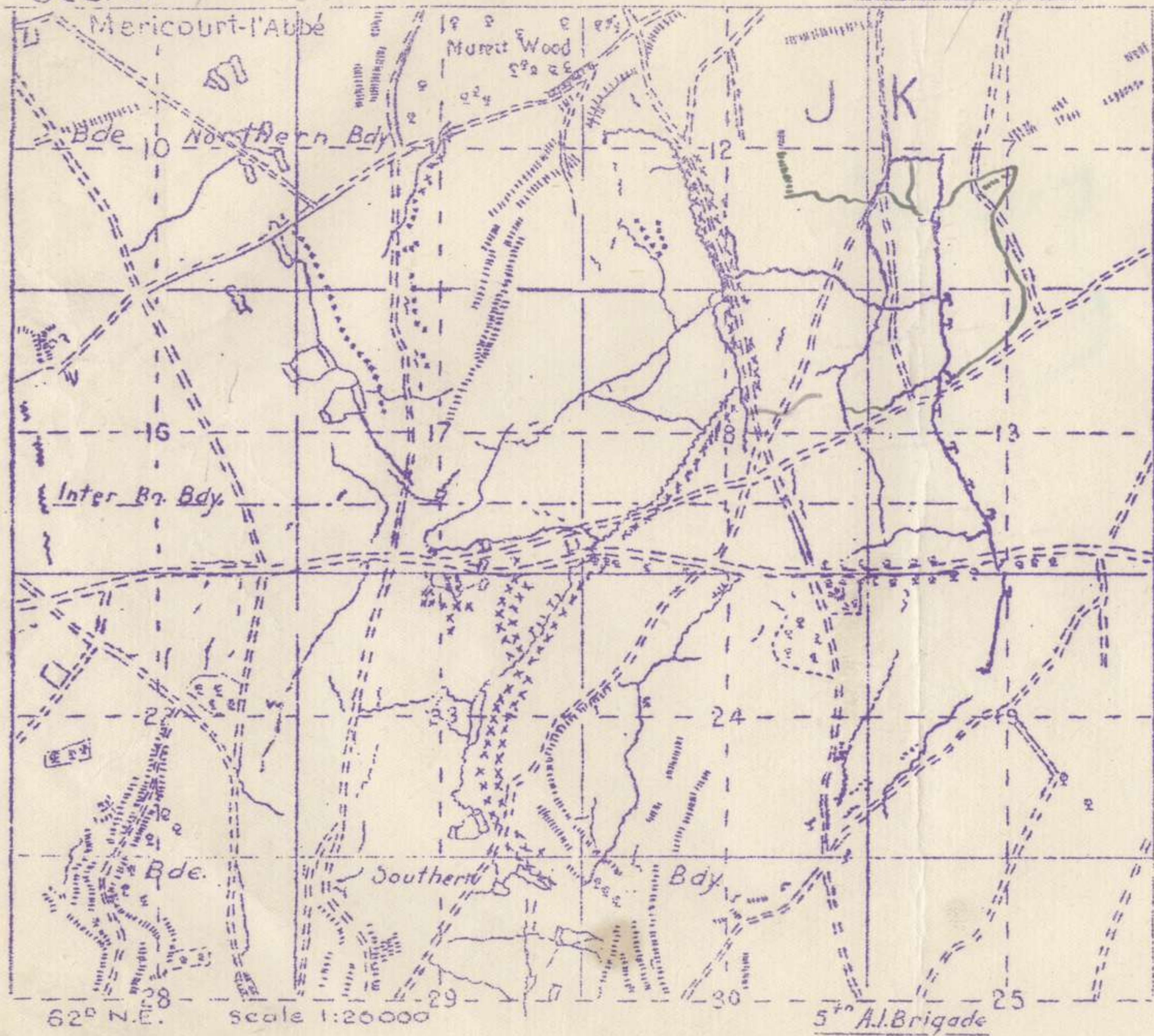
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18th Bn WORKS

MAP

Date 3/6/18

— REMARKS. —



The following work was carried out by the Bn for period ending 5 A.M. 3/6/18

200 yards of C.T running between BUNBURY LINE at J18b 20.20 towards COBAR LINE. This trench was dug 3' deep & 3' wide at top.

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Lieut.



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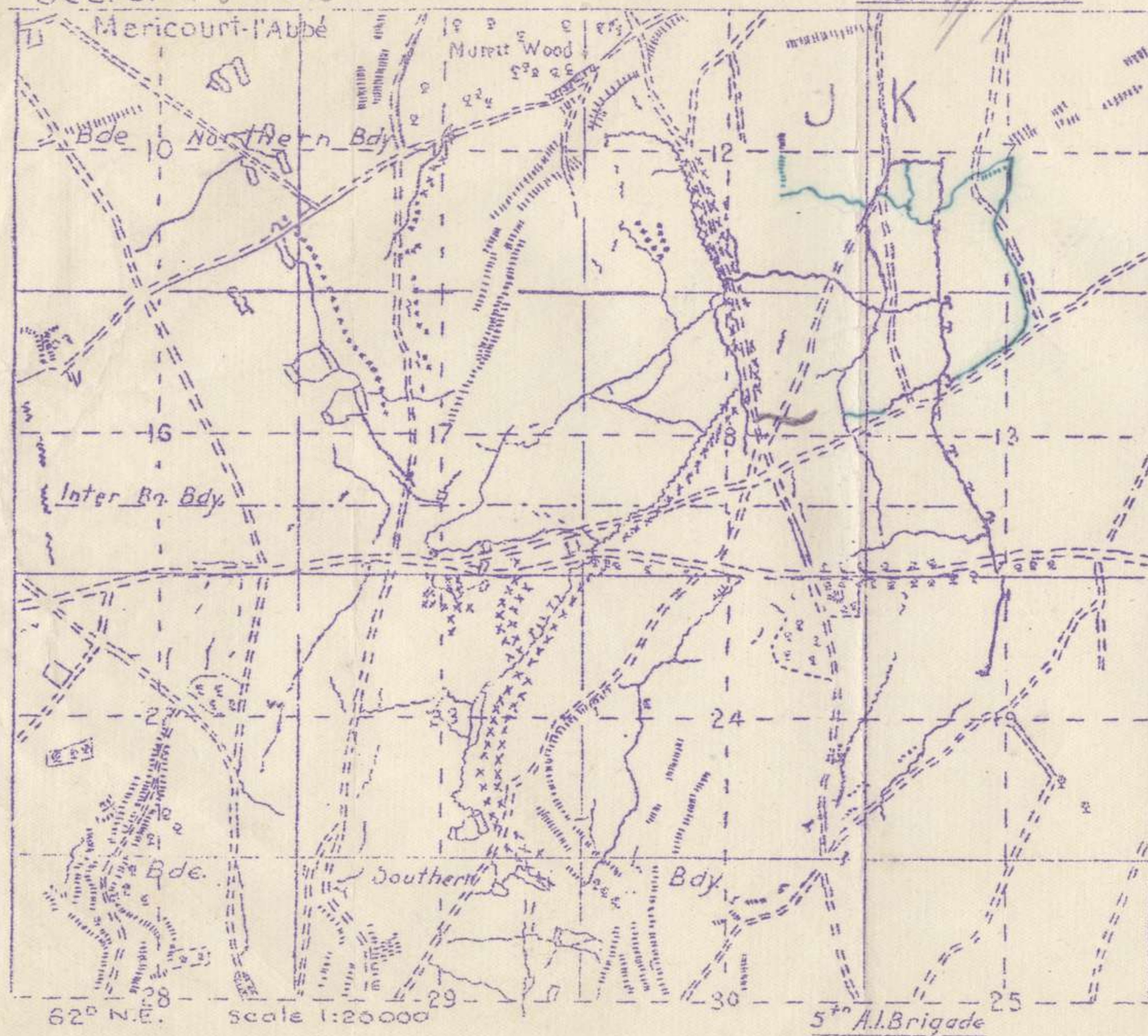
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The following work was carried out by the Bn for period ending 5 A.M. 4/6/18

300 yards CT running from BUNBURY LINE to COBAR LINE deepened to average depth of 4'-6" & 3' wide at top. This work is located in J18b.

Making excavation 8' x 9' x 6' at Bn HQ for Ration Dump.



Ed Daniel
Lieut.

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DECORATIONS - June Diary.

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Decoration.

Lieut. C.H.F. Engel,	5th. Field Coy.,)	Military Cross.
	Aust. Engineers.)	
Lieut. W.F. Jones,	18th. Battalion, A.I.F.	"
Lieut. G.J.G. Clayton,	"	"
4071. Sgt. P.J. Boyce, M.M.	"	Distinguished Conduct Medal
2333. Sgt. C.G. Bishop, D.C.M., M.M.	"	Bar to Military Medal.
1978. " G.P. Nolan,	18th. Battalion,	Military Medal.
4512. Pte. F.J.A. Bent,	"	"
2004. Cpl. J.O. Smith,	"	"
2871. Pte. A. Hosking,	"	"
1044. L/Sgt. S. Mahoney,	"	"
805. " R.F. Arnold,	"	"
5837. Pte. R.C. Scotland,	"	"
2203. " F. Taylor,	"	"
24. " P. Turley,	"	"
2043. " R. Whiddon,	"	"
5382. L/Cpl. W.W. Nuttall,	"	"
5368. Pte. G. Milliken,	"	"
6340. " S.J. Kitchener,	"	"
6607. " W.H. Phillips,	"	"
2285. Sgt. J.J. Luck,	"	"
3518. " A.L. Jennings,	"	"
3671. " J.A. Ryan,	"	"
2055b. " C.I. Ebbrell,	"	"
6537. Pte. E. Dunkinson,	"	"
1144. Sgt. E.E. Cruickshank,	"	"
1887. Cpl. R.V. Wild,	"	"
2454. Pte. G.R. Peacock,	"	"
2354. L/Cpl. C. Curling,	5th. Field Coy.)	
	Aust. Engineers.)	



EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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Battalion Headquarters,
21st May 1918.

Headquarters,
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

I desire to bring under notice the valuable services rendered by the undermentioned officers and men of other units attached to the 18th Battalion during operations on 19th inst. and strongly recommend ~~that~~ that they be considered for immediate award. I have also furnished particulars direct to units concerned.

Lieut. Fisher

Lieut. G. H. F. Engel, *MS*

No. 2354. L/Cpl. Clive Curling, *MS*

No. 2402. Cpl. E. E. Johnson,

- 19th Battalion, A.I.F.

- 5th Field Coy. Engineers.

- 5th Field Coy. Engineers.

- 5th A.L.T.M. Bty.

Geo. J. Murphy

Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 18th Battalion, A.I.F.

Copy to -

C.O. 19th Battalion,

O.C. 5th Field Coy. Engrs.

O.C. 5th A.L.T.M. Bty.

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MB
Lieutenant Golson Henry Frederick ENGEL. 5th. Field Company,
Aust. Engineers.

Whilst his section was attached to this unit for operations on 19th. inst. near MORLANCOURT, he laid the jumping off tape and then ran a tape forward some 45 yards in advance of our line. Here he discovered a strong hostile patrol, and indicated their position to the garrison of the line, enabling them to be dealt with by a counter patrol. Shortly after Zero he marked out a C.T. forward to the captured position. He came under machine gun fire, and, with Lieut. Fisher, 19th. Battrn. located the post, and with a small party rushed it, capturing the garrison and two machine-guns. Later he was wounded by shell fire. This officer rendered valuable service throughout.

Lieutenant William Frederick JONES. MB

For bravery and leadership of a high order.

During the attack near MORLANCOURT on 19th. inst., all "D" Coy. officers became casualties and the company was held up by a machine gun post. The retention of the post by the enemy guarded a covered approach for his reinforcements and it also enfiladed our line to the right. Lieut. Jones, who was with the right Coy. and endeavouring to get in touch with "D" Company, quickly grasped the situation, collected bombs, organised a small bombing squad and by a determined attack killed the crew, captured the gun and enabled the Company to gain its objective. Later, throughout the day he did valuable work in consolidating the captured position.

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Recommended for Military Cross.

Lieutenant Gladstone John Garland CLAYTON. MB

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

He led his platoon from the front line trench which held two feet of water and laid down under the barrage for 18 minutes whilst the flank troops came up. He then led his men forward in spite of heavy machine gun fire and located the command post. He rushed this, and found an officer sending a message over the phone. The officer attempted to use his revolver, but Lieut. Clayton took him prisoner and captured the post. Whilst consolidating several officers and a number of men were shot by snipers. Lieut. Clayton located them in a crop, and by skilful bombing with No. 36 grenades drove them out and absolutely kept sniping down throughout the day. He did fine work during consolidation and his coolness and disregard for personal danger set a high example to his men.

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Recommended for Military Cross.

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No.1978.Sergeant George Patrick NOLAN. MM

This N.C.O., whose platoon had no officer, led his men out to dig in under a barrage, and coolly marked out the tasks for each man. His steadiness greatly encouraged the men and the task was well done. Throughout the day he showed great coolness and leadership of a high order in handling his platoon.

No.4512.Private Bent MM

For conspicuous bravery.

On reaching the objective in the attack near MORLANCOURT on 19th.inst. it was found that no machine guns had arrived and the above soldier immediately returned across the area which was swept by intense machine gun and rifle fire to a spot where we had suffered most casualties in penetrating the enemy's wire. On searching the ground he found a gun of which the gunners had been killed and returned with it to where his platoon was holding the line. He immediately went back again and brought in another gun under similar circumstances. On making a third trip Pte.Bent obtained several panniers of machine gun ammunition which had been lost on the way across. His conduct throughout was extremely cool and his bearing inspired the remainder of the men.

No.2004.Corporal James Otway SMITH. MM

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

A few minutes after the attack was launched the telephone wires were cut. Cpl.Smith immediately went out through the barrage, located the break, and repaired several breaks. He then followed up the attack and ran a line to the objective. On the line being again cut he went out and had just repaired the break when he was severely wounded.

No.2333.Sergeant Charles George BISHOP, D.C.M., M.M. Bar

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

During the preliminary bombardment he was wounded in the face by a piece of shell. Despite this he took a party in charge. On arriving at the objective he saw one of the officers fighting in advance of the line. He ran to his assistance but the officer was severely wounded - he died later. The stretcher bearers who went forward were both shot. The Sgt. carried the officer towards our lines and was himself severely wounded, and later brought in as a stretcher case.

Awarded D.C.M. - III Corps R.O.77 d/- 13/5/18.

Awarded M.M. - d/- /3/18.

Recommended for Bar to D.C.M.

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No. 2871. Lance Corporal Alfred HOSKING. MM

As No. 1 of a Lewis gun team, he was out in "No Man's Land" very near enemy snipers, covering the consolidation of the captured position. He prevented the enemy from mounting an advanced machine gun and drove them back by his fire. Throughout the day he, on several occasions, harassed enemy parties and dispersed them.

No. 1044. Lance Sergeant Sidney MAHONEY. MM

For dash and courage in dealing with a dangerous post. During the advance on the 19th. inst., near MORLANCOURT, he charged an enemy machine gun, put the crew to flight and took one of them prisoner. He also secured the gun.

No. 805. Lance Sergeant Roy Frederick ARNOLD. MM

This N.C.O. did very gallant and useful work during the advance and consolidation of the captured on 19th. inst. near MORLANCOURT. On reaching the objective he at once pushed forward with a captured machine gun to enfilade a party of the enemy who were still giving trouble from pot-holes in the rear and thus causing them to retire.

No. 5837. Private Robert Charles SCOTLAND. MM

This man used his Lewis gun with great skill and daring in the attack on the morning of the 19th. inst. near MORLANCOURT. He pushed well in advance of the line, and brought flanking fire to bear on a party of the enemy who were holding up a neighbouring platoon and thus enabled them to advance. On the previous day he took part in a daylight raid in which 23 prisoners and a machine gun were taken and showed great dash and daring.

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No. 2203. Private Franklyn TAYLOR. MM

On approaching the objective, during an attack on 19th. inst. near MORLANCOURT, this man noticed an enemy machine gun in advance of the position. The machine gun was firing on and causing casualties to a neighbouring platoon, which was being seriously hampered by its fire. Without any hesitation, he, with a N.C.O., charged the machine gun and captured it and one of its crew. The remainder of the crew were either killed or put to flight.

No. 24. Private Percy TURLEY. (Signaller) MM

On the 19th. inst. this man went out with another linesman to repair a break. The shell fire and machine gun fire was particularly heavy and Pte. Turley's companion was killed. Turley located the fault in the wire and repaired it though the area round about was still being swept by machine gun fire.

Throughout the day he constantly patrolled the line and with Pte. Smith maintained communications forward.

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No. 2043. Private Robert WHIDDON. M M

During the advance on the morning of the 19th. inst. near MORLANCOURT, as soon as he saw his platoon Commander killed, dashed out from the leading wave and bombed the post from which four of the enemy were firing. He displayed splendid pluck and initiative and set a high example to his comrades.

No. 5382. Lance Corporal William Wolstenholm NUTTALL,
No. 5368. Private George MILLIKEN,
No. 6340. Private Stephen Joseph KITCHENER. M M

In the attack on the morning of the 19th. inst. near MORLANCOURT on arrival at the objective, two enemy machine gun posts caused a gap in our line and was enfilading the party on the right of the gap from the rear. Lieut. Jones called for volunteers to bomb up this trench whereupon

5382. L/Cpl. W. W. Nuttall,
5368. Pte. G. Milliken, and
6340. Pte. J. S. Kitchener,

formed a bombing party. They moved along the trench to bombing range and succeeded in killing or wounding all the garrison and finally rushed the position, capturing the two enemy machine guns, and established connection with the party on the left of the gap thus securing communication with the left Brigade.

No. 6607. Private William Henry PHILLIPS. M M

This man went over with the attack as Company runner. He saw a hostile post in advance of our line which was inflicting casualties on our men. With two N.C.O.'s, one of whom was killed, he captured the garrison of the post. Throughout the day he carried messages across the open in spite of snipers and machine gun fire, and rendered valuable services.

No. 2285. Sergeant ~~James~~ John Joseph LUCK. M M

In the attack on the morning of the 19th. inst. near MORLANCOURT, after all the officers of the Company but one had been killed or wounded, a machine gun position was captured by a party led by this N.C.O. At this time the left flank was in the air. This N.C.O. took the captured gun out in front and covered the flank until the position was consolidated and the flank connected. Later in the day he came to the assistance of an officer and a N.C.O. who were mopping up a post which had been missed. He displayed great coolness and leadership of a high order.

No. 3518. Sergeant Arthur Lindsay JENNINGS. MM

In the attack on the morning of the 19th. inst. near MORLANCOURT his platoon Commander being killed, at the first objective, he took charge, filled up a dangerous gap and connected up with the Brigade on our left. Throughout the operation he displayed courage and leadership of a high order and his work in joining up with the Brigade on our left was of the greatest value. It was probably the most critical part of our line.

No. 3671. Sergeant James Aloysius RYAN. MM

In the attack on the morning of the 19th. inst. near MORLANCOURT Sgt. Ryan, when his officer was wounded, took charge of his platoon, and, despite much opposition from strong points led his platoon through to the final objective, established his position, and throughout the day displayed splendid coolness and initiative.

No.2055b. Sergeant Charles Instance EBBRELL. 177

On the morning of the 19th.inst. near MORLANCOURT, his platoon was suffering casualties from a Machine gun. Sgt.Ebbrell took a patrol forward and was severely wounded. He continued to lead his patrol forward until the enemy was driven off. He then fainted from loss of blood and had to be carried back unconscious to our lines. *His right arm was almost severed.*

Recommended for Distinguished Conduct Medal.

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No. 4071. Sergeant Patrick Joseph BOYCE, M.M. *DCM*

For conspicuous bravery and leadership.

This N.C.O. was in charge of a section of a silent raiding party of 1 Officer and 18 O.R. who left our trenches at about 11'30 a.m. on 18th. May 1918 near MORLANCOURT and raided an enemy strong point.

He organised his party at very short notice and led them in daylight across 90 yards of level No Man's Land without covering fire. The marked courage and leadership displayed by this N.C.O. in handling his party contributed materially towards the capture of 23 prisoners and one machine gun and getting his party back to our trenches without casualties to themselves. Four of the enemy were left ^{down} in the strong point. Important identifications were obtained.

On the night of 18th/19th. inst. after the attack had gone forward, he was one of a very small party who mopped up two parties - 16 in all - with a machine gun, who were sniping the troops consolidating.

On the 12th. inst. he, with one other, located an enemy post and brought in a machine gun.

Military Medal awarded April 1918.

Recommended for Distinguished Conduct Medal.

No. 6537. Private Edward DUNKINSON. *MM*

An enemy machine gun near the Cross roads in K.13.b. caused a number of casualties amongst our attacking troops. Lieut. Woodriff, Pte. Brain and Pte. Dunkinson made their way towards this gun. The officer was killed and Pte. Brain wounded. Dunkinson bombed the gun crew from the post but lost sight of them in the crop. He returned to his platoon and when the gun opened from a new position, he crawled out and silenced it with rifle grenades.

On the previous day he did exceptionally fine work in a daylight raid on an enemy strong point in which 23 prisoners were captured.

Recommended for Distinguished Conduct Medal.

No. 1144. Sergeant Ernest Edward CRICKSHANKS. *MM*

In the attack on the morning of 19th. inst. near MORLANCOURT, when all the officers of "D" Company had become casualties, this N.C.O. took command, continued the attack and capturing his sector of the objective in the face of heavy machine gun fire.

He showed great courage and coolness, setting a splendid example to his men and in doing most valuable work in consolidation of the captured position throughout the day.

Recommended for Distinguished Conduct Medal.

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mm.
No. 1887. Lance Corporal Russell Valentine WILD. (Scout Cpl.)

On the night of 12th. May this N.C.O. was one of a patrol of two sent to reconnoitre a position near MORLANCOURT.

The position of the Battalion on the flank had not been definitely determined, and twice this patrol found themselves amongst hun posts. They finally located the neighbouring post, and then took members of the garrison from each post over the intervening ground. Afterwards they again went forward to an advanced hun post, and discovered a machine gun mounted for firing, with the crew temporarily absent. L/Cpl. R.V. Wild brought the gun into our lines and gave much valuable information about a position which had been obscure.

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No. 2454. Private Robert PEACOCK. MM

For conspicuous gallantry.

On the 18th. May 1918 this man was a member of a silent raiding party consisting of 1 Officer & 18 O.R. which left the front line at about 11'30 a.m. near MORLANCOURT and raided an enemy strong point. The party was organised at short notice and instructions were brief. The party had to cross 90 yards of open ground to get to their objective. This man made straight for the machine gun in the post and got it. The courage, dash and precision with which this man carried out his orders helped materially towards the success of the enterprise. 23 prisoners and one machine gun were brought back to our line without casualties to the party.

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No. 2364. Lance Corporal Clive CURLING.

MM

5th. Field Company,
Aust. Engineers.

For Gallantry and devotion to duty.

He carried tapes forward close to the enemy's line and after the position was captured, he, at great risk and under machine gun fire taped out a switch line. His work throughout was of a high order and carried out regardless of personal danger.

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(S E C R E T)

EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 29

(Copy No. 2)

Battalion Headquarters,
4th June, 1918.

REFERENCE MAP Sheet 62.d. N.E. 1/20,000.

1. The boundary between 2nd and 4th Aust. Divs. is being altered to run from the present Front Line at J.30.c.9.9. to J.23.c.0.0. thence West along old boundary.
2. The 5th A. I. Brigade will take over from 13th A.I. Brigade that portion of the Front between the old Boundary and J.30.c.9.9. on the night of 4th/5th June.
3. Consequent of the above order the readjustment will affect the 18th Battalion as follows,-
"B" Coy, 18th Battn. at present about J.13.central will be moved forward to Sunken Road in J.23.d in support of 20th Battn. and will come under the direct tactical command of C.O. 20th Battn. for the move and thence forward.
4. Trench Stores will be taken over and a copy of receipts forwarded to both 18th and 20th Battn. H.Q. by first runner after relief.
5. Subject to terms of this Order, all details of relief will be mutually arranged between O.C. "B" Coy. and 20th Battalion.
6. Rations will be delivered to "B" Coys. H.Q. at J.23.d.80.40 by 18th Battn. limbers tonight.
7. The readjustment will not effect other Coys. of this Battn.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to both 18th and 20th Battn. H.Q. by wire in B.A.B. Code.
9. A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. J. Johnson
Lieut.
Asst./Adjutant, 18th Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 3.45 p.m. per runner.

Distribution.

1. File.
2. "A" Coy.
3. "B" Coy.
4. "C" Coy.
5. "D" Coy.
- 6/8. War Diary.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
-----S E C R E T
*****Brigade Headquarters,
3rd June 1918.

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WARNING ORDER

1. On the night 4th/5th June the following side-slips and consequent re-adjustment of boundaries and redistribution of troops will take place :-

(a) The 5th A.I.Bde. will take over from 13th A.I.Bde. that portion of the line between the present right flank south to J 30 c 9 9. Southern Brigade boundary will run J 30 c 9 9 - J 23 c 0 0 - thence as before.

(b) The 6th A.I.Bde. will take over from 5th A.I.Bde. that portion of the front from their southern boundary to K 13 b 3 8 (approx). Northern brigade boundary will probably run K 13 b 3 8 - J 12 a 0 0 - thence as before.

2. The present inter-battalion boundary will be altered to a line through K 19 a 3 5 to J 13 c 0 5 thence as before.

3. Necessary reconnaissances will be made at once.

4. The C.O. 2nd A.M.G.Bn. is arranging to take over the necessary M.G. positions from the 4th A.M.G.Bn.

5. The 5th A.I.Bde. will probably be relieved in the line on the night 5th/6th instant by 7th A.I.Bde.

6. ✓ A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. P. MacCallum
Captain,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution :-

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19th Battalion
20th Battalion
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.
Right Group Arty.
22nd A.M.G.Coy.

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Bde. Major
Staff Captain
Bde. I.O.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

S E C R E T

Order No. 183

Copy No.

Brigade Headquarters,
3rd June 1918.Reference Map -
Sheet 62d NE, 1/20,000

1. The boundary between the 2nd and 4th Australian Divisions is being altered to run from the present front line at J 30 c 9 9 to J 23 c 0 0, thence west along old boundary.

2. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over from the 15th A.I.Bde. that portion of the front between the old boundary and J 30 c 9 9 on the night 4th/5th June.

3. Consequent on the above order, the re-adjustment will be effected as follows :-

The 20th Bn. will take over the new portion of the front from their present right flank to J 30 c 9 9 from 51st Bn.

The Coy. 18th Bn at present about J 23 central will be moved forward in support of 20th Bn and will come under the direct tactical command of C.O. 20th Bn for the move, and thence forward.

4. Trench and sector stores will be taken over. Copies of receipts to be forwarded to Bde. H.Q. by 6 pm 5th instant.

5. The C.O. 2nd A.M.G.Bn. is arranging to take over from C.O. 4th A.M.G.Bn. the Machine Gun defence of the new portion of the front on the night 5/6th June.

6. Subject to the terms of this order, all details of relief will be mutually arranged between C.O.'s. concerned.

7. Completion will be notified to Bde. H.Q. by "Priority" wire in B.A.B. code.

8. Command of the new portion of the front will pass to the C.O. 5th A.I.Bde. on completion of relief.

9. ✓ A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued thro'
Signals 7.30 pm.

W. P. L. M. C. L. L. L.
Captain,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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3 Staff Captain
4 Int. Off.
5 Signal Off.
6 Bomb Officer
7 17th Bn
8 18th Bn
9 19th Bn
10 20th Bn
11 5th A.L.T.M.Bty.
12 22nd A.M.G.Coy.
13 5th Field Coy. A.E.
14 5th Field Amb.
15 2nd A.M.G.Bn.

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18 15th A.I.Bde.
19 2nd Aust. Div.
20 "C" Coy. 2nd Tank Bn.
21 Right Group Arty
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Copy No.....

ORDER No. 134

Headquarters,
4th June 1918.

Reference Map -
Sheet 62D, 1/40,000

1. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved in the Right Brigade Sub-sector of the Divisional front on night 5th/6th June as follows :-
The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over temporarily that portion of the front between the present inter-Brigade boundary and H 13 b 2 8.
The 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over the remainder of the Right Brigade Sub-sector.
The relief will be made in accordance with attached table.
2. On completion of relief the inter-brigade boundary will be temporarily altered to run from K 13 b 2 8 to J 12 central, thence west along old boundary.
3. Reliefs of the 5th Field Coy. and 28th A.M.G. Coy. are being arranged by the C.R.E. and M.C. Battalion commander respectively.
4. On relief the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over the duties and dispositions of the Reserve Brigade.
5. Advance parties :-
(a) 7th A.I.Bde. advance parties will report direct to unit H.Q. concerned on night 4th/5th June.
(b) Advance parties from 5th A.I.Bde. will report by 12 noon 5th June to H.Q. of 7th A.I.Bde. units whose positions they are taking over, and will act as guides for their own units on night 5th/6th.
6. (a) Aeroplane photos, marked maps, defence schemes, works policy, information regarding the front, and trench stores will be handed over to incoming units.
(b) Defence scheme, area stores, and instructions regarding duties etc., will be taken over in the Reserve Brigade area.
(c) Copies of receipts given and obtained will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of relief.
7. No movement forward of the ridge running north and south through J 12 c and d will take place before 10 pm.
8. Subject to the terms of this order all details of relief will be mutually arranged between C.O's. concerned.
9. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
10. Command of the sector will pass to C.O.C. 7th A.I.Bde. on completion of relief.
11. Completion of relief and arrival in new position will be notified to Bde. H.Q. by "Priority" wire in code.
12. 5th A.I.Bde. H.Q. will close at HEILLI and open at FREUCHENCOURT on completion of relief.
13. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued thro' 5.
Signals at 4.5 pm.

W. P. MacCallum
Captain
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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10	17th Bn
11	18th Bn
12	19th Bn
13	20th Bn
14	5th ALTM Bty.
15	23rd AMG Coy.
16	2nd A.M.G. Bn.
17	5th Field Coy.
18	5th Field Amb.
19	6th A.I. Bde.
20	7th A.I. Bde.
21	13th A.I. Bde.
22	"C" Coy. 2nd Tank Bn.
23	2nd Aust. Div.
24	Town Major, FRECHENCOURT
25	Filo
26	Right Group Arty.
27	"Z" Special Coy. R.E.
28/30	War Diary
30/31	Spare.

RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5th AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER 184

Serial No.	Date	Unit	Relieved by	Move to position vacated by	Headquarters will be at	Remarks
1	5/6 June	20th Bn. less left line Coy. plus 1 Coy. 18th Bn	27th Bn	25th Bn	J 13 c 4 9	
2	do	Left line Coy. 20th Bn 19th Bn less left line Coy.	28th Bn	28th Bn	I 4 a 4 2	
3	do	Left Line Coy. 19th Bn	21st Bn	-	-	
4	do	18th Bn less 1 Coy.	23th Bn	27th Bn	I 10 c 8 8	
5	do	17th Bn	26th Bn	26th Bn	C 29 d 3 7	
6	do	5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	C 26 d 3 6	
7	do	5th A.I.Bdo. and Sig. Section	7th A.I.Bdo. and Sig. Section.		FRECHENCOURT CHATEAU	

Routes as most convenient.

Distances will be maintained as necessitated by the situation.

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SECRET

Brigade Headquarters,
4th June 1918.

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

Reference Brigade Order No. 184, March Table.

Serials 1 and 2, column 3. The Coys. 18th and 20th Bns
will rejoin their Bns. on relief.

William Allen

Captain,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRETINSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE - No. 17

Reference Map
Sheet 62 D, 1/40,000

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ACTION OF BRIGADE IN DIVISIONAL RESERVE

1. Instructions for the Defensive No. 8 are cancelled.
2. The Reserve Brigade will be prepared to reinforce or to counter attack in any part of the Divisional front or on its immediate flanks, or it may be employed to hold rear lines of defence.
3. The battalion in J 13 (20th Bn) will be prepared to garrison the Bridge-head Line, J 19 d - J 8 b, on orders from Brigade H.Q. It is also available for counter attack in conjunction with 1 section, No. 13, "C" Coy., 2nd Bn. Tank Corps, located in J 13 a.
4. (a) The 17th Bn will detail nucleus garrisons for the ANCRE extension of the BAIZIEUX system (first system second zone) from I 18 a 0 5 to J 1 c 7 8, and occupy these defences when ordered. The frontage includes posts lettered J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, S, T, inclusive and posts numbered 30 - 36, both inclusive, totalling 17 posts, half to be manned by L.G. sections and half by rifle sections.
(b) 18th Bn. will detail nucleus garrisons for portion of the ANCRE extension of the BAIZIEUX system running from I 22 c 0 0 to I 18 c 0 5, and occupy these defences when ordered. Frontage includes lettered posts A to I both inclusive, numbered posts 23, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 totalling 16 posts, half to be manned by Lewis gun section and half by rifle section.
(c) In each of the above roles an officer in command and four other officers will be sent forward with the garrisons.
5. The 5th A.L.T.Bty. will select 8 positions for Mortars to cover the ANCRE Extension defences for occupation if necessary.

6. Necessary reconnaissances of Forward Div. Area and second zone defences will be carried out by all units.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Bde. H.Q.
4/6/18.

W. P. ...
Captain,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

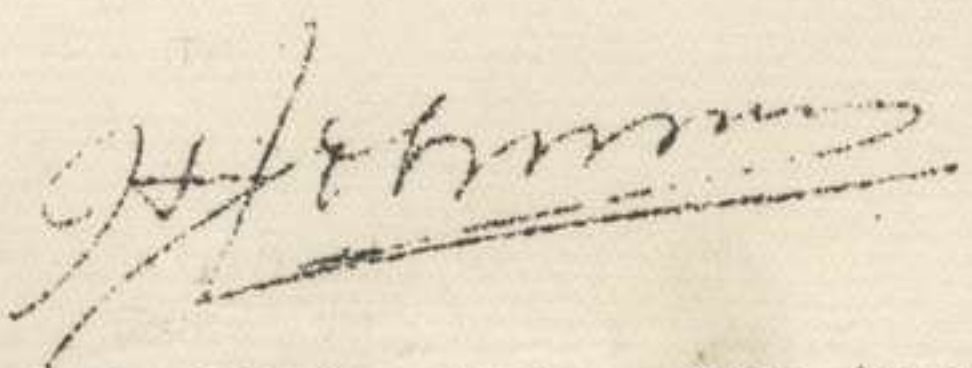
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
*****S E C R E T
*****Brigade Headquarters,
5th June 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(To accompany Brigade Order No. 134)

1. SUPPLIES -
Existing supply arrangements will continue.
2. Q.M. STORES AND TRANSPORT LINES -
Will remain at present locations.
3. TRENCH STORES ETC. -
Receipts will be obtained for all trench stores, shelters etc. handed over and copies will be forwarded to this office by 9 pm 6th instant. Particular attention is to be paid to the handing over of General Purpose Rations at each Bn. H.Q.
Units will take over General Purpose Rations in their new area and post guards on dumps. Copies of receipts given are to be forwarded to this Office by 9 pm 6th instant.
Picks and shovels over and above units' echelon will be handed over.
4. GUARDS ETC. -
The present Bridge-head Guards will be relieved by 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. on 5th instant.
Units will arrange to take over Bridge-head Guards at present supplied by units of 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.
5. GUN BOOTS. -
Gun boots will be returned to present Brigade H.Q.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Captain,

Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution -
As for Brigade Order No. 134

EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 30.

(Copy No 6)

Battalion Headquarters,
4th June 1918.

REFERENCE MAP 62d 1/40,000

1. The 5th A. I. Brigade will be relieved by the 6th and 7th A. I. Brigades in the Right Brigade Sub-Sector on the night 5th/6th June.
2. The 18th Battn. (less "B" Coy.) will be relieved by 23rd Battn. "B" Coy. will be relieved by one Coy. of 27th Battn., under arrangements to be made by the 20th Battn., and will rejoin 18th Battn. in Reserve on relief.
3. On completion of relief the inter-Brigade boundary will be temporarily altered to run from K.13.b.2.8. to J.12.central thence West along old boundary.
4. On relief the 5th A.I. Brigade will take over duties and dispositions of Reserve Brigade.
5. The 18th Battn. on relief will move to position at present occupied by 27th Battn. approx. I.10.c. Battn. H.Q. will be at I.10.c.8.8.
6. Advance Party of Lieut. Daniel and 2 O.R.s from Battn H.Q. and 1 N.G.O. and 4 O.R. from each Coy. will assemble at Railway Station HEILLY at 8.30 a.m. and will then proceed to H.Q. 27th Battn. at I.10.8.8.8. The advance party will act as guides and will pick their Coys. up at Heilly Station on relief.
7. (A) Aeroplane photos, marked maps, works policy, information regarding front and trench stores will be handed over to incoming Unit.
(b) Defence scheme, area stores, and instructions regarding duties etc. will be taken over in Reserve Brigade Area.
(c) Receipts will be given and obtained, two copies of each to be forwarded to H.Q. within 12 hours of relief.
8. No movement forward of ridge running North and South through J.16.c. & d. will take place before 10 p.m.
9. Lewis Guns and panniers of "A", "C", and "D" Coys. and H.Q. Sig. gear will be dumped at Battn. H.Q. at 10 p.m. and will be taken on limbers to new position. Two men per Coy. will remain with the guns to act as loading party and guard. "B" Coys. Guns and panniers will be dumped at their Coy.H.Q. by 10 p.m. and will be picked up by a limber and taken to new position.
10. One guide per platoon and Coy. H.Q. from "A", "C", and "D" Coys. will report to Battn. H.Q. at 9 p.m. 5th inst. to guide incoming Unit to respective positions.
11. Rations for 6th inst. will be dumped in convenient dump in new position.
12. Movement will be by Platoon at 50 yards distance.
13. Completion of relief will be notified to Battn. H.Q. by wiring name of Coy. Sergt. Major.
14. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued by runner at 10.15 p.m.

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| 1. File | 4. "C" Coy. | 9. 20th Battn. |
| 2. "A" Coy. | 5. "B" Coy. | 10. T.O. & Q.M. |
| 3. "B" Coy. | 6/8. War Diary. | |

de fahus Lieut.
A/Adj. 18th Battn. A.I.F.

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

7/5/18

Battalion Headquarters,
5th June, 1918.
-----Reference BATTALION ORDER No. 30, dated 4/6/18.

1. In Para 2. delete 23rd Battalion and substitute 25th Battalion.
2. Companies from 25th Battn. will take over from opposite Coys. of 18th Battn.
3. Para 10. will be amended to read as follows.- Guides for H.Q. "A" and "D" Coys. will pick up 25th Battn at Cross Roads at J.10.e.9.0. Guides from "C" Coy. will meet 25th Battn. at head of valley at J.16.a.2.4. "C" Coy will send an H.Q.O. in charge of guides and will reconnoitre track in daylight. "D" Coy will detail an officer to take charge of guides from H.Q. "A" and "D" Coys. to report at Battn.H.Q. at 9 p.m. All guides will be in position by 10 p.m.

W. J. P. H.
Lieut.
A/Adjutant, 18th Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued per runner at 1 p.m.

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As in Battalion Order No.30.

27th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

ORDER No. 31.

5th June 1918.

Reference Map: Sheet 62D, 1/20,000.

1. INFORMATION. On the night 5/6th June, 7th A.I. Bde will relieve 5th A.I. Bde in the Right Sub-sector of the line.
2. INTENTION. The 27th Battalion will relieve the 20th Bn less 1 Coy., plus 1 Coy of the 18th Battalion.
3. DISPOSITIONS. On completion of relief, 27th Battalion will become Line Right Battalion and will hold the front from J.30.c.9.9. to K.19.a.8.7.
The Companies will be disposed as follows :-

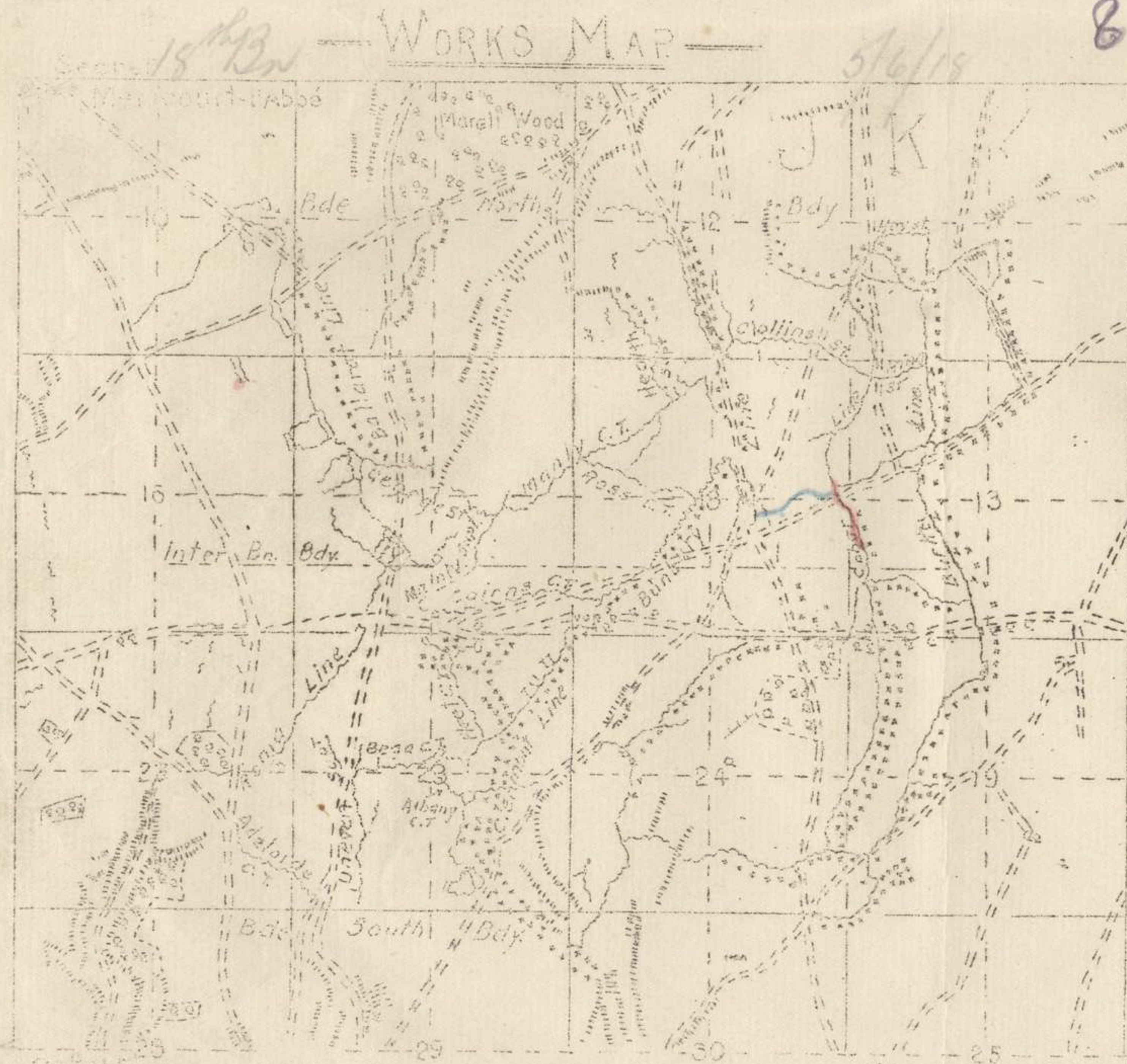
'A' Coy :-	Line, Right Company
'B' "	Line, Left Company.
'B' "	Support.
'C' "	Reserve.

Bn.H.Q. will be situated at J.22.d.2.4.
4. (a) Aeroplane photographs, S.O.S grenades, maps, defence schemes works policy, trench stores will be taken over on relief and receipts in duplicate will be forwarded to Bn.H.Q. within 12 hours of completion of relief.
(b) Trench stores, including trench shelters, at present held by companies will be handed over to the Advance Parties of the 18th Bn. and receipts in duplicate obtained.
5. (a) Advance Parties have already proceeded forward.
(b) Incoming troops will not pass ridge running E and W through J.16.c & d before 10 p.m.
Guides will meet incoming troops as arranged.
Distances of 100 yards will be maintained between platoons.
6. Completion of relief will be wired by sending name of Company Commander.
7. Bn.H.Q. will close at present location at 9.30 p.m. and open at J.22.d.2.4. at 10.30 p.m.
8. Acknowledge.

H. James Hunt
A/Adjt 27th Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No. 1	7th A.I. Bde.	Copy No. 8	O.C. Hqrs Dtls.
2	20th Bn.	9.	Quartermaster.
3	18th Bn.	10.	T.O.
4	O.C. 'A' Coy.	11.	Cooks.
5	O.C. 'B' "	12.	War Diary.
6	O.C. 'C' "	13.	File.
7	O.C. 'D' "		



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WORKS REPORT

The following works were carried out by the Bn for period ending 5.8.18:-

270 yards COBAR LINE extended in S direction. This trench was deepened to average depth of 4' 3" widened to 3' at top. Tach located J16b.d. and K13.c.

Ration dump at Bn HQ as J16b 60.80 completed.

Party on work on digging new HQ in Support Line

New work shown in Red.

Ed Davis Works Officer
1st Lt En

Note:- Only approved names are to be used when referring to trenches. 5/6/18 11046

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Order No. 188.

Headquarters,
June 9th 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62 D. N.E., 1/20,000.

1. INTENTION.

(a) On a date and at an hour to be notified later, an attack will be carried out by the 7th A.I. Brigade with the object of improving our position between SAILLY-LAURETTE and MORLANCOURE.

(b) In conjunction with this operation, the 4th Australian Division is pushing forward its Left flank to join up with the Right of our new front. The 6th A.I. Brigade will also carry out two raids.

2. OBJECTIVE.

(a) The objective for the Brigade is as follows :- The high ground from the road junction (inclusive) at K.25.c.00.50. in a North Easterly direction in front of road through K.19.d.30.00., K.19.d.4.6., K.19.b.30.40, Cross Roads at K.15.d.70.20. to the angle of the front line trench at K.15.b.20.75.

(b) The objective for ('A' Bn) 27th Battalion will be from K.25.c.00.50. to K.19.d.50.20.

(c) The objective for ('B' Bn) 25th Battalion, from K.19.d.30.20. to K.15.d.7.2: (road junction inclusive).

(d) The objective for ('C' Bn) 28th Battalion will be from K.15.d.7.2. to K.15.b.20.75.

3. FORMATION FOR ATTACK.

The attack will be delivered by three Battalions - the 27th Battalion ('A' Bn. Right), 25th Battalion ('B' Bn. centre), and the 28th Battalion ('C' Bn. Left).

The attack will be made in two waves. Three Companies in the first wave in normal formation - one Company in the second wave.

The first wave will jump off from the front line. The second wave will jump off from the support line.

4. ACTION OF ATTACKING INFANTRY.

(a) Prior to Zero. The three assaulting companies of each attacking battalion will be in the front line, and the fourth company will be in the support line by 3 a.m. on the morning preceding the attack.

Troops in the front line between K.19.a.6.6. and K.15.c.7.6. will be withdrawn to the new jumping off trench dug between these points, and all other forward posts will be withdrawn to the main front line by ZERO minus 30 minutes.

(b) At ZERO infantry will leave the trench and form up as close to the barrage as possible.

(c) After ZERO. On the objective being gained, covering parties will move out 100 yards in front of the objective. The remainder of the attacking troops will consolidate the position.

The consolidation of the new front line will take the form of mutually supporting platoon posts which will be linked up if time permits. The enemy's old trenches will be utilized if suitably sited.

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The carrying parties will carry scythes with which to cut the crops, if necessary, to obtain a better field of fire.

The 25th Battalion will construct a strong point in vicinity of K.19.d. 1.3. to sweep valley in K.25.b. and K.19.

The 28th Battalion will construct a strong point in vicinity of K.15.b.2.5. to sweep valley in K.14.a. and slope in K.14.c. & d.

Parties which will be detailed previously for the work will move with the assaulting troops.

The 7th Field Company A.E. will assist in the construction of these strong points.

5. ACTION OF THE RESERVE BATTALION.

The 23th Battalion will detail 3 platoons as a nucleus for the present front line. These three platoons will occupy PIONEER TRENCH on the night preceding the attack. At ZERO hour they will move forward to the present front line, one platoon to each Battalion sector.

The 26th Battalion will detail two platoons as a carrying party to the 7th A.L.T. Battery. The two platoons will occupy PIONEER TRENCH on the night preceding the attack. From there, at ZERO hour, they will move forward to the 7th A.L.T. Battery H.Q. at J.24.a.9.8.

The remainder of the 26th Battalion will occupy PIONEER TRENCH on the night preceding the attack: to vacate present position by 12 midnight.

The 18th Battalion will be held as a reserve to the 7th A.I. Brigade, and will be in position vacated by 23th Bn. in J.21. by 5 a.m. on the morning preceding the attack.

6. FIELD ARTILLERY.

(a) The attack will be supported by a creeping barrage from 7 Field Artillery Brigades.

(b) Heavy Artillery - counter-battery work from ZERO onwards. Bombardment of selected targets. The details of artillery arrangements and barrage map will follow.

7. MEDIUM TRENCH MORTARS.

Eight 6" Newton Mortars will co-operate by firing on enemy wire and selected targets. Details will follow with Artillery arrangements.

8. LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

The 7th A.L.T. Battery will co-operate. All 3" Stokes mortars will be emplaced so that a hurricane fire can be directed on enemy posts within the 18 pounder barrage. Further details will follow with Artillery arrangements.

Four mortars will be detailed to follow the infantry, and on consolidation, will engage targets as follows :-

Enemy works at K.25.b.0.3 and K.20.c.1.4. Minenwerfer in K.20.a.4.4., BRAY-CORBIE Road and trench in K.20.a.5.9., trench in K.14.c., and road in K.7.d.

The other four mortars will remain in reserve.

9. ACTION OF VICKERS MACHINE GUNS.

Six guns of the 7th A.M.G. Coy will jump off with the first wave of the Infantry. When clear of the enemy barrage they will follow the assaulting troops and take up positions as follows:-

(a) 2 guns to approx. K.13.b.8.2.

1 gun to fire down gully towards MORLANCOURT,

1 gun to fire South towards BRAY Road.

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- (b) 2 guns to approx. K.19.b.8.0.
 1 gun to fire North towards BRAY Road,
 1 gun to fire South towards Valley in K.19.d. & K.25.a.
- (c) 2 guns to approx. K.25.c.0.5.
 1 to fire North towards K.19.d. central,
 1 to fire South covering Gully in J.26.central.

The remaining guns of the 7th A.M.G. Coy and the 23rd and 6th A.M.G. Coys are allotted for barrage work. See hektograph issued to units concerned.

The 4th A.M.G. Battalion is co-operating in this barrage.

10. COMMUNICATION TRENCHES.

The 2nd Pioneer Battalion (less 1 Company) will construct C.T.'s as under :-

(a) From trench at K.19.c.1.2. to K.25.a.9.4., using enemy trench from K.25.a.4.9.

(b) From K.13.c.8.6. to K.13.d.1.8. thence by old enemy trench to new line about K.13.d.60.85.

The 2nd Pioneer Battalion (less 1 Company) will move to the old trench line (CLERMONT Line) on the night prior to the attack, and will move forward at ZERO plus 30 minutes.

The existing C.T.'s are allotted as under :-

SINGLETON STREET - for both IN and OUT traffic.

KIWI C.T., through J.24.b. and K.13.a. - IN traffic only.

TINGHA STREET - OUT traffic only.

ROSS & URALLA C.T. - IN traffic only.

KING & COLLIN STREET - OUT traffic only.

11. SUCCESS SIGNALS. The following success signals will be used, and will be fired by the senior officer of the assaulting troops of each Battalion -

(a) GREEN Very lights for notifying that the objective has been captured.

(b) RED Very lights to notify that the captured objective is being consolidated, and that the covering parties are out.

(c) Success signals will be fired towards the Left, i.e. the North in all cases.

(d) 'A' Battalion will fire a succession of Very lights at 45 seconds interval.

'B' Battalion will fire Very lights in groups of two with 15 seconds interval between lights, and one minute interval between groups.

'C' Battalion will fire Very lights in groups of three with five seconds interval between lights, and one minute interval between groups.

These lights will be discontinued at the discretion of the officer concerned.

12. ON CONSOLIDATION, and not later than 2.30 a.m., attacking Battalions will be re-organised in depth. Troops of the 26th Battalion detailed for carrying, will rejoin their Battalion when no longer required. The troops of 26th Battalion detailed as nucleus garrison of present front line, will remain in that position until the following night, when they will rejoin their Battalion.

The 26th Battalion and 18th Battalion will stand fast in their positions.

The Pioneer Battalion will return to HEILLY, leaving the front line not later than 3 a.m.

Machine Guns and Trench Mortars will remain in their battle positions.

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13. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.

An officer from Brigade Headquarters will synchronize watches the afternoon before the attack, as follows:-
 With 25th Bn. and 7th A.L.G. Coy at 25th Bn. H.Q., at 4 p.m.
 With 28th Bn. at 28th Bn. H.Q., at 4.30 p.m.
 With 27th Bn., 26th Bn., 18th Bn., 2nd Pioneer Bn., and 7th A.L.T.M. Bty at 27th Bn. H.Q. at 5 p.m.

14. CONTACT PATROL.

(a) A contact patrol of the 3rd Squadron A.F.C. will fly over the captured position at 4.15 a.m. RED ground flares at 20 yards interval will be lit, and rifles laid on the parapet in groups of 3 rifles (two feet between rifles and 10 yards between groups) when called for by the KLAXON horn.

(b) A counter-attack patrol of the 3rd Squadron A.F.C. will be in the air between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m., after which artillery machines will be in the air.

Counter attack patrols will signify that the enemy is assembling for the counter-attack by flying in the direction of the enemy, sounding KLAXON horn and discharging a WHITE Very light.

(c) A Brigade message dropping station will be established at J.22.d. control.

15. ANTI-AIRCRAFT.

Special steps will be taken by each of the 25th, 27th and 28th Battalions and 7th and 28th A.L.G. Companies to provide for anti-aircraft defence on re-organization after consolidation.

The 28th Battalion will detail 1 extra anti-aircraft Lewis Gun to accompany each of the three platoons detailed as nucleus garrison.

15. LIAISON.

Each of the 27th and 28th Battalions will detail a Liaison Officer with the 25th Battalion, and the 27th Battalion one officer with the Left Battalion of the 15th A.I. Brigade.

The 25th Battalion will detail a Liaison Officer with each of the 27th and 28th Battalions.

The 26th Battalion will detail a liaison officer with each of the 25th, 27th, and 28th Battalions.

The 18th Battalion will detail an officer to report to Brigade Battle H.Q. at ZERO minus one hour.

All Liaison Officers will be provided with two runners. Captain W.S. HOSKINGS, M.C., 27th Battalion, will be Brigade Liaison Officer with the 15th A.I. Brigade.

Lieut. J.H. LILLEY, M.C., 26th Battalion, will be Brigade Liaison Officer with the 5th A.I. Brigade.

16. DRESS.

(a) Dress for attacking troops will be Battle Order with 220 rounds S.A.A., 2 Rifle Grenades No.25, and 4 Sandbags per man.

(b) For all other Infantry - Battle Order, 220 rounds S.A.A. and 2 Rifle Grenades No.25. per man.

17. MOVEMENT.

The utmost precaution must be taken by all troops in the forward area to maintain the greatest quietness during the day of the attack. Movement will be reduced to an absolute minimum.

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18. The word 'RETIRE' will NOT be used. Units will arrange another word, to be imparted to officers only.

19. BATTLE HEADQUARTERS.

Battle Headquarters will be established not later than ZERO hour minus 2 hours, as under :-

7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	J.22.d.2.4.
25th Battalion	J.24.b.90.90.
26th "	J.22.d.00.55.
27th "	J.24.c.7.4.
28th "	J.18.b.90.00.
7th A.L.T. Bty	J.24.b.90.90.
18th Battalion	J.21.c.4.5.

20. SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS. Details will follow.

21. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS will follow.

22. ✓ Acknowledge. *by wire*

A5200

H. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 4.30 a.m.

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| 1. 25th Bn. | |
| 2. 26th Bn. | |
| 3. 27th Bn. | |
| 4. 28th Bn. | |
| 5. 18th Bn. | |
| 6. 7th A.L.T. Bty. | |
| 7. 7th A.L.G. Coy. | |
| 8. 3rd Aust. Div. 'G' | |
| 9. " " " 'A.Q.' | |
| 10. " " " Anty. | |
| 11. 2nd A.L.G. Bn. | |
| 12. Right Group Arty. | |
| 13. 2nd A.L.G. Bty. | |
| 14. 18th A.L. Bde | |
| 15. 6th A.L. Bde. | |
| 16. 5th A.L. Bde. | |
| 17. 7th Field Coy A.E. | |
| 18. 2nd Pioneer Bn. | |
| 19. 2nd A.L.G. Coy | |
| 20. 4th A.L. Bn. | |
| 21. 6th Field A b. | |
| 22. 17th A.L.S.C. | |
| 23. Right Flank Bde Liaison Officer. | |
| 24. Left " " " " | |
| | 25. 20th Bn. |
| | 26. 'C' Coy 2nd Tank Bn. |
| | 27. 3rd Squad. A.F.C. |
| | 28. G.O.C. |
| | 29. B.M. |
| | 30. S.C. |
| | 31. Bde Signal Officer. |
| | 32. B.T.O. |
| | 33. B.G.O. |
| | 34. Filo. |
| | 35/37. War Diary. |
| | 38 to 44. Spare. |

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SECRET.

Headquarters,
June 9th 1918.

Headquarters,
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
18th Battalion,
2nd A.M.G.Bn.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty,
Medium T.M.Bty,
7th A.M.G.Coy,
22nd M.G.Coy.



The 3rd Squadron A.F.C. will be operating with the 7th A.I. Brigade. The type of machine used is the R.E.8. The contact patrol carry the usual black contact patrol streamers. The counter-attack patrol carries a RED, YELLOW & BLUE streamer on each of the lower planes, about 8 feet from the fuselage.

Lee
Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX.

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SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
June 9th 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade
Order No. 183 dated 9/6/1918.

1. RATIONS. 24 hours rations and the iron ration will be carried.
2. WATER. All water bottles will be filled just before ZERO so that men go over with full bottles. 50 tins of water are located in the Support Line of each Battalion Sector. Water will be carried forward in petrol tins by the carrying Company. Units will ensure that there is sufficient water in the front line after consolidation.
3. AMMUNITION. Battle Dumps are situated at :-
J.24.b.6.8.
J.24.c.5.0.
Ammunition for consolidation will be drawn from present front line as well as the Battle Dumps.
Lieut. E.F. TRUNDLE, 7th A.I. Brigade Headquarters, will be in charge of the Ammunition Dumps and will be located at J.24.b.6.8.
4. ENGINEERS DUMPS: are located as follows :-
J.24.c.7.5.
J.17.b.1.5.
5. CARRYING PARTIES. Each Battalion will detail one Company for carrying ammunition, tools, water, engineers material etc. forward.
6. TOOLS. The carrying Company will carry tools in the proportion of 2 shovels to 1 pick of the attacking troops.
7. PRISONERS OF WAR. Officers, N.C.Os and men will be separated from each other, and sent to Brigade Battle Headquarters with the utmost despatch. Prisoners will be taken over by the A.P.M. at Cross Roads near HEILLY Church.
26th Battalion will detail one platoon to be at Brigade Battle Headquarters at ZERO hour to escort prisoners to HEILLY. Receipts will be obtained for all prisoners handed over.
8. STRAGGLER POSTS. Straggler posts will be established at HEILLY and BERICOURT - RIBEMONT bridges. 1 Officer and 6 other ranks will be supplied for each of these by 5th A.I. Brigade - to be in position at ZERO hour.
9. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. R.A.Ps are located as follows :-

25th Battalion	J.24.b.9.8.
26th	" J.22.d.3.4.
27th	" J.25.d.85.90.
28th	" J.17.b.30.75.

Wounded from region of J.30.b. and K.19.c., to R.A.P. at J.23.d.85.90. Thence by hand carriage overland either to motor ambulance at J.22.d.00.35. or J.17.b.10.20. according to circumstances.
Wounded from K.19.a. and K.13.c. & a. to R.A.P. at

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J.17.b.30.75. and thence to motor ambulance at J.17.b.10.20.

There are 25 stretchers and 50 blankets located at each R.A.P.

All demands for reinforcement bearers, extra equipment (medical) during the operation will be sent to through nearest Field Ambulance Medical Officer. Field Ambulance Medical Officers are stationed at MARETT WOOD J.11.a.60.50 - A.D.S. HELLLY Road J.16.b.70.60. and motor post at I.30.a.80.30.

Ch Harrison

Captain, Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all units concerned.

Ref. Map 62nd NE. Scale 1:20000

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters,
9th June 1918.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO Administrative Instructions issued
with 7th A.I.Bde. Order No. 188 of 9/6/18.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS - Amend as follows :-

1. Location of 25th Bn. R.A.P. for J.24.b.9.8. read -
J.23.d.90.95.
2. Last para. delete - "MARETT WOOD J 11 a 60 60" and
substitute J 17 c 95 00.

E.H. Harrison

Captain, Staff Captain.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all
Units concerned.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

HEADQUARTERS.
7th AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. B.M. 100.
Date.

Copy No. 5

Headquarters,
9th June 1918.

FI. 52 ADDENDUM to 7th A.I. Bdo. Order No. 188.

no attack will take place on June 10th 1918. Zero hour
is 9.45 p.m.

✓ Acknowledges

AJ307

A. Lee

Major, Brigade Major.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th A.I. Bdo. Order No. 188.

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Headquarters,
9th June 1918.

SECOND ADDENDUM to 7th A.I.Bde. Order No. 188.

1. Field Artillery support of 7th A.I.Bde. operation.

- (a) 18 POUNDERS. 18 pounders will operate as per Barrage Map (to be issued later to units concerned) firing for four minutes on the start line, then lifting fifty yards and remaining there for two minutes. Thereafter the barrage will creep at the rate of one hundred yards per two minutes to the protective line, except for a total rest of three minutes on the objective. At plus ten minutes alternate guns on the objective will fire one round smoke to denote the objective. At plus twentyfive minutes alternate guns will jump to a line 500 yards east of protective line remaining there to plus twenty seven minutes then searching backwards and forwards irregularly to the protective line.
All fire will cease at plus ninety minutes unless specially ordered otherwise.

(b) 4.5 HOWITZERS.

- (I) Zero to Zero plus six minutes on start line (objective) as shown on barrage map.
(II) Plus six minutes to plus fifteen minutes - creep due East as per 18 pounder lifts at rate of 100 yards per two minutes to protective line.
(III) Plus fifteen minutes to plus ninety minutes - lift to targets as on barrage map, one section on each target.
(IV) Plus ninety minutes - cease fire unless specially ordered otherwise.

(c) 6 INCH NEWTON TRENCH MORTARS.

- (I) Zero to plus three minutes - engage enemy front line wire.
(II) Plus three minutes to plus thirty minutes - engage three targets as on barrage map.

2. Rates of Fire.

Rates of Fire per Gun per minute will be as follows :-

Time.	18 pdrs. &		
	13 pdrs.	4.5 Hows.	6" T.M.
Zero to plus 25 minutes.	3	2	-
Plus 25 minutes to plus 90 minutes.	1	1	-
Zero to plus three minutes.	-	-	As fast as possible.
Plus 3 minutes to plus 30 minutes.	-	-	2

3. Action in conclusion of operation.

- (a) After Zero plus Ninety minutes the protective line will be the temporary S.O.S. line.
- (b) In order to cover the contact patrol which will be over at 4.15 a.m. following the operation the right group will from 4.10 a.m. to 4.40 a.m. repeat the procedure on the protective line within the normal group zone.
- Rate of fire - half round per gun and How. per minute.

4. Heavy Artillery and Counter Battery Action.

- (a) Heavy Artillery are engaging from Zero hour to plus ninety minutes, approaches, strong points etc., East of the protective zone.
- (b) Counter Battery work is being carried out from Zero hour onwards.

5. Artillery Liaison with Infantry.

- (a) At Advanced Bde. H.Qrs. at J.22.d.2.4. a Major to be provided by the 5th A.F.A.Bde. Communication will be arranged by 96th Brigade Group.
- (b) An Artillery Liaison officer will be attached as under :-

27th Battalion	from 96th	ARMY	Artillery Bde. R.F.A.
25th	"	"	96th " " "
3rd	"	"	3rd Artillery Bde. A.F.A.

- (c) Alternative means of communication including lamp stations will be arranged.

6. Light Trench Mortar Battery.

The 7th Light Trench Mortar Battery will fire on enemy posts between the front line and the start line from Zero to plus Zero plus one minute. These targets will be selected by mutual arrangements between I.Cs., 'A', 'B' and 'C' Battalions and O.C., 7th A.L.T.M.Bty.

The ~~Battalions~~ Mortar barrage will then creep forward keeping 150 yards in front of the advancing infantry to the limit of Batterys range.

The four Mortars so detailed will then follow the assaulting infantry, see para. 8 of Bde. Order No. 188.

7. Signal Communication.

- (a) Communication will be maintained between Company Headquarters and Battalion H.Qrs., by runners, visual and telephone. Each attacking Company of 'A', 'B' and 'C' Battalions will lay a line to the new positions.

Pigeons are allotted as follows :- Eight to each of 'A', 'B' and 'C' Battalions. Each of the first three companies will take forward two pigeons. Pigeons will not be liberated during hours of darkness if possible.

- (b) Each of 'A', 'B' and 'C' Battalions and 7th M.Gun Coy will be connected by ground cable to line relay station approx. at J.18.c.8.2. thence by ground cable to test point W.Z. at J.17.c.6.2. then by buried cable to Advanced Bde.H.Q.,
- The 7th M.G. Coy* The 7th T.M.Bty will be connected by ground cable to 'B' Bn Headquarters.

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(5)

- (c) Each of 'A', 'B' and 'C' Battalions will be in visual communication with Bde. central visual station approx. J.25.b.central and thence by ground and buried cable to Bde. H.Q., and by visual to Bde. Visual Station which will be established near Advanced Bde. H.Q.,
- (d) Communication will be established from Bde. to 'B' Battalion by Power Buzzer which is to be used only for B.A.B. Code messages and then not before Zero.
- (e) All three Battalions will be in lateral telephone communication.
- (f) Headquarters of Flank Bdes. and of other units in Brigade Group will be in communication by buried or ground cable. Where possible visual communication will be established.
- (g) There will be no runner relay station forward of Advanced Bde. H.Q., All runners will run direct to Advanced Bde. H.Q.,
- (h) Synchronization of Watches will not be carried out by telephone.
- The greatest care will be exercised by all units that no information of military value can be picked up, especially before Zero hour, by enemy listening sets from telephone conversations.

8. Reference Bde. Order No. 138.

Para 5. For J.24.a.9.8. read J.24.b.9.8.

Para 9. For J.26.central read J.36.central.

9. Acknowledge.

AJ. 313

R. Lee

Major, Brigade Major.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 3 am
Distribution as per
7th A.I.Bde. Order No. 138.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 185

SECRET

Copy No.

Reference Map,
Sheet 62D, N.E., 1/20,000

Brigade Headquarters,
9th June 1918.

1. INTENTION - On a date and at an hour to be notified the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. are making an attack with the object of improving our position between SAILLY - LAURETTE and MORLANCOURT.

2. OBJECTIVE - The objective will be the approximate line :-

Road junction - K 25 c 0 5 (inclusive) -
K 19 d 4 6 - K 13 d 65 20 - K 13 b 2 8.

3. FLANK CO-OPERATION -

(a) In conjunction with this operation, the 4th Aust. Div. is pushing forward its left flank to join up with the right of our new front.

(b) The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will carry out two raids :-

(i) Enemy's Post at K 1 d 9 2. This will be supported by Left Group Artillery.

(ii) Enemy's trench at E 19 b 7 1. This will be supported by Right Group Artillery of the 47th Division under arrangements to be made direct by the G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

(c) The 47th Division on our left is carrying out a minor enterprise.

(d) The 3rd Aust. Div. is arranging a diversion at ZERO hour which will include a creeping barrage against a selected portion of the enemy's position opposite their front.

4. ARTILLERY

(a) Field Artillery - The attack of the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be supported by a creeping barrage from seven F.A. Brigades.

(b) Heavy Artillery - Counter battery work from ZERO onwards. Bombardment of selected targets.

5. MEDIUM TRENCH MORTARS - Eight Mortars will co-operate by firing on enemy's wire and selected targets.

6. MACHINE GUNS - Six Machine Guns from the 7th Coy. will go forward with the attack.

The remaining available guns of all four Coys. will provide barrages as arranged by Machine Gun Bn. Commander.

RESERVES

7. One battalion 5th Aust. Inf. Bde., 18th Battalion, will be placed at the disposal of 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. This Battalion will be held as a reserve to 7th Aust. Inf. Bde., and will be in position vacated by 25th Bn. in J.21. by 3 a.m. on the morning preceding the attack.

The 20th Bn. in J.17. will be ready to move at 15 minutes notice after zero. They will not move except under orders from Divisional H.Q.

8. COMMUNICATION TRENCHES - The 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will supply necessary parties required by 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. for digging communication trenches back to our original front line immediately the objective is taken.

9. LIAISON - Captain R.J. DOWDEN will act as Brigade Liaison Officer at 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. Battle H.Q.

18th and 20th Bns. will each detail an officer and 3 runners to report to 7th A.I.Bde. Battle H.Q. as Liaison Officers, at ZERO minus 1 hour.

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10. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES - An Officer from 18th and 20th Bns. will synchronise watches with 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. at 27th Bn. Headquarters, J 22 d 2 4, at 5 p.m. on the afternoon before the attack.

11. BATTLE HEADQUARTERS - 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. Battle H.Q. will be at J 22 d 2 4., from ZERO hour minus 2 hours onwards.

12. CONTACT PATROL - A Contact Patrol will be over the lines at 4.15 a.m. following ZERO hour.

Flares will be lighted and rifles laid out on trench when called for by Klaxon Horn.

13. DRESS - Dress for all units moving forward will be fighting order plus 100 extra rounds S.A.A. and 2 bombs per man. 18th Bn. will take tool echelon to reserve positions.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued thro'
Sigs. 12.50 pm.

W. P. MacCallum
Captain,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution.-

Copy.No. 1	G.O.C.
2	Staff Captain
3	Bde Major
4	Capt. DOWDEN
5	Int. Off.
6	Bomb Officer
7	Sig. Off.
8	Bde.T.O.
9	Bde. Q.M.
10	17th Bn
11	18th Bn
12	19th Bn
13	20th Bn
14	5th ALTM Bty
15	6th A.I.Bde.
16	7th A.I.Bde.
17	13th A.I.Bde.
18	2nd Aust. Div.
19	2nd A.M.G. Bn.
20	5th Field Coy.
21	5th Field Amb.
22	15th A.A.S.C.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Brigade Headquarters,
9th June 1918.

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ADDENDUM to 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 185

The attack will take place on 10th June 1918.

ZERO hour will be 9.45 p.m.

✓ A C K N O W L E D G E.

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William Callin

Captain,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No.31.

(Copy No.2.)

Battalion Headquarters,
9th.June 1918.

Reference Map: 62dNSheet

12/5/18

1. On a date and at an hour to be notified later the 7th.Aust.Inf. Brigade will carry out an operation with the object of advancing their line to the approx. line of Road junction K.25.c.0.5. (inclusive), K.19.d.40.60., K.13.d.65.20. - K.13.b.20.80.
The 4th.Aust.Division and the 6th.Aust.Inf.Bde. are co-operating.
2. The 18th.Battalion will move into position at J.21. on the night of 9th/10th.June and come under the orders of the G.O.C. 7th.Aust.Inf. Brigade.
3. Dress - Battle Order. 220 rounds S.A.A. and 2 bombs per man. Tool echelon will be moved by Transport to J.21. and issued down to Platoons on the night of 9th/10th.June.
4. Movement in the forward area will be reduced to an absolute minimum. All officers and N.C.O's will exercise the strictest supervision in this matter.
5. Watches will be synchronised at Battalion Headquarters at 8 p.m. 9th.inst. and at 3 p.m. 10th.inst.
6. Battalion Headquarters will be at J.21.c.40.50.
7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued at 4'20 p.m. 9/6/18.
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W. E. Johnson
Adjutant 18th.Battalion, A.I.F. Lieut.

Distribution.

- No.1. File.
- 2. C.O.
- 3. "A" Company
- 4. "B" Company
- 5. "C" Company
- 6. "D" Company
- 7. T.O. & Q.M.
- 8. 7th.A.I.Bde.

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"C" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

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(In books of 100.)

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		By.....	

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TO 12/15/18 KONA

*Sender's Number <u>SC 964</u>	Day of Month <u>11/15</u>	In reply to Number	AAA
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Lieut Col Murphy CMO DSO
awarded BAR to DSO
convey congratulations
of Army Corps Division
and Brigade commanders

FROM	<u>QURA</u>
PLACE & TIME	

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 32.

(Copy No. 1)

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Battalion Headquarters,
14th. June 1918.

Reference Map: Sheet 62 D. 1/40000

1. The 18th. Battalion will move to CANON AREA by bus in relief of 31st. Battalion to-day, in accordance with march table attached.
2. All Officers' Kits, Coy. gear etc. and Lewis guns, except two Lewis guns per Coy., will be dumped near Coy. H.Q. ready for loading at 7'30 a.m. The two Lewis guns per Coy. will be retained and taken on busses.
3. Advance party consisting of Lieut. E.B. Daniel, 1 M.C.O. per Company and 1 O.R. from Battn. H.Q. will assemble at Battn. H.Q. at 7'30 a.m. and embus with 19th. Battalion for the new area.
4. Kitchens will move with the First Line Transport at 9 a.m. One cook per Company will remain to make tea for midday meal. Tea to be made in petrol tins on open fires. A hot meal will be prepared for the Battalion on arrival at the new position.
5. O.C. "D" Coy. will detail an officer to remain behind to hand over Trench shelters, Stores, Reserve Ration dump etc. to the incoming unit, and will obtain a receipt in duplicate.
6. Copies of receipts given and obtained will be forwarded to Battn. H.Q. by 9 a.m. 15th. inst.
7. Movement from present position to PONT NOYELLES will be by Platoons at ~~100 yds intervals~~, thence to Embussing point by Coys. at 200 yards distance.
8. Lieut. A.R. Sheath, M.C. will act as Battn. Embussing Officer and will report to Major R.C. Robertson, M.C., Bde. Embussing Officer, one hour before the time of departure. An embussing state will be obtained from Battalion H.Q., to be handed to Bde. Embussing Officer at Embussing Point.
9. The nucleus personnel of this Battalion will rejoin the unit on 15th. inst.
10. Ammunition - Extra 100 rounds per man will be put in Coy. dumps (in boxes if possible), also bombs and will be handed over to the incoming unit.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

2. "A" Coy.
3. "B" Coy.
4. "C" Coy.
5. "D" Coy.
6. O.R. & T.O.
7. War Diary
8. "
9. "

EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Battalion Headquarters,
14th June 1918.

"A" "B" "C" "D" Coys.

1. On arrival in the new area all ranks will be warned that no one is to leave the Battalion Area without a pass signed by the C.O. or Adjutant.
2. Brigade Boundaries - Eastern boundary is road RUBEMPPE - RAINNEVILLE -
Western boundary - HALLOY-LE-PERNOIS - VIGNACOURT - PICQUIGNY.
3. The following towns are out of bounds to all troops unless on duty - AILLY-SUR-FOISSE - ARGONVIES - POHLAINVILLE and RAINNEVILLE.
4. An officer will be present at each Company Tattoo ~~Roll~~ Roll Call on each night at 9'15 p.m. and Tattoo reports will be furnished to Batta.H.Q. by 10 p.m.
5. No boating whatever will be allowed on the river.

W. J. Johnson
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F. Lieut.

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MARCH TABLE.
(To accompany 18th A.I. Battalion Order No. 32.)

Date	Coy.	S.P.	Time	Route	Embussing Point	Debussing Point
	Bn.H.Q.	I.9.b.85.45:	1'15 p.m.	LA ROUSSEY	H.23.d.7.0.	M.2.d.6.9.
				-Cross roads		
14th.	"A" Coy:	"	1'18 p.m.	I.12.c.50.25.	"	"
				to Embussing		
June	"B" Coy:	"	1'21 p.m.	Point.	"	"
1918	"C" Coy:	"	1'24 p.m.		"	"
	"D" Coy:	"	1'27 p.m.		"	"

- (a) Battalion will be at Embussing Point half an hour before Embussing Time.
- (b) Troops will be split up into parties of 25 before reaching the Embussing Point.
- (c) As far as possible an officer will be detailed in charge of each bus.

Date :	9 - 9'30 a.m.	9'30 - 10'30 a.m.	10'30 - 11'30 am	1'30 - 2'30 p.m.	2'30 - 3'30 pm.	Place of:	Remarks
:	:	:	:	:	:	:Parade.:	:
"A"Coy:)							
"B"Coy:)		Inspection of Rifles.)					
"C"Coy:)		Inspection by C.O.)		Instructions issued separately.			
"D"Coy:)		Bathing.)					
"A"Coy: Elementary)	: Close Order drill:	Lectures and):			Lectures etc.):		
"B"Coy: Musketry and)	: Inspection by C.O:	practice in): Platoon)			: on)		
"C"Coy: Gas Drill.)	: Close Order)	Bombing.): Exercise.)			: Lewis)		
"D"Coy:)	: Drill.)	No.56 Grenade:)			: Gun.)		
"A"Coy: Musketry and)	: Extended Order)	: Gas : Platoon Exercise.					
: Gas drill.)	: Drill.)	: Drill.)					
"B"Coy: M u s k e t r y o n No. 2 Range.							
"C"Coy: Elementary)	: Musketry on No.2 Range.	: Musketry on No.2 Range.					
"D" Coy Musketry and)	: Extended Order)	: Gas drill: Platoon Exercise.					
: Gas drill.)	: Drill)						
"A"Coy: Musketry)	: M u s k e t r y No.1 Range.						
"B"Coy: and)	: Bombing practice): Extended)	: Wiring : Lecture L.Gun					
"C"Coy: Gas drill.)	: in throwing etc.): Order Work)	: Lecture LewisGun: Wiring					
"D"Coy: M u s k e t r y o n No. 1 Range							
"A"Coy: Elementary)	: Bayonet)	: Preparations:					
"B"Coy: Musketry and)	: Fighting and)	: for Battn): B a t t a l i o n)					
"C"Coy: Gas drill.)	: Physical)	: Tactical) T a c t i c a l)					
"D"Coy:)	: Training.)	: Scheme .) S c h e m e .)					
"A"Coy: Musketry and)	: Wiring. : Lewis Gun						
: Gas drill.)							
"B"Coy: M u s k e t r y o n No.2 Range							
"C"Coy: Musketry and)	: Lewis gun : Wiring						
"D"Coy: Gas drill)							

HALF - HOLIDAY.

Companies will work on own Parade Ground except where otherwise appointed.

(1) All Coy. officers below rank of Captain will meet at Battn.H.Q. at 4 p.m. daily for lectures etc. under arrangement of 2nd.in Command.

(2) Lectures will be delivered to men on Gas Discipline, Lewis Gun, and Bombing -relative merits and uses of types of grenades etc.

(3) Lewis gunners will work under Btn.L.G.O. under a separate syllabus except when required for exercises &c Range at R.5.b. is available for firing practices.

(4) Signallers and Observers under separate syllabus.

(5) Special attention will be paid to Gas Inspections and Drills.

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Reference Map Sheet: 62 D. 1/40000

ROLE OF BATTALION WHILE IN CAMON AREA.

1. The battalion while in CAMON AREA, forms part of the Reserve Division to the Australian Corps.

The reserve division is to be prepared to act in the event of the enemy breaking through on any portion of the Corps front, or at the point of junction with the First French Army (approximately the E. & W. grid line through U.3.central)

2. Forming up positions for the 5th.Aust.Inf.Bde. have been allotted and numbered as follows :-

N.34.b. and d.	- No.1
O.16. and 17.	- No.2
O.21. and 22.	- No.3
CACHY - FOUILLY Road	- No.4
O.33 and U.3.	- No.5

The battalion may be ordered forward to ~~any~~ portion of any one of these positions in accordance with the progress of operations and the course of action determined upon.

3. A French counter-attack reserve Regiment is holding the NICHOLAS SUPPORT (T.3.c.and d. and T.9.a.) and its vicinity and is specially allotted for counter-attack in the event of the CACHY-GENTELLES Plateau being lost.

In the event of the loss of the plateau the 5th.Aust.Inf.Bde. has been allotted the particular task of taking over the NICHOLAS SUPPORT and GLISY-NICHOLAS SWITCH (at present held by French Regiment above). The Brigade will move from present dispositions (or position of readiness in N.34.b.) and will be disposed as follows :-

17th.Battalion in NICHOLAS SUPPORT.
20th.Battalion in GLISY-NICHOLAS SWITCH and GLISY System.
18th.and 19th.Battalions in GLISY System and vicinity.

Should the counter-attack by the French counter attack Regiment be unsuccessful it is unlikely that the 5th.Aust.Inf.Bde. will be employed in a further attempt to regain the plateau. In this case the Brigade will act defensively in the NICHOLAS Sector pending the arrangement of a counter attack on a large scale.

4. Necessary reconnaissance of forming up positions and routes forward will be carried out forthwith, with the proviso that not more than two officers are away from any one company at the same time.

5. Coys. are to be prepared to move at 50 minutes notice. In the event of a move forward being necessary, the warning order "Prepare to move" will be issued. On this order, one officer per Company will report to Battn.H.Q. for instructions.

Men will be held in readiness in battle order, packs and gear will be dumped at Coy.H.Q. and men specially detailed from the Band will report to Coy.H.Q. as Guards. Q.M. will arrange to collect gear as soon as possible.

Ammunition is being issued to provide for 100 rounds S.A.A. and 2 bombs per man. This will be held in Platoon dumps until the warning order, when it will be issued to men.

Coys. will report to Battn.H.Q. when ready to move.

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

Distribution
Ally File
Ally War Diary (v).
CCy
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Lo Robson
Lieut.
Adjutant 18th.Battalion, A.I.F.

Battalion Headquarters, 71
17/6/18.

PRECIS OF COMMANDING OFFICER'S INSPECTION
OF BATTALION ON 17th. JUNE 1918.

TURN-OUT:

Appearance and general steadiness on parade - Good.
Cleanliness of the rifles on the whole was very good - as borne out by Armourer's inspection.
Equipment - Consideration was given to recent operations and the period in the line, and the whole, in appearance was rather good. Three exceptions might be quoted. In one case the haversack had been partially eaten by rats and in two cases the pouches were defective.
In the older equipments, the weight of packs caused the 'D's of braces to slip.
Ammunition in the pouches was, on the whole, clean and well looked after.
Water bottles - In one company only a number were found to be empty.
Boots - All in good repair and the Sgt. Bootmaker expressed himself as satisfied. Dubbin might be more freely used.
Clothing - Clothing was in fair condition but becoming thread bare - puttees, without doubt, being the worst article through being torn by wire and in colour resembling shades of "Joseph's Coat".
The attention of the Regimental Barber was drawn to those requiring it.
Complaints from the men - Two as regards Postal matters, in connection with parcels which were satisfactorily adjusted. One private matter re advice on allotment.

Consequent upon the long spell the men have had in the trenches - almost continuous since February - this is the first opportunity for at least 4 months that the Commanding Officer has had for a thorough inspection, and he expresses his complete satisfaction with an exceptionally fine turn-out.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

18th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

Week ending 29th. June 1918.

Date	9 - 9'30 a.m.	9'30 - 10'30am	10'30 - 11'30am	1'30 - 2'30 pm	2'30 - 3'30 pm	Place of Parade.	Remarks.
24/6/18	"A" Coy.: Rapid "B" Coy.: Loading and "C" Coy.: Gas drill "D" Coy.:)	: Lewis gun. : P.T. & B.F. : Close Ord. drill : Extended Order.	: P.T. & B.F. : Close Ord. drill : Extended Ord. drill : Lewis Gun.	: Close Ord. drill : Extended Order : Lewis Gun. : P.T. & B.F.	: Close Ord. drill : Lewis gun. : order drill : P.T. & B.F. : Close Order drill		
25/6/18	"A" Coy.: Rapid "B" Coy.: Loading and "C" Coy.: Gas drill "D" Coy.:)	: P.T. & B.F. : Extended Order : Close Order. : Lewis Gun.	: Lewis Gun. : Close Order. : P.T. & B.F. : Extended Order	: Extended Order : P.T. & B.F. : Lewis Gun. : Close Order.	: Close Order. : Lewis Gun. : Extended Order : P.T. & B.F.		
26/6/18	"Coy.: Rapid "Coy.: Loading and "Coy.: Gas drill.)	: Lewis Gun. : Lewis Gun. : Extended Order. : Extended Order.	: P.T. & B.F. : P.T. & B.F. : Platoon Scheme. : Platoon Scheme.	: Extended Order : Extended Order : Lewis Gun. : Lewis Gun.	: Platoon Scheme. : Platoon Scheme. : P.T. & B.F. : P.T. & B.F.		
27/6/18	"Coy.: Rapid "Coy.: Loading and "Coy.: Gas drill.)	: Lewis Gun. : Lewis Gun. : Company Scheme. : Company Scheme.	: Extended Order : Extended Order : Company Scheme. : Company Scheme.	: Company Scheme. : Company Scheme. : Lewis Gun. : Lewis Gun.	: P.T. & B.F. : P.T. & B.F. : P.T. & B.F. : P.T. & B.F.		
28/6/18	"Coy.: Rapid "Coy.: Loading and "Coy.: Gas drill.)	: Rapid wiring. : Assault practice : Lewis Gun. : Bombing.	: Preparations : for Battn. : Tactical : Scheme.	: Battalion : Tactical : Scheme.			
29/6/18	"Coy.: Rapid "Coy.: Loading and "Coy.: Gas drill.)	: Close : Order : Drill.	: Battalion : Parade.	: HALF : HOLIDAY. (Recreation)			

* This work to be carried out wearing S.B.R's continuously.

On alternative days "A" & "B" and "C" & "D" Coy. Lewis Gunners will fire on range.

When 100 yards Range is available, Coy. will be notified.

Companies will parade on their own parade grounds, except where otherwise appointed.

1. Platoon schemes will be carried out according to S.S. 143.
2. Coy. scheme will take the form of a Coy. as part of a Battn. in a counter-attack. Advantage being taken of all advantages gained. The general idea to outflank rather than make frontal attack.
3. Special instruction for Platoon Commanders and senior N.C.O.'s from 3'45 - 4'30 p.m. daily.

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RECOMMENDED FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

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No. 1. Sergeant John CHAPMAN. (Transport Sgt.)

This N.C.O. has been untiring in the discharge of his duties. During September and October 1917 he was constantly in the Battle Area of WESTHOEK and ZONNEBEKE and showed coolness and ability in handling transport under fire. He has been transport Sgt. since the inception of the Battalion.

RECOMMENDED FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

No. 2426. Company Q.M.S. Thomas McINTYRE.

During operations in Flanders in September and October 1917 this N.C.O. showed untiring energy in his work in getting rations through to his company under heavy shell fire. When the severe weather made conditions more exacting, he was most zealous in his efforts for the comfort of the men in his company. Since these operations he has continued to do excellent work.

He has carried out the duties of C.Q.M.S. since August 1916 and under all conditions has rendered good and faithful service.

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SECRET & CONFIDENTIAL.

EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
24th. June 1918.

"A" "B" "C" "D" Coys.

WARNING ORDER.

1. (a) The 18th. Battalion will relieve Support Battalion of 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade on the night of 27th/28th. or 28th/29th. June 1918.
(b) Coys. will take over from opposite numbers.
(c) Battalion Headquarters will be at approximately O.23.c.3.3.
2. Fuller particulars will be notified when available.

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

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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Battalion Parade held on 25th. June 1918, commemorating the third anniversary of the unit's departure from Sydney, AUSTRALIA.

The C.O. addressed the parade, calling to mind the main points in the Battalion's history - GALLIPOLI incidents, the evacuation - the spell in the Desert - BOIS GRENIER and the raid of 26th. June 1916 - POZIERES - FLERS - BULLECOURT - MENIN ROAD (20th. September 1917) and the more recent actions at MORLAN COURT. He spoke of the hearty co-operation by all ranks which had always characterised the work of the Battalion. Brought before all the splendid work done for us by the Y.M.C.A., the Australian Comforts Fund: and more particularly by our own Battalion Comforts Fund in SYDNEY which has at all times maintained close touch with us and done its best to forestall our needs and that without hope of even immediate acknowledgment or any reward other than the realisation of the good they were effecting.

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Battalion Headquarters,
26th June 1918.

WARNING ORDER No.2.

1. The relief of 3rd. Australian Division by 2nd. Australian Division will take place between 26th. and 28th. June 1918.
2. The 18th. Battalion will probably relieve 33rd. Battalion as "B" (Support) Battalion, with Headquarters at O.24.c.3.3. (not as previously stated) on night of 28th/29th. inst.
3. The Battalion will move direct to the new position, probably halting for mid-day meal.
4. Advance parties will be sent forward on afternoon of 27th. inst.
5. Coys. will at once select their nucleus personnel. Following is minimum of O.R.'s to be left at Nucleus from each Company.

1 Sgt.	1 Rifle Bomber
1 Cpl.	1 Scout or Sniper
1 L/Cpl.	2 Lewis Gunners
1 Bomber	1 Runner.

It is probable that a system of periodic reliefs may be worked between the Nucleus quota and the Battalion to enable rest etc. to be given where it is most needed. The following arrangements have already been made by Battalion H.Q. :-

Capt. C.G. Walklate, M.C. will be in command of Battalion Nucleus. One other Company Commander will also be at Nucleus. Allotment of officers will be adjusted later.

C.S.M. King ("A" Coy) will be the only C.S.M. at Nucleus.

Coys. will please forward to Battalion H.Q. by noon 27th. inst. nominal roll of personnel selected, showing their specialist qualifications. N.C.O.'s etc. attending schools, on leave etc., may be included.

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

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Lieut.

No. 5. "D". Coy.
6. 33rd. Battn.
7. Q. M. & T. O.
8. Sig. Officer.

MARCH and RELIEF TABLE. (To accompany 18th.Bn.Order No.33.)

Date :	Coy.of 18th: Battn.	To relieve:	Starting Point	Pass Start+ ing Point.	Route.	Remarks.
28th June 1918	H.Q. 18th.Bn.	H.Q. 33rd.Bn.	Cross roads M.16.d.40.80.	12'30 p.m.	Via LAMOTTE, BLANGY:	(a) Halt on road to dump packs, thence for 5 mins
		O.24.c.3.3.			thence to Main	at 25 & 55 mins. past each hour. Halt for
	"A" Coy. 18th.Bn.	"A" Coy. 33rd.Bn.		12'32 p.m.	Road in N.30.c.	evening meal.
	"C" Coy. 18th.Bn.	"C" Coy. 33rd.Bn.			-along main road	(b) At evening meal halt the order of march will
	"B" Coy. 18th.Bn.	"B" Coy. 33rd.Bn.		12'34 p.m.	to P.O.W.Cage at	change to H.Q., "A", "D", "C", "B" Coys.
	"D" Coy. 18th.Bn.	"D" Coy. 33rd.Bn.			O.27.c.7.7. -	(c) Guides will meet Battalion at P.O.W.Cage at
				12'36 p.m.	thence as guides	O.27.c.7.7. - Platoon guides will be at wood in
					direct.	O.29.a.
						(d) Kitchens will move with Coys. until evening
						meal is completed.
	Nucleus quota.	To assemble under Capt.C.G.Walklate, M.C. near B.O.R. at Noon and move direct to the Hospice, RIVERY.				

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
29th. June 1918.

"A" "B" "C" "D" Coys.

The following will be the patrol pass words for the ~~undermentioned~~
undermentioned dates :-

Night 26th/29th. June	- BLUE
29th/30th. "	- GREEN
30th/1st. July	
30th. June/1st. July	- BROWN
1st./2nd. July	- YELLOW
2nd/3rd. "	- PINK
3rd/4th. "	- RED
4th/5th. "	- PURPLE
5th/6th. "	- GREY.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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18th Bn HQ
30th June 1918

HQ is
3rd Inf Bde.

The following work was carried out by the 18th Bn for period ending 5 A.M.:-

1 M.C.O. & 8 Men working with Engineers making concrete wire cutting Pif Props
1 Off. M.C.O. & 8 Men Working with Engineers on excavation of dugout for R.A.P.

2 Offs & M.C.O. 75 Men carried 350 screw pickets 50 coils barbed wire from BANANA DUMP to junction HUNTER STREET and FRONTLINE and erected

250 yards double apron fence from P. 19d. 60.50 to P. 20c. 10.40.

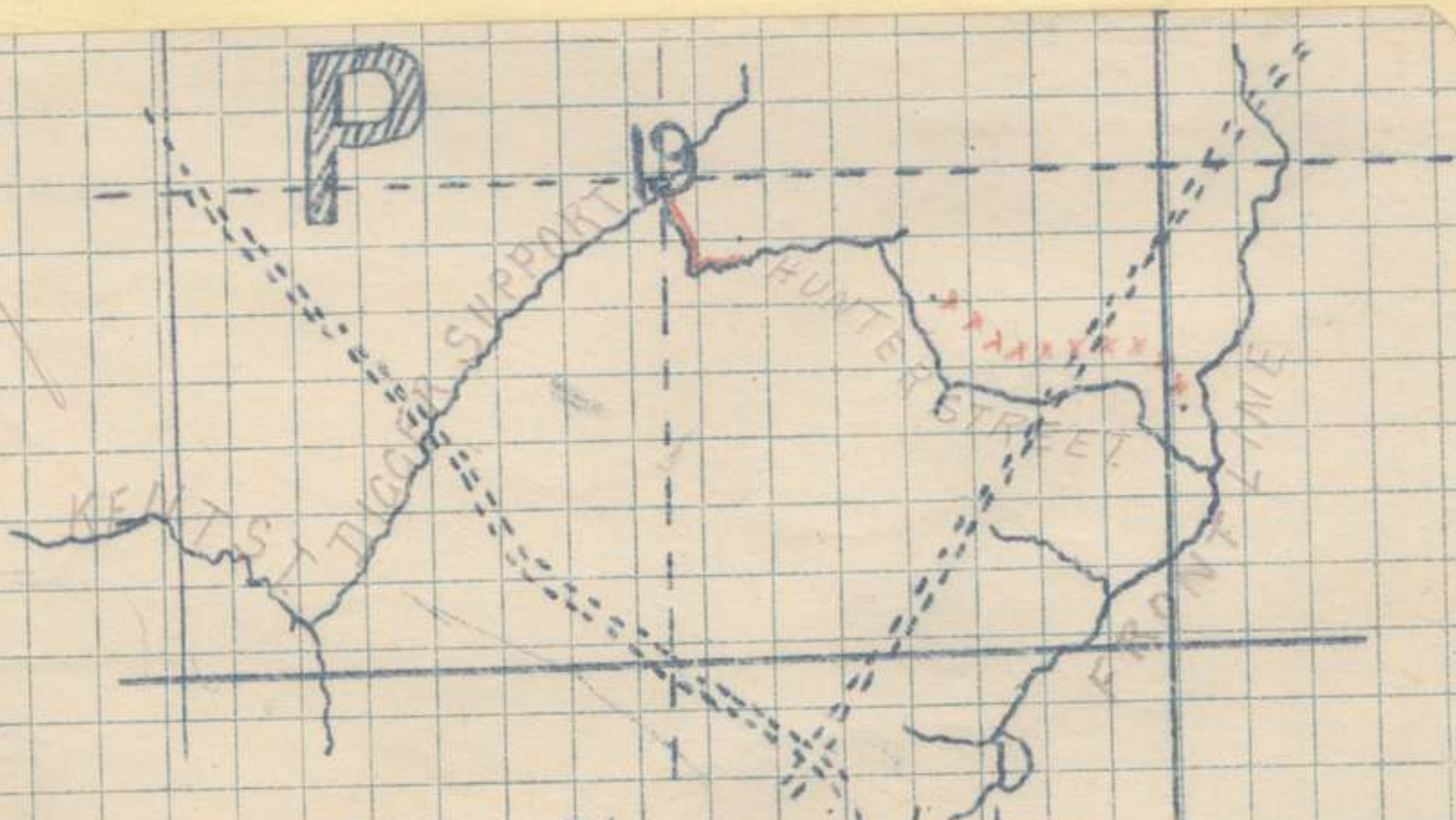
2 Offs & M.C.O. 75 Men Widening Deepening and cutting kerbs in HUNTER STREET. The kerb was deepened 1'-3" widened to 4' at top & 3' at bottom

175 yards were completed from P. 19 central to P. 19d 20.70

Sketch attached

C. W. Daniel

Works Off 18th Bn.



Sketch Shewing Works

New Work
Shewn

carried out by 18th Bn

Scale 1:10000 approx

Period ending 5 A.M. 30/6/18

C. W. Daniel

EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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Battalion Headquarters,
28th. June 1918.

Headquarters,
5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

SALVAGE RETURN week ending 27/6/18.

463	lbs. Rubber	280	pairs Horse Shoes
275	" Woollens	8	Shell cases
235	" Lead	48	Mess tins
21	Steel helmets	42	Leather Jerkins
12	Rifles	9	Entrenching tool heads
1	Mallet	21	Water bottles
40	Greatcoats	8	Ground sheets
6	Boxes S.A.A. cases	6	Rifle covers
2	Bags " "	1	T.M. Tripod
1	Paint Pot	1	Bag Leather pieces
1	Boot Last	3	Lewis gun magazine Carriers
3	Wire Cutters	1	bag Equipment
4	Tunics	4	Breeches
9	Box Respirators	2	Bandoliers
1	Camp Kettle	1	Leather Bag
24	Packs	16	Felt Hats
1	pair Leggings	9	T.M. Bombs
19	boxes S.A.A. clips	1	Bicycle wheel
3	bags " "	1	Sword
1	Fire Extinguisher	2	Kit bags
5	Bicycle handles	2	Gauges
1	" chain	6	Bags S.A.A. cartridges
1	Lamp.		

Geo. J. Murphy

Lt.-Col.

Commanding 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
30th. June 1918.

"A" "B" "C" "D" Coys.

Following values of material salvaged during week ending
27/6/18 are published for information :-

17th. Battalion	- £ 200-16- 4.
18th. Battalion	- £ 222-12-10.
19th. Battalion	- £ 46-14- 9.
20th. Battalion	- £ 89- 6- 6.

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① 25/7/18 1-7-18 25/7/18
 War Diary (Medical) of the
 18th Bn 1st AIF, from June 1918.

On June 1st the Bn was in
 support position behind MORLAMCO-
 VERT. The R.A.P. (Hill top) was
 situated at J16 297 (map 62D) in a
 deep ~~of rough ground~~ ^{of rough ground} ~~of rough ground~~ ^{of rough ground}

The 'dig out' was about 20 feet
 deep & the entrance was from
 the trench by steps. It was
 rather steep for stretcher cases.

The main portion consisted of a
 building 24 ft long, 5 ft wide &
 6 feet high. It was gas proof.

This position was subjected to
 very little shelling whilst the unit
 was there.

Latrines at front were open
 pits but later were supplied
 with fly proof seats.

Cans were evacuated by wheel-

2 stretchers & carry to Chalk
 quarry south of MERICOURT & abbe.
 On June 9th ^{captain} ~~replaced the Bn~~ ^{of the Bn}

The 18th Bn took up reserve
 position to the 4th Brigade at J16 C
 (map 62D) relieving the 26th Bn.

The R.A.P. was situated in the
 lower bank on the hill side.

It was gas proof but only had one
 blanket as ~~was~~ ^{was} cartain.

Covered by sheets of galvanised
 iron & a layer of sand bags. The
 unit left this position with
 night of the 17th & took up posit-
 ion about J15 C (62D map).

On the 16th the unit moved
 by motor lorries to CAMON. Near
 AMIENS. The men were located
 in bivouacs in the fields.

The health of the unit up to
 this time had been very good
 but on the 15th an epidemic of
 D.U.O. (dysentery) broke out.

3. There were 12 cases in 3 days.
 Burials were exposed to
 sunlight & in this case, ^{the} ground
~~was~~ was excavated.
 Every opportunity was taken to
 give the men baths in the
 river. Clean clothing was issued
 & ~~blankets~~ ^{all things} ~~issued~~ ^{were}
 & breeches ^{issued} ~~issued~~ by Yaden.
 All the blankets had been fumigat-
 ed while unit was in the line.
 On the unit becoming Corp.
~~Remove~~ ^{clean} one blanket was issued
 per man.
 On the 18th Capt. White took over
 position of R.M. from Capt. Davis.
 Influenza was very prevalent
 until the 23rd. There being about
 50 cases 9 of whom had to be
 evacuated to Field Ambulance.
~~It was able to stay in camp~~
 there was enough accommodation
 to keep 20 cases.
 The temperature of the ^{was} ~~was~~ of a ^{few} ~~few~~

Wa uniform type. At the comm. ^{unit}
 usually from 101° - 102° &
 then gradually came down by
 degrees within 48 to 72 hrs. leaving
 a great deal of weakness & lag-
 itude.
 The cooking arrangements were ^{sent}
~~to the~~ ^{for the unit} ~~to the~~ ^{from the}
 river supply at the Hospital there.
 The men were able to have
 sports & baths.
 On the 28th. The unit moved up
 to the left of the VILLERS
 BRETONNEUX front.
 The R.A.P. is situated at Q24 C.23
 (Map 62 D.S.W.)
 The dug-out is about 8 feet
 under ground & has 3 feet of lime-
 stone on top. A gentle slope
 leads to the dug out which is
 14' x 8' x 6'.
 The R.A.P. is shared ^{with} ~~by~~ the

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M.O. of the Front Line (17th)

It is too small for two units.

Two shafts are being made

which will give a space 20 feet

below ground 38' long 9' wide

& 6' high 6'-6" high

Influenza has almost died out

~~was~~ ~~has~~ almost

stopped in the unit.

Water is brought by cart

to R.A.S. from BLANCY-TRONVILLE

Two of the Companies have their

~~positions~~ in the trenches & the other

two have huts.

Trenches in this area are all

very deep.

At present there is very

little sickness in the unit.

During the change over 3 men

were killed & 4 wounded.

Some gas was thrown over in

the night of 28th but caused no

casualties. Camp surrounded by camouflaging

& wheels to 7th & 8th W.L.Pat. 027 d 7/5

from which Cape (map 620)

from 18th Feb.

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18th Bata Transport Section
 From 1st To 31st May 1918

The first line transport has had a fairly busy time during the month. From the 1st to the 10th the Bata moved from Warloy Bailon to Barlincourt, Barlincourt to Warloy Bailon, thence to Baizeux, & from Baizeux to Fresencourt. The Bata moved from Fresencourt on the 10th to its present position in the front line. The transport was used in connection with all these moves. Since the 10th it has mainly been used for carrying food, water, bombs, S.A. & engineering material to the troops in the front line. The roads used by the transport in forward area have been frequently shelled by enemy guns during the month & we have had 2 horses killed & one severely wounded by enemy shell fire.

A heavy gas bombardment on the night of the 27th inst. which the transport had to pass through was the cause of having to put four horses off duty, suffering from the effects of the gas. These four horses are still off duty, ~~but~~ they are being treated by the V.O. & are now recovering rapidly.

The use of the respirator proved to be of no value in this kind of gas, viz. mustard gas. The injuries are purely external, two horses being severely blistered under the chest & abdomen & the others are suffering from sore eyes. I should say the horses were in the gas for at least a half hour. There have been no evacuations through sickness during the month. The health & condition of the horses have been very satisfactory. The remounts drawn during the month were as follows

4 mules & 1 Officer ride
on the 1st of Phang 1 heavy
draft on the 12th & 2 light
drafts on the 20th one of
the latter was passed as
 unfit for service by the
V.O. & returned to Mobile
 Vet Section the following day.
Two horses were found
straying near our transport
lines on the 25th & returned
to the Mobile Vet Section on
the 26th. The issue of feed
during the month has been
good & it has been supplied
once each day by a load
of green feed cut from the
fields in the vicinity of
La Houssaye. Permission
being given by Division through
A.S.O. for this to be carried
out. The green feed has been
a valuable addition to the
feed issued, & the horses
have improved their condition
since having it. Other work
done by the transport during
the month consisted of
carrying water iron rations,

4

Bombs S. B.A. & other material
forward to establish Bde
Dump. ~~is~~ also gas projector
& gas bombs for use in front
line. The other jobs are mainly
canteen, mail, officers pits
& various other jobs in connection
with the Quartermasters store.
Two limbers loaded with 25
boxes S.A.A. on each, have been
packed with 6 other limbers
from the other three battalions
in the Bde, for the purpose
of moving forward in case
of emergency, at a position
near Bormley. They are under
orders to move forward at
a moments notice, so cannot
be called on to do other work.
It is necessary to do all work
in forward area by night,
as the roads are under observa-
-tion by day.

Col Japp Gapi
D.V. 18th Bn

18th Bn Quartermasters Report for Month of May, 1918

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Throughout the month Rations were delivered by 2nd Line Transport to Store & by 1st Line Transport to Coy carrying parties. Cooking was done on Kitchens & open fires both for line & support positions excepting from 28th to 31st when Kitchens had to be moved to Gun Store owing to enemy gassing. Cooking was then done at Store & Tea made. Solidified Alcohol & unfrozen Sandwhich Fat & Kerosene. Tommy Cooks (80 to 100) were sent up daily. Water was taken to Bn Hdquarters in Water Carts & Petroleum Tins. Water Carts doing 3 trips each night. After returning of Cooks to Store 60 Petrol Tins & Tea, 40 of Water & 1 Water Cart were sent up nightly.

Comforts from Comforts Fund consisting of Cocoa & Milk, Biscuits, Cigarettes, Tobacco & Mixed Cakes ^{being} 15th Bn Comforts fund were received & issued to men in the line.

Socks were exchanged at frequent intervals & Change of clothing (under) was sent up to Bn in Support.

4 additional Lewis Guns were drawn from DADOS Company to 28 for the Bn.

Boot repairs were carried out for
Details + new boots were issued to
replace W/S in the line.

Barber + Sailor worked on details +
also worked in Support line when
Port was there.

S. Sedgwick
O.M. 18th 1931