

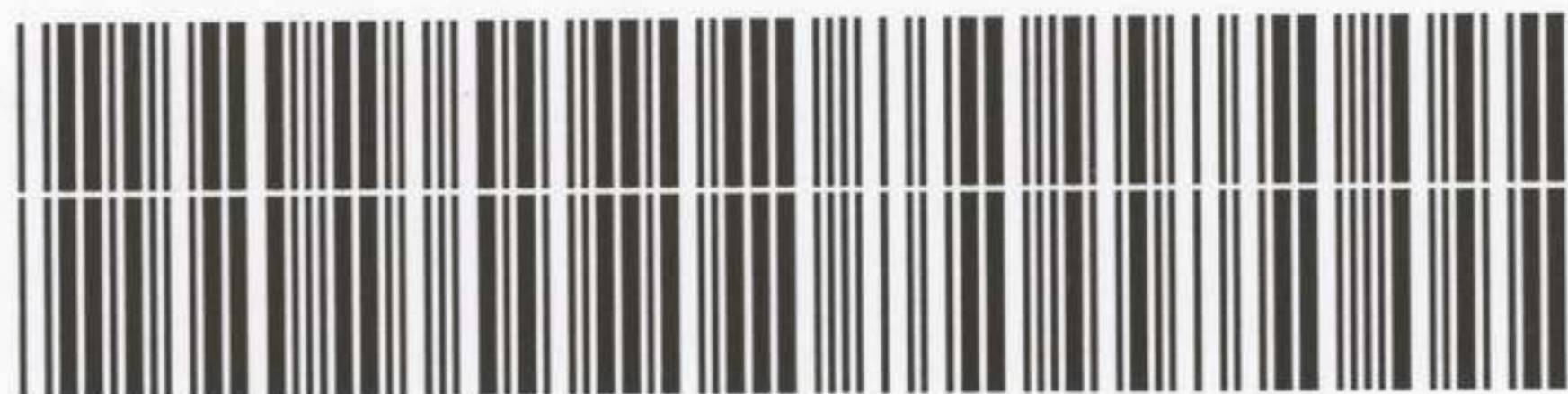
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PLOEGSTEERT AREA.	April	1st.	Battalion in Reserve. Divisional Battalion Defence Scheme. Appendix No. 1. 2 Reinforcements arrived from Base. Bn Move Order No. 126. Appendix No. 2. <u>Weather.</u> - Fine. Addendum to Bn Move Order No. 126. Appendix No. 3.	(B)
" METEREN.	"	2nd.	Battalion moved from CATACOMBS, PLOEGSTEERT AREA, by route march to NEUVE EGLISE. Bn embussed at NEUVE EGLISE CHURCH at 12 noon. Column moved off at 1.15 p.m. en route for METEREN. Arrived at METEREN at 2.30 p.m. and billeted in the town and its environs. <u>Weather.</u> - Fine.	(B)
"	"	3rd.	Battalion resting. Battalion Move Order No. 127 issued as per Appendix No. 4. Addendum to Move Order No. 127. Appendix (No. 5). 8 Other Ranks arrived from Base. <u>Weather.</u> - Slight fall of rain.	(B)
"	"	4th.	Battalion moved by march route from METEREN to CAESTRE, leaving METEREN at 3 p.m. and arriving at CAESTRE RAILWAY STATION at 4.30 p.m. Bn entrained at 5 p.m. Train departed 6 p.m. <u>Weather.</u> - Fine, with slight showers.	(B)
COISY "	"	5th.	Arrived at St ROCHE (AMIENS) at 6.30 a.m. Moved from Station yard at 7.30 a.m. by march route to COISY, arriving at billets at 11.30 a.m. <u>Weather.</u> - Showery.	(B)
LAVIEVILLE "	"	6th.	Battalion moved from COISY as per Bn Move Order No. 128. (Appendix No. 6). Embussed at Cross Roads, COISY, at 7 a.m., and debussed at LA HOUSOYE at 10.10 a.m., thence by march route to LAVIEVILLE, via BONNAY, HEILLY, and FRANVILLERS. Relieved 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn as per Relief Order 128. (Appendix No. 7.). Relief completed by 10.40 p.m. <u>Dispositions</u> - Bn Hqrs and R.A.P. at LAVIEVILLE. Company Dispositions as per Scheme of LAVIEVILLE DEFENCES (Appendix No. 8.). Lieut. W.A.L. Agnew to Temp. Duty as Area Commandant, BERTANGLES. 1 Other Rank Killed. <u>Weather.</u> Constant falls of rain. Muddy underfoot.	(B)

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LAVIEVILLE.	April	7th.	Battalion in Supports. No change in Dispositions. Lieut. L.R. Brookes returned from French Leave. <u>Casualties.</u> - 4 Other Ranks Wounded. 2 Other Ranks Wounded - remaining on duty. <u>Weather.</u> - Fine.	D
"	"	8th.	Battalion in Supports. No change in Dispositions. <u>Casualties.</u> - 2 Other Ranks Wounded. 1 Other Rank Evacuated Sick. <u>Weather.</u> - Showery.	D
"	"	9th.	Battalion in Supports. No change in Dispositions. <u>Casualties.</u> - 12 Other Ranks Wounded. 11 Other Ranks Evacuated. <u>HONOURS AND REWARDS.</u> - Lieut. F. Gattler M.C. Awarded BAR TO MILITARY CROSS. (A.C.R.O. 95. No. 17. 11. 4. 18) 3809 Cpl Fuller W.R. Awarded DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL. " <u>Weather.</u> - Showery. 1960 Sgt Lamont E.F. Awarded MILITARY MEDAL. " 535 Pte (now Cpl) Tognolini S. Awarded MILITARY MEDAL. "	D
"	"	10th.	Battalion in Supports. No change in Dispositions. Bn Move Order No. 129 issued. Appendix No. 9. In Relief Order No. 130. Appendix No. 10. Battalion moved forward from Supports to Front Line and relieved the 22nd Aust. Bn. as per above appendices. Relief completed at 11.30 p.m. <u>Casualties.</u> - 1 O.R. Killed. 6 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.</u> - 14 O.R. <u>Weather.</u> - Fine.	D
LAVIEVILLE AREA.	"	11th.	Battalion in Line. Dispositions as under. - (Map Ref. Sheet. 62D. N.E. 1/20,000. France.). <u>Line Right.</u> - 1 Coy in Outpost Line. E. 13. a. 6. 5. to E. 7. d. 9. 5. and 5 Advanced Posts. "A" Company - O.C. - Lieut. J. Sullivan M.M. Coy Hqrs at E. 7. d. 90. 20. <u>Line Left.</u> - 1 Company. E. 7. d. 9. 5. to E. 7. b. 7. 5. "B" Company - O.C. - Capt. A.R. MacNeil M.C. Coy Hqrs at E. 7. b. 90. 10. 1 Platoon 4 Posts. E. 8. c. 0. 6. to E. 8. c. 00. 85. 1 Platoon 3 Posts E. 7. d. 9. 9. to E. 8. c. 1. 9. 1 Platoon Posts E. 7. b. 9. 1. to E. 7. b. 7. 5. 1 Platoon Close Support. S.P.s at E. 7. d. 55. 50. & E. 7. d. 65. 60. <u>Support Right</u> - "C" Company. O.C. - Capt. M.B. Kelly. 1 Platoon. Close Support. S.P. at E. 7. d. 5. 1. & E. 7. d. 55. 30. 2 Platoons. Support. PIONEER TRENCH. SUPPORT RIGHT. 1 Platoon. Reserve. in D. 12. d. 5. 8.	D

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LAVIEVILLE AREA.	1918. April 11th.		Support Left.- "D" Company. - O.C. - Capt. P.T. Hurrey. 1 Platoon. Close Support. S.P. at E.7.d.6.9. 2 Platoons. Support. PIONEER TRENCH. SUPPORT LEFT. 1 Platoon. Reserve. in D.12.b.5.1. Battalion Headquarters - D.12.b.8.0. Regimental Aid Post - D.12.b.8.1. Average Strength of each Company 125 Other Ranks with 5 L.M. Guns. Intelligence Summary from 6.30 p.m. 10.4.18. to 6.30 a.m. 11.4.18. Appendix No. 10. Battalion relieved the 23rd Aust. Bn. Outpost Line as per Relief Order No. 130. Appendix No. 11. Relief completed at 11.45 p.m. Unit on Left Flank 23rd Bn. Unit on Right Flank 28th Bn. <u>Casualties.</u> - 1 O.R. Killed 5 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.</u> - Nil. <u>Weather.</u> - Fine. <u>Observation.</u> - Good.	P
"	"	12th.	Battalion In Line. No change in Dispositions. Intelligence Summary from 6.30 a.m. 11.4.18. to 6.30 a.m. 12.4.18. Appendix No. 12. Inter-Company Relief as per Bn Move- or Relief Order No. 131. Appendix No. 13. Appendix Relief completed at 11.55 p.m. Lieut. F.P. Budden to A.I.F. Hqrs for return to Australia. <u>Casualties.</u> - 2 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.</u> - Nil. <u>Weather.</u> - Fine. <u>Observation.</u> - Good.	P
"	"	13th.	Battalion in Line. Change in Disposition - "C" Coy relieved "A" Coy. "D" Coy relieved "B" Coy. Intelligence Summary from 6.30 a.m. 12.4.18. to 6.30 a.m. 13.4.18. Appendix No. 14. <u>Casualties.</u> - Nil. <u>Evacuations.</u> - Nil. Unit on Left Flank 24th Bn. Unit on Right Flank 26th Bn. <u>Weather.</u> - Dull. Very cold wind. <u>Observation.</u> - Bad.	P
"	"	14th.	Battalion in Line. No change in Dispositions. Proposal for Raid on Enemy Strong Post as per Appendix No. 15. Orders for Raid from Brigade as per Appendix No. 16. Bn Raid Order No. 132 as per Appendix No. 17. Report on Raid as per Appendix No. 18. <u>Casualties.</u> - 1 Officer Killed. (Lt. H.H. Sibbisen.) 7 O.R. Wounded. 2 O.R. Missing. 1 O.R. Wounded - Remaining on Duty. <u>Evacuations.</u> - 1 O.R. Bn Move Order No. 133. issued. Appendix No. 19. Battalion relieved by 22nd Aust. Bn. Relief completed at 10.30 p.m. Bn moved back to Support Line. <u>Dispositions as follows.</u> - "A" Coy in Posts D.12.c.5.2. to D.6.c.2.6. "B" Coy LAVIEVILLE POSTS, D.11.c.4.4. to D.11.a.3.5. "C" Coy - D.11.a.3.5. to D.4.d.9.9. "D" Coy - D.4.d.9.9. to D.4.b.5.5.	P

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LAVIEVILLE.	1918. April	14th.	Battalion Headquarters at LAVIEVILLE. R.A.P. at LAVIEVILLE. Intelligence Summary from 6.30 a.m. 13.4.18. to 6.30 a.m. 14.4.18. Appendix No. 20. "A" Battalion Provisional Defence Scheme issued Appendix No. 21. <u>Weather.</u> - Strong Wind. Very Cold.	B
"	"	15th.	Battalion in Supports. No change in Dispositions. <u>Casualties.</u> - 4 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.</u> - Nil. <u>Weather.</u> - Dull. Strong Wind.	B
"	"	16th.	Battalion in Supports. Lavieville Defences. No change in dispositions. 500 Other Ranks bathed and issued with clean change of underclothing. Lt. T.H. Cory Evacuated Wounded. <u>Casualties.</u> - 1 Officer 1 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.</u> - 1 O.R. Copy of Recommendations of 1960. Sgt Lamont E.F., M.M. and 6448 Pte C.A. Ingle. Appendix No. 22. <u>Weather.</u> - Fine.	B
"	"	17th.	Battalion in Supports. Dispositions as before. 7 Officers 125 O.R. rejoined Unit from Detail Camp. An equivalent number from Battalion to Details <u>Casualties.</u> - 1 O.R. Killed. 1 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.</u> - 1 O.R. <u>Weather.</u> - Dull. Showery.	B
"	"	18th.	Battalion in Supports. Bn Move Order No. 134 issued. Appendix No. 23. 7.30 p.m. Battalion moved forward from Support Line to Front Line and relieved the 22nd Aust. Bn. Relief completed by 10 p.m. Reference Map Sheet 62D N.E. 1/20,000. <u>Dispositions.</u> - Front Line Right. - "D" Coy. Capt. H.C.A. Sandford O.C. E.13.b.7.4. to E.7.d.9.5. Company in outpost line and five advanced posts. Front Line Left. - "C" Coy. Capt. M.B. Kelly O.C. 1 Platoon E.8.c.0.6. 1 Platoon E.7.d.90.95. to E.8.c.1.9. to E.8.c.00.85. 1 Platoon E.7.b.9.1. to 1 Platoon Close Supports. S.P. E.7.b.7.5. E.7.d.7.6. Support line Right. - "B" Coy. Capt. A.R. MacNeil M.C. O.C. 1 Platoon. Close Support. S.P. E.7.d.5.2. 2 Platoons. Supports. PIONEER TRENCH. 1 Platoon. Reserve. D.12.d.5.8. Support Line Left. - "A" Coy. Lieut. J. Sullivan M.M. O.C. 1 Platoon. Close Support. S.P. E.7.d.6.9. 2 Platoons. Supports. PIONEER TRENCH LEFT. 1 Platoon, Reserve. D.12.d.5.2.	B

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LAVIEVILLE AREA.	1918. April.	18th.	<p>Battalion Headquarters at D.12.b.8.0. Regimental Aid Post at D.12.b.8.1. Unit on Right Flank. 28th Australian Battalion. Unit on Left Flank. 23rd Australian Battalion. 2/Lt. S.J. Roberts M.M. Joined Bn from Rfcts (O.T.C.) 11 O.R. returned from English Leave. 21 O.R. joined Bn from Rfcts to M.G. Coy. 20 O.R. rejoined Bn from Sick List, and 9 O.R. from Wounded List. <u>Weather.</u>- Cold. Light fall of sleet.</p>	D
"	"	19th.	<p>Battalion in Line. Dispositions as above. Unit on Left Flank relieved by the 24th Aust. Bn. Appendix No. 24. Intelligence Summary from 6 p.m. 18.4.18. to 6.30 a.m. 19.4.18. Appendix No. 25. <u>Evacuations.</u>- Nil. <u>Casualties.</u>- 6 O.R. Wounded. 1 O.R. Wounded - remaining on duty. <u>Weather.</u>- Fine.</p>	D
"	"	20th.	<p>Battalion in Line. No change in dispositions. Intelligence Summary from 6.30 a.m. 19.4.18. to 6.30 a.m. 20.4.18. Appendix No. 26, Work carried out during night 19/20th April.- <u>Work.</u>- Was continued on EMMA TRENCH. 200 Yds of Trench 1 Ft deep dug from E.7.d.6.3. to E.7.d.5.6. 85 Yds of Trench 3 Ft deep at E.7.d.7.7. 40 Yds of Trench 1 Ft deep at E.7.d.7.9. EMMA LINE now continuous from E.7.d.5.0. to E.7.b.7.0. <u>Wiring.</u>- 120 Yds of wire in front of EMMA LINE from Road E.13.b.4.8. to E.13.b.5.9. 200 Yds concertina wire erected in front of outpost line in E.8.c.2.8. <u>Casualties.</u>- 3 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.</u>- Nil. <u>Weather.</u>- Fine.</p>	D
"	"	21st.	<p>Battalion in Line. No change in dispositions. Intelligence Summary from 6.30 a.m. 20.4.18. to 6.30 a.m. 21.4.18. Appendix No. 27. Bn Move Order No. 135. issued. Appendix No. 28. Work carried out during night of 20/21st April.- <u>Work.</u>- was continued on EMMA LINE. 80 Yds of trench 4'6" deep dug on right and 45 Yds on left. 80 Yds marked out 1 Ft deep. <u>Wiring.</u>- 80 Yds wire on Left Coy Sector. 100 Yds wire on Right Coy Sector. <u>Casualties.</u>- 2 O.R. Killed. 9 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.</u>- Nil. <u>Weather.</u>- Fine.</p>	D
"	"	22nd.	<p>Battalion in line. No change in dispositions. Intelligence Summary from 6.30 a.m. 21.4.18. to 6.30 a.m. 22.4.18. Appendix No. 29. Work carried out during night of 21/22nd April.- New posts were dug at following positions.- E.8.c.2.6., E.8.c.25.75., E.8.c.8.9., E.8.a.35.00., E.8.a.4.1.</p>	D

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LAVIEVILLE AREA.	April	22nd.	<p><u>Wiring.</u>- 100 Yds of concertina erected in front of Right Coy Sector at E.8.d.222. 100 Yds erected in front of new posts of Left Coy approx. at E.8.c.4.8.</p> <p><u>EMMA LINE.</u> This trench was deepened and is now a continuous trench 4'6" deep from E.7.d.4.0. to E.7.b.8.0. 260 Yds dug 1 Ft deep from E.7.b.8.0. to PIONEER SUPPORT at E.7.b.5.4.</p> <p>9 p.m. Battalion commenced to be relieved by the 22nd Aust. Bn. Relief completed at 11.50 p.m. Battalion moved back to Lavieville Defences, and Companies took up same dispositions as per entry of 14th inst.</p> <p><u>Casualties.</u>- 3 O.R. Killed. 1 Off. 7 O.R. Wounded. Lt. W.B.F. McKiernan evacuated wounded.</p> <p><u>Weather.</u>- Fine.</p>	D
LAVIEVILLE	"	23rd.	<p>Battalion in Supports. (Lavieville Defences).</p> <p><u>Evacuations.</u>- 5 O.R. <u>Casualties.</u>- 1 O.R. Wounded.</p> <p><u>Weather.</u>- Fine.</p>	D
"	"	24th.	<p>Battalion in Supports. No change in Dispositions.</p> <p>Lt. B. Besemeres rejoined Bn from Super. List. 2/Lt. H. Edwards D.C.M., M.M. rejoined Bn from Sec'd List. 2/Lts. F.W. Winstanley M.M., A.L. Cope, and J.E. McAlpine joined Bn from Rfcts (Off. Cadet Bn).</p> <p><u>Casualties.</u>- 1 O.R. Killed 5 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.</u>- 4 O.R.</p> <p><u>Weather.</u>- Fine.</p>	D
"	"	25th.	<p>Battalion in Supports. No change in Dispositions.</p> <p><u>Casualties.</u>- 3 O.R. Wounded (Gas). 2 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.</u>- Nil.</p> <p>1 Officer and 100 Other Ranks from Battalion exchanged with 1 Officer & 100 O.R. from Nucleus Garrison.</p> <p><u>Weather.</u>- Fine.</p>	D
"	"	26th.	<p>Battalion in Supports. No change in Dispositions.</p> <p>Bn Move Order No. 136 issued Appendix No. 30. At 8.30 p.m. Bn moved forward from Supports to Front Line and relieved 1 Company 22nd Aust. Bn and 3 Companies of 23rd Aust. Bn.</p> <p>Reliefs completed at 11 p.m. and 11.15 p.m. respectively.</p> <p><u>Dispositions as under.</u>-</p> <p><u>Front Line Right.</u>- E.8.c.0.8. to Main ALBERT Road. "D" Company. Capt. H.C.A. Sandford O.C.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1 Platoon - 3 Posts - E.8.c.3.9., E.8.a.35.00., E.8.a.4.1.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1 Platoon - E.8.a.2.1. to E.7.b.7.5.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1 Platoon - Gully. E.8.c.10.95.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1 Platoon - EMMA TRENCH. E.7.d.8.9.</p>	D

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LAVIEVILLE AREA.	1918. April	26th.	<p>Front Line Left.- E.7.b.8.6. to E.2.c.3.5. "A" Company. Lieut. J. Sullivan M.M., O.C. 3 Platoons Strong Posts E.7.b.8.6. to E.2.c.3.5. 1 Platoon. EMMA TRENCH. E.1.d.9.3.</p> <p>Support Line.- PIONEER SUPPORT. "B" Company. Capt. A.R. MacNeil M.C. O.C. Reserve Line.- Trench E.7.a. "C" Company. Lieut. W.H. Roberts O.C. Bn Hqrs.- D.12.d.50.65. R.A.P. - D.12.b.8.1. Casualties.- 1 O.R. Wounded. Evacuations.- 1 O.R. Weather.- Fine.</p>	B
"	"	27th.	<p>Battalion in Line. No change in Dispositions. Intelligence Summary from 6 p.m. 26.4.18. to 6.30 a.m. 27.4.18. Appendix No. 31. Casualties.- 4 O.R. Wounded. Evacuations.- 3 O.R. Weather.- Fine.</p>	B
"	"	28th.	<p>Battalion in Line. No change in Dispositions. Intelligence Summary from 6.30 a.m. 27.4.18. to 6.30 a.m. 28.4.18. Appendix No. 32. Casualties.- 3 O.R. Injured (S.I.W.) Evacuations.- 2 O.R. Weather.- Fine.</p>	B
"	"	29th.	<p>Battalion in Line. No change in Dispositions. Intelligence Summary from 6.30 a.m. 28.4.18. to 6.30 a.m. 29.4.18. Appendix No. 33. Casualties.- Nil. Evacuations.- Nil. Defence Scheme for "A" Bn (21st Aust. Bn) issued. Appendix No. 34. Weather.- Fine.</p>	B
"	"	30th.	<p>Battalion in Line. No change in Dispositions. Intelligence Summary from 6.30 a.m. 29.4.18. to 6.30 a.m. 30.4.18. Appendix No. 35. Casualties.- Nil. Evacuations.- 2 O.R. Weather.- Fine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6th A.I. Bde Intelligence Summaries 8.4.18. to 30.4.18. Appendix No. 36.</p> <p>Commanding Officer's Report for month. Appendix No. 37. Transport Officer's Report. Appendix No. 38. Quartermaster's Report for Month. Appendix No. 39. Weekly Effective Strengths. Appendix No. 40. Map Sheet 62D. N.E. 1/20,000. showing Dispositions, etc. Appendix No. 41.</p>	B

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19.	21st Aust.Bn Relief Order No.138.14.4.18.
20.	Intelligence Summary 6.30 a.m.13.4.18.to 6.30 a.m.14.4.18.
21.	"A"Bn Provisional Defence Scheme.
22.	Copy of Recommendations for 1960 Sgt E.F.Lamont M.M.& 6448
23.	21st Aust.Bn Move Order No.134. (Pte C.A.Ingle.
24.	Relief Order 23rd & 24th Bns.
25.	Intelligence Summary 6 p.m.18.4.18.to 6.30 a.m.19.4.18.
26.	Intelligence Summary 6.30 a.m.19.4.18.to 6.30 a.m.20.4.18.
27.	Intelligence Summary 6.30 a.m.20.4.18.to 6.30 a.m.21.4.18.
28.	21st Aust.Bn Move Order No.135.
29.	Intelligence Summary 6.30 a.m.21.4.18.to 6.30 a.m.22.4.18.
30.	21st Aust.Bn Move Order No.136.
31.	Intelligence Summary 6 p.m.26.4.18.to 6.30 a.m.27.4.18.
32.	Intelligence Summary 6.30 a.m.27.4.18.to 6.30 a.m.28.4.18.
33.	Intelligence Summary 6.30 a.m.28.4.18.to 6.30 a.m.29.4.18.
34.	Defence Scheme for "A"Battalion.
35.	Intelligence Summary 6.30 a.m.29.4.18.to 6.30 a.m.30.4.18.
36.	6th A.I.Brigade Intelligence Summaries.7th to 30th April 18
37.	Commanding Officer's Report for Month of April. (1918.
38.	Transport Officer's Report for month of April.
39.	Quartermaster's Report for month of April.
40.	Weekly Effective Strength Return.April 1918.
41.	Map Sheet 62D. N.E.1/20,000.showing Dispositions.

22nd O.O. 17/18
11A Order BM/55

9A Operation Order 14/18. 10-4-18
11A B.M.115.

DIVISION RESERVE BATTALION DEFENCE SCHEME.

Ref. Maps - Sheet 36 B.W. 1/10,000.
" 28 B.W. 1/10,000.
" FLOEGSTBERT 1/10,000.

1st April 1918.

1. The Division is holding the front line on a Three Brigade Front.
2. "D" Battalion and four nucleus Companies of the centre Brigade are the Division Reserve and are billeted in the Catacombs and Red Lodge (Battalion Headquarters at Catacombs) and will be referred to as "D" reserve.
3. "D" Reserve will be used to reinforce either the centre ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ or Left Brigade or to make a counter attack on any part of the Division front.
4. The enemy action is mostly defensive but should be become aggressive it will probably be in the nature of -
 - (a) Raids on either a large or small scale.
 - (b) In the nature of an attack.
5. Raids being only very local "D" Reserve may not be required to move. Should the enemy carry out an operation as in para. 4 sub-para (b) this operation would take some time and warning would be given by his preparatory Artillery Fire.
6. In any case it is not probable that the front of the Right Brigade will be affected as the River Lys is a serious obstacle. On the centre Brigade front (La Basse Ville) and the high ground near Au Chasseur Cabaret are places which would be very valuable for the enemy to hold as also is the Messines Hill on the left Brigade front.
7. "D" Reserve must be ready to deliver a counter-attack at short notice and retake any ground captured by the enemy as in para. 4 sub-para (b).
8. Should enemy action indicate a possible attack, "precautionary action" will be given. This will necessitate all troops being awakened and *getting* dressed. Ammunition and bombs will be got ready for issue.
9. On the order to "Stand by" the Companies will immediately "stand by" in their billets in fighting order. An extra 100 rounds of S.A.A. and Two bombs per man will be issued. One Officer per Company and one Runner will report to Battalion Headquarters for orders. Each Company will report by Runner when ready to move out.
10. Major A.E. Reed and Two Runners will report to Centre Brigade Headquarters. In addition if "D" Reserve have to move to the Left Brigade area, Lieut. R.H. Farndon and two Runners will report to Left Brigade Headquarters.
11. Locations - Centre Brigade Headquarters - U.20.a.8.6.
Left Brigade Headquarters - T.6.c.6.5.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(sgd) J. L. Watt, Lieutenant,
Adjutant, 21st Battalion A.I.F.

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- 2/3. War Diary.
- 4/7. Companies.
8. 6th A.I. Brigade.
9. O.C. Nucleus Garrison.

Appendix No. 2.

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COPY No. 2

21st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION MOVE ORDER No. 126.

by

1st April 1918.Lieut.-Colonel B.O.C. Duggan D.S.O. Commanding.

1. RELIEF. The 6th A.I. Brigade is being relieved by the 7th Brigade.
2. DESTINATION. Further instructions as to times, destination, etc. will be issued later.
3. NUCLEUS PERSONNEL. Nucleus Personnel now at RED LODGE will rejoin their Coys. at least One hour before time of departure.
4. ORDER OF MARCH. Order of March - Hqrs. "A", "B", "C", and "D" Coys. Platoons at 100 yds. distance ~~xxx~~.
5. STORES Etc. All Defence Schemes, Maps etc. of this area will be handed into Battalion Headquarters at once.
6. BILLETS. All Billets and their surroundings now occupied by the Battalion are to be left scrupulously clean. Usual certificate to be rendered to this Office before moving off.
7. TRANSPORT. Transport section will move under orders of Brigade Transport Officer.
8. RATIONS, S.A.A. etc. Company Commanders will be responsible that the men move off with Iron Rations, 120 rounds S.A.A. and Water Bottles filled.

C K N O W L E D G E .(signed) J. L. Watt, Lieutenant
Adjutant, 21st Battalion A.I.F.Distribution.-

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- 3. War Diary.
- 7. Companies.
- Signal Officer.
- C. O.
- Transport Officer.
- Quartermaster.

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Appendix No 3

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ADDENDUM TO MOVE ORDER No.126.21st AUST.BN.

Ref. Map Sheet 28.
1/40,000.

BY

1.4.18.

Lieut.-Colonel B.O.C.Duggan D.S.O.Commanding.

- 1. TIMES. Reveille 6 a.m. Fall In 8.40 a.m. (Battalion).
Breakfast 6.30 a.m. Move off 9 a.m. (~~Bn Rear~~).
- 2. OFFICERS' VALISES. Officers' Valises and Orderly Room Boxes to be stacked on Left of Road opposite Bn Hqrs by 7.45 a.m.
- 3. COOKS' GEAR. This will be ready for loading by 7.45 a.m.
- 4. DRESS. Full Marching Order. Water Bottles filled.
- 5. EMBUSSING. The Bn will embuss at Church, NEUVE EGLISE, at 12 noon, en route for METEREN.
- 6. DETAILS. Details and Band from Rear Hqrs (LE ROMARIN) will await arrival of Bn at ROMARIN SIDING. The Company Details will then join their respective Companies.

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

Issued to Runner at 1.45 a.m. 2.4.18.
DISTRIBUTION.-

As per Move Order.

(Signed.) J.L.WATT,
Lieutenant and Adjutant,
21st Battalion A.I.F.

31st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION MOVE ORDER No.127.

Appendix No 4

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3rd April 1918.

Lieut.-Colonel B.O.C.Duggan D.S.O.Commanding.

Ref.Map Sheet 27 B.& F.1/40,000.
 Sheet 17 Amiens.1/100,000.
 Sheet 11.Lens. 1/100,000.

- MOVE. The Battalion will entrain at CAESTRE at 5 p.m.tomorrow,4th inst.
 Train departs 6.25 p.m.
- STARTING POINT. Starting Point for march from present area will be the Cross Roads X.15.a.25.25.Head of Column to pass this point at 3 p.m.
- ORDER OF MARCH. The order of march will be -
 Hqrs, "D", "C", "A", & "B" Companies.
- TRANSPORT. Transport will proceed by same train, and must arrive at entraining station 3 hours before time of departure of train.
 Water Carts to be filled and horses to be watered before entraining.
- DIVISIONAL DETRAINING PARTY. "B" Company will detail 3 Platoons with Capt.A.R.MacNeil M.C. to proceed by train leaving CAESTRE at 3.25 p.m.This party will act as Divisional Detraining Party at ST ROCHE (AMIENS) and will arrive at station 1½ hours before time of departure of train.Company Cooker to accompany this party.
- BILLETING PARTY. A Billeting party of 1 N.C.O.per Coy and Hqrs, plus 1 Hqrs Runner, under Lieut.R.H.Farndon, will proceed by 3.25 p.m. train from CAESTRE. Bicycles will be taken.Party to arrive at station 1½ hours prior to departure of train.
- ENTRAINMENT. No troops or transport will enter the Station Yard until permission to do so has been given by the R.T.O.
- BOMBS, Etc. Transport Officer will arrange to transport the extra 2 bombs per man to CAESTRE."B" Company will supply a Guard of 1 N.C.O.and 3 Others to look after these.This Guard will report to the T.O.at Transport Lines at 9 a.m.4th inst.(Sharp).
- TRAIN DISCIPLINE. An N.C.O.will be in charge of each truck or carriage.No man will be permitted to get out of the train without permission.Leaning out of windows or doors or climbing into unauthorised places is strictly prohibited.Injuries received through disobedience of these orders will be treated as self-inflicted, and proceedings will be instituted against offenders.
- ENTRAINING OFFICER. Lieut.R.K.Bazley M.C.will act as Entraining and Detraining Officer.
- ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE. The 4 Anti-Aircraft Lewis Guns will be mounted along the train.
 L.G.Sgt will arrange for personnel & ammunition for these.
- ORDERLY ROOM, Etc. The Transport Officer will detail ½ limber for Orderly Room gear.
 Coy Clerks' & Pay Sgt's Boxes will be sent to R.Q.M.Store by 10 a.m. 4th inst.
- CERTIFICATES. Certificates as per G.R.O.1146 (Q Branch) will be obtained from owners of all Billets under Coy arrangements.These will be handed in to Bn Hqrs on reaching new destination, together with certificates stating that present billets were left in a clean & sanitary condition.

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4. STATES. Marching Out states are required at Bn Hqrs by 2.40 p.m. 4th inst. Entrainment States are required by 12 noon, 4th inst.

5. SANDBAGS. Four will be carried on the man. Q.M. to arrange accordingly.

6. ABSENTEES. Names of any Absentees will be handed in at Bn Hqrs before moving off.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed.) J.L.WATT,
Lieutenant & Adjutant,
21st Battalion A.I.F.

Issued by Runner at p.m. 3.4.18.

Copies to.-

- 2. War Diary.
- 2. " "
- 3. File.
- 1. A Coy.
- 5. B Coy.
- 6. C Coy.
- 7. D Coy.
- 8. Hqrs.
- 9. Q.M.
- 0. T.O.
- 1. C.O.

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Appendix No.5.

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ADDENDUM TO 21st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION MOVE ORDER No.127.B Y

Lieut.-Colonel B.O.C.Duggan D.S.O.Commanding.

Ref.Map Sheets.- As per Move Order.

3rd April 1918.

Reference Para.5.

This party is to be comprised of 3 Officers and 100 Other Ranks.

A.A.DEFENCE. 2 Lewis Guns will proceed with third train and will be detailed by O.C., "B" Coy. The personnel for these weapons will travel with remainder of "B" Coy party at 3 p.m. L.M.G. Sgt to arrange reference panniers, ammunition, etc. This Sgt will report to O.C., "B" Coy, at 8 a.m. tomorrow, 4th inst. The guns will travel with the bombs at 9 a.m., 4th inst., on limber.

The personnel of the third train is as follows.-

3rd Sanitary Section.	Mobile Vet. Section.
Hqrs Divn Train.	2nd Aust. Divn. Sig. Coy.
Hqrs M.G. Bn.	4th Aust. Divn. Train. Sig. Coy.

DISTANCES. On the road a minimum distance of 200 Yds between Companies is to be maintained.

Apart from this there no restrictions as to movement from Billets to Station.

VALISES. These will be collected by limber at 10 a.m. at Coy Q.M. Stores.

BRIGADE Capt. F. Sale M.C.
ENTRAINMENT
OFFICER.

TRANSPORT. Breast ropes for horse trucks must be provided by the Battalion.

REFRESHMENT. The Y.M.C.A. has arranged to provide a hot drink at the entraining Station.

MEDICAL. O.C., 6th Field Ambulance has arranged to have an ambulance car at the entraining station and also at the detraining station.

DETRAINING Capt. A.R. MacNeil M.C. will be detraining Officer for trains which
OFFICER. leave CAESTRE.

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sued by Runner at 10 p.m.
 struction.-

- 2. War Diary.
- File.
- 7½ Companies.
- Hqrs.
- C.O.
- . L.M.G. Sgt.
- . Spare.

(Signed). J.L.WATT,
 Lieutenant and Adjutant,
 21st Battalion A.I.F.

Appendix No.6.

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21st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION MOVE ORDER No.128.

BY
Lieut.-Colonel B.G.C. Duggan D.S.O. Commanding.

Ref. Map Sheets - No.17. AMIENS.1/100,000.

5th April 1918.

- MOVE. The Battalion (Less Details) will move on 6th inst. from present area to HILLY by march route and bus.
- EMBUSSING POINT. 600 Yards North of X Roads at 7 a.m.
Embussing troops will be off the AMIENS - DOULLENS ROAD on the West side of it.
- EMBUSSING POINT. LA HOURSOYE.
March route to destination.
- MOVEMENT & DISTANCES. Movement of troops is not to be in larger formations than Companies.
Distances to be maintained on the march.-
Between Companies - 200 Yards.
" Transport - 500 Yards.
- TIMES. Reveille 5 a.m. Breakfast 5.20 a.m.
Ready to move off at Starting Point - 6.40 a.m.
- LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Machine Guns will be carried on the busses.
- TRANSPORT. First Line Transport will move under the orders of the Bde T.O. and will be brigaded South of FRECHENCOURT
- ADVANCE PARTY. Lieut. R.B. Farndon and 1 M.C.O. per Coy & Hqrs will report to Bde Hqrs representative at HILLY CHURCH at
- STARTING POINT. "A" Company Hqrs - DURHAM ROAD.
Head of Column to pass Starting Point at 6.45 a.m.
- ORDER OF MARCH. Hqrs, "A", "B", "C", "D" Companies.
- VALISES. Officers' Valises to be at Bn Hqrs by 5.50 a.m.
- PACKS. Fighting Order, less Blanket. 120 Rounds S.A.A., 2 Bombs., & 4 Sandbags per man. Dress for Officers is similar to that of their men.
- MEDICAL. Ambulance will pick up sick at the Church in each village at 10 a.m. 6th inst.
- CERTIFICATES. Usual certificates re. cleanliness of billets, etc., to be forwarded
- DETAILS. The full nucleus personnel will be left out of the line in accordance with S.S.135, and will remain in present billets. They will receive their orders later - probably direct from Brigade. C Company Cooker will remain with the details. C.Q.M.S. will proceed forward with his Company.
- COMPANY CLERKS. Clerks will proceed with the Bn, and will later go to the Transport Lines. Coy Clerks' Boxes must reach R.Q.M. Store by 6 a.m.
- BLANKETS. These will be tightly rolled in bundles and dumped with packs in Company Dumps at present Coy Hqrs.
- SUPPLIES. Supply refilling point 6th inst. BERTANGLES. Time 6.30 a.m.
- RELIEF. On completion of move 6th A.I. Bde will be under the orders of 4th Aust. Division.
(Signed) J.L. WATT, Lieutenant,

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21st BATTALION.
BATTALION RELIEF ORDER No. 128. 6.4.18.
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Appendix No.7.
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1. The 21st Bn will relieve the 4th Aust.Pioneer Bn on the night of 6th/7th April 1918.
2. The 21st Bn will take over the LAVIEVILLE DEFENCE LINE.
3. Order of March - Hqrs, "A", "B", "C", and "D" Companies.
4. Guides will be picked up at cross roads in D.16.c.
5. Lt.R.K.Bazley M.C., 1 Officer, and 1 Runner per Coy, will go forward ahead of the Bn and arrange dispositions.
6. Bn Hqrs will be at D.4.c.3.3.
7. Ration limbers and cookers will move up with the Battalion.
8. R.A.P. will be established with Bn Hqrs.

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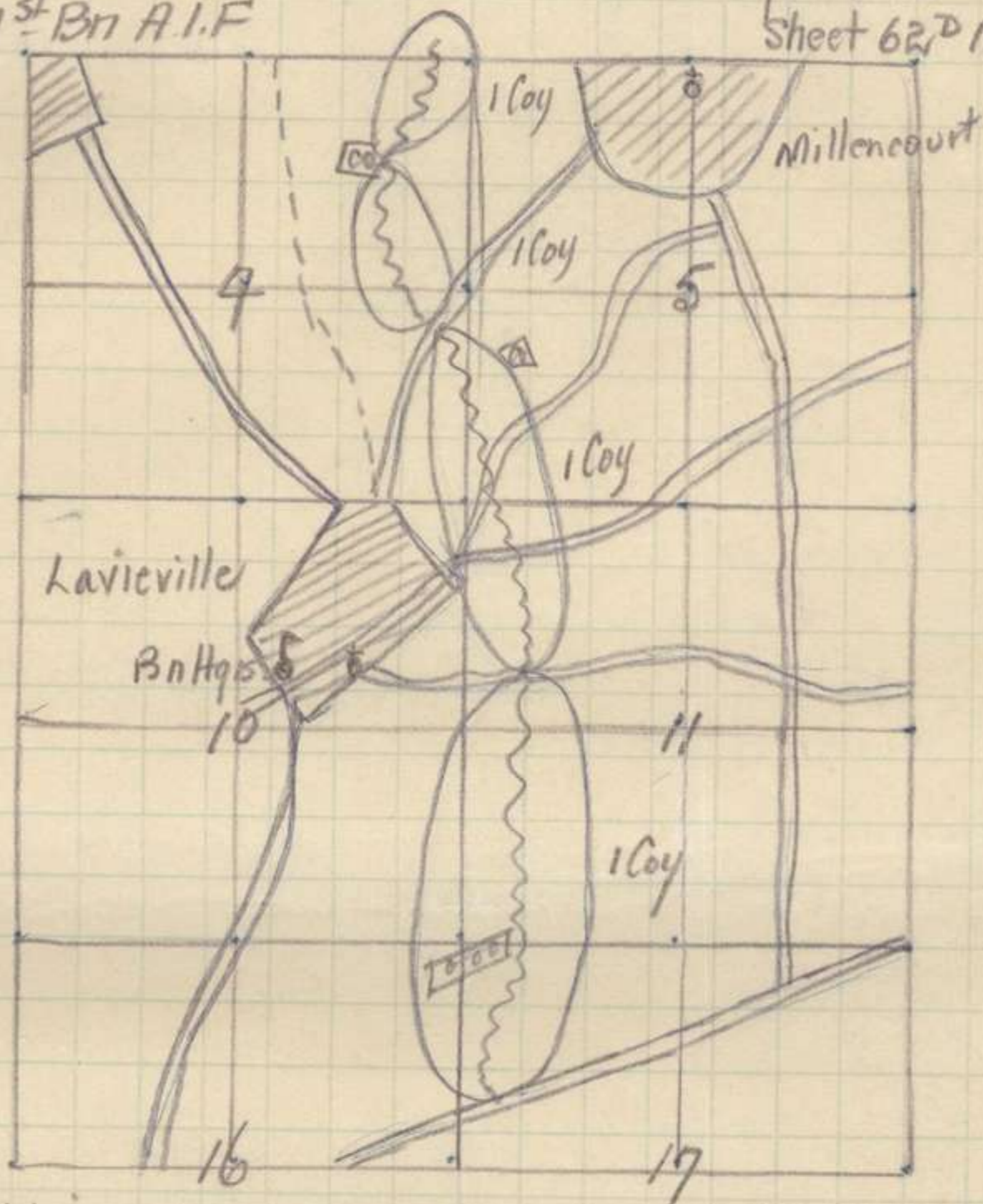
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1. File.
- 2/3. War Diary.
- 4/8. Companies.
9. Hqrs.
10. Bde.
11. 4th Aust.Pioneer Bn.

(Signed) J.L.WATT,
Lieutenant & Adjutant,
21st Bn A.I.F.

Lavieville Defence
21st Bn A.I.F.

Appendix No. 8.
Square D
Sheet 62nd NE



The firing line is not a connected trench as shown but consists of a series of posts. Each Coy has an average strength of 150 men with 5 Lewis Guns.

In addition there are 16 Lewis Guns of the Tank Corps along the line in D 11 a+c & 2 in D 5 d. There are 4 Vickers Guns in D 11 a.

(Sgt) R K Bagley Lieut
I.O. 21st Bn

7-4-18

21st Aust Bn Relief Order 129

— by —
Lt Col B. O. C. Duggan D.S.O.

Map Ref Sheet 62^D NE 1/20000 10-4-18

1. 21st Aust Bn will relieve the 22nd Aust Bn in the line on the night of 10/11th inst.
2. The Front extends from E 1366.4 to E 809.21
The 7th A.I. Bde are on the Right
The 23rd Aust Bn " " " Left.
3. B Coy will take over the Outpost line
A Coy in supports Right Pioneer Trench
C Coy " " do Left " "
D Coy " Reserve in D 12.6.
Bn Hqs will be at D 12.8.8
R.A.P. " " " "
4. Guides 1 Guide per Post for Outpost Coy & 1 per Platoon for Support Coys will be at Bn Hqs
D 12.8.8 at 7 pm. Coys ready to move at 7 pm.
O.C. D Coy will make own arrangements & can move in daylight.
5. Whilst in the line All Patrols will be supplied by A & C Coys

6. Rations & Cooking arrangements will be the same as those of the Bn relieved.

7. A Copy of receipts given for all Trench stores S.A.A. Maps etc will be forwarded to Bn Hqs by noon 11th inst

8. A Coy will maintain an SOS repeating station in Pioneer Trench

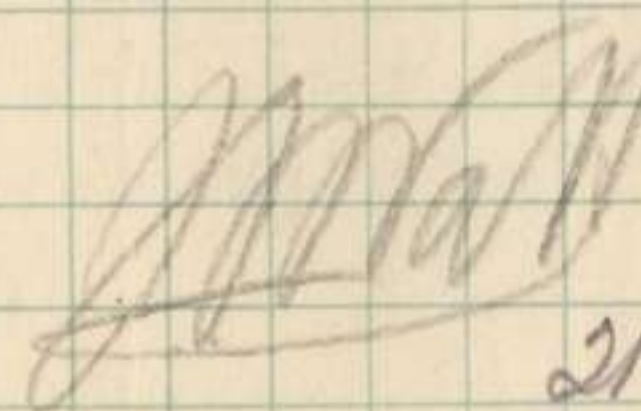
9. Completion of Relief will be reported to Bn Hqs by code.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued to runner at 12 noon 10-4-18.

Distribution

- 1/2 War Diary
- 3 File
- 4/7 Coys
- 8 Hqs
- 9 22nd Bn
- 10 23rd Bn
- 11 7th A.I. Bde
- 12 6th A.I. Bde
- 13 C.O.
- 14 Q.M. & T.O.


Lt Col
21st Bn. A.I.F.

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Appendix No.9a.

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22nd BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No.17/18.

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

10th April 1918.

1. The 22nd Bn will be relieved by 21st Bn in the line on night of 10/11th inst.
2. No trench, post, or emplacement will be vacated until taken over by incoming Unit.
3. Dispositions.-
 3 Platoons, 21st Bn ("B" Coy) will relieve 1 & 2 Platoons of "A" Coy, 22nd Bn.
 3 Platoons ("A" Coy), 21st Bn, will relieve 3 & 4 Platoons, "A" Coy, 22nd Bn.
 "B" Coy Hqrs, 21st Bn, will relieve "A" Coy Hqrs, 22nd Bn.
 1 Platoon "B" Coy, 21st Bn, will relieve "B" Coy, 22nd Bn, Left S.P.
 1 " " "A" " " " " "D" " " "
 Hqrs "A" Coy, 21st Bn, will relieve "D" Coy, 22nd Bn, Right S.P.
 "C" Coy, 21st Bn, will relieve "D" Coy, 22nd Bn, in PIONEER TRENCH.
 2 Platoons "D" Coy, 21st Bn, will relieve "B" Coy, 22nd Bn, in PIONEER TRENCH.
 2 Platoons "D" Coy, 21st Bn, will relieve "C" Coy, 22nd Bn, in trenches near Bn Hqrs.
 Hqrs "D" Coy, 21st Bn, will relieve "C" Coy Hqrs, 22nd Bn.
4. Guides.- The following guides will report to Lt. Thewlis at Bn Hqrs at 6 p.m. tonight.-
 "A" Coy 1 Guide per Post.
 "B" Coy 1 Guide per Platoon.
 "D" Coy 1 Guide per Platoon.
 O.s C., Coys will give each guide written instructions as to the party he is to guide in.
5. Details of relief not covered by this order will be mutually arranged between O.s C. concerned.
6. On completion of relief 22nd Bn will move to positions at present occupied by 21st Bn via ALBERT-AMIENS ROAD. Guides will be picked up at D.17.a.2.2.
7. Coys will move out with 120 Rounds S.A.A., 2 Bombs, and 4 Sandbags per man.
8. All trench stores, dumps, etc., S.O.S., tools, Etc., will be handed over & receipts forwarded to Bn Hqrs by noon 11th inst.
9. All wet socks will be returned to Bn Hqrs by 6 p.m. tonight.
10. On completion of relief the word HOME will be wired to Bn Hqrs.
11. A C K N O W L E D G E.

(Signed.) I.P. Stewart,
 Captain and Adjutant,
 21st Battalion.

Appendix No.10.

21st BATTALION INTELLIGENCE
SUMMARY. To 6 a.m. 11.4.18.

Our Operations.-

Artillery. Our artillery maintained harassing fire on enemy positions during day and night. At 4.50 a.m. enemy positions - Villages & Railway Embankment - were heavily shelled. Hostile retaliation was very feeble.

Trench Mortars. Stokes fired 20 Rounds into Quarry (E.14.c.) about midnight.

Machine Guns. No targets offered.

Patrols. A hostile post was encountered by our left Coy in E.8.c. at 2.30 a.m. One of our men was wounded. An advanced post of right Coy in E.14.a. saw about 50 Huns moving across their front between 12.30 and 1.30 a.m. They were not engaged as this post has just been established and is within 20 Yds of the Hun.

Miscellaneous. Relief. 21st Bn relieved the 22nd Bn in Right Bn Sector.

The relief was completed by 11.30 p.m. without incident.

General. The night was exceedingly dark and foggy and direction very difficult.

Works. Outpost line generally improved. 7 posts were dug forward of present outpost line on an average of 80 Yds forward.

Enemy Operations.-

Artillery. Hostile artillery fire was below normal during the period. Light scattered intermittent shelling over the area, principally in D.12.b. & d. During the night hostile shelling very quiet. Direction chiefly from MEAULTE.

Machine Guns. Were active during our shelling at 5 a.m. Occasional bursts over D.12.d. during the night.

Trench Mortars. None located.

Balloons. Two enemy balloons were up in rear of ALBERT from 7.15 to 8.5 a.m. No enemy planes were seen.

(Signed.) R. Bazley, Lt.,
For C.O., 21st Battalion. A.I.F.

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Appendix No. 11.

Copy No 1

Battalion Relief Order No 130

Map Ref. Sheet 62^D NE 1/40000

11-4-1918

- 1 The 21st Aust Bn will relieve the 23rd Aust Bn in Outpost Line South of Albert - Amiens Roads tonight 11/12th inst.
- 2 D Coy will supply 2 Platoons from Reserve to garrison these Posts.
- 3 1 Guide per Platoon from 23rd Bn will report to O C D Coy at 7-30 pm.
- 4 No movement will take place before dark.
- 5 Copies of Receipts given for all Trench Stores SAA etc will be forwarded to Bn Hq by noon next day.
- 6 On Relief the defence of that portion of the Outpost Line South of Albert - Amiens Rd to E 13b 7.4 will pass to C.O A Battalion.
- 7 Completion of Relief will be reported to Bn Hqrs as soon as possible.
- 8 D Coy Hq's will move to PIONEER Trench.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Distribution overleaf.

[Signature]
11th Adjt.
21st Aust Bn

Distribution

1/2 War Diary
 3/6 Case
 4/7 Hqs
 5/8 The 5th Post Co will receive
 6/9 in Outpost Line South of
 7/10 7th Bn
 8/11 File
 9/12

Appendix 11A

D.R. SECRET.

Appendix No. 11a.

From 6th A.I. Bde.
To 21st Bn.BM155.
11.4.18.

Tonight the 21st Bn will relieve the two platoons of the 23rd Bn south of the main road in the outpost line. "B" Battalion will not thereafter be responsible for that portion of the outpost line. Completion of relief to be reported to Bde Hqrs.

1.15 p.m. (Sgd.) W.F.N. Bridges, Major.

Appendix No.12.

I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y

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21st BATTALION A.I.F.12th April 1918.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Field Artillery was less active during the day, but maintained harassing fire on enemy supplies during the night, increasing the rate of fire before dawn. Heavies were busy firing on targets in rear of ALBERT. The barrage at 4.50 a.m. was well placed.

TRENCH MORTARS & MACHINE GUNS. No report.

SNIPING. Vigorous sniping was maintained by both sides. Right Coy claim one hit at approximately E.8.c.11.02. at 8 a.m.

PATROLS. Touch was maintained by means of lateral patrols. No reconnoitring patrols were sent forward but Listening Posts were sent out. In many points the Hun is in close proximity to our line. Our line has been pushed forward to get a better field of fire and to make our line on the crest more secure. The post at E.13.b.9.6. was harassed by M.G. Fire and was temporarily withdrawn. After vigorous action by rifle grenades the post was reoccupied and signs of German occupation found.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Below normal. Hostile artillery was very quiet during the period, about 50 shells falling on our forward sector.

TRENCH MORTARS. During the morning about 20 Light Minnies fell around our support in E.7.d. This fire was screened by bursts of M.G. Fire from E.8. Central.

MACHINE GUNS. M.G. at approximately E.8. central was active during day and night, firing intermittent bursts across E.7. central.

PATROLS. No hostile parties were seen but about 9 p.m. the enemy could be heard talking loudly about E.8.c.5.8.

AIRCRAFT. Hostile aircraft was very active during the afternoon being over our lines in numbers several times. Between 2.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. 7 planes patrolled our lines unmolested. 5 - 5.15 p.m. planes active. They were engaged by our fighters and 1 crashed in flames. Again at 6.30 p.m. hostile planes were engaged by ours and 1 was crashed in MILLENCOURT. Hostile planes over at 5.15 were apparently of a new type. There was a diversity of opinion as to whether they had 3 or 4 decks. The plane had a fish tail with black & white stripe, green band around body forward of tail; short span & stumpy body. It was very fast.

SIGNALLING. Many lamps were seen in rear of enemy lines. These could not be accurately located. Groups read are attached.

FLARES. Flares were normal during night. No unusual flares were seen.

(Signed.) R. Bazley, Lt., For C.O., 21st Bn.

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Appendix No.13.

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21st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION RELIEF ORDER No.131.

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

12th April 1918.

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1. An Inter-Company Relief will be carried out tonight, 12th inst.
2. "C" Coy will relieve 3 Platoons of "B" Coy and 1 Platoon of "A" Coy in the Firing Line (Right). 2 Platoons of "D" Coy will relieve 2 Platoons of "A" Coy in the Firing Line (Left.). Support Platoons of "A" & "B" Companies will remain in their present positions.
3. On relief 2 Platoons each of "A" & "B" Coys will go into PIONEER TRENCH and 1 Platoon each at Bn Hqrs.
4. 1 Guide per Platoon and 1 for Coy Hqrs will report to O.s C., "C" & "D" Coys at the latter Hqrs prior to the relief commencing. O.s C., "A" & "B" Coys will make their own arrangements re guides for getting back into their positions.
5. No movement is to take place before dark.
6. Trench Stores, S.A.A., Etc., will be properly handed over and receipts obtained.
7. Completion of relief will be reported to Bn Hqrs by code.

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

(Signed.) J.L.WATT,
Lieutenant and Adjutant,
21st Battalion A.I.F.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

21st BATTALION A.I.F.

13th APRIL 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery fire was normal. Harassing fire was maintained on enemy forward systems, villages, and approaches, during the day & night. Activity increased about dawn. Shooting was good. During the morning about 6.30 and 10.15 many 18 pdr shells fell short in E.7.d. They were dud - apparently faulty ammunition or fuse was blown off - but shrapnel was still in case shell. Specimen was forwarded to artillery. Battery concerned was registered at dusk and shooting was then accurate.

TRENCH MORTARS. During the night a few rounds were fired on E.8.central.

MACHINE GUNS. No targets offered.

PATROLS. Standing patrols were pushed out. Enemy was heard working opposite our right company front E.14.a. about midnight.

GENERAL. 2 men apparently belonging to 4th Aust. Division attempted to pass our outposts at E.13.a.0.7. at 3 a.m. They claimed to be escaped prisoners of war. They were sent under escort to Bde Hqrs.

WORKS. Posts in forward system were extended and generally improved making fire steps and shelters. New S. Posts were constructed at E.7.d.5.3. and E.8.c.0.9. Wiring was commenced on main line of resistance 100 yds being put up at E.7.d.6.1. and E.7.d.7.9. This will be linked up and continuous fire trench constructed in rear.

RELIEF. (Inter-Company). Carried out without incident.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Hostile shelling was again below normal during the period. Shelling in forward area was light, intermittent, and scattered, but villages of MILLENCOURT, LAVIEVILLE, and BRESLE received attention. Times of activity were chiefly 4.30 p.m., 5.30 p.m., and 10.30 p.m. Most of shelling was from direction of MEAULTE and BELLEVUE FARM. At 8 a.m. a gun was seen firing on MILLENCOURT from MEAULTE, approximately E.17.b.central. At 9.30 a.m. hostile battery was seen firing on MILLENCOURT from near OVILLERS BRITISH CEMETERY. approx. X.7.d.5.2.

MACHINE GUNS. Fired intermittent bursts during the period. Chiefly from E.8.central. M.G. is suspected firing from DERNANCOURT CHURCH.

TRENCH MORTARS. A few rounds of light minnenwerfer fell on our sector about 8 a.m.

SNIPING. Enemy has adopted a more vigorous attitude and shots were frequently exchanged during the day.

MOVEMENT. The enemy shows himself but little in his forward area, but a great deal could be seen on ridge in rear. At 9 a.m. transport and infantry extended could be seen moving N.E. of ALBERT along main road. Column took 3/4 hour to pass. Artillery were informed. Observation was good.

AIRCRAFT. Aerial activity was above normal: Hostile planes being over our lines several times during the day and night. They were engaged by A.A. & M.G. and several combats took place. They crossed our lines at 9.20 a.m., 11.55 a.m., 1.45 p.m., 5.25 p.m., & 5.35 p.m. Bombing planes were over our lines at 8.15 p.m., 9.15 p.m. and about 10 p.m. Many balloons were up during the day. Following true bearings were taken from D.12.b.80.00.

178°, 175°, 127°, 72°, 68°, 155°, 108°, 162°, 91°.

At 6.40 a.m. a plane crashed near ALBERT. At 2.25 p.m. a plane fell in enemy lines on a T.B. of 146° from D.12.b.20.

ATTITUDE. Enemy attitude was quiet throughout the period.

(Signed.) R. Bazley, Lt.,
For C.O., 21st Battalion.

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Appendix No. 15.

6th A.I. Brigade.

The following are the proposals for a Raid on Enemy Posts tonight.-

1. A party of 1 Officer, 2 N.C.O.s, and 15 Others will make an incursion on the enemy Outpost Line tonight, 13th inst.
2. Object.- To obtain identification.
3. Place.- Approx. E.14.a.25.60.
4. Party will leave Post E.3.13. on attached sketch at Zero - 5, and will be out in No Man's Land until Zero plus 3 minutes.
5. A Box Barrage will be placed around the objective at Zero until Zero plus 15 by Artillery.
6. Trench Mortars.- 1 Gun to fire on M.G. at approx. E.8.central.
 1 " " Mound at approx. E.8.c.8.3.
 1 " " at approx. E.14.a.0.1.
- These guns will each fire 30 Rounds from Zero to Zero plus 15.
7. Covering parties of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men each from Posts Nos. E.2.13. and E.4.13. will take up positions 50 Yds in front of these posts at Zero - 5 and will cover the flanks and act as guides to the party returning. They will return at Zero plus 20.
8. Patrol will be armed with Rifle, Bayonet, 1 Bandolier, and 4 Bombs per man.
9. Connection will be kept with Post E.3.13. by a length of binder twine - this will also act as a guide to the patrol on its return.

13.4.18.

(Signed.) B. Duggan, Lt.-Colonel,
C.O., 21st Battalion.

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Appendix No. 16.

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D.R.L.S.

To 21st Bn, 24th Bn, and 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.

B.M.171. 13.4.18.

Raid proposals approved subject to modifications hereunder AAA Artillery programme herewith AAA 21st Bn will withdraw all posts which the artillery fire endangers AAA Raiders will not advance from present posts until artillery fire commences AAA Flank covering parties are to have Lewis Guns and will not advance beyond our posts until after Zero AAA The Stokes Gun which has instructions to fire in E.8.central from Zero to Zero plus 15 will not fire on this target after plus 3 minutes AAA inform M.G.s in your area AAA Addressed 21st & 24th Bns, repeated 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.
From 6th A.I.Bde. Time 8 p.m.

(Signed.) W.F.N.Bridges, Major.

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To Left Group Artillery.

B.M.170. 13.4.18.

Raids tonight. Enemy posts to be raided (i) E.14.a.2.6. (ii) E.8.central
Please fire following barrages.-
12.45 a.m. Barrage road from E.13.b.9.0. to E.8.b.8.7.
12.48 a.m. Lift barrage 200 Yds for 150 Yds on each side of points to be raided.
1.02 a.m. Fire ceases.
Hows on S.O.S.Targets.
Rates of Fire. 11.45 to 12.48 a.m. 4 R.P.G.P.M.
12.48 to 12.58 2 "
12.58 to 1.03. 1 "

From 6th A.I.Bde. Time - 7.50 p.m.

(Signed.) W.D.N.Bridges, Major.

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Appendix No. 17. Copy

21st Battalion Order No 132

Map Ref 62nd NE 1/20000

13-4-18

- 1 The 21st Aust Bn will carry out a Raid on enemy Post at E14 a 25.60 on night 13/14th inst
- 2 The Object is to obtain Identifications.
- 3 B Coy will detail a Party of 1 Off R NCO's & 15 O.Rs to carry out the Raid.
- 4 This party will leave Post E3.13. at Zero & move as far out as Barrage permits
- 5 O.C C Coy will arrange for Lewis Guns to give covering fire on enemy Posts immediately in front of our E2 13 & E4 13 Posts from Zero to + 17 min uts.
- 6 The Artillery will put down a Box Barrage on Objective from Zero to Zero + 3 lifting 200 yds for 150 yds on each side of Objective till Zero + 17 when fire ceases.
- 7 Trench Mortars.
 1 Gun to fire on E 8 Central from Zero to + 3
 1 Gun to fire on MOUND E8 c 8.3 " " + 15
 1 Gun to fire on E 14 a 0.1. " " + 15

8. Patrol will be armed with Rifle, Bayonet Bandolier & 4 Bombs per man.
- 9 Connection will be kept with Post E 3 13. by a length of Binder Twine & this will also be a guide for Party to return
- 10 No Pay Books, Identity Discs, Papers etc will be carried by Raiders. Tunics will not be worn.
- 11 Zero Hour 12-45 am 14th inst.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued to Runner at 10-45 pm

Distribution

- 1/2 War Diary
- 3/6 Coys
- 7 File
- 8 24th Bn.
- 9 6th A.I. Bde.
- 10 C.O.
- 11 Officer i/c Party.
- 12 R.M.O.

[Signature]
 Lieut & Adjt
 21st Bn

APPENDIX

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Appendix No. 18.

6th A.I. Brigade.

Herewith report on raid carried out by this Battalion at 12.45 a.m. this morning.-

The barrage opened punctually and the party consisting of 1 Off., 2 N.C.O.s, and 15 Others moved forward to get close up. It was then noticed that the barrage was playing beyond the spot to be raided and was not sufficient to keep M.G.s quiet. The party got within bombing range and a severe bomb fight ensued. It is estimated that the Post contained about 20 of the enemy and the party after quarter of an hour's hard fighting were forced to withdraw. The Officer (Lt. H. H. Sibbison) was killed and the Sgt severely wounded. There were also several other casualties.

No enemy barrage was put down and when things quietened down 2 Green Flares were fired as if to signify O.K. The barrage was not concentrated sufficiently and was beyond the Objective.

A second patrol was sent out to investigate and managed to bring in four stretcher cases. The total casualties are as follows.-

1 Officer Killed. - Lieut. H. H. Sibbison.

7 O.R. Wounded.

3 O.R. Missing - one of whom is believed to have been taken prisoner.

One of the wounded men was actually taken prisoner but managed to escape again. He states he saw the enemy take in three of our men but does not know whether they were killed or wounded.

There were 2 M.G.s about 50 Yds on either flank of the Point to be entered and these fired continuously, as also did one from the position previously located in the tower of DERNANCOURT CHURCH. All ranks are certain that the enemy used Mills Bombs. Some of the party got to within 10 Yds of the trench having quietened the enemy on their immediate front, but heavy bombing and M.G.s from the flanks prevented them from getting any further. The Officer's body which is estimated to be within 20 Yds of the trench has not been recovered.

14.4.18.

(Signed.) B. Duggan, Lt.-Colonel,
C.O., 21st Battalion.

Secret21st Bn Relief Order No 133

Copy No 1

Map Ref 6R^DNE 1/20000

14.4.18

- 1 The 21st Aust Bn will be relieved by the 22nd Aust Bn on the night of 14/15th inst.
- 2 The Coys will be relieved as follows:-

B Coy	22 nd Bn	relieves	C Coy	21 st Bn
D "	"	"	D Coy	"
A "	"	"	A Coy	"
C "	"	"	B Coy	"
- 3 Guides Front line Coys. 2 Guides per Platoon + 1 per Coy HQ. To be at Cross Roads E 7 c 1.8 at 7.30 pm.
Pioneer Line Coys. Left Coy. 2 Guides per Platoon + 1 per Coy HQ
Right Coy 1 Guide per Platoon + 1 per Coy HQ
To be at Cross Roads D 12 d 8.7 at 7.30 pm
- 4 On Relief Companies will be disposed as follows.
A Coy to newly dug trench running from ALBERT AMIENS ROAD to Quarry D 6 c.
B C & D Coys to Lavierville line B Coy on Right.
- 5 No movement is to take place before dark

- 6 All Trench Stores SRA etc ~~is~~ to be handed over + receipts obtained for same, 1 copy to be forwarded to Bn Hqs by noon 15th inst.
- 7 Cookers will be in same place as before + a Hot meal + rations will be ready there when the Coys move out.
- 8 Completion of relief will be wired to Bn HQ in Code.
- 9 Bn HQ will be in Lavierville
- 10 RAP will be in Lavierville.

Acknowledge
Issued to Runner at 2 pm

- Distribution
- 1/2 War Diary
 - 3/6 Coys
 - 7 Hqs
 - 8 22nd Bn
 - 9 6th A.I. Bde
 - 10 24th Bn
 - 11 26th Bn
 - 12 File

J. M. H. H. H.
21st Bn A.I.F.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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21st Battalion A.I.F.

14.4.18.

Appendix 32

OUR OPERATIONS.

MINOR OPERATIONS. Under cover of an artillery barrage a raid was attempted against enemy post at E.14.a.25.60. at 12.45 a.m. Party consisted of 1 Officer and 17 O.R. The artillery was not effective as the hostile post was untouched. Our party got within bombing range and after a severe bomb fight were forced to withdraw. Our casualties were 1 Officer Killed, 7 O.R. Wounded and 2 O.R. Missing. It is estimated that the garrison of the post consisted of 20 enemy with 2 M.G. The enemy used Mills Grenades There was no artillery retaliation but M.G.s and sniping were active.

ARTILLERY. Usual harassing fire was maintained on enemy front line, villages, & approaches during the period. During raid all shots were beyond post to be raided.

MORTARS. Co-operated in raid by firing on the following targets - E.14.a.122. E.8.c.65.05., & E.8.central.

MACHINE GUNS. Vickers used indirect fire on E.20 a. during the raid. Lewis Guns co-operated by engaging hostile posts on either flank of the one being raided.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Owing to unfavourable weather planes were not so active as usual. No combats were observed. 7.15 a.m. 7 of our planes over

ALBERT. They were heavily engaged by A.A. Fire. 5.45 p.m. 5 of our planes crossed enemy lines and were engaged by A.A. Fire.

GENERAL. S.O.S. - 3 S.O.S. Signals were fired S. of MILLENCOURT about 1.5 a.m. No S.O.S. was put up on our sector.

WORKS. Posts & Shelters were generally improved & strengthened.

(P.T.O.).

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Hostile shelling was again below normal. Shelling of forward area was light, intermittent, and scattered. Harrassing fire chiefly from Sound Bearing of T.B. 86° from D.12.b.8.0. Vicinity of shrine in E.7.a. was shelled by 38 10 cm at 5.30 p. from above bearing. There was no artillery retaliation during our raids last night.

TRENCH MORTARS. None reported.

MACHINE GUNS. Tried occasional bursts during the day and night: were active during our raid. M.G.s have been located at approx. F.8.central E.14.a.25.60.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Hostile Posts have been located at the following points.-- E.14.a.10.20., E.14.a.25.60., E.14.a.35.80., E.8.c.65.05.

The enemy is apparently holding his system in strength.

MOVEMENT. Visibility was poor and little movement could be discerned.

SNIPING. Was indulged in by both sides. Our troops have the superiority.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Conditions were unfavourable. Hostile planes were over our lines at 7.45 a.m. and 4.15 p.m. They were engaged by A.A. Fire and driven back.

SIGNALS. During raid at 12.45 p.m. enemy used double red and double green flare signals. Again at 3.50 a.m. double greens were used. - Also one Golden.

(Signed.) R. Bazley, Lieut.,
For. C.O., 21st Battalion.

10/11/1918
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A Battalion (21st Bn)
Provisional Defence Scheme

Ref Map 62nd NE 1/20000

- 1 The Battalion frontage is from E 13 b 6-4 to E 7 b 7-5
- 2 The Dispositions of Companies are :-
 - 2 Coys in Outpost Line
 - 2 " less 2 Platoons in Supports in Pioneer Trench
 - 2 Platoons in Reserve at Bn H.Q.
- 3 The main line of Resistance is EMMA Line
A line of S.P.s running about 100 yds in front of PIONEER TRENCH and must be held tenaciously
- 4 Should the Outpost Line be driven in, the Support Coy will at once counter attack to re-establish same
Right Support Coy to Right Outpost Coy
Left Support Coy to Left Outpost Coy
- 5 In the event of an attack the 2 Platoons at Bn H.Q. will stand to ready to move off at once to any part of the line. They will come under the C.O. Bn & a runner from each will be sent to report to him.
- 6 All Officers & N.C.O.s must make themselves acquainted with both Right & Left Bn Sectors.

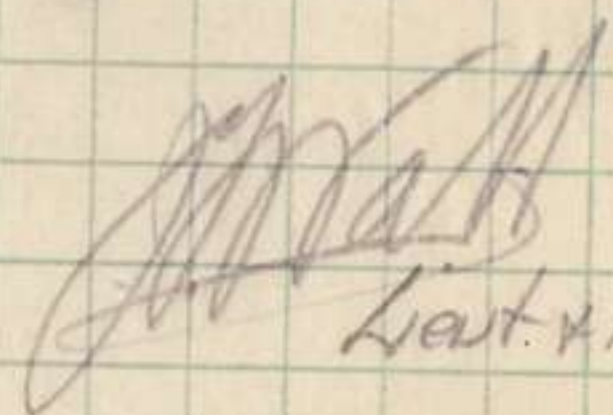
7 This is to be handed over to incoming Unit.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued to Runner at 1pm 13-4-18

Distribution

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| 1/2 | War Diary |
| 3/6 | Coys |
| 7 | File |
| 8 | 6 th A.I. Bde |
| 9 | 22 nd Bn |
| 10 | 24 th Bn |
| 11 | 26 th Bn |


Lt. & Adj.

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Appendix No. 22.

1960 Sgt Edgar Frederick LAMONT. M.M.

On the morning of the 12th April, in the present front line, two Brigade Snipers, whilst proceeding to take up their positions for the day, were sniped.

Sgt Lamont at once got out of the trench and ran about fifty yards to where they were lying.

He bandaged them up, directed one man slightly wounded to crawl in, and carried the second himself to safety - a distance of about one hundred yards.

All this was done under heavy sniping fire for which he showed total disregard.

I consider his conduct most gallant, as others were unable to leave the trench owing to the sniping.

This Non-Commissioned Officer was awarded the Military Medal for work on March 22nd 1918 at WARNETON.

6448 Pte Cyril Ardsley INGLE.

On the night of the 13th/14th inst, Pte Ingle was a member of a Raiding Party.

The Officer was killed and the Sergeant badly wounded.

Seeing that the opposition was too great, he collected as many of the party as possible, including some slightly wounded, and piloted them back to our lines.

He immediately returned into No Man's Land and brought in two badly wounded men, lying within twenty yards of the enemy Post, who would have been taken by the Hun.

This necessitated two trips.

He went out a third time, and, finding no more, brought in the papers, etc., from a Sergeant who had been shot two days previously.

The work of rescue occupied over an hour - the whole time in the light of flares and under steady machine-gun and rifle fire to which he paid no heed.

He showed marked coolness and courage.

(Signed.) B. Duggan, Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 21st Battalion, A.I.F.

15th April 1918.

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Appendix No. 23

Copy No. 1

21st Battalion Move Order No 137

Map Ref. Sheet 62nd NE 1/20000

17-4-18

1. Relief The 21st Aust Bn will relieve the 22nd Aust Bn in the front line on the night of 18/19th inst.

2. Dispositions	21 st Bn	22 nd Bn
	C Coy will relieve	B Coy Frontline Right
	D Coy " "	D Coy " " Left
	B Coy " "	C Coy Pioneer Trench Right
	A Coy " "	A Coy " " Left

Bn Hqs will be at D 12 b 80.00
R.A.P " " " D 12 b 80.10

3. Guides. 2 Guides per Platoon & 1 for Coy Hqs of Front line Companies
1 Guide per Platoon for Support Companies
Guides to be at D 12, or 8 & 9 at 7.30pm 18th inst (A Coy's present Hqs)

4. Advance Party. Advance Party of 1 Officer & 1 NCO from C & D Coys will go forward tonight & remain there
1 Officer per Coy & 1 NCO per Platoon from A & B Coys will go forward about noon 18th inst.

5. Order of March. B, A, D, & C Coys & Hqs 23

6. Dress. Fighting order, Greatcoats to be worn. Blanket rolled & strapped on belt.

7. Receipts. Copy of receipts given for all Trench stores etc taken over will be forwarded to Bn Hqs by noon the 19th inst.

8. Amn. Every man except specialists will carry 170 rds of SAA, 2 Bombs & 4 Sand bags

9. Patrols. At least one per Coy must be ready if required rightly & will be supplied from Coys in support.

10. Works. Work now being done by the 22nd Battalion will be carried on by the Coys who take over the various areas

11. Cooking. Same arrangements as at present excepting D Coy whose Cooker will move to same position as A & B Coys.

12. Socks. Socks will be changed daily & feet rubbed.

Appendix 23

13. Reporting Reliefs will be reported by telephone
 Reliefs in Code to Bn Hqrs.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued to Runner at 8 pm 17-4-18.

Distribution

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| 1-2 | War Diary |
| 3 | File |
| 4-7 | Coys |
| 8 | Hqrs |
| 9 | 22 nd Bn |
| 10 | 23 rd Bn |
| 11 | 6 th A.I. Bde. |
| 12 | 28 th Bn |
| 13 | Q.M. & T.O. |
| 14 | Rear Hqrs |

P. J. Fawcett
 Lieut SA/Adj.

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Copy No.5.

24th Australian Infantry Battalion Order No.82.

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

18th April 1918.

1. The 24th A.I.Bn will relieve the 23rd A.I.Bn in the left sub-sector of the front line on the night 19/20 April.
2. Relief will be carried out as below.-

"A" Coy.	24th Bn.	relieves	"A" Coy	23rd Bn.
"B"	"	"	"B"	"
"C"	"	"	"C"	"
"D"	"	"	"D"	"
3. On relief disposition of 24th A.I.Bn will be

Outpost Coy.	"B" Coy.
PIONEER TRENCH RIGHT.	"C" Coy.
LEFT.	"D" Coy.
RESERVE TRENCH.	"A" Coy.
4. Dress. Fighting Order plus one Blanket, 170 rounds S.A.A. 2 Bombs per man, water bottles filled, 24 hours ration, and iron ration.
5. R64te. Bivouacs V.20.c. - MILLENCOURT - ALBERT ROAD to DEAD HORSE CORNER D.6.d.3.4. - Communication Trench to RESERVE LINE and PIONEER TRENCH.
6. Coy Guides from 23rd A.I.Bn will meet relieving Companies at D.6.d.3.4. at 8.45 p.m. Guides for the Outpost System will be at Outpost Coy Hqrs. Movement from Bivouacs will commence at 8 p.m. on 19th April - Platoons in file at 50 Yards interval in order "A", "B", "C", "D" Coys.
7. Defence schemes, trench stores, local information, and intelligence will be carefully taken over and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Bn Hqrs by 10 a.m. on 20th April.
8. O.s C. Coys will arrange any details not covered by this order.
9. Bn Hqrs - D.12.b.5.1.
10. P.A.P. - D.12.b.5.1.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed.) T.P.SELLICK,
Captain and Adjutant,Distribution.

No.1.File.	No.8. "A" Coy.	
No.2.War Diary.	No.9. "B" Coy.	Issued by runner at 8 p.m.
No.3.6th A.I.Bde.	No.10."C" Coy.	
No.4.23rd A.I.Bn.	No.11."D" Coy.	
No.5.21st A.I.Bn.	No.12.R.M.O.	
No.6.C.O.	No.13.Major W.H.Elwood M.C.	
No.7.Adjutant.	No.14.Spare.	

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Appendix No. 25.

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21st BATTALION A. I. F.

19.4.18.

O U R O P E R A T I O N S .

ARTILLERY. Usual harassing fire was directed on enemy positions throughout the period.

TRENCH MORTARS. Stokes fired a few rounds during the night into enemy posts opposite the right of our sector.

MACHINE GUNS. Occasional bursts of indirect fire were fired by Vickers. Lewis Guns had no targets offered.

PATROLS. Flank liaison patrols were sent out and usual listening posts established but nothing was seen or heard of the enemy.

RELIEF. The 21st Bn relieved the 22nd Bn in the Right Bn Sector. Relief was completed by 10 p.m. without incident.

E N E M Y O P E R A T I O N S .

ARTILLERY. Normal during period. PIONEER TRENCH and Cross Roads in E.7.c. were shelled by 4.2's and 77's at 10.30 p.m. and again at midnight. Front Line in E.8.c. was lightly shelled by 10 cm at 9.30 p.m., 10.20 p.m., and 12.30 p.m. About a dozen shells were fired each time.

MORTARS. During the night a few light Minenwerfer fell in rear of PIONEER SUPPORT in E.7.

MACHINE GUNS. Enemy M.G.s fired occasional bursts sweeping our forward area. Direction of fire was from E.8. central and DERNANCOURT.

PATROLS. No enemy seen or heard.

ENEMY DEFENCES. No new work was seen.

MOVEMENT. Visibility was poor throughout the day and little movement could be seen.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Normal. No aerial combats were observed.

MISCELLANEOUS. Flash Lamp was seen in enemy lines. T.B. 98° from E.14.a.0.8. M.G. located T.B. 92° from E.13.b.8.7. about 450 Yards.

ATTITUDE. Generally quiet. Very few flares were fired during night. Sniping still active.

WORK. Was continued on EMMA. 100 Yds of Trench was improved. No wiring owing to shortage of material.

(Signed.) R. Bazley, Lt.,
For C.O., 21st Battalion.

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Appendix No. 26

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21st BATTALION A. I. F.

20th April 1918.

O U R O P E R A T I O N S .

- ARTILLERY. Usual harassing fire was maintained on enemy areas. S.O.S. Lines were tested at 5.30 p.m. Shooting was accurate and barrage line well placed.
- MACHINE GUNS. No targets offered to Lewis Guns.
- MORTARS. Hostile posts were engaged during night. 10 Rounds were fired into E.8.central.
- PATROLS. 1 Officer and 6 O.R. left E.8.c.05.05 at 3.30 a.m. and proceeded North East for about 150 Yards. From here an enemy post could be seen 50 Yds ahead - approx. E.8.c.4.4. Post had a frontage of 25 Yards. Enemy was alert and a M.G. fired from this post frequently. Flares were being fired from 50 Yards to the left of this post. Patrol returned through E.8.c.0.3. at 3.45 a.m.
1 N.C.O. and 5 Others proceeded from E.8.a.0.0. at 3 a.m. and moved East for about 250 Yards to E.8.a.7.2. A party of six were seen digging at approx. E.8.a.80.15. The patrol returned at dawn.
- AIRCRAFT. Our planes were active throughout the day and crossed enemy lines several times. A hostile A.A. Gun engaged our planes from MEAULTE. No combats were observed.

E N E M Y O P E R A T I O N S .

- ARTILLERY. Quiet during day but active intermittently during the night. The principal areas shelled were PIONEER SAP in E.7.b. and vicinity of Cross Roads in E.7.c. 12 Rounds of 10 cm. were fired at 8.30 p.m. on E.7.b. Same target was again shelled at 11.45 p.m., 12.10 a.m., and 12.50 a.m. Shelling was from direction of BECORDEL.
- MORTARS. No activity reported.
- MACHINE GUNS. Hostile M.G.s were active at intervals throughout the night. They fired from E.14.a.3.5. and E.14.a.5.0.
- MOVEMENT. Although observation was fair, but little movement was seen. Trains (Smoke) were seen from E.7.d.7.5. at 3.15 p.m. 90° T.B., 3.40 p.m. 58° T.B., 4.5 p.m. 95° T.B.
- MISCELLANEOUS. Numerous strings of flares varying from 2 to 20 lights were fired 152° T.B. from E.7.d.7.5. at 2 a.m. Searchlight followed direction.

(Signed.) R. Bazley,
For C.O., 21st Bn.

I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y .

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21st BATTALION A.I.F.21st April 1918.O U R O P E R A T I O N S .

ARTILLERY. More activity than usual. Barrages were put down 8 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. 3 a.m. to 3.30 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. to 6 a.m. Short shooting was reported. Several 18 Pdrs falling short along our line E.8.c.0.5. to E.8.c.1.9. Enemy retaliated in each case fairly heavily.

MORTARS. A few rounds were fired on enemy post at E.14.a.5.0.

MACHINE GUNS. Usual indirect harassing fire.

PATROLS. 1 Officer and 3 Others left E.8.a.0. at 3.45 a.m. and moved S.E. for 250 Yards. Enemy could be seen working on his posts at approx. E.8.c.5.7. Enemy were alert and M.G. fired on patrol from E.8.c.55.10. Patrol returned without casualties. 1 N.C.O. and 3 men proceeded East for 200 Yds from E.8.c.0.3. Enemy was not seen but could be heard talking at E.8.c.55.10. He was alert.

SNIPING. Usual sniping fire was maintained.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were in command of the sector during the period.

E N E M Y O P E R A T I O N S .

ARTILLERY. There was a marked increase in hostile shelling during the period. Enemy replied in each case to our shelling.

6 a.m. D.18.a. shelled with 15 cm. 1.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. D.12.b. heavily shelled with 10 cm. (103 per minute). T.B.143° from E.7.d.

7.5. 9 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. above target was again shelled in retaliation to our fire. 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Forward post received attention with 10 cm. & 77 mm. H.V.E. & Shrapnel. from MEAULTE direction. In-retaliation-to-our-shelling This is the first shelling forward posts have received. 6.20 p.m. enemy registered on Shrine E.7.a. 6.1. with 77mm. H.E. & Shrapnel.

In retaliation to our shelling at 8 p.m. enemy placed a barrage along ALBERT ROAD E.7.b.4.4. to D.12.d.5.6. and along a line E.7.c., D.18.b., D.12.b.d. Light on forward posts.

At 3 a.m. Replied in 3 min. 4.2 and 77 about 100 Yds in front of PIONEER TRENCH and 10 cm about D.12.b.d. & E.7.c.

At 5.30 a.m. Practically nothing on forward posts but 4.2 were active in D.12.b. & d.

At 3 a.m. retaliation several 10 cm fell in one post at E.8.c.00.85. killing two and wounding three.

MACHINE GUNS. were active intermittently and especially at 3 a.m.

TRENCH MORTARS. A few light Minenwerfers were intermingled with the barrage.

MOVEMENT. Observation was good and a fair amount of movement in ones and twos could be seen in back areas.

ATTITUDE. Increased shelling. Enemy is on the alert.

W O R K S R E P O R T .

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80 Yds of wire on Left Coy Sector. 100 Yds Wire on Right Coy Sector.

Work was continued on EMMA LINE. 80 Yds of trench 4'6" deep dug on right. and 45 Yds on left. 80 Yds marked out 1 Ft deep.

(Signed.) R. Bazley, Lieut.
For C.O., 21st Battalion A.I.F.

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Appendix No. 28.

Copy No 1

21st Battalion Move Order No 135.

Map Ref 62^D N.E 1/20000

21-4-18

1. The 21st Aust Bn will be relieved by the 22nd Aust Bn in Right Sub Sector Night of 22/23rd inst

2.	C Coy	22 nd Bn	will relieve	C Coy	21 st Bn
	A "	"	"	D "	"
	B "	"	"	B "	"
	D "	"	"	A "	"

3. Guides. 2 Guides per Platoon & 1 per Coy HQ for 2 Front line Coys & 1 Guide per Platoon & 1 per Coy HQ for 2 Support Coys will report to Lieut R K Bagley MC at 8pm 22nd inst at Bn Hqs.

4. On Relief the dispositions will be - LAVIEVILLE Defences, A C & D Coys in that order from Right to Left. B Coy in Defences between ALBERT ROAD & QUARRY. Bn Hqs & R.A.P. in LAVIEVILLE

5. C & D Coys will push out a party of 1 NCO & 8 OR each with LMG to our wire to cover the Relief.

6. Password for Night 22/23rd will be "ABBOTSFORD"

7. Receipts for all Trench Stores, SAA etc will be obtained & forwarded to Bn Hqs by noon 23rd inst.

8. 1 NCO per Coy & HQ will report to the Adjt at 10am at Bn Hqs tomorrow 22nd inst

ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued to Runner at 8pm 21-4-18

Distribution

- 1-2 War Diary
- 3 File
- 4/7 Coys
- 8 Hqs
- 9 22nd Bn
- 10 24th Bn
- 11 28th Bn
- 12 6th A.I. Bde
- 13 QM & T.O.

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 Lieut & Adjt
 21st Aust Bn

Appendix 28

A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L F O R C E.

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21st BATTALION HQRS.22nd APRIL 1918.

I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery maintained usual harassing fire on his trench systems approaches and villages.

MACHINE GUNS. Occasional bursts of indirect fire. No targets offered to L.G.

TRENCH MORTARS. Several rounds were fired into enemy posts in E.14.a.

PATROLS. At 9 p.m. 1 N.C.O. & 3 men proceeded 250 Yds N.E. from E.13.b.93.93.

Two enemy were seen in vicinity of Post E.8.c.55.05. Patrol returned through E.8.c.0.5. at 11 p.m.

At 1 a.m. 1 N.C.O. & 3 men went forward 250 Yds from E.8.a.2.1.

Eight Huns were seen working on a post near the roller approx.

E.8.c.8.0. M.G.s were quiet but enemy were alert and flares fired frequently.

At 3.30 a.m. 1 Officer & 3 men proceed to reconnoitre post at roller approx. E.8.c.8.0. Patrol got within 30 Yds of the post when enemy

fired a flare and opened with M.G. Patrol was also fired on from

South by M.G. probably a post at E.8.c.8.8. Enemy found to be alert.

Patrolling is extremely difficult owing to the bright visibility and absence of shell holes.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Our planes were extremely active being over from dawn to dusk reconnoitring, bombing, and Machine Gunning the enemy. No combats were observed. Each time our planes crossed enemy lines they were heavily engaged by M.G. fire.

MISCELLANEOUS. Our line was advanced on Left Coy Sector. New posts being dug at following points.- E.8.c.2.6., E.8.c.25.75., E.8.c.3.9., E.8.a.35.00. E.8.a.4.1.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Hostile shelling normal. E.7. central was constantly shelled during the day by 10 cm & 77 mm. Batteries firing from direction of BELLE VUE FARM & MEAULTE. T.B. (Sound) 180° & 83° from E.8.c.0.6.

At 10.45 p.m. a five minute barrage of 10 cm gas & H.E. was placed on PIONEER SUPPORT. E.7. and at 10.50 p.m. lifted to Cross Roads D.7.c. for 5 minutes. Sneezing gas was used, also small amount of phosgene. No effects were felt until nearly an hour later

MORTARS. No activity on our sector.

MACHINE GUNS. Were very active against our low flying planes. Occasional bursts were fired across our lines at night.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Parapet of enemy post can be seen near roller. E.8.c.8.0.

PATROLS. None encountered.

MOVEMENT. Observation was good. and a considerable amount of movement was seen in back area (ones & twos) during the day. Nothing was seen of Hun in forward system.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Hostile planes crossed our lines several times. Balloons were up at following T.B. from E.8.c.0.6. 60°, 86°, 43°, 37°.

MISCELLANEOUS. Strings of light were fired when our planes crossed over at night apparently to assist searchlights in picking up our planes. Bellevue Farm was fired and movement could be seen in the vicinity at night.

ATTITUDE. Generally quiet but alert, Numerous flares were fired.

GAS. Sneezing gas was sent over. at 10.50 p.m. but no effects were felt until midnight when masks were worn for 30 minutes.

(Signed.) R. Bazley, Lieut.,
Intelligence Officer, 21st Bn.

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Appendix No 30

Copy No 1

Battalion Move Order No 136

62PNE 1/20000

Map Ref. 57PNE "

26-4-1918

1. The 6th A.I. Bde boundaries are being altered to:-
Southern Boundary EW line through E7 d 0.8
Northern " | EW " " W26 d 0.6
The Inter Battalion boundary will be an EW
line through E2 c 0.5
The 5th A.I. Bde is taking over the Sector
to the North of the 6th A.I. Bde.

2. The 21st Aust Bn will relieve the 22nd
& 23rd Aust Bns within the new Right
Battalion Boundaries on night 26/27th

3. Dispositions:-
D Coy relieve 2 Platoons of A Coy 22nd Bn
in outpost line on Right of the Road.
1 Platoon at Coy HQ + 1 Platoon in EMMA
TRENCH
B Coy relieve C Coy 23rd Bn in PIONEER
LINE
A Coy relieve A Coy 23rd Bn in Outpost
line
C Coy relieve B Coy 23rd Bn in Reserve.

4. Order of March. C.A.B + D Coy, no move-

ment by A B + D Coys before dark. ³⁰

5. Guides. 1 Guide each for A + B Coys
will be at B Coys present Hqs to Guide
these Coys through CT. - At the junction
of CT + PIONEER LINE further guides
as under will be picked up.
For A Coy 1 Guide per Post
" B Coy 1 " " Platoon
C + D Coys will make their own arrange-
ments for Guides.

6. Rations for tomorrow will be issued
before moving off.
Whilst in the line A B + C Coys Rations
will be dumped at D6 d 3.5
D Coy at Bn HQ
C Coy will carry these forward to line
Coy HQ.

7. All Trench Stores Dumps etc will be
handed over & receipts forwarded to
Bn HQ by noon 27th inst

8. Password for night 26/27th will be
CACKATOO.

9. Completion of relief will be notified by
writing Coy Commanders Surname to
Bn Hqs by Priority.

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ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued to Runner at 3pm

Distribution

- 1/2 War Diary
- 3 File
- 4/7 Coys
- 8 Hqrs
- 9 6th A.I. Bde ✓
- 10 22nd Bn ✓
- 11 23rd Bn ✓
- 12 25th Bn ✓
- 13 C.O.
- 14 8m + T.O.

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 Lieut + Adjut
 21st Bn A.I.F.

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APPENDIX No. 31

I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y

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21st BATTALION A.I.F.

27th April 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

RELIEF. 21st Bn took over frontage from E.8.c.0.8. to E.2.c.0.5. relieving 22nd Bn on right of main road and the 23rd Bn on left. The relief was completed by 10.30 p.m. without incident.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery kept up harrasing fire on enemy positions and approaches throughout day and night. Heavies were active during morning. Sniper at E.14.a.4.2. was engaged with 35 Rds 18 Pdr H.E. at 8 a.m. and again at 8 p.m. Position at E.8.a.8.1. was also fired on.

MACHINE GUNS. Occasional bursts of indirect fire by Vickers. No targets for Lewis Guns.

T. MORTARS. No activity reported.

PATROLS. 1 N.C.O. and 3 men proceeded N.E. for 800 Yds from E.7;b.55.45. at 11 p.m. and reconnoitred old trench at approx. E.2.d.1.3. 23rd Bn fighting patrol was met but no enemy were seen or heard. At 1.30 a.m. 1 Officer and 3 men went out from E.8.a.4.1. and proceeded along bank to approx. E.8.a.9.4. Whilst listening at this point a hostile party of 12 Huns was seen coming towards our patrol from the gully. At about 20 Yds range our patrol opened fire with bombs, revolvers, and rifles, scattering the Huns. Several were heard to cry out as though hit. Having expended all bombs and ammunition our patrol withdrew at once to our line at E.8.a.0.6. No casualties were suffered. This vicinity will be reconnoitred again this evening with a view to obtaining identifications.

SNIPING. Shots were exchanged but no results obtained. Enemy shows himself but little.

WORKS. General improvements were made to posts and trenches garrisoned.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery fire was normal during the period. Bursts of harrasing fire 77 mm. H.E. & Shrap. were directed on D.12.b. at 10 p.m. & 10.30 p.m. and again at 5 a.m.

MORTARS. No activity.

M.G.s. Fired intermittent bursts during the night, chiefly from E.14.a.

SNIPING. Active from spur running N.E. through E.8.c.b. These were dealt with by our 18 Pdrs.

MOVEMENT. Visibility was indifferent and little was seen. At 10.30 a.m. & 5 p.m. single Huns were seen about E.8. central.

ATTITUDE. Generally quiet.

27.4.18.

(Sgd.) R. Bazley, Lt.
For C.O., 21st Battalion.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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21st BATTALION A. I. F.

28th April 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Moderately active. Harassing fire on enemy systems and approaches throughout the period. Counter-Battery of enemy 10 cm. and 77 mm. in rear of BELLEVUE FARM was not effective. Good observation of enemy posts from E.8.central to E.3.c.1.5. can be had from E.1.d. 8.0.

T.MORTARS. No activity on our sector.

Machine Guns. No targets offered.

SNIPING. was maintained on enemy posts through E.8.central but he exposes himself very little.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were busy patrolling lines throughout day. No enemy planes were seen. Each time our planes attempted to cross they were heavily engaged by hostile M.G. and A.A. Fire.

DEFENCES. New posts were established at E.2.c.55.25. & E.2.c.60.45.

GENERAL. A readjustment was made in dispositions. Frontage is now held on Three-Coy frontage in depth. (See report below).

WORKS. General improvements to all posts garrisoned. Fire stepping & shelters improved and posts lengthened with ultimate object of linking up into continuous line. New posts were dug at E.2.c.55.25. E.2.c.60.45, and E.2.c.95.70. Pioneer Trench was repaired where it was blown in during the afternoon. New Coy Hqrs constructed at Approx. E.8.c.05.13.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Fairly active during the period especially on E.7.b. from direction of BELLEVUE FARM by 10 cm and 77 mm. 10 cm battery was active on PIONEER SUP. in E.7.b. from 2.15 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. 77 mm. shelled C.T. 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. E.7.b. along PIONEER SUP. and along ALBERT ROAD was again subjected to periodical bursts of fire during night. Occasional bursts were also directed on D.12.b. 10 cm. H.E. & Shrap. Between 4 & 5 a.m. about 50 Gas Shells fell on area. Gas was not smelt. Gun flash was observed on a grid bearing of 89 from E.2.c.0.0.

MORTARS. No activity.

M.G.s. Not active opposite our front but intermittent bursts across our sector from E.14.a.

SNIPING. A few shots from posts in E.8.central.

PATROLS. None encountered.

MOVEMENT. Although observation was fair practically no movement was seen as enemy never exposes himself in forward posts.

ATTITUDE. Generally quiet. Flares normal.

Our patrols were out in E.8.a. from 11 p.m. till 12.30 a.m. but nothing was seen or heard of the enemy.

28.4.18. (Sgd.) R. Bazley, Lt., For C.O., 21st Bn.

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APPENDIX No. 33

I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y .

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21st BATTALION A. I. F.

29th April 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Intermittent periods of activity harrasing enemy forward systems, villages, and approaches.

MACHINE GUNS. Occasional bursts of indirect fire. No targets for Lewis Gun.

TRENCH MORTARS. No activity on our front.

PATROLS. A Patrol of 1 Officer and 4 Others proceeded from E.8.a.0.6. at 11 p.m. to approx. E.2.d.2.1. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy in No Man's Land. Flares and M.G. Fire were below normal.

AIRCRAFT. A special reconnaissance was made of No Man's Land (Sketch Attached). Occasional planes were over but day was unfavourable for flying. No contact observed.

WORKS. Posts were generally improved, enlarged, fire-stepped, and accommodation made. Wiring was commenced in front of new posts dug last night. 300 Yards of concertina wire were put out.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Normal activity. Usual targets being subjected to periodical bursts of harrasing fire.

M.G.s. Were not quite as active as usual. M.G. firing from E.14.a. and tracer bullets at intervals.

MORTARS. No activity on our sector.

PATROLS. A Patrol encounter was heard at approx. E.8. .9.5. at 2 a.m. Shots were heard.

GENERAL. Train whistle was heard in rear of MEAULTE at 2 a.m. Body of Hun seen during day at E.8.a.8.0. was removed during previous night. Apparently this was one of the casualties inflicted by our patrols. Enemy sniper was seen firing from E.8.a.8.6. early in the night.

29.4.18.

(Sgd.) R. Bazley, Lieut.,
For C.O., 21st Battalion.

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DEFENCE SCHEME FOR "A" BATTALION.

1st BATTALION A.I.F.

29th April 1918.

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

The Battalion boundaries are -

North. E.W. Line through E.2.c.0.5.

South. E.W. Line through E.7.d.0.8.

The 7th A.I. Bde are on the right. "B" Battalion of 6th A.I. Bde are on the left

Dispositions.- 1 Company S.W. of ALBERT-AMIENS ROAD with 2 Platoons in Outpost Line, 1 Platoon in Support at Coy Hqrs, and 1 Platoon in reserve in EMMA TRENCH.
2 Companies North of ALBERT-AMIENS ROAD with 2 Platoons each in Outpost Line, and 2 Platoons in Support in PIONEER Line.
1 Company in Reserve in RESERVE TRENCH in D.6.d., E.1.c., and E.7.a.

The high ground in E.7. and E.8. is to be held at all costs. Troops will not fall back from one line to any other line. All ground will be defended to the last whether flanks are turned or not.

The Platoons in PIONEER TRENCH on the North of the ALBERT-AMIENS ROAD will remain in that trench as will also the Platoon in EMMA TRENCH on the South of the ALBERT-AMIENS ROAD. Should the enemy push in any of our posts of the Right Company the Platoon at Company Headquarters will be used to re-establish our front line. Should he penetrate our front line on the North of the Road, he will be held up by the PIONEER LINE and will be counter-attacked by 2 Platoons of the Reserve Company to regain our position. The remaining Platoons of this Company will be ready to man the C.T. from E.1.c.4.4. to E.1.d.1.5. in case the enemy succeeds in advancing up the ALBERT-VILLENCOURT VALLEY. These two Platoons may also be used to Counter-Attack to regain any section of our front that may have been taken. Should the enemy penetrate the defences of the Right Brigade, 2 Platoons of the Forward Coy of "C" Bn will be available for the protection of the flanks of the Battalion.

- Plans for Artillery co-operation have been drawn up - Our S.O.S. Line runs E.8.c.85.70. - E.8. central. - E.2.c.7.0. - E.2. central.
- Battalion Ammunition Dump is at D.12.d.5.8. on road near Bn Hqrs. Supplies of S.A.A., Bombs, Flares, and Reserve Water are kept there.
- Bn Hqrs is at D.12.d.50.65.
Regimental Aid Post is at D.12.b.80.15.

KNOWLEDGE.

Issued by Runner at .m. .4.18. (Signed.) J.L. WATT,
Lieutenant and Adjutant,
21st Battalion A.I.F.

Distribution.

1. File.
- 2/3. War Diary.
- 4/7. Companies.
8. 6th A.I. Bde.
9. 22nd Bn.
10. 23rd Bn.
11. 25th Bn.
12. C.O.
- 13/14. Spare.

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APPENDIX No 35

I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y .

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21st BATTALION A. I. F.

30th April 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

- ARTILLERY. Usual activity was maintained on enemy forward systems & approaches. Heavies dealt with villages, centres of activity and other targets in rear.
- MORTARS. About 8 p.m. our Medium Trench Mortars fired several rounds on enemy posts in E.b. Shooting was good. A flare dump was set alight & during the shoot 6 Huns were seen to leave their post & run to the rear.
- L.G.S. Usual indirect harassing fire. No targets for Lewis Guns.
- PATROLS. At 10.30 p.m. 1 N.C.O. & 7 men with a L.G. left E.2.c.05.15 & proceeded to old trench at approx. E.2.c.9.2. and remained in position for 1 hour. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy.
At 1 a.m. 1 Off. & 6 O.R. left our outpost at E.8.a.2.1. & proceeded along gully for 650 Yds & established a standing patrol until 2 a.m. Nothing was seen of the enemy. Flares were normal. M.G. inactive.
- AIRCRAFT. Our planes were active and had command of the air.
- WORKS. 300 Yds of concertina wire were erected in front of outposts which are now wired with a continuous belt. Posts were generally improved & strengthened.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

- ARTILLERY. Activity was below normal, but forward targets occasionally received attention. Principal areas being shelled were.- E.7.b., E.7.central., D.12.b. 77 mm. battery firing from 78°. 10 cm. battery firing from 95° & 128° and 15 cm from 140°. Bearings from E.7.a.9.5.
- L.G.s. Quiet on our front but intermittent bursts from E.14.a.
- MORTARS. No activity.
- PATROLS. None seen or heard. We command No Man's Land.
- MOVEMENT. Considerable amount of movement seen along road in W.30.c. during day. Practically no movement in forward posts.
- AIRCRAFT. Two enemy planes were over our lines at 10 a.m. and again at 5 p.m. They were heavily engaged with A.A. & M.G. fire.
- MISCELLANEOUS. Train whistles were heard in rear of MEAULTE during night. Propaganda balloon came across our sector at 3.45 p.m. It floated to rear. At 9.45 p.m. S.B. Horn was heard in Hun Lines in E.8.b.
- ENEMY ATTITUDE. Less active than usual. Little movement and no patrolling. Flares normal.

30.4.18.

(Sgd.) R. Bazley, Lieut.,
For C.O. 21st Bn A.I.F.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADESECRETBrigade Headquarters
8th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

APPENDIX No 36

6 a.m. 7. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 8. 4. 18OUR OPERATIONS.

- Artillery. Our Artillery was active both by day and night. The principal areas searched were E.8.b., E.11.a., E.10.d., E.b.central, E.9.a.0.7. The shooting was good though a few shells fell short. A chimney in ALBERT received a direct hit and was destroyed. A fire was also caused in ALBERT.
- M.G.'s. Our M.G.'s co-operated with the Artillery early this morning. The L.G.'s engaged any movement which was observed.
- Patrols.- Liaison patrols maintained touch between our Battalions.
(1) A patrol of 1 Off. & 5 O.R.'s left our lines at E.7.d.0.2. at 9 p.m. and returned at midnight. They state that the enemy occupies an outpost similar to ours with M.G.'s in each post. His line is from 200 to 300 yds. in front of ours.
(2) Three standing patrols were sent out from the Left Bn. Sector at approx. E.2.c.9.5., E.8.a.6.8., E.8.a.4.0. but no enemy were observed.
- Aircraft.- Activity was only normal but our planes were engaged each time they flew over enemy lines by A.A. & M.G. fire.
- Sniping.- The Right Bn. report active sniping and our men claim 3 hits.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

- Artillery. This was less active than on previous days and was mostly (DESTRUCTIVE) on Villages HENENCOURT, LAVIEVILLE, MILLENCOURT. His shelling was mostly in depth though the only semblance to a barrage line is on the fields along the HENENCOURT - LAVIEVILLE Road. Harassing fire was put down in E.7.b. and D.5.8.11. with 77 mm. from the direction of E.6.central. A 10.5 cm. fired on D.12.d. and D.18.b. from BERNANCOURT but very little damage was done.
- M.G.'s. Were active along ALBERT - AMIENS Road and also on D.12.central. Tracer bullets were frequently used probably to give the direction to either observers or Artillery. A M.G. is located at approx. E.8.b.2.6. and another at approx. E.2.d.8.3.
- Aircraft. Fairly active. A hostile formation of seven planes flew over our lines and then turned N.E. During the night enemy planes were heard flying W. over our lines and then later returning. Our A.A., M.G. and planes were active.
- Balloons. On T.B.'s 50° and 85° from D.12.c.4.2.
- Enemy Defences. Working parties were observed on the ridge at E.8.b. apparently consolidating. Our artillery were notified but the visibility was too low for definite observation.
- Movement. Movement was seen at E.16.central. A party of nine men at D.14.c.5.7.

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- Signalling. During the night a signalling lamp was seen in operation at approx. E.15.a.5.5. and continued to send the following message without alteration during the night.- HEIR - NZ. 11.5 ME.
- Flares. Were normal. A few REDS and also GREENS were fired but no action followed.
- Miscellaneous. At 6.50 a.m. a Motor Lorry driven by two Frenchmen passed along the AMIENS - ALBERT Road moving towards ALBERT. They got as far as our Supports when they were turned back. On being questioned they said they were making for AMIENS and had taken the wrong turning at CORTE. The lorry was filled with merchant-dise. Two searchlights were active from ALBERT.

WORKS REPORT

A great deal has been done to strengthen and consolidate our trenches though lack of material prevents our wiring parties from making more progress.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Brigade Headquarters
9th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 8. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 9. 4. 18

OUR OPERATIONS. An Inter-Company Relief was carried out without incident in the line right on the night 8th/9th.

Artillery. At 3.30 and 6.30 p.m. our Artillery put down a test barrage it was well placed and quite satisfactory. 2 rds. per gun fired. The vicinity of E.2.d. and E.3.b. was subjected to harassing fire during the day. The 18 pdrs. fired 18 rds. shrap. on enemy working party at E.3.b.5.5. with apparently good results. The Heavies fired on selected targets in the enemy's rear. areas. Were quiet except for occasional bursts.

M.G.'s. The poor visibility prevented active patrolling but our planes were often over enemy lines firing their M.G.'s. The hostile A.A. fire was poor.

Aircraft. Sniping was active on both sides and our right Bn. claim nine hits at 500 yds. range.

Sniping. Liaison patrols kept communication between our Bns. at intervals during the night.

Patrols. (1) 1 Off. & 3 M.G.'s left E.7.d.0.2. at 9 p.m. and reconnoitred road forward of our front line but owing to the dark night definite observation was not possible and great difficulty was found in keeping direction. No enemy were seen and patrol returned through E.7.d.0.2. at 12.30 a.m.

(2) 1 M.C.O. & 5 men left E.7.b.3.3. at 5 a.m. but no enemy were seen nor any new work noticed. The visibility was poor and nothing could be seen further away than 10 or 12 yds. Patrol returned through E.7.b.3.3. at 6.15 a.m.

(3) A small reconnoitring patrol sent out from E.8.a.20.05. worked E. along the embankment and report that enemy voices were heard at approx. E.3.d.6.6., and the R.S. which traverses PIONEER TR. situated at approx. E.3.e.1.6. near the road. No enemy were seen or heard.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Fairly active during the day mostly on back areas. Quiet during the night. At 4.30 a.m. a heavy bombardment commenced on our Supports and back areas, the villages HENNECOURT - LAVIEVILLE - MILLESCOURT with 77 mm. 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. It was very light on our front lines and it is probable that he suspected a massing of our troops. Areas fired on during the day were D.12.d. and E.13.a.

M.G.'s These were below normal though our trench in E.3.c. was regularly swept with bursts of fire from approx. E.3.d.9.5.

Gas. Gas shells were used during enemy bombardment especially in vicinity of MILLESCOURT.

Aircraft. Very few enemy planes were seen.

Sniping. Marked activity was shown though Snipers could not definitely be located but one is at approx. E.3.b.5.2.

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Sniping Contd.

The danger area is between E.7.b.9.9. and E.8.a.20.05.

Flares.

Were normal until midnight when they became more frequent.

No special flares preceded the enemy bombardment this morning.

Movement.

As on previous morning much movement was observed on the ridge E.8.b. and later the same was swept by our Artillery. The enemy were observed in the vicinity of E.8.d.2.0. moving out of trench into another. Apparently digging is in progress. 6 a.m. movement was observed at the base of trees in E.8.b.9.5. This is possibly an advanced night post.

Miscellaneous.

At 6 p.m. a shell burst at approx. D.24.a.2.9. and on explosion it ~~burst~~ ^{burst} out a number of smoke balls which on striking the ground burst and threw off thick white smoke.

WORKS REPORT

The front line system was further improved and wiring continued to the extent of material available. Two posts are being dug in between Supports and Front Line at approx. E.7.d.0.9. and E.7.d.8.3. E.8.b.25.98.) Two new L.F.M. positions were dug and ammunition S.13.b.2.9.) carried forward.

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8th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Brigade Headquarters
10th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 9. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 10. 4. 18OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery. Our Artillery was only normal during the period but maintained harassing fire in the vicinity of E.8.b. and E.8.central. Our Heavies shelled ALBERT and the rear of enemy lines. 5.10 - 5.18 a.m. the Artillery put down a light test barrage. The enemy retaliation was slight.

M.G.'s. The M.G.'s fired 1,000 rds. on targets in E.8.central and E.8.c. 9.0.

T.M.'s 6.30 p.m. the L.T.M.'s fired 5 ranging shots on E.8.b.5.2. They were well placed and observers report that a hum ran from this position and a moment after a flare breaking into two YELLOWS was fired. Artillery action followed.

Patrols. The usual Liaison patrols maintained touch with the units on our flanks.

(1) 1 Off. & 5 O.R.'s left E.7.d.0.2. at 9 p.m. The enemy were extremely quiet and only two flares were fired. The M.G.'s was also quiet but there were occasional bursts from the direction of E.8.b. No sign of enemy working parties was seen. Patrol returned through E.7.d.0.2. at 12 midnight.

(2) A patrol of 1 N.C.O. & 4 O.R.'s left E.7.b.8.3. at 3 a.m. and patrolled along our front to the track forming our Southern Brigade boundary. No enemy were seen or heard and patrol returned through E.7.b.8.3. at 4.30 a.m.

(3) A reconnoitring patrol of 1 N.C.O. & 4 O.R.'s left E.8.a.3.2. and proceeded N.E. along embankment and located enemy L.P. at E.8.a.9.5. The night was dark and absolute location was difficult but efforts will be made during the day to definitely place this post. Patrol returned at 11.30 p.m.

(4) 1 N.C.O. & 3 Men left E.8.a.3.6. and took up a position at approx. E.8.b.1.5. but no enemy were seen or heard.

Aircraft. Our planes were not very active during the day owing to the poor visibility but occasionally they patrolled over enemy lines. Enemy M.G. fire was directed on them from approx. E.8.b.9.1.

Sniping. Sniping was very active on both sides especially towards evening.

Our Defences. Trees have been placed across the ALBERT - AMIENS Rd. at E.7.a.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Increased activity has been shown and shells of various calibres were used. 77 mm., 10.5 cm., & 15 cm. The roads & tracks in the rear areas was subjected to harassing ^{fire} Destructive fire was placed on the villages HENENCOURT - LAVIEVILLE - MILLENCOURT & BRESLE. The Bn. H.Q. and vicinity in D.12.d. were also shelled. The following T.B.'s were taken from E.7.b.8.8.

10.55 a.m.	E.1.d. & E.7.b.	3 rds.	10.5 cm.	76°
11.10 "	E.1.c. & E.7.b.	12 "	10.5 cm. & 77 mm.	55°
1.15 p.m.	E.7.c.	20 "	10.5 cm.	76°
5.50 "	E.1.b.&d.	12 "	10.5 cm. & 77 mm.	55°

The areas D.12.b. & D.12.d. were subjected throughout the day to salvos at irregular intervals by 77 mm & 10.5 cm. from a T.B. of 80° from D.12.b.5.1.

M.G.'s. 2.20 to 2.25 p.m. 10 pineapples fell in the vicinity of our outpost Coy. H.Q. in E.8.a.20.05.

M.G.'s. Just usual activity was shown by hostile M.G.'s. The vicinity of E.8.a. and ridge in E.7.b. were occasionally swept from the direction of E.8.a. Flashes were observed at approx. E.8.d.60. 25.

Enemy Defences. New earth can be seen at E.8.d.2.8.

Enemy Aircraft. Very few hostile planes were seen during the day.

Balloons.
Flares.

Were observed on T.B.'s 120°, 70°, 150°. from D.4.c.8.2. Flares were normal. Twin GREENS and REDS were constantly fired but no action was observed. Enemy artillery at one time fell short and two GREENS were fired and range was lengthened.

Sniping.

A sniper located at approx. E.3.a.9.6. He disappeared after firing five rounds at a party of our men.

Movement.

A party of men were seen from E.2.b.0.4. on a T.B. of 77° at approx. 1,800 yds. another group was seen on a T.B. 67° at approx. 1,500 yds.

Miscellaneous.

The visibility was poor throughout the period.

A cardboard from a propaganda balloon fell near LAVIEVILLE at 8.30 p.m. It had printed on it in German the following.-
" German Balloon. To be destroyed."

What appeared to be a dump on fire was observed on a T.B. of 120° from E.7.b.3.8.

WORKS REPORT

- PIONEER TR. .. New wiring was continued in front of this trench and the old wire strengthened.
- D.12.b.5.1. .. New Bn. H.Q. completed.
- E.2.c.9.9.- .. Two new advanced posts constructed.
E.3.a.4.9.
- E.3.a.5.1.- .. Excavations for two new posts commenced.
E.7.d.3.4.

The front posts and also our support lines were further improved and strengthened.

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Commanding 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Brigade Headquarters
11th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 10. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 11. 4. 18

OUR OPERATIONS. The 21st Bn. relieved the 22nd Bn. in the Line Right on the night 10th/11th. The relief which was complete by 11.30 p.m. was carried out without incident.

Artillery. Our Artillery particularly the Heavies was rather more active than usual. The Railway embankment being special target also E.3.a.&c. Hostile retaliation was feeble. The poor visibility made definite observation impossible. Fire was directed on a M.W. position in W.27.d.2.5. and shrap. was also put over on a Working Party in E.3.c.5.2.

M.G.'s. Our M.G.'s fired 1,250 rds. on targets in E.3.central and E.3.c.9.0.

T.M.'s. Our L.T.M.'s fired 30 rds. into the QUARRY at E.14.c. Excellent shooting was observed and only 1 dud reported.

Patrols. Covering patrols protected the front of our Right Bn. during the relief. Liaison patrols maintained touch with the units on our flanks during the night. A reconnoitring patrol of 1 Off. & 8 O.R.'s took command of NO MAN'S LAND while posts were being pushed forward on our Left Bn. Sector. No enemy were encountered. 1 Off. & 4 O.R.'s left E.8.a.2.6. and proceeded out eastward along bank. No enemy were seen but a post was located by sound at approx. E.8.b.1.6. Otherwise all was quiet and patrol returned at 5.30 a.m.

Aircraft. Owing to the improved visibility active reconnaissance was possible. At 12.20 p.m. 5 or 6 of our planes flew over ALBERT and dropped bombs. They were engaged by enemy A.A. but returned safely. 4.45 p.m. two of our planes flew towards ALBERT and when returning one of them dropped a single red flare and our Artillery showed increased activity a moment later.

Sniping. Active sniping was indulged in by our Left Bn. and although no hits can be definitely claimed it had the effect of decreasing enemy movement.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Was not above normal. Destructive fire was maintained during the day on the villages HENENCOURT - LAVIEVILLE - MILLENCOURT BRESLE, but during the whole period it was rather quiet. Scattered fire was put down principally in D.12.b.&d. The direction of enemy batteries is chiefly MEAULTE. By a study of hostile shelling it can be seen that the enemy shows a tendency to shorten his range and fire more on our forward trenches.

1.10 p.m.	on E.7.c.2.8.	15 rds.	77 mm.
3.50 "	" E.7.b.	20 "	77 mm.
4.25 :	" E.7.c.&b.	30 "	77 mm.
4.40 "	" E.7.c.	8 "	10.5 cm.
6.10 "	" E.7.c.	5 "	10.5 cm.

M.G.'s Only occasional bursts especially on D.12.d. Most activity was shown from the direction. of E.3.a.9.4., E.2.d.80.25.

T.M.'s A M.W. was reported to be active from E.2.b.5.7. Our Artillery was directed on this position.

Aircraft. Rather more active than usual. A Scout plane with British markings came from the direction of MEAULTE towards E.2.c.0.0. and fired an M.G. into our line. The plane which then returned over enemy line had a streamer on the left wing. At 7.30 a.m. another plane with British markings and the figure 6 painted in white came from over the enemy lines and made a reconnaissance of our forward system. It was a two seater plane.

Balloons. On T.M.'s from E.7.b.8.8. 68° 95° 130°.

Enemy Patrols. 2.30 a.m. a hostile patrol was observed by our Left Coy. Right Bn. in E.S.c. A party with a L.G. was pushed out but came under fire before they could get into action. The enemy patrol disappeared. One of our men was wounded.

7 a.m. 10.4.18 a German patrol of 4 men approached our advanced post in E.S.c.9.9. The patrol was fired upon by our men but disappeared and it could not be ascertained whether casualties were inflicted or not.

Sniping.
Movement.

A sniper was active from approx. E.S.a.9.5.

More than usual principally in E.S.b.2.c. Our artillery fired on a working party at approx. E.S.c.5.2. At 7.30 p.m. on a T.S. of 83° from E.S.c.2.6. men were observed on skyline. Our M.G.'s engaged and dispersed them.

Flares.

Were normal no special ones being used.

Miscellaneous. The visibility was fair throughout.

WORKS REPORT

Wiring in front of PIONEER TR. was continued. It was strengthened and thickened. PIONEER TR. was improved by deepening and strengthening.

Advanced posts were pushed out on both Bn. Sectors. as shown in sketch attached.

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The patrol was observed by our left boy. A party of 4 men was pushed out but could not get into position. The enemy One of the men was wounded. The patrol in the trench of 4 men was pushed out by the enemy. The patrol was killed and was not seen again. Casualties were limited to none. A mine was active from the trench. Some of the usual material in the trench was on a working party at 2:30 PM. The enemy was observed on the trench. The enemy was observed and the trench was kept. The trench was kept as usual. The trench was kept as usual.

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Nothing in form of report was received. It was observed that the trench was improved by digging and strengthening. Advanced posts were pushed out on both sides of the trench as shown in sketch attached.

Lt. General
Commanding the 4th Infantry Brigade

Brigade Headquarters
12th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 11. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 12. 4. 18

OUR OPERATIONS. The 24th Bn. relieved the 23rd Bn. in the line Left on the night 11th/12th. The relief was complete at 10.30 p.m. and was carried out without incident.

Artillery. Our Artillery has been fairly active during the day and night and enemy front trench system and back areas were constantly harassed with H.E. & Shrapnel. The rate of fire increased just before dawn when a light test barrage was put down and ground observers report that this was well placed.

M.G.'s
Patrols. Our M.G.'s fired 500 rds. on E.S.central and E.S.c.9.0. Covering patrols protected the front of our Left Bn. during the relief. Liaison patrols maintained touch with the units on our flanks at intervals during the night. No reconnoitring patrols were sent out from the Right Bn. owing to the close proximity of the enemy but L.P's were pushed forward. Our post at E.13.b.9.8. was harassed by M.G. fire & temporarily withdrawn. After a vigorous action with rifle grenades the post was re-occupied. It showed signs of German occupation.

Aircraft. The improved visibility made active patrolling possible for both sides and many duels were fought. Our planes were constantly over the enemy lines. At 6.30 p.m. six enemy planes of the Albatross type attacked two of our planes above MILLENCOURT. One enemy plane was brought down and also one of ours. 6.55 p.m. another enemy plane was brought down in flames behind ALBERT.

Sniping. Active sniping was indulged in by both sides. Our Right Coy. Right Bn. claim one direct hit and our snipers seven direct hits at a range from 200 yds. upwards in the vicinity of E.S.b. c.&d., E.14.a. and around the QUARRY.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. This was below normal during the afternoon but showed increased activity during the evening and was very active after midnight. especially on the villages HENNINGCOURT, LAVIEVILLE, MILLENCOURT.

9.5 a.m.	on E.7.d.5.7.	15 rds.	77 mm.
2.50 p.m.	" Front Line	5 "	77 "
3.15 "	" D.11.b.	20 "	10.5 cm.
4.20 "	" D.5.d.	30 "	10.5 "
5.30 "	" D.5.b.&.11.d.	10 "	15 cm.
6.5 "	" E.8.a.	7 "	10.5 cm.

An enemy battery was observed firing from a position on a T.B. 80° from E.S.a.05.80.

M.G.'s. Were quiet except for bursts of scattered fire along our front and Reserve lines at intervals during the night. A M.G. in E.S.central was fairly active.

T.M.'s. During the morning 20 L.M.W's fell in the vicinity of E.7.d. this fire was screened by bursts of M.G. fire from approx. E.S.central.

Aircraft. Were very active and a new type of plane was observed. There is a diversity of opinion as to whether it has three or four decks. It has a fish tail with black and white stripes and a green band around the body forward of the tail. It has a short span, a stumpy body and is very fast.

Balloons. An enemy balloon was located on a T.B. 115° from V.30.b.5.5. around observers report considerable new work at E.14.a., E.S.b. and in vicinity of QUARRY. Loud talking was heard in E.S.c.5.8.

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- Movement. Much movement was observed throughout the day especially along the road in E.S.b.S.c. also at E.S.b.S.S., E.S.c.S.7. In the latter positions there are probably M.G's. Digging was in progress and four men were seen at E.S.c.S.7.
- Signalling. Many lamps were seen flashing in rear of enemy lines but they could not be accurately located. The messages as read are attached herewith.
- Flares. These were normal and no special colours were used.
- Miscellaneous. The aeroplane which has been lying at E.7.d.4.9. was removed during the night back to E.7.c.2.8. The authorities have been notified.
- A fire caused by our shelling was observed near ALBERT. The visibility was very good during the period.

WORKS REPORT

The trenches were further improved and strengthened and shelters for the men erected.

Two shelters for wireless instrument and personnel were completed at D.12.b.5.2.

Iron for shelters was carried forward.

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Commanding 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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Brigade Headquarters
13th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 12. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 13. 4. 18

OUR OPERATIONS. An Inter-Coy. Relief in the line Right was carried out without incident on the night 12th/13th.

Artillery. Our artillery was normal. Harassing fire was maintained on the enemy forward system, villages and approaches during the day & night. Ground observers report that the shooting was good. 6.30 a.m. a few of our 18 pdrs. fell short but were duds and a specimen was forwarded to Artillery and the range was corrected. At 8 p.m. our Heavies opened up on road in X.13.a.2.3. to X.8.c.2.5. on which much movement had been observed. Several salvos of H.E. & Shrap. were fired on E.5.d.

M.G.'s
Patrols. Our M.G.'s were not very active but fired occasional bursts. The usual liaison patrols maintained touch with the units on our flanks at intervals during the night. Only standing patrols were pushed forward and the enemy was heard working in the vicinity of E.14.a. about midnight. Otherwise all was quiet until 3 a.m. when two men approached our outposts at E.14.a.0.7. They were challenged and claimed to belong to 24th A.M.G.Coy. and to have been taken prisoners on the 5th inst. They had escaped from the compound at BRAY at 9.30 p.m. on 12th inst. D.M.Q. were notified and men handed over to them.

Aircraft. Aerial activity was great and many combats took place. Our planes were often engaged by enemy A.A. & M.G. fire while patrolling over their lines. Bombs were dropped on ALBERT by our Airmen.

Sniping. A great deal of sniping was indulged in but as the targets were only fleeting and small only two direct hits are claimed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery. Hostile shelling was below normal and on the front system it was extremely light and scattered, but the rear areas received more attention and destructive fire was directed on the villages HENENCOURT, LAVIEVILLE, MILLENCOURT and especially BRESLE during the afternoon. The major part of the shelling comes from the direction of MEAULTE and BELLEVUE FM. and is of various calibres 77 mm, 10.5 cm. and 15 cm.

The following T.B.'s were taken from E.2.c.2.6. (SOUND)

8.30 a.m.	on E.1.central	14 rds.	10.5 cm.	55°
9.20 "	" E.2.b.	8 "	77 mm.	
1.30 p.m.	" E.2.c.	14 "	10.5 cm.	(Gas) 55°
4.30 "	" E.7.b.	30 "	Shrap.	127°
4.30 "	" D.12.b.	5 "	77 mm.	
6.00 "	" D.12.b.	20 "	77 mm.	

A gun flash was seen from approx. E.17.b.central firing on HENENCOURT and another firing on MILLENCOURT from Cemetery in OVILLERS X.7.d.5.2.

M.G.'s These were active from E.3.c. against our aircraft and from E.8.central on our forward system. It is suspected that a M.G. fires from the Church in DENNANCOURT. Another is located at approx. E.2.d.6.2.

T.M.'s. 8 a.m. four L.M.W.'s fell in E.7.central from the direction of E.8.central. 9.20 a.m. 10 pineapples fell in E.2.b.

Aircraft. Hostile planes were active during the day. At 7.30 p.m. six enemy planes crossed our lines in a N.W. direction at intervals of two minutes between planes. 30 minutes later bombing was heard to the North and 30 minutes after the planes returned at great speed towards enemy lines. Another hostile plane crossed our lines and ~~when~~ over BALZIEUX it ~~depped~~ dropped a parachute flare which burned with a bright white light for 5 minutes. 6.40 a.m. a plane crashed near ALBERT but it could not be ascertained whether hostile or not. Another plane fell on a T.B. 146 degrees from D.12.b.8.0.

Balloons. Were observed on T.B's from D.12.b.8.0. 178° - 175° - 137°
72° - 68° - 155° - 108° - 162° - 91°.

Enemy Defences. No wiring is yet visible.

Sniping. Was extremely active from the vicinity of QUARRY in E.14.c.
also E.8.b.

Movement. Movement in forward areas has decreased considerably in the
last 24 hours and it is thought that our sniping has been
effective, though a lot of movement has been seen in the back
areas such as transport on roads etc. The Artillery has been
notified. Much movement was seen in E.13.a.2.5. and X.8.c.2.5.
X.7.&.13., W.12.&.18. The latter was so pronounced as to lead
to a suspected massing of troops. The artillery was notified
and opened up on these positions. 50 men walked along ridge
in E.8.b. 7 men were seen on ridge in F.8. Two parties each
of seven men at intervals of 200 yds. moved across E.11.

Flares. Were normal.

Miscellaneous. The visibility was good throughout the day.

WORKS REPORT

E.7.d.5.3. - .. Two new S.P's were constructed.
E.8.c.0.9.

E.7.d.6.1. - .. 100 yds. of concertina wire erected.
E.7.d.7.9.

E.2.c. .. Concertina wiring was commenced in front of forward posts.
30 coils being used.
The posts in the forward system were extended and generally
improved by fire-stepping and the building of shelters for the men.
Gas proofing of Bde. Hdqrs. completed.
Gas proofing of 6th Fld. Amb. commenced.
Bn. H.Q. in LAVIEVILLE, Signal Office, M.G.H.Q. gas proofing
in progress.

D.5.c.1.9. - .. Two T.M. emplacements completed.
D.11.a.4.8.

E.7.b.5.1. - .. Alternative emplacements completed.
E.13.b.5.7.

John R. [Signature]
Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEBrigade Headquarters
14th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 13. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 14. 4. 18OUR OPERATIONS.

Raids. Under cover of an artillery barrage two raids were carried out simultaneously at 12.45 a.m. on enemy posts opposite our Brigade Sector. The Right party attempted twice to enter enemy post at E.14.a.25.60 but heavy M.G. fire was brought to bear on them. After a severe bomb encounter our party having used their supply of bombs was ordered to withdraw. It is estimated that the post was manned by 20 enemy with 2 M.G.'s. Mills Grenades were used by the enemy. The Left raiders were not permitted to enter the enemy lines either but after several attempts in face of heavy M.G. fire they were forced to withdraw. The enemy posts were not touched by our Artillery which was only effective in rear of them. No identifications were obtained.

Artillery. Showed the usual activity on road junctions, approaches and villages. The 18 pdrs. fired mainly on E.2., 3, 4, 8 & 9. 1,000 rds. were fired on E.14.c. at 12.45 a.m.

M.G.'s. In co-operation with the raiding parties our L.T.M.'s fired 75 rds. on targets in E.8.central, E.8.c.8.3. (mound) E.14.a.0.1. (Cross Roads). Direct observation was not possible but front line report accurate shooting.

T.M.'s

Patrols. Touch was maintained with the flank units during the period. Owing to the raids no reconnoitring patrols were sent out.

Aircraft. The unfavourable weather conditions made aerial activity almost impossible and each time our planes crossed over enemy lines they were heavily engaged by hostile A.A. and M.G. fire, but as far as could be observed they all returned safely.

Sniping. It is considered that our snipers hold the superiority over the enemy as all movement in the forward areas is now made at the double or by crawling quickly. 26 shots were fired mostly at fleeting targets and 7 direct hits are claimed at ranges from 150 to 300 yds. on the Right Sector.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. No great activity was shown at any time during the period. The forward lines were very lightly shelled and on back areas the fire was scattered. The vicinity of the shrine in E.7.a. was persistently shelled by 10.5 cm. especially at 5.30 p.m. from a T.B. 86° from D.12.b.8.0. (SOUND). 77 mm. and 10.5 cm. fell on E.7.d. at intervals during the day.

6.30 a.m.	on E.2.a.	5 rds.	10.5 cm.
8.40 "	" E.1.a.	20 "	10.5 cm.
5.30 p.m.	" E.7.central	15 "	10.5 cm.

the following T.M.'s were taken from D.12.b.8.0. (SOUND)

5.00 p.m.	on D.12.b.	38 rds.	10.5 cm.	86°
8.20 "	" D.12.b.	4 "	10.5 "	86°

M.G.'s. Very quiet during the day but active during our raid. M.G.'s are located at approx. E.8.central and E.14.a.25.60.

T.M.'s Nil.

Aircraft. Several planes attempted to cross our lines at times during the day but were driven back by our A.A. fire.

Enemy Defences. Hostile posts have been located at the following points. E.14.a.1.2., E.14.a.25.60., E.14.a.35.80., E.8.c.35.05. The enemy is apparently holding his system in strength. What appears to be wire can be seen on the West side of the post at E.8.b.4.2.

Sniping. Just ordinary activity. A sniper who fires across E.8.c. was located at approx. E.8.b.8.6.

Movement. Little movement was seen. Parties of two or three approaching ALBERT along BAPAUNE RD.

Flares. During the raid 12.45 a.m. the enemy used double REDS and GREEN flares. At 5.30 a.m. double GREENS and one GOLDEN were used but no action followed.

Miscellaneous. The visibility was poor throughout the day.

S.O.S. Three of our S.O.S. Signals were fired S.E. of MILLENGOURT at 1.5 a.m. The artillery immediately opened on it but no hostile action was observed.

WORKS REPORT

The men's shelters were improved and lines strengthened and repaired. The digging of posts behind PIONEER TR. was continued and many improvements were made to the trench itself. L.T.M. emplacements and M.G. positions were also repaired and improved and extra ammunition was carried forward.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEBrigade Headquarters
15th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 14. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 15. 4. 18

OUR OPERATIONS. 22nd Bn. relieved the 31st Bn. in the line right on the night 14th/15th. The relief was completed at 10.30 p.m. and was carried out without incident.

Artillery. Just the usual activity. ALBERT and the vicinity was shelled at intervals during the day and the rear areas were bombarded by our heavies during the night.

M.G.'s. 1,250 rds. on targets were fired during the night. E.S.central K.S.c.9.0.

L.M.'s. Our L.T.M.'s fired 50 rds. as follows--

52 rds. on S.P. & suspected N.W. position at E.14.a.25.45.
16 " " QUARRY in E.14.c.

Patrols. The ground observers report that definite observation was not possible but good shooting is thought to have taken place. Liaison patrols kept touch with the flank units and garrisons in our forward posts at intervals during the night. No reconnoitring patrols were sent out but L.P.'s were pushed forward. No enemy were seen or heard though sounds of coughing and hammering came from the direction of approx. E.14.a.35.35. and E.14.a.00.10. where it is thought that M.G.'s are located. Flares were normal and the enemy quiet. The posts were withdrawn at dawn.

Aircraft. The weather was very unfavourable and our aeroplanes were not as active as on previous days.

Sniping. At 5 a.m. a party of 50 men were seen in the open at E.14.a.9.9. Our snipers and the garrison of the post at E.S.c.1.0. opened fire and believe that six of the enemy were hit before they disappeared. Snipers fired 20 rds. and claim five direct hits. during the day.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Hostile artillery was quiet during the day but more active at night. The villages in rear HENENCOURT, LAVIEVILLE, MILLENCOURT and BRESLE were subjected to destructive fire at intervals during the day. Two 10.5 cm. batteries were observed at approx. X.1.b.2.2. and X.2.d.0.8. They were firing on the sector of the Division on our left.

10.00 a.m.	on E.1.8.7.	30 rds.	10.5 cm.
10.00 p.m.	" D.6.8.12.	20 "	H.E. & Gas.
1.00 a.m.	" E.1.d.	10 "	77 mm.
6.00 "	" D.12.b.	10 "	77 mm. (8 Duds)

M.G.'s. Were quiet except for bursts at intervals during the night mostly from E.S.c.7.3. and E.S.c.1.0. in the direction of our Support Line. Indirect fire was placed along the ALBERT - AMIENS Rd. in D.12.d. It was noticed that tracer bullets were often used by the M.G.'s.

L.M.'s Nil.

Aircraft. No enemy planes were seen.

Enemy Defences. Fresh work is apparent in E.S.c. where several smaller posts seem to be connected. During the day earth was being carefully put out from M.G. post at E.S.c.7.3.

Sniping. During the last 24 hours enemy sniping has almost ceased.

Movement. As in the previous day the movement was below normal and all that was seen was hurried. At dawn a few men were seen creeping along the line of posts in E.S.b.8.c. Our snipers engaged them.

Flares. Were more active than usual but no reason could be ascertained for this. No special flares were used.

Miscellaneous. The visibility was very poor throughout the day. A fire broke out in ALBERT at 10.45 p.m. and burned for two hours. It is thought that our Artillery caused this. A gas shell was found and forwarded to D.H.Q. It is different in shape from any found previously.

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PIONEER TRENCH was improved by deepening and also by building up of parapet and construction of shelters for the men. 15 rolls of concertina wire were erected in front of our outposts. The T.M. positions were improved and strengthened. The R.A.P. in D.12.b.5.1. was completed and floored. The Left Sn. H.Q. was also floored.

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for

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Commanding 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade

Brigade Headquarters
18th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 18. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 18. 4. 18

OUR OPERATIONS. The 33rd Bn. relieved the 24th Bn. in the line Left without incident on the night 15th/16th. The relief was complete at 10.17 p.m.

Artillery. Active all day. Good shooting by 18 pdrs. was observed from Outpost Line. The rear areas were also harassed by our heavies. 4.45 to 5.15 a.m. a light barrage was put down on our front. It was too misty for definite observation but shooting seemed to be well placed.

M.G.'s Our M.G.'s were active and fired 2,000 rds. on E.3.d.3.7. to E.3.d.25.30.

T.M.'s. Our L.T.M.'s fired 20 rds. 15 rds. on S.P. at E.14.a.25.45. and 5 rds. into the QUARRY E.14.c. Good shooting was reported and no enemy retaliation followed.

Patrols.-- Usual liaison patrols kept touch with the units on our flanks during the night. Covering patrols protected the front of our Left Bn. while the relief was in progress. Two standing patrols were sent out to positions at E.14.a.05.55 and E.8.c. The M.G. at E.14.a.3.6. fired on our party on four occasions. Enemy were observed in considerable numbers along his trench from E.14.a.25.40. to E.14.a.4.7. Talking was also heard here. Suspected M.G.'s are located at approx. E.8.b.4.8. and E.8.b.6.9. Flares were normal. A reconnoitring patrol of 1 N.C.O. & 4 men left E.7.b.75.45. and proceeded to try and locate enemy posts. An enemy patrol of about 8 men were seen working back towards their line in E.8.c. Otherwise no enemy were seen and all was quiet. Patrol returned at 1.30 a.m. 1 N.C.O. & 3 O.R.'s took up a position at E.2.c.5.3. (approx.) but no enemy were seen or heard. Patrol returned at 4.45 a.m.

Aircraft. The weather was again unfavourable and active patrolling was thereby reduced to a minimum.

Sniping. Our snipers were again active and fired 20 rds. claiming 7 hits. at E.14.a.3.5., E.14.a.5.9., E.8.c.6.2., E.8.b.0.8.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Was rather more active than on previous days and was mostly registration shooting either ranging for a barrage line or for testing new guns, especially N. & S. of ALBERT - AMIENS Rd. at E.7.a. with 10.5 cm. mostly from the direction of MEAULLE - BELLERUE RM. & W.29.d.1.6. At 12 noon 20 rds. of 77 mm. were scattered along PIONEER RM. and again at intervals during the afternoon on E.7.a. to D.6.b. This was the area shelled when his guns replied to our morning shoot. A 10.5 cm. fired on LAVIEVILLE from a position on a T.B. 98° (sound) from D.4.c.80. 25. This position was shelled by our heavies. At 10 p.m. our defences around LAVIEVILLE were shelled by 10.5 cm.

M.G.'s. tracer bullets were again used from M.G.'s firing at dawn and dusk. They were very active during our shelling this morning and it would seem that the enemy is relying more on M.G.'s than Artillery in defensive operations at least.

T.M.'s. 4 L.M.W.'s were observed to fall short at approx. E.2.d.3.4. but the firing position could not be located.

Aircraft. No enemy planes were seen.

Enemy Defences. Movement as if digging were in progress was seen along forward posts from E.14.a.0.3. to E.8.c.6.2. A sheet of iron was lifted out of trench at E.14.a.3.5. Work was being done at E.8.b.0.8.

Sniping. One shot only was fired from E.8.c.6.4.

Movement. Very little movement was seen. Three men in E.8.b. at dawn moved quickly and disappeared. Vehicular traffic was seen on ALBERT - BAPAUME RD. The artillery were notified.

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When our guns opened this morning REDS, GREENS and GOLDEN CLUSTERS were fired but no immediate action followed. The visibility was very poor throughout the period. 10 Mustard gas shells fell at D.S.d. at 4.45 a.m.

WORKS REPORT

Further improvements were made to our existing line by deepening and strengthening also by building shelters. Three posts were completed at E.l.d.7.7., E.l.d.85.50. and E.l.d.80.80.

27 coils of concertina wire were erected in front of our outpost line on the Left En. Sector. Material for the work was carried forward.

John B. for
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Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

8th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
17th April, 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

6 a.m. 16. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 17. 4. 18

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery Our artillery was active and rear areas were harassed by our heavies. At 5.35 p.m. 8 direct hits were recorded on the Church in ALBERT one of which struck the tower and brought down the statue of the Virgin. The ALBERT - BECOURT Rd. was continually fired on and movement successfully engaged. Direct hits being observed on wheeled traffic during the afternoon. At 7.50 p.m. our Artillery opened a light bombardment the enemy retaliation was feeble.

M.G.'s. 4,000 rds. on targets in E.3.c.1.8. to E.5.central and E.5.d. M.G.'s from the Brigade on our Right enfiladed the enemy front opposite our sector.

T.M.'s. Our L.T.M.'s fired 25 rds. as follows:- 20 rds. into the QUARRY D.14.c. and 5 rds. on M.G. position at E.14.a.5.8. Good bursts were obtained but no definite observation was possible.

Patrols-- The usual Liaison patrols maintained touch with the units on our flanks during the night. A standing patrol took up a position at approx. E.8.a.9.1. but no enemy were seen or heard though bursts of M.G. fire were directed on our front system. The position of the M.G. was not located. A reconnoitring patrol of 1 Off. & 5 O.R.'s left E.8.a.2.5. at 3.45 a.m. and moved across our left sector. Everything was quiet and no enemy were seen. Patrol returned at 4.30 a.m. Our planes appeared during the afternoon but were not often engaged by hostile fire when over the enemy lines.

Aircraft.

Sniping. Our Snipers fired 30 rds. and claim five hits. The targets were mostly small and fleeting.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery This was more active than during previous 24 hours though still below normal. The shelling was in depth and not severe on our front lines. In reply to our shelling at 7.30 p.m. the enemy retaliation was poor. The vicinity of Sn. H.Q. in D.12.b. was shelled during the afternoon. About 3 p.m. a few 10.5 cm's. burst on D.11.d. and through out the afternoon. These shells on exploding threw out dense white clouds and it is thought they were being used for ranging purposes. During the evening PIONEER TR. and the vicinity was lightly shelled more on the Right sector than the left. Several 77 mm's fell short at approx. E.3.d.1.5.

M.G.'s In reply to our evening and morning bombardments the M.G. fire was intense. Otherwise only short bursts at intervals were fired.

T.M.'s 5 a.m. three pineapples fell on E.14.a.1.9. A mortar fired on the sector of Brigade on our right from D.14.a.20.48. The Artillery were notified.

Aircraft. No enemy planes were observed.

Balloons. Balloons were observed on T.M.'s from E.13.b.8.7. 159° - 135° 115°.

Enemy Defences. New work was located at E.8.b.8.0. and E.8.b.35.50. Digging was heard at this latter spot.

Sniping. A little more active. A sniper was located at approx. E.8.c.6.4.

Movement. Very quiet. A few men moved at dawn in E.5.c.0.3. Two men observed on ridge in E.5.c. and an enemy working party at approx. E.9.a.6.5. Wheeled traffic on the ALBERT - BECOURT Rd. was engaged by our Artillery.

Flares. Were normal. GREEN flares followed by GOLDEN CLUSTERS preceded enemy artillery retaliation.

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Miscellaneous. Visibility was poor during the morning but improved during the afternoon. Dense clouds of smoke were seen near BERNHARDT. This proved to be a haystack on fire and probably was set alight by our artillery. Another fire was observed near MAULTE.

WORKS REPORT

Improvements were made to PIONEER TR. by deepening and strengthening.
 24 coils of Concertina wire were erected in front of our outposts on the right sector.
 Apron wire is now complete from D.12.c.6.2. to D.12.d.1.9. to D.8.g.8.2.

John R. Jones
 Brig.-General,
 Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

Brigade Headquarters
17th April, 1918

I N T E L L I G E N C E

The latest identifications of enemy units opposite our Corps Front from N. to S. is--

3rd NAVAL DIVISION - 50th R.Div. - 54th R.Div. - 18th R.Div.

The 50th R.Div. which is opposite our sector is composed of the 229th R.I.R. - 230th R.I.R. and 231st R.I.R. The order of battle from N. to S. is 231st, 230th, 229th. They were last identified on 7. 4. 18. The movements of this Division since March 1916 are rather interesting as they are similar in many ways to our own.

In March 1916 the Division was transferred to the BOIS GRENIER Sector S. of ARMENTIERES. In September the Division was called upon to take part in the battle of the SOMME and came into the line between MARTINPUICH and FLERS. In the fighting which ensued the Division suffered heavily and had to be withdrawn after only eight days fighting.

Early in February 1917 they again came into the line N. of the River ANCRE and again suffered casualties at BEAUMONT HAMEL on the 11th February. It was withdrawn from here and came into the line E. of LE TRANSLOY on 13th March. In the rearguard actions which followed upon the withdrawal of the German forces from the SOMME to the HINDENBURG Line the Division was continually harassed by British forces.

On the 11th June the Division was transferred to the ROULERS Area and came into the severe fighting around LANGEMARCK during the latter months of 1917.

They have now been opposite our sector for some weeks. The moral of the Division which comprises a large Polish element was at first distinctly poor but has improved considerably in the course of the many battles the Division has been engaged in.

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Our Intelligence Summary No.11 16th/17th refers to the statue of the VIRGIN from the Church Tower in ALBERT. Questions have arisen as to its height and the material of which it is composed.

The statue which is exactly 19'6" in height is composed of gilded bronze. The Church was first bombarded by German gunners on 29th September 1914 and the statue was first struck and overturned on 15th January 1915. It was displaced by our Artillery at 5.35 p.m. on 16th April 1918.

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Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Brigade Headquarters
18th April, 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

6 a.m. 17. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 18. 4. 18

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Were active mostly by night.

M.G.'s. Fired 4,000 rds.

T.M.'s L.T.M.'s fired 30 rds. into QUARRY and M.G. E.14.a.3.6.

Patrols. Were active along our front but report enemy quiet. An enemy forward post was located at E.8.c.55.70. and strength of garrison estimated 1 M.G. and 10 men. Our patrol was challenged in English with "halt".

Aircraft. Not active. At 8.30 p.m. two bombs were dropped on QUARRY E.14.c.

Sniping. Our snipers fired 15 rds. and claim three hits.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Not as active as on previous day but the use of 15 cm. was more apparent especially in the vicinity of PIONEER TR. at E.7.d.0.5. and also E.8.c. A few gas shells fell at approx. E.7.c. and on the village of LAVIEVILLE. for five minutes. This was sneezing gas.

M.G.'s. Were active particularly at dusk and dawn. An M.G. fired from approx. E.14.a.4.8.

Sniping. Only 5 or 6 shots were fired but no damage was done.

Movement. Only little movement was observed in the forward areas and all was quick and fleeting.

Flares. Were more frequent after 10 p.m. though no reason could be ascertained for this. A flare post was located at E.14.a.35.90. Rifle Grenades were fired on this spot and flares ceased.

Miscellaneous. A fire was caused in DENNACOURT which lasted for 15 min. Our wiring party found two German maps at approx. E.14.a.1.8. They were forwarded to D.H.Q.

WORKS REPORT

Improvements were made to PIONEER TR. by the erection of mens shelters etc. 20 sheets of iron were used.
15 coils wire were used in front of the Left Bn. Sector.
170 yds. of single concertina was erected on Right Bn. Sector.
E.1.d.5.1. T. Head constructed and trench deepened.
E.8.d.3.5. Trench deepened.
D.6.c.2.7. to D.6.c.3.5. single apron wire erected.

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Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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Brigade Headquarters
19th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 18. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 19. 4. 18OUR OPERATIONS.

The 21st Bn. relieved the 22nd Bn. in the line Right on the night 18th/19th.

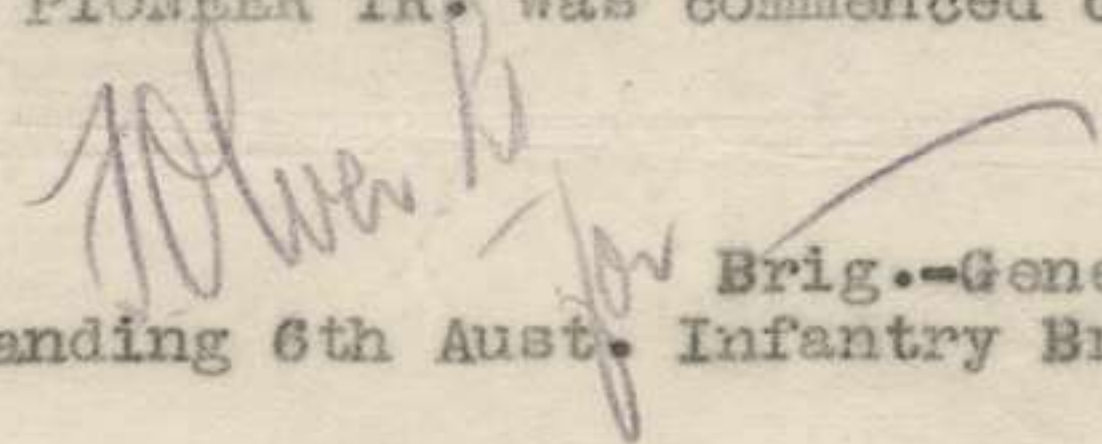
Artillery. Our artillery was quiet, More activity being shown after dark. The top of the chimney in ALBERT was knocked off during the afternoon.M.G.'s. 4,000 rds. were fired.Patrols. One reconnoitring patrol reports movement at approx. E.2.d.5.4. and suspects a L.P. The visibility was too high for close patrolling.Aircraft. Active after 5 p.m. Enemy A.A. more active than usual.Sniping. Nine shots were fired at fleeting targets. No hits are claimed.ENEMY OPERATIONS.Artillery. Quiet all day except for light shelling of PIONEER TR. and our Outpost Line. The shooting was more accurate possibly because our new wire is visible. The X Roads in E.7.c. was shelled by a 10.5 cm. also 77 mm. At 10.30 p.m. and again at midnight.M.G.'s. Rather active on our forward areas especially on our wire from 3.8.central and Church in DERNANCOURT. A M.G. was located on a T.B. 92° from E.13.b.8.7. at about 450 yds.Aircraft. Very quiet. Four hostile planes were seen over our lines 7.10 pm.Signalling. Flash lamp was seen on a T.B. 98° from E.14.a.0.8.Flares. Were normal.Movement. Was very quiet in the forward areas.WORKS REPORT

30 coils concertina wire were used on Left Sector. Double rows. 22 coils concertina wire erected in front of PIONEER TR. Single row.

2 coils barbed wire were erected across the ALBERT AMIENS Rd. at E.8.a.1.7.

Further improvements to the Outpost Line by strengthening and erecting overhead covers.

Firestepping of PIONEER TR. was commenced on the Left Sector.


 Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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Brigade Headquarters
20th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 19. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 20. 4. 18

OUR OPERATIONS The 24th Bn. relieved the 23rd Bn. in the Line Left on the night 19th/20th.

Artillery. Our Artillery was active. The S.O.S. line was tested and the barrage seemed well placed.

M.G's. 3,000 rds. were fired.

L.M's 40 rds. were fired by our L.T.M's on targets E.8.c., E.14.a., & E.14.b.4.9.

Patrols. One of our patrols located an enemy post at approx. E.8.c.4.4. The post had an approx. front of 25 yds. The enemy were alert and a M.G. fired frequently from this post. Another patrol observed digging in progress at E.8.a.30.15.

Aircraft. A few planes patrolled over enemy lines during the day. A hostile A.A. fires from MEAULTE.

Sniping. Our snipers fired 11 shots at ranges from 200 to 750 yds. but as targets were small only one hit is claimed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Was fairly active mostly with 77 mm. and 10.5 cm. on ALBERT - MILLENGOURT Rd. In front of our posts at D.12.a.8.b. On E.7.b. and vicinity of X Roads in E.7.c. Shelling was mostly from direction of BECORDEL.

M.G's. Active from E.7.d.3.5. and E.14.a.5.0.

Aircraft. Very few enemy planes were seen.

Balloons. On T.B's from V.30.b.3.1. 149° - 125°

Enemy Defences. A sniper is located at E.8.c.5.0. It is noticed that he is building up the low parts of his parapet on which our snipers fire.

Flares. Numerous strings of flares varying from two to twenty were fired but no action followed.

Movement. In the forward areas movement has almost ceased.

Miscellaneous. A searchlight was observed on a T.B. 153° from E.7.d.7.5. It has been noticed that steel helmets are more generally used by the enemy opposite our sector. Wheeled traffic on road W.27.c. Smoke from trains observed on T.B's 90° - 58° - 95° from E.7.d.7.5.

WORKS REPORT

18 coils concertina wire were erected in front of our outpost on Left Bn. Sector.

E.7.d.6.3 to E.7.d.7.6. trench dug 1' deep.

E.7.d.7.7. 40 yds. 3' deep.

E.7.d.5.0. to E.7.b.7.0. trench is now complete.

120 yds. wire were erected from Road E.13.b.4.8. to E.13.b.5.9.

200 yds. concertina wire were erected in front of outpost line E.8.c.2.8.

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Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

Brigade Headquarters
21st April, 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

6 a.m. 20. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 21. 4. 18

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Much more active than usual three shoots being put down on enemy lines at 8 p.m. - 8.30 p.m., 3 a.m.- 3.30 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. - 6 a.m.

M.G's. 2,000 rds. were fired. Our L.G's fired on working party in E.8.b.

T.M's. 20 rds. were fired into snipers post at E.8.c.5.0.

Patrols. A patrol reports that enemy was working on his posts opposite E.8.c.5.7. Enemy was alert and fired on patrol from approx. E.8.c.55.10. Talking was also heard from this position.

Aircraft. Our planes were active during the day mostly observing.

Sniping. Our snipers fired 12 rds. into enemy loopholes but no results can be claimed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Fairly active with 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. at intervals during the day on E.7.a.c.&d. especially on "a". The fire came mostly from MEAULTE and DERNANCOURT. The battery which shelled E.8.c.0.5. is located at approx. E.16.a.7.7. His reply to our shoot was considered fairly heavy. The areas shelled were D.18.a., D.12.b. and forward posts. In reply to our shelling at 8 p.m. a barrage was put down on a line E.7.c., D.18.b., D.12.b.&d. A 77 mm. fired from direction of AVELUY on our outpost line. At 2.15 a.m. 10 shells of small calibre were fired on road in E.2.c.8.0. They did not appear to be Gas, H.E. or Shrap. In impact a nose cap appeared to fly in the air emitting a string of sparks. At 2.10 p.m. a 10.5 cm. fired on a T.B. 143° from E.7.d.7.6. Our artillery was notified and shelling ceased at 3.50 p.m.

M.G's. Showed considerable activity during our bombardments.

T.M's. A few L.M.W's were intermingled with enemy retaliation.

Aircraft. A few hostile planes were observed but were always engaged by A.A.

Enemy Defences. The enemy continues to dig and throw out earth along his line. A hostile wiring party at E.8.b. was caught in our barrage at 3 a.m. New work in E.2.d.2.4.

Signalling Flares. A signal lamp was flashing from Right base of ALBERT CATHEDRAL. 2.20 a.m. WHITES bursting into two REDS were fired and shelling ceased. 3.10 a.m. during our second bombardment GOLDEN CLUSTERS were fired.

Movement. Nothing in forward area but a little in rear.

WORKS REPORT

T.M. emplacement at E.10.central was further improved.
180 yds. wire on the Right Bn. Sector.
EMMA TR. was further improved.
Firestepping of PIONEER TRENCH continued and improvements made to mens shelters.
Wire was thickened in front of PIONEER TR. on Left Sector.

W. F. M. Binder
Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEBrigade Headquarters
22nd April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE8 a.m. 21. 4. 18 to 8 a.m. 22. 4. 18OUR OPERATIONS.

- Artillery. Our artillery maintained the usual harassing fire on hostile trench systems approaches & villages.
- M.G.'s. 4,000 rds. were fired.
- T.M.'s 30 rds. on S.P. in E.14.a.
- Patrols. Enemy were seen in the vicinity of post at E.S.c.55.05. also near E.S.c.3.0. A M.G. opened up from this position and flares were fired. Another M.G. opened up from approx. E.S.c.3.8. Enemy were alert and took full advantage of bright visibility. Enemy were heard working at E.S.c.1.5. A recently occupied L.P. was found at E.S.c.2.8. and various other empty L.P.'s were located in the vicinity of E.S.d.
- Aircraft. Very active reconnoitring, bombing and Machine Gunning enemy system. Enemy A.A. was active. It was noticed that only very few of our planes had the streamer on the right bottom wing.
- Sniping. Three shots were fired and one hit claimed.

Enemy Operations

- Artillery. Hostile artillery was not above normal though certain areas were continually harassed by 77 mm. & 10.5 cm. mostly from the direction of MEAULTE, BELLEVUE FM. & DERNANCOURT. Areas shelled were E.7., X Roads in D.7.c. It was reported that enemy were ranging on our new C.T. from the direction of MEAULTE. Sound bearings of 180° & 185° true from E.S.c.0.6.
- Gas. Sneezing Gas was sent over at 10.50 p.m. but the effects were not felt until midnight when masks had to be worn for 30 min. Quiet.
- M.G.'s L.M.W. fired from East of E.S.central on to E.7.b.7.2.
- T.M.'s Occasionally over our lines.
- Aircraft. Located on T.B.'s 60° - 86° - 45° - 37° from E.S.c.0.6.
- Balloons. Parapet of enemy post can be seen at E.S.c.3.0.
- Enemy Defences. Strings of white lights were fired when our planes crossed over enemy lines at night. These were apparently to assist search-lights in picking up our aircraft.
- Flares No movement in the forward areas but men moving in twos and threes were seen in the back areas. 12 Huns two abreast entered ALBERT along the BECOURT Rd. 4 Motor Lorries were also seen on this road.

WORKS REPORT

Owing to enfilade fire our posts were slightly advanced on our Left Coy. Sector Right Bn. and are now located at E.S.c.2.6., E.S.c.25.75., E.S.c.3.9., E.S.a.35.00., E.S.a.4.1. 200 yds. of concertina wire were erected in front of our Right Bn. outposts. Emma TRENCH was completed and is now a continuous trench from E.7.d.4.0. to E.7.b.8.0. 200 yds. of trench 1' deep was dug from E.7.b.8.0. to E.7.b.5.4. New T.M. position E.1.d.central. Connecting of posts on our Left Bn. Sector was commenced but was hampered by gas.

News from other sources:-

From AUSTR. CORPS "I" Timed 8.30 p.m. 21.4.18 Documentary evidence shows that the Pilot of hostile plane brought down to-day in J.19.b. was CAVALRY CAPTAIN BARON VON RICHMOVEN, credited with 79 air victories.

[Signature]
Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

Brigade Headquarters
23rd April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE8 a.m. 23. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 23. 4. 18

OUR OPERATIONS. 22nd Bn. relieved the 21st Bn. in the Line Right on the night 22nd/23rd. Relief was complete at 11.45 p.m.

Artillery. Was not above normal. 50 men with hand cart on the BROUWERT - ALBERT Road were shelled and dispersed, casualties being inflicted.

M.G.'s 2,000 rds. were fired.

T.M.'s 20 rds. L.T.M. were fired on E.S.c.5.0.

Patrols. The L.P. at E.S.c.2.8. was not occupied. An enemy rifle was found in L.P. E.S.c.1.9. It was reported by patrol that much movement was seen in vicinity of E.S.c.5.0.

Aircraft. Our planes were active during the day and constantly fired M.G.'s into enemy lines. Hostile M.G. and A.A. fire was poor.

Sniping. Our snipers fired two shots and claim one hit.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery A 10.5 cm. was firing from a position on a T.B. from E.S.c.2.6. and for the first time our outpost line was shelled around E.7.d.9.4. and E.S.c.1.6. LAVIEVILLE was shelled by 10.5 cm. from T.B. (sound) 95° from D.12.d.8.0. MILLENGOURT was also shelled persistently during the afternoon and evening. A flash bearing of 110° True from E.1.d.9.3. was taken. A battery was located in Wood at approx. W.22.b. on a T.B. 75° from D.6.d.9.3.

M.G.'s Fired intermittent bursts during the bombardment on our left.

T.M.'s A few pineapples were fired on PIONEER Tr. but direction could not be located.

Aircraft. Hostile Aircraft was kept well away from our lines by our planes.

Balloons. On T.B.'s of 108° - 85° & 90° from E.S.c.2.6.

Enemy Defences New work was observed along enemy parapet in E.S.c. & E.14.a.

Flares. Were normal. When the bombardment on our left opened up two GREENS were constantly fired and a few double REDS. GOLDEN Clusters were fired seemingly to show the limits of our attack as they were only fired on the extreme flanks of our shelling.

Movement. Was very continuous on the back areas especially on ALBERT - BROUWERT RD. where limbers, men on bicycles, lorries etc. are seen frequently during the day.

WORKS REPORT

Digging of the new forward posts on our Right Bn. Sector was continued.

Additional shelters were erected in PIONEER & RESERVE Tr.

Firestepping & deepening of PIONEER Tr. was continued.

180 yds. of trench dug on our Outpost line Left Bn.

280 yds. of new C.T. were deepened by 1".

Excavations for new Bn. H.Q. (Left Sector) complete.

Four Coy. H.Q. are under construction at V.29.c.4.4., V.29.c.3.3. V.29.c.5.1. & D.5.a.2.5.

John H. ...
Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

Brigade Headquarters
24th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE8 a.m. 23. 4. 18 to 8 a.m. 24. 4. 18OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Was not above normal.
M.G.'s. 4,000 rds. were fired by our M.G.'s. Our L.G.'s were active against low flying planes.
T.M.'s. 30 rds. were fired on E.8.c.5.0. and E.14.a.25.48.
Patrols. An enemy working party was observed at E.3.a.15.40. and another in W.27.c.1.2. and also at E.3.d.3.8. Our heavies were notified. Enemy M.G.'s were located at E.14.a.35.15 & E.8.c.75.10. Enemy transport could be heard on the Roads in the rear near DENNACOURT and BEAULTE. A patrol took up a position at approx. E.8.c.3.6. from where the Officer and Sgt. pushed forward and encountered a small enemy patrol who opened up with automatic revolvers. Our officer was killed.
Aircraft. Was active bombing and reconnoitring. One plane was seen to crash at approx. E.2.a. W.28. on a T.B. of 25° from E.2.c.4.5. It was afterwards found to be a hostile plane. 7 p.m. a plane with British markings flying fairly low fired M.G.'s in to our trenches at D.18.b. A bullet which was dug up was apparently German and was forwarded to D.H.Q. The plane had no other special markings.
Sniping. 12 shots were fired at fleeting targets and four hits are claimed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Rather more active than usual during the day and severe around HILLINGOURT with sneezing Gas at 12.30 p.m. Towards morning our positions in the vicinity of our guns around DENNACOURT & HILLINGOURT were heavily shelled. 77 mm. & 10.5 cm's. were used. The following batteries were located:-
 E.8.c.9.6., E.5.b.4.5., F.1.b.8.8.
Gas. T.B.'s were taken from E.1.d.9.3. 77 mm. 105°, 15 cm. 79° 3.45 to 6 a.m. H.E. & Sneezing Gas was scattered around our Sector especially in E.8.c.3.d., D.18.a.3.b. Helmets were worn for 30 minutes.
M.G.'s Were quiet on the front line firing only occasional bursts from Right Bn. Sector over D.18.b.
T.M.'s What appeared to be 6 L.M.G.'s fell at E.7.b.3.2. and 12 more on E.8.a. but the direction was not located.
Aircraft. Were fairly active all day frequently flying low but were always driven off by our A.A. and M.G. fire.
Balloons. On T.B.'s of 95° and 105° from E.8.a.3.4.
Sniping. Five shots were fired two from E.14.a.3.4. & three from E.8.c.9.8.
Flares. Were normal and appeared to be repeated from behind SECOURT Rd.
Movement. No movement in forward areas but a great deal was again observed on ALBERT - SECOURT Rd.
Miscellaneous. What was suspected as being dud flares is now reported as probably sneezing gas fired in Grenade form. A fire was observed in rear of POZIERES RIDGE on T.B. 64° from E.2.c.4.5. A propaganda balloon fell in E.1.d. but no papers were attached. Two trains were seen in E.9. moving towards POZIERES.

WORKS REPORT

Improvements were made to PIONEER TR. Continued. connection of our Outpost line.
 Shelters erected in RESERVE TR.

John G. J. G.
 Brig.-General,
 Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

Brigade Headquarters
25th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 24. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 25. 4. 18OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Was active on back areas during the day. ALBERT was constantly shelled.

M.G's 4,000 rds. were fired on E.14.c. & E.3.d.

T.M's 15 rounds on S.P. in E.8.c.5.0.

Patrols. Moonlight made patrolling difficult. Coughing was heard in various places along enemy line. Snipers were active firing indirectly across NO MAN'S LAND and wounded one of our officers. (Patrol leader) The posts previously reported on Left Sector are still unoccupied. Enemy post at E.8.b.0.5. was apparently occupied.

Aircraft. The weather was unfavourable for active patrolling.

Sniping. 11 rds. were fired and five hits claimed at ranges from 80 - 200 yds. A dummy was displayed at E.14.a.3.7. but our snipers were not deceived.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Not so active as during previous 24 hours but rather persistent on E.12.b. & E.7.b.&c. A battery of Hows. on T.B. 115° - 119° from E.2.c.05.10. 77 mm's were firing on T.B's 127° - 130° from E.2.c.05.10. It has been noticed that enemy guns sound close up behind his line and our Outpost garrison consider that his Artillery is being pushed forward although they cannot locate them.

M.G's. Rather active at intervals during the night.

Aircraft. Very few enemy planes were seen.

Sniping. More active than usual firing across our Left Bn. Sector from E.8.b.3.3. & E.8.a.99.50. A sniper was located at E.14.a.4.2.

Flares. Were normal.

Movement. Head and shoulders were observed occasionally and the use of dark caps was noticed. Traffic on the roads in rear of ALBERT was heard.

Miscellaneous. Heavy smoke cloud at W.22.d.

WORKS REPORT

400 yds. of trench completely connected from E.2.c.0.5.00. & E.2.c.2.7.

Deepening trench in EMMA Line continued. Line deepened from E.7.d.6.6. to E.7.d.55.20.

180 yds. single concertina wire from approx. E.8.c.2.3. to E.8.c.3.5.

Single concertina wire from E.8.c.4.8. to E.8.a.5.2.

Shelters were erected in new posts E.8.c.3.9. and E.8.a.4.2.

W. H. H.
for
Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADESECRETBrigade Headquarters
28th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 25. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 26. 4. 18

OUR OPERATIONS. 23rd Bn. relieved the 24th Bn. in the Line Left on the night 25th/26th.

Artillery. Generally quiet except for harassing fire on enemy back areas.

M.G.'s. 4,000 rds. were fired.

T.M.'s. 35 rds. were fired and H.G. at E.8.c.8.1. was successfully engaged.

Patrols. Digging was in progress at approx. E.8.b.9.9. A small reconnoitring patrol encountered a hostile party between 30 and 50 strong at approx. E.8.d.central. Our men fired on enemy but it could not be observed whether casualties were inflicted.

Aircraft. The visibility was too poor for active patrolling.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery. Was not above normal but was active on E.1.c.8.d. and E.2.a. also ALBERT - AMIENS Rd. in E.7. This was continually harassed during the day with 10.8 cm. mostly from BEAULIE. D.12.b. was also shelled. During the afternoon enemy artillery searched the southern portion of Emma Tr. and PIONEER possibly to find our T.M.'s.

M.G.'s. During the moonlight these were very active sweeping across PO EAR'S LAPE. A M.G. previously reported at E.14.a.4.8. was again active. Our artillery were notified.

Aircraft. Only one or two enemy planes were seen and were driven off by our M.G. fire.

Sniping. Fairly active during the moonlight but inaccurate shooting is reported.

Flares. These were normal at all times.

Movement. Very little was seen in the forward areas but a fair amount of transport on roads in rear of ALBERT especially along ALBERT - BAPAUME Rd.

WORKS REPORT

Excavations for new Sn. H.Q. at V.30.b.0.1.

Excavations for R.A.P. at V.30.d.6.8.

30 yds. new S.I. to connect up the left of PIONEER Tr. with the forward line in E.2.a.3.0.

Improvements were made to Outpost Line by deepening and connecting.

John R. Jones
Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

Brigade Headquarters
27th April, 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

6 a.m. 26. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 27. 4. 18

OUR OPERATIONS. 21st Bn. relieved the 22nd Bn. in the line Right on the night 26th/27th. The 23rd Bn. relieved that part of the 14th Welsh Regt. S. of our new Northern boundary.

Artillery. Rather quieter than usual. The back areas and vicinity of ALBERT were shelled at intervals during the period.

M.G.'s. 2,000 rds. on E.14.b.8.3. & E.3.d.2.3.

Patrols. Our patrols were active but on the left nothing of the enemy was seen. At 1.30 a.m. 1 Off. & 5 men proceeded out from E.8.a.4.1. and worked along bank to approx. E.8.a.9.4. Whilst listening at this point a hostile party of 12 huns was seen coming towards our line from the gully. At about 200 yds. range our patrol opened fire with bombs, revolvers & rifles scattering the huns. Several were heard to cry out as though hit. Having expended all bombs and ammunition our patrol withdrew to our line. We suffered no casualties. The vicinity will be reconnoitred again this evening with a view to obtaining identification.

Aircraft. Very few planes were seen as weather conditions were unfavourable.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery. Less than usual. Harassing fire was directed on D.6.d. & D.12.a.8.b. Otherwise just light area shooting.

M.G.'s A M.G. fired intermittently from approx. W.27.central. Intermittent bursts were fired during the night, mostly from E.14.a.

Aircraft. None were seen.

Enemy Defences. New work at E.8.b.2.0.

Sniping. Rather active. A position at E.14.a.4.2. was shelled by our 18 pdrs. at 8 a.m. and again at 8 p.m.

Flares. Were quieter than usual.

Movement. The visibility was poor and very little movement was seen.

WORKS REPORT

R.A.P. at V.30.d.6.6. is now complete.

The Support Line in W.26.c. was deepened and shelters are being erected.

General improvements were made to the posts and trenches.

J. Owen
Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

Brigade Headquarters
28th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE8 a.m. 27. 4. 18 to 8 a.m. 28. 4. 18OUR OPERATIONS

- Artillery. At 8.40 p.m. a heavy bombardment on our left was heard. Harassing fire on usual targets was maintained throughout the day. H.S.d. received particular attention. It is reported that counter battery work on enemy guns in BELLEVUE PN. was not very effective.
- M.G.'s. Owing to the relief our M.G.'s did not fire.
- Patrols. A patrol of our Left Bn. when at approx. E.2.c.8.3. observed movement in front and challenged. It proved to be the enemy and one was secured and sent back under escort at 10.20 p.m. It is thought that there were only two though the other could not be found.
- Sniping. Our snipers fired one shot at head and shoulders in E.8.central. The man disappeared.
- Aircraft. A fair amount of flying was done while the visibility was good but later the conditions were not favourable. Each time our planes attempted to cross enemy lines they were heavily engaged by A.A. & M.G. fire.
- Our Defences. Two new posts were established at E.3.c.55.25. & E.2.c.60.45.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

- Artillery. Fairly active with harassing fire mostly scattered. Areas shelled were D.5.d., E.1.c., V.30.central, D.6.central, E.7.b., & D.12.b. A gun flash on a grid bearing of 89° from E.2.c.9.0. was observed. Guns from BELLEVUE PN. were active mostly 77 mm's and 10.5 cm's. (possibly gas)
- M.G.'s. A few ~~gas~~ shells were sprinkled along road in E.1.a.5.c. Quiet. Patrol reports gun at W.12.d.8.3. and another close to this position though it could not be located. A few rounds were fired at our planes from QUARRY W.27.c.2.8. and ORCHARD W.27.a.7.3. A few bursts were fired from E.14.a.
- Aircraft. Only a few enemy planes were seen.
- Sniping. A few shots were fired from enemy posts in E.8.central and one shot from a position in E.3.c.7.5.
- Flares. Just the usual white flares were fired.
- Movement. Although the visibility was fair throughout the day no movement was seen as enemy rarely exposes himself in the forward areas.

Identifications. A prisoner of the 24th E.I.R. 24th Reserve Div. (normal)

[Signature]
Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

Brigade Headquarters
29th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 28. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 29. 4. 18OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Active on back areas with harassing fire. A heavy bombardment was heard on our left at 8 p.m.

M.G's. Nil.

Patrols. Our front was actively patrolled but nothing of the enemy was seen. Traffic on the roads in the rear of ALBERT was heard especially about 11 p.m. A patrol encounter was heard at 11 p.m. on our right. Note This would possibly be the encounter which took place on the front of the Division on our right when two prisoners were taken.

Sniping. Our snipers fired two shots but as the targets were small no definite results are claimed.

Aircraft. Only occasional planes were over as the weather conditions were unfavourable.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Was fairly active but did not appear to be on any definite targets. Between 11 a.m. and 12 noon about 20 shells fell in LAVIEVILLE (10.5 cm.). The road junction in D.6.a. was shelled by 10.5 cm. at intervals during the day.

Gas. A few gas shells apparently phosgene fell at D.6.a.8.c. early this morning.

M.G's. Were fairly active and it was noticed that tracer bullets were used by the M.G. located at E.14.a. M.G's were active against our aircraft from E.2.d.9.8. and E.8.b.2.2. Another was active from approx. E.5.a.5.7.

Enemy Defences. It was observed that what appears to be an M.G. emplacement is located at W.27.c.8.8. and either an O.P. or an M.G. emplacement is at D.27.c.9.9. New earth can be seen at W.27.c.9.8. and W.27.c.9.9. A C.T. appears to run from W.27.d.5.9. to W.27.c.9.9.

Aircraft. Very few hostile planes were seen.

Sniping. A sniper was located at E.8.a.9.6.

Flares. Normal.

Movement. Limbers were seen on the road at W.30.c.30.05.

Miscellaneous. The body of the hum which was seen during the day at approx. E.8.a.8.0. was removed by the enemy during the previous night. This was apparently one of the casualties inflicted by our patrol.

John H. [unclear]
Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Appendix 3b

Brigade Headquarters
30th April, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE6 a.m. 29. 4. 18 to 6 a.m. 30. 4. 18OUR OPERATIONS.

- Artillery. Quiet during the day but more active towards the evening and early morning.
- T.M.'s. When our M.T.M.'s fired on enemy position in E.8.b. six huns ran to the rear.
- Patrols. Were active all night but nothing was seen of the enemy. M.G. fire interfered with our patrol at 11.30 p.m.
- Sniping. As movement was reduced to a minimum our snipers had very few targets.
- Aircraft. Planes were active all day patrolling over enemy lines. They were always engaged by M.G. & A.A. fire.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

- Artillery At 12 noon an enemy battery 10.5 cm. was active on V.30.d. from direction of BELLEVUE FM. At 12.30 p.m. another 10.5 cm. on a T.B. of 85° from V.29.d.35.15. Shrapnel was placed on D.5.a. & d. between 6 and 7 p.m. 8.35 p.m. a few salvos of 10.5 cm. along HENNECOURT - MILLENCOURT Rd. 7.30 p.m. area shooting in vicinity of V.30. 12.30 a.m. fairly heavy shelling in vicinity D.5.a. and V.29.c. 15 cm. apparently searching for batteries. No set plan was followed in enemy shooting and mostly 10.5 cm. were used occasionally 77 mm and 15 cm. 77 mm. 78°, 10.5 cm. 95° and 125°, 15 cm. 140°. T.B.'s from E.7.a.9.5.
- Gas. Approx. 50 shells on V.30. between 4.15 and 4.45 p.m. kind unknown.
- M.G.'s. Active against our planes from W.27.c.8.8. & SUNKEN RD. at E.5.b.3.2. M.G. at E.14.a. was again active.
- Aircraft. Fairly active. At 10 a.m. eleven hostile planes flew in a southerly direction. They were heavily engaged by M.G. & A.A. fire.
- Flares. Were normal but more numerous during our activity in the evening.
- Movement. 6 Huns seen on the road in E.5.c. entering what appeared to be trench in E.5.a. Considerable movement on road W.30.c.
- Miscellaneous. Propaganda Balloon fell on D.12.d. but no papers were attached. Another floated over our lines Southward 7 p.m. Train whistles were heard in rear of MEAULIE during the night.

John H. Jones
Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT - APRIL 1918.

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The Battalion moved South early in the month and, after a few days preparatory rest, proceeded to the Forward Area and took over a Sector of the Line, in the LAVIEVILLE-MILLEN COURT Area (near ALBERT).

The troops were in good spirits on going forward, but they have spent a very trying month since in the Front Line and Supports.

Casualties have been numerous. The approximate totals are as under.-

	Off.	O.R.
Killed.	1	10
Missing.		2
Wounded and Gassed, Died of Wounds, and Injured.	2	88
Hospital Cases.		80.
	3	180.

Personnel and Reinforcements received from Base are of a good type, and, for the month, totalled.-

6 Officers. 60 Other Ranks.

ABSENTEES. Absence without leave has been too prevalent of late. In many cases they are old offenders whom the Battalion would be well rid of, as they give the Unit a bad name, and have an injurious effect upon newcomers. In most cases they generally succeed in enticing one or two other new offenders to go with them. In many cases these men are good soldiers with excellent records previously, but being of an impulsive temperament and easily led, they are enticed from their duty by the tales of good times in store which the old absentees relate to them.

For the month twenty five men have been punished for this offence and several are at present awaiting trial by Field General Court Martial.

SUPPLIES. The general supplies have been up to the standard of the past, and the men greatly appreciate the issues of Cigarettes, etc., (which supplement the weekly issue), provided from Regimental Funds, or through the courtesy of the Y.M.C.A., and Australian Comforts Fund.

CANTEEN. The Canteen has been able to send Stores forward when the Bn has been in Support, and these have been disposed of under Company arrangements.

V.D. Venereal Cases have been practically nil for the month - only one case being reported. (Origin - English Leave.).

ACCIDENTAL INJURIES. For the short period under review Self-Inflicted Wounds and Accidental Injuries have occurred too frequently.

A number of men are awaiting Court Martial for this offence.

BATHS, CLOTHING. Arrangements were made on several occasions for a change of underwear for the troops. Bathing and Foot-washing Parades were carried out when possible, but Units in the Forward Area are certainly at a great disadvantage in this respect, where the only facilities available are those of their own contrivance.

The clean clothes and an opportunity to bathe are greatly appreciated by all on relief from the Front Line.

PROMOTIONS. Appointments and Promotions of N.C.O.s have been numerous of late owing to the casualties sustained recently by the Non-Commissioned Ranks. All the men recently promoted are tried soldiers and should carry out the duties of their new ranks in a manner thoroughly in accordance with our traditions in the past.

RECOMMENDATIONS. Two Other Ranks were recommended for bravery, during April, in connection with a raid that took place against the enemy. They were awarded respectively the Military Medal and a Bar to the Military Medal. This is the first Bar to the M.M. won in the Unit.

Considering the many adverse circumstances, the general health, spirits, and confidence of the troops are of a high standard.

All are content with the promise of a change at an early date, and, without doubt, a short rest would be most beneficial to all concerned.

B. Duggan Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT - APRIL 1918.

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- 1st April. Transport Section packed ready for the forthcoming move.
- 2nd. Early in the morning six limbers left for the CATACOMBS to assist in the Battalion move from there at 6 a.m. These limbers then returned to Transport Lines and were loaded again. Cookers were filled and then despatched to meet the Battalion at the Embussing point, so that the troops could be supplied with a hot meal before moving off. Cookers then returned to Lines. The whole of the Battalion Transport left Romarin at 1.30 p.m. en route for METEREN, arriving there at 4 p.m.
- 3rd. Transport remained at METEREN.
- 4th. At 1.30 p.m. Transport left METEREN for CAESTRE, where entrainment took place one hour previous to the Battalion. All entrainment was completed within one hour of arriving at entraining point without any hitch. Train left CAESTRE at 6 p.m.
- 5th. Arrived at St ROCHE (Amiens) at 6 a.m. where Battalion and Transport detrained. Transport moved off in rear of the Unit at 8 a.m., passing the Battalion at first halt, and arriving at COISY at 2 p.m. Unit rested here for the night.
- 6th. At 7 a.m. half of Transport left COISY, remainder were employed in transporting Bn Packs, Valises, Etc., to Kit Store at VAUX-EN-AMIENOIS. The remainder of Transport left COISY at 12.30 p.m. and arrived at MONTIGNY at 4 p.m. Cookers, which had travelled with Forward Party, were then sent to meet the Battalion on the Road. Two limbers with rations and a water cart were also sent. Troops were supplied with hot tea for their mid-day meal. This portion of the Transport afterwards moved forward with the Unit and gave the troops another hot meal at 4 p.m., consisting of stew and tea, before they went into the line. Rations limbers and Cookers then moved forward and took up positions allotted to them whilst the Bn was in line. It had been arranged for Guides to meet them in LAVIEVILLE. On entering the village Transport was heavily shelled - one man being killed. Cookers then proceeded to HENENCOURT without meeting guides and from thence to MILLENCOURT, where it had been arranged for Cookers to stay, but on enquiries being made it was found that this village was not the appointed place. Transport then returned to HENENCOURT, and, as this place was the most central, rations were left here and billets found for the cooks. The weather during this move was most unfavourable, as, during the afternoon, it (T rained steadily nearly all the time. Cooks were left in HENENCOURT with instructions to find their Companies early in the morning.
- 7th. The horses were brought back to their lines, getting there at 4 a.m. During the afternoon the Cookers were moved to their present position and rations taken there the same day. 3 Limbers were also sent forward to the Brigade Ammunition Dump loaded with S.A.A., Bombs, etc., for emergency purposes. These teams are kept ready harnessed during the night, and remain in proximity to the Dump all the time the Battal Brigade is in the Forward Area.
- 8th/9th/
10th/11th. During this period rations were transported forward to Cookers which were stationed in the Valley at rear of LAVIEVILLE.
- 12th. At 2 a.m. a limber left Cookers to take hot food forward to men in the Front Line. All limbers were engaged in salvaging French property from the village of LAVIEVILLE and transporting it to the French Mission for safe keeping.
- 12/13/14th. Limbers left cookers at dusk to take rations and food to the Line. The front portion of the cookers also went forward with these limbers. In addition to the above, 1 Limber left cookers at 2 a.m. each morning until the Bn was relieved from the line. On the night of 12th April 3 limbers were sent to remove valuable goods from HENENCOURT CHATEAU to the French Mission.
- 15/16/17th. During this period limbers went to Cookers only with rations. & 18th. 1 Limber reported to Cookers at 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. to take rations to Forward Company. On the night of the 17th the horse used by the Quartermaster was reported "Missing in Action." On the nights of 13th, 15th, & 17th six Pack Horses were sent to report to Brigade Dump to pack ammunition to front line.
- 19/20/21st Rations left Cookers at dusk for Forward Positions as mentioned & 22nd. for the nights of 12/13/14th. On the 19th these cookers & Limbers came under heavy shell-fire, and before reaching Bn Hqrs in Front Line a shell burst under the horses ridden by the Transport Sergeant and the Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant.

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Both the horses and both the N.C.O.s were wounded. The horses had to be shot as their wounds were too severe. The Transport Sgt was evacuated after handing over his supplies at Bn Hqrs.

On the 21st one horse was sent to Mobile Veterinary Section. During this period 1 limber reported at 2 a.m. daily as before.

23/24/25th & 26th. For these four days the limbers went as far as the Cookers only and left rations there. On the return journey salvage was brought back from the Forward Area. 1 limber reported at 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. each day to take rations up to Forward Company.

27/28/29th & 30th. Limbers went forward at dusk to Battalion in Line, plus 3 Cookers. 1 Limber reported at 2 a.m. each morning to convey hot food forward. During the night of 26th/27th April one limber stationed at Brigade Dump, (as per report for 7th inst), was stolen from the lines with its full complement of ammunition. The person or persons responsible are unknown.

GENERAL.

During the month several Limbers had to report to the Engineers to cart material for Working Parties in the Forward Area. Local work was also done both for Battalion and Brigade, e.g. - collecting mail, canteen stores, etc., and conveying packs of men and Officers' Valises to and from VAUX-EN-AMIENOIS (Kit Store).

2 Water Carts were permanently employed whilst the Unit was in the Forward Area in carting water from WARLOY for the use of the Cookers. Commencing on the 8th inst., they carted three loads per diem.

(Signed.) C.H. Miller,

30th April 1918.

Lieutenant,
Transport Officer, 21st Bn. A.I.F.

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QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT - APRIL 1918.

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This report is compiled in conjunction with Transport Officer's Report, and should be read as supplement to the same, in matters that concern the Q.M.'s branch.

From the period commencing on 6th April 1918 Rations were delivered to Q.M. Store by 2nd Line Transport. This was done in order to have a reserve supply of rations loaded ready for instant transport in case of a hurried move. On 6th April Battalion moved to Support Area in vicinity of LAVIEVILLE. Cookers were taken to gully in rear of the village. From this point hot meals could be served to the troops daily. Cocoa, milk, and biscuits (the gift of Aust. Comforts Fund and Y.M.C.A.) were sent up at 3 a.m. in fore part of Cookers. This food arrived hot and was served to the men at about time for "Stand To".

Emergency Cookers were made at R.Q.M. Store from Sawdust and M.B.O. These were an addition and filled the gap in shortage of solidified alcohol ORDNANCE. Was Established a Refilling Point at Rear Bde Transport Lines, delivering by Motor Lorry daily. This was an asset, as transport was taxed, in taking rations forward and teams and limbers being detailed for duty at Bde Ammunition Dump. Rations were taken forward daily by limbers and, though under heavy fire on more than two occasions, arrived at their destination in good order and condition.

30th April 1918.

(Signed.) L.R. BROOKES,
Hon. Lieutenant & Quartermaster,
21st Battalion A.I.F.

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WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURNS.

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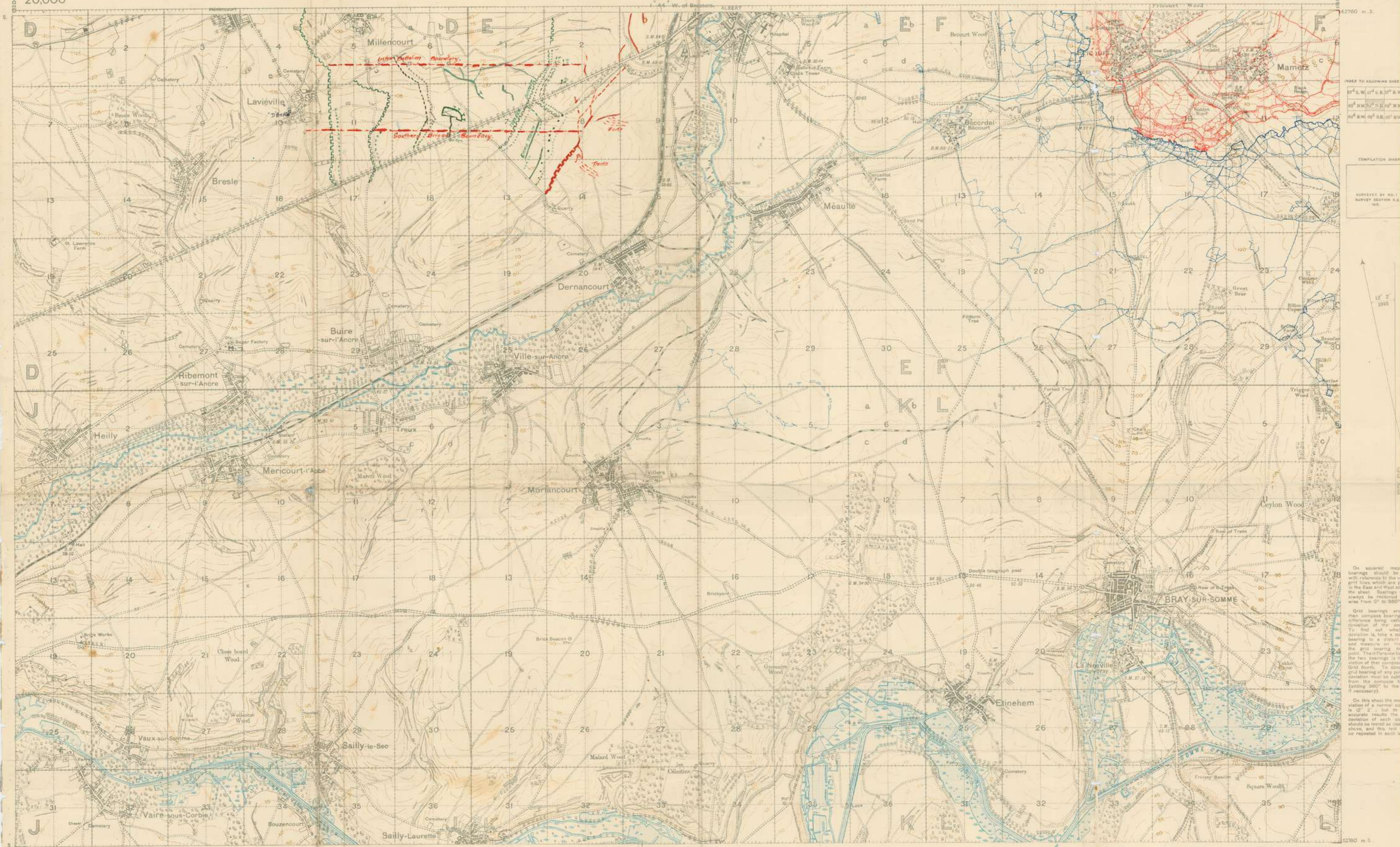
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		<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
6.4.18.	Effective Strength.	39.	893.
	Attached.	1.	2.
	Detached.	4.	43.
13.4.18.	Effective Strength.	38.	859.
	Attached.	1.	2.
	Detached.	13.	254.
20.4.18.	Effective Strength.	37.	850.
	Attached.	1.	2.
	Detached.	10.	235.
27.4.18.	Effective Strength.	41.	803.
	Attached.	1.	1.
	Detached.	11.	230.

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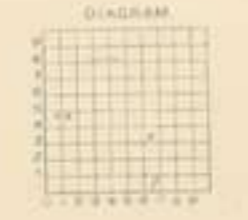
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- Any trench apparently organized for line
 - Other Trenches
 - Trenches (important ones are shown by thick line, Old or disused by dotted line)
 - British Trenches
 - Wire Entanglement or Other Obstacles
 - Enemy's Tracks
 - Buried Pipeline or Cable
 - Airline
 - Supply Dumps
 - Communication
 - Earthworks
 - Dug-outs
 - Huts
 - Works reinforced by concrete
 - Gun Emplacements
 - Machine Gun
 - French Mortar
 - A.A. Gun
 - Observation Posts
 - Lighting Posts
 - Ordnance
 - Fortified
 - Organized Obel Holes

- REFERENCE
- Hedge, Fence or Ditch
 - Ditch with Permanent Water
 - Conspicuous Points (Position of point is centre of circle, dot shows that point is trigonometrically fixed)
 - Houses
 - Permanent
 - Temporary
 - Light
 - Trench Framework
 - Main Gauge Railway
- NOTE - The fact that an obstacle is not represented on the map does not necessarily mean that there is none there. The same applies to the length of obstacles or to the nature of their structure. It may be assumed that there are obstacles in front of all line trenches (shown by thick line).

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE USE OF THE SQUARES.

- The large rectangles on the map lettered D, E, F, etc., are divided into squares of 1,000 yards side, which are numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. Each of these squares is subdivided into four minor squares of 500 yards side. These minor squares are considered as lettered a, b, c, d. (See Square No. 6 in each rectangle). A point may thus be described as lying within Square B.6, M.5.5, etc.
- To locate a point within a small square, consider the side divided into tenths, and subdivide the point by taking so many tenths from W. to E. along Southern side and so many from S. to N. along Western side, the S.W. corner always being taken as origin, and the distance along the Southern side being always given by the first figure. Thus the point Z would be 65 . i.e. 6 divisions East and 5 divisions North from origin.
- When more accurate definition is wanted (on the 1:20,000 or 1:10,000 scales) use exactly the same method, but divide sides into 100 parts and use four figures instead of two. Thus 0847 denotes 08 parts East and 47 parts North of origin (see point X). Point Y is 6503.
- Use 0 but not 10, use other two or four figures, do not use fractions. (E.g. 4.5).

CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 METRES.



ALL HEIGHTS IN METRES

Ordnance Survey (O.S.) Maps, 1916

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TABLE FOR CONVERTING METRES TO FEET.

METRES	FEET	METRES	FEET	METRES	FEET
0	0	10	32.8	20	65.6
1	3.3	11	36.1	21	68.9
2	6.6	12	39.4	22	72.2
3	9.8	13	42.7	23	75.5
4	13.1	14	46.0	24	78.8
5	16.4	15	49.2	25	82.1
6	19.7	16	52.5	26	85.4
7	23.0	17	55.8	27	88.7
8	26.2	18	59.1	28	92.0
9	29.5	19	62.4	29	95.3
10	32.8	20	65.6	30	98.6
11	36.1	21	68.9	31	101.9
12	39.4	22	72.2	32	105.2
13	42.7	23	75.5	33	108.5
14	46.0	24	78.8	34	111.8
15	49.2	25	82.1	35	115.1
16	52.5	26	85.4	36	118.4
17	55.8	27	88.7	37	121.7
18	59.1	28	92.0	38	125.0
19	62.4	29	95.3	39	128.3
20	65.6	30	98.6	40	131.6
21	68.9	31	101.9	41	134.9
22	72.2	32	105.2	42	138.2
23	75.5	33	108.5	43	141.5
24	78.8	34	111.8	44	144.8
25	82.1	35	115.1	45	148.1
26	85.4	36	118.4	46	151.4
27	88.7	37	121.7	47	154.7
28	92.0	38	125.0	48	158.0
29	95.3	39	128.3	49	161.3
30	98.6	40	131.6	50	164.6
31	101.9	41	134.9	51	167.9
32	105.2	42	138.2	52	171.2
33	108.5	43	141.5	53	174.5
34	111.8	44	144.8	54	177.8
35	115.1	45	148.1	55	181.1
36	118.4	46	151.4	56	184.4
37	121.7	47	154.7	57	187.7
38	125.0	48	158.0	58	191.0
39	128.3	49	161.3	59	194.3
40	131.6	50	164.6	60	197.6
41	134.9	51	167.9	61	200.9
42	138.2	52	171.2	62	204.2
43	141.5	53	174.5	63	207.5
44	144.8	54	177.8	64	210.8
45	148.1	55	181.1	65	214.1
46	151.4	56	184.4	66	217.4
47	154.7	57	187.7	67	220.7
48	158.0	58	191.0	68	224.0
49	161.3	59	194.3	69	227.3
50	164.6	60	197.6	70	230.6
51	167.9	61	200.9	71	233.9
52	171.2	62	204.2	72	237.2
53	174.5	63	207.5	73	240.5
54	177.8	64	210.8	74	243.8
55	181.1	65	214.1	75	247.1
56	184.4	66	217.4	76	250.4
57	187.7	67	220.7	77	253.7
58	191.0	68	224.0	78	257.0
59	194.3	69	227.3	79	260.3
60	197.6	70	230.6	80	263.6
61	200.9	71	233.9	81	266.9
62	204.2	72	237.2	82	270.2
63	207.5	73	240.5	83	273.5
64	210.8	74	243.8	84	276.8
65	214.1	75	247.1	85	280.1
66	217.4	76	250.4	86	283.4
67	220.7	77	253.7	87	286.7
68	224.0	78	257.0	88	290.0
69	227.3	79	260.3	89	293.3
70	230.6	80	263.6	90	296.6
71	233.9	81	266.9	91	300.0
72	237.2	82	270.2		
73	240.5	83	273.5		
74	243.8	84	276.8		
75	247.1	85	280.1		
76	250.4	86	283.4		
77	253.7	87	286.7		
78	257.0	88	290.0		
79	260.3	89	293.3		
80	263.6	90	296.6		
81	266.9	91	300.0		

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