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21ST AUST. INF. BATTN ORDER NO 167

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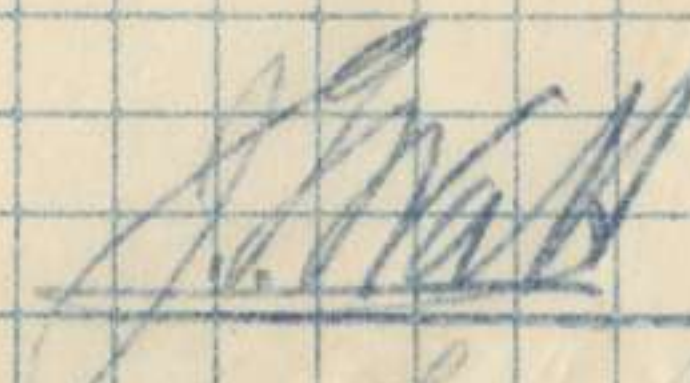
17th Aug 1918

- (1) The 21st H.I. Bn will be relieved by the 5th BORDER Regt. on night of 18/19th August.
- (2) On relief the Bn will move by BUS from W.11C87 to VECQUEMONT AREA.
- (3) TRANSPORT will move by in daytime on 18th inst but will not enter VECQUEMONT before 3 pm.
- (4) The NUCLEUS Personnel will rejoin the Bn on the afternoon of the 19th inst.
- (5) All marked MAPS, Intelligence French Stores, Bombs, SAA. (less 120 rounds per man) will be handed over to the incoming UNIT. and Receipts in TRIPLICATE obtained. RECEIPTS to be forwarded to Bn H.Q. by 1 pm 19th inst.
- (6) LIEUT. R. K. BAZLEY MC will act as EMBUSING OFFICER & will report to LT. FETHERS MC. at W.11C87 at 1030 pm together with INCO from each Coy and H.Q.

- (7) On relief the Bn will rendezvous at W.12 b 73 where further instructions will be issued.
- (8) Special ORDERS for A and C Coy will be issued later.
- (9) MAJOR A. R. MACNEIL MC will arrange for a FORWARD PARTY of 10 officers + 1 OR. per Coy + H.Q. from Transport Lines to meet Staff Capt. at Area Commandant's office VECQUEMONT at 12 NOON 18th. This party will meet Bn at DEBUSING point and guide Coys to Billeto.
- (10) LEWIS GUNS will remain with units & be carried on the BUSSES.
- (11) Completion of relief will be wired to Bn H.Q. & notified by stating Coy Cmdr's name.
- 12 ACKNOWLEDGE:-

Distribution

- 1-4 Coy
- 5 Rear Hq.
- 6-7 War Diary
- 8 BDE
- 9 5th Border Regt.


Lt + Adjt

S E C R E TCOPY NO. 1SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 175

Ref. Map Sheet 62.D. 1/40,000

17th August, 1918

1. The 2nd Aust. Divn. (less Artillery) is being relieved by the 32nd Divn. (less Artillery) in "B" Divnl. Sector and area between 17th and 19th August, 1918.
The 5th & 7th A.I.Bdes. are being relieved in Reserve Left and Right by the 96th & 97th Inf. Bdes. respectively on the night 17th/18th August.
2. The 6th A.I.Bde. will be relieved by portions of the 96th and 97th British Inf. Bdes. on the night 18th/19th August in accordance with attached table.
On relief the Bde. will move by bus from W.11.c.8.7. to VECQUEMONT Area.
4. For the purposes of this move the 6th Bde. Group will consist of the following units.-
 6th A.I.Bde. Units.
 5th M.G.Coy.
 7th M.G.Coy.
 6th Field Coy.
 6th Field Ambulance
5. Transport of units will move in daytime on 18th August.
6. Each unit of the Bde. Group will send an Officer to the embussing point at W.11.c.8.7. to meet Lieut. C.D. FETHERS, M.C. the Brigade Embussing Officer at 10.30 p.m. on 18th inst.
Capt. SELLECK will be debussing Officer at destination.
7. The Bde. Nucleus Personnel will rejoin their units, moving as a Bde. Unit from present position at 2 p.m. on 19th inst.
8. All marked Maps, Air photos, Intelligence connected with the area, Area and Trench Stores will be carefully handed over and receipts in duplicate will be forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs. within 24 hours of relief.
9. Command of the sector will pass to G.O.C. 96th and 97th Inf. Bde. on completion of relief.
10. Completion of relief will be wired in code to Bde. Hdqrs.
11. Bde. Hdqrs. will close at W.18.c.6.6. on completion of relief and reopen at VECQUEMONT CHATEAU at same time.

A c k n o w l e d g e .-

Issued to Signals at.....

Distribution.-

1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd "
3. 23rd "
4. 24th "
5. 6th T.M.Bty.
6. 5th A.M.G.Coy.
7. 7th A.M.G.Coy.
8. 6th Fld. Engrs.
9. 6th Fld. Amb.
10. G.O.C., Bde. Snipers
11. Bde. T.Offr.
12. " Sig. Offr.
13. " I.O.
14. " Gas Offr.
15. " Bomb Offr.
16. " Q.M.

17. Q.M. 21st Bn.
18. " 22nd "
19. " 23rd "
20. " 24th "
21. C.O., Nucleus
22. G.O.C.
23. Bde. Major
24. S.Captain
25. M.G.Group
26. Right Group Arty.
27. Left. " "
28. 4th A.I.Bde.
29. 14th A.I.Bde.
30. 2nd Aust. Divn.

*W. J. Sale*Captain,
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

31. 96th Inf. Bde.
32. 97th Inf. Bde.
33. 16th A.A.S.C.
34. War Diary
35. " "
36. File
- 37.- 40 Spares.

P.T.O.

RELIEF AND MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 6th A. I. BDE. ORDER No. 175

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Date Night	Unit .-	To be relieved by .-	On Relief		Remarks.-
			Embuss at.-	Debuss at.-	
18th/19th	21st Bn.	5th Border Regt.	W.11.c.8.7. Facing East.	N.6.d.5.4. Facing West	On debussing will be met by guides and taken to billeting Area.
-do-	22nd Bn.	2nd K.O.-Y.L. Inf.	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	23rd Bn.	2nd Manchester Regt.	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	24th Bn.	10th A. & S. Highlanders	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	Portion of 96th & 97th L.T.M. Bty.	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	Bde. H.Q.	Portion of 96th & 97th B.H.Q.	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	7th M.G. Coy.	"C" Coy. 32nd M.G. Bn.	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	5th M.G. Coy.	M.G. Coy. of 96th Inf. Brigade	-do-	-do-	-do-
-do-	6th Fld. Amb.	91st Field Ambulance	-do-	-do-	-do-

NOTES: Brigade Snipers will be attached to Bde. Hdqrs. for purpose of move.

6th Field Coy. A.E. will move by march route direct to VECQUEMONT Area. on 18th inst.

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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No. 50

Brigade Headquarters
17th August, 1918.Administrative Memo to accompany 6th A.I.Bde. Order 175
Ref. Map Sheet 62.D. 1/40,000

1. SUPPLIES (a) Supplies on 18th will not be delivered to present Q.M. Stores but Q.M's will send a representative to 16th A.A.S.C. lines O.15.b.3.7. at 3 p.m. on 18th inst., where rations will be taken over and then delivered to new locations.
(b) Details rationed by Brigade H.Q. will draw rations for 19th inst. early on that morning from Bde. H.Q. CHATEAU, VECQUEMONT.
(c) Rum will be drawn with rations on 18th inst.
(d) Supplies on 18th inst. for consumption on 20th will be drawn by Nucleus in the usual way. Units will arrange to ration their own Nucleus personnel from 21st inst.
2. BAGGAGE WAGONS. One baggage wagon is already with each unit. Capt. T.B. FARRELL, M.C. will arrange with Q.M's direct re the second wagon. If this is not required, it can be used to lift Bn. packs and surplus stores at LAMOTTE.
3. BILLETING PARTIES (a) The usual billeting parties will meet the Staff Captain at Area Commandants Office VECQUEMONT 12 noon on 18th inst. Officers in charge of parties to have unit strengths.
(b) Each Transport section will send a mounted N.C.O. or man to meet Staff Captain as per para (b) to act as guide to their own section.
4. MOBILE ECHELON. Lieut. HISLOP on handing over will move (with full echelon) independently to VECQUEMONT. Each man will carry out of the line 120 rds. S.A.A.
5. TRANSPORT. First line transport will move independently but will not enter VECQUEMONT before 3 p.m. Units will make their own arrangements re movement of Cooker.
6. NUCLEUS. In accordance with the move of the Nucleus Bn. each Bn. will detail 2 limbers to report to Nucleus Camp at 1 p.m. on 19th instant to move baggage.
All tents and trench shelters will be dumped on a lorry route under a guard - Map location to be notified to Bde. H.Q. early so that arrangements can be made to have them moved.
7. REFITTING. The work of refitting and re-equipping will be commenced immediately.
8. ORDNANCE. Will remain at present location O.11.central. Units will draw by 1st Line Transport.
9. KITS. The present stores at ABBEVILLE will be moved and dumped at Bde. H.Q. VECQUEMONT at a time to be notified later.
Units will arrange to return to D.A.D.O.S. any Ordnance Stores which they no longer desire to retain.
Steps will be taken to forward all surplus kits to the A.I.F. Kit Store, London through the A.M.F.O.
It is of the utmost importance that units remain mobile with existing transport.
10. LEWIS GUNS. These will remain with units and be carried on the Busses.
11. BATHS. Location and allotment will be notified later.

A c k n o w l e d g e . -

Distribution as per
Bde. Order No. 175.A. G. Brown Captain,
Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Appendix A. Information received with 40 to 60/15.

by 22nd Battalion	Relayed by Coy 10/15	Notes
to boy & elements of to boy 22nd Bn	15	one right second column there between X12 608 & 609 X12 608 & 609.
to boy & elements of A boy & elements of B boys elements of to boy 10/15	16	one left X12 608 & 609 (exclusive) to X12 25
Main Battalion of to boy 10/15	17	upward line between X12 608 - X12 609
to company in position	18	Revised line between X12 608 & X12 609.

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22nd Battalion Operation Order No 60/18.

Ref. Thub. 62 DSE 720,000.

19 8 18

- 1 The 22nd Battalion is being relieved in the line by the 2nd K.O.Y.L. Inf. on the night of the 18th 19 the inst.
- 2 Dispositions:- as Appendix A.
- 3 Guides:- Guides as under will report to Batta HQ by 8.30 p.m.
 - A Coy 2 guides, [1 per platoon] and Coy HQ.
 - B Coy 3 guides, [1 per platoon and Coy HQ.]
 - D Coy 5 guides, [1 per platoon and Coy HQ]
 - E Coy 2nd Bn. 5 guides, [1 per platoon and Coy HQ]
- 4 On relief companies will rendezvous at Cooks at 10 5 694.
- 5 Embussing: After having meal companies will move to W 11 C 87 where they will embuss for VECQUEMONT. Lieut. J. W. Barracks MC will act as embussing officer.
- 6 All trench stores maps, aeroplane photographs etc will be handed over and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Bn HQ. by morning of the 19th.
- 7 Completion of relief will be word to Batta HQ as follows:-
 - A Coy AXLE
 - B " CART
 - C " DRAY
 - E Coy 2nd Bn. FIRE
- 8 Covering Parties:- Co. E boys will be responsible that the necessary papers are passed forward to cover the relief. Password WASTEEN.
- 9 Each man will move out with 120 rounds SAA, extra SAA & bombs will be dumped and receipts obtained.
- 10 Heavy Guns will be dumped at QUARRY X 4 A 8 2.
- 11 Acknowledg.

[Signature]
 Capt. J. G. Gault
 22nd Bn A.I.F.

Distribution

- | | | |
|--------|----|--------------|
| Coy No | 1 | 21 |
| | 2 | 2nd Bn |
| | 3 | HQ |
| | 4 | ABC D Coys |
| | 5 | E Coy 2nd Bn |
| | 6 | 23rd Bn |
| | 7 | 24th Bn |
| | 8 | 21st Bn |
| | 9 | 1st Bn |
| | 10 | 2nd K.O.Y.L. |

At		m.	Service.	From
To				
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By
TO <i>B.C. A Coy</i>				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
* <i>188</i>	<i>18</i>			

*Have order brought - The CO
23rd division, you will be able
to get out about dusk - I
will have your cooker with
evening meal ready at the
place of rendezvous W12473
Will please make every
effort to bring out all
water bottles issued
for the stunt - These are
bottle stores have to be
returned.*

From		
Place	<i>11 am</i>	
Time		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)
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* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
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TO <i>B.C. A Coy</i>				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
* <i>189</i>	<i>18</i>			

*The CO 22nd division that
it will be necessary for
you to remain with the
Bn until relieved & is
arranging for you to move
back with him - I am
arranging for your cooker
to be with them & the same
feeding arrangements -
I have been with
Will have guides to meet
you at debussing point
to guide you to billets*

From		
Place	<i>11 am</i>	
Time		
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SPECIAL ORDER

By Lieut.-Gen. Sir John MONASH,
K.C.B., V.D.,

Commanding AUSTRALIAN Corps.

The following messages are published for the information of all ranks:—

To Lieutenant-General Sir John MONASH from the Governor General of Australia.

"Heartfelt congratulations on glorious achievement by you and your gallant troops."

From Lieutenant-General Sir John MONASH to the Governor General of Australia.

"Your cablegram promulgated to all battle troops and received with grateful appreciation."

To Lieutenant-General Sir John MONASH from Right Honorable W. M. HUGHES, Prime Minister of Australia.

"Heartiest congratulations to yourself, officers and men of A.I.F. on their splendid achievements. Australia is indeed proud of you all and rejoices above all things that the casualties amongst our troops are so light."

John Monash

Headquarters,
Australian Corps.
August, 18th 1918.

Lieutenant-General.
Commanding Australian Corps.

A.I.F. P.S.—702—8-18.



SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

BY
GENERAL SIR H. S. RAWLINSON, BART.,
G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G.,
COMMANDING FOURTH ARMY.

I have much pleasure in forwarding the following message received from the Field-Marshal Commander-in-Chief for communication to all ranks.

H. S. Rawlinson
Genl.

Commanding Fourth Army.

HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY,
23rd August, 1918.

GENERAL SIR H. S. RAWLINSON, BT., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G.,
Commanding Fourth Army.

My warmest congratulations and thanks to yourself, your Staff, and all ranks under your command for the magnificent success recently gained by the Fourth Army. The brilliant manner in which the operation was prepared and successfully carried out, with comparatively small losses, by the III., Australian and Canadian Corps in conjunction with the Cavalry Corps, R.A.F. and Tank Corps, pays striking tribute to the skill of the leaders of all ranks and the bravery of the individual soldier, as well as to the high state of efficiency of the staffs and departmental services concerned. The gallant and skilful co-operation of the armoured cars and motor machine-gun batteries is worthy of the highest praise. Please convey to all ranks my appreciation and thanks.

D. HAIG, Field-Marshal,
Commander-in-Chief, British Armies in
France.

17th August, 1918.

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Fourth Army No. G.S.2/8.



Australian Corps.

I desire to express officially to all ranks of the Australian Corps my sincere appreciation of their splendid victory over the enemy on August 8th and the succeeding days.

The task that was allotted to them depended largely for its success on the element of surprise. The care that was taken prior to August 8th to camouflage the arrival of the Canadian Corps interfered to some extent with the Australian Corps' dispositions. In spite of this and other difficulties, the assembly of the Corps, the distribution of the tanks, and the disposition of a large force of heavy and field artillery, were accomplished by night without attracting attention.

From zero onwards everything went according to programme and without a hitch. It was no ordinary feat to win all the objectives allotted, to effect a penetration of 10 miles into the hostile position, and to reach the most distant objective half an hour before scheduled time.

The three points which I desire specially to eulogize are (1) the splendid gallantry and drive of the infantry, (2) the thoroughness and precision of the Staff work of the Corps, Divisions, and Brigades, and (3) the skill and rapidity with which the mobile artillery were brought forward in close support of the infantry for the attack of the more distant objectives.

I offer my heartiest congratulations and warm thanks to all ranks of the Australian Corps, though I feel that whatever words I may use all Australians realize that "Victory is her own reward". It was a splendid performance and as fine a feat of arms as any that even this war can produce.

B. Rawlinson

H.Q., Fourth Army,
16th August, 1918.

General,
Commanding Fourth Army.

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APPENDIX NO. LXIV.

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,
25th August 1918.

6th A.I. Brigade.

PARADE STATE FOR BDE CHURCH PARADE.
~~CONFIDENTIAL - NOT TO BE DISCLOSED~~

Hqrs.-	Off.	5	O.R.	53.
"A"Coy.-	"	3	"	58.
"B"Coy.-	"	5	"	52.
"C"Coy.-	"	3	"	51.
"D"Coy.-	"	4	"	64.
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TOTAL.-	"	20.	"	278.
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Lieutenant and Adjutant,
For C.O., 21st Battalion A.I.F.



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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SECRET.

21st Bn. ✓
22nd Bn.
23rd Bn.
24th Bn.
6th A.L.T.M. Bty.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. <u>505</u>
Date.....

Brigade Headquarters,
25th Aug. 1918.

WARNING ORDER.

tonight. The Brigade will stand by to move by Busses
Transport will move under Battalion
arrangements, and Mobile Echelon under Brigade arrangements.
Further instructions will follow.

R. H. H. H.
A/Bde. Major, 6th Aust. Infantry Bde. Capt.,



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SECRET.COPY NO.6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 176.Brigade Headquarters,
25th August, 1918.

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

1. 6th A.I. Bde. Group will move by bus tonight from present area and bivouac in squares R.7 and 13, and Q.12 and 18., as per attached table.
On completion of move the Brigade will come under the Commander of the 1st Aust. Divn.
On the night 26th /27th inst. Brigade will take over the front of the 3rd A.I. Brigade and portion of the 1st A.I. Bde.
On completion of this relief the 6th A.I. Bde. will revert to the command of 2nd Aust. Divn.
2. Lewis and Vickers Machine Guns will be carried in the busses.
3. First line transport will move independently by Unit arrangements as already ordered.
4. No definite nucleus personnel as per S.S. 135 will be left out of the line.
5. All Units of the Group will send an embussing officer to Bde. Headquarters to meet Lieut. BASTOW, (Brigade Embussing Officer) at 7 p.m.
6. Brigade Headquarters will close at VECQUEMONT at 7.30 p.m. and reopen at R.7.d.5.4. on arrival.

A c k n o w l e d g e.

Issued at

Distribution:-

1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd Bn.
3. 23rd Bn.
4. 24th Bn.
5. 6th T.M. Bty.
6. 6th Field Coy. A.E.
7. 6th Field Ambulance.
8. 5th A.M.G. Coy.
9. 7th A.M.G. Coy.
10. 2nd Aust. Divn.
11. 2nd A.M.G. Bn.
12. Bde. Snipers.
13. G.O.C.
14. Bde. Major.
15. Staff Captain.
16. Bde. Sig. Officer.
17. Bde. Transport Officer
18. Bde. Intelligence Officer

*H. de Wit*Captain.
A/Brigade Major, 6th A.I. Brigade.

19. 1st A.I. Bde.
20. 3rd A.I. Bde.
21. File.
22. War Diary.
23. " "
- 24-29 Spares.

MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 6th A.I. Brigade ORDER NO. 176.

Unit.	Embussing Point.	Time.	Debussing Place.	Remarks.
6th A.I. Bde. H.Q. & 6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	0.8.a.1.5. Facing East.	7.30 p.m.	Cross Roads Q.24.b.5.7. facing West.	Meet guides and march route to bivouac.
21st Bn.	do. do.	do.	do. do.	do. do.
22nd Bn.	250 yds. West of above point.	do.	do. do.	do. do.
23rd Bn.	500 yds. do. do.	do.	do. do.	do. do.
24th Bn.	750 yds. do. do.	do.	do. do.	do. do.
5th & 7th M.G. Coys.	1,000 yds. do. do.	do.	do. do.	do. do.
6th Fld. Coy. A.E.	1,150 yds. do. do.	do.	do. do.	do. do.
6th Field Amb.	1,500 yds. do. do.	do.	do. do.	do. do.

1. Embussing troops will be off road on Northern side by 7.15 p.m.
2. Movement after debussing is not to be in larger formation than platoons at 100 yds. distance.
3. Enemy is freely using mustard gas. Every precaution must be taken and guards mounted.
4. Brigade Snipers and Observers will move with Bde H.Q.

Code.....m.		Words	Charge.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions			
Sent			
Atm.		Service. Date.....	
To		From	
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer") By.....	
TO { All Coys & Hqrs. 9 AM & T.O			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
H 147		25	AAA
<p>WARNING Order. The Bn will stand by to move by Busses tonight. Transport will move under Battalion arrangements, and Mobile Echelon under Bde arrangements. Further instructions later. No officer or man is to leave the camp.</p>			
From			
Place 21st Bn			
Time 12.30pm.			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)	
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Order No. 1625. Wt. W3253/ P 511. 27/2 H. & K., Ltd. (E. 2634).

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Sent		Date.....	
At.....m.		Service.....	
To.....		From.....	
By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....	
TO <i>100%</i>			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	
*		In reply to Number.	
		AAA	
<i>Men for school</i>			
<i>Leaver & Long B</i>			
<i>will go on bus</i>			
<i>& will proceed to</i>			
<i>transport line</i>			
<i>which will be</i>			
<i>near Morecourt.</i>			
From <i>M2/B2</i>			
Place <i>M2/B2</i>			
Time <i>M2/B2</i>			
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(4715) Wt. W3253/P511 1,113,336 Shts. 2/18 C. & Co. (2634)			



Office of Origin and Service Instructions

Message is on A/C of

Sent

At m. Service

To Date.....

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") From

TO {

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

A B

B

C

Forward before moving
off certificate as per
Recent Bde order.
(as per attached)

From

Place

Time

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

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

(4715) Wt. W3253/P511 1,113,336 Shits. 2/18 C. & Co. (2634)

Sent

At m. Service

To Date.....

By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") From

TO {

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

Bn will be ready to
Embuss from 5-30pm today.

From

Place

Time

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

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

* This line should be erased if not required.

Order No. 1625. Wt. W3253/ P 511. 27/2 H. & K., Ltd. (E. 2634).

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions | The page is on a/c. y. | INCU. at.....

Handwritten notes on a piece of paper attached to the bottom right of the page, including the word "Hqrs" and a circled signature.

Appendix

Prefix.....	Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Reed. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions					Date.....
		Sent		Service.	From
		At	m.		
		To			
		By	(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....	

TO {	Boys Regt Q.M.		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA

All packs & surplus
 that will be dumped
 on A boys parade ground
 by 1 45 pm today.
 No Nuclear will be
 left out this time

From	J. H. B.
Place	
Time	
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All Coys.
 Coys will form up on
 A Coys parade ground ready
 to move off at 7 pm

1 Coach per Coy will go
 with Coachman - Coy Q.M.S.
 remaining coaches to remain
 with the Bn. & will report
 to transport on debussing
 Lt. Hardwick M.C. to report to
 Adjutant at once & will act
 as embarking officer

6-40 pm:

[Signature]

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Prefix <u>900</u> Code <u>CEPM</u> Words.....	From <u>RUDA</u>		At <u>2095</u> m.	
Charges to collect	By <u>Thurley</u>		To <u>25818</u>	
Service Instructions.		By.....		
Handed in at <u>RUDA</u>		Office <u>330P</u> m. Received <u>4P</u> m.		
TO	<u>all units</u>			
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number		AAA
<u>SC 212</u>	<u>20</u>			
<u>6th</u>	<u>A1</u>	<u>Bde</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>will</u>
<u>be</u>	<u>held</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>readiness</u>	<u>to</u>
<u>move</u>	<u>by</u>	<u>bus</u>	<u>from</u>	<u>5.30 PM</u>
<u>today</u>	<u>at</u>	<u>Probable</u>	<u>embussing</u>	
<u>point</u>	<u>O 8 A15</u>	<u>at</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>EDUILLOY</u>
<u>VILLERS</u>	<u>BRETONEUX</u>	<u>WARFUSSE</u>	<u>cross roads</u>	
<u>R2501</u>	<u>cross</u>	<u>roads</u>	<u>R20A95</u>	<u>Thence</u>
<u>along</u>	<u>PROYART</u>	<u>MORCOURT</u>	<u>road</u>	
<u>debussing</u>	<u>with</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>of column</u>	
<u>facing</u>	<u>west</u>	<u>at</u>	<u>O 24 B57</u>	<u>at</u>
<u>Guides</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>meet</u>	<u>column</u>	<u>from</u>
<u>1st</u>	<u>bus</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>conduct</u>
<u>parties</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>area</u>	<u>north</u>	<u>of</u>
<u>PROYART</u>	<u>at</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>of guides</u>	
<u>and</u>	<u>transport</u>	<u>later</u>		
FROM	<u>RUDA</u>			
PLACE & TIME				

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

SECRET.

21st BATTALION ORDER No. 168.

COPY No. 1

Ref. Map. 62C.1/40,000.

1. RELIEF. The 6th A.I. Brigade is relieving the 3rd A.I. Bde in the line tonight. Line runs from G.27.central. (Orchard Wood inclusive) to approximately M.9.c.0.0. *The 21st Aust. Bn will relieve the 10th Aust. Bn.*
2. DISPOSITIONS. The 24th Bn will be on the Right, the 22nd Bn in the Centre, 21st Bn on Left, and 23rd Bn in Support.
3. BOUNDARIES. 24th Bn. - South - East & West grid line between M.8. & M.14.
North - East & West grid line ~~between~~ through M.2.central
22nd Bn. - North - East & West Grid through G.32.central,
21st Bn. - thence to RIVER SOMME.
4. COMPANY DISPOSITIONS. "C" Coy Right - "B" Coy Centre - "A" Coy Left - "D" Coy in Support.
5. MOVE. The Battalion will move off at 5 p.m. in the following order - Hqrs, "A" "B", "C", & "D" Companies. Platoons at 50 Yards interval. The Unit will rendezvous for an hour in L.34. & R.4.
6. TRENCH STORES. Trench Stores, S.A.A., Maps, Etc., will be taken over and ^{three} copies of receipts forwarded to Bn Hqrs by noon 27th inst.
7. ADVANCE PARTIES. Advance Parties of 1 Officer & 1 N.C.O. & 1 Runner per Company, and Sgt McMahon, 2 Signallers, & 2 Runners from Hqrs will proceed forward at 2.15 p.m.
8. EVENING MEAL. Evening Meal at 4 p.m.
9. TRANSPORT. 1 L.G. Limber per 2 Companies will report at 4 p.m. Cookers will proceed with Companies.
10. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS. Bn Hqrs & R.A.P. will be at L.36.c.9.4.
11. GUIDES. Particulars of these will be notified later.
12. COMPLETION. Completion of Relief will be notified to Bn Hqrs by wire, using Coy Commander's surname.

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

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

Distribution, -

Issued by Runner at p.m. 26.8.18.

Copies to, -

1. File.
- 2/3. War Diary.
- 4/7. Coys.
8. Hqrs.
9. Bde.
10. 10th A.I. Bde.
11. T.O. & Q.M.
12. C.O.

Sent		Service.	Date.....
At	m.		From
To			
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....	

TO {	all boys		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
H152	26		

NCOs & O's detailed to attend schools will report to Sgt Drew at Trans. Lines forthwith. In addition you are allotted 3 vacancies for O's to be left at Trans. Lines as a nucleus reporting there forthwith. Nominal roll to be sent to this office by 2 pm.

From	
Place	H152
Time	11-50 a.m.
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To	From
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By
TO {	all boys
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.
* H111	26
In reply to Number.	AAA

Coy Com. to have lunch at once. report to the C.O. at Bonthor. at 12.30 pm. after ready to proceed for a reconnoissance. Horses have been ordered. Sheets 62 C N W & 62 S W to be carried.

From	
Place	11-50 a.m.
Time	
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C. *[Signature]*
D. *[Signature]*

To.....		From.....	
By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....	
TO {	all boys		
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
* H/16		26	AAA
boys to be ready to move at 6-15 pm			
A			
B			
C			
D			
From		Place	
Time			
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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 177.

Brigade Headquarters,
26th August, 1918.

Ref. Map. Sheets

62 D. 1/40,000.

62 C. 1/40,000.

HARBONNIERES 1/40,000.

1. The 6th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 1st Aust. Divn. in "C" Divisional Sector of the Corps front on the night 26th/27th inst. in accordance with the attached table.
2. Brigade Southern Boundary is an East-West grid line through M.8.c.0.0.
The Brigade Northern Boundary is the SOMME CANAL (inclusive).
The above are also North and South Divisional Boundaries.
The inter-battalion boundary between the 24th and the 22nd Bns. is an East-West grid line through M.2.central.
The inter-battalion boundary between the 22nd and 21st Bns. is an East-West grid line through G.33.a.0.0.
3. All marked maps, information connected with the area, S.O.S. rockets, etc., will be carefully taken over and receipts and summaries forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as early as possible.
4. Brigade Mobile Echelon is established at L.34.central.
5. Command of area will pass to G.O.C., 6th A.I. Bde., on completion of relief.
6. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters in code.
7. Brigade Headquarters is established at L.34.central.

A c k n o w l e d g e.

Issued to Signals at 6 p.m.

Distribution:-

1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd Bn.
3. 23rd Bn.
4. 24th Bn.
5. 6th A.L.T.M. Bty.
6. 6th Field Coy A.E.
7. 6th Field Ambulance.
8. M.G. Group.
9. 3rd A.I. Bde.
10. 1st A.I. Bde.
11. 1st Aust. Divn.
12. 2nd Aust. Divn.
13. 3rd Aust. Divn.
14. G.O.C.
15. B.M.
16. Staff Captain.
17. Bde. Sig. Officer
18. Bde. Bomb. Officer
19. Bde. Sniping Officer.
20. Group Artillery.
21. File.
22. War Diary.
23. " "
- 24-28 Spares.

Federick Lake

Captain.
A/Brigade Major, 6th A.I. Brigade.

RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY SIXTH A.I.BDE. ORDER No.177.

Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	In relief of.	H.Q. at.	Remarks.
Night August 26th/27th.	24th Bn.	Q.18.b.7.7.	Line Right.	Portion of 3rd A.I.Bn. " " 11th A.I.Bn.	Approx. M.7.b.&.d.	3 Coys in Line. 1 Coy. in Support.
do.	22nd Bn.	Q.12.d.4.8.	Line Centre	Portion of 11th A.I.Bn.	G.26.c.5.0.	do. do.
do.	21st Bn.	R.7.b.7.9.	Line Left.	10th A.I.Bn.	G.26.c.5.0.	do. do.
do.	23rd Bn.	Q.18.c.7.7.	Reserve L.34.b.&.d. and R.4.b.	Nil.	L.34.central approx.	
do.	6th A.L. T.M.Bty.	Q.7.d.5.4.	Line.	3rd A.L.T.M.Bty.	R.5.d.1.1.	4 guns to be taken over
do.	M.G.Group	R.13.c.5.2.	Line.	1 Coy. relieve 3rd M.G.Coy. 1 section relieves one section 1st M.G. Coy.	R.34.central.	

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APPENDIX NO. LXVIII.

21st Bn AIF
Intelligence Summary 27/8/18.

Operations

The 21st Bn relieved the
10th Bn AIF in the line. Relief
was completed without incident.
Line taken over on relief ran
as follows. G33620 G27034
G21d 85 to Tivoli Wood G21a

Throughout the night fighting
patrols were sent out to maintain
contact with the enemy who was
forced to yield ground
without encounter. By dawn
our line ran approx as follows
G34d 88 G29c 22 G23d 21.

Identifications 41 Dnr elements.

Enemy Operations. Enemy apparently
retiring towards Somme (East) as he
early gave ground at dawn.

Artillery action only spasmodic.
Other activity normal.

R. Bazley Lt Col
90/21 Bn

APPENDIX NO. LXIX.

To O. A. Coy

A patrol of 100 & 160 R went
out from G2 1703 at 1.30 am
and advanced toward Salmon
Woods. Five Scouts moved
at a distance of about 50 yds
ahead of the main extended
lines. When the main
body arrived within about
50 yds of the edge of the wood
three machine guns opened
on the party. At the same
time the scouts ran back
& reported. One scout
reached the left edge of the wood
saw his knees standing by a
tree. They fired at him & on his
returning the fire about a
dozen times ran back
a little way with a post
which opened fire with
a machine gun.

One light one of scouts reported
that they moved up the side
to a cross roads on edge of wood
there is a cross roads then a bank
covered with scrub. Scout let
first reached this bank to have
a look at a number of burrows
dug in it when the others
opened fire. 3 guns opened
fire. One on left one in
centre one on right.

One on right let it rip on
C. Is a 9-028-63-028-58

I had the platoon taking
cover in shell holes in
front of wood. On hearing the
scouts reports & in view of
the responsibility of going
forward without firing
as the were under heavy
fire from 3 guns I
decided to withdraw, this was
accomplished safely
3.50 am 27/8/18

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APPENDIX NO. LXIX.

Report from Lt. Dickson
7 Coy 21st Batta

10.11.1917

Report from Lt. Dickson
7 Coy 21st Batta

W. J. L. L. L.

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~~Report from~~
Report from H.H. Harvey
17 Coy. 21st Bn

M. J. L. L.
10th 17/10

27th NO BATTN. P.Q.
27/8/18.
owing Patrols will leave this front tonight.

TIME.	STRENGTH OF PATROL.	LEAVING AT.	RETURNING AT.	INSTRUCTIONS.
3.30 am to Dawn	1 Off. 6 OR 1 Lt. Gun B. boy	6.34 d 3.5	6.34 d 3.5	Reconnoitering Patrol. Move out in front along old trench locate M.G. post observe enemy movement.

Password **PLAYERS**
Please advise all concerned.
Acknowledge.

C. Coy
advised.
[Signature]

Distribution

Copy No 1 File
2/5 ABCD Cops.
6 Dist. Bn
7 24th Bn
8 6th Bde.

[Signature] Lt. J.O.
22nd Bn A.I.F.

[Signature]



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APPENDIX NO. LXXI.

Received 1 Row

87 1 R

Don 2/6/20

88/18

8th
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE
No. 6 N 11800
Date

Received from 21st Battl
10 prisoners (NCOs)

6² Brigade HQ

Rm. Cohen Sgt
in I.O.

28/8/18

21st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN.
No.
Date

Received from 21st Battl
38 prisoners

6² Brigade HQ

Rm. Cohen Sgt
10

28/8/18

21st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN.
No.
Date

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B55.

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Prefix DD Code 100 Words.....
 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
PRIORITY
 Handed in at RUDA Office 12.30 P. Received 1.5 P. m.

TO DOQA **APPENDIX NO. LXXII.**

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number.	AAA
<u>FS107</u>	<u>28</u>		
<u>DOWA</u>	<u>RUGA</u>	<u>is</u>	<u>moving</u>
<u>through</u>	<u>DOQA</u>	<u>at</u>	<u>a</u>
<u>time</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>be</u>	<u>arranged</u>
<u>between</u>	<u>CO's</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>DOQA</u>
<u>and</u>	<u>DOWA</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>DO DO</u>
<u>has</u>	<u>orders</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>push on</u>
<u>and</u>	<u>secure</u>	<u>bridge</u>	<u>head</u>
<u>at</u>	<u>FEVILLERES</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>After</u>
<u>passing</u>	<u>through</u>	<u>DORA</u>	<u>facting</u>
<u>as</u>	<u>subfront</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>be</u>

FROM
PLACE & TIME

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 Charges to Collect
 Service Instructions
 Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO (2)

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number.	AAA
<u>Responsible</u>	<u>for</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>line</u>
<u>South</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>canal</u>
<u>as</u>	<u>far</u>	<u>as</u>	<u>the</u>
<u>grid</u>	<u>running</u>	<u>last</u>	<u>and</u>
<u>work</u>	<u>through</u>	<u>M20 Central</u>	<u>and</u>
<u>M21 Central</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>be</u>
<u>press</u>	<u>through</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>be</u>
<u>dependent</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>circumstances</u>	<u>AAA</u>
<u>every</u>	<u>endeavour</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>be</u>

FROM
PLACE & TIME

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			By.....	To.....
Charges to Collect			By.....	
Service Instructions				
Handed in at.....			Office.....m. Received.....m.	
TO				
3				
* Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
made	by	CO	DOQA	
to	secure	MERTAUCOURT	WOOD AAA	
addressed	DOQA	repeated	DODA	
left	hang	Bdi	lyt	
groups	arbitration	AAA	DOQA	
acknowledged	✓B			
FROM		RUDA		
PLACE & TIME		12 15 PM		

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APPENDIX NO. LXXIII.Intelligence Summary.

Our Artillery Liaison maintained with covering Field Artillery who successfully engaged several targets asked for. Shooting was good on trenches in G 30 & Bulls Wood & Dugouts North of Wood.

Harassing fire on FRISE HERBECOURT MEREAUCOURT Wood & Areas H19 H25 during night.

T. Mortars No co-operation.

M. Guns Vickers moved forward in conjunction with Infantry. L. Guns fired on hostile MG & movement 3 men hit at G 30 a 3.3 approx.

Aerial Usual activity No Combats observed Contact planes.

Patrols Patrols were in contact with enemy throughout night and all points vacated were seized.

Sniping Many targets offered & shots exchanged. Man hit G 30 a 3.4 also one at G 29 b

Identification Wounded prisoner 148 Reg 41 Div Taken at G 30 b 9.5.

6 Coy 18 Regt 41 Div Shot at G29b.

Hostile Artillery Quiet throughout morning of 29th inst but activity increased towards evening principal areas being shelled were G27 G33 G28 a + c G34 a + c chiefly 10.5 cm + large proportion of Blue Cross Gas shell mixed with H.E.

Gully in G26 + 32 also received attention towards dusk.

Bulls Wood + Oval Wood shelled by 10.5 cm at 3 am.

Attitude Rearguard actions apparently retiring according to plan. Not showing a determined attitude to arrest our advance unless

Defences Holding temporarily tactical features to hold us up until ordered to retire or forced back.

M.Guns + Snipers Active enemy position in G29 b + d + 35d throughout day. Shooting poor.

Flares Normal until midnight, probably about this time enemy commenced his withdrawal.

Many "flare ups" seen behind enemy lines during night.

Aerial Very active several large flights of about a dozen over our lines during day.

Movement Much movement observed about Bullswood. This was successfully engaged by Artillery.

Moral. Attitude Rearguard action showing a determined attitude to arrest our advance at good defensive positions.

28-8-18.

B. Duggan Lieut Col
 CO 21st Bn AIF

APPENDIX NO. LXXIV.

To Major McNeel

A Coy are now disposed as follows:-
 2 Platoons on N & South Grid line
 running through G 29 Central
 (vide your instructions) - My right
 post is on the Road but there will
 be a V.G. between my right & your
 left.

Boy HQs + 1 Platoon in QUARRY.
 More detailed post References will
 follow.

As my phone has not yet been
 connected up would you please
 advise the G.O. that our wood is ours.
 I still make your ~~right~~ ^{left} post at
~~G 29~~ G 29 a 8.0 as I seem so far
 in front of it.

Have you any particulars re ration
 tonight -

27/8/18.

Guthrie Capt
 O.C. Coy

To O.C. T.B. Ref. 62° NW.
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Machine Gun. at G. 30 A 90-85
 and G 30 a 33 (overhead cover)
 French system from G 30 A 9.1
 to G. 30 B. 1.9 held strong

O.P. & Sumpers post G 29. B. 9.9

Machine Gun in Bulb. Wood about
 G. 29 D. 8.8.

O.P. G 30 A 50-55

4 Lits to date. Ackd 1st Lt.

1.40 pm

26 8/18

In touch with A Coy on Right

A Coy

Dispositions

J.S. 1

N^o 1 Post = G 29 a 9.5 } LT HARDWICK with
 2 = G 29 b 0.6 } N^o 2 Platoon (2 L.Gs).
 3 = G 29 b 0.7 }
 N^o 4 = G 29 b 05.65 }
 5 = G 29 b 1.8 } LT DICKSON with
 6 = G 23 d 1.2 } N^o 3 Platoon (2 L.Gs).

Coy HQs and Lt Brett with N^o 4 Platoon in
 reserve in QUARRY G 28 b 9.6

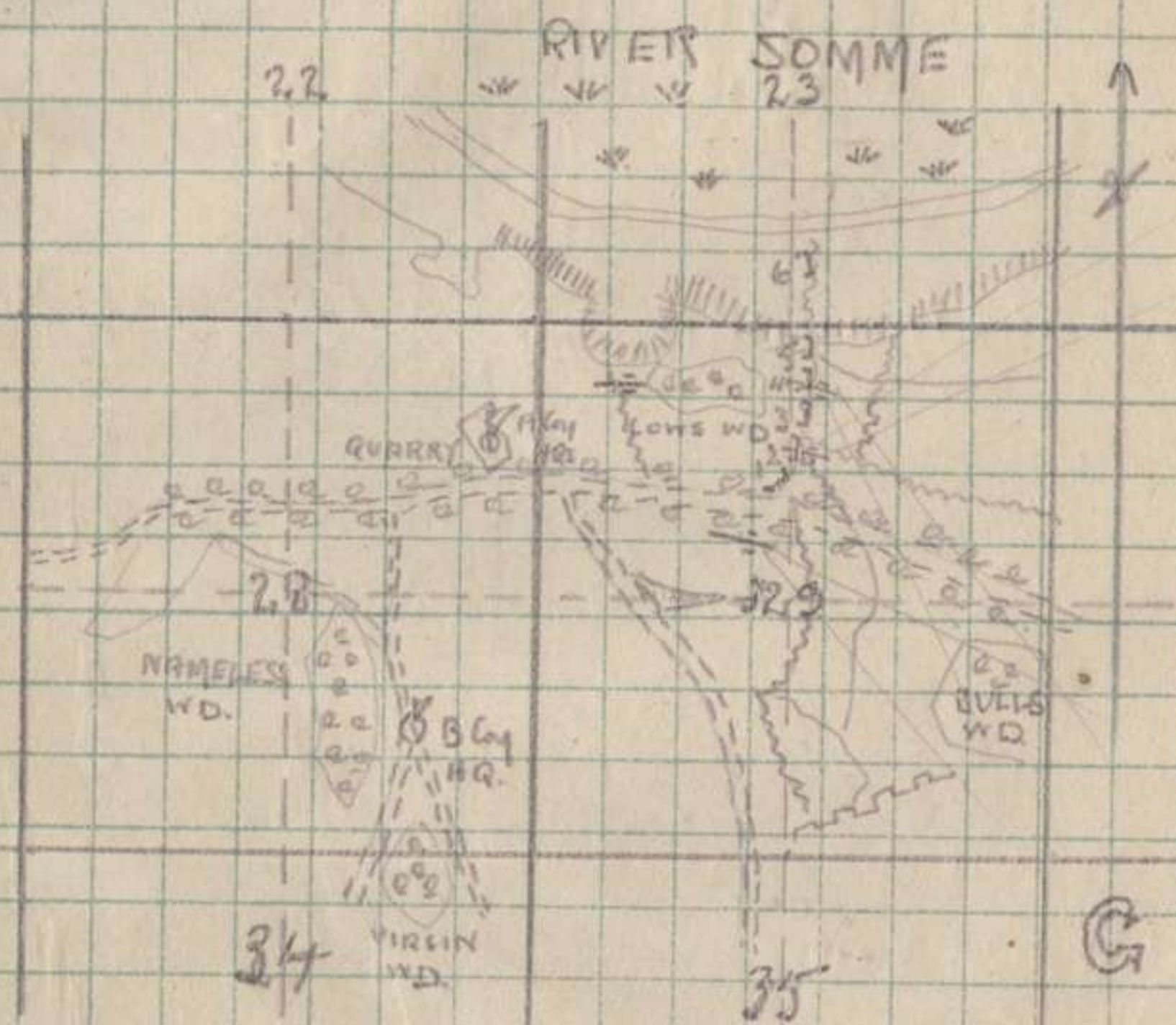
VICKERS GUNS. = (1) 29 b 05.25 - This gun
 has not yet been put in owing to visibility but
 at dusk with it will be established between
 A & B Coys to cover the gully. (2) 29 b 05.55
 (3) 29 b 10.80 (4) In trench on high ground
 at 29 a 30.80.

Distance between my Right & B Coys left
 approx 150' - It is well covered by fire
 from both companies.

620 M.M.

1/20,000

A Coy



27/8/15.

Sullivan Capt
 O. 6 A Coy

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Intelligence To S/1317.
 B Coy 27/8/18

A. Our Artillery See message AR 14
 MGs Killed 3 men at G 30 a 33
 Sniping One hit at G 30 a 34
 Infantry action. A Coy moved ^{2 platoons} forward
 to N + S grid through N 29 cent.
 under cover of bombardment at
 about 3 km. without opposition.
 Other infantry action during
 night as previously reported.

B. Enemy Artillery Confined to 5.9 on 028
 a and c & odd whizz
 bangs scattered in forward
 area.
 MGs see attached reports.
 Sniping vigorous but inaccurate.
 Quiet ^{down} during day.
 Infantry Between 1 pm & 1.30 pm
 parties of infantry approximating
 to 1 Coy each N + S of road
 came from G 30 b on H 19 a down
 C to & occupied trench systems

& dugouts from G 29 d 73 to
 G 30 a 74. May have been
 on wider front but that was
 all we could see.

Enemy defences
 See attached reports.
 Attitude Nervous and lacking determin-
 -ation
Aircraft. Very active. Generally over in
 large formations.

S/1317.
 27/8/18

R Macmillan
 OC B Coy

Intelligence Summary Right Coy
 24 hrs ending 4 PM 27/8/18
 Relief I Relief complete 11.40 PM
 Enemy Artillery (2) Intermittent shelling
 4.25 PM during night 3 shots & pause
 of 20 minutes to half an hour.
 appeared to come from vicinity
 of HERBECOURT. Only moderately
 active during day
 Par-artillery (3) Active throughout. ~~the~~
 two heavy shoots on enemy line
 opposite Centre Coy, on opposite
 of OC's line Coy.
 Enemy Aircraft (4) Active during night
 but did not bomb or hit
 by Coy's position. A few planes
 over during day.
 Advance (5) VIRGIN WOOD G 280 + G 346
 occupied 3.20 PM.
 Location (6) Line now runs G 346 88 to
 G 29 C 35 20 thence to G 29 C 65 80
 Platoon in support with G 346.

Casualties (7) Nil
 Prisoners (8) One wounded forwarded
 direct to the H.Q. from post.
 4.25 PM
 27/8/18
 David M. Wood Capt
 D.C. "C"

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Major McNealy

I have just
established the following posts.

1 Hardwick (L.G.) across Road
at G 19 A 45.30.

Another post at G 19 a 25.25

4 Dickson has 3 posts - as follows

G 24 b 95.50, G 24 b 95.60 and

G 24 b 9.75

Also have a post at G 24 b 5.1

a the post on the South Side of
the Wood at G 19 c 1.7.

The Hun is holding trenches in
G 19 a about 2.9 - also about 5.8.

The front of BOUCHER WOOD is
not occupied by Hun troops.

~~I don't think~~ and was up in.

Hardwick is just a few minutes
ago - It will now be necessary

to establish a post at about G 19 3.8
in thereabouts. Please advise
anything of interest -

28/8/18.

J. Sullivan Capt
G. 6 A Coy.

Please let me have a report at once as to whether you have taken and cleared all your objective -

Memo for H. H. Layson -

Can you send a few men along sap leading to H. Gaudier's trench about 13 C. G. 7. He is I believe held up on a part of the trench going across the road.

Gaudier's trench

I am moving across to H. Gaudier with a few men tomorrow. We have been out of combat.

W. D. Jackson, C.

To keep record

Trenches are now clear. I could see Australian working along Tow line. C.T. near Canal bank.

L. Taylor is now in front line with Layson working through to strengthen front line.

March machine gun fire and rifle firing coming from CANAL Bank at H. 13. B. and western outskirts of Mercourt Wood. Artillery fire from East side of Mercourt Wood.

Estimated Captured Machine Guns 8.

6.25 pm.
28/8/18.

Gawke Lt
oc 29. Coy

Capt Sullivan near Chap

Could you let me have Stretcher
bearers. The Finlan sons has been
hit.

My stretcher bearers
are working through maze of
trenches for cases.

Mr. Taylor also hit

How about officers have

Not any in line now.

28/8/18 6-40am

Frank L
OC 2004

Major McNeil

28.8.18

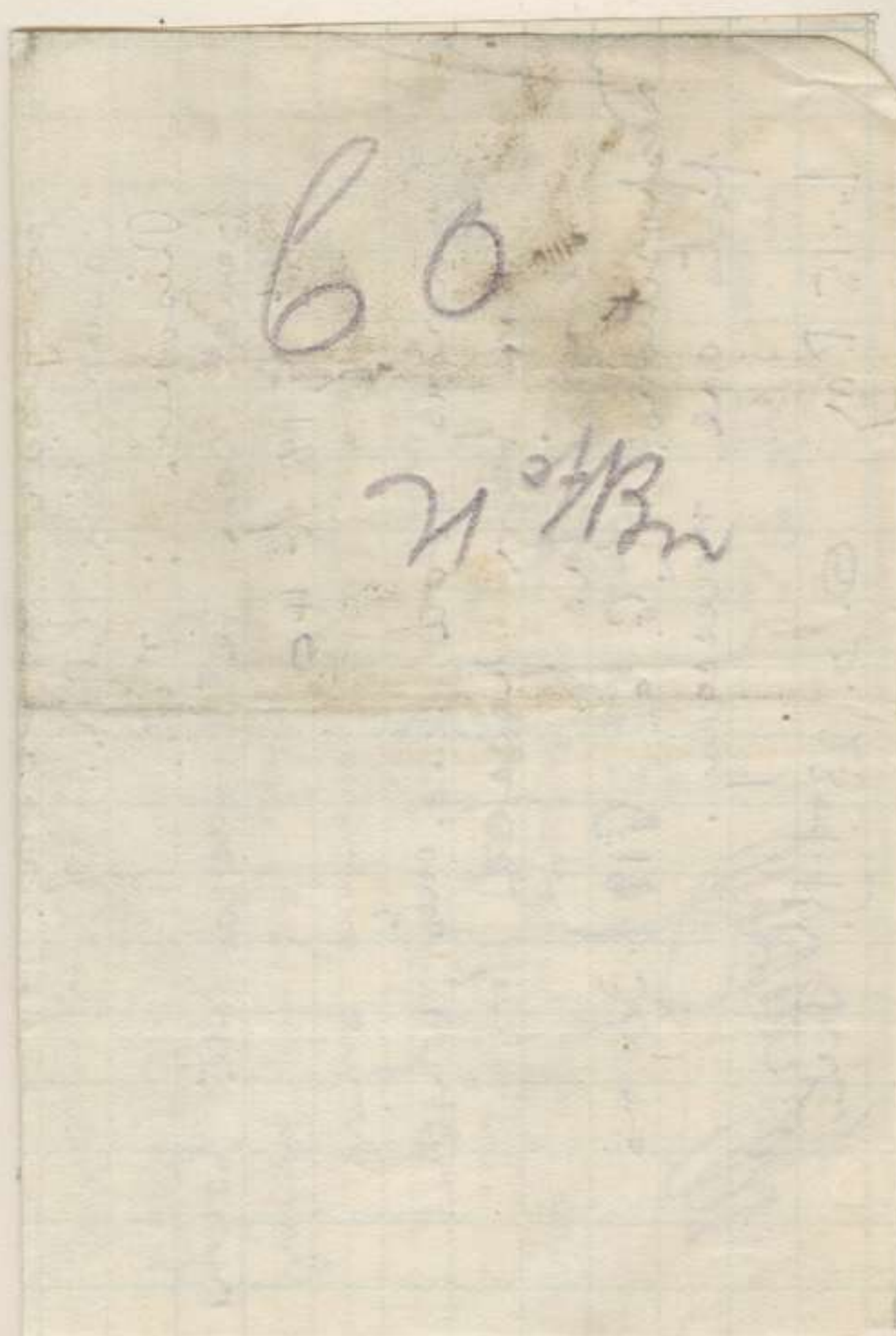
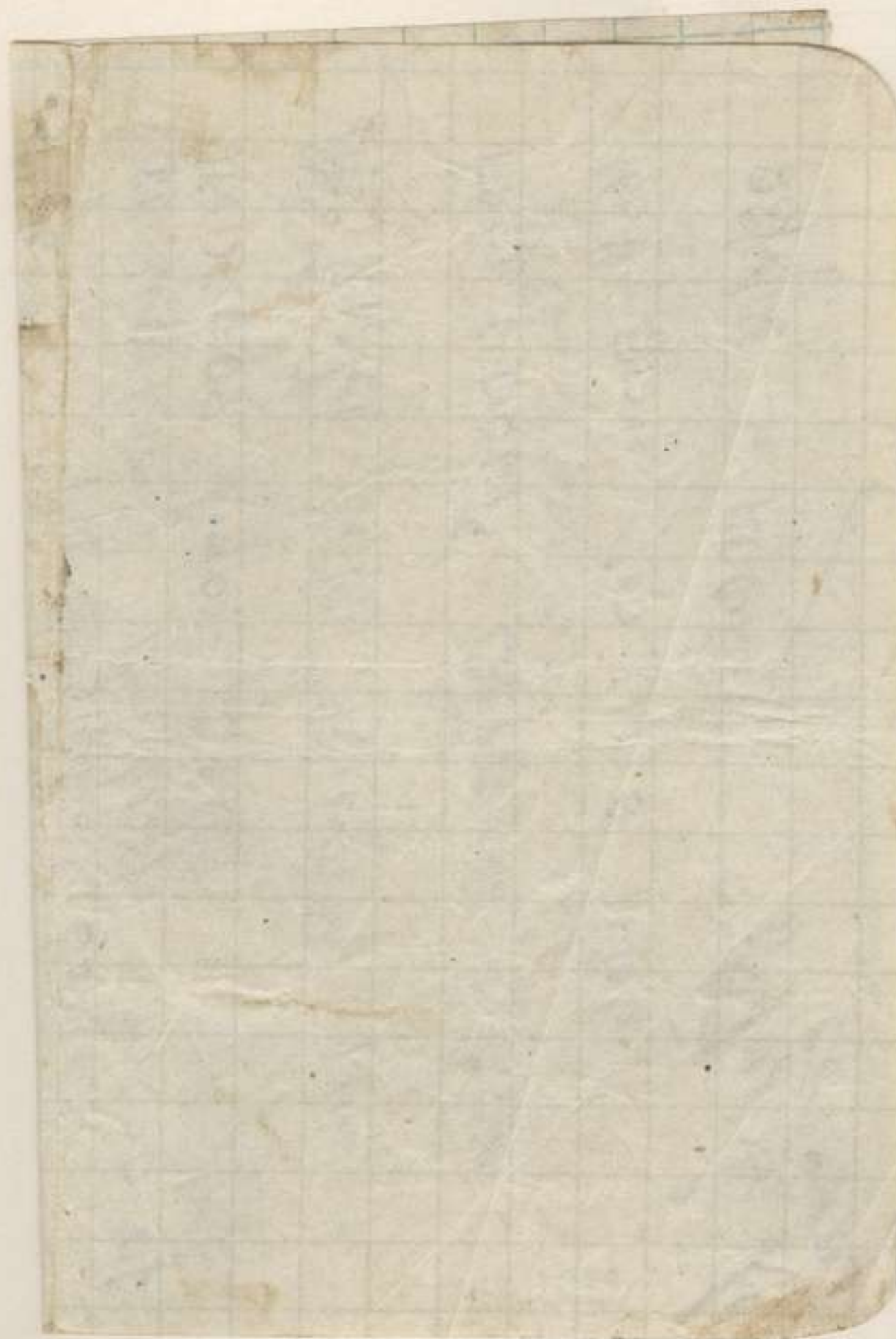
Village of FRISE has
been cleared of enemy. Am in
touch with 21st Bⁿ at H13A25.
On entering village about 15
huns were seen running away
from G18 to 80. Bridge across canal
G18 to 30 has been destroyed.
Am not in touch with 3rd Divⁿ
on left. Area G5 to 12 (land in river)
is clear of enemy.
Casualties: Nil.
Prisoners: Nil.
Canal can be crossed at lock
at G18 to 40.

Numerous good dug-outs which
have been passed by
engineers.

Dispositions: 1 L.G. at G18 to 30, no
posts are necessary.

6.15 P.M.

O.B. 23rd Bⁿ Party



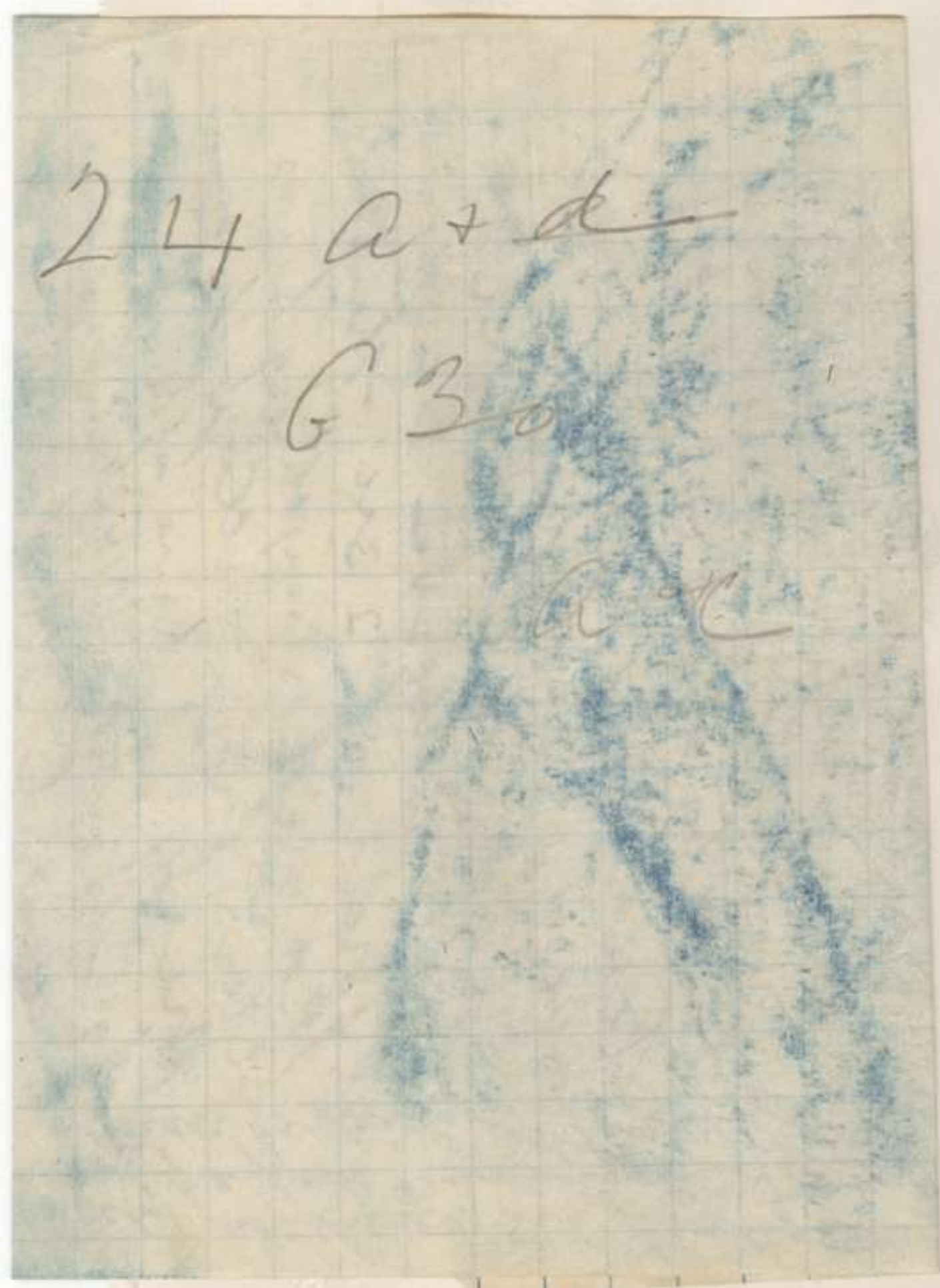
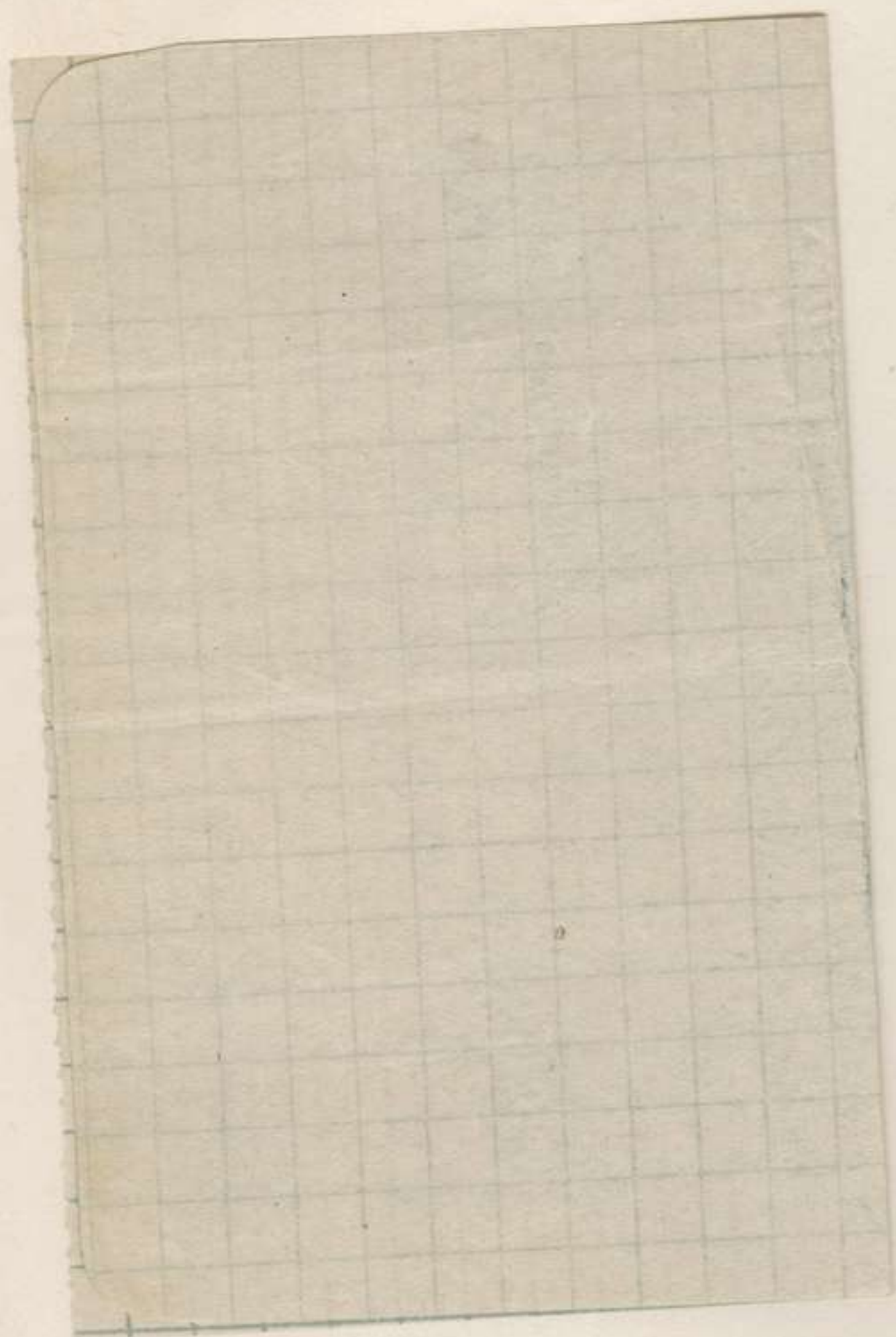
to 10 of Coy
 Objective reached
 without casualties
 but shot several
 blocks so they ran away
 most of them ran with
 the aim of D Coy 21.
 We reached our objective
 about 6 pm. About 10
 minutes later I shot
 Captain above. Another
 officer of 23rd they
 did not anything was
 clear from village to the
 front. I have also got
 touch with 11th Lancers
 Corporal. 11th Lancers having
 been knocked. They were D
 Coy headed objective
 haven't seen any Gander yet
 have established 1st post at 13 a 34
 4 19 a 29

Major McNealy
 Gander reports
 held up on way to no trench across
 Road about 13 a 34. Sent Hardwick
 about 15 men to Gander -
 I have sent for a report from
 Dickson & Finlayson who appear
 to be O.K. -
 I have only 2 posts now - 1 at 6 19 a 53
 & another at 9 24 b 5.50. -
 further particulars later.
 6:15 pm
 Sullivan Capt
 116 Coy

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TO		D O Q A		APPENDIX NO. LXXV	
* Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
FS11		29		A A A	
Bde	H Qrs	will	close		
at	present	location	at		
11 30 am	and	reopen	G 30 A 10		
at	same	time	aaa		
Bde	be	prepared	to		
move	1 pm	trenches	within		
Bde	H Q	T O	2000*		
East	of	same	Addressed		
all	Bde	units	Repeated		
2nd	East	Div			
FROM		6th A.I. Bde 10.40 pm			
PLACE & TIME					

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* M 134 29

The Bn will move into new accommodation this morning. Billeting parties of 1 Coy Pilot & 1 NCO per platoon will report to Bn Hq. at 9 am. to arrange above. 1 guide per Coy will then be sent back to bring Coys along. Cooks & LMG/limbers will move under transport Hqs.

A Bn
B 2nd
C 2nd
D 2nd

From

Place

Time

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Charges to Collect By..... To.....
Service Instructions By.....

Handed in at R U D A Office 9 35 m. Received 11 AM

TO D O Q H

* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
FS 115 29 AAA

M G Section attached to
Battalions will be relieved
by Sections of 4 M G Coy
this morning 3 M G Coy
will be in reserve under
2nd M G Battalion AAA
above arranged by C.O.
2nd M G Coy AAA

FROM
PLACE & TIME

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Charges to Collect By..... To.....
Service Instructions By.....

Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO D O Q H

* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
FS 115 29 AAA

addressed all Battalions
repeated M G group

FROM
PLACE & TIME

6 A 1 Bde 9.30

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Service Instructions		To	29/8/18
RUDA		By	
Handed in at		Office	11.50 a.m. Received 11.50 a.m.
TO All Battalions			
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
SC 244	29	AAA	
Bde	HQ	moving to	
G 30 A 10	aaa	Addressed All	
B no	6th Bde	MG Group	
2nd	Inst.	Div. 5	
and	7	A-1 Bdes	
FROM 6th A-1 Bdes			
PLACE & TIME			

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Charges to Collect		By	1.6.18
Service Instructions		To	29-8-18
Handed in at		Office	12.40 a.m. Received 1.1 a.m.
TO D O Q A			
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
	29th	AAA	
Reference message from RUDA			
FS 108 The 22nd M.C. Coy will			
take over from 5th and 7th			
Coys on 7th Bde passing			
through AAA please advise			
M.C. Officers acting with you			
FROM M.C. Group Commander			
PLACE & TIME			

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Charges to Collect		By.....		To.....	
Service Instructions				By.....	
Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.					
TO					
* Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
F1329		29		AAA	
7th		Bde report		7.30am	
passed		HERBECOURT		7.30am	
FLANCOURT		8.30am			
Our troops		seen advancing			
over ridge		N6A		and	
H35A and		B		little	
shelling at		H35B		and	
H27A and B		Heavy		MIG	
fire from		BIACHES		at	
none from		right			
8.45 am					
FROM		RUDA			
PLACE & TIME					

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C 11/11/11
J. H.

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To.....		By.....	
		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
TO { all Coys. & H.Q. }			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A143	31		

Batter will move at 11 am
to I 20 a
Order of march. H.Q.s
A B C & D Coys - Cookham
& L.G. Lintin with Coys.
The above will be the normal
order until & unless
otherwise ordered

From	10-10 am	J. H. Hall H. H. Hall
Place		
Time		
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Service Instructions
To
By
Handed in at RUDA Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO DODA

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
F5311	31st		
Order	will	move	following
21st 11AM	23rd 11:30 AM	10 AM	24th 10:30 AM
I 1400 D	22nd 11:30 AM	to	areas
foot bridge	I 20 A+B	AAA	Route
Bde	H15 B0585	CLERY-SUR-Somme	AAA
H18 B28	forward	station	at
location	where	units	rept
Hors	of	Hors	AAA Bde
and	will	close	here
at	reopen	at	H15 C26
of	10:30 AM	AAA	movement
regulated	units	beyond	CLERY
map	by	23rd	who
land	up	squares	I B214
	I 19 20		

FROM RUDA
PLACE & TIME

* This line should be erased if not required.
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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,
27th August, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO. NO. 51.

Ref. Maps 62 D. 1/40,000 and 62 C. 1/40,000.

1. SUPPLIES. Railhead. GUILLAUCOURT.
Rations will be refilled at MORCOURT Q.16.c.6.5. Units will send back daily at 2 p.m. Baggage Wagons to pick up supplies. Refilling point will be advanced from time to time and Units will be notified.
2. AMMUNITION. Divisional Dump and S.A.A. Section Q.9.a.9.4
Brigade Dump and Mobile Echelon L.34.a.9.6

On demanding ammunition Units will send a guide to Mobile Echelon.
Dumps of ammunition will not be formed on account of the line being pushed forward, but supplies can be sent up at short notice.
3. WATER. A sterilizing lorry is being installed on SOMME CANAL at L.28.c.3.0. and is capable of filling 5 water carts per hour.
In addition two storage tanks, 400 filled water tins, and one motor water lorry are at the Mobile Echelon as a reserve.
Units can, where necessary, draw filled tins in exchange for empties.
4. TRANSPORT LINES. Are moving today to Valley in L.34. and R.4.
5. Q.M. STORES Are located with Transport Lines.
6. MEDICAL. R.A.Ps. are in close proximity of Battalion Headquarters. Ford Cars will evacuate from R.A.Ps. to A.D.S. at MORCOURT Q.16.a.8.6. M.D.S. HAMEL P.3.c.7.2.
7. PRISONERS OF WAR. Battalions will escort P.O.W. to Brigade H.Q. where they will be taken over by M.M.P. thence to advanced cage at R.3.b.8.5.
8. BURIALS. Cemeteries are established at R.9.a.8.3. - CAPPY G.19.d.9.
9. VETERINARY. Mobile Vet. Section is located at CERISY.
An advanced collecting station is established at R.8.a.9.6.
10. DIVISIONAL CANTEEN. MORCOURT Q.17.b.
11. DIVISIONAL CLOTHING STORE. MORCOURT.

Al. Brown
Captain.
Staff Captain, 6th A.I. Brigade.

Distribution:-

- | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. 21st Bn. | 11. O/C Snipers. | 21. Q.M., 22nd Bn. |
| 2. 22nd Bn. | 12. G.O.C. | 22. Q.M., 23rd Bn. |
| 3. 23rd Bn. | 13. B.M. | 23. Q.M., 24th Bn. |
| 4. 24th Bn. | 14. Staff Captn. | 24. Q.M.S., Bde. H.Q. |
| 5. 6th T.M. Bty. | 15. 2nd Aust. Divn. | 25. Bde. Bomb Offr. |
| 6. 5th M.G. Coy. | 16. 8th A.I. Bde. | 26. Bde. Transport Offr. |
| 7. 7th M.G. Coy. | 17. 10th A.I. Bde. | 27. Bde. Sig. Offr. |
| 8. 6th Fld. Coy. A.E. | 18. 5th A.I. Bde. | 28-29. War Diary. |
| 9. 6th Fld. Ambulance. | 19. 7th A.I. Bde. | 30. File. |
| 10. 16th A.A.S.C. | 20. Q.M., 21st Bn. | |

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Fourth Army No. 256(G).

III Corps.
IX Corps.
Australian Corps.

I am directed by the Army Commander to forward the following letter, which has been received from the Commander-in-Chief. for the information of all ranks.

Adams

H.Q., Fourth Army,
23rd August, 1918.

Major-General,
General Staff, Fourth Army.

*General Sir H.S. RAWLINSON,
Commanding Fourth Army.

O.A.D. 911.

" I request that Army Commanders will, without delay, bring to the notice of all subordinate leaders the changed conditions under which operations are now being carried on and the consequent necessity for all ranks to act with the utmost boldness and resolution in order to get full advantage from the present favourable situation.

" The effect of the two very severe defeats and the continuous attacks to which the enemy has been subjected during the past month has been to wear out his troops and disorganise his plans. Our Second and Fifth Armies have taken their share in this effort to destroy the enemy and already have gained considerable ground from him in the LYS Sector of our front. Today the Tenth French Army crossed the AILLETTE and reports that a Bavarian Division fled in panic, carrying back with it another division which was advancing to its support. Tomorrow the attack of the Allied Armies on the whole front from SOISSONS to NEUVILLE-VITASSE (near ARRAS) is to be continued.

" The methods which we have followed hitherto in our battles with limited objectives when the enemy was strong are no longer suited to his present condition. The enemy has not the means to deliver counter-attacks on an extended scale, nor has he the numbers to hold a continuous position against the very extended advance which is now being directed upon him.

" To turn the present situation to account the most resolute offensive is everywhere desirable. Risks which a month ago would have been criminal to incur ought now to be incurred as a duty. It is no longer necessary to advance in regular lines and step by step. On the contrary, each division should be given a distant objective which must be reached independently of its neighbour and even if one's flank is thereby exposed for the time being.

" Reinforcements must be directed on the points where our troops are gaining ground, not where they are checked. A vigorous offensive against the sectors where the enemy is weak will cause hostile strong points to fall, and, in due course, our whole Army will be able to continue its advance. This procedure will result in speedily breaking up the hostile forces and will cost us much less than if we attempted to deal with the present situation in a half hearted manner.

" The situation is most favourable. Let each one of us act energetically and without hesitation push forward to our objective."

(sd) D. HAIG.

22nd August, 1918.

COPY of Aust. Corps Letter No. 168/31, of 25th August, 1918.

"During the enemy retreat in the BAPAUME area in 1917, a great many devices were employed by him for setting off mines. One favourite device was to have a wire treated with acid which gradually eat its way through the wire and this let off mines, as in the case of VELU Station, some weeks after this point had been passed.

Booby traps of various kinds were employed so that it was unsafe for men to attempt to collect anything in the nature of a souvenir lest it should prove to be a trap. Loose planks in the walls of dugouts were found, when pressed into position, to set off traps of various kinds. Innocent looking wires, when cut, also set off mines or fired shells or hand grenades.

All ranks are to be warned on no account to touch anything in the nature of a suspected wire, and to be very careful in entering dugouts. All dugouts should be examined by Engineers before occupation.

German Engineer and Pioneer prisoners may be retained in divisions to test anything that is likely to give rise to suspicion and to enter and examine dugouts before our men are allowed to enter them. German Engineer and Pioneer prisoners should be examined as to their knowledge of the possibility of mines, &c.

C.R.A.	2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn
C.R.E.	Troop, 13th A.L.H.
2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.	Platoon Cyclists Bn
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	A.P.M.
6th do.	Camp Commandant.
7th do.	
2nd Aust. M.G. Bn	

G.24/1/401.

Forwarded for your information and necessary action,

D.H.Q.,
26th August, 1918.

E. J. B. de la Chapelle
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

H. O.

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21st Bn.
22nd Bn.
23rd Bn.
24th Bn.
6th T.M.Bty.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

6th
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No.

Date.

Brigade Headquarters,
27th August, 1918.

Our aeroplanes are making special reconnaissances daily with a view to locating the position of our advanced troops.

The chief one is just after dawn. Troops are to be warned to look specially out for this aeroplane.

On all occasions when our aeroplanes call, by a succession of "A" on the KLAXON HORN, for ground flares, they will be lighted, or if the ground flares are not available, maps, sheets of paper, or anything shiny will be shown.

Great care must be taken that only the most advanced troops of the line Bns. answer the aeroplane.

Small supplies of ground flares will be forwarded to line Bns. tonight.

Acknowledge.

Hedmunds Captain.
A/Brigade Major, 6th A.I. Brigade.

TO	1st Coy.	Day of Month.	28	In reply to Number.	AAA
Sender's Number.	4124				
<p>The Bde is to move forward in support of the 5th A. I. Bde. to capture the 5th A. I. Bde. No orders have been received as to what time Bde is to move but Coys are to be prepared to move at short notice from now on. Coaches & L.B. Lumber will move with Coys.</p>					
From	1st Coy.				
Place					
Time					
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H.P.
 B. H.
 C. H.
 D. H.

Brigade Major, 6th A.I. Brigade.
 Captain.

...troops will be forwarded to
 the aerodrome.
 ...that only the most advanced
 ...are not available, ...
 ...troops, they will be
 ...our aerodrome only, ...
 ...troops.
 ...troops are to be ...
 ...of our advanced troops.
 ...special reconnaissance ...

24th August, 1918.
 Brigade Headquarters

Appendix 3

French report prisoners taken yesterday state delay action mines were buried beneath the soil of celkars in DAGNEY area. YELLOW type mines explode after 8 days. BLUE type mines explode after a longer period. Added. all concerned.

Sgd. J. McCALL, Major.
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

2nd Aust. Div. H.Q.
30.8.18.

*all cogs & Hb
all ranks to be
warned
27/8/18*

*McCall
H. G.
B. G.
C. G.
D. G.
H. G.*

31/8/18
①

To B.O.
21.8.18.

Enemy shelling CLERY and surrounding slopes heavily with H.G.

1st bn at H10682.
2nd bn are at H106 in artillery formation.
If shelling moderates will move on.

As per H.
of Advance Party.

11.15 AM.

Prefix	Code	Words	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions					

Handed in at Office m. Received m.

TO	
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* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

instructions follow AAA
 attached M G Section move
 with present unit AAA
 addressed Bde units repeated
 M G group 6 Field Coy
 Troop Light Horse 5 Bde
 7 Bde



FROM
PLACE & TIME

6 H 1 Bde 8-45

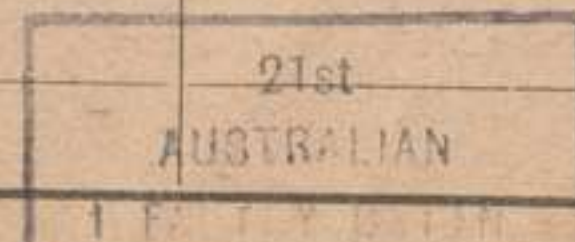
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			From	At	
Charges to Collect			By	To	
Service Instructions					

Handed in at Office m. Received m.

TO	
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* Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

Third Corp Captured RANCOURT
 and 400 huns line now
 runs ARLEUX. GAVRELLE
 ROEUX PELVES BOIRY REMY
 HENDECOURT LES CAGNICOURT
 REINCOURT south of BULLECOURT
 all inclusive west of ECOUST
 west of VAULX



FROM
PLACE & TIME

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Prefix.....Code.....Words..... l s. d.	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	From.....	At.....m.	
Service Instructions	By.....	To.....	
		By.....	
Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.			
TO			
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<p>FREMICOURT BANCOURT</p> <p>exclusive GUEDECOURT inclusive</p> <p>LESBOEUF MORYAL COMBLES</p> <p>RANCOURT CLERJ all inclusive</p> <p>southward along canal to</p> <p>BETHDECOURT-ROYE-LEPETIT</p> <p>inclusive BREVEL inclusive southward</p> <p>along canal to BEAURAINS thence</p>			
FROM	21st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN		
PLACE & TIME			

Prefix.....Code.....Words..... l s. d.	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	From.....	At.....m.	
Service Instructions	By.....	To.....	
		By.....	
Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received.....m.			
TO			
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<p>HAPPLINCOURT exclusive</p> <p>NOYON inclusive</p>			
<p>FROM</p> <p>PLACE & TIME</p>			
RUDA		<p>21st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN</p> <p>No.</p> <p>Date.....</p>	

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TO <i>W.C. Clegg</i>		APPENDIX No. <i>LXXVIII.</i>	
Sender's Number. * <i>A114</i>	Day of Month. <i>26</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA

*Mr. H. Connochie & Riley &
Mr. Blencoe will report
to transport lines when
the Bo moves off.*

From	<i>3 30 pm</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
Place		
Time		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z) <i>[Signature]</i>
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TO <i>W.C. Clegg</i>		(signature of "Franking Officer.") By	
Sender's Number. * <i>A115</i>	Day of Month. <i>26</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA

*Please instruct Mr
Smithers to report to
Br H.C. at once*

From	<i>3 30 pm</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
Place		
Time		
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TO *all boys.*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>H116</i>	<i>26</i>		

*boys to be ready to
move at 6-15 pm*

From	<i>5-12</i>		
Place			
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)	<i>B. Duggan S.G.</i>
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TO *RUDA*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>H117</i>	<i>26</i>		

SSS 314 AAA

From	<i>DOQA</i>		
Place			
Time	<i>11.55 pm</i>		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)	<i>B. Duggan S.G.</i>
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TO { 21st Bn Rear H.Q. }

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

* A.123

27th

A A A

Send up as soon as possible
the following -

Picks & Shovels

2 Telephones - any telephone
wire - 12 Grenade Caps

From 6-15pm
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

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TO { Rear H.Q. }

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

* A.123

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A A A

Ref. para 2 Admin Memo
225- Lt. Smithers

is to take charge of all

N.C.O.s. remain not required

at your H.Q. & report with
them to Div. King.

Pvt. Sample 2 M.P.s & 1

Pioneer to remain with you

From 9-25am
Place
Time

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By		(Signature of)	
TO	Q.M.		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A124	27		

Q.M. Store & Transport Lines
are to move forward as
soon as possible to Valley
where Bde Hqs are - all
men not wanted are to be
sent back to Div Hqs.
Batter Hqs are moving forward
after lunch to ~~at~~ G33 C.
Line now runs approx. COWS
WOOD 29 Cent OVAC WOOD - no
opposition

From		
Place	nam.	
Time		
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By		(Signature of)	
TO	O.C. Bn C Coy & D Coy		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A125	27		

Bn H.Q. are now established in
old hutments at G33 C 27.
Phone will be established as
soon as possible - have
been unable to raise B
Coy. Please send runner
back to find reconnoitre
new position.
R.H.H. will be established
in rear of B Coy

From		
Place	5-15 pm	
Time		
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By		Signature of "Franking Officer"	
TO	Sgt Penglass		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A126	27		

Give beaver a couple of tins of water for H.Q. Cooks etc. Also include some extra tea for H.Q. officers when rations come up as we will not be able to have a fire after dark.

From	
Place	
Time	
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By		Signature of "Franking Officer"	
TO	Off. 406 th Bde Echelon		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A127	27		

Please deliver to Bn. H.Q. the following -
S.A.A. Bundle Phd 8 Boxes
do Bandoliers 8 "
S.O.S. (3 Reds) 1 " (14)
Grenades 36's 12 "
P2 100 White Flares.
Beaver will act as guide to linker.

From	
Place	10 pm.
Time	
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TO {		By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By
Rear HQ.				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA	
* H128	28			

We are moving HQ to G28d54

Have advanced another mile & still going - Please have one of the Transport NCOs report to me to reconnoitre new positions for the coaches - these are to be moved forward as soon as possible - there is a water point near the new HQ.

Not meeting with any opposition.

From		
Place		
Time		
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TO {		By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By
RUDA				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA	
* H129	28			

Evacuations 1 OR 1000

Evacuations 1 OR 4000 (R.F.)
27-8-18

From		
Place	DOQA	
Time		
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TO	all Coys		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A132	28		

See Limber for Lewis
Guns will be at Bom
H.Q. G 29-6-91

From	S. Pen.		J. M. H. H. M. H.
Place			
Time			
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TO	T.O.		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A133	28		

L. G. Limber will remain
at ~~camp~~ Orchard
Corner tonight - Gun
will not be unloaded
until tomorrow

From			J. M. H. H. M. H.
Place			
Time			
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TO	All Coy.		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A-134	28		
<p>The Rde is to move forward in support of the 5th An I Rde who are to capture the out ST QUENTIN. No orders have been received as to what time Buss is to move but Coys are to be prepared to move at short notice from now on. Cookhouse & L.G. Lumber will move with Coys</p>			
From	Wam		
Place	J. M. H.		
Time			
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TO	All Coys		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A135	27		
<p>State hereon amount of S.A.A. & Bombs required to complete 230 & 2 per man - Also amount S.A.A. required for L.G.S. Bombs - L.G.S. Pde Bandolier</p>			
A Coy			
B			
C			
D			
From	Wam		
Place	J. M. H.		
Time			
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TO	Capt. O.V. Hoard		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* H132	24		

Please state person
destination & address
whilst on English
lane

From	Wam	(Z) <i>[Signature]</i>
Place		
Time		
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TO	O.C. Blay		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* H137	24		

Major MacNeil is being
evacuated - Please
send Pte. Verhitt back
to Port H.A. to go with him -
also send the Major's
hat coat & sand bag
off the Coaker

From		(Z) <i>[Signature]</i>
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Time		
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TO	T.O.		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A139	29		

Bn is moving at 1pm
to rendezvous at X Rd.
630 C 78 there to await
further orders.
Require L.G. Limber with
back at once please

From	11-50pm.	
Place		
Time		
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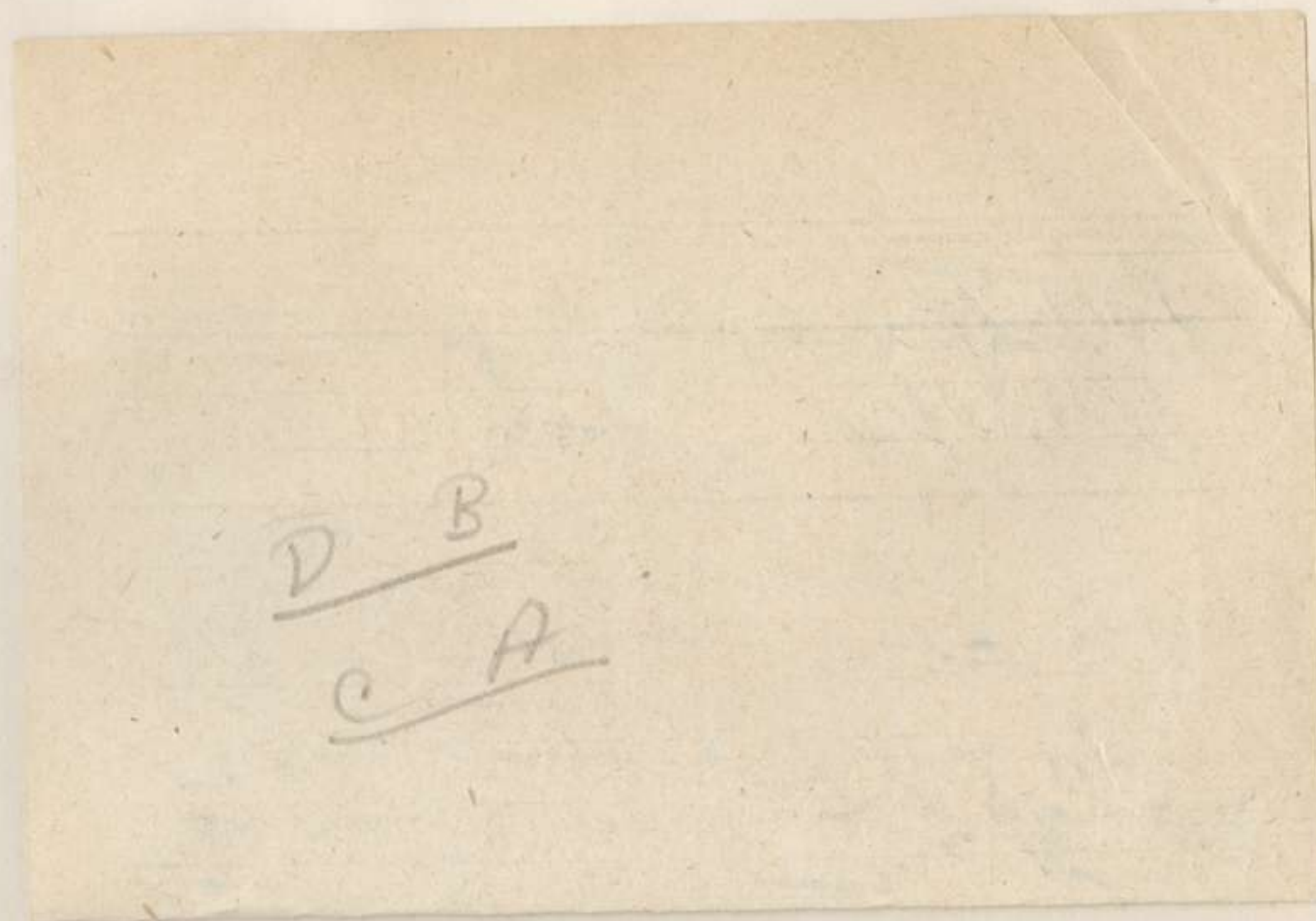
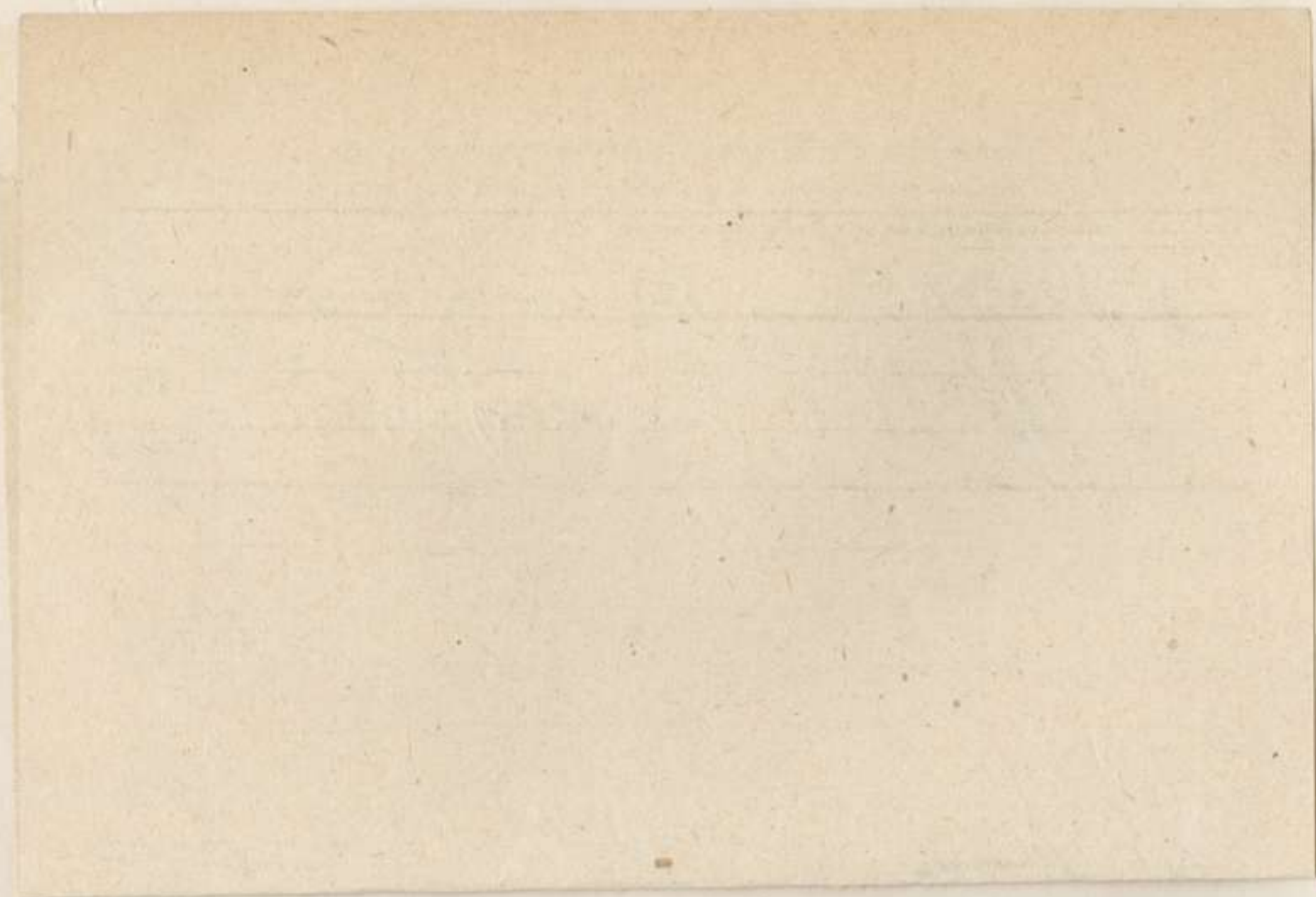
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TO	All Coys.		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A139	29		

The Bn will move into new
accommodation this morning.
Billeting parties of 1 Coy party
& 1 NCO per platoon will
report to Bn Hq. at 9am
to arrange above. A guard
per Coy will then be sent
back to bring Coys along.
Cookers & LMG platoon will
move under transport Hqs.

From		
Place		
Time		
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To		From	
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	
TO { B & D Coys.			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A140	30		

Please arrange for parties to thoroughly search the trenches in your area & the vicinity for M.G.s. captured by the Bn on the evening of the 28th. There are 2 T.M.s. at marked 21st Bn. O.C.D. Coy will arrange for them to be sent to Bn H.Q. All trophies to be sent to Bn H.Q. as soon as possible.

From	12:30 pm	<i>[Signature]</i>
Place		
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To		From	
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	
TO { A & C Coys.			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A141	30		

Please arrange for parties to search all trenches in your area & the vicinity for captured M.G.s & trophies - these are to be sent to Bn H.Q. as soon as possible.

From	12:30 pm	<i>[Signature]</i>
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Time		
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By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By	
TO		all Coys. & H.Q.			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
* A143		31		AAA	
<p>Batten will move at 11 am to I 20 a</p> <p>Order of march HQs A B C + D Coys - Cooks & L.G. Lumber with Coys. The above will be the normal order until & unless otherwise ordered</p>					
From		10-10 am			
Place					
Time					
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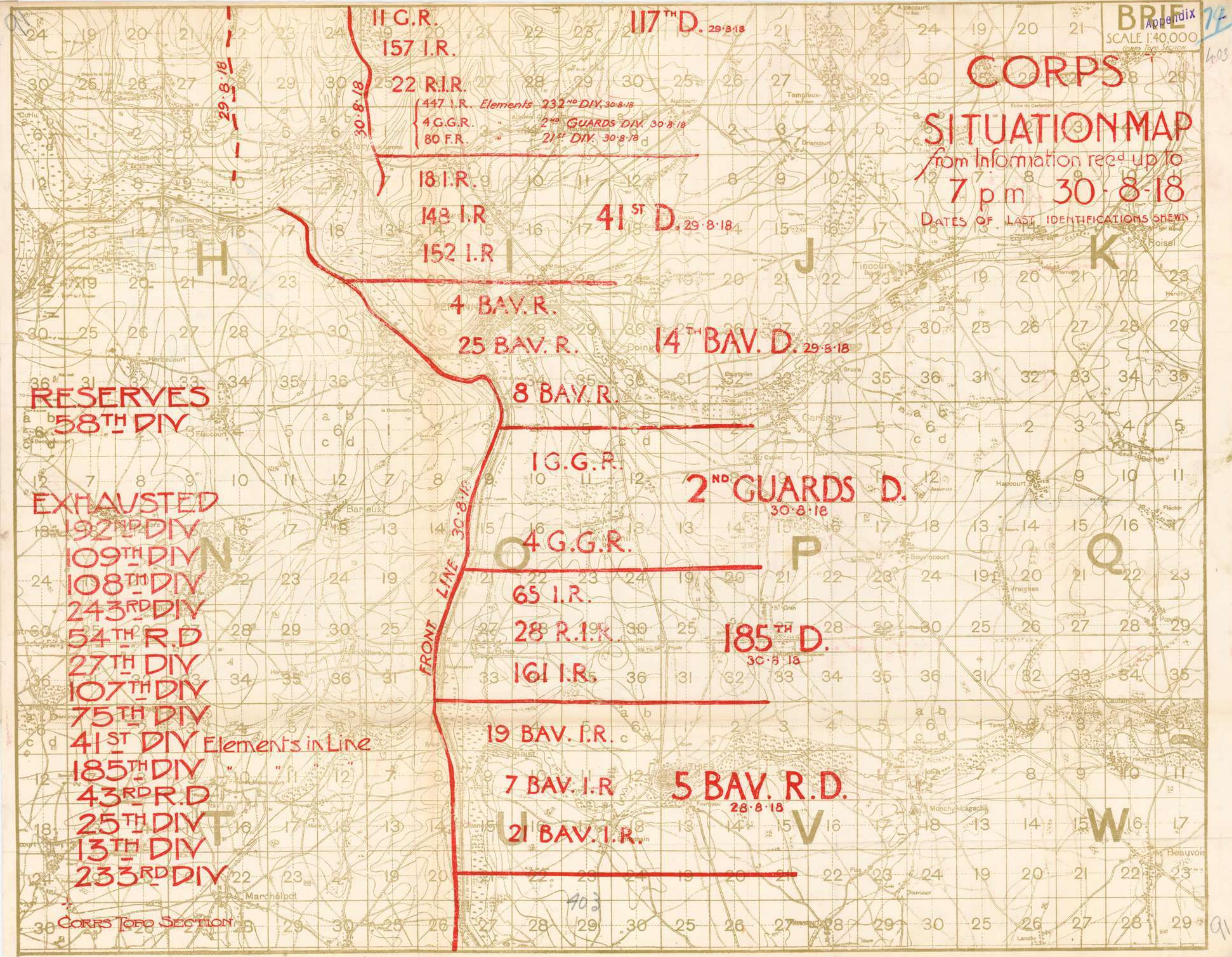


At		Service.	From
To	By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By
TO <i>all Coys</i>			
Sender's Number. * <i>A143</i>	Day of Month. <i>31</i>	In reply to Number.	<i>AAA</i>
<i>Send at once to</i>			
<i>Br Hb 1 NCO & 4 Op</i>			
<i>to act as a forward</i>			
<i>bulking party</i>			
From			
Place	<i>940 am</i>		
Time	<i>W. H. H. H.</i>		
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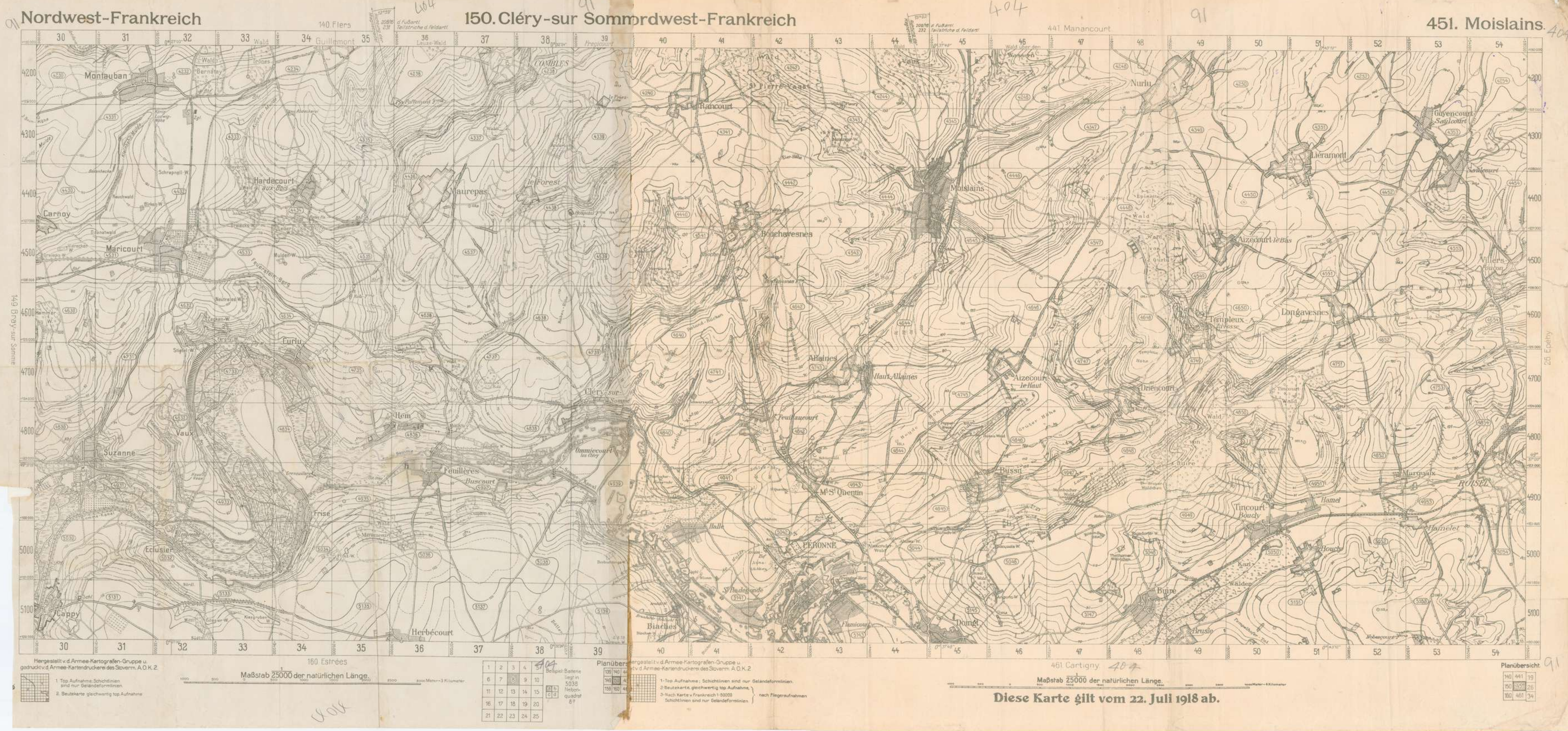
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TO	all Coys.		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 1142	30		
<p>Get ready to move by 9 am. Further instructions later</p>			
From	Place	Time	
	8 am.		
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150. Cléry-sur Sommdwest-Frankreich

451. Moislains.

Herstellung v. d. Armee-Kartographen-Gruppe u. gedruckt v. d. Armee-Kartendruckerei des Stovorm. A. O. K. 2

1. Top Aufnahme; Schichtlinien sind nur Geländeformen.
2. Beutekarte; gleichwertig top. Aufnahme

Maßstab 25000 der natürlichen Länge.

1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9
11	12	13	14
16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24

Planübersicht: hergestellt v. d. Armee-Kartographen-Gruppe u. gedruckt v. d. Armee-Kartendruckerei des Stovorm. A. O. K. 2

1. Top Aufnahme; Schichtlinien sind nur Geländeformen.
2. Beutekarte; gleichwertig top. Aufnahme.
3. Nach Karte v. Frankreich 1:50000 Schichtlinien sind nur Geländeformen

Maßstab 25000 der natürlichen Länge.

Diese Karte gilt vom 22. Juli 1918 ab.

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160	461	34

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To Col Duggan DSO
 C. W. Duggan

This map was taken from
 a Guards Lt Grenadier Guard
 who ~~was~~ gave himself up

W. H. Duggan
 Lt Duggan



Verzeichnis der Orte, die in der Gegend von Amiens und St. Quentin liegen.

Verzeichnis der Orte, die in der Gegend von Amiens und St. Quentin liegen.

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21st Battalion Hqrs,
31st August 1918.

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF EFFECTIVE STRENGTHS FOR
MONTH OF AUGUST 1918.-

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3.8.18.	Effective Strength.-	Off.	O.R.
	Attached.	33	615
	Detached.	1	1
		11	226
10.8.18.	Effective Strength.-	34	584
	Attached.	1	1
	Detached.	11	171
17.8.18.	Effective Strength.-	36	612
	Attached.	1	1
	Detached.	15	237
24.8.18.	Effective Strength.-	39	603
	Attached.-	1	1
	Detached.	13	99
31.8.18.	Effective Strength.-	38	572
	Attached.	1	1
	Detached.	18	152

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31st August 1918.

TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT
FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 1918.-

- 1st. Transport Lines situated at LAMOTTE. Americans attached to Transport for instruction.
From the 1st to 7th 2 Water Carts reported each morning at 10 a.m. to see cooks at Quarry - VILLERS BRETONNEUX. 1 Limber reported daily to Q.M. Store at 9 a.m. from 1st to 8th to proceed to A.S.C. Lines for rations. In addition Limbers reported daily for Canteen Supplies, Mail, & Ordnance Stores. 3 Limbers went forward to Bn in line each night at 7 p.m. with rations and one limber remained at Cookers and went forward at 2 a.m. with hot food. 2 Water Carts left lines at 7 p.m. with water for cooks.
- 2nd. Mess Cart reported to Bde at 8 a.m. returning at 8 p.m. Limbers for Mail, etc., as above.
- 3rd. Ration arrangements, etc as above. Americans attached returned to their Unit.
- 4th. Ration arrangements, etc., as above. 2 Pack horses reported to Bde Dump at 8 p.m.
- 5th. Bn preparing for forthcoming stunt. Ration arrangements as before. Maltese cart fully loaded with Medical Stores, Limbers went forward with Iron Rations, Extra Water Bottles, etc. Mess Cart went forward with Rum Issue.
- 6th. Rations transported forward at 11.30 p.m. 2 Mounted Orderlies went forward at 8.30 p.m. with wire cutters.
- 7th. Three Limbers reported from Bde - Bde Dump to 7th Bde at 6 p.m. also 6 Pack Horses, 1 Water Cart reported to 7th Bde with 48 Hours rations.
- 8th. Transport moved from LAMOTTE to O.13.c. at 1.30 p.m. On arrival teams were sent forward to VILLERS BRETONNEUX to move cooks and water carts forward to Bn at V.32.c. Water Carts reported back from 7th A.I. Bde.
- 9th. Transport moved from O.31.c. to P.22.c. Cooks, Water Carts, and Maltese Cart moved forward with Bn to GUILLAUCOURT. 6th Pack Horses returned from 7th A.I. Bde.
- 10th. Transport moved from P.22.c. to W.8.c. at 9 a.m. On arrival G.S. Wagon returned to LAMOTTE BREBIERE to bring forward Orderly Room, Post Office, and Canteen. 6 Pack Horses reported to Bde Dump.
- 11th. Cooks, Water Carts, 2 L.G. Limbers & Maltese Cart moved forward with Bn to vicinity of HARBONNIERES. 2 O.R. were wounded at Transport Lines and 2 Horses. Cooker teams supplied hot food three times daily.
- 12th. 2 Limbers went forward with rations to Bn at 4 p.m. 1 Limber for Canteen & Mail. 3 Horses Killed, 1 Wounded, & 1 Evacuated.
- 13th. 2 Limbers with Rations at 4 p.m. 1 Limber for Canteen, Ordnance, 1 Limber for Water.
- 14th. G.S. Wagon went to LAMOTTE BREBIERE to bring forward Q.M. Store Supplies returning next day. 2 Limbers rations, 2 Limbers Salvage, 1 Canteen & Mail.
- 15th. 1 Limber for Salvage, 1 Ordnance, 2 Rations. Mess Cart went forward to Cooks with Lime for use after gas-shelling.
- 16th. 2 Limbers for Rations. 1 Horse Killed.
- 17th. 2 Limbers for Rations, 2 for Salvage. 1 Horse evacuated.
- 18th. Transport packed to move from W.8.c. at 12 p.m. to DAOURS arriving there at 3.30 p.m., less 2 Cooks and Maltese Cart which left HARBONNIERES AFTER the Bn had been served with hot food prior to embussing. These arrived at DAOURS at 5 a.m. 19th. 2 Mules drawn.
- 19th. 1 G.S. Wagon & 4 Limbers left at 8 a.m. for LAMOTTE to bring Packs, Blankets and other Stores to new camp. 1 Limber for Salvage 1 Ordnance. Mess Cart for Canteen Supplies, and Water Carts carting for Cooks.
- 20th. 1 G.S. Wagon to Ordnance, 1 Limber Salvage, 1 Bde Compound, 1 Area Commandant's Task, 1 Bde for Sig. Stores. Water Carts carting for Cooks.
- 21st. 2 Limbers to Area Commandant, 1 Canteen & Mail, 1 Salvage. Water Carts as before, daily whilst at this Camp.
- 22nd. 2 Limbers to Area Commandant, 1 Divn for ~~Sig~~ Sig. Stores, 1 Canteen & Sanitary Stores.
- 23rd. 1 Limber for Canteen & Mail. All Officers' Rides for reconnaissance. Mess Cart to VILLERS BRETONNEUX.
- 24th. 1 Limber Mail & Canteen, 1 Salvage.
- 25th. 1 G.S. Wagon & 8 Limbers moved Bn Packs, Blankets, Valises, & Surplus Stores to CORRIE at 4 p.m. On return transport packed. Ready to move at 8 p.m. en route for MERICOURT SUR SOMME, arriving there at 1 a.m. 26th inst.

- 26th. Bn moved from MERICOURT Area to CAPPY. Cookers, Water Carts, Maltese Cart, and 2 L.G. Limbers moved with Bn. 3 Limbers delivered rations to Unit before moving. 3 Horses drawn. 1 Limber to CORBIE with rations.
- 27th. TRANSPORT moved from MERICOURT Area to vicinity of FROISSY PILLAR. Cookers, Water Carts, Maltese Carts moved from CAPPY to G.28.a. 3 Limbers proceeded forward with rations.
- 28th. 2 Limbers went forward at 5 p.m. with rations arriving at cookers 6.30 p.m. Bn received work of relief and forward transport were moved back to G.33.a.&b. 2 Limbers then reported to Bn Hqrs to bring back L.G. & Sig. Gear to Coy's new positions arriving there at 1 a.m. 29th.
- 29th. Transport moved from vicinity of FROISSY PILLAR to the SOMME CANAL near ECLUSIER. Forward transport moved with Unit from G.37.a.&b. to G.30.a. 1 Limber for Mail.
- 30th. Transport moved from vicinity of ECLUSIER to FRISE. Forward Transport moved from G.30.a. to G.13.a.&b.
- 31st. Bn moving to I.14. with Forward Transport in attendance. Rations were conveyed forward by G.S. Wagon.
- Owing to casualties the Transport has had a fairly heavy month's work, though the continued good weather has greatly facilitated work. All local work was carried out by Mess Cart, Maltese Cart, & 1 Limber.

(Signed.) C.H. Miller, Lieut.,
Transport Officer,
21st Battalion A.I.F.

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31st August 1918.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT FOR
MONTH OF AUGUST 1918.-

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This month was full of incident.

From 1st to 8th was a period of preparation for the Great Offensive. For this operation the Battalion was attached to the 7th Brigade. The Unit was located in trenches in front of BRETONNEUX with Hqrs at "THE DOLL'S HOUSE". Cookers were established in QUARRY in rear of BRETONNEUX. Q.M. Store at LAMOTTE BREBIERE. Food was taken forward at 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. by limbers. On 6th assault rations were drawn and issued. Water Dumps were established near DOLL'S HOUSE and on the 8th the Bn moved to the attack in conjunction with other Units of the Division. On the evening of the 8th all objectives were taken and line ran in front of HARBONNIERES. Bn came back to old line system in front of BRETONNEUX, where cookers joined them, and with one or two exceptions, have been in rear of their respective Companies until the end of the month.

On evening of 8th Unit became mobile. Q.M. Store & Transport complete moved to AUBIGNY. On 9th Bn moved with the general advance through MARCELCAVE & GUILLACOURT. Lewis Gun Limbers and Cookers moved with the Battalion. Q.M. Store again moved to ACCROCHE WOOD. Rations were delivered and taken in Supply Wagons direct to Bn. Bn rendezvoused for the night in rear of GUILLACOURT. On 10th Q.M. Store & Transport moved forward and joined the Unit near GUILLACOURT.

On 11th Bn was ordered to continue the advance towards the SOMME. Cookers and Lewis Gun Limbers moved with Unit to FRAMERVILLE. Rations were delivered at 5 p.m. from Store at GUILLACOURT to Bn with 1st Line Transport. At this stage the advance was held up at PROYART and for six days the Bn became practically stationary.

During this time all trophies of war were collected and despatched to Ordnance. Much salvage was disposed of in A.S.C. Wagons returning to Railhead. A sufficient number of wells, with water fit for drinking, were located and water carts were always with Cookers or Bns.

On 16th 2 Coys - "A" & "D" - were attached to 23rd & 22nd Bns respectively for a minor operation in front of FRAMERVILLE. Cookers were attached to these Bns for the operation and the men were fed with the customary regularity.

On 18th, the minor operation having been successfully completed, the Bde was relieved at night. Q.M. Store & Transport moved by Road to DAOURS. Bn embussed at HARBONNIERES and debussed near DAOURS. For this contingency two cookers were left at Forward Hqrs and fed men with hot stew and tea before embussing, the other two proceeded with the Transport and had hot drinks ready for the troops on arrival at destination about 2 a.m. Coy Clerks and 2 C.Q.M.S.s formed the Advance Party and did good work distributing blankets, packs, and valises to their respective Coy Tents. To do this one baggage wagon was sent to LAMOTTE Pack Store, the other being used to transport Bn Stores.

On 19th and following days the Unit was busy reorganising. All baggage was reduced to a minimum. Officers' Kits were reduced and surplus gear sent to A.I.F. Kit Store, England. War trophies and Salvage were disposed of: the former to War Museums Collecting Depot, CORBIE, the latter in the usual manner. All surplus stores, Bn Gear, etc., and all material not required in the forward area were returned to D.A.D.O.S. on Divisional Authority.

The list of these stores comprised:- 200 Bomb Buckets, 5 Bar & Stroud Range Finders, 32 Grenade Dischargers, 32 Grenade Dischargers No. 23., 64 Wire Cutters S.A., 64 Sights Luminous, 215 Bottles, Water (Battle Stores) 200 Blankets.

The blankets being surplus from strength of one per man.

After this reorganisation the Bn became truly mobile. During this period shortages were taken in clothing and necessaries, and Bn Stores checked. Indents were furnished to complete establishment.

On 22nd Foden Lorry was available for Unit and all blankets were put through.

On 24th Divisional Travelling Armourer's Workshop inspected, repaired, and replaced all damaged rifles and Lewis Guns.

On 25th Bn received orders to move by bus at one hour's notice.

Packs, Blankets, and Valises were collected and sent to Pack Store at CORBIE. Bn embussed at 7 p.m. for PROYART Area. Transport & Q.M. Store moved complete at 7.30 p.m. This move was carried out in the dark and under most inclement conditions. Transport took up a position East of MERICOURT arriving at destination about 1 a.m.

Bn was located in trenches between MERICOURT & PROYART for the night. A hot meal was served to the troops before going to sleep. ~~From~~

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From period 26th to 31st Bn has moved daily with the general advance. Moving at the rate of 10 Kilometres a day, Cookers, Water Carts, and Lewis Gun Limbers moved continually with the Unit. Transport Lines, Q.M. Store, and Rear Bn Hqrs followed closely in the rear. On night of 26th Q.M. Store was located near MERICOURT; on night of 27th in rear of CAPPY; on 28th in front of ECLUSIER, and on 30/31st in front of FRISE. In each case rations were delivered to Q.M. Store and taken on to the Unit during the day. During the month the Transport, Stores, etc., have moved eight times and have advanced altogether approximately 40 Kilometres.

(Signed.) L.R. Brookes, Capt.,
Q.M. & Hon. Captain,
21st Battalion A.I.F.

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21st Battalion Hqrs,
31st August 1918.COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT FOR
MONTH OF AUGUST 1918.-

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The period under review has been one that all ranks will remember, both for the strenuous times they have been through, and for the success which has attended our arms.

Early in the month the Unit was holding the line in the VILLERS BRETONNEUX Sector. Here we took part in the initial operations which culminated in the general retreat of the German Army on this front.

From then on victory has attended all our efforts right through the month, and with but few casualties to ourselves. Though times have been hard for the men, they accept it all in good part, and have been much inspired by the advance.

Rations and supplies have been of practically the same standard as in the past.

A collapsible camp cooker has been in use in the Battalion during the latter part of the month, and, owing to the facilities it affords, the men's rations have been greatly varied; such dishes as Jam Tarts, Meat Pies, Pastry, Etc., have been supplied to the troops regularly. In this manner the greatest possible results have been obtained from the use of the biscuit ration.

For portion of the month the Unit has been billeted and bivouaced near the SOMME RIVER and the use of this for bathing and swimming has been greatly appreciated. This form of exercise has been of great benefit to the troops. Owing to the exigencies of the campaign the supply of clean clothing has not been up to the usual standard but the difficulty of supply is understood by all. The Battalion Blankets were put ~~test~~ through the Foden Lorry and the men's tunics and trousers treated whilst the Unit was having a short spell. At the same time clean clothing was issued, so that every opportunity was availed of to free the men from vermin.

Several promotions to Non-Commissioned Rank have been made during the month, and some Temporary Ranks confirmed.

Canteen supplies have been regular and exceptionally good, though for the last week the difficulty of transport has greatly hindered the regular procuring of goods. Cigarettes, Tinned Preserves, Etc., have been bought for the troops from Regimental Funds. These have helped to supplement the daily issue and have formed an agreeable addition to the meals in the forward area.

Several absentees have been disposed of summarily whilst a number have been dealt with by Court Martial. Several of these offenders have been committed to prison.

A number of Decorations have been awarded to Officers and Other Ranks for gallantry in the field. The Battalion List of Honours is now one of which any Unit might be proud, and which certainly is a matter of great satisfaction both to myself and all ranks under my command.

Considering the number of operations the Bn has been called upon to take part in during the month and the general strenuousness of the campaign, the total casualties and evacuations have been very light, though the numerical strength of this Unit has been fairly low for some time past.

The recent advance has confirmed the belief that all ranks previously held that the German is now well beaten and it is only a matter of time before the end arrives. This belief gives them heart to carry on with the many arduous tasks imposed upon them, though, one and all, eagerly look forward to a period of rest to enable them to thoroughly recuperate after the months of forward area work they have passed through.

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

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REPORT ON OPERATIONS FROM 26th to 28th AUGUST 1918. - Ref. Map. 62C.N.W.

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The Battalion took over the line approximately G.21.central, G.21.d.central., G.21.d.8.0., G.27.central to G.33.central from 10th A.I. Brigade Battalion. The orders were to keep always in touch with the enemy and to push forward by peaceful penetration whenever possible.

As soon as relief was complete this work was proceeded with, and in consequence on the night 27th/28th our line had been pushed forward without casualties a distance of about 1,500 Yards.

At dawn on the 28th our patrols again commenced pushing forward and by 10 a.m. our line ran:- G.36.central., G.30.d.central., G.24.d.8.0., H.19.a.5.0., G.24.b.95.75. with a defensive flank in front of FRISE to G.24.b.5.2.

Strong opposition was being met with from the village of FRISE & Trench System in H.13. and MEREAUCOURT WOOD. It was decided to take these villages and the trench system and for this operation a Company of the 23rd Bn was placed at the disposal of C.O., 21st Bn.

It was decided to send the Coy of 23rd Bn to mop up FRISE whilst "D" Coy, 21st Bn, plus 1 Platoon of "A" Coy, worked down the 3 Trenches Northward in H.13.

Zero was fixed at 3.25 p.m. - 15 minutes prior to which the Field Artillery were to open extra fire on the Village and MEREAUCOURT WOOD, lifting at Zero to the rear of the latter and back area roads and approaches. 1 Gun of 6th A.L.T.M.B. at the same time fired on the trenches to be attacked.

Little opposition was met with in FRISE but strong opposition was met with by the other party who however worked down the trenches so quickly and bombed with such good effect that this was soon overcome leaving the points in our hands. 50 Prisoners were taken together with about 15 M.G.s., & 3 Light M.W.s.

A 77mm Anti-Tank Gun situated about 300 Yards East of the objective on the Canal Bank opened fire but was immediately engaged with Lewis Guns and the crew were forced to abandon same.

Owing to the enemy still being able to fire on its position it was not possible to get out to the gun which fell to the 18th Bn who later passed through us.

Our casualties were:- 2 Officers and 3 Other Ranks Wounded.

In addition to the above mentioned prisoners several of the enemy were killed.

At 7 p.m. the line ran:- From G.36.b.3.5. North along HELENE & SOPHIE Trench past LITTLE WARREN Northwards to the SOMME RIVER.

At 9.30 p.m. the 18th & 23rd Bns had passed through and the Battalion withdrew to G.33.a.

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

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