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TRONVILLE.	1st	4 am.	Situation since last report Enemy Artillery quiet generally throughout the night. Enemy barrage on left Battalion Front Line for 10 minutes at 2.30 am. Supports and Battalion Headquarters occasionally shelled with Heavy Guns.	
		8 am.	Divisional Order No. 115 giving details of attack on MONUMENT WOOD received.	
		9 am.	Report of 46th Battalion's endeavour to advance our line attached herewith.	No 1.
		12.45	Following to 45th, 46th, 47th. Battalions. The 47th Battalion will relieve the 46th Battalion in the left Battalion Sector on the night of 1-2nd May. The Two Companies of the 46th Battalion will remain in their present position and come under the tactical order of the C.O. 47th Battalion. On relief the two Front Line Companies of the 46th Battalion will move back to the Cacy Line and replace the 47th Battalion. All details of relief will be arranged mutually between C.O.'s concerned. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters.	
		4 pm.	C.O. 47th Battalion visited Brigade Headquarters and advises of the necessity of pushing forward our present Line in co-operation with 45th Battalion and all details known regarding attack on MONUMENT WOOD. Situation since last report exceptionally quiet, very little shelling on the front. Visibility bad.	
		5.8 pm.	From 4th Australian Division Section of 6 inch Trench Mortars at present in VILLERS BRETTONNEUX about O 35 d 72 90. is to be placed at the disposal of 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade for forthcoming operation. This Section can be communicated through 47th Battalion Headquarters.	
		6 pm.	G.O.C. and Brigade Major visited Battalion Headquarters of 48, 46, 45, 47th Battalions and Trench Mortar Battery and talked over all arrangements with them concerning the impending operations on MONUMENT WOOD. The establishment of dumps of S.A.A., Engineer material etc., were well on their way towards completion. Trench Mortar Battery ordered to emplace 2 mortars in Railway with as much ammunition as possible to commence to-night. Instruction No. 1 attached.	No 2
		11.15 pm.	45th Battalion advise Tanks in position.	
		11.50 pm.	45th Battalion report enemy gas shells landing in vicinity of O 35 D. and U 5 B.	
		11.55 pm.	48th Battalion report fire commenced by enemy shelling in VILLERS BRETTONNEUX. Weather for last 24 hours fair with occasional showers. Intelligence summary attached.	No 3
TRONVILLE.	2nd.	12.35 am.	Relief of 46th Battalion by 47th Battalion complete with slight casualties : 7 wounded.	

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TEONVILLE	2nd.	2.30 am.	Enemy in response to S.O.S. put down a heavy barrage from Left Flank of Brigade to Railway. This shelling lasted about 35 minutes when it slackened off.	
		4 am.	Situation since last report: Enemy activity slightly increased between 9. and 9.30 pm. some gas shells fell in O 34.B. and O.34. A. C. and D. enemy shelled very bad intermittently since mid-night causing two fires in village. Throughout, enemy active with sniping in vicinity of Railway Cutting, also enemy Rifle Grenades very active between 2 and 3 am.	
		"	enfilading Railway Cutting. Enemy appears to be very nervous.	
		"	45th Battalion report line advanced 50 yards along Railway and no news yet of 47th Battalion. A Report is attached regarding the advancing of the line, and the location of the	No 4
		4.30	Line as at 11.am.	
		4.30	2nd Morrocan Brigade relieved by the 74th French Brigade, 3rd Battalion Tirailleurs.	
		8 am.	Instructions No.1 received from XXM . 4th Australian Divisional Headquarters.	
		2.27 pm.	Division report enemy trenches have been located U.6.B. 70. to O. 36. D. 60-05. and U. 6. B. 63 60. to U. 6. B. 28 70. Right Brigade Group will include in harassing task to-day for Howitzers and 18 pounders.	
		12.30	Brigade Order No.204 issued to all units.	
		2.43 pm.	From Division 4th Aust.Infantry Brigade will relieve as early as possible to-night two companies of 46th Battalion between the main road and the road running E. and W. in squares 34. a.and B. Location of Coys approximately 28. C. Central, 28. D. and 34. B. This is to release two companies as Reserves for 12th Brigade. 46th Battalion ordered to move two Coys on relief to replace two Coys of 48th Battalion, and advise they are in Brigade Reserve.	No 5
		2.47	From 4th Australian Division, 48th Battalion has been told that Whippet Tanks if used will fly green flags. O.C. Tanks has now arranged that all tanks will fly a red flag as detailed in Div. Orders, and ensure that 48th Battalion is informed. 48th Battalion accordingly notified.	
		2.54.	Instructions No. 2 received from Div. H.Q. Artillery Orders for attack also received.	

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TRONVILLE	2	4p.m.	Situation since last report. Enemy Artillery very quiet at 11-45 a.m. to enemy aeroplanes brought down by our aircraft one in flames and one forced to land. Both fell in vicinity of Monument Wood in enemy lines. Our aircraft active flying very low particularly over Monument, visibility good.	
		5p.m.	All details for the attack were complete excepting that electric torches for mopping up party were short, only about 16 had been gathered together, other than this everything that could be done was fixed.	
		12 mdt	Up to this hour the enemy was very quiet Artillery and Machine Gun fire practically nil weather fine. Intelligence Summary attached.	
O 25 C 60 40			Advanced Brigade Headquarters established at Railway Embankment at O 25 C 60 40 at 8-20 p.m.	No 3
	3rd	a.m. 1-50	2nd inst. 46th Battalion reported move completed.	
		2	Bombardment of Monument Wood Commenced.	
		2-8	48th Battalion report on Jumping Off Tape at 1-45 a.m. without any interference from enemy Division advised accordingly.	
		2-15	48th Battalion report enemy barrage which was heavy came down at 2-9 a.m. Attacking troops got a good start and clear of enemy barrage.	
		2-20	47th Battalion report, Enemy barrage came down at 2-10 a.m. which was very heavy also heavy Machine Gun Fire from Farm O 36 D also from direction of Monument. Barrage heavy on 47th Battalion front. Villers Brettenoux heavily shelled.	
		2-25	Cluster of Yellow on 45th Battalion Front fired by enemy.	
		2-27	" " Three Greens " " " " "	
		2-35	Reported to Division.	
		2-40	48th Battalion report, No reports yet received but very heavy enemy Machine Gun Fire. Now await reports.	
		2-41	At 2-30 a.m. 45th Battalion report 48th Battalion entering wood but met heavy enemy	

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			Machine Gun fire.	
		2-57	48th Battalion report No news artillery and machine gun fire slackening right got away well and were going well left obscure anticipate them having a heavy fight.	
		2-58	45th Battalion report one green flare uncertain whom it is.	
		3-12	47th Battalion report seeing green flares but cannot say whose, artillery and machine gun fire slackened about 2-35 a.m.	
		3-20	48th Battalion report 14 Prisoners also 40 in cellar in Cheateau. Attack going strong on right and Centre left hung up but endeavouring to push up to Railway.	
		4-0	48th Battalion report Left hung up by wire the right was up to the Cheateau but they could not hold the Cheateau. They are now digging in on a line approximately O 36 C 4 2 thence South West to North West corner of Wood the due South to about O 5 Central grid line, not in touch with French. Will have to swing Right flank back. Very heavy Machine Gun fire Prisoners state cheateau occupied by 200 men.	
		4-10	Situation explained to the French who advise will do all in their power to get touch by pushing forward special troops.	
		4-20	48th Battalion report just in front of original line and say impossible to advance on account of terrific machine gun fire and do not consider it advisable to employ any reserves the wood is alive with machine guns and wired. 48th Battalion were ordered to withdraw to original front line and for tanks to remain fast. French Brigade notified of this withdrawal and arranged to connect with them on original line.	
		5 a.m.	Artillery informed to bring back S.O.S.Lines to lines fired on during afternoon of 2nd inst. Prisoners of 8th Battalion and 20th Battalion Jaeger Division 69th Field Artillery 2 Officers and 20 Other Ranks.	
		5-45	45th Battalion reported two tanks patrolling out lines in vicinity of Monument Wood one tank was patrolling at this time in U 6 C and the second tank appeared to be in difficulties at the South Edge of Monument Wood. Owing to orders having been sent for tanks to stand stand fast it was not known by the Liaison Officer Tanks at 48th Battalion Headquarters whether these tanks were ours or not. Communication with 48th Battalion Down for 10 Minutes,	
		6-45	48th Battalion reported that the orders despatched to the tanks to stand fast but had evidently not been delivered and in consequence tanks moved forward in accordance with programme. One Tank at U 5 B 6 0 in difficulty and the crew were captured. The second tank returned through our lines safely after doing great execution.	

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		8-10	In touch with French on original line French accordingly informed.	
		8-30	Situation from 5-30 a.m. to 8-30 p.m. Quiet on the Brigade Sector with slight shelling of forward area occasional burst of Machine Gun Fire Division advised by phone.	
		8-45	Following received from O.C. "C" Company 9th Battalion Tanks. Have found it necessary to move whippets from O 33 D 5 0 to corner of wood U 3 A as the position of wood in first position was shelled heavily with gas and H.E. This was passed to Divisional Headquarters	
		8-10	Division advise ground flares observed at following locations U 5 A 2 2 U 5 B 6 3 U 6 A 1 9 O 36 C 4 1 O 36 D 9 1 P 31 C 1 1 O 36 D 9 8 P 25 C 2 6	
		9-30	Tank Battalion advised about situation of disabled tank and crew. A copy of report on this Operation is attached together with Maps etc.	No 6
		11-25	From Divisional Headquarters action will be taken as therein laid down in Divisional Order for the relief of the Brigade By the 13th A.I. Bde.	
			G.O.C. Division visited Brigade Headquarters.	
		12 noon	Since last report situation very quiet on Brigade Front light scattered shelling of forward area. The Bosche after the attack showed the spirit of a first class sportsman allowing our stretcher bearers to work right up to the wood unmolested enabling our wounded to be brought back to our lines. The Bosche also used his stretcher bearers in the same manner clearing his wounded.	
		3 pm	General Glasgow 13th A.I. Brigade visited Brigade Headquarters to arrange details of the relief.	
		3-50	Brigade Order No, 206 issued to Units for relief.	No 5
		4	Situation quiet light shelling forward area movement of enemy in V 7 Central and V 1 Central observed.	
		5	Party of approximately 500 enemy observed in V 7 Central and artillery informed French Artillery concentrated on this target and did excellent shooting causing many casualties Bosche Stretcher bearers were observed to be very busy after artillery have eased off.	
		6-0	Air report reconnaissance at 700 feet parties of our men observed near Monument and along Road to Cross Roads and our S.O.S. Barrage arranged accordingly. Patrols were arranged to go and locate these men if possible at dusk. From our information do not think it is possible for any of our men to be forward. Machine Gun Company report that they have not been able to locate to of their guns these may possibly be the parties observed from the air	
			Machine Gun Officer	

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	3rd		ordered to send forward and locate guns at dusk.	
	9-53		2 Guns which were on North West corner of Wood reported by Machine Gun Company to have withdrawn to our lines.	
	12 mdt		Relief in progress. Weather fine and warm during the day inclined to be sultry Heavy rail fell at 11p.m.	
4th	12-52		Patrols from Machine Gun Company report Monument held by the enemy and that all his men have been traced. The question of our men being forward was now definitely settled and that S.O.S. Barrages Lines were arranged accordingly.	
	3-27		Relief was completed at this hour. Dispositions of the Brigade on completion of relief were as follows. Brigade Headquarters TRONVILLE CHEATEAU 45th & 48th Battalions BLANGY TRONVILLE 12th T.M. Battery " " 46th Battalion CACHY LINE under tactical orders of the G.O.C.	
TRONVILLE CHEATEAU			13th A.I. Brigade, 47th Battalion, nucleus garrison AUBIGNY LINE. 45th and 48th Battalions resting and bathing and generally cleaning up.	
	2p.m.		Divisional Artillery Order for shoot on Monument Wood received. This shoot was carried out at 6 p.m. Weather during the period heavy rain fell from midnight until 3 a.m. during the day dull and sultry with heavy showers.	
do	5th		Conference at Brigade Headquarters of Commanding Officers to discuss the probable breaking up of the 47th Battalion, and the following suggestions were submitted to Division for approval a copy of this letter is attached. No, 2923 Pvt CHARLES WILLIAMS, 46th Battalion an ex soldier of the Foreign Legion whilst visiting this Regiment (which was holding the Line on the right of the Brigade) volunteered to bring in French wounded who were lying in front of their lines. Whilst carrying out this work of rescue he was unfortunately killed. Attached is a copy of letters and orders from the French concerning the gallant conduct of Pvt WILLIAMS who was awarded the CROIX DE GUERRE.	no 7.
	8pm		Instructions for the Defensive NO, 7 & 8 received from Divisional Headquarters.	
	9-20		From Divisional Headquarters. H.M. the KING awarded Victoria Cross to 4061 Sgt, F.R. McDOUGALL 47th Battalion A.I.F. Convey Army Corps and Divisional Commanders congratulations to recipient who is to be informed as soon as possible.	no 8

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TRONVILLE CHEATEAU	6th		<p>Weather warm and fair with occasional heavy showers. 45th and 48th Battalions ordered to move from BLANGY TRONVILLE and occupy TRONVILLE SWITCH and BLANGY LINE. Owing to the probability of the enemy shelling the village it was considered advisable to evacuate the town. Battalions moved and were in position at 4 p.m. On completion of move heavy rain fell during the night which made it very uncomfortable for 45th and 48th Battalions in the BLANGY LINE there being at this time only a very limited number of shelter available.</p>	
do	7th		<p>News of the minor operation of the 3rd Australian Division received which resulted in an advance of 500 yards on a frontage of 2000 yards. 150 Prisoners captured. Following message despatched to 47th and 48th Battalions. To enable 47th Battalion to be bathed before going into the line again. Two Companies of 48th Battalion now in BLANGY Line will replace 47th Battalion in AUBIGNY LINE. On relief 47th Battalion will move back to BLANGY TRONVILLE. All arrangements will be made direct between C.O.'s concerned movement will be made in small parties with big intervals. Baths are being arranged for 47th Battalion this afternoon. Headquarters and 2 Companies 48th Battalion in BLANGY LINE will remain fast. Relief of 47th Battalion was completed without incident at 5-30 p.m. 47th Battalion commencing bathing on relief.</p>	
			<p>In order to rest and bath the 46th Battalion before going into the line the following action will be taken.</p>	
			<p>Following to 45th and 46th Battalions, and 13th A.I. Brigade." RTth Battalion will relieve 46th Battalion in the Cauty Line and Aubigny Line night 7/8th. On relief 45th Battalion will come under tactical orders G.O.C. 13th A.I. Brigade. Relief to be completed as early as possible Movement to be governed by visibility. On relief 46th Battalion will move back and replace 45th Battal on in BLANGY TRONVILLE LINE Completion of relief to be notified to Brigade Headquarters Colonel Perry to report to G.O.C. 13th A.I. Brigade by 4 p.m.</p>	
		5 p.m.	<p>Following to 48th Battalion, Two companies your Battalion now occupying AUBIGNY LINE will be commanded by a Senior Officer. Function of these two-Companies to act as nucleus garrison for troops to reform on in case of necessity and to hold AUBIGNY LINE. Your Battalion Headquarters and 2 Companies occupying Tronville Line will remain fast and be available for Counter Attack if necessary.</p>	
		6-0 6-20	<p>Copy of Instructions issued to Units of Brigade available for Counter attack attached herewith. Following from Division and passed to Units for action. Battalions will report by priority wire daily as soon as there is light enough direction and intensity of wind</p>	NO 9.

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			and intensity of wind any enemy gassing whether mustard or lethal any enemy balloons observed.	
		9-10	Relief of 46th Battalion by 45th Battalion completed.	
		10-10	Following message received from Division and passed to Units. Reported enemy is preparing to attack at eleven tonight. Brigade nucleus now at BERTENCOURT Division has now decided to move them up to Transport Lines and authorised leaving 5 Officers and 25 Other Ranks Instructors and asking names of these details. Throughout the period usual aerial and artillery activity. Weather fine clear and warm.	
TRONVILLE CHEATEAU		1-10	p.m. Following message to 47th Battalion, Your Battalion will move from Billets and occupy BLANGY TRONVILLE LINE from right of 48th Battalion to the Divisional Boundry and the Switch running South East in N 35. Move to be completed by 4 P.m. 48th Battalion to hand over proportion of shelters and Iron on their charge. 46th Battalion bathing and cleaning up. Party of 50 Other Ranks 47th Battalion burying cable from Glisy to new Divisional Headquarters Brigade order NO. 207 for relief of 4th A.I. Brigade in left Brigade Sector on night 8/10th May issued to all Units. Weather fine and warm. Reconnaissance of Left Brigade Sector carried out G.O.C. Brigade visited G.O.C. 4th A.I. Brigade and arranged details of relief.	
"	9th		The following Officers and Other Rank awarded the CROIX DE GUERRE by the Colonel Commanding 74th Brigade 37th French Division for conspicuous gallantry on the 3rd May. Captain D.A. TWYING MM Lieutenant D.E. LINDSAY. Private J.L. RAFFERTY 48th Battalion and Lieutenant G.S. SHARPE 12th Brigade Signal Section. G.O.C. Division visited Brigade Headquarters and discussed the method of holding the left Brigade Sector. Usual air and artillery activity. Weather clear and warm.	
O 25 C 50 30	10th	12 30	In accordance with Brigade order No, 207 relief of 4th A.I. Brigade was completed at 12-10 a.m. without incident or casualty. The disposition of the Brigade on relief is as shown on attached map. 48th Battalion Line Right 36th Battalion Line Left 45th Battalion Support Right 47th Battalion Support Left.	
		4 a.m.	Situation report enemy artillery very quiet throughout the night enemy machine gun activity intermittent bursts against our front line posts our artillery active shelling enemy forward areas	
		6am	Intelligence Summary No, 1 attached.	NO 3,
		4 pm	Situation very quiet no enemy shelling enemy aeroplanes low over our forward area during afternoon	

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			visibility fair.	
		8-30pm	Party of about 50 enemy observed in P 15 D artillery informed and engaged with good results	
		9-39	Two enemy field guns observed firing from P 26 C 3 5 and engaged by our artillery	
		1120	Relief of 4th Machine Gun Company by 12th Machine Gun Company completed.	
			Following from Division. An artillery Crash will be put down on Monument Wood tomorrow the 11th at 3 a.m. lasting for about 20 minutes all Units of Brigade informed. Weather inclined to be cooler and cloudy, visibility at times fair mostly indifferent with ground haze light fog during the early morning. The Brigade Sector as taken over from a Defensive Point of view was not at all satisfactory. There being little or no wire out in front of the posts or front line. The Support Line was not a completed line in parts it had not been dug at all but only traced and was about four hundred yards short of joining up with the Left Brigade and consisted of small posts unconnected. On the Right Battalion sector and the wire was very thin. In some places there was no wire at all. The Villers Line was a continuous well dug and wired the average depth was 4 feet 6 inches. Villers Switch was a series of unconnected posts and Banana Switch in the same condition. These two lines were wired but required a great amount of thickening. A works programme was decided upon and the work of completing and improving the defenses with the aid of the 4th Field Company was commenced. Connecting of the front line posts so as to form a continuous trench was the first work put in hand parties were also put on the four Battalion Headquarters which were double entrance dugouts.	
	11th	4-30	Situation since last report very quiet. In response to our bombardment of Monument Wood the enemy made no effort to retaliate on our Sector.	
		6 am	Intelligence Summary attached	No 3
		1145	14th Battalion instructed to complete Railway Trench by connecting Strong Points to make a continuous line also to dig a trench to protect Headquarters in Quarry connecting Railway Trench with Cachy Switch.	
		4pm	Situation enemy artillery quiet Villers Bretteneaux shelled during morning with 5-9, enemy aeroplanes flying low dropped four bombs in the vicinity O 28 C no damage. Weather during period fine clear and warm visibility during day good.	
	12th	4am	Situation report very quiet night usual artillery activity forward area.	
		6 am	Intelligence summary attached. Brigade Order No, 208 issued to all Units for relief of portion of Brigade Front and subsequent alteration of the Front on night 13/14th. Work of construction of trenches wiring etc is being pushed on and the right Battalion Sector the front line now practically is a continuous line and wire has been out.	No 3 - No 6

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	13th	4pm	Enemy activity nil weather dull with drizzle rain visibility bad weather during the period has been very unsettled with drizzle and mist rain.	
		4 am	Situation quiet during the night light shelling of forward area by enemy light artillery, otherwise quiet night.	
		6am	Intelligence summary for last 24hours attached.	No 3
		4pm	Enemy artillery more active than usual shelling throughout the day with 4-2 and 5-9 vicinity O 22 Central and Villers Brettenneaux. Weather dull and drizzly rain and muggy and close visibility poor.	
			Brigade Order No, 209 for relief of 48th and 46th Battalions in forward area issued.	No 5
	14th	2am	In accordance with Brigade Order No, 208 portion of the Brigade front was taken over by 4th A.I. Brigade, Relief being completed by 2 a.m.	
		4am	Situation report slight enemy shelling forward area. Left Battalion front enemy Machine Guns fairly active otherwise quiet night.	
		6am	Intelligence Summary attached.	No 3
		4pm	Enemy artillery slight shelling support line right Battalion in vicinity Battalion Headquarters between 10 and 11 a.m. Low flying enemy aeroplane over forward area during the morning enemy railway gun observed firing from W 7 B 57 between 12 and 1 p.m, and to pull out at 1-15 p.m. Heavies informed but their shooting was unobserved visibility good. Weather for period under review fine clear and warm.	
	15th	4am	Enemy artillery very active on Support Battalion Area quiet on the front but active on left Brigade Sector between 9 and 10 P&M O 21 B and O 15 D shelled with lacramatory gas enemy planes active over back areas 12 bombs dropped vicinity Brigade Headquarters.	No 3
		6am	Intelligence Summary attached.	
		4p,m,	Intermittent enemy shelling with 4-2 vicinity of O21C and O 27 A increased aerial activity both sides a number of enemy balloons up visibility good.	
		12mid	Relief in accordance with Brigade Order No, 209 completed without incident. Weather fine and warm clear moonlight evening.	
	16th	4 am	Slight enemy shelling forward area enemy MachineGun fire normal.	
		6am	Intelligence summary attached	No 3
		4pm	Situation quiet practically no enemy shelling or activity of any description since last report. Aeroplanes both sides very active.	
		10pm	Enemy aeroplanes very active night flying and bombing back areas Gotha with crew of three	

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		10 pm	brought down by A.A. fire at O 27. One prisoner captured, remaining two of crew at large. Machine captured in good condition. Description of two of the crew sent to all units.	
	17th		Weather warm and fine with clear moonlight night. Lieutenant Henderson, American, attached to the Brigade for instruction in intelligence duties left to rejoin his unit after an attachment of six days.	
		4 am.	Situation report, enemy artillery quiet generally. Enemy machine guns fairly active throughout the night. Increased aerial activity confined to bombing back areas.	
		6 am.	Intelligence Summary attached.	No 3
		12.40	At this hour an enemy single seater plane was brought down by one of our planes. It landed at O 30 b O 2. The pilot was killed. It is of interest to note that the unfortunate pilot of this machine was minus a leg, he wearing an artificial limb.	
		4 pm.	Enemy artillery active in O 21 b and O 16 a, b, c with XX 5.9, otherwise quiet. Our planes and enemy planes very active during the day.	
	18th		Weather fine and warm with clear moonlight nights. active Out artillery active throughout the night. Enemy artillery at intervals scattered 42 8 inch in O 21 and O 22. Enemy planes active bombing back areas. 3 bombs dropped in O 30 a. Enemy gassing O 31 a and c, about 100 shells; majority of shells Green Cross 77.	
		6 am	Intelligence Summary attached.	No 3
		4 pm	Enemy shelled Villers Brettonneux from 2.45 pm to 3.15 pm with heavies, probably 8 inch, firing in salvos of 2 in five minutes interval. Enemy aeroplanes dropped 8 bombs Eastern outskirts of village. Weather during period under review clear and warm with bright moonlight night.	
	19th	4 am	Situation - enemy artillery quiet; machine guns active; enemy aeroplanes active dropping bombs O 16 c, O 18 a at 1.10 and 2-30 am. Our artillery and machine guns active.	
		6 am	Intelligence Summary attached.	No 3
		4 pm	Situation - enemy artillery fairly active on forward areas. Villers Brettonneux intermittently shelled. Enemy aeroplanes active flying low over forward areas. Our artillery and aeroplanes very active.	
	20th	4 am	Weather fine and clear and warm. Bright night. Situation very quiet during night apart from aerial activity. Both sides very active bombing back areas.	
		6 am	Intelligence Summary attached.	No 3
			Brigade Order No- 210 for relief of Brigade by 9th A.I. Brigade nights 21/22nd issued to all concerned.	No 5

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Rivery	25th 26th		However one cannot help feeling the loss of such a fine Battalion. Church Parade and Medals and ribband presentation. General Sir William Birdwood, Corps Commander, and General McLagan, Divisional Commander, were present. The parade was held at the School, Rivery, and was attended by representatives from Battalions of the Brigade. The Commanding Officers of all units of the Brigade Group were present.	
			During the evening enemy aeroplanes bombed Amiens. Weather fine, clear and warm.	
	27th		Training and Sports carried out. Weather fine and warm and clear. Long range high velocity guns shelled Amiens throughout the day and aeroplanes bombed the town at night.	
	28th		Brigadier General J. Gellibrand. C.B., D.S.O., handed over Command of the Brigade to Lieut. Col. R.L. Leane. C.B., D.S.O., M.C. Brigadier General Gellibrand proceeded to assume command of 3rd Australian Division.	
	29th 30th 31st		Training and reconnaissance of reserve Brigade area 15th A.I. Brigade, 5th Australian Division, preparatory to Division taking over the line from 5th Australian Division. xxxxxxx Brigade Order No. 211 issued for move from Rivery and relief of 8th A.I. Brigade and nucleus personnel and guards of 15th A.I. Brigade.	A05
			Weather fine and warm. Usual shelling and bombing of Amiens by enemy long range guns and aeroplanes.	
			<i>Strength Returns, Changes in Officers, Casualties and Sick Evacuations, and Reinforcements arrived by week are attached.</i>	

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OF

12th Aust Infantry Brigade

FOR

May 1918.

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Report on Minor Operations.46th Battalion.

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With a view to further operations against MONUMENT WOOD the 46th Battalion was instructed to endeavour to silently advance our line as far as possible on the night of 30th April/1st May.

The 46th Battalion established two Posts at O.36.D.2 3. and O.36.D.25 40. It was the intention to advance all the Posts of their portion of the front, if possible, to a general line running from O.36.D.3 2. to O.30.D.9 3.. Information gained by patrol indicated that farmhouses in O.36.D.7 8. were occupied by the enemy. To deal with these before the Companies advanced two patrols, each of one officer and 25 other ranks were sent forward. The patrols approached the farm from the North. Shortly after commencing, two aeroplane hangars in their rear caught fire thus silhouetting the patrols. Patrol however continued and reached the orchard surrounding the farm which consists of 4 houses and a haystack. The house on the North West corner of the orchard was entered and found to be unoccupied. Patrols then proceeded through orchard and came to small sunken road which was garrisoned by about 30 of the enemy. It was noticed that most of the garrison were wearing British Steel Helmets. From this point Lieut. COULSON who was in advance of remainder of patrol was challenged in German at 5 yards distance. Lieut. COULSON answered the challenge in German but enemy at once threw a bomb. This officer then opened fire and personally shot two of the enemy. A bomb fight ensued and casualties were inflicted on the enemy. This bombing warned enemy garrison in the farm houses, which patrol had not yet reached and two machine guns opened fire. Three machine guns in the enemy main line then opened (an intense) fire. The enemy then being alert and the machine gun fire between patrol and objective being intense, it seemed improbable that party would reach objective with sufficient numbers to carry out the assault.

The party then withdrew after gaining useful information as to the enemy defences and strength in that locality. Our casualties were 2 officers and 4 other ranks wounded which the party brought in.



INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1.

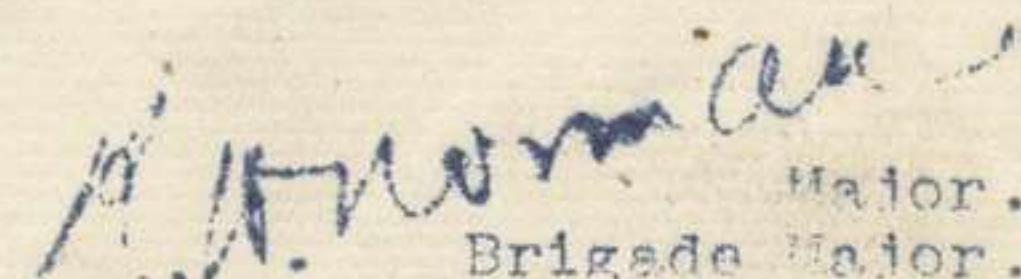
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1st May, 1918.

1. The Division on our right, French Moroccan Division is advancing its line in the BOIS DE HANGARD at a date to be notified later, as far as the Eastern outskirts of the wood in square U.1⁶.
2. (a) Our Division will cooperate by seizing MONUMENT WOOD in Square U.6. and by means of artillery fire.
(b) The 48th Battalion will carry out the attack on MONUMENT WOOD supported by 4 Machine Guns of 12th Machine Gun Company and 2 Light Trench Mortars of the 12th Trench Mortar Battery.
(c) Endeavour is being made to push our present line from the Railway inclusive to the North Brigade Boundary forward to the line shown on the attached map. This forward movement should be completed on night 1/2nd, so that the line North of the Railway inclusive will remain rigid on the day of attack.
(d) No artillery barrage will be put down during the actual attack but a bombardment of MONUMENT WOOD will be delivered at ZERO to ZERO plus 2 minutes. Harassing fire will be carried out at irregular intervals day and night up to ZERO. The machine guns in the Brigade Sector taking advantage to cooperate.
3. Simultaneously with the attack of the 48th Battalion the Regiment on the left of the French Moroccan Division has arranged to advance its line from U.5.Central to a point about 100 yards West of the Road running North and South through U.6.A. & C.
The approximate point of junction between Right of 48th Battalion and left of French will be U.6.C.2⁶.
4. Tanks. Four heavy tanks - 3 male and 1 female - will be in position prior to attack in the vicinity of the road running diagonally N.E. through U.3.Central.
Two of these tanks - one male and one female - will patrol the ground South of the MONUMENT WOOD in Squares U.6.C. & D. from 5 a.m. onwards with a view to destroying enemy Machine Gun nests in that area and protecting Infantry against possible enemy tank attacks during consolidation.
They will not return earlier than 6-30 a.m. via the road running from South to North in U.6.C. & A. through the MONUMENT WOOD to assist if required in clearing up the situation there.
The two remaining male tanks will be held in reserve ready for use in case of hostile tank attack. The signal for their employment will be a rifle grenade bursting into 3 stars RED over GREEN over RED. A supply will be carried by each tank and also carried by the Infantry.
5. Zero day and hour will be notified later.
6. Watches will be synchronised at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily up to the time of the attack. Synchronisation will not be carried out on the telephone but units will send watches to Report Centre, O.25.C.O.C.
7. On the capture of MONUMENT WOOD the 48th Battalion will arrange to reserve for the use of the French supporting troops, a portion of the cellar accommodation reported to exist under the farm buildings in U.6.A.4³.
8. A special party under an officer and accompanied by an officer or man with a knowledge of French, will be detailed, prior to zero hour, to gain touch on reaching the objective, with the left of the French, and to establish a mutual post with them.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Brigade Major.
12th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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	6	12th Trench Mortar Battery
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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 4.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 1-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery active during the day on forward areas and on enemy approaches. A registration shoot was carried out by our 18 pounders and 4.5's on farm in O.36.D.7 8. This target was later engaged and direct hits observed. MONUMENT WOOD was intermittently shelled during the day and very good shooting was observed. Shells fell on the believed enemy support trench. Our heavies were also active during the day.

(b) Machine Guns. Active from house tops in VILLERS BRETTONEUX against MONUMENT WOOD between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Expenditure - 2,500 rounds.

(c) Trench mortars. Light Stokes Mortar Battery engaged farmhouse in O.36.D.7 8. at 3 p.m. with 25 rounds. Also engaged farm again at 1 p.m. with 10 rounds.

(d) Aircraft. Very active during the day flying low over our own and the enemy forward areas. One of our planes flying very low fired machine guns into MONUMENT WOOD.

(e) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 4 men.	2 am. 3 am.	From U.5.B.3 5. to U.5.B.92 35. along Western edge of wood and back to U.5.B.3 3.	In front and about 20 yards from edge of wood there are two fences with a few strands of wire on each. A single apron fence runs from this point away to the right. Talking and striking of matches could be plainly heard and it appears that enemy holds wood in fair strength.

1 Off. 5 O.R. (Lt. LEDDY)	1 am. 2-15 am.	From O.35.D.9 0. to U.6.A.4 6. to U.6.A.1 5. to U.5.B.9 5. to U.5.B.4 5.	Wood was reached at U.6.A.4 6. Flares were fired by enemy (probably a Post) at U.6.A.50 55. Proceeded to U.6.A.1 5. and enemy could be heard talking from direction U.6.C.1 9. where he seems to be digging a trench. Bombs were thrown into the corner of the wood to see if any machine gun was there. There was no response but immediately after 2 flares were fired from that point. No enemy were encountered and after searching in vain for man who is missing from last night patrol, returned.
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2 Off. 4 O.R. (Lt. ARNOLD) (Lt. VINCENT)	10-15 pm. 12-30 am.	From O.36.C.80 25. to O.36.D.20 15. and back to starting point.	Small enemy Post was located at O.36.D.2 5. held by 3 men. Patrol could not see a machine gun. A trench appears to be occupied from O.36.D.35 10. to O.6.E.2 8. 2 of the enemy were seen running along this trench and flares were fired from it. Trench is apparently deep and the flash of the flare pistol could not be seen. a lot of talking could be heard on both sides of the railway. Whilst there our 4.5's fired 15 rounds. Only one round exploded and all shells fell 50 yards short of the enemy trench.
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An attempt made by the 4th Battalion to silently advance our Posts on the left Battalion Sector will be reported on separately.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery. Very little enemy artillery activity on our front. About 34 4.2 shells fell on ridge in front of CACHY SWITCH about 11 a.m. Enemy shelled VILLERS BRETTONEUX fairly heavily at intervals during the day. The AMIENS Road also received attention. At 10-30 p.m. enemy placed a slight barrage on our left battalion front line.

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ENEMY ACTIVITY (contd.)

(b) Machine Guns. Quiet during the day. During our attempt to advance our posts on the Left Battalion Front enemy machine guns were very active. 5 guns appeared to be firing, -2 from the farmhouse at O.36.D.6 9. and 3 from positions in rear of the farm apparently in his main line. Very little further activity.

(c) Trench mortars. Nil.

(d) Aircraft. The inactivity of enemy aircraft was most noticeable when compared with the previous day. One plane crossed our line at 7-15 a.m. and 2-15 p.m.

(e) Sniping. Enemy snipers were very active from farmhouse O.36.D 7 8. throughout the day. At about 4 p.m. artillery fire was brought to bear on these houses and no further trouble was experienced.

(f) Movement. Cyclists were seen on road at U.C.B.9 5. Forward observers report considerable movement of the enemy in small numbers in and about forward enemy positions. A support line appears to run through U.C. & B. and V.1.A. A few of the enemy were seen moving between the front and support lines. It would appear that MONUMENT WOOD is fairly heavily held.

(g) Miscellaneous. Enemy still uses a very large number of flares. 3 red flares on the French Front at 11-15 p.m. were followed by an intense French barrage and then eased down to a steady bombardment. Weather - dull misty day with drizzling rain at intervals. No visibility.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 5.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 2nd May, 1918.

OUR ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was particularly active yesterday. Although the whole enemy forward area was shelled, MONUMENT WOOD received most attention. Guns of all calibre fired on this target throughout the whole 24 hours. Shooting generally was good but a few 6" shells fell short. Heavies engaging forward targets on the Left Battalion Front and railway line were shooting inaccurately and shells fell short in VILLERS BRETONNEUX and along Railway. Gun was afterwards located and corrected. Several practice barrages were put down.

(b) Machine Guns. Inactive owing to vigorous patrolling and minor enterprises for the silent advancement of our line.

(c) Trench mortars. Nil.

(d) Aircraft. Very little activity. One plane was reported observing the enemy forward area continually throughout the morning.

(e) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
2 Off. 4 O.R. (Lt. ARNOLD) (Lt. VINCENT.)	2 am. 2-45 am.	From O.36.C.5 1. to U.6.A.4 7. and back to O.36.C.5 1.	1. To ascertain if any new enemy works about the corner of MONUMENT WOOD. On reaching U.6.A.4 7. enemy was firing a very large number of flares from centre of wood. Enemy and our artillery very active about this time. On account of high visibility and strength of party patrol returned. No new works could be seen and no enemy were encountered.
1 N.C.O. 6 men.	2-30 3 am.	From O.5.B.2 3. to U.5.B.2 1. to U.5.B.80 55. and back to starting point.	Enemy could be heard talking from direction of road in U.5.D. Enemy also heard talking in wood but none seen or encountered.
1 Off. 4 O.R. (Lt. LEDDY)	11 pm. 1-30 am.	From U.5.B.3 5. to within 30 yards of wood at U.5.B.9 5. to U.6.A.3 6.	At U.5.B.9 5. patrol halted to observe and listen. No movement could be seen or heard. Patrol then crawled to within 15 yards of position previously located on N.W. corner of wood. Four bombs were thrown into enemy Post as well as a burst of rifle fire but no reply was received. Patrol moved to U.6.A.3 6. when a fire broke out in VILLERS BRETONNEUX forcing the patrol to remain stationary for some time. During this halt no movement or talking could be heard. Flares were being fired from in wood at U.6.B. Later talking could be heard in the wood. Our artillery then carried out a brisk bombardment on the wood and our patrol returned without casualties.

The whole front of the Left Battalion was thoroughly patrolled continually throughout the night. Enemy are holding farmhouses in O.36.D.6 9. and vicinity. Enemy was engaged here and a bomb fight ensued. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy and our party withdrew. Enemy was also located at Post in O.36.D. 4 1.

Our Posts were established last night at the following points :-
O.36.D.4 7. - O.36.B.43 30. - O.36.B.45 20. - and O.36.D.20 25.
Other Posts on the Left Battalion front will be established this morning to link up with Left Battalion along General line P.25.C.50 25.
O.36.D.40 00. to O.36.D.20 25.

(f) Relief. The 47th Battalion relieved the 4th Battalion in the Left Battalion Sector, relief being complete without casualties by 11-30 p.m.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

- (a) Artillery. Enemy artillery quiet during the day but very active at periods in the late afternoon and through the night. A 15 minute barrage was placed on the Railway in the vicinity of station at 12-45 p.m. 20 minutes barrage was placed on Squares 55.C. and D. at 6-20 p.m. The same locality at 9 p.m. was slightly barraged with H.E. and Gas shell. This barrage seemed to be an answer to green flares from the enemy front line and ceased when a cluster of 4 were fired.
- (b) Machine Guns. A machine gun firing from approximately cross road at U.C.B. 3. was active firing on our front. Gun from about O.36.D.5 1. enfilades the railway. Machine Guns in farm at O.36.D.6 9. active during the night particularly during our bombing encounter.- otherwise quiet.
- (c) Trench Mortars. 7 enemy Trench Mortar shells fell in the valley in U.5.A. between 1 p.m. and 2-45 but no damage was done.
- (d) Aircraft. Inactive.
- (e) Sniping. Sniping fairly active from both sides during the day our snipers claiming many successes.
- (f) Enemy works. Enemy appears to be working hard deepening and improving his trenches on the edge of MONUMENT WOOD and his support line. Enemy trench from U.6.A. 9. to U.6.B. 10 75. has been wired. Observation on this part of the trench is not good.
- (g) Movement. Considerable movement is still being observed in the wood in front line and in support trench opposite Right Battalion Front. No movement observed on Left Battalion Front.

Special Report. About 4-40 a.m. an enemy party about 50 strong in open formation approached our Post in O.36.D.1 2. from the direction of junction of roads in U.6.B. Garrison of Post opened fire with Machine Guns and rifles. Enemy was dispersed and took cover in shell holes in the vicinity. Although no proof or estimate of casualties can be obtained it is believed that a number of casualties were inflicted. The enemy's intention may have either been to reinforce his front line or to attack and capture our forward Posts along the Railway. After taking cover from our fire nothing further of the enemy was seen.

Miscellaneous. A fire broke out in VILLERS BRETTONNEUX about 11-30 last night. Enemy is using a large number of flares and appears to very alert. Two green flares appear to have been responsible for a barrage including gas shell at 9 p.m. last night and ceased when a cluster of 4 greens were fired.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 6.for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. May 3rd, 1918.OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. In preparation for attack on MONUMENT WOOD our artillery was active over the whole enemy forward area during the day. Till 2 a.m. a continual harassing fire on the roads in rear and the wood was kept up. Registration was carried out on S.O.S. Line which had been altered on account of advancement of Posts on Left Battalion Front.

(b) Machine Guns. Until 2 a.m. machine gun activity was normal. Activity later than this hour will be dealt with in special operation report.

(c) Trench Mortars. Special report.

(d) Aircraft. Our aircraft very active during the day flying low over forward areas. Five of our machines engaged four of the enemy at about midday and two enemy 'planes were driven down. One crashed, coming down in flames, the second coming down out of control.

(e) Operations. During the morning our line of Posts on the Left Sector was advanced to a general line P.25.C.7 3. - P.31.A.1 5. O.36.B. Central - O.36.B.2 0. to O.36.D.2 2. thence as previously reported. This operation was carried out without casualties. Report on operation commencing 2 a.m. this morning will be forwarded later.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(a) Artillery. Very quiet during the day and during the night until 2 a.m. after which hour operation report will cover.

(b) Machine Guns. Other than during operation, very little activity.

(c) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(d) Aircraft. Active during the day. Two 'planes were brought down by our aircraft during the day.

(e) Movement. Nil reported.

(f) Miscellaneous. Fine, warm day with very good visibility.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 1.for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 10-5-18.OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was active during the day especially on the enemy forward area. Our 18-pdrs. burst shrapnel low on enemy forward positions continually during the day. Many registration shoots were carried out. Short shooting is still rather prevalent by batteries of all calibres.

(b) Patrols.

Strength	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 3 O.R.	1-30 am. 2-30 am.	From P.25.C.40 20. to P.31.A.35 85. to O.36.B.25 40.	An enemy M.G. was active from Post at P.25.C.75 25. Red roofed huts at P.25.A.35 85. were examined and found unoccupied. Enemy appears to have a Post from which many flares were fired, a few yards in rear of this Point. No enemy encountered.
1 N.C.O. 3 O.R.	2-30 am. 3-35 am.	From P.25.C.80 30. to P.25.D.20 60. to P.25.C.60 40.	Patrol confirms enemy M.G. at P.25.C.70 25. M.G. also active from approx. P.25.D.90 90. Enemy Machine Guns were very active and troubled the patrol a good deal. When at P.25.D.20 60. patrol could hear talking about 200 yards along the road. No enemy were encountered but going was difficult on account of enemy fire.

Other protective patrols patrolled Battalion fronts frequently during the night but have no information of importance to report. Liaison patrols between ours' and neighbouring units were maintained hourly during the night.

(c) Machine Guns. Very little activity only occasional bursts being fired during the night.

(d) Trench Mortars. Inactive owing to relief.

(e) Bombing. Active enemy M.G. positions and positions where flares were being fired from were engaged with grenades No. 36 with effect.

(f) Aircraft. Very active during the day over ours and enemy forward areas. Frequent encounters took place but no decisive results are known. One of our 'planes crossed our lines returning from enemy country at about 4 a.m.

(g) Relief. The 12th A.I. Brigade relieved the 4th A.I. Brigade in the Left Divisional Sector relief being complete by 12-10 a.m. Dispositions on relief are attached.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. Generally quiet.(a) Artillery.

Time.	No. rounds.	Locality.	Calibre	Direction.
3-30/4 p.m.	20	VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	5.9	-
4/5 pm.	20	O.33.B. & O.34.A.	5.9	-
9-30 p.m.	20	O.23.C.	Not reported.	

(b) Machine Guns. Active during the night firing bursts over our forward positions. An enemy gun was located at P.25.C.70 25. and P.25.D.90 90. in a suspected position. M.G.'s on left. Battalion Front were engaged with rifle grenades and were not very active after.

(c) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(d) Aircraft. Active during the day. Several encounters with our machines with unknown results. At 8 p.m. 6 enemy 'planes flew low over our forward area and remained about 20 minutes.

REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN THE WESTERN FRONT

ENEMY OPERATIONS (contd.)

- (d) Aircraft (contd.) All enemy planes were heavily engaged with machine gun and anti-aircraft fire.
 - (e) Balloons An enemy balloon was put up at 5-40 a.m. on a bearing of 108 degrees from O.P. at O.29.D.95 40 but was taken down at 6 a.m.
 - (f) Movement Although no movement was observed much talking could be heard. Lewis Guns fired bursts in the direction of the talking frequently during the night.
 - (g) Enemy defences Other than M.G. positions reported no enemy defences have been located.
 - (h) Enemy attitude Quiet.
 - (i) Miscellaneous Enemy still uses a large number of flares.
- Weather. Fine warm day with fair to good visibility - Slight N.W. wind.

Dispositions as at 6 a.m. 10th May, 1918

Advance Brigade H.Q. O.25.C.50 30.
 Rear Brigade H.Q. O.25.C.50 30. TRONVILLE CHATEAU.
 Brigade Reports Centre H.Q. O.25.D.60 90.
 48th Battalion Line Right
 Battalion H.Q. O.29.D.90 50.
 R.A.P. O.29.D.85 50.
 3 Coys. in line. O.36.C.05 25 - P.25.C.73 80.
 2 Coys. in Support. O.36.A.15 20 and O.30.D.60 75.
 46th Battalion Line Left
 Battalion H.Q. O.18.D.25 15.
 R.A.P. O.24.C.4 8.
 2 Coys. in line. P.25.C.73 80. - R.19.D.90 65.
 1 Coy. in Support. P.25.A.4 21
 1 " in Reserve. O.30.B.4 6.
 45th Battalion.
 Support Right
 Battalion H.Q. O.27.B.95 75.
 R.A.P. O.27.D.65 90.
 4 Coys. dug in banks at O.28.A and B.
 47th Battalion.
 Support Left.
 Battalion H.Q. O.19.C.50 20.
 R.A.P. O.22.A.50 20.
 4 Coys. dug in banks at O.16.D.10 23.A.
 O.23.B.
 Trench Mortar Battery.
 Battery H.Q. O.22.D.1 1.
 1 Gun O.30.D.25 75. 1 Gun P.25.A.40 70.
 1 Gun O.30.B.30 00. 1 Gun P.19.D.15 15.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(f) Aircraft (continued)
 At about 7-40 a.m. 10-5-18 four of our planes were flying very low over VILLERS BRETONNEUX, bearing our markings and carrying two blue streamers. One of these planes dropped 4 bombs within 80 yards of our Right Battalion H.Q. but no damage was done.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 2.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 11-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active all day; special attention being paid to the BOIS de VAIRE, the road between P.25.D. and P.26.D. and along the Railway Line at V.1. Enemy Post at P.25.D.29. was engaged by 18 pounders, several direct hits being observed. Enemy movement observed was engaged with effect. Short shooting is still prevalent. 15 6" shells fell at P.25.A.44. between 3 and 3-30 a.m.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off. (Lt. PLEASANCE) 4 O.R.	1-30 to 3 a.m.	From P.25.B.57. returned to P.19.D.90 & 5.	The patrol moved forward 70 or 80 yards from Post, then turned N.E. Enemy could be heard talking, and appeared by the sound to be wiring. The enemy line appeared to be strongly held. Owing to lack of landmarks and extreme darkness progress was slow

A Patrol from the Right Battalion investigated Hangar at P.25.C.60 25. which was not occupied. An enemy Post was found at P.25.C.70 25. Rifle Grenades were being fired from this point. Bombs were thrown into the Post and no further trouble was experienced. Movement was observed at P.25.C.90 00; believed to be an enemy Post.

Liaison patrols between units and Battalions on flanks were maintained during the night. Listening Posts were again put out. Talking could be heard. Flares were quieter than usual.

(c) Machine Guns. Active. Two guns active on enemy tracks in P.31.B. between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. Ammunition expended 4,000 rounds.

(d) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(e) Bombing. Very active with No. 36 Grenades on points from which enemy fire comes, with the result that enemy is now less active.

(f) Aircraft. Our aircraft very active during the day and particularly before dusk. Aerial encounters took place but not within our Sector and results were not known. Large numbers of our 'planes flying high were observed during the day returning from enemy lines.

(g) Relief. The 12th Aust. Machine Gun Coy. relieved the 4th Aust. Machine Gun Coy., relief being complete by 11-30 p.m. without casualties.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Quiet.

Time.	Rounds.	Location.	Calibre.	Direction.
4-30 p.m.	20	Road O.24.C.48.	4.2	
All day.	50	VILLERS BRETONNEUX	5.9	
11 a.m.	8	O.22.A.	4.2	
2 p.m.	6	O.22.B.	5.9	
6-45 p.m.	25	O.22.A. & B. & O.23.A.	4.2 & 5.9.	
9/10-30 pm.	150	O.21.-O.22.-O.23.	" "	

(b) Machine Guns. Intermittently firing. Enemy gun in apparently no fixed position but moves from place to place. Quieter than usual owing to our bombing with No. 36 Mill's Grenades. Indirect fire was carried out on our gun positions in P.19.C. and on squares O.24 and O.30.

(c) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(d) Aircraft. At 5 a.m. two 'planes were seen over our front line for a short period. At intervals during the day they were across our front but were driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire. It appears that the enemy evades aerial combat in this Sector.

ENEMY OPERATIONS (contd.)

(e) Movement. At 8 p.m. enemy observed moving in rear of BOID de VAIRE from ADROCHE Wood, probably a night garrison. Artillery informed and party engaged with 18 pounders and 4.5 shells, dispersing them and inflicting casualties. Three stretcher parties were seen working in that locality at 4 a.m.

At 9-45 a.m. a working party carrying what appeared to be timber or wiring stakes were observed about sunken road at P.20.A. and B.. Were engaged by Lewis Gun and Rifle fire and party after taking cover in a trench were not seen again.

At 6-45 p.m. two enemy field guns observed in action in P.31.B.9 S. (approx.) Artillery informed and target engaged.

A working party at approx. P.25.D.2 S. were engaged with rifle and M.G. fire.

(f) Enemy defences. Enemy has no wire in front of his outposts opposite the right Company of the Left Battalion but is wiring what appears to be a trench system some 200 yards from our line. The enemy when digging is throwing all earth to the rear, no parapet at all appearing to be made.

(g) Miscellaneous. Weather - Fine warm day with good visibility.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 3.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 12-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active all day and night barrages being put down on BOIS de VAIRE, HAMEL WOOD and MONUMENT WOOD. Targets given by infantry observers were engaged with good results.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.O. 3 O.R.	11-30 p.m. 12-30 a.m.	Left O.36.B.20 30. returned to O.36.B.80 80.	Patrol moved out about 130 yards towards house at O.36.B.60 00. and 50 yards on the left of the road. Movement was heard at house at O.36.B.60 00. where enemy appears to be either digging or wiring and from where flares were fired at various intervals.
1 N.C.O. 3 O.R.	12-30 a.m. 2-30 a.m.	Left P.25.C.40 20. returned to P.25.C.20 10.	Patrol proceeded to red roofed huts at P.31.A.45 70. Movement could be heard about 20 yards in the rear of huts.

Listening Patrols were sent out and Liaison was maintained with units and Battalions on our flanks.

(c) Machine Guns. Active when suitable targets presented themselves.

(d) Trench Mortars. Quiet.

(e) Bombing. Active. No. 36 Mill's Grenades were thrown at enemy machine guns and at points where flares were fired with the result that the enemy was less active.

(f) Aircraft. Much less active than usual.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

Time.	No. rounds.	Location.	Calibre.
10-40 a.m.)			
11-20 a.m.)	27	VILLEPS BRETONNEUX.	5.9
11-45 a.m./2 p.m.	10	O.28.B.80 20.	4.2
3-30 p.m./4-35 p.m.	7	VILLEPS BRETONNEUX	5.9
" " " "	6	" "	4.2
12-30 a.m./1-5 a.m.	Light Barrage.	O.30.C.60 45.	"
3 a.m./3-15 a.m.	80	O.29.A & B.	77

(b) Machine Guns. Active all night firing short bursts along our front. One Machine Gun was firing from Hangar at P.25.D.90 15.

(c) Trench mortars. Between 8-45 and 9-15 p.m. the enemy fired 6 Fish tailed bombs on the extreme right of our Left Battalion. We retaliated with No. 36 Mill's Grenades.

(d) Aircraft. At 2-45 p.m. 2 enemy 'planes flew over our front and support lines remaining 15 minutes. At 3 p.m. an enemy 'plane dropped 4 bombs in O.28.C. between Railway Line and the road. At 7-45 an enemy 'plane flew very low along our front. At 5 p.m. 5 enemy 'planes made reconnaissance of our front at a high altitude. They were heavily engaged with Machine Gun and A.A. fire.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS (contd.)(e) Movement.

1-30 a.m. Working Party reported at P.20.D.
4-45 a.m. about 100 men were seen moving back to a trench in P.26 Central. Lewis Guns were fired which forced them to take cover.
5 a.m. Small parties in P.20.D. were fired at and dispersed.
5-30 a.m. About 50 men were seen in sunken road in P.21. Probably a fatigue party returning.
7/8-15 p.m. A party of about 100 men passed from ACCROCHE WOOD to BOIS de VAIRE. They were passed by about 30 men going in the opposite direction. Artillery informed and at 7-50 p.m. a salvo of 18 pounders caught about 20 and drove them to earth. Could not see if casualties occurred.
9-30 p.m./midnight. Enemy working parties were active. Lewis Guns were fired in direction of sounds. Fresh earth could be detected on the enemy's outposts facing our left front. A Machine Gun is suspected to be situated at approx. P.26.A.13.

ENEMY DEFENCES. The enemy appears to be connecting his Posts opposite the Right Company of our Left Battalion. New earth works are being built from P.21.C.64 to the old series of trenches at P.26.B.2590., probably to form a continuous front line switch or a communication trench. By the amount of earth thrown up it appears to be a well constructed trench. In the vicinity of P.20.D.64 a series of small Posts have been dug. This completes the series from approx. P.21.B.14 to P.26.A.75-85. There appears to be a shallow trench running from P.20.D.07 to about P.26.A.75-85. A machine gun position was located at P.20.D.07.

MISCELLANEOUS. At P.26.B.1565, and at P.26.A.1565, what appears to be camouflaged gun emplacements were observed. The remains of an old building at P.26.A.75-85, is believed to be used as an observation post by the enemy.

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APPENDIX. 3

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 4.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 13-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active during the day on enemy forward area approaches and observed movements. Heavies were very active against the enemy back areas, a good deal of shrapnel being fired. During the night 18 pdrs. carried out shoots as follows :-

Time.	Rounds.	Calibre.	Fuse.	Area.
9 p.m.	50	18 pdrs.	106	Searching square P.22.D.
9-30 p.m.	50	"	Various.	Searching track from P.15.C.4 0. to P.21.B.7 2.
9-30 p.m.	50	"	"	Track from P.21.B.7 2. to P.22.D.4 1.
9-30 p.m.	100	"	106	Concentrated on P.22.A. Square P.22.D.
11 p.m.	50	"	"	Concentrated P.22.A.
11-30 p.m.	100	"	"	Concentrated P.22.A.
During the night.	400	" & 4.5's.	Various.	Squares P.27.- P.33. A. & B.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 N.C.C. 3 O.R.	12-30 am 2-15 am.	Left P.25.C.35 10. to P.31.A.42 80. to P.31.A.10 60. returned to O.36.B.60 80.	Enemy heard working 40 yards in rear of red hut at P.31.A.35 70. Hammering could be distinctly heard. Enemy fired flares at intervals from O.36.B.80 10. Machine Guns fired occasional bursts from the rear of Hangars.
1 N.C.C. 3 O.R.	1 am. 3 am.	Left (a) P.25.Cent. to P.25.D.15 80. returned to P.25.C. 60 50. (b) From P.25.C.30 10. to P.31.A.5 7. proceeded to rear of red huts. at P.31.A. 40 70. returned to P.25.C.10 10.	Enemy working party seen to walk along trench and enter it at P.25.D.20 80. Enemy party again observed at P.31.A.5 7. They appeared to be wiring. Flares were being fired from enemy Post in Hangar at P.25.C.80 30.
1 Off. (Lt. HANNA) 3 O.R.	1 am. 3-15 am.	Left P.25.B.5 7. to P.25.B.70 55. to P.26.A.1 8. to P.20.C.00 00. to P.20.C.1 1. to P.20.C.2 4. returned to P.20.C.15 75.	Proceeded towards enemy about 100 yards from where an enemy Machine Gun was located by flash firing from Mangle heap at P.26.A.1 2. A light Machine Gun active from various positions in enemy front. Enemy wire from P.25.B.6 1. to P.25.B.9 5. is in poor condition having been smashed by rifle grenades and the enemy's own Machine Gun fire, as bullets were observed to hit the wire when firing. At P.26.A.1 8 approx. a break in the enemy's line of trench is wired strongly with wire on low pickets. At P.20.C.0 0. an enemy trip wire was crossed and an 18 ft. length of trench was located containing British S.A.A., Bombs, and shovels. The location of this Trench is very approximate owing to the lack of guiding marks an inability to observe in the day time owing to length of crop. There is no barb wire between P.20.C.3 2. and P.26.A.1 9. From P.20.C.1 1. an enemy working party could be heard digging. A machine gun was active from P.20.C.5 2.

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OUR OPERATIONS (contd.)(b) Patrols (contd.)

Remarks.

All map locations are approximate on account of country lacking in prominent features. Listening Patrols were out in front of Company Sectors during the night. Company fronts were patrolled and Liaison was maintained between neighbouring units.

(c) Machine Guns.

Our Machine Guns were active during the night firing short bursts on enemy tracks in P.30.B. Enemy aircraft engaged during the day. Ammunition expended - 3,000 rds.

(d) Trench Mortars.

Nil.

(e) Bombing.

Enemy Posts on the Left Battalion Front were fired on with No. 36 Grenades, No. 24 and also Hales. This fire has caused considerable decrease in enemy activity.

(f) Sniping.

Our snipers active whenever a target presented itself.

(g) Aircraft.

Our 'planes were quiet till 6 p.m. and were then very active. At 7-15 p.m. / and 20 p.m. 15 'planes crossed the enemy lines and were heavily engaged with M.G. and A.A. fire. During the night our 'planes could be heard returning from the enemy's lines.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

Time.	No. rounds.	Locality.	Calibre.
12-30/1-30 p.m.	30	VILLERS BRETONNEUX	5.9
2-15 p.m.	3	O.27.D.9 5.	77
2-50 p.m./3-25 p.m.	7	VILLERS BRETONNEUX	5.9
"	35	"	4.2
"	7	"	77
4-15 /4-44 p.m.	69	"	5.9
8-25/8-40 p.m.	10	Right Front Line.	4.2 (Shrap)
10-45/11 p.m.	30	Right Support.	77

Between 4 and 4-30 a.m. enemy artillery very active on our Support Battalion Areas. The valley in O.21. and O.22. being heavily shelled with .2 and 5.9 also the vicinity of O.28. Cent. with 77. About the same time gas shelling was reported by our artillery on their Battery positions. Between 6 and 8 p.m. enemy appeared to register on our Support and Reserve Lines of the Left Battalion Front with 4.2 and 5.9.

(b) Machine Guns.

Generally quiet during the night. Guns were active from the rear of the Mangars, from P.20.A.1 3. and from P.20.C.5 3. Artillery fired on Machine Gun at P.20.A.1 3., and from then on this gun was inactive. Indirect fire was carried out on road running North and South in O.24.C.

(c) Trench Mortars.

In response to our No. 36 Grenades the enemy replied with Pineapple bombs on our Posts in the vicinity of the Mangars.

(d) Bombing.

Enemy retaliated to our fire with No. 36 Grenades with his rifle grenades but no damage was done.

(e) Aircraft.

Enemy 'planes were active about dusk. One flight of 12 'planes crossed our lines at 7-40 p.m. and were heavily engaged with A.A. and L.G. fire. About 4 a.m. approx. 12 enemy 'planes flew over our back area and dropped bombs returning at 4-30 a.m.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS. (contd.)

(f) Balloon. At 6 p.m. enemy had 6 balloons up opposite our front. At 4-30 a.m. enemy put up 3 balloons on magnetic bearings of 90 degrees, 142 degrees and 176 degrees from O.18.D.25 15. and at 5 a.m. 2 went up on bearings 176 degrees and 179 degrees from the same point.

(g) Movement. At 7-20 p.m. transport observed on track in V.6.A. and V.5. A. and B. Limbers observed on track in P.34.C. and D. Artillery informed. A battery appears to be in action at P.35.A.05 90. Another battery near road in P.36.D.0 0. At 7 p.m. train was observed on Railway in vicinity of Q.34.B. and W.16.B.
At 6 a.m. 8 stretcher parties observed near BOIS de VAIRE.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy appears to be thickening his wire in his front line on the Left of our Brigade Front. He appears to be working hard deepening his trenches and making a continuous line in front of our Left Battalion.

MISCELLANEOUS. Weather - Dull day with poor visibility but from 5 p.m. till dusk visibility was good. Wind - Light, North Westerly.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 5.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 14-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our 13-pdrs. active throughout the period under review firing shrapnel and H.E. At 8-45 p.m. very active bursting shrapnel low between P.24.A.00 - P.31.A.56. Shooting observed was good. Our heavy Batteries 6 inch and 60 pounders were active on enemy back areas.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
2 N.C.O's.	11-45 p.m.	Left P.25.C.90 95.	Moved to P.25.D.05 85.
2 O.R.	1-15 a.m.	returned to P.25.C.70 50.	Enemy movement heard at approx. P.25.D.20 80. Patrol then moved along hedge around house at P.25.C.90 60.
			No movement heard. Enemy fired rifle grenades from Hangar at P.25.C.30 25. which fell short of our front line.

Listening Patrols were put out in front of Company Sectors throughout the night. Listening Post at P.19.D.75 15. observed and engaged with Lewis Gun an enemy patrol about 20 strong 60 yards in front of Post moving South. Patrol was dispersed. Liaison was maintained with ours and neighbouring units.

(c) Machine Guns. Short bursts of indirect fire throughout the night Target fired at in P.20.A. Ammunition expended - 2,000 rounds.

(d) Trench Mortars. Enemy Advanced Post at P.25.D.20 75. was engaged with Stokes at 2-10 a.m. 30 being fired.

(e) Bombing. Throughout the day Rifle grenades were very active firing on enemy Post on Left Battalion Sector and also in retaliation to enemy rifle grenades from Hangars. A working party at approx. P.25.D.28. was dispersed by No. 36 Grenades and Lewis Gun fire.

(f) Sniping. Snipers were active during the day whenever a target presented itself. Sniping is decreasing on our front owing to enemy being more cautious about exposing himself.

(g) Aircraft. Owing to bad visibility aerial activity was below normal. About 6 of our planes crossed the enemy lines between 8 and 9 a.m. and were heavily engaged with A.A. and M.G. fire

(h) Relief. The 4th A.I. Brigade relieved troops of 48th Battalion South of AMIENS - WARFUSEE Road and the 48th Battalion relieved the Right Company of the Left Front Line Battalion, reliefs being complete without casualties by 12-30 a.m.

MINOR OPERATIONS. Small raid was carried out by 4th Battalion on enemy Post at P.25.D.20 90., a detailed report of which will be forwarded later.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. There was a slight increase in enemy artillery activity shelled areas being as under

Time.	No. Rounds.	Locality.	Calibre.
6-30 a.m./7 a.m.	8	VILLERS BRETONNEUX and back area.	5.9
"	"	"	4.2
"	5	"	5.9
"	1	O.29.D.80 45.	4.2
8 a.m./8-20 a.m.	2	VILLERS BRETONNEUX	5.9
"	5	"	4.2
9-35 a.m./10 a.m.	30	O.29.B. and D.	5.9
11-15 a.m./2-30 a.m.	25	VILLERS BRETONNEUX	"
"	55	"	4.2
1-40 p.m./2 p.m.	10	Support and Front Line.	"
4 p.m./5 p.m.	20	"	5.9

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery (contd.) From 6 to 8 a.m. enemy shelled squares O.15, K, 17, 21, and 22 rather heavily with 4.2 and 77s. The same area was lightly shelled at intervals during the day with 5.9's 4.2's and 77s.
- (b) Machins Guns. Normally active firing short bursts at intervals on our front line and support areas.
- (c) Trench Mortars. Between midnight and 3 a.m. an enemy Light Trench Mortar was very active on our front and support lines just South of the AMIENS Road.
- (d) Bombing. Very active with rifle grenades on approx. P.25.C. 70 45. We vigorously retaliated with No. 36 Grenades.
- (e) Aircraft. Enemy planes active between 6 and 7 a.m. but afterwards inactive owing to bad weather.
- (f) Balloons. Balloons reported in yesterday's summary remained up till 10 a.m. but were then taken down owing to low visibility.
- (g) Movement. At 8-50 a.m. to 10-30 a.m. 3 Horse Transports observed moving towards WARFUSEE from the direction of TAILLOUX. 12-15 p.m. 6 enemy transports observed at BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT Road. 12-25 p.m. 3 horse transport vehicles were observed at approx. W.7.B.5 7, where there appears to be a dump. Between 4-50 and 5-10 p.m. small parties of enemy troops numbering about 50 observed moving in P.15.C. and D. This appears to be a regular occurrence about the same time each day. A stationary train was observed at approx. W.1.C.0 4. on Magnetic bearing of 120 degrees from O.P. at O.29.D.9 5.

ENEMY DEFENCES. For a distance of 300 yards on Left Battalion Front pickets have been laid out in front of enemy trench. Dispositions were fired on frequently by L.G's during the night.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy Artillery is ~~as~~ more active but the Infantry though very alert is not aggressive.

MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy still uses a large number of flares particularly when the 4th Battalion attempted to obtain an identification when in addition to white flares a white breaking into 2 whites a green breaking into 2 greens and a red breaking into 2 reds were used. These were not answered by Artillery. Weather - Dull day, drizzling rain and no visibility.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 6.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 15-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our Artillery very active during the day, particularly on the BOIS de VAIRE and enemy forward areas. Observed movement by our 18 pdrs. was engaged. Our heavies were active on enemy back areas.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off. (Lt. VINCENT) 4 O.R.	11 p.m. 11-45 p.m.	Left P.25.C.75 75. returned to P.25.C.50 40.	Patrol moved out to P.25.C.7 0. and from this point 7 rounds of S.A.A. were fired. Reason being that enemy believes this road to be held and still fires pineapple bombs into it. Patrol then moved along Company front and returned to our lines. No enemy movement was heard but enemy machine guns were active and troubled the patrol a good deal.
1 Off. 3 O.R.	12-45 2 p.m.	Left P.25.C.70 70.	Patrol then moved forward to third Hangar and located enemy Post at P.25.C.90 35. Machine Gun was active from this point. Patrol crawled to within 20 yards of Machine Gun and threw bombs after which M.G. was inactive. This Post could be plainly seen as enemy fired a flare which struck a beam in the roof and illuminated the vicinity. Patrol then returned without casualties.

Strong protective patrols were sent out between 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. to prevent surprise by the enemy during relief. Listening patrols remained out in front of our positions but have nothing special to report. The usual Liaison patrols were out hourly till dawn.

(c) Machine Guns. Usual indirect fire was carried out at irregular intervals by our guns in O.30.A. Targets fired on were P.26.D.90 60. and P.22.A.90 30. Ammunition expended 3,000 rounds. Anti-Aircraft Machine Guns were also active against low flying 'planes expending 600 rounds.

(d) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(e) Bombing. One of our patrols bombed enemy Machine Gun position at P.25.C.90 35.

(f) Sniping. Our snipers active causing the enemy to keep under cover.

(g) Aircraft. Our 'planes were active during the day flying low over our and the enemy forward areas, at times being heavily engaged with A.A. and M.G. fire. At 11 p.m. a large squadron of our 'planes flew over the enemy lines.

(h) Relief. 45th and 47th Battalions relieved the 46th and 48th Battalions in the front line last night, reliefs being complete by 12-44 a.m.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Enemy artillery unusually active during the day firing on VILLERS BRETONNEUX, Reserve Line in O.13.D., Road running North East and South West through O.24.A. and O., area about O.15.D. and O.21.D., and also searching for our Batteries.

APPENDIX 3

ENEMY OPERATIONS. (contd.)

(a) Artillery (contd.)

From 9 to 10 p.m. he shelled rather heavily with 5.9's areas in O.15.D. and O.21.B. Between 3 and 6 p.m. O.20.C. and D. and O.20.A. and B. were shelled with 5.9's and a few gas shells. Between 9 and 10 p.m. O.21.B. and D. and O.27.A. were lightly shelled with Blue Cross gas shells. A few gas shells fell in O.30.C. and D. Between 4 and 4-30 a.m. enemy artillery were very active on the whole of our Support Battalion Areas.

(b) Machine Guns. Enemy's usual activity, enfilading wood in P.19.C. and searching reverse slope in O.29.B. and O.23.D. Enemy Machine Gun located at P.25.C.90 35.

(c) Trench Mortars. 6 Pineapple bombs were thrown which fell behind our Right Flank at P.25.C.4 3.

(d) Aircraft. During the morning enemy aircraft was very active flying continuously over our lines. They were engaged by L.C. fire. In the afternoon our planes arrived and enemy airmen were less active. At 6-50 p.m. 8 enemy planes flew along our Sector at a low altitude. At 3-15 a.m. enemy bombing planes flew over our lines in the direction of AMIENS. At 4-10 p.m. enemy bombing planes dropped 4 bombs in O.27.B. and 10 in O.27.D.

(e) Balloons. 5 enemy balloons up opposite our front during the afternoon. At 5 a.m. 3 enemy balloons were put up, magnetic bearings from O.29.D.95 30. being 96 degrees, 170 degrees and 182 degrees.

(f) Movement. Small parties of enemy were seen moving in the vicinity of P.29.A. 50 60. At 2 p.m. enemy transport were seen leaving WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT going in the direction of TAILLOUX Wood.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Marked increase in aerial and artillery activity. Otherwise unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS. Weather - Warm cloudy day with good visibility.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 7.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 16-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was active during the day. Our 18 pdrs. ranged on enemy's lines and Hangars. Shooting observed to be good. Our 60 pdrs. fired on squares P.31.B. - P.32.B. and D. and P.35.B. At 3-45 p.m. our heavies fired salvos into HARBONNURS causing fires. At 7-30 p.m. one of our shells exploded a dump in approx. P.22.C. Central which burnt for some time. Shortly after explosion stretcher parties were seen leaving the spot. At 8 p.m. our 4.5's fired on main road in P.26.C. and D. At 8-55 p.m. our shells exploded dump in approx. P.27.C. At 9-5 p.m. our shells exploded a big dump of which the exact location could not be learned but was on magnetic bearing of 72 degrees from O.29.D.95 30.

(b) Patrols.

Strength	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off. (Lt.HENDERSON) 3 O.R.	11 a.m. 12-15 a.m.	Left P.25.C.7 P.25.C.7 5.	7. Patrol moved forward 50 yards beyond sunken road whereupon enemy machine gun engaged them. They moved back 20 yards and then moved towards the Hangars at P.25.C.75 35. where enemy was heard talking. This trench is apparently strongly held
1 N.C.O. 1 O.R.	1 a.m. 2 a.m.	Left P.25.C.70 P.25.C.70 50.	45. Patrol moved up to the junction of sunken road and main AMIENS Road and saw enemy working party 15 strong at about P.25.C.9 3. They appeared to be improving a trench. Patrol then returned and Lewis Guns at P.25.C.4 3. opened fire on the enemy Party. Patrol then went out again and learned that the party had been dispersed by the L.G. fire but talking could be plainly heard in the trench. Patrol then returned to our lines.
1 Off. (Lt.STOREY) 3 O.R.	Midnt. 2-30 a.m.	Left P.19.D.85 P.19.D.85 40.	45. Patrol moved forward about 100 yards and fired short bursts with Lewis Gun in observed enemy working party with apparently good results as fire was followed by groans from the enemy Post. Patrol discovered enemy Machine Gun emplacement and brought in the gun which showed signs of recent use. Numerous flares were fired by enemy and machine gun was fired on patrol from Right Flank. Patrol returned to our lines.

Patrols were continually out during the night to maintain liaison with units on either flank.

(c) Machine Guns. Direct fire by forward guns in P.25.D. on enemy Post 40 yards in front - 100 rounds expended. Our A.A. Machine Guns were active against low flying enemy planes, 2,000 rounds being expended. At 8-45 p.m. A.A. Machine Guns claim to have driven down enemy plane out of control. Planes came down in P.22. No A.A. Guns and none of our planes were in the vicinity. From 9-45 p.m. to 4 a.m. our Machine Guns in O.30. threw an indirect fire on enemy tracks in P.26.D. and P.32.A. 4,000 rounds being expended. Total expenditure of ammunition 6,100 rounds.

OUR OPERATIONS (contd.)(d) Trench Mortars.

Nil.

(e) Bombing. No. 36 Grenades were used with good effect against an enemy sniper at approx. P.19.B.98 55.

(f) Sniping. Our snipers were active all day and kept down enemy snipers except from one or two isolated positions which could not be located.

(g) Aircraft. Our 'planes were active from 5-40 a.m. till noon and from 6 p.m. till dusk. They flew along enemy front line and were at all times engaged with enemy A.A. Guns. Our 'planes brought down one enemy observation balloon and three enemy 'planes during the day. At 9-30 p.m. our bombing 'planes flew over enemy lines and dropped bombs just in rear of his front line; later in the night they again crossed the line on a bombing expedition.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Enemy artillery was quiet on our forward areas but from 10 a.m. onwards VILLERS BRETONNEUX was subjected to usual harassing fire with H.E. and shrapnel. At 1-30 p.m. O.17.D. was shelled and again during the afternoon. At 8 a.m. Railway cutting in O.25.D. was shelled with 5.9's. At 2-30 p.m. valley in O.20.B. and D. was lightly shelled with 5.9's.

(b) Machine Guns. Enemy Machine Guns were much less active due to the fact that our Lewis Guns concentrated on any enemy machine guns that opened fire; but light intermittent fire was thrown during the night on our front and support lines, road in P.19.C. and Reverse slope in O.30.A. and O.24.C. One enemy machine gun believed to be located in Mangle heap in P.25.B. but is probably only brought forward to that point during the night time.

(c) Aircraft. Enemy 'planes were active from 8 a.m. to noon and from 6-40 p.m. till dusk. They flew high over our lines and were at all times engaged with our A.A. M.G's and on 2 occasions with our A.A.G's. At 11-30 p.m. enemy bombing 'planes crossed our lines flying in direction of AMIENS. At midnight 3 enemy 'planes dropped 9 bombs on VILLERS Support Line at approx. O.36.D. 25 55.

(d) Balloons. From O.P. at O.22.C.10 10. 3 enemy balloons observed on magnetic bearings of 90, 85, 72 degrees. This morning 6 enemy balloons were up on grid bearings of 88, 156, 145, 175, 66, and 95 degrees from O.29.D.9 3.

(e) Movement. Movement was observed early this morning in enemy Post at Hengar. Rifle fire brought to bear resulting in the killing or wounding of 1 man. Enemy transport observed at intervals during the day on BAYONVILLE - WEINCOURT Road. An enemy working party was engaged with L.G. fire with good effect during the night.

MISCELLANEOUS. Flares. During the night enemy flares were constantly up. At 2 a.m. the enemy put up the usual white and blue chain flares and white stationary lights. Searchlights were constantly trained on our 'planes.

Weather. Fine, warm day with good visibility.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 8.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 17-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Quiet in the morning. In the afternoon 18 pdrs. registered on the enemy trenches in P.26.A. and C. Shooting was excellent. Our 60 pounders registered on Hangars in P.31.B. At 5-15 p.m. our heavies shelled the Western edge of MARCELCAVE Village. At 8-15 p.m. enemy dump was exploded on magnetic bearing of 115 degrees from O.29.D.85. Our Artillery kept up a harassing fire during the night.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off.	1 am.	Left P.25.C.50 40.	Patrol moved out beyond
(Lt. LEDDY)	2-30 am.	returned to	sunken road into a ploughed
2 O.R.		P.25.A.80 00.	field. They then worked to the
			left for a distance of 200
			yards. No enemy was seen or heard but flares
			were fired which fell inot sunken road. A M.G.
			was firing from the direction of the third Hangar.

A second patrol which moved forward also reported the enemy M.G. located in the third Hangar.

Other patrols were sent out during the night and located enemy Post at approximately P.26.D.85 80. but have nothing further to report. Liaison was maintained hourly through the night with the units on either flank.

(c) Machine Guns. Our indirect fire guns were active during the night from 9-30 p.m. till dawn. Target fired on was track in P.26.D. Ammunition expended - 4,000 rounds. Our Anti-Aircraft Machine Guns were extremely active all day firing on low flying enemy 'planes, 5,200 rounds being expended. Total expenditure of ammunition 7,250 rounds.

(d) Trench mortars. At 8-30 p.m. stokes ranged on third Hangar. By arrangement at 12-30 a.m. 12 rounds were fired. Shooting was accurate. Bursts were good and much damage was done.

(e) Aircraft. Very active the whole day continually patrolling our and the enemy's lines. One of our 'planes was driven down by enemy aircraft and landed just behind our lines. 'Plane was burnt and wounded airman carried off by stretcher bearers. During the night our bombing 'planes crossed the enemy lines in large numbers. At 4-30 p.m. 3 of our 'planes drove down an enemy 'plane which fell in the vicinity of CORBIE.

(f) Sniping. Our snipers were active all day and claim at least 3 victims who were seen to fall.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Again quiet on forward areas but back areas were subjected to the usual counter-battery and harassing fire. During the day he shelled with 5.9's the Railway cutting in O.26. and O.27. The Wood in O.26.B. and O.27.A. and the low lying country in O.20. and O.21. About 9 p.m. enemy put down a direct barrage with light guns in O.23.B. and D. At 7-50 a.m. enemy appeared to register on communication trench in O.30.B. firing 6 4.2 shells. At 8-10 p.m. a 4.2 gun fired from a position of which the magnetic bearing from O.29.D.85. is 100 degrees. From 8-15 to 8-50 p.m. the nemy fired about 35 rounds into our back area and one of his Howitzers fired about 30 rounds in the direction of AUBIGNY. A grid bearing on gun reads 71 degrees from 30.D. During the day enemy fired approx. 16 4.2's and 25 77's into VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

* for "behind" read in front.

ENEMY OPERATIONS (contd.)

(b) Machine Guns. Intermittent fire during the night on our front and support lines. Reverse slope in O.30.A. and O.24.C. and the Wood in P.19.C. were subjected to usual harassing fire.

(c) Trench Mortars. 3 Fish tailed Mortars were fired on our front line at 8 p.m.

(d) Aircraft. Very active during the whole period. Frequent attempts by enemy 'planes, singly and in squadrons to cross our lines were generally beaten off by our A.A. and M.G. fire. Those that did get across flew very high. Enemy bombing 'planes were extremely active at night and bombs were dropped in the vicinity of the Railway Line running through square O.25. and O.26. One enemy bombing 'plane was engaged and forced to land at O.21.D.50 60. 'Plane was a Gotha, four-seater, twin engine, and carried 10 small and 2 large bombs with a crew of three. One of the crew was captured but 2 escaped under cover of darkness and have not yet been caught.

(e) Movement. Enemy transports were seen moving along road running through P.28.B. and P.22.C; also along road running through V.6.A. to LaBASTILE FARM in V.4.D. Much enemy movement was going on in the enemy trenches, their troops exposing themselves a good deal but by noon they were more cautious as the result of our sniping. During the day movement was observed of parties of 25 or 30 men in the vicinity of WARFUSEE Cemetery at P.29.C. and also in and around the BOIS de VAIRE. Our artillery shelled these places intermittently. Fires, apparently dumps, were observed burning at

10-20 p.m.	215	Magnetic bearing from	P.19.C.2 8.
10-45 p.m.	90	" " "	" "
2-5 a.m.	70	" " "	" "

(f) Balloons. 4 enemy balloons came up on our Sector at 5-30 a.m. Bearings taken from O.29.D.8 5. reads 90 degrees, 134 degrees, 147 degrees and 177 degrees.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Flares. At 11 p.m. small parties were sent to the sunken road to fire flares and rifles in order to deceive the enemy as to the exact position of our front line.

(b) Weather. Bright day with good visibility.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 9.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 18-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Generally active throughout the period, and at intervals put down short intense bombardments particularly by 18 pdrs. on enemy trenches; also counter-battery work by guns of larger calibre. At 5 p.m. a heavy barrage of all calibres was put down on MONUMENT WOOD and lasted for 10 minutes. During the night our artillery shelled intermittently the enemy forward and back areas.

(b) Patrols.
Strength. Time. Route. Remarks.
1 OFF. 12-30 am. Left P.25.C.7 9. Patrol moved out to sunken road about 50 yards to the right of LONE TREE. After listening for a few minutes patrol moved forward another 30 yards and could hear sounds apparently caused by tools and also orders given to the party but nothing could be seen. They then moved about 40 yards in direction of Hangars where they could hear talking which seemed to come from an enemy covering party about 10 yards in front. A machine gun at this point fired occasional bursts in reply to a Vickers M.G. firing in rear of our lines. Enemy line is about 100 to 150 yards in front of the sunken road. Patrol returned and Lewis Gun was then turned on enemy party.

Other patrols were sent out and reported disused trench at approx. P.20.C.30 75. also 35 yards of four ft. deep trench running in North Easterly direction from P.20.C.30 75.

During the night listening patrols were constantly out and liaison was maintained with the flanking units.

(c) Machine Guns. Our forward guns in P.25.B. fired during the night on enemy working party, 500 rounds being expended. The party was dispersed. Our A.A.M.G's were active during the day firing on low flying enemy planes. Ammunition expended - 3,000 rounds. From 9-20 p.m. till dawn one or two indirect fire guns put intermittent bursts on new enemy tracks in P.26.C. and D. Ammunition expended - 4,000 rounds. Total expenditure of ammunition - 8,100 rounds.

(d) Trench Mortars. During the night 5 Stokes Mortars were fired at the Hangars and 15 rounds in machine gun position West of Hangar with good results.

(e) Aircraft. Our patrolling planes were active all day flying low over the enemy's lines. They were at all times engaged by enemy Machine Guns and A.A. fire. All through the night our bombing planes were over enemy's lines bombing his back areas, a few bombs being dropped on WARFUSEE.

(f) Sniping. During the last few days our sniping has been so effective that opportunities for our snipers are now lessened but 3 victims are claimed from our Posts.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery?

Time.	Location.	No. rounds.	Calibre.
9/9-30 a.m.	O.17.A.	17	5.9.
9-30/9-45 a.m.	N.18.	7	"
9-55/10 a.m.	O.21.A.	6	"
10-10 a.m.	N.18.A.	18	"
10-20 a.m.	O.22.A.8 9.	3	9.2
10-30 a.m.	N.18.A.	20	5.9
10-45 a.m.	O.25.A.	10	"
"	N.18.A.	30	"
10-50 a.m.	O.17.	8	4.2
10-55 a.m.	O.25.D.	8	5.9
11-5/11-15	O.25.D.	6	"

ENEMY OPERATIONS (contd.)

(a) Artillery (contd.)

Time.	No. rounds.	Location.	Calibre.
11-30 a.m.	7	O.28.C.	5.9
11-30 a.m./12 a.m.	23	O.28.C.	"
1-45 p.m.	20	O.16.C. and D.	"
1-55 p.m.	10	O.16.C. and D.	"
1-55 / 2-10 p.m.	23	O.16.B.	4.2
4-45 / 5 p.m.	18	O.21.B.	5.9
6-45 p.m.	13	O.34.Bz	4.2
8-15 p.m.	25	O.11.D.	5.9

VILLERS BRETONNEUX was subjected to the usual continuous harassing by enemy guns of all calibres.

(b) Machine Guns. Very active against our aircraft. During the night enemy machine guns fired intermittently on our front and support lines. The usual attention was paid to O.30.A. - O.29.B. and the sunken road in P.19.C.

(c) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(d) Aircraft. Active during the period. Several attempts to cross our lines were frustrated by our A.A.M.G. fire. At 10 a.m. a 'plane flew very low over our battery positions in O.20. At 11 a.m. an enemy 'plane was brought down by aerial combat, 'plane falling at O.30.A. 90 30. During the night enemy bombing 'planes crossed our lines and dropped a number of bombs, 3 falling in the vicinity of BANANA SWITCH in O.30.A. at 11-40 p.m. and causing one casualty.

(e) Balloons. 4 enemy balloons were observed from our Sector of which the magnetic bearings from O.29.D. 8 5. read 90 degrees, 139, 147, and 177 degrees.

(f) Movement. Enemy horse and motor transport were seen on road in W.7.E. and W.2.C. A fire probably a dump was seen at P.38.D. At 9 p.m. an enemy party of about 20 was seen to enter the Southern edge of the BOIS de VAIRE. At 4 p.m. enemy limber was seen moving along road in P.23.C.

MISCELLANEOUS. Flares fired from our patrols enabled Lewis Gun Posts at approx. P.25.B. 92 90. to disperse an enemy working party. Weather was fine with good visibility.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 10.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 19-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was active all day firing on targets in enemy support lines and in rear. At 12-5 p.m. a dump was set on fire in WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT. From 3-15 p.m. to 3-35 p.m. our 18 pounders registered on enemy trenches in P.26.C. Our heavies were active throughout the day mostly on counter-battery work.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off. (Lt. MORONEY) 3 O.R.	1-45 am. 3 am.	Left P.25.C.9 9. returned to P.25.C.7 5.	Patrol moved out to about 60 yards from enemy trench and then turned in direction of Hangar. Talking could be heard in enemy trench but no movement could be seen. Patrol then returned to sunken road from where 8 rifle grenades were fired at enemy trench. Patrol then returned to our lines.

A second patrol went out to investigate the Post at approx. P.25.B.95 75. There were no signs of enemy occupation but rifle grenades were fired at the patrol from the direction of P.26.A.15 70. While patrol was out an enemy machine gun at approx. P.25.B.95 35. opened up and sprayed No Man's Land.

A third patrol went out and at 2-20 a.m. with the aid of flares sighted an enemy party on the skyline. Artillery was informed and engaged party. After sending up numerous flares the enemy opened fire with machine gun from the direction of P.20.Central.

During the night patrols were constantly out and liaison was maintained with our flanking units.

(c) Machine Guns. Our indirect fire guns fired on tracks in P.26.C. and B. We commenced at 8-20 p.m. and fired intermittently till dawn, 4,000 rounds being expended. Our A.A.M.G's were active against low flying enemy planes and expended 2,750 rounds. Total expenditure of ammunition, 6,750 rounds.

(d) Trench Mortars. During the night 5 rounds were fired on enemy machine gun silencing it. In the afternoon 10 rounds were fired on enemy aircraft formation effectively dispersing them.

(e) Aircraft. Active all day. At 9 a.m. 1 enemy plane was brought down in the enemy's lines by our aircraft. Our planes intermittently patrolled our and the enemy's lines and were engaged by enemy A.A. and M.G. fire.

(f) Sniping. Our snipers were constantly alert but very few targets were offered.

(g) Bombing. Our rifle grenadiers were active on enemy targets throughout the night on one occasion silencing an enemy machine gun.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Time.	Rounds.	Location.	Calibre.
6-40 a.m.	9	O.30.B. and D.	4.2
6-45 a.m.	4	P.25.B. and D.	"
8-55 a.m.	6	O.30.B.	77
9-50 a.m.	3	P.25.A.	4.2
1-12 p.m.	4	P.25.D.	77
2-10 p.m.	25	VILLERS BRETONNEUX	5.9
2-15 p.m.	6	P.25.C.	4.2
5 p.m.	12	O.30.C. & O.36.A.	"
5-5 p.m.	0	VILLERS BRETONNEUX	5.9

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ENEMY OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery. (contd.)

At 2-15 p.m. enemy gun on armoured train was observed at approx. W.S.B. 10 80. It fired 6 rounds and at 2-55 p.m. moved off to about W.S.D. 3 6. At 9-30 p.m. a big gun flash was seen at point where gun on armoured train first fired from.

(b) Machine Guns. The enemy fired intermittent bursts throughout the night on our front and support lines. The usual indirect fire was carried out. Enemy M.G.'s were active against our 'planes.

(c) Trench Mortars. Nil.

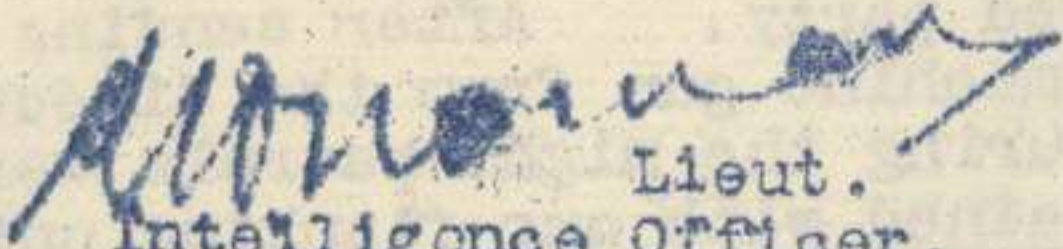
(d) Aircraft. Enemy 'planes were active during the day occasionally flying low over our lines. They were engaged by M.G.'s and Stokes Mortars. During the night enemy bombing 'planes crossed our lines.

(e) Balloons. During the day 5 enemy balloons were up on our front. Magnetic bearings from O.29.D.8 5. read 83 degrees, 147 degrees, 175 degrees, 60 degrees, and 160 degrees.

(f) Movement. Small enemy parties were observed at dusk and again at daybreak moving in the vicinity of AOROOHE WOOD.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Infantry very alert but not aggressive.

MISCELLANEOUS. Weather - bright day with good visibility.


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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 11.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 20-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was fairly quiet during the morning but active during the afternoon and all through the night. Our 18 pounders ranged on enemy front line trenches in P.25.B. and D. and P.31.B. and A., also on Hangars in P.31.B. Our 6 inch guns ranged on enemy support line in P.25.D. and Hangars in P.31.B. At 8-45 p.m. our artillery opened barrage on squares P.14. P.20., and P.21. Shooting was good. Our heavies were engaged throughout the day mostly on counter-battery work.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off. (Lt. MORONEY) 2 O.R.	11-45 pm. 12-50 am.	Left P.25.C.80 90. returned to P.25.C.60 40.	Patrol left our trenches and moved forward to about 60 yards in front of sunken road. About 20 yards in front of sunken road there is a strip of crop about 20 yards through and extending to the main AMIENS Road. From here the patrol moved to house at P.25.C.90 50. which was found to be unoccupied. Door was wired with our own wire. A small trench in front of house was also examined and found to be unoccupied. From here one enemy was seen at P.25.D.0 4. moving from one post to another. Voices could be heard in the distance along the main road at about P.25.D.60 30. Machine Gun flashes were noticed at approx. P.25.D.20 90.
1 N.C.O. 2 O.R.	1-15 am. 2 am.	Left P.25.C.60 50. returned to P.25.C.80 80.	Patrol moved out on Left side of AMIENS Road for about 150 yards where a hedge was encountered. From this point a party of the enemy, five strong, was observed in the third Hangar. A burst of M.G. fire from Hangar was fired at patrol. One German was seen to walk from the North West corner of Hangar towards the road where he disappeared. Patrol then returned to our lines.

2 Standing patrols each consisting of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men with Lewis Gun, were established at P.20.C.30 80. and P.25.B.90 85. respectively. These patrols went out at dusk and withdrew at 3-15 a.m. The usual patrols were out hourly during the night to maintain liaison with flanking units.

(c) Machine Guns. Our A.A.M.G.'s were active against low flying enemy 'planes, in many cases frustrating their efforts to cross our lines, 2,700 rounds being expended. At night our indirect fire guns in C.30.A. fired intermittently till dawn on enemy tracks in P.26.D., P.32.A., and P.21.C., 5,000 rounds being expended. Total expenditure of ammunition - 7,700 rounds.

(d) Trench Mortars. During the day stokes fired on enemy Machine Guns and other targets selected by Infantry, 47 rounds being expended.

(e) Aircraft. Our 'planes were very active all day flying well behind enemy lines. They were at all times engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire. During the night our bombing 'planes were very active on enemy support line and back areas.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(f) Sniping. Opportunities for snipers have decreased owing to enemy being more cautious. One victim claimed. He was seen to fall. During the night we sniped at all flare shooters.

(g) Bombing. Our rifle grenadiers were busy at times throughout the day firing into enemy trenches and M.G. positions. Shooting was good.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

Time.	Location.	No. rounds.	Calibre.
8/10-30 a.m.	VILLERS BRETONNEUX	80	4.2 and 5.9
1-30/2-40 p.m.	O.15.B. and O.16.A.	34	"
2-55 p.m.	O.26.B.	12	5.9
3/4 p.m.	O.20.B.	9	"
"	O.16.B.30 10.	18	" and 4.2.
"	O.22.B.60 40.	10	4.2
4-15 p.m.	O.16.A. and B.	15	5.9 and 4.2
5-5 p.m.	O.19.B.	8	"
5-15 p.m.	O.16.B.5 5.	10	Shrapnel.
6-15 p.m.	O.16.B.	20	4.2
6-30 p.m.	O.9.D.	6	"
7-15 p.m.	O.15.B. and D.	8	"
8 p.m.	O.16.A.	6	"

At 2-30 p.m. enemy armoured train was observed which came into action at approx. V.12.D.4 9. and fired 6 rounds.

(b) Machine Guns. Active against our 'planes during the day. At night intermittent sweeping fire was directed against our forward and support lines. Indirect fire was thrown on Reverse slopes in O.30.A. and O.24.C. and the sunken road in P.19.C.

(c) Trench Mortars. Enemy T.M's only fired once a pineapple bomb which fell about 20 yards in rear of our line.

(d) Aircraft. Enemy 'planes were active at times during the day but did not cross our lines many times owing to the activity of our aircraft. During the night enemy bombing 'planes crossed our lines and flew in the direction of AMIENS.

(e) Movement. At 3-35 a.m. a party about 12 strong, carrying bundles, was observed coming towards their front line from approx. P.26.A.Cent. Our Lewis Guns opened fire on them with good effect and they were forced to take cover. At 1-20 p.m. enemy in small parties of ones and twos were observed at the cross roads in P.28.B. Enemy transports were seen at intervals during the day on roads in W.7.B., W.2.C. and D., V.5.A. and W.8.B.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very alert.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 11-15 p.m. a large enemy dump was fired which burnt for over an hour in the vicinity of MARCELCAVE. When enemy 'planes crossed our lines during the night a red ground flare was lit in rear of enemy's line in P.25.B.
Weather - bright day with good visibility.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 12.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 21-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active during the whole period. During the day our 18 pdrs., 4.5 Howitzers, and 6 inch guns ranged on enemy trenches in P.25.D. and P.32.A. At 12-30 p.m. our 6" guns fired 12 rounds at enemy armoured train in W.8.A. At 3-30 p.m. our 4.5 Howitzers fired about 50 rounds at enemy transports, and what appears to be a dump in P.33.B.6 3. It was too misty to observe result. During the night our artillery opened two light barrages on Hangars. Shooting was excellent.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off. 2 O.R.	2 am. 3-15 am.	Left P.19.D.85 15. returned to P.25.B.60 80.	Patrol moved out to standing patrol at P.25.B.85 85. from where enemy could be heard wiring in front. Patrol then moved forward to an old trench to investigate. On entering trench an enemy machine gun 50 yards distant opened fire on them. Patrol threw bombs at the enemy who withdrew leaving their Machine Gun. Patrol then returned to our lines with the enemy machine gun which is of a light pattern.
1 Off. 3 O.R.	11-30 pm. 1 am.	Left P.20.C.10 85. returned to P.20.C.05 50.	Patrol moved forward to 50 yards beyond our standing patrol at P.20.C.30 80. From this point enemy could be heard talking and moving about. Enemy party could be heard challenged on two occasions by enemy sentries. A few flares were fired and a burst of machine gun fire came from the wood. Patrol returned to our lines and informed the Trench Mortars who fired on enemy party with good effect.
1 Off. 2 O.R.	12 midnt. 1-15 am.	Left P.25.D.60 40. returned to P.25.C.80 90.	Patrol moved forward until they could hear enemy working party at approx. P.25.D.00 40. Patrol then moved to the left 150 yards but no movement was seen. Flares were being fired from trench in front. Patrol then returned to our lines and Lewis Gun and Rifle Grenades opened on enemy working party.
1 N.C.O. 2 O.R.	1-30 am. 2-20 am.	Left P.25.C.8 9. returned to P.25.C.8 9.	Patrol moved out to 30 yards beyond sunken road where enemy trench could be observed. Enemy machine gun was seen firing about 300 yards on the left of enemy trench. Flares were being fired from the rear of the third hangar. No enemy movement could be observed. Patrol then returned to our lines.

Liaison was maintained during the night with the units on our flanks.

(c) Machine Guns. Our M.G's were active at times during the day firing on enemy aircraft. The usual harassing fire was kept up during the whole night.

(d) Trench Mortars. During the morning stokes fired on enemy Post at approx. P.25.B.80 50. Much groaning was heard and 5 stretcher cases taken away from the spot. At 7-45 a.m. enemy machine gun position was fired on and gun silenced. During the night 30 rounds were fired on targets selected by the Infantry. Observers report that shooting was highly satisfactory.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(e) Aircraft. Our 'planes were very active during the morning and again at dusk. At 6 p.m. over 30 of our 'planes crossed the enemy lines and dropped bombs. They were engaged by enemy A.A. and M.G. fire. Our bombing 'planes were active against the enemy back areas during the night.

(f) Sniping. Our snipers claim 2 victims including an officer. Other targets were fired at but result of shooting could not be ascertained.

(g) Bombing. The shooting of our rifle grenadiers was most effective. A machine gun firing at our aircraft was engaged and silenced, gunner being either killed or wounded. Enemy working party was also engaged and at least one grenade fell right into their trench. A second working party was located near the third hangar and was dispersed with rifle grenades.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

Time.	No. rounds.	Location.	Calibre.
4 a.m.	3	O.30.D.	4.2
7-40 a.m.	27	P.25.Central	77
8-5 a.m./8-30 a.m.	10	P.29.D.	4.2
9-45 a.m./9-50 a.m.	8	O.35.B.	" and 8.9

During the day VILLERS BRETONNEUX was subject to the usual harassing by shells of all calibre.

At 10-40 a.m. enemy gun was seen on armoured train in W.8.A. At 1-9 p.m. it moved into the wood behind BAYONVILLERS.

(b) Machine Guns. Enemy M.G.'s were active during the day against our aircraft, and at night fired occasional bursts on our front line. One enemy M.G. was located at P.32.A.30 45. Our Artillery was informed and silenced the gun.

(c) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(d) Aircraft. A few enemy 'planes patrolled our lines but were not as active as usual. During the night enemy bombing 'planes crossed our lines flying in the direction of AMIENS.

(e) Balloons. 3 Balloons were up on our Sector. Bearings taken from O.36.D.80 50. read 97 degrees, 170 degrees, and 165 degrees.

(f) Movement. During the day transports were seen on the roads in the following squares - P.20.B., P.21.C. and D., W.2.D., W.7.A. and P.33.B. where there appears to be a dump. At 2-10 a.m. an enemy party, 6 strong, were observed working on front line trench. Our Lewis Guns dispersed them.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy appears to be connecting up his front line as fresh earth was evident. Enemy trench is in places wired, screw pickets being used.

MISCELLANEOUS. Judging by movement and scarcity of flares it is believed that enemy relieved his front line troops last night. Small parties were seen coming and going. Our Lewis Guns engaged them. Weather - slightly misty, otherwise visibility very fair.

[Signature]
Lieut.
Intelligence Officer
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Report on Minor Operations.47th Battalion.

On the night of 1/2nd May, after completion of relief of 46th Battalion, the 47th Battalion attempted to further advance our line on the left as it was still not far forward enough to successfully cooperate with the Right Battalion in the later operation against MONUMENT WOOD. The enemy in farm at O.36.D.6 9. was on this occasion very alert and although the 2 parties of each 1 officer and 25 other ranks got sufficiently close to the farm to engage the enemy in a bomb fight they were unable to actually enter the defences. After inflicting casualties on the enemy this party withdrew. The troops who had advanced on the left of the farm were now digging in but seeing a fight in progress at the farm and our troops retiring they also withdrew. At 6 a.m. the 47th Battalion were instructed if possible to push out to a general line O.36.D.2 2. P.25.C.5 4. and not to deal with the farm for the present. This was done under the direction of Lieut. STOREY without casualties. The line at 11 a.m. ran as follows :- from P.25.C.5 4. to P.31.A.1 5. to O.36.B. Central to O.36.B.2 2. to O.36.D.2 2. and thence to O.36.C.1 1. to U.5.B.7 8. to U.5.B.4 8. to U.5.B.1 2.



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 204.

Map Ref. E.2. 1/20,000. and Sheet C2D. S.W.

2nd May, 1918.

In continuation of Instructions No. 1 issued to units, dated 1st May, 1918.

1. In cooperation with the French Division on the Right who are advancing their line in the BOIS DE HANGARD as far as the Eastern outskirts of the wood in Square U.16.

The 48th Battalion, one Section of 12th Machine Gun Coy. and 2 guns of 12th Trench Mortar Battery, will attack and capture MONUMENT WOOD and dig in on an approximate line running U.6.C.26. - U.6.B.50 00. - U.6.B.80 60. - O.36.D.40 15., on a date to be notified later. There will be no forward movement from the line now held by 45th and 47th Battalions.

2. The frontage allotted to 48th Battalion is from U.6.C.26. to the Left Post of the 45th Battalion. At U.6.C.26. a mutual Post will be established with the French.

3. The attack will be launched from a marked line, 2 Companies on a line from U.5.B.90 80. - U.6.B.10 95. running parallel with 45th Battalion present front line and facing South. One Company on the line U.5.B.75 70. - U.6.A.65 95. facing South East. The attack will be carried out in 3 waves of one line each with 25 yards between waves.

4. The attacking troops to be in position, lying down, with the leading wave, on the "Jumping off" tape by zero minus 15 minutes. It is of the utmost importance owing to the cramped area for forming up and the closeness of enemy Posts to the "Jumping off" tape, that every care is exercised in the forming up with the least possible noise.

5. Action of Trench Mortar Battery. 2 Mortars complete with crews and a carrying party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men for each Mortar (detailed from 48th Battalion) are placed at the disposal of C.O., 48th Battalion to go forward with the attack.

2 Mortars will be emplaced at O.36.C.70 30. with 300 rounds per Mortar to engage the Railway and the enemy trenches running North and South in O.36.D. and U.6.B.

These targets will be engaged at zero.

6. Action of Machine Guns. One Section of 12th Machine Gun Company is placed at the disposal of the C.O., 48th Battalion to go forward with the attack to cover the consolidation of the position and assist in the resistance of any enemy counter-attack.

The attack will be supported by covering fire as follows :-
2 guns at O.35.D.80 60. (in houses in village). From zero to plus 5 minutes will engage wood behind Chateau from U.6.A.80 30. - U.6.A.30 20. with direct fire. These guns will lift at zero plus 5 minutes to plus 10 minutes and engage cross roads at V.7.B. 30 90.

4 guns at U.3.D.95 10. from zero to plus 5 minutes will engage corner of wood at U.6.B.50 20. From zero plus 5 to plus 10 minutes will lift and engage cross roads in U.6.C.

From zero plus 10 minutes these guns will engage cross roads U.6.C.50 20. and road in U.6.D.

7. Action of Artillery. At zero to plus 2 minutes artillery will bombard with all available guns MONUMENT WOOD. At zero plus 2 the bombardment will lift, the Infantry at this time launching their attack.

At zero plus 2 minutes the artillery will engage the following targets (targets will be notified later).

8. Action of Tanks. 4 heavy tanks, 3 males and one female, and 4 Whippet Tanks are in position in the vicinity of U.3. Central and will cooperate.

One male and one female tank will patrol the ground South of MONUMENT WOOD in Square U.6.C. and D. from 5 a.m. to destroy enemy Machine Gun nests in that area and to protect our infantry against possible enemy Tank attacks. These 2 Tanks will not return earlier than 6-30 a.m. via the road running from South to North in U.6.C. and A. through the MONUMENT WOOD to assist if required in clearing up the situation there.

To prevent enemy observation of the approach of the tanks a smoke barrage will be put down by the artillery from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. covering the area over which the heavy tanks have been ordered to operate, i.e. U.6.C. and D.

The 2 remaining heavy tanks will be held in reserve at U.3. Central for use in case of hostile tank attack.

The 4 Whippet Tanks will remain in position of assembly and will not move unless ordered to do so by Brigade Headquarters. Should the necessity arise 48th Battalion will apply to Brigade for these tanks and application will be made to D.H.Q. for them.

The signal for the employment of the heavy tanks held in reserve will be a rifle grenade bursting into three stars RED over GREEN over RED and will be carried both by the tanks and the Infantry.

Tanks will carry no distinguishing signal on the outward journey but will fly a red flag on the return journey.

9. The 48th Battalion on moving forward from the CACHY Line to the place of assembly will be replaced by 52nd Battalion, 13th A.I. Brigade. All details of the relief being made mutually between C.O.'s concerned. The relief must be completed by 10 p.m. on a date to be notified later.

10. Dress and equipment as laid down in S.S. 135.

220 rounds of S.A.A., 2 Grenades, and 4 sandbags per man will be carried.

24 hours rations, emergency ration, and full water bottles will be carried by all ranks.

Tools will be carried by the third wave and a proportion of wire cutters will be carried by each wave.

11. Ground flares "RED" will be carried and will be ignited when called for by contact 'planes. Times these 'planes will be in the air will be notified later.

12. Success signals will be fired in a Southerly direction as follows :- "2 GREEN Verey Flares in quick succession."

Observation Posts will repeat success signals when seen.

13. Communication. 3 pairs of metallic lines enabling 7 circuits and one laddered line have been laid from 48th Bn. H.Q. to Brigade Report Centre thence to Advanced Brigade Headquarters (possibly a buried route).

Visual. 3 Lamp stations have been established between 48th Battalion Headquarters, Brigade Report Centre and Advanced Brigade Headquarters.

Wireless. 1 Loop Set is established at 45th Battalion Headquarters in quarry at O.28.C.60 45. connecting with a Loop Set at Brigade Report Centre. One trench set is established at Brigade Report Centre in touch with the Trench Set at Advanced Brigade Headquarters.

Runner Relay Posts. are established at 45th Battalion Headquarters, O.28.C.60 45., Brigade Report Centre, O.26.A.80 00.

It is of the utmost importance that early information be obtained and sent to Brigade Headquarters from time to time. 48th Battalion will make the necessary arrangements for this and 45th Battalion will assist with information by establishing Observation Post well forward and reporting the situation on the 48th Battalion Front.

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14. Headquarters will be established as under :-

Forward Brigade Headquarters.	Railway Embankment -	0.25.C.60 5
Rear	"	"
45th Battalion.	TRONVILEE CHATEAU.	
47th	Quarry.	0.28.C.60 45.
48th	"	do.
46th	"	0.36.C.40 70.
Brigade Report Centre.	MONDU BOIS I ABBE.	
Brigade Observation Post.		0.26.A.80 00.
		0.27.D.50 40.

15. Prisoners captured will be despatched to the rear via 45th Battalion Headquarters where they will be taken over by escorts from 45th Battalion. Full use of prisoners for the returning of wounded who are unable to walk will be made.

16. Liaison. 45th Battalion have a Liaison Officer at the Regimental Headquarters of the French. The 46th Battalion will detail a senior officer to carry out liaison duty with the French Brigade Headquarters at N.36.D.60 25.

48th Battalion will detail a Liaison Officer with the French Battalion Headquarters at U.5.A.80 90.

These officers will be provided with runners and will be well acquainted with all details concerning the operation.

17. Medical arrangements. Wounded will be evacuated to the R.A.P.'s thence by ambulance bearers by hand or wheeled stretchers to Motor Ambulance Post on main road 0.27.D.4 4. Reserve stretcher bearers and extra ambulances are being held at Advanced Dressing Station at Abby 0.26.C.8 4.

18. Dumps. Dumps of S.A.A., Grenades, Engineer material, have been formed at 0.35.D.20 40. and 0.34.B.8 8.

19. Reports to Brigade Headquarters, Railway Embankment, 0.25.C.60 35.

20. Zero hour will be notified later.

21. Strictest gas precautions to be taken by all ranks in anticipation of enemy retaliation with gas.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.A. Norman
 Major.
 Brigade Major.
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 205.

Map Ref. E.2. 1/20,000 and Sheet E2D. S.W.

2nd May, 1918.

Reference Brigade Order No. 204 of even date.

1. Add to para. 1. Date of attack 3rd May, 1918.
2. Add to para. 7. The following targets will be engaged by the artillery at zero plus 2 minutes,
 Cross Roads in U.6.C. - Cross Roads in U.7.B. - Road in V.7.A. - roads in V.1.A. and D. - Railway in V.1.B. and V.2.A. - area in P.26.Central - Cross Roads in P.26.C. - Trenches in D.36.D.
3. Paragraph 8, sub-paragraph 2 "One male and one female Tank will patrol ----- in clearing up the situation there" is cancelled and the following sub-para. is substituted.
 One male and one female tank will patrol the ground SOUTH and EAST of MONUMENT WOOD in Squares U.6.C.D. and B. ^{from 5 a.m.} to destroy enemy machine gun nests in these areas and to protect our Infantry against possible enemy tank attack. These two tanks will not return earlier than 6-30 a.m. They will return along trench reported to run just outside Eastern edge of MONUMENT WOOD and thence North of the Wood.
4. Add to para. 9. Relief to be completed by 10 p.m., 2nd May, 1918.
5. Add to para. 11. Contact plane will fly at about 5 a.m. It will carry two dark blue streamers for identification and will sound a Klaxon Horn for the ignition of flares.
6. Zero hour - 2 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. J. ...
 Major.
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 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 206.

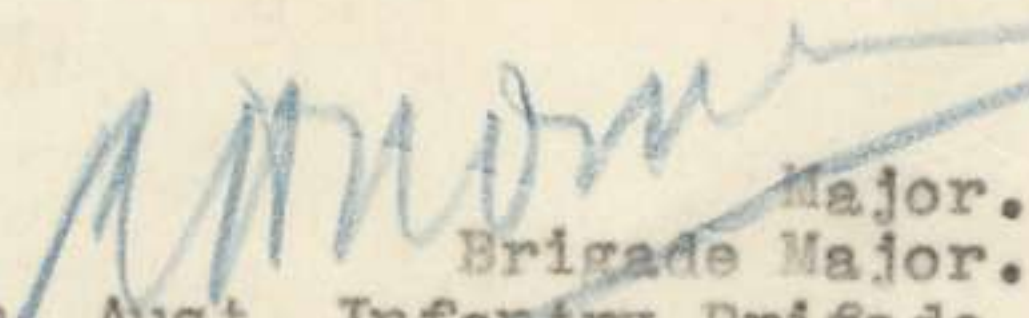
1. The defence of the Division Front will be re-allotted and the 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will be relieved on the night of 3/4/ May as under.
2. The Inter-Brigade Boundary will be re-adjusted to run as follows - Along the Road (inclusive to Left Brigade) running from \odot 26 D 97 to \odot 36 A 26 (Road Junction) thence a straight line to Road and Railway Junction at \odot 34 B 90 75 thence along road (inclusive to Left Brigade) running through P 34 A 60 75 to the Main Road at \odot 27 D 40 35 thence as before.
3. The troops of the 47th. Battalion holding the Line and 1 Coy 46th. Battalion in Close Support from the North of the New Inter-Brigade Boundary will be relieved by the 16th. Battalion.
The troops of the 47th. Battalion holding the Line and the One Company of the 46th. Battalion in Close Support, South of the Inter-Brigade Boundary \odot 36 D 49 to Railway, will be relieved by the 49th. Battalion.
On relief the 47th. Battalion will occupy the Aubigny Line as a Nucleus Garrison with Battalion Headquarters at N 35 A Central
4. The troops of the 45th. Battalion holding the Line from the Railway to \odot 36 C 31 will be relieved by the 49th. Battalion.
The troops of the 45th. Battalion holding the Line from \odot 36 C 31 to U 5 Central will be relieved by the 50th. Battalion.
The 48th. Battalion now intermingled with the 45th. Battalion will be pulled out under orders of C.O. 45th. Battalion when situation permits.
On relief 45th. and 48th. Battalions will move back to BLANGY TRONVILLE.
5. Two Coy's of the 46th. Battalion now in the CACHY LINE ~~\odot 34 B~~ will remain, and the two Companies now under tactical \odot 34 B Command of 47th. Battalion will on relief occupy the CACHY LINE, Battalion Headquarters in 1' ABBE. 46th. Battalion will come under the tactical Orders G.O.C. 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.
6. 13th. Trench Mortar Battery will relieve 12th. Trench Mortar Battery on night 3/4/ May.
7. All arrangements for the relief will be mutually arranged between C.O's concerned.
8. Completion of relief to be wired to Brigade Headquarters.
9. On completion of relief Brigade Headquarters will open at TRONVILLE CHATEAU.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

3/5/18.

Issued at 3-50 pm.

Copies:-

To all Battalions.
A.I.T.M.B.
13th. Aust Infantry Brigade.
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74th. French Brigade.
4th. Australian Division.


Major.
Brigade Major.
12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 207.

Map Ref. 1/20,000. 62D. S.W.

8th May, 1918.

1. The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade on the Left Brigade Sector on the night 9/10th in accordance with table over leaf.
2. The relief of the 4th Machine Gun Company by the 12th Machine Gun Company will be carried out under orders of the O.C., 4th Machine Gun Battalion on the night 10/11th.
3. All details of the relief will be arranged mutually between C.O.'s concerned.
4. All Stores, maps, etc., programme of works, will be taken over from outgoing units.
5. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters by code word PAT.
6. On completion of relief the command of the Sector will pass to the G.O.C., 12th A.I. Brigade.
7. Advance Brigade Headquarters will be established at O.25.C.65 35. at 9 p.m. on 9th May, 1918.

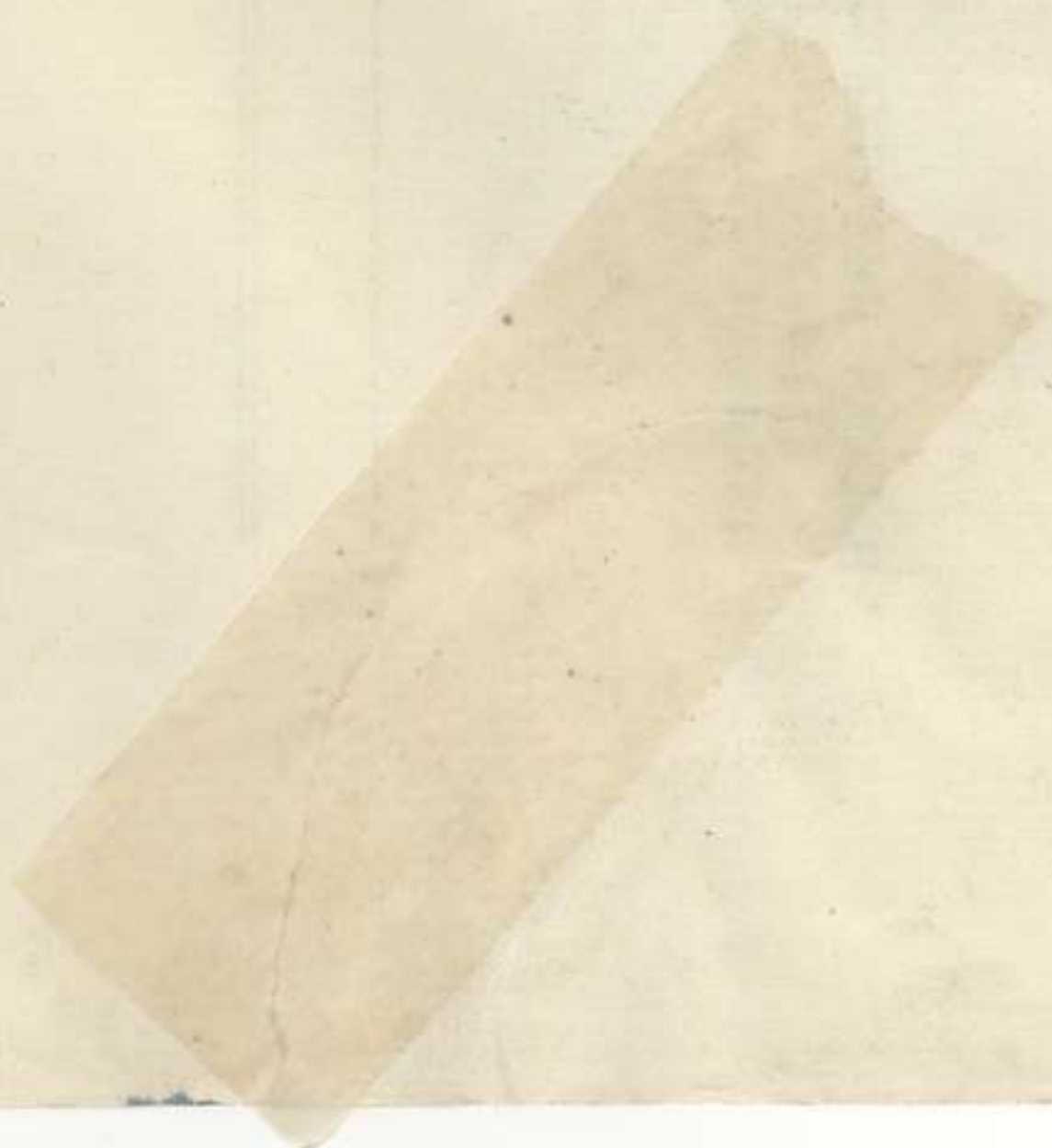
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M. W. Norman
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 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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- 9 - 45th Battalion.
- 10 - 46th Battalion.
- 11 - 47th Battalion.
- 12 - 48th Battalion.
- 13 - 12th Trench Mortar Battery.
- 14 - 4th Machine Gun Bn.



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TABLE OF RELIEF.

Date	Unit.	Unit to be relieved.	Remarks.
9/10th May	43th Battalion.	16th Battalion Line Right. Headquarters - 0.30.C.00 40.	
" "	46th "	15th Battalion Line Left. Headquarters - 0.18.D.35 20.	
" "	45th "	13th Battalion Support Left. Headquarters - 0.16.C.25 15.	45th Battalion will not take over present dispositions of 13th Battalion but will be accommodated in or about VILLERS SWITCH.
" "	46th "	14th Battalion Support Right. Headquarters - 0.27.B.95 50.	
" "	12th A.L.T.M.Bty.	4th A.L.T.M.Battery. Headquarters - 0.22.C.90 10.	

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In "Table of relief" please make the following amendments :-

- Under heading "Unit to be relieved" line 5 for "Left" read "Right".
- Under heading "Unit" line 4. 46th Battalion read 47th Battalion.
- Under "Unit to be relieved" line 7 for "Right" read "Left".

8-5-18.

R. Monna Major.
 Brigade Major.
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 208.

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Map Reference 62D. S.W. 1/20,000.

12th May, 1918.

1. The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade in the Right Brigade Sector on night 13/14 May, and at the same time will take ^{OVER} portion of the front now held by the 12th A.I. Brigade as far North as the main LONGUEAU - WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT Road. The road being inclusive to the 12th Brigade.
2. The Inter-Battalion Boundary between 48th and 46th Battalions will on completion of relief be a line running East and West through the cross roads in P.25.B.. The cross roads will be inclusive to the 46th Battalion.
3. A mutual Post will be established by the 48th Battalion with the 13th Battalion at the Brigade Junction, viz :- the vicinity of the main road.
4. Owing to lack of accommodation the localities now occupied by the 2 Companies of the 14th Battalion have been allotted to 4th A.I. Brigade and will be occupied by the 13th Battalion but the 45th Battalion will be responsible for the occupation and defence of Railway Trench and Posts now under construction in C.28.B. and D. as far South as the Brigade Boundary in case of necessity.
5. All details of relief will be mutually arranged between C.O's concerned.
6. All details of Works Policy in the area will be handed over.
7. Completion of relief to be notified to Brigade Headquarters by code word ZONE

ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. H. Norman
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- 11 - 4th Aust. Division.
- 12 - 4th A.I. Brigade.
- 13 - 13th A.I. Brigade.
- 14 - 14th A.I. Brigade.
- 15 - 15th A.I. Brigade.
- 16 - 4th Machine Gun Battalion.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 209.

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Map Reference 62D. S.W. 1/20,000.

13th May, 1918.

1. The 46th Battalion and 48th Battalion will be relieved in the Forward Battalion Sectors by the 47th and 45th Battalion respectively on the night 14/15 May, 1918.
2. The Reserve Company of the 46th Battalion now occupying the VILLERS Line will not be relieved and will come under the tactical orders of the C.O., 47th Battalion.
3. On completion of relief 46th and 48th Battalions will move back and occupy the positions vacated by 45th and 47th Battalions.
4. All details of relief will be mutually arranged between C.O's concerned.
5. Completion of relief to be notified to Brigade Headquarters by code word "MARS".

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
 Major
 Brigade Major.
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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- 11 - 14th A.I. Brigade.
- 12 - 4th A.I. Brigade.
- 13 - 4th Aust. Division.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 210.

Map Reference 1/20,000. Sheet 62D. S.W. 20th May, 1918.

1. The 12th A.I. Brigade will be relieved in the Left Brigade Sector by the 9th A.I. Brigade and 11th A.I. Brigade on the night 21/22nd May, 1918. The 44th Battalion of the 11th A.I. Brigade will side stop so as to take over the line up to the new inter-Brigade Boundary which will be the grid line running East and West through P.25. Central.

The relief will be carried out in accordance with the attached table of moves and reliefs.

2. All details of relief will be arranged mutually between C.O.'s concerned.

3. On completion of relief the following units will be attached to the Brigade :-

12th Machine Gun Company.
4th Field Coy. A.E.
12th Field Ambulance.
"J" Sub-Section S.A.A.
26th A.A.S.C.

and will comprise the Brigade Group under command of the G.O.C., 12th A.I. Brigade.

The attached units will be located in accordance with attached table.

4. The relief of Machine Gun Company will be carried out under orders of O.C., 4th Machine Gun Battalion.

5. All Maps, Air Photographs, work policy, dumps, stores, reserve rations, and water will be handed over and receipts obtained, duplicate copies being sent to Brigade Headquarters.

6. Advance parties from units will report to their opposite numbers at midday on 21st to take over billets, bivouacs, etc. Trench shelters will be supplied to 4th Battalion for erection in GLISY Line.

7. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters by code word "SHIRLEY".

8. Command of Left Brigade Sector will pass to G.O.C., 9th A.I. Brigade on completion of relief.

9. Brigade Headquarters will close at 0.25.C.65 35. on completion of relief and open at Hospice, RIVERY at same hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. M. M. M.
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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6	-	46th "	17.	-	12th Field Ambulance.
7	-	47th "	18.	-	4th D.A.C.
8	-	48th "	19.	-	26th A.A.S.C.
9	-	12th A.L.T.M. Bty.			
10	-	12th Machine Gun Coy.			
11	-	4th Aust. Division.			
12	-	4th Machine Gun Bn.			
13	-	9th A.I. Brigade.			

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TABLE OF MOVES AND RELIEFS.

Date	Relieving Unit.	Unit to be relieved.	On relief move to	Remarks
May 21/22	44th and 33rd Bn.	45th Battalion.	Hospice St Victor RIVERY.	
"	33rd Battalion.	47th "	do. do.	
"	35th "	46th "	GLISY Line.	
"	34th "	48th "	Ecole Communale, RIVERY.	
"	9th Trench mortar Bty.	12th Trench Mortar Bty.	M.2.C.2 4., RIVERY.	
	Attached Units.	(12th Field Ambulance	St Pierre School, RIVERY M.1.B.3 F.	
		(12th Machine Gun Coy.	M.18.C., RIVERY.	
		(26th A.A.S.C.	M.2.C.8 3.	
		("J" Sub-Section, D.A.C.	Remains present location M.2.B.3 O.	
		(4th Field Coy. A.E.	M.2.C.8 2.	

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 211.

Ref. Map 62D 1/40,000.

31st May, 1918.

1. (a) The 4th Australian Division (less Artillery) will relieve 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) in "B" Divisional Sector on night 31st May/1st June and 1/2nd June.

(b) The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will take over from 14th A.I. Brigade on the right and the 13th A.I. Brigade from the 8th Brigade on the left.

The 12th A.I. Brigade in reserve will take over from 8th A.I. Brigade.

2. The relief will be carried out in accordance with attached table of moves and reliefs All moves to be completed by 9 a.m.

3. Nucleus personnel will assemble at Nucleus Camp wood in H.32.C. and D. by 9 a.m. 2nd June under command of Lieut. Col. H.C. FORD, D.S.O., 46th Battalion.

4. Intervals as laid down in Army Routine Order No. 2039 will be strictly adhered to.

5. Nucleus garrisons and Bridgehead Guards provided by 57 and 58 59, 60 Battalions, 15th A.I. Brigade will be taken over as arranged verbally.

6. Brigade Headquarters will close at Hospice, RIVERY and open at TRONVILLE CHATEAU at 9 a.m. 2nd June.

7. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. A. ...
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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10	-	4th A.I. Brigade.
11	-	13th A.I. Brigade.
12	-	5th A.I. Brigade.
13	-	8th A.I. Brigade.
14	-	4th Machine Gun Battalion.

TABLE OF MOVES AND RELIEFS.

Date	Unit	From	To	Relieves.	Route.	Pass unit S. Point.
2nd June.	45th Bn.	RIVERY	ABIGNY LINE. Pioneer Trench.	30th Battalion and nucleus guards	VECQUEMONT.	4 a.m.
"	48th Bn.	do.	ABIGNY LINE. South.	60th Battalion. 29th Battalion 31st nucleus guards 57th and 59th Bns.	do.	5 a.m.
"	12th T.M.Bty.	do.		8th T.M.Bty.	do.	5 a.m.
"	46th Bn.	GLISY.	ABIGNY LINE North.	32nd Battalion. Nucleus Guards	do.	6-30 a.m.
"	12th Bde H.Q.	RIVERY.	TRONVILLE CHATEAU.	58th Battalion. 8th A.I. Brigade.	CAMON LaMOTTE.	7 a.m.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.REPORT ON OPERATIONS - VILLERS BRETONNEUX.27-4-18 - 3-5-18.

The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade relieved the front held by 8th British Division, 13th and 15th Australian Infantry Brigades extending from U.5. Central running North East in front of VILLERS BRETONNEUX to O.30.C. AMIENS Road exclusive. South of the village the line was fairly well placed but East from Railway in O.36.C. to AMIENS Road the position was much too cramped, for should it become necessary to fall back from the front line on account of enemy shelling there was nowhere to go except right into the village. I decided, therefore, to endeavour to push forward the line by peaceful penetration. It was very important that this should succeed on account of the fact that the Brigade would possibly be called on to capture MONUMENT WOOD South of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. In which event the attack must needs be made from North of Wood. At least 350 yards had to be secured along Railway and to conform on the Left so as to secure flank the line must advance at least 500 yards. Orders were given to C.O., 45th Battalion holding Right Sub-Sector and C.O., 48th Battalion left Sub-Sector, to gradually push forward Posts. This was successfully carried out and by the morning 2nd May we had pushed forward 350 yards along Railway Line and 700 yards along AMIENS Road with connecting Posts between. We were now in position to carry out operation against MONUMENT WOOD with some chance of success. Instructions were received from G.O.C., 4th Division that this attack could be made in conjunction with French on morning of May 3rd.

In accordance with 12th Australian Infantry Brigade Instructions No. 1 and operation orders No. 204 and 205, the 48th Battalion was instructed to attack and capture MONUMENT WOOD in square U.6. supported by 4 guns of 12th Machine Gun Company, and 2 Light Trench Mortars on the morning of May 3rd at 2 a.m.

A careful reconnaissance of the ground was made by Officers and N.C.O's. Special patrols were sent out to locate enemy trenches and wire, and dispositions decided upon.

The night 2/3rd May was dark, weather fine and visibility fairly good. The Battalion moved forward from CACHY SWITCH Trench and was in position on "Jumping off" trench at 1-45 a.m. without being observed by the enemy. The attack was carried out with three Companies plus a special "mopping up" party of 3 officers and 50 other ranks. One Company less 50 other ranks was held in Support. The assault was made by 2 Companies, "B" and "C", moving South from in front of Railway line followed closely by "mopping up" party for CHATEAU. The third Company, "A" Company, moved in a South Easterly direction and when in position would form a flank with right on South East corner of MONUMENT WOOD and Left in touch with Post held by 45th Battalion on Railway Line. This Company would also mop up anything in Sector which had been passed by the assault Companies. The Support Company (D) remained in position in the bank on Railway O.36.C.

The four Machine Guns and two Light Trench Mortars were disposed as follows :-

"B" Company.	1 Machine Gun	-	1 Light Trench Mortar.
"O" "	2 " "		1 " "
"A" "	1 " "		

These were placed at the disposal of the Company Commanders.

For Company Sectors and position of "Jumping off" position see attached sketch.

Liaison with the French attacking on our Right was good. Preparations for a ^{joint} front line Post, consisting of one French and one of our Officers who could speak both languages, was made. In

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addition Officers and Runners were sent to French Regimental and Battalion Headquarters. Forward O.P.'s connected with telephone to Brigade Report Centre and Visual Stations were established.

Dumps were established at O.34.D.8 4. - O.34.A.8 8. - O.26.D.4 4. Each of these dumps contained S.A.A., Bombs, Sandbags, Flares and tools and in addition forward dump contained a reserve of drinking water and Lewis Gun Magazines.

At zero, 2 a.m., the artillery placed barrage for 2 minutes on MONUMENT WOOD and trenches in the vicinity. Machine Guns placed in houses in village and trenches on the Right swept the objective with heavyfire. 2 guns of the Light Trench Mortar Battery in position on Railway Line engaged enemy trenches.

At 2-2 a.m. advance commenced and enemy Machine Gun fire opened. This fire was extremely vigorous and the most concentrated ever experienced by the Battalion. It was evident that our artillery barrage had not been too effective in dealing with the positions. Enemy did not reply with barrage until 2-9 a.m. Machine Gun fire with Trench Mortar fire inter-mingled kept up vigorously until 2-35 a.m. when it eased down slightly. "B" Company on the Right was held up in front of enemy trenches except for a portion of the left of this Company who had penetrated enemy defences and reached their objective. "G" Company, except that portion of the attack moving along road running North and South through Wood, was also held up by wire and machine gun fire. The "mopping up" party under Lieut. STOERKEL, M.C. had penetrated enemy defences to the Right of road and mopped up CHATEAU. "A" Company had advanced as far as road U.S.A. and C. but could advance no further on account of heavy machine gun and rifle fire. That portion of the attack which had reached objective on Southern edge of MONUMENT WOOD was forced to withdraw on account of strong counter-attack made by the enemy from Front and Flanks. As it was impossible to reach whole objective an attempt was made to hold the ground from CHATEAU along Road to Railway Line and attempts made to get in touch with the French on our Right. The French could not be located and on account of heavy counter-attack by superior numbers the whole force had to withdraw to our original front line. This was done after hard fighting and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

The "mopping up" party found Battalion Headquarters established at the CHATEAU and secured 2 officers and 20 other ranks prisoners. The Battalion Commander and Adjutant and 2 other ranks were reported to have been killed.

2 Tanks were to be used in clearing up strong points but these could not be used until daylight. A runner was despatched to stop them going forward when it was found impossible to hold the position but apparently this message did not arrive in time for the Tanks went forward and did splendid execution amongst the enemy.

Unfortunately the Female Tank got into difficulties and the crew were captured. Later on in the day our artillery secured direct hits on the Tank which should make it useless to the enemy.

Our casualties were 12 officers and 143 other ranks. Considering the position and strength of the opposing Forces in this Sector I think them extremely light under the circumstances, and this reflects great credit on the leadership of Company Officers and N.C.O's.

To penetrate through the Centre of Enemy Defences, reach Battalion Headquarters, capture and convey to the rear through enemy lines so large a number of prisoners is a brilliant achievement and, though the main object failed, yet this in itself was of great value and must effect the morale of the enemy. Also the information gained was of great value.

I am sure that Officers, N.C.O's and men did everything possible in their power to make the operation a success and it reflects great credit on all ranks.

Communications were good right through the action and the French on our Right were kept in touch with their own front through the 12th Brigade.

SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES.

Unit.	Date.	Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.		Wounded & Missing.		Wounded at duty.		Total
		Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	
48th Bn.	3-5-18.	4	14	5	104		22	2	3	1	12	143

Officers.
Killed.

- Captain D.G.C. CUMMING, M.C.
- Lieut. A.S. FERGUSON.
- 2/Lt. D.F. LEUTCHFORD, M.M.
- Lieut. H.G. GARLAND, D.C.M.

Wounded.

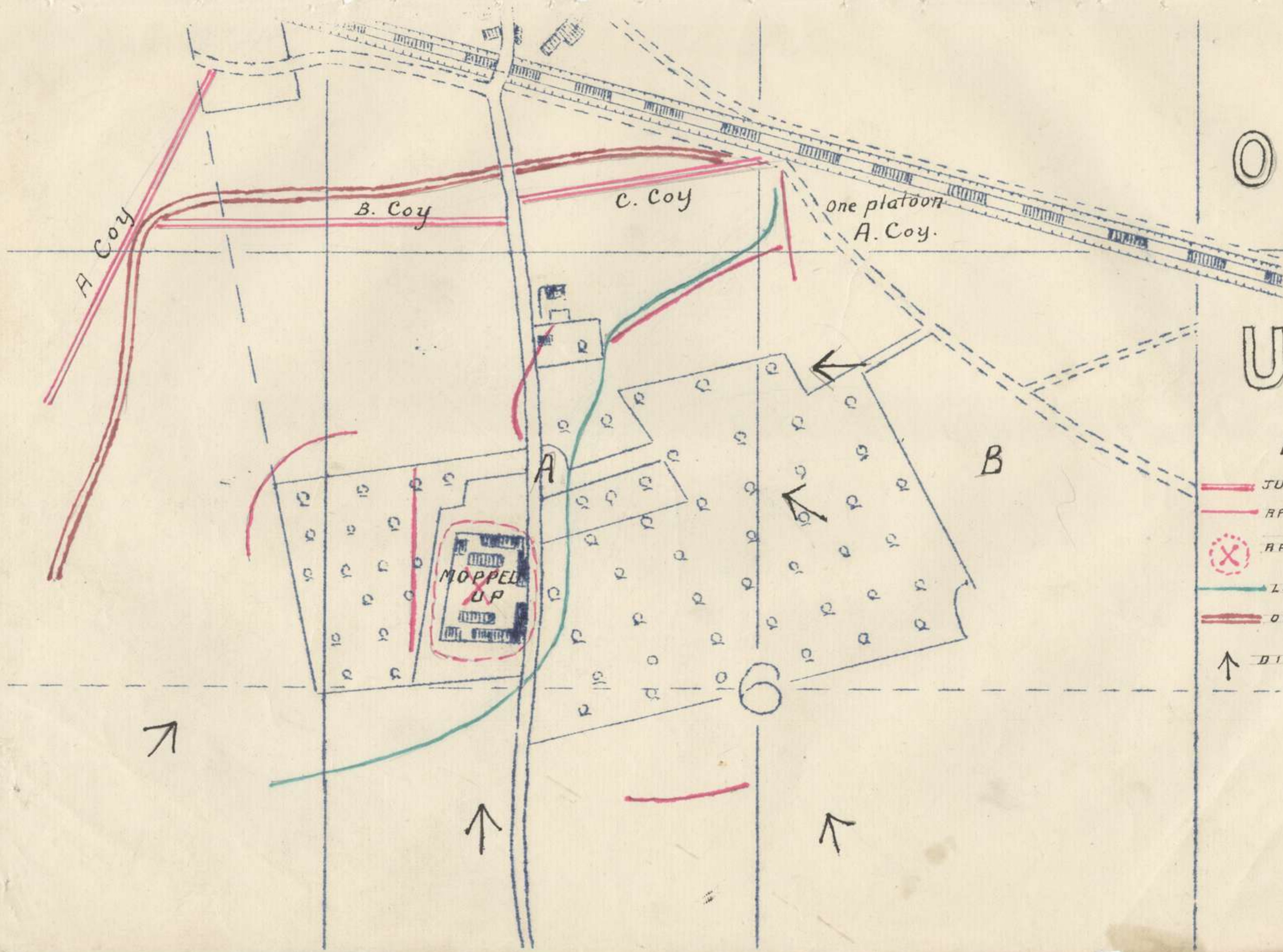
- Lieut. E. LOGAN.
- " W.D. PRITCHARD.
- 2/Lt. D.H. CLARK.
- Captain N.G. IMLAY, M.C.
- Lieut. R.C. BLEECHMORE.

Wounded at duty.





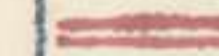

- Lieut. M.B.T. McDOWALL, M.M.
- " G.D. MITCHELL, D.C.M.
- 2/Lt. G.G. BONYTHON, M.M.

6-5-18.

Raymond L. Leane Colonel.
Commanding 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.



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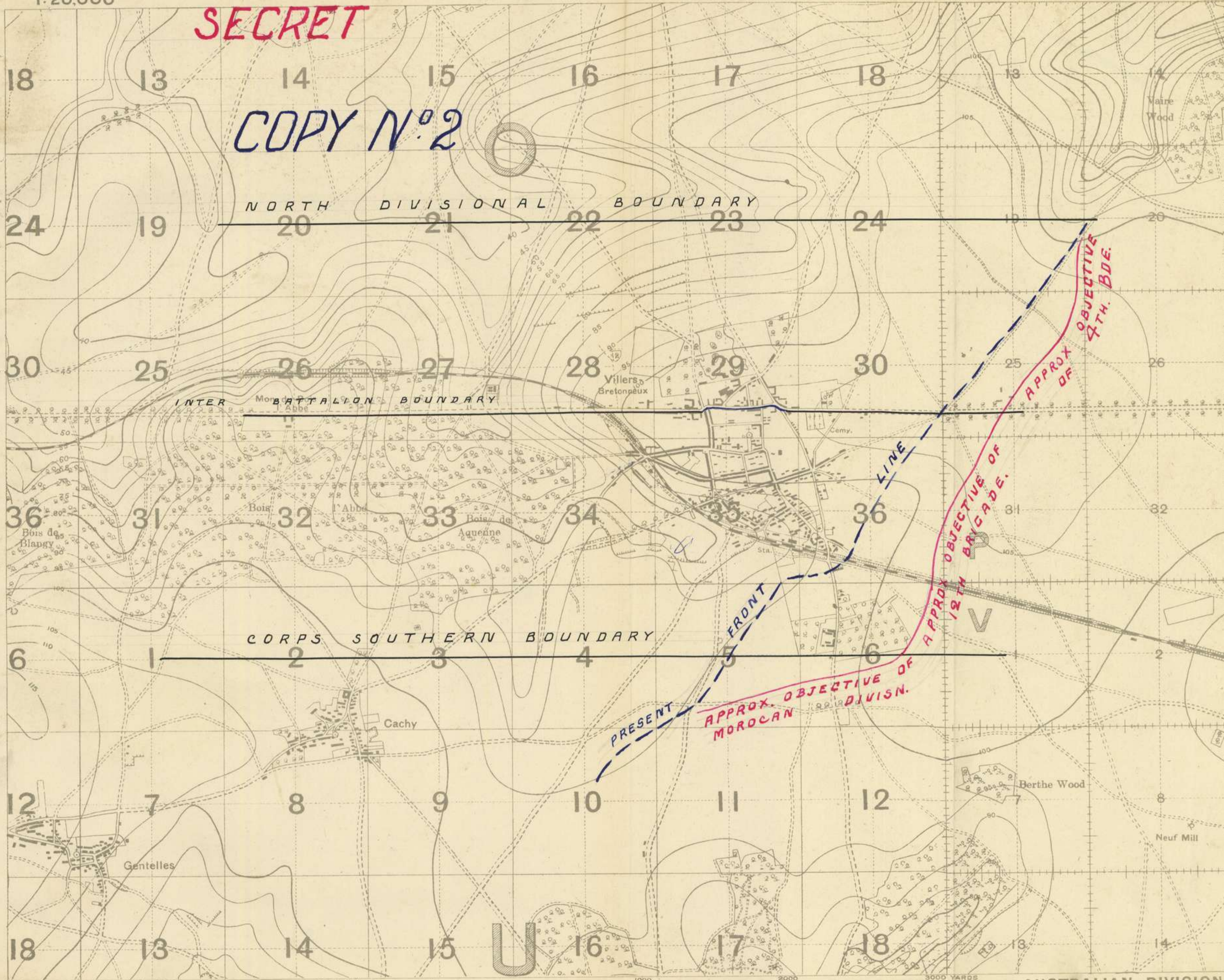
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Headquarters,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Reference your A.8/77 of 3rd May.
The following suggestions are forwarded and recommended

1. That the following Officers, N.C.O's and O.R. be temporarily appointed as Headquarters, Training Battalion and for the time being be detailed to command the nucleus of the Brigade.

Lieut.Col.	A.P. IMLAY.	D.S.O.	C.O.
Captain	N.F. BREMNER.	D.S.O.	Adjutant.
Hon.Lt.	W.R. WISHART.		Quartermaster.
2/Lt.	T.T. MORLEY.		Musketry Officer.
Lieut.	H.G. SMITH.	D.C.M.	Bombing Officer.

R.Q.M.S.)	Q.M. Dept.	<u>Instructional Staff.</u>
Sgt. Cook.)		Lewis Guns.
Sgt.)		Signals.
4 O.R.)		Bombing.
			Gas.
			Bayonet Fighting.
			Infantry.

R.S.M.
1 Orderly Room Sgt.
1 Provost Sgt.
1 cpl.
3 O.R.
4 Batman Groom.
1 Cook.

2. The officers at present with the Battalion to be distributed as follows within the Battalions of the Brigade. This distribution has been made by ballot, pending further instructions, between the 3 Battalions.

46th Battalion.
T/Major F.R. NORTH.
Capt. J. BRACK.
" C.A. SYMONS.
Lieut. M.J. McGHIE. M.C.
" G.P. STOREY.
" B.R. BIRD. M.C.
" W.E. BROUGH.
" D.C. ROSE.
2/Lt. W.H. KEOGH. M.M.
" H.L. DUNNETT. M.M.
" J.J. MOLPHY.

45th Battalion.
Captain C.E. YOUNG.
" E.H.W. HURD.
" A.E. MORGAN.
Lieut. G.C. REID.
" F.E. PARSONS.
" W.J. BONE.
2/Lt. J.G. O'NEILL.
" G.H. SMITH.
" B.R. MOORE.

48th Battalion.
Captain A.M. ANDERSON.
" C.H. KING.
Lieut. H. TAYLOR.
" S.J. HILL. M.M.
" H.E. CORSER.
" M. PRIOR. D.S.O.
2/Lt. L.N. WARD.
" G.L. SWAN.
" C.S.M. McBRIDE.
" G.H. HOHNEN.

3. Transport. It is recommended that the transport of the 47th Battalion be disposed of as follows:-

5 G.S. Limbers to Trench Mortar Battery for transport of Mortars, Ammunition and gear.

1 G.S. Limber to each 45th, 46th, 48th Battalions for transport of extra Lewis Guns.

2 G.S. Limbers)
2 Cookers.) be placed
1 Water Cart)

at the disposal of the nucleus camp which is in my opinion essential.

This Transport could, when the Brigade is resting, be used for transport of canteen stores, the cookers and water cart being used for Schools and detached parties, who from past experience suffer for the want of this Transport.

The remaining Transport

2 Cookers.
1 Water Cart.
1 Mess Cart.
1 Medical Cart.
Riding Horses

could be used to make up deficiencies within the Division.

The N.C.O's and other ranks of the Battalion be transferred according to the strengths of the 45th, 46th, 48th Battalions, transfers being effected as far as possible according to States and the preference of the men concerned.

All Regimental Stores of the 47th Battalion be returned to D.A.D.O.S. and re-issued to units within the Division on indent.

5-5-18-

Colonel.
Commanding 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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3rd Regt. de Marche de Trailleurs
Algeriens
2^s Bn.

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In the Field
4-5-1918.

Sir

I am exceedingly sorry to have to tell you the news of the death of one of your Privates : WILLIAMS Charles No. 2923, killed. He was looking in broad daylight and heavy machine gun fire for the body of a French Officer killed during the fighting of yesterday morning.

This man, who was not a stretcher bearer, and who, not belonging to the units in charge of taking the "MONUMENT" could have avoided to expose himself, did not stop yesterday to carry or to help to carry our wounded men.

He was looking for them on the battlefield, between the lines, and bringing them back with most gallantry, and great disdain of death.

He, himself, signalled to us that a French Officer, dead, was still laying in front of our lines, and, through his description, we recognized one of our comrades.

Although, I opposed it, and told him that at dusk we would have the body taken away, he decided to go and look for it this morning and he was killed by a bullet in the heart.

I refused to leave the body of this humble but heroic Australian soldier, one moment longer between the lines, because yesterday he saved the life of so many of ours.

A party of stretcher bearers under the leading of "Medecin Auxilliaire Risterucci went to fetch his body. He was handed over to your stretcher bearers at my Headquarters and in the presence of the Interpreter.

I should be very pleased if it could be possible for you to obtain a reward for this brave man, so gloriously killed.

I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully

(Sgd.) Capt. SEMOULAND
Commanding the 2nd Bn. of 3rd Tir.

37th Division.

74th Brigade.

3rd Regiment
de marche de
Tirailleurs.

In the Field
4-5-18.

Re. effort of Capt. LEMOULAND, O.C. 2nd B. 3rd R. Tirailleurs, about the glorious death of Private WILLIAMS, Charles (2923, "D" Coy., 45th Bn., 12th Inf. Brigade, 4th Div., A.I.F.) killed in looking for the body of a French Officer.

I have the honor to signal to you the conduct and the death of WILLIAMS, Charles, Australian Soldier, ex French Legionnaire, French M.M.

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For all these reasons and the glorious death of this man. I asked that WILLIAMS, Charles must be at once mentioned in the order of the Regt. and that the Croix de Guerre must be sent to me at once, that I might forward it to his Battalion Commander and O.C.

Capt. LEMOULAND Commandant
2nd Bn. 3rd Regiment de
marche de Tirailleurs.

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 37th Division.

74th Brigade.

3rd Regiment de Marche de Tirailleurs.

ORDER OF THE REGIMENT No. 15.

CITATIONS a l'ODRE.

Lt. Colonel VIBERT, O.C. 3rd Regiment de Marche de Tirailleurs, mentions in the order of the Regt.

Private WILLIAMS Charles (No. 2923, 46th Bn., ~~2x~~
 "D" Coy., 12th Inf. Brigade, 4th Div. A.I.F.

"Heroic soldier of great courage and most gallantry. Did not stop during the 3rd May, 1918 to cooperate to the rescuing of dead and wounded Frenchmen killed in the fighting, near the Allied soldiers. Despite the warnings given to him, went before dusk to carry the body of a French Officer, he had just discovered. Was killed by a bullet in the heart. Old soldier of the 1st Etranger.

Lt. Colonel VIBERT Commandant le
 3rd Regiment de Marche de Tirailleurs.

I. WILLIAMS Charles.
 46th Battalion, A.I.F.

Has helped with great courage to carry wounded men of the 3rd Tirailleurs.

The M.O.
 of the 4th Bn. 3rd Tir.

II. 3rd Reg. de Marche de Tirailleurs.

The Private WILLIAMS Charles (2923) 46th Bn., A.I.F. has shown great courage the 3rd May, 1918 during the fighting round VILLERS BRETONNEUX. He went out voluntarily under heavy machine gun fire, carried a great number of wounded men. Deserve a recompense. Must be proposed for a mention in despatches. Has got the French M.M.

The Capt. 2nd Bn.

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All Units.

Headquarters.

The undermentioned units of the Brigade form portion of the Divisional Reserve :-

Brigade Headquarters.
12th Trench Mortar Battery.
46th Battalion.
47th " "
48th " " less 2 Companies.

H.Q.	
12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	2417/18
Date.	7/5/18

and in addition to the above units the Pioneer Battalion and 2 Sections of Machine Gun Company are available as Divisional Reserve.

The units of the Brigade comprising the Divisional Reserve occupy the BLANGY TRONVILLE LINE and are dug in in the close vicinity, will be prepared to move immediately on receipt of orders to the counter-attack.

The 2 Companies of 48th Battalion under a Senior officer occupying the ABIGNY LINE will form the nucleus garrison for the defence of this line.

All routes forward will be reconnoitred and all officers must be well acquainted with the Forward Area.

Intelligence Officers have been sent forward to reconnoitre forming up positions which in all probabilities will be taken up if the Brigade has to undertake a counter-attack.

It is impossible to foretell the position from which a counter-attack will be launched and it is therefore of the utmost importance that Battalions are well acquainted with all routes and the Forward Area.

Stand to. All Units will ensure that the strictest stand-to is observed and units will not stand down until orders are received from Brigade Headquarters to do so. Units will stand to at 4 a.m. until further orders.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

7-5-18.

[Signature]
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Copies to :-

46th Battalion.
47th " "
48th " "
Trench Mortar Battery.
4th Pionerr Bn.)
45th Battalion.)
12th Machine Gun Coy.)

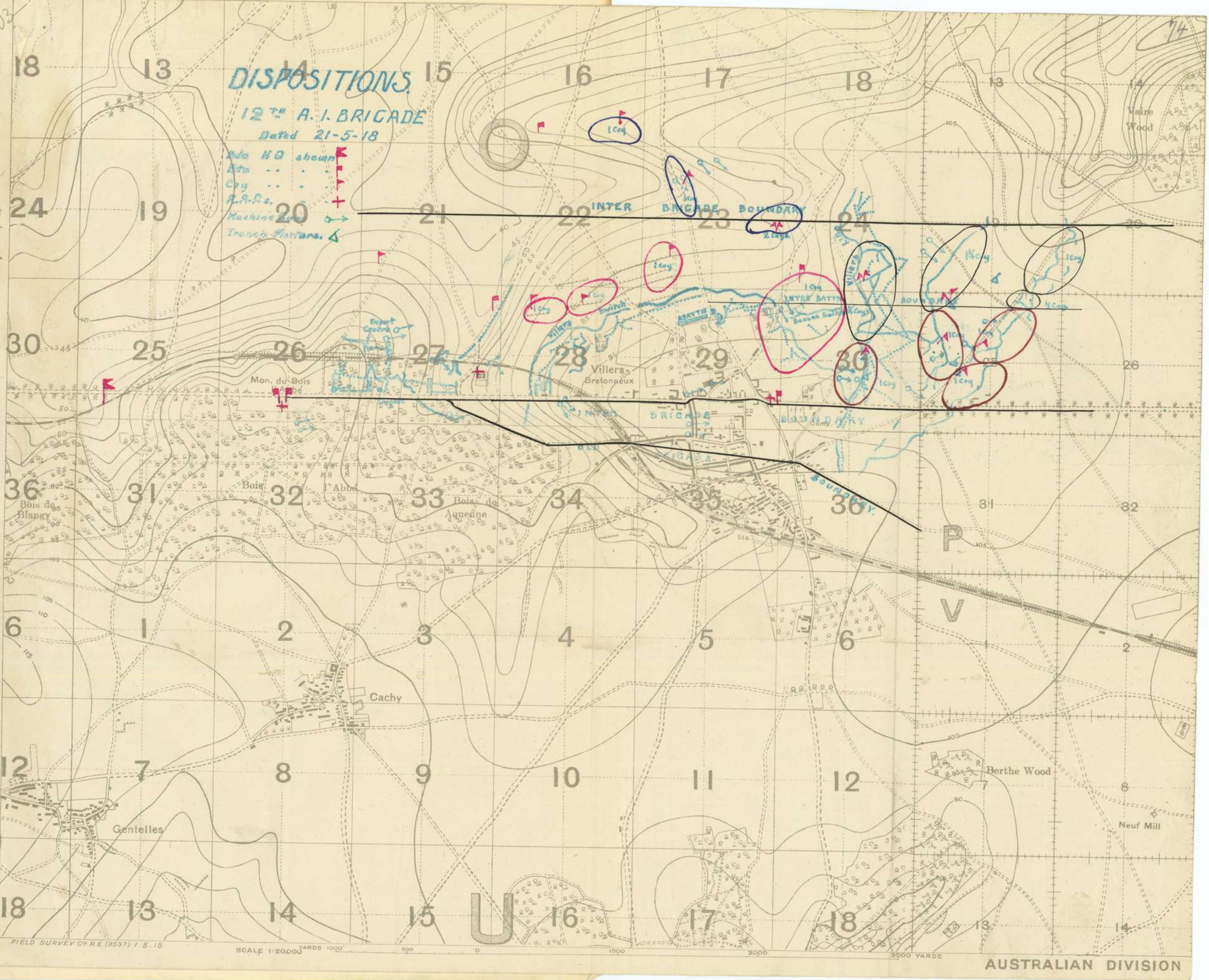
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DISPOSITIONS

12TH A. I. BRIGADE

Dated 21-5-18

- Side HQ shown
- Stn ..
- Coy ..
- R.P.C.
- Machine Gun
- Trench Mortars



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REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS OF THE 12th A.I. Brigade in the Sector from the 9th May to 22nd May 1918.

GENERAL. Various means have been provided to ensure strong communication, these are as follow:-

Buried Cable Route from Advanced ~~Brigade~~ Divisional Headquarters passing Brigade Headquarters and terminating at Brigade Report Centre at O 26 D 8 9 being used for telegraph and telephone.

Ground telephone lines from Brigade Report Centre to Units
Wireless Power Buzzer
Pigeons
Messenger Dogs
Runners
Visual.

TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE. For communication back to advanced Divisional Headquarters Brigade Headquarters is using two pairs of lines on the buried route and also three pairs forward to Brigade Report Centre. Linemen who especial duty it is to look after the buried route are stationed both at Brigade Headquarters and Brigade Report Centre.

At Brigade Report Centre also is stationed a Brigade Signal Section Sergeant and 8 Linesmen responsible for the maintenance of the ground telephone lines to Units of the Brigade in the forward area. Despite intermittent shelling of a heavy nature these ground lines have been maintained with great success.

WIRELESS. Trench Wireless Sets are established at Brigade Headquarters Brigade Report Centre and at our Test Point for ground lines at O 17 C 4 5 called C. S. By using an amplifier in conjunction with its Trench Wireless Set C. S. is able to work direct with Advanced Divisional Headquarters as well as with intermediate stations at Brigade Report Centre and Brigade Headquarters. Transmission by wireless has proved very slow owing to the necessity for encoding and decoding with their attendant delay.

POWER BUZZER & AMPLIFIER. A Power ~~and~~ Buzzer is established at Headquarters of the left Battalion in the line and this works to an amplifier and power buzzer at Headquarters of the Right Battalion in the Line. From the Right Battalion this form of communication works to a relay amplifier and power buzzer at O 28 C 5 and from there back to power buzzer and amplifier at Brigade Report Centre, which is the cable head for the buried route back to Brigade Headquarters and Advanced Divisional Headquarters.

PIGEONS. Two Pigeons are daily sent to Headquarters of Battalions in the line. If the weather is suitable the birds are released before 7 30 p.m. and carrying a service message. If the weather be unsuitable the birds are returned from Battalion Headquarters to Brigade Headquarters and thence to Advanced Divisional Headquarters. On receipt by Battalion of fresh birds.

MESSENGER DOGS. Each evening a messenger dog is taken from the kennels at Brigade Report Centre to each Battalion in the line and the dog is released next morning between 5 and 6 o'clock with a message which is taken off on return to the kennels.

VISUAL. Communication by daylight lamp is established between right and left Battalions in the line and between the left Battalion and Brigade Report Centre and between Right and Left and Right Support Battalions and Brigade Report Centre

RUNNERS. Between the forward Units and Brigade Headquarters there is a runners relay post at Brigade Report Centre. This serves for the ordinary Runner Service but special sealed packets which cannot wait for the schedule runs of this service are carried right through whether originating at Brigade

Headquarters or with the Forward Units.

DESPATCH RIDER MOTOR CYCLIST. A Motor Cyclist Despatch Rider is attached to Brigade Headquarters to carry special despatches from the Brigade Staff to the Divisional Staff.

TESTS. Tests were made with the Messenger Dogs with the following result:.

From Left Battalion to the Brigade Report Centre a distance of 3,000 yards the dog was released 5-45 a.m. and arrived with message at Report Centre at 6-1 a.m. time 16 minutes. From Right Battalion to Report Centre distance of 2-500 yards the dog was released at 6 a.m. and the message was taken off the dog at Brigade Report Centre at 6-14 a.m. time 14 minutes. These were by far best times the same dogs having previously taken much longer over the same run.

A Pigeon was released at Brigade Headquarters at 5 p.m. with message addressed to liberator this pigeon covered 38 kilometers to its loft message reached liberator at 6 3 p.m.

A Pigeon released from Headquarters Right Battalion with message addressed to liberator at 4 p.m. covered 40 kilometers to its loft message reached liberator at 4-50 p.m.

SIGNAL ROCKETS. Trial with the Signal Rocket (type with syren on nose and rings to correct range) was carried out commencing from Support Line to Brigade Headquarters in four stages of following distances.

Support line to Battalion Headquarters	1000 yards
Battn Headquarters to Test Point	1100 "
Test Point to Bde Report Centre	2000 "
Brigade R. Centre to Bde Headquarters	1350 "

Message left Support Line at 5-10 p.m. and arrived at Brigade Headquarters at 5-25 p.m. on the same day. It might be pointed out that in the use of these rockets good results can only be obtained by the use of common sense and knowledge of the distance between starting point and objective when setting the rocket preparatory to its flight it should not be placed where there is a risk of the vanes catching any ~~thing~~ object such as a sandbag when it leaves the ground. **FIXED**

WIRELESS TEST. Forward of Brigade was the Brigade Report Centre with a trench set and again forward a signal test point C.S. at which also was stationed a trench set. Message addressed to Brigade Headquarters was handed in at C.S. at 3 p.m. and arrived at Brigade Headquarters at 4-50 p.m. this message was found unreadable by the trench set at Brigade Report Centre but was taken by the set at Divisional Headquarters by which station it was transmitted to the set at Brigade Headquarters. Encoding and decoding were responsible for much of the delay.

eslharp Lieut,
O.C. No. 3 Section Signals,

Fighting Strength as on 3/5/18.

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	Officers.	O/R.
45th. Battalion.	31.	607.
46th. "	38.	756.
47th. "	35.	481.
48th. "	32.	738.
12th. A.L.T.M.B.	3.	46.
Total.	139.	2,628.

Officers who have joined for week ending 3/5/18.

Lieut.	H.P. GADSBY.	45th. Battalion	from Seconded List	28/4/18.
"	J.F. MORELL.	"	"	28/4/18.
"	R.J. BRITTAIN.	46th.	"	29/4/18.
"	B.R. BIRD.	47th.	Wounded.	1/5/18.
"	W.D. SHELDON.	48th.	from Seconded List	29/4/18.

Reinforcements arrived for week ending 3/5/18.

	Officers.	O/R.
45th. Battalion.		4.
46th. "		5.
47th. "		5.
48th. "		8.
Total.		22.

Casualties and Sick Evacuations for week ending 3/5/18.

45th. Battalion.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.		Gassed.		Wd at Duty.		Total.	
	O.	O&R	O.	O&R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
29/4/18.		4.		2.								6.
30/4/18.			1.	6.		1.			1.		2.	7.
2/5/18.				5.				1.				6.
3/5/18.		1.	1.	2.							1.	3.
TOTAL.		5.	2.	15.		1.		1.	1.		3.	22.

Officers:

2/Lieut. R. BOWDEN. Wounded 29/4/18.
 Lieut. J. WATT. " 3/5/18.
 2/Lieut. L.R. CORBETT. " 29/4/18. at Duty.

46th. Battalion.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Gassed.		Sick.		Total.	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
28/4/18.		4.		3.						7.
29/4/18.		1.		1.						2.
30/4/18.				4.				2.		6.
1/5/18.			2.	6.					2.	6.
2/5/18.				1.		1.		1.		3.
3/5/18.				3.	1.	1.		2.	1.	6.
TOTAL.		5.	2.	18.	1.	2.		5.	3.	30.

Officers:

Lieut. A.J.C. MURIEL. Wounded 1/5/18.
 " L.L. COULSON. " 1/5/18.
 2/Lieut. D. CARMICHAEL. Gas 3/5/18.

Fighting Strength as on 11/5/18.

APPENDIX.

	Officers.	O/R.
45th. Battalion.	31.	619.
46th. "	39.	761.
47th. "	36.	495.
48th. "	32.	734.
12th. A.L.T.M.B.	3.	46.
Total.		

Officers joined for week ending 11/5/18.

Lieut. H.P. GADSBY.	45th. Battalion.	from Seconded List.	23/4/18.
" J.F. MORELL.	" "	" " "	28/4/18

Officers gone for week ending 11/5/18.

Lieut. J.F. MORELL.	45th. Battalion.	to A.I.F. H.Q. for return to Aust.	
" A.V. JAMES.	46th. "	to Hospital sick 9/5/18.)	5/5/18.
" E.A. CHARLTON.	46th. "	" " " 11/5/18.	
2/Lieut. M.D. COBB.	46th. "	Transferred to 4th. Machine Gun Battalion.	10/5/18.

Reinforcements arrived for week ending 11/5/18.

	Officers.	O/R.
45th. Battalion.		28.
46th. "		29.
47th. "		21.
48th. "		12.
Total.		90.

Casualties and Sick Evacuations for week ending 11/5/18.

45th. Battalion

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Gassed.		Sick.		Total.	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
4/5/18.		2.		9.		3.				14.
5/5/18.										
6/5/18.								3.		3.
7/5/18.										
8/5/18.										
9/5/18.								22.		22.
10/5/18.				1.						1.
11/5/18.										
		2.		10.		3.		5.		20.

46th. Battalion.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Gassed.		Sick.		Total.	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
4/5/18.				2.		2.				4.
5/5/18.		1.		2.						3.
8/5/18.				2.						2.
9/5/18.							1.	3.	1.	3.
10/5/18.										
11/5/18.								1.		1.
		1.		6.		2.	1.	3.	1.	13.

47th. Battalion.

Fighting Strength for week ending 18/5/18.

	Officers.	O/R.
45th. Battalion.	34.	612.
46th. "	39.	750.
47th. "	37.	486.
48th. "	32.	725.
12th. A.L.T.M.B.	3.	46.
Total.	143.	2,619.

Officers who have joined for Week ending 18/5/18.

Lieut. Col. S.C.E. HERRING. DSO. 45th. Battalion from Seconded List 11/5/18
 Lieut. A.J. FROST. MM. From Hospital 11/5/18.
 Captain. A.E. BROWN. A.A.M.C. attached 46th. Battalion 12/5/18.

Officers who have gone for week ending 18/5/18.

2/Lieut, M.D. COBB. 46th. Battalion transferred to 4th. M.G.
 Battalion 10/5/18.

Reinforcements arrived for week ending 18/5/18.

	Officers.	O/R.
45th. Battalion.		5.
46th. "		9.
47th. "		6.
48th. "		11.
Total.		31.

Casualties and Sick Evacuations for week ending 18/5/18.

45th. Battalion.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Sick.		Total.	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
12/5/18.			1.				1.	
13/5/18.				1.		2.		3.
14/5/18.				1.				1.
15/5/18.		1.						1.b
16/5/18.				4.				4.
17/5/18.				5.		1.		6.
18/5/18.				1.		2.		3.
TOTAL.	1.		1.	12.		5.	1.	18.

Officer:

2/Lieut. J. LECKY. Wounded 12/5/18.

Fighting Strength as on 24/5/18.

	Officers.	O/R.
45th. Battalion.	38.	624.
46th. "	38.	760.
47th. "	38.	491.
48th. "	32.	721.
12th. A.L.T.M.B.	3.	46.
Total	145.	2,642.

Officers who have joined for week ending 24/5/18.

Brig. General.	J. GELLIBRAND. CB. DSO. from Hospital 18/5/18.
Captain.	A.M. MAXWELL & DSO. MC. 51st. Battalion, attached as Brigade Major Staff Trainee.
Captain.	W.H. SCHADEL. MC. 45th. Battalion. from Hos. 22/5/18
2/Lieut.	H.P. HOPGOOD. DCM. 45th. Battn. from Cadet Battalion 22/5/18.
2/Lieut.	E.G. BROWN. 45th. Battn. from Cadet Battn. 19/5/18.
2/Lieut.	J. LECKY. 45th. Battn. from Hospital 22/5/18.
Lieut.	V. MORTON. 45th. Battn. from Hospital 23/5/18.
2/Lieut.	C. BURNETT. 45th. Battn. from Sec List 19/5/18.
Lieut.	L.L. COULSON. MM. 46th. Battn. from Hospital Wounded 23/5/18.
Lieut.	A.V. JAMES. MM. 46th. Battn. from Hosp. 23/5/18.
Lieut.	W. BAXTER. 47th. Battn. from Hosp. 23/5/18.
Lieut,	F.A. PATERSON. 47th. Battn. from Hosp. 23/5/18.
Major,	A.S. ALLEN. DSO. 45th. Battn. Transferred to 48th. Battalion 19/4/18.
Lieut.	L.F. ARNOLD. MC. DCM. MM. 48th. Battn. from Hosp. 21/5/18.
Lieut, Col.	R.L. LEANE. CMG. DSO. MC. 48th. Battn. from Brigade Duties 22/5/18.

Officers gone for week ending 24/5/18.

Lieut.	W. HORNE. 45th. Battn. Wounded 19/5/18.
2/Lieut,	L. BYRNE. MC. 46th. Battn. Sick to Hosp. 23/5/18.
Hon. Capt. & Q.M.	R. OUTHWAITE. 46th. Battn. Died of injuries 16/5/18.

Reinforcements arrived for week ending 24/5/18.

	Officers.	O/R.
45th. Battalion.	22.	22.
46th. "		21.
47th. "		11.
48th. "		12.
Total.	66.	66.

Fighting Strength for week ending 31/5/18.

	Officers.	O/R.
45th. Battalion.	43.	813.
46th. "	49.	929.
48th. "	44.	878.
12th. A. L. T. M. B.	3.	46.
Total.	139.	2,666.

Officers who have joined for week ending 31/5/18.

Lieut, Col. R.L. LEANE. CMG. DSO. MC. from 48th. Battalion to T/Command
12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade. 28/5/18.

Lieut. H.G. SMITH. MC. DCM. from 46th. Battalion. 26/5/18.

" G.K. HENDERSON. MM. from 48th. " 26/5/18.

Major. A.S. ALLEN. DSO. from 48th. Battn to 45th. Battn. 31/5/18.

Captain, T.V. RILEY. 47th. Battalion, from Hospital 28/5/18.

Lieut. Col. S.L. PERRY. MC. 45th. Battalion. to Command 48th. Battalion.
28/5/18.

Officers who have gone for week ending 31/5/18.

Brig. General. J. GELLIBRAND. CB.DSO. to T/Command 3rd. Aust. Division.
28/5/18.

Lieut. J.W. STABBACK. MC. 48th. Battalion. attached Brigade H.Q. to
3rd. Aust. Division 28/5/18.

Lieut. F.W. FIRFIELD. 45th. Battalion to Hospital 29/5/18.

" R.S. PICUP. " " " " 31/5/18.

" S.J. HILL. MM. " " " " 31/5/18.

On disbandment of the 47th. Battalion, the personnel were re-allotted as follows:-

O.F.F.I.C.E.R.S.

		Transferred to		
Major.	D.V. HANNAY.	"	45th. Battalion.	"
Captain.	A.E. MORGAN.	"	"	"
"	E.O. WILLIAMS. MC.	"	"	"
"	C.E. YOUNG. DSO.	"	"	"
"	E.H.W. HURD. MC.	"	"	"
Lieut,	G.C. REID. MC.	"	"	"
"	F.E. PARSONS.	"	"	"
"	W.H. JACKSON.	"	"	"
"	W.J. BONE.	"	"	"
"	G.R. ROBERTSON. DCM.	"	"	"
"	F.A. PATERSON.	"	"	"
"	S.J. HILL. MM.	"	"	"
"	P.A. LISLE.	"	"	"
"	B.R. MOORE.	"	"	"
"	W.J. BARNES.	"	"	"
"	H.J. HINES.	"	"	"
2/Lieut.	H. MEAR.	"	"	"
"	G.H. SMITH.	"	"	"
Captain.	E.A. TERRY.	"	46th.	"
Capt.		"		
T/Major.	F.R. NORTH.	"	46th.	"
Captain,	T.V. RILEY.	"	"	"
"	C.A. SYMONS.	"	"	"
"	J. BRACK.	"	"	"
"	N.F. BREMNER. DSO.	"	"	"
Lieut,	M.J. McGHIE. MC.	"	"	"
"	H.G. SMITH. MC. DCM.	"	"	"
"	G.P. STOREY.	"	"	"
"	B.R. BIRD. MC.	"	"	"
"	A.V. PATETSON. MM.	"	"	"
"	C.H. ANNESLEY.	"	"	"
"	D.C. ROSE.	"	"	"

O F F I C E R S. Transferred from 47th. Battalion.
(Continued).

Lieut,	A.T. McALLISTER.	Transferred to	46th.	Battalion.
"	W.E. BROUGH.	"	"	"
"	W.H. KEOGH. MM.	"	"	"
"	O.E. ULCOQ.	"	"	"
"	J.J. MOLPHY.	"	"	"
"	H.L. DUNNETT. MM.	"	"	"
"	G.V. O'CONNOR.	"	"	"
Captain.		"	"	48th.
"	D. CAMPBELL.	"	"	"
"	C.H. KING.	"	"	"
Lieut.	M. PRIOR. DSO.	"	"	"
"	W. BA XTER.	"	"	"
Hon. Lieut.		"	"	"
	W.R. WISHART.	"	"	"
Lieut.	H. TAYLOR. DSO.	"	"	"
"	J. SCHULZ. MC.	"	"	"
T/Capt.	C.H. LUXMOORE.	"	"	"
Lieut,	C.A.B. KENYON.	"	"	"
"	H.E. CORSER.	"	"	"
"	G.L. SWAN.	"	"	"
"	L.L. CARTER. MM.	"	"	"
"	L.N. WARD. MC.	"	"	"
"	T.T. MOREEY.	"	"	"
"	C.S.M. McBRIDE.	"	"	"
2/Lieut,	F.H. HOHNEN.	"	"	"
"	J.G. O'NEILL.	"	"	"

O.T.H.E.R. R.A.N.K.S.

Transferred to	45th. Battalion.	197.
"	" 46th.	148.
"	" 48th.	151.
"	" Brigade H.Q.	1.
"	" 49th. Battalion.	1.
	Total.	<u>498.</u>

Reinforcements arrived for week ending 31/5/18.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O/R.</u>
45th. Battalion.		11.
46th. "		35.
47th. "		16.
48th. "		27.
	Total.	<u>89.</u>

Sick Evacuations for week ending 31/5/18.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/R.</u>
45th. Battalion.		7.
46th "		3.
47th. "		9.
48th. "		6.
	Total.	<u>25.</u>

Casualties and Sick Evacuations for week ending 3/5/18.

47th. Battalion.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.		Gassed.		Sick.		Shell Shock.		Total.	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
28/4/18.				2.						1.		1.		3.
29/4/18.				1.						1.				2.
1/5/18.				3.				1.		1.				5.
2/5/18.		3.		3.		18.		8.						30.
3/5/18.		1.		1.		4.				2.				8.
		4.		4.		28.				5.		1.		48.

Officers:

Lieut. G.V. O'CONNOR. Wounded 2/5/18.
 " A.T. McALLISTER. Wounded 2/5/18.
 " H. MEAR. " 2/5/18.
 " C.A.B. KENYON. Attached 12th. A.L.T.M.B. Wounded 3/5/18.

48th. Battalion.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.		Wd & Missing.		Wd at Duty.		Sick.		Total.	
	O.	OR.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
28/4/18.		1.		6.										7.
29/4/18.				4.								6.		10.
30/4/18.				3.										3.
1/5/18.				2.								1.		3.
2/5/18.				2.								2.		4.
3/5/18.	4.	14.	5.	104.		22.		2.	3.	1.		XXX	12.	143.
	4.	15.	5.	121.		22.		2.	3.	1.		9.	12.	170.

Officers:

Captain. D.C. CUMMING. MC. Killed 3/5/18.
 Lieut. A.S. FERGUSON. " "
 2/Lieut. D.F. LEUTCHFORD. MM. " "
 Lieut. H.C. GARLAND. DCM. " "
 " E. LOGAN. Wounded " "
 " W.D. PRITCHARD. " "
 2/Lieut. D.H. CLARK. " "
 Captain. N.G. IMLAY. " "
 Lieut. R.E. BLEECHMORE. " "
 " M.B.F. McDOWALL. MM. Wounded at Duty 3/5/18.
 " G.D. MITCHELL. DCM. " " " "
 " G.G. BONYTHON. MM. " " " "

12th. A.L.T.M.B.

1. O/R Sick 30/4/18.

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Casualties and Sick Evacuations for week ending 11/5/18.

47th. Battalion.

DATE	Killed.		Wounded.		Sick.		Total.	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
4/5/18.			2.					2.
5/5/18.					2.			2.
6/5/18.								
7/5/18.								
8/5/18.								
9/5/18.								
10/5/18.			1.		1.			2.
11/5/18.								
11/5/18.					1.			1.
TOTAL.			3.		4.			7.

48th. Battalion.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Sick.		Total.	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
4/5/18		1.		6.				7.
5/5/18					1.			1.
6/5/18.					3.			3.
7/5/18.								
8/5/18.					2.			2.
9/5/18.			1.					1.
10/5/18.								
11/5/18.		1.		7.		6.		14.

Casualties and Sick Evacuations for week ending
18/5/18.46th. Battalion.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.		Sick.		Total.	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
12/5/18.				1.			1.	1.	1.	2.
13/5/18.				4.			1.	6.	1.	10.
14/5/18.		1.		5.	1.				1.	6.
15/5/18.				3.						3.
16/5/18.	1.	2.						2.	1.	4.
17/5/18.								4.		4.
18/5/18.								1.		1.
TOTAL.	1.	3.		13.	1.		2.	14.	4.	30.

Officers:

Hon. Captain & Q.M. R. OUTHWAITE. MC. died of injuries received 16/5/18.
 Lieut. L.N. JENNINGS. missing 14/5/18.
 " E.A. CHARLTON. sick 12/5/18.
 Captain. A. BRABY. A.A.M.C. attached Sick 13/5/18.

47th. Battalion.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Sick.		Total.	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
13/5/18.				6.				6.
14/5/18.						3.		3.
15/5/18.				2.		1.		3.
17/5/18.				3.		1.		4.
TOTAL.				11.		5.		16.

48th. Battalion.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Gassed.		Sick.		Total.	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
12/5/18.		2.		2.						4.
13/5/18.								3.		3.
15/5/18.		1.		4.			1.	1.	1.	6.
16/5/18.				2.						2.
17/5/18.				1.				3.		4.
18/5/18.				2.						2.
TOTAL.		3.		11.			1.	7.	1.	21.

Officers:

Lieut. T.F. ARNOLD. DCM.MM. Sick 15/5/18.

12th. A.L.T.M.B.

DATE.	Wounded.		Sick.		Total.	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.
16/5/18.		2.		1.		3.
TOTAL.		2.		1.		3.

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Casualties and Sick Evacuations for week ending 24/5/18.

45th. BATTALION.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Sick.		Total.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
19/5/18.						1.		1.
20/5/18.			1.	2.		1.	1.	2.
21/5/18.		1.		1.		1.		3.
22/5/18.						1.		1.
24/5/18.						2.		2.
		1.	1.	3.		5.	1.	9.

46th. Battalion.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Sick.		Total.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
20/5/18.						2.		2.
21/5/18.				2.				2.
23/5/18.					1.	2.	1.	2.
24/5/18.						1.		1.
				2.	1.	5.	1.	7.

47th. BATTALION.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Sick.		Total.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
19/5/18.		2.						2.
21/5/18.				1.				1.
		2.		1.				3.

48th. BATTALION.

DATE.	Killed.		Wounded.		Sick.		Total.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
20/5/18.						8.		8.
21/5/18.						1.		1.
23/5/18.						1.		1.
24/5/18.						2.		2.
						12.		12.