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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*24<sup>th</sup> Battalion*

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24<sup>v</sup> Bn Brig June

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ribemont	16.18	1 a.m.	<p>62 D N.E.</p> <p>Enemy heavily bombarded area with gas shells 3000 falling between 1 + 3.30 a.m. Mostly fell in vicinity of Sucrerie D 27 b 7.2. and comprised a mixture of 'Mustard' Gas and blaugens. Helmets were worn during bombardment and smoke was cleared the air. H.Q. evacuated Ribemont at 4 a.m. and moved to a nearly completed deep dug out at D 27 a 1.2. Gas masks were 23 which was excellent considering the bombardment.</p> <p>2 N.C.O. + 16 men assisting Engineer in excavating deep dug out.</p> <p>11 p.m. - 1 a.m. 1 off. + 40 o/r. deepening Damper Switch. 80 yards finished.</p>	
	2.6.18		<p>Very fine summer day - a look and a sleep among the crops were popular.</p> <p>1 off + 54 o/r. dug 100' C.T. E 25' a 2.9.</p> <p>6 o/r. making frame for dug out. 7 o/r. erecting 5' dug out in Tasmania Line.</p> <p>1 off. + 54 o/r. constructing 400' double apron wire along Damper Switch.</p> <p>4 N.C.O. + 32 men in relay excavating deep dug out.</p> <p>1 N.C.O. + 10 men salvaging timber from Ribemont.</p>	



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Ribemont.	3.6.18.		<p>Aménin rest. Word was received that on C.O. Lieut. Col. W. F. James had been awarded the D.S.O. and that Capt. J. L. Selluck an Adjutant and Lieut. W. S. Goss had been mentioned in Despatches. They were the recipients of many congratulations.</p> <p>1 Off. + 53 O/r. erected 320' Double apron fence along Damper Switch.</p> <p>1 Off. + 50 O/r. deepening 80' Damper Switch.</p> <p>1 Off. + 50 O/r. excavating for dug out Tasmania Line. 6 completed.</p> <p>4 M.C.O.s + 32 men working in relay on deep dug out D27 a 10.40.</p> <p>21 men. Making 22 dug out frames. 1 M.C.O. + 16 men carrying same forward.</p> <p>1 M.C.O. + 10 men Salvaging timber.</p>	
	4.6.18		<p>Nothing doing except rest by day and work by night</p> <p>1 Off. + 54 O/r. digging 68' of C.T. D19 a 4.4.</p> <p>1 Off. + 54 O/r. digging 64' of C.T. D19 a 4.0.</p> <p>1 Off. + 40 O/r. erecting 7 dug out + making excavation for 2 more Tasmania Line.</p> <p>4 M.C.O.s + 32 men working on deep dug out near H.W.</p>	
	5.6.18.		<p>Much sun + much rest.</p> <p>2 Off. + 87 O/r. digging 130' Bench D19 c 4.2.</p> <p>1 Off. + 21 O/r. deepening 30' Bench D25 a 4.9.</p> <p>1 Off. + 40 O/r. erecting 2 dug out + excavating for 3 more.</p> <p>4 M.C.O.s + 32 men working on deep dug out.</p> <p>1 M.C.O. + 10 men Salvaging 500' timber.</p>	



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Ribemont	6.6.18		<p>Quiet day. Shelling in the area is practically nil and our time in support has been one of the quietest on record.</p> <p>2 Gf. + 104 o/r. digging 130' C.T. E 19 C.</p> <p>1 Gf. + 40 o/r. excavation for 4 dugouts dug and two completed</p> <p>2 M.C.O.s + 28 o/r. tunnelling in deep dug out.</p>	
	7.6.18		<p>Company commander made reconnaissance of front line. Preparation and organization for taking over the line.</p> <p>3 Gf. + 105 o/r. dug 170' C.T. in E 19 C.</p> <p>2 M.C.O.s + 16 men on deep dug out.</p> <p>1 Gf. + 39 o/r. completing 3 excavations for dug out. C.H.Q. completed.</p> <p>1 M.C.O. + 10 men salvaging timber.</p>	
	8.6.18		<p>Preparation for move completed. Took over line from 28<sup>th</sup> Bn in Buite sector.</p> <p>Relief completed without incident at 12.30 a.m. During our time out of the line an influenza epidemic has arrived us. It only last longer about 3 days but everyone has been more or less affected. H.Q. suffers most in proportion and at one time arrived of the CO + I.O.</p> <p>Standing patrol crossed the relief. Sent Sgt. Molloy with leader a patrol came across on every post in the high crop and in its ensuing fight was unfortunately killed. He died like the good soldier he was firing his revolver at the enemy. His loss will be much felt.</p> <p>From 12 - 3 a.m. the rear of our front line was heavily shelled but luckily there was no casualties. 1 Gf. + 30 o/r. carried 200 lbs projection to Ravine 1<sup>st</sup> 19 d.</p> <p>16 men in 4 shifts worked on tunnel under Railway.</p>	

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Front Line Buire & Ville-sur-Ancre	9.6.18.		<p>62 D.N.E.</p> <p>Not a shell spoiled the perfect summer day for all we knew there might not be a war on. There was little or no activity on the enemies part. At night there was a little M.G. activity. On patrol were active but although movement was occasionally heard no contact with enemy was made.</p> <p>1 Coy. &amp; 10 Coy. erected 30' concertina wire in front of line at E 25 &amp; 8.7.</p> <p>8 Coy. commenced C.H.A. at K 15 7.9.</p> <p>16 Coy. continued tunneling under Railway.</p> <p>1 Coy. &amp; 23 Coy. deepened front line trench for 60 yds.</p>	
	10.6.18.		<p>Again quiet. Little shelling but mostly to our rear. 28' Bn. attempted to raid enemy trench in E 19 &amp; but were prevented from entering. The enemy reply to our barrage was light and did not affect us. A few medium M.W. fell near our left section. On patrol were active but did not locate enemy. Patrolling is exceedingly difficult owing to the high crops, it being almost impossible to move without noise. An L.C. fired a enemy making party at E 26 C. dispersed it. A party under their West M.M. located an enemy patrol &amp; engaged it with L.C. &amp; bombs dispersing it after a short fight. No loss of casualties.</p> <p>1 Coy. &amp; 18 Coy. deepened front trench for 50 yds. I.M.C. &amp; 8' Bn. continued work on C.H.A.</p> <p>16 men worked on tunnel.</p>	
	11.6.18.		<p>A very lively day. An artillery &amp; T.M. very active and we received a lot of shells in reply. The whole front being prominently shelled apparently without method. No damage was done to us. A few gas shells were also sent over but there was no inconvenience. There was very quiet especially at night &amp; the M.G. were active in addition to artillery. No shelling was heard continuously with all arms. T.M.s &amp; M.G. were active and at intervals all enemy posts in range were subjected to battery fire with No. 56 bombs which had a very demoralizing effect and must worry the enemy considerably.</p>	



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Front Line.			<p>62 D N.E.</p> <p>Our Scouts were very active and patrolled the front during the night making a thorough reconnaissance. No enemy were encountered. No event during the day is worthy of record. A Company Scout Pte. Munro being fed up with the enemy's machine guns decided on his own initiative to raid an enemy post. So in broad daylight at 6.30 P.M. he left our lines E 25' to 9.7. and crawled out through the crop for 100 yds. Here he found an enemy post with two men peacefully sleeping in the sunlight. He threw a bomb between them which exploded with unfortunate result to the enemy. The noise aroused the Post and several men appeared and were met with a fusillade of grenades. Pte. Munro then withdrew having used all his bombs, and was crawling away through the crop chased by steel bombs one of which exploded near wounding him severely. Despite hot rifle fire and his injuries he regained our lines. For his courageous act he has been recommended for the D.C.M.</p> <p>17.10.18 men continued work on C.H.O.</p> <p>8 o/r. worked on tunnel under Railway.</p> <p>1 Off. &amp; 15 o/r. deepened front trench for 30 yards.</p> <p>1 Off. &amp; 10 o/r. erected 30 yard of concrete wire</p> <p>Our platoon &amp; L. Company E.C. active. Towards sunset 50 returned from a bombing stunt.</p>	

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Front Line	12.6.18		<p>Fairly quiet day, light shelling; there was just missed an support Coy, falling in the wood N. of Ville-sur-Ancres. An artillery was active and at 2 P.M. for half an hour a British concentrated in enemy trench in E19 b + d, 2 enemy who tried to get up were shot by our Lewis Gunners. Betley action with 636 Grenades and Stokes effectively quieted enemy M.G., a few M.W + gas shells were fired in our line but did no damage. At 2 a.m. 200 gas projection were fired with a terrific roar and flesh in the direction of Dernancourt. It was no doubt successful. We got some of the backwash probably from a defective project which fell short. Enemy retaliated at 4.15 a.m. with 50 gas shells in wood E25a. It did not affect us.</p> <p>1 off. + 20 opr. deepened front trench 30'.</p> <p>1 A.C.O. + 8 opr. captured excavation for C.H.Q. at K167.0.</p> <p>1 off. + 15 opr. erected 130' concrete mine supported by concrete posts in E19 d.</p> <p>1 off. + 5 opr. erected 30' concrete mine in K1b.</p>	
	13.6.18		<p>Quiet day - light shelling and few M.W. Enemy woke up at night and made things very lively in forward area. Shells mostly fell along line of Railway in Ravine and in Road in rear. M.G. also active at night. Little damage but on enemy position suffered somewhat.</p>	

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			62 D IV E.	
Front Line	13.6.15.		<p>Our patrol worked over front the whole night but no sign of Fritz seen.</p> <p>The 22<sup>nd</sup> Bn. relieved on two extreme night posts then shortening our line by 250<sup>yds</sup>.</p> <p>Boundary now laid down E.W. E 25 C + D. Relief complete 2.30 a.m.</p> <p>1 off. + 10 opr. erected 140 yds. concertina wire in E 19 d.</p> <p>1 off. + 10 opr. deepened front trench for 15<sup>ft</sup>.</p> <p>1 off. + 15 opr. improved two posts of Right Coy.</p> <p>We have had attached to us 3 opr. from U.S. Army for training in Intelligence work. They were included in Map + Photo Reading, Language Work etc. + did shift on the O.P. with Bn. Observers. They proved excellent fellows + most keen to learn all they could.</p>	
	14.6.15		<p>Quiet day but at 11.40 P.M. artillery opened up in response to enemy S.O.S. + continued active through the night. At 11.30 P.M. Lieut. Pocknell + 4 opr. raided enemy post in E 26 a. Repair attached. The raid was not successful but we had to pay the price in killed + wounded. Unluckily two of the raiders are missing one being Sgt. McVeil (M.M. + Bar) D Coy. 6 prisoners + a M.G. were brought in but two of the Germans were killed while attempting to escape. Of the 4 who were captured (R/ Sgt.)</p>	



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			62 D N.E.	
Front Line	14.6.18		I was with the ribbon of the Iron Cross. They were pretty badly scared but on discovering that they would not be skinned alive now all smiles and expressed much pleasure that no further was finished. They belonged to the 231 <sup>st</sup> P.I.R. 50 <sup>th</sup> Reserve Div. the identification being normal which means no longer they were there.	
	15.6.18		An exceedingly quiet day - although an artillery display was harassed every morning but no reply. At night 58 <sup>th</sup> Bn. relieved us and Bn. moved to bivouac in Bomb Gully near Bonnay. Relief complete without incident at 12.30 a.m. (15.6.18). On arrival at destination a hot meal was issued & by 2 a.m. all ranks were sound asleep. The trip was quite successful & on arrival apart from rain reasonably light - most of them being inflated on A Coy (Reserve) which did all the carrying. The Bn. is commanded in the line by Major W.E. Ellwood M.C.	
	16.6.18		At 2 P.M. the Bn. headed by the Band marched via Lahoussaye - Pont-Neuf - Quierville to Corp Reserve in a position W of Quierville. The Division is resting for 10 days. On arrival all ranks proceeded to make themselves comfortable by improving old shelters & erecting new ones & tents. B.H.Q. 14 21 0 7.9.	

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BIVOUACS. H 21.6+d.	June 1918. 17 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Morning was devoted to the fitting of equipment, general organization of companies and platoons. In the afternoon inter-platoon cricket matches were commenced and also a BN sports committee formed to assist in the general direction and organization of all sport.</p> <p>Under authority granted by His Majesty the King, the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief awarded the following decorations to members of the battalion for gallantry in the battle near Amiens attack of 19 May 1918.</p> <p>DSO. Lt E. H. D. EDGERTON MM and bar. "A" Coy DCM 307 SGT (now 4th Lt). E. V. WHITE "A" Coy Bar to the Military Medal. 4th Lt. D. W. JOHNSON M. M. "A" Coy MILITARY MEDAL.</p> <p>4398 SGT. J. M. COLLERY "A" 2380 Pte R. HOLLOWAY "A" 4363 Pte. J. BLANKENBURG "A"</p> <p>Orders were issued to instil upon all ranks the necessity of the regular salvage of paper, cardboard, and SAA.</p>	<p>JH</p>
	June 18 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Major Ellwood MC with 0 to A &amp; B Coy also one subaltern from C &amp; D Coys proceeded on a forward reconnaissance as per Instructions for the Defensive Series III. No. 1. "Employment of the B'de whilst in the QUERRIEU AREA.</p>	<p>See No 5 attached.</p>

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BIVOUACS	June 19 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup>		At 9.30 am general training commenced throughout the battalion. Close order drill, marksmanship and the use of the No 36 grenade was imparted to those who were not engaged in learning the value of the Lewis gun or receiving special instruction from the Scout officer and Intelligence officer.	
H 216 + d.	June 19 <sup>th</sup>		In the afternoon A and B Coys were bathed at the QUERRIEU BATHS. A second reconnaissance of the forward area as per instructions for the Defensive Series III No 1. was carried out under the Adjutant Capt F P Sellers by the C + D Coys also one subaltern from A + B Coys. Close liaison was established with a French reserve Coy of the 35 <sup>th</sup> French division. Baths at QUERRIEU were used by D Coy and BN HQs details. Intensive Lewis gun training commenced at 9.30 am.	
	June 20 <sup>th</sup>		Details of the BN not already bathed were paraded at QUERRIEU baths between 10 am and 11 am. General training was proceeded with by all coys from 9 am to 12 noon. A special small box respirator check was instituted a bugle blast being sounded at 11 am. and the respirators worn by all ranks for ten minutes.	



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B INDOACS	JUNE 1918		Regimental band played a programme of music at BN HQ mess in honor of the DSO conferred upon the CO Lt Col W.E. JAMES DSO.	
H 21 b+d.	20 <sup>th</sup>		General training in each company continued. The B'de gas officer carried out a special inspection of all small box respirators in B+C Coys. A Coy spent the morning in the miniature rifle range. The afternoon was devoted to inter-platoon cricket matches and swimming in the HALLUE RIVER. Three guards of three men each were mounted over bridges in H 23.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Musky and fire discipline training took up the major part of the morning's training. Physical training, gas drill, and rifle exercises completed the morning's work.	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		To be 2 <sup>nd</sup> lieutenants from 20 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 1918. 5919 CSM (T/RSM) G MINGRAM M.M. 2059 Sgt (T/CSM) JBS NICHOL. 4680 SGT ME CONSIDINE M.M. C Coy held the company sports and chose representatives for the forthcoming BN sports. Keen interest was aroused in the inter-platoon struggle for the Coy championship.	

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BIVOUACS.	JUNE 1918.	23 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>Representatives for the Bide swimming carnival met at 10 am to make the final selection of members of the BN team.</p> <p>At 11 am at Bide HQrs. CHATEAU QUERRIEU the Corps Commander lieutenant Gen Sir John MONASH, K.C.B. V.D. presented ribbons to various members of the Bide. Members of this BN decorated were. 417 EV WHITE DCM. 88 SGT. C.J. MITCHELL DCM and Belgian Croix de Guerre. 2283 SGT H.A. LACEY M.M. 4388 SGT. J.M. COLLERY M.M. 2380 Pte R. HOLLOWAY M.M. 4362 Pte J. BLANKENBURG 5362. L/Cpl. C.D.W. JOHNSON M.M. and bar. The regimental band attended. Ten officers 15 NCO's and 100 privates represented each BN on the parade. A Protestant Church service was conducted by BISHOP LONG on the Corps parade ground at 11.30 am. The Roman Catholic parade was held at 10.30 am in the PARISH CHURCH QUERRIEU. The 23<sup>rd</sup> A1BN and 24<sup>th</sup> A1BN played a cricket match on the 23<sup>rd</sup> BN's ground. The match was won by the 23<sup>rd</sup> A1BN by fifty runs.</p>	
	JUNE 24 <sup>th</sup>		<p>MusRehy was carried out in the morning and 0 Corps firing on the miniature range A and B Corps on the 300 yards range.</p>	



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BIVOUACS H 216+d.	JUNE 1918. 24 <sup>th</sup>		<p>A brigade aquatic carnival was held at a lake in H 11 central close to the HADLUG stream. The battalion headed by the band marched to the location of the carnival. The weather was dull and showery but nevertheless much good swimming was witnessed. Great merriment circled round the fancy dressed characters. The corps, divisional and brigade commanders attended. Bigger and cocoa was served out gratis to the men by the YMCA. The battalion won two events - life saving and canoe towing also obtaining third in the 100 yards championship. The meritorious service medal was awarded in the Birthday honors to 1224 COMS E. V. RATTLE C Coy and 2146 SGT H. V. GRIFFITHS.</p>	
	25 <sup>th</sup>		<p>10 N. HQrs. Each man in B+C Coys fired a N° 36 rifle grenade. The trench systems in H 216+d. were used as bombing grounds. A+D Coys continued varied company training. In the afternoon B+D Coys held company sports to decide representatives for the forthcoming BN sports. A and C Coys played an inter-coy cricket match which was won by A Coy.</p>	

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BIVOUACS. H216+d.	JUNE 1918. 26 <sup>th</sup>		<p>A special gas inspection parade of A and O Coy was carried out by the B de gas officer. Each Coy also practiced one hour extended order drill. The undementioned personnel assembled at the aerodrome ALLONVILLE G12 d 3.2 at 10am. O's Coy mounted, all officers of Coy except 2<sup>nd</sup> in command and Coy sports officer, four sergeants per Coy. Under the CO. Lt. Col. W.E. JAMES D.S.O. a few tactical problems were decided and discussed. also the ground decided for the battalion practice attack for tomorrow. All BN Lewis guns and Coy's rifles were overhauled by <sup>personnel</sup> of the Divisional Advance Coy.</p>	
			<p>at 1.30 pm the battalion sports commenced on the sports ground at H22 a 8.2 near BN sports ground. Competition was keen and much interest centered around all events. A wet canteen also free cocoa stall served out drinks to the men whilst a booth provided afternoon tea for visiting officers. The regimental band rendered sweet music throughout the afternoon.</p>	<p>see programme and results attached</p>



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BIVOUACS. H21 bvd.	June 1918. 26 <sup>th</sup>		At 7.30pm the 125 <sup>th</sup> American Engineer Regiment gave a delightful entertainment to all members of the battalions. An American band accompanied the troupe and livened proceedings with much ragtime music. The troupe was entertained at a small dinner at the conclusion of the performance.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		A battalion practice attack was practiced at the Aerodrome ALLONVILLE. Companies moved out from bivouacs at 9am prior to which the CO presented the prize money won at the sports. The afternoon was devoted to preparations for the impending move to the forward area. At 3.30pm the Australian official photographer took group photographs of the officers and NCOs of the battalion.	See Operation order N <sup>o</sup> 001.
	28 <sup>th</sup>		Battalion moved to the forward area as per operation order number 99 of 27 <sup>th</sup> June. The move was complete at 3.45pm.	Operation order N <sup>o</sup> 99.
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Companies utilised the day in improving the bivouacs and cleaning up the area.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VILLERS-BRETONNEUX SECTOR.	June 1918 29 <sup>th</sup>		<p>A and D Coys are bivouaced alongside the river SOMME. The billabongs forms splendid swimming ponds and much use is made of them by all ranks. C Coy is situated in a trench system skirting LE BOIS DE L'ABBÉ. B Coy is very comfortable in bivouacs in LE BOIS DE L'ABBÉ close alongside the MONASTERY.</p> <p>Disposition of the Battalion BN HQs and details BLANCY-TRONVILLE N22C9.6                      A + D Coys bivouacs N23C5.5                      C . . . AUBIGNY LINE 2 platoons 026C                      2 " 026d.                      B Coy AUBIGNY LINE 032a.</p>	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Owing to the prevalence of P.U.O. a BN hospital was established in LAMOTTE comforts were drawn from the 6<sup>th</sup> Aust Field Ambulance and additional comforts provided from regimental funds.</p>	



## WAR DIARY

OF

24<sup>th</sup> Battalion

FOR

June 1918

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Ref map sheet 67 D N.E. 1/20000

10 June 1918

Intention 1 on a date and at an hour to be notified an attack will be carried out by the 7<sup>th</sup> A.I.B.de with the object of improving their position between SAILLY-LAURETTE and MORLANCOURT

In conjunction with this the 6<sup>th</sup> A.I.B.de at a zero hour to be notified will raid the enemy at two points with the object of

- a) obtaining identifications
- b) destroying defences
- c) capturing or destroying material
- d) killing the enemy

The 12<sup>th</sup> A.I.B.de on right of 7<sup>th</sup> A.I.B.de are also improving their positions and diversions will be carried out by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust DIV and the 47<sup>th</sup> Div (BRITISH)

Objectives 2 "B" BN raid

Enemy trench at E 19 b 7.1 and for a distance of 50 yards to right and left of same

Troops 3. 3 officers and 60 ops from 23<sup>rd</sup> A.I.B.N.



Artillery 4. "B" BN raid

Action The right group of 47 DIV on our left is providing support. During the interval between the Zero hour of 7 A 18' de and that of 6 A 18' de vigorous harassing fire will be carried out over area opposite "B" BN by right group of 47 DIV. It will then provide a barriage round the point to be raided.

Time table of lifts will be ZERO to Zero plus 3 on a line 50 yds west of objective and plus 3 to plus 8 on objective, plus 8 to plus 30 to protective barriage.

Trench Mortar 5. "B" BN raid

Action 2 Stokes will fire from Zero to Zero plus 3 on to enemy trench from E19 b 70.15 to E19 d 70.95. Rate of fire 5 rounds per gun per minute, lifting at Zero plus 3 to known targets near railway line; and along railway at rate of 8 rds per gun per minute till plus 22, and from plus 22 continuing at slow rate until situation is normal.

Medium Trench Mortars

Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Zero's MTM's will provide harassing fire on usual targets. From 2<sup>nd</sup> Zero to plus 30 they will fire as under



1 gun sweeping from E26 d 20.60 to E26 b 10.80

1 gun on CROSS ROADS in E26 C 70.10.

At their maximum rate of fire.

Machine Gun 6 A's group of 2" Aust  
Action M gun BN are providing barrages in conjunction

with artillery barrage. All guns will fire from 2<sup>nd</sup> zero to plus 30 at rate of 100 rds per gun per minute.

4 guns of 47 M G BN on left will fire from 2<sup>nd</sup> zero to plus 30 on QUARRY in E14C.

Battalion 7. All available snipers of the snipers B's de section will be in position on flanks of B's de front by 2 am on morning following attack. Mine caps will be alert at this period and engage enemy.

liaison 8. Lt M WEIR attached to A/B's de Hqs will be at HQ A/BN Hqs for liaison duty with B's de Hqs.

Reports 9. Reports will be forwarded promptly to B's de Hqs throughout the operation.

Synchronisation 10. An officer from BN Hqs of watches will visit all Coy Hqs before first zero - 2 hours

acknowledge.

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PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME, "B" BN., LEFT BDE., "C" DIVISION.

Ref. Map 62d. N.E. 1/30,000.

11th June 1918.

1. BOUNDARIES. Battalion boundaries are as follows.-  
K,1.b.6.5. to E.19.d.4.9.
2. DISPOSITION OF BATTALION. Companies are disposed as follows.-  
No.1.Coy. (Right Front Line) K,1.b.6.5. to E.25.b.6.4.  
No.2.Coy. (Left Front Line) E.25.b.6.4. to railway  
COLCAIRN TRENCH. Railway to E.19.d.4.9 EMU TRENCH  
No.3.Coy. (Support Coy.) EMU TRENCH from E.25.b.0.4.  
to Railway.  
No.4.Coy. (Reserve Coy.) EMU SUPPORT.  
Battalion Hqs. D.29.b.2.3.  
R.A.P. D.30.a.9.1.
3. COUNTER-ATTACK.
  - a) In the event of the enemy breaking through our front line, Officers will arrange an immediate counter-attack, No.3.Coy. being available for this work. They will act on the initiative of Coy.Commanders or advice as to the situation from No.2. Coy. No.4.Coy. will remain at Battalion Reserve and will be used for counter-attack purposes on orders from C.O.
  - b) In the event of the enemy penetrating immediately North of our line, the platoons North of the Railway will take up a position along road E.19.d.2.6. to E.19.d.3.3.  
No.3.Coy. along road E.19.d.3.3. to E.25.a.3.9.
  - c) In the event of the enemy penetrating VILLE-SUR-ANCRE or on the South side of the River, No.3.Coy. will form a defensive flank along the North bank of the River from E.25.b.8.5. to E.25.a.2.5.
4. LIAISON & CO-OPERATION. Liaison and co-operation will be maintained by Coys. with Machine Gunners and Trench Mortars covering their sectors.
5. MACHINE-GUNNERS & LEWIS-GUNNERS. Machine Gunners and Lewis Gunners will be prepared to fight to the last to form a pivot for the defence.
6. Each Coy. Commander will prepare a carefully thought-out scheme regarding action for counter-attack and will communicate the same to subordinate Commanders.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Phillips*

Captain and Adjutant.

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| 3. C.O.              | 11. "D" Coy.      |
| 4. Adjutant.         | 12. T.O. & R.Q.M. |
| 5. 6th A.I.Bde.      | 13. Spare.        |
| 6. 22nd A.I.Bn.      | 14. "             |
| 7. 17th London Regt. | 15. "             |
| 8. "A" Coy.          |                   |



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EMPLOYMENT OF THE BRIGADE WHILE IN THE QUERRIEU AREA.1. OFFENSIVE ROLE.

The Division in Corps Reserve may be used offensively to restore any portion of the Corps Front. It is therefore necessary for reconnaissances of the Right and Centre Divisional Areas to be made.

2. DEFENSIVE ROLE.

(a) The 5th A.I.Bde. in the RIVERY CAMON Area has one Bn. about LA MOTTE which is the nucleus garrison for the BLANGY SYSTEM. The 6th A.I.Bde. in the QUERRIEU Area has one Bn. about LA HOUSOYE which is the nucleus garrison for the FRANVILLERS-LA HOUSOYE System. The 7th A.I.Bde. in the ALLONVILLE-CARDONETTE Area has one Bn. about FRECHENCOURT which is the nucleus garrison for the ST GRATIEN-LA HOUSOYE SWITCH defences.

(b) So disposed the defensive role of the Division will be the retention of the LA HOUSOYE PLATEAU and the covering of AMIENS.

(c) Further instructions as to the manner in which the 22nd Bn. is to allot nucleus garrisons to the FRANVILLERS-LA HOUSOYE System will be issued, but in the meanwhile reconnaissances of these systems between the ANCRE and the BAIZIEUX-BAVELINCOURT Area should be made.

## 3. Contingencies for which preparations have to be made.

(a) An enemy attack South but not North of the SOMME.

(1) The point of junction of the 31st (Left) French Corps and the Australian Corps would have to be secured - and to effect this the Brigade might be called upon to counter-attack in this area or to reinforce.

(2) A position of readiness for the Brigade has been selected in O.7.d. and O.13.b. and it, and the routes to it, should be reconnoitred as early as possible.

(3) A forecast of the action of the Brigade, forward of the position of readiness, in certain eventualities is given in Appendix "A".

(b) The left flank of the Corps being threatened.

(1) Offensively the Brigade may be used for counter-attack anywhere in the BUIRE - LAVIEVILLE - BAISIEUX Area.

(2) Defensively, the Brigade may be ordered to occupy the BRESLE SWITCH.

In this eventuality the 23rd and 24th Bns. would probably be used to the right of RIBEMONT - LAVIEVILLE ROAD and the 21st and 22nd Bns. to the left of it.

The reconnaissances necessary should be carried out early.

(c) Loss of ground to the North of the Corps.

(1) Should the enemy advancing from the east, well north of the Corps, attempt to turn the HALLUE defences, the 7th A.I.Bde. will probably be required to form a defensive flank facing N.E. along the spur South of FRECHENCOURT and the ST GRATIEN Spur.



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(2) The 6th A.I.Bde. might be called upon to support or prolong this line.

- 4. In the event of the Brigade being ordered to move a M.G.Coy. will be allotted to it.
- 5. The 6th A.L.T.M.Bty. would move with Brigade Headquarters.
- 6. A report of reconnaissances carried out on the previous day stating the number of Officers making them will be forwarded to Bde. Hqrs. by 11 a.m. daily by each unit.

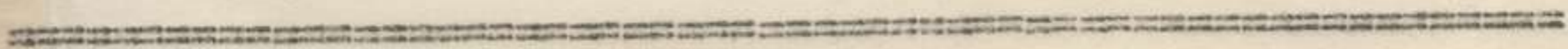
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*W. H. H. H.*

Captain and Adjutant.

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| 2. War Diary.   | 8. "C" Coy.         |
| 3. 6th A.I.Bde. | 9. "D" Coy.         |
| 4. C. O.        | 10. R.Q.M. and T.O. |
| 5. Adjutant.    | 11. Spare.          |
| 6. "A" Coy.     | 12. Spare.          |





A P P E N D I X "A".

1. It may be necessary for the Division to deal with any success which the enemy may gain towards CACHY and GENTELLES. Reconnaissances will therefore be made of the CACHY-GENTELLES Plateau and the ground between it and the river AVRE.

2. The scheme of defence of the CACHY-GENTELLES Plateau is briefly as follows.-

The present French front line system South of the Australian Corps front is an outpost line. The troops holding this system will in case of enemy attack fight to the last in their present positions.

The main line of resistance is the CACHY SWITCH running through U.3.c. - U.9.a. - U.8.b. and c. - U.7.d. - U.13.a. & c. - U.19.a. - T.24.d. (East of CACHY and GENTELLES).

Should the enemy succeed in continuing his advance through the above line the various trench systems and switches on both East and West sides of the ridge which runs North and South through T.6., 12 and 18 would be held and fought in turn.

A counter-attack reserve regiment ( of a strength approximately equal to one of our Brigades) holds the NICHOLAS SUPPORT (T.3.c. & d. and T.9.a.) and is disposed in the vicinity of it.

In the event of the CACHY -GENTELLES plateau being lost this counter-attack reserve regiment is to counter attack to regain it.

3. The probable employment of the division should the CACHY-GENTELLES plateau be lost will be as follows.-

The 5th A.I.Bde. will move from RIVERY-CAMON Area ( or from positions of readiness in N.34.b. & d. if already there) and take over NICHOLAS Support and the GLISY-NICHOLAS SWITCH at present held by the counter attack reserve regiment (French). Should the attack by the French counter attack regiment be unsuccessful it is unlikely that the 5th A.I.Bde. will be employed alone in a further attack to regain the plateau. In this case the 5th A.I.Bde. will act defensively in the NICHOLAS Sector pending the arranging of a counter-attack on a large scale.

If it is necessary to employ more than one Brigade, an additional Brigade will be used to co-operate on the Left of the 5th A.I.Bde. by an attack made from the North and North-West.

If all three Brigades are available for a Divisional counter-attack the probable plan of attack will be :-

- 5th A.I.Bde. on the Right.
- 6th A.I.Bde. on the Left.
- 7th A.I.Bde. in Divisional Reserve.

4. Should VILLERS BRETONNEUX be captured by the enemy the Brigade may be ordered.-

(1) to attack in a S.E. direction from an assembly position in O.16. and O.17.

or (ii) to attack in an easterly direction from an assembly position on the general line of the CACHY-FOUILLOY Road.

In either of these cases the 23rd and 24th Bns. would probably be on the right and the 21st and 22nd Bns. on the left.

5. The necessary reconnaissances should be made as early as possible under orders to be issued by Bn. Hqrs.



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24th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 27.

Ref. map. Sheet 62d N.E. 1/20,000.

14th June 1918. 4

1. The 24th A.I.Bn. raiding party consisting of 1 Officer and 49 O/Rks. will carry out a raid on enemy posts at E.26.a.19.78., E.26.a.16.75. and E.26.a.17.64. with artillery and trench mortar support.
2. Objects of raid :-
  - (a) secure identifications
  - (b) kill enemy
  - (c) destroy or capture material.
3. Date of Operation and hour of zero will be notified la ter.
4. Composition of Parties :-
  - O.C. Raid. Lieut. J.T.Pocknell and one runner.
  - Right party - to raid enemy post at E.26.a.17.64.
    - Sgt. Prime, M.M. and 9 O/Rks.
    - 2 Stretcher Bearers.
    - 1 Searcher.
    - 1 Scout.
  - Centre Party - to raid enemy post at E.26.a.16.75.
    - Cpl. McLear and 9 O/Rks.
    - 2 Stretcher Bearers
    - 1 Searcher
    - 1 Scout.
  - Left Party - to raid enemy post at E.26.a.19.78.
    - Sgt. Fisher.
    - 14 O/Rks.
    - 2 Stretcher Bearers
    - 1 Searcher
    - 1 Scout.
5. Action. At Zero - 15 minutes raiding parties will be formed up on J.O. position between E.25.b.55.60. and E.25.b.60.60. At zero plus 1 minute parties will move forward as close to barrage as is safe. At zero plus 5 minutes parties will enter enemy posts. Scouts will accompany parties and cut wire if necessary, assisting in the escort of prisoners.
6. O.C., "C" Coy. will detail two Lewis Guns for protection of left flank taking up position at E.19.d.5.3. and firing down railway line. O.C., "B" Coy. will detail 1 Lewis Gun for protection of right flank taking up position at E.25.b.6.2. Fire will be brought to bear on enemy machine gun position at E.26.a.4.4.
7. The raiding parties will withdraw on pre-arranged signal being given by O.C. Raid. The word RETIRE will not be used.
8. Artillery action as per attached sketch "A".



(2)

8. Zero plus 1 minute bombardment 50 yds in advance of enemy posts to be raided.  
 Contd. Zero plus 1 minute to zero plus 4 minutes - bombardment of enemy posts.  
 Zero plus 4 minutes barrage lifts to limits as shown in attached sketch "A". and concentrates on enemy posts in E.20.c. - also forms protective barrage as shown in attached sketch "A".

9. Trench Mortar Action.

a) Light Trench Mortar Action. Zero to zero plus 3 minutes. concentrates on enemy posts at E.26.a.19.78. E.26.a.16.75. and E.26. a.17.64.

Zero plus 3 minutes lifts to enemy posts in E.20c. and at E.26.a.40.80.

b) Medium Trench Mortar Action. Zero to zero plus 2 minutes concentrates on enemy posts at E.26.a.19.78., E.26.a.16.75. and E.26.a.30.65.

Zero plus 2 minutes to zero plus 4 minutes lifts to enemy posts at E.26.a.40.80. E.26.c.45.42. E.26.a.40.50.

Zero plus 4 minutes till success signal is fired - lift from post at E.26.a.40.80. and continue fire on enemy posts in E.26.c.

10. Dress :- British pattern uniform

Special identification discs

Steel helmets

Rifles, bayonets and web belts

Men without rifle and bayonet carry nut crackers.

No identification, colour patches, maps, papers or diaries to be carried.

Every member of raiding party will wear white arm band on left arm.

11. Prisoners. Prisoners will be handed over at E.19.d.O.1. to escort supplied by O.C., "C" Coy. and brought to Bn. Hqrs.

12. Stretcher bearing squads of four men each will be ready in EMU TRENCH to evacuate wounded.

13. Raiders will be checked on return by Lt. C. McLean at "D" Coys. Hqrs. and again at "A" Coys. Hqrs. by Lieut. H. Clough, M.M.

14. Watches will be synchronised with an Officer from Bn. Hqrs. at Zero - 2 hours.

15. Communication. Two signallers will accompany raiding party to EAGLE TRENCH and establish telephone communication with "D" Coy. and visual communication with Bn. Hqrs.

Following code letters on lamp will be used :-

A Raiders left our trenches.

B " returned.

C Raid successful.

D Raid unsuccessful.

A phosphorous bomb will be fired to denote "Raiders returned to our trenches."



(3)

16. At Zero - 15 minutes all "D" Coy. posts South of railway and listening posts north of railway will be withdrawn to EMU TRENCH. All these posts will be reoccupied as soon as enemy retaliation has ceased.

17. R.A.P. QUARRY. D.30.b.90.05.

18. Bn. Hqrs. D.29.b.2.2.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. H. R.*  
Captain and Adjutant.

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| 3. C. O.             | 12. "B" "                |
| 4. Adjutant.         | 13. "C" Coy.             |
| 5. 6th A.I. Brigade. | 14. "D" "                |
| 6. 22nd A.I. Bn.     | 15. Lt. J. T. Pocknell.  |
| 7. 21st London Regt. | 16. T.O. & R.Q.M.        |
| 8. 4th A.F.A. Bde.   | 17. Spare.               |
| 9. 6th A.L.T.M. Bty. | 18. Spare.               |

ADDENDUM.

1. Date of operation - 14 th June 1918.
2. Zero hour - 11.30 p.m.
3. 2nd Aust.M.G. Bn. will bring indirect fire to bear on enemy ~~par~~ tracks from zero until the "raiders returned" signal is fired.
4. Lieut. W. Scott with two signallers will follow up raiding parties from J.O. position and form a signal station in CULCAIRN TRENCH. Lt. Scott will be responsible for the firing of the "raiders returned" signal.

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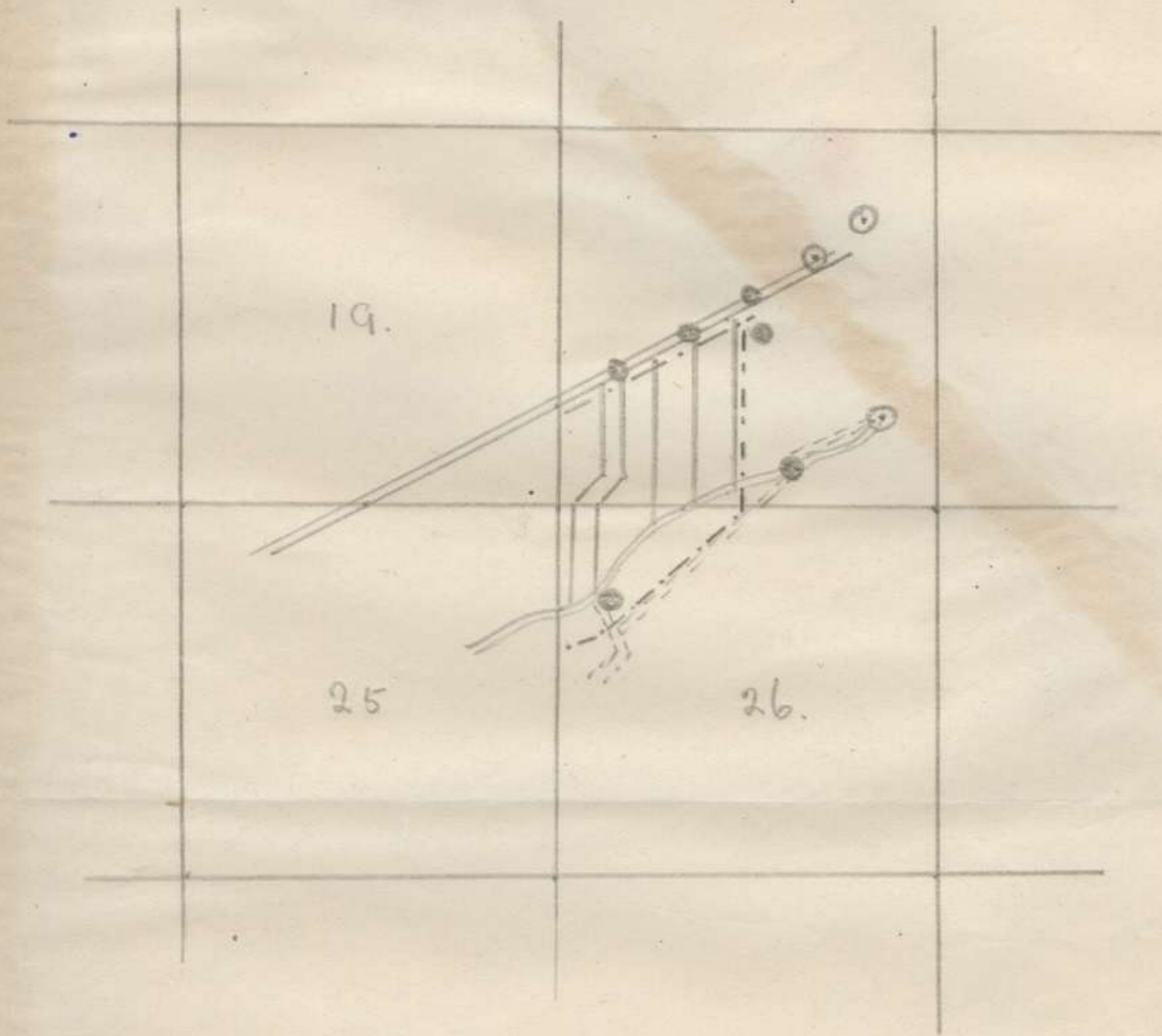


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Legend.

—————	18 Pdr. Barrage	Phase	1
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APPENDIX



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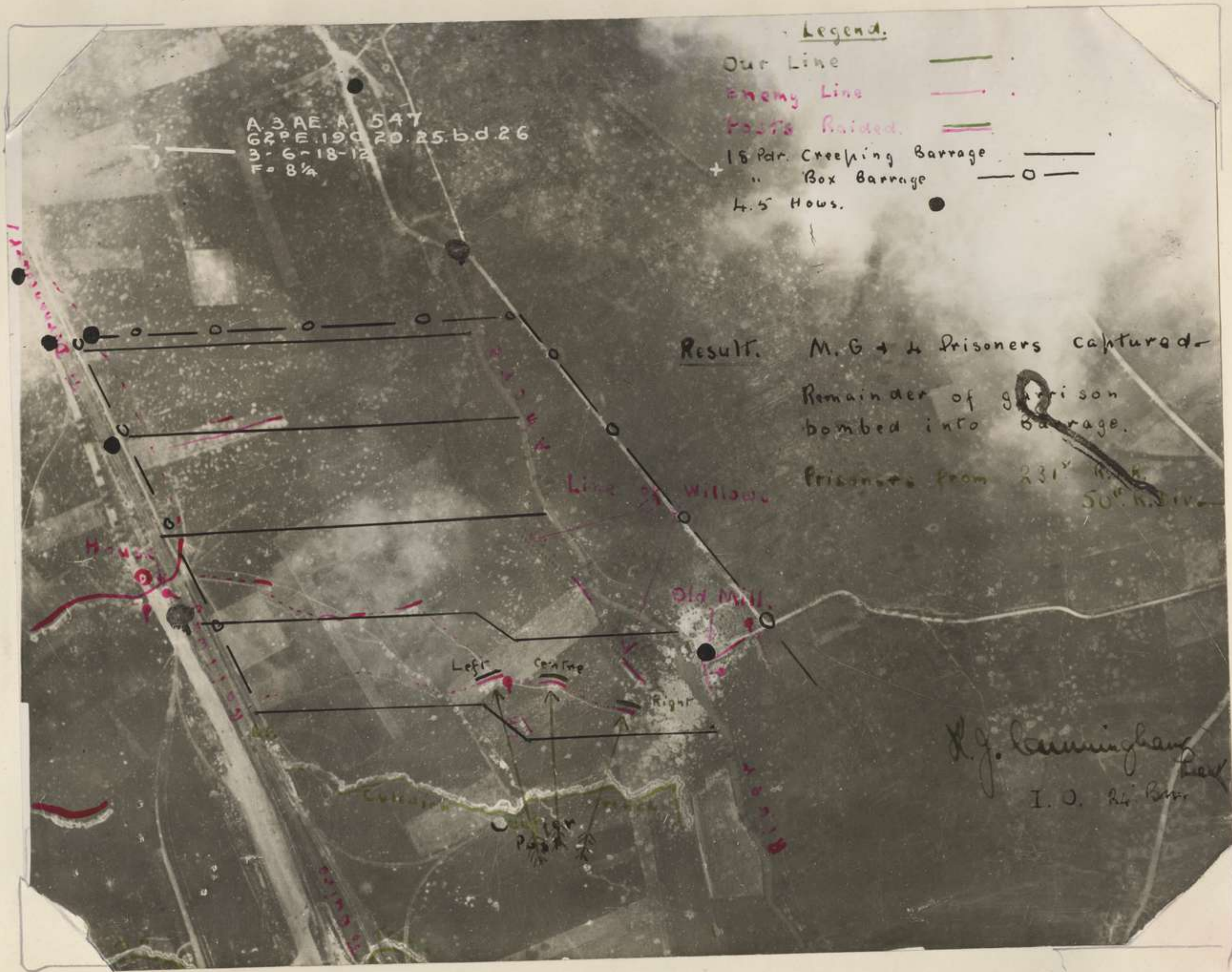
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Nominal roll of raiding party.

14th June 1918.

Disc No.	Reg. No.	Name.		Coy.
36313		Lieut. J.T. Rocknell.		
36314	6310	Fogarty J.P.	Pte.	"C"
36315	1148	Ashworth H.E.	"	C
36316	3656	Jeffery A.	"	C
36317	6904	Smith J.	"	C
36318	6909	Toner C.	"	C
36319	6871	Parke A.	"	C
36320	6795	Dutneall A.R.	"	C
36321	6839	Jarrett S.G.	"	C
36322	585	Mitchell F.G.	"	C
36323	5163	Morrissey J.E.	"	C
36324	4368	Breen C.	"	C
36325	967	Grant N.A.	L/Cpl.	C
36326	6354	McLear C.O.	Cpl.	C
36327	6841	Moore W.J.	Pte.	D
36328	765	Blanch A.	"	H.Q. Scout
36329		Harker	"	"
36330	6791a	Darling F.W.E.	"	A
36331	6878a	Sandford C.	"	A
36332	6900a	Thomas A.E.	"	A
36333	6819	Jennings W.J.	"	A
36334	3083	Rawlins E.B.	"	A
36335	6813	Ellis J.	"	D
36336	5547	Bateman T.C.	"	D
36337		Walker F.M.	L/Cpl.	D
36338	6046	Donnelly J.S.	Pte.	D
36339	9134	Fowler J.C.	"	D
36340	4794	Lyons R.M.	"	D
36341	7516	Howe P.E.	"	D
36342	6460	Harlock C.	"	D
36343	6778	Bayne J.	"	D
36344	6831	Love W.	CSM	A
36345	3935	Fisher J.A.	Sgt.	D
36346	1659	Curtis J.E.	Pte.	D
36347	5044	Lorimer A.D.	"	D
36348	6909a	Thomas S.G.	"	A.
36349	5061	McIntosh J.M.	"	D
36350	Not used.		"	D
36351	6775	Boots A.R.	"	D
36352	1696	McLeish C.J.	Cpl.	D
36353	933	Prime A.G.	Sgt.	D
36354	761a	Hedley J.H.	Pte.	A
36355	766a	Matthews C.H.	"	A
36356	5025	Hallawell W.J.	"	A
36357	6915a	Williams W.J.	"	A.
36358				D
36312				D
36311				D





A 3 AE A 547  
 G 2 P E 190 20 25 b d 26  
 3-6-18-12  
 F= 8 1/4

Legend.  
 Our Line ———  
 Enemy Line - - -  
 Posts Raided. = = =  
 + 16 Pdr. Creeping Barrage ———  
 " Box Barrage ———○———  
 H.S. Hous. ●

Result. M.G. + 4 Prisoners captured -  
 Remainder of garrison  
 bombed into Barrage.  
 Prisoners from 231' N. 50' W. line

H.J. Cunningham  
 I.O. 24 Barr



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24th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER NO. 98

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

15th June 1918.

1. The 5th Aust. Div. is relieving the 2nd Aust. Div. in "C" Divisional area between 14th and 16th June 1918. The 8th A.I. Bde is relieving the 7th A.I. Bde in the right Bde sector on night 14/15th inst. the 14th A.I. Bde will be in Divisional reserve.
2. The 15th A.I. Bde will relieve the 6th A.I. Bde in the left Bde sector on the night 15/16th June, the 24th A.I. Bn being relieved by the 58th A.I. Bn.
3. Companies will be relieved as below :-  
 "B" Coy. 24th A.I. Bn. line right - will be relieved by "D" Coy. 58th A.I. Bn  
 "D" " " " " left - " " " "B" " " "  
 "C" " " " " support - " " " "A" " " "  
 "A" " " " " reserve - " " " "G" " " "
4. Guides, as below, will report to Lieut. Cunningham at D.29.d.05.85 (BUIRE-RIBEMONT ROAD) at 10.30 p.m. 15th June 1918.  
 "B" Coy. one guide per post and Coy. Hqrs.  
 "D" " one " " " " " "  
 "C" " two guides per platoon.  
 "A" " two " " " "  
 Each party of Coy guides to be under an N.C.O.
5. Covering patrols for the relief will be detailed as under :-  
 "C" Coy. 1 Off. 8 O/Rks. with Lewis Gun.  
 "B" " 1 N.C.O. 6 O/Rks. with Lewis Gun.  
 "D" " 1 N.C.O. 4 O/Rks.  
 Patrols will leave our lines at 11 p.m. returning on completion of the relief.
6. All trench stores, aeroplane photos, defence schemes, intelligence and all permanent working parties on dug-outs etc. will be taken over by relieving companies and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Bn Hqrs by 9 a.m. 16th inst.
7. All shovels, picks, petrol tins and food containers will be dumped at the QUARRY, D.30.a.9.0., by 10 p.m. 15th inst. Lewis Guns and panniers will be met at QUARRY, on relief, by Bn Transport. One man per Lewis Gun will accompany the limber. Sgt. FERRY ( Bn Hqrs) will be in charge of all Lewis Guns and panniers.
8. No defensive position will be vacated until the relief is complete.
9. Dress. Fighting order, 120 rounds S.A.A.  
 Extra 100 rounds in bandoliers and two bombs per man will be handed over on relief.



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10. On relief Companies will move via D.27.b.4.2. - D.27.a.2.5. - D.20.c.35.70. - ALBERT-AMIENS ROAD - C.28.d.9.0. to bivouacs as occupied on 31st May/1st June in I.10. In case of enemy shelling Company Commanders will use their own initiative as to the route to be taken.
11. All movements will be by platoons at 100 yds distance.
12. Each Coy will halt at Y.M.C.A. Coffee Stall D.27.a.2.5. for a hot drink. Men will have dixies ready on approaching this point and then move on to ALBERT-AMIENS ROAD.
13. Lieut. W. Graham M.C. with Officers and C.C.O's from Transport lines will arrange billeting at bivouacs I.10. as occupied by Bn.
14. Completion of relief will be notified to Bn Hqrs by wire in code.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. H. H. H.*

Captain & Adjutant.

Issued by runner at .....p.m.

Distribution.

No. 1	File	No. 8	"A" Coy.
2	War Diary	9	"B" "
3	6th A.I. Bde	10	"C" "
4	22nd A.I. Bn	11	"D" "
5	21st London Regt.	12	R.Q.M. & T.O.
6	C.O.	13	Bde Sniping Officer.
7.	Adjutant.	14	58th Bn A.I.F.

APPENDIX 4

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SECRET.

COPY NO. 2

94th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER NO. 99

Ref: map. Sheet 69d 1/40,000.  
" 69d N.W. 1/80,000.

16th June 1918.

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1. The 2nd Aust. Div. on relief by 5th Aust. Div. is moving into Corps Reserve.  
The 5th A.I. Bde moved on 14th inst. to CANON-RIVERY area.  
The 7th A.I. Bde moved on 15th inst. to ALLONVILLE area.  
The 8th A.I. Bde on relief by 14th A.I. Bde will move by march route to QUERRIEU to-day, 16th June 1918.
2. The 94th A.I. Bn will move by march route from present bivouacs to bivouacs with H.Q. H.21.c.95.40. now occupied by 53rd A.I. Bn.
3. Route - I.10.c.5.5. - overland track to PONT NOYELLES running north of LA HOUSOYE-ALBERT-AMIENS road - QUERRIEU - H.15.c.70.c5 - bivouacs H.21.c.95.40.
4. Order of march - Band, "B", Hqrs Details, "A", "C" & "D" Coys. Leading platoon of "B" Coy will pass starting point I.10.c.5.5. (BONNAY-LA HOUSOYE road) near Bn Hqrs at 9 p.m.
5. Dress - Fighting order. Water bottles filled. 120 rounds S.A.A.
6. All moves will be by platoons at 100 yards distance.
7. Clock halts will be observed, but no troops will halt in a village.
8. Lewis Gun limbers will accompany the Bn on the march. Coy cooks will go on ahead to prepare evening meal. Officers valises will be dumped at respective Coy Hqrs by 1 P.M. 16th inst. Transport will collect.
9. Transport will move under orders from Bde Transport Officer.
10. A billeting party consisting of Lieut. W. Graham M.C. and one N.C.O. per Coy (now at Transport lines) will proceed to new bivouacs at 7 a.m. on 16th inst. A second party of 1 N.C.O. per Coy and Bn Hqrs will move at 12 noon 16th inst.
11. Marching out state and certificate of cleanliness of billets will be rendered to Bn Hqrs by 1.30 p.m. on 16th inst.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued by runner at ..... a.m.

*W. Phillips*  
Captain and Adjutant.

Distribution.

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|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|
| No. 1 | File.         | No. 7 | "B" Coy.      |
| 2     | War Diary     | 8     | "C" "         |
| 3     | 6th A.I. Bde. | 9     | "D" "         |
| 4     | C.O.          | 10.   | T.O. & R.Q.M. |
| 5     | Adjutant.     | 11    | R.M.O.        |
| 6     | "A" Coy.      | 12    | Spare.        |



24th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

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First Day, 18th inst.

9.00 - 9.30 a.m.	Company Inspection and Close Order Drill.
9.30 - 10.00 a.m.	Physical Training and Games.
10.00 - 10.45 a.m.	Use of No. 36 Grenades.
10.45 - 11.15 a.m.	Musketry and Rapid Firing.
11.15 - 12.00 noon.	Bayonet Fighting with blob stick.

Second Day 19th inst.

9.00 - 9.30 a.m.	Coy. Inspection, 15 mins. Platoon Drill, 15 mins
9.30 - 10.00 a.m.	Physical Training 15 mins, Bayt. Fgtn. 15 mins.
10.00 - 11.00 a.m.	Musketry Training, 1 hour.
11.00 - 11.10 a.m.	Rest.
11.10 - 11.40 a.m.	Use of No. 36 Grenades.
11.40 - 12.00 noon.	Examination of S.B.R. Practices A. and B.

Third Day 20th inst.

9.00 - 9.30 a.m.	Inspection by Platoon Commanders, 10 minutes. Company Drill, 30 minutes.
9.30 - 10.00 a.m.	Physical Training, 10 mins. Bayonet Fighting 20 mins. Pointing (a) By word of command, (b) Hand indication, (c) Blob stick.
10.00 - 10.30 a.m.	Firing of No. 36 Grenades.
10.30 - 10.45 a.m.	Rest.
10.45 - 11.30 a.m.	Musketry, 10 mins. Standing position all rates of fire - 10 mins. Trigger pressing and testing aim - 10 mins. Muscle exercises - 15 minutes judging distance.
11.30 - 11.45 a.m.	Action to be taken in a Gas shell bombardment. Gas Practices A and B.
11.45 - 12.00 noon.	March Past by Platoons.

FOURTH Day, 21st inst.

9.00 - 9.30 a.m.	Inspection by platoon commanders, 10 minutes. Company Drill, 30 minutes.
9.30 - 10.00 a.m.	Physical Training, 10 mins.- Bayonet Fighting 20 mins.- Parrying with rifle and stick in all positions.
10.00 - 10.30 a.m.	Description of Grenades. No.5, No.34. Throwing Grenades.
10.30 - 10.45 a.m.	Rest.
10.45 - 11.30 a.m.	Musketry, 10 mins. Prone positions behind cover, all rates of fire - 5 mins. bolt drill in prone position - 10 mins. lecture on Concentration & Distribution of Fire.- 10 mins. rapid loading.- 10 mins. fire discipline training.
11.30 - 11.50 a.m.	Gas training. - Action after shell gas bombard- ment - Practices C. and D.
11.50 - 12.00 noon.	March Past by Platoons.



Fifth Day, 22nd inst.

9.00 - 9.30 a.m. Platoon inspection, 10 mins. - Demonstration of good and bad platoon drill (previously prepared).

9.30 - 10.00 a.m. Physical Training, 10 mins.- Bayonet Training, 20 mins. methods of disarming and disabling an enemy.

10.00 - 10.30 a.m. Description of German Grenades - Throwing of German Grenades.

10.30 - 10.45 a.m. Rest.

10.45 - 11.30 a.m. MUSKETRY.- 10 mins. firediscipline training - 10 mins. positions behind cover - 5 mins. bolt drill in prone position.- 10 mins. Indication & recognition of targets - 10 mins. Standing positions in the open.

11.30 - 11.50 a.m. Description of Gasses employed by the enemy.

11.50-- Practices E., F. and G.

11.50 - 12.00 noon. March Past by Platoon- Rifle exercises.

Sixth Day, 23rd inst.

9.00 - 9.30 a.m. 10 mins. Company inspection - 20 mins. Demonstration of good and bad rifle exercises by one platoon commander.

9.30 - 10.00 a.m. 10 mins. Physical Training - 20 mins. Bayonet Fighting, Assaulting (a) Pointing at dummies ground (b) Method of getting out of trench, jumping in out and over trench. (c) Pointing at dummy jumping into trench.

10.00 - 10.30 a.m. Practice with No. 36 Grenades.

10.30 - 10.45 a.m. Rest.

10.45 - 11.30 a.m. MUSKETRY.- (a) Rapid loading competitions against bank with live ammunition. Each man to have a piece of wood wedged in behind trigger.

11.30 - 11.50 a.m. (b) Fire orders by Section Commanders.

11.50 - 12.00 noon. Gas training. Instructions for inspection of box respirators.

11.50 - 12.00 noon. March past by platoons.

Seventh Day, 24th inst.

9.00 - 9.30 a.m. 10 mins. Company Inspection- 20 mins. demonstration of good and bad saluting, previously prepared by an officer detailed.

9.30 - 10.00 a.m. 10 mins. Physical training - 20 mins. assault training practices.

10.00 - 10.30 a.m. Bombing tests (a) Long distance (b) Accuracy.

10.30 - 10.45 a.m. Rest.

10.45 - 11.30 a.m. MUSKETRY TESTS.- (a) Loading and unloading, 1 min (b) Snapping at disc- No. of rounds in one min.

11.30 - 11.50 a.m. (a) Gas training - Revision of rules to be observed before, during and after gas attacks.

11.50 - 12.00 noon. (b) Competitions in adjusting gas masks.

11.50 - 12.00 noon. March past by platoons.



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Eighth Day, 25th inst.

9.00 - 9.30 a.m. 15 mins. Company Inspection, 15 mins. Coy. Drill  
 9.30 - 11.00 a.m. (a) Platoon in attack.  
 (b) Platoon in attack on strong post.  
 11.00 - 11.15 a.m. Rest.  
 11.15 - 11.30 a.m. Gas training. Revision of tests A,B,C,D,E,F.  
 11.30 - 12.00 noon. Bullet and Bayonet training - The counter charge.  
 First three exercises.

NINTH Day, 26th inst.

9.00 - 9.30 a.m. 15 mins. Company inspection - 15 mins. Demonstration of good and bad Guard Mounting.  
 9.30 - 11.00 a.m. (a) Company in attack.  
 (b) Company as an advance guard.  
 11.00 - 11.15 a.m. Rest.  
 11.15 - 11.30 a.m. Competitions in adjusting gas mask.  
 11.30 - 12.00 noon. MUSKETRY TESTS.- (a) Correct positions (b)Rapid-ity of aim. (c) Fire orders by N.C.O's.  
 (d) Target indications.

Tenth Day, 27th inst.

9.00 - 9.30 a.m. 15 mins. Company inspection.  
 9.30 - 12.00 noon. 15 mins. Company drill and rifle exercises.  
 Battalion in attack on wood.

SPECIAL CLASSES.

Reserve Lewis Gunners will be trained by Platoon commanders.  
 Stretcher-bearers will report to M.O. at 9.30 a.m. each day.  
 Scouts will report to Lieut. MORRIS, at 9.30 a.m. daily.  
 Signallers will report to Lt. THOMPSON at 9.30 a.m. daily.  
 Observers will report to Lt. GUNNINGHAM at 9.30 a.m. each day.  
 Gas Training will be given to all ranks at the hours laid down in General Syllabus and all ranks must fire Musketry Course.  
 Lecture to Officers will be given at 5. p.m. daily; Syllabus will be issued later.  
 N.C.O's Class, 1.30 - 2.00 p.m. daily.  
 Warning will sound each day when Box Respirators will be worn for 10 minutes.  
 On 24th inst. Box Respirators will be worn from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon by all ranks.

Range is allotted as follows.-

21st inst.	"A" Coy.	23rd inst.	"C" Coy.
22nd "	"B" Coy.	24th "	"D" Coy.

Three practices will be fired (a) Grouping (b) Five rounds application (c) Fifteen rounds rapid in 1 minute, 4 in magazine.

Live bombing will be carried out by Companies from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon as follows.-

21st inst.	"D" Coy.	23rd inst.	"B" Coy.
22nd "	"C" Coy.	24th "	"A" Coy.



S P O R T S.

20th inst. Cricket Match. "B" versus "C" Coy.  
 Football Match. "A" Coy.  
 Swimming and Organised Games. "D" Coy.  
 Cricket Match. "A" Coy.

21st inst. Cricket Match, "A" versus "D" Coy.  
 Platoon Sports, "B" Coy. and "C" Coy.  
 Cricket Match, "HEADQUARTERS."

22nd inst. Cricket Match "C" versus "D" Coy.  
 Company Sports, "A" Coy., "B" Coy., and "H.Q."

23rd inst. Cricket Match, "A" versus "B" Coy.  
 Company Championships, "C" Coy. and "D" Coy.

24th inst. Swimming Carnival.

25th inst. Cricket Match, "C" versus "A" Coy.  
 Swimming and Organised Games, "B" Coy. and "D" Coy.

26th inst. Battalion Sports.

APPENDIX 1D



SPORTS MEETING JUNE 26th 1918

PATRON

Brig.-General J. Paton, C.B., C.M.G., V.D.

PRESIDENT

Lieut.-Colonel W.E. James, D.S.O.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Major W. H. Ellwood, M.C.

COMMITTEE

Capt. F.P. Selleck	Lieut. R.L. Keig	
" G.D. POLLINGTON, M.M.	Sgt. Cummings	"A" Coy.
Lieut. P.A. Jenkins	Cpl. Wilson	"C" "
" W.T. West, M.M.	" Pinkerton	"B" "
" W. Graham, M.C.	Sgt. Merris	"D" "
" H.W. Clough, M.M.		

JUDGES

Capt. H.J. Fletcher	Capt. J.A. Mahony, M.C.
" F.G. Menzies	Lieut. R.J. Wells
" L.F. Marchant	

STARTERS

Capt. A.A. Ball, D.C.M.	Lieut. A. Stuart.
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P R O G R A M M E

- \* 1. 100 yards 1st 30 frcs. 2nd 15 frcs. 3rd 5 frcs.
- \* 2. 220 yards 1st 20 frcs. 2nd 10 frcs. 3rd 5 frcs.
- \* 3. 440 yards 1st 20 frcs. 2nd 10 frcs. 3rd 5 frcs.
- \* 4. 880 yards 1st 20 frcs. 2nd 10 frcs. 3rd 5 frcs.
- \* 5. HURDLE RACE 120 yards. 1st 20 frcs. 2nd 10 frcs. 3rd 5 frcs.
- 6. SIAMESE RACE. 75 yds. 1st 20 frcs. 2nd 10 frcs. Post Entry.
- 7. SACK RACE 50 yds. 1st 15 frcs. 2nd 5 frcs. Post Entry.
- 8. OLD BUFFERS RACE 100 yds. 1st 15 frcs. 2nd 5 frcs. Post Entry.  
(All entrants to be over 35 years of age.)
- \* 9. RELAY RACE 1st 40 frcs. 2nd 24 frcs. 3rd 16 frcs.  
8 men per team. 1 Team from each Coy. and Bn. Hdqrs.
- \* 10. HIGH JUMP 1st 20 frcs. 2nd 10 frcs. 3rd 5 frcs.
- \* 11. DISTANCE JUMP 1st 15 frcs. 2nd 7 frcs. 3rd 5 frcs.
- 12. BOMB THROWING. 1st 15 frcs. 2nd 7 frcs. 3rd 5 frcs.  
(Distance and accuracy to count)..
- 13. TUG-OF-WAR 1st 48 frcs. 2nd 32 frcs.  
Eight men per team. 3 feet to win. 3 minutes time limit.
- 14. BEST SUSTAINED CHARACTER. Each entrant will receive a prize.
- 15. OPEN MULE RACE. 1st 20 frcs. 2nd 10 frcs. Post Entry.
- 16. Limber Driving Competition. 1st 20 frcs. 2nd 10 frcs.
- 17. COY. COOKER COMPETITION. To be judged on Friday 28th inst.
- 18. CHAMPION COMPANY Prize 50 frcs. to be devoted to Coy. Comforts.

\* Denotes Championship events.

the Field  
26. 6. 18.

(Signed) H. BAXTER, Lieut.  
Sports Secretary.



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26th June 1918.

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<u>100 yards race.</u>	First. Second. Third.	1674 Pte. L. Harris. Major W.H.Ellwood, M.C. Pte. J. McDonald	"HQ". "HQ". "HQ".
<u>220 yards race.</u>	First. Second. Third.	2481 Cpl. C.M. Wilson Major W.H.Ellwood, M.C. Lieut. P.E. Jenkin	"C". "HQ". "D".
<u>440 yards race.</u>	First. Second. Third.	Lieut. J. F. Gear 2481 Cpl. C.M. Wilson Lieut. P. A. Jenkin	"HQ". "C". "D".
<u>880 yards race.</u>	First. Second. Third	6276 Pte. W.J. Armstrong Pte. W. Moore Pte. J. McDonald	"A". "HQ". "HQ".
<u>120 yards Hurdle race.</u>	First. Second. Third.	Lieut. J. F. Gear 6276 Pte. W.J. Armstrong 764 Pte. A. Blanch	"HQ". "A". "C".
<u>75 yards Siamese race.</u>	First. Second.	Cpl. A. Dean and Pte. E. Batty Cpl. C. Wilson and Pte. H. Gallagher	"B". "C".
<u>50 yards Sack race.</u>	First. Second. Third.	2232 Sgt. J. Cumming Pte. E. Batty 6114 L/C. A. W. Parker	"A". "B". "B".
<u>100 yds. Old Buffers. race.</u>	First. Second. Third.	2178 Pte. G. W. Jukes Pte. J. Clarke Pte. Hall	"C".
<u>Relay race- teams of 8.</u>	First. Second. Third.	"D" Company. "A" Company. Headquarters.	
<u>High Jump.</u>	First. Second.	2406 Dvr. R. Mitchell 5'1". ( 2232 Sgt. J. Cumming 5'0". ( 5059 Pte. N. A. McCormick "	"HQ". "A". "A".
<u>Distance jump.</u>	First. Second. Third.	Lieut. J. F. Gear 6114 L/C. A. W. Parker 1522 Cpl. A. E. Dean	"HQ". "B". "B".
<u>Bomb throwing.</u>	First. Second. Third.	Capt. J. A. Mahony, M.C. 2481 Cpl. C. M. Wilson 534 Sgt. H. Walker	"A". "C". "B".
<u>Tug-of-War.</u>	First. Second.	"B" Company. Headquarters.	
<u>Mule Race.</u>	First. Second.	Lieut. R. J. Wells Pte. Bannister	"HQ".
<u>Best Sustained Character.</u>	First. Second.	6161 Pte. H. Wrigley ( Capt. G. D. Pollington, M.M. ( 1655 L/C. E. H. Clark	"C". "D".
<u>Limber Driving.</u>	First. Second.	1012 Dvr. A. C. Parker 2406 Rvr. R. Mitchell	"HQ". "HQ".



June 1918.

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	Week Ending 7 <sup>th</sup>		Week Ending 14 <sup>th</sup>		Week Ending 21 <sup>st</sup>		Week Ending 28 <sup>th</sup>		29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
Taken on Strength	4.	13.	2.	56.	8.	62.	2.	22.	..	9.
Details	3.	13.	2.	41.	5.	54.	2.	21.	..	9.
New Recruits.	1.			15.	3.	8.		1.		
Struck off Strength.	5.	52.	3.	25.		36.		7.		5.
Killed.		3.		2.		6.				
Wounded.	4.	23.		15.		15.				
Evacuated.	1.	26.	3.	8.		15.		7.		5.
Total Strength.	34.	736.	33.	767.	41.	793.	43.	808.	43.	812.
Ration Strength.	28.	610.	28.	633.	38.	761.	41.	780.	41.	786.

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## Taken on Strength during June 1918.

Rank.	Name.	From.	Date.
2/Lieut.	E. V. White, R. E. M.	Prom. to Comm Rank.	1. 6. 18.
Captain	F. G. Menzies	From Seconded List.	4. 6. 18.
Lieut.	H. W. Blough, m.m.	do.	do.
"	A. V. Sedgwick.	do.	do.
"	E. H. B. Edgerton, D.S.O., m.m.	Retd. from Hosp.	9. 6. 18.
"	D. G. Thompson	do.	11. 6. 18.
"	A. E. Middleton	do.	14. 6. 18.
"	H. Baxter	do.	15. 6. 18.
"	A. Stuart	From Seconded List.	do.
"	O. G. Sweetland	do.	17. 6. 18.
"	R. G. Nichols, m.m.	do.	do.
2/Lieut.	G. S. Robinson, m.m.	From Cadet Bn.	do.
"	J. E. Smythe	do.	do.
Captain	L. S. Marchant	From Seconded List.	19. 6. 18.
Lieut.	W. B. Gow.	Retd. from Hosp.	do.
2/Lieut.	G. M. Ingram, m.m.	Prom. Comm Rank.	20. 6. 18.
Lieut.	C. C. Burge	From Seconded List.	26. 6. 18.
"	E. H. B. Edgerton, D.S.O., m.m.	Retd. from Hosp.	do.
2/Lieut.	H. A. Gleadow	Retd. from Div. Canteen.	25. 6. 18.



Struck off Strength during June 1918.

Rank.	Name.	Reason.	Date.
Captain	G. J. Bowden	W. & Evac. Gassed.	1. 6. 18.
Lieut.	C. C. Bunge	do.	do.
"	O. J. Sweetland	do.	2. 6. 18.
"	R. S. Nichols, m.m.	do.	do.
"	H. Baxter.	do.	do.
2/Lieut.	H. A. Gladow.	Duty <sup>2nd</sup> Dis. Canteen.	5. 6. 18.
Lieut.	E. H. D. Edgerton, D.S.O., m.m.	Evacuated Sick	do.
"	A. E. Middleton	do.	9. 6. 18.
"	E. H. D. Edgerton, D.S.O., m.m.	do.	11. 6. 18.
"	W. B. Gow.	do.	16. 6. 18.
2/Lieut.	G. M. Ingram, m.m.	do.	23. 6. 18.
Lieut.	A. V. Sedgwick.	do.	24. 6. 18.



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