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CLERY MT. ST. QUENTIN.	1/9/18		Sheet 62C. N.W. 1/20 000.	
		3-30am	Phone message from Lieut Maxwell M.G. D.C.M. O.C. 'B' Coy. Message reads "Am occupying gap between 20th & 17th Bns in MOINVILLE ALLEY - 'D' Coy ← supporting 19th on Right with one platoon with Capt Allen 17th Bn.	
		3-40am	B.M. 151. Received. 6th A.I. Bde to move through 5th A.I Bde at 6am. Battalions to maintain present positions until 6th Bde has moved through.	
		4-15am	2Lt Reid Reports by Phone from 'B' Co. that all Rations have arrived OK.	
		8am	Message from Lieut Maxwell M.C. D.C.M. Reads. "Have moved Coy into GOTTLIEB TRENCH - Casualties 17 O.R.	
		9-45am	Message from 2/Lt Forde. A/ O.C. 'D' Coy. Reads "Am occupying left sector of GOTTLIEB, in touch with right flank Coy.	
		9am	Message from Lieut Clarke S.M. O.C. 'C' Coy. Reads "6th Bde when moving forward met with very heavy M.G. fire were held up on their left flank for some time. Enemy shelling very heavy in our vicinity just now.	

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CLERY - MT. ST. QUENTIN.	1.9.18	AM 9-45	Sheet 62 C N.W. 1/20 000. Message from Lieut J.J. Owen O.C. 'A' Coy Reads. Opposition met by 6th Bde when passing through has not been dealt with. Enemy shell fire very heavy. Am in touch with 'B' 'C' & 'D' Coys	
		10-30am	Wire from Brigade I.O. 14. "Our men advancing on DERRIK WOODS. Enemy moving back through I.17 & 18. 3rd Div going well on left. About 300 prisoners coming in	
		noon	Lieut Irwine - Burt & Philpotts, sent to Transport Lines for Rest.	
		4pm	Casualties for 24 hours. Killed shell fire 9. OR. Killed M.G. fire 2. OR. Wounded - Shell fire 23 OR. Wounded M.G. fire 2. OR. N.Y.D. 1 OR. Missing 6. OR. Injured, sprained ankle. Capt C.H. Kaeppell M.C. Change in officers. Capt C.H. Kaeppell M.C. Evacuated.	
		5pm	Fighting personnell now stands 5 Officers 156 OR.	
		6-15pm	Instructions by Phone from Brigade for Bn to stand by Ready to move - instructions will be confirmed by wire.	
		6-20pm	Companies advised by Phone & Runner.	
		7-20pm	B.M. 159. Recd from Brigade. Battalions	

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CLERY MT. ST. QUENTIN	1.9.18		Sheet 62C N.W. 1/20 000. will move into trenches I 19 B & D. - move to be complete by 8-30pm. Lieut Daniels & Signalling officer have gone forward to select new Battalion H.Q.	
		7-25pm	Companies instructed to move at once to RADEGONDE TRENCH, I 19 D 8.0. - I 19 b 3.0. taking up positions South to North, A. B. C. D:	
		7-45pm	H.Q. Coy moved off to new positions. C.O. & Adjutant will follow as soon as H.Q. is established.	
		9-50pm	C.O. & Adjutant moved to new Head Quarters established at I 19 d. 5.4	
		10-10pm	C.O. & Adjutant arrived at new H.Q. all Coys have reported in positions O.K. Enemy aircraft active in the vicinity - Enemy gas shelling village of HALLE, also vicinity of RADEGONDE & FLORINA. Telephone communication is not yet reported as established with Brigade, but linesmen are now out.	
		Midnight	Communication with Brigade established. RW 67 sent advising location of Battalion Head Quarters.	
RADEGONDE	2.9.18	12-30am	Wire from Brigade instructing this Battalion to stand by ready to support 5th Div of Required. Foregoing passed to Coys.	

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RADEGONDE	2.9.18	5-30am	Sheet 62 C N.W. 1/20 000. I.O. 17 from Brigade received. 7th A.I. Brigade are advancing this morning to form defensive flank to troops on our left, advancing to high ground from AIZECOURT-LE-HAUP – NURLU. 5th Brigade Remain in Reserve:	
		7am	Company commanders instructed to make up shortages in S.A.A & Bombs at once. Quartermaster has been instructed to send up two Kitchens, & to have hot meal ready on arrival. Men will get as much Rest as possible today – movement to be at a minimum, as we are under direct observation from Enemy Balloons.	
		10-30am	Kitchens arrived + water cart – instructions issued for Bottles to be refilled – Kitchens situated under bank immediately in Rear of H.Q.	
		11-30am	Recommendations for immediate award for Recent operations called for.	
		1pm	R.S.M. Reports all shortages in S.A.A & Bombs, now made up to 220 Rds + 2 Bombs per man.	
		3-30pm	Casualty Return – previously Reported missing – now Rejoined. 2. O.R.	
		4pm	Change in Officers: Lieut F.J. Brown, Returned from leave.	

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RHDE GONDE	2/9/18	4pm.	Fighting personnel 6 officers 158 O.R.	
		4-24pm.	S.C. 570 Received. Forward Mobile Post now at I 20 b.	
		5-55pm.	B.M. 162 Received. Battalion to be held in Readiness to protect Right flank of Second Division. Companies instructed to stand by accordingly.	
			Battalion has not so far been called on to go forward into action again;	
	Midnight.		Enemy shelling is very intermittent has been during the whole afternoon. Men instructed to get as much rest as possible during the night, pending an early stand to. Rations arrived at 11pm. also Rum ration, which will be distributed at 6 am.	
	3/9/18	8am.	Situation still unchanged. Rations + Rum issued. + Breakfast served, Bacon & hot tea. Same instructions carry on as for 2nd inst.	
		NOON	Situation unchanged	
		1-10pm.	IO. 22 Received, detailing situation in other army fronts.	
		2-10pm.	This Bn. instructed through B.M. 164 to stand down. 17th 20th Bns now standing by to support, + protect right flank if required.	
		3-30pm.	Adjutant left for Transport lines, to make necessary arrangements with [illegible] in anticipation of relief tomorrow.	

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RADEGONDE	3/9/18	4pm.	Casualty Return. NIL. Changes in Officers. Lieut C. M. Fairclough from Fourth army Musketry School. Capt. F.G.T. De Chesjgny (R.M.O) from 7th Field Ambulance. to Relieve Capt S. M. Whitt - leave to Italy. Capt C Templeman (R.M.O) - Capt de Chesjgny to Return to 7th Field ambulance. Fighting Personnell. 5 Officers 158 O.R.	
		4-30pm.	S.C. 63. Received. Packs & Blankets will be delivered at Transport lines Meteacourt Wood - today. Nucleus personnell also Reporting to Transport lines today.	
		7pm.	18 pdr Battery taking up position immediately in rear of H.Q.	
		9-30pm.	Adjutant Returns from Transport lines. Enemy has been bombing & gas shelling no Serious damage - no casualties Reported - Ration limbers arrived O.K.	
		10-40pm.	RW 75. to Brigade. Enemy gas shelling Blue Cross, I 19 D I 26 a.	
		11pm.	B.M. 165 Received. Brigade will be moving back to vicinity of MEREACOURT WOOD on 4th inst. Advance parties to Report to Brigade H.Q. at 10 am 4th inst.	
	Midnight.		Enemy shelling forward area with Heavies - gas shelling now ceased.	

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RADEGONDE	4/9/18	9am	Situation unchanged throughout the night - weather fine & clear. Instructions issued to Companies to stand by ready to move and be clear of present area by 2-45pm today. Lieut Daniels & advance party of 5 O.K. dispatched with instructions to report to Brigade H.Q. at 10 am. Transport Officer instructed to send up horses for kitchens & water carts at once - they will move independently to new area. Battalion moving in order of 'C' 'B' 'A' D. H.Q. Route :- via OMNIECOURT-LES-CLERY - BOSCOURT cemetery & cross roads at H14 b 6.1. Mid-day meal ordered for NOON.	
		NOON	Morning spent in preparing for move, & salvaging area. Several crosses have arrived from Transport lines and have been erected over those K.I.A. during the operation.	
		2pm	Three limbers have arrived for transport of Lewis Guns, Signalling gear &c. 'C' Coy moving.	
		2-45pm	Battalion reported all clear, & en route to FRISE. Brigade H.Q. [illegible] & Signallers instructed to cut out.	

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FRISE	4.9.18	5-10pm.	Sheet 62 C 1/40.000. Guides picked up Battalion (Head of Column) at Cross Roads H 14 d.	
		6-30pm.	Battalion settled in G 24 b. Hutments & dugouts. Battalion H.Q. in old German H.Q. Huts G 24 b. 7.0. Teas ready on arrival & troops have now settled down for the night. Nucleus personnell instructed to remain at Transport lines for the night, as accomodation at present is insufficient.	
	5.9.18.	9am	Transport lines & Q.M. Store now at G 24 c. central: Nucleus personnell reported - accomodation very limited, but there is plenty of material in vicinity & erection of more bivouacs is being carried out. Troops will rest & have a general clean up today. Pioneers instructed to carry on with the making of additional crosses required for the graves of those K.I.A. in Recent operations. It is understood that troops will get as much rest as possible during period out of line, combined with sports & swimming.	
		4pm.	Recommendations for Immediate award in connection with Recent operations submitted to Brigade.	1/5/18
		8pm.	Battalion R.O. 56 issued. Day has been spent by all Ranks "Setting down", cleaning up &c.	

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FRISE	6/9/18	9am	Weather fine & clear.	
		10am	Companies parade under company officers, inspection of equipment, clothing repairs - shortages &c, Regimental Barber - Tailor & Bootmaker alloted to Coys throughout the day:	
		2pm	Lieut Daniels instructed to arrange for a Battalion Sports meeting - Representative officer from each Coy to meet him at H.Q. at 5pm: Representation of 1 N.C.O per Coy for Sports Committee:	
		4pm	Swimming parade in locks at G24c.	
		6pm	Baths at FRISE allotted to Battalion 8am - 10am 7th inst	
		8pm	Battalion R.O. 57 issued. Battalion will parade for C.O. inspection at 10am 7th inst. Dress. Full Marching Order.	
	7.9.18	8am	C & D Coys proceeded to Baths.	
		10am	Battalion on Parade for C.O. inspection: All things considered the parade was in every way satisfactory, all Ranks had taken great pains to turn out smartly, Quartermaster was in attendance during inspection, & the necessary indent to bring clothing & equipment up to required standard is being submitted by him:	

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FRISE	7.9.18	4pm	Meeting of Sports Committee - Battalion Sports to be held on 20th Bn grounds on the afternoon of 10th at 2pm: Lieut E. V. Daniels to be Battalion Representative for Divisional Sports Committee:	
		8pm	Battalion Order for Church parades 8th inst issued.	
	8.9.18	9am	Weather change - Rain fell throughout night, but has now cleared.	
		10-30am	C. of E. Parade. Capt Tugwell 17th Bn. on 18th Bn ground. R.C. Parade. Rev Father Clune M.C. on 19th Bn ground. O.P.D. 20th Bn Chaplain, near church FRISE.	
		4pm	Officers change. Capt K. Paine, Reformed unit from 5th T.B. England.	
		8pm	Battalion R.O. 58 issued. Routine altered as follows:- Reveille 7-30am. Breakfast 8am. Sick parade 8-30am. Tattoo 9pm. Lights Out 9-30pm. Parade hours Morning 9-30am - 11-30am (Includes Route March) Afternoon 1-30pm - 2-30pm. Capt A. Paine posted to command A Coy.	

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FRISE	9.9.18	9-30am	Battalion Training as per Syllabus issued with Battalion R.O 58. issued 8th inst. Party of 10 O.R. under Salvage Cpl. detailed to work over area for Salvage:	1/5/18.
		2pm	A + B + H.Q. companies allotted baths at FRISE for the afternoon. Remainder of Battalion carrying on training as per Syllabus.	
		4pm	Officers Change: Lieut Lt. Robson. M.C. Adjutant, returned from leave + resumes duty:	
		5pm	Football Match. 17th v 18th Bn. on 17th ground. Win for 17th Bn. 14pts to 3.	
		8pm	Meeting of Sports Committee + Sports programme issued.	5/18.
	10.9.18	9am	Raining heavily:	
		10-30am	No sign of Break in weather - parades for morning cancelled.	
		1-30pm	Weather has cleared slightly, + it has been decided to carry on with Sports Programme:	
		3-30pm	Raining heavily - Sports postponed until tomorrow.	

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FRISE	10.9.18	4pm	Officer Change: 2/Lieut G. L. Scott, joined Battalion from General Reinforcements. 2/Lieut L. J. Botham, joined Battalion from General Reinforcements. 2/Lieut Woodyatt. M. Reported as at Divisional Wing. BRAY.	
		5pm	2/Lieut Scott G. L. posted to A Coy. 2/Lieut Botham posted to C Coy. Nothing of note occurred during day.	
	11.9.18	9am	Weather still broken, but as 19th Bn require sports ground for the afternoon, it has been decided to carry on with Battalion sports this morning.	2/5/18
		1-30pm	Sports concluded. As all other Battalions were carrying out training during the morning, we had practically no visitors at our Sports, but not withstanding this & the inclemency of the weather every thing went off well, & our thanks are due to the very Energetic Committee; who overcame all difficulties. Results.	3.4/5/18
			A Brigade selection Committee has been formed, & a selection will be made of Battalion Representatives for Championship events at Brigade Sports: Capt Beddie M.C. & Lieut L.C. Robson M.C. Represent 18th Bn on Brigade selection Committee.	5/18.

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FRISE.	11.9.18	2pm	During afternoon - parades were off - men were free to attend 19th Bn. Sports. A team from 'A' Coy played a cricket match with a H.Q. Coy team, H.Q. winning a 1 innings match by 27 Runs.	
		3pm	Football match 18th O T. M. Battery - 18th Bn scoring Rather an Easy win 14pts to nil.	
		8pm	Battalion Order 59 issued: Battalion parade - Full Marching Order - less Blanket at 1-30pm 12th inst.	
	12.9.18	9-30am	Companies training as per Syllabus throughout the morning.	
		1-30pm	Battalion parade & C. O's inspection followed by Route March.	
		3-30pm	Cricket Match 'D' Coy versus 'A' Coy - unfinished as it Rained heavily.	
	13.9.18	9-30am	Companies training as per Syllabus throughout morning - weather showery.	
		1-30pm	Brigade Sports meeting - in showery weather - the Champ. wrestling Events nearly all went to the 17th Bn - who in Johnson have a professional	

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FRISE	13.9.18	3-pm	Crack Runner - although the 18th came second in many events - they scored the lowest number of pts for the Brigade Shield.	
	14.9.18	9-30am	Weather still unsettled - morning spent making final preparations for Brigade Inspection in the afternoon by Lieut-Col. Forbes DS.O. T/Commanding 5th A.T. Brigade during the absence of the G.O.C. Brigadier General Martin CMG. DS.O. on leave.	
		12-30pm	Battalion moving out for Brigade Parade.	5/5/18
		1-30pm	All Battalions formed up - arrival of G.O.C. General Salute.	
		4pm	Acting G.O.C. after inspection interviewed C.O. of Battalions & expressed his entire satisfaction at the splendid turn-out of the Brigade - considering the entire absence from ceremonial work during the past months - the marching & alignment during the March Past was excellent.	
		8pm	Battalion R.O. 60. issued - details of Church Parades for Sunday 15th inst.	

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FRISE	15.9.18		Sunday.	
		10 am	R.C. Church parade. Rev Father Clune. 1/26. 19th Bn. ground	
		10-30 am	C/E. parade Rev Chaplain King A/J.3. 18th Bn. 18th Bn ground.	
		10-30 am	O.P.D. parade. 20th Bn Chaplain. rest church FRISE.	
		2-30 pm	Afternoon was spent in Paying the troops; to enable Rev Lieut F.J. Brown - Battalion Representative for the Fatherless Sub-Somme Sweep, having great business in the Selling of Sweep tickets:	
	16.9.18	9 am	Day set aside for Divisional Sports - weather could not be better & the prospects of a good day for all hands are good. Battalion is marched to the Sports Ground at ECLUSIER - two Kitchens accompanying the Battalion, luncheon will be available for the Troop on the ground. A first class programme of events has been prepared by the Committee & Represented by all Bns entry units of the Division.	

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FRISE ECLUSIER	16/9/18		Divisional Sports: Events include - Running - jumping, Tug of War, Band Contests & Horse Racing & jumping. One of the features on the ground is a Totalisator - erected by the 1st Field Coy - Bookies pro-tem are also in evidence, & the Tote is available for practically every event on the Programme: The Y.M.C.A. & Divisional Canteen have Marquees on the ground, & wet & dry canteens are open for the diggers: Battalions of all Brigades have made necessary arrangements for lunch for Officers & their guests - Mr F. J. Brown, our Mess Secretary, has again excelled himself - & produced wonders. The Railway strike in England, has made transport of some of the luxuries of the soldiers life difficult, & it has been reported that the "Scotch" has not arrived, owing to the truck, taking the wrong turning. Great excitement prevailed when the Boys heard that General Birdwood was on the ground; he chatted with several & put the wind up, not a few. He was kept busy answering questions, as to when the Second Div were likely to get leave to Australia. The day was a huge success in every way - the	

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FRISE ECLUSIER	16.9.18		Divisional Sports – Totalisator doing great business – but owing to hot favourites winning nearly all the Events – the Dividends were not always large – however one always got ones money back. An exception, was in the Mule Race – when TOBY, the Representative of the 18th Bn, showed a clean pair of heels to all comers & romped home – paying 50 Francs. for 5 – the Transport Section had a great win here. Capt Beddies – Miss Betty, was a hot favourite for the Mile Trot, & won comfortably – unfortunately for some, a Recalcitrant Bookie, disappeared suddenly, so they are still looking for him. Three of the "Tattersalls – Sur – Somme" sweeps were drawn during the day. Lieut Flockhart of the 18th Bn – winning the first prize in No 2 Sweep. – War Bond valued £87-10. In the Running Events Capt Pellew of the 27th Bn, & Pte Johnson of the 17th Lieut Lohan of the 20th Bn had a day out. The 5th Brigade scored the highest points in the Division, The Band Contest, was a big attraction, & the 24th Bn Band, well deserved the first place – 18th Bn came fourth, scoring high points for music, but for an all round performance – Music – marching, department & the [illegible] were easily first.	

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FRISE.	17/9/18		Weather fine - Battalion has to settle down to work again - Training all day as per syllabus for week ending 22.9.18.	15/18
	18/9/18	9-30am	A & B Coys on Range at G17 during morning - Lieut Botham in charge of Range practice.	
			C & D at Baths. Headquarters training under Signalling Officer & S.O.	
		1-30pm	C. & D. to Range for Lewis Gun & Rifle practice.	
			A & B returned from Range	
			ammunition &c.	
		4pm	Officers change. Lieut Daniels leave to Italy.	
	19.9.18	9-30am	Battalion Route March during morning 1 hour - preceded by inspection parade.	
		2-30pm	Training as per Syllabus:	
		4pm	Hockey Match - 17th Bn Officers versus 18th Bn Officers - Results many barked shins & a win for the 18th, the a/C.O. Major Tolerton M.C. scoring the necessary goal to win.	
		6-30pm	Impromptu concert by some of the H.Qrs. diggins, including the Glee Party. Mr Donohue, YMCA. Kindly gave his services at the piano.	

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FRISE	19.9.18	8pm	Battalion R.O. 62.	
	20.9.18	9-30am	Training as per Syllabus during morning.	
		1-30pm	Brigade Baths for whole Battalion - allotted 1-30pm - 4-30pm, all ranks received change of under clothing	
		7pm	Battalion Dining for Officers at H.Q. Officers Mess. Guest of the evening Lieut Colonel Saddler M.C. Commanding 18th Bn. Lieut Colonel Saddler was an original 18th Bn officer, & rose to be Second in Command to the Bn. He was appointed to command 17th Bn, on the promotion of Lieut-Colonel Martin, who now commands the Brigade.	
	21.9.18		Saturday: Training during morning - impromptu Cricket & Football matches during afternoon.	6/5/18
	22.9.18		Sunday: Church parades during morning, otherwise unexciting day	
		8pm	Battalion R.O. 63.	
	23.9.18	9-30am	A & B Coys moved out for Range practice at 7-30am. Lieut Baker	7/5/18

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FRISE	23.9.18	1-30pm	C. & D. Coys to Rifle Lewis Gun Range. A & B engaged during afternoon, cleaning rifles & guns, & reloading pannier. Crosses for the remainder of those K.I.A. who so far we have been unable to erect crosses to, were sent forward this afternoon for erection. Cross for Lieut A.R. Sheath M.C. K.I.A. during the operation of August 8 9th, was sent over & erected at MARCEL CAVE.	
		8pm	'Green Diamond' Concert Troupe - opened at FRISE. Hall is allotted to 18th Bn for 25th inst. Battalion R.O.64. issued. A.T.A. Order 1378. Republished for information re special payment to members of the Forces, for Xmas Gift. Syllabus of training altered - Route March for 24th inst.	
	24.9.18	9-30am	General training during morning hours.	
		1-20pm	Battalion formed up - ready to move.	
		1-30pm	Route March - Cross Roads G 30 C 88 — Cross Roads G 28 b 4 3. — ECLUSIER. Returning via Canal Bank to Camp.	

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FRISE	24.9.18.	8pm	Battalion Order - Re Operation, Practice Infantry with Tanks carried Operation to be carried out by Battalion at Tank Park HERLEVILLE, (62C. 5, 6.D) on the 25th inst.	
	25.9.18	9am	Battalion to parade at 10 am, ready to move to HERLEVILLE.	
		10am	Battalion on parade.	
		10-20am	Head of Column passed B.H.Q. Order of march, H.Q. H.S.C.S.	
			Lieut Setchell instructed to proceed in advance of Battalion & report to Capt Elliott D.S.O. in charge of demonstration practice.	
		12-15pm	Lieut Setchell met Battalion at Cross Roads 1727. C. 4.4. to guide to ground.	
			Kitchens have gone on ahead, mid-day meal will be ready on arrival of Bn.	
		12-50pm	Battalion arrived at Park - dismissed for mid-day meal - fall in at 2pm.	
		2pm.	Battalion viewing practice as carried out by 28th Bn. 7th Brigade.	
		2-30pm	Battalion in position, & ready to carry out practice.	
		3-30pm.	Practice finished, Bn resting at objective.	

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FRISE	25.9.18	4-15pm	Battalion forming up in HERLEVILLE;	
		4-30pm	Battalion on the move to return to Camp.	
		7-10pm	Arrived back in billets - Tea ready for troops. Owing to the late return, arrangements have been made for the Green Diamond to show @ the 18th on the evening of the 26th, instead of this evening:	
	26.9.18	9am	Under instructions from Brigade - Battalion is being broken down on a 3 Coy Basis. 'D' Coy will be merged into the other 3 Coys of Battalion: This order cancels the instructions re distribution of 19th Bn personnel amongst the other Bns of the Brigade:	
			The day was spent in the reorganisation of Companies.	
		6pm	G.O.C. conference of C.O's at Brigade HQ.	
	~~27.9.18~~ 29.9.18	1am	Warning Order from Brigade - Battalion will be moving forward on the night of 27th 28th	
		7am	Advance party under Lieut Fanning left for BUSSU (62c 1/40 000) to arrange billeting.	
		9am	Warning instructions to Coys re to-days move.	
		10am	Battalion Order 51. Battalion will move to	8/5/18

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FRISE	27.9.18		BUSSU at 8pm.	
			Lewis Guns & Signalling gear will be ready for Transport by 2pm.	
			Kitchens will move independently at 6pm.	
			Nucleus personnel under Lieut Satchell, will proceed to Divisional Wing at La Chappelette.	
		6pm	Day has been spent preparing for move, & cleaning up area, & billets.	
		8pm	Battalion ready to move.	
		8-45pm	Headquarters Coy passed starting pt [illegible] Cross Roads G 24 b 7-9. followed by A. B. & C. Coys at intervals of 50 yds. – Route FEUILLERES – HEM – CLERY – ALLAINES, BUSSU J 20.	
			Quartermaster & Adjutant moved ahead of Battalion, to make arrangements for tea for troops on arrival in new area.	
		11-10pm	Guides met Head of Column at Cross Roads HAUT-ALLAINES I 5 d.	
	28.9.18	1-50am	Battalion arrived at new area – accomodation limited, old Hun dug-outs & shacks – area J 19 b & d & J 20. Transport in same area.	
			Hot tea served to men on arrival.	
			Rain has set in & the prospects are "muddy"	

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BOSSU.	28.9.18	9am	Sheet 62 C. 1/40.000. Weather dull & raining - Battalion resting & standing by pending instructions for further move forward today.	
		10am	Advance parties instructed to report to Staff Capt at LONGAVESNES at 10-30am.	
		10-30am	Lieut Fairclough & sent forward with advance party. Battalion will move forward tonight.	
		2pm	Lieut Fairclough reported back & advises that there is practically no accomodation - area is covered with Remains of Huts, destroyed by enemy before retirement.	
		3pm	Parties sent forward from each Coy to erect temporary shelter in allotting area for tonight.	
		7-20pm	Headquarters Company moved off, followed by A.B.C.D. at 10 minute intervals. Kitchens & Transport moved ahead of Battalion.	
		9-50pm	Guides met Battalion at road junction E 26 c.	
		10-10pm	Battalion arriving	
		11pm	Battalion all reported in & settling down for night - Shelters made from old iron &c: High wind & Rain & the prospect of a comfortable night is not good.	

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VILLERS-FAUCON	29/30.		E 27. c. 1. 0. Battalion has remained in this area for past two days - Our Blankets were made available on the 29th, & were very welcome, as Nights have been very cold & wet. The troops were instructed to take full advantage & get as much sleep as possible as there are strenuous times in front of us. We expect to be moving forward daily from now on.	
			September has been practically an uneventful month for the Battalion. The earlier days saw the finishing up of the MT. ST. QUENTIN, operations when we returned to the rest area at PERONNE where the troops had a good spell with sports & a minimum of training thrown in, for a period extending over 3 weeks. We are now moving forward into the Battle area again & expect that we will have more eventful happenings to record in the October Diary.	

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Battalion Headquarters,
4th.September 1918.

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Headquarters.
5th.Aust.Inf.Bde.

Submitted herewith are recommendations for immediate award in connection with recent operations.

The following is the order of merit in which it is recommended that they be considered.

Recommended for MILITARY CROSS.

Lieut.S.M.Clark
2/Lt.G.F.Foote.

Recommended for DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No.3878. Pte. Jones, W.
No.4221. Pte. Piggott, A.

Recommended for BAR to MILITARY MEDAL.

No.4281. Cpl Shearer, A.G. "MM"
No.1330. Pte. Skelton, J.B. "MM"
No.3757. Pte. Bowden, M. "MM"
No.3814. Pte. Colless, W.G. "MM"

Recommended for MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 3759. Pte. Baker, J.F.
2920. Pte. Mone, W.J.
281. Pte. Cassidy, W.L.
2529. Pte. Polkinghorne, E.A.
6374. Pte. Orr, A.
708. Cpl. Edwards, J.J.
6438. Pte. Spindler, N.C.
2960. Pte. Nelligan, T.A.
6034. Pte. Blackburn, W.J.
4803.L/Cpl.Passlow, D.F.
5837. Pte. Mansbridge, H.W.
4692. Pte. Mepenstall, M.J.
6459.L/Cpl.Mackay, E.S.
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4206. Pte. McWhirter, H.L.

W.C.Robertson
Major,
T/Commanding 18th.Battalion, A.I.F.

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Lieutenant Stewart Melrose CLARK.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations against MONT.ST.QUENTIN on 31st.August 1918. A party of the enemy had worked round the flank of another Battalion and were threatening the position. Lieut.Clark with a party of 30 men ~~were~~ was sent to clear the situation, By skilful leadership he personally led his men over 200 yards of open ground with very slight casualties, cleared the enemy from their entrenched position, killing all the garrison, about 40 in number. At great personal risk and exposed to enemy snipers he cut a passage through a belt of wire and got his men through to the attack. He cleared the enemy from their position, occupied and held the trench, thus making the flank of the Battalion secure.

(Recommended for MILITARY CROSS)

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2/Lieutenant George Frederick FOOTE.

For gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations from the 28th to 31st.August 1918. On the morning of the 29th.August 1918 during the attack on MERICAUCOURT WOOD when his company was held up by a hidden enemy machine gun, 2/Lieut.Foote, with a runner worked forward and located it, and returning led a party forward and mopped up the gun crew, thus enabling his company to proceed unmolested.

On 31st.August 1918 during the operation against MONT ST.QUENTIN, when all the officers of his company became casualties, he took charge of his company and led them successfully to their objective.

Throughout the operations his coolness and daring assisted materially to the success of the operation.

(Recommended for MILITARY CROSS)

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No.3878.Private William JONES.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on wood near OMMIECOURT-les-CLERY on 29th.August 1918.

He went forward with an officer and repeatedly carried messages back to his company commander, over ground swept by machine gun fire, thus enabling the company to be brought into position without casualties.

Later, he guided a party forward which was able to clean up two machine guns that were holding up the advance. Although wounded he continued to carry on.

His courage and general bearing helped materially towards the success of the operation.

(Recommended for DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL)

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No.4221.Private Arthur PIGGOTT.

During the attack on ANVIL WOOD on 31st.August 1918, the advance was held up by a strong post. Private PIGGOTT worked round to a flank with his Lewis gun and although subjected to heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire forced the post to withdraw and enabled his ~~xxxx~~ company to advance.

Later, when the enemy,being reinforced, attempted to counter-attack and retake the position, he rushed his gun forward and completely broke up the attack.

His coolness and daring saved numerous casualties to his company

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No.4241.Corporal Alexander George SMEARER. "M.M"

For gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations on MONT ST.QUENTIN on 31st.August 1918. His platoon was holding an isolated position on the flank of another battalion. The enemy had established a strong post which, with bombs, rifle and machine gun fire was endangering the situation. Cpl.Shearer placed a Lewis gun in a position to bring fire on the enemy post. He then moved up an old sap to the enemy post and after bombing it rushed forward and killed the whole of the garrison. It was due to his courage and initiative that the enemy post was cleared and his platoon saved numbers of casualties.

(Military Medal awarded 20.9.17)

(Recommended for BAR to MILITARY MEDAL)

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No.3757.Private Henry BOWDEN. "M.M"

During the operations on MONT ST.QUENTIN on the night of 30/31st. August 1918, important messages had to be sent to the Companies in the line in connection with the operations. The night was very dark and the exact positions of the Coys. was not known. On two occasions, this man, as Battalion runner, carried messages through heavy enemy shell fire and delivered them safely. It was of great importance that the messages be delivered and it was due to the courage and devotion to duty shown by this man that the operation was brought to a successful issue. On one of ~~the~~ the runs, when returning, his companion was wounded - Pte.Bowden bound his wounds and helped him to the Dressing Station.

(Military Medal awarded 7.10.17)

(Recommended for BAR to MILITARY MEDAL)

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No.1330.Private John Bernard SKELTON, "M.M"

During the operations on MONT ST.QUENTIN on the night of 31st. August 1918 this man, a Battalion runner, led a ration party to one of the forward Companies. During the period between his previous run to the company and when he took the ration party forward, a party of the enemy had worked behind the position. The enemy fired on the party as it approached killing the N.C.O. in charge and scattering the party. At great personal risk he gathered the party together and taking charge of them led them to a place of safety, thus saving further casualties.

Later on, during the same night, an urgent message was required to go to the Companies. The position of the Coys. was not clearly known and it was of great importance that they should get the message. Pte.Skelton took the message through heavy enemy shell and machine gun fire, delivered the message safely and the Company was able to comply with important instructions.

(Military Medal awarded 3.5.17)

(Recommended for BAR to MILITARY MEDAL)

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No.3759. Private Joseph Fonser BAKER.
No.2920. Private William John NONE.
No. 281. Private William Leslie CASSIDY.

During the operations against MONT ST.QUENTIN on 31st.August 1918 the above men showed total disregard for personal safety, under heavy enemy machine gun and shell fire when attending to wounded.

A party of engineers were repairing a bridge which the enemy was shelling heavily. The bridge was hit and there were a number of ~~xxxxxx~~ casualties. These men at once went to the assistance of the wounded, bound them up and carried them to a dressing station. They then returned and carried other wounded away. During the whole time the enemy was shelling the bridge with heavy shells.

Later, when their company sustained heavy casualties, they carried wounded from the front line to the dressing station through heavy machine gun and shell fire. They worked continuously for 10 hours and were the cause of saving the lives of a number of wounded men, who would have died had they not been moved at once.

(Recommended for MILITARY MEDAL)

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No.6459.Private (A/ L/Cpl.) Benjamin Sinclair MACKAY.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on MEREAUCOURT WOOD on the 28th-29/8/18. His Company was held up by a machine gun. He with 6 men worked round the flank and rushed the gun, killing the crew. His action enabled the company to advance without casualties.

(Recommended for MILITARY MEDAL)

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No.2529.Private Edward Allen POLKINGHORNE.

During the operation on MONT ST.QUENTIN on 31st.August 1918 an important message had to be delivered to the Companies. It was very dark and owing to numerous moves necessitated by circumstances in the front, the exact positions of the Companies was not known. Pte. Polkinghorne took the message at great personal risk through heavy machine gun and shell fire, located the Companies and delivered the message safely.

On another occasion, during the same night, he carried messages frc Battalion Headquarters through heavy shell fire and delivered them to the front line Coys. It was largely due to his courage that communication was maintained with the front line when telephone lines would not hold.

(Recommended for MILITARY MEDAL)

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No.6374.Private Arthur ORR.

For gallantry and devotion to duty during operations against MONT ST.QUENTIN on 31st.August 1918. His platoon ~~xxxx~~ was holding an isolated post on the flank of another Battalion. A party of the enemy succeeded in getting into a position 25 yards off and tried to bomb them out. Private ORR took his Lewis gun out to a flank and although subjected to a heavy rifle fire destroyed the enemy machine gun that they mounted and inflicted casualties. He kept up covering fire, which enabled the party to move forward and mop up the enemy post.

By skillful handling of his Lewis gun and by his personal courage he assisted materially in clearing up what would have been an uncomfortable position.

(Recommended for MILITARY MEDAL)

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No. 708.Corporal John Joseph EDWARDS.

During the attack on a wood near OMMIECOURT-les-CLERY on the 29th.August 1918. A concealed enemy machine gun was holding up the advance of his platoon. This N.C.O. went forward alone and located it; he then led a party forward and cleared the way for his platoon to ~~xxxxx~~ advance.

Later, he collected stragglers, and, taking charge of them, ~~xx~~ established a post on the flank of his company, thus making the positio secure.

His courage and disregard for personal danger helped materially towards the success of the operation.

(Recommended for MILITARY MEDAL)

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No.6436.Private Norman Cecil SPINDLER.

During the advance near OMMIECOURT-les-CLERY on 29th.August 1918, this man was No.1 of a Lewis gun. He moved his gun well out in front of his platoon and opened fire on a large party of the enemy that was opposing their advance. Although subjected to heavy rifle fire from the enemy he maintained his position and succeeded in killing and wounding a number of the enemy who were forced to withdraw and ~~x~~ thus enabled his platoon to advance.

His personal courage and disregard of danger materially helped towards the success of the operation.

(Recommended for MILITARY MEDAL)

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No.2[illegible]60.Private Thomas Amos NELLIGAN.

For gallantry and devotion to duty at CLERY-sur-SOMME on 31st. August 1918.

A party of engineers were repairing a bridge which the enemy was shelling heavily. A number of the engineers were wounded and the bridge broken. Pte.NELLIGAN at once went to their assistance and helped to carry one of the wounded to the R.A.P. The enemy was still shelling the bridge and when returning to attend to some more wounded he was himself hit by a piece of shell.

He showed great disregard for personal safety under heavy shell fire for the sake of his wounded comrades.

(Recommended for MILITARY MEDAL).

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No.6034.Private William James BLACKBURN.

During the operations near ANVIL WOOD on 31st.August 1918 this man was in charge of a Lewis gun with a mopping up party. A number of the enemy attempted to outflank the party and Pte.BLACKBURN took his Lewis gun forward to a position in the open and opened fire on the enemy. He was subjected the whole time to heavy fire from enemy snipers He succeeded in killing and wounding most of the enemy party and caused the remainder to withdraw.

His coolness and daring saved numerous casualties to his party and enabled them to move forward quickly.

(Recommended for MILITARY MEDAL)

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No.4803.Lance Corporal David Francis PASSLOW.
No.5837.Private Howard Wynn MANSBRIDGE.
No.4692.Private Herbert John MEPENSTALL.

During the attack on ANVIL WOOD on 31st.August 1918 an enemy machi gun post was causing casualties to their company. L/Cpl.PASSLOW with Privates MANSBRIDGE and MEPENSTALL moved to the flank of their company and rushed the post, killing the garrison and capturing the gun. They held the position until ordered to withdraw.

Their dash and courage helped materially towards the success of th operation and saved casualties to the rest of their party.

(Recommended for MILITARY MEDAL)

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No.3814.Private William George COLLESS. "M.M"
No.4206.Private Keith Lamrock McWHIRTER.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.
On the morning of 31st.August 1918 during very heavy enemy shelling of the cross roads and bridges near CLERY-sur-SOMME, some engineers were wounded on one of the bridges they were repairing. Privates McWhirter and Colless, without thought of personal safety, immediately went to their assistance, having to erect a plank on which to cross the bridge. They bandaged and carried one man back to the R.A.P., a distance of some 200 yards. They immediately returned and brought in another man from the same place. During the whole of this time the enemy continuously shelled the bridge and cross roads, securing three direct hits on the bridge.

(Pte.COLLESS awarded Military Medal 15/4/18)
(Recommended for BAR to MILITARY MEDAL)

(Pte.McWHIRTER recommended for MILITARY MEDAL)

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SPORTS MEETING.

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OPERATION ORDER.

Band barrage opens - 1'15 p.m.
Competitors assemble on the Jumping Off tape - 1'25 p.m.
ZERO HOUR - 1'30 p.m.

1st. Stunt - 100 yards Championship waves.
2nd. " - Tug-o-war, "A" Coy. V "D" Coy.
3rd. " - Consolidation on 100 yards Objective.
4th. " - Physical jerks - Mounted and Dismounted.
5th. " - Over the bar.
6th. " - 220 yards Championship waves.
7th. " - Tug-o-war - "B" Coy. V "C" Coy.
8th. " - Sack race.
9th. " - Consolidation on 220 yards Objective.
10th. " - Taking a fine sight at needle with thread.
11th. " - 120 yards Hop-over (hurdles) waves.
12 th. " - Tug-o-war - Hd.Qrs. V Transport Sec.
13th. " - "Flat out" Jump.
14th. " - Musical flags.
15th. " - Consolidation of 120 yards Hop-over objective.
16th. " - Heine pursuit, 3 miles.
17th. " - Semi-final Tug-o-war.
18th. " - O.G.1 - 440 yards waves.
19th. " - Tripod Trot.
20th. " - Berlin Hop.
21st. " - Consolidation on O.G.1 - 440 yards.
22nd. " - Tootlers Toddle - Band only - 100 yards.
23rd. " - Flag Day, mounted.
24th. " - Limited Objective - 880 yards.
25th. " - Ommiecourt Patrol.
26th. " - Diggers Support - Relay.
27th. " - Final Objective - Tug-o-war.
28th. " - Oeuf and Ladle sprint.

"END OF A PERFECT DAY".

PROTECTIVE BARRAGE BY THE BAND.

GENERAL ASSAULT ON THE COOKERS AT THE "TOUT"

18th. BATTALION. No. 5th Infantry Brigade.

E.B.".DANIEL, Lieut.
Hon.Secretary.

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APPENDIX 3

RESULTS OF 18th.BATTALION SPORTS

HELD AT FRISE ON 11th.SEPTEMBER 1918.

100 Yards Championship	1st. - Pte.Knight,	(Band)
	2nd. - Pte.Malone,	("A" Coy.)
	3rd. - Sgt.Rowley,	("B" Coy.)
Tug-o-War	"B" Company Team.	
High Jump	1st. - R.S.M.Wright,	(H.Q.)
	2nd. - Pte.Gooch,	("A" Coy.)
Sack Race	1st. - Pte.Skinner,	("B" Coy.)
	2nd. - Pte.Egginton,	(Band)
120 Yards Hurdle Race	1st. - Cpl.Coulthart,	("C" Coy.)
	2nd. - Pte.Malone,	("A" Coy.)
	3rd. - Pte.Knight,	(Band)
Broad Jump	1st. - Pte.Stain,	(Band)
	2nd. - R.S.M.Wright,	(H.Q.)
Musical Flags	1st. - Sgt.Chambers,	("B" Coy.)
	2nd. - Pte.Garth,	(Band)
3 mile Race	1st. - Pte.Malone,	("A" Coy.)
	2nd. - Pte.Knight,	(Band)
	3rd. - Pte.Ramsay,	("B" Coy.)
440 Yards Championship	1st. - Cpl.Coulthart,	("C" Coy.)
Three-legged Race	1st. - Pte.Ramsay, - Pte.Speerin.	("B" Coy.)
	2nd. - Pte.Bennett, - Pte.Devereux,	("D" Coy.)
Hop, Step and Jump	1st. - R.S.M.Wright,	(H.Q.)
	2nd. - Pte.Knight,	(Band)
880 Yards Championship	1st. - Cpl.Thorpe,	("C" Coy.)
	2nd. - Pte.Setchell,	(Band)
	3rd. - Pte.Egginton,	(Band)
Obstacle Race	1st. - Pte.Ratcliffe,	(Band)
	2nd. - Pte.Garth,	(Band)
	3rd. - Pte.Guest,	("D" Coy.)
Relay Race	1st. - Headquarters Team.	
Eggs and Spoon Race	1st. - Sgt.Chambers,	("B" Coy.)
	2nd. - Pte.Knight,	(Band)
Band Race	1st. - Pte.Ratcliffe,	(Band)
	2nd. - Pte.Arnold,	(Band)

18th. BATTALION No. 5

E.W.Dane

Lieut.
Hon.Secretary, 18th.Bn.Sports.

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RECEIVED the amounts set opposite our names as Prize Money for Battalion Sports held at FRISE on 11th.September 1918 :-

		Francs.	
Pte.KNIGHT (Band) -	1st.-100 Yds.Cham.	30	
	3rd.-120 " Hurdles.	5	
	2nd.-3 mile Race.	20	
	2nd.-Hop,Step,Jump.	10	
	2nd.-Egg & Spoon.	5	70 francs.....
Pte.MALONE, ('A'Coy) -	2nd.-100 yds.Champ.	20	
	2nd.-120 " Hurdles.	20	
	1st.-3 mile Race.	40	80 francs.....
Sgt.ROWLEY ('B'Coy) -	3rd.-100 Yds.Champ.	5	5 francs.....
RSM.WRIGHT (H.Q) -	1st.-High Jump.	15	
	2nd.-Broad Jump.	10	
	1st.-Hop,Step,Jump.	15	40 francs.....
Pte.COOCH ('A'Coy) -	2nd.-High Jump.	10	10 francs.....
Pte.SKINNER ('B'Coy) -	1st.-Sack Race.	10	10 francs.....
Pte.EGGINTON (Band) -	2nd.-Sack Race.	5	
	3rd.-880 Yds.Champ.	5	10 francs.....
Pte.STAIN (Band) -	1st.-Broad Jump.	15	15 francs.....
Sgt.CHAMBERS ('B'Coy) -	1st.-Musical Flags.	10	
	1st.-Egg & Spoon.	15	25 francs.....
Pte.GARTH (Band) -	2nd.-Musical Flags.	5	
	2nd.-Obstacle Race.	15	20 francs.....
Cpl.COULTHART ("C"Coy) -	1st.-120 Yds.Hurdles.	30	
	1st.-440 Yds.Champ.	30	60 francs.....
Pte.RAMSAY ("B"Coy) -	3rd.-3 mile Race.	10	10 francs.....
Cpl.THORPE ("C"Coy) -	1st.-880 Yds.Champ.	30	30 francs.....
Pte.SETCHELL (Band) -	2nd.-880 Yds.Champ.	20	20 francs.....
Pte.RATCLIFFE (Band) -	1st.Band Race.	15	
	1st.-Obstacle Race.	25	40 francs.....
Pte.GUEST ('D'Coy) -	3rd.-Obstacle Race.	10	10 francs.....
Pte.RAMSAY) Pte.SPEERIN) ("B"Coy) -	1st.-3 legged Race.	20	20 francs.....
		Forward	475 Francs.

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RECEIVED the amouns set opposite our names as Prize Money for Battalion Sports held at FRISE on 11th.September 1918 :-

			Francs.	475 francs c/Forward
Pte.BENNETT Pte.DEVEREUX ("D"Coy)	)	2nd.-3 legged Race	10	10 francs.....
Pte.ARNOLD (Band)	-	2nd.-Band Race	10	10 francs.....
Tug-o-War	-	"B" Coy.Team	135	135 francs.....
Relay Race	-	H.Q.Team	80	80 francs.....
		TOTAL		710 Francs.

18th. BATTALION
No.
5th Infantry Brigade.

Edmund Reid

Hon Sec 18th Bn Sports

18th. Battalion, A.I.F. — SYLLABUS OF TRAINING. 5/5/18 — (Week ending 15/9/18)

Date	9'30- 10 a.m.	10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	11 - 11'30 a.m.	1'30 - 2 p.m.	2 - 2'30 p.m.	REMARKS
9/9/18	Inspection and fitting of Equipmt. Close order drill.	ROUTE MARCH (Battle Order)		Close order drill. Gas drill.	Lewis gun training.	
10/9/18.	Inspection and fitting of Equipmt Gas drill.	ROUTE MARCH (Marching Order)		BATTALION SPORTS.		
11/9/18	Musketry (Rapid loading) and Gas training.	Organised games.	Close Order Drill.	Lewis gun Instruction	Swimming Parade	
12/9/18	Inspection and fitting of equipment.	ROUTE MARCH (Battle Order)		Close Order Drill.	Lewis Gun Training.	
13/9/18	Musketry (Rapid loading) and Gas drill.	Organised games.	Close Order drill.	Lewis gun training.		
14/9/18.	Inspection and fitting of Equipment.	ROUTE MARCH (Marching Order)		CRICKET MATCH.		
15/9/18	C H U R C H P A R A D E. (Dress - Belt and side-arms)					

(a) All signallers under Sig. Officer.
(b) Observers under H.Q. I.O.
(c) Remainder of H.Q. officers. Details under H.Q.
(d) Except where otherwise stated. Dress for training will be Drill Order.

DRESS - Battle Order - As for operations.
Marching Order - Full equipment, less blankets.
Drill Order - Belt, pouches and side-arms.

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18th.Battalion, A.I.F. SYLLABUS OF TRAINING. (Week ending 15/9/18)

Date	9'30- 10 a.m.	10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	11 - 11'30 a.m.	1'30 - 2 p.m.	2 - 2'30 p.m.	REMARKS
9/9/18	Inspection and fitting of Equipt. Close order drill	ROUTE MARCH (Battle Order)		Close order drill. Gas drill.	Lewis gun training.	
10/9/18.	Inspection and fitting of Equipmt Gas drill.	ROUTE MARCH (Marching Order)		BATTALION SPORTS.		
11/9/18	Musketry (Rapid loading) and Gas training.	Organised games.	Close Order Drill.	Lewis gun Instruction	Swimming Parade	
12/9/18	Inspection and fitting of equipment.	ROUTE MARCH (Battle Order)		Close Order Drill.	Lewis Gun Training.	
13/9/18	Musketry (Rapid loading) and Gas drill.	Organised games.	Close Order drill.	Lewis gun training.		
14/9/18.	Inspection and fitting of Equipment.	ROUTE MARCH (Marching Order)		CRICKET MATCH.		
15/9/18	C H U R C H P A R A D E. (Dress - Belt and side-arms)					

DRESS - Battle Order - As for operations.
Marching Order - Full equipment, less blankets.
Drill Order - Belt, pouches and side-arms.

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18th. BATTALION
No.
5th. Infantry Brigade

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18th. Battalion, A.I.F. SYLLABUS OF TRAINING. 6/5/18 Week ending 22nd. September 1918.

Date	9'30 - 10 a.m.	10 - 11 a.m.	11 - 11'30 a.m.	1'30 - 2'30 p.m.	2'30 - 3'30 p.m.
16/9/18.	D I V I S I O N A L - S P O R T S.				
17/9/18	Inspection of Arms. Gas drill.	Lewis gun training.	Close Order Drill.	P.T. & B.F.	Platoon tactical Schemes.
18/9/18.	'A'&'B'- Range Practice - Lewis Gun. 'C'&'D'- Rapid loading	Lewis gun training.	Close Order Drill.	Lewis gun training. Range Practice - Lewis Gun.	Rapid loading.) Close Order drill)
19/9/18.	BATTALION ROUTE MARCH - (Marching			Lewis Gun. Training.	Gas drill. Marching in mask.
20/9/18	Inspection of arms. Rapid loading.	Company Tactical Scheme.	Company Tactical Scheme.(cont'd)	Gas training.	Close Order Drill.
21/9/18.	B A T T A L I O N - P A R A D E.			ORGANISED GAMES.	
22/9/18	C H U R C H - P A R A D E				

All signallers to parade under the Battalion Signalling Officer daily.
All H.Q.Details to parade under Lieut.E.B.W.Daniel daily, falling in at 10 a.m.

DRESS - Drill order unless laid down in Training Syllabus.
" for Range - Battle Order.

Scheme for Company ~~Xxxxxxx~~ Tactical Schemes to be submitted to C.O. by 6 p.m. 19th.inst.

Tactical Schems - Open warfare, outposts and advanced guards, making use of all infantry arms, in co-operation.

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18th. BATTALION No. 5th Infantry Brigade
18th. BATTALION No. ... Brigade.

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TRAINING SYLLABUS WEEK ENDING 28th SEPTEMBER.

	9.30 to 10 a.m	10 a.m to 11 a.m	11 a.m to 11.10 .	1.30 to 2.30 p.m	2.30 to 3.30 p.m
23/9/18	Inspection of Arms Gas Training.	Extended Order drill Artillery Formation.	Musketry Rapid loading etc.	BATTALION ROUTE MARCH. (FIGHTING ORDER.)	
24/9/18	"A" "B") Range practice Rifle and Lewis Gun. "C" "D") Platoon tactical exercises Co-operation of Lewis Guns and Riflemen.			"A" "B") Platoon tactical exercises Co-operation of Lewis Gun and Riflemen. "C" "D") Range practice Rifle and Lewis Gun.	
25/9/18	BATTALION ROUTE MARCH. FIGHTING ORDER.			COMPANY TACTICAL EXERCISES.	
26/9/18	BATTALION ROUTE MARCH FIGHTING ORDER.			BATTALION TACTICAL EXERCISES.	
27/9/18	Inspection of Arms Gas drill	Lewis Gun Instructions	Close order drill	BATTALION DRILL	
28/9/18.	BATTALION ROUTE MARCH FIGHTING ORDER.				

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION SECRET

Battalion Headquarters
Sept 27th 1918.

APPENDIX 8
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16th BATTALION ORDER No 51.

REFERENCE MAPS:- Sheet 62 C 1/40000.

(1) The 18th Battalion will march on night 27/28 Sept 1918 to vicinity of BUSSU.
(2) Dress Marching Order, Blankets will be carried on motor lorries Two bombs will be carried but no extra S.A.A.
(3) All Officers gear, blankets (rolled in bundles of 10) and Lewis Guns and gear for transport willbe stacked in Company dumps ready for the loading by 2 p.m 27th inst. Kitchens will be ready by 6 p.m. Great care will be taken that camp being vacated is left in a clean and sanitary condition.

4. Advanced parties have already moved to new area and will meet Coys. in vicinity of BUSSU.

5. March - Starting Point - Cross roads G.24.b.7.9.
Coys will pass starting point in the following order
Headquarters.
'A' Coy.
'B' Coy.
'C' Coy. at intervals of 50 yards.
Head of column to pass starting point at 8'45 p.m.
Halts will be for 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour.
Route - Cross roads H.14.d.6.9. - FEUILLERES - HEM - CLERY - ALLAINES - BUSSU. - J.20.

6. During day of 28th inst. movement in vicinity of quarters will be reduced to a minimum. Men will be warned not to stray ~~fax~~ from camp area.

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

Issued at 10'30 a.m. 27/9/18.

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

Distribution.

1. File.
2. 'A' Coy.
3. 'B' Coy.
4. 'C' Coy.
5. Sif. Officer.
6. Q.M.
7. War Diary.

18th. BATTALION No. 5th Infantry Brigade.

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