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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*SIXTH B<sup>n</sup>*

FOR

*JULY 1918*

Signature of Officer compiling

*W. Walker Lt*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*P. L. L. L. L.*

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6<sup>th</sup> Bn  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROUGE CROIX.	July 1 <sup>st</sup>		Weather bright. The Bn is disposed as formerly (June diary) Bn Hd Q. in billet W 8 c 13	Sheet 27
			6. Coy: - Coy Hd Q. W 9 c 73, platoons in trenches from W 9 d 18 - W 8 d 8005	
			B " " " W 8 c 8005 " " " " W 8 d 8005 - W 14 a 8025.	
			D " " " W 8 c 15 " " " " W 8 c 3005 - W 13 b 34	
			A " " " W 13 c 95 " " " " W 13 c 34 - W 13 c 95	
			Cleaning & salvaging is being carried on around Bn Hd Q, also a gas & shell proof dugout is being completed. The engineers are supervising the work but the labor is being supplied by the battalion.	
			Working parties of 300 men are being supplied daily. Most of the working parties start at 6.30 pm - the remainder at 9.30 pm. Working, digging trenches & the construction of dugouts are the chief items.	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Weather still good. Working parties as usual. All the work is piece-work and is much appreciated by the men.	

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ROUGE. CROIX.	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Weather still bright. Working parties as usual. Jumping and vaulting are the chief forms of recreation.	Sheet 27 1,40000
			Enemy put harassing fire on Rouge Croix and the batteries near A Coy	
	4 <sup>th</sup>		Weather still good. The C.O., S.O., & I.O. visited the line battalion to obtain information re sector.	
		8.30p	At 8.30 pm the enemy barraged support & reserve lines.	
			One C Coy machine gunner was killed. No one was wounded but five were slightly affected by gas.	
	5 <sup>th</sup>		Sunny day. Our artillery very active, enemy quiet.	
			D Coy played Hades football, the former winning by 7 goals 9 behinds to 4 goals 6 behinds.	
		8.30p	At 8.30 pm both yesterday & today an enemy aeroplane has been well over our line.	
			Fired at by A.A. and MG's he has displayed no haste in withdrawing. Working parties as usual.	
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ROUGE CROIX	6 <sup>th</sup>		Weather still fine. Very little shelling by the enemy but our artillery consistently active. Today has been devoted to preparation for our front line tour. Tonight we relieve the 8 <sup>th</sup> Bn as per Bn O O No 127. App II.	Sheet 27
		11/30am	The relief worked smoothly. D & A Coys are in the front line, C in support & B in reserve. Each line Coy has three platoons in forward posts and one platoon in support.	App II
			The dispositions of the Bn are: Bn H.Q. W 22 d 99	
			D Coy (line right) - Coy H.Q. W 30 d 90 17 Support platoon X 25 c 0702	
			- X 25 c 21. Front line platoons from F 1 A 1670 - X 25 c 7310	
			A Coy (line left) - Coy H.Q. X 25 d 2270. Support platoon X 25 d 58-	
			- X 25 b 5206. Line platoons from X 25 d 0725 to X 25 d 9598.	
			C Coy (support) Coy H.Q. X 30 a 25, 2 platoons in trenches from	
			X 24 d 4245 to X 24 B 8520, & 2 platoons from X 30 a 27 to X 30 A 10 05.	
			B Coy. (reserve). Coy H.Q. X 23 d 2225. Coy from X 23 d 4535 to X 29 B 6842.	

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MERRIS	7 <sup>th</sup>		Weather fine. Enemy using harassing fire on W30C + E6A + B	Sheet 27
		3 pm	Lieut Archer carries out a successful reconnaissance and very successful daylight raid, as shown in App III	App III
		7:30 pm	Lieut Southery also carries out a successful raid; its novelty being in raiding the same post for the second time that day. See appendix IV	App IV
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Weather still fine. Enemy MG's + TM's more active than usual. Our LG's + No 36 grenades neutralize the former and our TM's + artillery harass the latter.	
			Cap! Campbell, Sgt. McQuie + three other ranks, together with Lieut Mitchell U.S.A. raided enemy post at FIA 35, captured a MG and inflicted casualties on the enemy.	App V
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Weather dull with showers. Our aircraft did much low flying over enemy's line. A fighting patrol, endeavouring to surround and harassing enemy MG, was observed and two wounded before they could approach.	

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MERRIS	9 <sup>th</sup>		<p>We are harassing the enemy by using No 36 grenades. The GOC 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde &amp; the C.O visited the support &amp; line Coy. C Coy with Capt Barne in charge successfully carry out the operation laid down in B<sup>nd</sup> O. O. No 129 App VII.</p>	App VII
			Report of operation appears in App VIII	App VIII
	10 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Dull weather. Sgt Lockhart &amp; L/Cpl Farrell (C Coy) moved forward to reconnoitre from the newly established post at FIA 4540. They located an enemy post at FIA 6530 and successfully raided it, capturing 2 MG's &amp; 8 prisoners. (See App IX)</p>	App IX
			Rifle grenades again freely used inflicting casualties on enemy in X 25 b.	
	11 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Cloudy weather with fleeting sunshine. Enemy becoming more alert but not aggressive. A patrol reconnoitred post at X 25 b 3025. Again it is reported strongly and vigilantly held. One of our patrol was slightly wounded.</p>	
			Sniping carried on from our post at X 25 B99. They claim a fatal hit.	

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MERRIS	10 <sup>th</sup>		B Coy (reserve) relieved A Coy (line left) as per B <sup>n</sup> O.O. No 129A	App X
SECTOR	12 <sup>th</sup>		Weather - heavy showers at 7 am, lighter rain during the day	
			Enemy artillery very active, harassing W30 d and X25A & C.	
			Fifty gas shells fell on X25C.	
			B Coy successfully carried out the operation detailed	App XI
			in B <sup>n</sup> O.O. No 130, App XI	
	13		Weather improving but slight showers. Our artillery	
			very active, enemy normal. We continue to harass him	
			with No 36 grenades.	
			The left platoon of B Coy moved forward and established	
			posts at X 26 C 1576 and X 26 A 1500. Posts were wired before	
			relief.	
			The B <sup>n</sup> was relieved by the 11 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> as per B <sup>n</sup> O.O. No 131	App XII
			Relief was carried out slowly, not being completed till 2 am.	
			14 <sup>th</sup> inst, B <sup>n</sup> moved back to V 23 A 28. Hot drinks were	
			provided for the troops marching out.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RESERVE AREA	14 <sup>th</sup>		Weather wet. Day devoted to bathing and obtaining clean clothing. Preparation made for route march to Raecquinghem.	Sheet 27 1123228
	15 <sup>th</sup>		Weather dull & sultry. Moved by route march as in Bn 00132 to Raecquinghem. Arrived there about 12.45 pm & shortly afterwards a meal was served to the men.	App XIII
			Head quarters was established at B26A0510 and tents were pitched at HILL CAMP X19d99. This was a poor site and two days later we moved to ORCHARD Camp X19B91 a nicely situated & well drained field. QM's store and wagon lines were at X19d1580.	Sheet 36 <sup>a</sup>
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Warm sunny day. The morning was devoted to kit inspection & the taking of shortages. - the afternoon to recreation.	
	17 <sup>th</sup>		Routine laid down as follows: - Reveille 6.15 am Breakfast 6.45. Morning parade 8 am - 11.30 am Recreation 2.30 - 4 pm.	

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RACQUINGHEM.	16 <sup>th</sup>		Blaurghem Roquetteville, Wittes & Boeseghem placed out of bounds to Australian troops.	
	18 <sup>th</sup>		Weather hot & sultry. B <sup>n</sup> parade at 8am. B <sup>n</sup> drill for 30 minutes followed by platoon drill and specialist training. After dinner swimming carried on in the canal. Precautionary order (see B.O.O No 130 Appx IV) came into operation.	Appx IV
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Weather hot. Usual training program carried out.	
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Weather hot & sultry. Usual parade till 11.30. Swimming & cricket as recreational training. B <sup>n</sup> team defeated ASC by an innings & 10 runs. B <sup>n</sup> football team defeated 5 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> team 9-11 to 8-10.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Weather fine. Reveille 7.15 am Breakfast 7.45 am. Bde Church parade at B27a04 at 10.30. G.O.C. A.I.F. was present and presented decorations. Lieut Hargreaves received his D.C.M. medal.	

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RACQING HEM	21 <sup>st</sup>		RC Church parade at Raquinghem church at 9.30am. We played the Pioneers cricket and won by 80 runs.	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Weather fine. Usual parade from 8.45 to 11.30 am. Recreation in the afternoon. We played the 8 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> cricket defeating them by 8 wickets. Lieut Kennedy 8 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> scored 53. For the 6 <sup>th</sup> Sq Errington 37, Bruhn 37 + Baker 26 not out, were the best performers. Bruhn took 8 wickets for 20 runs.	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Weather wet. Musketry & Lewis gun practices on the ranges were to take place but owing to the weather were postponed.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>		Fine weather. The musketry & L.G. practices laid down for yesterday were carried out. Cooks accompanied the troops to the ranges & provided a midday meal. Swimming & inter-platoon cricket matches served as recreational training.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RACQUINGHEM	25 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Fine weather. In the morning the usual parade was held. In the afternoon the Bde Swimming Carnival was held. A very pleasant afternoon. Our battalion was well represented in all events. In the evening a concert organized by Lieut Fischer was given in the B<sup>n</sup> ground.</p>	
	26 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Rain in the morning. Musketry &amp; L. C. practices were carried out on the ranges. The inter-battalion competition with one Coy representing each unit was held. A close contest resulted in the 5<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup> winning from the 6<sup>th</sup> with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> following in that order.</p>	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Rain again interferes with the parades. Anti bomb works are constructed around tents.</p>	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Dull weather. Church parade at 10 am. RC parade in Racquinghem church at 9.30 am. A cricket match against the 7<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup> on their ground resulted in the 7<sup>th</sup> winning by 7 runs - our first defeat during our rest.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RACQUING HEM	28 <sup>th</sup>		On the same afternoon we played the 8 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> football and scored a win by 8 goals 11 behinds to 5 goals 10 behinds.	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Weather fine. The morning parade was devoted to checking material, cleaning SAA etc in general preparation for our tour in the line.	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		<p>A cricket match against the 5<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup> resulted in the 6<sup>th</sup> winning by 6 runs. Bruhn took 9 wickets for 22 runs.</p> <p>Weather hot. We move by route march from Racquinghem to Divisional Reserve Area. Passing the starting point at 8.20 we arrived within a mile of Wallon Cappel before midday.</p> <p>The coopers were soon ready and provided a hot lunch. Leaving there at 1.15 we marched to U17 c 91. Then we rested till 9 pm. then moved as in B.O.O. 135, App XVI, to relieve the 11<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup>. (Right Support).</p> <p>The relief worked smoothly. Dispositions of B<sup>n</sup> on relief were -</p>	<p>App <u>XV</u> B.O.O. 135</p> <p>Sheet 27</p> <p>App <u>XVI</u></p>

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PRATJELLES STRALEELE.	30 <sup>th</sup>		<p>B<sup>n</sup> H.Q. - W 21 A 1505.</p> <p>A Coy. Coy H.Q. W 28 A 7735. Coy in trenches from W 27 B 92 - W 28 C 96 - W 28 D 56 40 and from W 28 D 65 - W 29 A 6505.</p> <p>B Coy. Coy H.Q. W 23 C 9232 Coy in trenches, " W 29 B + W 29 D</p> <p>C Coy. Coy H.Q. W 21 D 1507 " " " " W 27 C B + D</p> <p>D " Coy H.Q. W 28 B 3098 " " " " W 28 B, W 29 A + B, + W 23 C</p>	Sheet 27
	31 <sup>st</sup>		<p>Fine weather. Enemy intermittently shelling reserve areas. The C.O. visited Line Battalion (8<sup>th</sup>) and also inspected site at W 17 d 38 with the idea of moving B<sup>n</sup> H.Q. to that position.</p> <p>Working parties of 240 men supplied to the Engineers. They were employed chiefly on the improvement &amp; construction of trenches.</p>	
	31	3	Strength, Casualties, Captures etc for the month.	App I

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FOR

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
I	DAILY STRENGTH, CASUALTIES etc.
II	B <sup>n</sup> 00 127 We relieve 8 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> Line Right
III	DAYLIGHT RAID (Sgt Archer)
IV	DAYLIGHT RAID (Sgt Southey)
V	DAYLIGHT RAID (Capt Campbell)
VI	B <sup>n</sup> 00 128 (Gas operation)
VII	B <sup>n</sup> 00 129 (Minor operation)
VIII	Report of Minor Operation
IX	Raid by Sgt LOCKHART & Cp' FARRELL
X	B <sup>n</sup> 00 129 <sup>A</sup> (Company relief)
XI	B <sup>n</sup> 00 130 (Minor Operation)
XII	B <sup>n</sup> 00 131 (Relief from line)
XIII	B <sup>n</sup> 00 132 (Move to Raagunghuan)
XIV	B <sup>n</sup> 00 133 (Cautionary)
XV	B <sup>n</sup> 00 134 (Move to Div <sup>l</sup> Reserve Area)
XVI	B <sup>n</sup> 00 135 (Move to Support)
XVII	Material prisoners captured during tour in line

# Appendix I

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DATE	REINFORCEMENTS		RETURNED		KILLED		WOUNDED		SICK		O. CAUSES		PRESENT		DETACHED		TOTAL	
	OFF	ORS	OFF	ORS	OFF	ORS	OFF	ORS	OFF	ORS	OFF	ORS	OFF	ORS	OFF	ORS	OFFICERS	O. RANKS
JULY 1st				4								1	37	734	10	128	47	862
2nd													35	724	12	138	47	862
3rd			1	2									36	728	12	136	48	864
4th				1									33	727	15	138	48	865
5 "						1							33	723	15	141	48	864
6 "				6						1	1		34	711	13	158	47	869
7 "													34	711	13	158	47	869
8 "		1		12		1		4		30			34	719	13	127	47	846
9 "				2									37	722	10	125	47	847
10 "				2		2	1						37	720	9	125	40	845
11 "		1		11		2		12					30	716	10	126	46	842
12 "				3		1		4					34	715	12	125	46	840
13 "				1		4		5					34	706	12	126	46	832
14 "													34	706	12	126	46	832
15 "				6		2		14					34	695	12	127	46	822
16 "													34	691	12	129	46	820
17 "				10						21			34	711	12	98	46	809
18 "				4					1				33	715	12	98	45	813
19 "													33	711	12	102	45	813
20 "													35	709	10	104	45	813
21st													34	711	10	102	45	813
22nd				9							1		33	715	11	107	44	822
23rd				1						10			33	723	11	90	44	813
24th				9									33	734	11	88	44	822
25 "				6									33	740	11	88	44	828
26 "			1										34	721	11	107	45	828
27 "				3									33	719	12	112	45	831
28 "													33	719	12	112	45	831
29 "				7								2	34	725	11	111	45	836
30 "													34	725	11	111	45	836
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CHANGES IN OFFICERS

ARRIVALS

July 3rd Lieut D. Arnold From Base

~~July 10th Lieut E. P. Hitchcock DCM From Base~~

" 26th 2/Lieut E. P. Hitchcock DCM From Base

DEPARTURES

July 1st Major A. R. Caughey To School U.K.

" 6th Lieut B. A. Thomson Seconded

" 13th 2/Lieut E. M. Catherwood Seconded

" 22nd Lieut E. A. M. Burke Seconded

" 10th 2/Lieut E. P. Hitchcock DCM Wounded

" 30th Lieut W. M. Martin Wounded

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6th Battalion OPERATION ORDER No. 127.

Ref. Maps :-

Sheets 27 S.E. & 36a N.E.  
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Headquarters,

6th Battalion, A. I. F.  
5th July 1918.

1. On the 6th instant and night of 6th/7th instant, the 6th Bn. is to relieve the 8th Bn. in the Right section, and the 5th Bn. is to relieve the 7th Bn. in the Left section of the Brigade sub-sector. On relief the 7th and 8th Bns. are to move back, and take over duties and dispositions of the units by whom they are respectively relieved.
2. (a) On the night of 6th/7th instant the Battalion will relieve the 8th Battalion in the right section of Brigade sub-sector.  
(b) Companies will take over as under :-  
"D" Coy. will relieve "C" Coy. 8th Bn. in Line Right.  
"A" " " " " "B" " " " " " Left.  
"C" " " " " "D" " " " " support.  
"B" "(plus band)" "A" " " " " Reserve.
3. EQUIPMENT. Fighting Order with greatcoat and waterproof sheet rolled. Extra ammunition (100 rounds and 1 bomb). Lewis Guns will be carried.
4. ADVANCE PARTIES. of 1 officer per Coy. and 1 N. C. O. per platoon will report at 8th Battalion Headquarters at 10-30 p.m. on 5th inst., and takeover respective positions, and remain in posts.
5. MOVEMENT. (a) Order of march - "D", "A", "C", "B" and Hqrs.  
(b) Companies will move in parties not greater than platoons, with 100 yards distance between such parties.
6. GUIDES. Guides from 8th Battalion will pick up Companies at X roads W.16.d.0.4 at 10-30 p.m., and guide same to respective positions.
7. Company Commanders disposition sketches, with strength of each garrison will be sent to this office by first runner after completion of relief.
8. (a) Maps, aerial photographs, Defence schemes, and all information of value will be handed over to incoming units.  
(b) Area and trench stores will be exchanged and receipts given. One copy of receipts will be forwarded to this Headquarters by first runner on 7th instant.
9. Officers valises, blankets of all ranks in bundles of 10, Coy. and Mess boxes will be dumped at present Company Headquarters by 6-30 p.m. on 6th instant.
10. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between O's. C. Companies concerned.
11. Completion of relief will be notified to this office by wiring code word "PLAYERS".
12. A C K N O W L E D G E .

(signed) S. G. SAMUEL, Lieut.  
A/Adjutant 6th Battalion, A. I. F.

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## Distribution.

No.	To whom.	Time.	Method.
1	File		
2-4	War Diary		
5	2nd A.I. Bde.	4 p.m.	D.R.L.S.
6	O.C. "A" Coy.	"	Runner
7	" "B" Coy.	"	"
8	" "C" Coy.	"	"
9	" "D" Coy.	"	"
10	Hqrs. Coy.	"	"
11	Q.M. and T.O.	"	"
12	C.O. 8th Bn.	"	D.R.L.S.
13	Right Battalion	"	Runner
14	Left Battalion	"	"
15	Spare.		

(Signed) S. G. SAMUEL, Major,  
Adjutant 8th Battalion, I. I. I.

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MERRIS	7-7-18		<p>A reconnoitring patrol of Lieut. ARCHER and two other ranks left our post at X.25.d.9.9 at 12-30 p.m. After crawling through crop, they at about 3 p.m. located an enemy post at X.25.d.85.50.</p> <p>They perceived movement and returned to their post apparently unobserved. Having increased their strength by 6 other ranks they proceeded to raid the enemy garrison. By crawling through crop and along a drain the patrol approached to within about 30 yards of the post. The enemy were alert and manning the post. An enemy machine gun from the rear attempted to give protective fire to the post.</p> <p>The garrison resisted stoutly, making use of egg and stick grenades. A bomb fight ensued, the patrol doing effective work with Mills hand grenades.</p> <p>Rushing the post they found three unwounded of the enemy still resisting. One was killed and two taken prisoners. The post was searched. It was a trench 4 ft. 6 in. deep and 30 yards long. In it were 6 small dugouts.</p> <p>Nine enemy dead were counted and the machine gun destroyed. The patrol with their two prisoners returned under heavy machine gun fire.</p> <p>Our casualties were 1 other rank killed (Cpl. HRFURTH) and 1 wounded. In addition Lieut. SOUTHEY who had charge of the supporting Lewis Gun was slightly wounded.</p>	sheet 27.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MERRIS	7-7-18		<p>At 7-30 p.m. Lieut. SOUTHEY with 2 other ranks left our line at X.25.d.62.75 to ascertain whether the post raided earlier in the day by Lieut. ARCHER had been re-occupied by the enemy. The patrol approached through crop and along a water course. Reaching the post without opposition, they silently entered and found four of the enemy in occupation. One was killed and the remainder surrendered. When returning the patrol brought in the body of Cpl. ERFURTH killed in the earlier raid. Two of the prisoners captured belonged to the 12th Company, 5th BAV. I.R.; and one to the 11th Company, 5th BAV. I. R.</p>	<p>Sheet 27</p>

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Appendix V.

Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MERRIS	8-7-18		<p>At 7 a.m. Capt. CAMPBELL, Sgt. McQUIE and 30 other ranks accompanied by Lieut. MITCHELL, U. S. A., left our line and approached <del>the</del> an enemy post at F.l.a.3.5. Observed by the enemy, they were unable to surround the post. They therefore rushed it. The enemy ran. The patrol fired and six of the nine fleeing enemy were hit and fell.</p> <p>An enemy post further left opened machine gun fire on the patrol. They entered the post, took possession of the machine gun there and returned to the shelter of the crop. From there they returned to our own line, taking with them the captured machine gun.</p>	

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6th Battalion OPERATION ORDER No. 128.

Ref. Maps :-

Sheets 27 S.E. & 36a N.E.  
1/20,000.Headquarters, 6th Bn., A.I.F.  
8th July 1918.

1. Provided that conditions are favorable an operation with gas projectors will be carried out by No. 2 Special Company R. E's. on the night of 9th/10th inst. for the purpose of killing the enemy in and about squares X 26.d. and F.2.b.  
For this purpose 1000 LIVEN projectors are being installed at approximately X.19.d.3.4. to X.19.d.5.7.
2. The operation will not take place unless the wind is between North through West to South West.
3. The garrison of "A" Company's two left posts will wear box respirators from ZERO - 10 minutes to ZERO + 15 minutes.
4. The following code words will be used in connection with the operation  
CAULFIELD will mean conditions favorable.  
MALVERN " " conditions unfavorable.  
ARMADALE " " operation postponed 24 hours.
5. For the purpose of the operation all Officers of No. 2 Company (Special R. E's. will have "Urgent Priority" rights over the whole of the communication in the Brigade Sector.
6. ZERO hour will be notified later.
7. A C K N O W L E D G E .

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A/Adjutant 6th Battalion,  
A. I. F.

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Copy No.	To Whom.	Hour of Issue.	Method.
1	File		
2-4	War Diary		
5	2nd A. I. Bde.	10 p.m.	D.R.L.S.
6	C.C. "A" Coy.	"	Hunner
7	" "B" Coy.	"	"
8	" "C" Coy.	"	"
9	" "D" Coy.	"	"
10	" Hqrs. Coy.	"	"
11	G. M. and T. O.		
12	J.A. 12		
13	5th A.I.B.		

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6th Battalion OPERATION ORDER No. 129

Ref. Maps :-  
 Sheets 27 S.M. & 36a N.M.  
 1/20,000.

Headquarters, 6th Bn., A.I.F.  
 9th July 1918.

1. INFORMATION. The enemy holds the following positions :-

Posts at F.l.a.4.5. F.l.a.95.55.

Trench from F.l.a.40.57 to F.l.a.9.6., probably with one or two shellhole posts in advance of this on the line F.l.a.57.60 to F.l.a.65.70 to F.l.a.85.75.

Posts in trench F.l.a.6.4. to F.l.a.82.52.

Machine Gun post at house F.l.a.55.40.

On the Right Flank the 4th Aust. Inf. Bn. is going to seize enemy posts on line B.o.d.7.5 - F.l.o.1.9 - F.l.a.2.2.

2. INTENTIONS.

At ZERO hour on ZERO date to seize and occupy enemy positions and establish a new line through F.l.a.5.4 - F.l.a.83.45 - F.l.a.99.58 - X.25.d.20 in order to deny him observation and improve our own.

3. DETAILS.

(a) "C" Company will carry out the operation with three platoons in front line and one platoon in Reserve.

(b) Two platoons will deal with the situation south of the line X 25.a.7.0 - F.2.a.0.0., one "special" section being detailed to deal with the post at F.l.a.4.5. One platoon will deal with situation North of the line X.25.c.7.0 - F.2.a.0.0.

(c) Assembly :- Thirty minutes prior to ZERO hour the troops detailed to carry out the operation will form up as follows :-

Front line platoons on the line F.l.a.3.6 - X.25.c.9.1.

Reserve Platoon on left flank of No. 2 post.  
 Coy. Hqs. in No. 2 post.

(d) Attack will be launched in section columns covered by ground scouts. At ZERO hour they will move out as close under the barrage as possible and at ZERO + 2 minutes on the barrage lifting will move forward under it. On it again lifting at ZERO + 4 minutes the objectives will be rushed and captured.

(e) Consolidation :- Platoon posts will be established at F.l.a.7.4 - F.l.a.95.60 - X.25.d.20, making use of the enemy works as far as possible. "special" section will establish joint post with 4th Aust. Inf. Bn. at (approx.) F.l.a.4.5. Wiring will be commenced immediately, patrols with Lewis Guns being pushed out to cover this work and to investigate the cross roads at F.l.a.8.3. Special attention must be paid to the siting of posts in order to deny the enemy the high ground.

(f) Co-operation - Artillery. From ZERO to ZERO + 2 minutes 18 pdr's. will barrage the line F.l.a.35.45 - F.l.a.65.58 - F.l.a.85.60 - X.25.d.0.0. From ZERO + 2 minutes to ZERO + 4 minutes the line F.l.a.50.37 - F.l.a.83.45 - F.l.a.99.58 - X.25.d.2.1. From ZERO + 4 minutes to ZERO + 30 minutes the line F.l.c.60.95 - F.l.c.82.90 - F.l.b.45.05 - F.l.b.95.50.

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3. INSTALL.  
(Cont'd.)

(r) 4.5" Howitzers will fire as under :-  
From ZERO to ZERO + 2 minutes.

1 on F.l.a.5.4.  
1 on F.l.a.8.3.  
1 on F.l.b.23.72.  
1 on X.25.d.45.25.

From ZERO + 2 minutes to ZERO + 30 minutes.

1 on F.l.e.87.90.  
1 on F.l.d.45.90.  
2 on line F.l.d.45.90 - F.l.b.8.3.

From ZERO to ZERO + 30 minutes.

2 on line F.l.d.45.90 - F.l.b.8.3.

Stokes :-

From ZERO to ZERO + 2 minutes.

1 on line F.l.a.6.6. - F.l.a.9.6.  
1 on F.l.a.7.5.  
1 on F.l.a.95.82.  
1 on F.l.a.52.40.  
1 on F.l.b.23.70.

From ZERO + 2 minutes to ZERO + 7 minutes.

1 on F.l. Central.  
1 on F.l.a.7.1.  
1 on F.l.b.2.3.  
1 on F.l.a.8.0.  
1 on X.25.d.45.25 40 X.25.d.5.3.

Rapid fire will be maintained throughout.

Rifle Grenades :- "D" Coy. will make liberal use of No. 36 Rifle Grenades on to post at F.l.a.4.5 between ZERO and ZERO + 2 minutes.

"A" Coy. will operate similarly on post at X.25.d.45.25 from ZERO to ZERO + 5 minutes.

(k) Equipment :- Fighting Order.  
per man 220 rounds S.A.A., 2 bombs or rifle grenades, filled waterbottles, iron rations, waterproof, and greatcoat.  
Officers Verrey pistol - 6 1" GREEN Verrey lights.  
Every second man will carry one ground flare.  
6 shovels per platoon.

(h) Success signal :- GREEN Verrey lights fired as soon as objective is gained.

(i) Wiring material will be carried from dumps at F.l.a.40.67 (near No. 2 post) and X.25.e.77.05 by Reserve Platoon, or "D" Coy. if Reserve Platoon has been used.

(j) Communications :- Bn. Signal Officer will establish telephone communications between No. 2 post and "D" Coy.. This line will not be used prior to attack.

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4. WEATHER. Weather conditions being favorable the operation detailed in Battalion Operation Order No. 128 will take place on the same date at the same hour.
5. MEDICAL. R. A. P. will be established at X.19.e.05.75., with Relay Bearer station at "D" Coy. Hqrs. - W.30.d.95.10.
6. WATCHES. Watches will be synchronized throughout the Battalion at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. on date of attack.
7. REPORTS. Progress reports will be communicated to Bn. Hqrs.
8. PRISONERS. Prisoners will be sent direct to Brigade Hqrs. for interrogation.
9. ZERO hour and date will be notified later.
10. A C K N O W L E D G E .

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Copy No.	To whom.	Hour of issue.	Method.
1	File		
2-4	War diary		
5	2nd A. I. Bde.	8 <sup>30</sup> p.m.	D.R.L.S.
6	C. C. "A" Coy.	"	Runner
7	" " "B" Coy.	"	"
8	" " "C" Coy.	"	"
9	" " "D" Coy.	"	"
10	" Hqrs. Coy.	"	"
11	Q.M. and P.O.	"	"
12	Sig. Officer	"	"
13	Intelligence Officer.	"	"
14	4th A. I. Bn.	"	"
15	5th A. I. Bn.	"	"

## WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices						
MERRIS	9-7-18		<p>At 10-30 p.m. "C" Company in charge of Capt. CARNE left their support trenches and went forward to the Right Line Company ("D"). There they took up their assembly positions forward of our wire :-  Special Party, part of No. 11 platoon under Sgt. LOCKHART at F.l.a.3.7.  No. 10 platoon (Lieut. ROBB) at F.l.a.4.8.  No. 12 platoon (Lieut. HITCHCOCK, D. C. M.) at X.25.c.7.0.  No. 9 Platoon (Lieut. SPARK) at X.25.c.8.1.</p> <p>Except for short bursts of machine gun fire all was quiet prior to zero hour.  At zero hour a very effective barrage opened up, clearing the assembly positions and falling on enemy posts.</p> <p>The Right party under Sgt. LOCKHART reached their objective quickly, dug in and wired at F.l.a.45.40. starting with 9 they reached their position 6 strong, and as the right Brigade party had not joined them as intended, they were reinforced by 6 more.</p> <p>No. 10 Platoon under Lieut. ROBB worked through for enemy trench at F.l.a.6.7. They then worked towards the cross roads at F.l.a.85.35. The BOSCH fleeing were pursued and fired on. They then returned and dug in, and wired at their objective F.l.a.75.60.</p> <p>No. 12 Platoon under Lieut. HITCHCOCK, met with and engaged the enemy at F.l.a.90.55. Here they inflicted many casualties and captured three prisoners who were sent to the rear. Others fleeing were fired on, and enemy cries for stretcher bearers were distinctly heard.</p> <p>They reached their objective, digging in and wiring at F.l.a.95.65. M</p> <p>No. 9 Platoon under Lieut. SPARK, divided into two parties. The right party under Sgt. DOYLE veered slightly right and dug in at F.l.b.10.85. The left party went too far left but coming into touch with the right post of "A" Company, they worked forward and further right and dug in at X.25.d.2.3.</p> <p>The signal for objective gained was a Green Verrey Light carried by each platoon commander. They were sent up in the following order from right to left :-</p> <table data-bbox="946 1451 1724 1573"> <tr> <td>No. 10 Platoon</td> <td>11-35 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No. 12 "</td> <td>11-38 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No. 9 "</td> <td>11-55 "</td> </tr> </table> <p>Rations were brought to the new posts before dawn.  Material captured <i>9 MG's + 2 T.M's many rifles + much ammunition.</i>  Our casualties were :- 1 killed and 10 wounded. The one killed was C.S.M. J. HARVIE, M.M.  In addition Lieut. HITCHCOCK, D.C. M., was slightly wounded but remained on duty.</p>	No. 10 Platoon	11-35 p.m.	No. 12 "	11-38 "	No. 9 "	11-55 "	<p>see Bn. O.O.No.129.</p>
No. 10 Platoon	11-35 p.m.									
No. 12 "	11-38 "									
No. 9 "	11-55 "									

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Appendix IX.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MERRIS	10-7-18		<p>At 3-30 p.m. Sgt. LOCKHART and L/cpl. FARREL ("C" Company) left our post at F.l.a.45.35 to reconnoitre. They located an enemy post at F.l.a.65.35. They approached stealthily. When almost on the post, the German N. C. O. who was observing saw our patrol and sprang to his machine gun. Sgt. LOCKHART and L/cpl. FARREL rushed and succeeded in preventing him using the gun.</p> <p>They captured the garrison of 8 with two machine guns, and brought them to our lines.</p>	

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## Appendix X

APPENDIX

Copy No. 10

6th Battalion OPERATION ORDER No. 129A

Ref. Maps :-

Sheets 27 and 36a  
1/20,000.

Headquarters,

6th Battalion, A. I. F.  
10th July 1918.

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1. Tomorrow night, 11th inst., "B" Company (Reserve) will relieve "A" Company in front line. "A" Company, on relief, will move back to Reserve Line. One platoon of "D" Company will move back into Support Line (Left) lately occupied by "C" Company.
2. First party of "B" Company will commence to relieve as soon after 10 p.m. as the light permits.
3. (a) The drawing and carrying of meals and rations will be arranged as hereunder.  
(b) "B" Company will draw their first meal which will arrive at Bn. Hqrs. at 8-30 p.m.  
(c) "A" Company will collect their first meal at Bn. Hqrs. on completion of relief, and will supply carrying party for "B" Coy. and their own second meal, which arrives at dump at 1-30 a.m. ("A" Coy. at Bn. Hqrs., "B" Coy. Oakley Dump).  
(d) "D" Company (3 platoons) will draw their meals at RAY DUMP and will supply Carrying Party for same meals. (First meal 11-30 p.m., second 1-30 a.m.). For "C" Company plus the one platoon of "D" Company attached.
4. O's. C. Companies will make their own arrangements ~~with~~ re guides and movements.
5. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. Hqrs. by code word "HUGAH".
6. A C K N O W L E D G E .

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A/Adjutant 6th Battalion, A. I. F.Distribution.

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1	File		
2 -4	War Diary		
5	2nd A.I. Bde.		D.R.L.S.
6	O.C. "A" Coy.		Runner
7	" "B" Coy.		"
8	" "C" Coy.		"
9	" "D" Coy.		"
10	" Hqrs. Coy.		"
11	Q. M. and T. O.		"

6th Battalion OPERATION ORDER No. 130.

Copy No.       

Ref. Maps :-

Sheets 27 S.E. & 36a N.E.  
1/20,000.

Headquarters,

6th Battalion, A.I.F.  
12th July 1918.

1. INFORMATION. The enemy holds the following positions :-  
X.25.d.4.2. - X.25.d.57.47 + X.25.d.67.41.
2. INTENTION. On the night 12th/13th July at ZERO hour the Battalion will carry out a minor operation, and seize the enemy post at X.25.d.4.2. - X.25.d. 57.47 - X.25.d.67.41.
3. DETAILS. (a) Two (2) platoons of "B" Company will carry out the attack with artillery support.  
(b) The attacking platoons will be formed up on the line X.25.d.10.25 to X.25.d.35.50 at ZERO - 30 minutes.  
(c) Attack will be launched at ZERO hour. Troops will move out as close under the barrage as possible, and at ZERO + 2 minutes on the barrage lifting will rush and capture the objective.  
(d) Consolidation. Strong points will be established and wired at X.25.d.4.2. to X.25.d.67.41, X.25.d.8.5, X.26.e.2.6, X.26.a.15.05.  
(e) Co-operation - Artillery. From ZERO to ZERO + 2 minutes 6 18 pndrs. guns and 2 4.5. Howitzers firing on line X.25.d.40.15 - X.25.d.61.38 - X.25.d.80.42.  
At ZERO + 2 barrage to lift 2 to 300 yards.  
" ZERO + 2 to ZERO + 10 minutes guns to continue slow fire on line 2/300 yards past objective to a line approx. 50 yards West of GIBBON Farm to X.26 central.  
(f) Success signals and GREEN Verrey Lights fired as soon as objective is gained.
4. WATCHES. Watches will be synchronized throughout Battalion at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. tonight.
5. REPORTS. Progress Reports will be communicated to Battalion Headquarters.
6. PRISONERS. Prisoners will be sent direct to Brigade Headquarters.
7. ZERO hour 12 midnight 12th/13th inst.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E .

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A/Adjutant 6th Battalion, A. I. F.Distribution.

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7	" "B" Coy.	"	"
8	" "C" Coy.	"	"
9	" "D" Coy.	"	"
10	" Hqs Coy.	"	"
11	C. O. 5th Bn.	"	"
12	" 4th Bn.	"	"

6th Battalion OPERATION ORDER No. 131.

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Ref. Maps :-  
Sheets 27 S.E and 36A. N.E  
1/20,000

Headquarters 6th Bn A.I.F  
12th July 1918.

1. On the 13th and night of 13th/14th instant the 2nd A.I. Bde is to be relieved by the 3rd A.I. Bde in the Left sub-sector of the Divisional Sector. On relief the 2nd A.I. Bde is to move back into Divisional Reserve and take over duties and dispositions of the Reserve Brigade.
2. On relief the Nucleus Battalion will be disbanded and the personnel thereof will proceed to the Camps allotted to their respective units. Captain H. F. DARBY will arrange to prepare Camp prior to the arrival of the Battalion.
3. (a) On the night of the 13th/14th instant the Battalion will be relieved by the 11th Battalion.  
(b) Companies will be relieved as under :-  

"C" Coy in Line Right	by	"C" Coy 11th Battalion
"B" Coy in Line Left	by	"B" Coy 11th Battalion
"D" Coy in Support	by	"D" Coy 11th Battalion
"A" Coy in Reserve	by	"A" Coy 11th Battalion

(c) Companies on relief will move back in parties not greater than ~~px~~ platoons with 100 yards distance to Divisional Reserve Area at V.23.a.2.8.
4. ROUTE W.16.d.0.<sup>4</sup> - W.21.a.5.9 - W.13.d.000<sup>35</sup> - V.18.a.5.0 to Cross Roads V.23.a.4.8 where guides will meet.
5. Guides for incoming unit - One guide per platoon and one per Coy Headquarters will be sent to Battalion Headquarters at 10 p.m on 13th instant, where they will pick up their respective incoming platoons and guide them to their relative positions.
6. (a) All maps, aerial photographs, plans of work, Defence Schemes and all information of value will be handed over.  
(b) S.O.S signals, ammunition, Trench and Area Stores will be handed over to Officers i/c Advance Parties and receipts obtained. One copy of these receipts will be sent to these Headquarters by 3 a.m on 13th
- (7) Lewis Guns will be dumped at Battalion Headquarters by 11.45 p.m on 13th instant. One man per Coy will be detailed to remain and act as guard and assist to load same.
8. Transport Officer will arrange :-  
(a) Transport of all Stores  
(b) Mess Cart to be at Battalion Hqrs at 11 p.m.
9. Coy Commanders will ensure that each Officer and man brings out from the Line at least one article as souvenir for War Museum - duplication no object. All such articles, together with all salvage, will be dumped at W.23.c.35.15.
10. Details of Relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between O's C. Coys concerned.
11. Completion of relief will be notified to these Headquarters by wiring code word "SINGERS"

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1	File						
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6	O.C. "A" Coy		Runner	10	O.C. Hrs Coy		"
7	O.C. "B" Coy		"	11	Q.M and T.O		"
8	O.C. "C" Coy		"	12	CAPT H.F. DARBY		"
				13	S/O SHERIDAN		"
				14			"

*Samuel* Lieut  
A/Adjutant 6th Battalion AIF

6th Battalion OPERATION ORDER No. 132.

Ref Maps :-  
Sheets 27 & 36a.  
1/40,000.

Headquarters,  
6th Battalion, A.I.F.  
14-7-1918.

1. On the 14th and 15th inst. the 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade is to move by march route from Reserve Area to RACQUINGHEM.
2. The 6th Battalion will move to camp at RACQUINGHEM tomorrow, 15th inst..
3. The Battalion will start from this camp at 7-45 a.m., and head of column will pass starting point V.20.a.8.2 at 8-30 a.m.
4. Order of march - Hqrs., "D", "C", "B", "A" and transport.
5. ROUTE. V.21.d.5.1.B. (starting Point V.20.a.8.2) via V.19.b.4.5 - V.19.c.75.60 - U.24.c.2.8 - WAILLAN CAPPEL - U.26.b.90.25 - LYNDE B.4.a.75.80 - B.4.c.8.0 - B.3.a.2.3. - B.9.a.1.5 - "PONT" ASQUIN - BELLE CROIX - RACQUINGHEM.
6. (a) DISTANCE - 100 yards between Companies, and 100 yards between rear Company and transport.  
(b) HALTS will be at 10 minutes to each clock hour.  
(c) GUIDES will meet Battalion at LYNDE, and guide Companies to destination.
7. One Lewis Gun will be mounted on each Company cooker for protection against low-flying enemy aircraft.
8. DRESS :- Fighting Order, steel hats to be worn.
9. ADVANCE PARTIES :- As previously arranged 1 N.C.O. per Company and 1 from Headqtrs reported to Lieut. H. COLLINS, D.C.M., at 9 a.m. on 14th inst. and proceeded to new area to take over camp and stores at new location.
10. Transport Officer will arrange for transport of Lewis Guns.
11. (a) Company boxes, mess kits, Officers valises, and blankets rolled in bundles of 10 will be stacked by Companies at entrance to Camp by 7 a.m.  
(b) Canteen and goods will be transferred to new area.
12. Quartermaster will arrange transport of all packs and stores.
13. Party of 20 men under Capt. ROLLASON will remain behind to ensure camp being handed over scrupulously clean. Certificates to this effect, together with receipt for area stores handed over to be sent this office by first runner after arrival at new location.  
D.A.D.M.S. will inspect camp at 9 a.m.
14. A C K N O W L E D G E .

*J. M. Johnson*

Capt.  
Adjutant 6th Battalion, A. I. F.

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Ref Maps :-  
 Sheets 36a N.W. and 27.  
 1/20,000.

Headquarters,  
 6th Battalion, A.I.F.  
 18-7-1918.

1. The Battalion will be in readiness to move at two hours notice between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. until further notice.
2. In the event of a move being ordered the message "MOVE" will be wired, and the following procedure will be taken.
3. Companies will fall in on their respective Company Parade Grounds ready for moving off, reporting to Battalion Headquarters when all is correct, and await orders.
4. Order of march to embussing point will be :-  
 Hqrs., "A", "D", "C" and "B" Companies.
5. Embussing point will be on the RACQUINGHEM - WITTES Road, with head of Brigade column at B.27.a.3.8 facing S. E.  
 6th Battalion will form up immediately in rear of 5th Bn, in parties of 20, six parties to every 80 yards.
6. Route to embussing point - B.20.a.0.1 - B.20 a.6.5.
7. Debussing will take place on the main EBBLINGHEM-HAZEBROUCK Road, with head of column as near LES CINQ RUES as hostile shelling will permit.
8. DRESS :- Fighting Order, with greatcoats and ground sheets rolled, extra 100 rounds S. A. A. and 1 bomb per man.
9. Packs, and blankets in bundles of 10 will be stacked alongside Guard tent.  
 O. C. Hqrs. Coy. will detail a guard of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men from Band to remain in charge.
10. Transport will move by road to V.14.c.5.0 under orders of Brigade Transport Officer.
11. A C K N O W L E D G E .

Capt.,  
 Adjutant 6th Battalion, A. I. F.

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7	" " "B" Coy.	"	"
8	" " "C" Coy.	"	"
9	" " "D" Coy.	"	"
10	" Hqrs. Coy.	"	"
11	Q. M. and T. O.	"	"
12	R. M. O.	"	"
13	I. O.	"	"
14-16	spares		

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Appendix XV APPENDIX 15  
6th Battalion OPERATIONAL ORDER No. 174.

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Ref. Maps :-  
Sheets 36a and 27.  
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6th Battalion, A. I. F.  
29th July 1918.

1. On the 29th and 30th inst. the 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade is to move from ~~BARQUINER~~ area into ~~Divisional Reserve Area~~.
2. On the 30th inst. the 6th Battalion will move by route-march from present location to V.17.c.9.1.
3. The Battalion will start from this camp at 8-5 a.m., to pass starting point - ~~V.14.c.1.6~~ at 8-20 a.m. I.A. ~~will~~
4. Route :- BLANCHET - ~~RENOUX~~ - WALLON CYPRIEL  
V.20.d.1.4 - V.21.d.3.b. - V.22.b.0.2.8
5. Order of March :- Hqs., "A", "B", "C", "D", Transport.  
Transport will accompany Battalion to ~~LES SING RUMI~~ whence *ch*  
will move direct to wagon lines at V.21.b. ~~stage~~  
Cookers will move with Companies.  
*and Lewis Gunners*
6. Distances. A distance of 100 yards between Companies and between Companies and transport will be maintained.
7. Halts. There will be halts of 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour.
8. Dress. Fighting Order with Hats, steel Helmets to be carried above haversacks waterproof sheets to be carried in haversacks.
9. Tents, etc. All tents, trench shelters and marquees will be left standing, and lines left in a scrupulously clean condition. Certificates to this effect will be obtained from Advance Parties of Loading Unit.
10. Packs and Blankets. Packs, blankets in bundles of 10 and greatcoats in bundles of 10 will be stacked near guard tent by 7 a.m.  
Packs and blankets of Nucleus personnel will be stacked at same place in separate stacks.  
C. C. "D" Company will detail 1 N. C. C. and 3 men from Nucleus personnel to remain in charge.  
Blankets and greatcoats will be re-distributed on arrival at V.17.c.9.1.
11. Company Commanders will arrange for the mounting of Lewis Gun on respective cockers, as protection against low-flying enemy aircraft during march.
12. A C K N O W L E D G E .

*James Johnston*  
Capt.,  
Adjutant 6th Battalion, A. I. F.

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APPENDIX XV  
APPENDIX  
of the Report of the Commission of Enquiry into the Operations of the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade during the Battle of Buna-Makumbani

1. On the 23rd and 24th inst. the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade is to move from Makumbani to the present location at 7.15.0.1.
2. On the 23rd inst. the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade is to move from Makumbani to the present location at 7.15.0.1.
3. The Brigade will start from this location at 07.00 hours and will move to the present location at 7.15.0.1.
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Captain  
Commandant 2nd Battalion, I.I.F.

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## 6th Battalion OPERATION ORDER No. 135.

Ref. MAPS :-

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Headquarters,

6th Battalion, A.I.F.  
29th July 1918.

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1. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade is to relieve the 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade in the left sub-sector of the Divisional sector on the 30th inst. and the night of 30th/31st inst.
  2. The 6th Battalion will relieve the 11th Battalion, A. I. F., in support right on the 30th inst.  
Companies of the 6th Battalion will relieve, and take over present dispositions and duties of corresponding companies of the 11th Battalion.
  3. Order of March. Order of March will be :- Hqs., "A", "B", "C", "D".  
Head of column will leave camp at 9 p.m.  
Movement will be in platoons at 100 yards distance.  
Route. V.17.c.9.1 - V.18.c.6.9 - W.13.d.0.3 - W.20.a.9.9.
  4. Advance Parties. Advance parties, as already instructed, will go into all posts tonight. Guides from these parties will meet platoons on arrival at W.20.a.9.9 and guide them into their respective positions.
  5. (a) All maps, plans of work, aerial photographs, defence schemes and special duties will be exchanged with outgoing Companies.  
(b) S. O. S. signals, ammunition areas and trench stores will be taken over, and receipts in triplicate sent to reach this Headquarters by 6 a.m. on 31st inst.
  6. Company Commanders disposition sketches will be sent to reach this office by 6 a.m. on 31st inst.
  7. Felt hats will be collected and stacked outside Company Headquarters by 7 p.m. on 30th inst.
  8. Transport Officer will arrange for transport of Lewis Guns and Company Headquarters stores.
  9. The M. S. M. will arrange for two buglers with bugles to be attached to Battalion Headquarters.
  10. The band will be attached to Battalion Headquarters.
  11. Nucleus. Nucleus personnel will report to Capt. L. CAMPBELL on Camp ground at 2-30 p.m.
  12. Headquarters at W.21.c.3.9.
  13. A C K N O W L E D G E .

*James Pollock*  
Capt.,  
Adjutant 6th Battalion, A. I. F.

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9	" " "D" "	"	"
10	I.O. <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	"	"
11	Q.M. & T.O.	"	"
12	C.O. 11th Bn.	"	D.R.L.S.
13-14	Spares.		

Adjutant Gen Battalion, A.I.B.

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Appendix XVII JULY DIARYCaptures during tour on line 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July

Prisoners 21

Machine Guns 14.

M. W's 2

Many rifles, Grenades + much  
Ammunition