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OF

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SERCUS AREA.	1918. June.	1st	Compant route marches in morning. Fine day. In afternoon an aeroplane contact patrol demonstration was carried out by the Brigade. Vide Battalion Special Order (Corr.1.). The following 2nd Lieutenants were promoted Lieutenants:- T.R.GRANT, T.B.HANSON, C.P.CLOWE, G.B.RUSSELL, A.E.WISEWOULD, K.J.D.MACKENZIE, P.R.CARNE, T.J.ROSS, A.G.SWIFT, J.M.LYLE, R.P.WHALLEY, and J.H.HAMBLETT.	Corr.1.
do		2nd	Fine warm day. A Brigade Church Parade was held, the Corps Commander and Divisional Commander being present. After Church Parade the C.O. presented prize money won at Brigade Sports Meeting. A cricket match was played in the afternoon against the 8th Battalion and won by us by 30 runs. The Divisional Concert Party gave an open air concert at night.	
do		3rd	The Battalion moved from SERCUS Area to LA KREULE Area (Battalion Order 37) (Corr.2). Packs were dumped in old camp for removal to store at EBBLINGHEM. Fine warm day. March began at 7.30 a.m. and Battalion was complete in camp at 10.30 a.m. Accommodation was in trench shelters and tents inx in a paddock at V.15.B.8.3. Officers and N.C.O's reconnoitred routes to 12th Battalion. Battalion Order No.38 (Corr.3) issued for relief of 12 th Battalion in the line on night of June 4/5th. Advance parties went forward to remain in posts.	Corr.2. Corr.3.
SHEET 36A 27 S.E.		4th	Battalion remained all day in camp. Further reconnaissance of forward area was carried out. Battalion moved out at 8.30 p.m. and relief was complete without incident by 12.40 a.m. "D" Company were in the line on the right, "A" Company on the left, "B" Company in support, and "C" Company in reserve. Battalion Headquarters was at E.3.A.0.8. The night passed quietly. Division advised that Major H.E.BASTIN "MC" and Captain J.BOWTELL-HARRIS "MC" had been selected for the Indian Army. An appreciation of the service of these two original Officers will be found in the appendices. Casualties - 2 Other Ranks wounded.	
do		5th	Fine day. At night, after reconnaissance, the line was advanced to an average depth of 300 yards in accordance with prearranged plan. No opposition was encountered. "D" Company line then ran, E.11.C.8.3. - E.11.C.8.6. - E.11.A.8.2. - E.11.B.2.6. "A" Company placed a Machine Gun on the railway line at E.11.B.6.6. and a post at E.11.B.8.8. Lieut.J.GORDON with a patrol entered hedge at E.11.B.5.5. and located an enemy Machine Gun at E.11.B.6.4. Lieut.O.J.E.HARRIS awarded a Military Cross. Lieut.A.J.WATERS joined from Reinforcements. Casualties - 2 O/R. wounded, 1 O/R. died of wounds.	

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FRONT LINE	1918 June. 6th		<p>Intermittent shelling of MONT de MERRIS by day and night. The new posts were deepened and strengthened. "D" Company's right post at C.11.C.8.3. was subjected to continual Machine Gun fire during the night, delaying the work. Posts were established at E.11.C.8.6. - E.11.A.8.2., and E.11.B.2.6. "A" Company established a post at E.5.D.9.3. Posts at E.6.C.2.4. and E.6.C.6.7. remained unchanged. An enemy aeroplane was brought down by four of our planes, after a most gallant and brilliant defence. A fire was started by enemy artillery in the vicinity of STRAZEELE Station, making patrol work difficult. Patrols from "D" Company encountered enemy and located Machine Guns. Casualties - nil. 5 O/R. wounded, 1 O/R. killed.</p>	
do	7th		<p>Fine but dull. Usual artillery activity by night and day against the MONT de MERRIS and STRAZEELE Station. At night a patrol from the left post reconnaitred copse from E.6.C.5.3. to E.12.A.5.8. Patrol from right post of "A" Company entered hedge at E.11.B.5.5., and encountered machine gun fire from E.11.B.6.4. A dump near STRAZEELE Station was set on fire about 10.30 p.m. making patrolling difficult. Post from E.5.D.8.4. moved to E.6.C.2.4. and dug in. Brigade Order No.104 received, giving alterations of Divisional dispositions. Scheme is set out in C.O's Report. Battalion Order No.39 issued for relief of "A" and "D" Companies by "C" and "B" respectively on night of 8/9 June. Lieuts.BANKS and HATFIELD returned from 2nd Army School. Casualties - 1 O/R. Wounded.</p>	CORR.5
do	8th		<p>Fine and warm day. Usual hostile activity against MONT de MERRIS and STRAZEELE Station. Our artillery was active against enemy positions. Lieut.E.G.ROBB rejoined Battalion from Nucleus. In accordance with Battalion Order No.39, "B" and "C" Companies went to front line posts, "D" and "A" Companies coming back to Support and Reserve respectively. 6th Battalion took over the two left posts of the Battalion, and left Company took over one post to the right of the Railway, each Company then keeping one platoon in Close Support. Relief complete without incident by 2 a.m. (9th.). During the day our 6 in. Mortars shelled enemy post at E.11.B.6.4. A party of the enemy emerged, dazed and wounded, and made off. Our Lewis Guns inflicted further casualties. Patrols were active during the night. At dusk Lieut.WISEWOULD reached bombing distance of post at E.11.B.6.4. and inflicted casualties. Lieut.R.B.PURBRICK and 8 men entered enemy post at E.11.D.2.3. and found it unoccupied. A bombing fight ensued with enemy at E.11.D.3.4. Casualties - Nil.</p>	<p><i>W. Howard Lt. Col</i></p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRONT LINE.	1918. June. 9th		Quieter than usual. Patrols at night established touch with enemy. Lieut. TAVERNER and 4 men engaged in a bomb fight with enemy at E.11.B.5.1. Another patrol located enemy at E.12.A.5.8. Lieut. C.L. DOBBIN left for M.G. School at LUMBRES (Army School). Lieut. F.G. KIRCHEN to 2nd Army Central School. Casualties - Nil.	
do	10th		Fine day; cool wind. Quiet day. Lieut. T.P. O'CONNOR came up from Nucleus (where he had reported from 2nd Army School), and went to "C" Company as 2nd in Command. Brigade Order 106 received for relief on night of June 12/13th. A proposal was formulated for an operation against the enemy on the night of June 11/12th. This was approved by Brigade and arrangements were begun. Vide Narrative of Operations. Casualties - 1 O/R. wounded.	CORR. 6.
do	11th		Fine day; cool wind. Quiet except for shelling of support platoon right Coy. during afternoon. Effective retaliation was secured. Harassing fire was maintained on posts it is contemplated capturing. Operations were postponed to night of June 12/13th, and relief postponed at request of Battalion until night of June 13/14th conditional on gas being discharged on sector on our right on night of June 11/12th. Vide Narrative of Operations. All posts South of Railway line were withdrawn from 10.30 p.m. till 1.30 a.m. Then conditions were found unsuitable and gas was not discharged. Battalion Order 41. Battalion Order 42 for operation on night of June 12/13th. Lieut. T.R. GRANT from XV Corps School. Casualties - 3 O/R. wounded.	CORR. 7 CORR. 8
do	12th		Fine day. Battalion Order No. 43 issued for relief by 5th Battalion at night. In consequence of the failure to release gas we were notified that an operation for the night of June 12/13th had to be abandoned, and relief would take place as originally intended on that night. Instructions were issued accordingly. Later approval of the operation came through; relief arrangements were cancelled; and arrangements for the enterprise set in hand. A report of the operation is attached as a Narrative and will be found in the appendices. Lieut. R.L. PIERCEY joined Battalion from Regt. 1st List. Casualties - Nil. Regtl. seconded <i>W.M.</i>	CORR. 9 CORR. 10 CORR. 11

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FRONT LINE.	1918. June. 13th		Quiet day. Occasional shelling of front line, but no further infantry action. Battalion was relieved by 5th Battalion at night and came back to reserve in billets behind BORRE. Battalion Headquarters at V.24.D.5.7. Battalion Order 44 (Corr.17). Casualties - Lieut.P.L.EDGOOSE wounded, 3 O/R. killed in action, 22 O/R. wounded.	Corr.12 " 13 " 14 " 15 " 16 Corr.17
RESERVE, BORRE.	14th		Fine warm day. At night fatigue parties were supplied to cut crops in front of Reserve Line of Forward Zone. A Conference held at Divisional Headquarters was attended by Lieut.Col. E.E.HERROD "DSO". Lieut.A.E.WISEWOULD and 2/Lieut.N.G.TAVERNER proceeded to XV Corps School. Casualties - Nil.	
RESERVE, PRADELLES.	15th		Warm day. Battalion Order No.45 (Corr.18) issued. As higher authorities had reason to anticipate an enemy attack on the morning of June 16th the Battalion moved up into defensive positions in front of and to the right of PRADELLES. Battalion Headquarters was with 6th Battalion Headquarters in PRADELLES Brewery. Casualties - Nil.	Corr.18
RESERVE, BORRE.	16th		The anticipated attack did not come off. Cookers went forward in the morning and men were supplied with hot breakfast. Day quiet. Battalion Order No.46 (Corr.19). Battalion moved back to same billets as on June 14th, near BORRE. One platoon per Company remained as nucleus garrison for the trenches vacated in reserve line, forward zone, these 4 platoons being under the Command of Capt.W.R.D'ALTERA. Casualties - Nil.	Corr.19
LA KREULE AREA.	17th		Fine day. Battalion Order No.47 issued (Corr.20). Battalion moved on relief by 10th Battalion to bivouac positions at V.23.A.5.9., "A" Company only being in billets. Battalion Headquarters at V.23.A.5.9. Lieut.A.DEAN to XV Corps Intelligence Class; Lieut.K.G.BANKS to 2nd Army School. 2/Lieut.J.CADDY joined Battalion from Cadet Battalion, England. Casualties - Nil.	Corr.20
Sheet 36A N.W. SERCUS.	18th		Nucleus Battalion rejoined. Many heavy showers in the morning. At 2 p.m. AZB.156 (Corr.21) ordered a sudden move. The Battalion moved by march route to SERCUS, leaving at 3.15 p.m. G.O.C. 2nd Brigade inspected the march near SERCUS and later the Divisional Commander inspected the march. Camp was a very comfortable one at C.6.B.2.4. Training Syllabus issued (Corr.22). Casualties - Nil.	Corr.21 Corr.22

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SERCUS.	1918 June. 19th		Heavy showers in morning. No parades held. Conference of Officers held by C.O. 100 men were inoculated. At 6 p.m. Divisional Concert Party gave a concert at Brigade Sports Ground followed by a Y.M.C.A. Cinema show at 7.45 p.m. An enemy aeroplane was engaged by a number of our machines over the camp and forced to descend several miles away.	
do	20th		Dull day. Gas helmet inspection by Brigade Gas Officer. "A" Company had the use of the rifle range.	
do	21st		Windy day. Battalion had the use of the Divisional baths. "B" Company on the rifle range. Divisional Gas Officer delivered a lecture to all Gas N.C.Os.	
do	22nd		Fine day. "C" Company had the use of the range. A cricket match played in the afternoon between 7th and 8th Battalion Officers was won by the 7th Battalion by an innings. Lieut. W.L. TUCKER "DCM" rejoined Battalion from 2nd Training Battalion, England.	
do	23rd		Lieut. C.L. DOBBIN from 2nd Army School.	
do	23rd		Windy day. Brigade Church Parade in morning. At 5 p.m. Battalion mounted duty as Inlying Picquet for ensuing 24 hours. Battalion was placed under half an hour's notice to move. No men were allowed to leave camp; stragglers were collected; and all men slept in their clothes. Frequent roll calls were held. A Battalion concert was held in the evening.	
do	24th		Wet day. Order to move at half an hour's notice cancelled. No parades were held. AZB. 195 renewed order to be prepared to move at half an hour's notice. "D" Coy. had use of rifle range. Lieut. A.G. SWIFT rejoined from Supy. List; 2/Lieut. E.C. SUMMERS from Cadet Bn. Lieut. W.H.G. SMITH to 2nd Army School.	Corr. 23
do	25th		Fine day. Brigade Sports Meeting was held. A very enjoyable day was spent. The cup was won by 5th Battalion with 18 points; 6th Battalion 2nd with 16 points; 7th Bn. 3rd with 13 points; A.S.C. 8 points; 8th Bn. 2 points. Divisional Concert Party gave a concert at night. 2/Lieut. W.J.S.G. POOLE rejoined from Supy. List.	Corr. 24
do	26th		Fine day. Training as per syllabus.	

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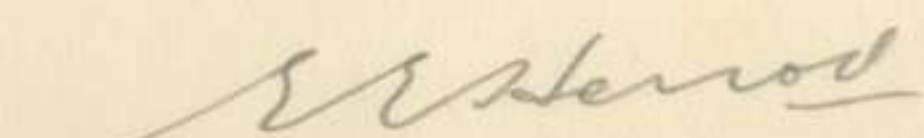
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SERCUS & FRONT LINE.	1918 June, 27th		<p>Battalion Order 48 & 49. Battalion moved from SERCUS at 8 a.m. by march route. The Divisional Commander inspected the march from the starting point. This was the farewell inspection of General WALKER before his departure from the Division. Packs were dumped at camp for removal to LA NIEPPE. Battalion rested in bivouacs at V.23.A.5.9. Nucleus left Battalion under Lieut. T.P.O'CONNOR. Battalion moved out at 9 p.m. and relieved 2nd Battalion in front line as left Battalion left Brigade. 9th Division were on our right left, and 8th Battalion on our right. "C" and "D" Companies were in the line, "A" in support, and "B" in Reserve. Battalion Headquarters at W.18.D.15.50. Two American Officers also 7 N.C.Os. attached to the Battalion for instruction. Lieut. E.W.HILL reported to Brigade H/qrs. as Liaison Officer with Brigade on our left. Lieut. A.DEAN reported back from XV Corps Intelligence Class. Casualties - 1 O/R killed.</p>	<p>Corr.25 Corr.26.</p>
FRONT LINE.	28th		<p>quiet night. A smoke screen was put over on our front by Special Company R.E. at 6 a.m., covering operations by 31st Division on right. Some heavy rain in early afternoon, otherwise fine. Casualties - Lieut. O.GREYNOLDS to hospital wounded, 12 O/R. wounded.</p>	
do	29th		<p>quiet night and day. Patrols active at night. Enemy artillery fairly quiet. No activity against front line posts. Capt. A.HOEKINSON, Battalion Q.M., to hospital sick. 2/Lieut. N.G.TAVERNER from XV Corps School. Casualties - Nil.</p>	
do	30th		<p>quiet day and fine. Usual patrol activity at night. Enemy artillery inactive. Casualties - 1 O/R. wounded.</p>	


 Lieut. Col.
 Commanding 7th Aust. Battalion.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

Commanding Officer's Report. June 1st - 13th.

At the beginning of the month the Battalion was in Reserve in the SERCUS Area, where it had been since May 26th. June 1st and 2nd were spent in training and games, in continuation of the programme set out in last month's report. On June 3rd the Battalion moved with Brigade to Support Area, and on the night of June 4/5th took over the right section of the Div. sector.

Disposition was as follows:- "D" and "A" Companies in the line, "B" Company in Support and "C" Company in Reserve. "D" Company were on the right and "B" Company on the left on a line running E.11.C.1.0. - E.11.A.5.0. - E.11.A.6.5. - E.11.A.9.9. - E.5.D.5.6. - E.5.D.8.7. - E.6.C.2.5. - E.6.C.7.7. The 29th Division (1st Battalion Lancs. Fusiliers) was on the right, and the 6th Australian Battalion on the left. The inter-Company boundary was the railway line. "B" Company were in Supports in E.4. with Company Headquarters at E.4.C.8.8. "C" Company in Reserve at W.27.C.6.4. Vide sketch attached to Diary.

The situation when we came in was not clear. On the night of June 2nd the 3rd Brigade had captured MONT de MERRIS, an eminence commanding a good view over the whole of the flat country surrounding. This high ground began from the left of the railway line and ran well into the section of the line occupied by the centre Battalion, the 6th Battalion. In the capture of this position small loss was sustained, while prisoners totalled close on 300. This advance brought our left considerably in advance of our right. On the night of June 3rd the 12th Battalion attempted to advance their line on the right to conform, but were unable to do so. When we took over we could get very little information of the enemy positions opposite us.

After reconnaissance it was decided to advance our right Company and the right posts of our left Company. On the night of June 5th "A" Company advanced a post to E.11.B.8.8. without opposition, and "D" Company reconnoitred positions for a new line. On the following night, June 6/7th, "D" Company advanced without opposition and established a line as follows:- Their right post was placed on crossroads E.11.C.8.3., then E.11.C.6.7. - E.11.A.8.2. - E.11.A.8.6. "A" Company a Lewis Gun on the railway at E.11.B.6.7., and advanced posts to E.6.C.2.3. - E.6.C.4.4., posts at E.6.C.2.5. and E.6.C.7.7. remained unchanged. This gave a fairly good line, with excellent observation over the whole front from the MONT de MERRIS, and from observation posts at each of the line Companies' Headquarters.

PATROLLING. Patrols were sent out nightly to gain touch with the enemy and secure information. These were constantly engaged by Machine Gun fire, and succeeded in locating a number of posts on the right Company front. Posts were found at E.11.C.8.1 - E.11.D.3.2. - E.11.D.5.9. - and E.11.B.6.4. On the left Company front it was very difficult to locate enemy positions as no sign was ever seen of him there. Eventually a line of posts was located from E.6.D.1.6. - E.6.D.1.3. - E.12.A.9.9. - E.12.A.7.3. - E.12.A.4.0., all carefully camouflaged. Several attempts were made to secure prisoners, but patrols failed to surprise posts, being driven off by bombs and Machine Gun fire on several occasions. Special report on operation attached.

RATIONS. Company cookers were brought up to W.27.D. From here hot meals were carried forward twice during the night to front line posts by men from the Reserve Company.

Alteration of Disposition, night of 8/9th June. Under Brigade Order No.104 the dispositions of the Brigade were changed. The 1st Brigade took over the front of the 5th Battalion and portion of the 6th Battalion front. The 6th Battalion took over our two left posts, the inter-Battalion boundary now running E.6.C.2.4. to W.28.A.0.0. The left Company took over the left post of the right Company. On the same night "A" and "D" Companies were relieved by "C" and "B" Companies respectively.

HOSTILE ACTIVITY. The enemy attitude was strictly defensive. No patrols were ever encountered, nor did he fire his Machine Guns unless he saw movement. He was very alert, however, and fired many flares. On the left he could not be found at all close up to our line. His artillery was chiefly active against forward positions. He shot continually on our old line on MONT de MERRIS, and on the STRAZEELE Station and its vicinity. Movement to Company Headquarters was possible to a limited extent by day.

WEATHER CONDITIONS were favorable throughout. The days were fine and warm; the nights were mild. The hours of darkness lasted only from 10 p.m. to about 3 a.m., leaving only 5 hours for work. The days were long, and men had to lie in the new incompleated posts all day unable to move. This was probably the worst feature of our tour in the line.

ARRIVALS.

1	Officer from Reinforcements
3	" " 2nd Army School.
1	" " Seconded List.
1	" " XV Corps School.
34	O/Ranks " Hospital.
6	" " Bde. Intell. Class.
6	" " trans. from other unit.
2	" " Detention.
5	" " Reinforcements
2	" " att. other units
5	" " 2nd Army School.
1	" " 2nd Training Bn.
2	" " XV Corps School.
2	" " do do Musk.Sch.
2	" " Aust. Vet. School.

DEPARTURES.

1	Officer to 2nd Army School.
1	" Wounded.
2	" to XV Corps School.
24	O/Ranks to Hospital sick.
36	" Wounded.
1	" Died of Wounds.
4	" Killed in Action.
2	" Aust. Vet. School.
3	" to att. other units.
13	" to leave England.
1	" to Cookery School.
4	" to 2nd Army School.
1	" to 2nd Army S.O.S. School
1	" Detention
7	" XV Corps School.
2	" Officers Cadet Bn.
1	" Australia on furlough.

BATTALION STRENGTH

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/Rks.</u>
Present	37	739
Detached	11	87
TOTAL.	48	826

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Commanding 7th Aust. Battalion.

Commanding Officer's Report.

June 13-17th. :- The events of this period are fully set out in the daily Narrative.

ARRIVALS.

1 Officer from Cadet Bn.
7 Other Ranks from Hospital
1 " " att. other unit.

DEPARTURES.

1 Officer Corps Intell. Course.
1 " XV Corps School.
6 Other Ranks to Hospital
3 " " XV Corps School.
1 " " Trench Mortar Schpol
2 " " Detention.
1 " " Corps Intell. Course.

BATTALION STRENGTH

	Officers.	O/Rks.
Present -	36	748
Detached -	13	79
TOTAL.	39	827

June 17-27th. :- During this period the Battalion was in the SERCUS Area, occupying a camp in C.16.B.2.4. (36A). The camp was large and comfortable. The weather was fine chiefly, with a tendency to short heavy showers. The period was devoted partly to training and partly to sports and games. The Battalion had the use of a rifle range, and all Lewis Gunners were practised; in addition every man was put through a Lewis Gun course and fired 1 magazine, a rifle grenade from the new discharger, and a musketry course.

Battalion had the use of Divisional Baths one day, and all Companies were put through.

Sports and games were engaged in in the afternoons. Cricket matches between Companies and with other Battalions aroused considerable interest. A Brigade Sports Meeting was held and provided an enjoyable and exciting contest.

Considerable apprehension was felt by higher formations as to the enemy's intentions on this front. An enemy attack was always a contingency to be provided for, and one Battalion was kept constantly in readiness to move by motorbuses as soon as an attack developed. Each Battalion in turn mounted duty as Inlying Picquet for 24 hours, during which period no one was allowed to leave camp except in the course of training, and Battalion was to be prepared to move at half an hour's notice. Twice special warnings for readiness were issued, but no enemy attack developed.

ARRIVALS.

1 Officer from 2nd Army School.
1 " from Corps Intell. Course
1 " from 2nd Tng. Bn.
2 " from Supy. List.
1 " from Cadet Bn.
34 Other Ranks from Hospital.
1 " " from Reinfts.
3 " " from Detention
5 " " from att. other units
4 " " from leave England.
5 " " from 2nd Army School.
1 " " from XV Corps School.
4 " " Bde. Intell. Class.
1 " " Corps Int. Course.
2 " " Prison

DEPARTURES.

1 Officer to 2nd Army School.
42 Other Ranks to Hospital.
1 " " Acc. killed.
4 " " Bde. Intell. Class.
1 " " leave England.
2 " " XV Corps School.
3 " " transferred.
3 " " 2nd Army School.
4 " " Div. Sig. School.
2 " " att. other units.
2 " " Illegal Absentees.

BATTALION STRENGTH.

		<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O/Rks.</u>
Present	-	41	744
Detached	-	12	72
TOTAL.		<u>53</u>	<u>816.</u>

June 27-30th. :- to be dealt with in July diary.

ARRIVALS.

1 Officer from XV Corps School.
 6 Other Ranks from Hospital
 1 " " from T.M. School.
 1 " " from att. other unit.
 3 " " XVCorps School.
 3 " " from Renfts.

DEPARTURES.

1 Officer wounded.
 1 " to Hospital sick.
 57 Other Ranks to Hospital.
 1 " " killed in action.
 13 " " wounded.
 1 " " leave England.
 1 " " 1st Tng. Bn.
 4 " " att. other units.
 2 " " leave Paris.

BATTALION STRENGTH.

		<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O/Rks.</u>
Present	-	40	679
Detached	-	12	74
TOTAL.		<u>52</u>	<u>753.</u>

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 Commanding 7th Aust. Battalion.

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7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

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Senior Major's Report.

SPORTS :- During the month the Battalion has been out in Reserve for eight days. Every opportunity was taken for sports, Cricket being the principal item. Inter Company matches were played each afternoon, and great interest was taken in the matches by all concerned.

CANTEEN :- The canteen has been busy during the month. Unfortunately supplies have not been up to the demands. The majority of the goods are obtained from DUNKIRK. Regimental Canteen is greatly appreciated by the men.

MESSING :- This subject receives the greatest attention. The men are very well fed, and all ranks speak highly of the excellent way they are fed. Seasoning for the various dishes are provided from Regimental Funds.

(Sgd.) C.H. SWIFT, Major.
7th Battalion.

W. H. Swift Lieut. Col

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Medical Officer's Report.

For June unit completed its stay at SERCUS on 3rd inst. Sickness was slight in this area, only 11 men being evacuated in 8 days. The men benefited considerably by the rest from forward area work, and on again moving forward were in pretty good condition and excellent spirits. The camping grounds were becoming rather worn and dusty from repeated use.

During the period 4th-18th spent in holding the line and in carrying out fatigues in forward area sickness rate was remarkably light as evacuations totalled only 13. Living conditions in support areas were good, and owing to good weather front posts were more comfortable than usual. Feeding arrangements were carried out well, but owing to the length of daylight, during which fires could not be lit, the hot meals had to be fixed rather close together.

During the operation carried out by this unit the evacuation of casualties to R.A.P. was carried out very well. From here they were got away rapidly by Field Ambulance.

Battalion moved back to SERCUS Area on 18th inst. and remained there until 27th. Camp was in moderately good condition on taking over, but beginning to become dusty about the tents. The number of men per tent (average 9) was too great in view of fact that previous occupants of the area had suffered a great deal from influenza. The amount of work carried out was moderate, but on account of early reveille and long hours of daylight men did not in most cases get the amount of sleep necessary after being so much in the forward area. Recreation was well looked after and the feeding was excellent. At first sick rate was low but on 3rd day cases of influenza began to appear. This was only to be expected as it had already assumed epidemic form in ~~xxx~~ the Brigade. The number of cases rapidly increased to a maximum on 27th inst., the day the Battalion moved into the line again. On this day 35 cases had to be evacuated and a number of others had incompletely recovered from this complaint. 54 cases have been evacuated since the outbreak. The rapid spread of this trouble can be attributed partly to the lowered resistance of the troops resulting from some months of fairly constant forward area work.

The men badly need a spell further away from the line than they have been recently, and under better conditions than those which obtain in the ordinary tented camp.

(Sgd.) D.L.BARLOW, Capt.
R.M.O. 7th Battalion.

W. Herrod Lieut. Col

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Quartermaster's Report.

1. RATIONS. Rations for this month have shown the usual good quality, excepting potatoes, the usual issue of which has consisted of 50% good English and the remainder hoary French veterans (mainly whiskers).

One six gallon cask of supposed rum was found to contain water. This mistake was set right by the A.S.C.

Pork and Beans still appear as a meat ration much to the troops disgust. Tea was received with the weight correct to the half ounce.

2. CLOTHING. Service dress was difficult to obtain, but with the able co-operation of bootmakers and tailors the Battalion was clothed and shod as decently as possible. Clothing and boots of the Battalion, however, will have been just about worn out by the time the next spell arrives. This will necessitate a large issue of new material.

3. SALVAGE. The Battalion has maintained its reputation for salvage. The following are some figures for month of June :-

Fat	1700 lbs.
Paper & Cardboard	346 lbs.
Empty Tins	24 sacks (for desoldering).

In addition a large quantity of service dress, rifles and miscellaneous articles were returned to Ordnance.

The battalion had the best record for salvage in the Division for the week ending 26th June.

(Sgd.) F.B.GAULTON, Lieut.
A/Q.M. 7th Aust. Battalion.

F. B. Gaulton

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.Transport Officer's Report.

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Location of Transport Lines :- From June 3rd to June 18th transport for the whole Brigade was situated at V.14.A.7.3. in a clean and comfortable camp. From June 18th to June 27th transport was with the Battalion near SERCUS, and returned to camp in V.14.A.7.3. on 27th June.

Personnel :- While in the forward camp the band have been attached to transport. Conditions have been pleasant and the men have lived very comfortably. Rations were plentiful and well cooked. A cricket pitch was prepared and fullest use made of the cricketing material in leisure hours. The Battalion transport had several notable successes against other teams.

Horses :- They have probably never been in better condition. Though the work is hard the forage is excellent and varied, consisting of clover, oats and bale hay. In addition there is plenty of grazing for them.

Harness & Wagons :- All look well, bearing evidence of great care and attention. The harness, particularly, looks wonderfully bright.

Work :- Both in forward area and SERCUS area there has been plenty of work. The Battalion was in the line from June 3rd to June 12th, and again from June 27th till the end of the month. Rations had to be delivered and salvage brought back nightly. In the SERCUS area transport was used also for drawing rations and for Brigade work. Several times we were under short notice for a move. During the moves of the Battalion the transport was taxed to its utmost. On the night the Battalion moved into the line, June 27th., every available wagon was out and only 9 horses remained on the lines. Brigade transport was attached to Battalion transport for the month.

Inspections :- On the march to SERCUS Battalion transport was the only complete transport on the line of march. At SERCUS transport was inspected by G.O.C. 2nd Brigade and A.D.V.S., and transport Officer was told that the transport was the best in the Brigade. On the march back from SERCUS the G.O.C. again remarked that our transport was the best turned out.

(Sgd.) R.W. SWALLOW, Lieut.
Transport Officer 7th Battalion.

R. W. Swallow Lieut. Col

Intelligence Summary No.1.

From 6 a.m. 4/6/18 to 6 a.m. 5/6/18.
-----A. OUR OPERATIONS

7th Battalion relieved 12th Battalion in right sector on night of 4/5 June.

Lateral patrols established touch between posts and reconnoitred vicinity of posts.

Artillery. Active in harassing and destructive fire. A dump of ammunition at F.26.C.15.87 being blown up. Artillery fired on suspected telephone exchange at E.24.A.9.6 with accuracy. Our guns were busy with harassing fire during the night.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

Enemy Attitude. Quiet and alert.

Artillery.

By Day. Light harassing fire on W.28. & W.29.

By Night. Barraged front line system at intervals throughout the night. E.5.D. was especially shelled with 4'2s and '77s.

Intermittent harassing fire on W.26. & 27 - E.2. & 3. - W.28.D. & W.29 were also shelled at intervals with 4'2s and 5'9s.

(Sgd.) A.DEAN, Lieut.
A/I.O. 7th Battalion.

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Intelligence Summary No.2.

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From 6 a.m. 5/6/18 to 6 a.m. 6/6/18.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Infantry (Minor Enterprises). During the night our line was advanced slightly without opposition. Line now runs E.1.C.9.3. - E.11.C.8.7. - E.11.A.8.2. - E.11.A.9.7. Left Company pushed a post out to E.11.B.9.8 and E.5.D.8.3. **Right** Company had no trouble; left greatly hampered by our own artillery and by enemy battery. The line was advanced 500 yards on the extreme right, 200 yards in the centre, and 400 yards on the left.

(b) Patrols. Usual lateral patrols. In addition :- (1) 1 Officer and 12 Other Ranks from E.5.D0.2. (Report attached).
 (2) 1 Officer from E.11.C.6.9 along road to E.11.C.9.3.
 (3) 2 W.C.O's and 5 Other Ranks along railway line in E.11.A.

(c) Snipers and Rifle Grenades. No targets presented.

(d) Aerial Activity. Our aeroplanes actively patrolled forward areas. One over enemy line at 6a.m. (5th) was not fired on. 6 over enemy lines at 10 a.m. were engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire. One of our planes fired on by A.A. and M.G. fire was seen to land about E.23.Central at 5.30 p.m.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars. Our artillery was active throughout the day. At 1.30 p.m. a fire was started on a bearing 160 deg. grid from W.28.B.11. At 4.35 p.m. a fire was started in VIEUX BERQUIN, and at 4.45 p.m. a fire was started at VBTE RUE.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.1. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry attitude and activity. His infantry are lying very quiet. Only one poste reports having located enemy.

(b) Artillery. Harassing shoots on MONT DE MERRIS and STRAZELLE Station were carried out frequently during the day; front line positions were similarly shelled with 4'2 & 5'9. The feature of his activity was attention given to forward positions in preference to rear areas. Chief shelling was during the night.

(c) Machine Guns. In active.

(d) Aerial. Enemy aeroplane high over our lines at 9 p.m. A plane was over at 6.15 a.m. and 7.15 a.m. At 7.30 p.m. three planes were over at a great height.

2. Movement and Organisation in Enemy's lines. 10 men seen moving in twos from F.19.B.9.9. to E.24.A.25.05. At 6.45 a.m. three men were seen at E.24.A.9.6, disappeared F.19.B.8.2.

3. Defences.

Posts. Flares came from hedge at E.11.B.5.5. and building at E.11.B.7.3

Machine Guns. Enemy machine gun was firing from E.11.C. A machine gun fired from building at E.11.B.7.3.

Miscellaneous. Flares from E.11.B.5.5., E.11.B.7.3. From O.P. at W.28.B.1.1. grid bearings were taken on balloons as follows:-
 5.10 a.m. 153 deg. 6.10 a.m. 136 deg., 6.30 a.m. 150 deg. Times are times of rising. One dud 5'9 fell at E.11.A.6.7 from a bearing of 120 deg. grid.

(Sgd.) A.DEAN, Lieut.
 A/IO. 7th Battalion.

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Intelligence Summary No.3.

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From 6 a.m. 6/6/18 to 6 a.m. 7/6/18.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Infantry (Minor Enterprises). Left Company advanced posts during the night. Left company line now runs E.11.B.6.6. - E.11.B.8.8. - E.5.D.95.4⁰. - E.6.C.30.45. - E.6.C.7.7.

(b) Patrols. Protective and lateral patrols throughout night.

(1) Patrol of 1 Officer and 6 Other Ranks from E.11.B.1.8. to hedge at E.11.B.5.5.; old enemy post in hedge, badly knocked about by our artillery or T.M's; patrol reconnoitred to E.11.B.4.3. and returned. M.G. located at E.11.B.9.4., E.11.B.8.2.

(2) 1 Officer and 5 Other Ranks from E.11.C.7.2., proceeded to E.11.D.3.2., then moved to E.11.D.3.6.; fired on by M.G. from E.11.D.4.7.; one man killed.

(3) 1 Officer and 6 Other Ranks from E.11.B.2.6.; M.G. met with at E.11.B.5.4.; listening post established at E.11.B.5.5., E.11.B.3.4

(4) 1 Officer and 5 Other Ranks from E.11.A.9.3. Enemy heard working and talking at E.11.B.7.1.; patrol fired on by snipers from this post; M.G. fired from E.11.D.6.8., E.11.B.4.5.

(5) Patrol from E.11.C.7.2. met opposition from about E.11.C.8.1.

(c) Stokes Mortars. Silenced a M.G. at E.11.D.5.9.

(d) Aerial Activity. Our planes actively patrolled during the day, being fired on by A.A. and M.G's. Bombing planes (6) went over enemy lines at 8.25 p.m.

A thrilling encounter occurred at 6 p.m. 4 of our planes surrounded an enemy machine. Despite his fine maneuvering he was forced down well behind our lines in direction of LA KREULE.

2. Artillery and T.M's. Our 18 pdrs. burnt haystack at E.11.d.3.6. harassing and destructive fire by heavies during day. By night usual harassing fire.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.1. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry. Alert but cautious. Does not patrol but uses his Machine Guns against slightest movement. Left Company report no M.G. fire, Right Coy. report considerable M.G. activity during the night.

(b) Artillery. As usual chief shelling is in forward area. Vicinity MONT de MERRIS and STRAZEELE Station subject to constant destructive fire at intervals by day and continuously by night. 5'9s and 4'2s occasionally fired on W.27. & W.28, E.3., 4. A feature is the use of 5.9's against MONT de MERRIS and Station. Some 8 in. used against Station. A shed at E.5C.4.0. was set on fire at 12 midnight.

(c) Machine Guns. Inactive against left Company, but very active all night against the Right. Indirect fire at intervals along railway line in E.3. & E.4.

(d) Aerial. Machines over at 8.20 a.m., 6 p.m., and 8.30 p.m. At 6 p.m. an enemy plane was forced to land inside our lines in direction of LA KREULE. 10 enemy aeroplanes over our lines at 9 a.m.

2. Movement and Organisation. Movement seen as follows :-
E.18.B.5.5. - E.18.D.7.0. - E.18.A.7.5. - VIEUX BERQUIN -
E.24.B.1.6. Enemy working party (small) at E.12.A.5.4.
Earthworks appear to be camouflaged at E.12.C.3.2.

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3. Defences.

Posts. E.11.C.9.3. - E.11.D.05.10. - E.11.D.4.7. - E.11.B.7.1.
 Machine Guns. E.11.B.9.4. - E.11.B.8.2. - E.11.D.4.7. - E.11.B.5.4.
 E.11.D.1.2. - E.11.D.5.9.
 Work. E.12.C.3.2. - E.12.A.5.4.
 Wire. Old wire along road from E.11.D.3.2. - E.11.D.3.6. - one or two strands only.

Miscellaneous. 8.30 a.m. balloons as follows - Grid bearings from W.28.B.1.1. :- 149 deg., 140 deg., 125 deg., 7.30 a.m. - 154 1/2 deg., 154 deg., 127 deg., 132 1/2 deg., from W.28.B.1.1

(a) Infantry (Minor Enterprises) left company advanced posts about 10.00 a.m. and returned to E.11.B.3.2. at 11.00 a.m. preceded by (Sgd.) A. DEAN, Lieut. A/I.O. 7th Battalion, fired on by M.G. from E.11.D.3.6. one man killed.

(b) I Officer and 6 Other ranks from E.11.B.3.2. met with at E.11.B.3.2. listening post established at E.11.B.3.2. E.11.B.3.4. (4) I Officer and 5 Other ranks from E.11.A.9.5. Enemy heard working and talking at E.11.B.7.1. patrol fired on by snipers from this post; M.G. fired from E.11.D.6.8. E.11.B.4.5. (5) Patrol from E.11.C.7.5. met opposition from about E.11.C.8.1.

(c) Stokes mortars. Allocated at E.11.D.5.9.

(d) Aerial activity. Our planes actively patrolled during the day being fired on by A.A. and M.G.'s. Bombing planes (9) went over enemy lines at 8.25 p.m.

A thrilling encounter occurred at 6 p.m. 4 of our planes encountered an enemy machine. Despite the time maneuvering he was forced down well behind our lines in direction of LA KRUIE.

(e) Artillery and T.M.'s. Our 15 pdrs. burst haystack at E.11.D.5.8. harassing and destructive fire by heavies during day. By night usual harassing fire.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE

1. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry. Alert but cautious. Does not patrol but uses his Machine Guns against slightest movement. Left Company report M.G. fire, right Coy. report considerable M.G. activity during the night.

(b) Artillery. As usual chief shelling is in forward area. Victoria MORT de MERRIS and STANBURN Station subject to constant destructive fire at intervals by day and continuously by night. 2 pdrs and 4.2s occasionally fired on W.27. E.11. A. Station. A lecture is the use of 2.9's against MORT de MERRIS and Station. Some 3 in. used against Station. A shed at E.11.C.4.0. was set on fire at 12 midnight.

(c) Machine Guns. Inactive against left Company, but very active all night against the right. Indirect fire at intervals along railway line in E.11. A. 2.4.

(d) Aerial. Machines over at 8.30 a.m., 6 p.m., and 8.50 p.m. At 6 p.m. an enemy plane was forced to land inside our lines in direction of LA KRUIE. 10 enemy aeroplanes over our lines at 9 a.m.

(e) Movement and Organization. Movement seen as follows :- E.11.B.5.5. - E.11.D.7.0. - E.11.A.7.5. - VILUX BEMQUIN - E.11.B.1.6. Enemy working party (small) at E.11.A.5.4. Barbed wire appear to be camouflaged at E.11.C.5.2.

31 From 6 a.m. 7/6/18 to 6 a.m. 8/6/18.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

1. Patrols. Usual lateral patrols operated. (1) I Officer and 3 men from E.6.A.7.7. reconnoitred trees at E.6.C.6.4. to E.2.A.6.8. No trace found of enemy.
- (2) 1 officer and 6 men from E.11.B.6.7. entered hedge at E.11.B.6.5., fired on by M.G. from E.11.B.6.5.30., where a strong post is suspected
- (3) Protective patrols operated on right Company front.

Machine & Lewis Guns. Vickers Guns were dropping bullets into our right post at E.11.C.8.3.

Snipers & Rifle Grenades. One victim claimed by each Company.

Aerial Activity. Our aeroplanes were very active patrolling our front, and were not much troubled by enemy.

2. Artillery & T.M's. Active by day and night with harassing and destructive fire. 20 rounds on E.24.a.95.60., two hits. At 10.30 a.m. our heavies fired on copse E.11.D.7.9. 2 white flares were sent up from this post. Our guns fired on battery reported yesterday from our post at E.6.C.7.7. (bearing was given). Battery has not since fired.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry Attitude. Will not patrol, but on the right is very alert and fires his M.G's on all movement. On the left he is not found, though patrols have penetrated some hundreds of yards into No Man's Land. He does not appear at all enterprising.

(b) Artillery. Still active with destructive shooting against Station; fired a dump there at 10.30 p.m. Between 6 a.m. and 6.30 a.m. (7.6.18.) three 3 minute hurricane barrages (4'2 and '77) were put down on road E.3. Petit Sec Bois. Shelling throughout day in vicinity of front line posts. No shelling of support areas.

(c) Machine Guns. Inactive on left of Railway line, and active and alert on right.

2. Aerial. Less than usual activity. One E.A. over our lines at 8.50 a.m.; 5 high up at 9.15 p.m.

Movement & Organisation. Movement seen vicinity of BLEU, at E.18.D.9.2. 12.15 p.m. two men left position at F.8.C.5.6., entered buildings in F.14. 2 men entered house at Cross Roads F.8.A.5,6.; 5 minutes later 2 men left house. From flashes seen there - as of telescope - an O.P. is suspected. A man walked from post at E.11.D.7.9. to post at E.11.D.45.75; fired on by snipers. Movement along hedge E.12.A.2.4.

3. Posts. E.12.A.2.4., E.11.B.6.4.

Miscellaneous. At 8.10 a.m. 2 enemy shells fell on his post at E.11.D.7.9.; 2 white flares were sent up and shelling ceased. At 10 a.m. when our guns shelled this post 2 white flares were sent up, but shelling continued.

Balloons. Bearings from W.28.B.1.1.:- grid 110 deg. grid, 115 deg. grid, 110 deg. grid. these were up between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. (7.6.18.) Between 11 a.m. and 12 a.m. bearing of 151 deg. and 165 deg. grid.

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Identifications. Wallet found on dead Hun E.6.C.8.7. Wallet found on dead Hun E.5.D.8.5.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

Lieut. A. DEAN, (Sgd.) 1st Battalion, A.I.O. 7th Battalion. (1) 1 Officer and 10 men from E.11.B.6.7. entered hedge at E.11.B.6.7. (2) 1 Officer and 10 men from E.11.B.6.7. entered hedge at E.11.B.6.7. (3) 1 Officer and 10 men from E.11.B.6.7. entered hedge at E.11.B.6.7. Machine guns were dropping bullets into our trench post at E.11.C.8.5.

Our operations were very active yesterday and were not much troubled by enemy.

Artillery active by day and night with harassing and destructive fire. 20 rounds on E.24.2.95.00. two hits. Our heavy fire on hedge E.11.D.7.9. 2 white flags were sent up from this post. Our trench reported yesterday from our post at E.6.C.7.7. (bearing was given). Battery has not since fired.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. Hostile Activity. (a) Infantry Activities. Will not patrol, but on the night is very alert and three or four times on all movements. On the night is not found, though patrols have penetrated some hundreds of yards into no man's land. He does not appear at all enterprising.

(b) Artillery. Still active with destructive sniping against our positions. Fired a dump there at 10.30 p.m. Between 6 a.m. and 6.30 a.m. (7.6.18.) three 3 minute mortar shells were put down on road E.7. Patrols on road, sniping throughout day in vicinity of front line posts. No sniping of support areas.

(c) Machine Guns. Inactive on left of railway line, and active and alert on right. 2. Aerial. Less than usual activity. One E.A. over our lines at 8.50 a.m.; 2 high up at 9.15 p.m.

Movement & Organization. Movement seen vicinity of E.H.U. at 8.10 p.m. 12.15 p.m. two men left position at E.6.C.7.6. entered buildings in E.14. 2 men entered house at Cross Roads E.6.A.5.6. 5 minutes later 2 men left house. From E.14.2.2. a man walked from there - as of telescope - in E.4. is suspected. A man walked from post at E.11.D.7.9. to post at E.11.D.4.5.7. fired on by snipers. Movement along hedge E.12.A.2.4.

3. Patrols. E.12.A.2.4., E.11.B.6.4. Miscellaneous. At 8.10 a.m. 2 enemy shells fell on our post at E.11.D.7.9. 2 white flags were sent up and sniping ceased. At 10 a.m. when our guns sniped this post 2 white flags were sent up, but sniping continued. E.11.D.7.9. Bearing from W.23.B.1.1.1. - E.11.D.7.9. 115 deg. Grid, 115 deg. Grid, 115 deg. Grid. These were up between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. (7.6.18.) Between 11 a.m. and 12 a.m. bearing of 151 deg. and 105 deg. grid.

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From 6 a.m. 8/6/18 to 6 a.m. 9/6/18.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.1. Infantry.

(a) Lieut. PURBRICK and 8 men from post at E.11.C.8.5. to try and capture M.G. suspected at E.11.D.10.30. Covering fire was placed on party in rear by rifle grenades and a Lewis Gun. Suspected post found unoccupied. A bomb fight was begun with post at E.11.D.3.4.. Enemy M.G. fired steadily and post could not be rushed. At 10 p.m. a patrol from E.11.A.9.2. located enemy digging at E.11.B.6.0. Movement was also seen in vicinity. Patrol encountered thick belt of wire and halted. Mills bombs were thrown into the post inflicting casualties. patrol returned under heavy M.G. fire from posts. Lieut. WISEWOULD was in charge of party. Inter-Company relief was carried out without incident on the night of June 8/9th. Left Battalion took over 2 left posts leaving the left boundary at E.6.C.2.4.

(b) Patrols. In addition to those set out above a patrol from E.11.B.2.6. proceeded to hedge at E.11.B.5.5.; enemy heard repairing posts behind east and south sides of hedge; M.G. at S.W. corner. Usual lateral patrols kept touch with flanking units.

(c) Machine & Lewis Guns. Lewis guns gave covering fire to Lieut. Purbrick's patrol.

(d) Stokes Mortars. Our 6 in. mortars and 18 pdrs. shelled posts at 5.10 p.m. at E.11.B.6.5. and E.11.B.6.1. From each parties of the enemy were seen to emerge in a dazed condition with signs of blood on them. Lewis Gunners did further execution as they ran to take cover elsewhere. From the Northern post the survivors took refuge in house at E.11.B.7.3. Eight casualties at least were inflicted.

(e) Snipers & Rifle Grenades. Rifle Grenades co-operated with Lieut. Purbrick's patrol; 30 rounds were fired with accuracy.

(f) Aerial Activity. Our aeroplanes were again active in patrolling forward area. 13 were flying over forward areas about 8.30 p.m. During the day our planes frequently drew fire from enemy M.G.'s and A.A. guns.

2. Artillery & T.M.'s. 9.45 T.M.'s shot effectively against positions behind enemy lines. Destructive and harassing fire throughout the 24 hours. Direct hits observed on houses at E.12.C.50.95 and E.12.D.3.7. at 8 p.m. At 8.40 p.m. our artillery started a fire at F.19.B.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.1. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry. Very nervous and alert; no attempt at patrolling; purely defensive.

(b) Artillery. As usual chiefly against forward areas. A fire was again caused at night in vicinity of Station. Artillery quieter than usual at night. Harassing fire at intervals in E.4. and E.5. Between 2.30 and 3.30 E.5. was shelled with gas (phosgene). Articulars not yet to hand. Vicinity GRAND SEC BOIS shelled with gas about the same time.

(c) Trench Mortars. Located at E.6.D.7.7., E.6.D.5.5.; fired on left Battalion front.

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(d) Machine Guns. Inactive on Left Company except from positions well behind his line; more active on Right and firing on all movement.

(e) Aerial. None reported.

2. Movement & Organisation. Bad day for observation. 2 men seen at daybreak at E.12.C.45.95.

3. Defences. Posts. E.12.C.45.95. - E.11.D.0.1. to E.11.D.40.15. - E.11.B.6.8. - E.11.B.60.35.

Machine Guns. F.6.D.75.65 (fired at our planes; observer seen here) F.6.C.9.5. (fires by night). E.11.D.3.4., E.11.B.60.35.

Trench Mortars. Two mortars were firing on Left Battalion sector from E.6.D.7.7., E.6.D.5.5.

Work. Carefully camouflaged work was picked up at E.12.A.8.5. along hedge to E.12.A.9.9., continued to E.6.D.1.4. This is approximate enemy line on left Company front. Enemy working to repair post at E.11.B.6.4.

Wire. Strong wire at E.11.B.6.0.35.

4. Miscellaneous. Red flare fired when grenade barrage opened on E.11.D. and vicinity. No action followed. White flares from E.11.B.6.1. broke into white clusters. No action followed.

(Sgd). A. DEAN, Lieut.
A/I.O. 7th Battalion.

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B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry. Very nervous and alert; no attempt at patrolling; purely defensive.

(b) Artillery. As usual chiefly against forward areas. A fire was again caused at night in vicinity of section. Artillery fire was heard at night. Harassing fire at intervals in front of our line. Between 8.30 and 9.30 E.S. was shelled with gas (phosgene). Artillery not yet to hand. Vicinity GRAND SEC BOIS shelled with gas about the same time.

(c) Trench Mortars. Located at E.6.D.7.7., E.6.D.5.5.; fired on left Battalion front.

From 6 a.m. 9/6/18 to 6 a.m. 10/6/18.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Infantry (Minor Operations). Lieut. TAVERNER with 4 Other Ranks left our lines at E.11.A.90.20 with the object of estimating the enemy strength in the hedge from E.11.B.6.0. to E.11.B.5.5. Two fortified shell craters at E.11.B.5.1. and a at E.11.B.30.10. were found to be unoccupied. Heavy M.G. and rifle fire was encountered and bombs were thrown by enemy. An attempt was made to outflank our patrol, but the enemy party was driven off by bombs. Having thrown all their bombs (24) our party returned to our lines.
- (b) Patrols. 2 N.C.O's and 4 Other Ranks left our line at E.11.B.05.30. to examine ruins at E.19.A.1.7. No sign of recent occupation found in the vicinity. Enemy working party heard at E.12.A.5.8. One man seen crossing the railway line about E.12.A.4.5. Enemy dead in No Man's Land found to be wearing our box respirators.
- (c) Machine & Lewis Guns. No opportunity has been given our Lewis Guns.
- (d) Stokes Mortars. Nil. 6 in. Newton Mortars fired 20 rounds on enemy post at E.11.D.6.9. at 11 a.m. on 9/6/18 and 22 rounds on E.11.C.4.3. at 6.15 p.m.
- (e) Snipers & Rifle Grenades. No opportunity has been afforded our snipers. 24 Mills' bombs No.23 were used by Lieut. TAVERNER'S patrol. Good results are believed to have been obtained.
- (f) Aerial Activity. Our observation scouting planes patrolled our front continuously throughout the day. Enemy A.A. and M.G.'s fired on them occasionally.

2. Artillery & Trench Mortars. Good shooting by 18 pdrs. observed on E.11.B.4.5. at 7.15 p.m., and on E.11.B.5.3. at 7.45 p.m. Harassing fire on E.11.B. & D. at 11.15 p.m. and at 2 a.m. appeared to be well directed. At 7 a.m. an enemy working party of about 25 men from F.13.A.4.48. to F.13.B.1.6. were fired on and dispersed. One of our 18 pdrs. firing from near PRADELLES dropped shells short near our post at E.11.B.90.75 at 4 a.m. (No damage done).

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.1. Hostile Activity.

- (a) Infantry Attitude & Activity. Enemy is quiet but very alert. Front is strongly held by M.G.'s. He does not do any patrolling.
- (b) Artillery. Active during last 24 hours, and was confined to intermittent harassing fire on E.4.B., C. & D. and E.5.C. & D.
- (c) Machine Guns. Occasional bursts on Railway line from copse E.11.B.7.0. Very active after dark traversing both sides of VIEUX BERQUIN - STRAZEELE road from E.17.B.1.6. - E.11.D.2.3. - E.11.D.2.1. - E.11.D.3.2. Several M.G.'s in vicinity of E.11.D.7.9.
- (d) Aerial. Only one enemy plane appeared over our lines (at 2.5 p.m.). On being fired on by A.A. and M.G.'s disappeared in an Easterly direction.

2. Movement and Organisation in Enemy's Lines. Enemy appears to be working at F.13.A.1.0. - F.13.B.5.8. - F.13.B.1.6. - Working party at E.12.A.5.8.

Machine Guns. E.17.B.16. - E.11.D.2.3. - E.11.D.2.1. - E.11.D.3.2. - E.11.D.7.9. (Several).

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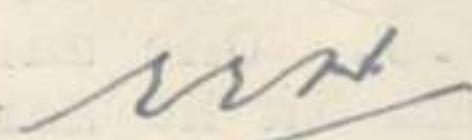
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Wire. Enemy does not appear to have any wire in advance of his forward posts.

Miscellaneous. At 2 a.m. enemy fired 12 white flares from E.11.D.4.2. On two enemy shells falling near E.11.B.8.3. enemy fired two golden cluster flares and continued firing four of these flares at intervals of about 1 minute. Shelling immediately ceased.

Identifications. Maps and envelope found at E.12.A.3.2. of 6 K. 2 Btn. 138 I.R.

(Sgd.) E.G.ROBB, Lieut. I.O. 7th Battalion.



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Intelligence Summary No.7.

From 6 a.m. 10/6/18 to 6 a.m. 11/6/18.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Patrols. At 9.20 p.m. 1 Officer and 1 Other Rank moved from E.11.A.95.10., and taking advantage of the cover afforded by the crops took up a position at E.11.B.5.1. and watched the enemy posts take up their positions for the night. A trench was manned at E.11.B.6.3., a M.G. placed in position at E.11.B.50.05, and a sentry posted at E.11.B.5.0. These positions were watched for 40 minutes, during which time there was continual movement to and from these posts. A group of six men close by the M.G. position were working on something when our artillery dispersed them and forced our patrol to move to the right where five more Huns were seen. Our 18 pdrs. forced our patrol to return to our lines at 11.15 p.m.

(b) Machine Guns. A Vickers firing from direction of railway about E.4.C.5.2. maintained harassing fire on copse at E.11.B.6.0. Good shooting observed by patrol at intervals during the night. Our Lewis Guns took up positions in shell holes in front and fired bursts on to enemy positions.

(c) Stokes Mortars. Stokes Mortars dealt effectively with enemy positions in E.11.B. & D.

(d) Snipers & Rifle Grenades. No opportunity was given our snipers by the enemy. 24 No.36 grenades fired into enemy M.G. post at E.11.D.35.20.

(e) Aerial. Our planes very active from dawn to dusk. Enemy does not appear to pay much attention to them.

(f) Artillery & Trench Mortars. During the day guns of all calibres maintained harassing and destructive fire on enemy positions. From 6 to 10 a.m. our heavies ~~put 30 rounds~~ fired on F.19.C. & D. and repeated the shoot at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. During the night our 18 pdrs. fired salvos on to enemy positions in E.11.B. & D. Patrol reports excellent shooting. M.T.M.'s fired on house at E.11.D.3.4. with good results.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE. Enemy does not venture into the crop in front of his posts. Our patrol watched carefully to locate enemy listening posts, but none were pushed forward of his M.G. positions.

(a) Artillery. Enemy artillery has been generally quiet, chiefly confined to harassing fire by 4'2 and '77 H.E. on our support system.

(b) Trench Mortars. The party of 6 men at E.11.B.5.0. (reported by patrol) were evidently putting a L.T.M. into position as one fired a few rounds from that position a couple of hours later.

(c) Machine Guns. M.G. firing from about E.11.D.2.4. fires occasional bursts across the railway line East of the Station. A M.G. probably at TERN FARM sweeps right down the VIEUX BERQUIN-STRAZELLE Road.

(d) Aerial. Enemy planes inactive. Balloons were up on the following grid bearings :- 147 deg., 132 deg., 154 deg., 141 deg., 145 deg.

(e) Movement etc. At 1.32 p.m. two men seen walking East in L.1.A. 7.25 p.m. two men entered a house in L.8.A.

Enemy Defences.

Posts. :- E.11.B.6.5.

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Machine Guns. E.11.B.50.05., E.11.D.3.4.

Trench Mortars. E.11.B.5.0. (L.T.M.).

Wire. Enemy has commenced to build a strong line of wire from E.12.C.5.3. to E.12.D.0.5. About 200 yards appear to be completed.

Miscellaneous. Enemy used few flares during the night.

Identification. Newspapers and letters found in dugout at E.6.C.2.5. of 3 K. 57 R.I.R.

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Intelligence Summary No.8.

From 6 a.m. 11/6/18 to 6 a.m. 12/6/18.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

Posts to right of Railway line were evacuated from 10.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

(a) Patrols. No patrols operated because of withdrawal from front line posts.

(b) Machine & Lewis Guns. Lewis Guns went forward 50 yards from E.11.C.7.3. and fired on M.G. position at E.11.D.3.4.

(c) Stokes Mortars. Silenced M.G. firing from E.6.C.50.25. Excelleny shooting on copse E.11.D.7.4., E.11.D.3.4., direct hits were numerous.

(d) Snipers and Rifle Grenades. No opportunity offered. 8 No.36 grenades fired from Cross Roads E.11.C.7.3. on hedge E.11.D.1.0. - E.11.D.4.1.

(e) Aerial Activity. Our planes actively patrolled forward area throughout the day and were frequently engaged by enemy A.A. and M.G. fire.

(f) Artillery. Constant harassing fire from 18 pdrs. and 6 in. Newton Mortars on enemy posts in E.11.B. & D. Many direct hits observed; shooting was excellent. At 7 p.m. heavies got 3 hits on post E.11.B.65.45. LYNDE FARM and VIEUX BERQUIN were also shelled.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE. Alert but inactive.

(a) Artillery. Less active than usual. E.4., E.5., and E.11. were subjected to occasional harassing fire. Twenty 5'9s fell at E.11.C.7.4. at midday. A gun on a railway is reported from O.P. E.11.A.2.2. at a grid bearing of 101 deg.

(b) Machine Guns. Inactive except where movement is detected.

(c) Aerial. At 4 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. enemy planes flew over our lines but were driven back. One at 9 p.m. dropped 2 small bombs in W.27.

(d) Movement. 2 men seen at E.24.A.9.6.; 2 at E.13.C.5.1.; 2 at E.24.A.5.7.; 1 man at E.11.B.6.4. Day unfavorable for observation.

(e) Posts. some sniping from hedge E.11.C.0.9. - E.11.D.43.10.

(f) Machine Guns. E.11.D.7.9. - E.11.D.3.4. - E.11.D.2.3. - E.11.D.4.6.

Miscellaneous. A T.M. exploded a flare dump at E.11.D.3.4. flares of varied colours were set on fire.

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A/I.O. 7th Battalion.

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Intelligence Summary No.9.

From 6 a.m. 12/6/18 to 6 a.m. 13/6/18.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Minor Operation. A minor operation was carried out at 1 a.m. on 13/6/18 in co-operation with Light and Medium Trench Mortars. After a two minute preliminary bombardment strong enemy posts along a front of 650 yards in E.11.B. & D. were attacked and captured after brisk fighting. Enemy showed great skill and determination in manning hedges and ditches, and in a number of instances our men had to kill individual Huns who would not surrender. Up to 4 a.m. 37 unwounded prisoners passed through Battalion Headquarters and approximately 15 wounded Huns passed through R.A.P. Our casualties are approximately 2 killed, 15 wounded (mostly slight) including 1 Officer wounded. Enemy delivered an immediate counter attack on post at E.11.D.4.7. from direction of E.12.C. Central, but was repulsed by our well directed Lewis Gun fire. From reports received it is estimated 40 enemy dead are in and around the captured area. Up to 4 a.m. 4 enemy machine guns had been sent in from captured posts. We advanced our line on a front of 650 yards to an average depth of 500 yards. 1st Machine Gun Battalion gave harassing fire on known enemy positions in rear. Our line now runs E.11.C.8.3. - E.11.D.4.4. - E.11.D.4.7. - E.11.D.9.9. - E.11.B.85.40. - E.11.B.9.8. Patrols were pushed out in front of captured positions but these reports are not yet available. It is believed that there are yet a few prisoners to collect out of shell holes and crops.

(b) Machine Guns. Vickers Guns fired 14000 rounds on enemy tracks in support of operation. Lewis Guns were instrumental in repulsing enemy counter attack and harassed enemy in new positions.

(c) Stokes Mortars. Fired 400 rounds in support of minor operation.

(d) Snipers & Rifle Grenades. Active sniping was carried out about daylight on ~~12~~ 13/6/18. Rifle grenades were used with advantage to bombard M.G. posts.

(e) Aerial. Considerable patrolling activity.

(f) Artillery & T.M.'s. Co-operated in operation; harassing fire on new positions. Heavies shelled positions in F.26. Central.

B. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Strictly defensive.

Artillery. Harassing shooting in E.3.D., E.4.C.

Enemy Defences.

Posts. Nil.

Artillery. At 4 a.m. enemy shelled E.5.C. with '77 and from 4 a.m. to 5 a.m. shelled E.11.A. & C. heavily with 4'2.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.G.'s put up a stout resistance against our attacking troops this morning until blown out by Stokes Mortars or bombs.

Aerial. One enemy plane appeared over our forward posts at 11 a.m. flying very low. On being heavily fired on by our A.A. and M.G.'s disappeared in an Easterly direction.

Movement. Between 6.30 a.m. and 8 a.m. considerable enemy movement observed between VIEUZ BERQUIN and BLEU. 6 parties of from 3 to 15 men observed.

Miscellaneous. Enemy balloons up on the following grid bearings from W.28.B.1.1.:- 149 deg. - 125 deg. - 137 deg. - 142 deg.

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Identifications. I Officer and 37 Other Ranks (unwounded) of the 205 R.I.R. (44 Res.Div.), 15 Other Ranks(wounded) same regiment.

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From 6 a.m. 27/6/18 to 6 a.m. 28/6/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

- 1.(a) Infantry. 7th Battalion, A.I.F., relieved 2nd Battalion, A.I.F. in the left section of the left sub-sector. Enemy carried out light harassing fire during the relief, which was complete by 12.40 a.m.
 - (b) Patrols. On completion of relief the whole Battalion front was patrolled to an average depth of 200 yards. Enemy ~~shall~~ held positions at X.26.A.8.5. were examined and found to be empty. No enemy were encountered. Liaison patrols maintained touch with flanking units.
 - (c) Machine & Lewis Guns. At 8.15 a.m., 11.15 a.m., 3.15 p.m., and 8.20 p.m. enemy aircraft were driven off by heavy Vickers and Lewis Gun fire.
 - (d) Aerial Activity. Our scouting and reconnaissance planes patrolled the front continuously. At 5 a.m. 28/6/18 our fighting squadrons drove off two, enemy planes which were patrolling our front.
- Artillery & T.M's. Our 18 pdrs. and 4'2s carried out harassing shoots on enemy positions in X.21 and X.27.

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

- (a) Hostile Infantry Attitude & Activity. Enemy infantry remain passive. They do not appear to be making any effort to get into touch with us.
 - (b) Artillery. X.20.A. & C. received most attention, chiefly harassing fire by 4'2 & '77. A few 5'9 fell in W.19.D.
- Machine Guns. Occasional harassing bursts on to tracks and roads about our support and reserve lines.
- (c) Aerial. During the day enemy planes attempted to patrol the front, but were driven off by A.A. and M.G. fire.
- Miscellaneous. No flares were fired on our front during the night. Some distance to the left double red flares went up without any apparent action following. When our barrage and smoke screen commenced at 6 a.m. this morning golden clustered flares were fired up along the whole front. Enemy artillery replied in about five minutes.

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Intelligence Summary No.2.

From 6 a.m. 28/6/18 to 6 a.m. 29/6/18.
-----OUR OPERATIONS.1. (a) Infantry. Nil.

(b) Patrols. Right Coy.;- A patrol of 4 Other Ranks searched No Man's land in front of the Coy. sector and examined dugouts at E.26.A.8.6. and X.26.A.4.5. Enemy working party was heard behind trees running from X.26.A.9.4. to E.26.B.3.5., and ceased when a burst of our shrapnel fell in the vicinity. A few sniping shots were fired from the line of trees. Two patrols went out from the line of left Coy. one of which visited the ruined houses at X.26.B. Central, but failed to locate enemy.

(c) Machine & Lewis Guns. Few opportunities are given our gunners by enemy.

(d) Stokes Mortars. During smoke demonstration on morning of 28/6/18 a large number of the phosphorus shells fell in the vicinity of our right posts.

Aerial Activity. Our scouting and reconnaissance planes have shown marked activity during the last 24 hours.

2. Artillery and T.M's. Our artillery has been abnormally active during last 24 hours. Good shooting by 18 pdrs. observed on roads and buildings X.26.B. & D. 6 in. Mortars did not shoot during the night owing to moving the guns to a new emplacement.

3. Wiring.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Material used.</u>	<u>Amount done.</u>
X.26.A. Central.	6 coils french wire	125 yards.

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Hostile Infantry Attitude & Activity. Enemy's infantry attitude is unchanged.

(b) Artillery. Except for enemy barrage in reply to our smoke demonstration on morning of 28th inst., enemy artillery has been fairly quiet. The barrage fell about a general line X.20.C.0.0. to E.20.A. Central and moved back towards our support line.

(c) Machine Guns. Enemy carried out the usual indirect fire on roads, tracks etc. A M.G. from about X.21. Central infiltrated the left Coy. support post at X.20.C.8.5.

(d) Aerial. A few enemy planes appeared over our lines, but were quickly driven off. Enemy does not appear to be at all offensive in the air.

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I.O. 7th Battalion.

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Intelligence-Summary No.3.

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From 6 a.m. 29/6/18 to 6 a.m. 30/6/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.(a) Infantry. Nil.

(b) Patrols. At 12 midnight Lieut. HAMBLETT with 3 other ranks left X.26.A.30.65. to gain touch with enemy. No Man's Land to fringe of copse at X.26.A.8.5. was found to be clear of enemy. A working party was heard in the edge of the copse about X.26.A.8.4. and bombed by our patrol. Enemy replied with M.G. fire, forcing our patrol to move round to the right. Enemy were heard in posts at X.26.A.7.4. and X.26.A.8.3. and a limber was heard to gallop back along road in rear. Patrol returned to our lines at X.26.A.3.4. at 1.15 a.m.

A patrol of 2 N.C.Os' and 4 men left our post at X.26.D.4.3. at 11.30 p.m. and patrolled along the METEREN BECQUE. At X.26.B.9.8. an enemy listening post of two men was observed on the opposite bank of the BECQUE, which is about 3 yards wide at this point. Two shots were fired at the men in the L.P. who immediately ran back to a S.P. about 70 yards in rear. The patrol then worked up the BECQUE until opposite this post and threw 8 Mills bombs into it. Heavy M.G. fire then forced them to withdraw. o out lines at 1 a.m.

(c) Machine & Lewis Guns. A considerable number of rounds expended at enemy aircraft. Vickers guns carried out harassing fire on enemy tracks, roads etc.

(d) Snipers & Rifle Grenades. Enemy is careful and does not give opportunities of which our snipers could avail themselves.

(e) Aerial Activity. During the day fighting and reconnaissance planes were up in large numbers. Several aerial fights were observed. During the night bombing planes dropped bombs in rear of MERRIS.

(f) Artillery & T.M.'s. Our artillery maintained considerable activity throughout the period under review. Heavies from the direction of HAZEBROUCK fired a dump in approx. F.2.D. at 8.45 p.m. METEREN and MERRIS were also heavily shelled. 18 pdrs. bursting shrapnel well on road from X.26.D.5.0. to X.26.B.4.5.

(g) Wiring. Some wire was used in strengthening existing belts.

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Infantry Attitude & Activity. The enemy has shown marked increase in M.G. and sniping activity chiefly from N. of the METEREN BECQUE. M.G. from the direction of METEREN sweeping across in rear of some of our posts. T.M.'s (light) have also been in action for the first time on our front.

(b) Artillery. Only light harassing fire during last 24 hours, X.19.B. & D. and X.20.C. again receiving most attention. Forward posts are not being troubled by shell fire.

(c) Trench Mortars. Inactive for the first since we came into the line. About 25 rounds of light Granatenwerfers fell in rear of our posts.

(d) Machine Guns. Showing increased activity both in indirect fire on roads, tracks etc. in rear and in shooting on our forward posts, also very alert and quick to open fire on patrols.

(e) Aerial. E.A. very active particularly during evening of the 29th and morning of 30th. From 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. two E.A. patrolled our forward system flying low though heavily engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire. At 8.20 p.m. and at 9.10 p.m. two E.A.

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patrolled our posts at 4.15 a.m. One plane passed over at about 4000 feet.

Defences.

Posts. Located at X.26.A.5.2. (approx.) E.26.A.9.4. - E.26.A.7.4. - E.26.A.8.3. - X.26.B.9.0. (H.P.) - X.27.A.0.9.

Machine Guns. X.26.A.5.2. - X.26.A.8.4.

Trench Mortars. Three guns observed firing from approx. X.27.A.5.6

Works. The enemy is working a post near X.26.Central.

Miscellaneous At 10.45 p.m. the enemy put up a number of golden cluster flares along the front and to the right. No noticeable action followed.

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From 6 a.m. 30/6/18 to 6 a.m. 1/7/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Patrols. Our right Coy. had four patrols out during the night, all of which got in touch with the enemy. At 11.30 p.m. Lieut. HAMBLETT placed four rifle grenadders in shell holes to bomb enemy post at X.26.A.8.4. whilst he with 3 other ranks worked forward to observe the shots, getting within 30 yards of the corner of the hedge. The first bomb fell just outside the corner of the hedge causing cries of pain from the enemy. 12 bombs were expended and the patrol commenced to move along hedge to the left, but a flare was fired from corner X.26.A.8.4., and the patrol was sniped at. Talking could be heard and movement was observed on the other side of the hedge. During this time 2/Lieut. CADDY and 3 Other Ranks worked down the road forwards X.26.Central and bombed enemy post near the road junction, obtaining direct hits on post. Our patrols returned safely at 1 a.m. At 12.15 Sgt. ELLIOT and 3 men left X.26.A.3.4. and moved towards X.26.Central. An enemy patrol of about 8 men was sighted about X.26.C.6.5., but they made no attempt to approach our posts so our patrol did not get in close touch with them. Patrol returned at 1.30 a.m. Between 4.30 and 5 a.m. on the morning of the 29/6/18 2/Lieuts. SWIFT and CADDY moved down the road from X.26.A.3.5. to X.26.Central and located enemy posts with M.G.'s at X.26.A.9.3. and X.26.A.9.1. A telephone wire from one post to another was cut by Lieut. SWIFT. The enemy then fired on and forced the Officers to return to their posts.

(b) Machine & Lewis Guns. Vickers Guns carried our harassing shoots. Lewis Guns were used chiefly against E.A.

(c) Stokes Mortars. Active during the night. Shooting could not be observed from our posts.

(d) Snipers & Rifle Grenades. Rifle grenades used with good effect against enemy post at X.26.A.8.4.

(e) Aerial Activity. Our planes continue to fly well over enemy territory, often without being fired on by the enemy.

2. Artillery & T.M.'s. Our artillery continue to harass the enemy. At 12.30 p.m. a heavy area shoot was put down on OUTERSTEENE. From 3.20 to 4.40 p.m. 4'5 howitzers fired on X.27. ~~From 3.20~~ About 2 a.m. 4'5 howitzers were asked to fire on T.M. position in X.27.A. and E.20.D. The T.M.'s were silenced by 2.30 a.m. 18 pdrs. fired harassing bursts of H.E. and shrapnel on roads in X.26.D. and F.2.B. & D.

3. Wiring.

<u>Location.</u>	<u>Material used.</u>	<u>Work done.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
X.20.D.2.0.	German concertina wire and stakes.	40 yards.	
X.26.A.2.2.	3 coils French concertina wire	50 yards.	
	1 " Barbed wire.		
	10 " screw pickets.		

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Infantry Attitude & Activity. Enemy are very alert. Sniping and M.G. activity continues. On the right a patrol was observed but did not appear to be very venturesome.

(b) Artillery. Enemy artillery has been somewhat less active. X.20.C. and X.19.D. again received a fair amount of attention, chiefly by short bursts of harassing fire during the night.

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(e) Trench Mortars. A L.T.M. from about X.27.A.Central active from 11 p.m. to 2.30 a.m. firing on X.20.D. Another L.T.M. firing from hedge at X.21.B.5.4. from 12 midnight to 2.30 a.m., shells falling about X.20.D.3.5.

(d) Machine Guns. Very active firing on our tracks, roads and support positions.

(e) Aerial. Active during early morning and late at night. One enemy plane fell in flames near FLETRE at 1.15 p.m. on 30/6/18.

2. Movement & Organisation in Enemy's lines. Talking and movement heard at X.26.B.9.9.

3. Defences. Posts at X.26.A.9.1.

Machine Guns. X.26.A.9.1.

Trench Mortars. X.27.A.Central., X.21.B.5.4.

Miscellaneous. Enemy balloons were up on the following grid bearings from X.19.D.9.9.:- 124 deg., 140 deg., 144 deg.

(Sgd.) E.G.ROBB, Lieut.
I.O. 7th Battalion.

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7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in Order of Seniority
at 6 p.m. on 7th ^{June} ~~May~~ 1918.

Senr.	Rank.	Name.		Remarks.
	1	Lieut. Col. Herrod "DSO"	E.E.	Commanding.
x	2	Major Swift	C.H.	2nd In Command.
x	5	Captain Stewart	R.McG.F.	
	6	" Phillips	A.F.	
	7	" Hilliard "MC"	R.I.	
	8	" D'Altera	W.R.	
	9	Hon. Capt. Hopkinson	A.	Q.M.
x	10	Lieut. Kitchen	F.G.	
	12	" Hill	E.W.	
	14	" Waters	A.J.	
	15	" Wright	H.J.	L.M.G. Officer.
	16	" Reynolds	O.G.	
	17	" Gordon	J.H.G.	
	18	" Smedley	F.J.	
	19	" Jardine	T.A.	Asst. Transport Officer.
	20	" Swallow	R.W.	Transport Officer.
	21	" Smith	W.H.G.	
c	22	" Robb	E.G.	Intelligence Officer.
	23	" O'Neill	H.F.	Signal Officer.
e	24	" Graham	R.J.	
	25	" Harris	O.J.E.	Adjutant.
	26	" Dobbin	C.L.	
	27	" Dean	A.	Gas Officer.
	28	" Edgoose	P.L.	
	29	" Gaulton	F.B.	
	30	" Purbrick	R.B.	
	31	" Phillips "MC"	D.G.	
c	35.	" Jarvie	K.R.	A/Adjutant.
	38	" Clowe	C.P.	
e	39	" Russell	G.B.	
	40	" Wisewould	A.E.	
	41	" Mackenzie	K.J.D.	
	42	" Ross	T.J.	
	45	" Whalley	R.P.	
	46	" Hamblett	J.H.	
	47	2/Lieut. Harris	T.V.	
	48	" Taverner	N.G.	

x Officers at Neclous Battalion.

A B S E N T

3	Major	Bastin "MC"	H.E.	Duty Eng. re Indian Army.
4	Capt.	Bowtell-Harris "MC"	J.F.	do do do
11	Lieut.	O'Connor	T.P.	Central School, Wisques.
13	"	Hamilton	W.E.	Hospital Sick.
32	"	Banks	K.G.	Musketry School, Lumbres.
33	"	Hatfield	P.T.	Central School, Wisques.
34	"	Crowe	M.V.	Hospital Sick.
36	"	Grant	T.R.	XV Corps School.
37	"	Hanson	T.B.	Hospital Sick.
43	"	Carne	P.R.	T/Divl. Musketry Officer.
44	"	Lyle	J.M.	Hospital Sick.

In the Field.
7th June 1918.

E. Herrod
Lieut. Col.
Commanding 7th Aust. Battalion.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in Order of Seniority
at 6 p.m. on 14th ^{June} 1918.

Senr.	Rank.	Name.		Remarks.
1	Lieut. Col.	Herrod "DSG"	E.E.	Commanding.
x 2	Major	Swift	C.H.	2nd In Command.
x 5	Captain	Stewart	R. McG.F.	
6	"	Phillips	A.F.	
7	"	Hillard "MC"	R.I.	
8	"	D'Altera	W.R.	
9	Hon. Capt.	Hopkinson	A.	Q.M.
11	Lieut.	O'Connor	T.P.	
12	"	Hill	E.W.	
14	"	Waters	A.J.	
15	"	Wright	H.J.	L.M.G. Officer.
x 16	"	Piercey	R.L.	
17	"	Reynolds	O.G.	
18	"	Gordon	J.H.G.	
19	"	Smedley	F.J.	
20	"	Jardine	T.A.	A/Transport Officer.
21	"	Swallow	R.W.	Transport Officer.
22	"	Smith	W.H.G.	
23	"	Robb	E.G.	Intelligence Officer.
24	"	O'Neill	H.F.	Signal Officer.
x 25	"	Graham	R.J.	
26	"	Harris "MC"	O.J.E.	Adjutant.
28	"	Dean	A.	Gas Officer.
29	"	Gaulton	F.B.	
30	"	Purbrick	R.B.	
31	"	Phillips "MC"	D.G.	
x 32	"	Banks	K.G.	
x 33	"	Hatfield	P.T.	
x 35	"	Jarvie	K.R.	A/Adjutant.
36	"	Grant	T.R.	
38	"	Clowe	C.P.	Bomb Officer.
39	"	Russell	G.B.	
41	"	Mackenzie	K.J.D.	
42	"	Ross	T.J.	
45	"	Whalley	R.P.	
46	"	Hamblett	J.H.	
47	2/Lieut.	Harris	T.V.	
49		<i>Gaddy</i>		

x Officers at Nucleus Battalion.

A B S E N T

3	Major	Bastin "MC"	H.E.	Duty Eng. re Indian Army.
4	Capt.	Bowtell-Harris "MC"	J.F.	do do do
10	Lieut.	Kitchen	F.G.	2nd Army School.
13	"	Hamilton	W.E.	Hospital Sick.
27	"	Dobbin	C.L.	2nd Army Musketry School.
34	"	Crowe	M.V.	Hospital Sick.
37	"	Hanson	T.B.	do
40	"	Wisewould	A.E.	XV Corps School.
43	"	Carne	P.R.	T/Divl. Musketry Officer.
44	"	Lyle	J.M.	Hospital Sick.
48	2/Lieut.	Taverner	H.G.	XV Corps School.

In the Field.
14th June 1918.

W. Herrod Lieut. Col.
Commanding 7th Aust. Battalion.

Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion
W. G. ...
 Plans. Col.

To the Hon. Secy.
 Dept. of Defence.

No.	Name	Rank	Service No.	Remarks
43	Levesley	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
44	Paye	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
45	Carne	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
46	Atkinson	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
47	Hanson	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
48	Crow	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
49	Doppin	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
50	Hartman	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
51	Richard	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
52	Hopkins	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
53	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
54	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
55	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
56	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
57	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
58	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
59	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
60	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.

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X Officers of 1st Battalion

No.	Name	Rank	Service No.	Remarks
61	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
62	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
63	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
64	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
65	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
66	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
67	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
68	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
69	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
70	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.

Y Officers of 1st Battalion

No.	Name	Rank	Service No.	Remarks
71	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
72	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
73	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
74	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
75	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
76	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
77	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
78	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
79	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
80	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.

Z Officers of 1st Battalion

No.	Name	Rank	Service No.	Remarks
81	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
82	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
83	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
84	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
85	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
86	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
87	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
88	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
89	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.
90	Wright	Pvt.	1100	1st Coy. Geny.

Officer in Charge
 14/6/18

at 5.15.00 on 14/6/18

Return of Officers on strength of 1st Battalion

1st Australian Battalion

APPENDIX

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in Order of seniority
at 6 p.m. on 21st June 1918.

senr.	rank.	Name.		Remarks.
1	Lieut. Col.	Herred "DSO"	E.E.	Commanding.
2	Major	Swift	C.H.	2nd In Command.
5	Captain	Stewart	R.M.C.G.F.	
6	"	Phillips	A.F.	
7	"	Hilliard "MC"	H.I.	
8	"	D'Altera	W.R.	
9	Hon. Capt.	Hopkinson	A.	Q.M.
11	Lieut.	O'Connor	T.P.	
12	"	Hill	E.W.	
14	"	Waters	A.J.	
15	"	Wright	H.J.	L.M.G. Officer.
16	"	Piercey	R.L.	
17	"	Reynolds	O.G.	
18	"	Gordon	J.H.G.	
19	"	Smedley	F.J.	
20	"	Jardine	T.A.	A/Transport Officer.
21	"	Swallow	R.W.	Transport Officer.
22	"	Smith	W.H.G.	
23	"	Robb	E.G.	Intelligence Officer.
24	"	O'Neill	H.F.	Signal Officer.
25	"	Harris "MC"	O.J.E.	Adjutant.
28	"	Gaulton	F.B.	
29	"	Purbrick	R.B.	
30	"	Phillips "MC"	D.G.	
32	"	Matfield	P.T.	
34	"	Jarvie	K.R.	A/Adjutant.
35	"	Graham	R.J.	
36	"	Grant	T.R.	
38	"	Clowe	C.P.	
39	"	Russell	G.B.	
41	"	Mackenzie	K.J.D.	
42	"	Ross	T.J.	
45	"	Whalley	R.P.	
46	"	Hamblett	J.H.	
47	2/Lieut.	Harris	T.V.	
49	"	Caddy "DCM" "MM"	J.	

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3	Major	Bastin "MC"	H.E.	Duty Eng. re Indian Army.
4	Capt.	Bowtell-Harris "MC"	J.F.	do do do
10	Lieut.	Kitchen	F.G.	2nd Army School.
13	"	Hamilton	W.E.	Hospital Sick.
26	"	Dobbin	C.L.	2nd Army Musketry School.
27	"	Dean	A.	Corps Intelligence Class.
31	"	Banks	K.G.	XV Corps Signal School.
33	"	Crowe	M.V.	Hospital Sick.
37	"	Manson	T.B.	" "
40	"	Wisewould	A.E.	XV Corps School.
43	"	Carne	P.R.	T/Divl. Musketry Officer.
44	"	Lyle	J.M.	Hospital Sick.
48	2/Lieut.	Taverner	H.G.	XV Corps School.

In the Field.
21/6/18.

W. Herred Lieut. Col.
Commanding 7th Aust. Battalion.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

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Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in Order of Seniority
at 6 p.m. on 28th June 1918.

Senr.	Rank.	Name.		Remarks.
1.	Lieut.Col.	Herred "DSO"	E.E.	Commanding.
2	Major	Swift	C.H.	2nd In Command.
5	Captain	Stewart	R.McG.F.	
6	"	Phillips	A.F.	
7	"	Hilliard "MC"	R.I.	
8	"	D'Altera	W.R.	
9	Hon.Capt.	Hopkinson	A.	Q.M.
x 11	Lieut.	O'Connor	T.P.	
x 12	"	Hill	E.W.	
14	"	Waters	A.J.	
15	"	Wright	H.J.	L.M.G. Officer.
16	"	Piersey	R.L.	
17	"	Reynolds	O.G.	
18	"	Gordon	J.H.G.	
19	"	Smedley	F.J.	
20	"	Jardine	T.A.	A/Transport Officer.
21	"	Swallow	R.W.	Transport Officer.
23	"	Robb	E.G.	Intelligence Officer.
24	"	O'Neill	H.F.	Signal Officer.
25	"	Harris "MC"	O.J.E.	Adjutant.
26	"	Dobbin	C.L.	
27	"	Dean	A.	
28	"	Gaulton	F.B.	
29	"	Purbrick	R.B.	
30	"	Phillips "MC"	D.G.	
32	"	Tucker "DCM"	W.L.	
x 33	"	Hatfield	P.T.	
35	"	Jarvie	K.R.	A/Adjutant.
36	"	Graham	R.J.	
37	"	Grant	T.R.	
x 39	"	Clowe	C.P.	
40	"	Russell	G.B.	
42	"	Mackenzie	K.J.D.	
x 43	"	Ross	T.J.	
45	"	Swift	A.G.	
x 47	"	Whalley	R.P.	
48	"	Hamblett	J.H.	
49	2/Lieut.	Poolse	W.J.S.G.	
50	"	Harris	T.V.	
52	"	Caddy "DCM" "MM"	J.	
53	"	Summers	E.G.	

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3	Major	Bastin "MC"	H.E.	Duty Reg. re Indian Army.
4	Captain	Bowtell-Harris "MC"	J.F.	do do do
10	Lieut.	Kitchen	F.G.	2nd Army School.
13	"	Hamilton	W.E.	Hospital Sick.
22	"	Smith	W.H.G.	2nd Army School.
31	"	Banks	K.G.	XV Corps Signal School.
34	"	Crowe	N.V.	Hospital Sick.
38	"	Hansen	T.B.	" "
41	"	Wisewould	A.E.	XV Corps School.
44	"	Carne	P.R.	T/Divl. Musketry Officer.
46	"	Lyle	J.M.	Hospital Sick.
51	2/Lieut.	Taverner	H.G.	XV Corps School.

x Officers with Nucleus Battalion.

In the Field.
28/6/18.

W. Herred Lieut.Col.
Commanding 7th Aust. Battalion.

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7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Changes in Officers.

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ARRIVALS.

- Lieut. A.J.WATERS from Reinforcements 5.6.18.
- " K.G.BANKS from 2nd Army School. 7.6.18.
- " P.T.HATFIELD do do do
- " T.P.O'CONNOR do do 10.6.18.
- " T.R.GRANT from XV Corps School. 11.6.18.
- " R.L.PIERCEY from Supernumerary List. 12.6.18.
- 2/Lieut. J.CADDY "DCM" from Cadet Battalion, England. 17.6.18.
- Lieut. W.L.TUCKER "DCM" from Seconded 2nd Tng. Bn. 22.6.18.
- " C.L.DOBBIN from 2nd Army School. 22.6.18.
- " A.G.SWIFT from Supernumerary List. 24.6.18.
- 2/Lieut. E.C.SUMMERS from Cadet Battalion, England. 24.6.18.
- " W.J.S.G.POOLE from Supernumerary List. 25.6.18.
- Lieut. A.DEAN from Corps Intelligence Course. 27.6.18.
- 2/Lieut. N.G.TAVERNER from XV Corps School. 29.6.18.

DEPARTURES.

- Lieut. C.L.DOBBIN to 2nd Army School. 9.6.18.
- " F.G.KITCHEN to 2nd Army Central School. 9.6.18.
- " P.L.EDGOOSE wounded 13.6.18.
- " A.E.WISEWOULD to XV Corps School. 14.6.18.
- 2/Lieut. N.G.TAVERNER do do do
- Lieut. A.DEAN to XV Corps Intelligence Course. 17.6.18.
- " K.G.BANKS to 2nd Army School. 17.6.18.
- " W.H.G.SMITH to 2nd Army School. 24.6.18.
- " O.G.REYNOLDS wounded. 28.6.18.
- Hon.Capt.A.HOPKINSON to Hospital Sick. 29.6.18.

W.H.G. Smith Lieut. Col

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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Commands - June 1918.

Commanding Officer - Lieut. Col. E. E. HERROD D.S.O.
 2nd In Command - Major C. H. SWIFT
 Adjutant Lieut. O. J. E. HARRIS M.C.
 Quartermaster Capt. A. H. HOPKINSON
 (until 29th June).
 Lieut. F. B. GAULTON
 (after 29th June).
 Intelligence Officer Lieut. E. G. ROBB
 Lieut. A. DEAN acted from June 3rd
 to June 8th.
 Signal Officer Lieut. H. F. O'NEILL.
 Transport Officer Lieut. R. W. SWALLOW

Company Commanders.

"A" Company.

June 1-30th Capt. A. F. PHILLIPS

"B" Company.

June 1-4th Capt. R. McG. F. STEWART
 June 4-17th Lieut. E. W. HILL.
 June 17-30th Capt. R. McG. F. STEWART

"C" Company.

June 1-30th Capt. W. R. D'ALTERA.

"D" Company.

June 1-30th Capt. R. I. HILLARD "MC"

E. E. Herrod Lieut. Col

War Museum :- A quantity of enemy material captured in the operation of June 12/13th was sent in. This included 7 Light Machine Guns. The importance of the Museum has been impressed on all ranks and steps taken to improve Battalion collection of the trophies.

Mails :- Mails from Australia dated April 9th and April 19th arrived during the month. Parcel mail of May 15th from Australia was sunk by enemy action.

Band :- Band has remained at Transport lines while Battalion was in forward area, and has been practising daily. While in SERCUS area the Band played selections on various occasions.

Honors & Awards :- During the month the Adjutant, Lieut. O. J. E. HARRIS, was awarded the Military Cross; R. S. M. W. BAKER, 5367 L/Sgt. J. W. CUMBERLAND and 2678 Cpl. B. W. HIGGINS the Meritorious Service Medal; and Lieut. E. G. ROBB, Battalion Intelligence Officer, ^{the following were} mentioned in despatches, Lieut. Col. E. E. HERROD DSO, Lieut. J. FOWLER, Lieut. E. G. ROBB, and C. S. M. J. CAREY.

Morale :- The chief feature of the month has undoubtedly been the high standard of morale visible among the troops. Notwithstanding continual service in the forward area the men remain wonderfully keen. The patrol work of the Battalion was exceptionally fine. Constant touch was kept with enemy posts. It was chiefly on account of the thorough preliminary reconnaissance that the operation of June 12/13th was so successful. That operation was carried out with striking skill and initiative. At various times towards the end of the month indications of an impending enemy offensive were not wanting, but the prospect did not at all dismay the troops. The morale of the Battalion has seldom been higher than at the present moment.

Nucleus Battalion :- Each time the Battalion has been in the line a Nucleus was left out, in the former instances under Major C. H. SWIFT, and in the latter under Lieut. T. P. O'CONNOR. The Nucleus Battalion has a definite place in the Brigade Defence Scheme, with a specified line to man in case of an enemy attack, and supplies men for working parties in reserve areas.

Health :- "Dog Fever", the peculiar species of influenza epidemic lately raging has claimed a good number of men of this Battalion, as will be seen in Medical Officer's Report.

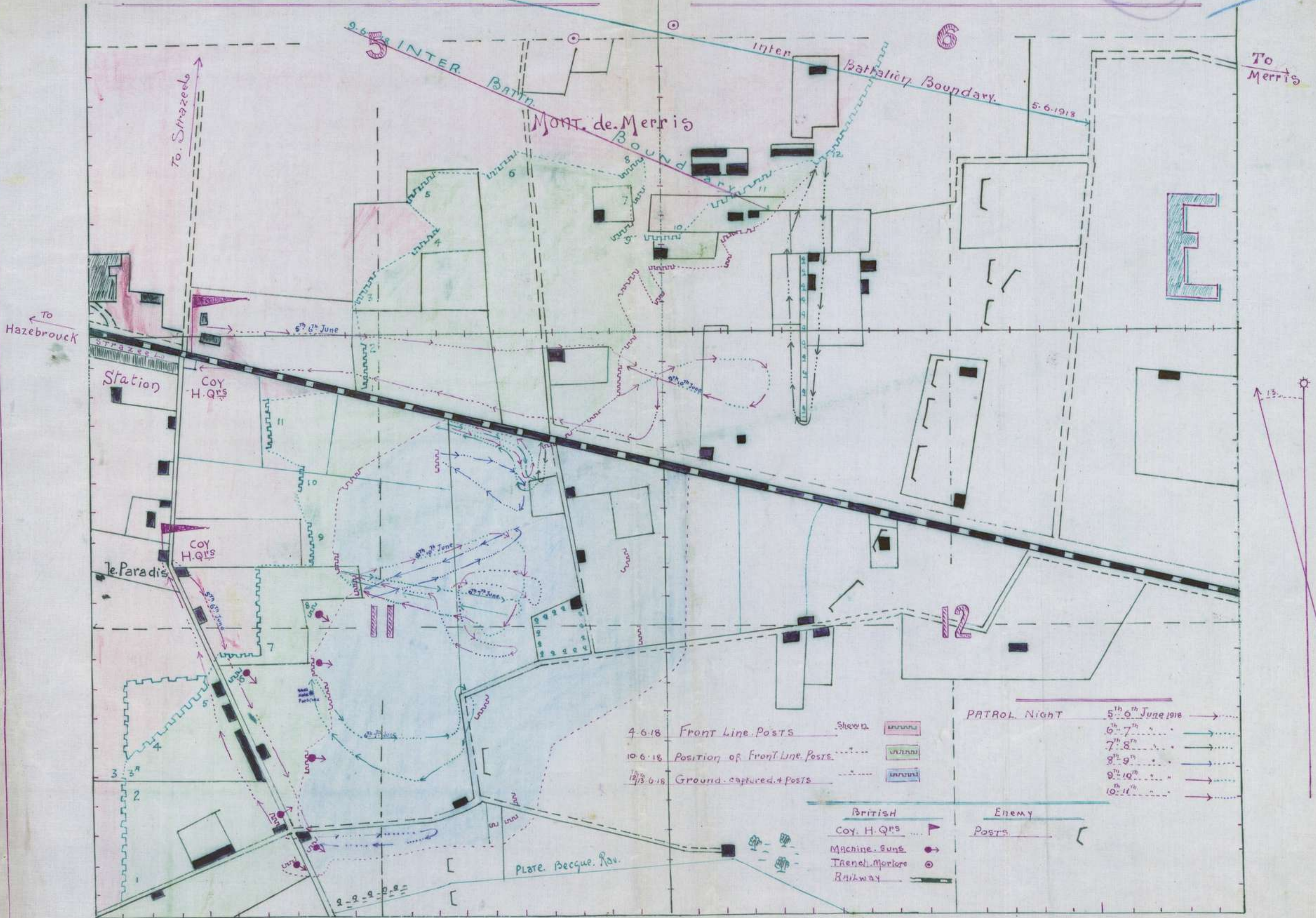
Leave :- Fifteen Other Ranks were granted leave to England during the month, and 2 Other Ranks leave to Paris.

Schools :- 3 Officers and 6 Other Ranks attended 2nd Army Schools, 4 Officers and 7 Other Ranks attended XV Corps Schools, 4 Other Ranks attended Divisional Signal School, and 5 Other Ranks Brigade Intelligence School.

Discipline :- Only 4 cases were tried by Field General Court Martial during the month. Discipline was very good throughout the Battalion. Lieut. R. J. GRAHAM forfeited 12 months seniority by sentence of General Court Martial.

"J"

E. E. Herrod Lieut. Col



C. E. Plummer, Pte
Intelligence Section
1st Battalion, Infy
A.I.F.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALIONDIET SHEET.

19/0/18.

<u>"A" Coy.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Stew, fresh.
	Tea	-	Rice Custard.
<u>"B" Coy.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Boiled Beef & Potatoes.
	Tea	-	Rissoles.
<u>"C" Coy.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Stew, fresh.
	Tea	-	Date Roll.
<u>"D" Coy.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Stew, fresh.
	Tea	-	Date Pudding.

Tea served 3 times daily.

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7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.DIET SHEET

20/6/18.

<u>"A" Coy.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Rissoles & Beans.
	Tea	-	Jam Roll.
<u>"B" Coy.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Stew, fresh.
	Tea	-	Plum Pudding.
<u>"C" Coy.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Boiled Beef & Potatoes.
	Tea	-	Boiled Rice.
<u>"D" Coy.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Rissoles & Beans.
	Tea	-	Boiled Rice.

Tea served 3 times daily.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

DIET SHEET.

21/6/18.

<u>"A" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Roast Beef & Vegg.
	Tea	-	Boiled Jam Roll.
<u>"B" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Boiled Beef & Vegg.
	Tea	-	Boiled Jam Roll.
<u>"C" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Rissoles & Peas.
	Tea	-	M. & V. Pie.
<u>"D" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Boiled Beef & Vegg.
	Tea	-	Date Roll.

Tea served 3 times daily.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Diet Sheet.

226/18.

<u>"A" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Stew, fresh.
	Tea	-	Rissoles.
<u>"B" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Boiled Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Rissoles & Peas.
	Tea	-	Boiled Jam Roll.
<u>"C" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Stew, fresh.
	Tea	-	Dundee pudding.
<u>"D" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Fried Steak & Peas.
	Tea	-	Baked Rice Custard.

Tea served 3 times daily.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

DIET SHEET

23/6/18.

<u>"A" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Boiled Beef & Veggies.
	Tea	-	Fruit Pudding.
<u>"B" Company</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Roast Beef & Potatoes.
	Tea	-	Fruit Pudding.
<u>"C" Company</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Stew, fresh.
	Tea	-	Dundee Pudding.
<u>"D" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Rissoles & Beans.
	Tea	-	Cottage Pie.

Tea served 3 times daily. ✓

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APPENDIX

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7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

DIET SHEET

24/6/18.

<u>"A" Company</u>	-	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
		Dinner	-	Fried Steak & Beans.
		Tea	-	Golden Pudding.
<u>"B" Company.</u>		Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
		Dinner	-	Boiled Beef & Beans.
		Tea	-	Baked Rice Custard.
<u>"C" Company.</u>		Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
		Dinner	-	Essoles.
		Tea	-	Bean Pie.
<u>"D" Company.</u>		Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
		Dinner	-	Stew, fresh.
		Tea	-	Jam Roll.

Tea served 3 times daily.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

DIET SHEET

25/0/18.

<u>"A" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Rissoles.
	Tea	-	Cottage Pie.
<u>"B" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Stew, fresh.
	Tea	-	Boiled Jam Roll.
<u>"C" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Roast Beef & Veggies.
	Tea	-	Boiled Jam Roll.
<u>"D" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Soup. Boiled Beef & Beans.
	Tea	-	Bean Pie.

Tea served 3 times daily.

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7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.DIET SHEET.

26/6/18.

<u>"A" Company</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Boiled Beef & Vegg.
	Tea	-	Rice Custard.
<u>"B" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Rissoles.
	Tea	-	Bean Pie.
<u>"C" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Fried Steak & Potatoes.
	Tea	-	Rice Custard.
<u>"D" Company.</u>	Breakfast	-	Fried Bacon.
	Dinner	-	Meat Pie.
	Tea	-	Boiled Jam Roll.

Tea served 3 times daily.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION SPECIAL ORDER.

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30/5/18.

1. A contact aeroplane demonstration will take place on 1st June.
2. Object:-
 - (a) To demonstrate various methods of indicating our positions to aeroplanes.
 - (b) To enable troops to judge various heights at which aeroplanes are flying.
 - (c) Practice in transmission of messages by aeroplane.
3. 7th Battalion will man trenches running from C.10.D.8.2 (exclusive to C.11.C.2.6.
4. All Lewis Gunners and Signallers will parade.
5. Battalion will be in position by 1.50 p.m., first forming up on Battalion parade ground. Time for fall in will be notified later. Dress:- Fighting Order.
6. Following methods of indicating positions to the contact aeroplane will be employed:-
 - (a) Groups of 4 rifles - each rifle at an interval of one foot from the next - will be laid on the parapet about every 20 yards with muzzles facing towards the front.
 - (b) On the aeroplane calling for same by means of its claxton horn, ground flares will be lit in the bottom of the trench.

It must be explained to all ranks that in actual practice only the most advanced troops light flares.

7. Heights at which aeroplane is flying will be indicated as under:-

500 feet	White.
1000 feet	Red.
2000 feet	Red and White in succession.
3000 feet	Red and Green in succession.

Lewis Gun fire is practically useless against aeroplanes flying above 3000 feet.

Lewis Guns will be mounted in the trench by each Company, and A.A. sights employed.

No loaded magazine must be in possession of any Lewis Gunner.

8. Aeroplane signalling station will be established at C.11.C.5.7. Ground sheets and Popham panels will be used, and short messages signalled from Battalion Headquarters to the aeroplane, which will then drop them at Brigade Headquarters station. Signal Officer to arrange.
9. Message Rockets will be fired between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Signal Officer and Bomb Officer to arrange.

(Sgd). O.HARRIS, Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION.

All Companies.

Corr.1.

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7th Australian Battalion Order No. 37

2/6/18.

Reference Maps: Sheets 27 and 36A.
1/40,000.

1. 7th Aust. Battalion relieves 1st Aust. Battalion at V.16.A.8.1. in Divisional Support Area on 3rd inst.
2. Starting Time. Battalion will leave camp at 7.15 a.m.
3. Brigade Starting Point - C.5.C.2.4 - will be passed by Head of Battalion column at 8 a.m.
4. Route. C.5.C.2.4. - C.6.Central - V.25.Central - V.19.B.4.5.-
V.20.B.8.2. - V.16.A.8.1.
5. Distances. Between Companies - 100 yards.
Between Battalions - 500 yards.
Between units and Transport 100 yards.
6. Halts. 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour.
7. Transport will move with Battalion, but on completion of move will be Brigaded at V.14.C.5.0.
8. Officers' valises, mens' packs and all gear etc. for carriage by transport will be dumped at entrance gates to present camp by 6 a.m. Blankets and hats to be placed in packs.
9. Present camp to be left in a thoroughly clean condition.
10. Dress. Fighting order, steel helmets. (Greatcoats and ground-sheet rolled under haversack.)
11. Advance Party. 1 N.C.O. per Company to report to Lieut. O'NEILL at 6.45 a.m. at Battalion Orderly Room, and party will proceed on bicycles to new camp.
12. Rear Party. 1 N.C.O. and 12 men from "C" Coy. to report to Lieut. DEAN at Battalion Orderly Room at 6.45 a.m.
13. Reports on march to head of column. On arrival in new camp all correct or otherwise with half an hour of arrival.

J. H. ...
Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

Distribution.

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>To whom.</u>
1	C.O.
2	2nd In Command.
3	Adjutant
4/6	War Diary
7	"A" Coy.
8	"B" Coy.
9	"C" Coy.
10	"D" Coy.
11	Specialists
12	Q.M.
13	T.O.
14	Spare.

Corr. 2.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No. 38.

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4/6/18.

1. 7th Aust. Battalion will relieve 12th Aust. Battalion in the line right of 1st Aust. Div. Sector on night of 4/5th June 1918.
2. Disposition of Companies:-
 - "D" Company on Right.
 - "A" Company on Left.
 - "B" Company in Support.
 - "C" Company in Reserve.

Companies will relieve 12th Battalion Companies accordingly taking over the same dispositions.
3. Routes. V.15.D.9.8. - V.16.B.7.4. - V.23.D.1.6. - W.19.C.95.75. E.1.B.3.8. - E.2.B.6.5. - E.3.A.2.2. - thence to Company lines.
4. Time. Companies will leave present camp as under:-
 - "D" Company at 6.30 p.m.
 - followed by "A", "B", "C" Coys.,
 - and H/Qrs. Details in that order.
5. Distances. Between platoons and Companies - 100 yard ds.
6. Dress. Battle order, water bottles filled. Bombs are being taken over from 12th Battalion.
7. All maps, plans of work, defence schemes, etc., will be taken over. Receipts in duplicate for all area and trench stores taken over will be sent to Battalion Headquarters by 3 a.m. on 5th inst.
8. Company Commanders' disposition sketches to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 3 a.m. on 5th inst.
9. All valises, baggage, etc., for removal to Bn. Q.M. Store to be stacked near Battalion Orderly Room by 8 p.m. on 4th inst.
10. Lewis Guns and Grenade Dischargers will be carried forward by limbers, and dumped as under, where they will be picked up by Companies. 1 N.C.O. and 3 men per Company to accompany each limber.
 - "D" Company - E.3.D.1.7.
 - "A" Company - E.3.A.0.0.
 - "B" Company - W.27.D.6.0.
 - "C" Company - W.27.D.5.5.

Lewis Gun Officer to arrange with Transport Officer.
11. Cooking arrangements will be taken over as carried on by 12th Bn.
12. R.A.P. at E.4.D.3.0.
13. Battalion Headquarters at E.3.C.8.0.
14. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters using code word "HOPE".
15. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J. H. M.
Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

Corr. 3.

W. H.

DISTRIBUTION

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8	"B" Coy.
9	"C" Coy.
10	"D" Coy.
11	Specialists.
12	Q.M.
13	T.O.
14	Spars.

Major H.E.BASTIN M.C.
 Capt. J.BOWTELL-HARRIS M.C.
 Capt. A.OATES D.S.O.

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On the 25th day of May 1918 the Battalion bade farewell with infinite regret to two of its most capable and brilliant Officers in Major H.E.BASTIN "MC" and Capt. J.BOWTELL-HARRIS "MC", who left that day en route to England and India to take up appointments in the Indian Army.

Among the lists of distinguished Officers of the Battalion probably there are none more highly esteemed and honored than these two Officers. They enlisted in the ranks with the original Battalion, both went through all the hard work and stress of training at Broadmeadows and in Egypt, both rose to N.C.O. rank and sailed with the Battalion for GALLIPOLI, both took part in the historic landing, Major BASTIN as a platoon Sergeant and Capt. HARRIS as a Headquarters Signaller. At HELLES, STEELS and QUINNS Posts, and at the immortal action of LONE PINE these Officers served brilliantly with the Battalion. They both obtained their Commissions on GALLIPOLI, and their respective absences from the Battalion have been remarkably short.

Major BASTIN was wounded at LONE PINE while acting as Adjutant. Many of those present at LONE PINE and still alive assert that hardly bare justice has ever been paid Major BASTIN for his very gallant and courageous work at LONE PINE. Major BASTIN returned to the Battalion again on 28th November 1915 and remained with the Battalion from that time on until his departure for India (save for a short period as Staff Trainee on 1st Aust. Brigade). Major BASTIN again took up the duties of Adjutant at TEL EL KEBIR on 10th January 1916 (relieving Lieut. D.CROOKS who was taken ill), and was appointed Adjutant on 7th February 1916, holding that position until ~~30th November~~ ^{1st September} 1917, when he received his well earned Majority; subsequently he acted as a Company Commander and at times 2nd In Command of the Battalion. Associated with the Battalion during every action and tour of duty in the line in France, his ability and courage, coupled with a genial and merry temperament, he could not but make a deep and favorable impression on all with whom he was brought in contact. As Adjutant he was able to set a high standard for the Officers of the Battalion, and to deeply impress on all that the 7th Battalion must and should be all in all to those who wear its colours.

In all this, at all times, and under all circumstances no Officer of the Battalion more zealously and effectively aided Major BASTIN than Capt. BOWTELL-HARRIS. Friends from the inauguration of the Battalion they both were never weary of working for and upholding the honor and fame of the 7th Battalion. Capt. BOWTELL-HARRIS served the Battalion successively as Platoon Commander, Bombing Officer and Company Commander, and in each capacity succeeded in more than an ordinary measure. Present at and taking a leading part in the share of the Battalion's work in the evacuation and its work on the RED SEA, at SERAPIUM and again in France particularly at POZIERES, his name will always be associated with that of another 7th Battalion Officer, Capt. A.OATES D.S.O., in the memorable bombing stunt of 16 hours at POZIERES on 19th July 1916, and for which Capt. OATES was deservedly awarded the D.S.O. No Officer has paid a finer tribute to another than the generous and manly term in which Capt. OATES has always referred to the bravery and devotion of Capt. BOWTELL-HARRIS in that bombing attack. Subsequent to POZIERES Capt. BOWTELL-HARRIS won his M.C. with the greatest courage and dash in a successful raid which he organised and led on the German trenches at YPRES on 30th September 1916. Again when the Hun retirement commenced before BAPAUME the skill and knowledge of Capt. BOWTELL-HARRIS were of the greatest service and value to his Battalion Commander. Of the many valuable services these two Officers have **conjointly** performed probably their joint work at Factory Corner near BAPAUME in the Hun retirement in March 1917 ranks as

highly as any because of the manifold difficulties successfully faced and overcome by them during the advance by the 7th Battalion. The name of Capt. BOWTELL-HARRIS is and always will be associated in the 7th Battalion with deeds of daring carried out with more than ordinary coolness and skill.

It is given to few men so young as these Officers to have in such a marked degree obtained so great and unquestioned an influence over their fellow soldiers, and in whom so marked a confidence was always placed by all ranks under all circumstances both in and out of the firing line.

It is but just in the interest of the Battalion and its future history that there should be placed on record some short resume, however far it falls short of doing justice to the careers of these two Officers who have so profoundly and so beneficially impressed their respective personalities on their Battalion. Their love for their Battalion is proverbial in the Battalion and no Officers have ever commenced their Military careers in any sphere with more generous and more earnest good wishes and the respect of their fellows than Major BASTIN and Capt. BOWTELL-HARRIS carry with them on the commencement of their careers in the Indian Army.

In writing of Major BASTIN and Capt. J. BOWTELL-HARRIS it is impossible to separate their names and the name of Capt. A. OATES D.S.O. who left the Battalion for the Indian Army on 12th February 1918. Capt. OATES enlisted in the 8th Battalion and came away with the original 1st Division, transferred to 7th Battalion in the early stages of the Peninsula Campaign and soon rose to commissioned rank. He was present at and displayed much ability and courage in every action the Battalion was, in on the Peninsula. Capt. OATES came to France with the Battalion as a Company Commander and soon became noted for his skill and courage. He and his Company specially distinguished themselves at POZIERES on the 19th July 1916 when his Company led by himself and Capt. BOWTELL-HARRIS carried out a fierce bombing attack which lasted 16 hours. For his work on this occasion Capt. OATES received the D.S.O. On many subsequent occasions his work was of a very fine standard, notably in the retirement of the enemy before BAPAUME.

Apart from his actual skill and bravery in the line Capt. OATES' work in the Battalion has been of particular value to the Battalion in the excellent stamp of N.C.Os. and men he trained while acting as Company Commander. It has been noticed frequently what fine work has been done by the N.C.Os. whom Capt. OATES trained, and how ~~carefully~~ they have carried on the system and kept up the standard he laid down.

A man whose word was his bond, known far and wide as of most scrupulous honor, Capt. OATES left the 7th Battalion with the deepest regret of his comrades of all ranks but with their assured belief in his success in whatever work he undertook in the Indian Army, and that he would still further add to the laurels of his old Battalion.

O. Harris

Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

W. H. H. Col

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No.39

7/6/18.

1. There will be an inter-Company relief on night of 8/9 June.
"C" Coy. relieves "A" Coy.
"B" Coy. relieves "D" Coy.
Company Commanders to arrange all necessary details.
2. Company Commanders disposition sketches to reach Bn. H/Qrs. by 4 a.m. on 9/6/18.
3. Trench and Area stores to be taken over and receipts obtained. One copy of each receipt will be sent Bn. H/Qrs. by noon on 9/6/18.
4. No portion of relief to take place in daylight.
5. All working and carrying parties to be taken over by relieving Companies.
6. Relief complete to be wired Bn. H/Qrs. using code word "GOOD".
7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

(Sgd) O.HARRIS, Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

O.H.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

10/6/18.

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Patrol Report.

Strength of Party - Officers Lieut. ROBB. L/Cpl. HAYSEY.
Commander -
Time of Departure - 9.30 p.m.
Place of Departure - E.11.A.95.10.
Time of Return - 11.15 p.m.
Place of Return - E.11.A.95.10.
Object of Patrol - To observe enemy movement and posts, and estimate his strength in the vicinity of E.11.B.6.3.

INFORMATION GAINED:- Patrol moved straight toward objective, reaching E.11.B.5.1. just before dark, as a good view could be obtained from here we lay in the crop and watched for enemy movement in front. A few minutes later one man walked from house at E.11.B.63.10 and jumped into a trench at E.11.B.6.3. Movement then became general. A sentry was posted at E.11.B.5.0., and a machine gun placed in position at E.11.B.50.05. We watched these positions for 40 minutes, and during that time there was continual movement of from 3 to 12 men. A party of six men near the M.G. post were tapping some metal with a hammer, and we were trying to observe what they were doing when our 18 pdrs. fired a salvo into the copse and dispersed the party. Our 18 pdrs. continued firing, and as the shrapnel was bursting right over us we had to retire about 100 yards. We then moved round to the right and again approached the copse. On reaching E.11.D.50.95, a party of five enemy were seen waking along the hedge in front. They had just disappeared when our 18 pdrs. again opened on the copse, some of the shells falling very close to us, so we again moved to the right with the intention of visiting the bend in the road at E.11.D.25.75, but the 18 pdrs. began shelling that also, so we returned to our lines at the point of departure. There is a crop 3 ft. high in front of the enemy M.G. post, but no listening post was pushed out in front. The shooting of our 18 pdrs. and Vickers Guns was excellent. No enemy wire was encountered.

L/Cpl. GRAY and Pte. MOORE entered field at E.11.B.55.50, but our shelling prevented them penetrating far enough to get in touch with the enemy.

(Sgd). E.G. ROBB, Lieut.

W. Harold Lieut. Col

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 Return

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 Lt. Robb

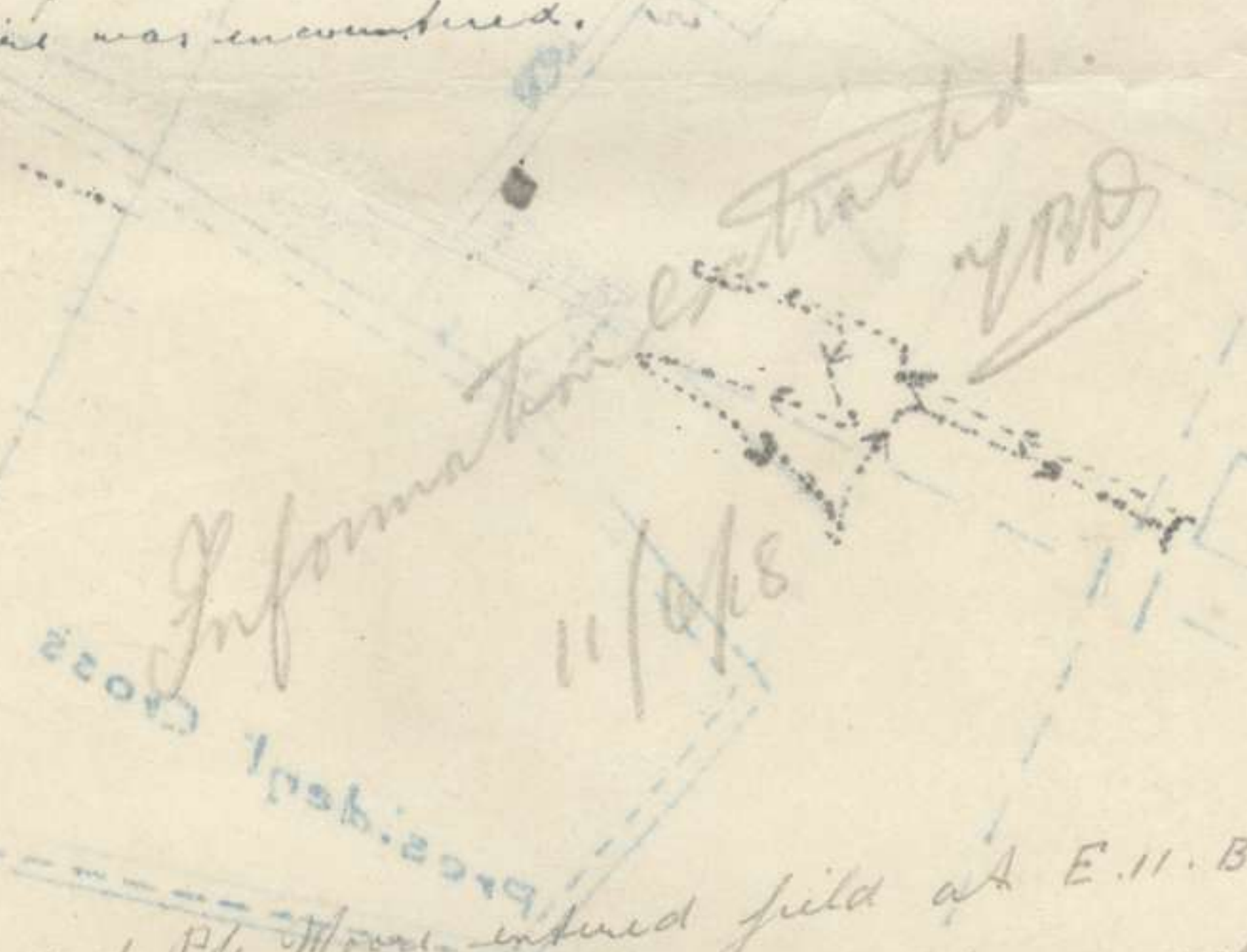
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9.30 pm
 E.11.2.95.10
 11.15 pm
 E.11.2.95.10.

Object of Patrol To observe enemy movement and posts, and estimate his strength in the vicinity of E.11. B. 6.3

Information Gained: Patrol moved straight toward objective reaching E.11.2.5.1. just before dark, as a good view could be obtained from here we lay in the trench and watched for enemy movement in front, a few minutes later one man walked from house at E.11. B. 6.3.10 and jumped into a trench at E.11. B. 6.3. Movement then became general, a sentry was posted at E.11. B. 5.0. + a machine gun placed in position at E.11. B. 5.0.25. We watched these positions for 40 minutes or during that time there was continual movement of posts 3 to 12 men. A party of six near the M.G. post were tapping some metal with a hammer + we were trying to observe what they were doing when our 18 pdrs fired a salvo into the copse and dispersed the party, our 18 pdrs continued firing, and as the shrapnel was bursting right over us we had to retire about 100 yds. we then moved round to the right and again approached the copse, on reaching E.11. D. 5.0.95, a party of five enemy were seen walking along the hedge in front, they had just disappeared when our 18 pdrs again opened on the copse, some of the shells falling very close to us, so we again moved to the right with the intention of visiting the bend in the road at E.11. D. 2.25.75, but the 18 pdrs began shelling that also, so we ~~continued~~ returned to our lines at the point of departure. There is a crop 3' high in front of the enemy M.G. post but no listening post was pushed out in front. The shooting of our 18 pdrs and Vickers guns was excellent. No enemy wire was encountered.

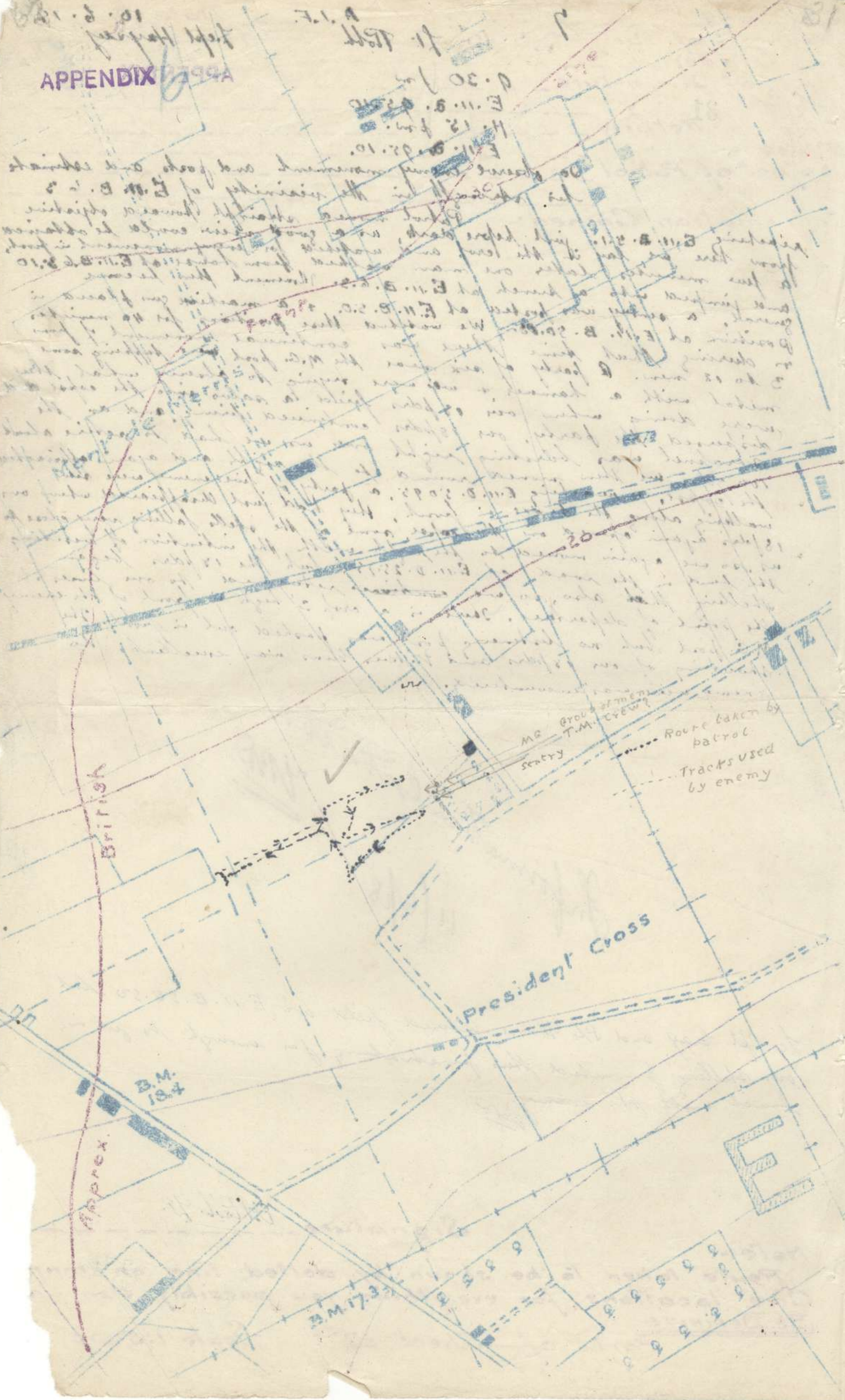


Lt. Col Gray and Pte Wood entered field at E.11. B. 5.5.50 but our shelling prevented them penetrating far enough to get in touch with the enemy.

Signature Lt. Robb

Note:
 Route taken to be shown by dotted line on map
 Give locations for everything you possibly can
Be Definite
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MG GROUP OF MEN
Sentry

Route taken by patrol
Tracks used by enemy

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31 7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No.40.Reference Map: Sheet 36A
1:40,000.

10/6/18.

INFORMATION:- 7th Aust. Battalion will carry out a minor operation on the night of the 11/12th June at zero hour 1.15 a.m.

INTENTION:- The following enemy positions will be captured and posts established:-

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|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Road Junction | E.11.D.4.5. |
| 2. Strong Post | E.11.D.4.7. |
| 3. Road Junction | E.11.D.7.9. |
| 4. Strong Post | E.11.B.7.5. |

DISTRIBUTION:- No.7 platoon is detailed to capture enemy position No.1 above.
No.5 platoon to capture position No.2.
No.6 and 10 platoons to capture position No.3 (No.10 platoon attacking from the North).
No.11 platoon to capture position No.4.

STOKES MORTARS: At zero minus 2 minutes 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. will open fire on the above positions with 1 Mortar for each position using 25 rounds per mortar per minute. At zero minus 1 minute the mortar firing on position No.2 will switch on to No.3 position. At zero fire will decrease to half rate and range will be lengthened 200 yards by bounds.

ASSEMBLY:- At zero minus 5 minutes assaulting platoons detailed will take up positions in No Mans Land as reconnoitred and these will not be closer than 150 yards to objectives. On assaulting platoons moving out "D" Coy. will occupy the posts vacated by "B" Coy., and "A" Coy. the posts vacated by "C" Coy. "D" Coy. will detail 1 section to follow each attacking platoon of "B" Coy. to assist in digging, and "A" Coy. 1 section per attacking platoon to follow "C" Coy.

COMMUNICATION:- Signal Officer to arrange for close touch with attacking platoons by telephone, Lucas Lamp and runner.

FORWARD Bn. At "B" Company H/qrs. E.11.A.2.2.
H/QRS.

GENERAL:- Arrangements will be made and notified later for adequate supplies of ammunition, water, etc. to be pushed forward.
R.A.P. at E.4.D.3.0.

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

(Sgd) O.HARRIS, Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

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2	C.O.
3	6th Battalion.
4	1st Dub. Fus.
5	"A" Coy.
6	"B" Coy.
7	"C" Coy.
8	"D" Coy.
9	2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.
10/12	War Diary
13/15	Spare.

Corr.7.

O. Harris Lieut. Col

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No.41.

11.6.18.

1. Brigade Memo G/4685 of 11.6.18 is incorporated ~~in~~ with and forms part of this order.
2. On receipt of message "DOG"; "B" Company will withdraw as under:-
One platoon will withdraw into "C" Coy. area taking cover along railway embankment on both sides of railway line.
One platoon will occupy the old right post of "C" Company vacated when present right post constructed.
One platoon will line hedge E.10.B.7.4. - E.10.B.9.3.
One platoon will line hedge E,10.B.7.4. - E10.B.7.7.
3. "B" Company will wire code message "SALVAGE IS READY" when withdrawal complete.
4. Reoccupation will be carried out under orders from Bn. H/Qrs. Patrols will be sent forward to carefully reconnoitre all positions before posts reoccupied.
In the event of posts being occupied by enemy "B" Company will at once counter attack and reoccupy the posts.
"C" Company will be prepared to render every assistance in case of counter attack being necessary.
"C" Company will arrange for careful watch being maintained for any movement of the enemy against "B" Company posts.
5. All troops in Company area to be warned.

(Sgd) O.HARRIS, Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

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7th Battalion.
-----HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
11th JUNE, 1918.Reference Map. Sheets 27 S.E. & 36A N.E.,
1:20,000.

1. Gas will be discharged on the front of the Brigade on our right on the night 11th/12th June, or on the first subsequent favourable night when weather conditions are suitable, i.e., a wind of not less than four miles an hour between North-West and West.
2. The following code messages will be used in connection with the operation :-
 - (a) "BOSTON", meaning "Conditions are favourable. Discharge will take place tonight."
 - (b) "PRETORIA", meaning "Conditions are unfavourable. Additional cylinders will be installed tonight."
 - (c) "MADRID", meaning "Conditions are unfavourable. Discharge will not take place tonight."
 - (d) "DOG", meaning "Weather conditions alright. Discharge of gas will take place tonight."
 - (e) "RAT", meaning "Weather conditions unfavourable. Discharge will not take place tonight."
 - (f) "BULL", meaning "Weather conditions have become unfavourable. Discharge will not take place. Line to be re-occupied forthwith."
3. If message (d) is received all troops East and South of the line E.11.A.8.2. - E.11.C.0.9. will be withdrawn. It is important that when once decided on, the withdrawal is to be carried out without delay and promptly reported to Brigade Headquarters by sending the code word "SALVAGE IS READY".
4. A Divisional Staff Officer will be present at the Headquarters of the Right Battalion to receive reports stating completion of withdrawal and to notify the officer in charge of the operation.
5. Right Battalion will place two runners at the disposal of the Staff Officer referred to in para.4.
6. Before evacuating forward positions, troops will cover up with earth all ammunition, grenades and any other metal stores which would be corroded by the gas discharger.
7. Re-occupation of the forward positions will be carried out under instructions from Brigade, and when completed will be notified to this office by sending the code word "FROG".
8. Zero hour will be 1 a.m.
Should any alteration be necessary this will be notified by a "plus" or "minus" correction in minutes, e.g., "plus 65" meaning "2-5 A.M."; "minus 100" meaning "11.20 P.M."
9. C.O.'s are responsible for warning all troops in their respective areas.
10. Every care will be taken to keep this operation secret.
11. Acknowledge.

(Sgd.) H.F. WATSON, Captain.
Brigade Major.
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121. (In pads of 100.)

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	To.....			Ey.....
	By.....			

TO { 7th Aust. Bn

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* AZB 105	12th		

On night 12/13th inst. 7th Bn. will attack and capture enemy's posts at E.11.D.4.5., E.11.D.4.7., E.11.D.7.9. and E.11.B.7.5. Attack will be carried out by one Coy. Support Coy. moving forward and occupying front line posts vacated by attacking troops, and Reserve Coy. those vacated by Support Coy. At Zero minus 15 minutes attacking troops will be in position on a line approximately 150 yards from the Objectives. At Zero minus 2 minutes 2nd A L.T.M.Bty. will open rapid fire with one Mortar on each of the Objectives. At Zero minus one minute, the Mortar firing on E.11.D.4.7. will switch on to E.11.D.7.9. At Zero the barrage will lift to 200 yards in rear of the Objectives and the positions will be rushed. 64th Brigade R.F.A. will bombard enemy's positions at E.12.C.4.3., E.12.C.5.9., and E.12.A.8.3. from Zero hour onwards. Prisoners will be sent direct to Brigade Headquarters. Identifications will be wired to Brigade Headquarters as quickly as possible. Zero hour will be 1 a.m. Acknowledge. Addressed all concerned.

From	2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade
Place	W.A.
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]* Captain
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to sign telegrams

* This line should be erased if not required.

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7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No.42.

Reference Sheet: 27 S.E. & 36A N.E.
1/20,000.

1. Inter-Battalion relief will take place on night of 12/13th June, when the 5th Aust. Battalion will relieve 7th Aust. Bn.
 2. On completion of relief 7th Battalion will move into area now occupied by the 8th Aust. Battalion.
7th Battalion will take over from 8th Battalion as under:-
 - "A" Company from "D" Company 8th Bn. (STRAZEELE). Coy. H/Qrs.)
at W.28.B.2,9.)
 - "B" Company from "B" Company 8th Bn. Coy. H/Qrs. at
W.21.D.2.3.
 - "C" Company from "C" Company 8th Bn. Coy. H/Qrs. at
W.27.C.5.8.
 - "D" Company from "A" Company 8th Bn. Coy. H/Ars. at
E.2.A.0.8.
- Company Commanders will get into touch accordingly and complete details. 1 Officer from each Company to be sent to 8th Battalion Companies.
3. All maps, documents and information of value will be handed over and taken over, and all area and trench stores handed over and taken over. One copy receipt in each instance to reach Battalion Headquarters by 9 a.m. on 13th inst.
 4. Company Commanders' disposition sketches to reach Bn. H/Qrs. by 9 a.m. on 13th inst.
 5. Completion of relief by 5th Battalion to be wired H/Qrs. using code word MURRAY, and when taking over from the 8th Battalion is complete by code word AVOCA.
 6. On completion of relief by 5th Battalion, 7th Battalion Headquarters will move to W.21.C.2.8.
 7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

(Sgd) O. HARRIS, Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

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7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No.43

Reference Map: Sheet 36A
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INFORMATION:- 7th Aust. Battalion will carry out a minor operation on night of 12/13th June 1918. Zero hour - one a.m.

INTENTION:- To capture enemy positions as under and establish posts:-

1. Road Junction E.11.D.4.5.
2. Strong Post E.11.D4.7.
3. Road Junction E.11.D.7.9.
4. Strong Post E.11.B7.5.

ATTACKING TROOPS:- No.7 platoon will capture enemy position No.1 above and establish a post.

No.5 platoon will capture enemy position No.2 above and establish a post, withdrawing to support position when consolidation is well advanced.

No.6 platoon and No.10 platoon will capture enemy position No.3 above and establish a post (No.10 platoon attacking from the North).

No.11 platoon will capture enemy position No.4 above and establish a post.

ASSEMBLY:- At zero minus 15 minutes attacking platoons will be in position in NO MANS LAND on a line approximately parallel to the objectives. In the case of No.11 platoon approximately parallel to the railway line, and in all cases at a distance of 100 yards from the objective.

CONSOLIDATION:- Three sections each of a strength of 1 N.C.O. and 15 men and detailed from "D" Company will follow closely in rear of Nos.5, 6 and 7 platoons respectively, one section to each platoon.

Two sections each of a strength of 1 N.C.O. and 15 men and detailed from "A" Company will follow closely in rear of Nos. 10 and 11 platoons respectively, one section to a platoon. Each man of these sections will carry 1 pick and 1 shovel and the sections will be used to consolidate the captured positions.

Immediately consolidation is well advanced attacking troops will be thinned out. Troops thinned out will return to their original posts, and covering troops will withdraw to Reserve and Support lines respectively.

PATROLS:- Immediately objectives are captured strong patrols will be pushed forward to cover consolidation.

MOPPING UP PARTIES:- In each platoon 3 men will be detailed to mop up and pass prisoners to rear.

RIFLE GRENADIERS:- A screen of rifle grenadiers will cover each attacking platoon during the preliminary bombardment and advance following closely in rear of first line of attacking troops.

ARTILLERY ACTION:- At zero minus 2 minutes all the objectives will be bombarded by 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty., which will use 4 mortars to assist in the attack. One mortar to each position and using 25 rounds per mortar per minute.

At zero minus 1 minute the mortar firing on position No.2 will switch on to No.3 position.

At zero fire will decrease to half rate and range will be lengthened by bounds to 200 yards, and fire will be maintained until situation is clear.

At zero minus 2 minutes 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. will bombard the objectives and at zero will switch on to known targets in rear of objectives and also to right flank of objectives.

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Harassing fire will be maintained by "D" Bty. 64th Bde. Field Artillery from zero minus two minutes on known enemy positions in and around rear and flanks of objectives and particularly on road in rear of objective, also along railway line. 3rd M.G. Coy. will maintain harassing indirect fire on known enemy positions in rear of objectives, firing from zero onwards. In each instance information will be sent from Bn. H/Qrs. to Artillery, T.M's, and M.G's as soon as it is considered advisable to cease fire.

DRESS:- Battle order.

COVERING TROOPS:- "A" Coy. will detail 2 platoons to occupy positions vacated by No.10 and 11 platoons. "D" Coy. will detail 3 platoons to occupy positions vacated by Nos.5, 6 and 7 platoons. Covering troops will occupy these positions as quickly as possible on attacking troops moving to assembly. Consolidating sections detailed as above will be supplied from these covering troops.

COMMUNICATION:- A Signal Station equipped with 1 Lucas Lamp and 1 Telephone will be established at E.11.B.2.6. and will move forward with attacking troops, and establish at E.11.B.45.50. This station will keep touch with left Coy. H/Qrs. A Signal Station equipped with 1 Lucas Lamp and 1 Telephone will be established at E.11.B.3.0. and as opportunity offers this station will move forward keeping touch with parties attacking No.3 objective. This station will keep touch with right Coy.H/Q. 2 Runners and 1 H/Q. Scout will be attached to each attacking platoon.

SUPPLIES:- Dumps at:-
1. "C" Coy. H/Qrs. E.11.A.4.9.
2. "B" Coy. H/Qrs. E.11.A.2.2.

From these Company H/Qrs. adequate supplies of S.A.A., bombs, and water will be pushed forward.

REPORTS:- All reports to Forward Bn. H/Qrs.

MEDICAL:- R.A.P. at E.4.D.3.0.

PRISONERS:- All prisoners will be sent through nearest Coy. H/Qrs. where indentifications will be established and prisoners at once despatched to Bn. H/Qrs.

FORWARD BN. H/QRS.:- At "B" Coy. H/Qrs. E.11.A.2.2.

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

(Sgd) O.HARRIS, Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

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7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

Narrative of Operations.

Night of June 12/13th.
-----PRELIMINARY.

During the period Battalion was in the front line patrols operated nightly in No Man's Land, gaining information concerning the enemy dispositions. By June 10th as the result of thorough reconnaissance and patrol work by Officers and men, enemy posts on the South side of the STRAZEELE-BAILLEUL Railway had been located and an accurate idea of their dispositions and strength obtained. In this connection valuable information had been secured by Capt. PHILLIPS and Lieuts. SMEDLEY, ROBB, GORDON, PURBRICK and WISEWOULD, assisted by Battalion and Company scouts and men from front line posts. An attempt by Lieut. PURBRICK on the night of June 8/9th failed to secure prisoners as the enemy posts selected for raiding were found unoccupied.

On June 10th a proposal to attack and capture enemy positions opposite our right Company front was approved by the Brigade Commander. A scheme was prepared and a Battalion Order drafted for the capture and occupation of the following posts:- E.11.D.4.5. - E.11.D.4.7. - E.11.D.7.9. - E.11.B.7.5. - The co-operation of the 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. was secured to barrage these positions and lines of communication as part of the operation. The operation was timed for 1.15 a.m. on 12th June. Before this order could be circulated the operation was cancelled by order of G.O.C. 1st Division, and arrangements were suspended. On the morning of June 11th the reason for abandoning the scheme was ascertained. On the sector immediately on our right it was proposed to discharge gas on to enemy positions on the night of June 11/12th. Permission was given, however, to go forward with our plans, then in case conditions were unsuitable for the discharge of gas our operation could be carried out. Our prepared Order was issued and arrangements completed for the organisation of the enterprise. Then came further instructions from the G.O.C. Brigade that our operation could not be carried out until the gas had been discharged as it was thought that it would not be wise to risk having any of the cylinders burst by the shell-fire which our attack would probably call down on that sector. The Brigade Commander personally gave these instructions at Battalion Headquarters, and the position was that our operation could not be undertaken until the gas had been discharged.

Battalion was due for relief on the night of June 12/13th, but the C.O. promptly asked permission to carry out the enterprise on that night and be relieved on the night of June 13/14th. This was granted, provided that the gas was discharged as intended on the night of 11/12th June. If the gas was not discharged on that night relief would take place as originally ordered on night of June 12/13th, and our plans for the operation would be handed over to incoming Battalion. All ranks readily concurred in this arrangement. The men were keen on following up their week's patrolling activity with an offensive operation against known enemy positions. A more detailed order was drafted and arrangements proceeded with, zero hour being fixed for 1 a.m. on night of June 12/13th.

Battalion Order No.41 was issued arranging for the withdrawal of front line troops during discharge of gas on night of June 11/12th. Troops were accordingly withdrawn at 10.30 p.m. At 1.30 a.m. orders were received to reoccupy posts. The gas was not discharged. The failure to release this gas meant the abandoning of the enterprise for us, relief to take place as originally arranged on night of June 12/13th. Our information and plans were to be handed over to the incoming Battalion.

On the afternoon of June 12th the Brigade Commander visited the C.O. and said that he wanted us to undertake the operation. We were to be ready to carry it out on very short notice. Meantime arrangements for the relief were to be pushed on. If relieved on the night of June 12/13th arrangements would

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be made for the Battalion to come in to carry out the enterprise while the 5th Battalion was in the line.

At 4.30 p.m. we were advised that the operation would be carried out on the night of June 12/13th, relief being postponed until night of June 13/14th. Arrangements were immediately made and Battalion Order No.43 issued. Meantime under Battalion Order No.42 advance parties had gone back to 8th Battalion area near PRADELLES, and had taken over dispositions, area stores, etc. On behalf of their respective Companies these were all recalled and brought back to Companies.

Arthur DeWint

W. Herrod Lieut. Col.

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June 12/13th.

7th Australian Battalion took over front line from 12th Aust. Battalion on night of 4/5 June. MONT MERRIS had been successfully captured the previous night by 11th Battalion, and 12th Battalion on right flank had given support to the 11th Bn.

On 7th Aust. Battalion taking over from 12th Aust. Battalion the line held by the 12th Aust. Battalion ran E.6.C.00.85 E.6.C.00.52 - E.5.D.40.55. - E.11.A.60.70. - E.11.C.55.90. - E.11.C.10.10. -

On night of the 5/6 and 6/7 June 7th Battalion advanced the line approximately 300 yards on a front of 1200 yards, and dug in. Close touch was then obtained with the enemy along the right front of the Battalion line, and his positions were carefully reconnoitred with a view to their capture. Lieut. ROBB, Battalion Intelligence Officer in particular with his scouts, doing excellent reconnaissance work under difficult circumstances. As a result of our reconnaissance, subsequently confirmed by aerial photographs, it was found the enemy undoubtedly held strong M.C. positions along our right front, and held the line strongly with troops as such movement was detected.

It was considered that if a simultaneous assault was launched against the 4 chief strong points the enemy held in front of our right, they could be captured and posts dug in. This would mean an advance of approximately 550 yards along a front of 650 yards, and would, in addition to strengthening our position, deny the enemy of such close observation of STRAZKIS Station and vicinity.

G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade having approved the general plan, which was after short preliminary bombardment with mortars, to attack each post with one platoon, the attack was fixed for night of 11/12 June.

All preparations were completed, and a bombardment of 2 minutes by Stokes mortars and 6 in. mortars arranged, when permission to attack was cancelled. 29th Imperial Division on our right flank had large numbers of gas cylinders installed in readiness for a gas attack on the enemy, and it was considered by them that if we attacked and the enemy replied, that his barrage might destroy these cylinders and cause heavy casualties to their forces. The discharge of gas had been fixed for the same night as the 7th Battalion attack. Unfortunately the wind proved unfavorable, and the gas was not discharged. 5th Aust. Battalion was to relieve 7th Aust. Battalion on night of 12/13 June in the line, and it was submitted to Brigade that it would only be fair to allow 7th Battalion to carry out the attack before we left the line. To that end 7th Battalion was prepared to stay another night in the line and carry out the attack if permission could be obtained to carry on, and it was submitted the danger of the enemy destroying the gas cylinders was not as great as feared. This view was adopted by G.O.C. 2nd Brigade and permission was granted for 7th Battalion to carry out the attack on night of 12/13 June. The wind that night again proved unfavorable for the gas attack by 29th Division, but fortunately higher authority allowed the 7th Battalion attack to be carried out

5 platoons, each of a strength of 1 Officer and 20 Other Ranks, were detailed for the assault. No. 7 platoon led by 2/Lieut. IAVSHEN was to attack No. 1 enemy position on the extreme right. No. 5 platoon led by Lieut. F.L. RUGGOSSE was to attack No. 2 enemy position. No. 6 platoon led by Lieut. WATERS and No. 10 platoon led by Lieut. RUSSELL were detailed to attack No. 3 position. This position was considered the key to the line being attacked, and reconnaissance has shown it to be very strongly held. No. 11 platoon led by Lieut. D. PHILLIPS M.C. was to attack No. 4 enemy position on the extreme left of the line being attacked.

The night was fairly dark and enemy artillery inactive. This enabled the attacking platoons to get through the crops and hedges in No Man's Land without casualties and without being detected, and get into assembly position within 100 yards of respective positions objectives.

All attacking platoons were in position roughly parallel to the objective by 12.45 a.m., No.11 platoon attacking from the North, forming up parallel to the Railway line so as to advance through the enemy's left flank. Platoons from "A" and "D" Companies manned the trenches vacated by the attacking platoons of "C" and "B" Companies respectively, and from these platoons of digging parties were provided to assist consolidation. Forward Battalion Headquarters was established at "B" Company Headquarters at E.11.A.22.25, and at midnight C.O., Adjutant and I.O. moved forward to these Headquarters.

Zero was fixed for 1 a.m. Exactly at zero minus 2 minutes 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. opened up a sharp bombardment of the objectives. The mortar bombarding position to be attacked by No.11 platoon had a premature, which blew the mortar out of action early in the attack. The 6 in. Newton (2nd M.T.M.Bty.) shelled the objectives and positions in rear, and at zero both Stokes and Newton Mortars lifted and the attacking platoons rushed the enemy positions. During the attack "D" Bty. 64th Bde. R.F.A. shelled enemy positions in rear and to flank of objectives and 1st M.G. Bn. brought indirect fire to bear on roads in rear of objectives. During the preliminary bombardment the enemy opened up sharply with M.G. from across VIEUX BERQUIN Road on our right flank and swept our line positions. By the time our attacking line reached the objectives the enemy had manned the ditches and hedges and brisk fighting occurred. There were a number of instances of determined man for man fighting, and in which our men had to kill the enemy as he would not surrender.

Lieut.EDGOOSE was very severely wounded just after he reached his objective, and his platoon came under heavy M.G. and rifle fire. Lieut.SMEDLEY of "D" Company pushed forward with some men and rapidly seizing the situation disposed the platoon in attack formation, vigorously attacked and dispersed the enemy engaging Lieut.EDGOOSE'S post, made a number of prisoners, captured a M.G. and killed many of the enemy. At 1.27 a.m. the first batch of prisoners was brought in to Forward Battalion Headquarters. Identification shewed them to be of the 5 Coy. 205 R.I.R. 44 Div. From that time onward until dawn prisoners continued to be sent in in batches from front line.

At 2 a.m. reports were received that all objectives had been successfully captured and positions were being consolidated. A strong patrol screen was thrust out in front of each post to cover consolidation, and before dawn new positions were successfully consolidated along the line.

There was very little enemy artillery fire during the operation, but his rifle and M.G. fire was heavy in bursts, and he fired vigorously with T.M's on left flank of attack.

At 2 a.m. enemy was seen moving to attack No.2 post now held by Lieut.SMEDLEY, and enemy attempts to envelope the flanks of this post were frustrated by our excellent L.G. fire, and although the enemy fire on the position was heavy we succeeded in breaking up this counter attack.

Our captures were:-

	38	prisoners	unwounded.
	9	"	wounded.
TOTAL.	<u>47</u>		
		7	Machine Guns.

Large quantities of M.G. material were in and around posts, but time did not permit of removal of this before relief by 5th Aust. Battalion on night of 13/14 June. Many valuable maps and letters were found. The maps disclosed that enemy had accurately located our general position in the STRAZELLE Area.

Much credit is due to Capt.W.R.D'ALTERA, "C" Company, and Lieut.HILL, "B" Company, for the energetic manner in which they organized the platoons of their Companies, and to the platoon Commanders and N.C.O's for the thorough manner in which all orders and instructions were carried out.

The whole attack worked without a hitch exactly to program.

Our casualties were :-

	3	Killed
	1	Officer wounded.
	18	Other Ranks wounded (mostly slight).
TOTAL.	<u>22</u>	Casualties.

In addition to the prisoners mentioned above it is estimated at least 50 enemy dead were seen in and around the captured positions, and it is believed the Vickers Gun and artillery fire on rear positions have accounted for many more of the enemy.

Copy of Operation Order is attached and also map.

During the period Battalion was in the line from night of 4/5 June to night of 13/14 June, we successfully advanced the line forward approximately 700 yards on a front of 1200 yards.

O'Hara *Leut*
adv
7 miles

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TO *KOPU*

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*Brigadier's congratulations
on your most successful
operation last night*

FROM *QUN 7*

TIME & PLACE

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800,000.—John Wilson, Ltd.—4/17.—2028, Forme O2123 **Corr.14.**

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Accept my congratulations
on this morning's fine
success

~~Walker~~

FROM General Walker

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EXTRACTS from 2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.9.

From 6 a.m. 12-6-18 to 6 a.m. 13-6-18.

A. OPERATIONS

Minor Enterprise - 7th Bn. carried out an attack at 1 a.m. 13th June 1918 in co-operation with Light and Medium T.M's. After preliminary bombardment strong enemy posts along a front of approx. 650 yards in E.11.B. and D. were attacked and captured after brisk fighting. Enemy showed great skill and determination in manning hedges and ditches and in a number of instances individual Huns had to be killed as they would not surrender. Enemy delivered an immediate counter attack on post at E.11.D.4.7. from direction of E.12.C.central, but this was repulsed by well directed fire from our Lewis guns. Up to 6 a.m., 44 prisoners 8 of whom were wounded, had passed through. 4 Hostile Machine guns were captured in the newly occupied positions. It is estimated that there are 40 enemy dead in and around captured area. It is believed that there are a few remaining Huns to be collected from shell holes and crops. As a result of this successful operation, we advanced our line on the right flank on a front of about 650 yards, to an average depth of 425 yards. Our line now runs as follows:-

E.11.C.8.3. - E.11.D.4.4. - E.11.D.4.7. - E.11.D.9.9. -
E.11.B.8.4. - E.11.B.9.8.

Our Stokes mortars expended 454 rounds in bombardment of enemy positions and giving covering fire to our attacking troops whilst a 4.5" Howitzer harassed principal enemy tracks leading towards scene of operations.

M.G's. - 12,000 rounds S.A.A. were expended in barrage and harassing fire on enemy track from E.12.B.5.4. to E.18.B.45.65. during the operation, and harassing fire until dawn. Lewis Guns were instrumental in repulsing enemy counter attack on newly occupied captured position at E.11.D.4.7.

Stokes Mortars - 454 rounds were expended in bombarding enemy positions, placing a barrage on objectives in E.11.B. and D. for attacking troops and silencing enemy M.G's liable to interfere in the success of the operation by our Right Battalion.

EXTRACT FROM FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.60

From 6 a.m. 12-6-18 to 6 a.m. 13-6-18.

A. OUR OPERATIONS1. INFANTRY(a) Minor Enterprise.

7th Battalion carried out an attack at 1 a.m. 13th inst. on enemy strong positions in E.11.B. & D. L.T.Mortars bombarded enemy posts, then lifted and a company of infantry rushed the positions on a front of approximately 650 yards. A brisk fight ensued. The enemy showed great skill and determination in manning hedges and ditches and in a number of instances individuals would not surrender and had to be killed. The enemy delivered an immediate counter-attack on the post at E.11.D.4.7. from direction of E.12.C.central, but this was repulsed by fire from our Lewis guns.

Up to 12 noon 13th inst., number of prisoners taken number 48 (including wounded). Material includes 6 machine guns and 1 L.T.Mortar. It is estimated that there are more than 40 enemy dead in and around the captured area. It is believed that there are a few remaining prisoners to be collected from shell holes and crops.

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EXTRACTS FROM 2ND AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 9.

From 6 a.m. 12-6-18 to 6 a.m. 13-6-18.

Our casualties were very light, 2 killed and 18 wounded. Our line now runs E.11.C.8.5. - E.11.D.4.4. - E.11.D.4.7. - E.11.D.9.9. - E.11.B.8.4. - E.11.B.9.8.

A. OPERATIONS

Minor Enterprise - 7th Bn. carried out an attack at 1 a.m. 13th June 1918 in co-operation with light and medium T.M.'s. After preliminary bombardment strong enemy posts along a front of approx. 650 yards in E.11.B. and D. were attacked and captured after brief fighting. Enemy showed great skill and determination in manning hedges and ditches and in a number of instances individuals had to be killed as they would not surrender. Enemy delivered an immediate counter attack on post at E.11.D.4.7. from direction of E.12.C. central, but this was repulsed by well directed fire from our Lewis guns. Up to 6 a.m. 44 prisoners of whom were wounded, had passed through. 4 Hostile Machine guns were captured in the newly occupied positions. It is estimated that there are 40 enemy dead in and around captured area. It is believed that there are a few remaining Huns to be collected from shell holes and crops. As a result of this successful operation, we advanced our line on the right flank on a front of about 650 yards, to an average depth of 425 yards. Our line now runs as follows:- E.11.C.8.5. - E.11.D.4.4. - E.11.D.4.7. - E.11.D.9.9. - E.11.B.8.4. - E.11.B.9.8. Our Stokes mortars expended 454 rounds in bombardment of enemy positions and giving covering fire to our attacking troops whilst a 4.5" Howitzer harassed principal enemy tracks leading towards scene of operations.

M.G.'s - 12,000 rounds S.A.A. were expended in barrage and harassing fire on enemy track from E.12.B.2.4. to E.12.B.4.5. during the operation, and harassing fire until dawn. Lewis guns were instrumental in repulsing enemy counter attack on newly occupied position at E.11.D.4.7.

Stokes Mortars - 454 rounds were expended in bombarding enemy positions, placing a barrage on objectives in E.11.B. and D. for attacking troops and silencing enemy M.G.'s liable to interfere in the success of the operation by our Right Battalion.

EXTRACT FROM FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 60

From 6 a.m. 12-6-18 to 6 a.m. 13-6-18.

A. OUR OPERATIONS

1. INFANTRY

(A) Minor Enterprise.

7th Battalion carried out an attack at 1 a.m. 13th inst. on enemy strong positions in E.11.B. and D. L.T. mortars bombarded enemy posts, then light and a company of infantry rushed the positions on a front of approximately 650 yards. A brief light ensued. The enemy showed great skill and determination in manning hedges and ditches and in a number of instances individuals would not surrender and had to be killed. The enemy delivered an immediate counter-attack on the post at E.11.D.4.7. from direction of E.12.C. central, but this was repulsed by fire from our Lewis guns. Up to 12 noon 13th inst., number of prisoners taken number 48 (including wounded). Material included 6 machine guns and 1 L.T. mortar. It is estimated that there are more than 40 enemy dead in and around the captured area. It is believed that there are a few remaining prisoners to be collected from shell holes and crops. P.T.C.

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7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No.44.

Ref. MaP Sheet 27 S.E.
1/20,000.

13/6/18.

1. 7th Aust. Battalion will be relieved by 5th Aust. Battalion on night of 13/14 June 1918, and on relief 7th Battalion moves into Brigade Reserve area now occupied by 5th Battalion in and around BORRE.
2. 7th Battalion will take over from 5th Battalion Company for Company, thus "A" Company 7th Battalion takes over from "A" Company 5th Battalion, etc. Advance parties of 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. per Company to go forward to 5th Battalion as soon as possible. Company Commanders to arrange for guides.
3. All maps, documents and information of value will be handed over and taken over, and all area and trench stores handed over and taken over. One copy receipt in each instance to reach Bn. H/Qrs. by 9 a.m. on 14th inst.
4. Company Commanders disposition sketches to reach Bn. H/Qrs. by 9 a.m. on 14th inst.
5. All petrol tins, food containers, etc., to reach "A" Coy. H/Qrs. by 10.30 p.m. on night of 13th inst. "A" Coy. to place an N.C.O. in charge until dump cleared by Battalion transport.
6. Completion of relief by 5th Battalion to be wired Bn. H/Qrs. using code word "MURRAY". Company Commanders to report all correct or otherwise on arrival at new billets.
7. On completion of relief by 5th Battalion, 7th Bn. H/Qrs. will move to V.24.D.5.7.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

(Sgd) O.HARRIS, Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

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317th Australian Battalion Order No.45.

Ref. Maps: 27 S.E. 2 36A N.E.
1/20,000.

15/6/18.

1. An enemy attack is expected on the Corps front on morning of 16th June.
2. The attack will probably be preceded by an intense bombardment with H.E. and gas and possibly a smoke screen.
3. In addition to the S.O.S. signal short blasts on strombos horn and lasting ten seconds will be used as a supplementary S.O.S. signal. All ranks will be warned that this signal differs from the gas alarm in that the signal will not be continuous but in short blasts.
4. The main line of resistance on the Divisional Front will be COURTE CROIX SWITCH - STRAZEELE - STRAZEELE AVENUE - RESERVE LINE and will be held at all costs. The 2nd Brigade lines forward of this line will be kept intact, and if necessary counter attacks will be delivered for this purpose.
5. 7th Battalion is Reserve Battalion of 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. and will man the Reserve Line south of STRAZEELE AVENUE. Manning to be completed by midnight. 15/16th June.
6. Disposition of Companies :-
 "A" Coy. on Right. Railway line (inclusive) to E.3.A.4.5.
 "B" Coy. E.3.A.4.5. - W.27.C.8.4.
 "C" Coy. W.27.C.8.4. - W.27.A.9.3.
 "D" Coy. W.27.A.9.3. - STRAZEELE AVENUE.
7. Dress:- Battle order, 220 rounds S.A.A. and 1 bomb per man.
Filled water bottles.
8. Companies will at once reconnoitre positions allotted, and move as under :-
 "A" Coy. at 10 p.m. followed by "C", "D" Coys. in that order.
 Bn. H/qrs. will move independently.
Distances:- 100 yards between platoons.
9. Anti Aircraft Lewis Guns will be mounted in each Coy. sector, (two per Company) to deal with low flying hostile aircraft.
10. Movement by day must be restricted to the absolute minimum.
11. All crops and hedges which obstruct the field of fire must be cut or thinned out. Sickles, shovels, entrenching tools etc., will be used.
12. Bn. H/qrs. will be at PRADELLES.
13. GENERAL. Companies will submit their dispositions immediately after manning respective sections of trenches. No shelters are to be erected in trenches; all existing shelters are to be removed. Men are not to be quartered in farmhouses or buildings. Officers will live with their platoons in the trenches. Where suitable protection is available Coy. H/qrs. may use buildings. In order to minimize casualties Officers are not to mess together. Cookers will not be available for first meal on morning of 16th inst., but if situation permits hot meals will be served during the day.
14. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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(Sgd.) O.HARRIS, Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

16/6/18.

1. 7th Battalion less 1 platoon per Company will move back tonight to Nucleus Battalion, BORRE.
2. Companies will move out at 10 p.m. in following order :-
"A" Company followed by "B", "C" and "D" Companies. 100 yards between platoons.
3. Companies will re-occupy same billets again in Nucleus Area save that "A" Company will occupy same billet as "D" Company.
4. Capt.D'ALTERA, "C" Company, will remain in charge of the 4 platoons manning the reserve line.
5. Each Company will leave an Officer in charge of the platoon remaining in reserve line.
6. "A" Company cooker will remain and cook for the composite Coy. commanded by Capt.D'ALTERA. Capt.D'ALTERA to arrange any details.
7. All petrol ^{tins} loading etc. to be set to "B" Company H/qrs. by 10 p.m. tonight.
8. Battalion Headquarters will return tonight to Nucleus Battalion, BORRE.
9. Acknowledge.

(Sgd.) O.HARRIS, Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion

7th Australian Battalion Order No.47.

reference map. Sheet 27 S.E. & 36A N.E.
1:20,000.

17/6/18.

1. 7th Aust. Battalion will be relieved by 10th Aust. Battalion and on relief will move to "C" Battalion Bivouac area at V.23.A.5.9. now occupied by 10th Battalion.
2. Advance parties under Lieut.ROBB will go forward on morning of 17th inst.
3. All guards, duties etc., will be handed over and taken over.
4. All area and trench stores will be handed over and taken over. Receipts to reach Bn. H/Qrs. by 5 p.m. on 17th inst.
5. Companies will move independently to new area as relieved.
6. All ranks will be warned that they must remain within the bivouac area.
7. Companies will report when relief completed by 10th Battalion and again on arrival at bivouac area.
8. Acknowledge.

(Sgd.) O.HARRIS, Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion

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2nd Aust. Inf. Bde will move by march route to SERCUS Area this afternoon 18th instant. Order of march, times of passing Starting point, and destination will be 3th Bn, 3 p.m. C.11.C.6.6. 5th Bn. 3-20 p.m. C.11.C.5.7., 7th Bn. 3-40 p.m. C.16.B.2.4. 6th Bn. 4-15 p.m. C.17.A.7.3., Bde.Hqrs. 4-10 p.m. XXXX.C.9.D.3.9., 2nd A.L.T.M. Bty. 4-35 p.m. C.16.B.1.8. Starting Point V.16.B.7.4. Route V.16.B.7.4. - V.15.D.1.5 - V.15.D.2.3. - V.20.B.9.7. - V.20.B.8.2. - V.19.B.4.5. - V.25.Cent. - C.C.Cent. - C.5.C.2.4. Usual distances and halts will be maintained on the march. Nucleus Bn. will be disbanded and personnel therefrom will march with their respective units. Transport will march with the units to which it belongs. Bde.Hqrs. will close at V.10.A.6.0. at 4 p.m. and re-open at C.9.D.3.9. at the same hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE. *add add all concerned*

(Signature)

From	2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,
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Time	
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TO		ALL COMPANIES.		
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Battalion moves from present location to SERCUS Area at 3.15 p.m. today aaa starting point main gate at entrance to field Bn. bivouacked. Order of March - "A", "B", "C", "D" Coys., H/qrs. details. 100 yards distance between Companies. Company Commanders to see that all platoons are inspected and that there is uniformity of dress. On march strict march discipline and Platoon Commanders to see that their platoons march well.				
From				
Place	(Sgd.) O. HARRIS, Lieut. Adjutant.			
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7th AUST. INFANTRY BATTALION.

Training Hours - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Dress - Fighting Order.

MORNING.

AFTERNOON.

1st DAY.

8	till 8.30	Bn. parade and platoon drill.	Recreational
8.30	" 9	Platoon Tactical exercise.	training.
9	" 11	Musketry instruction.	
		Lewis G.M.N)
		No. 36 R.G.)
		Gas)
		Patrolling)
		Wiring)
		Bayonet Fighting.	

"A" Company to use Musketry Range.

2nd DAY.

8	till 9	Bn. parade and Company drill.	Recreational
9	" 11.30	Coy. route march, finishing with Coy. tactical exercise.	Training.

"B" Company to use Musketry Range.

3rd DAY.

8	till 9	Bn. parade and Bn. drill.	Recreational
9	" 9.30	Platoon tactical exercise.	Training.
9.30	" 11	Specialist Training.	

"C" Company to use Musketry Range.

4th DAY.

8	till 8.30	Bn. parade and Company drill.	Recreational
8.30	" 11	Coy. route march, finishing with Coy. tactical exercise.	Training.

"D" Company to use Musketry Range.

Patrol scheme at night.

5th DAY.

8	till 9	Bn. parade and Bn. drill.	Recreational
9	" 9.30	Platoon tactical exercise.	Training.
9.30	" 11	Specialist Training.	

Musketry Range (allot as needed).

6th DAY.

Bn. tactical exercise.
Musketry Range (allot as needed).

Recreational Training.
Patrol scheme at night.

Specialist Officers and Instructors will assist Coy. Commanders as required.

RAPID LOADING. Rapid loading will be practised daily.

RIFLE GRENADES. Rifle grenade discharger and use of with No. 36 will be taught, and its value as a means of putting down a quick barrage, or giving covering fire to an advancing patrol, demonstrated.

RECREATIONAL TRAINING. All men to take part. Games in which only a few men are employed at a time are forbidden.

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P.T.O.

GAS. Gas drill and instruction on the lines laid down in Div. Circular 82/447, a copy of which is attached.

WIRING. As laid down in S.S.177, Instructions on Wiring.

TRAINING. Where time permits training on the lines of a model platoon will be carried out.

LECTURETTES. During "Rests" short lecturettes on discipline, Intelligence, lessons learnt from recent minor operations, etc., will be delivered by Platoon Commanders and discussion by the men invited.

As far as possible Lewis Gunners will be graded into "A" and "B" classes. "A" class consisting of trained Lewis gunners to be instructed in Lewis Gun tactics. Lewis Gun officer and Lewis Gun H/qrs. N.C.O's are available.

sgd. O. HARRIS, Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO 5th 6th 7th 8th Bns. 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.
1st Aust. Division

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The Brigade will be prepared to move at half an hours notice. In the event of a move being ordered, the order sent will be "Move to LA KREULE, Zero hour ---". The route to be taken will be as on the march down. Starting point will be C.5.C.2.4. Order of march and times for passing Starting Point will be - 8th Bn. Zero hour, 5th Bn. Zero plus 20 minutes, 6th Bn. Zero plus 40 minutes, Bde. Hqs. Zero plus 60 minutes, 7th Bn. Zero plus 70 minutes, 2nd A L.T.M.Bty. Zero plus 90 minutes. Units will move to the respective bivouac areas occupied by them prior to moving to SERCUS Area. Fighting order will be worn with greatcoats and ground sheets rolled. Packs and blankets will be dumped at present camps and a small guard left in charge of same. Transport will accompany units and on arrival at LA KREULE area will be brigaded and occupy lines occupied prior to the move down. On arrival at LA KREULE Nucleus Bn. will be reformed with Major SWIFT(7th Bn.) in Command. Brigade Headquarters in the event of a move will close at SERCUS at Zero hour and reopen at V.10.A.6.0. at Zero plus 45 minutes. In the event of the Brigade being required to Counter attack, 7th and 8th Bns. will be in the line with 8th Bn. on Right and 5th and 6th Bns. in Support. Acknowledgo.

Place 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade
Time
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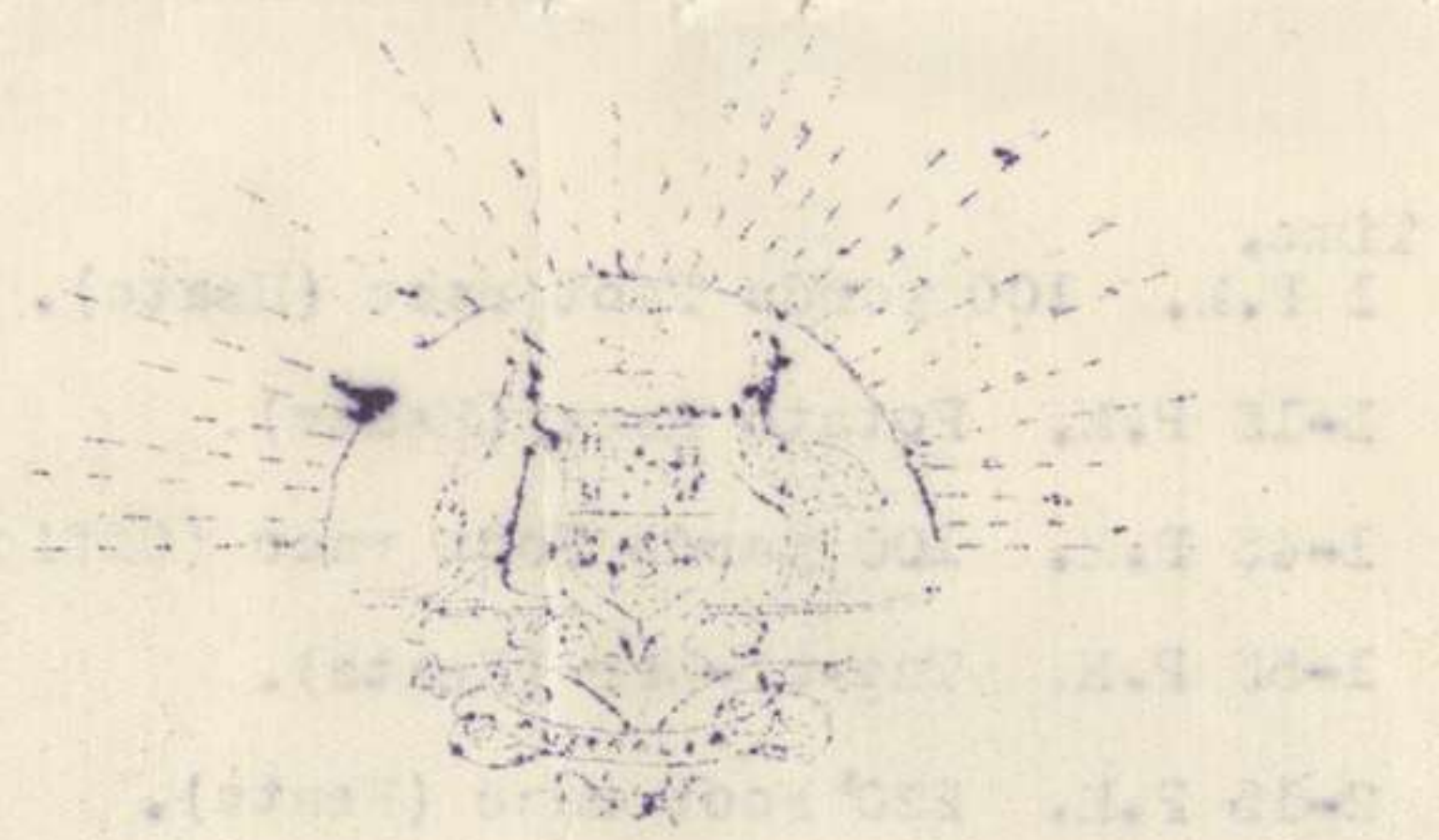
APPENDIX 2-4

MUSICAL PROGRAMME

- 1. March
- 2. Waltz
- 3. Selection
- 4. Intermission
- 5. Waltz
- 6. Selection
- 7. Fantasia
- 8. Waltz
- 9. Selection
- 10. Indian Intermission
- 11. Waltz
- 12. Selection

Labels Bands will render selections during the afternoon.

A concert will be held at 8.15 p.m. at the same place.



2nd A.I.D.

SPORTS

PROGRAMME

Tuesday June 25th 1913

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Event No.	Time.	Event
1.	1 P.M.	100 yards Foot race (Heats).
2.	1-15 P.M.	Potato Race (Heats).
3.	1-45 P.M.	100 yards Foot race (Officers).
4.	1-55 P.M.	Tug-of-War (Heats).
5.	2-15 P.M.	220' Foot race (Heats).
6.	2-30 P.M.	100 yards Fancy dress race.
7.	2-45 P.M.	High jump
8.	3-15 P.M.	Boat race (Heats).
9.	3-30 P.M.	Hurdle race
10.	3-45 P.M.	Long jump.
11.	4-30 P.M.	Obstacle race 440 yds (Heats)
12.	4-45 P.M.	100 yards Foot race (Final).
13.	5 P.M.	Tug-of-War (Semi-final).
14.	5-15 P.M.	220 yards Foot race (Final).
15.	5-30 P.M.	Boat Race (Final).
16.	5-45 P.M.	Hurdle race (Final).
17.	6 P.M.	Potato race (Final).
18.	6-10 P.M.	Tug-of-War (Final).
19.	6-15 P.M.	Wrestling on horseback.
20.	6-30 P.M.	Halo race (Officers).

The best sustained fancy dressed character will be judged during the afternoon.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

1. March	Naworth Castle	5th Bn Band.
2. Waltz	Rose Queen	6th do
3. Selection	Carl Rosa	7th do
4. Intermezzo	Aisha	8th do
5. Waltz	Casino Tanzo	5th do
6. Selection	Eric - a - Brac	6th do
7. Fantasia	Rose Petals	7th do
8. Waltz	Gold & Silver	8th do
9. Selection	Garminetta	5th do
10. Indian Intermezzo	Hobomoko	6th do
11. Waltz	Rosen	7th do
12. Selection	Gipsy Love	8th do.

Battalion Bands will render selections during the afternoon.

A Concert will be held at Sports Ground tonight commencing at 7-30 P.M.

APPENDIX

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Reference sheets: 27 S.S. & 30A.

Battalion Headquarters
26th June 1948.

1. 7th Aust. Battalion relieves 2nd Aust. Battalion on night of 27/28th inst., and detail orders will issue later.
2. Battalion will first move from SENGUS to V.23.A.5.9 via C.5.C.2.4. - C.6.Central. - V.25.Central. - V.19.B.4.5. - V.20.B.8.2. - V.20.B.9.7. - V.15.D.2.3. - V.15.D.1.5. - V.16.B.7.4. - V.23.A.5.59.
3. Battalion Starting Point - C.16.B.3.5. (main gate of present camp).
Starting Time - Head of Battalion column will pass starting point at 8.30 a.m.
4. Brigade Starting Point - C.5.C.2.4. Head of 7th Aust. Bn. column will pass at 9.10 a.m.
5. Distances - Between Battalions 500 yards.
Between Companies 100 yards.
Between Battalion and Transport. 100 yards.
6. Halts - 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour.
7. Dress - Fighting order; greatcoat and waterproof sheet rolled under haversack.
8. Mens' pack (with blanket in pack) will be dumped in Company dumps by 7.30 a.m. on 27th inst.
Officers valises will be dumped in front of Lewis Gun posts on the parade ground at 7.30 a.m. on 27th inst.
All other gear for storage etc., while Battalion is in line will be dumped with Officers' valises by 7.30 a.m. on 27th inst.
9. On completion of move Transport will be brigaded at V.14.C.3.0.
10. Present camp to be left in a thoroughly clean condition. Certificates by Company Commanders that Company lines are thoroughly clean will be forwarded to Bn. H/qs. by 8 a.m. on 27th inst.
11. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J. H. ...
Lieut.
Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

Distribution.

Copy No. 1 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.
" 2 C.O.
" 3 2nd In Command.
" 4 Adjutant
" 5 "A" Coy.
" 6 "B" Coy.
" 7 "C" Coy.
" 8 "D" Coy.
" 9 Specialists.
" 10 S.M.
" 11 T.O.
" 12/14 War Diary.

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7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER NO. 40

Reference Sheet: 27 S.E. & 50A N.E.
1/20,000.

Battalion Headquarters
20th June 1918.

1. 7th Aust. Battalion will relieve 2nd Aust. Battalion in the front line on night of 27/28th inst.
Time of move from V.23.A.5.9. and route will be notified later.
2. "D" Company will be line right.
"C" Company " " line LEFT.
"A" Company " " in support.
"B" Company " " in Reserve.
3. Advance parties will be sent into all posts on night of 26/27 inst., and one Officer will be sent to remain with each of line Companies.
4. All Companies will send forward reconnoitring parties of 1 Officer and 4 N.C.O.'s to obtain all available information and return on night of 26/27 June.
5. All maps, plans of work, aerial photographs, defence schemes, trench and area stores will be taken over and receipts given. Two copies of receipts to be forwarded Bn. H/Qrs. by 4 a.m. on 20th inst.
6. Company Commanders disposition sketches will be forwarded to Bn. H/Qrs. by 4 a.m. on 28th inst.
7. No alterations will be made ~~immediately~~ in dispositions taken over from outgoing units without reference first to Bn. H/Qrs.
8. Completion of relief to be wired Bn. H/Qrs. using code word "HOME".
9. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J. H. H.
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Adjutant 7th Aust. Battalion.

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