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OF

13th BATTALION, A. I. F.

FOR

APRIL 1918

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Adjutant, 13th Battalion, A. I. F. **Capt.**

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Signature of Officer Commanding C. O. 13th Battalion, A. I. F. **Lieut. Colonel.**

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Frankinc	1/4/18		See summary of operations attached.	Summary of Operations at HEBUTERNE from 26th March 1918 to 13th April 1918. Appendix I.
-	2.4.18		"	
-	3.4.18		"	
-	4.4.18		"	
-	5.4.18		"	
-	6.4.18		"	
-	7.4.18		"	
-	8.4.18		"	
-	9.4.18		"	
-	10.4.18		"	
-	11.4.18		"	
-	12.4.18		"	
-	13.4.18		"	
COIGNEUX	14.4.18		Battalion resting - General clean up and Baths.	
do	15.4.18		Lewis gun training - Selection of P.M. H.Q. Gun Section - Training of Runners + Transport personnel in Lewis Guns commenced - Divl. Commander (Gen Williams) 57th Divn. B.E.F. visited Battalion - Companies training - Basketball, Smattering of drill, gas helmet drill.	

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COIGNEUX	15.4.18	4 pm	Reconnoitering forward area - position to be taken up in case of attacks	
do	16.4.18	-	Company and Specialist Training	
do	17.4.18	-	Company and Specialist Training - Short Route March - Reconnoitering Close Reserve Area by all officers. 130 Re-inforcements marched in, men of first average physique and training, generally smart in appearance, and of an average age of 27, detailed from 56 th Bn.	
- do -	18.4.18		General & Specialist Training. Lewis Gunners on range work, and all new Re-inforcements on Range. Artillery. Results of new men fairly good, NOT yet up to Battalion standard, but keenness shown. Reconnaissance of Close Reserve Area	
- do -	19.4.18		General & Specialist Training, Lewis Gunners on Range work. Reconnaissance of Close Reserve Area by Officers + N.C.O.	
- do -	20.4.18		Battalion preparing to move into Close Reserve. Lewis Gunners training under Lewis Gun Officers. Advanced Party moved off 10.30 am. to new area under Lieut J.D. WESTWOOD, M.C.	
do	"		Relief of 14 Bn. Battalion in Close Reserve - completed at 4.35 pm.	2

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Appendices
SAILLY-AN-BOIS	21.4.18	-	4 Officers 240 O/R ¹² working on PURPLE RESERVE LINE Remainder - Specialist Training	3.
do	22.4.18	-	do do do do.	
do	23.4.18	-	Morning - Work on Purple Reserve Line Afternoon - Relief of Pm. by 2nd Auckland Battalion - Relief complete by 4 pm. - Battalion moved to billets at COIGNEUX.	
COIGNEUX	24.4.18	2 pm	Battalion embussed at COUIN for ALLONVILLE - arrived RAINNEVILLE at 5.30 pm. and marched to bivouacs at Allonville Wood. - Headquarters Details billeted at Allonville.	4
ALLONVILLE	25.4.18	-	Company and Specialist Training	
do	26.4.18	-	do do do do.	
do	27.4.18	-	Morning do do do Afternoon 1 pm Battalion moved to billets at DAOURS - Gen. Birdwood watched Pm. march past at Allonville.	5.
DAOURS	28.4.18	-	Morning Preparation for move to front line -	
do	do	5.15 pm	Pm. moved to front line - Relief of 59th Pm. A.I.F. Relief complete at 11.15 pm.	6.
do	29.4.18		} Summary of Operations for period 28.4.18 to 4.5.18 will appear in next month's diary.	
do	30.4.18			


 C.O. 13th Battalion A.I.F. Lieut. Col.

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WAR DIARY

OF

13th BATTALION, A. I. F.

FOR

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

Summary of Operations - HEBUTERNE.
26th March to 13th April, 1918.

Translation of German Divisional Order

Table "A")	In connection with Narrative
Table "B")	
Table "C")	
Table "D")	

Defence Scheme - HEBUTERNE Sector.

Battalion Order No.82

Copy of Daily Intelligence Summaries, from
27th March to 13th April, 1918.

Copy of Special Order of the Day by Major-General
E. G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C. B., D. S. O.
Commnd. 4th Aust. Division.

Relief Order No.83.

Trench Map - Sheet 57.d. N.E.

Order No.84 Relief of 14th Bn. at SAILLY-au-BOIS

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~~Bn. Order No.84A - Relief by New Zealanders.~~

Bn. Order. No.85. Move to ALLONVILLE

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Bn. Order No.86 . Move to DAOURS.

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Bn. Order No.87. Relief of 59th Bn., A. I. F.

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Summary of Sick, Wounded, Joined & Gone, etc.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

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Appendix 1.

NARRATIVE.

26th March, 1918

- Noon.- Battalion billeted at LAHERLIERE. Transport still on the march. Message received "Enemy have broken through at HEBUTERNE. Move to line SOUSTRE - BIENVILLIERS".
- 12.45 p.m. Moved out in following order:-
 "A" Coy (Advanced Guard)
 H.Q.
 "B" Coy.
 "C" "
 "D" "
- 12.48 p.m. Transport arrived at LAHERLIERE.
- 1.55 p.m. Head of Battalion passing through HUMBERCAMP. Enemy reported to have broken through to SOUSTRE with armoured cars.
- 2 p.m. In position on SOUSTRE - BIENVILLIERS Ridge. No sign of enemy nor any evidence of hostile activity.
- 2.50 p.m. Message from Brigade timed 2.15 p.m. reads -
 "4th Brigade has been given the task of driving the Bosche out of HEBUTERNE. An Artillery Brigade will assist. Concentrate near windmill on the BIENVILLIERS - FONQUEVILLIERS Road on receipt of this message. Send Officers patrols towards HEBUTERNE. Brigadier will await O.C. Artillery Brigade at SAULTY and then move to the place of concentration. A British Brigade will co-operate on our right and left."
 NOTE.- Amended verbally to read New Zealanders on right.
- 3.10 p.m. In position near windmill S.E. of BIENVILLIERS. Orders sent back for cookers, ammunition, mules, entrenching tools, etc.
- 4.30 p.m. Parties out reconnoitring and all ready for attack at 8 p.m.
- 5 p.m. HEBUTERNE reported unoccupied. Verbal orders from G.O.C. to have evening meal and move forward to occupy the village. 16th Bn. on right, 13th Bn. centre, 15th Bn. left, 14th Bn. in Reserve.
- 6.55 p.m. Orders received for move on HEBUTERNE -
 "HEBUTERNE is in our hands. 4th Brigade will fill the gap between 62nd Div. on our left (strength about 2000) and 19th Div. on the right (strength about 500), as under:-
 15th Bn. occupying a switch line in K.16.a and b. with its flank thrown back to contour 140 deg. near the last "E" in HEBUTERNE - Its right will be at X Rds. in K.16.a.
 13th Bn. with its left on the latter point running through cemetery to X Roads in K.15.d.
 16th Bn. with its left on the latter point and its right at Rd. junction K.14.a.
 Units will be disposed in depth -
 14th Bn. in reserve in K.3.c.
 Bde. H.Q. at Crucifix in K.3.d.
 Units will be in position before midnight to-night.
 Pass word to-night "DINKUM".
- 9.15 p.m. Head of Battalion at N. end of HEBUTERNE. Enemy patrol reported in village. "B" Coy ordered to clear the village and take up left half of Battalion sector with its right on cemetery. "C" Coy. to prolong to the ^{right} and join up with 16th Bn. "A" Coy. to select position in close support. "D" Coy. in reserve.
- 10 p.m. Platoon of "C" Coy. encountered German patrol while moving into position. 2/Lt. Jones wounded. Two prisoners of 49th I.R. taken.

- 10.10 p.m. "A" Coy. established with three Lewis gun Sections on a line K.16.a.37 to K.15.b.6.5. Coy. H.Q. at Catacombs K.9.d.5.9.
- 10.20 p.m. Bn. Headquarters established in cellar at K.9.d.3.8. R.A.P. at K.9.b.6.1.
- 10.30 p.m. "D" Coy. in position from K.15.b.29. to K.9.d.9.9. Coy. H.Q. at K.9.d.6.8.
- 11.40 p.m. "B" Coy. in position from X Road K.16.a.5.4. to K.16.a.0.0.
"C" Coy. from latter point to K.15.b.3.3. Not in touch with 16th Bn. 15th Bn. just moving in on left.
Lieut. NOLAN wounded.
- 11.50 p.m. Picquet posted at X Roads K.15.a./b. by "D" Coy. to remain until 16th Bn. have come up.

27th March, 1918.

- 12.30 a.m. "B" Coy. in touch with 15th Bn. on their left and "C" Coy. on their right; Vickers guns being posted in front line.
- 1.20 a.m. Cemetery reported held by enemy and at least three machine guns located there.
- 1.2 a.m. Enemy reported to be massing in Squares K.23 and 24.
- 1.45 p.m. Enemy attacked towards SAILLY across our front from direction Squares K.23 and 24; estimated about 12 waves. Left of 13th and right of 15th Bn. got his waves in enfilade and those that were left retired to Squares 23 and 24.
Capt. Moseley wounded.
- 3.5 p.m. Enemy reinforcements seen in K.30 a., K.29.d., K.34.b.
A second attack broken up by our Artillery fire.
- 3.20 p.m. Following message to Brigade:-
"New Zealanders hold a line in front of 16th Bn. running approx. as follows:-
LA SIGNY FM along road through 21 Central to just in rear of QUARRIES thence along road to near FORK in Road at K.15.d.75. and thrown back to about K.15.b.30. 16th are therefore quite behind N.Z.'s.
(2) Enemy were in road K.15.d.7.7. to b.3.3. until this morning.
(3) It is essential that we should occupy whole of ridge from cemetery across to FORK ROAD K.15.d.7.5.
(4) With your approval I shall bridge this gap with a Platoon this evening.
(5) Officers are out reconnoitring now.
(6) New Zealanders say they are in close touch with enemy and that 12th Div. are in BEAUMONT HAMEL".
- 4 p.m. Enemy reported collecting wounded, etc., under cover of smoke screen in Squares K.22 and K.17.
- 4.15 p.m. "B" Coy. reports:- "Troubled by machine gun fire from S.E. corner of cemetery".
- 4.20 p.m. Following received from Brigade:-
"Reference your A.D.35, the 16th Bn. have made arrangements to place one Company in the front line CEMETERY to FORK ROAD 15.d.7.5. this evening".
- 4.30 p.m. Battalion Order No.75. -
(1) 16th Bn. have been ordered to connect with N.Z.'s at FORK ROAD K.15.d.7.5. and link up with 13th Bn. at the CEMETERY.
(2) "C" Coy. working in conjunction with 16th Bn. Company concerned will clear the SOUTH EASTERN edge of the CEMETERY and place one platoon in the trench from SOUTH EASTERN corner
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Bn. Order No. 75 Contd.

of CEMETERY to K.16.a.0.0. with a strong point in commanding position in front of CEMETERY. Remainder of "C" Company may remain disposed as at present.

(3) One Platoon of "D" Company, under Lieut. Swinbourne, will be available at discretion of O.C. "C" Company, to be used if opposition is met with, and Stokes Mortars are ready to co-operate.

(4) As soon as this position has been occupied "B" Coy. will swing their line forward into trench from road junction K.16.a. Central to CEMETERY joining with "C" Company at that point, Supports remaining in trench at present occupied.

(5) Wiring of new position to be commenced immediately after it has been occupied.

(6) Acknowledge.

(Sgd) A.W. DAVIS, Capt.

Adjt., 13th Bn., A.I.F.

Issued at 4.30 p.m.

Copies to 16th Bn.

Bde. H.Q.

4th Stokes Mortars

"B" & "C" Coy.

5.40 p.m. "B" Coy. reports about 150 enemy advancing from MARK COPSE (K.29.a.) towards K.23.a.5.5. Opened on and dispersed them with Vickers gun.

8.30 p.m. "B" Coy. reports 30 enemy dribbled in South East corner of Cemetery. Stokes Mortars put over five shells. "B" Coy's left troubled by Minenwerfer.

Midnight. Capt. H.C. MEIKLE, 3rd Bn., N.Z.R.B., called at Bn. H.Q. and reported he was not yet in touch with 16th Bn.

28th March, 1918.

1.20 a.m. After short preliminary bombardment by Stokes Mortars, bombing Sections from "C" Coy. commenced to bomb forward along trench in direction of Cemetery. Simultaneously other sections of "B" Coy. worked from X Roads K.16.a.5.4. along two trenches leading to Cemetery. At the confluence of three trenches at K.16.c.25.80. a light machine gun had to be dealt with. Two enemy were killed but remainder with gun were able to escape along the third trench. At this point there are a number of deep dugouts and some time was necessary to clear them. Later, the bombing party cleared round as far as K.16.c.10.55. and a Platoon of "D" Company mopped up the Cemetery. At K.15.d.95.70. there was evidence of an enemy machine gun having recently decamped after having one of its crew killed. Blocks have been established at K.16.d.15.55. and K.16.d.35.80., and trench K.16.a.50.40. to "C" in Cemetery has been cleared and occupied. This latter trench is heavily wired. One man of moppers up killed by sniper at approximately K.16.d.56. Identification normal (49th Regiment).

Prisoners were captured at K.15.d.8.7. in ones and Two's throughout the early morning, the following being final figures for the day:-

2	of 2nd Coy.	49th Regt.
2	(Coy. unknown)	do
1	1st Coy.	do
1	1st Coy.	126th Regt.
1	3rd Coy.	do
1	3rd Coy.	140th Regt.
<u>8</u>	Total	

11.20 a.m. Village being very heavily bombarded. Heavy Trench Mortar fire on front line and supports.

"B" Coy. had a few casualties in front line.

1.30 p.m. Enemy carrying Granatenwerfer shot near K.16.c.9.9.

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8 p.m. Revised S.O.S. lines received:-
Secret. Bde. H.Q. 7 p.m.

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All Bns.,
 Following will be S.O.S. lines:-
18 pounders

From 5 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 K.18.a.20.00. - K.17.Central - K.22 Central.

From 8 p.m. - 5 a.m.
 K.18.a.0.6. - K.17.a.70.35 - K.22.a.6.9.
4.5 Hows.

From 5 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 K.17.c.2.2. - K.17 Central - K.18.a.2.0.

From 8 p.m. - 5 a.m.
 K.17.a.0.9. - K.17.a.70.35. - K.18.a.00.60.

Hows. will search forward 300 yards.
 Any alteration to above will be notified you".

29th March, 1918.

8.13 a.m. 18 Pounders reported dropping short at K.16.a.3.5.

11 a.m. "B" Coy. report enemy Minenwerfer at K.22.d.24, K.22.d.5.5.

6 p.m. Major Craig, R.M.O., wounded; Capt. Graves 2/3rd W.R.F.A. reported
 vice Major Craig.

30th March, 1918.

2.30 a.m. Bn. Order No.76 issued:-
Secret. Battalion Order No.76.

H.Q., 13th Bn.,
 30-3-18.

The following readjustment of the front held by
 the Battalion will take effect from ~~the junction with the~~
~~16th Battalion at approximately K.15.d.8.6.~~ 4 a.m.
 30-3-18:-

(1) (a) "D" Company will take over from the junction with
 the 16th Battalion at approximately K.15.d.8.6. to
 K.16.c.10.55. with one Platoon in the front line and two
 Platoons in trench from K.16.a.0.0. to K.15.b.7.2.

(b) Two Lewis guns and crews will be attached to "A"
 Company and remain in Catacombs. The remainder will be
 disposed at discretion of Company Commander but it is
 suggested that there be one in front line and two in support.

(2) "C" Company will hold from left boundary shown above
 (block at K.16.c.15.55. inclusive) to trench junction at
 K.16.c.25.80. (block and junction inclusive).

"B" Company from K.16.c.25.80. to Cross Roads
 K.16.a.5.4.

(3) "A" Company will now be disposed as follows:-

(a) One Platoon with three Lewis guns holding a line
 approximately K.15.b.8.5. to K.16.a.2.6.

(b) Balance, plus two Lewis guns with Crews from "D" Coy.,
 attached in catacombs.

(c) "A" Company will be responsible for all ration parties
 until further orders.

(4) Acknowledge.

(Sgd) A.W. DAVIS, Capt.
 Adjt., 13th Bn., A.I.E.

Issued at 2.30 a.m.

Copies to: "A", "B", "C", "D" Coys.
 4th A.I. Bde., File.

9 a.m. Following Vickers guns located in 13th Bn. sector:-
 K.16.c.23.67., K.15.b.28.28.

5.15 p.m. Lieut.H. Simpson severely wounded while conducting British
 Officers from front line to Bn. H.Q. (*Did of Wounds same day*)

6 p.m. *Capt. S.M. O'Riordan, A.P.M.C. reported vice GRAVES.*

6.15 p.m. "D" Coy. ordered to reconnoitre 15th Bn. right Coy. sector.

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31st March, 1918.

6.20 p.m. "B" and "C" Coys. ordered to reconnoitre with the object of nibbling forward in C.P.'s running forward from their position.

7 p.m. Received verbal instructions from Brigade for projected "Left Close" to commence.

8 p.m. Bn. Order No.78 issued:-

Secret Battalion Order No.78.

31-3-18

- (1) At 9 p.m. "D" Coy. will be relieved by a Company of 16th Bn. and will on relief move to the left of "B" Coy. and relieve a Company of 15th Bn. in Front Line.
- (2) Boundary with 15th Battalion will be K.16.a.9.6.- That Battalion holding sap head inclusive
- (3) Apart from modification mentioned in para (2) the line will be taken over as now occupied.
- (4) Acknowledge.

(Sgd) A.W. DAVIS, Capt.
Adjt., 13th Bn., A.I.F.

Issued at 8 p.m.

9 p.m. "C" Coy. wounded and captured two prisoners of the 8th Coy. 126th Regiment near Cemetery. They were the bearers of important despatches ~~which~~ which they attempted to destroy. Messages were pieced together and translated at Brigade.- (For copy of translation see appendices).

1st April, 1918.

1.45 a.m. "D" Coy. in position on left of "B" Coy. and "Left Close" complete.

3 a.m. Our Artillery barraged enemy communications to harass enemy relief, details of which were contained in despatches captured at 9 p.m. 31-3-18.

1.15 p.m. "C" Coy. ordered to co-operate with 16th Bn. in minor operation.
The latter to bomb from quarries along towards K.16.c.2.3., the former to work down from the Cemetery towards that point. The result of this operation was the capture of 71 prisoners (of which 13th Bn. party claim at least 20) and four machine guns (one by 13th Bn.)
16th Bn. established a post at FORK Road K.16.c.22. while 13th Bn. established a post with Lewis gun at K.16.c.3.3. covering the former.
Immediately following on this, posts were established at K.16.c.6.5. and FORK Road near K.16.a. Central without opposition. 13th Battalion had two wounded in the operation.

7.15 p.m. Wire from 62nd Division advised H.Q. states prisoners confirmed relief at 3 a.m. this morning and say last three Coys. were cut up by our Artillery fire.

8.56 p.m. "D" Company established posts at K.16.b.70. and along trench to junction with 15th Bn. at K.16.b.6.3.

10 p.m. "D" Coy's two reserve crews in Catacombs sent to rejoin their Coys.

2nd April, 1918.

1 p.m. Amended Vickers guns positions received as follows:-
K.16.c.20.30., K.16.c.25.65.
K.16.a.35.35., K.16.a.85.10.
Transport Lines will move from present location near BIENVILLERS AU BOIS to ROSSIGNAL-FARM.

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3rd April, 1918.

5.30 p.m. "C" Coy claim that they have inflicted over 200 casualties since 26th ultimo. One Lewis Gunner alone claims 80.

8.3 p.m. Coys. ordered to do special reconnaissance patrols with view to small raid. (See "Extracts from Intelligence Summary 3/4th")

9 p.m. Artillery asked for "leg room" in K.16.d. in order to allow patrolling referred to above.

4th April, 1918.

5.30 p.m. Issued Bn. Order No.80 :-

"Secret. Not to be taken past Coy H.Q. 4-4-18

Ref. Sheet 57.D.N.E. 1/20,000.

(1) At 5.30 a.m. on 5th instant the 63rd Inf. Brigade will advance its front to a general line K.17.b.10.75. along SUNKEN ROAD running eastward to K.12.d.65.30. thence along trench E.N.E. to L.7.c.10.50. thence N.E. to L.7.c.50.90. and joining with 112th Inf. Bde. at that point.

(2) The 8th Lincolnshire Regt. will attack on right and 8th Somerset L. Inft. on left. The whole in waves preceded by tanks. The right of Artillery barrage will be K.11.c.9.4.

(3) After objective has been ~~gained~~ reached contact aeroplanes will sound klaxon horn on which all troops in forward posts will light flares (or wave their tin hats below the level of the parapet).

(4) The 15th Bn. with "B" Coy, 14th Bn., will push forward their left to conform to the movement of the Lincolns.

(5) In order to create a diversion and with the object of destroying M.G. Posts previously located, the 13th Bn. will carry out the following minor operation at zero hour (5.30 a.m.) on 5th instant.

(6) Two bombing sections of "B" Coy covered on the left and front by two bombing sections of "D" Coy. (according to plan discussed with Coy. Commanders) will work to the right from K.16.d.5.0.40. to ROAD from 16 central thence to suspected machine gun at K.16.d.15.20.

Simultaneously two bombing sections of "C" Coy. will work down C.T. running S.E. from K.16.c.25.80. paying particular attention to suspected dugout at K.16.c.7.3. and endeavouring to junction with party mentioned above.

(7) A third detail of the form of a strong fighting patrol will investigate SUNKEN ROAD in vicinity of K.16.d.7.7. at which point much enemy movement was observed on morning of 4th inst.

(8) The three Lewis Gun sections of "A" Coy. at present located in SUPPORT are placed at disposal of O.C. "D" Coy. from 4 a.m. 5th inst. until completion of operation and will be posted in trench K.16.a.75.35. to ~~ax~~ a.90.50. from which position good targets may be expected.

(8a) Stokes action as indicated to Coy. Comdrs. and O.C. 4th A.L.T.M.B.

(9) Watches will be synchronised by runner at 4 a.m. The use of the telephone is to be reduced to a minimum.

(10) This order to be destroyed on completion of operation.

(11) Acknowledge.

(SGD) A.W. DAVIS, Capt.
Adj. 13th Bn., A. I. E.

Issued by runner at 5.30 p.m.

Copy No.1 - 4th A.I. Bde. Copy No.2 15th Bn.
3. "B" Coy. 4 "C" Coy
5. "D" " 6 File".

7.25 p.m. Following communication to G.O.C., Brigade:-

"Personal. 4-4-18.

Dear General,

(1) Following are my arrangements for smoke barrage:-

(a) Detail of Rifle Grenadiers under Sgt. TOWNSEND

(Contd)

- "(Bn. Bombing Sgt.) will assemble in HOPE TRENCH (K.16.b.60.00. to CAT TRENCH) at 4.30 a.m.
- (b) Lt. Cleland (I.O.) will be present to indicate direction and to decide if wind is favourable.
- (c) At zero hour the grenades will be fixed and if my experience and a test just carried out are any criterion, we should be able to do some good.
- (2) Would like another 24 grenades if possible.
- Yours etc.
7.25 p.m. (Sgd) D.G. MARKS"

5th April, 1918.

4.25 a.m. Headquarters moved to Front Line K.16.a.9.5. for "stunt".
5.30 a.m. (Zero hour) Barrage opened and almost simultaneously the enemy put down his counter barrage.
Post at K.16.d.15.20. fixed red flare when our Stokes Mortars opened on Hur.
Smoke barrage fired according to orders but was rendered hardly necessary owing to heavy ground mist.

7.15 a.m. Following communication to G.O.C. Brigade:-
"Personal. 5-4-18.
Dear General,

Following are final details:-

- (1) Stokes Mortars opened up at zero and put over about 30 rounds (estimated) on to K.16.d.20. after which the two bombing sections of "B" Coy. (covered by two sections of "D" Coy. as arranged) worked along to that point from K.16.d.50 and two sections of "C" Coy. worked down C.T. from K.16.c.65.50. Very little opposition was encountered owing to effective work by Stokes, and junction was effected at K.16.d.15.20. at which point we captured 1 prisoner 3rd Coy. 140th Regt. and 1 Light Machine Gun.
- (2) Stokes Mortars accounted for a number of casualties and our Bombing Sections accounted for a few more. Our casualties in the encounter were two (2) slightly wounded.
- (3) The fighting patrol (vide para 7 of B.O. No.80) could not proceed past K.16.d.19. owing to heavy barrage at this point from our own 18 pounders firing enfilade from the front. So many of our shells were falling here that it became necessary to withdraw my advanced posts from the vicinity K.16.d.08 - 1590
- (4) Enemy retaliation very slight on 13th Bn. sector and not on any definite line.
- (5) Situation at 7.15 a.m.:-

HEBUTERNE rather heavily shelled. Everything quiet on front line. Situation on left still obscure.

13th Bn. Advanced H.Q. (Sgd) D.G. MARKS."

7.15 a.m.

NOTE:- The 18 pounders referred to were rather identified as guns covering N.Z. front from direction of SAILLY

7.30 a.m. Our front line being heavily ~~xxxxxxx~~ barraged.

9.15 a.m. "C" Coy report enemy movement behind smoke barrage in valley in front of them.

9.45 a.m. "C" Coy. caught enemy in enfilade as they attacked 16th Bn. and inflicted heavy casualties. No enemy reached our line.

12 noon. Headquarters withdrawn to K.9.d.3.8. Heavy shelling of village still in progress.

1 p.m. Situation quiet.

10.30 p.m. Following received:-

"All Units. B.M.525. 5/4/18.

The Divisional Commander has just rung up to thank the G.O.C. and Officers and men of this Brigade for all their good work during today. He fully realises that though the enemy has made very determined efforts to get a footing in our lines he has failed to do so suffering severe casualties in the attempt."

Lieuts. Parsonage and Dwyer rejoined from leave on night

4/5th.

6th April, 1918.

3.40 - 4.25 p.m. "D" Coy had their line shelled heavily. 4 '2's scored five direct hits on the trench and two "bays" were blown in. No casualties. "B" and "C" Coys shelled also but shooting not so accurate.

8 p.m. Lieut. Merifield rejoined from leave.

7th April, 1918.

All quiet on Bn. sector.
meeting of C.Os. at Brigade Headquarters at 9.30 a.m. and at 16th Bn. at 4 p.m. Subject - projected relief.

8th April, 1918.

3.30 p.m. Following personal memo from G.O.C. Brigade:-

"Dear Marks, 3 p.m. 8-4-18
The Corps Commander is afraid to let the defence of HEBUTERNE out of our hands, consequently it has been decided that only the left Bn (15th Bn. plus one Coy. 14th Bn.) only will be relieved.
Brigade Headquarters stay where they are at present with the 13th and 14th Bn. in the line, 13th Royal Fusiliers in support where the 16th Bn. go to the right and the 1st Essex at SAILLY as my Reserve Bn.
The 16th and 15th Bn. will go back for 5 days rest at ROSSIGNAL FARM, then relieve the 13th and 14th Bns. respectively these Battalions then going to the FARM.
(Sgd) C.H. BRAND"

Issued Bn. Order No.81:-

"Secret. H.Q. 13th Bn. A.I.F. 8-4-18.

- (1) "A" Coy will relieve "B" Coy in front line at dusk to night.
- (2) "B" Coy. will return to CATACOMBS on completion of relief.
- (3) O.C. "A" Coy. to send forward 3 N.C.O's to reconnoitre position at once.
- (4) Signallers at present with "A" and "B" Coys will change over with their Coys.
- (5) Usual ration parties detailed by "A" Company for front line Companies will remain behind until arrival of rations and will carry same forward reporting to their Company after delivery.
- (6) O.C. "B" Company will detail parties of 1 N.C.O. and 9 men to report to Coy. Headquarters of "B", "C" and "D" Coys at 8.15 p.m. to convey empties back to Bn. H'qrs.
- (7) "B" Coys. rations will NOT be carried forward.
- (8) Lieut. T. DWYER to remain with "A" Company in front line.
- (9) Acknowledge.

(Sgd) A.W. DAVIS, Capt.
Adj. 13th Battalion, A.I.F."

"Issued at 3.30 p.m.

6 p.m. to "A" Coy.

"B" "

Following:-

Following from 4th A.I. Bde.:-

"COPY IV Corps No.76/1/3/G.

4th Australian Brigade.

(Through 37th Divn)

The Corps Commander desires to thank all ranks of the 4th Australian Brigade for their gallant behaviour in the defence of HEBUTERNE against all attacks during the past 14 days. Without relief and without complaint they have held their positions and in many cases have advanced and improved their line.

Heavy attacks on the Brigade on the 1st and 5th April were repulsed with severe losses to the enemy.

Skilful enterprises carried out on the initiative of local Commanders have resulted in the capture of several enemy posts with a gain to us of 80 prisoners and 8 Machine Guns, besides inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

The Corps Commander considers this a very fine

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"performance which reflects great credit on all ranks of the Brigade.
 H.Q., IV Corps (Sgd) R.G. PARKIN, Brig.-General.
 7th April, 1918 General Staff, IV Corps.

Fourth Aust. Inf. Brigade
 Headquarters
 8th April, 1918

C.O. 13th Bn., A.I.F.

The above was received from IV Corps this morning.
 (Sgd) H.B. DAVIS, Lieut.
 2nd Brig. Major
 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade".

4 p.m. Regimental Rubbing Post ~~xxxx~~ for preventive treatment
 of trench feet moved to Catacombs, and placed under charge
 of Lieut. B.C.J. ROSE, M.C., D.C.M. R.M.O. to supervise.

4.30 p.m. Extracts from 4th Bde Order No.3 received 4.30 p.m.:
 "1. Reliefs will be carried out as under:-

Date	Unit	Relieved by	Frontage	On relief move to	Remarks
8/9th Apl.	16th Bn.	14th Bn.	K.16.c.2.3. to K.21. Central	K.8. Camp vacated by 14th Bn.	Complete relief by 8 p.m.
9th April	16th Bn (Support Bn)	13th Royal Fusiliers	K.8. and K.14.	J.3.a. Shelters and Tents	16th Bn vacate camp by 8 p.m.
9/10th Apl.	"A" Coy) 14th Bn) 15th Bn	10th Royal Fusiliers.	K.11.c.6.5. to K.16.b. 5.4.	"A" Coy. 14th Bn. into Sup- port 14th Bn. 15th Bn. t to J.3.d. Shelters, and tents.	Complete relief by 10 p.m.
10th April	1st Essex (Reserve Bn)		Occupy line SAILLY-AU- BOIS - CHATEAU DE LA HAIE.		

2. Stokes mortars attached to 13th Battalion and 14th Bn. will
 remain with those Battalions. Remaining guns will be relieved
 on night 9/10th April, 1918.

3. Those guns of 4th Machine Gun Coy. in position N. of a line
 drawn N.W. and S.E. through HEBUTERNE will be relieved under
 arrangements to be made with O.C., 37th Division Machine Gun
 Bn. On relief, these guns and Greys will be located in
 K.13 and 14.

8 p.m. 30 Men rejoined from leave.

9 p.m. Relief of "B" Coy complete.

9th April, 1918.

10 a.m. G.O.C. Brigade inspected Bn. Sector.

Following received from G.O.C. Brigade:-

"I regret that the relief of your Battalion has been postponed
 from 10/11th April till 13/14th April. After 15 days strenuous
 work all higher Commanders would have liked to see your men
 get a few days rest, but the holding HEBUTERNE is all
 important to the IV Corps, it has therefore been arranged that
 the 4th Brigade carry on the good work instead of being
 relieved. (Contd)

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"To the 13th and 14th Battalion and with the help of two British Battalions the Brigade has been entrusted the defence of HEBUTERNE whilst the 15th and 16th Battalions obtain a few days rest after which these latter Battalions will take over thus giving your Battalion a rest.

"The importance of the British holding the Germans and allowing him to expend his fresh Divisions whilst the French and American counter offensive is maturing, will be appreciated by all thinking Officers, N.C.O's and Men. From what one can gather the British have very few fresh Divisions so that all our efforts have to be re-doubled.

"It is gratifying to note that 7 cases of Trench Feet are practically nil, whereas in flanking Units there are several cases. Credit is due to all concerned. Keep up this good record.

"Please let all ranks know that the best service they can do is to stick it.

(Sgd) C.H. BRAND".

10 p.m. 15th Battalion (on left) now relieved by 10th Battalion Royal Rifles Fusiliers.
16th Battalion (right) relieved by 14th Battalion, A.I.F.

10th April, 1918.

4.45 a.m. "A" Company captured wounded prisoner of 5th Coy., 7th Bavarian Reserve Regiment at K.16.d.1.9. Prisoner was an N.C.O. who had gone to look at a forward post and losing his way, was shot by our post.

6.25 a.m. Heavy enemy shelling of whole Battalion sector, which continued till after 9.30 a.m.

1 p.m. Following report forwarded to Brigade H'qrs:-

"Further to my verbal reports by telephone this morning, I am now able to report as follows:-

1. Heavy enemy shelling on the Battalion sector commenced at about 6.25 a.m. At 8 a.m. barrage on the Left Company Sector had reached its maximum intensity and was then directed entirely upon the front line of that Company and the Company of 10th R.F. on its left. 5.9's, 4.2's, Whizz Bangs and Minenwerfer were all used.

2. O.C. Left Company (Capt. N. WALLACH, M.C.) reports "..... at 9.30 a.m. the barrage slackened and I despatched Sgt. Purssell and a party of bombers to assist my advanced post at K.16.b.55.05. as enemy were seen advancing with stick bombs down C.T. through "Tommy's" sector. Meanwhile I pushed forward my left Lewis Gun, and the 10th R.F. pushed forward one of their's thus preventing him from advancing further down the C.T. and forcing him to withdraw. On Sgt. Purssell's arrival at Post K.16.b.55.05. no trace of our Post (1 N.C.O. and 4 O/Ranks) could be found, and the trench was full of German stick bombs. An unoccupied dugout nearby had been blown in at both entrances. At 9.50 a.m. the Post was re-established and I now have a reconnoitring patrol searching for trace of missing men."

3. Following is copy of report by O.C. "C" Coy, 10th R.F. timed 9.45 a.m. received by ~~ear~~ courtesy C.O. 10th R.F.:-

"To Commanding Officer = At 8 a.m. this morning enemy put down a heavy box barrage on our FRONT and OUTPOST line. It was followed by a bombing raid down one of the saps leading into OUTPOST LINE about K.16.b.55.05. He put mobile charges and blew in 2 unoccupied dugouts. So far as can be ascertained, have no casualties, and no men missing. Will send down further particulars soon as possible."

4. At 10 minutes to 8, Left Coy. asked for retaliation for enemy shelling which explains the long period of suspense.

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"Retaliation was immediately asked for and again at 9.50 a.m. Artillery were asked to fire on trench from K.16.c.60.00. to K.17.a.00.35. and on Sunken Road at K.17.a.50.70. as enemy was seen collecting there. The result of this is reported by Capt. Wallach as follows:-

"Shooting by our 18 pounders and Hows about 6 a.m. this morning appeared to be very effective; shrapnel was bursting low. Result of retaliation and destructive fire asked for on enemy trenches at 9.50 a.m. could not be observed owing to dense smoke and dust from enemy barrage!"

5. Artillery fire this morning was not entirely confined to Left Company sector. The trenches of both other Companies suffered severely and the village was heavily shelled from about 6.25 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. We had two killed and one wounded in Right Company which suffered many direct hits on its trench.
6. The Post raided was well covered by block in C.T. running to K.16.d.65.19. and I am fully convinced that the bombing attack developed from the left down HOPE TRENCH. This is borne out by report of 10th R.F. reprinted above.
7. For the reliability of most of the men missing I can personally vouch, and I know that they would NOT be taken without a hard fight.

(Sgd) D.G. MARKS, Lt.-Colonel."

1.30 p.m.

Following personal communication to G.O.C., 4th Brigade:-

- "(1) Following in ~~anticipation~~ amplification of this morning's report:-
- (2) Our night posts in HOPE TRENCH (K.16.c.60.00. to K.10.d.40.00) were right alongside those of Unit on left near our boundary at CAT TRENCH.
- (3) In daylight we have been in the habit of withdrawing all except post at K.16.c.55.05. and 15th Bn. left their post at head of CAT TRENCH. Coy. Commander who relieved 15th Right Coy. promised to carry this on but I am informed that all their posts were withdrawn at about 6 a.m. to-day.
- (4) At about 10.30 a.m. an Officer was sent to 10th R.F. O.C. of Right Coy. to ask him to put his post back at junction of CAT and HOPE trenches. As he would give no definite answer we have placed one of our posts at that point."

11th April, 1918.

"B" Coy. relieved "C" Coy. in front line.

"C" Coy. moved into Reserve in Catacombs.

Relief complete by 8 p.m.

12th April, 1918.

12.55 a.m. Enemy reported to have used British steel hats during attack on 5th inst., and again during yesterday morning's raid. Reconnaissance by Officers of 13th Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

13th April, 1918.

Relief by 13th Battalion, Rifle Brigade, complete at 10.30 p.m. Battalion moved to bivouacs and shelters at COIGNEUX.

Lieut.-Colonel.
C.O. 13th Battalion, A.I.F.

Translation of German Divisional Order of 30th March, 1918, captured by 13th Battalion, A.I.F. at HEBUTERNE - 8.30 p.m. 31st March, 1918.

Sector of XIV Res. Corps is now divided into two Divisional Sectors.
Right Div. Sector (119 Inf. Div) from LITTLE WOOD 125 inclusive to 100 m. N of FORK in road from SUGAR FACTORY 400 m. S. of HEBUTERNE. The 119 I.D. will be strengthened by 1st Regt. of 4.I.D.
Left Div. Sector (39 I.D.) in touch with 119 I.D. as far as Corps Boundary 200 m. S. of Eastern Railway Crossing on SERRE - MAILLY ROAD to the left of 39 ID. is 21 ID.

BATTLE ZONES.

Right Limit S. edge of PUISIEUX Junction of SERRE - HEBUTERNE Rd. with Railway K.30.a.3.9. - 100 m. N. of FORK Road at S. end of Fm de la HAIE - S. edge of SOUASTRE.

Left N. edge of MIRAUMONT - 200 M. S. of E. Railway crossing on SERRE - MAILLY Road - S. end of BERTINCOURT.

Boundaries in the enemy sector apply similarly for Artillery Zones.

I.R. 172 with attached troops will be relieved on the 31st in the early hours of the morning by 46 R.R. of 119 I.D.

I.R. 126 will be relieved on the right flank on the night of 31-3/14 by one Regt of 4 I.D. Regt. will be named later. It will remain in position on right flank of Division.

In consequence of the battle now in progress particular attention must be paid during the relief to keeping touch on the N.E. of the line. Should an attack take place during the relief, all reliefs will be cancelled. The reserves will hold and take up connection with the nearest Regimental Battle H.Q.

Regt. Battle H.Q. as follows:-

* 92 I.R.	1315/5A	(K.29.A.8.8.)
77 I.R.	1316/16B	(K.29.D.2.8.)
79 I.R.	1415/7 D	(K.34.B.1.1.)

Brigade Battle H.Q. will be notified by the Guide.

263 Aviation detachment and 20 Balloons.

Section remains attached to the Division.

The following light signals are in force from 12 midnight (or midday?) 31st March, 1918.

RED - Barrage
 GREEN - Destructive fire
 WHITE - Here we are...

Div. Battle Position will also be notified by bearer of this order.

61st I.B. from 31.3.18 No.20 Battle H.Q.

Additions to 39th I.D. T.A. No.30

Boundaries between 126 and 132 I.R. - N. corner of LITTLE WOOD - LE SIGNEY FM - S. corner of SERRE.

All 3 Regts of the Bgde. will be placed in the front line.

126 Right - 172 Centre - 132 Left.

The general line of the Brigade will follow approximately the Road which leads from the S.E. corner of HEBUTERNE, E of LE SIGNEY FM. to Blue point by Map ref. 1415 where at approximately Blue point l. touch will be maintained with 88 R.I.R. (about K.34.b. Central).

Behind the centre of the Brigade sector in the SERRE AREA a Regt. of 4 I.D. will be held in readiness.

BATTLE ZONES.

I.R. 126 from right of Div. boundary where touch is to be maintained with 49th I.R. approx. 900 m. to the left (the left boundary is approx. the dividing line of grid lines 1214 and 1314).

I.R. 172 going about 800 m. to the left flank about the height of S. corner of LA. SIGNEY FM.

I.R. 132 joins up as far as its junction with 88 R.I.R.

I.R. 126 with its right flank on the Divl. Right boundary will be relieved on night 31.3/14. by a Regt of 4 I.D. (Particulars for the relief, No. of Regt., Orders, times, etc. will be notified later).

The relieved Battalion goes into reserve. The holding of the Sector as far as the left regimental boundary (Sector 92 I.R.) will be taken over on the same night by the Battalion now in reserve. Completion of relief is to be notified.

I.R. 126 on the 31.3/1.4 will inform Bde Battle H.Q. of completion of relief.

Sketches showing position of our front line and the enemy's line with dispositions down to Companies, including M.G's and M.W. H.Q. and boundaries, must be handed into Bgde. by 10 a.m.

I.R. 126. Boundaries of Regt. Section, Right boundary - Blue point
Left " " " " M.1214.
" " " " " " M.1314.

2nd Bn. on right.
1st Bn. on left.

Dividing line through Blue point Z.1214.

3rd Bn. with 15th Pioneer Regt. 2nd Coy. in reserve in the Area TOUTVENT FARM. West of COLINCAMPS - PUISIEUX Railway.

As soon as it is dark the following will be relieved on 31.3 - 3rd Btn. 126 by 2nd Bn 49th.

Elements of 92 I.R. by 1st Bn. 126.

On 1st April 3 a.m. 2nd Bn. 126 by 3rd Bn. 49th.

Heavy M.G's. must be distributed in depth - 6 M.Gs. of 1/SS 19 are to be posted in the N.E. corner of 1316 East of PUISIEUX - COLINCAMPS Rly. (K.30.a.9.2.)

Light T.M's of 1, 2 and 3 Battns are to be placed approximately behind the centre of the Regtl. sector to afford barrage fire in accordance with disposition made by T.M. Officer of 3rd Battn. in conjunction with 1 and 2nd Btns.

Medical arrangements - Position of R.O.S. is not altered.

Regimental Battle H.Q. unchanged.

Sketch to be in to Regt. 8 O.C. and to Div. 10 O.C.

You are reminded to use great discretion when talking over the telephone.

(Sgd) VON WOLTERSDOFF.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

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TABLE "A"

1.	Strength of Battalion as at noon 26th. March 1918. (including attached and excluding detached).			
		31 Officers	693	O/Ranks.
2.	Included in above but left at Transport Lines.			
		11 Officers.	187	O/Ranks.
	includes:-			
	2 Officers and 3 O/R. attached from 4th. A.M.G.Bn.			
	4 " " " 84 " Specialists. 33%			
3.	Strength actually engaged on 26th. March 1918.			
		20 Officers	506	O/Ranks.
	"A" Company.	3	"	112
	"B" "	4	"	114
	"C" "	4	"	114
	"D" "	3	"	98
	Bn. H.Q.	6	"	68

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

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TABLE "B".

1. Strength of Battalion as at Noon 13th April, 1918 (including attached and excluding detached).

31 Officers 598 O/Ranks.

2. Included in above but left at Transport Lines.-

7 Officers 184 O/Ranks
(includes 2 Off. 73 O/Ranks Specialists 33 1/3 %)

3. Strength coming out of line 13/14th April, 1918. -

24 Officers 414 O/Ranks.

"A" Coy.	4	Off.	103	O/Ranks
"B" "	5	"	83	"
"C" "	5	"	80	"
"D" "	4	"	92	"
Bn. H. Q.	6	"	56	"
	<u>24</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>"</u>

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TABLE "C".

Date	Killed		Wounded		Missing		Sick	
	Off.	O/Rs.	Off.	O/Rs.	Off.	O/Rs.	Off.	O/Rs.
26th	1	.	1	4	.	.	.	1
27th	.	7	1	5	.	.	.	.
28th	.	3	.	21	.	.	.	3
29th	.	.	∅ 2	7	.	.	.	4
30th	.	.	∅ 1	6	.	.	.	14
31st	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2
1st	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	1
2nd	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
3rd	.	1	.	∅ 7	.	.	.	1
4th	4
5th	.	.	.	10	.	.	.	3
6th	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	3
7th	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
8th	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
9th	.	∅	.	3) 1)	.	.	.	.
10th	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
11th	.	2	.	3	.	.	.	.
12th	5	.	.
13th
	1	13	5	76	.	5	.	39

∅ 1 Remaining at duty
 ∅ Died of wounds
 ∅ 3 Remaining at duty.

Killed	Off.	O/Ranks.
Died of W.	1	13
Wounded	4	75
Missing	.	5
Sick	.	39
Total	6	133

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TABLE "D".

* Date	Where Captured	By Whom	Coy.	Regt.	Wounded	Number	Regts. Identified
26-3-18	Cemetery	"C" Coy 13th Bn	-	49th I.R.	-	2	.
28-3-18	"	"	2nd	do	-	2	49th I.R. (4th Div.)
"	"	"	1st	126th I.R.	--	1	126th I.R. (119th Div)
"	"	"	3rd	126th I.R.	-	1	
"	"	"	1st	49th I.R.	-	1	
"	"	"	3rd	140th I.R.	-	1	140th I.R. (4th Div.)
"	"	"	-	49th I.R.	-	2	
31-3-18	"	"	8th	126th I.R.	Wounded	2	
1-4-18	K.d.33.	"	-	126th I.R.	-	about 20	(of 71 claimed by 16th Bn.)
5-4-18	K.16.d.25.20."	"	3rd	140th I.R.	Slightly wounded	1	
10-4-18	K.16.d.19.	"A" Coy.	5th	7th Bdv. I.R.	"	1	5th Bdv. Res. Div.

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SECRET.

Copy No.

13th BATTALION DEFENCE SCHEME.

Ref. Sheet 57 d N.E. 1,20,000.

In the field,
12th April, 1918.

(1) DISPOSITIONS.

(a) The Right Battalion boundary is at K.16 c.2.3 and left Battalion boundary at K.16 b.50.30 (CAT TRENCH exclusive).

On both flanks a combined post is held in conjunction with the Unit on those flanks.

(b) Battalion Headquarters - K.9.d.3.8

(c) R.A.P. - K.9.b.6.1.

(d) Reserve Company in CATACOMBS - K.9.d.3.7

(e) FRONT LINE . (Right Company) Two Platoons from K.16.c.10.60 to 25.75. One Platoon holding Bombing Posts K.16.c.25.30 and K.16.c.60.50. Company Headquarters at K.16.c.25.65.

(f) CENTRE COMPANY Two Platoons from K.16.c.25.75 to K.16.a.50.40. One Platoon holding STRONG POINT from K.16.d.0.8 to K.16.d.1.9. Company Headquarters at K.16.a.30.30.

(g) LEFT COMPANY. Two Platoons from K.16.a.80.30 to K.16.a.90.55. One Platoon from K.16.b.10.10 to K.16.b.60.00 to K.16.b.50.30 (CAT TRENCH exclusive). Company Headquarters at K.16.a.80.50.

(2) LEWIS GUNS. Each company in the line has Five (5) Lewis guns placed at discretion of Company Commander. Reserve Company has Five (5) Lewis Guns, two of which are mounted for Anti-Aircraft purposes during daylight.

(3) VICKERS GUNS. Vickers Guns are placed as follows:-

- K.16.c.18.17
- K.16.a.30.20
- K.15.a.80.05
- K.15.b.40.35.
- K.16.b.05.05.

(4) STOKES MORTARS. One Gun at K.16.c.00.70 and one gun at K.16.c.15.85.

(5) S.O.S. The day S.O.S. Line runs approximately K.22 cen., K.17 cen., K.18.a.00.20. From 8 p.m. to 5.30 a.m.



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S.O.S. (continued)

the S.O.S. line is drawn in to (approx.) K.22.a.60.80. K.17.a.60.30, K.18.a.00.60.

S.O.S. Posts are manned at each Company Headquarters with a repeat station at Battalion H.Q.

(6) ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

(a) FRONT LINE SYSTEM It is distinctly understood that there can be no withdrawal from any of our forward posts. Owing to the fact that it is impossible to move reserves through the village of HEBUTERNE whilst shelling is in progress, the front line system cannot hope for any assistance from the rear. Against this, the provision of deep dugouts and the fact that the SUPPORT LINE trenches are well screened, makes it possible to man these trenches rather more strongly than is normally the case. In addition we are favoured with heavy wiring along practically the whole of our front and our principal fire trenches are on reverse slopes with ample field of fire.

Briefly then, the front line system is expected to hold out on its own and further than this, it should be able to render great assistance to units on the flanks.

(b) RESERVE COMPANY. In the case of a small local attack, this company is held in readiness to counter-attack, but when an attack is thought to be imminent, they will be ordered to place a nucleus garrison of two Lewis guns in the PURPLE LINE. These guns being placed roughly at K15 b 05.95 and K9 d 90.90.

The Company will move into and occupy the PURPLE LINE within boundaries to be indicated on receipt of the message "STAND TO PURPLE LINE from to " It is NOT intended to place the whole of the Company in the PURPLE LINE until it is known from which flank the weight of the attack is coming.

(c) Should withdrawal be ordered owing to the situation on the flanks, this will be in accordance with tracing of rear systems attached (marked "A"). A proportion of N.C.O's from each company are to reconnoitre routes to these lines in daylight.

(7) LOCALITIES to AVOID. Areas of intense enemy barrage are as shewn on tracing attached (marked "B").

(8) DUMPS. S.A.A. and Bomb Dumps have been established at K.9.d.30.80

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K.16.c.20.60.

K.16.a. cent.

K.16.a.90.50.

(See tracing attached marked "C")

(9) SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS. Two metallic lines to Brigade Headquarters at E.27.c.9.5 running from Battalion Headquarters behind buildings on LEFT side of road. Test and lineman's stations at C.E.R. - K.3.d.3.2. Emergency to Brigade Headquarters - POWER BUZZER in CATACOMBS (K.9.d.3.7. working to Amplifier at Brigade.

One metallic line to RIGHT BATTALION Headquarters at K.8.b.9.0. This line can be used as emergency to Brigade in the event of both direct lines being down.

One metallic line to Machine Gun Company Headquarters (K.9.d.35.35) running up the left of main road behind buildings.

Two metallic lines to RESERVE COMPANY in CATACOMBS, one to each entrance.

Three metallic lines to front line. Test and linemen's stations at K.9.d.90.50 thence two pairs to LEFT COMPANY Headquarters K.16.a.80.50. From there one metallic line connects to CENTRE COMPANY Headquarters K.16.a.30.30 then along the sap to RIGHT COMPANY Headquarters at K.16.c.25.65.

(10) EVACUATION OF WOUNDED & SICK.

(a) To R.A.P. from front line by Regt. S.B's, thence by hand carriage by F.A. bearers to Relay Posts, thence by wheeled stretcher to Advanced Dressing Station FONQUEVILLERS, thence by Motor Ambulance Car to Main Dressing Station SOUASTRE.

(b) In the event of active operations on the Divisional front:-

- (i) An additional Advanced Dressing Station will be established in the Bearer Post at CONNECOURT.
- (ii) Walking Wounded will proceed by flagged routes to the Main Dressing Station SOUASTRE.
- (iii) Extra Bearers will be located at Regtl. Aid Posts and Relay Posts. Application for Extra Bearers, Stretchers and Blankets should be made by Regtl. Medical Officers to the Officer i/c. Bearers of the Sector of the Line concerned.

(11) RATIONS. Rations are brought forward at night by limber from Transport Lines and delivered to Bn. Headquarters.

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(12) COOKING. All cooking for front line Companies is done at Transport Lines, and hot food is brought forward in Food Containers.
 Cooking for Reserve Coy. is done at the Catacombs. Drinking water is brought forward in petrol tins. Water for cooking purposes for Reserve Coy. is drawn from wells in the village.

(13) O.P.'s. O.P.'s at K16a 80.40 and K16c 25.70.

(14) DRYING ROOM and T.F. TREATMENT ROOM in CATACOMBS.

(15) LIST OF MAPS TO BE HANDED OVER TO INCOMING UNIT. -

- (1) Aeroplane Photos.
- (2) Tracing of Dumps.
- (3) Rear Defence Tracing.
- (4) Tracing of routes and barraged Areas.
- (5) S.7.D.N.E. marked with V.G., T.Ms. H.Qs. + front line positions.

(16) ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Adjutant, 13th Battalion, A.I.F. Capt.

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- (1) "B" Coy. will relieve "C" Coy. in front line on night 11/12th April, 1918 - relief to commence at dusk.
- (2) "C" Coy. will return to Catacombs.
- (3) O.C. "B" Coy. to detail 1 N.C.O. per Platoon to reconnoitre new position early in the afternoon and remain up there.
- (4) Lieut. W. Parsonage, M.C., and Lieut. W.H. Merifield will be temporarily attached to "B" Company. Lieut. B.C.J. Ross, D.C.M., M will remain in charge of Aid Post at Catacombs.
- (5) WORKING PARTIES. O.C. "C" Company will detail 1 N.C.O. and 9 Men *to carry rations* for each of "A", "B" and "D" Companies. These parties to report to Adjutant at 6 p.m.
 "C" Coy. rations will be taken to the Catacombs.
 "B" Coy. cooks at present at the Catacombs will carry on cooking arrangements for "C" Company.
 "B" Coy. will be given a hot meal before moving forward.
- (6) Acknowledge.

W. Davis

Adjutant, 13th Battalion, Capt. A.I.B.

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The following SPECIAL ORDER by Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding 4th Australian Division, is published for information of all ranks.

Dated 8th April, 1918.

The Divisional Commander wishes to express to all ranks of the 4th Australian Division his deep appreciation of the gallantry, devotion to Duty, and other fine soldierly qualities displayed by all units during the recent operations (from 26th March to 8th April) in which the Division has been engaged.

The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade in their sector and the remainder of the Division in our late sector displayed fighting qualities of the first order, and by their timely march to the scene of operations, skilful handling by Brigadiers and Commanding Officers and good organisation on the part of the Staffs of Division and Brigades, enabled a situation, which was rather critical, to be turned in our favour.

The Divisional Commander congratulates all ranks on their excellent work, which is one of the best things done by them in France.



Observers and patrols reported the location of hostile activity and emplacements on dates shown hereunder:-

27/28 March, 1918.

Aeroplane with British marking dropped 3 bombs on HEBUTERNE and enfiladed streets with M.G. fire.

Enemy movement was observed at the following locations:-

Left of CEMETERY K.16.c.25.70. 30 of the enemy were seen from K.24.c. moving towards K.29 central.

60 enemy seen moving in file from MATTHEW COPSE towards MARK COPSE K.29.

150 enemy seen moving from MARK COPSE K.29.a. towards K.23.a.5.5. and were fired on; they suffered heavy casualties.

30 enemy seen in S.E. corner of CEMETERY with a M.G. The enemy again suffered considerable casualties.

4 M.Gs. were located in CEMETERY who were covered by snipers.

M.Gs. were located as follows:-

At X-Roads (1) K.16.c.9.9. (movable)

(2) K.16.d.2.2. Verified

(3) K.16.d.2.3. Verified

Group of 4 Guns (4) K.16.c.25.70 Verified

Smoke screen at K.23. and K.17.

ENEMY POSTS. -

60 yds from fork on W. Side of road at K.16.c.2.0. and at K.16.c.9.4.

Enemy wire starts at K.16.a.7.2. and continues in an approximate line to K.16.c.3.2.

HEBUTERNE was heavily shelled ~~29/30th March, 1918.~~

29/30th March 1918 -

Working Party observed at work in sunken road which is 7 feet deep at K.22.a.30.85. probably erecting a barrier.

At K.16.c.10.25. our patrol was fired on by enemy and later a bomb was thrown which wounded Sgt. Cormack (Patrol Leader). The bomb came from approx. K.16.c.15.15.

Enemy using 18-pdrs. captured by him in recent advance.

Gas shells were used against our left Coy Sector.

Enemy working parties seen at work entering entrenching approx. along a line from K.28.b.2.4. OBSERVATION WOOD to about 150 yds. Eastwards.

Enemy transport, Ammunition columns and troops were seen moving along roads about 3000 yards behind their line in various formations.

Enemy patrol of 12 men was seen entering trench at K.16.a.5.6.

A 4.2 Battery was seen firing from K.12.b.7.3. to K.12.b.4.6. and was engaged by our Artillery.

Trench Mortars were located as follows:-

K.22.d.2.4.

K.22.d.5.5.

HEBUTERNE was heavily shelled throughout the day and night.

Our Machine guns assisted 14th Bn in their forward move by firing on C.T. and approaches.

30/31 March, 1918.

Enemy patrol seen 50 yds. in rear of our wire and were fired on.

Two of the enemy were shot by our snipers during the day.

When enemy was shelling our front line during the afternoon 2 green flares were sent up as a signal to cease fire. Probably they were satisfied with their registration.

Hunk holes or small trenches were seen from K.16.a.8.4. to K.16.c.2.7. and were found to be unoccupied.

HEBUTERNE was again heavily shelled during the day and night.

A Heavy Trench Mortar was located as firing from K.18.a.9.3. and a Light Trench Mortar from K.18.c.5.9.

M.Gs. were located as firing from K.16.d.20.20. and K.16.a.90.05.

A bosch carrying a Granatenwerfer was shot by our snipers at K.16.c.9.9.

31-3-18 to 1-4-18.

The M.G. at K.16.c.25.20 has been verified ~~xt~~ today. This is also used as a flare post.

A working party was heard at about K.16.d.30.75. and a sentry's challenge in same locality. It is probable that this is only a night post.

Working parties were also heard at K.16.c.70.00.

Much enemy activity was reported about 300 to 500 yds along SUNKEN ROAD in K.16.c. and artillery fire was brought to bear on this locality with good effect.

Activity was also heard at K.16.d. and K.16.c.60.40 as from a working party.

A large dump of picks and shovels was found near fork of road at K.16.a.90.10.

Parties of the enemy were seen at work at K.27.b. & d. and K.28.a. & c. at 2 p.m. and again at 5 p.m. These were dispersed by our Artillery after suffering casualties.

At 8.30 p.m. two enemy runners were seen approaching our lines at K.16.c.25.80. They were halted by our sentries but as they turned to escape after our challenge both were badly wounded. They were afterwards found to be runners from German Divisional H.Q. and they carried a very important despatch which concerned a relief which was to take place on that particular night. One attempted to destroy this document by tearing it into four pieces but our patrol gathered pieces which were immediately despatched for translation. The document also gave the locations of all units opposing us and their battle H.Q.'s. They belonged to 8.K.126 I.R.

One of the enemy was shot at K.16.c.2.1. by our snipers.

1/2-4-18.

At 1.30 p.m., working in conjunction with the 16th Bn. on our right, we bombed our way along C.T. from CEMETERY to K.16.c.2.3. Result--20 prisoners and 1 M.G. captured by us.

Posts were sent forward and now occupy posts at K.16.c.6.5. and K.16.central.

Enemy casualties were extremely heavy.

300 to 400 of the enemy were shortly afterwards seen running away 300 yds N.W. of K.16.c.2.3. and made an excellent target for our machine guns. The enemy suffered severe casualties.

A Flare thrower shot by us on 31-3-18 has been identified as belonging to 172 I.R.

Small enemy parties seen moving about K.17.a. & b.

A M.G. has been located as firing from K.16.d.70.70.

Enemy post was located at K.16.c.9.3.

2/3-4-18.

One of our planes crashed in the vicinity of K.11.b. It landed safely but after running along the ground for 200 yds. it overturned. The airmen were carried away as prisoners.

Enemy was very quiet, and unlike other nights no movement was heard from our old trench line.

During first few days "C" Coy. claims to have inflicted over 100 casualties to the enemy.

Our 18 Pdrs were used by the enemy.

Enemy fired tracer bullets into the village during the night.

The M.Gs. located by patrols of "B" and "C" Coys. have now been verified as having been in the places reported by them as spare parts were found in the trenches subsequently occupied by us.

Enemy post at K.16.c.6.5. challenged and fired on our patrol without effect. A wiring party was also heard in this locality.

Activity was observed at K.16.d.2.3.

(Sgd) L.W.H. CLELAND, Lieut.

I.O. 13th Bn., A.I.F.



3/4th April, 1918.

The past 24 hours has been marked for its quietness as the enemy artillery was inactive for the most part.

During the afternoon the enemy registered systematically on our left Coy's trenches from posts to Supports.

M.G.'s were located in the following places:-

K.16.d.5.0.

K.16.d.1.2.

A Trench Mortar which fired on our left Coy sector was located as firing from a magnetic bearing of 114 deg. from K.16.a.9.5. probably QUARRY or LOUVIERS FARM K.18.d.

Enemy post was located at K.16.b.7.1. but when a second party endeavoured to mop them up they had gone.

Much talking was heard in the vicinity of K.16.d.

At 2 a.m. a special patrol from "B" Coy. worked along C.T. running S.E. from K.16.central junctioning with the trench running across it at K.16.d.6.2.

The party then split, one working to the left and the other towards "C" Coy.

The right party encountered 4 blocks across this trench and crossed them at K.16.d.50.25. They then came under M.G. fire from 2 guns - one firing from approx. K.16.d.50.00. and the other from K.16.d.10.20.

The former was silenced by our rifle grenades but the latter enfiladed the trench at this point.

The enemy also threw bombs into this part of the trench K.16.d.4.2.

The trenches were strongly held and operations made difficult on account of the very dark night.

The trench between trench junction and "D" Coy. was in a poor condition - wide and shallow.

Casualties 3.

4/5th April, 1918.

Enemy working party seen in trench at K.16.d.4.2.

M.G. located as firing from K.16.d.4.2. and has been verified by a second patrol.

Our Artillery opened barrage fire at 5 a.m. in preparation for the attack on our left.

Small parties and much movement observed in SUNKEN ROAD K.17.a.20.35.

Wheeled transport seen passing TOUVENT at 6 a.m. and again heard at night in K.23.b. and c.

Enemy S.O.S. sent up at 5.30 a.m.

Enemy barrage opened on our trenches and communications at about 5 a.m., trench mortars assisting.

The Village of HEBUTERNE was heavily shelled from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Special Operation.

- A. (1) In order to create a diversion and with the object of destroying M.G. posts, a raid was carried out on enemy posts at K.16.d.15.20 at 5.30 a.m. 5-4-18.
- (2) At zero hour Stokes Mortars in the vicinity of K.16.c.5.6. fired about 30 rounds into K.16.d.15.20 after which bombing sections worked along -
 - (a) From K.16.d.35.45 to SUNKEN Road at K.16.d.25.20 thence along sap to objective.
 - (b) From K.16.c.65. along SAP to objective.
- (3) The enemy fired a red flare as soon as T.M. barrage opened. The 2 parties worked along and junctioned at their objective with only slight opposition.
- (4) One (1) prisoner of 3rd Coy., 140 I.R. and 1 L.M.G. were captured by them and several enemy were killed by the T.M. barrage and our bombing parties.
- (5) Our casualties were 2 slightly wounded.
- B. (1) In accordance with para. 5 of Brigade Order No.1 smoke barrage was fired from K.16.b.50.20. The wind was favourable and the smoke barrage good but a heavy ground mist at this hour rendered it hardly necessary.

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- (2) Observers report that enemy's counter barrage was put down on Unit on left very soon after or if not actually at 5.30 a.m.
- (3) At 9.45 a.m. good Lewis Gun targets were engaged along the battalion sector but particularly on the right from where (at the CEMETERY) the enemy were caught in enfilade in several waves apparently attacking division on our right.
- C. (1) Further projected co-operation by this unit was frustrated by heavy shelling of SUNKEN ROAD K.16.d.9. and vicinity. At the above point a fighting patrol which was pushed forward to investigate the road had 2 casualties and had to withdraw. So many 18 Pdr. shells were falling short here that at 6 a.m. the platoon had to be withdrawn from trenches near K.16.d.1.8.

5/6th April, 1918.

Working party heard at approximately K.17.c.
 Both sides showed great artillery activity from 5 a.m. till 12 noon. M.G.'s were also very active.
 Small parties were seen during the day moving as if to reinforce the outpost line.
 Flares were fired by the enemy as a signal that his heavy artillery was firing short namely:-
 Double green followed by single green and a single white.
 When range was O.K. the following flares were fired:-
 Two double greens followed by a single green and a double green.
 When firing ceased, a series of double greens were fired along our sector for 400 to 500 yds.
 2 Heavy Trench Mortars have been located firing from K.17.a.6.7.

6/7th April, 1918.

The day and night were moderately quiet on our sector except for occasional shelling during the afternoon when several direct hits were registered on our trenches.
 At 8 p.m. enemy launched an attack against the N.Z. Division on our right but was unsuccessful.
 Small enemy parties were seen in the vicinity of K.18.a. apparently ration carrying.
 Larger parties in single file were seen advancing over the sky line apparently on the same mission. Casualties were inflicted by our Lewis Guns and Snipers.
 Enemy were at work on their defences in the vicinity of K.16.b. and K.17.a. and were fired on by Lewis Guns they claiming 2 casualties.
 12 of the enemy were dispersed by our M.G. fire whilst inspecting a damaged aeroplane.
 Our artillery was very active during the day and night.
 Small enemy posts were heard by our patrols at K.16.d.1.3 and K.16.d.2.2.

7/8th April, 1918.

Our Artillery was very active throughout the day and night. Aerial activity was above normal.
 Small parties were seen coming over the sky line and were fired on by our Lewis Guns. These were probably ration parties as they have been reported on previous occasions.
 Movement and fresh soil was observed during the day in the vicinity of K.16.b. and K.17.a. Waterproof sheets were also put on the parapet. They were engaged by our Lewis Guns.
 Enemy wiring party was at work in K.17.a.
 At 1.30 a.m. enemy shelled his own defences at approx. K.17.central.
 A green flare was immediately sent up but shelling did not cease. A double green flare was then fired and shelling ceased.

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8/9th April, 1918.

Enemy Artillery unusually quiet for the past 24 hours, except for the occasional shelling of the village of HEBUTERNE with 5.9's and 4.2's.

The night was one of the blackest on record, and very few flares were fired, but extra vigilance was maintained throughout the night by patrols and listening posts.

Patrolling was extremely difficult. M.G's. were also inactive.

At 10.10 a.m. our 18 pdrs. fell short in the vicinity of K.9.b.55.95.

An enemy working party was heard in the vicinity of K.16.b. and K.17.a. - this was also reported by our Observers who claim 1 casualty.

At dusk a big enemy working party was heard in the same vicinity they being constantly fired on by our snipers, the result being unknown.

At 9.30 p.m. an enemy patrol of ~~was~~ 4 men was seen nearing our trenches and were fired on.

Roads and approaches to front line were subjected to machine gun fire in enfilade and also traversing fire.

9/10th April, 1918.

Our Artillery were active throughout the day and night. Harassing and destructive fire was in evidence during the day. A heavy ground mist prevailed throughout the day making observation difficult.

At 6 a.m. our post at K.16.b.6.0. fired on ~~an~~ enemy party of 30 men who were grouped together at approximately K.16.d.90.65. They appeared to be dumping tools.

Out of this party, 6 were definitely known to have been hit as stretcher bearers were seen carrying them away.

Movement was also observed in trenches at K.16.b. and K.17.a. and a new machine gun position was located as firing from K.17.a.00.20. This movement in this vicinity was reported on several occasions. Fire was opened but result unknown.

Patrols report the existence of an enemy wiring party at 1.30 a.m. at approximately K.17.c.0.8.

Small parties were seen at intervals during the day moving along the ridge in K.16.d.

At 8 p.m. small parties were seen moving towards the front line, evidently ration carrying.

A prisoner was captured by us at 4.45 a.m. at K.16.d.19. belonging to the 5th K. 7th Bavarian Regt., he being wounded in the thigh by our men.

HEBUTERNE was heavily shelled at intervals during the day and night with shells of all calibres.

Our advanced posts were also shelled heavily at intervals. T.M's were also active on our sector, four direct hits being ~~observed~~ obtained. The hours of shelling were from 2. - 2.30 p.m., 4 - 5p.m. and from 4 - 5.30 p.m. K.16.a.80.30 to K.16.b.66.00. this area being affected.

A small enemy working party was seen at K.17.c.00.80.

10/11th April, 1918.

Our Artillery was active throughout the past 24 hours especially at 5 a.m.

The visibility of yesterday improved, and our planes took advantage of this and continually crossed the enemy lines.

Enemy movement was observed during the day in the S.E. corner of K.16.d., but as they were only in one's and two's it would appear that they were walking on the side of the trench to dodge the mud.

Enemy Artillery showed greater activity during the day,

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in the vicinity of our posts and front line. Twelve direct hits were registered along the Battalion sector by 77's, 4.2's and 5.9's in the morning, and five direct hits in the afternoon.

HEBUTERNE was occasionally shelled during the day and night with shells of all calibres.

At 12 midnight 3 salvoes of gas shells were fired into the village. four

Our planes forced a combat with/enemy planes and drove them across to their own lines.

From 12.30 p.m. until 8.45 p.m. enemy shelled our right and centre Companies with 77's, and 4.2's and 5.9's at intervals of about five minutes. Several direct hits were registered.

11/12th April, 1918.

Our Artillery was extremely active from 4 a.m. till 6 a.m. and carried out some very good destructive shoots as the enemy were seen scattering in all directions. Our activity was continued throughout the day.

Our planes were also active and 20 bombs were dropped in rear of the enemy lines at 1.30 a.m.

Enemy Artillery was extremely active from 5.30 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. A barrage was put down on our front line systems and the village of HEBUTERNE, which reached its maximum intensity at 8 a.m., when the enemy raided one of our posts at K.16.b.55.05.

Guns of all calibres were used and the intensity of the shelling was the severest since POZIERES days.

At 6.30 p.m. a large enemy working party, estimated at 80 strong, attempted to move along the road at K.17.b.2.4. They were engaged by riflemen and Lewis guns, who claim casualties.

Movement was observed in two's and three's in the vicinity of K.16.d. and K.22.a.20.85. These men walked on the side of the parapet evidently to dodge the mud in the sap.

A M.G. was located as firing from K.17.c.1.5. and 3 M.G's at K.17.b.7.4.

Enemy Light and Medium T.M's were active on our sector and worked in conjunction with the Artillery during the barrage.

A heavy barrage commenced at 4 a.m. well to the right of our sector.

Patrols report the groans of German wounded at K.16.d.3.1. and much activity and talking at K.16.c.5.0.

Enemy Raid.

From 6.25 a.m. till 9.30 a.m. our trench systems were very heavily shelled by guns of all calibres. The intensity of the shelling was the severest we have experienced since POZIERES days.

Shooting by our 18 pdrs. and Hows. at 6 a.m. this morning appeared to be very effective; shrapnel was bursting low.

At 8 a.m. the barrage on our Left Coy. had reached its maximum intensity and was at that time directed entirely upon the front line of that Coy. from K.16.a.7.3. to K.16.a.8.6. and the Coy. of 10th R. Fusiliers on their left. 5.9's, 4.2's, whizz bangs and minenwerfers were used.

At 8.10 a.m. retaliation was asked for by our left Coy., also again at 9.50 a.m., when the Artillery were asked to fire on trench from K.16.c.6.0. to K.17.a.00.35. and on SUNKEN ROAD at K.17.a.50.70. as the enemy were seen collecting there.

The result of the retaliation and destructive fire asked for on enemy trenches at 9.50 a.m. could not be observed owing to the dense smoke and dust from the enemy barrage.

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At 9.30 a.m. enemy barrage slackened, and as the enemy had been seen advancing with stick bombs down C.T. through 10th R.F. sector K.16.b.5.3. to K.16.b.6.0. a bombing party was immediately despatched to assist the advanced post at K.16.b.55.05.

A Lewis Gun was also immediately pushed forward, the 10th R.F. also co-operating, thus preventing the enemy from advancing further down C.T. and forcing him to retire.

On arrival of the bombing party at post K.16.b.55.05. no trace of our post (1 N.C.O. and 4 O/Ranks) could be found, but the trench was bespattered with German stick bombs.

The raiding party carried mobile charges with them and blew in an unoccupied dugout at approximately K.16.b.6.3. at both entrances.

At 9.50 a.m. the post was re-established and a patrol despatched to look for the missing men.

The post raided was well covered by a block in the C.T. running to K.16.d.65.19., and there is no doubt that the bombing attack developed from the left, down HOPE TRENCH K.16.d.5.3. to K.16.b.6. this being borne out by 10th R.F.

A Wickers Gun at K.16.b.05.05. manned by "D" Coy. 37th M.G. Bn. states that he saw the raiding party but would not fire owing to his being an S.O.S. gun.

The shelling was not only confined to the left Coy. as the trenches and communications were very heavily shelled all along the Battalion sector from 6.25 till 9.30 a.m.

The village of HEBUTERNE was very heavily shelled during the operations, with shells of all calibres.

12/13th April, 1918.

Our Artillery was very active throughout the day and night and kept up a constant and steady fire on the enemy trench systems, routes and approaches.

Our planes were very active during the day and at 6.20 p.m. our planes attacked and burnt an enemy balloon in the vicinity of PUISEAUX.

Our bombing planes crossed and re-crossed the enemy lines during the night.

Our M.G.'s inflicted casualties on the enemy whilst they were moving along the SUNKEN ROAD at K.17.c.2.3. The strength of the party was estimated as being 200 strong, and when fire was opened they scattered in all directions leaving killed and wounded behind them.

Our snipers accounted for 7 of the enemy during the day at the following localities:-

- 1 at K.17.c.2.6.
- 1 " K.16.d.central
- 1 " K.17.c.7.7.
- 4 " K.17.c.55.40.

Movement was observed during the day in the vicinity of MATTHEW, MARK & LUKE COPSES? and artillery fire was brought to bear with good effect.

Between 6 a.m. and 7.30 a.m. constant movement was observed in the vicinity of K.17.c.5.5.40. and it would appear that this place is being used as a Coy. H.Q. as most of the men converged at this point.

Heliograph Signals were seen at 9.15 a.m. but ceased when fire was opened on them.

At 3 p.m. enemy planes dropped single white flares over our sector, and at 3.45 p.m. double whites were dropped.

At 5.15 p.m. enemy planes dropped flares in the shape of a shower all along our sector at intervals of 150 yards.

At 4.30 p.m. 2 white flares were fired from a trench at K.17.c.3.5. in response to a signal from a low flying aeroplane.

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12/13th April, 1918 (Contd).

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Enemy Artillery was exceptionally quiet during the last 24 hours.

An enemy Light M.G. was silenced at K.17.a.20.00. by our Rifle Grenades.

Enemy movement and talking was heard at the following locations:-

K.16.c.9.4.

K.16.d.3.7.

Enemy M.G's. were located as firing from K.16.c.55.00 and K.22.a.2.9. The patrol was challenged by the former and fired on.

(Sgd) L.W.H. CLELAND, Lieut.
L. O. 13th Battalion, A.I.F.

SECRET.

13th BATTALION ORDER No. 83.

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In the Field

12-4-1918.

Ref. - Sheet 57.d.N.E.

- (1) The 13th Battalion will be relieved on night 13/14th April, 1918, by 13th Rifle Battalion, as under:-
- "B" Coy. 13th Rifle Bn. will relieve "B" Coy. 13th Bn.
 "C" Coy. 13th Rifle Bn. will relieve "A" Coy. 13th Bn.
 "A" Coy. 13th Rifle Bn. will relieve "D" Coy. 13th Bn.
 "D" Coy. 13th Rifle Bn. will relieve "C" Coy. 13th Bn.
- (2) GUIDES. Each Company will detail four guides (one for each Platoon and one for Company H'qrs.) to report to Lieut. Cleland at Bn. H.Q. 6.30 p.m. on 13-4-18.
- (3) SPECIALISTS. A percentage of specialists from relieving Unit will report to-day and remain with Battalion.
- (4) On completion of relief Companies will move by Platoons to billets in COIGNEUX.
 Route - via X Roads K.15.b.0.9. then via road to SAILLY-AU-BOIS through K.14.b. and a. and K.13.b. and a., thence via direct road to billets in COIGNEUX.
 No halt is to be made until passed the Church in SAILLY-AU-BOIS, where hot tea will be served from the Cookers.
 Guides will meet Coys. at X Roads K.15.b.0.9.
- (5) Q.M. will arrange for limbers to pick up Lewis Guns and gear at location where Cookers will serve hot tea.
- (6) Hot meal will be served on arrival at billets.
- (7) All trench stores will be handed over and receipt in triplicate obtained. Two copies to be handed in to Bn. H'qrs by 9 a.m. on 13-4-18.
- (8) Password for night 13/14th April is ABERDEEN.
- (9) Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. H'qrs in Code.
- (10) ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. H. Davis
 Capt.
 Adjutant, 13th Battalion, A.I.F.

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5 "A" Coy. ✓

6 "B" " ✓

7 "C" " ✓

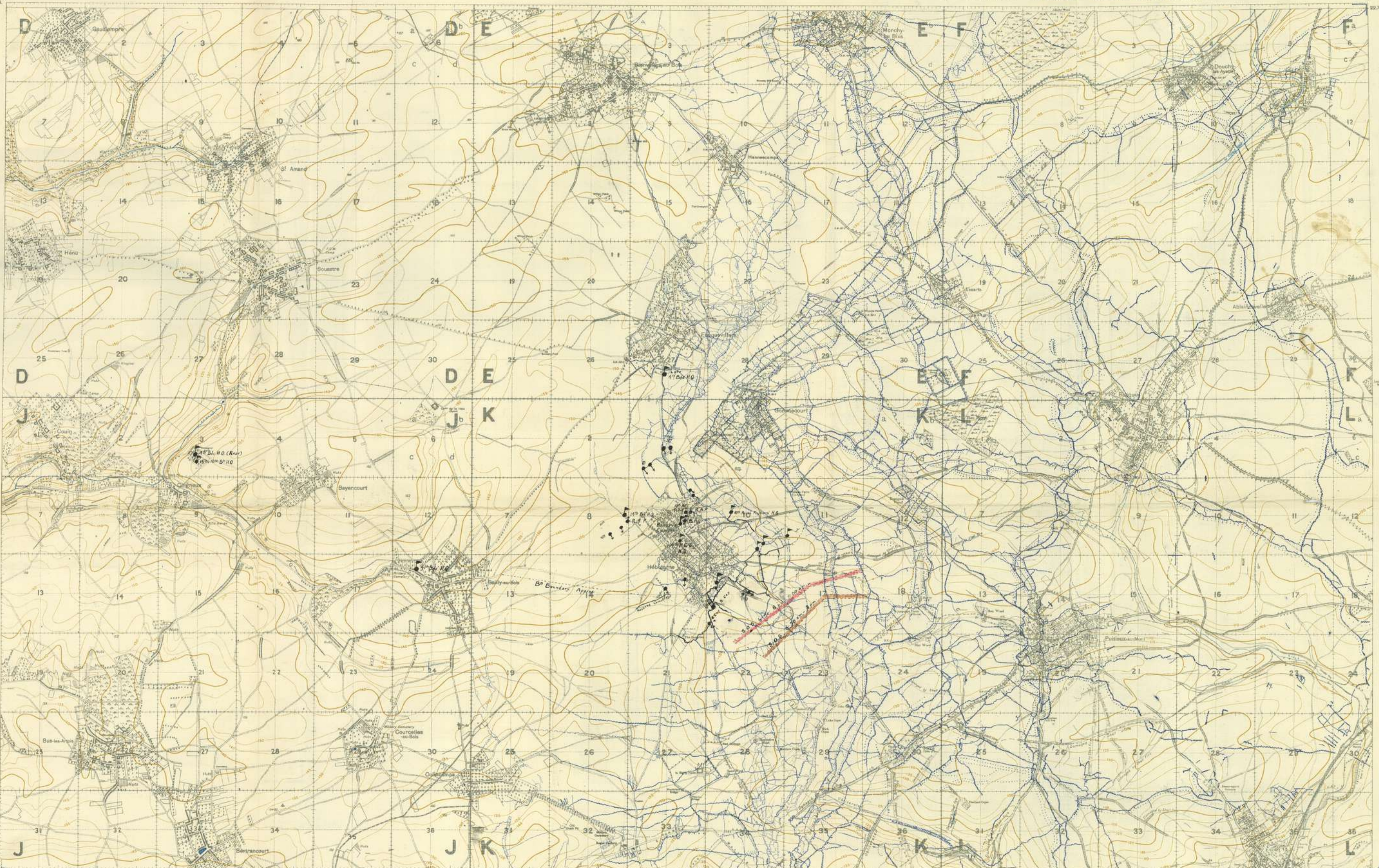
8 "D" " ✓

9 R.M.O. ✓

10. Rear Bn. H.Q. ✓

11. 13th Royal Fusiliers. 12 C.O. and File.





HEAT TO ANTI-AIR DEFENSE

1st N.W.	2nd N.W.	3rd N.W.	4th N.W.
1st S.W.	2nd S.W.	3rd S.W.	4th S.W.
1st N.E.	2nd N.E.	3rd N.E.	4th N.E.
1st S.E.	2nd S.E.	3rd S.E.	4th S.E.

On squared maps all bearings should be given with reference to the vertical grid lines, which are parallel to the East and West edges of the sheet. Bearings should always be written clockwise from 0° to 360°.

Grid bearings are not true compass bearings, the difference being called the declination of the compass. To find out what the declination is, take a compass bearing in a distant point, and measure on the map the grid bearing to that point. The difference between the two bearings is the declination of that compass from Grid North. To obtain the grid bearing of any point this declination must be subtracted from the compass bearing (adding 360° if the latter is necessary).

On this sheet the main declination is a normal compass (of 2°) but in some districts results of observations of each compass should be treated as described above, and this fact should be pointed out on each locality.

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE USE OF THE SQUARES.

- The large pentagons on the map, lettered D, E, F, etc., are divided into squares of 1,000 yards side, which are numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. Each of these squares is subdivided into four minor squares of 500 yards side. These minor squares are considered as lettered a, b, c, d. (See Square No. 8 in each rectangle). A point may thus be described as lying within Square B.S. M.S.B., etc.
- To locate a point within a small square, consider the sides divided into tenths, and define the point by taking so many tenths from W. to E. along Southern side, and so many from S. to N. along Western side; the S.W. corner always being taken as origin, and the distance along the Southern side being always given by the first figure. Thus the point Z would be 89: i.e. 9 divisions East and 9 divisions North from origin.
- When more accurate definition is wanted (on the 1:20,000 or 1:10,000 scales) use exactly the same method, but divide sides into 100 parts and use four figures instead of two. Thus 0947 denotes 94 parts East and 47 parts North of origin (see point X). Point Y is 0301.
- Use 0 but not 10; use either two or four figures; do not use fractions (e.g. 41.50).



Any trench apparently organized for fire. Other trenches, important ones are shown by that line. Old or disused by dotted line.

British Post line (French).

Entrenchment or other obstacle.

Ground cut up by Artillery fire.

Mine craters. Mine craters fortified.

Hedge, fence or ditch. (Unknown which).

Ditch with permanent water.

*NOTE.—The fact that an obstacle is not represented on the map does not necessarily mean that there is none there. It is often impossible to distinguish obstacles on a heavily forested area, or it may be assumed that there are obstacles in front of all fire trenches (unless the latter are marked).

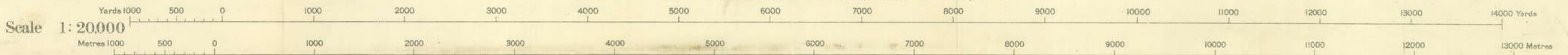
REFERENCE.

Conspicuous points. (Position of point is centre of circle. Dot shows that point is trigonometrically level).	Church	Any trig. point
1st Class	Unfenced	5
2nd Class	Fenced	6
3rd Class	Unfenced	7
4th Class	Fenced	8
Footpaths, Cart tracks		9
Double		10
Railways		11
Light or Tramway		12

All heights in metres.

TABLE FOR CONVERTING METRES TO FEET.

Metres	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	3.3	6.6	9.9	13.1	16.4	19.7	23.0	26.2	29.5
10	32.8	36.1	39.4	42.6	45.9	49.2	52.5	55.8	59.0	62.3
20	65.6	68.9	72.2	75.4	78.7	82.0	85.3	88.6	91.8	95.1
30	98.4	101.7	105.0	108.2	111.5	114.8	118.1	121.4	124.6	127.9
40	131.2	134.5	137.8	141.0	144.3	147.6	150.9	154.1	157.4	160.7
50	164.0	167.3	170.6	173.9	177.1	180.4	183.7	187.0	190.2	193.5
60	196.8	200.1	203.4	206.7	209.9	213.2	216.5	219.8	223.0	226.3
70	229.6	232.9	236.2	239.5	242.7	246.0	249.3	252.6	255.9	259.1
80	262.4	265.7	269.0	272.3	275.6	278.9	282.1	285.4	288.7	292.0
90	295.2	298.5	301.8	305.1	308.4	311.7	314.9	318.2	321.5	324.8
100	328.0	331.3	334.6	337.9	341.1	344.4	347.7	351.0	354.3	357.6



Reference Sheet 57 D. N.E.

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- (1) The 13th Battalion will relieve 14th Bn. in Close Reserve in J.12. on 20-4-18. Companies will relieve opposite numbers and move from here at times stated hereunder:-

"C" Coy.	2.45 p.m.
"B" "	3.15 p.m.
"A" "	3.45 p.m.
H.Q. Details	4.15 p.m.
"D" Coy.	4.45 p.m.

Appendix 2

- (2) ROUTE. COIGNEUX - SAILLY-AU-BOIS Road.
- (3) MOVEMENT. By Platoons at 50 yards interval.
- (4) DRESS. Fighting Order. One blanket, waterproof sheet and greatcoat to be carried. Iron ration, 24 hours ration and unconsumed portion of day's ration to be carried.
- (5) COOKERS. Cookers will move forward with Companies. Transport Officer to arrange for one limber to convey cooking utensils of H.Q. Details.
- (6) BAGGAGE. Officers' gear and packs to be dumped by 1.30 p.m. at Q.M's Store in Company dumps. Felt hats to be placed in packs. Lewis Gunners will carry forward Lewis Guns and panniers. Lewis Gun boxes to be dumped at Q.M's Store.
- (7) Advance party consisting of Lieut. J.D.D. WESTWOOD, M.C., one Officer per Company and 1 N.C.O. per Platoon will go forward to new area, leaving here at 10.30 a.m. 20-4-18. Party to report to Bn. O. R. at 10.15 a.m.
- (8) Relief to be complete by 5.45 p.m. and will be notified to Battalion Headquarters by code message "A.D.72 noted".
- (9) All ammunition, etc., in Company areas to be taken over, and receipt in duplicate forwarded to Bn. Headquarters by 8 p.m. 20-4-18.
- (10) Password for night 20/21st is SWAN.
- (11) ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
 Capt.
 Adjutant, 13th Battalion, A.I.F.

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12	4th A.I. Bde.	
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13th BATTALION, A. I. F.

WORKS REPORT.

WORK PURPLE RESERVE LINE.

Appendix 3
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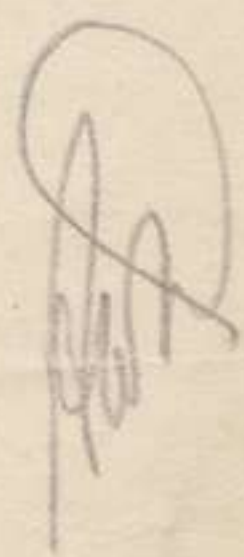
1. Improvement of Fire positions.
Fire Steps. Work was proceeded with on the construction of fire steps.
2. Camouflage. Each post camouflaged with willows laid across the trench and parapet.
3. Clearance. Half acre of willows cut and used as camouflage.
4. Sanitation. Three box fly proof latrines constructed in living quarters.
5. Trestles. 20⁵ small duckboard trestles constructed and placed on Brigade Dump.

General.

1. 40 Coils barbed wire and 9 bundles of medium pickets carried to K.13.b.8.6.
2. Salvage list and sketch attached.

23-4-1918.

(sgd) J. Westwood
Lieut.
Works Officer, 13th Battalion, A.I. F.



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APPENDIX

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LIST OF SALVAGE.

14 Bundles Wire Netting
3 Coils Barbed Wire
1 Rump
3 Lengths Cable
4 Coils Plain Wire
1 Axe
1 Saddle
3 Picks
1 Shovel
4 Run Jars
2 Pick Heads
1 Set Scales
1 Barrow
3 Pieces Harness
1 Rifle
1 Scabbard
2 Lengths Hose
1 Water Bucket
1 Water Bottle Carrier
1 Pair Boots (ankle)
2 Shell cases
1 Mt. Tool Carrier
1 " Tool
1 Run Keg.

23-4-1918.

(sgd) J. Westwood
Lieut.
Works Officer, 13th Battalion, A.I.F.

Reference Sheet 57 d 1/20,000
 LENS 1/100,000
 AMIENS 1/1000,000.

Headquarters, *Appendix 4.*
 13th Battalion, A. I. F.
 23rd April, 1918.

- (1) The 13th Battalion will embus for the RAINNEVILLE - COISY - CARDONETTE - POULAINVILLE AREA on 24-4-18.
- (2) Embussing hour - *2 p.m.*
 Embussing point - *COUIN - SOUASTRE Road head about D21C*
~~On Western outskirts COUIN on COUIN -~~
~~AUTHIE ROAD facing WEST.~~ *Central.*
 Embussing Officer - Lieut. W. PARSONAGE, M. C.
 Parties will be 25 strong and one party to 14 yards.
- (3) Battalion will be formed up ready to move at *12.30 p.m.*
 Dress - Marching order, less blanket.
- (4) BAGGAGE. Officers' gear, surplus gear, and blankets rolled in bundles of 20 and distinctly labelled, will be stacked near Q. M's Store by *7.30 a.m.* on 24-4-18.
 Lewis Guns and panniers will be carried on motor lorries and will be stacked near Q. M's Store by *10 a.m.* Cooking utensils to be carried on lorries and will be dumped near Q. M's Store *tomorrow immediately after mid-day meal.*
- (5) Transport Brigaded under command of Major B. S. SAMPSON will march to RAINNEVILLE via COIGNEUX - BUS-LES-ARTOIS - ACHEUX - LEALVILLERS - TOUTENCOURT - HERRISART - RUBEMPRE - RAINNEVILLE. Passing the Starting Point J.9.c.4.4. at *9 a.m.* on 24-4-18 in following order:-
- | |
|----------------|
| 4th Brigade |
| 15th Battalion |
| 13th Battalion |
| 14th Battalion |
- (6) Routine for 24-4-18:-
- | | |
|------------|-------------------|
| Reveille - | <i>6.30 a.m.</i> |
| Breakfast | <i>7 a.m.</i> |
| En Parade | <i>10.30 a.m.</i> |
| Lunch | <i>11.15 a.m.</i> |
| En Parade | <i>12.30 p.m.</i> |
- (7) Billeting party of 1 Officer (Lieut. T. A. WHITE) and 5 Signallers will report to Staff Captain at CHURCH RAINNEVILLE at 10 a.m. 24-4-18.
- (8) ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Parsonage
 Adjutant, 13th Battalion, Capt.
A. I. F.

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27th April, 1918.

Appendix-5.

1. The Battalion will move to-day to DAOURS, passing the Stating Point, Church, ALLONVILLE, at 1 p.m. in the following order:-

- Band
- Signallers & Runners
- "B" Coy.
- "C" "
- "A" "
- "D" "
- Pioneers
- S. Bs.
- A.M. G.
- Transport

Cookers to march with Transport.

2. Route. ALLONVILLE, BUSSY, DAOURS.
3. Baggage. Blankets, rolled in bundles of 20 and distinctly labelled, together with Officers' gear and Lewis Gun gear, to be stacked near Q.M.'s Store by 11 a.m.
O.C. "B" Coy. will detail a loading party of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men to stand by at that hour.
4. O.C. "B" Coy. to detail a Rear Guard of 1 Officer (Lt. MERIFIELD) and 12 other ranks to march in rear of Transport. Prisoners to march under this Guard.
5. Billeting party of 1 Officer (Lt. WHITE) and 5 Signallers to report to Staff Captain at the Church DAOURS at 10.30 a.m. to-day, 27-4-18.
6. ROUTINE. Lunch 11.45 a.m.
Parade 12.45 p.m. on the Bn. parade ground.
7. Second in Command and R.M.O. will inspect the Camp and billets at 12.30 p.m.
8. Acknowledge.

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13th BATTALION ORDER No. 87.*Original Confidential*

Ref. Sheet 62 D. 1/40,000

Headquarters,
28-4-1918*Appendix 6.*

- (1) The 13th Battalion will relieve the 59th Battalion in front line on right from Main Road (inclusive) in O.30.d. to P.25.b.0.5. (approximately), on night 28/29th April, 1918.
- (2) Brigade boundaries will be -
Main Road (inclusive) in O.30.d. to P.19.central (approximate) where it junctions with 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
Brigade Headquarters at N.22.d.3.7.
Brigade Report Centre at O.17.c.3.7.
- (3) "A" Coy. 13th Bn. will relieve "D" Coy. 59th Bn. on right.
"B" " 13th Bn. will relieve "C" " 59th Bn. on left.
"C" " 13th Bn. will relieve "A" and "B" Coys. 59th Bn., in Support.
"D" Coy. 13th Bn. to construct new position in O.30.a. and c.
Battalion Headquarters will be at O.30.c.2.3.
R.A.P. near Battalion Headquarters.
- (4) Coys. and H.Q. Units will move in following order at times as shown:-
- | | | |
|-------------|---|---------------------------|
| "D" Company | - | 5.15 p.m. |
| "A" Company | - | 5.30 p.m. |
| "C" Company | - | 5.45 5.45 p.m. |
| "B" Company | - | 6.15 p.m. |
| H'Q's. | - | 6.15 p.m. |
- (5) ROUTE. - DAOUFS - O.7.b. - 8 central X Roads 15.a. overland to QUARRY 17.central.
Guides will meet Companies and H.Q. Units at 8 p.m. at QUARRY O.17.c.
Movement. By Platoons at 5 minutes interval as far as QUARRY, and then by Sections.
- (6) ROUTINE. - Tea - 4 p.m.
Hot tea will be served again at QUARRY.
- (7) A.D.S. is situated at Cross Roads N.28.d. with a Motor Ambulance post at O.27.d.6.8.
- (8) Lists of Trench Stores (in duplicate) taken over, to be submitted to Battalion Headquarters by 6 a.m. 29-4-18.
- (9) Completion of relief to be reported to Battalion Headquarters by Code "S. T. 79 noted".

(Sgd) A. W. DAVIS, Capt.
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Strength as at 1st April, 1918: 33 Off. 706 O/Ranks
 Attached: 2 " 4 "
 Ration Strength: 26 " 615 "

IN

OUT

Date	Duty in	Hosp.	Reinf.	Rej. from	On Trans-	F. P. Com-	Super	Secd.	K. i. A.	Wnd.	Hosp.	Miss-	To Aust.	Transfer
April	Eng.			Base	fer	Round	List					ing.		
1st											1	3		
2nd												4		
3rd										3	2			
4th										1	1			
5th										4	2			
6th									1		12			
7th										11	5			
8th	1								1	3	4			
9th		1								1	1			
10th										1	2			
11th			7	17	1				1	3	1			
12th									2	2	1	5		
13th										2	2			
14th	NIL													
15th				8							9			
16th			1	6		1					1			
17th		2 Off.												
	Capt. W. S. Bone	M. O.	1	Off. 16										
	Lieut. J. H. East		104	O/R.										
		2/Lt. R. N. Jones												
18th													1	
19th											3			
20th		1												1
21st	NIL													
22nd											3			
23rd											1			
24th											3			
25th		5									2			
26th		1									1			

1 Off. 1 Off. Lt. S. Harris
 Lt. A. D. Turnbull

APPENDIX 1

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IN				OUT			
Date	Hospital	Reinfs.	Rej. from Base	From Eng. Bn.	To Hosp.	D.o. Wds.	To Base
April							
27th		27			3		1
28th					2		
29th	1		5		2	1	
30th	2	2		1 Off. Lt. G. Nugent 2 O/Rs.	1		

Strength as at 30th April, 1918	39	Off.	797	O/Ranks
Attached	2	"	2	"
Ration Strength	30	"	605	"
33 1/3 % Personnel not included in Ration Strength)	10	"	159	"

APPENDIX

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