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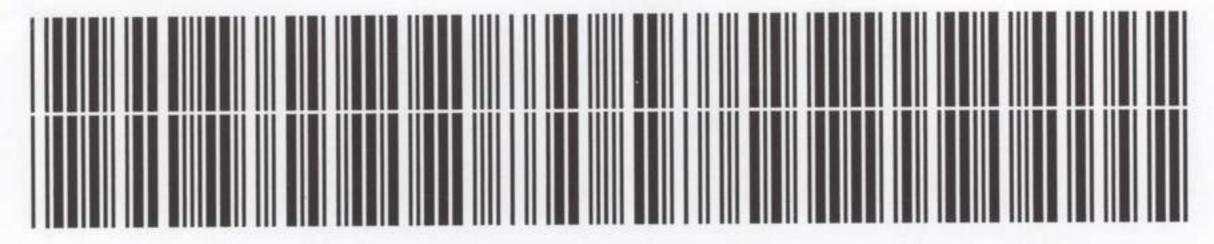
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
OULAINVILLE	1-9-18		MORNING: CHURCH PARADE for R. C's at R.C. Church, POULAINVILLE. 8:30 a.m.	
			ather Denominations at 9-30 a.m. on Bathalion Brade Ground.	
			afternoon: Soccer Football match between 13 TH x 14 TH Battalions: won by 14th	
				APP NO
			about 3,30 pm a fire broke out in building adjoining billet occupied by 161 Platoon" A" Cox	APP. Nº
			13th Battalion Fire project were immediately on the scene, and assisted by others, rendered valuable	
			escistance in preventing the spread of the fire & in extinguishing same.	
- 20 -	2-9-18		MORNING: 9:30 a.m 9:45 a.m. Coy. Inspection 9:45 a.m 11:30 Platoon Deheme as set out	
	,	1.0		APP. Nº 3
			AFTERNOON: Specialist Training: A' B' Coy Lewis Gunners on Range - as per Ryllabus -	
			Second Rugby Toolball Fixture (APP. Nº1)-13TH BN. V. Engro. Cog. Latter Jean did not how	
- DO _ 1	3-9-12			APP Nº 5
	1.00		AFTERNOON: Specialist Training CAD" Copy Lowis Junes on Range: "B" Cop-muskely on Range.	ALL: 1X20
			Rugby Footbad match Selected 15 at Rest of Battalion won by Selected beam"	
20-	100		Maderica of match relected 15 of Reet of Ballalian win by relected hearn	
	4-9-18		MORNING: Framing as her programme (APP. N. 93). 6 boy on Range.	
			AFTERNOON: Boying Town ament at ALLONVILLE at 2. pm: Africal train left POULAINVILLE A6945 Wt. WII422/MII60 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C./2118/14.	
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BIACHES	10 9-18		AFTERNOON: (Br. moved off 1 p. m. Roule: Bridge I 38 d. 39 Rey Afalion FLAMICOURT	
			DOWST Road Junction 0.6.a. 3.9 BHS - to bir roacs in area P28. writing about 4.30 fr. m.	
			Br. H. Pr. at P.28 d. 05.65 (Sheet 62°)	APP Nº 10.
Near MONS			Br in himman in area Par Coro Inspection & Specialist Fraining	
EN CHAUSSE	E "71	8.		
RESERVE	12.9.18		MORNING Bathalion frefaring to mont to Perenie Brigade area P296 + P30 a (see HPPN)	APPNO 11
AREA.			AFTER Your Dy By Corp. & All white moved to me area at 2 hm. C'y A' Coyo to 4/m. Disposition	
				APPN012
Reserve	13-9-18		Bettalion in reserved)	
- do -	14.9.18		Battalion in Reserve), boy scheme by B box 10 Reinhorement - new men - musched in	
- do -	15-918		Ballation of Reserve L. box scheng by B box 10 Reinforcement - new men - musched in blinch Parade & B. of & at A.D.S. ESTREES EN-CHAUSÉE at 9.35 a.m. Chaplain	
			Major F. H. Durnford U.C .: ADVANCE Party left for line in evening.	
- do-	16-7.18		MORNING: Br. forfaming he move up to the line to relieve 49th Br.	APPNº 18
			AFTERMOON: Bin would forward to line at 7 pm.	
Front Line	17/9/18			APP. No. 14
			H.g. R.2.c. 25.20. R.A. P. R.2.c. 25.20.	
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ant fine	17/9/19		Front Line Cy. H9in R. 3. a. 90.90 1. Plation from R. 3, a. 90.50. to L. 33.c. 90.00.	
			1 Ply form from L. 33. c. 90.00 to. L. 33. c. 90.20. Support Con 412 - R. 2. 170,70.	
			1 tlatoon from R.3.a. 50.90. b. R.3. a. 70.70. 1 Platoon from R.2. a.9.5. to. R.2. b. 1.2:	
			Reserve Coy - 16. P. 1. d. 00.70 1 Platoon from R. 1. d. 00.75 to R. 1. d. 00.95.	
			1 Photoon from R. I. d. 00.40. to R. I. d. 00.65 Reserve Gy. Kg. R. 7.05.60.	
,	ud.		Company from 9.12. 6.90.40 to 9.6.d. 05.60.	
ront fine	79/18		The Battalion attacked on the right of LE VERGUIER, hipping of at 5:20 am	do
			Lain fell during the night with intervals of bright mornlight and con-	
			knowing two hours before zero. a light rain fell as the trops	
			advanced howards the first objective which combined with a smake	
			barrage, made the going very difficult. The first objective was reached	
			not without some opposition and a few circulties. The weather	
			began to clear + the visibility became good. a halt of two hours	
			wis made at the first objective; then, contining the edvancing	
			troops under a firstest borrage prosented a migrificent spectacle	
			The every put up further resistance, but our man were.	
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	19/19		equal to the occasion and after a hard fight abled to their credit another	
			confesses are some batches of Hirty and forty prisoners were	
			Captured, the total number being 560. The 14 Bn. A.I.F. Capprogged the 13th Ba + 15 Bns. and took the third office objective.	
Support	9/9/18		troops digging in + consolidating new positions.)-	
			gave us little trouble, but hortile airor of become bury wight	
			tombing planes were active dropping bombs around our positions	
	19/14			APP 14 A
Front fine	21/9/18		Br. moves to MARQUAIX, having been relieved by the Klintons.	APP. No. 15
			Every aircraft was very active dropping bout constently	
		*	luring the relief but no caracteris recelled to the 13 th Br.)	
leerve	79/18		The Br. more to HAMELET billeling for the night in the remains A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C./2118/14.	
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	riour	Summary of Events and Information	references to Appendices
23/9/19.		of the village. The weather broke again and showers fell considerable, during the afternoon and night.	
23/9/18		The Br. moved to BIACHES and bivouraged along the bonks of	APP No.11
		the Conel. Here an excellent consegnment of hund fruit, the	
		geft of the 13th + 165" Bns. Comforts Fund, was received + distributed -	
		one him per man.	
241	-	Preparations to move by motor bus on 24th to PICQUIGNY.	
19/19		Reverle 4.30 an. Breakfasting the Bon marched off at 6.30 am. to mai	m App. No
		BIACHES - PERONNE Roid, where embursony took place at 8.30 am.	
		25 men per bes.) The route traversed afforded great interest	
		to the troops as many of them had fought hard battles in the	
		vicinity during the jacot few months. A business-like	
		bombaraments had been cleaned up, Solvinge dumps organised	
		and batcher of Germano engaged on Roodmaking. Passing through	
		VILLERS-BRETONNEUX - He home of the Br. when it formed part of the	
		live me may last - and speeding through the outskirts of AMIENS	
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Place -	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks an references t
	24/9/18		The busines noon come he a plandative in PIGQUIGNY, the men.	Appendice
	1,418		alighting practically at their front doors, the journey howing	
			taken sice hours.	
			Three Officers, Lt. (HON CATT) E.E. PLUCKNETT, Lt. G.F. FALKINER MM. + Lt J.H. EAST,	
	20-1		together with 8 OKs detacked in Muster State the	
cquigny	19/18		Bn. billeten in the Village. Ite day was given over to a general	
			clean up and overhaul of equepment. Baths arranged for Bn	
			clean change of underclother) Two offents left Bn to go to	
			Sustralia on leave.	
	26/9/18		· Company + Specialist training.	
			Br. Educational Scheme inaugurated, the idea being to	Don N
	7/3		torm el saca los as temas en augurante, me idan meng to	1744.140
			form classes for men decreased obtaining on elementary	
			training in some trade or profession. In outline of the	
	27/9/10		Company of the flexalist training	
	28/9/			
	11/12	-	Company + Specialist fring. Batho + clean change of	
			interclothes for Br. Opening of Br. Sergent Hers	

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PICQUIGNY	29/9/18		Church Parade Afternson wet.	
- "	379/18		Continues Rain. V. Francis Bollo	
			- CAMPAN BOOK	
			CO. 13th Battalion A. I. F.	
			CO. 13th Battalion A. I. F.	
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FOR

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21.	Aeroplane photos (14) - LIHONS sector (1 copy only).
22	"To the men of the A.I.F." (I copy only)
23.	Comforts Fund activity. (1 copy only).
24	ANZAC BULLETIN - 13th Battalion personnel. (1 copy only)
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26	The state of the s
27	Letters of Lieut. R. B. WITHERS. D. C. M.
28	"THE BAIT" Moonlight Chart, September. (On e copy only)
29	Correspondence re German Message Dog sent to Australia
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31	, and the state of
32	Statement of Joined, Gone, Casualties, etc. for September.
33	HONOURS T AWARDS /
14	A. Battalion Relief Order.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFATTRY BRIGADE. FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS. Season 1918.

1. Teams .-

Australian Rules.

14th Battalion.

15th Battalion.

1 5th Battalion.

4th Field Ambulance.

4th M.G.Company.

Others.

13th Battalion.
14th Battalion.
15th Battalion.
15th Battalion.
16th Battalion.
4th Fld Coy.A.E.

Rugby.
13th Sattalion.
18th Battalion.
4th M.G.Company.
4th Fld.Ambulance.

Team for "Others" in Australian Rules will be composed of 4th T.M. Battery, 4th Brigade Signal Section, 4th Brigade Headquarters and attached "Others" Scocer team will also include 4th Field Ambulance.

- 2. Oup for winning team in each competition to be purchased from Regimental Funds.
- 3. Syllabus of Fixtures everleaf.
- 4. Rules. 2 points for a win and I point for a draw. The team leading on points in each competition at the end of the second round wins the Cup.
- 5. Umpices and Referees decision absolutely final.
- 5. Time of play.

 Australian. -- 4 quarters each 20 minutes 10 minutes half time.

 5 minutes quarter time.

 5 minutes quarter time.

 10 minutes and 10 minutes.

 10 minutes interval.

 10 minutes interval.
- 7. Umpires and referees to be arranged by Sub-Committees.
- 8. Grounds to be selected by Sub-Committees. In event of moves location will be noti fied to units.
- 9. Colours.

"13th Battalion.

14th Battalion.

15th Battalion.

16th Battalion.

4th M.G.Comp any.

4th Fld Ambi lance.

4th Fld Company.

Dark Blue.

Dark and light blue.

Blue and Gold.

Maroon and Gold.

Blue and White.

Purple and Silver.

Red.

White with purpl e circle.

Hon Sceretary,

4th Aust Inf Brigada Sports
Committee.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. FOOTBALL FIXTURES. -- Sea- son 1918. (August-September).

FIXTURES. AUSTRALIAN RULES. Friday, 14th Bn. V. M.G.Coy. 16th Bn Referee. 30/8/18. 16th Bn. V. "Others". 14th Bn ... Sunday. 4th F. Amb. V. 15th Bn. M.G. Referee. 1/9/18. 14th Bn. V. "Others". 15th Pn. Deferee. 14th Bn. V. "Others". 15thBn Referee. Tuesday. 1. 5thBn. V. 4th.F. Amb. 15th Bn Referee. 15thBn. V. M.G.Coy. 2/9/18. F.A. Thursday. "Othe ra" V. M.G. Coy. 14thBn.Referee. 14th Bn V. 16th Bn. M.G. 8/9/18. Saturday. 4th F.A. V. "Others". 16th Bn Referee. 25/9/18. 15th Bn. V. 14th Bn. F.A. Monday. 16th.Bn. V. 15th Bn. 14th Bn Referee. 8/9/18. M.G.Coy. V. 4th F.A. 15th Bn .. Wednesday. M.G. Coy. V. 16th Bn. F.A. Referee. 10/9/18. 14th Bn. V. 4th F.A. 15th Bn .. Friday. 15th Bm. V. "Others". 14th Bn Referee. 13/9/ 18.

RUGBY RULES.

Saturday. 15th Bn. v. 4th F. Ambulance. 31/8/18.

Monday. 4th M.G. Coy v. 13th Bn. 2/9/18.

Thursday. 15th Bn. v. 13th Bn. 5/9/18.

Friday. M.G. COY. V. 4th F. Ambulance. 6/9/18.

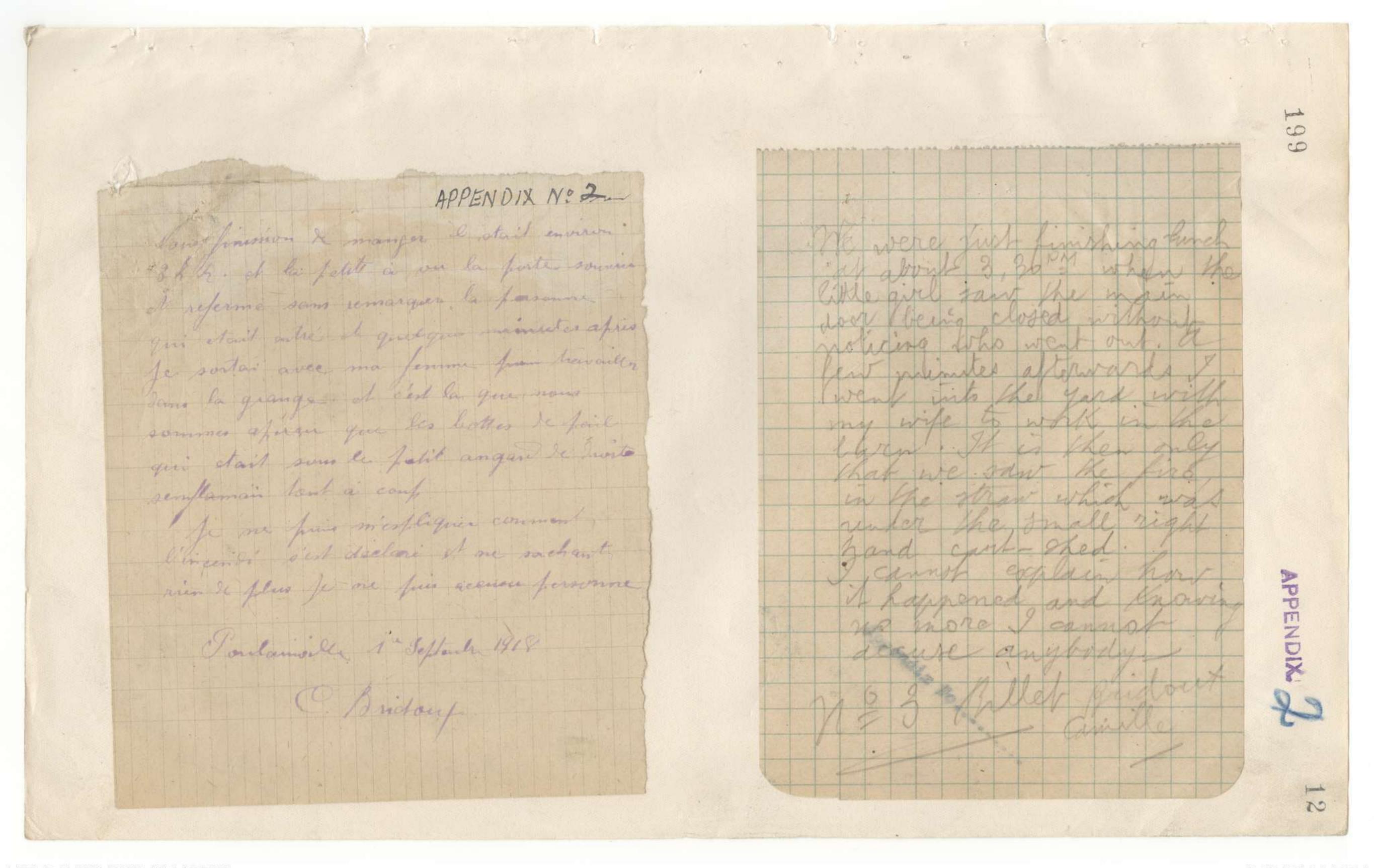
Sunday.

8/9/18.

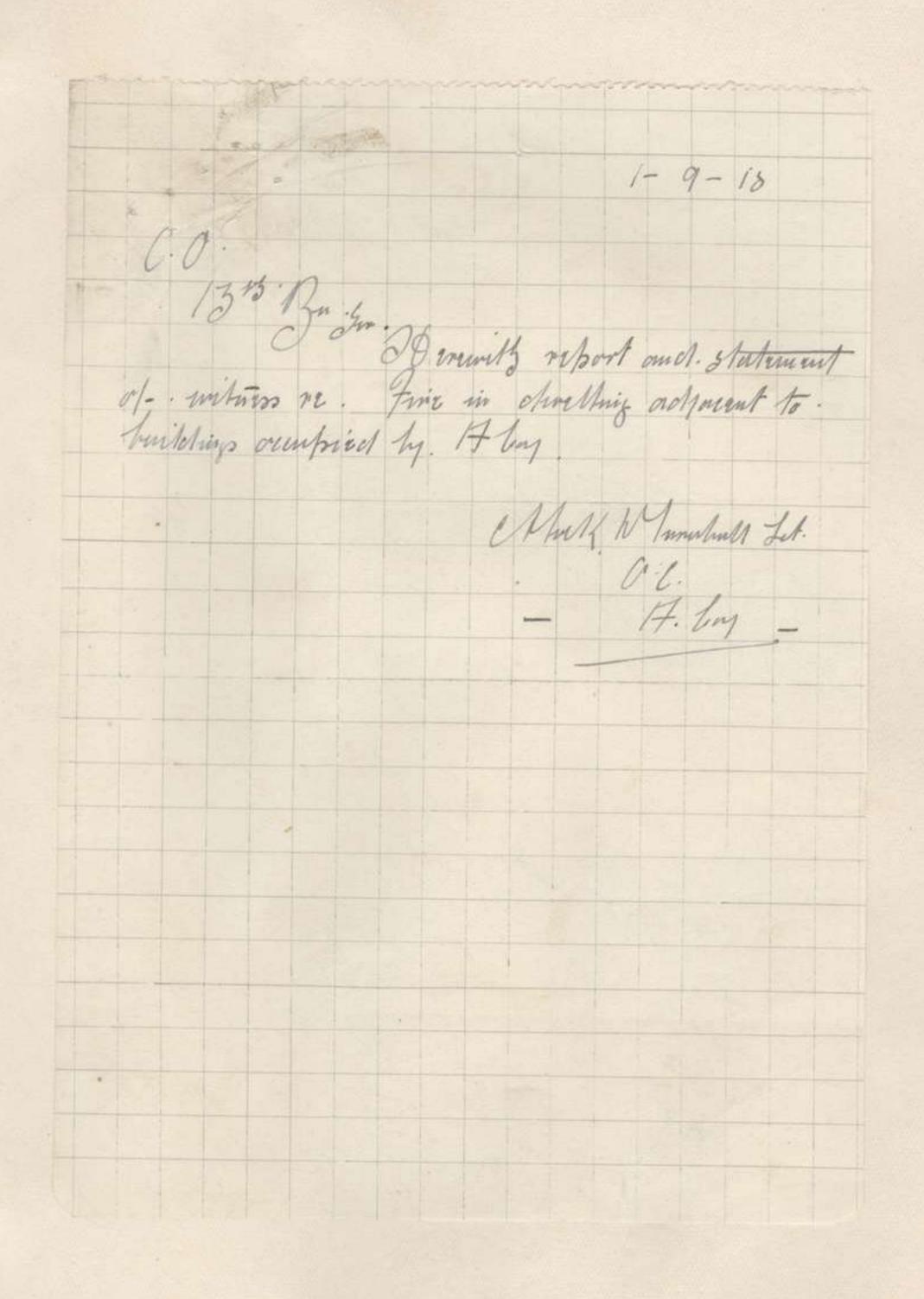
13th Bn. V. 4th F. Ambulance.

Tuesday. 15th Bn. V. M.G.Coy. 10/9/18.

Referees for all matches will be selected by Sub-



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1004664



Hat orumed in House adjoining billet oruspied by Jo. 1 Platoin A boy. and Jone found that at the time the fire broke out there were none of our troops in the former on in the yard and can positively state that the fire originalist in the yard of this forme and there spreading to building occupied by Bis Company. Within a minute or two of the fire bring noticed, steps Sad been taken to extensuist it. Be fire buckets from bellets being requisitioned and a cordon. established around. Be choulting. Bu. Fire priquet fact way assistaine rendered them, Here being a ready response of volunteers and it was only due to Gen energy and willingues But Bere was. not oc considerable amount more dannie done as at Be time Bure was. or fairly brisk trongs. Mouning. all and every mour outenful ivas made to resure equipment; Nothing. mttes ett. from Be himning hillet. a. fois amount Jus. un forhundtely bem. destroyed owing to Be rapidly of the spreading of the fire and Be witness Scat and smoke from the horning strain will while the hundiding was Be whole of the bompany were Boroughy common with the Fire orders.
and outed accordingly and I am of the brinst opinion hoth from.

ung. own : As weatins and enquires Hat I fare comed to be. made Hut. (1). But fire chiel not originate in Billet ourpied by our men. (2) But none of our men were in Dwelling where fire originated (3). But every assistance was promptly given towards extrugues fire (4). But wany offert was made to some Government property. Attended are voluntary statements given by untimos A. List of property destrojed will be rendered in the morning Muk. W. Immbull. Let.

/No. 7271. Pte Hall H.B. says:-Betrnem 3 oclock and 3-30 this afternoon I was on duty in the cookbouse when I heard a Frenchman shout out something in tranch. Looking across the voad we saw him hickney a brevering brundle of hay into the road from the house just opposite. This house is not occupied by our men and. I did not see any Mustralians about theme at the time. All the cooks van across the word and pulled the prevalenais cout into the voadway. Levo thinarner who were there helped to get the line - slock out. when we got there first the only fine was in the lose tray lying about the gateway leading into the yand. Orving to the wind it spread very quiety to the baras which were full of dry hay. The fine beafed of to The roof and spread to the west billet

towards the centre of the village.
This billet is occupied by our men.
and every effort was made to
pt equipment out at once.
I am acquainted with
the fine orders which I have
now posted up about the billets.
There was no shoutage of five
brechets and as soon as the
five broke out every one did
his best to put it out.

HBHall Pte.
1/9/18.

No. 4 757. Me. Coyte B. says:about 3.30 ochvila this afternoon, I was on duty in the cook - house when I heard a Frenchman shouting out. buth that, we all looked up and saw their hicking a briving sheef of hay out of the doorway of the building opposite into the road. This building is not occupied by any of our new and I did not sæ avy Mustorshaus about there at the time. the van over to the building and saw a lot of lose hay alight in the doorway. In a couple of seconds the five spread up to the barus which were full of hay. we fulled the cart out on the road and everyone there got to worth at over with fine bushets to feet the five out. There was a fairly strong wind blowing towards the centre of the village and it carried

the five in a flash right to the top of the barns It then spread to the neut building while is occupied by A Coy. I had been warned about the five orders and had beard them read out on parade. Virthin a few minutes of the stant of the five plenty of five-brukets were available. Everyone got to work and did their best to save the equipment in A logi billet: B 60y6-1 September 1918

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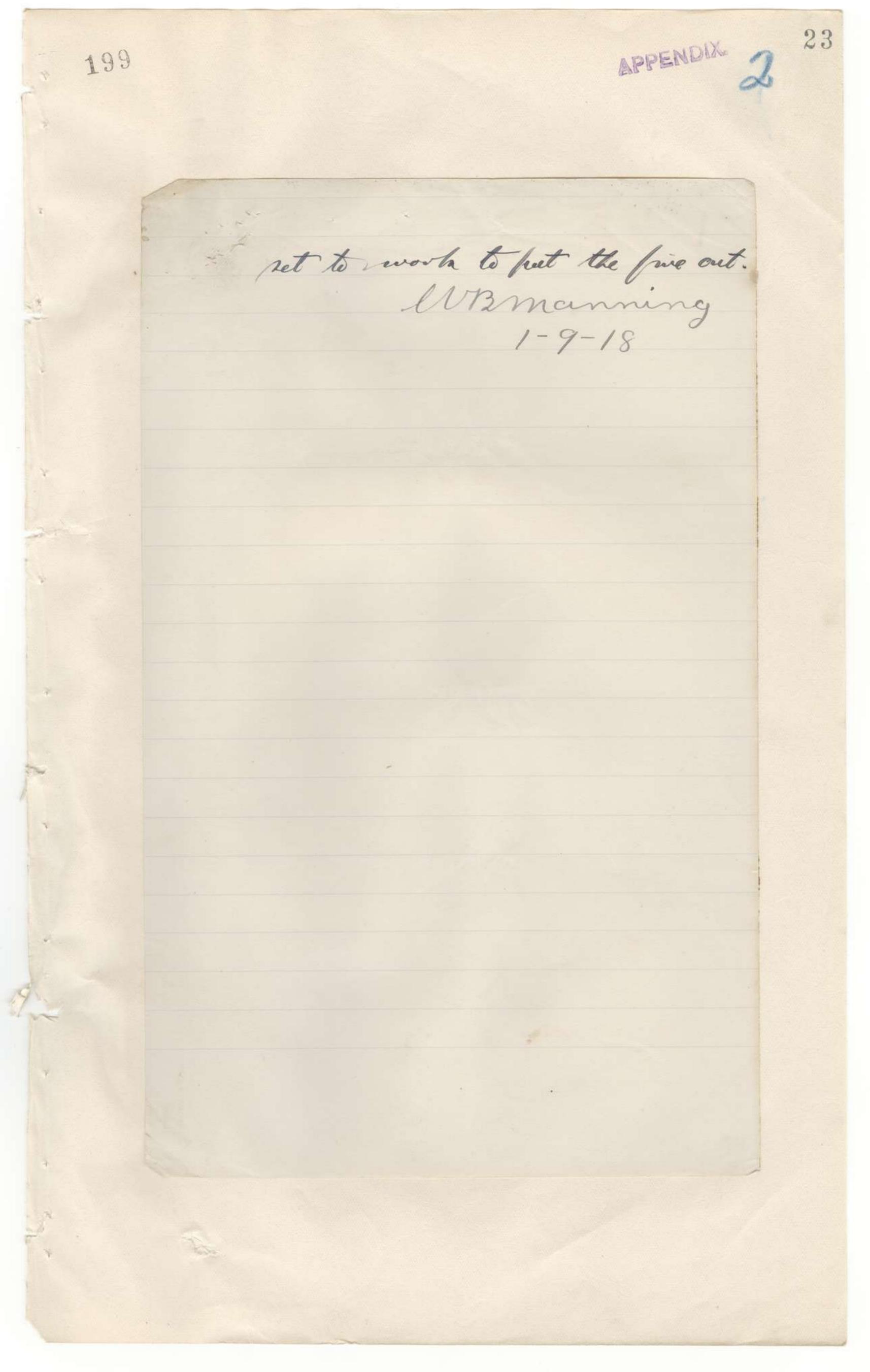
Mr. 2156. Pte Faulkner R. J. says:-Me mene woothing in A Coups cookhouse about 3.15 the afternoon when me heard a prevelenan shout out something from the trense across the road. This house is not occupied by any of our men and is between the billets of Mos. I and I Platoon. When me heard him shout we looked up and saw him hicking a burning sheef of hay from under the doorway into the road. The only people we have about the place mere The trensluran and two or three Chivarnen. The west over to the house, grabbed the court and fulled it out into the street. The only sign of fine at this time was on the lose bay lying about the yand and in the entrance to the

yard. I have I first saw it
there was no five at all in the
barus. There was a fair wind at
the time and the five shread very
quickly to the barus and then to
the west lillet down the road towards
the Church,

R. I. Fr. M.

R. J. Faulkner. 1/9/18.

16.7736. Pte Manning W. 13. Rays: Love after 3 o'clock this afternoon I was stouding in the road near the Luantes Master's Stone, when I saw a tvenehman nen out of the doorway of a house near A. Coys billets. He was carrying a lighted built of hay and I saw him throw it with the road. I carne up at once to the house. He loft of the barus were well alight when I got these, The five sproad very quickly and the wind corried it to the next billet towards the Church. The Top of the barn of the next billet was just lighting of when I got there. I saw some of our men fulling the cast out of the galeway. I was well arguainted with the fine orders which had been read out on pavade. My number of bushets were obtained at once and we



(No. 7053. Pte Peacock A. R. Rays: About 3.15 this afternoon I was at my work at A lorgs cookberese, when I beard a trencheran shout out something from the billet opposite (Mo. 3). Looking up, I saw him hicking a buring sheof of bay from the yourd of the billet into the voadway. He was closely followed by a number of Chinamer. The burning sheef of hay lit the lose hay in the yard and in the doorway, as the Frenchwan kicked it wite the voadway. I ran across the road to help get the can't out. He only sign of fine I could see at this Time was the lose hay about the yard. The other cooks were there with me then I we got the court out into the road. There was

no rigu extrateres of five in any other billet at this time. The five showed vafiely and was carried by the rived to the next door billet towards the Church, When the five stanted there evere no australians in the yard where the fine was - only French people and Chinamen. A. R. Pearock . 1. 9. 18

PROGRAMME.

APPENDIX No.3. For period 2nd Sept. - 9th Sept. 1918.

MONDAY. 9.30 a.m. - Company Inspection.

2.9.18 n9.45.a.m. - 11 a.m. - Platoon Scheme.

each platoon separately. While one platoon is carrying and out the problem remainder to carry on with platoon drill.

11.a.m. - 11.30 a.m. - Criticism of exercise.

1.30 - 3 p.m. - Specialist Training.
5. p.m. Lecture - ALL OFFICERS - "Intelligence" by Lieut. J.D. WESTWOOD . Location - School room near B.O.R,

TUESDAY

3.9.18. 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. - Battalion drill.

10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. - Model way of tackling problem set out

1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Specialist Training. 2. 0 p.m. - Inspection of Transport by C.O.

WEDNESDAY.

4.9.18. 9.30 a.m. - 9.45 a.m. - Coy inspection.

9.45 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. - wiring, special squad to be trained.
10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. - Coy. route march (particular attention being paid to "March discipline,")

1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Specialist Training.

THURSDAY

5.9.18. 9.30 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Wiring.

10.00 a.m. - 11. 30 a.m. - Coy. Scheme. Sealed problem with be handed to Coy Commander.

1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Specialist Training.

Battalion Route March. - (Cookers). SATURDAY.

7.9.18. Battalion scheme - full details later. AFTERNOON: Football matches.

SUNDAY

8.9.18. 9.45 a.m. - CHURCH PARADE. AFTERNOON. - Football matches.

NOTES. 1. Meeting of Company Commanders-and-H.Q. Officers at 4 p.m. daily. 2. Signallers and Runners, Scouts & Observers will train daily under Specialist fficers' Training. Programme to be submitted to B.O.R.

by 60p.m. Sanday 1.9.18. 3. Lewis Gunners will report daily to B.O.R. at 1.20 p.m. to Lewis Gun Officer - Syllabus of Training to be submitted to B.O.R. by 6 p.m. 2. 1.9.18.

4. Wire and picquets will be available on Tuesday next and will be

drawn by Companies for next day's training.

5. Coy. Bombing instructors will carry on every afternoon. Remainder of Company on Bayonet Fighting, Gas helmet drill etc.

6. MUSKETRY Range Practice will be carried out by Companies as

"A" Coyle MONDAY. 2.9.18. "B" Coy. TUESDAY . 3 . 9 . 18 WEDNESDAY 4.9.18. "C" Coy. THURSDAY. 5.9. IB "D" Coy.

Syllabus of work attached.

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19 The following SYLLABUS of MUSKETRY TRAINING will be carried out on the Range commencing Monday, 2nd September, 1918.

(a) Companies to be on the Range by 9.30 a.m. sing.

(b) 1st phase. 1. Musele-exercises, bolt drill - 10 mins.

2. Practice rapid adjustment of sights, prone, kneeling & standing positions - 20 minutes.

3. Practice rapid loading, prone, kneeling and standing positions (30 rounds loading and unloading, prone position to be practices at least 3 times, special

attention being paid to eyes upon mark, safety catch and buttoning of pouch)- 25 minutes.

4. Smoko- Lecture: Rules for aiming", giving reasons, by platoon Officer - 10 minutes.

5. Practice rapid firing over parapet of trench, prone

6. Practice Firing positions, prone, standing and kneeling with gas helmets on. - 20 minutes.
7. Judging distance under platoon commander - 10 minutes.

(c) 2nd Phase. 50 yds. Range - 1 hr. 50 mins.

1. Five rounds grouping with bayonets fixed.
2. Five rounds grouping do with gas helmets. 3. One minute rapid.

1st Platoon: 2nd phase 9.40 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. clean rifles. 11.35 a.m. March off.

> 1st exercise 1.30 - 1.40 p.m. 2nd 2. - 2.25 p.m. 3rd 4th "(Smoko)2.25 - 2.35 p-m. 5th exercise2.35 - 2-50 p.m. 6th " 2.50 - 3.10 p.m. 7th " 3.10 - 3.25 p.m. 3.30 March off.

1st phase 9.40 - 11.30 a.m.

1st exercise - 9.40 - 9.50 a.m. 2nd "9.50- 10.10 a.m.

3rd (Shoko) 10.35 -10.45 a.m.

5th exercise 10.45 -11. 0 a.m.

6th "11. -11.20 a.m. " 11.20 -11.30 a.m.

2nd phase 1.30 - 3.30. p.m.

of their Companies while on the Range. Platoon Officers will take charge of the Firing Mound. Platoon Sgts will assist. Company second in command to see that the men understand

Wach practice before going on to the Mound. Platoon to be divided into two parts; Platoon Officer to

instruct one half and Musketry Sgt, Instructor the other. C.S's.M. to arrange details; Coy. Clerks to score.

Waterproof sheet to be carried on man. Coy. H.Q. to be distributed throughout Coy. to rqualise platoons.

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GUN SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for week ending 8th September, 1918.

1.30 - 2.15 p.m. MONDAY. 2.15 - 3 p-m. 2.9.18

(a) Rapid stripping and assembling of gun.

(c) "A" & "B" Coys on range as per attached - Musketry Syllabus.

TUESDAY 3.9.18

1.30 - 2.15 p.m.

(a) Forward mechanism of gun. (b) Backward mechanism of gun.

Both of the above practices are to be detailed individually by each man.

(c) "C" & "D" Coys on range.

WEDNESDAY 4. 9.18

1.30 - 3 p.m.

Stoppages -on range for all Coys.

THURSDAY

1.30 - 2.15 p.m. 2.15 - 3- p-m-5. 9. 18

(a) Rapid filling of magazines. "A" & "B" Coys on range.

FRIDAY

Battalion Route March 6.9.18

SATURDAY

Football Matches. 7.9.18

SUNDAY

Church Parade. 8.9.18

- 1. The Companies who carry out Range practices will carry out the preceding day's Syllabus.
- 2. Coy Lewis Gun Sgts. will ensure that sufficient ammunition is drawn to refill magazines after wach day on the range.
- 3. Guns will be cleaned before the 9.30 a.m. parade daily.
- 4. Every opportunity must be taken of the limited amount of training set down.
- 5. When, the Syllabus lays down that a Company is to do range practices magazines and guns will be ready before that Company goes on the range.
- 6. AJ.1 new Lewis Gunners will train under a specially detailed instructor daily after the morning's inspection parade, the work being progressive throughout.
- 7. Musketry Syllabus attached.

L. W. H. CLELAND. Lt. L. G. O.

For week ending 8th September, 1918.

MONDAY 2.9.18 1.30 - 2.15 p.m.

"A" & "B" Coys will carry out the following practices:-

(a) Grouping practice, firing single rounds

with box respirators on. 2.15 - 3 p.m.

(b) Grouping practice, firing a burst of 6 rounds, with box respitators on.

(c) The above practices to be fired twice

by each man

TUESDAY

3.9.18 1.30 - 3 p.m.

2-15---3-p=m.

"C" & "D" Coys will carry out the above - - practices.

WEDNESDAY

4.9.18 2.15 - 3 p.m.

Stoppages, combined with firing practices on range for all Companies.

THURSDAY

5.9.18 1.30 - 2.15 p.m.

(a) Traversing practices for "A" & "B" Coys

with box respirators on - - -

(1) firing from bypod. (2) firing from cover without the bypod

2.15 - 3 p.m.

i.e. sandbagsh etc.
(3) firing from No. 2's shoulder. (b) Hip firing combined with traversing practice advancing towards the enemy.

FRIDAY 6.9.18

Battalion Route March.

SATURDAY 7.9.18

Football Matches.

SUNDAY 8.9.18

Church Parade.

1. H. Q. Lewis Gun Sgt. will be responsible that all targets are brought to range, paste and paper procured, and that the targets are in good condition for the following day's programme.

2. Scores for the day's work will be handed to H.Q. Lewis Gun Sgt. after the practices who will keep a record of same.

3. H. Q. Lewis Gun Sgt. will be responsible that all magazines are filled after the practice.

4. Guns will be thoroughly cleaned before moving off from range.

(Sgd.) Le We He CLELAND Lt.

DIVISIONAL COMMANDER'S PARADE- 4.9.18.

- (1) The Brigade will be inspected by the G.O.C., 4th Division on morning of 4.9.18.

 The Brigade will be formed up in mass and will receive the General with the "General Salute".
- (2) Massed Bands under Bandmaster COPP.
- (3) During the inspection of each Battalion the Band of that Battalion will play.
- (4) All transport and cookers will also be on parade for inspection.
- 65) DRESS; Marching order without blankets. Tin hats and mess tins on-back of pack. Hats and box respirators to be worn.
- (6) PARADE GROUND. Time of parade etc. will be notified later.
- (7) The following points, inter alia, require special attention:

 (1) TROOPS
 (a) Fitting of equipment.
 (b) Hats to be turned up at side, chin straps/war.
 (c) Colour patches.
 (d) All Officers to wear open front jackets, web equipment and hats.
 (e) Officers will not carry sticks.
 (f) Field dressings and identity discs.
 (g) 120 rounds S.A.A. (Specialists 50 rounds)

 (2) TRANSPORT.
 (a) Grooming of animals.
 (b) Harness and metal work to be clean.
 (c) Dress and general appearance of personnel.
 (d) Vehicles to be loaded and covers to be adjusted.
 - (8) Units not actually being inspected will probably be permitted to "sit easy" and smoke. All Officers must ensure that strict silence is maintained.
 - 69) Every available man to be on parade. One man and one sanitary man per Coy. only exempt.

BATTALION PARADE - 3.9.18.

The C.O. will carry out a preliminary inspection to-morrow 3.9.18.

Battalion to be formed up by 9.30 a.m. on Bn. Parade Ground.

DRESS: Marching order without blankets: tin hats and mess tins on back of pack.

Officers' Dress: as mentioned above, para 7 (d) & (e).

All the above points to be observed.

for C.O. 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

Winner.

Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.

Brigade Boxing Group Competitions . 4th September, 1918.

Results

1. Lightweight 2. Featherweight 3. Lightweight 4. Lightheavy 5. Middleweight 6. Featherweight 7. Welterweight 9. Officers 10. Heavyweight 11. Heavyweight 12. Bantamweight 13. Final 14. " 15. " 16. " 16. " 17. " 18. " 19. "				
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13th BATTALION	 11
74th BATTALION	 6
15th BATTALION	 1
16th BATTALION	 7
4th F. Engineers	 7
4th F. Ambulance	 L

COMPETITION CUP WON BY . 13th BATTALION. A. I. F.

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APPENDIX No.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1 to accompany BRIGADE ORDER NO. 29.

Brigade Headquartors, 7th Sopt. 1918.

Place. COISY - ALLONVILLE road. Head of column at Gross roads G.II.B.

Time. 9.30.a.m., 8/9/1918.

Embussing officers to report to Brigade-Major at head of column at 8.30.a.m.

Load. 25 all ranks per bus. Parties to be told off beforehand.

Order. Units will embus in the following order:

15th Battalion.
13th Battalion.
15th Battalion.
15th Battalion.
4th Field Ambulance.
4th A.L.T.M. Battery.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigado Hoadquarters.

Dobussing Point. N.W. BIACHES.

- 2. One Hotor Lorry will be allotted to each Battalion to carry Q.M's and Ordorly Room gear. These will report at respective Headquarters at 7.a.m. to-morrow. Guides to be at Brigado Hoadquarters at 6.a.m. to conduct lorries to Battalion Headquarters.
- 3. CLAIMS. All claims to be adjusted if possible before leaving area.
- i. Transport will rejoin respective units on night 8th inst.
- 5. Bivouac Area for Brigade Group N.W. of BIACHES.
- 6. Disposition statement to be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as seen as possible after arrival in new area.
- 7. ENEMY RUSES. All ranks are to be specially warned to be on their guard against enomy "booby traps" and ruses.
- 8. Brigado Nucleus will be located at 4th Aust. Div. Reinft, Wing, CORBIE, under Capt. S.A. RICHARDS, 15th Battalion. Personnel will proceed to CORBIE by route march on 8th instant under instructions from Capt. S.A. RICHARDS (O.C. Nucleus). Cooking gear otc. will be convoyed by Motor Lorry as under:-

1 Lorry - 14th and 15th Battalions.

noon, where a guide from each Battalion will report. Guides from 13th and 16th Battalions will then proceed with 1 Lorry and those for 15th and 14th Battalions will proceed with the other to pick up gear at respective Headquarters, after which they will proceed to CORBIE under instruction from CAPT RICHARDS.

I sound through Bigmals at 5.p.m. Dis, as for Brigado Order No. 29.

Brightlo-Major, 4th Aust, Inf. Brigado.

BATTALION ORDERS No 5

- 1. The Battalion will move to BIACHES area 8.9.18 embussing on COISY-ALLONVILLE Road at 9.30 a.m. Head of Brigade column G.11 b.
- 2. Coys and H. Q., units will pass the starting point, Road junction G.2.c at 8.30 a.m. 8.9.18 in following order:-

Sigs and runners,
A.Coy.
B.
C.
D.
Pioneers and S. Bearers,
H.Q. details.

- 3. DRESS Full marchinh order. Blankets to be carried.
- 4. BAGGAGE. All surplus gear to be left at ALLONVILLE dump will be stacked near B.O.R. by 8 p.m. to-night. Officers valises, cooking gear etc. eill be dumped at BO.R. 7.15 a.m. 8.9.18.
 R.QöM.S. to arrange for this to be laoded on motor lorry.
- 5. TENTS Tents on issue to Coys & H. Q. unite to be returned to Area Commandant's Office by 7.15 a.m. 8.9.18. R.Q.M.S. to obtain receipt for number returned and hand same in to BO.R.
- 6. ROUTINE

Reveille 5.30 a.m.

Breakfast 6. a.m.

Sick Parade - On arrival at destination.

7. BILLETS Special attention to be paid to cleanliness of billets.

Usual-certificates to be handed in to B.O.R. on arrival at

destination.

(Sgd) T.B. WEBSTER Lieut.
Adjutant, 13th Bn. A.I.F.

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SECRET.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WARNING ORDER.

Brigade Headquarters, 9th Sept. 1918.

- The 4th Australian Division will relieve the 5th Australian Division in the "B" Divisional Sector, on the night of the 11th inst.
- The 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Group will move on the 10th inst. to the Reserve Brigade Area, approximately Squares P.8, P.9, P.14, P.15, which will be occupied on that date by the 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade. 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade will not arrive in the area before 4.p.m.
- The C.R.E. will arrange for disposal of 4th Pioneer Battalion in advance of the GREEN LINE, CARTIGNY MONS and will supervise relief of Engineer Units.
- 4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued through Signals at

ap.m.

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13th BATTALION

Brigade-Major,

4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Reference Map 620 1/40,000

1. The Bn. will move to bivouacs in P28 on 10th instant passing starting point, Bn. Orderly Room at 1 p.m. in following order:

Signallers and Runners,

"A" Company.

"B" "B" "B" "B" "BOOM AND TRANSPORTED A

"C" "
"D" "
"Aliabed O.A.
H.Q. details elitabed O.A.

100 yards distance between Companies to be maintained.

- 2. ROUTE Bridge I33.d.3.9.-Railway Station FLAMICOURT DOINGT-Road Junction 0.6.a.3.9. BIAS thence to P.28.
- 3. DRESS: Fighting order steel helmets to be worn-Blankets and waterproof sheet to be carried. Waterbottles filled. Shaving gear to be carried.
- 4. ROUTINE: Sick Parade...7 a.m.
 Breakfast....8 a.m.
 Mid-day meal.11.30 a.m.
- 5. ADVANCE PARTY. Advance party of 1 Officer and 10/R per Company,
 Intelligence Officer and Bn. H.Q. Scouts will parade at B.O.R.
 9.30 a.m. and move to new area. Intelligence Officer will select billetting area and arrange for guides to meet Bn. at BIAS P.9.c.
- 6. TRANSPORT Transport will move independently under Transport
 Officer passing starting point H.24.b.8.0 at xxxxx 1.45 p.m.
 10.9.18.

 ROUTE Bridge at H.24.b.8.0 PERONNE DOINGT-Road Junc.
 0.6.a.3.9.-BIAS and thence to P.28.
- 7. BAGGAGE racks with greatcoats inside. Felt hats clearly marked and done up in bundles of ten, Officers' gear and any other surplus gear to be dumped in shed near Bde H.Qrs by Companies and H.Q.Units on 10.9.18 as follows:-

"A" Company 10.30 a.m.
"B" " 10.35 a.m.
"C" " 10.40 a.m.
"D" " 10.45 a.m.

Bn. H.Q.10.50 a.m.

Cpl. GREEN (Bn.H.Q.) will be left in charge of this dump

Ifficers' gear going forward and Company mess gear to be dumped

at Q.M's Store at 12 noon 10.9.18.

- LEWIS GUN GEAR. Lieut. McGUIRE will supervise the loading of Goy. Lewis-Guns and gear commencing 11.15 a.m. at Transport Lines.
 - 9. AMMUNITION. Ammunition to complete to 220 nrounds per man, (Lewis Gunners, -Runners, 50 rounds) will be drawn by Companies and H.Q. units from dump near "C" Coy. at 10 a.m. 10.9.18 Two bombs per man will also be drawn.
 - 10. Present bivouac areas to be left in clean and sanitary condition.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

for C.O. 13th Battalion. A.I.F. Major

Issued by runner at 8 a.m. 10.9.18

(P.T.O.)

APPENDIX 10 Copy No. 1 - 4 War Diary. Terence dup des 1/10,000 10 Sig. Officer and I.O. 11 Q.M. 12 H.Q. Details. 13 C.O. and file. H.C. details 100 gards distance beiseen Companies to be maintained. ROUTE Bridge 135.d.S.G.-Reilway Station FLANICOURT - DerWet-Road Justicon C. G.a. C. B. LAS - thence to f. 28. DASSE: Fighting order - steel helmets to be wern- Blankets and water proof sheet to be carried; Taterbottles filled. Shaving gear to oe carries. Sick Parage ... 7 a.m. A. LOUI INE: Breakfast & a.m. Hid-day meal. 11.30 a.m. ADVANCE PARTY, Advance party of 1 Officeh and 10/R per Company, Intelligance of Br. E. Scoute will parade at B. C. Scoute will parade at B. C. B. 8.30 a.m. and move to new area. Intelligence Chiteer will select billetting area and arrange for guides to meet Bh. at BIAS P.S.c. Margor Transport will move independently under Transport NOUTE Bridge at H. 24. b. 8.6 - PERONNE - DOINGT-Acad June. O. O. a. S. - S. Ista one thence to 1.38. 7. PARGEREE Faceus with prestonts inside. Felt hats elearly marked and acre up in bundles of ten. Officers' gear and any other surplus gear to be dumped in shed near Bde H.Ors by Companies and H. Q. Units on 10.9.18 as follows:-" Company The so of m. seerelled a.m. ngn u :...10.40a.m. ngn u10.45 a.m. Spl. GRIEW (Bn.M.Q.) will be left in charge of this dump

(Ficers gear going ferward and Company mess gear to be dumped

at G.W.s Store at 12 noon 10.9.18. . LEGIS GUN GEAR. Lieut. McGUIRE will supervise the loading of Coy. Lewis-Guns and gear commencing 11.15 a.m. at Transport 9. AMMUNITION. Ammunition to complete to 220 nmounds per man, (Lewis Gunners, Kunners, 50 rounds) will be drawn by Companies and R.Q. units from dump near "C" Coy. at 10 a.m. 16.9.18 Two bombs per man will also be drawn. 10. Present bivouge areas to be left in clean and sanitary equition. for G.C. 18th Battalion. A.I.P. II. ACLNOWLEDGE. Issued by nummer at 8 a.m. 10.9.18.

Headquarters, 12th Sept., 1918.

1. The Battalion will move, 12.9.18, to Reserve Brigade Area P.29 b. & P.30.a. leaving present area as follows:-

> "D" Company, 2 p.m. 4 p.m. "E" do do 2 por Bn. H.Q.

Distance of 100 yards to be maintained between Companies.

- 2. DRESS. Fighting order Waterproof sheet and blanket to be carried.
 220 rounds per man and two bombs per man.
- 3. LEWIS GUNSERS Lewis Guns to be carried forward by Companies.
- 4. BAGGAGE. Officers' gear and mess gear will be dumped in big Hut occupied by Company Officers by 2 p.m. and will be taken forward by limber to new area.
- 5. TRENCH SHELTERS AND IRON. Q.M. to take over from 14th Battalion -all-trench-shelters-and will arrange for these, together with galvanised iron already in Company dumps to be taken forward by 2pm to-day and dumped near sunken road in P.29.b. Companies and H.Q. Units will draw from this dump.
 - 6. BILLETS. Present area to be left in a clean and sanitary condition . --
 - 7. Then Companies are in position in new area reports to be made to Battalion H,Q.
 - 8. Battalion H.Qrs. will be at P.29.b.2.7. (approx). Transport lines, Q.M. Store and Rear Bn. H.Q. will remain in present area.
 - 9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) T.B.WEBSTER Lieut. A/Adjutant 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

Issued by runner at 11.15.

Copy No.1 - 4 War Diary.

No.5 - "A" Company.

No.6 "B" "

No.7 "C" "

No.8 "D" "

No.9 H.Q. Units.

No.10 C.O. and file.



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APPENDIX No. .12..

To RUPA

DISPOSITIONS - 12-9-18

Senders No. G.A. 4 dated 12th Sept. 1918.

Disposition Report 6 p.m. 12.9.18.

Battalion H.Qrs. ... P.29bC5.70.

R. A. P. ... P.29.b.05.70.

1. Coy. ... P.29.b.77.

1. Coy. ... \$.30.a.05.30. ... P.30.b.05.50 to P.30 a.80.65. I. Coy. I. Coy. ,.. P.30.a.60.30 to P.30.a.95.40.

Defensive position has been selected approx. on 95 meter contour line in F.30.b. and P.24.d.

From D O Z A.

(Sgd) John H. EAST. Lieut.



APPENDIX 13

SECRET

APPENDIX NO. . (3)..

13th BATTALION ORDER NO 8

Reference Map "A" issued with this Order.

16.9.18.

- 1. 13th Battalion will relieve portion of 49th Battalion in front
 line on night 16th/17th September, 1918.

 "B" Compan y 13th Bn. will relieve 3 platoons "C" Coy. 49th
 Bn. in the front line.

 "C" Coy. 13th Bn. will relieve "D" Coy. 49th Bn. in Support.

 "A" & "B" Coys 13th Bn. will be in reserve.

 Bn. H. Qrs at
 - 2. Guides will meet Companies at QUARRY, R. l. b. 0. 3 at 8-45 p.m. 16.9.18.
 - 3. Password for night of 16th/17th Sept. will be "CAPSTAN".
- 2. Completion of relief will be notified to Bn. H.Q. by code message A. D. 23 noted".
 - 5. Acknowledge.

for C.O. 18th Battalion. A.E.F.

Issued by Runner at

Normal distribution.

18 -9-1918

PART I

- On the 14-9-1918 the Battalion was bivouaced in the vicinity of Mons and Chausses.

 At 8 p.m. on that date a conference of Commanding Officers was held at 4th Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters, at which was discussed details of the impending attack.

 Tasks were altotted, and details of supply and communication decided on. It was further decided that as the Brigade was ordered to relieve portion of the 13th Infantry Brigade bounded by the Brigade new frontages as shown on Map "A", the 13th, 16th and 19th Battalions should each put one Company in the front line disposing the remainder of the Battalions in depth.
- (2) On the night 16/17th Sept., the 13th Battalion relieved "C" and portion of "D" Coys, 42h 49th Battalion, dispositions then being as shown on attached Map "B".
- (3) All details of the operation were discussed at conferences with Company Commanders and with all Officers, and finalised as shown in 13th Battalion Order No.9 attached.

PART II

- (1) At 11 p.m. 17-9-18 Battalion Headquarters moved tentatively to H.Q. occupied by "B" Coy R.3.a.80.90...

 Tapes were laid in accordance with Task Map "A" and Batrage Map attached, by Lieut. J.H. East and H.Q. Socuts, this work being completed by midnight.
- At 4.35 a.m. 18-9-18, Battalion H.Q. and all units were in position as shown on Diagram "A" attached.

 Rain had fallen during the night with occasional intervals of very bright moonlight. The final forming up took place in a steady down pour which slackened off a little before Zero.
- 3) At 5.20 a.m. the barrage opened, the machine gun barrage sounding more intense than any which has previously assisted us. Though the barrage line for the 18 pounders should have been 200 yards ahead of the forming up line, quite a number of shells fell short, and there appeared to be one or two guns short of the barrage at every lift. Generally speaking, smoke shells appeared to fall well short of the barrage proper and a great number of these burst in the centre of the attacking infantry. Lieut. N.J. McGuier, M.C., M.M., was killed and a number of his Coy. Higher personnel were wounded by an 18 pounder shell at the opening of the barrage.
- The attack followed close up under the barrage from the first lift and heavy wire was encountered. Luckily there was a heavy fog by this time and the advanced enemy posts were rushed with complete success and few, if any, casualties. I attribute the fog entirely to the smoke shell used, and consider that in this case it was a little over done. The damp atmosphere, of course, intensified the effect of the smoke shell.
- Breasting the ridge South of LE VERGUIER, the Battalion attacked what is shown by captured enemy documents to have been his first line of resistance. Here he offered fight and a certain amount of time was spent in clearing up small posts, in the course of which, Lieuts (Temp-Capt) W. PARSONAGE, H.C., was wounded by a stick bomb.

 The fog still continued and cases occurred where small parties

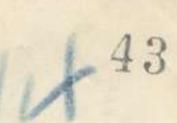
- 199 one even including a portion of Battalion Headquarters, got ahead of the main line of advance and had to bomb their way bakk.
- Continuing down the slopes past LE VERGUIER, "B" Coy. swung round (6) to its left and succeeded in junctioning with the 15th Bn at almost the exact spot intended on Task Map "A". A gap, however, occurred on the right and the 48th Battalion could not be located. . "A" Coy. was ordered up on the right of "C" Coy. and thus established touch with 48th Bp. whose left was swung. back slightly. On the Western edge of MILL SPINNEY at approximately L. 35.a. 2.5. there was a field gun in action preventing the advance of "B". Company, and a large Minenwerfer_detachment with two medium and two_light. Minenwerfer. The story of how these were dealt with by No. 6594 Sgt. G. SEXTON of "D" Company, is contained in an annex to this narrative. One the the dugouts which he dealt with as described therein was a K.T.K. (front_line Bn. H'qrs) of the 58th Infantry Regiment, and yielded, a Battalion Commander.
- The consolidation of the Brown line was commended immediately (7) it was gained, in accordance with instructions, and a line of posts had been constructed before the end of the two hours halt. At 7.30 a.m. all sign of fog had disappeared, and the barrage covering the consolidation of the Brown line commenced to move. . The Battalion having been reorganised wxmmxxxxxxxxxxxx continued the advance in the same formation as shown on Diagram "A", but when "D" and "A" Coys. leapfrogged over "B" and "C" . Coys. it was found that the enemy had taken a great deal of advantage of the two hours halt, and that there was a considerable increase in machine gun fire with the advance. However, the barrage was good, and the troops advancing resolutely assaulted individual posts with characteristic dash and initiative. From ASCENSION FARM, CORONET. POST and the Post at G. 25.c. 25.55. fully 200 prisoners were obtained after a sharp encounter. At 9,30 a.m. "A", "C", "B" and "D" Coys were in position on the Right Line from right to left in that order, and consolidation was commenced immediately. Battalion H'qrs. established at L. 35.c.4.8. (the K.T.K. referred to above). At about 10 a.m. the 14th Battalion passed through the 13th End 15th Battalions to Final, Blue, or Exploitation objective. . .
- The Battalaon captured 560 prisoners, 2,77 M.M. Guns, 6 Light (8) Minenwerfer, and 2 Medium Minenwerfer, and over 30 Machine Guns, whereas the total strength of the Battalion engaged was 18 Off. . 397 O/Ranks and casualties 5 Officers, 109 O/Ranks.

PART III

SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS (1)

> Brigade Forward Party was established promptly and on the attainment of the first objective Bn. Signal Section connected with. them immediately. Communication with Brigade Headquarters could be obtained by telephone occasionally, but as the line from Forward to Battalion_party_held, we were in continuous communication by loop set. The most successful Brigade Forward Party I have experienced. After the move from the first objective, conditions were favourable for visual, which was used from Company to Bn. H'qrs.

(1) I was allotted a Tank but could not induce the Tank Commander to look upon the Infantny as any other than adjuncts. I insisted that we should lay tapes from his assembly position to our jumping off tape, but as he failed to report to me on the -



afternoon of the 17th Sept. to reconnoitre and to inform us of his assembly position, this was impossible. I did not see any Tanks in the attack. I know that the Tank attached to the 13th Battalion did not reach the tapes. The Battalion Scout detailed to ride in the Tank was not ._ impressed. He said the Tank got lost and then stuck in a sunken road. This experience was in striking contrast to previous operations in conjunction with the 8th Tank Battalion. -

SUPPLIES.

No difficulty was encountered in this connection. Trench mortars and machine guns carried ammunition practically to the second objective by pack horses which followed just in rear of the attack. The A.A. A. Section of the D.A.C. was established E. of LE VERGUIER soon after the attainment of the second objective.

PART VI

ARTILLERY.

The barrage was not equal to that of the 4th July or 8th August in the matter of accuracy. On those dates there was the same disadvantage of firing without registration. The greater proportion of smoke shells fell amongst the attacking Infantry. In intensity the artillery barrage was all that could be desired.

PART VII

PROGRESS OF THE ATTACK.

The two hours' halt allowed many hundreds of prisoners to escape, allowed numerous guns to be hulled out which would otherwise have been captured, and gave the enemy sufficient respite for many who would have thrown up the sponge to reorganise and put up a resistance.

The following Maps, Diagrams and Appendices are attached: -

> Map "A" - Task Map. u_ uBu Dispositions 6 a.m. 17th, 19th and 21st.

Field Artillery Barrage Map. u uGu "D" Heavy Artillery Barrage Map. Table "A" - Casualties

n nBu - Strength of Bn. going into line. -. Strength of Bn. coming out of line. n nGu

Recommendation for the award of the Annex Victoria Cross No. 6594 Sgt. G. SEXTON

> Lieut. - Colonel. Battalion, A.I.P.

CASUALTIES

Total casualties from 17-9-18 to 21-9-18 inclusive:-

	7747704	m^Off.	0/Ranks	Total 10
	Wounded	2	91	93
	-" Remaining at duty	2	3	5
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TABLE "B"

- (1) · Strength of Battalion as on night 17-9-18, including attached excluding detached:= 25 Officers 516 0/Ranks
- (2) Included innabove but beft as 333 % Nucleus 1 Officer 32 O/Ranks
- (3) Included in above but left at Transport Lines 6 Officers 87 O/Ranks
- (4) Strength actually engaged: -3 Off. 79 O/Ranks "A" Coy 78 11 B 11 11 C11 79 80 11D11 81 H.Q. 397. O/Ranks 18 Off.

TABLE "C"

- Strength og Battalion on night 21/22-9-18, including attached, excluding_detached _ 24 Officers 399 O/Ranks
- Included in above but left as 333 % nucleus 31 0/Ranks Officer
- (c) Included in above but left at Transport Lines -69 0/Ranks 6 Officers
- (d) Strength of Battalion coming out of line night 21/22-9-18 -

"B" Company	3	Officers	53 56	O/Ranks
"A" & "D" (Coy 5	11	109	11
	17	Officers	299	0/Ranks

of OPERATIONS - 18.9.18.

Recommendation for the award of the VICTORIA CROSS

No. 5594 Sergeant Gerald SEXTON.

In the attack near LE VERGUIER on the 18th September, 1918 Sgt. SEXTON displayed the most conspicuous bravery and performed deeds which, apart from their gallant nature, were in a great measure

responsible for the Battalion's success.

On the Southern ridge of the Village of LE VERGUIER the enemy fought very hard and serious opposition had to be crushed. During the whole period of the advance, Sgt. SEXTON was to the fore dealing with enemy machine guns by firing from the hip as he advanced rushing enemy posts, and performing feats of bravery and endurance which are better appreciated when one realises that all the time he fired his Lewis Gun from the hip without faltering or for a moment taking cover.

Immediately the attack commenced, Sgt. SEXTON's Lewis Gun section was confronted by an enemy M.G. He called out to his section to follow, rushed the M.G. and killed the crew. He then called out to the rest of the Company to follow, but they had not gone far before they encountered some bombers and riflemen about 70 yards in front of the Company. SEXTON rushed the trench, firing his gun from the hip, and killed or took prisoner all the members of the post. Continuing, he entered a copse and killed or took prisoner allegateex another ahother party of the enemy.

The advance continued over the ridge at LE VERGUIER to where SEXTON was met by Lieut. PRICE who pointed out a party of the enemy manning a bank, and a field gun in action which was causing casualties and holding up a Company. There was also a trench mortar in action. Sgt SEXFON did not wait but firing a few short bursts as he advanced, and calling out to his section to follow, rushed down the bank and killed the gunners on the field Dashing out on to a flat under fire from two hostile machine guns directed on him, he killed 12 more of the enemy. Paying no heed to the machine gun fire he returned to the bank and after firing down some dugouts induced about 30 of the enemy to surrender. Owing to his action the Company on the left of the Battalion was able to continue the advance where they had been definitely held up and were suffering from the effects of the field gun. When the advance was continued from the first to the second objective, the Company was again held up by two machine guns on the right and one In conjunction with a platoon, SEXTON engaged the on the left. machine gun on the left, firing all the while from the upright position, a fearless figure which, according to eye witnesses inspired everyone. (To have taken cover would have been more prudent but SEXTON realised that prompt action was essential and did not wait to assume the prone position). Silencing this gun he turned his attention to the two machine guns on the right and silenced He then moved forward into a trench, killing quite a number of the enemy and advancing along a sap took a few prisoners. on he was responsible for a few more small posts, and, on the final objective, being given a responsible post on the left of his Company he engaged a machine gun which was firing across the Company front, and thus enabled his Company to dig in. This completed he went forward down a sunken road and captured several more prisoners.

I recommend this most gallant N.C.O. for the award of the VICTORIA CROSS, and attach statements from eyewitnesses in support of my recommendation.

> (Sgd) D.G. MARKS, Lt-Colonel, C.O. 13th BATTALION. A. I. F.

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19th Let 18 Secret. The Battalion will relieve 14th Br in front line on night of 20/21st inst. One boy of 16th Br will be atached to this Battalion. a del details as to prostages, time Rearganisation of Battalion. From mid-day 20-7-18 the Battalion will be neorganised as follows: a loc "A" long and boy stones together with weakest plateon will be temporarily attached to D' boy. by boy day of A a D'boys will be amalgamated - any surplus to be posted to platoons. attached to "c" boy all be d. Nominal rolls in each instance to be prepared by O. C. "A" loog -1 Copy to O.C. "A" Coy " as regards (para 1) to o c." c" Cay " each noll to Bu Hars Sominal rolls required by 10 pm tonight. NIWE. 3.35pm \$ 10 Caus

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Ref. Map "A" issued with Battalion Order Novhagi aid a rebret

1. On a date and at an hour to be notified Pater the Division will conture. the enemy defences on the Divisional front and consolidate in succession on the lines shown BROWN, RED and BLUE on attached Map "A". In

2 The day of the "stunt" will be known as "Z" day and that preceding it. and of heart Territy Horrist Horitars have been allotted to the

2 Infantry forming up line will be a direct line from R.9.d. 8.5. to L. l.d. 7.

Watches will be synchronised on "Y" day

AND MATERIAL THORIDAY OF WATCHES at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

3. The attack of 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will be carried out in three phases:

(a) 16th Battalion will capture and mop up the village of LE VERGUIER and the 13th Br. (Tight) and 15th Bh. (Left) passing I on the flanks of the village, will capture the BROWN LINE and form up thereon for phase (b) 16th Bn. after moppingning .Af village will occupy the BROWN LINE.

- (b) 13th Bn. on right and 15th Bn. on left, jumping off from TROWN LINE Will carture and consolidate the RED LINE.
- (c) 14th Bn., passing through RED LINE will exploit the success with a view to establishing themselves on the BEUE LINE.
- 4. Dispositions of Companies for the attack:

(a) phase: "B" Coy. on left: "C" Coy on right: (b) phase. "D" Coy. on left: "A" Coy on right.

- 5. Formations for the attack will be as shown on diagram attached marked "P".
- 6. ARTILLERY Phases (a) and (b) will be assisted by a creeping barrage which will halt as a protective barrage on the BROWN LINE.

Phase (c) will be assisted by mobile Field Artillery. Heavy Artillery will co-oper te.

7. ARTILLERY PROGRAMME. (a) Barrace Programme. The barrage will be placed on the Artillery Start Line, which will be 200 yards in advance of the Infantry Ferming up line, at ZEFO.

> The first lift will be at ZERO plus 3 minutes. The second lift will be at ZERO plus 5 minutes The next and succeeding lifts up to and including the eleventh lift will be at intervals of 3 minutes. The twelfth and following lifts will be made at intervals of 4 minutes. All lifts will be of 100 yards measured along the inter Coms boundaries.

- (b) Halt line. The Infantry will remain on the Halt line until ZERO plus 3 hours 10 min. when the advance will be continued to the RED LINE.
- (c) S.O.S. Arrangements for firing on S.O.S. Lines will cease to be operative at ZERO minus 15 minutes.
- (d) HEAVY ARTILLERY. Not engaged on counter battery work will be used during the advance to fire on specially selected strong points and localities.

7. ARTILLERY

Hostile trench systems will be engaged by Heavies until such time s the Progress of the Infantry advance renders this inadvisable.

- 8. TANKS. One Tank is allotted to the Battalion for the operation, and will not advance further than the BROWN LINE. Dummy Tanks will also operate on the Divisional front.
- 9. MACHINE GUNS. Two machine guns are allotted to each of "A" and "D" Coys.
- 10. LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS. Two Light Trench Mortars have been allotted to the Battalion.
- 11. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES. Watches will be synchronised on "Y" day at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- 12 Password for night of 17th/18th Sept. is "WOODBINE".
- 13 Administrative instructions issued separately.
- 14. Acknowledge.

(Sgd) A. W. DAVIS, Major. for C.O. 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

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APPENDIX No.:A.

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13th BATTALION. A.I.F.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH 13th BATTALION ORDER No. 9

1. AMMUNITION. On 16th inst. following dumps will be established:

Divisional Dump - P. 12 b. 3.7.

Brigade Reserve Dump - Q. 6. d. 5.3. (approx)

containing 50 000. S. A. A.

1,500 No. 36 Grenades.

1,500 23 "

500 34 "

On "Z" day, as soon as situation permits Brigade Dump will be established at L. 28. d. 95.50 (approx) containing:200,000 S. A. A.

1,800 No. 36 GRenades.
350 23 "
400 34 "
200 Stokes shells.

300 Stokes Shells.

200 Stokes shells. 100 gallons water.

2. MEDICAL Prior to "Z" day casualties will be evacuated from R.A.P's to bearer Relay post at R.7.d.3. thence to Motor Loading Post at Q. 12.c.3.5.

A.D.S. and W.W.D.S. - Q.8.b.3.4.

Arrangements for "Z" day onwards will be notified later.

- 3. SUPPLIES will be issued in Companies in accordance with Table A. attached.
- 4 TRANSPORT LINES AND ORDERLY ROOM.

 Transport will remain at present
 locations. After units move out Orderly Room will be located
 with Rear Brigade Headquarters at P. 23 a. 9. 4.
- 5. NUCLEUS. Located with Reinforcement Staging Depot at 0.8.d.
- 6. PRISONERS OF WAR. P.O.W. cages at Q.S.b.3.3. Prisoners of War captured will be despatched to Bn. H. Qrs. as soon as possible. M.M.P's will then take prisoners over from escort. When searching prisoners care is to be taken that paybooks are left in their possession.
- 7. RAILHEAD. FLAMICOURT. (1.28).
- 8. ORDMANCE D. A. D. O. S., at CATELET-
- 9. VETERINARY. M. V. S. 0. 20. 2. 00.
- 10 RATIONS and WATER. On night 16th and 17th Sept., rations and water will be delivered to GUARRY R. 1.b. 0.3. at 10 p.m. and 2. a.m. "D" Companz will detail 2 (two) Ration parties of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men each to carry forward for "B" and "C" Companies. Rations for "A" Coy. will be delivered direct to Company H.Q.
- 11. COOKING will be done at 0, 14. d. l. l.
- 12. Returns laid down in Standing Orders will be rendered as usual.

(Sgd) A. W. DAVIS, Major, for C.O., 13th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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13th Battalion Order No. 10.

Reference VILLERET 1/20,000.

1. The Battalion will be relieved on night of 21/22nd September, 1918 by 4th Leicesters as under:-

"A" Coy. 4th Leicesters relieves "D" Coy. 13th Bn.

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"C" " will be in Supports on right. uDu u u will be in Support on left.

- 2. On completion of relief the Battalion will rendezvous in TINCOURT area.
- 3. Prior to the relief O.C. "D" Coy. will take over the Front line as far South as road G. 27. d. 4.7. from 46th Battalion. This point will be the relieving Battalion right boundary.
- 4. Guides. Five guides from "C" and "D" Companies and 10 guides from "B" Coy. will report to Bn. H.Q. at 9 a.m. on 21.9.18. All gear to be carried. These guides will await arrival at 7 p.m. 21.9.18 of relieving unit at Rail way bridge near Bde H. Q. R. 8a. 58. and guide to resp respective companies.
- 5. Rations No rations will be delivered to Companies tomorrow night. Cookers will serve a hot meal at THIERRA COPSE. L. 33. d. as Companies pass.
- 6. Lewis Guns. Four limbers will be at COLLINS QUARRY L. 35. b. 65.70. from 10 p.m. 21.9.18 on to load Lewis Guns and other gear.
- 7. Horses. Coy Commanders hacks will meet them at Cookers.
- 8. Advance party, of one officer (Lieut. FALKINER) and 4 0/rs will proceed to TINCOURT area at 9 a.m. 21.9.18.
- 9. Receipts in duplicate for all trench stores etc. handed over will be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. by 9. a.m. 22.9.18. Second waterbottles are not to be handed over but taken out with companies.
- 10. Password for night 21/22nd Sept. is JAM.
- 11. Completion of relief to be wired to Bn. H.Q. by code message:- "A.D. 23 NOTED"

Sgd. A. W. DAVIS, Major. for C.O. 13th Bn. A.I.F.

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4. BOUTINE

Broadfat - 7. 30 ...

5. The 13th Battalion all move out, passing the starting point - Church E. 20. b. sentral at 9 .a. 23rd in t in following rier:-

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in E. 13 and will follow in room.

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6. NOUTE MOULIE ROUGE - Fag. de BRETAGRE - Following distances to be observed Between Componies 200 yerie;
Between Battelions 500 yerie.

March discipline to be observed throughout.

7. BYGGE Officers values, bluncts and outplus go r to be due ed by Companies at Bett lin B. . not later than 8 a.m. SER inct.

Trans at Officer to arrange for convey not. Trens shelters to be taken to new area. Trans art Officer also to arrange necessary limbers for resevil of Orderly ross and ness go r.

Borses for cookers, Editeses cart, and Officers hacks to be at Batt lion E. . by 8.30 a.m.

Q.M. will erronge to draw paces from Brig.de dump, Binches, on arrival.

- 8. Embusaing point will be on main BIACHES HERBECOURT DOMPIERIE rold
- 9. Lient gast all meet Assist no Staff C. tan at E. 24.4. 95.40 at 9.30 e.m. to-morrow, 23rd in t. to percon dite for bivourds on 18.6 23rd-24th inst.

(SEA) T. D. WEDSTER. Lieut.

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13th BATTALION ORDER No.12.

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Headquarters, 23rd September, 1918

- The 13th Battalion will embuss at 7 a.m. to morrow 24th inst on the BIACHES > HERBECOURT Road with head of column at H.33.b.8.5..
- 2. Units will embuss in the following order:)

14th Battalion
16th "
4th A.I. Bde. H'qrs
4th A.L.T.M. Battery.
13th Battalion
4th Field Ambulance
15th Battalion Nucleus.

- J. M. BRIERLEY

 Lieut. G.F. FALKINER, M.M., will meet Brigade Major at embussing point at 6.30. a.m. taking with him Notice Boards, embussing state and one Runner with bicycle.
- 4. Debussing point: PICQUIGNY.
- 5. Battalion will be quartered in billets in PICQUIGNY sub}area.
- Personnel moving by bus will carry unconsumed portion of rations for the 24th inst.

 Supply Dump PICQUIGNY (on road to SOUES).- Q.M. will report at this dump immediately on arrival in new area to take over lorries and convey same to Q.M's Store.
- 7. First Line Transport will move with uncomsumed portion of rations for 24th inst, and will be issued at Staging Area on afternoon of 24th inst with rations for consumption on 25th inst.

 Commencing 25th inst. First Line Transport will draw rations from refilling point, Q.M. to ascertain from Supply Officer the hour of frawing.
- 8. ROUTINE. 24-9-18. Reveille: 4.30 a.m.

 Breakfast: 5 a.m.

 Sick Parade: 5.30 a.m.
- 9. The 13th Battalion will move off passing the Starting Point Fork Roads H. 24.d. at 6. a.m. in the following order:-

Signallers and Runners
"B" Company
"C"
"D"
"A.M.C.

Pioneers, H.Q. Details.

Guard at present doing duty and prisoners, under the charge of LIEUT. M.W. WHITE, M.M.

- 10. DRESS: Full Marching Order. Blankets and waterproof sheets to be carried; Steel helmets under strap of pask.
- BAGGAGE. Officers' valises and any surplus gear for removal by motor lorry, also Trench Shelters, to be dumped on road opposite Bn. H.Q'rs not later than 5 a.m. 24th inst. Transport Officer to arrange for removal to dump at H.29.d.25.90 by 6 a.m. to-morrow. 24th inst.
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- Men with sore feet will report at Bm Headquarters at 5.45 a.m., and will move off in advance of the Bn. under charge of an Officer to be detailed. (Sgd) T.B. WEBSTER, Lieut A Adjt 13th Bn.

KIPENDEN Nº. 1853 Bootmaking Plumbing Carpentry Engineering Tailoring Sign writing.

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13th BATTALION A.I.F. EDUCATIONAL SCHEME.

A representative Meeting of all interested in the above was held at PICQUIGNY on 25th Sept. 1918. C.O. Lieut. Colonel D. G. MARKS, D. S.O., M. C. presided.

It was expalined by the C.O. that as the A.I.F. Educational Scheme would not be in full swing immediately the object of the Meeting was the formation of one in the Unit itself.

The subjects taught would be of two types:-

(a) Educational

Typewriting e.g. Book-keeping Shorth and English French German Mathematics

(b) Trade.

In each subject when possible both elementary and advanced classes would be held.

The Instructors chosen would consist not only of the best talent available within the unit but any that could be obtained outside, e.g. the services of the local French Schoolmaster might possibly be obtained for the French class.

The A.I.F. Educational committee would be asked to supply a list of suitable text books which would be bought with the Battalion Funds. It was hoped that when the A.I.F. scheme came into being these books would be taken over by them.

The Padre, Major DURNFORD, M.C. also suggested that a Magic Lantern and slides would be very useful especially for the various Lectures in History and Geography. Although the Meeting was favourable nothing definite was done. *

The Padre, Major DURNFORD, M.C. also suggested that Lectures should be given on various educational subjects, e.g. the History of PICARDY and that to stimulate interest prizes could be given for Essays on them.

It was decided that all in the room should form themselves into a general committee but that a smaller Committee comprising one representative from each Company and Battalion Headquarters should be elected to draw up a suitable scheme for the Battalion. These were to be chosen by the Compa ies before the next Meeting to be held at PICQUIGNY at 5 p.m. on THURSDAY, 26th inst.

> (Sgd) T. B. WEBSTER Lieut. Adjutant, 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

26th Sept. 1918.

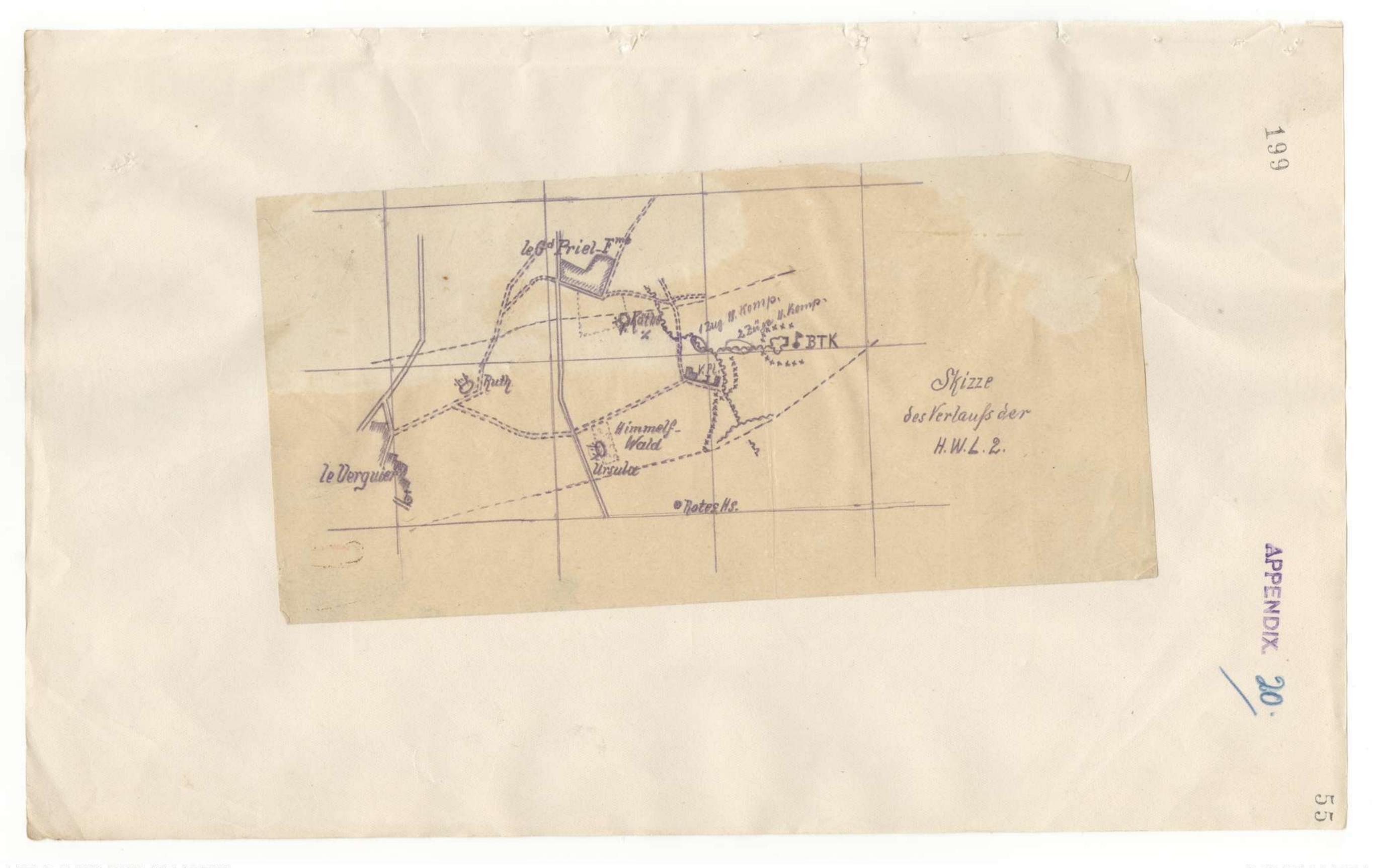
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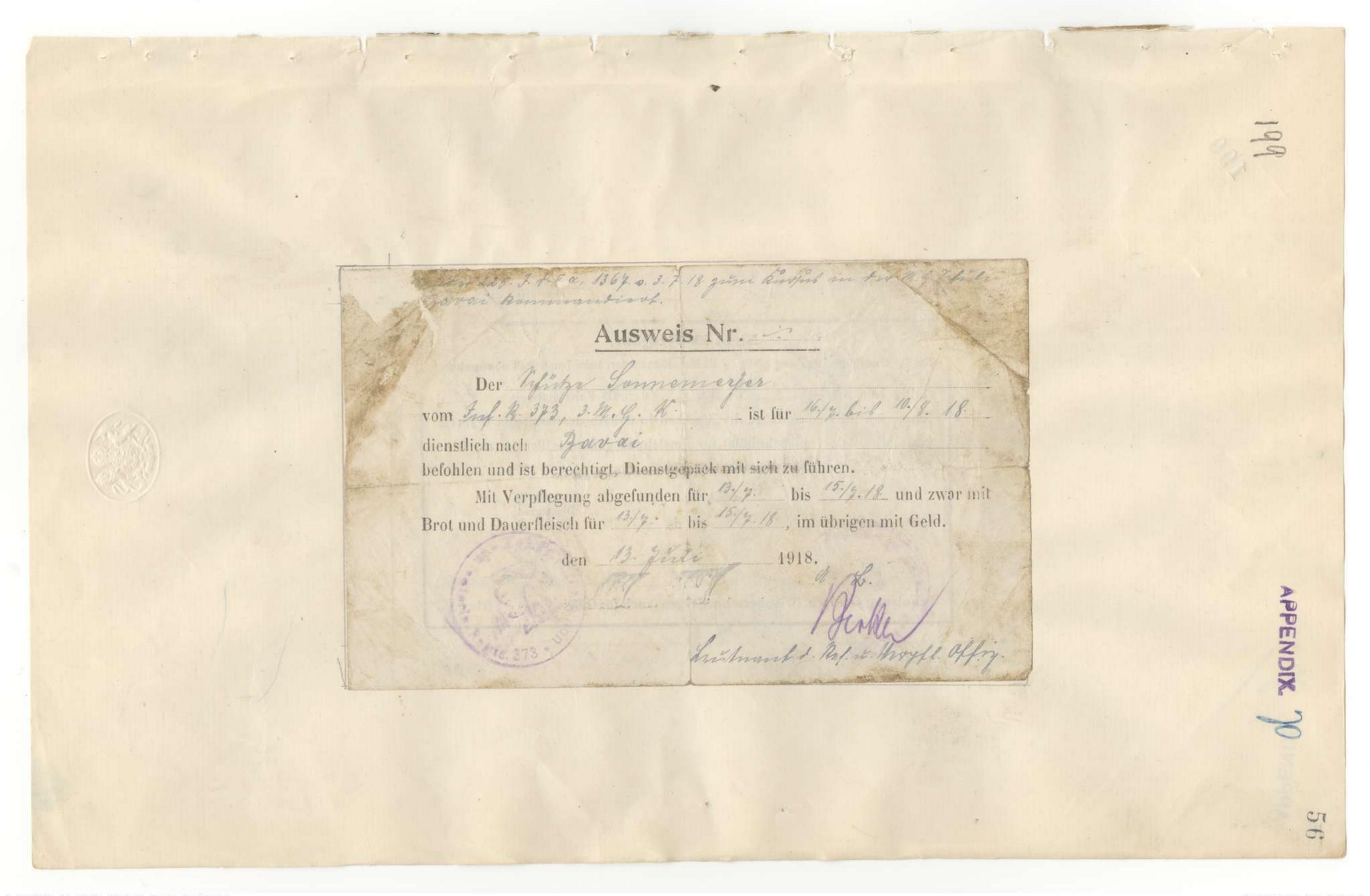
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6th, 7th% 10th Sept. 1918
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