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PETILLOON	01.05.1916		<p>Today 2/Lieuts J. Johnston & R.A. Macalpine returned from schools of instruction in Trench Mortars & Engineering respectively. The latter reports Engineering school very disappointing. Instructors two 2/Lieuts. from 1st Australian Pioneer Battalion one of whom had never occupied a fighting trench. Instruction direct from 1911 Manual of F. Engineering & even this was shown in an uninteresting way. Macalpine was specially selected by 4th Bn. as being a good instructor & most likely to absorb & hand on anything new from the school. Conference of Company Commanders at 1630. Lieut O.F.J. WOLFF returns to position of Signalling Officer & Lieut L.M. LANE to Transport Officer</p>	
	02.05.1916		<p>Today by 1430 8 officers & 108 men of 4th Bn. M.G.S. Bombing Platoon, Signallers, Scouts & Companies proceeded to 2nd Bn. trenches to take over stores & posts & become acquainted with duties. These will remain in the trenches until joined by the rest of the Bn. tomorrow. This afternoon between 1500 & 1700 we were told by secret message from Division would be a time of bombardment by our artillery. However nothing happened on our side rumour stating that the weather was too dull to observe accurately. Apparently enemy knew our intention because several of our aeroplanes flying over his lines were only fired at by machine guns whereas as a rule hundreds of anti-aircraft shells are fired as a rule.</p>	
	03.05.16		<p>2/Lieut. W. MACKENZIE promoted Lieutenant dated 22/4/1916; 2/Lieut. V.V. BROWN seconded for duty with Trench Mortar Battery.</p> <p>Today signed billeting documents for the period April 19 - May 3 inclusive. Total amount 734.30 fr. number of separate billets 12. Certificates obtained by Companies & H.Q. from all householders in billets to the effect that no damage or loss had been caused by our troops.</p>	

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PETILLOON	03.05.16		<p>Today we completed relief of 2nd Bn. in left section of 1st Bde. trench area. Our 4th Bn. marched with 3 minutes' interval between platoons & 15 mins. between companies. Companies ordered to reach entrance to CELLAR FARM AVENUE from RVE PETILLOON thus - A Co. 1945, B at 2015, D at 2045, E at 2115 & Bn H.Q. at 2135. Relief complete at 2220 & reported to Brigade. 2nd Bn. then marched out & occupied our late billets near FLEURBAIX.</p>	
	04.05.16		<p>Last night our men sniped a good deal at enemy rifle flashes & we used flares but not so many as they. Approximate S.A.A. expenditure 3860 rds. This morning stood to arms 0245 - 0400. Situation quiet. This first day in trenches chiefly spent in reconnaissance & settling down. At night stood to arms 1905 to 2000.</p>	
	05.05.16		<p>Stood to arms 0245 - 0400. Last night A Co. sent out officer's patrol (2/Lieut Grey D.B. & 3 men) to examine state of our wire & nature of ground between trenches. We also put out barbed wire (two large chevaux de frise) in front A Co. B Co had out a listening post of 1 m.c.o.'s & 6 men who occupied part of German crater to deny it & another close by to enemy. On returning about 0200 today one of above was shot. Case to be investigated. Today Major B.V. STACY returned from leave in LONDON. In connection with upkeep of trenches there are too many cooks - engineers & pioneers besides ourselves. Stood to arms tonight at 1905 & soon after heavy artillery ^{fire} & gas alarm given on our left. About 2100 everything quiet. Tonight warm dry weather of past few days broken by light rain. Conference of Co. Commanders this morning. ^{Today Capt. W.J. STACK A.A.M.C. evacuated to Hospital with lumps & place taken temporarily by Capt. A.P. DRUMMOND, A.A.M.C.}</p>	
	06.05.16		<p>Issued orders stand to arms daily for 1 hour at least at 1905 & 0245. Issued orders & sent copies to Brigade, 2nd Bn. & companies etc concerned. Fighting strength today 28 officers, 958 others. This includes Transport Section at SAILLY, 15 men on leave & 8 sick not yet away from Bn. 9 days. Board of Inquiry (Major B.V. Stacy, 'President') today found that Pte. SHANNON</p>	

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PETILLOON	06.05.16		<p>was shot by Pte. KENNEDY both of B Co., that KENNEDY acted in belief that Shannon was one of enemy & that the action showed grave carelessness on Kennedy's part. Evidence also showed Kennedy left his post. Papers forwarded to Brigade. This evening 2/Lt. D.B. GREY injured in eye by glass from periscope, latter broken by rifle bullet. Grey evacuated to hospital. A Co. now has only 3 officers. Arranged to have one of Scout Signal & Bombing Officers on duty each night with A Co. Quarter-master is unable to get periscopes, sniperscopes more than 12 (instead of 64) magazines for each Lewis Machine Gun. These things are essential for the fighting troops & strong representations concerning the state of things have again been made to Brigade. Chevand de prise put out tonight by A, C & D Cos.</p>	
	07.05.16		<p>Commencing about 0800 today enemy bombarded support lines & then concentrated on a portion of D Co. firing line with high explosives (40 cm.) & shrapnel (7.7 cm) shells. Fired about 250 shells in all & made a breach 20 ft. wide at top of parapet at enemy machine guns & snipers fired through this. Screen of sand bags on a string put across scribes posted either side of gap to instruct passers to crouch sand bags filled & material got ready for repair at night. Wire in front also breached. About 1000 Captain C.G.H. JUDGE wounded by shrapnel in back & sent to hospital. During bombardment troops withdrawn to either flank. No other casualty. Retaliation of our artillery asked for but telephone communication faulty & slow response. Eventually field guns fired about 20 rounds several of which did not detonate. Also howitzer battery fired & put 2 shells 50' - 100' behind B Co's parapet in N103 section, one shell on parapet & 2 shells in our wire. Gun asked to stop firing. At 18.45 Germans put about 10 H.E. shells into breach again but no further damage. During day D Co's telephone wire cut 4 times by shrapnel. Wire was 3 ft. above ground. When work well started mending breach Germans put about 6 shrapnel 7.7 cm. shells in at 2300. No casualties. No further interruptions. Wiring as usual by A, C & D Cos. Arrangements made in case of attack Bde. M. Guns Lewis M. Guns also one of 5th Bn. trained to sweep ground in front of gap; also 2 inch trench mortar gun ready to fire on TADPOLE opposite.</p>	

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PETILLON	08.05.1916		<p>Last night Capt. H. PEARCE went on leave to London for 8 days. D Co. is being commanded by Lieut. R.M. MATTHEWS & 2/Lieut. McALPINE is transferred temporarily from B to D Co. Capt H.A. MANN is acting temporarily as Adjutant during absence of Capt. Pearce. Last night breached parapet was built up nearly to level of old parapet. Today is showery & duck walks very wet & slippery. S.A.A. expenditure last night & for 24 hours ending 0600 2 patrol Lewis M. Guns. 1400 rounds. Wire put out last night in front of A, B, C & D Co's 2 knife rests & quantity of festoons & loose coils of barbed wire.</p>	<p>Last night road reconnoissances as follows:- Firing line - 300' ON Line - RVE PETILLON Lt. MCKENZIE via YORK AVENUE ditto ditto via MINE AVENUE by Capt. D.R. BROWN</p>
	09.05.1916		<p>Today Capt. Johnson A.A.M.C. lectured at 0930, 1030, 1400, 1500 & 1630 in company & H.Q. lines to as many officers & m.c.o.'s who could be spared on subject of Gas etc. Lieut. Col. A.M. MARTYN & Major DYER of Engineers visited our lines today & gave C Co. tasks in thickening parapets rebuilding traverses & dug-outs. Question of draining & reclaiming 70 yards line 'discussed' & decided upon. For 24 hours ending 0600 today expenditure of S.A.A. was - rifles 2150 rounds, 2 Lewis M. Guns 940 rounds. In front of A, B, C & D Co's barbed wire was put out to extent 15 knife rests & 1/2 coil barbed wire. Tonight between 2130 & 2345 four patrols of 2 scouts each reconnoitred our front as far as enemy's wire. Each patrol discovered enemy parties of from 5 to 12 working on their wire & an enemy patrol of 4. Enemy wire close to parapet & not always very thick. Ground wet but passable. Construction of steel-plate loop-holes still held up for want of fastenings from Engineers to rivet 3 plates together.</p>	
	10.05.16		<p>Weather still wet & ground & duck walks slippery. S.A.A. expended in 24 hrs. ended 0600 today rifles 1588 rounds, Lewis Guns (2 patrol) 490 rounds. Wire put out in A, B, C & D Co. fronts 15 knife rests, quantity loose rolls. All knife rests in lines now put out. G.O.C. Division requires wire to thicken to 30 yds. all along front. Work of thickening parapets commenced in C Co. in 4 places also a traverse is being rebuilt. Tonight from 2200 to 0200 standing patrols of 1 officer (A, C & D Co's) & 6 men (B Co. 1 m.c.o) sent out to lie in wait for enemy & capture or kill one or more Germans. Night extremely cold. D Co. support platoon moved from 300 yds. line to firing line. A man in CORDONNERIE POST shot through stomach by stray bullet.</p>	

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PETIHLON	11.05.16		<p>Morning very cold. Frost also light mist but sky clear. Last night our patrols saw 3 separate enemy patrols but effected no captures. Too much moonlight. S.A.A. expended for 24 hours ended 0600 today - rifle 2120 rounds, 2 Lewis Guns 1800 rounds. All companies wired fronts using 58 corkscrews & 8 coils barbed wire. Some days ago asked Brigade to arrange transfer to 4th Bn. of Lieut. C.A. McBRIDE, 17th Bn. A.I.F. Forwarded names for promotion to Captain, Lieut. L.H. LEHMAIER (substantive) & Lieut. R.M. MATTHEWS (temporary). Today at 10.55 a deep mine was exploded opposite bay N10-1-4, & 40 yds. from A Co's parapet. Capt. Brown reports no damage apparent. Fighting strength today 26 officers 957 other ranks including Transport Section. Qa. Ma's details, 1 officer & 14 others on leave & 18 sick not yet absent 9 days. Last night all companies reconnoitred routes 300 yds. line to firing line noting particularly gaps in wire entanglements. Today C.O., Senior Major & Scout Officer 11th Bn. visited these lines.</p>	
	12.05.16		<p>Last night comparatively mild. Standing patrols of 1 officer & 6 others went out in front of each company. No enemy encountered except at Crater Post where patrol of 5 or 6 Germans was seen. One of our patrol Lewis Machine Guns opened fire on patrol which then turned & made for its own lines. Crater patrol alleges cries of pain were heard but no sign of any wounded enemy was found. Lieut. W. McKENZIE & 7 scouts reconnoitred new mine crater & found it dry, 20 to 30 ft. diameter & about 10 ft. deep. All companies put more wire out on their respective fronts total quantity used being 23 corkscrews & 10 coils. Today we commenced reclaiming 70 yds. line of trenches & C Co. occupied dugouts with a platoon. On 11th this platoon of C Co. was relieved at DEE POST by a platoon of 2nd Bn. Tonight about 1900 Pte Smith of D Co. was shot through head whilst looking over parapet.</p>	
	13.05.1916		<p>Last night was mild & cloudy. Enemy snipers active till about 2300 & again about 0200 this morning. No enemy patrols seen by our usual standing patrols. Each company put out wire as usual. Total quantity 50 coils, 2 kite rests, 34 corkscrews, 7 1/2 coils. Ration of men was issued on returning to all wiring parties & patrols. S.A.A. expended in 24 hours ending 0600 - rifles 2645 rounds, Lewis M. Guns 700 rounds. This morning about 0400 Pte. Matthews D Co. was shot through head whilst observing over parapet. Steady rain commenced to fall about 0700. Fighting strength today 26 officers, 930 other ranks. Flare used last night on Pon. front total 45. Promotion of Major J.Y. Mackay to rank Temp. Lieut. Col. & to command 4th Bn. in orders; Dated 18th April 1916</p>	<p>CT</p>

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PETILLON	14.05.1916		<p>Today again wet & trenches very muddy & slippery. Patrols last night found nothing unusual. Work of repairing & thickening parapets continued. Entanglements increased by putting out 4 "knife rests", 46 corkscrews & 9 coils barbed wire. S.A.A. expenditure for 24 hours ending 0600 - rifles 1785 rounds, 2 Lewis M. Guns 1000 rounds. Today the strength of Bn. further reduced by the taking of 1 corp. & 7 men for traffic control duty with 1st AUST. DIV. This practice of constantly draining the infantry to supply such duties is most unsatisfactory. Such Such men should be drawn from B class men at Depôts or direct from reinforcements. Tonight 2/Lieut. D.B. GREY returned from hospital, eyes uninjured. Promotion of Major MACKAY I.C. to rank of Lieut. Col. (Temp.) & to command 4th Bn. (temporarily) appeared in Div Orders.</p>	
	15.05.16		<p>Morning again wet. Lieut. Gen. Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD & Major Gen. H.B. WALKER visited our trenches in forenoon in company of our Brigadier. Promotion of Lieut. L.H. LEHMAIER to Captain appeared in Orders.</p>	
	16.05.16		<p>Today fine clear morning. 3 casualties in B Co., 1 being fatal. Since coming to Brigade trench area on 19/4/16 our casualties now amount to - killed 6, wounded 12 (including 2 officers). Last night bombers fired 42 rifle grenades (38 detonated) into enemy trenches & he replied with 9 trench mortar bombs (about 4 lbs.). No damage done. Our rockets were tested a few nights ago, found to be perished & have been exchanged. Conference of Company Commanders to discuss scheme for defence of section & co-operation with Bns. on flanks; also discussed preliminaries for move on 20th. Last night moon extremely bright & patrols & wiring parties had to go very warily. This evening stood to arms at 1915 - 2015.</p>	
	17.05.16		<p>Fine clear morning. Stood to arms 0230 - 0330. One man in A Co. shot in head & killed. Crater post of B Co. report having seen a German patrol & fired on it. No result observed. New crater opposite N10-1-4 now has 2 ft. water in it. Tonight we received a draft of reinforcements consisting of 3 officers & 44 other ranks. Before taking this draft our effective strength was 27 officers & 918 others. The men were allotted to companies thus 6 to A, 23 to B, 6 to C & 9 to D.</p>	

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PETILLON	17.05.16		<p>This reinforcement made each of the companies 187 strong. The officers were allotted thus - 2/Lieut. F.W. NEWTH to A Co. 2/Lieut. R.J.G. MELVILLE to B Co. & Lieut. P.W. HAY to D Co.</p>	
	18.05.16		<p>This morning a thick fog arose & companies stood to arms till 0730 before light sufficiently good. Yesterday more wire was procured & a good deal was put out last night & during the fog this morning. Opportunity was also taken to reconnoitre front during fog. Yesterday in the forenoon a large number of 7.7 cm. shrapnel & common shells were thrown into our lines. One of the latter struck just behind our parapet entered a dug-out & wounded 3 of Lewis Machine Gun Section. Yesterday we had 5 cadets attached to us from a cadet officers school in England to be posted in duties as platoon commanders. One was attached to each of A, C & D Cos & 2 to B. From 11th Bn. there also came to us 1 Sgt. & 2 H.Q. signallers & one signaller per company. Capt. Pearce returned to duty this morning after leave in London & has been posted to command D Co. while Capt. H.A. MANN continues to act as Adjutant. Brigade written to to confirm these appointments as from today. In orders today promotion of Lieut. R.M. MATTHEWS to temporary rank of Captain dated 8/5/1916 vice Capt. Judge seconded. Temp. R.S.M. STEWART appointed permanent R.S.M. & 1st Class W.O. dated 8/2/1916.</p>	
	19.05.16		<p>Slight fog again this morning. Last night again quiet & no reports beyond ordinary from patrols & wiring parties. At 1000 our 4 medium (2" firing 60 lbs. bomb) trench mortars fired 2 ranging shots & our artillery co-operated by firing shrapnel into enemy opposite line N10-1 to N10-5. One bomb fell short & one failed to explode but Artillery report others successful. Between 1030 & 1100 enemy retaliated & fired about 200 projectiles of all kinds - 7.7 cm. shrapnel & common shell, 10 cm. & 15 cm. H.E., trench mortar bombs light & medium. These fell for the most part along CELLAR FARM AVENUE at entrance to firing line & near 70 yds. line. Others fell at Bn. H.Q. & 300 yds. line. No casualties & no serious damage to trenches & all telephone wires were however cut. Conference of company commanders at 1100</p>	

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PETILLON	19.05.16		<p>Today Bn. issued with 500 rounds armour penetrating steel bullets. Tested one against a loop hole plate shot against sand bag traverse at 10 yds. range. Penetration at most 1/8 inch & bullet smashed up. At same plate also fired ordinary Mk. VII bullet. Bullet penetrated about 1/20 inch & smashed up. Details from 11th Bn. have come into our lines as follows - Lewis M.G. Section, Bombers, Scouts, Signallers & 4 officers, 16 n.c.o.'s from Companies. Between 1700 & 1800 enemy again opened on our lines with his artillery & fired upwards of 40 common shell round Bn. H.Q. no casualties nor damage. Last night C Co. of 12th Bn. relieved D Co. 2nd Bn. as close support company, took over DEE POST & Capt Vowell reported all correct.</p>	
SAILLY	20.05.16		<p>Today again clear & fine & all trenches now hard & dry. Water still lies however in hollows & communication trenches. Last night exceedingly quiet & nothing noteworthy to report. One man slightly wounded during night. Our casualties to date are - since coming to trenches 3/5/1916 - killed 7, wounded 14; since coming to France - killed 8, wounded 16. Expenditure of S.A.A. in 24 hours ended 0600 - rifles 2460 rounds, Lewis guns (2 patrol) 1300 rounds. Flares used in same period 14</p>	
	21.05.16		<p>Last night we were relieved in trenches by 11th Bn. A.I.F. handing over to them steel helmets & all trench stores. Our guides met 11th Bn. at LA CROIX LESCORNEX at 2130 & 11th Bn. all in trenches at 2400. We moved out at that hour & were all in billets in SAILLY before 0300 today. Day spent in resting & cleaning up. Church parade in afternoon. Ration strength 32 officers, 948 others.</p>	
	22.05.16		<p>Today 2 houses where Nos 7 & 8 platoons of B Co were billeted condemned because of recent outbreak of scarlet fever there. These platoons moved to RUE DU QUESNOY. Platoon training Conference of Co. Commanders at 1200 & arrangements made for various reconnaissances of roads, posts & localities. Lecture to subalterns at 1700 on training of platoons for trench raids. Lieut. W. L. COOKE went on leave to London</p>	
	23.05.16		<p>Training, bathing & fatigues to dig trenches at Divisional Bomb School for practising raids.</p>	
	24.05.16		<p>2/ Lieut. M. L. DOWLING sent to a school for instruction in making barbed wire entanglements</p>	

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SAILLY	25.05.1916		<p>Received letter from Commercial Bank of Sydney (London Branch) stating that sum of £622 illegally seized by High Commissioner of Australia from 4th Bn Regimental Account had been repaid into our Regimental Account & that interest would be paid to Deposit A/c as if this sum had been there continuously. Repaid Y.O.C. 1st Inf. Bde. £50 from this Deposit a/c for loan of £50 sent as 4th Bn. contribution to Hostel fund, Cairo. Today received reinforcement of 2 officers & 38 others. 2nd/Lieut. E.K. WHITE posted to C Co. & 2/Lieut. J.A.O'BRIEN to D Co.</p>	
	26.05.1916		<p>Fine warm day. Platoon parades & fatigues day & night to dig trenches. Ration strength, including attached — 33 officers, 966 others. 2/Lieuts. Dowling & Horniman went to 6 days Engineering School. Every second day officers & n.c.o's go to 2 days Gas School. Lieut. Wolff returned from 6 days Sniping School. Capt. C.W.FOSTER proceeded to London on 8 days leave. 2/Lieut. O'Brien who arrived yesterday is transferred to 23rd Bn. A.I.F.</p>	
	27.05.16		<p>Fine sunny day. This morning Transport Section inspected by Lieut. Gen. Sir W.R. Birdwood. Including day & night we have about 500 men on fatigues digging trenches. This interferes greatly with scheme of training laid down.</p>	

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SAILLY	28.05.1916		<p>Fine warm day. Church Parade at 0930. Before & after church inspection of H.Q. & A, B & D Co. billets. In afternoon inspected billets C Co. & Bomb Platoon. Strength of A, B, C & D Co's is 191, 208, 191, 201 respectively.</p>	Vol 1-2 15
	29.05.1916		<p>The following officers are away at schools commencing today or tomorrow - Bombing 2/Lts Clemenger & Melville; Engineering 2/Lts Dowling & Horniman; Sniping 2/Lt McKeown; Infantry Lieut. R. M. Matthews.</p>	
	30.05.1916		<p>Raining this morning. This week 4th Bn. is for duty in the Brigade & furnishes various guards, fatigues etc. of a daily total of 2 officers, 18 n.c.o's & 236 other ranks. Promotion of Temp. Capt. Matthews is cancelled as from 18/5/1916. Today 2/Lt R.A. McALPINE is taken on Bde. Staff for instruction.</p>	
	31.05.1916		<p>Last night between 2000 & 2200 there was a heavy hostile bombardment of left section (11th Bn.) of Petillon Bde. Section. From Bde. we received preliminary warning to be ready to turn out at 5 mins. notice. At 2300 message from Bde. to say situation normal. Capt. D. R. BROWN went tonight on 8 days' leave.</p>	

Reference BM 167 of 30th.

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4TH BATTALION ORDERS ON ALARM

1. CLOSE SUPPORT ("D" Company) will move forward to reserve line of trenches on order of O.C. front line, Left Section. Order expected telephone to 4th Battalion, thence to "D" Company; or by foot orderly to CROIX BLANCHE billets.
 2. GARRISON OF LINE, CROIX BLANCHE - CHARRED POST.
"B" Company will man CROIX BLANCHE, JUNCTION POST & WINTERS NIGHT.
L.M.G.S. Move 1 Gun and crew each to JUNCTION POST & WINTERS NIGHT.
 3. 4th Battalion (less 2 Companies & 2 M.G.'s).
 - (a) HEADQUARTERS. (billets RUE DU QUESNE), move across fields to CROIX BLANCHE telephone station.
 - (b) "A" Company (billets in RUE BLANCHE) move by EMERGENCY ROAD, No. 15, ^{West} to assembly trenches ~~South~~ of RUE DU BOIS and just ~~West~~ ^{North} of ROAD, No. 15. Reports to telephone station CROIX BLANCHE.
 - (c) "C" Company (billets in RUE DU QUESNE), move by RUE DES BASSIERES to assembly trenches in angle ~~East~~ ^{South} of RUE DES BASSIERES and ~~South~~ ^{West} of RUE DU BOIS. Reports to Telephone station CROIX BLANCHE.
 - (d) Scouts, Bombers, L.M.G.S. (less 2 guns), (billets in RUE DU QUESNE) move in above order, parallel to and ~~West~~ ^{North} of RUE DES BASSIERES across fields into RUE DU BOIS, thence into assembly trenches in angle ~~North~~ ^{East} of RUE DU BOIS and ~~East~~ ^{South} of RUE DES BASSIERES ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~. Reports to telephone station CROIX BLANCHE.
- S. Bearers, Pipers, Police, Quarter Guard with their Companies Transport Section at SALLY.

J. Y. Mackay Major.
Commanding 4th Battalion A.I.F.

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PRELIMINARY ORDERS FOR ATTACK

1. Companies. Man parapets with all available rifles and prevent enemy reaching parapet.
Platoon bombers use bombs as soon as enemy comes within bomb range.
2. Lewis Machine Gun Section. Battle gun and 2 Patrol guns (each in its own section) open fire on enemy and continue. Reserve gun move from Cellar Farm to position commanding straight stretch in Cellar Farm Avenue.
3. Brigade Machine Guns. Open and continue fire with all available guns.
4. Bombing Platoon. Send teams to "A", "B" and "D" Companies by all or any of Avenues Mine, Cellar Farm or York. One team remain in "A" Company Support line with catapults to arrange supply of bombs forward.
5. Reserve Platoons of "A", "B", and "D" Companies.
Stand ready to support via Mine, Cellar Farm or York Avenues or to carry forward S.A.A. and bombs by same routes.
"C" Company Reserve Platoon ^{now in 70 yds. line} will ~~move at once from Dee Post to "D" Company Support line~~ and prepare to act as above.
(less 1 platoon garrison of DEE POST)
6. Close Support Company, (2nd Battalion). Move at once via tram line to 4th Battalion Headquarters, thence as required by Mine, Cellar Farm or York Avenues, to Support Line and Firing Line.
7. Scouts. If in Firing Line will man trenches there. If in Reserve Line, will attach themselves to nearest platoon.
8. Headquarter Batmen, and Pioneers. Will stand by to carry Ammunition, bombs etc.
9. All Officers and N.C.O's to familiarise themselves with all routes referred to above.

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J. G. Mackay Major
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