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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
B.N.Q. GLISY. SHEET 62 SW	17/18		Fine sunny day. Reconnaissance of forward area by Coy Officers. Working parties supplied to 6th Field Coy Eng and a Forestry Patrol of 1 off of 16 ORs supplied for continuous duty.	APP. I SHEET 64 SW 1/2000
	27/18	Light	Fine day. Special parade held near LAMOTTE in the afternoon. The Prime Minister of Australia and the Minister for Navy accompanied by the G.O.C. A.I.F. Corps and Division were present and inspected the parade and afterwards addressed the troops. The 22nd Bn relieved the 20th A.I. Bn in reserve positions. Relief complete without incident by 11.0 pm. Tpm situated in wood and banks in ORSA. ORSA XC. Tpm in dugout at ORS 69.8	operation Order app. II
B.N.Q. ORS 69.8.	37/18	Light	Fine day. Men employed improving trench shelters. Aircraft and artillery active throughout the day.	
	47/18	Light	Successful operation carried out by 2nd & 4th Aust. Divisions. Enemy retaliation on back areas light. Tpm moved forward after dark. Two Coys occupying MILLERS LINE, one in BANANA TR. and one Coy in PINEAPPLE SWITCH. The 17th A.I. Bn moved forward and occupied positions vacated by 22nd Bn.	

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THQ O3869.8.	5 ^{7/8}		Fine sunny day. Working party of 3 Officers and 100 men employed digging a new C.T. from old front line to newly captured positions. This party did excellent work and in spite of suffering 20% casualties completed the task allotted to them.	
	6 ^{7/8}	Lt Col	Fine day and very quiet 5 th A.I. Bde relieved the 6 th A.I. Bde in forward area. 22 nd Tps remained in TILLERS. LIVE SYSTEM.	
	7 ^{7/8}	Lt Col	Weather warm and muggy. Relieved by 19 th A.I. Bde on reserve positions. On completion of relief Tps moved back and occupied the AUBIGNY SYSTEM. THQ moved to O38 a 1.8.	Operation Order app. III
THQ O38 a 1.8.	8 ^{7/8}		Line and very close. As the AUBIGNY LINE has not been occupied for some considerable time, a good deal of time had to be spent erecting "bivvies" and trench shelters. Capt A.W. MacKinnon was in charge of a cable burying party of 4 officers and 120 workers.	
	9 ^{7/8}	Lt Col	Lowery all day. A number of gas shells fell in the vicinity of the AUBIGNY LINE between 10pm & 12 mpm. but as practically the whole Tps was out on cable burying work (Capt H.B. Rodda MC etc) there were no casualties.	

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1st Bn Osga 1.8.	10 th /18		Same day. Bn temporarily attached to 7 th A.I. Bde. Reconnaissance of positions occupied by reserve Bn. Night Bde. Cable burying party of 4 off 100 workers supplied. Capt N.W. MacKinnon etc.	
	11 th /18		Flowery throughout the day. Bn Mtr. moved to Osga 1.8.	
1st Bn Osga 1.8.	12 th /18		Cable burying party as usual. Capt H.C. Rodda M.C. in charge. Fine sunny day. Major W.H. Hillewood M.C. assumed temporary command of the Bn during the absence of Lt Col R.H. Wiltshire DSO. M.C. on leave. Lt J. King in charge of Bn cable burying party.	
	13 th /18		Same day. Aircraft active throughout the day. Observation Balloons brought down by both sides. Lt H. I. Anderson etc cable burying party.	
	14 th /18		Flowery. Quiet day. Capt W. Garrow etc cable burying party.	
	15 th /18		Same sunny day. Aircraft active. Cable burying party supplied as usual. Capt N.W. MacKinnon in charge of Bn party.	
	16 th /18		Same day. Enemy heavily bombarded Divisional area with gas shells. Approx 7000 shells fell in the area. inflicting a number of casualties.	

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Belt d. g. 18. 0.28 d. 8.2. Sheet 62 D.S.W.	17/7/18	10.15	The gas bombardment which commenced at 11.30 PM on 16/7/18 continued until 2.30 AM this morning and resulted in the battalion's area being completely saturated. The men wore their SBR for a considerable period and the area affected was evacuated, shell holes filled in etc. In spite of the precautions taken, the intensity of bombardment, and the sultry nature of the weather causing gas to hang about, it was apparent that the casualties were going to be numerous and at the end of 72 hours when the last man had been evacuated, it was found that the battalion had lost 200 of its members including the O's C. of A and B companies. A and B companies had been so depleted that the C.O. decided to amalgamate them. This was done and Lieut. P. J. Abercrombie M.C. took command.	
	18/7/18	10.15	Showery all day. 2.30 AM moved back to the BLANGY system, their place being taken by two companies of the 24 th Battalion. Hdqrs officers and company commanders reconnoitred forward area. There was intermittent shelling of the support and reserve areas. Advance parties went in line.	f

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Bn Hdqrs O 28 d 8.2. Sheet 62 DSW	19/7/18	10.00	Weather dull. During the day preparations were made to relieve the 25 th A.I. Bn left battalion, right bde sector, and the battalion left the AUBIGNY system at 10 PM.	
Bn Hdqrs O 30 d 2.1.	20/7/18	10.00	Fine during the day, heavy showers during night making the work of men moving about very difficult. Relief was completed without incident at 1 AM. Dispositions: composite company right, c company centre, D coy left. 23 rd Bn went into line on our right, 5 th Bde on our left. After dusk the front line garrison were employed straightening out the line. Intelligence summary attached.	00 Appen 4
	21/7/18	10.00	Very fine weather. Very quiet during day but MGs and snipers very active during night. Intelligence summary attached.	Appen 5
	22/7/18	10.00	Fine and warm. Front line garrison worked after dusk improving outposts and connecting them. Between 10 PM and 11.30 PM - a gas bombardment of VILLERS BRETONNEUX took place. The fumes were blown back over our ration dumps and Bn Hdqrs. Intelligence summary attached.	Appen 5

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bn Hdqrs D 30 B 21. Sheet 62 PSE	23/7/18	JSH	Showery during morning and fine during afternoon. Enemy bombardment of yellow X was continued between midnight and 1 AM. This seriously interfered with the work of our ration parties. The casualties from this bombardment amounted to 50. Front line garrison continued improving and connecting up outposts. Intelligence summary attached.	Appen 8
	24/7/18	JSH	Very fine day. Enemy aircraft very active at morning stand to. Excellent work by our heavies. Right company established a liaison post with 23 rd Bn in railway cutting. Intelligence summary attached.	Appen 9
	25/7/18	JSH	Fine but cloudy. Quiet during morning. During afternoon our left company and front of Battalion on left (17 th) were subjected to a heavy bombardment of all calibre. It was noticed that retaliation was difficult to obtain. Enemy machine guns active during night. Improvement and linking up of posts continued and trench shelters erected. Intelligence summary attached.	Appen 10

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bn Hdqrs O. 30 B. 21.	26/7/18	0600	Still fine but cloudy. Enemy shelling below normal except when in evening our left company was again heavily shelled. Counter battery work did not appear to be very effective. Night again very quiet. Intelligence summary attached.	Appendix 11
	27/7/18	0600	Wet, very heavy showers. Day very quiet. During night enemy dropped minenwerfers and "pineapples" on our centre and right companies. These were hitherto unreported. The battalion was reinforced by K company 3rd Bn 129th American regiment. One platoon allotted to each company and one in support, company commander being attached to Bn Hdqrs. Movement was completed by 2 AM 28/7. Intelligence summary attached.	OO Appendix 12
	28/7/18	0600	Again wet, with heavy showers. Enemy machine guns and sniping below normal. Day and night extremely quiet. Enemy aircraft active at 6 AM, thereafter normal. Improvement of out posts continued and two night posts of right company were larked up. Intelligence summary attached.	Appendix 13

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bn Hdqrs O 30 B 2.1.	29/7/18	9.15	Showery during morning but fine towards evening. At 10.15 pm. the 21 st Battalion commenced the relief of the 22 nd Battalion. Intelligence summary attached.	00. Appen 14
Bn Hdqrs O 28 C. 8.5	30/7/18	9.15	Fine and warm. The relief was completed at 1.30 AM. The battalion now occupies position in Support. Composite company garrisoning keeps in VILLERS BRETONNEUX. C company in cellars in the village and in tunnels at quarry at O 28 C. 8.5. D company in railway bank at O. 28. C. During day c company also moved to railway bank at O 28. C. During night party of 150 men buried cable across brigade front. Lt-col A.R.J. Wiltshire D.S.O. MC. resumed command of battalion.	
	31/7/18	9.15	Weather splendid. C company continued building bivouacs in railway bank at O 28 C. 200 men from battalion were marched to baths at Blangy Tronville.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> The men at the end of the period under review are in fairly good health and spirits but the heavy nature of the manual	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Posting of Officers	AS		<p><u>TOS</u> from Cadet Battalion</p> <p>2nd Lieut. L G A GOOD DCM 17. 6. 18 } ✓ RC LAING. MM 15. 6. 18 } AIR List ✓ R. MCCOY. 15. 6. 18 } 350</p>	
			<p><u>To be 2nd Lieut.</u></p>	
			<p>1946 Sgt W. RUTHERFORD 2426 ✓ L F TURNER</p>	
			<p>Captain H.C. BUCKLEY (since died of wounds) relinquished the appointments of Adjutant. 4 Aug 1915 Capt (Now Lieut Col) A R WILTSHIRE. DSO. mc. performed the duties of Adjutant from 5. 8. 15 to 1. 4. 16.</p>	<p>AIR List 352</p>
			<p><u>T.O.S</u> from repts. 2nd Lieut. H W MILLER ✓ R. MALLINSON</p>	
			<p>Lieut. L A MCCARTIN resumed duty from reft.</p>	
			<p>Seconded list 23 June 1918 <u>Embarked for AUSTRALIA</u> Lieut J M SUTHERLAND.</p>	

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Posting of officers.	11		Lieut. H SMITH. M.M. ceases to be seconded with 5 th Tng Bn	} AIR List 358
			resumes Regt Duty. 7.7.18	
			Lieut. E J DUNDAS is seconded for duty with 5 th Tng Bn	} AIR List 360
			Placed on Regt seconded list (ungraded)	
			Capt E A DAVIS. MC. 24.6.18	
			Lieut E. S. FRENCHER 23.6.18	
	✓ E E. PATTERSON. 21.6.18	} AIR List 361		
	Resumes duty from Regt seconded list			
		Lieut BB PATTERSON 13.7.18		
HONOURS & AWARDS			The F.M. C.M.G. has awarded the following decorations.	
			MILITARY CROSS Lieut. L W HARRICKS. IV Army RO 2278 ^{27/18}	
			D.C.M. 2398 Sqn STRACHAN T.G. ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	
			The Corps Commanded has awarded the Military Medal to	
			334 Sqn BRIDGES B.V. } IV. Army RO 2312	
			235 Div RHODES A. } 11.7.18	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HONOURS +		US	<p>VICTORIA CROSS</p> <p>His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve of the award</p>	AIF
AWARDS			<p>of the VICTORIA CROSS to 1946. Sgt. William RUTHVEN. 22B.</p> <p>For most conspicuous bravery and initiative in action. During the</p>	List 356
			<p>advance Sgt. Ruthven's company suffered numerous casualties, and his Coy. Commander was severely wounded. He thereupon assumed command of this portion of the assault, took charge of the Coy. H. Qrs., and rallied the section in his vicinity.</p>	
			<p>As the leading wave approached its objective, it was subjected to heavy fire from an enemy machine gun at close range. Without hesitation he at once sprang out, threw a bomb, which landed beside the post, and pushed the position, bayoneting one of the crew & capturing the gun. He then encountered some of the enemy coming out of a shelter. He wounded two, captured six others in the same position, & handed them over to an escort from the leading wave, which had now reached the objective.</p>	
			<p>Sgt. Ruthven then reorganized the men in his vicinity and established a post in the second objective.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour		Remarks and references to Appendices
Honours & Awards (contd.)			<p>VICTORIA CROSS (contd.)</p> <p>Observing enemy movement in a sunken road near by, he, without hesitation and armed only with a revolver, went over the open alone and rushed the position, shooting two enemy who refused to come out of their dugouts.</p> <p>He then single handed mopped up this post and captured the whole of the garrison, amounting in all to thirty two, and kept them until assistance arrived to escort them back to our lines.</p> <p>During the remainder of the day this gallant non-commissioned Officer set a splendid example of leadership, moving up and down his position under fire, supervising consolidation and encouraging his men.</p> <p>Throughout the whole operation he showed the most magnificent courage and determination, inspiring everyone by his fine fighting spirit, his remarkable courage, and his dashing action.</p>	A.I.F. List 356.

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22ND BATTALION - OPERATION ORDER NO. 47/18.

REF. MAP SHEETS 62 D. S.E. & S.W. 1/20,000.

2.7.18.

ATTACK.

1. Under the orders of the 4th Aust. Divn. an attack will be made on "Z" day, with the co-operation of Tanks, with the object of improving our Line between VILLERS BRETTONEUX and the SONNE. The 6th A.I. Bde. will attack on the right, with the 13th Bn. 4th A.I. Bde. next on the left. The 7th A.I. Bde. is at ZERO moving troops forward to occupy the Bank from P.25.d.1.4. to P.25.d.1.8., and will connect this to the enemy front line at about P.25.b.2.0.

OBJECTIVES.

- 2 The Objectives are shown on attached Map "A".

ATTACKING TROOPS.

- 3 That portion of the attack allotted to the 6th A.I. Bde. will be carried out by the 23rd Bn. on the right and the 21st Bn. on the left. The Brigade and Inter-Battalion Boundaries are shown on the attached Map.

JUMPING-OFF TAPES.

- 4 Jumping-off Tapes will be laid by the 6th Field Coy in the position shown on the attached Map by ZERO - 3 hours. Direction Tapes will be laid forward 50 yds on Company flanks.

FORMATIONS & METHOD OF ATTACK.

- 5 (a) The 23rd Bn. will carry the enemy positions between the right Boundary and P.26.b.0.8. with two Coys advancing in two lines 20 yds apart. A third Coy in line of sections in file following the right Coy of the 21st Bn. will fill the gap between P.26.b.0.8. and the right of the 21st Bn. at P.26.b.7.9. The fourth Coy will be used for carrying, and will subsequently take up a Support position in the present front line Trench South of P.19.d.8.0. A Block will be established in enemy front line Trench at P.25.d.3.9.
(b) The 21st Bn. on a three-Coy. front will advance in one wave of two lines to their objective. The fourth Coy will be used as a Carrying Coy, but will be available to form a defensive flank facing left should the attack there not make progress.
Definite parties are to be told off for mopping up.

MAINTENANCE OF DIRECTION.

- 6 The 21st Bn. will detail a party with 2 Officers with Compasses to be responsible for the maintenance of direction on the left flank.

FLANK LIAISON.

- 7 The 21st Bn. will detail parties to maintain touch with flank Bns. throughout the advance. These parties will move inside the right and left flanks of the 13th and 23rd Bns respectively. The 23rd Bn. will take the same action as regards their left flank.

MOVEMENT TO J.O.T.

- 8 The assaulting Troops are to be in position on the J.O.T. by ZERO - 1 hour.

MOVEMENT OF OTHER TROOPS

- 9 The 24th Bn. will move into the forward system as it is vacated by troops of the 23rd and 21st Bns. The dispositions of the 24th Bn. at ZERO plus 10 minutes will be - one Coy in the Front Line North of P.19.d.8.0., One Coy. in DIGGER SUPPORT, and two Coys in the vicinity of VILLERS LINE. The 24th Bn. will be responsible for covering the forming up of the 21st Bn, but will not have any troops in the Front Line between ZERO - 5 minutes and ZERO plus 10 minutes, where it is closer than 100 yds to the Artillery start line. On the days prior to "Z" day there is to be no abnormal movement whatever by daylight, and everything that can be done to hide the imminence of the attack by camouflage and reduction of movement is to be thoroughly carried out.

TANKS.

10. Tanks will co-operate in the attack.

CONSOLIDATION

11. (a) As far as possible existing Trenches in the captured area are to be consolidated into posts for minimum garrisons of half a Platoon. The left post of the 21st Bn. is to be a post jointly held with the 13th Bn.

(b) These Posts will be connected by traffic Trenches as early as possible.

(c) On the night following the attack Concertina Wire is to be put out along the whole front.

(d) On the night following the attack a C.T. will be dug by one Coy. 24th Bn, connecting YORK ST. with the present enemy front line.

PROTECTIVE ACTION OF M.G.'s.

12. From 9.50 p.m. to 10.20 p.m. on attack day and from 2.30 A.M. to 3.30 a.m. the following morning protective barrages will be put down by the 2nd Aust. M.G. Bn. along the whole Bde. front.

BATTLE H.Q.

13. Battle H.Q. will be established as under by ZERO- 5 hours.

- Bde. H.Q. } 0.24.c.1.2.
- 6th L.T.M. Bty. } 0.30.b.3.7.
- 24th Battn. } p.19.c.1.2.
- 23rd Battn.
- 21st Battn.

LIAISON.

14. Lieut. L.A. McCARTIN, M.C., will be Liaison Officer with 24th Bn.

SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES.

15. Method will be notified later.

16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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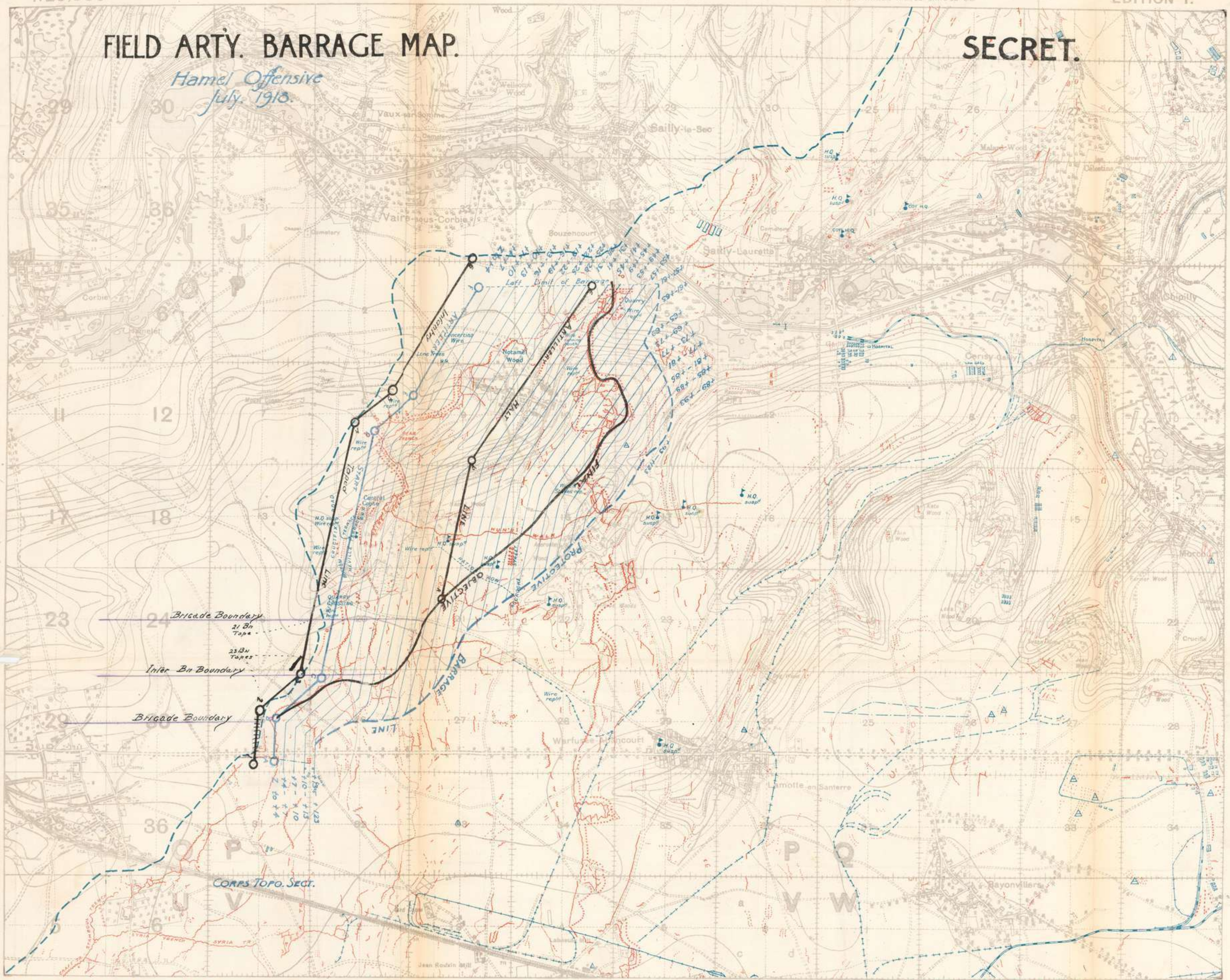
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EDITION I.

FIELD ARTY. BARRAGE MAP.

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Brigade Boundary
21 Bn
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Inter Bn Boundary

Brigade Boundary
23 Bn
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CORPS TOPO. SECT.

Approximate British Front Line - - - 22-6-18

Scale - 1:20,000

TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 24-6-18.

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FIELD ARTY BARRAGE MAP

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22ND BATTALION - OPERATION ORDER NO. 46/18.

REF. MAP SHEET 62 D. S.W., 1/20,000.

1. The 22nd Battalion will relieve the 20th Battalion in the forward Area on night of 2nd/3rd July 1918.
2. ORDER OF MARCH.- As shown on attached March Table.
3. DISPOSITIONS.-

"A" COY.	22nd Battn.	will relieve	"A" COY.	20th Battn.
"B" "	" "	" "	"B" "	" "
"C" "	" "	" "	"C" "	" "
"D" "	" "	" "	"D" "	" "
4. All Trench Stores, Maps, etc., will be taken over, and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Battn. H.Q. by 9 a.m., 3rd INST.
5. Transport Section will not move.
6. Completion of relief will be wired to Battn. H.Q. in code.
7. Details of relief not mentioned in this order will be mutually arranged between O's. C. concerned.
8. DRESS.- Battle Order - Blanket rolled in W.P. Sheet and attached to Belt - Greatcoat tied to Braces and resting on Haversack - Waterbottles filled - 220 rounds S.A.A. and 2 Bombs per man to be carried.
9. Two Guides per Company will meet Coys at N.24.b.O.4.
10. Battn. H.Q. situated at O.23.b.9.8.
11. R.A.P. at O.27.d.70.95.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Adward
CAPT. & ADJT.

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| 5. | "B" " |
| 6. | "C" " |
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| 8. | 20th Battn. |
| 9. | 6th A.I. Bde. |
| 10. | G.M. & T.O. |

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MARCH TABLE - TO ACCOMPANY 22ND BATTN OPERATION ORDER 46/1

REF. MAP SHEET 62. D. S.W., 1/20,000.

2.7.18.

COY.	STARTING POINT.	TIME OF PASSING STARTING POINT.	REMARKS.
H.Q.	N.21.d.4.1.	8.10 p.m.	
"B"	"	8.15 p.m.	Two Guides per Company will be picked up at N.24.b.0.4.
"B"	"	8.25 p.m.	
"B"	"	8.35 p.m.	
"A"	"	8.45 p.m.	

All movement will be by Platoons at 100 yds distance.

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APP III

22nd Battalion Operation Order No. 48/18.

Ref. Sheet 6.27 S.W. 1/20000

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INSTRUMENT
INFANTRY BATTN.
No.
Date: 7-7-18.

1. The 22nd Bn. will be relieved by the 19th Bn in forward area on night of 1/8th inst. No sector of trench to be vacated until relieved.
2. On completion of relief boys will move back to G-LISY SYSTEM, taking over their old dispositions. 100 yds between ~~lines~~. Halts to be maintained on the march.
3. All trench stores, Dumps etc to be handed over & receipts in duplicate forwarded to Batten. Hqs. by 9 am 8th inst.
4. Dress - Battle Order. 220 pounds SAA + 2 Bombs per man to be carried.
5. L.G. ? Gannets will be dumped at 0.28/98. T.O. will arrange necessary transport. Stretches will be carried.

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- 6. Completion of relief to be issued to
Batter Hqs. in code
- 7. Details of relief not mentioned in
this Order will be ^{DATE} mutually
arranged between O.C. concerned
- 8. Batter Hqs. will be at A20000.48
- 9. Acknowledg_____

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[Signature]
Lieut. A. J. F.
22/Batter A.I.F.

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92 A Bn Reserve Brigade Defence Scheme

Ref. Map Sheet 62 D /40,000.

22ND AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN. 12/7/18.

Dispositions + Boundaries. 1. (a) The dispositions of A Bn Reserve Brigade are as follows.

- Bn HQ. O. 28 a 1.9.
- A. Coy AUBIGNY SYSTEM from O. 27 a 3.1 to O. 12 c. 13.
- B. Coy " " from O. 12 c. 13 to O. 20 b. 7.4.
- C. Coy " " from O. 20 b. 7.4 to O. 14 d. 3.2.
- D. Coy " " from O. 14 d. 3.2 to O. 14 b. 2.2.

Probable actions of A Bn. 2. (b) The Southern Boundary is an E.W. Line through U. 1 central. A. Battalion is to be ready to move forward at short notice to reinforce or counter-attack in any part of the Dorsional front or take part in the deliberate counter-attacks.

Probable forms of counter attacks. 3. (c) Should VILLERS BRETTONEUX fall into the hands of the enemy, and the flanks hold the counter-attacks would be carried out in one of these ways.
(a) In a South Easterly direction both sides of VILLERS BRETTONEUX Assembly Position A. Bn O. 21 O. 27.
(b) In an Easterly direction. Assembly position - CACHY FOUILLOY Road.
(c) Attack from North West in conjunction with an attack from South West converging EAST of VILLAGE assembly position. O. 16, O. 17.

4. A Bn may be alternatively required to man the AUBIGNY SYSTEM Dispositions.
A. Coy from Railway Line (incl.) to a line running E+W through O. 26 b. 9.5
B. Coy from a line O. 26 b. 9.5 to a line running through O. 20. d. 9.0
C. Coy from a line O. 20 d. 9.0 to a line running through O. 20 d. 7.5
D. Coy from a line O. 20 d. 7.5 to a line running through O. 20. a. 0. 6.

5. In the event of an enemy attack Coys will "Stand to" in their present position and an Officer from each Coy will report to Bn HQ.

6. All officers and N.C.O.s will reconnoitre routes to Assembly positions.

7. This order is issued in conjunction with Instructions for Defensive Series V No 11 issued by Reserve Brigade. Copy attached.

8. Acknowledge.

[Signature]
Capt, Adj.
22nd Bn A.I.F.

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22nd Battalion Operation Order No 49/18.

Ref. Sheet. 62DSW 62DNW 1/20,000.

No.
 Date 19/7/18.
 22ND BATTALION
 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY

1. The 22nd Bn will relieve the 25th Bn in the forward area on the night of 19th July 1918.
2. Order of march A.C.D boys H.Q. All movement will be by platoons at 100 yards distance. Leading platoon of A boys will not pass the AUBIGNY LINE before 9.45 pm. Route AUBIGNY LINE - TUNNEL 027 d 7.9 - X Roads 027 d 4.4. thence along main road 0.29c 65.45. to 030 C.74.
3. Guides. 3 Guides per boy will meet boy at 030. C.74.
4. Dispositions
 - A. boy line right
 - C. . line centre
 - D. . line left.
5. All trench stores maps etc will be taken over and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Bn H.Q. by 9 am 20th inst.
6. Dress. Battle order Greatcoat rolled in WP sheet and attached to waistbelt. Water bottles filled 24 hours rations 220 rounds SAA and 2 bombs per man to be carried.
7. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn H.Q. by Os 6 boys sending through their names.
8. Transport Section will not move.
9. Details not mentioned in this order will be ~~arranged~~ arranged mutually between Os 6 concerned.
10. Bn H.Q. situated at 0.28 C 65.45. moving after relief to 036a 2.7
11. R.A.P. situated at 028 C 7.5.
12. Acknowledge.

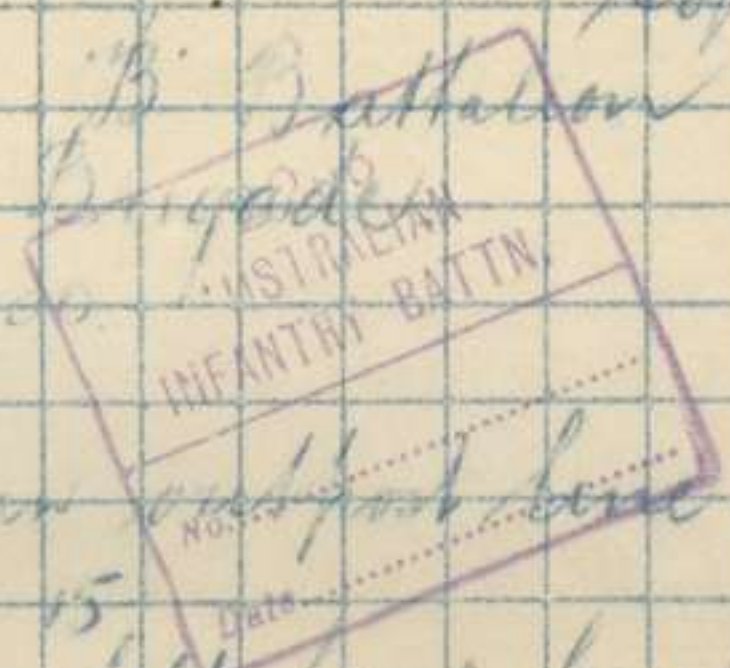
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Defence Scheme B. Battalion
Night Brigade
Ref Sheet 622 out 1/25, 00



1 B. Battalion holds an outpost line from V. 650.55 to P32a 55 15

2 The outpost line will be held by 3 companies each organized in 2 platoons.

Each bay will have 1 platoon in front line and 1 platoon in rear support.

3 Right bay line platoon occupies trench from P31d 90 15 to V. 650 90

Right bay ~~line~~ platoon occupies trench at from P31d 90 25 to P31d 60 00

Centre bay line platoon occupies two posts at P31d 80 30 and P31d 90 75.

Centre bay ~~line~~ platoon occupies trench from P31d 55 50 to P31d 60 25.

Left bay line platoon occupies trench at P32c 25 55 P32a 50 00 + P32a 55 20.

Left bay support platoon occupies trench from P31b 20 00 to P31b 30 60

In the event of the enemy penetrating any of the front line posts immediate counter attacks will be launched with the support platoon on the initiative of bay commander.

One bay of D. Battalion occupies trench line from O36d 30 20 to O36d 40 75 in case of enemy penetrating our line on receipt of orders.

from the C.O. B. Battalion this Coy may be required to

- a) counter attack with the object of restoring the line
- b) form a defensive flank along ~~the line~~ ^{the line} in case of the enemy penetrating the front of the Right Bn

6 One Coy D Bn occupies VILLERS LINE from O 30 to 30 70 to O 30 d 20 70

On orders from C.O. B. Battalion this Coy may be required to

- a) counter attack with the object of restoring the line
- b) form a defensive flank from P 32 central to P 31 b 25 in case of the enemy penetrating the advanced line of the Left Bde.

7 B. Battalion HQ O 30 b 2 7

8 Acknowledge

Capt. [Signature]
2nd Bn H.A.

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APPENDIX

Intelligence Summary

22/11/18

Period 4.30 pm 20/11/18
9 am 21/11/18

1. Operations

(a) Our artillery was active throughout the period under review, shoots being frequently carried out on hostile support positions and roads in rear.

(c) Machine Guns M.G.'s were active with indirect fire from vicinity of VILLERS-PRETONNEUX. Our Lewis Guns have been very active and have considerably reduced E.M.C. fire on our sector.

(d) Aerial Activity Our aircraft patrolled front at intervals after dawn, harassed by E.H.A.M.G.'s

(e) Patrols See Patrol Reports attached.

(f) Surveys One hit claimed on enemy post at (approx) P 32 C 20.25 by our garrison in post at 031 d 9.11

4. Hostile Artillery Activity

Telling Report attached.

5. Enemy Attitude Alert and aggressive. M.G.'s were very active throughout the night particularly

5.

- I
- in SAFFA TR. and post near railway line at (approx) V1675.60.
6. Enemy Defences
- a) Work Enemy appears to have a line of outposts in advance of SAFFA TR. which he is connecting up.
- b) Mines. Mines were fired at intervals along the front, decreasing after mid-night.
7. Hostile Aerial Activity
- One hostile plane patrolled along our front, towards dusk, towards and turned back by 11.00 hrs. One hostile balloon was brought down by our aircraft beyond MARCELCAVE at 11 am 20 inst.
8. Movement behind enemy lines
- Movement has been noticed in windows of BAYONVILLERS CHURCH.
10. Miscellaneous
- at 9 pm. 3. 77 cm shells fell in our front line in P 32 C 20 25. A white plane was immediately fired towards the rear.

9.15 am 21/8/41

Approved sent
at 10.22 AM

Patrol Report

A patrol of 1 off 5 OR 1 L.G.
left No 5 Post at P32 C 40.98 at
10.30pm. and patrolled top
front returning through
No 6 Post. 032 a 40.15 at 12.5am.
No casualties of
task allotted. Locate enemy
positions.

Information gained: Three hostile
posts located at approx.
P32 C 5.7 - C 7.8 - C 85.95.
Each post contained a M.G.
Stamps were fired from each
of the three posts.

Remarks I would suggest that
patrols of 1 off 4 OR. are
sufficient for patrolling on
the left top front, as the
tall crops make it difficult
for a large party with a
L.G. to move quietly and
quietly.

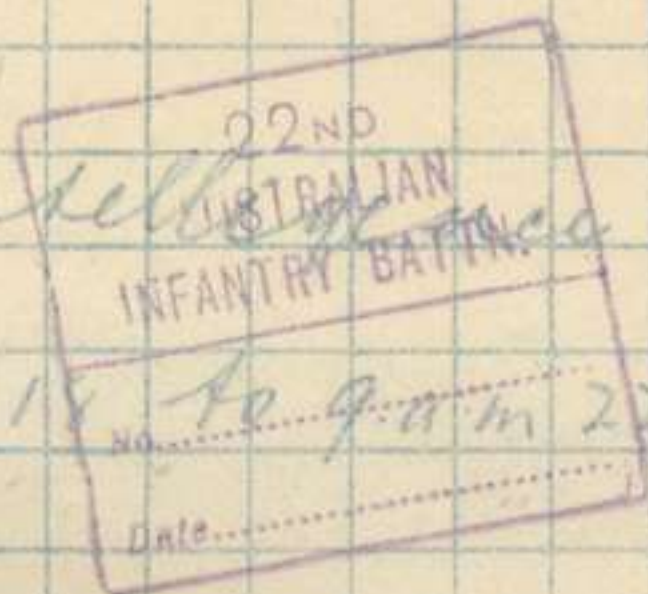
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Summary of Artillery

From 8.30 p.m. 21.7.18 to 9.0 a.m. 22.7.18



I Operations

(a) Artillery :- Our artillery was active throughout the night, shots being frequently carried out on hostile support positions and roads in rear.

(b) Pl

(c) Lewis Guns fired 500 rounds on enemy M.G. positions in JAFFA TRENCH. Superiority of fire is being established and on one occasion after a burst, two men were heard screaming in enemy trench.

(d) A new post was established without incident at V.V.B. 6.7. Report attached

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(a) Aerial activity

At 9 p.m. a large formation of our machines flew over the enemy lines.

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4 Enemy artillery showed greatly decreased activity in the last 24 hours.

From 1.15 p.m. to 2.40 a.m. front line posts were heavily shelled with 77 mm, 105 mm and 15 cm. About 175 shells fell in P. 31. a. b. in direction of WAREHOUSE. Artillery report attached.

5 Enemy attitude much quieter than in preceding 24 hours.

6 Enemy posts have been located at P. 32. C. 2. 3.

Enemy M. Guns fired from the following positions

V. 1. b. 90.75	
.65	V. 1. b. 90.25
P. 32. C. 20.70	P. 32. C. 65.65

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Enemy movement was
 observed in the ^{22ND} ~~direction~~ ^{direction} on
 front of MARCELCAVE. This
 probably being used as an
 O.P.

10 (a) Two E. A. paralled
 enemy lines well to the
 rear from 7 p.m till dusk.
 3 E.A. with red painted
 bodies crossed our lines
 about 8 p.m. and flew
 in the direction of
 HANBARD WOOD. They
 were engaged by our L. Os

(b)

W. H. Wood Major
 T. C. O. 22nd Ball

22-7-1918
 8 a.m

P. 32. C. 20. 20
 P. 31. C. 20. 20

- 22nd Batt -
- Works Report -

Location	Period of Work	No Men employed	Work completed
V.I. 6.65.65	3 hours	1 officer 10 O.R.	Post 15 yds long, 5 feet deep completed with 2 small traverses
P. 31. d. 7. 1	2 hours	1 N.C.O. 20 men	cleared and deepened trench for a distance of 20 yards. Dig latrines
HALF MOON TRENCH P. 31. d.	2 hours	1 N.C.O. 10 men	Accommodation improved. Forestep made for Lewis Gun positions
P. 31. d. 25. 75	4 hours	7	Post deepened to 4 feet. Two T heads dug. Length of post increased from 18 yds to 25 yds.



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Location	Period of work	Men employed	Tasks completed
P. 32. A.C.	4 hours	12 O.R.	<p>Deepening & improving posts P. 32. A.C. & digging trench shelters in posts.</p> <p>Linking up of posts commenced.</p> <p>P.M. [unclear] Major T.C.O. [unclear] [unclear]</p>

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railway line in V16

Between 7 pm and 7.45 pm. 75 shells - 5.9
and 4.2 which fell in P31 a + b. from
direction of WARFUSÉE - ALAN COURT

Between 10.3 pm and 11.30 pm an
intense gas shell bombardment on Vellers-
Bretonneux and two hundred shells
approx in vicinity of O30 b 21.

Shelling continued after 11.30 pm with
reduced intensity. Again severe between
midnight and 12.45 am.

Gas blown back over supports and
intermittent drifls over front line. Reported
as yellow cross.

At 2 am enemy put about 125 shells
in P32 c central and V16 8.5. Several of
these fell near enemy posts. Three green
flares were sent up and artillery ceased.
These flares were repeated to rear by single
and double greens

Enemy Machine Guns.

Were very active throughout night.

M.G. firing from V16 90.50 to P31 d 98.75

M.G.s from Card Copse V3 a 3.3 and

V3 a 2.9 fired by night very accurately on
post at P35 b 25.80

M.G. from V16 80.55 firing across P31 d 10.00
which also subject to enfilade from 2.3 b sector

Enemy Glass.

Below normal. Greens as above when
his shells fell short. On our eight pounders
playing on No Mans land as above, four
white flares and one red fired (3.5 am)
Gas bombardment preceded by yellow
bursting into double reds.

Enemy aeroplanes.

Very active. Patrolled enemy line
throughout day. At 7 pm aeroplane flew over
our outposts and dropped one green and one
red flare. At 8.45 pm aeroplane
dropped two red flares over outposts line

Enemy Observation.

Enemy has good observation over
sector from Water tower at V 9 b 35.40.
Also an apparent OP at Mill V 3 d 3.1
Suspected OP at Card Copal V 3 d 3.3

Enemy Posts.

Reported by patrols at 32C 2.3 and
32C 2.5 (as per attached report)
Enemy MG reported by patrol at
V 1 b 80.55 (as per report)

23.7.18

8.15 a.m.

Gene Gorman
for W/H Edward
TCO

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Period

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22ND
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HEAVY BATTN
24.7.18

1 Our operations.

At 5.39 pm left flank Coy. P 32 C
P 32 a reported about 12 high shrapnel
bursts of eighteen pounders apparently falling
short. Communicated with battery through
liaison officer and explanation received
that shooting not short but a particular
form of "short" being conducted.

For further particulars of artillery
activity see attached observers reports.
Front line coys report little observation
today of our own fire.

Machine and Lewis Guns.

Lewis Guns fired 1100 rounds on
enemy posts without being able to obtain
effect, beyond establishment of fire
supremacy against enemy guns in JAFPA TR

AIRCRAFT. — Our activity Nil.

PATROLS —

As per attached reports.

Flank connection maintained at 11 pm
and 1 am from P 32 a 55.20 with
17 Bth post [under Corporal Wood - Officer
LIEUT WILLARD]

Tanks also visited at hourly intervals the
~~positions~~ our own adjacent battalions posts

Sniping.

Shots were fired at positions of
 Germans about 9 pm from P31 b 65.00
 Germans moving away from post along
 mound about V2 a 3.1. ~~Effectiveness~~
 assessed. No casualties observed.

Hostile Activity

Artillery.

Intermittent shelling of P31 b and P31 d
 by 5.9 and 4.2 - about 20 shells - no damage

At 2.45 pm approx 50 rounds 5.9 on
 support line (not close support)

At 12.30 am twelve rounds 7.7 at track
 from V1 b 6.0 to V1 b 4.9.

At — 6 shots - 4.2 - fired at P31 d 8.4
 but fell near enemy ~~posts~~ post at
 P32 c 2.2. Two (2) green flames fired
 and firing ceased.

During afternoon of 23rd, enemy appeared
 to be repositioning SOS line about 200
 yds in rear of HAWP MOON TRENCH

Trench MORTARS.

Twelve (12) "pineapples" in area about
 P31 d 1.6 at 3.30 pm. Fired approx
 from V3 a 10.75. This mortar also

fires across front of left company.
 Position of same mortar reported from
 right comp as V2 495
 Another mortar reported firing up to
 11:30 pm from P32 d. 8-3 & one
 area P31 & and P32 av.
 No casualties.

MACHINE-GUNS.

Activity below normal. From
 neighbourhood of JAFRA played on usual
 lengths, otherwise traversing fire. Two
 active guns in VC or Vd.

MOVEMENT.

At 7:50 am three Germans
 with Red Cross flag left JAFRA TR
 and partially buried two dead men
 - reported by observer with glasses as
 excavating a shell hole but apparently put
 little earth on corpses

These men had a good view of
 our right posts. Three Officers and 1 OR
 inspected all posts walking overland
 without being fired on while these
 men were out.

Flares

Only plain white with exception
 mentioned above.

24. 1. 18
 8 am.

Eugene Janner
 Deputy 2/0 22 017

Intelligence Summary

Mpp 9
22nd Bⁿ

Period 4.30 pm 24/7/18
7.12 pm 24/7/18

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1. Our operations

Artillery At 1.25 pm our artillery fired on battery in Post. At 3.10 pm. enemy ~~artillery~~ dump exploded by our fire at V6 a. At 4.30 pm 18 pm our 48 pounders were very active against enemy movement in rear of our sector. Artillery observed in OP at 029 a. 90-45 directed fire against even individual Germans who ran or took cover in crops. Enemy G.S. waggons moving into Bayonnettes also fired on. At 8.45 pm our heavies shelled enemy front line systems opposite Bⁿ sector. Excellent range and a couple of direct hits observed on JAFFA TR. A couple of shots short on Railway at V6 & 5.

Machine and Lewis guns.
Maintained fire supremacy throughout night. Normal.

Sniping - Nil.

AIRCRAFT Active. At 5.30 am (24/7/18) and 7.40 am (24/7/18) our machines patrolling own and enemy lines and

patrolling carried out throughout day enemy. Anti-Aircraft fire was ~~heavy~~ ^{ready}.

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24/7/18

1. Trench Mortars - Registered at dawn 24/7/18 on JAFFA TR.

PATROLS: At hourly intervals between adjacent posts. Two ~~observing~~ ^{observing} patrols as per attached reports. Communication maintained twice during night by left flank Coy with 17 Bⁿ post under Corporal Wood.

Enemy Movement

Artillery As per attached Report. Has been throughout period active with harassing fire on battalion area. At 4.20 (24/7/18) 12.77 fell near P 31 d 80 35 from direction of WARTUSE. At 8.45 pm 4.42 fell near P 31 d 77 fired at extreme range. This quantity part of barrage put down on railway for 30 mins at 8.30 pm in response to SOS fired from enemy post on RIGHT Bⁿ sector. At 9.50 to 10 pm. 40 rounds 5.9 and 4.2 in P 25 d from P 35 and P 30 75 rounds in same vicinity and from same direction for 8.30 and 9 pm.

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APPENDIX 9

Machine Guns. A little below normal.

Light M. sniper.

from GARD Copse ^{2ND AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN} central
from 11pm to midnight 25 rounds
Landing P 31 + and P 32. One landed
landed 52 yds in rear of left wing posts at
P 32 a 50.00 - P 32 a 55.20

AIRCRAFT. Only one plane over our
sector. At 12.15 h-m two 25 lb bombs
dropped by this machine in P 31 to central
slightly to rear of Apollo SUPPORT

Enemy Movement

in rear as per attached

Observer's Report.

Observed from posts. -

(a) 4 men at 10pm at P 32. c 65.65

- fired on and dispersed by L.C. fire

(b) From P 31 d 4.3 enemy observed

at 11.30 pm 23/7/18 at P 31 d 8.2 -

fired on by L.C.

Movement observed from ~~at~~ ^{and} at some

places at 2.30 am 24/7/18. Firing

on. Enemy egg bomb exploded near

L.C. Patrol subsequently searched area

as per report.

9.

Casualties evidently caused by MG
fire from V1 & 8 during preceding
night.

At 8 am 24/7/18 a German soldier
white flag came out from JARPA IR
and covered three bodies in shell
holes. Bodies taken from spot where
our left played one magazine on 5
Germans during preceding night.

Observation Post.

② Tall chimney in MARCEUCAVE
has hole halfway up - excellent O.P.

③ Continuous movement in left
windows of BAYONVILLE'S Church
tower - apparently O.P.

(Additional Disposition Report.

Right Bⁿ post at V1 & 55.02 (railway
bridge) has a listening post 15 yds
from main post and connected by sap.
This commands 50 yd view of Rly Crossing
and is directly opposite line section
opposite distance of similar post
established by 23rd Bⁿ.

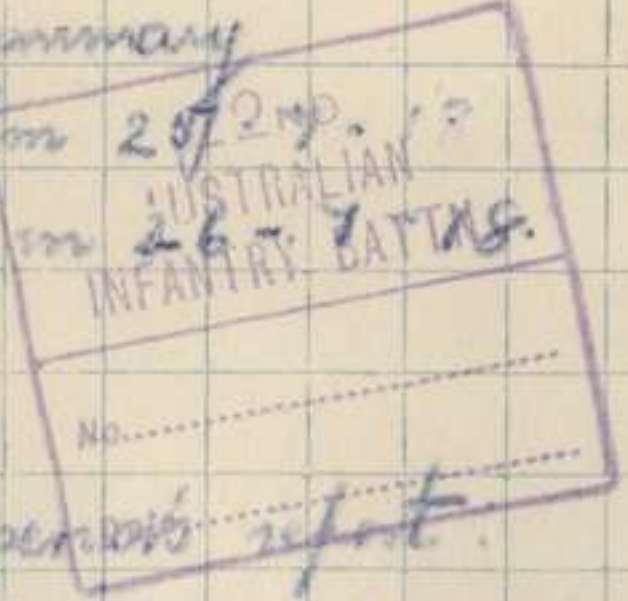
Eugene Gorman
7 am
25/7/18. 22 H/F

R. 1/0.

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Intelligence Summary

4:30 pm 25/26 to 7 am 26
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTAL



Air operations.
Artillery

As per attached documents report.
Our artillery was active but during severe enemy bombardment with all calibres of areas P31 central, P36 central and counter battery work was not noticeable.
From midnight 25/26 to 1 am 26, considerable activity against back areas.

Machine and Lewis Guns

Our Machine gun fire is not equal to that of Germans - directed against outposts and local supports.
Our Lewis Guns are very active against MG's opposite.

One certain hub is chained by centre corp, by Lewis Gun fire on Hun at approx. P32C56.

Sniping - Sniping from night corp P31-32 one hit is claimed (apparently by our sniper)

Aerial Activity

From front line posts it is reported from this corp that Hun downed down at 5:15 am on 25th South of Marselaire by fire of our planes.

At 6 am an enemy observation balloon was destroyed.

These reports are from posts inaccessible by day - Our aeroplanes dropped flares about 1:30 am on enemy line and back areas.

Work As per work report.

Enemy Activity

Artillery - Period was one of considerable activity, at times intense on left of 6th sector.

At 9:30 pm 50 shells in P31d-15 among gas masks.

At 11:45 pm 20 shells - some ones - 10 gas
1 am 2 3 in NW Wiper from S of Rly line to P31d66. Two more at 1:45 am

Anti log At 8:45 pm 100 rounds of 2 HE and 37 H.E. & shrapnel over front line

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front and Apollo Support from direction of WARFUSEE.

Left Coy.

From 6pm a continuous fire directed on this sector. Area approx P25 C14 to P31 a 3.0. Width about 300'. Guns of all calibres employed from 9.2 to 47 mm. This was continuous until 10.30pm. Our artillery reply was just. No gas used.

Duds of 2 shell landed in HZ trench at P31 2.6 - apparently spent shells - indicates decision of one battery on a line from P31 2.6 to P22 d 9.9.

At 2.45 am same locality bombarded with 8.9 H.F. - No casualties.

Machine Guns. Active from dusk to MN 25/26. Fire below normal.

Infantry. Position normal and no alarms raised.

Airplanes. None seen till 5 am 26 when two flying enemy planes (2 or 3)



flew over line, impacted area from shell and along trench system.

At this moment 6 am. two shells fell within 15 yds of B112 O30 b 21 in which locality about 20 shells of higher calibre & 2 fell during period.

Every morning enemy planes fly over our lines just before dawn and drop flares.

Movement:

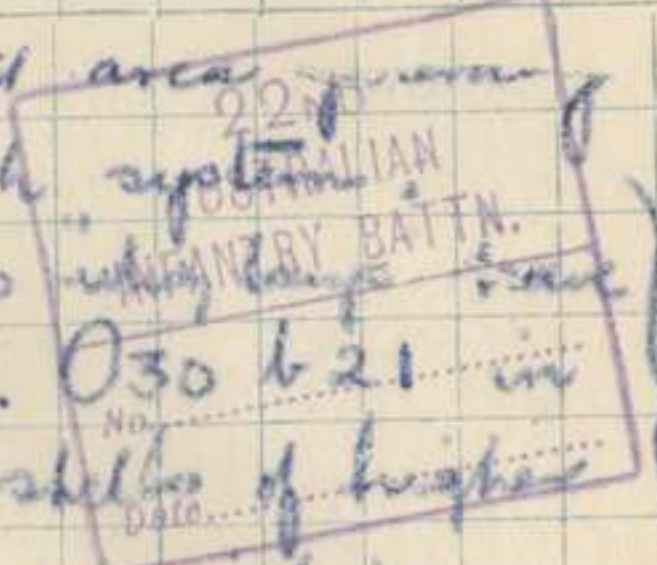
At 4.30 am 25th 15 enemy moved out to east from P1 32.0 65.65. Fired on by 6.0 am and scattered.

Enemy Works:

Has work dug along at V1 b 7055. Trench 10 improved and fresh earth brought from our trench. V1 b 88.

Enemy Front Line:

From North of road which passes through P320 enemy has evidently at least 4 posts on B side.



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One on road at P32 665 10 and
 others at approx 300-350 yds
 forward slope of the 100 contour line
 This based on enemy movement at night.
 Posts in crops 2' 6" high wh. exact marking down difficult.
 Suspected. Item H 2 at V 2 to 3.8.
 Ensign Forman sent
 6.30 am. 10
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22nd Bn Intelligence Summary 11
 Period 12 to 26 26.7.18
 to 6 a.m. 27.7.18
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Enemy Artillery
 As per observer's attached report. Below normal. Left flank very reported shelling of same area as on preceding evening P31 central by 15cm battery from direction P55d. This area is regularly shelled - sometimes from 4pm and generally from 9pm - at 1/2 hour intervals. Shells very close to Coy HQ at P31 to 3. Counter battery work is always secured from liaison but probably owing to battery not being exactly located is not very effective.

Enemy activity at P31 central came under increasing fire about 11.15 AM 26/27 but area not greatly troubled by air fire during period. From 11.15 to 2.15 pm 120 rd 10.5cm HE or new support trench in P31d. at 9 pm 30 rounds of planes - some range - direction 500 or 1000 YDS. Nil caught at 5 am when three low flying planes flew as previously reported. All enemy low flying is at dawn. Suggest with an order from a fighting plane would at that hour result in loss of 1 German plane.



Minesweepers, T. Motors Nil

Flares Very few fired. No colours

Snipers and M.C.'s Very quiet

Movement

As per observer's reports.

From line. Small enemy party by MARCEL CAVÉ WATER TOWER at 5 am 26/1/18. and again at 8.30 pm. 26/1/18.

Movement is regular in this vicinity and at this hour.

Aeroplanes (2). Cont'd.

From 2 pm to dusk always two to four enemy aeroplanes patrolling his own lines from Railway across R+B sector.

Worked. track with visible along JAPPAIR from Vols 85-55 to V1 6-92-80 - deepening trench apparently

Our Activity

Artillery Below normal. As per attached report

Aeroplanes Below normal
Patrols At least usual flank

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Communication maintained

Lewis Guns.

Fired 14.00 rounds against enemy

front line.

Snipers. From Right Coy. PSID first observed but are claimed

Minesweepers.

At about 9 pm. three blue x shells fell near Paj 3-8. Caused no damage nor casualties.

Engineer Garrison 1/10
22 A.I.F.

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APPENDIX II
Headquarters 3rd Battalion, 129th Infantry,
American E. F. Franco, 26th July, 1918.

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OPERATION ORDER)

NO 1)

Ref. map 62 D 1; 40000

1. INTENTIONS.

This Battalion will move forward to sector occupied by 6th Australian Inf. Brigade, 27th July, 1918, to be attached to that unit for tactical instruction.

2. ATTACHMENT OF TROOPS.

Companies will be assigned to Australian Battalions as shown in TABLE A, attached hereto. Scouts of the Battalion Intelligence Section will go with their companies. One sniper NCO and 10 observers will report to Australian Brigade Headquarters with Lieutenant Drew, Battalion Intelligence Officer, at 4 P.M. 27th July, 1918. Captain E. R. Holmes, Company I, will remain behind as second in command of the Battalion. All companies will leave behind the nucleus as ordered by Division Memorandum G-3 dated 20th July, 1918, and will send roster of nucleus personnel to Bn. Hq. by 10 A.M. 27th July, 1918. Sections will be allotted definitely to Australian platoons and will take part in all work of whatever nature carried out by the platoons to which they are attached. Companies will come under the tactical command of the unit to which they are attached. Administratively they are under control of their own officers.

3. ADVANCE PARTY.

Advance party consisting of Bn. commander, adjutant and company commanders will assemble at Bn. Hq. at 8 A.M. 27th July, 1918.

4. DRESS.

Men will carry shaving kit, toilet articles, all extra socks, slicker and overcoat made into a pack. Gas mask and helmet will be worn, full canteens and an extra 100 rounds of ammunition carried. One days rations will be carried.

5. SURPLUS KIT.

Blankets will be tied in bundles of 10 as usual and put in dump at Bn. Hq. to be stored by Battalion Supply Officer. All equipment of men other than that specified taken will be made into packs and labeled by each man, same being placed on dump. Officers baggage and rolls will be placed on dump. All property to be put in dump will be placed there by 10 A.M. 27th July, 1918, after which Bn. Supply Officer will take charge of and store same.

6. MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.

Company commanders will make mutual arrangement with Australian Bn. commanders relative to time of companies moving forward, guides, picking up of Lewis Guns, cooking details, etc.

7. LEWIS GUN.

20 magazines per gun will be taken forward, remainder will be left at transport line. One limber per company will take Lewis Guns and ammunition forward. These will move off with the leading platoons of each company.

8. ROUTE.

Time of starting from present camp will be arranged by company commanders, movement by platoons at 200 yards interval. Route via. LAMOTTE BLANCY TRONVILLE-LE PT BLANCY CABET road, thence along main road.

9. RATIONS.

Company and Headquarters rations will be taken to the quartermaster stores of the units to which the companies are attached. They will then be taken up with the Australian Battalions rations in the ordinary way, all rations being pooled.

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10. COOKS

U. S. cooks will work with Australian cooks upon the Austr cookers, time and place at which they report will be arranged between Austr IXV Bn. commander and American company commander.

11. ADMINISTRATION.

Company administration will be done at the nucleus camp in rear. Nece ai records and personnel will be left with the nucleus. All reports sent back will be forwarded to battalion Headquarters.

12. MEDICAL

All wounded and sick will be evacuated through Australian Channels. Lt. Miller will remain with the nucleus.

13. TRANSPORT AND BATTALION STORES.

Transport and Battalion stores will be located at LAMOTTE.

14. Nucleus will remain at our present camp.

15. Battalion Headquarters at front will be at O 28 c 8 5.

HEMENWAY,
Major, 129th Inf.

Handwritten signature

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TABLE "A"

American Company	Bn. attached to	Location
Company "I"	23rd Bn. Lt. Col. Brazener	Line right Hq. O 35 d 2 4
Company "K"	22nd Bn. Major Ellwood	Line left Hq. O 30 b 2 1
Company "L"	24th Bn. Lt. Col. James	Support right Hq. O 28 e 8 5
Company "M"	21st Bn. Major Reed	Support left Hq. O 28 e 8 5
Snipers and Observers	6th Australian Brig. Hq.	O 25 e 5 3
Battalion Headquarters	24th Battalion	O 28 e 8 5

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Ref. Map Sheet 62 D SW 1/20 000

1. The 22nd Battalion will be reinforced by an American Coy on the night 27th/28th July.
2. One platoon will be allotted to each Coy and the fourth platoon will be held in reserve at present D Coy HQ in Altona Support under an officer detailed by O.C. to company.
3. Platoons will reach Coy HQ in order of sections from right to left and guides will be furnished by boys to lead them to the respective posts.
4. All posts will be built up to 2 sections of not less than 1 Sgt and 10 OR + not more than 1 Sgt and 12 OR (Americans included). All Australians above the latter number when Americans have been placed on the posts will be withdrawn to Coy HQ and organized in mixed counter-attack platoon.
5. When reorganization is complete posts should be constituted as follows:-
 - A Coy. No 1 Post. 1 Aust. L.G. section. 1 Amer. L.G. section. Aust. Sgt.
 - No 2 Post. 1 Aust. L.G. section. 1 Amer. Rifle section. Aust. Sgt.
 - No 3 Post. at block in trench. 1 Aust. L.G. section. 1 Amer. L.G. section.
 - No 4 Post in trench. 1 Aust. L.G. section. 1 Amer. Bomb. section.
 - No 5 Post in trench. 2 Aust. L.G. section. 1 Amer. Rifle section.

Remainder of American & Australian troops will be withdrawn to newly dug support trench at about P31 d 2.2 and organized as a counter attack platoon. A Coy will detail an officer for this purpose. There are dugouts from P31 d 2.0 to P31 d 3.3 which may be used as platoon HQ also to accommodate some of the men. These should be reconnoitred as soon as possible.

 - B Coy. Right Post. 1 Aust. L.G. section. 1 Amer. L.G. section. Aust. Officer.
 - Left Post. 1 Aust. L.G. section. 1 Amer. L.G. section. Aust. Sgt.

Remainder of Americans & Australians will be organized into a counter-attack platoon in trench at Coy HQ

 - D Coy. Right Post. 1 Aust. L.G. section. 1 Amer. L.G. section. Aust. Sgt.
 - Centre Post. 1 Aust. L.G. section. 1 Amer. Rifle section. Aust. Officer.
 - Left Post. 1 Aust. L.G. section. 1 Amer. L.G. section. Aust. Sgt.

Remainder will be arranged into counter attack platoon and moved with present Coy HQ to half moon trench, North of Ashfield Avenue. A reconnaissance will be made of this trench today and arrangements made for digging & deepening it tonight.
6. O.C. B Coy will detail an officer to report to Batta HQ at 8pm today. He will accompany guides to 21st Bn HQ at Quarry to arrange for American platoons to move off with their respective guides. He will then take over the American No 4 Platoon and lead them to Altona Support D Coy's present HQ where he will retain command of them as a counter attack platoon.
7. American Platoon officers will remain at the respective Aust. Coy HQ and will be under the command of Aust. O.C. Coys
8. Rations will be under the usual arrangements and Americans will be regarded as part of the 22nd Bn.
9. B Coy will send the officer above mentioned, 2 guides (one to act as guide for A Coy) and D Coy one guide to report to Batta HQ at 8pm today
10. Coys will notify Batta HQ by wiring code word through when the above movements are complete.
11. Acknowledge.

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Capt & Lt
22nd Bn # 11

22nd *of* Intelligence Report

3 am. 27/7/18
3 am 28-7-18

22ND AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTAL
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Enemy Activity
Artillery.

Below normal slightly. A very active battery in WARFUSÉE. Between 10.30 pm and 11.45 pm intermittent heavy bursts on usual areas on left of battalion sector and in rear areas. Destroyed hangars in rear are continually receiving attention.

At 4.45 am 27/7/18 30 rounds 10.5 cm direction BAYONVILLE on APOLLO SUPPORT. Our front line corp estimates that Hun shells on our ^{close support} front line to 500 yds in rear ~~are~~ have been throughout our line period about 3 times amount fired by our artillery on corresponding area in Hun lines. About 12 M.W. and "pineapples" on our right flank. - former falling in rear of front line.

Observations. Two (2) low flying enemy planes near our outpost line on right

flank from 1-1.30 pm (27/7/18).
Snipers and M.C.'s.

Snipers hunt. M.C.'s not active but fire is well directed. Sweeps parapet of all close support trenches. One man killed, shot in heart in right flank long.

Movement.

About 2.30 am 27/7/18 12 Huns sighted near post V.1.6 8.6. Two M.C.'s opened together causing prompt dispersion. No observation of casualties.

Naval dawn party sighted near MARCEL CAVE Water Tower.

Works. No new works visible.

Flares. At 9.15 pm Red and GREEN flares fired on Right of Left Bong sector. No observed result.

Our Activity
Artillery

After Normal. Active at M N 24/25 on Hun rear areas.

3.

Machine GUNS Active
 Grenadiers " Below normal on account
 of alteration of dispositions
 Snipers. Brigade Snipers with Right Coy.
 (P310) obtained 5 observed hits.
 Enemy exposed himself freely.

GENERAL
 Front line Coy are of opinion that
 Hun troops in outposts were relieved on
 night 26/27. Considerable movements
 that evening and yesterday Huns exposed
 themselves on P310 in a manner not
 previously noted.

Enemy M.C. activity has been below
 normal ~~last two~~ nights 26/27 and 27/28

RE-ORGANISATION
 Posts reorganised. "K" Coy of 3rd Bn
 129th infantry reinforcing battalion garrisons
 Dispositions amended and to be forwarded.
 These were completed without incident by
 2.55 a.m. 28/1/18.

Patrols
 NORMAL TANK Patrols
 covering parties ^{each} with 1 L.C. ^{company} to cover entry of reinforcements and
 amendment of dispositions

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8 am.
 25/1/18.
 A detailed
 that aircraft were active at
 dawn this morning around
 this sector and to S.E. of
 Villers Bretonneux

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4 am 8/7/18
4²⁵ am 29/7/18
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Enemy Activity
Artillery
More active on RIGHT of our P¹ sector. Not so active on left. No counter-battery work asked for.
Enemy registered night-faction Apollo Support - accurate shooting - 2 77 at 3pm - 6 - 10.5 also near No 7 outpost P31d
Regulations with "pineapples" also reported here
Region shots at P31 28.3 and P31 66.8
At 9pm more activity on usual areas.
Throughout day VIB Railway embankment shelled heavily. Two (2) direct hits railway embankment bridge at V15.6 At 9pm few shots near JAFFA TR. when double greens fired. Ceased fire; then lengthened.
Isolated shots by pineapples on this front also.

Machine Gun and Snipers
Activity of MG's very much below normal. Every time MG's fire from JAFFA TR. our posts retaliate with rifle grenades - very effective. But quiet also on whole front

Aircraft - Enemy aeroplanes active 2 over their own lines at 11 am.
Flares.
Very few though night dark. Even during bombardment at 12:30 am on left only an isolated white flare fired
On trench front single reds seen and on attacked sector a number of double reds

Movement
Four stretcher bearers with Red Cross moving in centre of 6th sector at 1:30 pm. Carried man out in direction WARFUSEE
Rear Area so far. Observers attached reports. Transport X 20 to going about 1/2 at 8:20 am. X 20 by going south at 8:20 am train at V 12 d going North. Usual individual item movement in rear.
for attached reports.

OUR ACTIVITY
Artillery - Below normal. No observed shoots.
LTN's [Unobserved.
50 Rounds JAFFA TR 2 am 29/7/18

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MC's normal. LC's 400 rounds
to neutralize enemy fire.

PATROLS. As per attached Reports.

AIRCRAFT.

Active at 6 am. 28/7/18.

Thereafter Normal.

Snares.

Three observed hits by Right Coy
Opposite JATFA.

WORKS. As per attached reports.
Worked to erect at 7.50 and started work.

Miscellaneous

Harvesting Party of 12 Huns loading
Hay into GS waggon at V5 at
8.30 pm. Disturbed by our artillery fire

A great quantity of hay being carted by
Huns in rear area

10.20 pm Gas shells fell in V. front area
for 10 minutes.

10.25 to 10.35: Mounds of 5.9 and 4.2 on over
front line on left - P 27

Extract is a report by
Lieut. Madden, for your attention
if you think it merits it.

Coy attached to us is K. Coy 3rd Bⁿ 129
and the statement that man in a
Lewis gunner with No 1 platoon
is not consistent with his being with
this battalion.

No 1 platoon 'K' Coy is with our A Coy
Eugene former Lt
f. O

Y. a -

22nd

Night 29/7/18 relieved by 21st Relaf completed
by 1.30 am 30/7/18.

30/7/18. In support. Killed Portonneau
and Rly Embankment. B. H. 2 028 c. 8.5.

Evening 30 } Cattle burning fatigues
" 31 } across Portonneau front
and on to left Brigade (S)

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22nd B. Battalion Operation Order No 5/18
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22ND AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN.	
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- 1 The 21st Battalion will relieve the 22nd Battalion front line on the night of 29th/30th July. On completion of relief 22nd Battalion will move to positions at present occupied by three rear boys of 21st Batta.
- 2 Dispositions:-
 - A Coy keeps in VILLERS BRETTONEUX.
 - B Coy switch trench running from Road in O.28 C 8.4.
 - D Coy Railway cutting in O.28 C.
 - American Platoon at present in ALTONA SUPPORT will be billeted in railway cutting O.28 C.
- 3 No trenches, post or emplacement to be vacated until taken over by incoming relief unit. All trench stores, dumps, photos, anti-gas suits etc to be handed over, receipts in duplicate to reach Batta HQ by 9.45 pm, noon 30th inst.
- 4 Guides. One guide per post and Coy H.Q. will be detailed to report to Bn HQ by 9.45 pm. 29th inst.
- 5 Completion of relief will be wired to Batta HQ in code. Boys will also notify Bn HQ when they are in their new position.
- 6 Batta HQ will be established at O.28 C 8.5.
- 7 R.A.P will be at O.29 a 50.15.
8. Acknowledge

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Edward Capt. Adj. 22nd Bn A.P. 7

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92 "D" BATTALION - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE.

REF. MAP SHEET 62 D. S.W., 1/20,000.

1. DISTRIBUTION OF BATTALIONS.

Two Battalions hold the line - "A" Battalion from U.5.central (exclusive) to Railway (exclusive).
 "B" Battalion from Railway (inclusive) to P.32.central.
 "C" Battalion is in Support on Right.
 "D" Battalion is in Support on Left.

2. BOUNDARIES.

The Southern Brigade Boundary runs from U.5.d.8.8. to U.5.central thence due West.

The Northern Brigade Boundary runs from P.32.central to O.30.central, thence due West.

The Inter-Battalion Boundary is the Railway (inclusive) to "B" Battalion.

3. LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS.

Brigade.-	0.25.c.6.3.
6th. A.L. T.M. Battery.-	0.27.c.1.4.
"A" Battalion.-	0.35.d.2.4.
"B" "	0.30.c.9.3.
"C" "	0.28.c.8.5.
"D" "	0.28.c.8.5.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF COMPANIES.

	Headquarters.
One Company at VILLERS BRETTONEUX.	0.29.c.5.4.
" " " Railway Cutting, 0.28.c.	0.28.c.8.1.
" " " Railway Cutting, 0.28.c.	0.28.c.3.8.
and at Embankment, 0.27.d.	

5. DEFENCE OF VILLERS BRETTONEUX.

One Company is garrisoning Keeps "A", "B", "C", & "D" in the Village, and will hold this ground under all circumstances.
 This Company will not be available for counter-attack.

6. DEFENCE POLICY.

In the event of enemy attack, all Companies will stand-to.
 "C" & "D" Companies will be available for counter-attack.

7. RECONNAISSANCE.

Company Commanders must see that they (and all Officers and N.C.O's of their Companies) take the earliest opportunity of becoming acquainted with the Left Sector of the Front Line and the routes leading to it, and also learn the positions of Units on either flank.

8. GAS.

Company Commanders will take the most stringent precautions against Gas while in this Sector. Gas Guards will be on duty at all times, and in case the Area should be subjected to Gas bombardment, the question of any immediate and temporary evacuation of the affected area must be considered. Alternative positions for this purpose will be reconnoitred by O's. C. Coys.

CAPT. & ADJT.

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Transport Officers Monthly Report.

1st July '18.

The Transport lines were situated at N136. near the village of Lamotte. The lines were in good order and horses were well protected from enemy aircraft, which caused us no inconvenience.

The rations were conveyed from Lamotte to the Elisy System where the Batta was located.

2nd July.

The Batta moved forward to reserve and the bookers were situated at O18098. Communications being very quiet, overland tracks were used - water was drawn from Blangy Tronville, Pumps, at times some difficulty was experienced in obtaining same.

7th July.

On the night 7th-8th The Batta was relieved from reserve area and moved into Aubigny System,

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bookers were situated at O26 a 13
Water was supplied from pumps
at Blangy Ironville -
communications quiet. The Batta
remained in the above line
until the night of the 25th 26th July,
when they moved into front line
System - bookers were moved into
Chateau in Villers Bretonneux
Machine Gun limbers transported
Lewis guns to "Dolls House" where
they were dumped.

During tour of Batta, rations
were dumped, in the vicinity of
Dolls House, about 10 p.m. nightly,
where they were collected by ration
parties.

As Villers Bretonneux was being
heavily shelled it was decided to
move bookers out of the town and
establish them in Blangy Ironville
so as horse teams could wait

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in safety - , above alteration was carried out on 21st July. 1918. On the night of 22nd considerable difficulty was experienced, owing to heavy shelling and gas bombardment of forward area, in reaching Dolls House dump. It was not until three attempts were made, 1 Sgt and 2 Drivers gassed & 1 Horse killed that it was finally reached. Owing to the unusual artillery activity, ~~the vicinity~~ of Dolls House was abandoned & a dump made at Crucifix corner.

28th July29th - 30th

Two American limbers were attached to us for experience. The Battr relieved from front line and moved to O28C44.

The cookers moved from Blangy Ironville to the chalk Pits where rations were delivered daily.

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248 vehicles were sent out on different duties during the month.

Painting & repair work was carried out.

153 hacks were sent out for use, by Batts officers.

During the month, 1 horse was killed & 3 wounded.

[Signature]
T.O. 22nd 19th in A.I.F.

1st July '18. The Store in the main thoroughfare of Lamotte & rations coming from the village of Camon.

Rations sent to Ghisy where Battalion was billeted.

2 July '18. Battalion moves forward to reserve trenches outside Villers Betoumeuse. Rations went forward leaving the Orms Store about 7.30 p.m.

The Bread & meat rations have been very good, the former very often 80 per cent, the latter mostly 75 per cent. & considering Climatic Conditions, in a good fresh state.

The Cookers have been able to keep up a good supply of Rissoles, same being forwarded from Cookers to the line in tins.

Pommes also has been forwarded in similar manner.

Whilst Battalion occupied the line it was intended to keep Cookers at the Chateau in Villers Betoumeuse but owing to heavy shelling it was necessary to pull them out to Blangy Tronville from whence the rations were picked up by Transport & carried forward.

to the line. Rations whilst Unit occupied front line, were bagged in plevens, being from experience the most convenient form and most suitable for ports.

Vegetables for a considerable period have been just fair, it being rather difficult to purchase same; Rice has been used freely as a substitute for thickening the stews.

At the end of the month, we had 200 Americans attached to Unit; these were rationed by their own Supply Co, their rations being pooled with his Units and bagged in usual manner.

Apart from Coffee or brew of Tea their rations in every respect corresponded with ours.

D. J. Miles Capt. QM
2nd Bn.
pp. RLMS.