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C. O. 25th. A. I. Battalion.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	May 1st. 1918.		Strength 45 Off. 979 O/Rs. including detached but effective 8 Off. 293 O/Rs.	
	1st.		Battalion on the move from FRECHENCOURT to QUERRIEU Area by march route. Moved by March route from B-30-a-0-6 to starting point B-30-b-4-6. In position at starting point at 2-30pm. Battalion settled comfortably in billets by 4-30pm. Orders for move appendix "A". Nucleus party of 10 Off. and 177 O/Rs. detached forming Brigade Reserve.	<i>Hoaf</i> Sheet 62 D.
	2nd.		Battalion moved by march route from QUERRIEU to RIVERY. Battalion passed starting point H-16-b-8-5-00 at 1-45pm. Arrived in billets at 5pm. Orders for move appendix "B". Dispositions whilst at RIVERY :- Battalion Headquarters at M-1-d-7-9. "A", "B", "C" & "D" Companies in School at M-1-b-6-0.	<i>Hoaf</i> Sheet 62 D.
	3rd.		(
	4th.		(
	5th.		(Battalion at RIVERY for rest and training. Syllabus of Training attached. Appendix "C".	
	6th.		(
	7th.		(
	8th.		(
	9th.		(
	10th.		Battalion moved by march route from RIVERY to bivouacs in J-13 to relieve 44th. Battalion. Battalion passed starting point X Roads at G-32-c-0-9 at 1-10pm. Battalion settled in bivouacs by 7pm. Order for move appendix "D". Dispositions:- Battalion was bivouaced at J-13-a,c & d. Transport lines at I-5-c-8-7.	<i>Hoaf</i> Sheet 62 D.
	11th.		(
	12th.) Battalion bivouaced at J-13. Officers and N.C.O's. reconnoitred the BRIDGEHEAD LINE from	
	13th.		(J-19-c to J-8-a.	
	14th.		(Disposition in the event of it becoming necessary to occupy BRIDGEHEAD LINE appendix "E".	
	15th.		(
	16th.		(
	17th.		(Supplied Working Parties as per attached reports.	
	18th.		(
	19th.		(Lieut. G.E. Hansford Wounded on Working Party on 19th. May.	
	20th.		(

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	June 21st. 1918.		Relieved 28th. Battalion less 1 Company and became right Support Battalion. (C). Disposition of the Battalion on completion of relief:- Battalion Headquarters in MERRICOURT J-9-b-6-8. "B" Company J-12-a- "D" " J-5-c & d. "A" " J-4-d. "C" " J-10-b. Operation order for move appendix "F". Disposition and Action in the event of enemy attack appendix "G". Casualties:- Killed 1 O/R. Died of Wounds 2 O/Rs. Wounded 4 O/Rs.	
	22nd.		Battalion as Support Battalion supplied Working Parties as per attached reports.	
	23rd.		Casualties:- Wounded Lieut. T.J.B. Kent and 16 O/Rs. Gassed Major J.J. Power D.S.O. & 86 O/Rs.	
	24th.		Officers & N.C.O's. moved forward to reconnoitre Front Line Area.	
	24th/25th.		Battalion relieved 28th. Battalion in Front Line Right and became (A) Bn. Appendix "H". On completion of relief disposition of Battalion was as follows :- Bn. H.Qtrs. J.11.a. 58.85. "A" Company Front Line Left. K.1.b. 5-10 - K.1.d. 6.5. "C" " Front Line Right. K.1.d. 6.5 - K.7. Central "D" " Support. K.1.a & c - K.7.a. "B" " Reserve. J.6.a. 8.3 - J.12.a. 2.0. Relief completed by . Casualties:- Killed 1 O/R. Wounded 1 O/R.	
	26th.		Supplied Working Parties nightly constructing defences as per attached reports.	
	27th.		Casualties:- Killed 4 O/Rs. Wounded Lieut. L.J.W. Payne M.C. (Died of Wounds 30-5-18)	
	28th.		2/Lieut. R.T. StG. Caulfeild and 5 O/Rs.	
	29th.			
	30th.			
	31st.		Battalion relieved by 21st. Battalion. Operation order for relief, appendix "I". Battalion proceeded on relief to J-13-a, c & d. Relief completed by 1am. 1st June.	
	31st.		Strength 45 Off. 1066 O/Rs. including detached but effective 18 Off. 268 O/Rs.	

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Wm Davis
major
a/c/o. 25th Bn



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Appendix A

1-5-18.

To.,
O.C. Coys., Q.M. & T.O.

The 25th. A.I. Battalion will move to the QUERRIEU AREA
at 2pm. to-day. Order of March Bn.H.Qtrs. A, B, C & D Coys.
Tea meal will be arranged for 1pm. Head of column to pass X Roads
EAST of FRECHENCOURT at 2-30pm. Officers kits to reach Q.M. Store
by 12 noon.

(Sgnd. (H.H. Page Major.,
for C.O. 25th. A.I. Battalion.



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Appendix "B"

2-5-18.

To., O.C. Coys., Q.M. & T.O.

The 25th. A.I. Battalion will move to billets in RIVERY at 1-30pm. to-day. Order of march Bn. H.Qtrs. A, B, C & D Coys. Head of column to pass starting point (Bn.H.Qtrs. on AMIENS - ALBERT ROAD) at 1-45 pm. Officers kits will be dumped at Q.M. Store by 10am.

(Sgnd.) H.H. Page Major.,
for C. O. 25th. A.I. Battalion.

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Appendix "C"

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD ENDING 9th. MAY 1918.

Day.	Time.	"A" Company.	"B" Company.	"C" Company.	"D" Company.
Friday 3-5-18.	9-30am.-10am.	Inspection of Box Resp. and Gas Drill.			
	10am.-11am.	Physical Training.			
	11am.-12 noon	Musketry. Special attention to Rapid Loading.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Ditto.
	2pm.-3pm.	Bayonet Fighting.			
	3pm.-3-30pm.	Lecture by Platoon Commdrs. Platoon in attack.			
	3-30-4-30pm.	Platoon Drill.			
Saturday 4-5-18.	9-30am.-11am.	Route marching combined with Map Reading.		Attack on Strong Points by Platoons.	
	11am.-12 noon Afternoon.	Rifle Bombing ORGANISED GAMES	Ditto.	Do.	Ditto.
Monday 6-5-18.	9-30-10-30am.	Gas drill & Lectures.	Musketry Rapid	Gas drill & Lectures.	
	10-30-11-30am.	Bayonet Fighting	Loading.	Setting up Drill	
	11-30-12 noon	Rifle Bombing	Do.	Do.	Ditto.
	2pm.-3pm.	Attack on Strong Posts by Platoons.	Do.	Rifle Bombing.	
	3pm.-3-30pm. 3-30-4-30pm.			Lecture. Musketry.	
Tuesday 7-5-18.	9-30-10-30am.	Route March. Lecture on Reconnaissance.		Coy. in attack without Artillery. Scheme to reach B.H.Q. by noon 4th. instant.	Ditto.
	10-30-11-30am.	Rifle Bombing			
	11-30-12 noon	The Offensive Spirit	Ditto.	Rifle Bombing	
	2pm.-3pm.	Coy. in attack without Artillery.		Musketry Rapid Loading.	
	3pm.-4pm. 4pm.-4-30pm.	Scheme to reach B.H.Q. by noon 4th. instant.		Lecture "Offensive Spirit".	

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Day.	Time.	"A" Company.	"B" Company.	"C" Company.	"D" Company.
Wednesday 8-5-18.	9-30-10-30am. 10-30-11am. 11am.-12 noon 2pm. 3pm. 3pm.-4pm. 4pm.-4-30pm.	Platoon Drill Gas drill & Lecture Musketry Rapid Loading platoons in attack on Strong Points.	Ditto.	Physical Training Do. Do. Route Marching & Map Reading Rifle Bombing Lecture by Platoons Commanders on Discipline.	Ditto.
Thursday 9-5-18.	9-30-10-30am. 10-30-11am. 11am.-12noon. 2pm.-3pm. 3pm.-4pm. 4pm.-4-30pm.	Physical Training Musketry Rapid Loading Bayonet Fighting Coy. in attack without Artillery.Scheme to reach B.H.Q. by noon 7th. instant.	Ditto.	Coy. in attack without Artillery.Scheme to reach B.H.Q. by noon 7th.instant. Rifle Bombing Musketry Rapid Loading Lecture by Platoon Commanders.	Ditto.

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Captain.

Adjutant 25th. A.I. Battalion

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25th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

Operation Order No. 46.

Appendix D

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9-5-18.

1. The 7th. A.I. Brigade will move to the Reserve Brigade Area in "C" Divisional ~~XXXX~~ Sector between 9th. and 10th. May 1918.
2. The 25th. Battalion will move to Bivouacs in J-13 in relief of 44th. Battalion on 10th. May 1918.
3. Order of March :- H.Qtrs. A, B, C, D. Coys. Transport. Head of column will pass starting point cross Roads G-32-c-0-9 by 1-10pm.
Route:- PETIT CAMON - QUERRIEU - PONY NOVELLES - LA HOUSSAYE - BONNAY.
Distances to be maintained on the march:-
Between Companies 100 yards.
Between Rear Coy. and Transport 100 yards.
Between each section of 6 vehicles 25 yards.
4. "A" Coy. will detail one platoon as an advance guard to cover the march of the Battalion.
5. Advance parties of 1 Officer per Coy. and 1 N.C.O. per platoon will go forward to-morrow 10th. May leaving Battalion H.Qtrs. at 9am. for bivouacs.
6. Kits, Lewis Guns etc. will be dumped at Transport Lines by 10-30am. to-morrow.
7. All orders and instructions regarding the role of the Battalion whilst in present area will be handed over to incoming Unit,
8. Dress Fighting Order, 220 rounds S.A.A. and 2 bombs per man to be carried.
9. All billets and ground in the vicinity thereof will be left in a clean and sanitary condition.
10. Acknowledge.

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Captain.

Adjutant 25th. A. I. Battalion.

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Disposition in the event of it becoming necessary to occupy

BRIDGEHEAD LINE. J-19-c- to J-8-a.

1. The Battalion is at present bivouaced at J-13-a C. & D.
2. On receipt of orders to man BRIDGEHEAD LINE the Battalion will be disposed of as follows:-

"A" Coy. in Reserve at J-13-a along Sunken Road.

"B" Coy. Posts No. 1 to No. 6 inclusive.

"C" Coy. " 7 " 10 "

"D" Coy. " 11 " 16 "

On taking up their respective positions Lewis Guns will be placed as follows:-

No. 1 Post	J-19-c-4-1
Advanced Post in Valley	J-25-a-8-9
No. 3 Post	J-19-c-9-1
6 " Right End.	J-19-d-6-8
6 " Central	J-19-b-8-1
7 "	J-19-b-9-5
8 "	J-13-d-9-1
9 "	J-13-d-9-4
10 "	J-14-c-1-9
11 "	J-14-a-1-3
12 "	J-14-a-3-8
13 "	J-14-a-4-9
14 "	J-8-c-5-2
15 "	J-8-c-7-4
16 "	J-8-c-7-5

3. Battalion Headquarters will remain at J-13-d-4-5.

Adjutant 25th. A. I. Battalion.

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Appendix "B"

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20-3-18.

1. The 7th. A.I. Brigade will relieve the 6th. A.I. Brigade on the night of May 20th./21st. 1918.
2. The 25th. Battalion will relieve the 28th. Battalion less 1 Company and will be come right Support Battalion ("C")
3. On completion of relief the 25th. Bn. will be disposed as follows:-
 "B" Coy. J-12-a.
 "D" " J-5-c & d.
 "A" " J-4-d.
 "C" " J-10-b.
 Battalion Headquarters in MERRICOURT J-9-b-6-8. The Battalion will have all its troops south of the River ANCRE and East of MERRICOURT. Transport less the 2 S.A.A. limbers will remain in its present position
4. Aeroplane photographs, trench maps, defence schemes, trench stores and all information regarding new front, S.O.S. Signal Rockets and area stores will be taken over by relieving units. Copies of receipts given will be forwarded in duplicate to Bn. H.Qtrs. by 9am. 21st. May.
5. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. H.Qtrs. in B.A.B. Code.
6. Dress:- Fighting Order 220 rounds S.A.A. and 2 bombs per man to be carried plus unexpended portion of days rations and Iron Rations. Water bottle will be filled before leaving present position.
7. Order of March :- C, A, D, B & Bn. H.Qtrs., Movement forward will be by platoons at 100 yards distance between units. Relieving troops will not pass BALLARAT LINE before 9-30pm. Coys. will move independently across country. No movement will take place East of present position before 9pm.
8. Watches will be synchronised at Bn.H.Qtrs. at 5pm. 20th. May.
9. Coy. Commanders will arrange to make necessary reconnaissance of forward positions before 5pm. No guides from Unit to be relieved will be provided.
10. Subject to the terms of this order details of relief will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.
11. Acknowledge.

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 Adjutant 25th. A.I. Battalion.

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Appendix G

Dispositions and action in event of Enemy attack.

1. The 25th. Battalion (6th Bn.) is at present the Support Bn. to Right Sector of 7th. A.I. Brigade front with dispositions as follows:-

Bn. H.Qtrs.	J-3-d-6-0.
"A" Coy. 1 Platoon	J-4-d-25-20 to J-4-d-15-40
" " 1 "	J-4-d-15-40 to J-4-d-10-65.
" " 1 "	J-4-d-10-65 to RAILWAY.
" " 1 "	Cellar at RAILWAY STATION J-4-c-8-7.
Coy. H.Qtrs.	J-4-c-78-80.
"B" Coy.	Steep Banks J-12-a-0-0 to J-12-a-3-5.
Coy. H.Qtrs.	J-12-a-2-4
"C" Coy. 1 Platoon	J-10-b-8-2 to J-10-b-6-4
" " 1 "	J-10-b-6-4
" " 1 "	J-10-b-5-5
" " 1 "	J-10-b-4-7
Coy. H.Qtrs.	J-10-b-4-5
"D" Coy.	In trenches from J-5-a-1-3 to J-5-c-3-3
	less 1 Platoon. 1 Platoon in cutting
	J-5-a-8-3 to J-5-a-8-6
	J-5-a-1-3.
Coy. H.Qtrs.	
Transport at I-5-c-8-7	less one S.A.A. Limber and 2 pack mules
	at J-13-c-0-7.

2. In the event of enemy attack the Battalion may be used,
 - (a) To reinforce any portion of the Brigade front line system.
 - (b) Counter attack.

In the event of (a) on receipt of orders from Bn. H.Qtrs., Coys. will move up by platoons in Artillery formation, to the positions indicated.

In the case of (b) on receipt of orders from Bn. H.Qtrs. Coys. will assemble in valley at J-5-c and J-11-a.

In the event of it becoming necessary to form a defensive flank on the right so as to deny the enemy the high ground overlooking ANCRE VALLEY the Battalion will on receipt of orders from B. H.Qtrs. occupy the high ground on the line J-10-c J-10-d and J-10-b.
3. Transport will remain at present location and await orders.

Is Carroll

Captain.

21-5-18.

Adjutant 25th. A. I. Battalion.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 48.

appendix "B"

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24th. May 1918.

1. The 25th. A.I. Battalion will relieve the 28th. A.I. Battalion in the Right Sub Sector on the night 25th/26th. May 1918.
On completion of relief the 25th. Bn. will become "A" Bn. Line Right.
2. Aeroplane photographs, trench maps and stores, defence schemes, works policies, S.O.S. Signals and all information regarding front line will be taken over on relief.
3. On completion of relief the disposition of the 25th. Bn. will be as follows:-
 - "A" Coy. front line left posts 9 to 16 inclusive and one platoon in Support relieving "C" Coy. 28th. Bn.
 - "C" Coy. Front line Right Posts 1 to 8 inclusive relieving "A" Coy. 28th. Bn.
 - "D" Coy. Support Line relieving "D" Coy. 28th. Bn.
 - "B" Coy. Reserve Line relieving "B" Coy. 28th. Bn.
4. Advance parties as under will be sent forward 24 hours beforehand:-
 - "A" and "C" Coys. 1 Officer per Coy. and 1 N.C.O. per platoon and a proportion of Lewis Gunners.
 - These parties will remain in the front line and rejoin their Coys. on completion of relief.
 - O's.C. "B" and "D" Coys. will arrange for a proportion of Officers and N.C.O's to reconnoitre their line positions on night of 24th/25th.
5. Guides from 28th. Bn. will meet incoming Units at Road Junction J-5-d-6-9 as follows on night of 25th/26th. May:-
 - "C" Coy. 25th. Bn. at 10pm.
 - "A" " " " 10-15pm.
 - "D" " " " 10-30pm.
 - at the rate of 1 per post for "C" Coy. and "A" Coy. and 1 per platoon for "D" Coy.
 - Guides from 28th. Bn. at the rate of 1 per platoon will report at "B" Coys. H.Qtrs. at 10pm.
6. Order of march "C" "A" "D" "B" Coys.
Movement forward will be by platoons with 100 yards distance between units as far as meeting point J-5-d-6-9 and thence as the situation and visibility permits.
No movement of troops will be made East of the line BUIRE - TREUX before 10 pm.
7. Subject to the terms of this order details of relief will be arranged mutually between Coy. Commanders concerned.
8. On completion of relief the Reserve Coy., "B" Coy., will supply ration carrying parties for the two front line companies and Support Coy.
9. Disposition of Coys. will be forwarded to Bn. H.Qtrs. by 4am. 26th. Receipts in duplicate for Trench Stores Maps etc. taken over will be forwarded to Bn. H.Qtrs. by 4 am. 26th. May.
10. Dress :- Fighting Order. 220 rounds of S.A.A. and 2 bombs per man will be carried on the man.
11. Completion of relief will be wired in B.A.B. Code to Bn. H.Qtrs.
12. Acknowledge.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 49.

Appendix "I"

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31-5-18.

1. The 6th. A.I. Brigade will relieve the 7th. A.I. Brigade on night May 31st / June 1st. 1918.
On relief the 7th. A.I. Brigade will move into Reserve Brigade Area.
2. Aeroplane Photographs, trench maps, defence schemes, works policy, information regarding the front line, trench stores will be handed over to incoming units. Copies of receipts given and taken will be forwarded to Bn. H.Qtrs. in duplicate by noon June 1st.
3. Guides at the rate of one per post from C & A Coys. and one per platoon from B & D Coys. will be detailed to report at J-5-d-6-9 (Cross Roads) at 10pm.
O.C. "A" Coy. will detail Lieut. E. Norton-Smith to take charge of all guides and see they meet their respective parties.
4. Completion of relief will be wired to B.H. Q. in B.A.B. Code.
5. The 25th. Battalion when relieved will move to former position when Brigade was in Brigade Reserve Area at J-13-c-4-9.
6. Transport lines and Q.M. stores will remain at their present location. T.O. will arrange to have cooks moved to new area by 9pm.
7. Guides will meet Coys. on MERICOURT - BONNAY ROAD at J-13-b-7-6 and take them to their respective positions.
Lieut. Templeman will take charge of this party.
8. Each man must carry out 100 rounds S.A.A. in bandoliers and 2 bombs.
This is in addition to his 120 rounds in pouches.
9. Usual listening posts and standing patrols will be posted and form covering party during relief.
10. Battalion Headquarters will move on relief to J-13-c-4-9.
11. Acknowledge.

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25th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

WORKS REPORT.

Date.	Hours Worked.	No. of men employed.	Location.	Nature of Work and Amount.	Remarks.
14-5-18.	6 hrs.	25 O/R.	I-17-c.	36 yds. of 12' wide Corduroy track completed. 60 yds. of bed prepared. 13 trees felled and cut into 130 12' lengths.	
"	6 hrs. per shift.	25 O/R.	J-13-c-0-7	Working with engineers on dug-out, excavating tunnels, building new earth at entrance to tunnels.	
"	3 hrs.	20 O/R.	J-13-d-95-45	Trench dug 60 yds. X 12'6" X 1'6".	
15-5-18.	4 hrs.	25 O/Rs.	J-7-a-5-9	36 yds. of Corduroy track laid and turfed. 15 trees felled and split into 130 12' lengths.	
"	4½ hrs.	25 O/R.	J-4-a-9-8	1 Bridge 4'6" X 20' completed and positions prepared for 2 other bridges also track prepared for corduroy.	
"	4 hrs.	150 O/R.	J-8-c- and J-14-a.	1,000 yds. Double Apron wire entanglements. Wooden stakes.	
"	6 hrs. per shift.	22 O/R.	J-13-c-0-6	Working on dug-out.	
16-5-18.	5 hrs.	25 O/R.	J-4-a-5-5	1 Bridge 30' X 4'6" completed and 15 yds. of Corduroy track constructed. 148 xx running ft. of large and 125 running ft. of small timber felled.	
"	6 hrs.	25 O/R.	J-5-a-2-4 J-7-a-6-9	1 Bridge 35' X 4'6" trestled. 35 yds. of Corduroy completed. 20 yds. turfed. 13 trees felled and split to 158 12' lengths.	
"	3 hrs.	150 O/R.	J- 20 8-c	1,800 yds. Single Apron wire erected.	
"	4 hrs.	50 O/R.	J-20-a.	800 yds. Single wire completed.	
"	6 hrs.	25 O/R.	J-7-a-5-4	17 yds. Corduroy track completed. 27 yds. brushed. 14 trees felled and split to 57 12' lengths.	
"	6 hrs.	16 O/R.	J-14-a.	140 yds. X 7'6" trench deepened to 9' between J-a-10-5 and J-a-10-65.	
2	6 hrs. per shift.	36 O/R.	J-13-d-0-3	Working on dug-out.	
17-5-18.	6 hrs.	25 O/R.	J-1-a-5-6	30 yds. Corduroy and 120' timber cut.	
"	6 hrs.	25 O/R.	J-4-a-5-9	Completion of Bridge 40 yds. of track made. 95 yds. of Fascine laid.	
"	7 hrs.	12 O/R.	L-8-d-9-7	Preparing wire for night party	
"	6 hrs. per shift.	36 O/R.	J-13-c-0-7	Working on dug-out.	
"	4 hrs.	100 O/R.	J-19-b & a.	1290 yds. Single Apron Wire.	
"	6 hrs. per shift.	30 O/R.	J-13-d-0-3	Working on dug-out.	

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Date.	Hours Worked.	No. of men employed.	Location.	Nature of Work and Amount.	Remarks.
18-5-18.	6 hrs.	40 0/R.	J-13-a-5-9	13 Fascines made. 15 trees felled and cut to 170 12' lengths	
"	4½ hrs.	20 0/R.	J-2-c-1-5	145 yds. of corduroy track laid.	
"	6 hrs.	50 0/R.	J-14-a & J-8-c	35 yds. of Corduroy track laid.	
"	5 hrs.	25 0/R.	J-4-a-5-5	750 yds. Single Apron wire.	
"	7 hrs.	12 0/R.	J-12-d	8 yds. of Bridging. 7008 of timber felled. 50 yds. of bridging camouflaged.	
"	2½ hrs.	60 0/R.	J-13-a	Cutting pickets for wiring. 20 yds. of Brushwood track 9' wide cleared. Erecting Bath House 20'X 8'X 8' frames complete.	
"	8 hrs. per shift.	16 0/R.	J-13-d-2-3	Excavated 100 yds. of trench 3'x 3'x 2' from J-a-90-00 to J-13-a-70-40.	
"	"	18 0/R.	J-13-d-0-3	Working on dug-out.	
19-5-18	3 hrs.	200 0/R.	E-7-c- & E-7-d.	Digging C.T. from E-7-c-7-4 to E-7-d-2-8 300 yds.x 3'x 3'6".	
"	1½ hrs.	63 0/R.	J-13-a	excavating trench 80 yds.x 3'x 3'x 2' and parapet formed J-13-a-0-8 to J-13-a-6-4.	
"	1½ hrs.	12 0/R.	I-12-d	Cutting and preparing 60 small and 360 large pickets.	
"	5 hrs. per shift.	20 0/R.	J-13-d-2-3	Working on dug-outs.	
"	"	20 0/R.	J-13-c-0-6	Working on dug-outs.	
21-5-18.	3 hrs.	250 0/Rs.	J-6-b & K-1-a	Digging Support line 515yds.x 3'x 3'. (allotted task completed).	
"	6 hrs. per shift.	32 0/Rs.	J-11-a-7-8	Excavating dug-out.	
22-5-18	2½ hrs.	250 0/R.	J-6-a & K-1-c	Digging Support line 450yds. x 3' x 3'.	
"	6 hrs. per shift.	32 0/R.	J-11-a-7-8	Excavating dug-out.	
23-5-18.	3½ hrs.	45 0/R.	J-6-b & K-1-a	Wiring Support line 550 yds. from J-6-b-8-5 to Crucifix in K-1-a to K-1-a-4-5 (approx.)	
"	3½ hrs.	45 0/R.	J-6-b & K-1-a	Carrying wiring material.	
"	3½ hrs.	100 0/R.	K-7-a	Digging Support line from K-7-a-4-5 to K-7-a-4-1 175 yds. 3'x 3' x 2'.	
"	2 hrs.	45 0/R.	J-5-b & J-25-c	Carrying medium Stokes Shells from J-5-b-6-5 to J-25-c-3-2.	
"	2½ hrs.	15 0/R.	J-6-b & K-6-d	Carrying 64 cases of Stokes Bombs.	

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Date.	Hours Worked.	No. of men employed.	Location.	Nature of Work and Amount.	Remarks.
24-5-18	3½ hrs.	100 O/R.	K-7-a & K-7-c	180 yds. of trench excavated 3'x 3'x2'.	
"	3½ hrs.	100 O/R.	K-7-a & K-1-c	Wiring Support 800 yds. Double Apron wire from K-7-c-2-6 to K-1-c-9-6 (approx.)	
"	6 hrs. per shift.	32 O/R.	J-11-a-5-9	Excavating dug-out.	
"	4 hrs.	20 O/R.	VILLE) SUR) ANCRE.	Cleaning up VILLE 16 German bodies buried and 4 horses.	

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Date.	Hours Worked.	No. of men employed.	Location.	Nature of Work and Amount.	Remarks.
26-5-18.	5 hrs.	10 O/R.	K-1-d-55-80	Deepening trench 15'x 2' in depth.	
"	"	"	K-1-b-65-05	" " 22'x 2' "	
"	1 hr.	2 "	K-1-b-6-599	Digging refuse pit.	
"	5 hrs.	10 "	14, 15, 16 Posts.	Digging bivouacs	
"	3½ hrs.	20 "	"	Wired double apron complete 140 yds.	
"	2 hrs.	5 "	"	Deepening sap at various parts.	
"	5 hrs.	20 "	"	Carrying wire and pickets from dump K-1-a-4-6. to front line. Also worked on connecting and deepening posts at K-1-d-55-80 & K-1-b-65-05 60 yds. x 2'6".	
	4 hrs.	30 "	J-6-d-7-530 to J-6-d-6-5	18 T heads completed 6'x 4'x 4'. 20 yds. trench excavated 4'x 2'x 2'. 15 yds. trench deepened 18".	
	2 hrs.	30 "	K-7-a-6-2 to K-7-a-15-80	6 T heads 6'x 4'x 4'. 6 shelters 6'x 4'x 3'. 20' trench widened 1'.	
	2 hrs.	30 "	J-6-b-4-3	8 T heads 6'x 4'x 4'. 10 yds. trench deepened.	
	3½ hrs.	72 "	K-7-a-2-0 to K-1-d-7-4	Connecting posts 2'x 2½' 60 yds. deepening trench from 2½' to 3½' 60 yds.	
	4½ hrs.	24 "	K-1-a-2-2	Constructing 12 T head shelters (completed).	
		26 "	K-1-a-8-1	11	
		26 "	K-1-c-8-3	12	
		28 "	K-7-a-6-6	11	
		8 "	K-1-c-7-5	2	
27-5-18.	5 hrs.	10 O/R.	K-1-d-48-50	Trench deepened to 4' from 2' 12 yds.	
	5	5	K-1-b-65-05	" " 7 yds.	
	2½	20	K-1-d-58-50	" from 1'6" to 3'6" 60 yds.	
	2	14	K-1-b-65-62	" 2'6" 3'6" 15 yds. & generally improved posts 14, 15 & 16.	
	1	10	K-1-a-4-6	Carrying 20 coils wire & 80 long pickets.	
	1½	25	K-1-b-70-45	" 65 long & 60 short pickets & 15 coils of wire.	
	2	29	K-1-d-45-05.	Connecting posts 6 & 7 30yds. 3'x 2'. Deepening trench.	
	2	63	K-7-b-33.	Connecting posts 3, 4 & 5, 20 yds. 3'x 2'.	
	4	60	K-7-b-2-0	Small party wiring towards Bn. on right 15 yds. 3'x 2'.	
			K-7-b-2-1	Connecting 1 & 2 posts 10 yds. 3'x 2'.	
	4½	26	K-1-d-7-4	Connecting towards left Coy. 10 yds. 3'x 2".	
	2	4	K-7-a-7-8	Trench deepened 70 yds. x 2'.	
	4½	28	K-1-a (C.T.)	All obstructions cleared from C.T.	
	2	4	K-7-a-4-4	Trench deepened 50 yds. 2'6".	
			K-7-a-5-5	Completing 2 shelters.	

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Date	Hours Worked.	No. of men employed.	Location	Nature of Work and Amount.	Remarks.
29-5-18	3 hrs.	10	O/R. K-1-d-45-50	30 yds. trench deepened from 2'6" to 4'6".	
	3	6	K-1-b-65-05	15 yds. " 2' to 4'6".	
	1½	4	K-1-b-70-40	10 yds. " 2' to 3'6".	
	1½	20	K-1-d-60-05	80 yds. " 1' to 3'.	
	1½	25	K-1-b-40-50	Dug 70 yds. trench 1' in depth.	
	2	8	K-1-b-56 to 89	Widening and Deepening sap. Filling in old latrines & putting in new ones in K-1-b-8-9. Working on fire step.	
	1	2	K-1-b-65-95	Put in one Box Latrine	
	2½	10	K-1-b-75-80	Laid 7 coils of wire, strengthening existing wire.	
	4	40	K-7-b-20	Deepening, widening and improving trenches.	
	4½	30	K-1-a-2-1	100 yds. trench deepened 1' & put in T head latrine	
	4½	30	K-1-a-2-6	Deepening 110 yds. trench from 3' to 4'6".	
	2½	56	K-1-d-7-4	Digging 90 yds. trench 1'6" (connecting front line posts).	
	1	16	K-1-b-5-8	Carrying pickets.	
	2½	23	K-1-b-7-2	Deepening & widening 40 yds. of trench from 1' to 3' x 3' x 2'.	
30-5-18	1½	5	K-1-d-60-80	5 yds. deepened from 2'6" to 4'.	
	2	4	K-1-d-60-80	8 " " "	
	2	20	K-1-d-80-48	10 coils of concertina wire 60 yds.	
	1	20	K-1-b-80-65	7 yds. deepened from 2'6" to 3'6".	
	1	20	K-1-b-80-30	8 " " 3' to 4'6"	
	1	2	K-1-b-85-90	Constructing bivvy.	
	1	8	K-1-b-55-85	Digging fire step.	
	1	20	K-1-b-2-5	Carrying pickets and concertina wire.	
	4	40	K-7-b-2-2	40 yds. deepened from 1'6" to 2'6".	
				20 " " "	
				40 " " 2'6" to 3'6".	
	1½	20	J-6-b-4-3	20 yds. trench deepened 1'.	
	2	20	K-7-a-6-2	Deepening & widening trench 50 yds. 2' x 1'	
	2½	30	K-1-b-6-3	50 yds. trench deepened 1'6".	
	1	15	J-5-c-6-1	Carrying S.A.A. and Bombs	
	2	60	K-7-b-6-2	Digging 50 yds. 3'6". 60 yds. deepened by 1'.	
	4	30	K-7-a-6-5	55 yds. trench deepened from 1'6" to 2'	
	4	28	K-1-c-9-3	Constructing fire step in trench also carrying screw pickets and wire to K-7-b-3-8.	

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Date.	Hours Worked.	No of men employed.	Location.	Nature of Work and Amount.	Remarks.
31-5-18.	3 hrs.	7 O/R.	K-1-b-7-2	Widening and deepening trench from 2' to 3' 30 yds.	
	2	3	K-1-b-08-48	" 10 yds.	
	2	6	K-1-b-60-00	" 15 yds.	
	1½	20	K-1-b-35-48	" 1' 6" to 4' 60 yds.	
	1	11	K-1-d-58-50	60 yds. single apron wire.	
	1½	20	K-1-a-1-6	Carrying wire & pickets from K-1-b-55-57 to K-1-d-60-60.	
	1	2	K-1-b-80-90	Making new latrines.	
	2	10	K-1-d-68-55	5 two men bivvies completed.	
	2½	25	K-1-d-2-7	40 yds. trench deepened 1'.	
	2	25	K-1-c-9-7	30 " 1' 6" & fire step put in.	
	2½	56	K-7-b-10-15	Digging 100 yds. trench 4' x 3'.	
	2	60	J-6-b-9-1	Carrying pickets, concertina wire, S.A.A. & Bombs.	
	4	40	K-7-b-2-1	100 yds. trench deepened 1' along Coy. front.	

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for C. O. 25th. A. I. Battalion

Captain.

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Report on Gas Bombardment on 23rd. May 1918.

On the night of 22nd/23rd. inst. the Battalion Headquarters were garrisoned in MERRICOURT, "A" Company in BALLARAT LINE J-4-d. "C" Company in J-10-b. "D" Company in BENDIGO TRENCH J-5-c & d. "B" Company in J-12-a.

At 12-15am. 23rd. instant, the enemy opened a heavy H.E. and Gas Shell bombardment on MERRICOURT nad positions occupied by "A" and "C" Companies.

The shelling was most intense until 4am. All kinds of Gas Shells were used.

It is estimated that 4,000 shells fell in area mentioned.

Headquarters det ails occupied 11 cellars in MERRICOURT, 10 of these were blown in as a result of bombardment.

The casualties were :- Wounded Lieut. T.J.B.Kent and 16 O/Rs.

Gassed Major J.J.Power D.S.O. and 86 O/Rs.

Captain.

Adjutant 25th. A. I. Battalion.