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WAR DIARY

OF

25th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

FOR

JUNE 1918. 191

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Om Davis
Lieut- Col
C.O. 25th A.I. Battalion. *Brig*

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June

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	June 1st 1918.		Strength 45 Off. 1066 O/Rs. including detached but effective 18 Off. 268 O/Rs.	
	1st.		Battalion in bivouacs in J.13. (Map Ref Sheet 62D). as advanced Battalion of 7th A.I. B'de which was Divisional Reserve Brigade. The Battalion was engaged in Cable burying and Trench digging as per attached Reports.	
	2nd			
	3rd			
	4th			
	5th			
	5th/6th		Battalion relieved the 18th A.I. Battalion as Right Support Battalion of Right Brigade Sub-section sector of Divisional Front occupying Trenches East of MERICOURT. Operation Order for relief Appendix "A".	
	7th/8th		Battalion went into Front Line as Centre Battalion of the Brigade Front; the 27th & 28th A.I. Battalions moving to right and left flanks respectively.	
	8th		Work in Front Line as per Works report attached.	
	9th			
	10th			
	10th		Attack on enemy position at 9.45 p.m. Operation Order Appendix ^{attached;} "B", Report on Operation Appendix "C". <i>attached.</i>	
	11th		Work on captured position consolidating etc. as per works report.	
	12th			
	13th			
	14th			
	14th/15th		Battalion were relieved in Front Line by 32nd A.I. Battalion and moved to bivouacs at J.13.d.O.7. (Sheet 62D). Operation Order for Relief Appendix "D"	
	15th		Battalion moved to BOIS de MAI near ALLONVILLE and relieved A.I. Battalion of Reserve Division.	
	16th		Battalion Church Parade	
	17th		Battalion at BOIS de MAI Training. Syllabus of training attached Appendix "E" During this period Battalion was inspected by G.O.C. Brigade (Copy of G.O.C.'s report attached).	
	18th			
	19th			
	20th			
	21st			
	22nd			
	23rd		Battalion relieved 40th A.I. Battalion in Reserve in Trenches and Railway Embankment in N.28.b & O. and N.29.c. (Sheet 62D). Operation Order for Relief Appendix "F"	
	24th			
	25th			
	26th			

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	June 27th/28th		Battalion relieved 44th A.I. Battalion as Left Front Line Battalion on Right Brigade Sub-Sector. Operation Order for relief Appendix "G".	
	.28th		{ Holding Front line. Work consisted of digging Communication Trenches; new posts and maintaining old Trenches. Strength 14 Off. 899 O/Rs. including detached but effective 6 Off. 96 O/Rs.	
	.29th			
	.30th			
	.30th			
			Note:- The following Officers N.C.O's. and men were awarded decorations for Operation on .10th June 1918.	
			Captain J.L. Fletcher (M.C.) Awarded Bar to M.C. .Lieut R.C. Eather (M.M.) " M.C. " G.L. Cromie " D.S.O. No. 1733 Sgt C. Raison " M.M. .686 " G.H. Monk " " 2008 Cpl W.H. Taylor " " 4183 " J.T. McAllan " " 2206 " J.A. Stoddart " " 2662a " T.G. Gaydon " " 3245 Pte. G.C. White " " 1983 " S.J. Pegley " " 2777a " W.P. Davies " " 1706 " J.R. Sinclair " "	

WAR DIARY APPENDIX.

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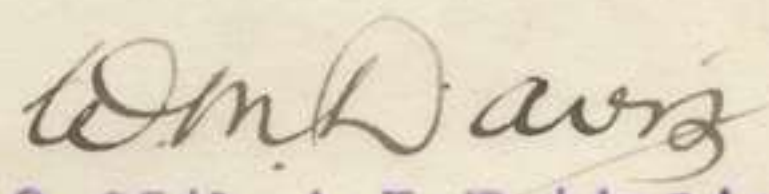
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 Lieut-Col
 C.O.25th A.I. Battalion.

OPERATION ORDER No. 50. *Appendix "A"*

Reference Map Sheet 62D. N.E. 1/20000

5th June 1918.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 5th A.I. Brigade on the Right Bde. Sub-Sector of the Divisional Front on the night of 5th June 1918.
2. The 25th A.I. Battalion will relieve the 18th A.I. Battn. less one Coy.
3. "A", "C" & "D" Coys 25th Battn. will relieve "A", "C" & "D" Coys of 18th Battalion. "B" Coy 25th Bn. will move into position about J.23. Central until recently occupied by "B" Coy of 18th Battalion.
4. (a) Aeroplane Photographs, marked maps, defence schemes, works policy and Trench Stores will be taken over on relief. Duplicate copies of receipts handed and taken over will be forwarded to Bn.H.Q's. by 6am. 6th Inst.
(b). Trench Stores, duties and dispositions of Battalion while in Reserve Brigade Area will be handed over to 20th Bn. advanced position.
5. GUIDES. One for Bn.H.Q's. and one per Platoon for "A" & "D" Coys will be at Cross Roads at J.10.c.9.0. at 10pm
one per Platoon for "C" Coy at J.16.a.2.4. at 10.15pm.
There will be no guides for "B" Coy.
6. (a) No movement of troops will take place East of Ground separating J.16.c. and J.16.d. before 10pm.
(b). The Battalion will leave present Area in order :-
H.Q's. - "A" - "B" - "C" - & "D" Coys.
H.Q's. will leave at 9.15pm.
Companies will move by Platoons at 100 yards distance with 10 minutes between Companies. Route :- As given verbally.
7. Transport Officer will detail two limbers to carry Battn, Lewis Guns to Cross Roads at J.22.a.2.8. where Coys will collect same; the T.O. will also arrange to move cookers forward to positions to be notified later.
8. (a). Each man will move forward with 220 rds. of S.A.A. and 2 Bombs.
(b). No. 36 Grenade Charger Cups will also be carried.
(c). All water bottles must be filled before leaving the present Area and kept replenished daily. Rations of tea etc. should be made to cover all emergencies and special precautions taken to conserve the water in the water bottles.
9. Usual reports will be submitted daily.
10. Completion of relief will be wired to Battn.H.Q's. in B.A.B. Code.
11. Bn.H.Q's. will move with Battalion and be established at J.16.b.6.9.
12. Acknowledge.

Issued by Rinnerat 4pm.

Distribution :-

- No. 1. to "A" Coy.
- " 2. to "B" Coy.
- " 3. to "C" Coy.
- " 4. to "D" Coy.
- " 5. to 7th A.I. Brigade.
- " 6. to 18th Batt
7. to T.O.
- " 8. to Diary.
- " 8. to File.

(Signed) G. Carroll Captain.
Adjutant 25th A.I. Battalion.

OPERATION ORDER No. 51.

Appendix B

Reference Map Sheet 62D N.E. 1/20000.

9th June 1918.

I. INTENTION.

The 7th A.I. Brigade will attack and capture enemy position between SAILLY LAURETTE and MORLANCOURT.

The 4th Division is advancing its flank and the 6th Bde. will carry out two raids in co-operation.

The 27th A.I. Bn. will attack on our right and 28th Bn. on our left. The 26th A.I. Bn. will be in reserve.

2. OBJECTIVE.

The Battalion Objective will be from K.19.d. ~~7.20~~ to K.13.d.7.2.

3. Formation

The Battalion will attack with 3 Coys in first wave of two lines and one Company forming 2nd wave of two lines.

"D" Coy will be on left. "C" Coy on right and "A" Coy in centre. "B" Coy will form 2nd wave.

The first wave will jump off from Front Line and 2nd wave from Support Line.

4. ACTION OF ATTACKING INFANTRY.

All troops will be in position by 3am on 10th instant. At Zero hour troops will leave the trench and form up as close as possible to barrage.

On Objective being gained, covering parties will move out

100 yards in advance, the remainder of the troops will consolidate captured position. Work of consolidation will consist of mutually supported post of a platoon each. Three posts to be connected if possible. O.C. "A" Coy will construct a strong point at about K.19.d.4.8. party for this work to be told off previous to attack. Field Engineers will assist in this work.

5. ARTILLERY.

The attack will be supported by a creeping barrage from 7th Field Artillery Brigades 8" x 6" Mortars 7th A.L.F.M. Bty and 3 machine gun companies.

6. MACHINE GUNS.

2 vickers machine guns will accompany first wave and will report to O.C. "A" Coy by 3am on 10th instant.

7. C.Trenches:- are Allotted as follows:-

SINGLETON STREET :- In and out Traffic.
KIWI. C.T. :- In Traffic Only.
TINGHA STREET. :- Out Traffic Only.

8. SUCCESS SIGNALS.

The following Signals will be fired by the senior Officer of the Battalion present on Objective.
Green Very Lights for notifying that the Objective has been captured.

Red Very Lights to notify that the Objective is being consolidated and covering parties out.

These Signals will be fired towards the left viz:- to the North. These Lights will be fired in groups of two with 15 seconds interval between lights and 1 minute interval between groups (Three groups of lights will be fired altogether).

9. On CONSOLIDATION and not later than 2.30am "A" and "D" Coys will take over the whole of the captured line dividing the distance equally.

"B" COY will withdraw to and garrison our present front Line and "C" Coy will withdraw to and garrison our present Support Line. Vickers-Machines/Guns- and trench Mortars will remain in their Battle positions.

10. DRESS. Dress for attacking troops will be Battle Order with 220 Rds. of S.A.A. and 2 Rifle grenades and 4 sand Bags per man.

11. Watches. will be synchronised by an Officer from Bn.H.Q's. as follows :- "C" Coy at 6pm. "A" Coy at 6.10pm. "D" Coy at 6.20pm. and "B" Coy at 6.30pm. on 10th instant.
12. Contact Patrol from 3rd Squadron A.F.C. will fly over captured positions at 4.15am. Red ground flares at 20 yards interval will be lit and rifles laid on parapet in groups of 3 rifles with 2 feet between rifles and 10 yards between groups when called for by Klaxon Horn. Counter Attack patrol will be in the air from 4am to 6am and will signify that the enemy is assembling for Counter Attack by flying in the direction of the enemy. Sounding Klaxon Horn and discharging a White Very light. Special steps will be taken to provide for anti-craft defence on ~~re-organization~~ re-organization after consolidation. Utmost care must be taken to prevent any movement in forward area during day of attack, movement will be reduced to an absolute minimum.
13. The word "RETIRE" will not be used but if it becomes necessary to fall back the term "DROP BACK" will be used.
This paragraph is to be made known to Officers only.
14. Battle H.Q's. Battalion Battle H.Q's. will be at J.24.b.90.90. by Zero minus 2 hours to which place all reports will be sent.
15. R.A.P. will be at J23.d.90.95.
16. Transport and Q.M. will remain in their present position.
17. Acknowledge.

Distribution.:-

- No. 1 to "A" Coy.
2 to "BA" Coy
3 to "C" Coy.
4 to "D" Coy.
5 to T.O. & Q.M.
6 to 7th A.I. Brigade.
7 to 27th A.I. Battalion.
8 to 28th A.I. Battalion.
9 to 7th M.G. Coy.
10 to 26th A.I. Battalion.
11 to 7th A.L.T.M. Bty.
12/14 War Diary
15 File.

(Signed) G. Carroll captain.

Adjutant 25th A.I. Battalion.

REPORT ON OPERATION ON NIGHT OF 10th June 1918.

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Appendix "b"

PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS. :-

Consisted of digging a new trench as jumping off line 205 yards long K.19.a.70.65 to K.13c.79.05. 125 yards in rear of our then front line. This work was completed on early morning of 10th instant.

Cutting lanes in our own wire in front of both our front and support lines to enable attacking troops to pass through quickly.

Driving wooden pickets into sides of trench and cutting foot-holds for purpose of leaving trench quickly.

Establishing dumps of S.A.A. - Bombs - water - tools - and engineering material. Digging a New Communication Trench and improving and deepening existing Trenches and Communication Trench.

Reconnaissance and observation of enemy wire and defences by patrols and study of Aeroplane Photographs and Maps.

PRELIMINARY DISPOSITIONS. :-

The Battalion had been holding the Sector with two Companies in front line, one in support and one in reserve. During early morning of 10th instant the three attacking Companies were placed in the front line on front over which they were to attack with their waves told off and the Support Company took over the Close Support line. These troops were all in position by 3am, except the garrison in front of New Cord Line and McKENZIE'S POST which were withdrawn and placed in position for attack at 9.15pm 10th instant.

FORMATIONS. :-

Consisted of three Companies in first wave of two lines each company on a four platoon frontage with two sections of each platoon forming each first and second line. One section from each platoon in second line being told off specially for mopping up. One company forming second wave of two lines on a four platoon frontage. This company also acting as carrying Company.

NARRATIVE OF INFANTRY ADVANCE. :- At Zero the men left the Trench and advanced in a good line with touch on both flanks following the barrage at about 75 yards distance. Considerable enemy Machine Gun fire was encountered immediately, but practically no enemy shelling. The advance regulated by our barrage was too slow. Mopping up parties carried out their work well and very few cases of our men being shot from behind were recorded. The success signal was fired at 10.5pm. and the signal for commencement of consolidation a few minutes later.

BARRAGE. :- Was good in Volume but a ~~small~~ number of guns (how many we cannot say) firing especially between K.19.b.8.8. and K.19.b.8.3. were firing short consistently and caused a good number ~~of~~ casualties to attacking troops. The 6" Mortars only fired for one minute and then went on to selected targets. The 3" mortars (Stokes) appeared to fire a good barrage and correct ranges. The effect of M.G. fire could not be observed but there appeared to be a considerable Volume. The rate of travelling of barrage was generally considered to be too slow as troops had to wait for it several times suffering casualties from enemy machine guns.

ENEMY RESISTANCE. :- In several posts (about five) the enemy put up a good fight especially Machine Gun Crews who fought to the last man.

In other cases what were apparently the Infantry ~~surrendered~~ ^{SURRENDERED} ¹⁰⁰⁰ at once without any show of fight and a number were seen to leave their trench and run before our men got near them.

CONSOLIDATION AND DISCIPLINE. DISPOSITIONS. :- Consolidation was commenced as soon as objective was won. Enemy defences were utilised where possible and suitable and when not new posts were dug. The two flank Companies each dug three platoon posts and the centre Coy two platoon posts and one strong point the latter at K.19.d.5.7. Dispositions were then three Companies in newly captured line and one Company carrying.

FINAL DISPOSITIONS. :- Final Dispositions were three Companies in new front line and one Company in our old front line or present Support line with 18 Lewis Guns, 2 Vickers Guns and 6 Captured German guns mounted in front line and 6 Lewis Guns in Support Line. It was intended to hold newly captured line with two Companies withdrawing one Company to Support in our old front.

(3).
Front line and one in reserve in our old Support line, but on account of our casualties and the length of front it was considered wiser to dispose of troops as already stated. One platoon from 26th Battalion which occupied our old front line just after Zero remained there and came under command of O.C. Support Coy.

PRISONERS AND ENEMY DEAD. :- Estimated prisoners taken 60 and estimated number of enemy dead 50.

CAPTURED MATERIAL. :- 9 Machine Guns, 1 Minnenwerfer, 1 Telescopic Periscope, 4 telephones, Considerable quantity (approx. 30000 rds) Of german S.A.A. which is being used in defence of positions.

CASUALTIES:-

Killed.	2 Off.	41 0/Rs.
Wounded.	10 Off.	146 0/Rs.
Missing.		8 0/Rs.

(Signed) W.M.Davis Major.
A/C.O. 25th A.I. Battalion.

12th June 1918.

COPY.

7th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Headquarters.,
June 21st. 1918.
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C.O.,
25th. Battalion.

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ON
7 Austn. Inf Bde.
25th BATTALION

I desire to express to you, and through you, to all ranks of your Battalion, my pleasure and satisfaction at the excellent turn-out of the Battalion this morning. Considering the time the men have been in the line, and the splendid work they did there - also the few days they have been out, the whole turn-out reflects great credit on all concerned.

I need hardly repeat how proud I am of the great achievement of the 25th. Battalion on the 10/11th. attack. It will go down as an example of the successful combination of careful planning excellent manoeuvring for position, great discipline, and splendid dash and bravery. It is gratifying to know that the report of the operation has been sent to the French Army by Australian Corps.

(Signed) Evan. A. Wisdom
Brig. General,

Commanding 7th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

OPERATION ORDER No. 52.

14th June 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62D) I/40000.

Appendix "D"

- I. 4th A.I. Brigade will be relieved by 8th A.I. Brigade on night 14/15th June.
2. 25th Battalion will be relieved by 32nd Battalion and 30th Battalion as follows:
 - (a) "A" Coy and that portion of "D" Coy on South of BRAY-CORBIE Road will be relieved by "C" Coy 32nd Bn.
 - (b) "B" Coy less one Platoon on North of BRAY)CORBIE Road will be relieved by "D" Coy 32nd Battalion.
 - (c) "C" Coy less one Platoon on North of BRAY-CORBIE Road will be relieved by 2 platoons of "B" Coy 32nd Bn.
 - (d) "D" Coy 2 Platoons North of BRAY-CORBIE Road will be relieved by 30th Battalion.
 - (e) One Platoon of "B" Coy North of BRAY-CORBIE Road will be relieved by 30th Battalion.
 - (f) One Platoon of "C" Coy North of BRAY-CORBIE Road will be relieved by 30th Battalion.
3. (a) Aeroplanes/ Photographs, marked maps, defence schemes, and all information regarding the Front, works policy and all trench stores will be handed over on relief.
(b) Defence Schemes and Area stores will be taken over from ~~same~~ Units whom Coys relieve.
(c) Copy of Receipts (in duplicate), given and taken will be forwarded to Bn. H.Q's. within 12 hours of relief.
4. Patrols and covering parties will cover relief of Line Companies.
5. Completion of relief will be wired in B.A.B. code to Bn.H.Q's.
6. On Relief Coys will move to their former positions in J.13.a & c.
7. "A" & "D" Coys will arrange to place their Lewis Guns on limbers at cross Roads in J.17.c.
"B" & "C" Coys will arrange to place their Lewis Guns on limber at Ration Dump in J.23d.90.90.
8. Each man will march out with 120 rounds of S.A.A. All surplus S.A.A. in bandoliers and the 2 bombs per man will be handed over to incoming Units.
Each man will have all shortages made good by means of salvage before marching out.
9. Separate instructions have been issued to Q.M. and T.O.
Hot meals will be available at bivouac Area in J.13.d. on arrival.
10. Guide arrangements will be according to separate memo already issued.
11. Route as most convenient will be used and distances will be maintained as the situation demands.
12. No. 62D & 62D N.E. Maps etc. will be handed over unless essential to the Defence Scheme of the position.
Wire Cutters, cooker dixies, No. 36 & 23 Rifle grenades
Cups will be brought out on relief.
13. Bn. H.Q's. on completion of relief will move to J.13.D.O.7.
14. Acknowledged by Phone.

(
Sgd) G. Carroll Captain.
Adjutant 25th A.I. Battalion.

Date.	Time.	"A" Company.	"B" Company.	"C" Company.	"D" Company.
Monday 17-6-18.	9-30-10-30am.	Inspection. Cleaning up and refitting.			
	2-30-3-30pm.	Inspection of S.B.R. & Arms and reorganisation. List of all shortages to reach B.H.Q. by 6pm.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Ditto.
Tuesday 18-6-18.	9-30-10-30am.	Inspection. P.T. & B.F. Gas Drill.	Ditto.	Ditto.	ditto.
	2-30-3-30pm.	P.T. & B.F.			
Wednesday 19-6-18.	9-30-10-30am.	P.T. & B.F.	Ditto.	Ditto.	Ditto.
	2-30-3-30pm.	Organised Games.			
Thursday 20-6-18.	9-30 - 10am.	P.T. & B.F.	P.T. & B.F.		
	10 - 1030am.	Inspection of & Box Respirator Drill.	Setting up Drill.		
	10-30-11-30am.	Elementary Musketry.	Instruction on Hand & Rifle Grenades & Dummy Throwing.	AS "A" COY.	AS "B" COY.
	2-30 - 3 pm.	{	Inspection of & Box Respirator Drill.		
	3 - 3-30pm.	{ Route March.	Lecture by Coy. Officers.		
Friday 21-6-18.	9-30 - 10am.	P.T. & B.F.	{		
	10 - 10-30am.	Instruction on Hand & Rifle Grenades & Dummy Throwing	{ Route March.		
	10-30-11-30am.	Elementary Musketry.	{	AS "A" COY.	AS "B" COY.
	2-30 - 3 pm.	Inspection of & Box Respirator Drill.	P.T. & B.F.		
	3 - 3-30pm.	Setting up Drill.	Gas Drill.		
	3-30 - 4-30pm.	Lecture.	Musketry. Rapid Loading.		

Training Syllabus (Continued).

Date.	Time.	"A" Company.	"B" Company.	"C" Company.	"D" Company.
Saturday 22-6-18.	9-30-10-30am. 10-30-11-30am. 2-30-3-30pm.	P.T. & B.F. Musketry Rapid Loading. Organised Games.	Ditto.	ditto.	Ditto.

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Commencing Thursday all Lewis Gunners will report to Bn. L.G.O. at 9-30am. and 2-30pm. daily.
 " " "A" & "B" Coy. Bombers & Rifle Grenadiers will report to Bn. Bomb Officer at 9-30am. Daily
 " " "C" & "D" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " 2-30pm. "
 " " all Signallers will report to Bn. Sig. Officer at 9-30 am. and 2-30pm. daily.
 " " Headquarters & Coy. Scouts will report to Bn. I.O. at 9-30am. and 2-30pm. daily.

Maas

Captain.

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

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25th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

Syllabus of Training for period ending 29th. June 1918.

Date.	Time	"A" Company.	"B" Company.	"C" Company.	"D" Company.
Monday 24-6-18.	9-30-10-30am.	Platoon Tactical Schemes Semi-open warfare. X	P.T. & B.F.	As "A" Coy.	As "B" Coy.
	10-30-11-30am.		Bombing- Throwing & Firing with dummies.		
	2-30-3-30pm.		Bombing - Throwing & Firing with dummies.		
	3-30-4-30pm.		Gas Drill. Musketry Rapid Loading.		
Tuesday 25-6-18.	9-30-10am.	Company in Semi-open warfare attack , in depth. X	P.T. & B.F.	P.T. & B.F. Gas Drill Platoon Drill Bombing. Coy. in attack semi- open warfare, in depth. X	As "B" Coy.
	10-10-30 am.		Gas Drill		
	10-30-11am.		Musketry Rapid Firing.		
	11-11-30 am.				
	2-30- 3pm.	P.T. & B.F.			
	3- 3-30pm.	Gas Drill			
	3-30- 4 pm.	Musketry Rapid Firing			
	4- 4-30pm.		Setting up Drill. Platoon Drill. Bombing. Lecture by Platoon Officers.		

APPENDIX, E

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SECRET.



25th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 53.

Appendix "F"

Reference Map Sheet 62D. 1/40,000.

25th. June 1918.

1. The 25th. A.I. Battalion will relieve the 40th. A.I. Bn. in Reserve in Trenches and Railway embankment in N-28-b & d and N-29-c on the 26th. instant.
Relief to be completed by 12 noon.
2. Trench Stores, ammunition and Defence Schemes will be taken over and receipts given. Copies of receipts in duplicate to be forwarded to Bn. H.Qtrs by 6pm.
3. The Battalion will parade on Road in front of Bn. H.Qtrs. at 7-45am. ready to move. Battalion will move in order of:- Headquarters, "A" "B" "C" "D" Nucleus and Transport.
4. The following distances will be maintained north of the Somme, 100 yards between Companies and Transport.
South of the Somme 300 yards between companies and 100 yards between Platoons.
5. Route:- ALLONVILLE - CROSS ROADS N-19-c-4-0 - CROSS ROADS N-2-c-1-8 - LAMOTTE BRIDGE N-14-d-9-3.
6. Nucleus personnel including the band will march as a company, under Capt. H.C. Foxton to Nucleus camp at N-7-a-6-8-.
7. Companies will relieve opposite alphabetical companies of the 40th. Battalion.
8. An advance party of 1 N.C.O. per company with bicycles will be at Bn. H.Qtrs. at 6-30am. to go forward and make necessary relief arrangements.
9. Company Commanders will be mounted.
10. Dress:- Fighting order with greatcoat as carried on inspection parade excepting Nucleus personnel who will be in marching order carrying greatcoat and blanket and wearing steel helmets.
11. Q.M. & Transport lines will be at M-18-b-8-3.
12. Water supply for cooking at M-20-d-1-9 and for horses at Transport lines.
13. Battalion Headquarters will be at N-28-b-30-55.
14. Companies will report by runner when they are in position.
15. Acknowledge.

Issued by runner at 10-20pm.

[Signature]

Lieut.,

for Adjutant 25th. A. I. Battalion.

Distribution:-

- No.1 O.C. "A" Coy.
- 2 "B" "
- 3 "C" "
- 4 "D" "
- 5 Headquarters, 7th. A.I. B'gde.
- 6 Q.M. & T.O.
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25th Australian Infantry Battalion.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 54. *Appendix "G"*

Reference Map Sheet 62D. I/40000.

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- I. 8th A.I. Brigade will Relieve 11th A.I. Brigade on right Brigade Sub-Sector of 3rd Aust. Div Front on night of 27/28th June 1918. 25th A.I. Battalion will relieve 44th A.I. Bn., the left front line Bn "B" Battalion.
 2. Aeroplane photographs, trench maps, defence schemes and all information regarding the new front, trench stores, including S.O.S. Signal Rockets and Area Stores will be taken over. Copies of receipts in duplicate will be forwarded to Bn. H.Q.'s. by 6 am 28th instant.
 3. On completion of relief the disposition of Battalion ("B" Bn.) will be as follows:-
 - "B" Coy will be right front line Coy and will relieve "C" Coy of 44th Battalion.
 - "D" Coy will be left front line Coy and will relieve "B" Coy of 44th Battalion.
 - "C" Coy will be right support Coy and will relieve "A" Coy of 44th Battalion.
 - "A" Coy will be left support Coy and will relieve "D" Coy of 44th Battalion.
 4. "B" and "D" Coys will send forward to their respective of 44th Bn. I Officer per Coy and I N.C.O. and I Lewis gunner per platoon on night 26/27th June. "C" and "A" Coys will send forward to their respective Coys of 44th Battalion I Officer and I N.C.O. per Coy on afternoon 27th June.
 5. Arrangements re routes and guides will be notified later.
 6. Movements of troops from present position will be by platoons at 200 yards distance as far East as North And South grid through O-25 Central. East of this grid, movement will be by sections at 100 yards distance.
 7. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. H.Q.'s. in B.A.B. Code immediately on completion.
 8. Location of R.A.P. will be notified later.
 9. Transport Lines and Q.M. Stores will remain in present positions.
 10. Battalion Headquarters will be at O28.c.8.5.
 - II. Acknowledge. -

(Signed) E.W. Cleary. Lieut.

For Adjutant 25th A.I. Battalion.

Distribution.

No. 1.	O.C. "A" Coy.
" 2.	" "B" "
" 3.	" "C" "
" 4.	" "D" "
" 5.	7th A.I. Brigade.
" 6.	26th Battalion.
" 7.	44th Battalion.
" 8.	Q.M. and T.O.
" 9/II	War Diary

25th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

WORKS REPORT.

Date.	Hours Worked.	No. of men employed.	Location.	Nature of Work and Amount.	Remarks.
2-6-18	5 hours.	100 O/Rs.	J-1-b-3-1 to J-7-b-3-3	Cable Burying. 100 yds. trench dug 4' deep. 12 yds. trench dug 4' deep. Cable buried.	96
	6 hours.	100 O/Rs.	J-7-b-3-7 to J-7-d-3-5	Cable burying, 100 yds. 2' x 5'. Cable buried.	
	2	100	J-5-c-2-8 to J-5-a-2-0	Cable burying, 100 yds. 1' x 6' Cable buried.	
3-6-18.	4	100	J-7-d-4-8 to J-7-b-4-1	Burying Cable. 150 yds. of Cable buried in Trench 5' deep.	
	4	100	J-7-d-4-5 to J-7-d-4-8	Cable burying. 150 yds. 5' x 2'. cable buried.	
	4	100		Cble burying, 150 yds. 5' x 2'. cable buried.	
5-6-18	4	100	J-7-d-35-50	Dug & Filled Trench for Buried cable 150 yds. 5' x 2'.	
	4	100	J-7-d-55-35	Ditto. 135 yds. 5' x 2'.	
	4 1/2	100	J-11-a-66-88	Ditto. 130 yds. 6' x 2'.	
	4	50	J-7-a-6-1	50 yds. of cable buried in trench 6' x 2'.	
7-6-18.	2	20	K-13-c-11 & 12	Deepening Support Trench 50 yds. 1'.	Owing to relief hours were curtailed.
	1	24	J-24-b-93 & 83	C.T. Dug 40 yds. 2'6" x 1' 6"	
8-6-18.	2	16	K-19-a-2-6	Digging bivouac in parados.	
	2	10	K-19-a-45-20	30 yds. trench deepened from 3' to 4'6" and isolated pieces deepened.	
	2	10	K-19-c-30-80	Constructing 12' of firestep and making bivouacs in parados.	
	2 3 3 3 3	5	K-19-c-20-50	Constructing bivouacs in parados.	
		10	J-24-b-9-9	Constructing R.A.P. & Bn. H.Qtrs.	
		85		Carrying party for T.M. Bty. 200 rounds 3" stokes carried.	
		24	K-19-a-2-5	Widening & Deepening Support trench 50 yds. 2' x 1'.	
		20	K-19-a-95-90	Improving firestep & making new step in posts.	
		25	K-19-a-42 & 65	Improving firesteps and making new ones.	several dead posche were buried along this sector.

APPENDIX

WORKS REPORT (CONTINUED)

Date.	Hours Worked.	No. of men employed.	Location.	Nature of Work and Amount.	Remarks.
9-6-18.	3 hours.	20 0/Rs.	K-13-c-20-05 to K-19-a-4-8	Deepening & Widening trench in places approx. 40 yds. 2' x 18".	
	3	30	Front Line	Improving posts & latrines also firesteps.	
	2	70	K-13-c-61 to K-19-a-78	Digging jumping off trench 130 yds. 2' x 2' and camouflaging work with grass.	
	2	4	K-19-c-25-50	Deepening trench at posts by 6".	
	2	2	K-19-c-2-5	Digging new latrine.	
	1½	2	K-19-c-50-43	Making 6' fire step.	
	1	2	K-19-c-50-43	Making new bivvy.	
	2	6	K-19-c-5-9	Digging 12' sap 4'6" x 2'.	
	2	6	K-19-c-3-8	3 firesteps 6' long.	
	2	4	K-19-a-25-20	15 yds. trench deepened from 3'6" to 4'6".	
	1	3	K-19-a-15-20	7 yds. trench deepened from 3' to 4'.	
	3	140	K-19-a-6-6 to K-19-a-6-10	Digging and Deepening trench 90 yds. trench completed. 4'x 3'x 2'. 120 yds. trench deepened. Average excavation 2'6".	
10-6-18.	1½	10	K-19-c-2-5 to K-19-a-5-4	Cutting gaps in wire every 30 yds.	
	2	6	K-19-c-25-70	Deepening 15 yds. Sap from 4' to 4'6".	
14-6-18.	2	20	K-19-b-80-25	Deepening 100 yds. trench from 3' to 3'6".	
	2	20	K-13-c-75-05	Deepening posts to 4'6" and trench to 2'6".	
	1½	12	K-19-d-60-60	Connecting posts 12 yds. 3'x 2'.	
	2	5	K-19-a-63-70	15 yds trench deepened from 2' to 3'.	
	1	2	K-19-a-7095	5 yds. trench deepened from 2'6" to 3'.	

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