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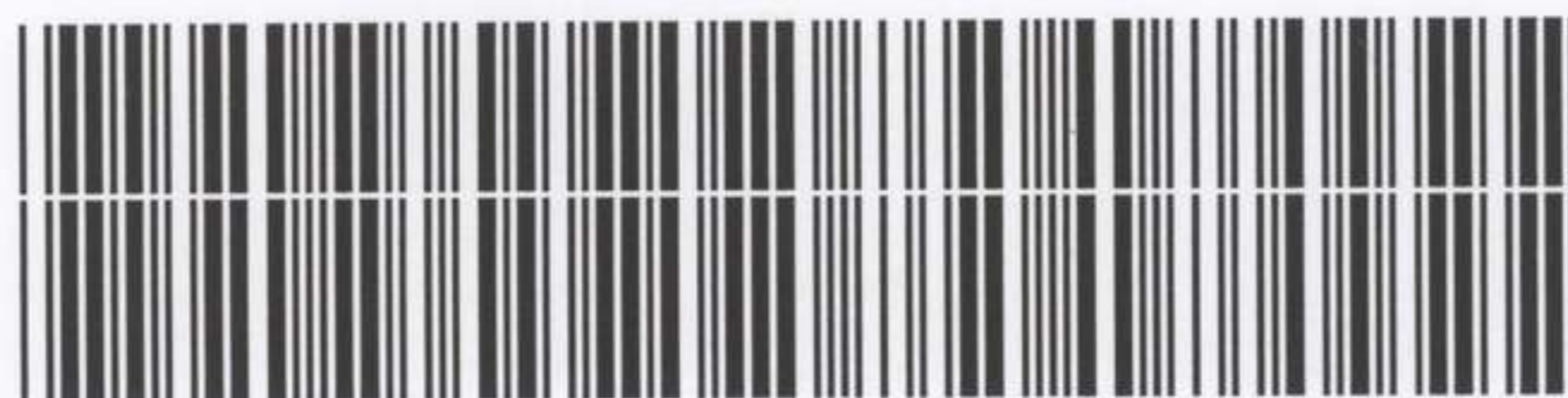
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.*

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1918 Messines Sector	5 Apr 1	11.25 pm	Situation for 24 hrs to 5 am See Intelligence Summary Relieved by 10 <sup>th</sup> Worcesters and Bn. moved back to ROSSIGNOL wood (Kemmel area) arriving in billets at 2 am on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr Strength of Bn. 39 off. 964 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinforcements 1 OR	App 1. App 2.
KEMMEL AREA	" 2	6.30 am	Moved from ROSSIGNOL wood to FLETRE Area embussing at 7 am. Debussed at 10 am + marched to billets near FLETRE 8.30 pm D Coy moved to GODEWAERSVELDE Station to act as loading party for the Brigade Strength of Bn. 39 off. 961 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinf. 3 OR	App 3
FLETRE Area	" 3	3.30 am 5 am	Reveille Bn. moved off to entrain at GODEWAERSVELDE + entrained at 8.5 am for ST ROCH (AMIENS) arriving and detraining at 10 pm. Bn then marched to CARDONETTE arriving in billets at 3.15 am. Transport moved by same train. Strength of Bn 39 off 958 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinf. Nil.	
CARDONETTE	" 4	10 am 1.40 pm 2.30 pm 4 pm 6 pm 9 pm	Orders received from Bde to Stand by ready to move at 1 hour notice. Orders received from Bde for Bn to move at once by bus in fighting order. Bn embussed for BUSSY + moved off at 3.15 pm. Nucleus left behind and proceeded to ALLONVILLE under Major F.A.S. Boyden. Transport moved to BUSSY by road. Arrived + billeted at BUSSY all officers instructed to reconnoitre front line area + approaches. Bn. ordered to STAND BY in readiness to move to BLANGY TRONVILLE	App 4 App 5

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BUSSY (SOMME)	Apr 4	10pm	Bn. moved from BUSSY by route march to BLANGY TRONVILLE	
	5	1.15am	Arrived at BLANGY TRONVILLE. WEATHER very bad, heavy rain + practically no accommodation available. Bn. in reserve to front line troops.	
		5.30pm	Bn. moved from BLANGY TRONVILLE to relieve elements of Essex + Surrey Regiments in front line.	App 6
BOIS de HANGARD Sector	6	5.20am	Relief Complete. Sector very quiet during the day + uneventful. Strength of Bn. 39 off 951 OR. Casualties 1 off 8 OR. Return Casualties Nil	App 7.
		10.30pm	Bn order N. 76 issued with instructions for attack at 5.20 am on 7 <sup>th</sup> inst. B Coy (Capt C. Wallace MC) detailed to carry out the main attack in cooperation with 1 Coy of 20 <sup>th</sup> Bn. (Intelligence report)	" 7a
do.	7	5.20am	Attack on enemy in Bois de HANGARD commenced, but after advancing through the wood, troops were withdrawn to original positions owing to unsuitability of captured ground for consolidating + holding - the ground being covered with a very heavy undergrowth offering no field of fire. 56 Prisoners were captured including 3 officers Lt P. V. Storker, who took command of the attacking troops. (Capt Wallace, wounded) was responsible for the capture of these prisoners + recommended for V.C.	App 8.
			Situation on the Bn. front remained quiet during remainder of day. Strength of Bn 38 off 924 OR. Casualties 4 off 64 OR	
do.	7 <sup>th</sup>	10pm	Bn. front line pushed forward under cover of darkness + disposition of front altered throughout. No enemy opposition.	App 9.
	8		Situation on front very quiet. Strength 34 off 832 OR. Casualties 2 off 13 OR	App 10

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BOIS de HANGARD	1918		General Situation to 5 am (see Intelligence Summary)	Apr 10
		6.30 am	Enemy opened heavy bombardment on immediate right of our sector. Slight enemy shelling on our front but no further action.	
			Strength of Bn 31 of 800 of R. Casualties 13 of R. Relief <del>at</del> 15 of R.	
BOVES	10	11 pm	Bn. relieved by 34 <sup>th</sup> Bn AIF + moved back to billets at BOVES. Bn. resting in billets. Re-organisation. Slight enemy shelling with H.V. shells.	Apr 11
		5.30 pm	G.O.C 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde visited Bn. H.Q.	
do.	11		Strength of Bn 31 of 798 of R. Casualties 4 of R. Enemy H.V. shelling increased during the day. Hasty preparations being made for attack at HANGARD.	
		2.30 pm	G.O.C 18 <sup>th</sup> British Division + G.O.C 3 <sup>rd</sup> Corps visited Bn. H.Q.	
do.	12		Strength of Bn 31 of 784 of R. Casualties 1 of R. Relief 1 of R. Enemy shelled our billets very heavily during the day. + consequently Bn. moved out to bivouacs on hill behind BOVES in S 12 (Sheet 62d) at 7 pm. Bn. digging in.	
do.	13	9 am	Strength of Bn 31 of 777 of R. Casualties 16 of R. Relief Nil. Bn. moved to bivouacs in T 5 (Sheet 62d) opposite BOIS de GENTILLES. Heavy rain fell during the afternoon + night. Bn. resting.	
		6.30 pm	A Coy moved forward to relieve front line posts occupied by 8 <sup>th</sup> Royal Berks Regt. Relief completed at 9.30 pm. Strength of Bn 31 of 759 of R. Casualties 1 of R. Reinforcement Nil.	Apr 12

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Bois de GENTILLES area	1918 Apr 14	2.45 pm	Bn. in bivouacs resting. (TS sheet 62d) G.O.C. visited Bn. HQ. Strength of Bn 31 off 755 OR Casualties 1 OR Reinforcement Nil	
do	15	7 pm	Bn. resting. Bn. moved forward to relieve 17 <sup>th</sup> Bn in left sector of front line (BOIS de HANGARD SECTOR)	App 13
Bois de HANGARD sector	16	10.50 pm	Relief completed. - Strength 31 off. 759 OR Casualties 1 OR. General situation for 24 hrs. ending 4 am (see intelligence summary)	App 14
do	17	8 pm	Coy of 18 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieved A Coy 19 <sup>th</sup> Bn from defensive posts in Bn sector + A Coy moved to position in Bn reserve	App 15
do	17	10 pm	Bn HQ moved to CHALK PIT at CACHY (U3C10) Strength of Bn 31 off 750 OR Casualties Nil - Reinforcement 4 OR Bn. holding front line. General situation for 24 hrs ending 4 am see intelligence summary.	App 16
do	"	9 pm	Patrol sent out under Lt Hinds	App 17
do	"	midnight	Patrol sent out under Lt Andrew	App 18 } App 18 }
do	18		General situation for 24 hrs to 4 am (see intelligence report) Bn in front line.	App 19
do	19	12.30 am	Strength 30 off 735 OR Casualties 5 OR. Reinforcement Nil Bn relieved by 2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Lond. Regt. + moved to bivouacs in N 34d	App 20

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BOIS de GENTILLES AREA	19	12.30pm	Bn. moved off by route march to PONT NOYELLES arriving in billets at 7pm. Strength of Bn 30 off 729 OR Casualties 3 OR. Reinforcement 1 off 22 OR	Apr 21
PONT NOYELLES	20	12.45pm	Bn. moved off by route march to MONTIGNY, arriving in billets at 2.50pm. Officers reconnoitred reserve area as far forward as FRANVILLERS	Apr 22
MONTIGNY	21	10.30am	7pm Church Parade. Bn. marched to BAYLIN COURT. Gen. Birdwood present. Strength of Bn on 21 <sup>st</sup> - 31 off 751 OR 1pm all Coy proceeded to BEHENCOURT for Baths. Bn. resting. Lewis gun training carried out	
"	22		Strength of Bn 31 off 749 OR	
"	23	7.00am	Corps Commander (Gen. Birdwood) inspected the Bn. 2.45pm Bn. moved to WARLOY via Beakourt + Conby, arriving in billets at 4.50pm.	Apr 23
WARLOY	24		Strength of Bn. 31 off 742 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinforcement 5 off 16 OR Bn. resting all day.	
"	25		Strength of Bn 36 off 758 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinforcement Nil Bn. resting at WARLOY. Lewis gun + specialist training carried out.	
"	26		Strength of Bn. 34 off 753 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinf. Nil. Bn. resting. During day 62 OR were evacuated suffering from the delayed effects of gas encountered 7 days previously.	
"		7.45pm	Bn. moved forward to front line (ALBERT SECTOR) in relief of Coy of 13 <sup>th</sup> + 15 <sup>th</sup> Welsh Regts.	Apr 24
"		12.20am (27 <sup>th</sup> )	Relief completed. Strength of Bn. 34 off 748 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinforcement Nil	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALBERT SECTOR	1918 27	10pm	Bn. holding front line. General situation to 4am see Intell. Report Patrol sent out under Lt P.D. Jones.	App 25
		12:30am	Patrol sent out under Lt R.G. Hunter. Patrol arranged for 2.30 am cancelled owing to attack by our troops on immediate left of Bn. front.	App 26
			Strength of Bn. 34 off. 747 OR. Casualties 2 OR. Reinf. Nil	App 26
do.	28		General situation for 24 hours ending 4 am - see Intell. Report	App 27
		10:30pm	Patrol sent out under Lt J. Fisher Strength of Bn. 34 off. 745 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinf. 9 OR.	App 28
do.	29	1 am	Patrol sent out under Lt A.B. Keech General situation for 24 hrs ending 4 am. See Intelligence Report	App 28
		10:45pm	Patrol sent out under Lt A.B. Keech Strength of Bn. 34 off. 751 OR. Casualties Nil. Reinforcements 1 OR	App 29
do.	30	1.50 am	Patrol went out under Lt G.A. Allen General situation to 4 am. see Intell. report	App 30
		10:45pm	Patrol went out under Lt Fisher to reconnoitre enemy defences (see Patrol instructions). Night was very dark	App 31
do.			Strength No enemy were seen or encountered. Enemy wire was examined & found to be thin. One prisoner strayed towards our left post and was wounded by rifle fire & captured	App 32
May	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.15 am	Patrol sent out under Lt A.B. Keech to reconnoitre enemy defences (see Patrol instructions). Defences were examined in the vicinity as per instructions and found to be weak. Patrol returned at 3.15 am having encountered no enemy.	App 32

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT 1-4-'18.

CUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery: Much more active during day engaging targets at night. T. M's were silenced in positions, but would open in another almost immediately. Heavy guns were firing continuously during day on rear area of enemy's defence.

Aircraft: Our aircraft were active all day. At 7.5 p.m. three enemy 'planes attempted to cross our lines but were driven off by our Aircraft.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Enemy appears to fire gas or smoke bombs about dusk and dawn. It is believed to be a protective scheme screen for his advanced posts taking up positions and returning at dawn. Shortly afterwards he fires a flare possibly a signal gun is in position.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS. 31-March/1st.Apr.'18.

Artillery: Increased activity as per schedule.

T. M's: Greatly increased activity  
 5.30 a.m. 12 large bombs 82° T.B. C.34.b.2022  
 9.30 " 24 bombs (lge.) CCD Bn. on LEFT Coy.  
 9.35 p.m. 24 large bombs 84° T.B from C.34 b. 2022 about 6.35  
 About C.35 central - 2 Mortars.  
 10.20 p.m. 20 bombs on C.35.Central.  
 12 to 12.25 a.m. 20 Bombs from vicinity DATUM Ho.  
 1 a.m. ... 20 " " "  
 2.5 a.m. ... 10 " " "  
 Mortar firing from C.30. a. 9945 was at intervals, on our LEFT Bn. Positions at KIWI and KINGSCLERE were active during night.

Aircraft. 'Plane flew along line in N.E direction, no. 10 could be detected near tail.

Signals: 12 Midnight the following message was sent by Camp from rear of KIWI. A. 824. 827. 771. 1UU. 506. 932. 698. 845. 845. 777. C19. 786. C10. C69. 698. 692. 774. 778. C19. 299. The MCRSE message was observed but not read at the commencement.

Patrol: Enemy patrol of about 10 men came along road near trees at 11.p.m. and were observed by 1Ca. post. They came down to an apparently organised shell hole & returned.

Movement: Movement in small parties of two's and threes were observed during day round Pill Boxes.  
 8.23 a.m. an Officer was seen to go to position C.30.c.9055 & return in 10 mins. to pill box.  
 8.45 a.m. Two men seen at Camouflaged Pill Box C.30.d.2010.

C. P. There is an C. P. (supposed wooden) in tower at end of this; it is about 20' high & provided with ladder and railed platform. It has not been in use by day.

Signals: One orange flare bursting into green was fired at 10.45. It was apparently, a signal to lift fire as artillery lengthened.  
 At 1 a.m. 5.9 shell fell close to post C.35.a. 9.5 and enemy fired a green flare bursting into two greens. Enemy repeated this well in rear and ceased firing.

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H O S T I L E                      S H E L L I N G.

24 Hours ending 4 a.m. on 1st. April 1918. --

<u>Duration:</u>	<u>Direction.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Locality &amp; area.</u>	<u>Nature.</u>	<u>Result.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
8.25 to 8.40 a.m.	WARNETON.	40 4.2s	C.35.d. Front line.			
8.45 a.m.	do.	10 5.9s	C.35.a.&c. H.Qrs. to forward Coys.			
9.10 a.m.	GAUDE DIEU					
	CAST.	20 77s.	C.35.c.		Gas shells chiefly.	
11.40 "	CCMINES.	10 5.9s.	C.34.d.			
1.40 p.m.	do.	20 5.9s.	C.34.a. 8.2.			
			Vicinity Railway.			
2.45 p.m.	Kiwi. Pm.	4 4.2s.	C. 35.d.			
7. p.m.	From C.P.C. 30					
	b.20.22. 79° T.					
	Vicinity Mallet		Back areas.			
	Farm.					
7.10 p.m.	Warneton	75 5.9s.	C.35.d. Rear front line; used gas mixed with H.F.			
11.55 p.m.	do.	77s				
		20 4.2s	Along front line; Mostly appeared to be duds.			
12 to 12.15 p.m.	do.	20 77s.	C.35.c. & d.			
2.10 a.m.	do.	10 4.2s	C. 35.d.			
		20 77s.)				
	1280 T. from C.P					
	C.35.c. 58.85.	4.2s.	Firing during day <del>causing</del> & mixing many gas shells.			
10.15 to 10.30	102 T. do.	4.2s	" " "			
	Kiwi.	70 77s.	C.35.d. behind front line posts.			
12.25 a.m. to						
12.40 a.m.	CCMINES.	70 4.2s.	Front right Coy. C.35.d			
1. a.m.	"	20 77s.	" " "			

Appendix 1



## 19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER NO.

Appendix 2

Ref. Maps: Sheet 28 S.W. & S.E. (parts of)  
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Sheet 28 - 1/40,000

Battalion Headquarters,  
31st March 1918.

- 1 The 19th Bn. will be relieved by the 10th Worcesters, on night of 1st/2nd April 1918.
- 2 Front Line Companies will ensure that their front is amply protected during the relief.
- 3 Guides for Incoming Battalion. One guide per Post and one per Coy. Headqrs. from front line Companies, and one guide per platoon and one per Coy. Headqrs. from Support and Reserve Companies, also one guide from Bn. Headqrs., will report to Lieut. TREMERRY, M.C., at Reserve Coy. Headqrs., MESSINES, at 5.30 p.m. on 1st April. These guides will proceed under Lieut. TREMERRY to Brigade Headqrs., and await the incoming battalion from at this point from 7 p.m. on.
- 4 After relief the battalion will move to KEMMEL AREA.
- 5 Major F.A.S. BOYDEN will detail advance party of one officer and five C.R. to report to Staff Captain at Brigade Headqrs. at 11 a.m. on 1st April, mounted on bicycles. This party will await the battalion from the line, at Brigade Headqrs., from 10.30 p.m., the officer in charge attaching one guide to each Company, and one to Headqrs.
- 6 19th Bn. personnel from Nucleus Bn. will move to KEMMEL AREA, under Major F.A.S. BOYDEN, on afternoon of 1st April. Major BOYDEN will ascertain from officer in charge of advance party, location of new camp, and arrange all details for the move.
- 7 Transport Officer will detail two limbers to report at MESSINES at 8.30 p.m. on 1st April, to load equipment from the line and convey same to new camp in KEMMEL AREA.  
Lewis Guns will be carried back by Companies.
- 8 Transport Section will clear present camp by 9 a.m. on 2nd April and proceed to GODE AREA. Further details will be notified later.  
Baggage wagons will report to Q.M. on afternoon of 31st inst.  
Q.M. Store will move on 2nd April, at same time as Transport Section.
- 9 Trench Stores, Maps, Defence Schemes, works policies etc. will be handed over on relief, and receipts obtained in duplicate. These will be forwarded to Bn. Headqrs. by 10 a.m. on 2nd April.
- 10 Completion of relief will be notified to Bn. Headqrs. Coy. Commanders will wire their own names.
- 11 ACKNOWLEDGE.

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19th Battalion, A.I.F.

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3	C.C. "A" Coy.	8	T.C.
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5	" " "C" "	10	Major BOYDEN
6	" " "D" "	11	10th Worcesters
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Appendix 3

Ref. Maps - Sheet 28 1/4G, GGG  
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Battalion Headquarters,  
 1st April 1918.

- 1 The 19th Bn. will move by 'bus from ROSSIGNOL AREA to GODEWAERSVELDE AREA on 2nd April 1918.
- 2 (a) The battalion will be formed up at embussing point (N.33.d.1.5.), facing north, at ~~10.40 a.m.~~ <sup>7am</sup> and will embus at ~~2 p.m.~~  
 (b) Debussing point will be at Sheet 27 K.35.d.5.5.
- 3 Lieut. LIPSCOMB will act as Bn. Embussing Officer, and will report to Major W.R.C. ROBERTSON, M.C. (Bde. Embussing Officer) at N.33.d.1.5. at ~~1.30 p.m.~~ <sup>au</sup> on 2nd inst.
- 4 The battalion will fall in at ~~10.45 p.m.~~ <sup>5</sup> and will move to embussing point in the following order :-  
 "D," "C," "B" and "A" Companies; Headqrs. Details.
- 5 Dress: Full marching order. Four sandbags will be carried by each man, strapped on top of pack. Coy. Commanders will ensure that each man has his full complement of S.A.A.
- 6 125 boxes of Bombs will be carried by 'bus. These will be distributed among Companies and will be collected at debussing point.  
 C.C. "D" Coy. will detail one N.C.C. and three men as guard over the bombs, immediately on arrival at debussing point.  
 Transport Officer will arrange for necessary transport to convey the bombs to entraining station on April 2nd, and they will be dumped at this point under the guard, until battalion entrains.
- 7 Transport Section will move on 2nd April to GODEWAERSVELDE AREA, clearing present camp by 9 a.m. Full echelon will be carried. One hundred shovels in addition to echelon of tools, will be carried, attached to rear of forepart of the limber.
- 8 Q.M. Store will move with Transport.
- 9 ACKNOWLEDGE.

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| 5   | " "C" "       |
| 6   | " "D" "       |
| 7   | Q.M.          |
| 8   | T.C.          |
| 9   | 5th A.I. Bde. |
| 10  | File.         |

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Bn HQ

4<sup>th</sup> Apr 1948Secret.19<sup>th</sup> Bn Order No 73Ref-map. Sheet 62 d 1/40,000.

- 1 The 19<sup>th</sup> Bn will move from CARDONETTE to BUSSY this afternoon and will embark at road junction C11 to 35.20 at 2.30pm.
- 2 Coy + HQ details will be ready to move from present billets at 2pm.
- 3 Dress. Fighting order, waterproof sheet rolled on belt in rear. Each man will carry 220 lbs SAA + 2 bombs.
- 4 QM + Transport will move to BUSSY by road + will clear CARDONETTE by 2pm.
- 5 Packs, Blankets, and Officers Valises will be stored at ALLONVILLE.
- 6 The nucleus personnel will not move with the Bn. They will move to ALLONVILLE under Major F.A.S. BOYDEN, and join the remainder of the Bde details.
- 7 ACKNOWLEDGE.

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19<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF order N<sup>o</sup> 74

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Ref map - Sheet 62 d 1/40,000

Bn HQ  
14<sup>th</sup> Apr 1918

1. The 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. will stand by in billets ready to move from Bussy at a moment's notice. Time of move will be notified later.
2. The Bn. will move to BLANGY TRONVILLE + on arrival will be in readiness for a further move, at an hour's notice.
3. Transport + Qm will not move with the Bn. They will await further instructions.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE

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Secret19<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF Order No 75

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Reg. Map.

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Bn HQs

5<sup>th</sup> April 1918

- 1/ The 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. will move from BLANGY TRONVILLE to line on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1918 in relief of elements of Essex & Surrey Regts.
- 2/ The 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. will take over sector of front line extending from U17 a 14 to XRds at 06 c 15.  
20<sup>th</sup> Bn will be on right  
18<sup>th</sup> " " " on left.
- 3/ The Bn. will clear Bn. HQs at 4.30 pm in the following order  
HQs, A, B, D, B Coy.
- 4/ Guides will meet Bn at Parker road in U12 a  
19<sup>th</sup> Bn. will follow 20<sup>th</sup> Bn. on the move.
- 5/ Coy will be disposed as follows.  
A Coy line right  
B " " centre  
D " " left.  
B " support  
each front line Coy will be represented by 3 platoons in front line with one platoon in close support.
- 6/ Each Coy will carry 22 loads SAA + 24 hrs rations in addition to emergency ration + 2 Bombs per man. Also 50 shovels + 20 picks per Coy.  
The shovels & picks will be carried by limber to point where guides meet the Bn.
- 7/ Completion of relief will be notified to Bn HQs



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Coy Commanders writing their own names  
 & ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distributions

- 1 A Coy
- 2 B "
- 3 C "
- 4 D "
- 5 Pls
- 6 I.O.
- 7/8 War Diary
- 9 Nil

Steyn-Smith Records  
 19<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF.



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Coy 11/11/18

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19<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF Order No 76.

Ref. map. - Sheet 62d 1/40,000

Bn HQ  
Coy 11/18

- 1/ A minor operation will be carried out by the 5<sup>th</sup> AIF Bde against enemy position in U23, U17 + U11 on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1918.
- 2/ The Reserve Coy from each of 19<sup>th</sup> + 20<sup>th</sup> Bns will be used for the operation, also platoons from 19<sup>th</sup> + 20<sup>th</sup> Bns as stated in para. 10.
- 3/ The objective will be eastern portion of the Bois de HANGARD + the road running from U23 d 00 north to U6 c 24.
- 4/ The 19<sup>th</sup> Bn boundaries will be (a) Northern boundary U10 d 63 to U11 d 82 (b) Southern boundary U16 d 67 to U17 d 97. The left man of 20<sup>th</sup> Bn will act as directing file.
- 5/ Jumping off line will run from U22 b 6.3 to U10 d 63 and directing tape will mark the inter-battalion boundaries + flank boundaries.
- 6/ Coy will consolidate on N+S line 100 yds east of wood in U17 b + d + will link up with flanks.
- 7/ Coy will attack in two waves.  
 1<sup>st</sup> wave - men extended to 10 paces  
 2<sup>nd</sup> wave - section columns at 150 yds intervals, 25 yds in rear of 1<sup>st</sup> wave.
- 8/ Hoops will be in position on jumping off tapes 1 hour before Zero.
- 9/ Hoops in advance of jumping off tapes will be withdrawn in rear of attacking Coy 30 minutes



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before Zero + not before. They will move forward + re-occupy their positions at Zero plus 30 minutes.

10 Simultaneously with the attack, 20<sup>th</sup> Bn. will push forward + establish a platoon post in vicinity of X roads U23 d 36 and 19<sup>th</sup> Bn will establish platoon posts as under.

C Coy Approx U11 b 9.0

D " " U12 a 19

11 Under cover of darkness on night of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Apr 19<sup>th</sup> Bn will move forward + dig in on the line of road U23 d 00 to U6 c 24

12 Zero hour will be notified later.

13 Barrage will open at Zero on line U23 a 63 to U11 c 63 where it will remain for 10 minutes - rate of advance 50 yds a minute.

Protective barrage will remain on line U24 d 00 - U18 a 80 - U12 b 28 for 30 minutes from Zero plus 30 to Zero plus 60. Standing barrage will be maintained on line U12 b 28 - V2 c 00 from Zero to Zero plus 60 minutes

14 Vickers guns of 5<sup>th</sup> Army Coy, 58<sup>th</sup> + 18<sup>th</sup> M.G. Coys in Southern sector of Bode front will place flank barrage along LUCE VALLEY U30 b - V25 a + b + will also arrange to adjust 505 barrage in accordance with new line.

15 Watches will be synchronized at 1 am 6/7<sup>th</sup> Apr.

16 Dress - Battle order, 220 rds SAA + 3 bombs per man - each man will take a shovel.

17 Prisoners will be sent to Bn HQs.



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- 18/ Ob A Coy will detail 4 guides to report to Capt Wallace of "B" Coy at B Coy HQs at zero minus 3 hrs.
- 19/ ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution

Rayon-Smith Lt Col  
19<sup>th</sup> Bn ATF.

- 1 A.
- 2 B.
- 3 C.
- 4 D.
- 5 Qm
- 6 T.O.
- 7/8 War diary
- 9 file



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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. for 24 hours ending 5 a.m. 7th April 1918.

C U R C O P E R A T I O N S.

Artillery was very active during day. Large enemy working party at U.18.a. west of road in wood were seen at 4 p.m. and engaged by our guns. Much transport was seen along this road U.6. U.12. U.18 moving in a northerly direction. On first opening some of our Artillery was falling short and most of it 200 yards south of target. Two RED flares were fired and enemy Artillery opened on our area. Many gas shells were put over with Artillery during his shelling.

AIRCRAFT.

Very active all day. At 3-30 p.m. enemy plane was brought down in flames opposite our LEFT Company front in NC MAN'S LAND.

E n e m y O p e r a t i o n s.

Enemy Artillery was particularly quiet during morning but became very active from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Back areas, roads, were shelled with 4.2's and 5.9's also considerable number of shrapnel over area.

AIRCRAFT.

Aircraft were very active flying low. They were hard to pick out from our own planes as ~~many~~ all were dark in colour and markings could not be detected.

BALLOONS.

Three enemy balloons were observed on this front and to right from 4 p.m. They evidently were used considerably by Artillery for location of targets directing fire onto objects quickly.

*W. J. Murray*  
Lieut,  
Intelligence Officer.

*App 9a*



19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.

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### Report on Operations Coy. A.I.F.

1. B Coy (Reserve Coy) was in position on hopping off tape at Zero minus 60.  
1 Platoon of B Coy was in position on left of B Coy (in town) at Zero minus 60.  
1 Platoon of B Coy (Report not yet to hand + communication is difficult).
2. A very weak ragged barrage opened at Zero hour. Officer in charge of one of the right platoons of B Coy reports that at this hour the 20<sup>th</sup> Bn. Coy was not in position. At Zero plus 10 minutes the 20<sup>th</sup> Bn Coy appeared + were filing out on the tape line.  
Our Coy Commander therefore decided to move off without them, covering his own frontage.  
The Coy moved through to outer edge of wood without any frontal opposition, but was troubled by m.g. fire from the right flank.

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On reaching the outer edge of wood enemy forward trench line was encountered. At this stage 2 officers + 10 OR only had cleared the wood - these belonging to the right platoon of our Coy. The attention of this party was attracted by a large enemy party (Strength about 80 to 100) who were holding up troops on the right and they immediately turned to this party + charged with fixed bayonets from the rear taking them by surprise + capturing about 60 prisoners <sup>(3 officers)</sup> who were sent back. A large number of casualties was inflicted on the enemy, and a few in gun was captured + brought back. Several enemy further to the right were noticed to be retreating + our party pushed on to reach the objective line + linked up with 20<sup>th</sup> Bn. party who were on left. Here the ground was covered with a thick growth about chest high + as this position offered no field of fire, officers of 19<sup>th</sup> + 20<sup>th</sup> Bn consulted + decided to push further.



forward. <sup>3</sup> After proceeding about  
70 yds, large numbers of enemy  
three to four hundred strong,  
were massed on a very steep  
hill in the immediate front + about  
300 yds distant. Other enemy  
parties were moving on our right  
+ left flanks + opened fire.  
There was still no field of fire  
open to our party, owing to the  
undergrowth + after a consultation  
of 3 officers present, it was  
agreed that the position was  
impossible + party, therefore  
moved back under pressure of  
heavy enemy rifle + rifle fire.  
Reports received from stretcher  
bearing parties + others moving  
back, indicate that the enemy has  
re-occupied the trench from which  
he was driven by the 19<sup>th</sup> Bn Party.  
Definite casualties cannot yet  
~~be~~ be stated. Two officers are  
known to be killed one wounded  
and one missing. Heavy casualties  
are expected amongst our ranks.

7/4/18

*J. J. J.*  
Major  
19<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF

19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.

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Continuation of Report on Operations  
<sup>4<sup>th</sup> April</sup>

Ref. para 1 of report already forwarded

1/ At zero minus 1 hour platoon  
from D Coy was in position on  
left of C Coy platoon in readiness  
to move forward.

At zero hour the platoon moved  
forward + took up a position  
approx. at U 12 a 19. This platoon  
has dug in + is still in position.

From the position there is a  
good field of fire down road  
in U 12 + U 18.

2/ B Coy Platoon (10 strong) is in  
position approx. at U 12 a 32, in  
a series of small holes, beyond  
the road.

7/4/18

*J. J. J.*  
Major  
19<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF

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Secret19<sup>th</sup> Bn. AIF Order No 77

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Ref. map 62 d 1/400000

Bn HQ

7<sup>th</sup> Apr 1918.

- 1/ The front line held by this Bn. will be pushed forward tonight 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Apr, in accordance with the following instructions & under cover of darkness.
- 2/ "A" Coy to General line running from U17 a 14 to U11 c 43.  
A patrol will be sent out by this Coy as soon as possible through the neck of BOIS de HANGARD in U17c to locate the left flank of the 20<sup>th</sup> Bn. If necessary the gap between present right flank of A Coy & present left flank of 20<sup>th</sup> Bn will be defended by posts from the support platoon. Should the left flank of the 20<sup>th</sup> Bn be in the same position as it was before the attack this morning, the support platoon will be brought forward to the present front line.
- 3/ "B" Coy to a line running from U11 c 43 to U11 b 90. Two platoon posts on this line at U11 c 86 and U11 d 38. The post pushed forward this morning will be at U11 b 90. The support platoon will move forward to a position in present front line.
- 4/ "D" Coy will establish communication with 18<sup>th</sup> Bn on left at U6 c 14 & move to a general line running from this point to U11 b 90. The support platoon will occupy position in your



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Old front line.

5. Coys will advise Bn HQs by special messengers immediately the above work is completed, giving new dispositions & strengths.
6. The above work will be commenced immediately after dusk.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution

- 1 A Coy
- 2 B Coy
- 3 C Coy
- 4 D Coy
- 5/6 War diary
- 7 File.

Hayton-Smith for a di  
19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.



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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY for 24 hours ending 5 a.m. 9th April 1918.

The day was much quieter on whole sector. Artillery fire quietened down considerably, great portion of shelling is in open fields and well distributed, back areas did not receive nearly so much attention.

Machine guns fired bursts over front line during day and night but were not as active as previously.

Visibility was bad all day. Heavy mist most of the time.

At 5 a.m. our 18 pds battery fired 6 shots on U.I.C. which fell short.

[Signature] Lieut, Intelligence Officer.

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19<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF Order No. 78

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Ref map.

Sheet 62 d 1/40,000.

Bn HQs

9<sup>th</sup> Apr 1918

- 1/ The 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. will be relieved by the 34<sup>th</sup> Bn. <sup>AIF</sup> Douglas 9/10<sup>th</sup> Apr + after relief will move to BOVES (T7)
- 2/ Guides will await Coy's at road entrance to BOVES at T8 a 82
- 3/ Transport Officer will detail 1 timber to report at CACHY (US 688) at 9 pm to collect shovels + picks which will be taken back to Transport lines. Transport Officer will also send Mess Cart to report at the same place, immediately after dusk to load Mess gear + which will be taken to BOVES.
- 4/ Rations will be delivered at BOVES tonight and until further notice.
- 5/ Completion of relief will be notified to Bn HQs by wire, Coy Commanders wiring their own names. Should the wires be out, relief message will be sent to Bn HQs by 'special runner'.
- 6/ Bombs, extra SAA, shovels, picks, SOS signals + other stores will be handed over to incoming Bn.
- 7/ ACKNOWLEDGE

Distribution

- |     |           |   |       |
|-----|-----------|---|-------|
| 1/2 | War Diary | 6 | D Coy |
| 3   | A Coy     | 7 | Qtr.  |
| 4   | B Coy     | 8 | T.O   |
| 5   | C Coy     | 9 | file  |

Hayton-Smith Lt Col  
19<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF

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Secret19<sup>th</sup> Hon AIF Order No 79Copy No.

Ref. Map. 62d 1/40000.

Hon HQ  
13<sup>th</sup> Apr 1918

- 1/ On night 13/14<sup>th</sup> Apr 1918, A Coy will relieve defended localities in U 9 and U 10 at present occupied by detachments of 8<sup>th</sup> Royal Berks Regt (53<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Bde).
- 2/ Ob A Coy will reconnoitre these positions prior to move of Coy.
- 3/ Coy will be in readiness to move from present location at 6.30pm
- 4/ Dress - Fighting Order - Overcoats may be carried. Emergency rations + 24 hrs rations to be carried.
- 5/ Completion of relief will be notified to Hon HQ by special runner.
- 6/ Acknowledge.

Distribution

- 1/2 War Diaries
- 3 A Coy,
- 4 B "
- 5 C "
- 6 D "
- 7 QM
- 8 T.O.
- 9 file

L. Lupton-Smith  
19<sup>th</sup> Hon AIF.

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19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F. Order No 80

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Bn H Qrs  
15<sup>th</sup> Apr 1918

- 1 On night of 15/16<sup>th</sup> Apr 1918, the 19<sup>th</sup> Bn will relieve the 17<sup>th</sup> Bn. in the left sector of the Bde front line.
- 2 Dispositions - B Coy line right  
C " " " Centre  
D " " " left.  
A Coy will remain as at present until further notice.
- 3 Route - via GENTELLES along CACHY Road.
- 4 One guide per platoon will ~~will~~ meet Coy as under from 8.30pm on.  
Right Coy } X.Rds at U 15 b 66  
Centre " } X.Rds at U 4 d 3.0  
Left " }
- 5 Transport Officer will detail transport as under to report at Bn H Qrs at 6.30pm.  
1 Limber for Lewis Guns  
1 " to pick up tools from Bn. H.Q.  
1 Mess Cart to collect Mess gear for return to transport lines.
- 6 Rations will be carried forward by limber + dumped at usual dump at 10pm tonight, and on following nights at 9pm.
- 7 Transport Officer will send horses for Kitchen etc at 6.30pm.
- 8 Lewis Gun limber will carry guns forward to



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Klads at Uya 8.0. Lt Satchell with No 1 L Gunners  
will accompany the lumber & be responsible for the  
distribution of gunpowder.

9. Shores from Bn. H.Q. will be carried forward.  
and dumped at Ration dump. Coy will  
arrange to collect them from this point.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution

Haydon-Smith Lt Col  
19th Bn ATF

- 1/2 War diary
- 3 A Coy
- 4 B "
- 5 C "
- 6 D "
- 7 QM
- 8 T.O
- 9 file



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Appendix 14

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. for 24 hours ending 4 a.m. 16th April 1918.

Relief completed 10-30 p.m.

Operations on sector practically Nil. Occasional bursts of M.G. along front during night. No Artillery fire on forward posts after relief.

*A. J. J. J.*  
Lieut.,  
Intelligence Officer.

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Ref. map 62d 1/40,000

Bn. Hqs.  
16<sup>th</sup> Apr 1918.

- 1 A Coy will be relieved tonight by a Coy from 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. Relief is to be completed by 9pm
- 2 After relief A Coy will move to + occupy Reserve Coy position in left Bn. sector.
- 3 Completion of move will be immediately notified to Bn. Hqs.
- 4 ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. Lyon - Smith*  
19<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF.

Distribution

- 1/2 War Diary
- 3 A Coy
- 4 B "
- 5 C "
- 6 D "
- 7 Gm
- 8 T.O.
- 9 file

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Appendix 16

PATROL REPORTS.

16/17th April 1918.

PERSONNEL.	ORDERS.	ROUTE TAKEN.	REMARKS.
Lt. BRAND & 9. C.R.	:Locate enemy posts & M.G. positions.	:U.16.b.9945. due east to Bois de Hangard, and spreading out and waiting for sign of movement. Then north to U.11.c.65.	Patrol left at 9 p.m. and returned at 11-30 p.m. No sign of enemy, night particularly quiet. Small unoccupied trench discovered near edge of wood.
Lt. ANDREW & 9.C.R.	do.	:U.11.c.55 and walked parallel to line about 150 to 200 yards out. Returned at U.11.b.82.	No enemy seen, owing to darkness it was hard to keep direction and at times came to 50 yds of line. Left at 12 midnight and returned at 2-45 a.m.
Lt. KIRKE & 9. C.R.	do	:U.11.c.20. along line to U.11.b.97. varying from 200 to 50 yards in front.	M. G. fired from U.11.d. No enemy was seen. Quiet and dark night. Left 2-30 a.m. Returned 5 a.m.

*Rayton Smith*  
 Lieut. & Adjutant.  
 19th Bn. A.I.F.



INTELLIGENCE REPORT for 24 hours ending 4 a.m. 17th April 19.

From 4 a.m. to MIDDAY 16th, very quiet. Visibility foggy.

From 2-10 p.m. to 5-30 p.m. heavy hostile shelling U.13. and U.14.c. apparently after Batteries in valley. A few scattered shells on roads and forward posts during night otherwise quiet.

AIRCRAFT. 6 p.m. enemy plane flew very low over area shelled. Our own Aircraft brought this machine down in our lines in flames in U.10.b. Papers collected and forwarded under separate cover.

6-10 p.m. 2 planes flying our colours flew low over shelled area. The rear plane dropped a bomb on U.13. Both planes flew over GENTELLES.

8 p.m. 2 planes flew over U.13 in westerly direction, one dropped RED light, the other a GREEN light. No noticeable action followed.

MOVEMENT. About 7-15 p.m. an Officer and man walked from U.18.a.80. to BCIS DE HANGARD, shortly afterwards small parties left BCIS DE HANGARD and moved across clear ground to LANCER WOOD, skirted the wood on our side, and disappeared in gap at U.18.a.80. At 8-15 p.m. large parties emerged from BCIS DE HANGARD and moved across clear ground and over ridge, about 80 men moved out. Our Aircraft fired on these parties.

PATROLS. Reports not yet to hand.

FLARES. Flares were more numerous and appeared to be further back.

SITUATION. Quiet on our front at 5-15 a.m.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut,  
Intelligence Officer.

*[Signature]*  
Apr 17



PATROL REPORT.

17/18 April 1918.

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PERSONNEL.	ORDERS.	ROUTE TAKEN.	REMARKS.
Lt. HINDS. & 9.C.R.	:Locate enemy :posts & M.G. :positions.	: U.11.b.9945. east to : : edge of Bois de Hargard : : then north to U.11.c. : : 65. :	Patrol left at 9 p.m. and returned 11-30 p.m. No sign of enemy.
Lt. ANDREW & 9 C.R.	do.	: U.11.c.55. east 100 x : : and parallel to our : : front line to U.11.b.52 : : 52 :	Patrol left 12 midnight and returned 2-30 a.m. No sign of enemy, quiet period

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*[Handwritten signature]*



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Appendix 19

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

for 24 hours ending 4 a.m. 13th April

Little activity during day on our sector, except gas. Gas bombardments at intervals during day and night, centered to NORTH of CACHY in BGIS L'ABBE.

5 a.m. (17th). Heavy gas shelling which kept up for an hour.

5 p.m. Heavy bombardment in same area.

4-15 a.m. and continuing. A number of shells falling in same area, and a few falling in CACHY.

AIRCRAFT. Numerous planes flew low over CACHY during day, all believed to be ours.

No enemy aircraft seen this side of line.

PATROL REPORTS. Attached.

GAS. Seemed to be a mixture of Mustard and Phosgene.

*W. J. Lunn*  
Lieut,  
Intelligence Officer.

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19<sup>th</sup> Bn. Order No 52

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Ref. map  
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Bn H Qrs  
17/4/18

- 1/ The 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde will be relieved by the 173<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Bde. on night 18/19<sup>th</sup> Apr 1918, and on relief will be in Divisional Reserve.
- 2/ The 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. will be relieved by the 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> London Regt. on night 18/19<sup>th</sup> Apr.
- 3/ After relief the Bn. will be move to + bivouac in N34 d Central - N28 d 9.5. + will be prepared to move at one hour notice.
- 4/ Advance Party. - Lt Satchell with 50 pr from HQ details will move to new area at noon on 18<sup>th</sup> Apr. Lt Satchell will detail guides to meet boys + HQ details at road junction N35 c 40 from 11 pm on.
- 5/ SOS signals, plans + will be handed over to incoming unit. Tools will not be handed over - they will be brought to Bn HQs immediately after relief.
- 6/ Lewis guns + equipment will be carried to Bn HQs after relief, to be loaded on transport. No 1 f. Gunners will accompany their guns.
- 7/ Transport officer will detail transport as under to report at Bn. HQs at 10.30 pm  
1 Lumber for Tools +
- 8/ Road 1 - for Lewis guns + equipment.
- 8/ Completion of relief will be notified to Bn HQs



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by wire, Coy <sup>2</sup> Commanders writing their own names. Should the wires be out, a special runner will be despatched to Ben H. with the message.  
9 Acknowledge.

Distribution

Rayton-Smith Secy.  
19<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F.

- 1/2 War diary
- 3 A Coy
- 4 B "
- 5 C "
- 6 D "
- 7 Qm.
- 8 T.O.
- 9 274<sup>th</sup> and Regt.
- 10 file.



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19<sup>th</sup> Bn ATF Order No 83

Appendix 21

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Ref. map. sheet 62 d 1/40,000  
Aumens 1/100,000

Bn HQs  
19<sup>th</sup> Apr 1918.

- 1/ The ~~Bn~~ 5<sup>th</sup> A I Bde will move to Aust. Corps area on 19<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1918
- 2/ The 19<sup>th</sup> Bn. will move to PONT NOYELLES Area on 19<sup>th</sup> Apr.
- 3/ Route - GLISY Bridge N14 d 05.15 - DAOURS - PONT NOYELLES.
- 4/ The Bn. will move off from present position to starting point at N26 0514 at 1.30 pm in the following order.  
HQs, A, B, C, D Coys.  
Capt H.B Taylor M.C. will march in rear of Bn + act as 2<sup>nd</sup> in Command.
- 5/ Dress - Fighting Order - Overcoat will be worn. Waterproof sheet rolled on + fastened on belt in rear. All of R<sup>s</sup> will wear Steel Helmets + Puttees.
- 6/ The following distances will be maintained during the march  
Between Coys 100 yds  
" Coy + Transport 100 yds.  
Strict march discipline will be observed throughout the march.
- 7/ Hacks - For 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each block hour.
- 8/ Coy Commanders will be mounted. Hacks will



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- be sent from transport to Bn HQs at 2.30pm.
9. Transport will move to starting point in readiness to move in rear of Bn at 3.45pm.
  10. Before moving off, Coy commanders will ensure that platoon commanders inspect their platoons & see that no surplus gear is being carried.
  11. Route to Starting Point - Through wood along road N34 c 25.30 - N27d 30.45 - N26 c 54.
  12. Acknowledged.

Hayton Smith Lt Col  
19 Bn AIF.

### Distribution

- |     |           |
|-----|-----------|
| 1/2 | War diary |
| 3   | A Coy     |
| 4   | B "       |
| 5   | C "       |
| 6   | D "       |
| 7   | Pls.      |
| 8   | T.O.      |
| 9   | file      |







10 Acknowledge <sup>3</sup>

L. Clayton-Smith Lt. Col.  
19<sup>th</sup> Bom ATF.

- Distribution
- 1/2 War diary
  - 3 A Coy
  - 4 B "
  - 5 C "
  - 6 D "
  - 7 Qu
  - 8 T.O.
  - 9 file



19th BATTALION, A.I.F.  
ORDER No. 85.

Appendix 23

Ref. Map 57d, 1/40,000  
62d "Battalion Headquarters,  
22nd April 1948.

- 1 The 19th Bn. will move to WARLOY on 23rd inst., and will clear present billets by 2.45 p.m.
- 2 Advance Party. Lieut. TRENERRY, M.C., with five O.R., will report to Town Major, WARLOY, at 9 a.m. on 23rd inst.
- 3 Transport and Q.M. Stores will remain at present positions.
- 4 The Battalion will be ready to move from billets at 2.15 p.m. and will move off in following order :-  
"A" Coy., "B" Coy., "C" Coy., "D" Coy.
- 5 Route: EBART FARM - CONTAY - WARLOY.
- 6 Dress. Fighting Order. Overcoats will be rolled in waterproof sheet and carried on belt in rear.
- 7 Packs will be dumped at Q.M. Store by 11<sup>30</sup> a.m. on 23rd inst.
- 8 Officers' Valises will be dumped at Bn. Headqrs. by 11<sup>30</sup> a.m.
- 9 Transport Officer will detail transport as under, to accompany the battalion to destination :-  
One limber for Lewis Guns  
" " Officers' Valises } Time will be notified later.  
One Mess Cart  
He will also send officers' hacks as under, to report at 2.15 p.m. - C.O., Adjutant, M.O., Coy. Commanders.
- 10 The following distances will be maintained during the march :-  
100 yards between Companies  
" " and transport.
- 11 ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Hayden Smith*

Lieut. & Adjutant,  
19th Battn., A.I.F.

## Distribution:

- 1/2 War Diary  
3 O.C. "A" Coy.  
4 " "B" "  
5 " "C" "  
6 " "D" "  
7 Q.M.  
8 T.O.  
9 Sig. Officer.

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Appendix 24

Battalion Headquarters,  
26th April 1918.AMENDMENT TO BATTALION ORDER NO. 86.

Relief will take place on night of 26/27th April 1918.

All instructions issued in Battalion Order No. 86. will be adhered to, to-day.

*L. H. Smith*Lieut. & Adjutant.  
19th Battalion, A.I.F.

## Distribution :-

"A" Coy.  
"B" Coy.  
"C" Coy.  
"D" Coy.  
C.M.  
T.C.  
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Battalion Headquarters,  
24th April 1918.

The 5th A.I. Bde., less 18th Bn., will take over from 113th, 114th and 115th Inf. Brigades that portion of the front from W.26.c.36. to W.15.c.6.C. on night 24/25th March 1918.

The Brigade boundaries will be :-

Between 5th and 6th Brigades - east and west line through W.26.c.3.6. Northern boundary from W.15.c.6C. due east and west along the grid line between squares W.14. and W.20. to T.14.d.C.C.

The 19th Bn. line will run from W.26.c.36. to W.27.a.38.

Dispositions of Companies :-

"C" Coy. - right front line Coy. - will relieve a company of 15th Welsh Regt.

"B" Coy. - Centre front line Coy. - will relieve a company of 13th Welsh Regt.

"A" Coy. - left front line Coy. - will relieve a company of 13th Welsh Regt.

"D" Coy. - Support Coy. - will relieve Reserve Coy. of 13th Welsh Regt. Bn. Hdqrs. will be at W.20.c.44.

The battalion will be ready to move from billets in WARLEY at 7.45 p.m. in following order : Hdqrs. - "A" - "B" - "C" - "D" Companies.

Dress. Fighting Order. Overcoats to be carried. 220 Rds. S.A.A. per man. Water bottles to be filled. Emergency rations and 24 hrs. rations will be carried.

Guides. One guide per platoon and one per Coy. Hdqrs. will meet Companies at HEMENCOURT CHATEAU GATES at 8.30 p.m.

West of the ridge north of MILLENCOURT, movement will be by platoons, at 100 yds. interval. East of the ridge, as the situation demands.

During daylight, movement in forward area is to be restricted to an absolute minimum.

Transport officer will detail transport as under to move off with the Battalion :-

- (a) One limber for Lewis Guns and equipment, to load all Lewis guns and equipment and then report at Bn. Hdqrs. at 7.30 p.m. No. 1 Lewis Gunners will report to Lt. TREMERRY at Bn. Hdqrs. at 7.30 p.m., and will accompany their guns. The limber will carry guns &c. to HEMENCOURT CHATEAU GATES, where they will be distributed to Companies under supervision of Lt. TREMERRY.
- (b) One limber to carry 80 shovels and 20 picks, to report at Bn. Hdqrs. at 7 p.m. This limber will be accompanied by two pioneers as unloading party, and will proceed to, and unload at, dump at W.20.c.3.2. (near line Bn. Hdqrs.). These tools will be held in reserve, and Companies may obtain same on application to Bn. Hdqrs. Other gear for the line will be loaded on this limber.

Rations. These will be distributed and carried forward by Companies to night. After tonight rations will be dumped at ration dump, W.20.c.32., at 9.30 p.m. Companies will detail ration parties to collect rations at this hour. Arrangements will be made by C.M. to send forward tea and water for Companies and Hdqrs. to ration dump, in petrol tins. Tea to be hot and packed in straw. Ration parties will return petrol tins to ration dump each night.

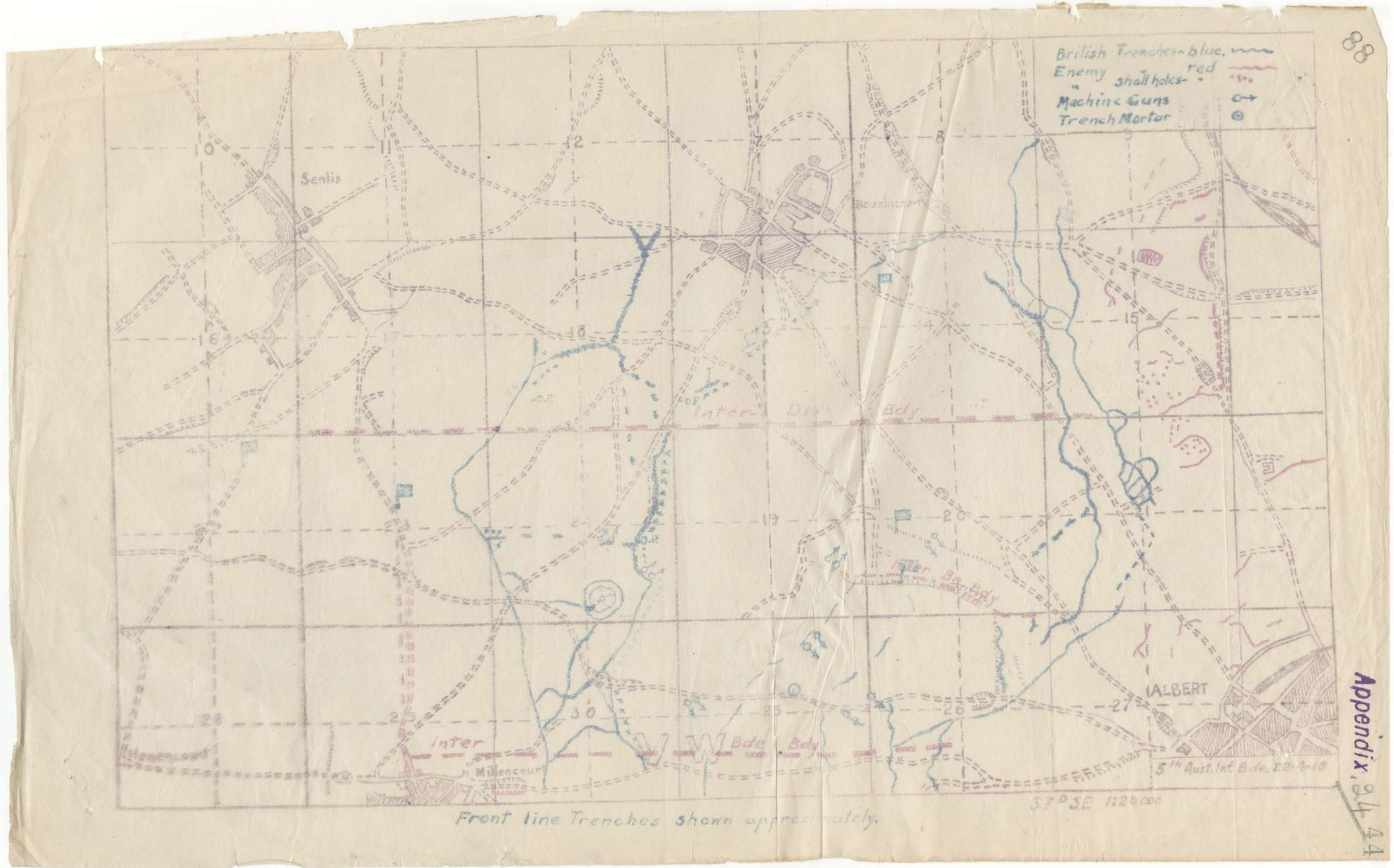
Trench Stores, maps etc. will be taken over and receipts given. Copies of these (in duplicate) will be forwarded to Bn. Hdqrs. as soon as possible after relief.

Completion of relief will be notified to Bn. Hdqrs. by runner (unless wires are laid in time). Should wires be available, Coy. Comdrs. will wire their own names.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lt. &amp; Adjutant 19th Bn. AIF.







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Intelligence Report ending 4 a.m. 27-4-18.

- RELIEF. Battalion relieved front line, taking over from 13th and one Coy of 15th Welsh. Relief was carried out quietly.
  - ENEMY ARTILLERY. Quiet during night from 11 to 1 a.m. 10 - 4'2's and 5.9's fell in U 20 c at intervals of every 15 to 30 minutes, no regular times.
  - M.G. A few bursts on Left Company front, generally quiet.
- Dispositions as taken over from Welsh Bn, require verification and alterations. Report will be furnished as soon as possible.

*[Signature]* Lieut,  
Intelligence Officer.

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PATROL ARRANGEMENTS for night 27/28th April 1918.

COY.:	PERSONNEL.	HOURS.	INSTRUCTIONS.	PASS WORD.
A.	:1 Cff & 6 C.R.	:10 p.m to :midnight.	: To locate enemy post in sunken road : W 27 a and enemy posts in orchard: : W 27 a	WATER.
C.	:1 Cff & 6 C.R	:12-30 a.m. : to : 2 a.m	: To locate enemy posts in W 26 d	WATER.
B.	:1 Cff & 6 C.R.	:2-30 a.m : to :4-30 a.m	: To ascertain if quarry in W 27 c : is occupied by the enemy.	WATER.

Written reports to reach Battalion Headquarters immediately patrol returns, and before daylight in the case of last patrol. Above instructions and password to be notified at once to all ranks.

*Layton-Smith*  
Lieut & Adjutant,  
19th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

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## PATROL REPORT.

STRENGTH. 1 Officer and 6 C.R.

TIME of GOING OUT. 10 p.m.

" " RETURN. 12-15 a.m.

PLACE of GOING OUT. W. 27 a 3 6

" " RETURN. W 27 a 3 6

REASON. Locate enemy post in Sunken road W. 27 a and post in Orchard  
W. 27 a

CASUALTIES. Nil.

INFORMATION GAINED. Patrol left our line and travelled alongside of main  
road. Parties of enemy were seen leaving trench or strong point  
in front of Orchard W 27 a 84 and crossing road, and again entering  
trench. There is also a post at W 27 a 65 from which could easily  
be heard voices. Patrol returned by same route.

Date. 27/28-4-18.

(Sgd). P. D. Jones, Lieut.  
Officer i/c Patrol.

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Appendix 26

## PATROL REPORT.

STRENGTH. 1 Officer and 6 men.

PLACE of GOING OUT. W 26 c 77

PLACE of RETURN. W 26 c 77

TIME of GOING OUT. 12-30 a.m.

TIME of RETURN. 2 a.m.

REASON. Locate enemy posts W 26 d

CASUALTIES. Nil.

INFORMATION GAINED. Patrol moved forward to about W 27 c C ' and saw a line of trench extending for some distance on either side of quarry. At least 2 M.G.'s are there, as 2 fired over head when Patrol was about 100 yards from Quarry. No wire was encountered on front, on left sounds of stakes being driven in could be heard.

(Sgd). R. J. Hunter, Lieut.  
Officer i/c Patrol.

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24 hours ending 4 a.m. 28-4-18.

The whole of front line sector has been very quiet. No artillery, and Machine Gun practically Nil. On morning of 27th about 8 4.2's were fired in valley W.19.d. from direction of BRICKFIELDS.

At intervals during day Gas shelles were fired on back area and about 20, 500 yards in rear of B.H.Q. W 19 a 8 l.

Movement :- Smoke and movement observed at Quarry W 27 c 28 during daylight very quiet day.

Patrol:- as per attached. later patrols not yet in.

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*[Signature]* Lieut,  
Intelligence Officer.



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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

PATROL PROGRAMME for night 28/29th April 1918.

COY :	PERSONNEL :	HOURS :	INSTRUCTIONS :	PASS WORD.
D.	: 1 Off & 10 C.R. with Lewis Gun:	: 10-30 p.m. to 12-30 a.m.	: To go out from B. Coy lines and endeavour to capture listening post in sunken road in W 27 a 4.6. N.C.C. from A. Coy who has been over the ground, to report at B. Coy Hqrs at 10 p.m and accompany patrol. Patrol to return through A. Coy.	ICE.
D.	: 1 Off & 10 C.R. with Lewis Gun:	: 1 a.m. to 3 a.m.	: To go out through A. Coy. Patrol to cover Battalion front, and ascertain location of enemy posts and defences. N.C.C. from B. Coy to report to A. Coy Hqrs as guide. Patrol to return through C. Coy.	ICE.

Patrol report will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters, immediately patrol returns.  
 The above programme will be notified to all concerned at once.

*Clayton-Smith*

Lieut & Adjutant,  
 19th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

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## PATROL REPORT.

STRENGTH. 1 Officer 10 C.R. and 1 L.G.

TIME of GOING OUT. 10-30 p.m.

TIME of RETURN. 1-10 a.m.

PLACE of GOING OUT. W 27 a 46.

PLACE of RETURN. W 27 a 46

REASON. To endeavour to capture Listening Post in Sunken Road, W 27 a 46.

CASUALTIES. Nil.

INFORMATION GAINED. Patrol proceeded along Northern bank. I examined Map reference and beyond to within 50 yards of Orchard, road was thoroughly examined and no sign of enemy seen. Sump holes are every 15 or 20 yards along road, and small funk holes large enough for one man between sump holes. Ground is perfectly flat on North of road and objects could be detected at 80 to 100 yards away. Between 12-30 a and 1 a.m. 4.5's dropped two shells within 20 yards of our line.

28/29-4-18.

(Sgd). J. Fisher, Lieut.  
Officer i/c Patrol.



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## PATROL REPORT.

MAP SHEET. 57d S.E. 1/20, CCC.

STRENGTH. 1 Officer, 10. C.R. with Lewis Gun.

Time. 1 a.m.

TIME of  
RETURN. 3 a.m.PLACE of  
DEPARTURE. W 27 a 58.PLACE of  
RETURN W 26 c 68.REASON. To patrol front from Left Company, and ascertain location  
of enemy posts and defences.

CASUALTIES. Nil.

## INFORMATION

GAINED. No enemy were seen. Night was particularly quiet, Machine  
Guns were inactive. Flares were put up at intervals well to  
North.

28/29-4-18.

(Sgd). A. B. Keech, Lieut.  
Officer i/c Patrol.

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Intelligence Report 24 hours ending 4 a.m. 29-4-18.

C.P. changed to W 19 d 61

Artillery :- 6-5 a.m. 5 4.2's on Reserve line from BRICKFIELDS.  
 10-5 a.m. 4.2's vicinity HEMENCOURT at 108° T.B. from C.P.  
 10-25 to 11 a.m. 20. 4.2's rear area.  
 1 to 1-45 13 4.2's W 20 a and C

Machine Gun:- Very little on whole front, night exceptionally quiet.

Movement:- 7 men observed walking down road near Station yard.

Smoke:- seen rising from house beyond quarry.

The front was exceptionally quiet all day and night.

Machine Guns observed at Orchard W 21 d 35, also in W 16 d

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*[Signature]* Lieut,  
 Intelligence Officer.



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PATROL PROGRAMME for night 29/30th April 1918.

COY.:	PERSONNEL :	HOURS :	INSTRUCTIONS.	PASS WORD.
D.	: 1 Cff & 10 C.R. with Lewis Gun:	: 10-45 p.m. to 12-45 a.m.	: To go out from C. Coy lines and return through A. Coy - To locate enemy posts in W 27 c and ascertain if enemy is wiring and entrenching.	: SNCW.
D.	: 1 Cff & 10 C.R. with Lewis Gun:	: 1-15 a.m. to 3-15 a.m.	: To proceed from A. Coy lines and locate enemy listening post in sunken road in U 27 a and ascertain if enemy is working on trenches at orchard in W 27 a	: SNCW.

Patrol reports to be sent to Battalion Headquarters immediately patrol returns. The above patrol programme to be made known to all ranks.

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L. Clayton-Smith  
Lieut & Adjutant,  
19th Aust. Inf. Battalion.



## 19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

## PATROL REPORT.

MAP SHEET. 57d S.E. 1/20, CCC.

STRENGTH. 1 Officer 10. C.R. with Lewis Gun.

TIME of LEAVING. 10-45 p.m.

TIME of RETURN. 12-45 a.m.

PLACE of DEPARTURE. W 26 c 57

PLACE of RETURN. W 27 a 55

REASON. To locate enemy posts in W 27 c and ascertain if enemy is wiring and entrenching.

CASUALTIES. Nil.

INFORMATION GAINED. No enemy were seen or heard. Flares were numerous on left. Machine Guns very quiet. Chalk pit at W 27 c 1570 was found to be unoccupied. Night was very dark.

(Sgd). A.B. Keech, Lieut.  
Officer i/c Patrol.

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## 19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION. Appendix 30

## PATROL REPORT.

MAP SHEET. 57d S.E. 1/20,000.

STRENGTH. 1 Officer, 10. C.R. with Lewis Gun.

TIME OF  
LEAVING. 1-50 a.m.

TIME OF  
RETURN. 3-15 a.m.

PLACE OF DEPARTURE. W 27 a 46.

PLACE OF RETURN. W 26 Central.

REASON. To proceed from Left Companies line, and locate enemy listening post in Sunken Road in U 27 a and ascertain if enemy is working on trenches in Orchard in W 27 a.

CASUALTIES. Nil.

INFORMATION GAINED. Proceeded along road and worked to within 40 yards of Orchard in W 27 a. No sign of work in front of Orchard but sounds of digging heard in Orchard. A flare was sent up on Left Corner of orchard but no movement could be observed. Patrol returned parallel to our front and heard nothing.

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(Sgd). C. A. Allen, Lieut.  
Officer i/c Patrol.

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Intelligence Report ending 4 a.m. 30-4-18.  
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C U R C O P E R A T I O N S .

Artillery more active, chiefly over back areas.

Aeroplanes very active along front.

E N E M Y C O P E R A T I O N S .

Artillery:- About 150 - 4.2's vicinity W 19 c and a firing from bearing 94° T.B. from W 19 d 6 l.  
5-25 p.m. 36 - 4.2's vicinity W 13 d, W 14 c, W 19 b, W 19 d 6 l.  
6-30 p.m. 20 4.2's W 19 a 7015.  
8 p.m. 15 4.2's W 19 a 7015.  
20 4.2's vicinity BCUZINCCURT from 84° T.B.

Machine Guns:- Observed firing on plane 132° T.B. from C.P. approx near Railway Embankment. Gun firing during night W 27 c 22 and day W 27 c 73.

Aircraft:- 9-45 a.m. 8 enemy planes flew over our lines from ALBERT and returned in 5 minutes.  
10-30 a.m. 2 enemy planes flew over Reserve line and returned in 2 minutes.  
5-30 to 6 p.m. 5 planes flew along our lines, one flew in direction of HEWENCCURT. A.A. guns opened and they returned to own lines.

SITUATION:- Quiet.

*J. Haney* Lieut,  
Intelligence Officer.

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Appendix 32

PATROL PROGRAMME for night 30th April/1st May 1918.

COY	PERSONNEL	HOURS	INSTRUCTIONS.	PASS WORD.
D.	1 Off & 10 C.R. with Lewis Gun.	10-45 p.m. to 12-45 a.m.	To go out from "B" Coy and ascertain nature of enemy defences between quarry in W 27 c 28 and orchard in W 27 a 64. To return through "B" Coy.	SLEET.
D.	1 Off and 10 C.R. with Lewis Gun.	1-15 a.m. to 3-15 a.m.	To go out from C. Coy and ascertain nature of enemy defences between orchard in W 27 <del>a 26</del> 64 and sunken road: W 27 c 26. Patrol to return through B. Coy.	SLEET.

- (a) Patrol reports to be sent to Battalion Headquarters, immediately on return of each patrol.
- (b) Above programme to be made known to all ranks.
- (c) Coy Commanders will push out listening posts, during hours of darkness, after return of ~~each~~ <sup>last</sup> patrol.

*L. Clayton-Smith*

Lieut & Adjutant,  
19th Aust. Inf. Battalion.