

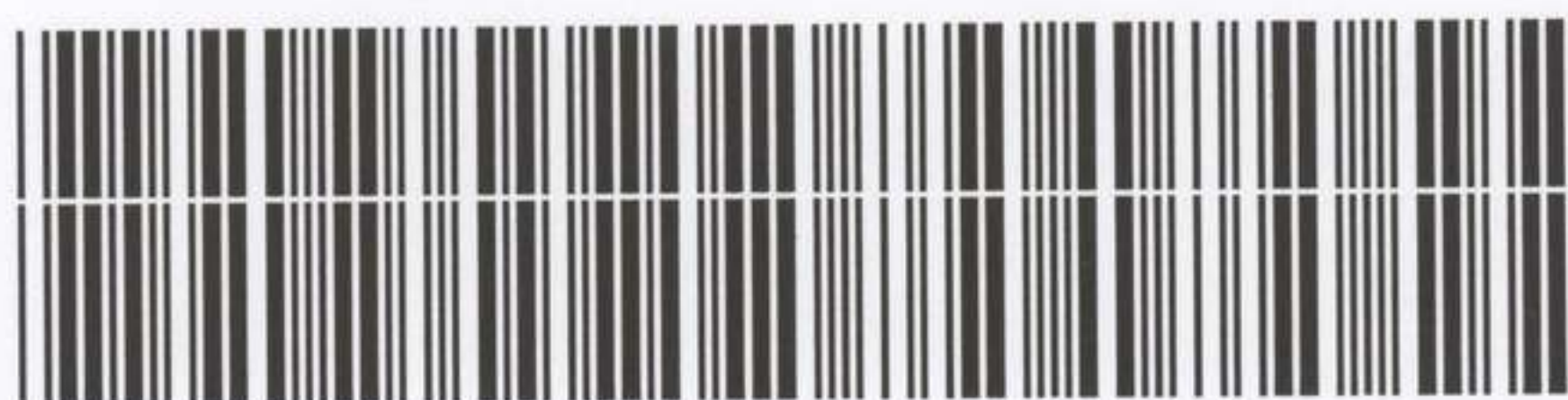
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OF

19th BATTALION A.I.F.

FOR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Blangy-Tronville	1		Bn in reserve to Left Brigade Villers-Bretonneux sector furnishing working parties in forward areas. 2 off. 17 th Bn attached.	36 off. 680 ⁰ / ₁₀₀ . App. "A"
do	2		do. } C.O. and Company } do.	36. " 676 "
"	3		" } officers reconnoitre } "	2 ⁰ / ₁₀₀ Rfets. 36 " 678 "
"	4		" } forward areas. } "	2 ⁰ / ₁₀₀ Batt. Cas. 36 " 680 "
"	5		" } " } Area shelled by long-range gun.	36 " 678 "
"	6		" Working Parties returned "	1 ⁰ / ₁₀₀ Batt Cas. 36 " 674 "
Villers-Bretonneux	7	8.30pm	Bn. moved from Blangy-Tronville and relieved 22 nd Bn. in Reserve portion of 5 th A.P. Bde sector. Relief complete 11.25 pm.	23 ⁰ / ₁₀₀ Rfets. 36 " 673 "
"	8		Troops re-organised. Officers Reconnoitre forward areas.	36 " 692 "
"	8/9	10.30pm	Working Parties on cable-burying.	2 Batt Cas. 1 ⁰ / ₁₀₀ Rfets. 36 " 690 "
"	9/10	10.30pm	" " " " " "	9 ⁰ / ₁₀₀ Rfets. 36 " 688 "
"	10/11	10.30pm	" " " " " "	36 " 699 "
"	11		Orders for Relief of 20 Bn on left sector. Officers Reconnoitre.	" " " " " "
"	11/12	10.30pm	Working party burying cable.	" " " " " "
"	12	9.30pm	Bn. moved up and relieved 20 Bn. in line. Relief complete 11.15 pm.	36 " 694 "
"	13		See Intelligence Report	36 " 693 "
"	13/14		New C.T. from front to support line started. Posts connected up.	" " " " " "
"	14		See Intelligence Report.	2 off. 9 ⁰ / ₁₀₀ Rets. 37 " 701 "
"	14/15		C.T. connected and deepened. Posts connected. Trenches & posts improved.	" " " " " "
"	15		See Intelligence Report	2 Batt Cas. 1 off. 4 ⁰ / ₁₀₀ Rets. 38 " 699 "
"	15/16		All posts connected and trenches improved.	" " " " " "
"	16		See Intelligence Report	38 " 696 "

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Villers - Bretonneux (line left).	July 17	2 am	Party of "A" Coy. captured enemy trench and posts. Adjustments in dispositions effected. See Intelligence Report	16 th Btl Cas 38 off. 686 %R "O" "P"
"	"	"	More erected in front of left posts: C.T's deepened. See Intelligence Report	(18 th) 4 th Btl Cas. 38 " 677 " "Q" "R" "S"
"	17/18	"	See Intelligence Report	Strength as above. "T"
"	18/19	"	Bn relieved by 20 th Bn. in line. Complete 1.15 am 19 th . See Intelligence Report Bn returned to Reserve.	41 st R Rets 1 st B.C. 38 " 721 " "U"
" (Reserve)	19	"	Bn in reserve (Villers). Working Parties in forward area at night.	38 " 720 " "V"
"	20	"	do do do do	2 B.C. (1 st) 38 " 718 "
"	21	"	do do do do	11 th R Rets. 37 " 721 "
"	22	"	do. Bn area heavily shelled with gas, night 22/23. Advance parties move up to line for relief of 20 Bn.	2 off 56 th B.C. 35 " 704 %R "V"
"	23	"	do. Advance parties move up to line for relief of 20 Bn.	2 Rets. 2 off 29 th B.C. 35 " 706 "
"	24	10 pm	Bn moved up to relieve 20 Bn in line (left). Relief complete 1 am, and dispositions effected.	21 Rets (1 st) 3 rd B.C. 33 " 652 " "W" "X" "Y"
"	25	"	See Intelligence Report Heavy rain: trenches very muddy. Trenches muddy.	2 nd B.C. 33 " 646 " "Z"
"	26	"	" " " " " " " "	2 nd B.C. 33 " 645 "
"	27	"	" " " " " " " "	30 off 152 nd %R. (App. 2.10 for Daily State). 33 " 637 "
"	Night 27/28	"	Americans move up and attached to Bn. See Intelligence Report	1 st B.C. 33 " 635 "
"	28	"	do do Americans changed over, support and reserve troops going to front line, and vice versa.	1 st B.C. 32 " 636 "
"	29	"	See Intelligence Report	32 " 635 "
"	30	"	Bn relieved by 20 Bn. in line. Complete 1 am. 31/7/18.	2 nd B.C. 32 " 635 "
"	Night 30/31	"	Bn returned to Reserve positions (Villers). Boys in position 2.30 am.	
VILLERS (Reserve)	31	"	Working Party 150 men laying cable P1qd - P1qc. 200' dug. 6' x 3'	
"	Night 31/1 st Aug.	"		

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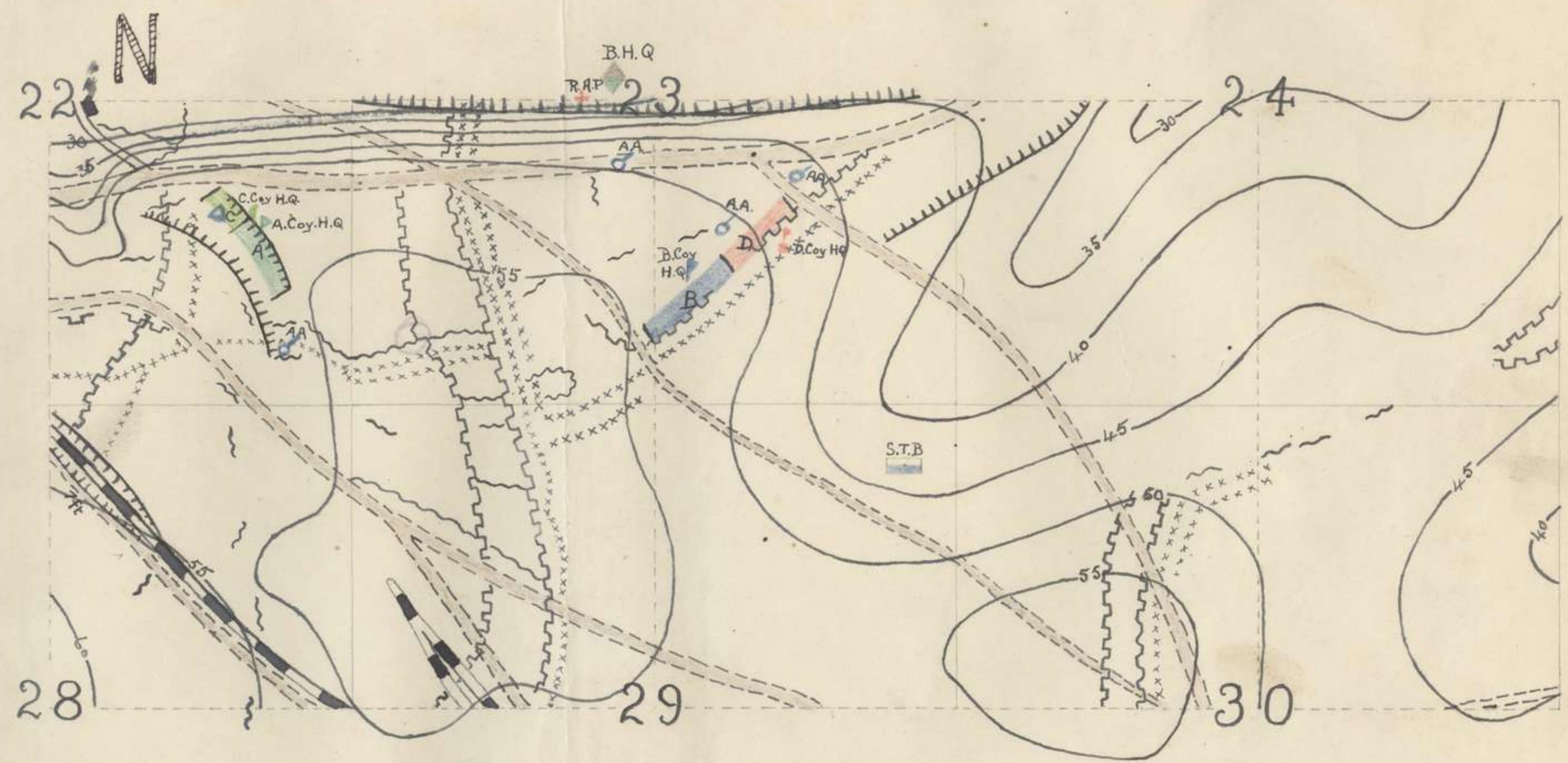
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Appendix A

28. 6. 18 to 7. 7. 18.

18th Australian Infantry Battalion.	No.	Date
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ENLARGEMENT OF SQUARES 22d, 23cd, 24 c.d, 28 b, 29ab, 30a.b. from 1:20,000 to 1:10,000.

MAP. FRANCE EDITION 3.A. (LOCAL) 62^D S.W.

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E.N. Armit - Lieut -
 20. 19. Br. A.I.F.
 1/7/18.
 DRAWN
 BY
 3432
 Pte H.G. WRIGHT

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28th June 1918.

Ref- 62 d S.W. 1/26,000

DISPOSITIONS.

	Eff.	C.R.
B.H.Q.)	6	69
R.A.P.) N 23 a 96.10	1	
"A" Coy - N 22 d 86.30	3	66
"B" Coy - N 23 d 26.30 to N 23 d 56.60	5	93
"D" Coy - N 23 d 46.60 to N 23 d 75.75	5	164
"C" Coy - N 22 d 86.20 to N 23 c 66.50 (part)	<u>3</u>	<u>16</u>
	23	348
A.A. Guns - N 23 a 96.00	1 gun	
N 22 d 86.20	1 gun	
N 23 d 46.65	1 gun	
N 23 d 56.70	1 gun	
Working parties of "C" Company :-		
1 X party working with No. 182 Tunnelling Company living at - U 3 c 96.90 and E 32 a 86.80		
Working at - U 3 b 56.30 and U 2 b 36.60	1	34
(Lieut GERDON) (ABBE WOOD)		
2 Party working at - E 35 d 76.30 - E 29 b 15.30 - E 29 b 35.35 - E 29 a 76.90		
(Railway arch in front of VILLERS-BRETTEMEUX (Lieut ROBERTSON) living at E 22 d 86.10	1	37
3 Party working at P 19 c 26.20 (Ref 62 d S.E) E 36 a 56.50 and E 24 c 56.50		
Living at E 22 d 86.10	<u>1</u>	<u>45</u>
XXXXX Total.	23	
	3	116
Grand Total	<u>26</u>	<u>464</u>
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En Armit
Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 4th July 1918.

App "B1"

ENEMY SHELLING :-

The area in the vicinity of the Battalion was subjected to intermittent shelling by a long range gun or guns, this afternoon.

The shelling lasted with intervals from 1-30 p.m. till about 4 p.m.

- (a) Bearing :- The gun or battery appeared, from the sound and direction of the shells, to be on a true bearing of 106° from N 23 a 90.10
- (b) Calibre of Shells :- 6" and 8"
- (c) Area shelled :- N 22 b and d - N 23 a and d - N 28.
- (d) Rate of Fire :- 25 rounds in $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

En. Armit Lieut,
Intelligence officer.

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Appendix B2⁷

19th Australian
Battalion

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

INTELLIGENCE REPORT 5th July 1918.

app B2

ENEMY SHELLING :- During the night July 4/5th, the enemy continued to shell the area in the vicinity of the Battalion (BLANGY-TRCWILLE).

- (a) Bearing :- The shells, which were fired by a long range gun or guns, appeared to come from the direction of VILLERS-BRETTE NEUX on a true bearing of 166° from N 23 a 96.16.
- (b) Calibre :- 4.2 and 5.9, H.E.
- (c) Area shelled :- N 22 d - N 23 c.
- (d) Rate of fire :- Beginning with 12 rounds per hour, increasing to 20 rounds per hour.
- (e) Number :- Approximately 60.
- (f) Time :- The shelling began at 12 midnight and ceased at 5 am

E. N. Armit
Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

Battalion Headquarters,
6th July 1918.Ref. Map -
Sheet 62d. S.W. 1/20,000.

- 1 The 19th Bn. will relieve the 22nd Bn. A.I.F. in the reserve portion of 5th A.I. Bde. Sector on night 7th/8th July, in accordance with attached table.
- 2 The Battalion will move forward from present position at 8.30 p.m., in the following order :-
Headquarters, "D" Coy., "A" Coy., "B" Coy., "C" Coy.
- 3 Intervals. Companies will move by platoons at 100 yards intervals.
- 4 Guides. One guide per Company and one for Bn. Headqrs. will await the battalion at O.20.b.54. (Rendezvous A) from 8.30 p.m. on 7th inst.
- 5 Advance Parties. One officer per Company and one O.R. per platoon will proceed to new positions by 6 p.m. on 7th inst.
- 6 Lewis Guns and equipment will be loaded on limbers at Bn. Headqrs. at 6 p.m. on 7th inst., under arrangements of Bn. Lewis Gun Officer, and will be collected by Companies at Forward Bn. Headquarters.
Bn. Lewis Gun Officer and No. 1 Lewis Gunners will move off with the limber immediately it is loaded.
- 7 Transport Officer will detail transport as under :-
2 limbers for Lewis Guns, to report at Bn. Headqrs. at 6 p.m. on 7th inst.
1 " " Bn. Headqrs. Gear, to report at Bn. Headqrs. at 6 p.m. on 7th inst.
Horses for three cookers to report at Bn. Headqrs. at 6 p.m.
One (full) Water Cart to report at Bn. Headqrs. at 6 p.m. and move forward with Cookers.
- 8 Transport Officer will arrange for two loads of water to be delivered at Bn. Headqrs. by 10 a.m. daily, commencing on 8th inst.
- 9 Rations will be delivered to Bn. Headqrs. daily at 7 p.m.
Companies will detail necessary parties to collect their rations at this hour.
- 10 Trench Stores etc. will be taken over and receipts given. Copies of receipts will be forwarded to Bn. Headqrs. by first runner after completion of relief.
- 11 Completion of relief will be notified to Bn. Headqrs., Coy. Commanders wiring their own names.

12 ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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8 Transport Officer
9 22nd Bn. A.I.F.
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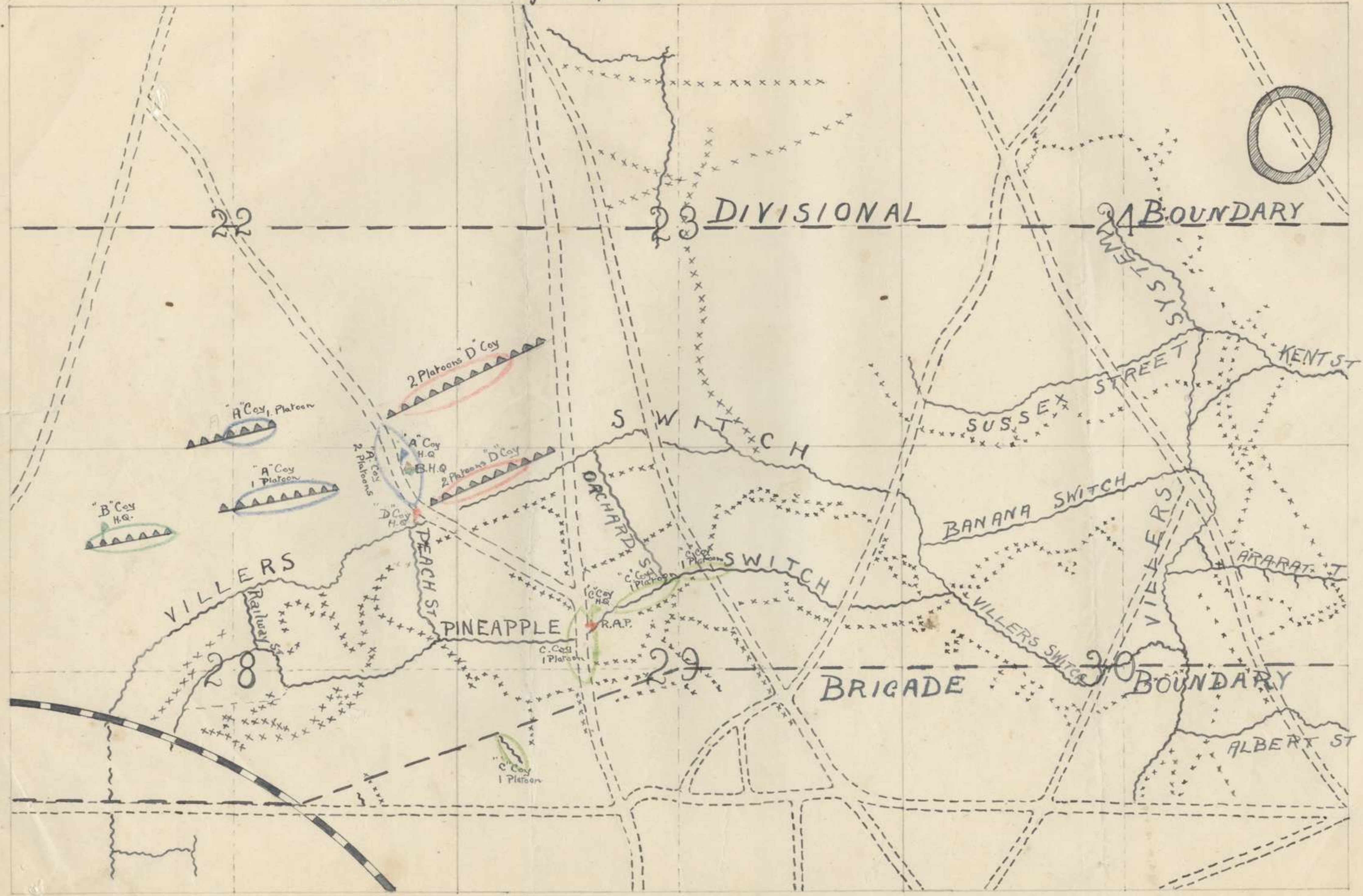
19th BATTALION, A. I. F. ② amc

RELIEF TABLE to ACCOMPANY Bn. ORDER No. 102.

Date.	Company	In relief of:	Disposition	Remarks
<u>1918</u> /8 July	"A" Coy. 19th Bn. A.I.F.	"A" Coy. 22nd Bn. A.I.F.	VILLERS LINE right (0.30.b.).	
do	"D" Coy. 19th Bn. A.I.F.	"B" Coy. 22nd Bn. A.I.F.	VILLERS LINE left (0.24.d.).	
do	"B" Coy. 19th Bn. A.I.F.	"D" Coy. 22nd Bn. A.I.F.	BANANA SWITCH (0.30.a.).	
do	"C" Coy. 19th Bn. A.I.F.	"C" Coy. 22nd Bn. A.I.F.	PINEAPPLE SWITCH (0.29.a.).	
do	Battalion Headquarters will move to 0.28.b.88.			

H. G. G. G.
Lieut. & Adjutant,
19th Battalion, A.I.F.

Sketch shewing Dispositions 19th Bn. A.I.F. 7. 7. 18 to 12. 7. 18.



Appendix C

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I.O. 19 Bn.
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SECRET.19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.Copy No 1ORDER NO. 103.Battalion Headquarters,
8th July 1918.Ref Map -
Sheet 62 d S.W. 1/20,000

1 For purposes of thinning out a re-organisation of troops in the 5th Brigade sector will take place on night of 8/9th inst.

2 (a) The Coys of 19th Battalion will be disposed as follows :-

A. Coy	-	© 28 b
B. "	-	© 28 a
D. "	-	© 22 d
C. "	-	as at present

(b) Bn. Headquarters will remain in present position.

3 Coy Commanders will reconnoitre the new area allotted to their respective Coys on 8th inst, and arrange necessary accommodation.

4 Coys will commence to move as under, and will notify Bn. Headquarters when move is completed :-

B. Coy	-	6-30 p.m.
A. "	-	6-45 p.m.
D. "	-	7 p.m.

5 Trench Stores in A and D Coys areas will be handed over to Coys of 17th Battalion which will occupy the vacated positions. An N.C.C. will be left behind to obtain receipts, copies of which will be forwarded to Bn. Headquarters after completion of move.

Tools will not be handed over by Coys. They will be carried to new Coy positions.

6 ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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Battalion Headquarters,
8th July 1918.

1 A working party of 200, exclusive of Officers and W.C.C.'s is required from this Bn tonight and will be provided as under :-

A. Coy	-	1 Officer	and	60 C.R.	exclusive of W.C.C.'s
B. "		1 "	"	35 C.R.	" "
C. "		1 "	"	45 C.R.	" "
D. "		2 "	"	60 C.R.	" "

The party will report at 10-30 p.m. in Railway cutting at C 34 b 99 and will be required to dig a trench to a depth of 6 feet, (the bottom without hummocks) for burying cable.

The Officers accompanying parties will be responsible that trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout.

When this is completed and passed by Signal Coy Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by Signal Coy personnel under the supervision of the Signal Coy Officer present. At this Officers' word the parties will fill in the trench and when this is completed to his approval, parties may be withdrawn.

3 Tools will be carried as near as possible in proportion of 2 shovels to one pick. These will be drawn by Coys as under :-

A. Coy	-	from Bn. Headquarters.
B. "	-	from present Coy dump.
C. "	-	from Bn. Headquarters.
D. "	-	" " " "

only 20 picks are available at Bn. Headquarters and Coys will therefore carry all available picks at present in their possession or which can be salvaged.

This is very essential as the nature of the ground in the working area is hard and work will therefore be completed more quickly if the required proportion of picks is carried.

4 The work to be done will be commenced at approximately C 34 b 99 and continued as far towards S.W. as possible.

The senior Officer of D. Coy will be in charge of the Bn. party and two sketches showing work to be done (marked in red) are forwarded for his information.

5 Route will be taped out by Signal Coy personnel before parties arrive on the job.

L. Layton-Smith

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

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"	C. "
"	D. "
I.C.	-
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APP "2"

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Battalion Headquarters,
9th July 1918.

1 A working party of 200, exclusive of Officers and W.C.C.'s is required from this Bn. to-night and will be provided as under :-

A. Coy	- 2 Officers and 60 C.R. exclusive of W.C.C.'s
B. "	- 1 " " 35 C.R. "
C. "	- 1 " " 45 C.R. "
D. "	- 1 " " 60 C.R. "

2 The party will report at 10-30 p.m. on Railway at 6 35 a ⁵⁰ 50.65 (bridge) and will be required to dig a trench to a depth of 6 feet, (the bottom without hummocks) for burying cable.

The Officers accompanying parties will be responsible that trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout.

When this is completed and passed by Signal Coy Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by Signal Coy personnel under the supervision of the Signal Coy Officer present. At this Officer's word the parties will fill in the trench and when this is completed to his approval, parties may be withdrawn.

3 Tools will be carried in proportion of 2 shovels to one pick.

4 The work to be done will be commenced at approximately 6 35 a 50.65. The senior Officer of "A" Coy will be in charge of the Bn. Party and a sketch showing work to be done (marked in red) is forwarded for his information. He will report at Bn. Headquarters on completion of work and write out Works report.

5 Route will be taped out by Signal Coy personnel before parties arrive on the job.

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

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C.C.	A. Coy.
"	B. "
"	C. "
"	D. "
I.C.	
File.	

19 Bn. H. Q. (7)
10. 7. 18.
5th A.I. Bde H. Q.

WORKS REPORT.

A working party of this Battalion
comprising 5 officers and 200 O/R's,
exclusive of NCO's dug a further
180 yds of cable trench to a depth of
6 ft and filled in again on top of
cable during the night July 9/10.

The party began work at 9.45 pm,
at approximately U 34 to 90. 80 and
finished at U 35 a 30. 20 returning
at 2.45 am.

One section of the party encountered
very hard ground: this delayed
filling in till the length of trench
was complete.

No casualties.

E. N. Dymit Lt
2. O. 19 Bn.

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

APP "G"

Battalion Headquarters,
10th July 1918.

A working party of 100, exclusive of Officers and V.C.C.'s is required from this Bn. to-night and will be provided as under :-

A. Coy	- 1	Officer	and	30	C.R.	exclusive	of	V.C.C.'s
B. "	- 1	"	"	20	C.R.	"	"	"
C. "	- 1	"	"	20	C.R.	"	"	"
D. "	- 1	"	"	30	C.R.	"	"	"

The party will report at 10-30 p.m. at approximately 0 35 & 46 and will be required to dig a trench to a depth of 6 feet, (the bottom without hummocks) for burying cable.

The Officers accompanying parties will be responsible that trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout.

When this is completed and passed by Signal Coy Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by Signal Coy personnel under the supervision of the Signal Coy officer present. At this officer's word the parties will fill in the trench and when this is completed to his approval, parties may be withdrawn.

tools will be carried in proportion of 2 shovels to one pick.

The work to be done will be commenced at approximately 0 35 & 46. The senior Officer on the job will be in charge of the Bn. party and sketches showing work to be done (marked in red) are forwarded for his information. He will report at Bn. Headquarters on completion of work and write out Works report.

Route will be taped out by Signal Coy personnel before parties arrive on the job.

DRESS : Fighting Order.

L. Layton-Brown

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

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- " C. "
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5th A.I. Bde H.Q.

19th Bn H.Q. (19)
11 7 18.

Works Report.

A working party of 4 Officers and 100 O/R. from this Battalion dug a further 100 yards of cable trench to a depth of 6 feet, laid in cable, and filled in trench.

Work was started at 9.30pm on 10/7/18, at approximately 035 d 4.6, and the party returned at about 1.30am 11/7/18. There were no casualties.

Ern. Armit Lieut
I. O.

Forwarded 6.30am.

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Battalion Headquarters,
11th July 1918.Ref Map -
Sheet 62 d S.W. & S.E.

- 1 The 19th Battalion A.I.F. will relieve the 20th Battalion A.I.F. in the left sector of the Brigade front, on night 12/13th July, in accordance with attached table.
- 2 The Bn. will move forward from present position at 9-30 p.m. in the following order :-
Headquarters, "A" Coy, "C" Coy, "B" Coy, "D" Coy.
- 3 Intervals. Coys will move by platoons at 100 yards interval, or as situation may demand.
- 4 Guides. One guide per platoon and one guide for Bn. Headquarters will await the Bn. at G 24 c 15.30 (17th and 18th Bn Headqrs) from 10 p.m. Post guides from Coy Headquarters will be mutually arranged by Coy Commanders concerned.
- 5 Advance Parties. (a) 1 Officer per Coy and 1 N.C.O. per platoon will proceed to respective Coy sectors to-night 11/12 inst.
1 Lewis Gunner per gun for front line Coys will proceed forward at the same time.
(b) Intelligence Officer will send Observers to forward G.P. to-night 11/12th inst.
- 6 Rations. Rations will be sent to present Bn. Headquarters on 12th inst and will be distributed and carried forward.
On following days rations will be dumped at P 19 d 82 (R.A.P) at 10-30 p.m.
- 7 Cooking Arrangements. Cooking will be carried out at Q.M. Store.
Tea and Water will be sent forward in petrol tins with rations.
- 8 Ration Parties. "D" Coy will provide necessary ration parties each night, commencing night 13/14th inst, to carry rations to "A", "B", and "C" Coys. Each party will be in charge of an Officer.
- 9 Transport. Transport officer will detail transport on 12th inst as under :-
(a) 1 tool limber to report at present Bn. Headquarters at 9 p.m.
(b) 1 limber for Headquarters gear to report at present Bn. Headquarters at 9 p.m.
(c) Horses to collect cookers at 6-30 p.m. for return to Q.M. Store.
- 10 Trench stores. (a) Stores, Maps etc in new area will be taken over and receipts given.
(b) Trench stores in present area will be handed over ~~and~~ to advance parties of 20th Bn. and receipts obtained.
Copies of all receipts will be sent to Bn. Headquarters as soon as possible after completion of relief.
- 11 Completion of relief will be notified to Bn. Headquarters by wire, Coy Commanders wiring their own names. Should the wires be out, relief will be notified by runner.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. Clayton-Smith*Issued by runner at 11.30 pmLieut & Adjutant,
19th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

(Distribution overleaf)

APPENDIX

Distribution :-

1/2 War Diary
 3 " " " " Coy.
 4 " " " " " "
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 7 M.O.
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Ref Map -
 Sheet 82 d S.W. & S.E.

The 19th Battalion A.I.F. will relieve the 20th Battalion A.I.F. in the left sector of the Brigade front, on night 13/14th July, in accordance with attached table.

The Bn. will move forward from present position at 9-30 p.m. in the following order :-
 Headquarters, "A" Coy, "B" Coy, "C" Coy, "D" Coy.

Intervals, Coys will move by platoons at 100 yards intervals, or as situation may demand.

Guides, one guide per platoon and one guide for Bn. Headquarters will await the Bn. at 15.30 (17th and 18th Bn. Headquarters) from 10 p.m. Post guides from Coy Headquarters will be mutually arranged by Coy Commanders concerned.

Advance Parties. (a) 1 Officer per Coy and 1 N.C.O. per platoon will proceed to respective Coy sectors to-night 13/14th inst. I Lewis Gunner per gun for front line Coys will proceed forward at the same time.
 (b) Intelligence Officer will send observers to forward G.P. to-night 13/14th inst.

Rations. Rations will be sent to present Bn. Headquarters on 13th inst and will be distributed and carried forward.
 On following days rations will be dumped at P 19 d 82 (R.A.P.) at 10-30 p.m.

Cooking Arrangements. Cooking will be carried out at O.M. Store. Tea and Water will be sent forward in petrol tins with rations.

Ration Parties. "D" Coy will provide necessary ration parties each night, commencing night 13/14th inst, to carry rations to "A", "B", and "C" Coys. Each party will be in charge of an Officer.

Transport. Transport Officer will detail transport on 13th inst as under :-
 (a) 1 Coolie to report at present Bn. Headquarters at 9 p.m.
 (b) 1 Limber for Headquarters gear to report at present Bn. Headquarters at 9 p.m.
 (c) Horses to collect cookers at 6-30 p.m. for return to O.M. Store.

Trench stores. (a) Stores, Maps etc in new area will be taken over and receipts given.
 (b) Trench stores in present area will be handed over xxx to advance parties of 20th Bn. and receipts obtained.
 Copies of all receipts will be sent to Bn. Headquarters as soon as possible after completion of relief.

Completion of relief will be notified to Bn. Headquarters by wire. Coy Commanders writing their own names. Should the wires be out, relief will be notified by runner.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued by runner at 11.50 p.m.

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

App "H"

Relief table to accompany Order No. 164

Date	Coy	In relief of	Disposition	Coy Headqrs at	Remarks.
1918					
12/13th July.	A. Coy, 19th Bn. plus one platoon from "B" Coy.	C. Coy 20th Bn.	Line right	P 26 b 65	
"	C. Coy, 19th Bn.	D. Coy, 20th Bn.	Line left	P 21 c 26	
"	B. Coy, 19th Bn. less one platoon	A. Coy, 20th Bn.	Support	P 26 d 90.40	
"	D. Coy, 19th Bn.	B. Coy, 20th Bn.	Reserve.	P 26 c 5.4	
"	Bn. Headquarters will move to P 19 c 1.2				

Appendix H

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
11th July 1918.

A working party of 100, exclusive of Officers and N.C.O's is required from this Bn. to-night and will be provided as under :-

A. Coy	- 1 Officer and 30 C.R.	exclusive of N.C.O's
B. "	- 1 " "	20 C.R. "
C. "	- 1 " "	20 C.R. "
D. "	- 1 " "	30 C.R. "

The party will report at 10-30 p.m. at approximately 6 35 d 85 and will be required to dig a trench to a depth of 6 feet, (the bottom without hummocks) for burying cable.

The Officers accompanying parties will be responsible that trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout.

When this is completed and passed by Signal Coy Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by Signal Coy personnel under the supervision of the Signal Coy Officer present. At this Officer's word the parties will fill in the trench and when this is completed to his approval, parties may be withdrawn.

Tools will be carried in proportion of 2 shovels to one pick.

The work to be done will be commenced at approximately 6 35 d 85.

The senior Officer on the job will be in charge of the Bn. party and sketch showing work to be done (marked in red) is forwarded for his information. He will report at Bn. Headquarters on completion of work and write out Works report.

Route will be taped out by Signal Coy personnel before parties arrive on the job.

DRESS : Fighting Order.

L. Clayton-Smith

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

Distribution :-

G.C.	A. Coy.
"	B. "
"	C. "
"	D. "
I.C.	
File.	

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5th Bde H Q

19 Bn H Q "9"
12. 7 18.

Works Report.

A working party of 4 officers and 100 OYs (exclusive of N.C.Os) buried a further 136 yards of cable from 035 d 0.5' to 035 d 2.4' during the night July 11/12.

Work was commenced at 035 d 1.5' at 10 pm. and finished at 2.15 am.

There were no casualties.

Ern. Armit Lieut
Lt 19 Bn.

Sent by runner 6.30 am.

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13th July 1918.

DISPOSITIONS.

		<u>Off</u>	<u>C.R.</u>
B.H.Q. -	P 19 c 10.20	6	37
R.A.P. -	P 19 d 80.15	1	3
C.P. -	P 26 b 80.50		
"A" Coy, Hqrs,	P 26 b 80.50 (2 L.G. 2 V.G.)	2	20
S.C.S. Relay	P 26 b 80.30		
No. 1 Post -	P 27 a 25.10 to P 27 a 25.20 (3 L.G.)	1	28
No. 2 Post -	P 27 a 25.30 to P 27 a 35.40 (3 L.G.)		20
No. 3 Post -	P 27 a 25.50 to P 27 a 25.60 (1 L.G.)		17
No. 4 Post -	P 27 a 25.70 to P 27 a 25.85 (2 L.G.)	1	22
Vickers Guns	P 26 b 75.25 and P 26 b 90.60		
Stokes Mortars	P 26 b 70.40 (2)		
"B" Coy, in support-			
Headquarters	P 26 d 80.40		
Company	P 26 b 55.60 to P 26 d 90.40	3	46
Attached to "A" Coy, in front line -			17
S.C.S. relay posts	P 26 d 80.40 and P 26 d 80.10		
L.Guns -	P 26 d 95.27 (1 gun) and P 26 d 90.20 (2 guns)		
"C" Coy : (left line) disposed in 7 posts, forming front line, and numbered 5 to 11 inclusive, running from right to left :-			
No. 5 Post -	P 21 c 45.65 (1 L.G.)		N.C. 7
No. 6 Post -	P 21 c 75.25 (1 L.G.)	1	1 7
No. 7 Post -	P 21 c 75.35 (1 L.G.)		1 7
No. 8 Post -	P 21 c 60.40 (1 L.G.)	1	1 7
No. 9 Post -	P 21 c 85.55 (1 L.G.)		1 7
No. 10 Post -	P 21 c 65.70 (1 L.G.)	1	1 7
No. 11 Post -	P 21 c 70.80 (1 L.G.)		1 7
Coy Headq -	P 20 d 95.60	1	
One support platoon.			
"D" Coy, Hq-	P 20 c 5.4	1	16
1 Platoon -	P 20 c 50.30 to P 20 c 60.40	1	15
1 "	P 20 c 60.45 to P 20 c 80.80	1	12
1 "	P 20 d 20.20 to P 20 d 20.45	1	25
1 "	P 20 d 20.50 to P 20 d 30.80	1	23

En Armit
Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 13th July 1918.

RELIEF :- The 19th Battalion relieved the 26th Battalion on the left of the Brigade front , relief being complete at 11-15 p.m. on 12-7-18.

IDENTIFICATIONS :- A patrol of 1 Officer and 4 C.R. of 26th Battalion left our front line at P 21 c 76.66 at 10-30 p.m. to obtain identification from enemy post at P 27 a 3.7. Upon entering this post, the patrol noticed the enemy at approximately 12 strong, retired to another post about 20 yards in rear held by a M.G. The patrol thereupon withdrew suffering two wounded (slightly) and returning through P 21 c 76.66 at 12-45 a.m.

MOVEMENT :- At 9-10 p.m. six Germans were observed in P 27 d, running in a northerly direction for 100 yards, when they disappeared into the trench at P 27 d 36.75

MISCELLANEOUS :- At 8-40 p.m. a large German Dump in P 22 c was blown up, apparently as a result of our artillery fire. The dump burned fiercely for upwards of an hour.

Er. Barrett Liëut,
Intelligence Officer.

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

am L "L"

INTELLIGENCE REPORT for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 14th July 1918.

OPERATIONS :- SNIPING- Our snipers have been active during the period against momentary targets of movement. Several hits were obtained and at least 5 casualties inflicted on the enemy.

IDENTIFICATION :- A prisoner who gave his name as PETER PRUITT, and said he was a Saxon, and a member of the 55th Regiment, 13th Division, was taken in P 27 a at 6 a.m. to-day. He had special duties with the Pigeon Message Service, and 4 pigeons were taken from him, these have been forwarded to 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY :- Quiet on forward area. At 8-30 p.m. a 5.9 Howitzer fired 10 rounds on P 27 a and P 26 b from east of WARTUSEE-ABANCOURT.

Ten 4.2's were fired on P 26 c at 9-35 p.m. from approximately the same direction. At 9 p.m. 12 - 5.9's were fired into P 19 c and 25 a

Enemy M.G.'s were quieter than usual but occasionally swept areas in P 19 c and d. One German T.M. shell fired at 12-30 a.m. fell in their own lines and Mortar could not therefore be picked up. Enemy M.G.'s were firing from P 21 d 35.35 and P 27 b 20.60.

FLARES :- Two green flares sent up at 1-55 a.m. were seen to be followed by an outburst of Machine Gun fire. An orange cluster at 3 a.m. had no apparent result.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT :- At 8-30 p.m. six enemy planes hovered over our front area and one was observed to fire two of our balloons. At 7-30 p.m. a German Observation balloon was observed on a T.B. of 123 from P 26 b 80.50

MOVEMENT :- German transport was heard moving along the WARTUSEE-VILLERS BRETTENEUX road at 1 a.m. Small groups of men were observed moving about P 17 d in an easterly direction. Transport was observed in daylight (6a.m) on the road in P 29 central, and on the edge of the village in P 29 d. A working party was seen to walk along the road in P 21 d and disappear into trench, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. At 8-30 p.m. 5 Germans were observed moving about in P 28 d and b.

En. Armit Lieut
Intelligence Officer.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 15-7-18.

OUR OPERATIONS :-

- (a) SNIPING :- Our snipers have been active, and claim four certain hits, and two others which were uncertain.
- (b) Our Stokes Mortars fired 15 rounds into trench on our right, at approx P 27 d 4.7. No movement of the enemy was observed. Lewis Guns maintained a harrassing fire during the night against known enemy posts.
- (c) There were the usual visiting patrols between posts of "A" and "C" Coys. The left Coy Lewis Gunners and snipers fired 3,666 rounds of S.A.A. against fleeting targets, while 48 bombs were used by the same Coys' posts.

ENEMY ARTILLERY :-

Was generally more active against our front and support lines especially on the right. Bursts of 15-26 rounds of 4.2, 77's, and 16.5's, repeated two or three times during the day and night were employed.

The following shoots took place during the night.

6 p.m. - 26 - 4.2's on P 22 from BAINWILLERS.
 9 to 9-30 p.m. - 15 - 4.2's on P 25 from ABANCCURT.
 7-50 p.m. 12 - 77's on P 26 b from T.B. 97°
 2-30 a.m. 16 - 4.2 on C 23 a and c from ABANCCURT ?
 3 a.m. 36 - 77's on P 27 a from T.B. 97°
 1-30 a.m. 56 - 4.2's, 5.9's on P 26 c from T.B. 99°

ENEMY DEFENCES :-

T.M's inactive. M.G's were comparatively quiet, though their activity increased at night. Enemy M.G's were again firing from P 21 d 35.35, P 27 b 26.66, and another from P 22 a 2.0.

White flares were normal. At 9-30 p.m. 4 reds and 4 greens went up behind WARFUSEE-ABANCCURT, followed by heavy shelling with 77's and 4.2's round C.T. and support lines. Two green flares near MARCELCAVE were followed by heavy shelling with 77's and 4.2's on C 24, at 6-15 to 6-30 a.m.

An enemy aeroplane patrolled our front lines for half an hour after day-break, and half an hour at dusk. At 7-40 p.m. an enemy plane flew over our front line and dropped a white flare over C 26 d 5.8 which immediately drew artillery fire to the spot.

MOVEMENT :-

Men were seen coming and going behind TAILLEUX WOOD, east and west in P 22 b and P 23 a. Movement was observed on the VILLERS BRETTE NEUX-WARFUSEE road at daybreak. There appears to be a dressing station in P 29 c, near suspected Headquarters, as three cases were carried there during yesterday, following our snipers activities.

ESCAPED PRISONER :-

A French prisoner escaped from the German lines, but taken for a German was fired on by our snipers yesterday. They afterwards brought him in and found him to be shot in the leg. There was another man with him, and this man on hearing the shot, rushed into one of the German trenches.

En. Armit Lieut,
 Intelligence Officer.

19th AUSTRALIAN

INFANTRY BATTALION

INTELLIGENCE REPORT for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 16-7-181 OUR OPERATIONS :-

Two hits by our snipers were observed. Our M.G.'s maintained usual harrassing fire during darkness.

2 HOSTILE ARTILLERY :-

Except for occasional bursts, was normal throughout the day and evening. At 2-45 a.m. in answer to green and red flares, the enemy put down a light barrage on our front and support trenches :-

12 noon - 16 - 77's on P 19 a
 4-30 p.m. 8 - 4.5's on P 30 b
 7-45 p.m. 60 - 5.9's P 27 a, P 21 c, P 26 b.
 9-50 p.m. 30 - 4.2 P 21 c, P 26 b, P 20 c and d.
 10 p.m. 16 - 5.9's on P 26 b, P 20 b, P 20 a.
 direction ABANCOURT.
 2-45 a.m. Barrage of 77 mm, 4.2's, lasting 30 minutes.

3 ENEMY FLARES :-

Whites normal, two double greens were fired in response to operations on our right. Then double greens and reds in succession and 3 single greens in rear, brought artillery action. Again at 4 a.m. three double and five single greens were followed by intense artillery action lasting 7 minutes. Hostile Aircraft :- At 1 p.m. an enemy observation balloon on T.B. of 141° descended at 3-50 p.m. A hostile plane flew over our lines at 6 p.m.

5 MOVEMENT :-

After our artillery shoot on ACCROCHE WOOD, approximately 50 walking wounded were observed, also stretcher cases. Small parties were moving in and out from behind ACCROCHE WOOD all day E and W. Two pigeons were released from post in P 27 a 5.5.

At 6-15 p.m. two men with RED CROSS FLAG but no stretcher walked about in P 27 a, pointing out features of the landscape and obviously interested in our trench system. They returned after 15 minutes without any wounded to German post at P 27 a 4.6.

At 8 p.m. a working party walked along road in P 18 c and P 24 a and c, disappearing into trench.

En. Smith Lieut,
 Intelligence Officer.

ORDER No. 105

Appendix 0

Battalion Headquarters,
16th July 1918.Ref Map - 88
62 d S.E. 1/20,000

- 1 The 19th Battalion will extend its line to-night 16/17th inst to include enemy trench P 27 a 48 - P 27 c 54.
- 2 The operation will be carried out by "A" Company as under :-
- (a) The main attacking party of 40 C.R. under Lieut C.L. SELL will assemble in trench (at present occupied by 17th Battalion) in P 27 c 26 and will be in position by midnight.
Guide to assembly position will be provided by 17th Battalion as arranged.
- (b) A small attacking party of 1 Officer and 8 C.R. to assist main attack by entering ~~trench~~ enemy trench at Northern end about P 27 c 48, simultaneously with main party and bomb down the trench.
- 3 At zero hour Stokes Mortars will fire 30 rounds on enemy trench to be attacked and at zero plus 3 minutes will lift to enemy trench in rear P 27 d 8.5
At zero plus 3 minutes the main party will move forward to attack and occupy the objective.
- 4 Co-operation - (a) C.C. "A" Company will arrange for Lewis Gun with covering party to be placed in position about P 27 a 54, in order to enfilade enemy trench during Stokes Mortar bombardment, and fire on retreating enemy.
(b) C.C. "A" Company will detail Lewis Guns and Rifle Grenadiers for special tasks, firing on known enemy M.G. positions in P 27 a during the operation, and will also arrange for Rifle Grenadiers to fire No. 36 Grenades from right of present line on objective, during Stokes bombardment.
(c) 17th Battalion garrison at assembly trench will fire No. 36 Grenades on objective during Stokes bombardment and C.C. "A" Company, 17th Battn is arranging for Lewis Gun fire on enemy M.G. post in P 27 c 25.75.
- 5 C.C. "B" Company will arrange with C.C. "A" Company to provide necessary carrying parties for rations and ammunition to the new line.
- 6 Zero hour will be 2 a.m.
- 7 ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued by runner at 8.40 p.m.*L. Ayson-Smith*Lieut & Adjutant,
19th Aust. Inf. Battalion.Distribution :-

- 1/2 War Diary
3 C.C. "A" Coy.
4 " "B" "
5 " "C" "
6 " "D" "
7 17th Bn.
8 Right Bn. left Bde.
9 File
10 5th A.L.T.M. Bty (Lt LEW)
11 Spare
12 "

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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Capture of enemy Posts in P 27 c on 17th July 1918. The operation undertaken by "A" Company under Lieuts C.L. SELL, M.C. and M. HAYES, and assisted by covering fire from party of 17th Battalion was successful.

At 2 a.m. under a Stokes Mortar bombardment a party of 1 Officer and 40 C.R. entered enemy trench on the right, and a party of 1 Officer and 16 C.R. entered on the left of trench P 27 a 48 - P 27 c 54. Both these parties worked round behind the trench, but on seeing them coming the enemy bolted to the rear, leaving several wounded and a few unwounded prisoners in our hands. We now hold this trench and disposition are as follows :-

Between 95 and 166 C.R. and 4 Officers are extended from road P 27 c 54 to P 27 a 48, and 16 Lewis guns, 6 posts in all.

Some of the prisoners attempting to escape, were shot down by our Lewis gunners, ^{while others were killed by enemy barrage} and only two unwounded and one wounded prisoners were brought through our lines. Strong opposition was encountered from an intermediate ~~at~~ M.G. post, and the attacking party after taking the objective named in the Order, attacked and captured this post against hurricane M.G. fire.

The booty included 1 Heavy and 2 Light German Machine Guns, and a case of Maps.

Altogether 17 of the enemy were killed, 3 were taken prisoner and probably 20 wounded. Our casualties were 2 C.R. killed and 8 wounded.

A barrage of Minenwerfers opened on our attackers at zero hour and ^{the} objective was found to be a series of pot-holes, enfiladed by M.G. fire from the right, and accordingly untenable, as a continuous system. Two posts were accordingly established in best parts.

^{above} The enemy severely bombarded captured positions during which ^{the} 2 C.R. were killed.

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Er. Armit Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

ORDER No. 106

Copy No. 1

Ref Sheet,
62 d S.E. 1/20,000Battalion Headquarters,
16th July 1918.

- 1 In consequence of the extension of this Battalion front line (vide Bn. Order No. 105) the following adjustments will be made.
- (a) "C" Company will extend its front to junction of C.T. from "A" Company Headquarters, and front line.
- (b) "B" Company will hold front line from C.T. on right of "C" Company to present right flank of "A" Company.
Nucleus left by "A" Company will be disposed along trench in their old positions.
- (c) One platoon of "D" Company accompanied by an officer will be attached to "B" Company and will occupy the position vacated by "B" Company party which moves forward.
- (d) Company Headquarters will remain as at present.
- 2 The above adjustments will be carried out immediately on receipt of this Order.
- 3 Further re-adjustments will probably be carried out to-morrow night 17/18th inst.

Rayson-Smith

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

Distribution :-

1	C.O. "A" Coy
2	" " "B" "
3	" " "C" "
4	" " "D" "
5/6	War Diary
7	File
8	Spare.

19th AUS. ALL. INFANTRY BATTALION.

App "R" "R"

19 Australian Infantry Battalion

18th July 1918.

DISPOSITIONS.

"A" Coy :-

No. 1 Post	1 N.C.C.	10 C.R.	1 L.C.	P 27 c	5.5
No. 2 Post	1 Officer	10 C.R.	1 L.C.	P 27 c	36.75
No. 3 Post	1 N.C.C.	10 C.R.	1 L.C.	P 27 c	4.9
No. 4 Post	1 Officer	14 C.R.	2 L.C.	P 27 a	25.35
No. 5 Post	1 N.C.C.	10 C.R.	2 L.C.	P 29 a	25.35
No. 6 Post	1 Officer	13 C.R.	2 L.C.	P 27 a	3.6
Bombing Post	1 N.C.C.	and 5 C.R.		P 27 a	25.70
Company Headquarters	2 Officers	28 C.R.		P 26 b	8.3 to P 26 b 8.5
		2 L.C.			

"B" Coy :- (Support line)

4 Officers	46 C.R.	6 L.C.	P 26 b	55.60 to P 26 d	90
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"C" Coy :-

Posts 5 to 11 as given 15th July 1918.

No 12 (Detached post between No 11 and 3rd Division)					
1 N.C.C.	3 C.R.		P 21 c	80.90	
Support - 2 N.C.C.'s	9 C.R.	1 L.C.	P 21 c	16.80	
Detached post by night			P 21 c	35.95	

"D" Coy :-

1 Platoon			P 20 c	50.30 to	
				P 20 c	66.40
1 Platoon			P 20 c	66.45 to	
				P 20 c	80.80
1 Platoon			P 20 d	20.20 to	
				P 20 d	20.45
1 Platoon			P 20 d	20.50 to	
				P 20 d	30.80

Company Headquarters as before.

E. Armit Lieut, Intelligence Officer.

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

17th July 1918.

IDENTIFICATIONS :- Two prisoners of the 152nd Infantry Regiment, 41st Division (normal) brought in as a result of our operations this morning in P 27 c, were identified. They stated that they knew nothing of any preparations for attack in this sector; they believed there was no such intention.

There were only a few troops behind the line. Their line Battalion was disposed in depth with small posts of 6 or 7 men, with 2 M.G.'s, in front: One Battalion in support (Berzetschaft) and one in reserve, Strength of Platoons 1 N.C.C. and 30 C.R.

ENEMY ARTILLERY :- Fairly quiet during the day, but since the attack on enemy trench at 2 a.m. active with 4.2's and 5.9's on forward area still silenced by our artillery retaliation about 5-30 a.m. The enemy's response to his own S.C.S. was feeble.

11-45 a.m.	10	=	77's	P 19	T.B. 97
3 p.m.	10	=	5.9's	P 25 a	" 99
10 - 7-30	15	=	4.2's	P 25	" 112
8-8-30	15	=	5.9's	P 19 d, P 20 c	T.B. 99
8-40	12	=	4.2's	P 19	T.B. 83
	10	=	5.9's	P 19, P 20	" 75
8-50	20	=	4.2's	P 20 d	" 112
	10	=	4.2's	"	" 83
9-20	20	=	4.2's	P 19 c	" 112
10-30 a.m.	10	=	5.9's	P 25 a	" 99

2-10 a.m. = 2-50 a.m. Light barrage on our front and support trenches, 77's and 4.5's, particular attention was paid to VAIRE WOOD in C 20 b, 30 5.9's being used.

At 4 a.m. a barrage of 77 mm and M.G.'s was falling approx half way between our front and support line. There was no infantry action.

ENEMY ATTITUDE : Alert.

ENEMY DEFENCES :- A German post with new wire work round was located at P 27 c 49.70. Enemy M.G.'s were normally active.

FLARES :- Whites normal. Double red flares repeated back accompanied by green produced artillery action: Greens alone appeared to have no result.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT :- Two E.A. were driven off at 11 a.m. Two others flew over our lines at 3-30 p.m. remaining for 10 minutes. At 3-30 a.m. to-day a German plane using 5-minute flares flew over our sector and dropped four lights, Red, White, Red, White. Brisk artillery fire followed.

A hostile balloon was destroyed by our aeroplanes at 1-45 p.m.

MOVEMENT :- Usual movement in rear of ACCROCHE WOOD and at entrance to WARFUSEE, was observed.

At 12 noon 3 Germans carried a stretcher from P 17 c to P 27 d.

At 1 p.m. four Germans carrying a wounded man walked along the road in P 27 d in the direction of WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT. Two men walked along the road in P 27 b to the main road in P 21 d at 2 p.m.

Our snipers were again active throughout the period, two hits being claimed as certain. Our troops move about forward saps etc, unmolested by enemy snipers.

Attached (a) Correspondence taken from German prisoners.
(b) Works report.

E. N. Armit. Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

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App. "T"

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

18th July 1918.

PATROLS :- A patrol of 1 Officer and 2 C.R. went out at 2 a.m. with a view of locating reported enemy posts in P 21 c, it went out at P 21 c 55.45 and returned at the same place. No enemy posts were seen, nor enemy movement of any kind. (See patrol report attached)

Our snipers claim three hits.

ENEMY ARTILLERY was more lively than usual. Heavy and repeated shoots on ~~selected~~ selected areas of our front were the order of the day, while harrassing fire was maintained against the whole front and support systems. During operations on our right, the enemy severely bombarded our front trenches with 5.9's, 4.2's and 77's. Salvos fell in P 20, P 21 c, P 26 a and b.

5-30 p.m.	60 - 4.5 and 5.9's	on	P 20 c and d
6-20 p.m.	60 - 4.5 and 77's	"	P 19 b, d, and P 20 c, d,

9-45 to 11 p.m. Continuous shelling of P 19, P 25, P 20, P 26, with 4.2's, 5.9's, and 77's

ENEMY ATTITUDE :- Alert and energetic.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT :- A 36-grenade with a 5 second fuse was fired with good effect at a German plane which hovered over our lines at 4-30 a.m. The plane retired to its own lines.

MOVEMENT :- A man walked along the road in P 27 c at 6-30 p.m. disappearing into trench. Movement generally was slight and very little was reported.

WORKS REPORT attached.

E. N. Armit. Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

ORDER NO. 107

Appendix "V"

Ref Map - 88
Sheet 62 d S.E. & S.W. 1/20,000

Battalion Headquarters,
17th July 1918.

- 1 The 19th Battalion will be relieved by the 20th Battalion, A.I.F. in the left sector of 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade front on night 18/19th July, as under :-

A	Coy, 20th Bn	will	relieve	"A"	Coy	19th	Bn,	(line	right)
D	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	(line	left)
B	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	(support)	
e	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	(reserve)	
- 2 Front line Companies will send out covering patrols to protect their respective front during the relief. These patrols will be withdrawn immediately relief is completed.
- 3 After relief 19th battalion will become Brigade reserve and will take over duties and dispositions of 20th Battalion, Companies moving to positions previously occupied.
- 4 Guides for incoming Battalion :- One per platoon will await incoming Battalion at C 24 c 15.30 (17th and 18th Battalion Headquarters) from 9-15 p.m. on. These guides will report to Lieut ARMIT at Battalion Headquarters at 8-45 p.m. Post guides will be mutually arranged by Company Commanders concerned.
- 5 Advance Parties :- One officer per Company and 1 N.C.O. per platoon will proceed to Reserve positions by 6 p.m. on 18th inst.
- 6 Trench stores will be handed over and receipts obtained. Stores in reserve area will be taken over by officers of advance parties and receipts given. Copies of all receipts will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 11 a.m. on 19th inst.
- 7 Rations will be delivered at reserve Battalion Headquarters (C 28 b 88) to-morrow 18th inst and following days at 7 p.m.
- 8 Transport Officer will make following arrangements :-
 - (a) 3 cooks to be brought to positions near reserve Battalion Headquarters by 8 p.m on 18th inst.
 - (b) 1 Water cart (full) to report with Cookers on 18th inst, and to report daily thereafter by 10 a.m.
 - (c) 2 limbers to report at rear Battalion dump by 8 p.m. on 18th inst to load tools and Headquarters gear for transport to Reserve Battalion Headquarters.
- 9 Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Headquarters Coy Commanders wiring their own names.
- 10 ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued by runner at 120 am 18/7/18

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

Distribution :-

- 1/2 War Diary
- 3 C.C. "A" Coy.
- 4 " "B" "
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- 10 File

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App "V"

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

19th July 1918.

RELIEF :- The 20th Battalion relieved the 19th Battalion in the left of the Brigade sector, during the night July 18/19, relief being reported complete at 1-15 a.m.

ENEMY ARTILLERY :- Was brisk throughout yesterday, and our forward and support areas were systematically shelled. At 9-10 p.m. in response to S.C.S. signal on the right, our artillery promptly put a barrage along the threatened sector. At 5-30 p.m. the enemy appeared to be carrying out a registration shoot on our front trenches in P 26 a and by P 27 a, approx 50 rounds of 4.2 and 77's being used. Other areas shelled were :-

8-45 p.m. 25 - 4.2's on P 25

9-30 p.m. 80 - 4.2's and 5.9's - C 29, C 30.

10 p.m. 40 - 4.2's and 5.9's P 23 c and d

10-11 p.m. 50 - 4.2's and 77's P 19 c and d

MOVEMENT :- Movement of the enemy was observed in P 27 c at 3-45 p.m.

ENEMY ATTITUDE :- was quiet but alert during the relief. Our front line Companies sent out protective patrols to cover relief, these being withdrawn on completion.

E. N. Armit
Intelligence Officer

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DISPOSITIONS.

19th July 1918.

Following are the dispositions taken over from the 20th Battalion as from night July 18/19th :-

		<u>C</u>	<u>C.R</u>
Battalion Headquarters	C 28 b 8.8)		
P.	C 28 b 75.95)		
.C.S. Relay Post.	)	7	45
Lewis Gun A.A.	C 28 b 80.95)		
P.A.P.	C 29 a 55.30)	1	3
"A" Company :-			
Headquarters			
Lewis Gun A.A.	C 28 b 75.95)	2	27
Platoons	C 22 d 7.2)		
	C 22 d 65.05)	3	65
Lewis Gun A.A.	C 28 b 3.7.		
"B" Company :-			
Headquarters	C 28 a 3.6		
Platoons	C 28 a 35.60 -)		
	C 28 a 60.65)	4	68
Lewis Gun A.A.	C 28 a 5.6		
"C" Company :-			
Headquarters	C 29 a 60.20		
Platoon	C 29 a 7.3)		
"	C 29 c 2.7)	5	88
"	C 29 b 1.3)		
"	C 29 c 5.9)		
Lewis Gun A.A.	C 29 a 9.4 and C 29 a 40.15		
"D" Company :-			
Headquarters	C 28 b 7.7	1	14
Platoon	C 29 a 2.8)		
"	C 22 d 6.3)		
"	C 29 a 3.8)	3	74
"	C 22 d 7.4)		
Lewis Gun A.A.	C 29 a 2.8 and C 23 c 1.3		

E.V. Armit Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

To accompany App. V.

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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GAS REPORT for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 23rd July 1918.

The area occupied by this Battalion was subjected to a severe and prolonged bombardment with gas shells during the night July 22/23rd?

The shells used were mostly Yellow Cross, intermixed during the latter stages with 4.2's, 5.9's, 6" and 8" H.E. Shells.

The shelling began at 10 p.m. when atmospheric conditions were highly favourable for the enemy purpose: i.e. A complete absence of wind. This caused the gas to hang about for considerable periods in the low gullies used by the companies, as bivouacs and shelters and the woods on the northern outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

The areas which received most attention were :- C 22 d, C 29, E 23 C 23 c and d, C 28 a, b, and d, Beginning mainly with C 29, the shelling was early widely distributed, rendering valueless the previously-selected alternative positions. There was rapidly a strong concentration in C 29 a and b, where "C" Company was bivouacked, and it was deemed advisable to remove this company to the road in C 28 b and C 22 d where the concentration was less intense. Full advantage was taken of the gas-proof dugout in P 28 b 8.8 where 50 to 60 men took refuge, also the R.A.P. which accommodated about 20.

Immediately the shelling started all companies took anti-gas ~~XXXXXX~~ measures, the men standing to wearing their box respirators.

Beginning with approx 10 rounds a minute the rate of firing was reduced to six a minute, till 3 a.m. the shelling was merely intermittent and ceased altogether at 4 a.m.

A fresh breeze sprung up at 3 a.m., helping to clear away the strongest concentrations, the gas, however, still hung about, and still (7 am) does. Prompt measures were taken to treat shell-holes in the neighbourhood of trenches and bivouacs, with chloride of lime.

Through the bursting of a shell in a dug-out, one man was killed and one wounded.

E. N. Armit Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.
-----GAS REPORT for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 24th July 1918.

In consequence of the severe bombardment during the night 22/23 July, a considerable amount of gas persisted on ground and among trees, in the vicinity of this Battalion (C 28 b, C 29, C 22 d) and the wind carried about appreciable quantities of the gas throughout the day.

Though there was no fresh shelling, active anti-gas measures had to be adopted, shell-holes and earth splashed with Yellow Cross liquid being liberally treated with Chloride of Lime.

E. N. Armit Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

ORDER NO. 108

Ref Map -
Sheet 62 d S.W. & S.E. 1/20,000

Battalion Headquarters,
23rd July 1918.

- 1 The 19th Battalion will relieve the 20th Battalion A.I.F. in the left sector of 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade front, on night 24/25th July, in accordance with attached table.
- 2 The Battalion will move forward from present positions at 9-15 p.m., in the following order :-
Headquarters, "D" Coy, "B" Coy, "C" Coy, "A" Coy.
- 3 Intervals - Companies will move by platoons at 100 yards interval, or as situation may demand.
- 4 Guides - One per platoon will await Companies at 024 c 15.30 (17th and 18th Battalion Headquarters) from 9-15 p.m.
Post guides from Company Headquarters, will be mutually arranged by Company Commanders concerned.
- 5 Advance Parties - 1 Officer per Company and 1 N.C.O. per platoon will proceed to respective Company sectors to-night 23rd/24th inst.
- 6 Rations - Rations will be sent to present Battalion Headquarters on 24th inst, and will be distributed and carried forward. On the following days rations will be dumped at P 20 d 30 at 10-30 p.m.
- 7 Cooking Arrangements. Cooking will be carried out at Q.M. Store
Tea and water will be sent forward in petrol tins.
- 8 Ration Parties - The reserve Company will collect and deliver rations to all Companies each night.
- 9 Transport - Transport Officer will detail transport on 24th inst as under :-
(a) 1 limber for Headquarters gear to report at present Battalion Headquarters at 9 p.m.
(b) 1 load of water to fill casks at ration dump P 20 d 30 at 10-30 p.m. on 24th inst and following days.
(c) Horses to collect Cookers at 6-30 p.m. for return to Q.M. Store.
- 10 Trench Stores :-
(a) Stores, Maps etc in new area will be taken over and receipts given.
(b) Stores etc, in present area will be handed over to advance parties of 20th Battalion and receipts obtained.
Copies of all receipts will be forwarded to Battalion Headqrs by first runner after completion of relief.
- 11 Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Headquarters by wire, Company Commanders wiring their own names.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Distribution over-leaf)

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

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APPENDIX W
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

SECRET

- 1/2 War Diary
- 3 E.C. "A" Coy
- 4 " " "B" "
- 5 Battalion Headquarters
- 6 " " " " " " "
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The 19th Battalion will relieve the 20th Battalion in the left sector of 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade front, on night 2/30th July, in accordance with attached table.

The Battalion will move forward from present positions at 9-15 p.m. in the following order :-
Headquarters, "D" Coy, "B" Coy, "C" Coy, "A" Coy.

Intervals - Companies will move by platoons at 100 yards intervals, or as situation may demand.

Guides - One per platoon will await companies at 9.24 & 10.30 (19th and 20th Battalion Headquarters) from 9-15 p.m. Post guides from Company Headquarters, will be mutually arranged by Company Commanders as needed.

Advance Parties - I Officer per Company and I N.C.O. per platoon will proceed to respective Company sectors to-night 23rd/24th inst.

Rations - Rations will be sent to present Battalion Headquarters on 24th inst, and will be distributed and carried forward. On the following days rations will be dumped at 7.30 & 9.30 at 10-30 p.m.

Cooking Arrangements. Cooking will be carried out at Q.M. Store. Tea and water will be sent forward in petrol tins.

Ration Parties - The reserve Company will collect and deliver rations to all Companies each night.

Transport - Transport Officer will detail transport on 24th inst as under :-

- (a) 1 limber for Headquarters gear to report at present Battalion Headquarters at 9 p.m.
- (b) 1 load of water to fill casks at ration dump 7.30 & 9.30 at 10-30 p.m. on 24th inst and following days.
- (c) Horses to collect cookers at 8-30 p.m. for return to Q.M. Store.

Truck Stores :-

- (a) Stores, Maps etc in new area will be taken over and receipts given.
 - (b) Stores etc, in present area will be handed over to advance parties of 20th Battalion and receipts obtained.
- Copies of all receipts will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by first runner after completion of relief.

Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Headquarters by wire, Company Commanders writing the in own names.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Distribution over-leaf)

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

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Relief table to accompany Battalion Order No. 108

Date	Coy	In relief of	Dispositions	Coy Hdqrs at	Remarks.
24/25th July 1918	"D" Coy, 19th Bn.	"A" Coy, 20th Bn.	LINE RIGHT	P 26 b 65	
"	"B" Coy, 19th Bn.	"D" Coy, 20th Bn.	LINE LEFT	P 21 e 26	
"	"C" Coy, 19th Bn.	"B" Coy, 20th Bn.	SUPPORT	P 26 d 94	
"	"A" Coy, 19th Bn.	"C" Coy, 20th Bn.	RESERVE	P 26 e 54	
"	Battalion Headquarters will move to P 19 c 12.				

DISPOSITIONS.

25th July 1918.

Following are the dispositions of this Battalion, as taken over from the 26th Battalion, following relief during the night July 24/25th :-

				<u>C</u>	<u>C.R</u>
Battalion headquarters	P 19 c 16.20)			
R.A.P.	P 19 d 80.15	)		7	45
G.P.	P 26 b 80.50)			
"A" Company: (In reserve)					
Headquarters	P 20 c 6.6	)		1	19
1 Platoon	P 20 c 7.9	)		1	12
2 "	P 20 d 3.2 to	)		1	21
3 "	P 20 d 3.7	)		1	18
S.C.S. relay	P 20 c 6.6)			
	P 20 d 3.7)			
Lewis Gun A.A.	P 20 c 6.6)			
"B" Company. (Line left)					
Headquarters	P 21 c 2.6	)		1	24
S.C.S. Relay	")			
Stokes Mortar	")			
Company disposed in posts numbered right to left, from P 27 a 3.8 to P 21 c 8.9 as follows :-					
No. 7a	1 N.C.C.	5 C.R.	1 L.G.	)	1 Officer
8	1 "	5 "	1 "	)	2 S.B's
9	1 "	4 "	1 "	)	1 Runner.
10	1 "	4 "	1 ")	
11	1 "	4 "	1 "	)	1 Officer.
12 (listening)		4 "	-)	
13	1 "	5 "	1 ")	
14	1 "	5 "	1 "	)	1 Officer
15	1 "	5 "	1 "	)	1 Runner
16 (listening)		4 "	-	)	2 S.B's
"C" Company :- (Support and front line)					
Headquarters	P 26 b 9.6	and			
No. 1 Post	P 26 d	1 Off	21 C.R. and 5 L.G.		
No. 2 Post	P 27 c 4.5	1 N.C.C.	9 C.R. and 1 L.G.		
No. 3 Post	P 27 c 3.7	1 Off	10 C.R. 1 L.G.		
	P 27 c 35.85	1 N.C.C.	8 C.R. 1 L.G.		
"D" Company (Line Right)					
Headquarters	P 26 b 95.65	1 Off	10 C.R. 1 L.G.		
S.C.S. Relay	P 27 a 3.2				
	P 27 a 3.6				
	P 27 a 3.7				
S.C.S. Vickers Guns	P 26 b 9.4	and			
	P 27 a 0.7				
Stokes Guns	P 26 b 86.55	and			
	P 26 b 75.40				
Posts 3 a	P 27 a 35.00	1 N.C.C.	3 C.R.		
4	P 27 a 30.20	1 Off,	12 C.R., 2 L.G.		
5	P 27 a 35.35	3 N.C.C.	11 C.R., 2 L.G.		
6	P 27 a 3.6	1 Off,	17 C.R., 2 L.G.		
7	P 27 a 3.7	1 N.C.C.	8 C.R. 1 L.G.		

E. N. Armit Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

26th July 1918.

OPERATIONS :- Our Lewis gunners maintained harrassing fire during the night against known and suspected enemy posts.

At 1-30 a.m. our T.M. fired 20 rounds into "Y" trench P 27 c 57 in reply to pineapple shoot.

A day patrol of 1 officer and 1 C.R. moved down old German C.T. from P 21 c 64 to P 21 d 7.5, A forward wire and tool dump was located in sunken road at P 21 d 9.4 and a small dump of 18 pounder shells in cases at P 21 d 7.5. Enemy posts lightly wired were observed at approx P 21 d 3.7 and at P 21 d 5.3, There was no sign of occupation by day, nor were there any signs of recent occupation of posts in trench along which patrol moved, There is a German dug-out in C.T. at P 21 d 6.4, apparently used to fire flares and showing signs of recent occupation.

Flares were observed on the night July 24/25th to be coming from this vicinity, No movement was observed by the patrol, and the enemys policy appears to be to push small posts out during night, and withdraw them before daybreak, One enemy sniper fired two shots from direction of P 21 d 87

SNIPERS :- Our snipers claim 3 hits.

ENEMY ARTILLERY:- was quiet during day, with usual harrassing fire during the early part of the night. At 1-30 p.m. 50 rounds 5.9's and 4.2's fell in P 26 b and c, lasting 3-50 p.m. Pineapples were distributed on P 26 b and P 27 c at 10-35 p.m. and 11-30 p.m. 30 being fired from direction of MARCEL CAVE.

At 11-30 p.m. 20 4.2's fell in No Man's Land and vicinity of our front line. At 1-45 a.m. 30 4.2's were fired on the left company sector from 300 yards in front of line to well in rear of support line.

A number of shells fell 300 yards in front of our No. 12 post and this caused a yellow flare to be sent up by the Hun. It had no apparent effect on the shooting, both these bursts were directed at our wiring parties, At 3 a.m. 80 4.2's 5.9's, 77's were fired on P 26 a, b, c, the shelling lasting 30 minutes.

ENEMY ATTITUDE :- Quiet and passive.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS were active at short intervals during the night, and several were engaged by Lewis gun fire with good effect.

FLARES were normal.

MOVEMENT :- Small parties were observed from time to time moving between ACCROCHE WOOD and WAREUSEE-ABANCCURT. Men were heard talking and working at P 21 d 42, and were silenced by our L.G. fire.

An enemy working party of 40 to 50 appeared to be digging in P 23 b at 5 a.m. yesterday? They were working in the direction of TAILLUX WOOD (Artillery informed) There is considerable movement of individuals and small parties in this vicinity.

At P 28 b 7.3 men were seen at 5 a.m. to hurry quickly across the road crossing the trench. There are indications of an enemy C.P. at P 28 b 7.4

At 4-30 a.m. one of the enemy who appeared head and shoulders above the parapet in post at P 27 b 47 was sniped. An hour later stretcher bearers carried a man away from this post on a stretcher and another man with bandaged arm went with him.

WORKS :- C.T. deepened P 27 a 26. Wire erected P 21 c, P 27 a c, trenches drained and improved.

Ammunition, rations etc, carried forward.

E. W. Armit Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

25th July 1918.

RELIEF :- The 19th Battalion relieved the 20th Battalion in line, on the left sector of the Brigade front, during the night July 24/25th, relief being complete at 1 a.m.

OPERATIONS @- ARTILLERY : from 2-45 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. on 24/7/18, harrassing fire was maintained by our 4.5's Howitzer guns against enemy trench ^{at} P 27 c 65.70. In all 170 shells were fired, and hits were observed.

ENEMY ARTILLERY :- Lively during relief on front and support areas, between 9 p.m. and 10-30 p.m. 170 rounds of 4.2 and 5.9 H.F. were fired in P 26 a and b, P 26 d, on approx T.B. 117° and 127°.

From 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. 30 rounds of 4.2 fell in P 19 c and d; at 3 a.m. 20 - 4.2's on P 26 c.

T.M's 10-15 p.m. three L.T.M's were fired on our front line in P 27 a; and at 3-50 a.m. 6 medium T.M. were dropped on P 26 d.

Enemy defences:- M.G's were inactive during the night. There were occasionally white flares.

Suspected enemy M.G. positions at P 21 d 4.4 and P 22 a 3.6 were engaged by our Lewis Guns and 500 rounds expended.

MOVEMENT :- At 8 a.m. 24-7-18 5 stretcher cases were carried out of enemy post at P 27 c 5.6. Small parties were seen harvesting in P 24 c in very early morning. At 7 a.m. six men ~~xxxx~~ carried boards from P 23 c to P 22 c.

During the night 24/25th July two of our aeroplanes flew over the enemy trenches and fired on them with Machine Guns.

VISIBILITY - Good.

E.N. Armit Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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27th July 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS :- Our artillery effectively engaged the following targets and movement and activity in P 29 a, P 23 a,b, P 29 c, enemy M.C. at P 27 d 85.95 M.G.'s actively ~~swept~~ swept enemy tracks approaching and centres of activity, Two hits were observed by our Lewis gunners who fired into movement at P 28 c 86.96?

SNIPERS :- Our snipers claim one hit from No. 6 post.

PATROLS :- One Officer and 2 C.R. crawled out from P 27 c 45.56 to a point 20 yards from the main VILLERS BRETONNEUX-WARFUSEE ROAD, examining the line of pot-holes between our right post and the road. No signs of the enemy or of recent enemy occupation were seen.

IDENTIFICATION :- A prisoner of the 152nd Regiment, 41st Division (Normal) was taken by our No. 5 post at P 27 a 3.4 at 10-30 last evening. He was acting as a company runner and had missed his way between the two German posts.

Our men permitted him to approach till capture was certain, His division, he said, was expecting relief at any time, having been in the line since July 14, and he believed a Division was on the way to relieve them. His people, he believed, had no intention to attack in this sector; on the contrary, they were always standing to, expecting an attack from us.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY was lively at intervals, P 26 d was frequently shelled with 4.2's and 77's throughout the day and night. A few 4.2 and 5.9 fell in P 26 during the afternoon and 16 - 8" in P 26 c, twelve 77's coming from direction of WARFUSEE fell short on the enemy's posts in P 27 c, Two single greens were immediately sent up and the range lifted to P 27 b.

Other shoots were:-

3 p.m. 4.2's on P 18 a and c, 4 p.m. 30 - 5.9 on P 26 a, 2-40 a.m. 18 L.T.M. on P 26 b, 3-55 a.m. 20 - 4.2 on P 26 a, P 25 a, from T.B. 117. 9 p.m. 50 77's, 4.2's on P 25 a, P 26 a, T.B. 117.

ENEMY DEFENCES :- New work (trench) was noticed at P 24 a 2.2. A M.C. was located at P 27 d 85.95. There is a large camouflage place at P 33 a 4.7 approx.

FLARES :- White normal, two single greens had the effect of lengthening the range of shells, Prisoner gives as the meaning of flares the following :-
1 Yellow - Barrage (S.C.S). 1 Red, Annihilating fire (Vernichtungsfeuer)
1 Green - shells falling short. Orange Cluster - We are falling back, fire on our evacuated position.

Enemy flash signalling with Morse Code was observed at 10-45 p.m. in P 23.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT :- Four enemy planes crossed our lines at 8 p.m. and circled round for half an hour before returning. Three enemy balloons were observed on T.B.'s of 45, 57, and 82, from P 21 c 4.8.

MOVEMENT :- At 9 a.m. groups of two and three men could be seen walking between P 24 and P 30. At 10 a.m. what appeared to be an Officer and 4 men carrying full packs were seen from P 29 a to P 23 c. Party of two moved from rear of TAILLEUX WOOD to approx P 23 b 16.76? This area was swept by our artillery during the day.

Between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. several men were seen moving about from P 21 b 40.25 in the direction of ACCROCHE WOOD. At 5-35 p.m. three waggons on road on road between P 29 central and P 23 d.

VISIBILITY good.

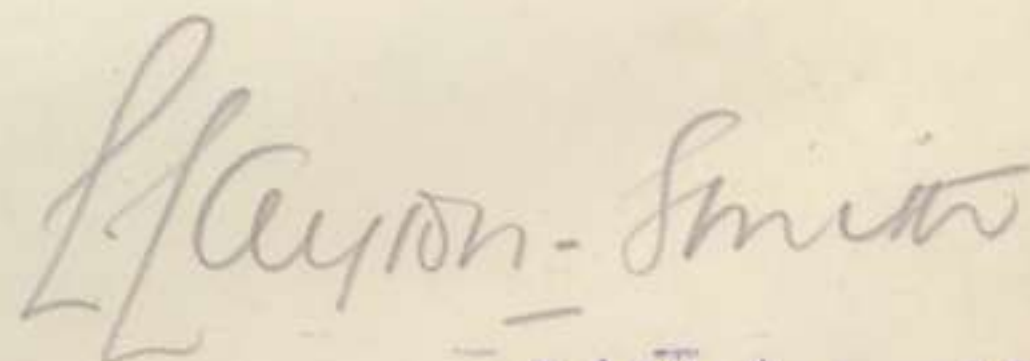
WORKS :- Trenches drained, wiring along front line. Front line deepened in vicinity of posts. R.E. material, ammunition etc, carried forward.

E. V. Armit Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

ORDER No. 109Battalion Headquarters,
27th July 1918.

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- 1 The 2nd Battalion, 129th American Infantry Regiment will be attached to the 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade from 26th inst onwards.
- 2 (a) One Company (approx 3 Officers & 185 C.R) also Intelligence and A.M.C. personnel will be attached to the 19th Battalion A.I.F. and will join the Battalion on night 27/28th July 1918.
(b) One platoon of the American Company will be attached to each Coy of 19th Battalion, and Coy Commanders will attach one section of this platoon to each of their own platoons.
One American platoon Commander will be attached to each front line Company, and the American Company Commander will be attached to Battalion Headquarters.
(c) Intelligence and A.M.C. personnel will be attached to Battalion Headquarters.
- 3 Guides :- One guide per Company will report at Battalion Headqrs at 8-45 p.m. to-night 27/28th inst to meet the American troops.
- 4 The American troops will be under the tactical command of the C.O. of unit to which they are attached. They will however, at all times be under the administrative control of their own Officers, who will be responsible for their *interior* economy and discipline.
- 5 For the first 8 days each section of American troops will remain attached to each Australian platoon.
For the next 8 days, the Americans are to be attached as a fifth platoon to each Company.
After this period, American Battalions will be attached to Aust. Inf. Brigades as a fifth Battalion of the Brigade.
- 6 Supplies :- Rations, Tea, Water etc for the American personnel will be included with the rations of Companies to which they are attached and will be brought forward each night by Coy Q. M. Sergeants.
The troops will carry 24 hours rations and 200 rounds S.A.A. per man into the line.
- 7 ACKNOWLEDGE.


Lieut. & Adjutant,
19th Aust. Inf. Battalion.Distribution :-

- 1/2 War Diary
- 3 C.C. "A" Coy
- 4 " "B" "
- 5 " "C" "
- 6 " "D" "
- 7 C.C. American Coy.
- 8 Q.M.
- 9 T.C.
- 10 File.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

28th July 1918.

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Americans Attached : One Company of the 2nd Battalion, 129th American Infantry Regiment, (3 Officers and 152 C. R) joined this Battalion during the night July 27/28th, a platoon being attached to each company and a section to each platoon, The American troops were all in their positions by 12-30 a.m.

OPERATIONS :- A patrol of 1 Officer and 1 C.R. left our No. 7a Post at P 27 a 4.8 and proceeded north, patrolling the country in front of our line of posts. The patrol, which returned through No. 16 post at P 21 c 6.3 saw or heard no movement of the enemy.

GUR ARTILLERY was active, especially towards evening. The 18 pounders put a light barrage over enemy lines from 9-45 p.m. to 9-55 p.m. and again at 11-20 to 11-30 p.m.

Gur M.G.'s frequently fired at known enemy tracks etc, and Lewis Gunners kept up harrassing fire against enemy posts.

GUR SNIPERS claim four certain hits.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY was generally inactive, At 5-20 p.m. 15 rounds 77's were fired on P 25 a, at 6-5 p.m. 5 - 5.9's on on P 26 b from a T.B. of 99 from P 26 b 85.60. At 8-45 p.m. 5- 5.9's on P 26 c T.B. 127, 1 a.m. 12 - 5.9's on P 19 c and d, At 1-45 a.m. 10 - 77 mm on P 26 b.

ENEMY ATTITUDE Passive, quiet.

ENEMY M.G.'s - activity normal.

FLARES :- Very few during the night, mostly white. fired from near WARFUSEE,

From the right of our left Company (P 27 a 6.8) white flares were sent up from points which appeared to be some distance further back than firing points of the previous night.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT :- A hostile aeroplane dropped bombs on VAIRE WOOD during the night.

MOVEMENT :- At 7 a.m. 27/7/18 a wounded German was carried out of post at P 27 a 5.7 probably as a result of No 36 grenades fired on the post during the night. Early yesterday morning 8 Huns were observed running along in single file and they disappeared in P 27 d 5.4. A man observed from enemy trench in P 27 a 6.5 last evening, moving several times to different positions and looking toward our lines.

MISCELLANEOUS :- A terrier dog was observed and shot about 100 yards in front of our left post, P 21 c 9.9.

A patrol went out and examined it, but found no messages or markings. The dog was apparently a stray.

VISIBILITY :- Good only occasionally.

WORKS :- Wire put out and erected, trenches deepened and improved, shelters erected, R.E. material, ammunition, rations, carried forward.

E. W. Armit Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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29th July 1918.

OPERATIONS: Our artillery effectively engaged the following targets: Medium T.M. P 28 c 7.3 (approx) silenced; movement and activity in ~~XXXXXX~~ P 23 a 5.7 at 5 a.m. 29-7-18 dispersed.

CUR M.G.'s were active, sweeping tracks and areas of movement.

PATROLS :- A patrol of 1 N.C.C. and 3 C.R. left P 27 c 3.6 at 10-30 p.m. and worked towards the WARFUSEE ROAD, when near the road, the patrol heard sounds of enemy hammering wood in the vicinity of P 27 c 5.2.

Flares were frequently fired from this trench, also from the Western end of "Y" trench P 27 c 6.6.

Flashes of a M.G. which was sweeping No Man's Land and parapets of Posts 1 and 3 were seen at Western end of "Y" trench, there appeared no signs of the enemy occupying pot holes or shell holes in front of "Y" trench.

Patrol was frequently fired on by M.G.'s and the enemy fired flares unceasingly. The patrol returned through P 27 c 3.9 at 12-30 a.m.

A second patrol which left P 21 c 7.8 at 10-15 p.m. found no sign of enemy occupation or activity in P 27 a. Voices were heard from direction of enemy post at approx P 21 d 5.8, and one enemy post entered was found to be unoccupied, with no sign of recent occupation.

Flares were normal on the extreme right and left but none was fired on our immediate front except from trees in front of WARFUSEE-ABAMCOURT. This would suggest that the enemy has been forced to evacuate posts opposite our left company front, owing to recent rain and soaking in the hollow ground. There was very little M.G. fire, Patrol returned 12-15 a.m. P 21 c 6.5

A third patrol left P 27 a 25.76 at 10 p.m. and worked towards enemy trench at P 27 a 45.56. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy, but flares were sent up by him in the close vicinity of the trench.

SNIPERS :- Our snipers were active from No. 9 Post towards dusk, but results are not known.

ENEMY ARTILLERY :- was inactive during the day on forward areas. At 10 p.m. 15 rounds 4.2 were fired in the direction of the ration dump. At 9 p.m. 36 - 4.2's were fired into P 25 and P 26; at 9-20 p.m. 10 - 4.2's on P 26 from a T.B. of 127 (C.P. P 26 b 8.6). From 12-30 a.m. to 2 a.m. (29-7-18) there was a heavy bombardment of the left Divisional sector. At 1-15 am 15 L.T.M.'s fell in P 26 b, from P 28 c 7.5. At 2-50 a.m. 4 M.T.M.'s fell in P 27 c.

ENEMY ATTITUDE :- Quiet by day, alert by night.

ENEMY DEFENCES :- Enemy M.G.'s were normal on the right, quiet on the centre and left. White flares were fired from pot-hole posts in P 27 a but on the left of the Battalion front, from points, some distance further back, flares were very numerous from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT :- Three low flying (But out of range for L.C.) enemy planes flew over our lines at 6 p.m. yesterday. About 9-45 a.m. an enemy plane was observed to have been brought down behind WARFUSEE.

MOVEMENT :- Very little observed from our No. 12 post, the enemy could be seen moving from WARFUSEE along track to approx P 27 b 8.9 between 8 and 8-30 p.m. About 9 p.m. enemy was observed moving from this point towards the village.

VISIBILITY indifferent.

WORKS :- Thickening and strengthening front line, new wire put out, trench improvement. New C.T. P 20 d 2.3? Dug-outs and latrines excavated. Firesteps out. 180 yards concertina wire erected. 180 yards support trench widened and deepened.

E. N. Armit Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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ORDER No. 110.Battalion Headquarters,
29th July 1918.

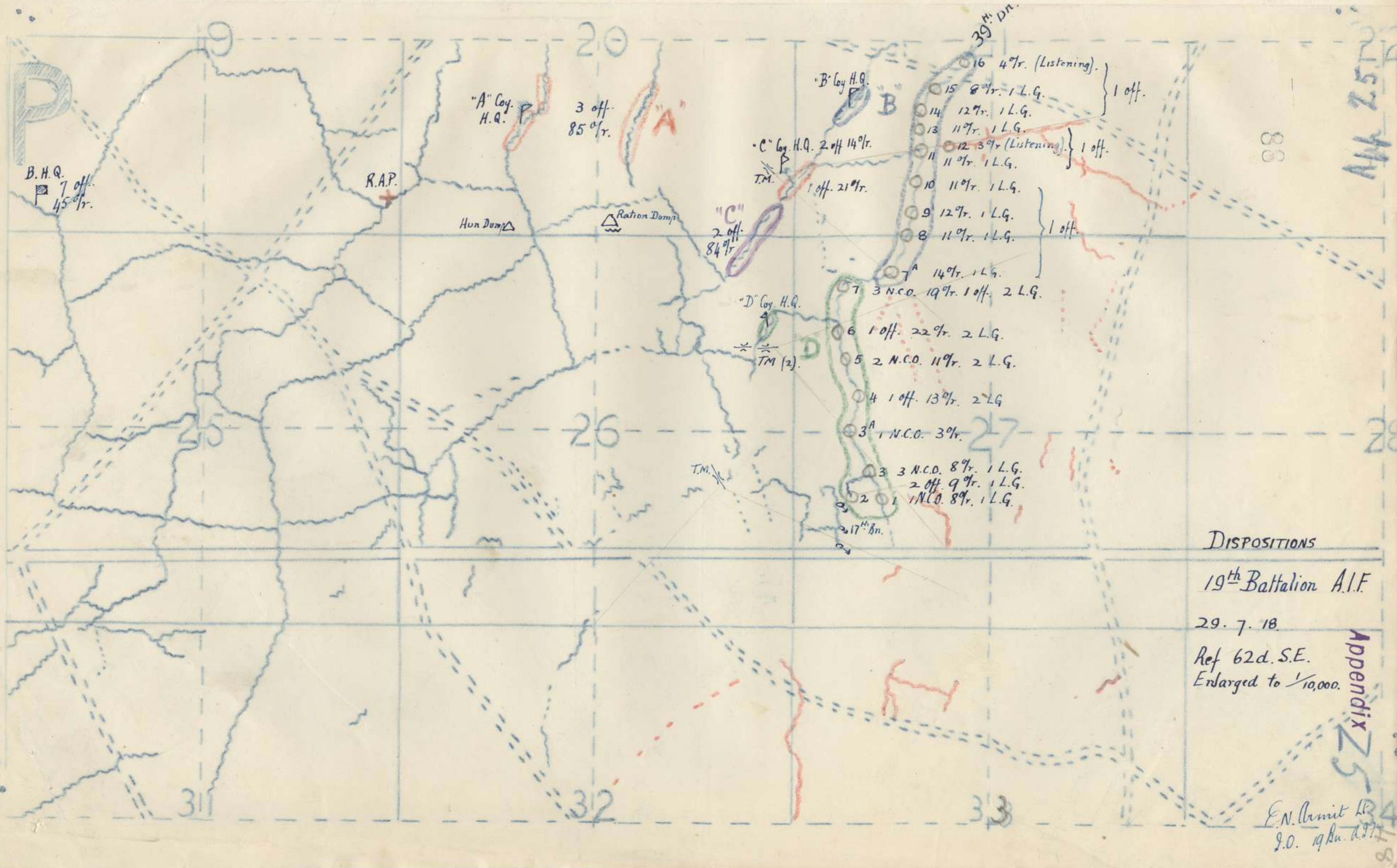
- 1 During the afternoon and evening of 29th inst., the American personnel attached to support and reserve companies will be changed over with those attached to front line companies, as under :-
- (a) 39 O.R. attached to "A" Coy. will relieve 40 O.R. attached to "B" Coy.
 - (b) 39 O.R. attached to "C" Coy. will relieve 31 O.R. attached to "D" Coy.
 - (c) Platoon officers will remain with front line companies.
- 2 Details of the relief will be mutually arranged by Coy. Commanders concerned.
- 3 Rations. The necessary adjustment in rations will be arranged by Coy. Commanders concerned.
- 4 Completion of the relief will be notified to Bn. Headquarters by wire, using code word "POP."
- 5 ACKNOWLEDGE.

Hayton-Smith

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

Distribution :-

1. O.C. "A" Coy.
2. " " "B" "
3. " " "C" "
4. " " "D" "
5. " American Coy.
- 6/7. War Diary
8. File.



DISPOSITIONS
 19th Battalion A.I.F.
 29. 7. 18.
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Battalion Headquarters,
 29th July 1918.

Reference 19th Battalion Order No. 169 (para 5). The periods of training will be shortened as follows :-

The first period of attachment of American sections to Australian platoons will be for four days instead of eight, i.e. from 28th to 31st July inclusive.

The second period, attachment of American platoons to Australian Companies will be for four days instead of eight, i.e. 1st to 4th August inclusive.

On completion of these two periods, total 8 days, the American personnel will be withdrawn from Australian Battalions, and re-organised into a Battalion, which will be employed as a fifth Battalion of 5th Aust Inf. Brigade.

L. Clayton-Smith

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

Distribution :-

1/2 War Diary
 3 G.C. "A" Coy
 4 " "B" "
 5 " "C" "
 6 " "D" "
 7 G.C. American Coy
 8 Q.M.
 9 T.C.
 10 File.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

30th July 1918.

OPERATIONS :- As a result of our artillery shoot on movement and activity in P 23 a yesterday morning, at least three three stretcher cases and three walking wounded were observed. Our artillery again dispersed movement in P 23 a.

At 9-30 p.m. a large number of gas shells were sent over to the enemy area, and this bombardment was renewed at 2-30 a.m. lasting till 5 a.m. Our M.G.'s were active throughout the night.

PATROLS :- 1 Officer and 4 C.R. made a reconnaissance of No Man's Land in P 21 d; patrol went out from P 21 c 65.40 at 10-15 p.m. and returned at the same point at 1-15 a.m. See patrol leader's report.

Another patrol of 1 Officer and 3 C.R. reconnoitred enemy occupied holes and trenches in P 27 a; patrol went out from P 27 a 2.8 at 10-30 p.m. and returned through P 27 a 3.6 at 1-30 a.m. See patrol leader's report.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY :- Our front line and supports received a fair amount of attention throughout the day - probably registration shoots. At 5-30 p.m. 15 - 5.9's fell in P 26 a and b from direction BAYC WILLERS where a good deal of enemy shelling was observed to come. Intermittent shelling with 5.9's, 4.2's, and 77's took place on P 26 a, b, P 27 a, c, P 19, and P 26 c, d, throughout the day. At 8-45 p.m. till 9 p.m. VAIRE WOOD (P 14) and P 13 were heavily shelled with approx 40 -XX5 9" shells; from 1 to 2 a.m. 4.2's and 5.9's were scattered over P 19 and P 26. At 2-10 a.m. 30 - 4.2 were fired into P 26 b. At 8-30 p.m. (29-7-18) 50-15m shells fell in P 26 d

ENEMY ATTITUDE :- Quiet.

ENEMY DEFENCES :- The enemy was heard working at approx P 21 d 8.7. An enemy post is suspected at P 21 d 45.00. Minewerfer were again active yesterday morning, a few shots falling in P 26 d. at 10-30 a.m. from direction P 28 ~~at 10-30 a.m.~~

Machine Guns were active between 10-30 p.m. and 4 a.m. especially a M.G. in "Y" trench.

FLARES were normal.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT :- at 8-10 p.m. one enemy plane flew over front line, but was turned by our M.G. fire.

MOVEMENT :- One man and parties of two or three were seen yesterday morning moving in rear of "Y" trench P 27 c 8.5; fire was opened on them.

At 7 p.m. last evening, earth was being thrown up at the Western end of "Y" trench, and on firing several 36 at it, a man ran across country for part of the way. Rifle grenades were afterwards fired from this position.

Sounds of horse transport were heard in the direction of MARCEL CAVE at 1 a.m. this morning.

MISCELLANEOUS :- During our artillery firing about 11-30 p.m. 3 enemy dumps were fired between WARTUSEE and MARCEL CAVE.

VISIBILITY - Bad.

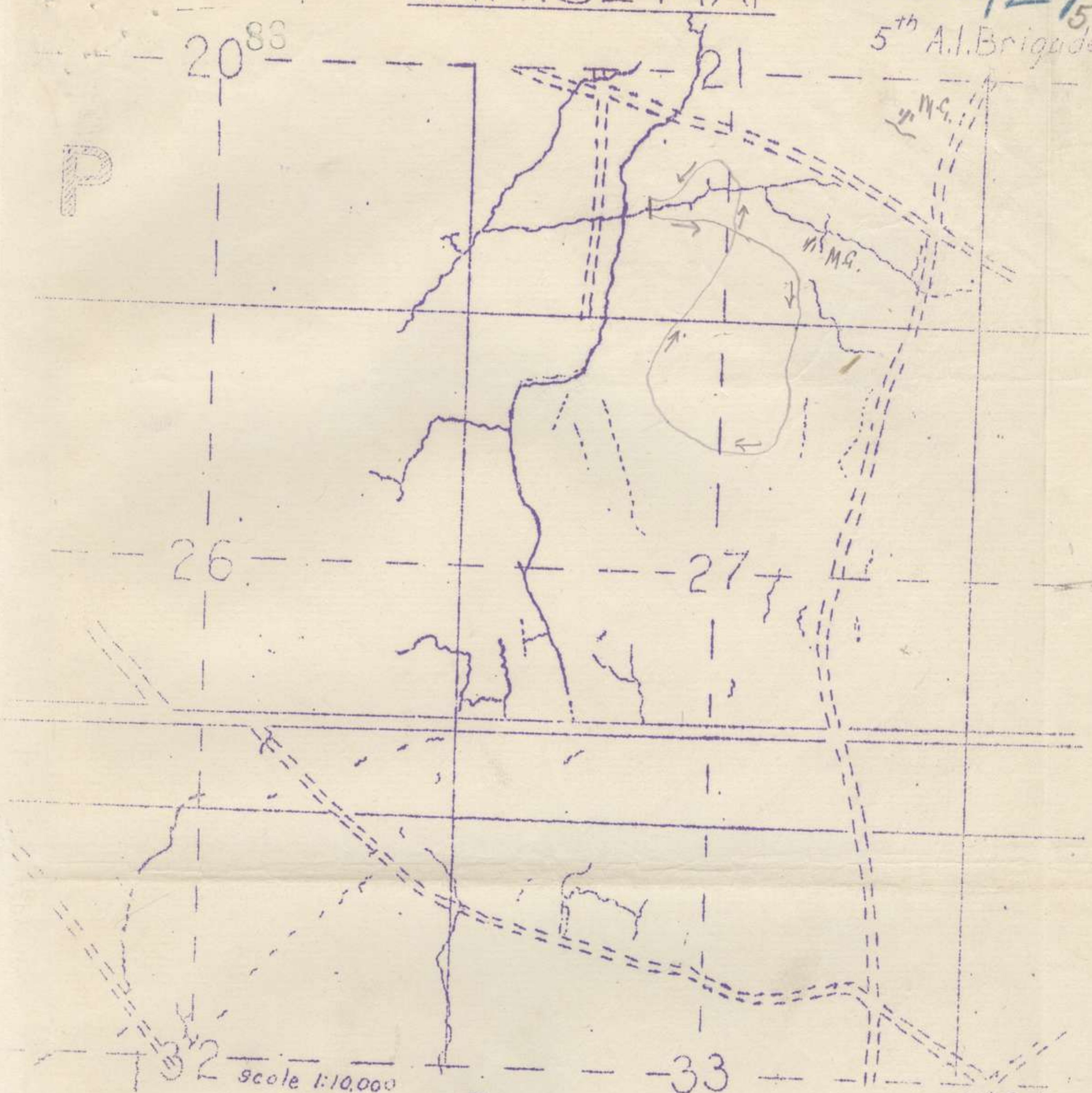
WORKS :- Trenches widened and deepened, wiring front line extended. Dugouts and shelters made, new C.T. made P 26 d 2.3. R.E. Material etc, carried forward.

E.N. Armit - Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

PATROL MAP

Appendix **Z7**
5th A.I. Brigade

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Report

Place of going out P. 21. C. 65. 40
 Time " " 10. 15 P.M.
 Place of return P. 21. C. 65. 40
 Time " 1. 15 A.M.
 Casualties Nil.
 Information gained:

Legend

British Front Line

Enemy Trenches

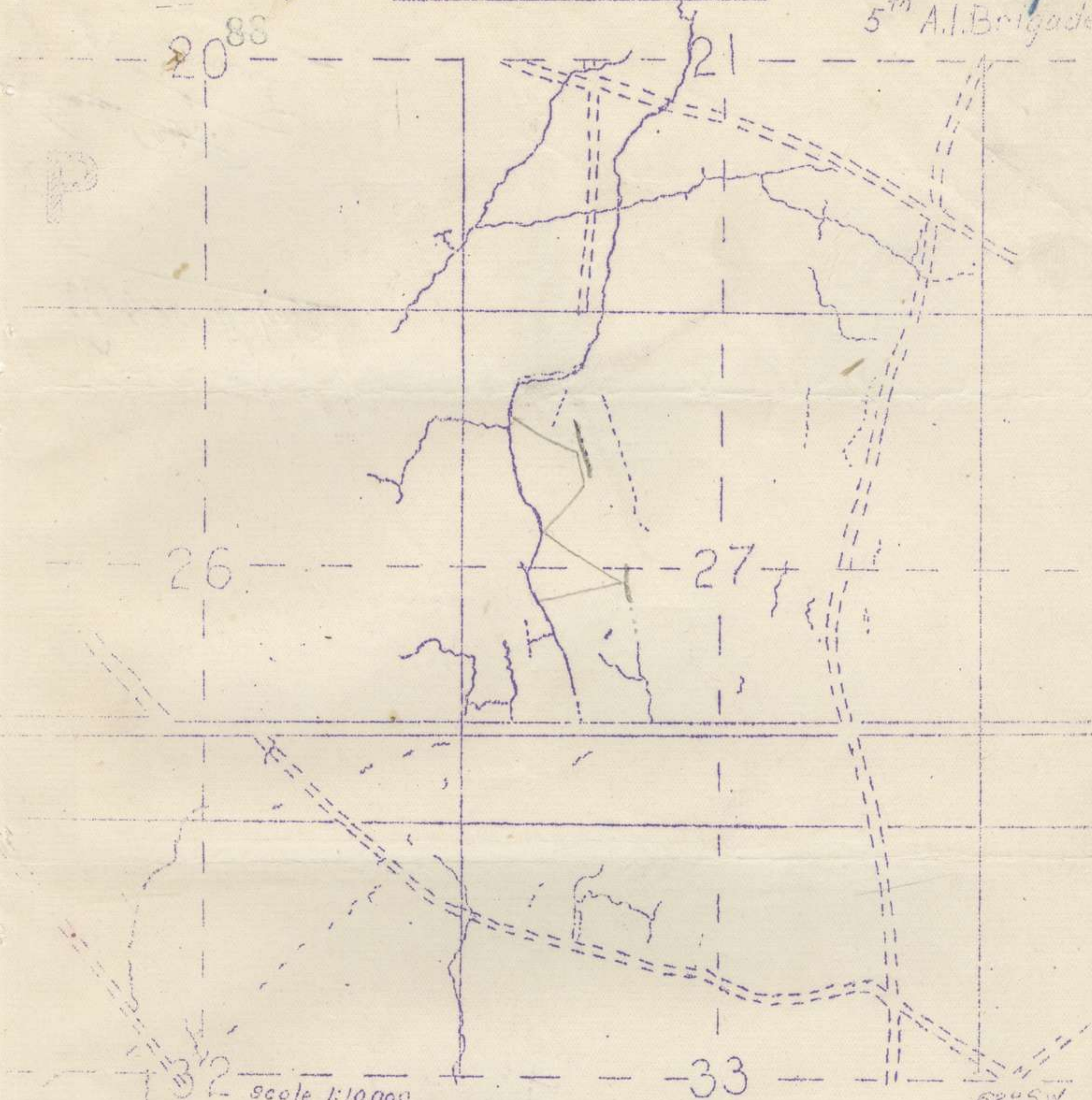
Enemy lead working on post at approx. P. 21 d. 8. 7.
 Light machine gun on post at P. 21 d. 5. 4. The latter post
 is lightly wired. During Patrol enemy guns quiet, but
 no hostile patrols encountered. Flares on right and
 left normal none to direct post. Conditions night
 very dark till midnight. Visibility good during
 at these stage three enemy dumps fired in direction of
 WAREUSEE and MARCELCAVE.

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PATROL MAP

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5th A.I. Brigade



Report

Place of going out No 7 Post
 Time " " 10.30 pm
 Place of return No 3rd Post
 Time " 1.30 am
 Casualties NIL
 Information gained:

Legend
 British Front Line — — — —
 Enemy Trenches - - - - -

Enemy trenches in front of No 7 post seemed to be manned strongly. Counted 8 heads in a space of about 15'. Two men came from the rear overland & jumped into the trench. Work seemed to be going on and from sounds I should say a deep dug out was being built. Worked along and trench seemed to extend for at least 50' to the south. Came in to get fresh bearing & went out from No 4 post. Found a trench line about 200' out but whether a connection of left post or Y trench am unable to say. No 10 sent up from here but saw no garrisons. The flatness of the country & absence of cover makes patrol work difficult. Moonlight & machine gun fire prevented any further advance. Returned by No 3rd Post.

29/July/18

Patrol Leader
Alley 19th Bn.

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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ORDER No. 111

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Battalion Headquarters,
29th July, 1918.

Ref Map,
Sheet 62 d S.E. & S.W. 1/20,000

1 The 19th Battalion plus Attached American personnel will be relieved by 20th Battalion A.I.F. plus attached American personnel, in the left sector of the 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade front on night 30/31st inst, as under :-

- "B" Coy, 20th Bn will relieve "D" Coy, 19th Bn (line right - posts 1 to 7a inclusive)
- "C" Coy, 20th Bn will relieve "B" Coy, 19th Bn (line left - posts 8 to 16 inclusive)
- "D" Coy, 20th Bn will relieve "C" Coy, 19th Bn (Support)
- "A" Coy, 20th Bn will relieve "A" Coy, 19th Bn (Reserve)

2 Front line Companies will send out covering patrols to protect their respective fronts during the relief.
These patrols will be withdrawn immediately relief is completed.

3 After relief 19th Battalion will become Brigade reserve Battn, and will take over duties and dispositions of 20th Battalion A.I.F.

4 Guides for incoming Battalion - One per platoon will await incoming Battalion at 24 c 15.30 (17th and 18th Battalion Headquarters) from 9-30 p.m. on.
These guides will report to Lieut ARMIT at Battalion Headquarters at 9 p.m.
Post guides will be mutually arranged by Company Commanders concerned.

5 Advance Parties :- 1 Officer per company and 1 N.C.O. per platoon will proceed to Reserve positions by 6 p.m. on 30th inst.
The Officers of advance parties will report at Battalion Headqrs to obtain new dispositions for their respective companies.

6 Trench Stores will be handed over and receipts obtained.
Stores in reserve area will be taken over by Officers of advance parties and receipts given.
Copies of all receipts will be forwarded to Battalion Headqrs by 11 a.m. on 31st inst.

7 Rations will be delivered at Reserve Battalion Headquarters (28 b 88) to-morrow 30th inst, at 7 p.m. and following days as previously arranged.

- 8 Transport Officer will make following arrangements.
- (a) 3 Cookers to be brought to Reserve Battalion area by 8 p.m. on 30th inst.
 - (b) Tool echelon to be brought to Reserve Battalion Headquarters by 8 p.m. on 30th inst.
 - (c) 1 Limber to report at rear Battalion dump at 8 p.m. on 30th inst to collect Headquarters gear for transport to reserve Battalion Headqrs.
 - (d) 1 Limber to report at forward ration dump at 10-30 p.m. to collect petrol tins, salvage etc, for return to Q.M. Store.

9 Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Headquarters, Coy Commanders wiring their own names.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut & Adjutant

Issued by runner at 9.30 p.m.

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

(Distribution over-leaf)

Distribution :-

ORDER NO. 111

- 1/2 War Diary
- 3 E.C. "A" Coy
- 4 " " "B" "
- 5 " " "C" "
- 6 " " "D" "
- 7 Q.M.
- 8 T.C.
- 9 20th Bn, A.I.F.
- 10 E.C. "G" Coy, 2nd Bn, A.E.F.
- 11 file.

Sheet 82 d S.E. & S.W. 1/26, 600

The 19th Battalion plus Attached Ammunition and Transport Companies arrived by 20th Battalion A.I.F. plus attached Ammunition and Transport Companies left sector of the 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade front on night 30/11/42 as under :-

"A" Coy, 20th Bn will relieve "A" Coy, 19th Bn (Reserve)
 "D" Coy, 20th Bn will relieve "C" Coy, 19th Bn (Support)
 "G" Coy, 20th Bn will relieve "B" Coy, 19th Bn (line left - posts 8 to 16 inclusive)
 "B" Coy, 20th Bn will relieve "D" Coy, 19th Bn (line right - posts 1 to 7 inclusive)

From fire companies will send out covering patrols to protect their respective fronts during the relief. These patrols will be withdrawn immediately relief is completed.

After relief 19th Battalion will become Brigade Reserve Battalion and will take over duties and dispositions of 20th Battalion A.I.F.

Guides for incoming Battalion - One per platoon will await incoming Battalion at 24 c 15.30 (19th and 18th Battalion Headquarters) from 9-30 p.m. on 30/11. These guides will report to Lieut ARMIT at Battalion Headquarters at 9 p.m.

Post guides will be mutually examined by Company Commanders concerned.

Advance Parties :- 1 Officer per Company and 1 N.C.O. per platoon will proceed to Reserve positions by 8 p.m. on 30th inst. The Officers of advance parties will report at Battalion Headquarters to obtain new dispositions for their respective companies.

Stores in reserve area will be taken over by Officers of advance parties and receipts given. Copies of all receipts will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 11 a.m. on 31st inst.

Batteries will be delivered at Reserve Battalion Headquarters (28 p 28) to-morrow 30th inst, at 7 p.m. and following days as previously arranged.

- (a) Transport Officer will make following arrangements. 3 Cookers to be brought to Reserve Battalion area by 8 p.m. on 30th inst.
- (b) Tool chest to be brought to Reserve Battalion Headquarters by 8 p.m. on 30th inst.
- (c) 1 Limber to report at Reserve Battalion dump at 8 p.m. on 30th inst. to collect Headquarters gear for transport to Reserve Battalion Headquarters.
- (d) 1 Limber to report at forward ration dump at 10-30 p.m. to collect petrol tins, salvages etc, for return to G.M. Store.

Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Headquarters, Coy Commanders writing the in own names.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Left by runner at 11 p.m.
 Lieut & Adjutant,
 19th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

19th Bn. A.I.F.

Disposition Map

Villers Bretonneux Sector

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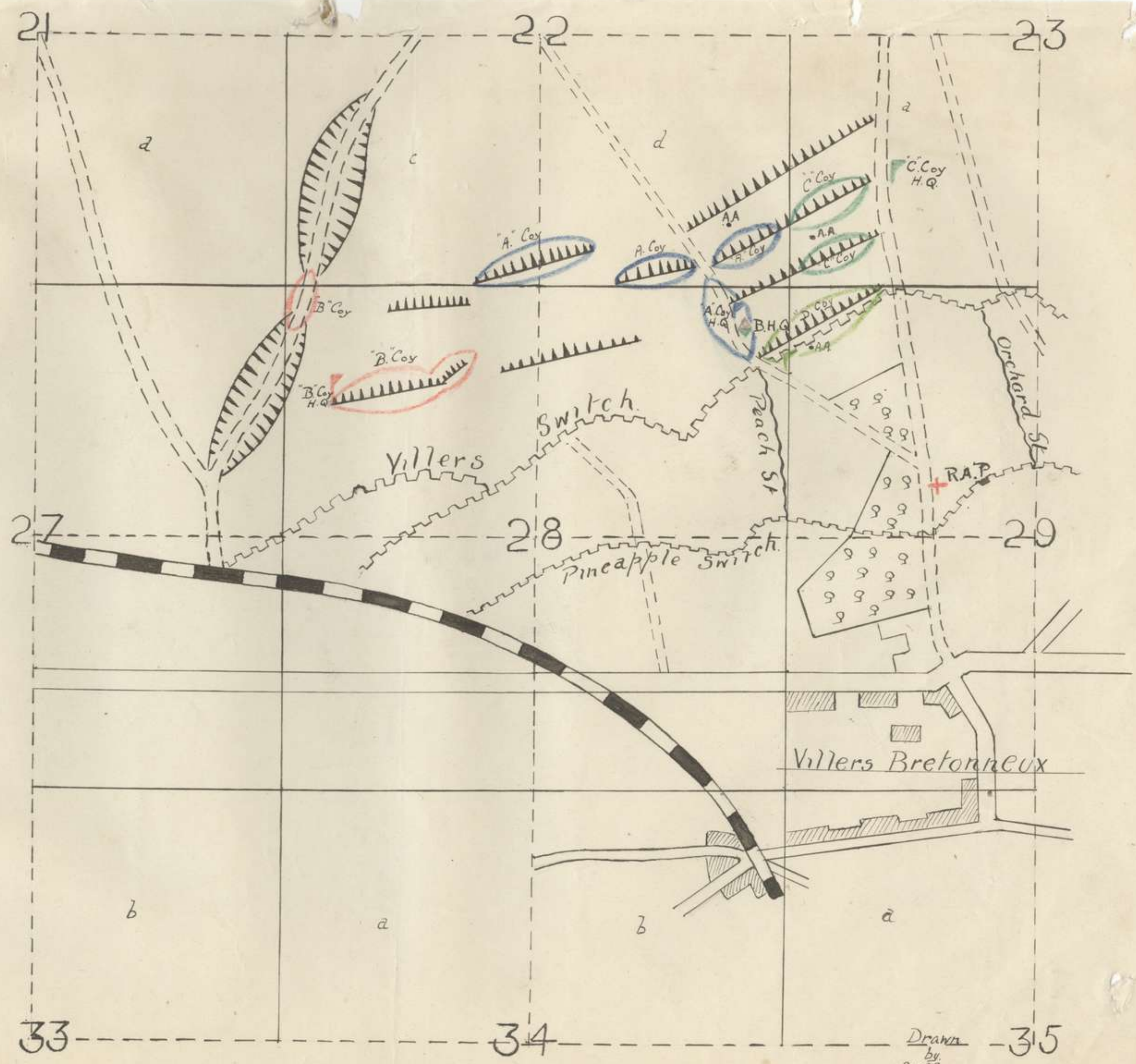
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Analysis of Strength.

	Aus	off	U.S.	Aus	U.S.
B.H.Q.	7	1	43	8	
"A" Coy.	5		70	38	
"B" "	3	1	79	40	
"C" "	2		52	31	
"D" "	2	1	60	35	
Total	19	3	304	152.	

E.N. Armit Lt.
I.O. 19 Bn A.I.F.

31/7/18



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To accompany App 79.

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

31st July 1918.

RELIEF :- The 19th Battalion was relieved by the 20th Battalion, in line (left) during the night July 30/31, the relief being reported complete at 1 a.m. 31-7-18.

The 19th Battalion thereupon moved out to reserve position in VILLERS sector, Companies being in their new positions by 2-30 a.m.

DISPOSITIONS.

Battalion Headquarters (Dugout).		€ 28 b 9.8	
		€ 28 b 95.75	to
		€ 28 b 70.99	
C.P.)			
S.C.S. relay)		€ 28 b 80.85	
R.A.P.		€ 29 a 55.30	
"A" Company. Bivouacs and Shelters			
Headquarters		€ 28 b 8.9	
Platoons		€ 22 c 8.0	to
		€ 22 d 25.15	
		€ 22 d 4.1	
		€ 22 d 80.25	
"B" Company. " "			
Headquarters		€ 28 a 20.55	
Platoons		€ 28 a 20.55	to
		€ 28 a 70.65	
		€ 28 a 05.95	
"C" Company. " "			
Headquarters		€ 23 c 40.45	
Platoons		€ 23 c 00.10	to
		€ 23 c 35.25	
		€ 23 c 00.25	to
		€ 23 c 35.50	
"D" Company. " "			
Headquarters		€ 29 a 05.75	
Platoons		€ 28 b 90.80	to
		€ 29 a 40.99	
Lewis Guns A.A.		€ 28 b 80.95	1 gun
		€ 29 a 10.80	1 "
		€ 23 c 10.20	1 "
		€ 22 d 70.25	1 "

E.N. Armit Lieut,
Intelligence Officer.

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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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AMERICAN PERSONNEL ATTACHED.

1918

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>C.R.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
July 27th	3	151	154
28th	3	151	154
29th	3	151	154
30th	3	151	154
31st	3	151	154

En. Armit Lieut.,
Intelligence Officer.