

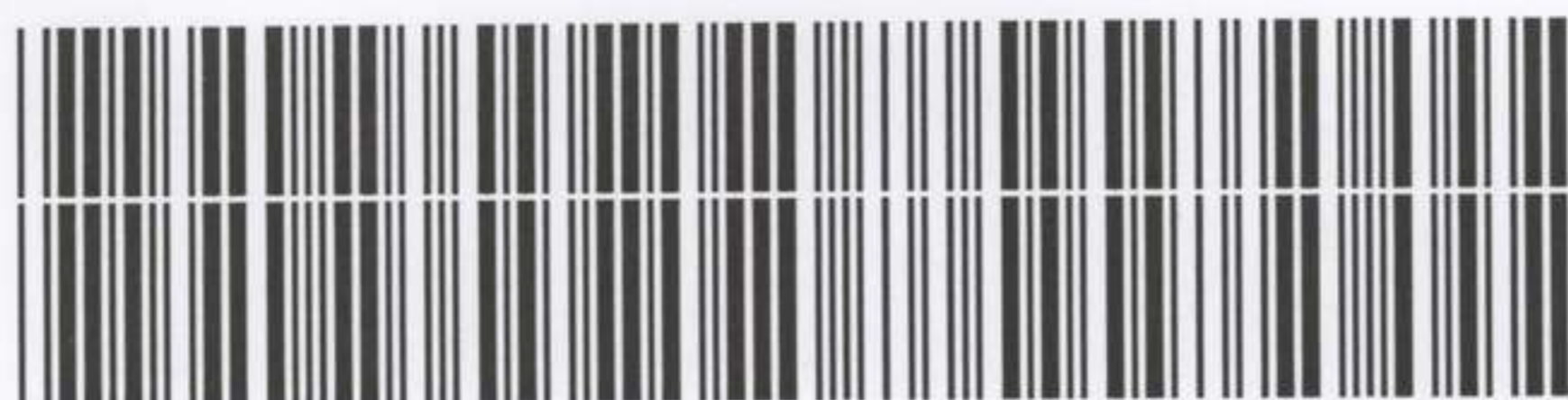
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WAR DIARY

OF

27TH A. I. BATTALION

FOR

APRIL 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><i>Narrative Report April 1918</i></p> <p><i>27th Battalion</i></p> <p>During the first week of April the 2nd Aust Div was transferred to the 3rd Army the 27th Batt left ARMENTIERS AREA and proceeded south by bus & train to AMIEN AREA, and took over portion of the front line from the 3rd Aust Div. The 3rd & 4th Aust Div had previously stopped the enemy's push toward AMIEN in this locality, and had dug a series of posts which constituted the BRITISH front line. The 27th Batt took over approx 2,000 yds from BUIRE VILLAGE toward ALBERT, where it remained until relieved on May 1st.</p> <p>All the forward posts were under direct observation from^{by} the enemy by day, and the great amount of digging, wiring, & carrying of supplies was carried out under cover of darkness. Bn Cooks were brought forward within a mile of the front line, and all rations & hot food carried to garrisons at night. During the period the Bn was in this area the enemy was comparatively quiet. No attacks were made on our defences whatever and no raids attempted by him. Minor artillery duels were carried on every day, but otherwise the enemy's artillery was no troublesome, a little gas at times made it necessary to wear helmets, but no casualties occurred. During the Bn's tour in this sector a great quantity of wire was put out both in forward & support trenches. All posts were connected up, forming a strong continuous defence line, communication trenches to rear were dug & shelters in all trenches were erected. Capt P. G. Bice & his company worked hard on salvage from C. C. Station and a great amount of valuable material was sent out.</p> <p>Total casualties while in the line & for the Month of April are as follows.</p> <p>1 Officer wounded & 26 Other Ranks wounded 1 " Killed & 5 " " Killed.</p> <p>The moral & fitness of the men was all that could be desired. There was a change of shoes available every other day, no sign of trench feet.</p> <p>Am Moore Lt 27th Bn.</p>	



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KORTEPYP AREA. MAP REF SHEET 28SW 4 SE	April 1st		<p>Fine weather prevailed: Battalion in front line opposite FRELINGHIEN.</p> <p>An increase in enemy artillery activity, noticeable, very little damage done to our defences, and no casualties occurred. Two enemy aeroplanes were active for a short period over our lines, Anti Aircraft Guns dispersed them. During the day enemy Machine Guns and Trench Mortars, normal. During the night heavy projectiles from enemy T. M's caused considerable damage to KIWI TRENCH and No 2 Post, fortunately no casualties occurred. Battalion Strength - 42 Officers 980 Other Ranks.</p>	
"	April 2nd		<p>Fine weather: During the day enemy batteries shelled principally in our rear areas. A few gas shells fell in vicinity of DESPIERE FARM (BⁿH^oQ¹⁰) An increase in use of H.E Shrapnel. Several enemy planes succeeded in crossing our lines but were fired upon by AA Guns and driven off. Slight movement by the enemy during the day principally in the vicinity of SCREENED FARM.</p> <p>Battalion was relieved in the line by 3rd Battalion Worcesters. Relief complete by 1-30 AM 2nd/3rd 1918. Battalion marched to No 1 Camp KORTEPYP.</p> <p>No casualties.</p>	No 1 Appendices

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KORTEPYP AREA MAP REF SHEET 28 SW 9 SE.	April 3 rd		Fine weather: Battalion bathed and clean clothes provided at PALMER BATHS. Battalion left No 1 camp KORTEPYP and marched to Busses on NEUVE Eglise ROAD. embussed at 1-30 ^{PM} for FLETRE arriving 3-30 ^{PM} same day. St W.S. Coombe rejoined from English Leave.	
FLETRE.	April 4 th		Showery weather: Battalion resting and cleaning up. Nothing of interest to report.	
FLETRE	April 5 th		Battalion left FLETRE AREA at 1-30 ^{AM} and marched to GODEWAERSVELDE. Light rain fell most of the morning. B ⁿ arrived at 3. AM. All ranks were provided with hot drinks at 4. AM and then entrained for ST ROCH near AMIENS at 4-30 ^{AM} arrived AMIENS 5-30 ^{PM} . B ⁿ marched to ALLONVILLE (MAP REF 62 D. 1/40,000) and billeted in village.	Bn Order No 23 No 2 Appendix
ALLONVILLE SAEET 62 1/40,000	April 6 th		Fine weather: Battalion left ALLONVILLE at 9.30 ^{AM} and marched (battle order) via BUSSY-DRAOURS - LANUEVILLE to CORBIE arriving destination 4. PM billeted in the town.	



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AMIENS AREA	April 7 th		Slight showers. Battalion left CORBIE and marched via BONNAY-FRANVILLERS to BAIZIEUX. Hot meals were served at 4.30 PM. Officers, 1 per Coy reconnoitred forward. Battalion moved forward to relieve the 50 th A.I.F. Batt in the line at BUIRE. D. 30. and E. 19. Relief complete without casualties.	
MAP REF SHEET 62D NE 1/40,000			12.30 AM 8/4/18. Disposition of Battalion	
			<p>Bⁿ H^o Q^{uo} D. 24. A. 10. 80</p> <p>RIGHT front line Coy. "D" Coy. } Battalion Strength in Line Left " " " "B" Coy } 25 Officers 600 Other Ranks. Supports "C" Coy } Reserves "A" Coy. }</p>	
ALBERT AREA.			33% of Officers and Other Ranks remained at MOHNIENS-AUBOIS. Constituting a nucleus Garrison for Divisional Reserve	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALBERT AREA. MAP REF SHEET 620 NE 1/20,000.	April 8 th		Fine weather. Our Snipers were very active during the day, and claim several Huns. Enemy attitude quiet. A patrol of 1 Officer and 4 other ranks went out from the left of our Batt sector to reconnoitre NO MAN'S LAND. Owing to extreme darkness, they apparently lost direction. In endeavouring to locate their position they walked upon an enemy post. Enemy M Gun opened fire on them at close range severely wounding the Patrol Officer Lt L V. Parkes. He, however, with the help of one of the men succeeded in reaching our lines. The other 3 men of the Patrol ^{are} reported missing.	
ALBERT AREA.	April 9 th		Very wet all day. Enemy batteries were extremely active shelling the whole of our B ^{DE} area. Suspected registration by new enemy batteries, at intervals during the fore noon. One of the Patrol (Pt Brown) previously reported missing returned to our lines at dark, after spending 24 hours in a shell hole near enemy trenches, he was wounded in three places, by MG fire. Consolidation of position proceeded with, and wiring in NO MAN'S LAND continued.	Appendix No 3.



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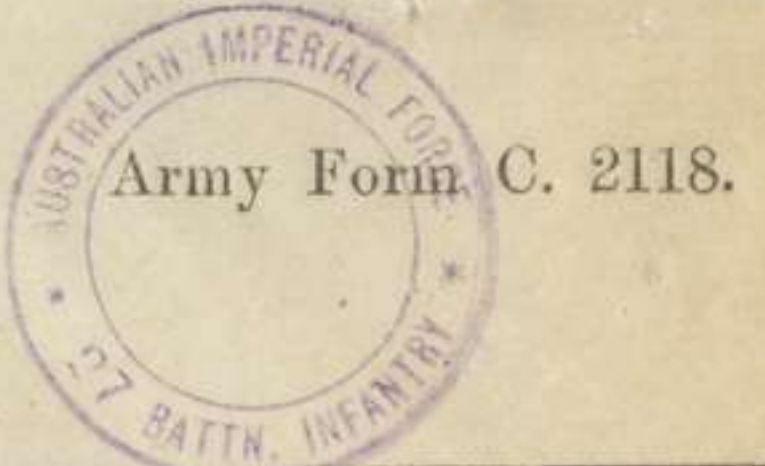
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALBERT AREA.	April 10 th		<p>Weather much finer. Enemy attitude very quiet</p> <p>The Battalion was relieved by the 25th Batt A.I.F relief complete by midnight</p> <p>Battalion marched to, and billeted at ST LAWRENCE FARM, D. 19.8.1.9.</p> <p>Gas & aeroplane guard mounted.</p> <p>Taken on strength Lt W.L. Hosking Seconded 10/4/18</p> <p>" A.R. Burton Supt List 10/4/18</p> <p>2/Lt P.A. Hoehenhall Reinforcements "</p> <p>" W.C. Leake " "</p> <p>" C.G. McGlew " "</p> <p>" C.W.O. Oswald " "</p>	Appendix No 4.
ALBERT AREA	April 11 th		Beautiful day. Battalion resting & cleaning up. Nothing of interest to report	
ST LAWRENCE FARM	April 12 th (13 th 14 th 15 th)		<p>(Fine weather prevailed. Battr resting and cleaning</p> <p>(Nothing of interest to report.</p>	



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ALBERT AREA.	April 18 th		<p>Fine but cold ^{foggy}. Our batteries were fairly quiet during the day, intermittent bursts of fire from our 18 ^{PHRS} directed against enemy positions in rear of DERNACOURT. Our heavies shelling enemy back areas during the afternoon. Very active throughout the night particularly between 4 AM & 5.30 AM. Visibility poor. A Patrol of 1 Officer and 7 men reconnoitred NO MANS LAND remaining out for 4 hours, nothing was seen of the enemy. Enemy shelling during the day has been scattered and intermittent, no enemy planes observed, Enemy Machine Guns were very active at night sweeping the left line of our defences at intervals. Three casualties occurred during the past 24 hours, due to M.G. fire, all slight wounds.</p>	Appendix No 7
ALBERT AREA.	April 19 th		<p>Misty - but fine $\ddot{\text{v}}$. Our heavy batteries continued to strafe enemy back areas. Ruins of MORLANCOURT burning, result of our fire, Our guns were brisk and consistent with harassing fire upon enemy defences. Enemy shelling normal. Enemy aircraft kil. Altogether for 24 hours enemy attitude quiet. Work on trenches in front Line continued throughout the night, wiring in front of Posts proceeded without casualties.</p>	Appendix No 8

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALBERT AREA.	April 20 th		<p>Line day. : Enemy batteries moderately active during the day, shells falling chiefly on Support Area. At night enemy Machine Guns intermittently swept our front line trenches, which considerable interfered with wiring in front of line and in digging communication trenches to Posts. Our heavy batteries have been constantly shelling enemy positions, particularly in rear of MORLANCOURT and DERNACOURT.</p> <p>1 Sgt and 3 men went out from our Lines at night and patrolled NO MANS LAND. Some enemy dead were found in a shell hole with Machine Gun & 1,000 rounds of S.A.A. The M.G. has been cleaned and mounted in our front trenches.</p> <p>Capt Bice with his Coy. continued the salvaging of valuable clothing, beds, instruments, etc from Casualty Clearing Station.</p>	

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ALBERT AREA. SHEET 62 ^D 1/20,000	April 21 st		<p>Fine Day: Our heavy batteries were very active during the day. shelling enemy defences in the forward area, and towns & villages in rear.</p> <p>Our planes were very active during the day, patrol and reconnaissance planes continually over enemy positions. Enemy attitude fairly quiet. We regret to report that Mjr K.A.R. Friedrichs was killed by a shell in the support area. He was an original Bn man and was undoubtedly one of the best Officers this Bn has ever had.</p> <p>Capt Bice with his company continued salvage work on C.C. Station during hours of darkness.</p>	Appendix No 9
"	April 22 nd		<p>Drizzling rain in morning fine in afternoon. Our artillery active all day. Aeroplanes very active. Hostile positions were bombed by our airmen and patrol & reconnaissance work carried out without interference by enemy machines. Salvage work continued, also work on forward defensive system. No casualties.</p>	Appendix No 10.



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ALBERT AREA.	April 23 rd		Finer weather prevailed; very misty during day which made observation of enemy territory impossible. Our batteries carried out shoots on enemy positions. Active during the day. Enemy attitude quiet. Work on defences in front line continued and salvage of material from b.b. Station proceeded with. 1595 Pfc Goodfellow S.C. Killed.	Appendix No 11
"	April 24 th		Fine, but cold. Our batteries have been quiet. Aeroplanes very active, large formations flying at about 10,000 ft patrolled our lines continuously. Several enemy planes were brought down. Enemy attitude still very quiet. Salvage work continued.	Appendix No 12
"	April 25 th		Fine, but very misty. There is nothing of interest to report. Salvage work continued on b.b. Station, and ^{work} upon wire & benches in our line proceeded with at night.	Appendix No 13.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALBERT AREA. MAP REF SHEET 620. 1/20000	April 26 th		Fine but misty. Usual artillery duels took place along our Battle front. Aerial activity on both sides below normal owing to poor visibility. During the night salvage work was continued. large quantities of clothing and hospital material carried out to dump near Bn 7 th Qns and transported to rear areas. Work on defences continued.	Appendix No 14
"	April 27 th		Beautiful day. Battalion was relieved in the front line by 25 th A.I. Batt 27 th Battalion went back to support area. Nothing of interest to report. Enemy attitude quiet.	
"	April 28 th		Dull but fine. Battalion in support. Very quiet day.	
"	April 29 th		Misty, Rain during day. Nothing of interest to report.	
	April 30 th		Rain fell during the day. The 7 th Bde was relieved in the ALBERT AREA by the 55 th English Brigade. The 27 th Bn was relieved by the 7 th Queens Regt relief complete 11-30. Bn marched to BAVELIN COURT. and billeted in the village.	Bn Order 24. Appendix No 15

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OF

27th A. I. Battalion



FOR

April

1918

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27th Battalion

Appendix 1

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours
 ending 2nd April O.P. C.4.A. 95.45
 MAP REF Sheet 36. IV. W. 2 & NE

OUR OPERATIONSArtillery.

A good deal of counter battery work was in progress during the day. Several active hostile T.M. positions were fired upon by our field batteries, and good results obtained.

Aircraft

Very active all day; patrol & reconnaissance planes were busy well over the lines, always subjected to heavy A.A. fire from enemy guns & from M.G.s but without result. No air fights took place on our sector, but an enemy plane was seen to crash in rear of BAS HARNETON T.B. 141°
 M.G.s Normal

T.M.'s As previously reported, splendid work was done by our 6" Mortars particularly on enemy T.M. positions. This mortar is without doubt the best means of retaliation, but owing to shortage of ammunition could not be used as frequently as desired.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery - For day see table of shelling attached. During the enemy 4-2:47:30 consisted of forced upon roads in rear of our sector, and on our left. A few gas shells fell in vicinity of DESPIERE FARM and QUINNERS FARM. Much more ^{behind} was observed than usually. A.A. guns engaged our planes all day, whenever they came within range.

Aircraft More active during the day than for the past eleven days. Several planes succeeded in crossing our lines and penetrated to our back areas. Heavy A.A. gun fire, & M.C.'s engaged them, but without apparent result. One enemy balloon ascended on our front. T.B. 135°.

M.C.'s & T.M.'s Very quiet during the period.

Patriots No sign of the enemy.

Enemy Inf Activity Enemy parties of 3 or 4 men were seen in vicinity of Screened FARM, carrying rifle & gas helmet. Smoke could be seen issuing from enemy lines at three points, C.I.B. 20.40, C.5.D. 30.95, C.5.B. 30.35.

Flares Nothing unusual to report.

ammunition

Patriot Report 2/4/18.

Two Patrols from "A" bay & two from "B" bay, patrolled No Man's Land, in front of our sector.

No 1 & 3 Patrols on Left bay front
No 2 & 4 " " " " Right " " "

P.M. Patrols moving from left to right of front.

A.M. Patrols from right to left.

Strength 1 Off. 20 men 1 C.G.

Time P.M. Patrols 8 P.M. to midnight
A.M. " " 1 A.M. to 5 A.M.

Remarks The whole front was exceptionally quiet on our sector, nothing was seen of the enemy & no sounds heard from his side of the River. Patrol Leaders have nothing fresh to report.

Am more Lt
for [signature]





SECRET

27th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

ORDER No. 23.

4th April 1941

Reference Maps: Sheet 7, 1/40,000.
MIEBS, 1/100,000.

- 1. The Second Australian Division is being transferred to the 3rd Army.
- 2. The 27th Battalion will proceed by train from CODEWAERSVELDE to ST. ROCH on the 4th and 5th April.
- 3. 'D' Coy accompanied by its cooker and team will proceed by the 10.5 a.m. train from GOD. This Coy will march out from Milletts at 7.30 p.m., 4th instant.

The remainder of the Battalion with Transport will proceed by the 4.5 a.m. train on the 5th inst from GOD.

- 4. The 27th Battalion less 'D' Coy will march to GOD on the 5th inst.
 - Starting Point: Cross Road near 'B' Coy Millet (L.L. 47.9.)
 - Starting Time: 1.30 a.m.
 - Order of March: H.Q., 'C', 'B', 'A' Coys.
 - Dress: Full marching order, 1 blanket per man and

24 = hours rations to be carried. + iron ration.

- 5. The Brigade Entraining Officer is Capt. J. B. ELDER, M.C.
The Battalion Entraining Officer is Capt. J. K. BRIDGEMAN.
The Battalion Entraining Officer will report to the Brigade Entraining Officer at 2 a.m. on the 5th inst. and will be in possession of an exact Entraining State.

6. Previous Instructions issued on Transport of Troops by Rail, will be strictly adhered to.

7. Transport will entrain with the Unit and will be at the Entraining Station at 1 a.m. 5th instant. Breast ropes for horse trucks will be provided by the Units themselves. Supply and Slaughter Wagons will accompany the Units. All water carts will entrain full. Horses will be watered prior to entraining. Full complement of ammunition to be carried.

8. No troops or transport will be allowed to enter the station yard until permission is obtained from the S.T.O. No personnel or stores will be placed in the vans at either end of the train.

9. Officers' valises will be stacked at the various Coy H.Q. ready for loading at 6 p.m., 4th inst. Mess Gear will be stacked ready for loading at 8 P.M. on the 4th inst.

10. The train journey will take 10 hours approx.

11. Y.M.C.A. Sheds will be erected at the Entraining Station to provide hot drinks for the men prior to entrainment.

12 ACKNOWLEDGE

Mjt., 27th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION.

Coy No. 1	7th A.I. Bde.	Coy No. 7	Quartermaster.
2	O.C. 'A' Coy.	8	Transport Officer.
3	O.C. 'B' "	9	War Diary.
4	O.C. 'C' "	10	File.
5	O.C. 'D' "	11	Spare.
6	O.C. Hqrs.		

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Patrol

Pte Brown, One of the Patrol reported missing on the night of the 8th inst, returned to our lines last night. He was able to give the following information.



After leaving our Post at E.13.D.6.7 on the left of our 13th front, the Patrol moved out across NO MAN'S LAND for a distance of 300 yds to a point at E 20. A. 1. 9, they then turned ^{South} and proceeded along a line parallel with our Posts, but apparently lost direction. The night was exceedingly dark, hearing men working with picks & shovels they moved in the direction of the sounds thinking it was one of our Posts at work. They were challenged by a man calling 'Halt', a flare was fired & immediately Machine Gun & Rifle fire opened on them. This was approx at E 20. A. 4. 3. and about 400 yds from our Posts. Pte Brown saw Lt. Parkes fall, several flares were fired, Brown was wounded in several places on the left thigh. He tried to escape but fell in a shell hole, and not being certain of his location remained there all night & the following day coming in at our post after dark.

He found when daylight came that he was only 20 yds from a German trench that was occupied all day at approx E 20. A. 6. 4. He was able to locate an enemy MG firing from approx E 20. A. 4. 2. near BUIRE - DERNACOURT ROAD. From his position in shell hole he could hear the enemy digging, talking & whistling along RAILWAY. Two men are still missing and Brown has no idea in which direction they went.

Ammore Lt
2.7th Bn.

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27th Battalion Intelligence Summary
for 24 hours ending 6-30 AM 10/4/19

No 4
O. P. D. 18. D. 2. 2. SHEET 62 D NE 1/20,000

OUR ARTILLERY.

During the morning our heavy batteries shelled enemy positions in the vicinities of ALBERT and MORLAN-COURT. This shelling was continued during the afternoon. Weather conditions too misty to observe direct effect of shelling. One of our planes observing results of shell fire for 15 minutes. 3-37 PM Heavy artillery heard right of our Divisional sector.



OUR AIRCRAFT. Weather condition unsuitable for aircraft reconnaissance. 4 Aeroplanes of ours observed during afternoon for about 15 mins. Planes returned in rear of our lines, apparently too misty for work.

AIRCRAFT Nil. 98

MGs Harassing fire at intervals during night, chiefly against front line posts.

TMS Nil

flares. Only a few white Very Lights used.

Enemy Inf Activity.

Enemy's advanced posts very active constructing new posts along sector from E 20. A. 2. 2. to E 20. A. 4. 9.

Enemy active working on Hut 4 at approx E 20. C. 1. 7. L. M. G engaged same. Work Ceased.



OUR MG'S

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Intermittent bursts
of fire upon enemy roads & defenses
in rear of his lines.

OUR T.M.'S Quiet.

PATROLS

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery Table of shelling ~~attached~~
attached.
During night





27th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

SECRET.

ORDER No 22.

15th April 1918.

Reference Maps. Sheet 62D. 1/20,000.

- (1). 27th A.I. Battalion (D Btn). will relieve the 25th A.I. Battalion ('A' Btn) in the line on the night of 16/17th inst.
- (2). Dispositions will be as follows :-
 - Right Line Coy,..... 'D'
 - Left " " " " " 'A'
 - Close Support Coy, " " " " " 'B'
 - Reserve Coy, " " " " " 'C'
 - Bn Hqrs, Quarry. D. 24, a. l. s.
- (3). Patrols of the 25th A.I. Battalion will cover the relief.
- (4). No movement of troops will take place East of the LAVIEVILLE - BUIRE Road before 8-15 p.m.
- (5). Trench Maps, aeroplane photos, works policies and disposition of troops etc will be taken over on relief.
- (6). Companies will march out of this area independently, starting at the following times:-
 - Hd Qrs 8 p.m.. 'B' Coy 8-10 p.m. 'A' Coy 8-15 p.m.
 - 'D' Coy 8-30 p. . 'C' Coy 8-30 p.m.
- The most direct routes will be followed as already explained to O.C. Coys.
- (7). This area will be left in a clean condition. Refuse and excreta is to be buried, and latrines filled in and sites marked.
- (8). An orderly will call at the various Coy Hd Qrs between 3 and 5 p.m. 16th inst with standard time.
- (9). Completion of relief will be wired in B.A.B. Code to Battalion Hd Qrs.
- (10) Acknowledge.

Adjutant, 27th A.I. Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION.

- Copy No 1. 7th A.I. Bde.
- 2. 25th A.I. Bn.
- 3. 'A' Coy.
- 4. 'B' Coy.
- 5. 'C' Coy.
- 6. 'D' Coy.
- 7. Hd Qrs.
- 8. R. Q. M.
- 9. T. O.
- 10. War Diary.
- 11. File.

27th Battalion Intelligence Summary
for 12 hours ending 6.30 AM
SHEET 620 NE - O.P. D. 23. A. 35. 35.



OUR OPERATIONS **No 6.**

Artillery - Intermittent shooting during the night, at 3 AM until 4 AM medium barrage put down by our artillery. Very little enemy retaliation.

Aircraft Nil

M.G.'s normally active during the period.

T.M.'s Quiet

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery.

Between 8 PM & 9 PM enemy artillery was particularly severe on forward areas. BUIRE Village & crannies H.D. 23. D. 24. D. 17 & 18 receiving special attention. No casualties occurred.

Aircraft Nil.

M.G.'s During the night the enemy swept the high in D. 24 with machine gun fire, being particularly active at 5 AM

Enemy T.M.'s Nil.
Flares.

A great quantity of ordinary white very lights were fired by the enemy during the night.

Patriots Nil.

Ammunition Lt
= 0.27" en.



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27th Battalion Intelligence Summary
from 6-30 AM 1/8/41 to 6-30 AM 1/9/41
Taken from O.P. D. 2.3.A. 80.35 Sheet 62 D NE 1/20,000.

OUR OPERATIONS

No 7

Artillery. Our batteries were fairly quiet during the day, intermittent bursts of fire from 18^{PARA} directed against enemy positions in rear of DERNA COURT, at intervals. Our heavies shelling enemy back areas during the afternoon. Very active throughout the night, particularly between 4 AM and 5-30 AM.

Aircraft

Weather conditions entirely against aerial observation during the day. Several of our planes appeared over our lines for a few minutes only. During the night our planes were in and crossing & recrossing our lines, enemy searchlights seen operating on them.

As a T.M.S

Quiet

Patrols

1. Officer and 7 men went out of our lines at E 19.D.33 at 9 PM. They proceeded along RAILWAY LINE towards DERNA COURT. for a

distance of 250 yds, ~~crossed it and~~ then moved on the south side, then turned south toward farm at E. 26.A. 35. When within 30 yds of River AIXCRE and opposite FARM Patrol moved west along River bank close to row of trees which run parallel with River, to a point E 25. B. 1. 4. thence northward to Bay H^A Dna on RAILWAY LINE at E 19. C. 9. 1. All the ground in vicinity of Patrol route was thoroughly examined, no enemy were encountered.



ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery. Table of shelling for 2, 4 hours attached. Enemy batteries have been quiet compared with previous 2, 4 hours. The shelling has been scattered and of a searching nature being chiefly directed against our rear areas. Extra heavy shelling in D, 18, B & E 13, 17. calibre 5.9 p. General direction of enemy gun fire the same as previously reported.

Aircraft No planes seen during the day. Several enemy planes were heard crossing to our rear areas between midnight & 3.15 AM, planes proceeding in direction of AMIENS.

M Gs Quiet during day, but particularly active during the night, intermittent bursts of fire across our left bay front caused three casualties.

T.M's Nil.

Patrols Nil.

Flares Light etc

Ordinary white flares normal. Long strings of green flares were fired in a N.W.E direction, which are believed to be guide signals for enemy planes. A light from the rear of DERINA COURT was observed sending a series of calls for about an hour. Searchlights were used apparently positioned in rear of MEAULTE.

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27th Bn

27th Battalion Intelligence Summary
for 24 hours ending 7-11-18

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O.P. D. 23. A. 80. 25.



OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery — During the forenoon our heavy batteries consistently shelled in the vicinities of E 29. A. C. shells bursting in the valley. Our 18 P^m also shelled the vicinity of E 26. A. At 12-40 P^m ruins in MORLANCOURT burning, result of our fire. During the night our light batteries intermittently fired bursts of fire upon enemy defences & roads in his forward areas. For period under review, brisk & consistent all through.

Aircraft

Very little activity owing to poor visibility, at intervals during the day our Patrol planes patrolled our Divisional Sector. One of our planes R.E. 8 Type approached our lines from rear and attracted attention by consistent firing of M.G. in the direction of VILLE SUR ANCRE

Enemy Operations

Artillery from 6 A.M. enemy shelling normal. During the forenoon the enemy intermittently shelled in the vicinity of D. 17. A. B. with 4.2 & 5.9. Object of shelling presumably Casso Roads ALBERT-AMIENS & LAVIEVILLE majority of shells falling short. Table of shelling attached.

Aircraft Nil

M G's & T M's — During period Machine Guns have been much quieter particularly at night. T M's nil on our front.

Patrols None seen or heard.

Flares

Usual white flares fired at regular intervals during night. UNManned on

Enemy Inf Activity Small parties have been observed in K. 3. A. Work evidently being carried on in a newly constructed trench.

27th Batt Intelligence Summary for
24 hours ending 6:30 AM 21/4/18.
Taken from O.P. D.17.0.40.26 SHEET 620 1/20,000

OUR OPERATIONS

No 9.

Artillery — During the day our batteries consistently shelled enemy positions 8-15 PM. Our Artillery placed a barrage of mixed shelling upon enemy positions, shelling consistently for about 30 minutes. Enemy artillery remained practically silent during our activities, but at 8-45 PM his retaliation took the form of a light barrage, principally 4.2° & 5.9° mixed with gas shells.

At 3.30 AM our artillery again opened up annihilating fire for about 30 mins, a great display of ordinary white flares, ~~2~~ a double green was also fired by the enemy but without apparent result.

At 5.30 AM ^{our} artillery again put down a shoot and the enemy again used many white flares, his retaliation to this "shoot" was only slight, principally 4.2° & 5.9°.

Aircraft — Very active during the day, our Patrol & reconnaissance planes doing good work over our

lines. At night several of his planes were heard overhead, flying at a low altitude. Nothing unusual took place in the way of retaliation, mostly without shelling.

M.G.'s Quiet
T.M.'s 40 shells were fired from No. 10s on our front against suspected enemy A.C. positions.

Patrols No moving Patrol was sent out from our lines, all listening posts in front were manned during the night along the whole sector.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery. Enemy batteries fairly quiet during the day. At 8.30 PM hostile shelling was carried out on D.18. - D.24 - D.23. D.29. At 3-15 AM enemy commenced shelling as a retaliation to our barrage, on D.18 - D.24. D.23. - D.29 Heavy shelling also took place in our rear areas, exact co-ordinates could not be obtained. During our

shoots at night there has not been any severe retaliation by the enemy.



Aircraft. Very quiet during day. at night a few planes were heard passing overhead toward our rear areas.

Enemy signals & flares

Many ordinary WHITE flares were used by the enemy between 3 - 4 AM & 4 AM. A double green flare was also fired by the Hun on our sector just before his retaliation started. No strange signals were observed.

M G's Quiet during day. at night, our forward trenches were swept at intervals by Machine Gun fire.

T.M's Nil

Patrols Nil.

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27th Batt Intelligence Summary for
24 hours ending 6.30 AM 22/4/18
taken from C.P. D. 17. C. 40.20 Sect. 62° NE 20000

OUR OPERATIONS

No 10

Artillery - Intermittent shelling of enemy positions by our batteries. Had occasion to report to Bde. one of our guns firing short. At 4.40 AM heavy artillery action right of DERNACOURT. Too far distant to report upon.

Aircraft Very active throughout the day. Patrol & reconnaissance planes were well over enemy lines all day. Hostile positions bombed during the day by 3 of our planes which crossed over DERNACOURT dropping about 20 bombs. Many rounds of SAA was fired by our planes upon enemy in rear of our lines.

MG's Quiet

T.M's Our 3" Stokes fired 60 rounds distributed upon suspected enemy MG positions & S.P. in E. 19, D & E. 20, A.

PATROLS No moving patrols were out on our sector, but standing patrols & posts were placed well out in front along our whole sector.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery Much quieter during 24 hours, except upon two targets. 300 shells (calibre 5-9") were fired into J. 5. C and D. Also about 50 shells 4.2" upon D. 15. B. No gas shells were observed on our sector during period under review.

Aircraft Active during the day but always well in rear of front line. Our AA guns fired upon all planes within range with good effect. At 5.50 AM 22/4/18 a "Rumpier" passed over our lines proceeding toward AMIENS, when over RIBEMONT five of our planes surrounded him and the Hun plane was seen to crash in our lines in the direction of CORBIE.

Aircraft continued -
 Very little activity at night over
 our sector.

M.G.s Very quiet

T.M's Very quiet

Enemy Inf Activity

Observation has
 been excellent, but very little
 movement has been observed in
 enemy lines. Enemy parties of
 from 2 to 4 men in each instance
 have been observed in E. 28.C
 & E. 29.B

Enemy Balloons

Balloons have been
 observed at following magnetic
 bearings 134° - 107° - 95° - 76°

Flares No flares other than
 usual white flares seen during
 the night.

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27th Battalion Intelligence
24 hours ending 6.30 AM
Taken from O.P. D.17.C. 40.20



OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery - 6.10 AM Our heavy batteries commenced an intermittent shelling of enemy lines. Too misty to observe effect of shelling. During the day our artillery has been fairly active. During the night our batteries upon our immediate sector have been very quiet.

Aircraft Very active during the day. Both low flying and patrol planes were well over our lines, being constantly fired upon by enemy AA guns.

T.M.'s Machine Guns Quiet on our sector

Patrols No moving patrols on our front, but standing patrols & L. Posts well forward of our lines were out all night along our front.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery Table of shelling for day attached. During the night enemy batteries have been very quiet upon our immediate sector. No gas shelling for 24 hours to report.

Intense artillery fire by both sides, our left at 7.30 AM until 1.30 PM and again at 4.50 AM until 5.30 AM. No effect upon our sector as this artillery fire in connection with "stunt" on our left.



Aircraft 6 AM. One enemy plane "Rumpel" was seen crossing our lines from direction of DERNACOURT. Our AA guns fired upon it. Several minutes after 5 of our planes encircled it, and enemy plane was shot down and fell approximately in J. 16. Several attempts during the day to cross our lines, were successfully dealt with by our planes and AA gun fire.

M.G.'s and T.M.'s Quiet during hours.

Enemy Inf Activities Observation during the day has been good. Small parties of enemy seen in and around MOKLANCOURT. Considerable movement of small enemy parties in K. 3.A. Men wore fatigue dress.

Enemy Signals Increased number of white flares on our front, due no doubt to attack on our left. No strange lights or signals observed on our front.

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27th Battalion Intelligence Summary for
24 hours ending 6-30 AM 24/4/18.
Taken from O.P. D.17.C. 40.20. Sheet 62° NE 125000

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OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery - During the day our batteries have been quiet. At night our artillery has been very active, our heavy batteries intermittently shelling in E. 16-21-26 the enemy retaliating from time to time principally in our rear areas near LAVIEVILLE and MILLENCOURT. High burst shrapnel and several gas shells in areas D. 11. and D. 12. 1-15 AM to 4-30 our intermittent shelling continued during this period.

Aircraft

During the day our planes have been very active, large formations flying at about 10,000 ft patrolled our lines continuously. One plane flying at a very low altitude fired many rounds into BUJIE and then dropped 6 bombs near main road at D. 30, A. 5. 3. (opposite). This plane number 11 of British type & with British markings after dropping bombs disappeared in rear of our lines. Time 6-30 PM. Several planes were seen to fall during the day, but too far away to say definitely whether ours or enemy's. At night our bombing planes were very active.

M.G.s & T.M.s Very quiet during

Patrols Nil.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery Table of shelling for day attached. During night enemy shelling has been very inconsistent. At 3-50 AM enemy commenced vigorously shelling our positions left of Div Sector. Very heavy shelling near LAVIEVILLE, MILLENCOURT and along ALBERT - AMIENS road. No gas shells have fallen on our immediate sector during past 24 hours.

Aircraft

Very active during the day, but seldom crossing our lines. Several aerial fights took place over the lines during the day at a great height. Several planes were seen to fall, but could not say definitely whether ours or enemy's. Bombing planes proceeding in the direction of Amiens were heard during the night.

M.G.s & T.M.s Quiet during 24hrs.

Patrols Nil.



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Enemy Inf. Activity

Several parties of the enemy seen in MORLANCOUPT village. evidently billeted there. They were seen to enter trench in K. 3. A coming from direction of village.



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Flares Signals etc

of white flares. seen.

Usual display. No strange signals seen.

Balloons

Balloons ascended at following magnetic bearings 135° MB. and 99° MB.

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ending 6:30 AM 25/4/18

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OUR OPERATIONS

No 13.

Artillery — During the day our heavy batteries intermittently shelled enemy back areas. Too misty to observe effect of shelling. At night our batteries were again very active.

Aircraft No activity owing to heavy mist which made observation of enemy lines impossible.

M.G.'s & T.M.'s Quiet.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery Table of shelling attached.

Aircraft No activity owing to heavy mist.

Mortars Active during night, intermittent bursts of fire upon front line positions.

T.M.'s Nil.

Enemy Inf Activity So misty to observe.

Flares The usual white flares in evidence. No strange signals seen during night.

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27th B. Intelligence Summary for 24 hours
ending 6.30 AM 26/4/18

Taken from O.P. D.17.C.40.20. Stat 6201/2000

OUR OPERATIONS

No. 14.

Artillery During the day
MORNAUCOURT and VILLE SUR
ARENRE were heavily shelled. Our
Artillery have been intermittently
shelling enemy beach areas all
day & night.

Aircraft Very little aerial
activity during past 24 hours.
A few scout & patrol planes seen
during the day. Bad visibility.

M.G.'s & T.M.'s

Quiet

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery Table of shelling
attached. At night enemy shelling
on our sector was chiefly
confined to vicinities of D.17. A & B
D.17.C. D.23. A & B. 4.2° 477°
mostly a few gas shells heard
but no gas detected in this locality.

Aircraft Very quiet. One
plane observed during 24 hours.

M.G.'s & T.M.'s

Enemy Machine
Guns normally active with bursts
of fire upon our forward defences
particularly along contour E 13.
This T.M.'s very quiet.

Flares. Usual white flares
observed, no strange
signals or lights seen.

Enemy Inf. Activity

Observation
of enemy near areas during period
under review has been very bad
heavy ground mist all day.
A small party of half a dozen
Kerns were seen 3-15 PM in
vicinity of K.20.A for a few minutes.

Enemy Atitude

Quiet during
period.

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Appendix 15
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30th April 1918

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1. The 27th Aus Inf Bn will be relieved by the 7th Queens Regt. on the night of 30th April / 1st May 1918.
2. (a) French Maps, Aeroplane photos, Defence Schemes, Works Policy
 & all information re the front will be handed over.
 (b) French Stores, including two bandoliers S.A.A. and two bombs per man will be handed over to incoming unit.
 S.A.A. & Bombs will be collected in platoon dumps.
 Otherwise Coy's will move out complete in everything.
 Receipts in triplicate will be obtained and two copies forwarded to Bn Hqrs within 12 hrs of relief.
3. Guides for incoming unit will be detailed as follows -

A Company	1 NCO per platoon	= 4
B " (Capt Rice)	1 " " "	= 2
B " (Lt Dickenson)	1 " " "	= 2
C " "	1 " " "	= 4
D " "	1 " " "	= 4
Headqtrs	1 N.C.O.	= 1

The above guides will report to Lt A.M. MOORE at Bn Hqrs at 7.30 P.M. 30th inst.
4. Completion of relief will be notified by phone or runner.
 Coy's will march out independently to the junction of the ALBERT-AMIENS and HENLY-FRANVILLIERS Roads at C.29.B.9.8., where the Bn will assemble & move forward by Companies at a distance of 200 yds.

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- 5. Route is shown RED on the attached map. Guides will meet their Coys at the point marked with a red X.
- 6. The evening meal will be ready at 8 P.M. All diaries are to be returned to Cookers by 9 P.M. Mess Gear will be dumped at Coy Hqs at 8.30 P.M. Lewis Gun limbers will await the column on the ALBERT-AMIENS Road at D.20.B.3.1. Guns will be loaded on limbers at this point, and the limbers will move with their Companies.
- 7. Coys will leave their areas in a clean condition. All litter, tins, paper etc to be collected and buried.
- 8. Relief will commence between 8.30 and 9.30 P.M.
- 9. On arrival in the new area, Coys will at once submit a report showing location of Coy Hqs and billets, and the number of occupants in each.

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