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BAVELINCOURT 62 nd 20000	May	1 st	Commencing May 1 st 1918 Splendid weather. 1.40 PM Battalion marched to PONT-NOYELLS. Arrived destination 3.00 PM. & billeted in the village, which was considerably damaged by shell-fire.	
AMIENS AREA. MAP. REF. AMIENS 17 10000	May	2 nd	Good weather. 1.30 PM. Battalion left PONT-NOYELLS. & marched via QUERRIEU to RIVERY, suburb of AMIENS & billeted at HOSPICE-ST-VICTOR. The 2 nd A. DIVISION was billeted in & around this area & constituted DIVISIONAL RESERVE.	
"	May	3 rd	<p>Fine Day. Battalion started a syllabus of training. The C.O. Col. J. R. Chalmers, with 1 Officer per Coy. reconnoitered reserve positions BLANGY-TRONVILLE. & GLISSY systems in rear of VILLERS-BRETTONNEAU which form the main defense of AMIENS.</p> <p><u>Congratulatory</u>. Following from Military Secretary begins. Please ask General Birdwood to inform all ranks of the Australian Corp that the Field Marshall is fully aware of the gallant conduct & magnificent achievement of the Australians, & wishes to thank them.</p> <p><u>Reversions</u>. 3122. Temp Sgt Cook. Goodwin HV to revert to Lt/4th. 627 Sgt Lowe. A.C. to revert to Pte at own request.</p> <p><u>Donations</u> The donation of £50. sent to the Battalion by the "League of Loyal Women". Adelaide S.A. has been received & acknowledged. During the recent tour in the line the Australian Comforts Fund forwarded the following for distribution throughout the Battalion.</p> <p>20. Cases of Cocoa & milk. 4 " " Biscuits 2 " " Tobacco 2 " " Cigaretts</p>	

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AMIENS AREA MAP. REF AMIENS. 17 100000	May	4 th	<p>May Continued</p> <p>Dull, but fine. Battalion training continued. Physical, Gas, & Lewis Gun Drill.</p> <p>1 Officer per Coy. reconnoitred reserve positions which constitute the defense of AMIENS.</p> <p>1 Officer, 2 Sgts & 20 men were detailed as picquet in AMIENS, tour of duty from 10.00 AM. to 10.00 PM.</p> <p>During the night, several enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs on AMIENS. 2 fires started.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- <u>Marched In</u> -</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Lt Burton A.R. from Reinforcement Camp " Hosking H.H. " " " 2nd/Lt Oswald C.W.O. " " " " Hockenbell P.A. " " 12 Other Ranks " " " </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> - <u>Marched Out</u> - 5 G. Ranks to Sick Hospital </td> </tr> </table>	Lt Burton A.R. from Reinforcement Camp " Hosking H.H. " " " 2 nd /Lt Oswald C.W.O. " " " " Hockenbell P.A. " " 12 Other Ranks " " "	- <u>Marched Out</u> - 5 G. Ranks to Sick Hospital	
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"	May	5 th	<p>Sunday. Wet Day. Church Parade 10.45 AM. Services held in Chapel in Hospice ST. VICTOR. courtyard. C^{pt} Chaplain Gallop officiating</p> <p>Congratulatory. The following copy of letter to 2nd Australian Div. from the G. O. C. 55th INF. Bde. is published for information. I wish to express through you, my extreme satisfaction at the manner in which the 1st Australian INF. Bde. arranged for their relief by Units under my command, & would ask you to convey the best thanks of myself & my Battalion Commanders to all concerned. Not only have we taken over a well dug, sited, & organized sector, but we have been put into it by our opposite numbers, in such a way, that its continued integrity should be secure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- <u>Marched In</u> -</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> C^{pt} Beddome J.W.H. Lt. Riggs Y.A.W. Lt Stewett A.R. Lt Bluckett J.A. </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> - <u>Marched Out</u> - 13. O. Ranks. to Sick Hospital 2. " " to J. P. Compound. </td> </tr> </table>	C ^{pt} Beddome J.W.H. Lt. Riggs Y.A.W. Lt Stewett A.R. Lt Bluckett J.A.	- <u>Marched Out</u> - 13. O. Ranks. to Sick Hospital 2. " " to J. P. Compound.	
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AMIENS AREA MAP. REF AMIENS 100000	May 6 th		<p>Fine Day. Battalion continued training.</p> <p>- <u>Marched In</u> - Nil.</p> <p>- <u>Marched Out</u> - 4. 6 Ranks to Sick Hospital 1. " " " School 1. " " " J.P. Compound</p>	<p>Shower at night</p> <p>Bde assembly scheme</p> <p>Battalion assembled to practise quick organization of battle formations in the event of enemy break through.</p>
"	May 7 th		<p>Dull, but fine. Battalion continued training. Physical Drill, - Lewis Gun Work - Games etc.</p> <p>- <u>Marched In</u> - 47. 0 Ranks from Reinforcement Camp</p> <p>- <u>Marched Out</u> - 2. 0 Ranks to Sick Hospital</p>	
"	May 8 th		<p>Fine Day. Battalion continued training. 1 Officer per Coy. with Intelligence Officer & Officers of other Battalions in the Bde reconnoitered 3rd Australian Div area "BUIRE, MARETT WOOD area". Enemy high velocity shells fell in & around AMIENS, No material damage.</p> <p>- <u>Marched In</u> - 1. 0 Ranks from Reinforcement Camp 1. " " Sick Hospital</p> <p>- <u>Marched Out</u> - 4. 0 Ranks to Sick Hospital</p>	
"	May 9 th		<p>Fine Day. Battalion continued training. Enemy Gothas again visited AMIENS at night. dropping bombs in & around the City.</p> <p>- <u>Marched In</u> - 10. 0 Ranks from Reinforcement Camp. 10. " " " Details</p> <p>- <u>Marched Out</u> - 7. 0 Ranks to Sick Hospital</p>	

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AMIENS-AREA MAP. REF AMIENS 100000	May	10 th	<p>May. Continued</p> <p>Fine Day. Battalion continued training. Nothing of interest to report.</p> <p>- <u>Marched In</u> -</p> <p>1. 0.Ranks from Sick Hospital</p> <p>- <u>Marched Out</u> -</p> <p>12 0.Ranks to Sick Hospital</p>	
"	May	11 th	<p>Fine Day, but cold. Battalion left Hospice ST VICTOR at 10.00 AM. & marched via QUERRIEU, PONT-NOYELLS LAHOUSOYE to reserve area near BONNAY. & relieved (tactically speaking) the 17th Battalion A.S.F.</p> <p>The Battalion took up new positions in the FRANVILLERS - LAHOUSOYE. switch system.</p> <p>Battalion H.Q.s. I.10. central.</p> <p>Congratulatory. The following snipers have been specially mentioned in DIVAL orders for good work in the line during the period April 8th - May 2nd Nos. 1607 Pte L.D. Mackawdy } 27th Batt " 4168 " L. Mills } attached to Bde snipers</p> <p>- <u>Marched In</u> -</p> <p>2. 0.Ranks from Sick Hospital</p> <p>- <u>Marched Out</u> -</p> <p>13. 0.Ranks to Sick Hospital</p>	
"	May	12 th	<p>Sunday. Dull weather. rained during afternoon. Battalion supplied working party, (all available men) Cable burying from HEILLY to FRANVILLERS. Casualties 2 killed by enemy shells.</p> <p>- <u>Marched In</u> -</p> <p>2. 0.Ranks from Reinforcement Camp } 8 0.Ranks to Sick Hospital { Nos 6607. Pte Mansell W.C. killed " 6173. " Westland C.H. "</p> <p>New bridges over RIVER - ANCRE. Machine-Gun positions in the reserve defense area, reconnoitered by Officers of the Battalion. Heavy enemy shelling (5.9" & 8 inch) battery positions on the slopes between the ANCRE. & SOMME. rivers. High velocity shells fell in & around LAHOUSOYE. & FRANVILLERS. Few Casualties to other Units.</p>	

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ALBERT. AREA REF MAP 62 ^D 40.000	May 13 th	<p>May. Continued - Weather very showery, rained throughout the night. Battalion on fatigue, burying Cable, HEILLY to FRANVILLERS. No casualties. Enemy batteries, shelling our 5 inch Gun positions in the vicinity of BONNAY.</p>	
"	May 14 th	<p>Fine Day. All available men on fatigue, burying Cable. Enemy batteries quieter on reserve areas. Great aerial activity on both sides. Enemy Triplane brought down by 2 of our planes near BONNAY. Bombing carried out by both sides during the night.</p>	
"	May 15 th	<p>Fine Day. Percentage of Battalion Officers reconnoitered the Support positions of the 6th A.I. Bde in the line. (BUIRE. VILLE-SUR-ANBRE.) Battalion Pay Day. The following sentences of F. G. C. M. held in the Field on 13/5/18. are promulgated. No. 4793. Pte. A. N. Summers charged with conduct to the prejudice of good Order & military discipline - Being on premises in AMIENS, for an unlawful purpose, was found guilty & sentenced to undergo 56 days F. P. No. 2. No. 5551. Pte J. S. Andrews. Do. Do. " 1953. " J. H. Maslin, charged with, "When on active active service, shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm - " "When on active service being beyond the limits fixed by regimental orders, without a pass or written leave from his C.O." Was found guilty of both charges, & sentenced to undergo 2 years. G. H. L. No 4423 Pte M. C. Fisher charged with, "When on active service, being beyond the limits fixed by regimental orders without a pass or written leave from his C.O." Found guilty & sentenced to undergo 14 days F. P. No. 2. & to forfeit 44 days pay. - Marched In - 4. O. Ranks from Sick Hospital } 16. O. Ranks to Sick Hospital</p>	

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ALBERT-AREA REF. MAP 62 ^D 40000	May	16 th	<p>May Continued</p> <p>Fine Day. Battalion Cable burying, HEILLY to FRANVILLERS. Congratulatory. The following is a copy of a letter received by the 2nd Australian Div. from the Australian Corp. "The Corp. Commander asks that you will convey to the 27th A.I. Batt. his appreciation of the fine work performed by them in clearing valuable Army property from the C.C.S. at EDGE HILL near BUIRE. under circumstances of great difficulty & danger" The G.O.C 2nd Australian Div. congratulates the 27th Battalion for this creditable salvaging work.</p> <p>Lt. Col. J. R. Chalmers Commanding the 27th Battalion wishes to congratulate the Unit & especially "B" Coy. under Cpt P. G. Bice for the fine salvage work done.</p> <p>Casualties — Wounded No A.575. Pte Sloan J.</p> <p>Marched Out</p> <p>5. O. Ranks to Sick Hospital</p>	
"	May	17 th	<p>Fine Day. Battalion continued Cable burying. The C.O. Lt. Col. J. R. Chalmers & Lt. Col. Moore. proceeded to BERTEAUCOURT. for a few days rest. Mr. P. C. Casper J/Commanding Battalion during Col. Chalmers' absence.</p> <p>— Marched In —</p> <p>1. O. Ranks from Sick Hospital</p> <p>11. " " " Wounded "</p> <p>5. " " " Reinforcement Camp</p> <p>— Marched Out —</p> <p>3. O. Ranks to Sick Hospital</p>	

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ALBERT-AREA REF MAP 62 ^D . 40000	May	18 th	<p>May Continued</p> <p>Fine Weather. Battalion Cable burying at night. Bathing parties during the day, in the river ANCRE. Enemy shelling, long range Guns, in LAHOUSOYE. -- FRANVILLERS & PONT-NOYELLS. Enemy planes, bombed reserve Areas during the night. No casualties to this Unit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Marched In -</p> <p>2nd Lt. Beech F.C. } " Lt. Ferguson A.V. } From O.T.C. England. } " Lt. Rollins C.J. }</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Marched Out -</p> <p>4. O.Ranks to Sick Hospital</p>	
"	May	18 th	<p>Fine morning, rain storm in the afternoon. Battalion moved forward from reserve positions near BONNAY, via HEILLY to RIBEMONT, to relieve the 22nd A.I. Battalion in 6th Bde A.I.F. reserve positions to form support Battalion to attacking Bde. on VILLE-SUR-ANCRE. Relief complete 1.15. AM. night of 18th & 19th inst. Dispositions were as follows.</p> <p>B.H.Q. D. 27. d. 2. b. --- "A" Coy. D. 26. b. "B" Coy. D. 27. a. "C" Coy. D. 21. c. "D" Coy. D. 22. c & D. 28. a.</p>	
ANCRE-SECTOR	May	19 th	<p>Fine Day. In accordance with orders issued the 6th A.I. Bde attacked the enemy's positions in VILLE-SUR-ANCRE. at 2.00 AM. The 27th Battalion temporarily coming under command of the 6th A.I. Bde, "stood to" & awaited orders. Owing to the success of the operation the 27th Battalion's services were not required. The barrage put down by our batteries was heavy, there was little retaliation by the enemy.</p>	
	May	20 th	<p>Fine Day. Battalion remained in reserve to the 6th A.I. Bde. New line positions in captured territory were reconnoitered in view of probable relief of line Battalions. Enemy attitude quiet. Orders received for 27th Battalion to relieve the 23rd A.I. Bn, 2 Companies of the 21st Bn & 1 Company of the 24th Bn in the line. Preparations made for relief, forward routes reconnoitered, & separate orders issued to Companies. - Casualties - Wounded No 684. R.Q.M.S. Ross. O.L.</p>	

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ALBERT-AREA ANCRE-SECTOR REF. MAP. 62 ^D 40.000	May.	21 st	<p>May Continued - Fine Day. The Battalion moved forward to relieve the 23rd Battalion A.I.F. on the night of 20th & 21st. The relief being completed without casualties at 1.15 AM. 21st inst. Dispositions as follows - Battalion H.Q. J. 5. a. 1. g.) "C" Coy. right line Coy.) from J. 1. b. to RIVER-ANCRE. at E. 25. b. 00. 15. Coy. HQ: E. 25. d. 8. a. "B" Coy. Left ... Coy. " RIVER-ANCRE. to E. 25. b. 90. 50.; Coy. HQ: E. 19. d. 10. 05. "A" Coy. Close Support in TRENCH from E. 25. b. 01. 40. to E. 19. d. 35. 25. Coy. HQ: E. 25. b. 30. 70. "D" Coy. Reserve Coy. in RAILWAY-EMBANKMENT. from E. 25. a. 20. 65. to E. 19. c. 90. 10.</p> <p>The whole front was very quiet during the day. The rear areas being lightly shelled with 4.2's. Battalion H.Q. received some attention between 1.30. AM. & 3.30. AM. several 8 inch & 5.9's shells falling near the buildings, but no casualties resulted. A number of Gas Shells were mixed with H.E. in the rear areas</p>	
"	May.	22 nd	<p>The Day passed very quietly. A new position for Battalion H.Q. was selected on the N.W. corner of BUIRE. & was moved into before dusk. Our aircraft were active throughout the day, constantly patrolling over the enemy lines. Enemy aircraft inactive - Our artillery carried out a harassing shoot during the night, to which the enemy replied very feebly. The swamp S. of the ANCRE was reconnoitered, & some wire put out to temporarily close it to enemy movement.</p> <p>The following change in dispositions was made. "D" Coy. reserve, moved from RAILWAY-EMBANKMENT to EMU-SUPPORT-TRENCH on higher ground. The former locality being considered a bad position, for Gas-Enfilade fire & rather too close to front & support lines.</p> <p>Patrols----- 2 Patrols were sent out. 1 from each front line Coy. & moved freely through "No Man's Land" without encountering the enemy. 1 prisoner slightly wounded, was captured in VILLE-SUR-ANCRE. & sent back to the Compound. Our bombing machines were active during the night bombing the enemy front line & rear areas. Carrying parties, for meals, carried all night from Cookers near RIBEMONT, to forward areas. Much useful was done in bringing up material for consolidation of front line positions.</p>	

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ALBERT AREA ANCRE-SECTOR. REF MAP 62 ^D 140006	May	23 rd	<p><i>May Continued -</i> Fine Day. The enemy was quiet on our Sector during the day. As soon as it was dark, a thorough reconnaissance of the swamp was made, & it was decided to strongly wire it, from E 25. P. 65.30. to E. 25. d. 80.80. & put posts at E 25. P. 50.15. - E. 25. d. 59.90. & E. 25. d. 80.45. The posts were established before dawn & most of the Swamp wired. The personnel from 4 posts along the RIVER were then withdrawn as they were unnecessary, the line having been shortened by the new dispositions. 2 patrols went out in front of each line Coy. but their movements were considerably restricted by the high visibility, due to bright moonlight. An enemy machine gun post was bombed in front of the left Sector, & an enemy post engaged & 1 of the enemy killed. Our aircraft were active over the enemy's lines throughout the day & night. Enemy Artillery shelled FOIRE with Gas Shells, no casualties resulted. Wiring, commenced on the previous night, was continued. Posts were deepened & improved, & linking up of same, further advanced. A light bridge was thrown across the RIVER ANCRE, to facilitate communication along the front line. Carrying parties were working during the hours of darkness, bringing forward Meats & materials for Consolidation. One enemy prisoner was captured in VILLE-SUR-ANCRE in a very dirty & weak condition.</p>	
"	May	24 th	<p>Dull, but fine, rained later in the day. Enemy attitude very quiet. At dusk our working parties commenced carrying rations, & material for strengthening forward positions. One patrol from each line Coy. were sent out. The right Coy patrol broke up an enemy listening post, capturing 1 & killing 1. Our Artillery carried out the usual harassing fire. on rear communications. Further progress was made in wiring, but enemy machine gun fire, considerably interfered with operations. Posts were improved & further extended with a view to linking them up.</p>	

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ALBERT-AREA ANCRE-SECTOR REF. MAP. 62 ^D 40.000	May	25 th	<p>May, Continued - Fine Day. The day was quiet with little aerial activity. Our patrols were again successful in dispersing an enemy listening post. Valuable work was carried out by our working parties. The wiring along the whole of sector being completed, the front of close support trench was also wired. 4 posts, left line Coy front was connected up to other posts further extended.</p>	
"	May	25 th - 26 th	<p>Sunday. Fine Day. Enemy artillery attitude very quiet. Our aircraft extremely active, driving back enemy planes attempting reconnaissance over our positions. A sniper's post was discovered at E. 26.c. 2. 2, which was fired upon by our 4.5 batteries. After dark, our patrols carefully searched NO. MAN'S-LAND, & secured the shoulder straps of 1 of the enemy. Shot in a listening post. An empty, enemy post, containing packs was discovered at E. 26.c. 2. 3. Some papers, contents of packs were brought back. Our bombing planes were active over enemy line throughout the night. Our trench mortars were active, in front of our left line Coy. Wiring & digging was carried out. A communication trench was completed RIGHT line Coy. Wiring renovated near RAILWAY-EMBANKMENT. Our working party carried 6" MORTAR shells from BUIRE to VILLE-SUR-ANCRE. The Battalion was relieved by the 26th A.I. Battalion, relief being completed, without casualties, by 12. midnight. The Battalion went into Support. "D Battalion" was disposed as follows. Bⁿ H.Q.s D. 27. d. 4. 7 "A" Coy } SEYMOUR TRENCH "D" Coy } "C" Coy TASMANIA TRENCH "B" Coy Embankment D. 27. a. 00. 35. to D. 27. a. 30. 50. Situation throughout night very quiet.</p>	

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ALBERT AREA ANCRE - SECTOR REF. MAP, SHEET 62 ^D . 1/40000	May	27 th	<p><i>May Continued -</i> Fine Day. Enemy attitude quiet. Our aircraft very active. 11.00 AM. One of our planes came down in E.22. Both occupants injured, were taken to Field Dressing Station RIBEMONT. Enemy plane brought down in J.H.a. Both Pilot & Observer killed. Plane was an L.V.G. No 3871. totally destroyed by fire. Pilot & Observer buried later in the day.</p>	
"	May	28 th	<p>Fine Day. Situation very quiet. Aerial activity on both sides fairly active. An enemy plane was brought down near BUIRE. Nothing of other interest to report.</p>	
"	May	29 th	<p>Fine Weather. Situation unchanged. Enemy shelling rear areas. Our aircraft very active carrying out reconnaissance & bombing rear of enemy lines.</p>	
"	May	30 th	<p>Fine Day. - Battalion still in Reserve. Situation fairly quiet. Increase of enemy shelling of our rear lines, principally on ALBERT. - AMIENS-RP. Our aircraft still very active. Enemy aircraft inactive.</p>	
"	May	31 st	<p>Fine Day. - Situation fairly quiet upon our immediate Sector. Battalion was relieved by the 24th A.I. Battalion Relief complete 11.00 P.M. Battalion marched to previously occupied positions in I.10. central. Memorable day to the Battalion Anniversary of the Battalions Departure from S. Australia.</p>	

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APPENDIX

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
<i>No. 1.</i>	<i>List Of Casualties for the Month May-1918-</i>
<i>" 2.</i>	<i>Defence Scheme. Dated 15/5/18.</i>
<i>" 3.</i>	<i>Works Report. " 17/5/18</i>
<i>" 4.</i>	<i>" " " 18/5/18.</i>
<i>" 5.</i>	<i>7th A.I. Bde Order No. 29 " 25/5/18.</i>

No. 1. Appendix.

Subject.

Casualty list for the Month May-1918

6607	Pte Mansell	N.C.	Killed	13/5/18
6173	" Westland	C.W.	"	13/5/18
A.575	" Sloan	J.	Wounded	15/5/18
4177	" Mc Namara	L.C.	Killed	19/5/18
4774	" Wadley	L.H.	Wounded	19/5/18
684	R.Q.M.S. Ross	E.L.	"	20/5/18
2708	Pte Rite	E.A.	Wounded Gas	21/5/18
6625	" Bridge	G.R.	"	"
877	" McCann	P.J.	"	"
2404	" Nilson	A.J.H.	"	"
6527	" Alderrey	P.M.	Wounded	"
6533	" Paech	H.A.	"	"
5045	" Kerbitt	R.J.	"	"
6101	" Hayes	S.G.	"	"
6594	" Abann	C.	"	"
4793	" Summers	J.H.	W. & Gas	"
858	Lt/Lie Linden	J.C.	Killed	"
538	" Davies	J.A.	W. & Gas	"
4208	Cpl Sawyer	R.A.	Wounded Since death of W. & Gas	"
Lieut	Crewes	H.R.M.C.	Wounded	"
B.R372	Pte Boughen	J.R.	"	22/5/18
328	" Howie	C.J.	"	"
B. 2386	Lt/Lie Childs	L.H.	"	"
Lieut	Dickens	H.J.M.C.	Wounded. Remained on Duty	23/5/18
6559.	Pte Forber	E.W.	Wounded Gas	24/5/18
571	" Gunn	H.	Wounded	26/5/18
1709	" Sparrow	J.R.G.	"	26/5/18
2181	Lt/Lie Wagon	C.W.A.	Wounded Gas	24/5/18
4409	Pte Davis	R.W.	Killed	28/5/18
6076	" Davey	H.	Wounded	31/5/18.
Total			<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>
			Officers. O.R.Ks	Officers. O.R.Ks
			5	2 23



DEFENCE SCHEME.

Part I

Map Sheet 62D 1/40,000

BATTALION
FRONTAGE and
BOUNDARIES.

1. The Battalion front extends from J 30 c 3 6 on the Right to K 19 c 10 00 on the Left - approximately 1200 yards. The Right boundary runs from J 30 c 3 6, due West to Canal at J 25 D 3 6. The Left boundary runs from K 19 c 10 00 due West along grid line.

DISPOSITIONS.

2. The Sector is held by :-
(a) 2 companies in Front Line.
The inter-company boundary runs from J 30 b 4 3 due West through J 30 a 4 3.
(b) 1 company in Support.
(c) 1 company in Reserve.
The Right Front Company holds from J 30 c 3 6 to J 30 b 4 3. (approximately 700 yards).
Company Headquarters is at J 30 c 2 9.
The Left Front Company holds from J 30 b 4 3 to K 19 c 10 00. (approximately 500 yards).
Company Headquarters is at J 30 b 4 7.
The Support Company holds the main line from J 30 A 20 30 to J 30 a 15 80, with one platoon at J 29 b 90 20.
Company Headquarters is at J 29 b 7 4.
The Reserve Company is situated in vicinity of J 29 a 8 8 at present but a series of posts are being constructed through J 29 a & b which will be occupied by them when completed.
Company Headquarters is situated at J 29 a 7 8.
Battalion Headquarters is at J 28 a 7 8.

ACTION IN
EVENT OF
ATTACK.3.(a) Against a RAID.

The posts on either flank of the portion being raided can give great assistance by cross fire where possible and every endeavour will be made to cut off the enemy's retirement by moving into No Man's Land and bringing enfilade fire to bear.

Quick action by platoon and post commanders is essential.

(b) Against a GENERAL ATTACK.

The present front line is the line of resistance and there will be no retirement by any post even if the flanks are turned.

Defensive flanks will be made, but all ranks must understand that they must fight the battle out on their present line.

The Support Company will hold the old main line now occupied by them and will not counter-attack without orders from Battalion Commander.

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ACTION IN
EVENT OF
ATTACK.
(continued)

The Reserve Company will hold the series of posts now under construction and will not move forward with-out orders from the Battalion Commander.

VICKERS
GUNS.

4. Eight Vickers Guns are emplaced at :-

- J 30 c 00 45
- J 30 c 10 72
- J 30 a 10 40
- J 28 d 03 62
- J 28 d 53 80
- J 28 b 53 20
- J 28 b 68 30
- J 29 a 48 70

STOKES
MORTARS.

5. One 3" Stokes Mortar is emplaced at J 30 c 80 80.

S.O.S.
POSTS.

6. S.O.S. Posts are established at :-

- Right Coy H.Qrs J 30 c 2 9
- Left do J 30 b 4 7
- Support do J 29 b 7 4
- Reserve do J 29 a 7 8
- Battalion H.Qrs J 28 a 7 8.

Further Relay Posts to the Artillery are manned by the Reserve Battalion.

COMMUNIC-
ATIONS.

7. Communication is maintained between Battalion Headquarters and Front Line Companies by Fullerphone and D.3 and between Battalion Headquarters and Support and Reserve Companies by D.3.

Kearney

Lt. & Adjt.
32nd Battalion, A. I. F.



AMENDMENT TO "DEFENCE SCHEME"

Appendix No. 2.

12/5/18.

DISPOSITION. 4. (c) Left centre Coy. frontage from J.29.d.85.30 to J.30.b.50.30. Also old front line from J.29.d.85.30 to J.24.e.35.00. with picquet line at J.30.a.30.30. Company H'qrs at J.29.b.60.40.
 One Platoon in old front line.
 One platoon in old picquet line.
 Two platoons in new line J.30.c.80.95 to J.30.b.50.30.
 Left Company from J.30.b.50.30. to K.19.B.20.00.
 Two platoons in front line, one in support and one in old line system.
 Company H'qrs at J.30.a.20.30.
 Reference sub-para (d) The Reserve Company is supplied by 32nd. Battalion.

Issued all recipients
 of "Defence Scheme"

V. D. He. Mancke

Captain & Adjutant
 "ACTIVE".

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Part II.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

AMMUNITION.

1. a. All platoon posts will maintain a reserve of :-
 6,000 rounds S.A.A.
 4 boxes Mills Grenades.
 4 " Hales Rifle Grenades.
- by the Post.*
- b. Battalion Headquarters will hold a reserve of :-
 30,000 rounds S.A.A.
 30 boxes Mills Grenades.
 30 " Rifle Grenades.
- at J 28 a 7 9.

c. Brigade Forward Dump is situated at J 26 a 8 5 and contains :-
 60,000 rounds S.A.A.
 40 boxes Grenades.

d. Battalion Mobile Echelon is kept at Transport Lines

WATER.

2. A reserve of 16 tins will be kept at each Company Headquarters.

R.E. MATERIAL.

3. An engineer dump is at CRUCIFIX CORNER, J 29 c 50 85 which is replenished when required by Battalion Transport.

RATIONS.

4. a. Kitchen for Battalion Headquarters and details is at J 28 a 7 9.
 b. All rations and water for Companies are sent from R.Q.M. Store to Reserve Company in hot-boxes and tins and from there carried by Reserve Company.

R.A.P.

5. R.A.P. is at present at J 22 D 4 2.

Method of evacuation is by relay stretcher bearers to A.D.S., SMITHS FARM, thence by Ambulance to C.C.S.

6. Rear Battalion H.Qrs, R.Q.M. and Transport are at O 2 b 8 8.
 Battalion Headquarters is at J 28 a 7 8.

Hardy
 Lt. & Adjt.
 32nd Battalion A. I. F.



Janks - J9b9.2.

MGC.HQ. - J.10.C.8.3. Sect.H.Q J 17d.15.

Stokes J 22 Doo 55

Rt Bn.Q J.17.d.b.3570

Support Bn.HQ J 16b6.9.

Support Coy.HQ. J.23a9.1.

6" Stokes Gun in Quarry
will fire on order of OC Coy

OC, 6" Stokes Res Coy HQ

Guns J 2456

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27th Aus Inf Bn Warlike Report Appen. No. 3.

for 24 hours ending 6 am 17/5/18



Locality	Pz party	Hours Worked	Nature of Work
Tic64	89p	5	860 yds of Cable buried to a depth of 6ft.
5	340 OR		
Ibdis			



W. H. ...
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27th Am Inf Bn Works Report Appen. No. 4.
for 24 hours ending 6 am 15/17

Locality	Size of Party	Hours worked	Nature of work	Remarks
T.I.C. 64 and T.B. 1.1.8	7 officers 340 cks	4	Lay 400' cable trench 6' x 2' ? filled & banked to 18"	  [Handwritten signature] [Handwritten initials]

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Order No 29

May 25/18

Brig. Major A. H. B. Pearce

1. On the night 24th May the 26th Bn will relieve the 27th Bn in the left sector of the line.
2. On completion of relief of Bn will take over the position vacated by the 27th Bn and occupy positions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG, AH, AI, AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN, AO, AP, AQ, AR, AS, AT, AU, AV, AW, AX, AY, AZ, BA, BB, BC, BD, BE, BF, BG, BH, BI, BJ, BK, BL, BM, BN, BO, BP, BQ, BR, BS, BT, BU, BV, BW, BX, BY, BZ, CA, CB, CC, CD, CE, CF, CG, CH, CI, CJ, CK, CL, CM, CN, CO, CP, CQ, CR, CS, CT, CU, CV, CW, CX, CY, CZ, DA, DB, DC, DD, DE, DF, DG, DH, DI, DJ, DK, DL, DM, DN, DO, DP, DQ, DR, DS, DT, DU, DV, DW, DX, DY, DZ, EA, EB, EC, ED, EE, EF, EG, EH, EI, EJ, EK, EL, EM, EN, EO, EP, EQ, ER, ES, ET, EU, EV, EW, EX, EY, EZ, FA, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, FG, FH, FI, FJ, FK, FL, FM, FN, FO, FP, FQ, FR, FS, FT, FU, FV, FW, FX, FY, FZ, GA, GB, GC, GD, GE, GF, GG, GH, GI, GJ, GK, GL, GM, GN, GO, GP, GQ, GR, GS, GT, GU, GV, GW, GX, GY, GZ, HA, HB, HC, HD, HE, HF, HG, HH, HI, HJ, HK, HL, HM, HN, HO, HP, HQ, HR, HS, HT, HU, HV, HW, HX, HY, HZ, IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IF, IG, IH, II, IJ, IK, IL, IM, IN, IO, IP, IQ, IR, IS, IT, IU, IV, IW, IX, IY, IZ, JA, JB, JC, JD, JE, JF, JG, JH, JI, JJ, JK, JL, JM, JN, JO, JP, JQ, JR, JS, JT, JU, JV, JW, JX, JY, JZ, KA, KB, KC, KD, KE, KF, KG, KH, KI, KJ, KK, KL, KM, KN, KO, KP, KQ, KR, KS, KT, KU, KV, KW, KX, KY, KZ, LA, LB, LC, LD, LE, LF, LG, LH, LI, LJ, LK, LL, LM, LN, LO, LP, LQ, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, LW, LX, LY, LZ, MA, MB, MC, MD, ME, MF, MG, MH, MI, MJ, MK, ML, MM, MN, MO, MP, MQ, MR, MS, MT, MU, MV, MW, MX, MY, MZ, NA, NB, NC, ND, NE, NF, NG, NH, NI, NJ, NK, NL, NM, NN, NO, NP, NQ, NR, NS, NT, NU, NV, NW, NX, NY, NZ, OA, OB, OC, OD, OE, OF, OG, OH, OI, OJ, OK, OL, OM, ON, OO, OP, OQ, OR, OS, OT, OU, OV, OW, OX, OY, OZ, PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, PH, PI, PJ, PK, PL, PM, PN, PO, PP, PQ, PR, PS, PT, PU, PV, PW, PX, PY, PZ, QA, QB, QC, QD, QE, QF, QG, QH, QI, QJ, QK, QL, QM, QN, QO, QP, QQ, QR, QS, QT, QU, QV, QW, QX, QY, QZ, RA, RB, RC, RD, RE, RF, RG, RH, RI, RJ, RK, RL, RM, RN, RO, RP, RQ, RR, RS, RT, RU, RV, RW, RX, RY, RZ, SA, SB, SC, SD, SE, SF, SG, SH, SI, SJ, SK, SL, SM, SN, SO, SP, SQ, SR, SS, ST, SU, SV, SW, SX, SY, SZ, TA, TB, TC, TD, TE, TF, TG, TH, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TM, TN, TO, TP, TQ, TR, TS, TT, TU, TV, TW, TX, TY, TZ, UA, UB, UC, UD, UE, UF, UG, UH, UI, UJ, UK, UL, UM, UN, UO, UP, UQ, UR, US, UT, UY, UZ, VA, VB, VC, VD, VE, VF, VG, VH, VI, VJ, VK, VL, VM, VN, VO, VP, VQ, VR, VS, VT, VU, VV, VW, VX, VY, VZ, WA, WB, WC, WD, WE, WF, WG, WH, WI, WJ, WK, WL, WM, WN, WO, WP, WQ, WR, WS, WT, WU, WV, WW, WX, WY, WZ, XA, XB, XC, XD, XE, XF, XG, XH, XI, XJ, XK, XL, XM, XN, XO, XP, XQ, XR, XS, XT, XU, XV, XW, XX, XY, XZ, YA, YB, YC, YD, YE, YF, YG, YH, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YM, YN, YO, YP, YQ, YR, YS, YT, YU, YV, YW, YX, YY, YZ, ZA, ZB, ZC, ZD, ZE, ZF, ZG, ZH, ZI, ZJ, ZK, ZL, ZM, ZN, ZO, ZP, ZQ, ZR, ZS, ZT, ZU, ZV, ZW, ZX, ZY, ZZ.
3. The plan of the night 24th May will be handed over to the 26th Bn and the 27th Bn will be relieved. The 26th Bn will occupy positions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG, AH, AI, AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN, AO, AP, AQ, AR, AS, AT, AU, AV, AW, AX, AY, AZ, BA, BB, BC, BD, BE, BF, BG, BH, BI, BJ, BK, BL, BM, BN, BO, BP, BQ, BR, BS, BT, BU, BV, BW, BX, BY, BZ, CA, CB, CC, CD, CE, CF, CG, CH, CI, CJ, CK, CL, CM, CN, CO, CP, CQ, CR, CS, CT, CU, CV, CW, CX, CY, CZ, DA, DB, DC, DD, DE, DF, DG, DH, DI, DJ, DK, DL, DM, DN, DO, DP, DQ, DR, DS, DT, DU, DV, DW, DX, DY, DZ, EA, EB, EC, ED, EE, EF, EG, EH, EI, EJ, EK, EL, EM, EN, EO, EP, EQ, ER, ES, ET, EU, EV, EW, EX, EY, EZ, FA, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, FG, FH, FI, FJ, FK, FL, FM, FN, FO, FP, FQ, FR, FS, FT, FU, FV, FW, FX, FY, FZ, GA, GB, GC, GD, GE, GF, GG, GH, GI, GJ, GK, GL, GM, GN, GO, GP, GQ, GR, GS, GT, GU, GV, GW, GX, GY, GZ, HA, HB, HC, HD, HE, HF, HG, HH, HI, HJ, HK, HL, HM, HN, HO, HP, HQ, HR, HS, HT, HU, HV, HW, HX, HY, HZ, IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IF, IG, IH, II, IJ, IK, IL, IM, IN, IO, IP, IQ, IR, IS, IT, IU, IV, IW, IX, IY, IZ, JA, JB, JC, JD, JE, JF, JG, JH, JI, JJ, JK, JL, JM, JN, JO, JP, JQ, JR, JS, JT, JU, JV, JW, JX, JY, JZ, KA, KB, KC, KD, KE, KF, KG, KH, KI, KJ, KK, KL, KM, KN, KO, KP, KQ, KR, KS, KT, KU, KV, KW, KX, KY, KZ, LA, LB, LC, LD, LE, LF, LG, LH, LI, LJ, LK, LL, LM, LN, LO, LP, LQ, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, LW, LX, LY, LZ, MA, MB, MC, MD, ME, MF, MG, MH, MI, MJ, MK, ML, MM, MN, MO, MP, MQ, MR, MS, MT, MU, MV, MW, MX, MY, MZ, NA, NB, NC, ND, NE, NF, NG, NH, NI, NJ, NK, NL, NM, NN, NO, NP, NQ, NR, NS, NT, NU, NV, NW, NX, NY, NZ, OA, OB, OC, OD, OE, OF, OG, OH, OI, OJ, OK, OL, OM, ON, OO, OP, OQ, OR, OS, OT, OU, OV, OW, OX, OY, OZ, PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, PH, PI, PJ, PK, PL, PM, PN, PO, PP, PQ, PR, PS, PT, PU, PV, PW, PX, PY, PZ, QA, QB, QC, QD, QE, QF, QG, QH, QI, QJ, QK, QL, QM, QN, QO, QP, QQ, QR, QS, QT, QU, QV, QW, QX, QY, QZ, RA, RB, RC, RD, RE, RF, RG, RH, RI, RJ, RK, RL, RM, RN, RO, RP, RQ, RR, RS, RT, RU, RV, RW, RX, RY, RZ, SA, SB, SC, SD, SE, SF, SG, SH, SI, SJ, SK, SL, SM, SN, SO, SP, SQ, SR, SS, ST, SU, SV, SW, SX, SY, SZ, TA, TB, TC, TD, TE, TF, TG, TH, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TM, TN, TO, TP, TQ, TR, TS, TT, TU, TV, TW, TX, TY, TZ, UA, UB, UC, UD, UE, UF, UG, UH, UI, UJ, UK, UL, UM, UN, UO, UP, UQ, UR, US, UT, UY, UZ, VA, VB, VC, VD, VE, VF, VG, VH, VI, VJ, VK, VL, VM, VN, VO, VP, VQ, VR, VS, VT, VU, VV, VW, VX, VY, VZ, WA, WB, WC, WD, WE, WF, WG, WH, WI, WJ, WK, WL, WM, WN, WO, WP, WQ, WR, WS, WT, WU, WV, WW, WX, WY, WZ, XA, XB, XC, XD, XE, XF, XG, XH, XI, XJ, XK, XL, XM, XN, XO, XP, XQ, XR, XS, XT, XU, XV, XW, XX, XY, XZ, YA, YB, YC, YD, YE, YF, YG, YH, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YM, YN, YO, YP, YQ, YR, YS, YT, YU, YV, YW, YX, YY, YZ, ZA, ZB, ZC, ZD, ZE, ZF, ZG, ZH, ZI, ZJ, ZK, ZL, ZM, ZN, ZO, ZP, ZQ, ZR, ZS, ZT, ZU, ZV, ZW, ZX, ZY, ZZ.
4. Evening Patrols A Coy will supply 2 patrols to cover relief of left Coy & C Coy will supply 2 patrols to cover relief of right Coy. These will only be needed when relief is complete.

5. Guides. 1 Guide per post will meet incoming troops at Coy HQ & 1 Guide per Coy will be sent to report to Bn HQ at 9 p.m.

6. Completion of Relief will be notified by writing name of Coy Commander

7. Acknowledged

W. H. Lewis
Adjutant

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