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Brigade Headquarter
11th July, 1918.

C.O.,

A cable burying party of 200 men and carrying party of 20 men are to be provided for the Div. Signal Coy. tomorrow.

A Captain detailed by 21st Bn. will command the whole party and will forward a report to Bde. H.Q. of work done.
Details as under.--

Unit.-	Composition of party.			Tools	Report to O.25.c.8.4.	Remarks.-
	Offrs.	N.C.O's	Men			
21st Bn.	2	4	80	2 shovels to 1 pick	8.30 a.m.	Movement by parties of 25 at 150 yds. distance
24th Bn.	2	4	80	-do-	8.40 a.m.	-do-
3rd Bn.	1	3	40	-do-	8.50 a.m.	-do-
23rd Bn.	1	2	20	Nil	8.30 a.m.	Carrying Party.

Midday meal to be carried.

Trench to be dug to a depth of 6', the bottom without hummocks. Infantry Officers will allot the tasks, and be responsible that trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout.

When this is completed and passed by Signal Company Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by Signal Company personnel under the supervision of the Signal Company Officer present.

At his word, the Infantry will fill in the trench. When filled in to his approval details may be withdrawn.

Route will be taped out by Signal Coy. personnel before arrival of party at the work.

Attached hereto is a sketch showing in red work remaining to be done.

In case of attack O.C. will report H.Q. 5th A.I.Bde.
O.25.c.7.3.

W.F.N. Bridges

Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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Brigade Headquarters
12th July, 1918

C.O.,

A cable burying party of 400 men and carrying party of 20 men are to be provided for the Divnl. Sig. Coy. tomorrow.

A Captain detailed by 23rd Bn. will command the whole party and will forward a report to Bde. Hdqrs. of work done.

Details of numbers to be supplied by each Bn. and times to report at Rendezvous are given in table.

Unit.-	Composition of party.			Tools.-	Report to C.O. a.	Remarks
	Off.	N.C.O.'s	Men		S.S. approx.	
21st Bn.	3	6	150	2 shovels to 1 pick	6.40 a.m.	Movement will be by parties of 25 at 150' distance.
23rd Bn.	3	6	150	-do-	8.30 a.m.	
24th Bn.	2	4	100	-do-	8.50 a.m.	-do-
25rd Bn.	1	2	20	Nil.	8.30 a.m.	Carrying Party.

Trench to be dug to a depth of 6', the bottom without hummocks. Infantry Officers will allot the tasks, and be responsible that trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout.

When this is completed and passed by Sig. Coy. Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by Signal Coy. personnel under the supervision of the Signal Coy. Officer present.

At his word, the Infantry will fill in the trench. When filled in to his approval details may be withdrawn.

Route will be taped out by Signal Coy. personnel before arrival of party at the work.

Attached hereto (Bns. & C.O. only) is a sketch showing in red work remaining to be done. Work to be commenced at approx. 0.20.a.3.2. and continued as far towards F.Y. as possible.

In case of attack C.O. will report to 5th A.I.Bde. H.Q's at 0.25.c.7.5.

Midday meal to be carried.

Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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Brigade Headquarters
13th July, 1918.

C.O.,

A cable burying party of 400 men and carrying party of 20 men are to be provided for the Divnl. Sig. Coy. tomorrow.

A Captain detailed by 24th Bn. will command the whole party and will forward a report to Bde. Hdqrs. of work done.

Details of numbers to be supplied by each Bn. and times to report at Rendezvous are given in table.

Unit.-	Composition of Party			Tools.-	Report to O.20. b.4.8. approx.	Remarks.-
	Off.	N.C.O's	Men			
21st Bn.	3	6	150	2 shovels to 1 pick	8.40 a.m.	Movement will be by parties of 25 at 150 yards. distance.
23rd Bn.	3	6	150	-do-	8.30 a.m.	-do-
24th Bn.	2	4	100	-do-	8.50 a.m.	-do-
23rd Bn.	1	2	20	Nil.	8.30 a.m.	Carrying Party

Trench to be dug to a depth of 6', the bottom without hummocks. Infantry Officers will allot the tasks, and be responsible that trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout.

When this is completed and passed by Sig. Coy. Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by Sig. Coy. personnel under the supervision of the Sig. Coy. Officer present.

At his word, the Infantry will fill in the trench. When filled in to his approval details may be withdrawn.

Route will be taped out by Signal Coy. personnel before arrival of party at the work.

Attached hereto (Bns. & O.C. only) is a sketch showing in red work remaining to be done. Work to be commenced at approx. O.20.b.4.8.

In case of attack O.C. will report to 5th A.I.Bde. H.Q's at O.25.c.6.4.

Midday meal to be carried.

William H. B. Knight
Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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INFANTRY BRIGADENo. 3113
DateBrigade Headquarters,
14th July, 1918.

C.O.,

A cable burying party of ³⁹⁰400 men and carrying party of 20 men are to be provided for the Divnl. Sig. Coy. tomorrow.

A Captain detailed by the ²³21st Bn. will command the whole party and will forward a report to Bde. Hdqrs. of work done.

Details of numbers to be supplied by each Bn. and times to report at Rendezvous are given in table.

Unit.	Composition of party.			Tools.	Report to O.21. a.1.7. approx.	Remarks.
	Off.	N.C.O's.	Men.			
21st Bn. 3	6		150	2 shovels to 1 pick.	8.40 a.m.	Movement will be by parties of 25 at 150 yds. distance.
23rd Bn. 3	6		¹³⁰ 150	-do-	8.30 a.m.	-do-
24th Bn. 2	4		100	-do-	8.50 a.m.	-do-
23rd Bn. 1.	2		20	Nil.	8.30 a.m.	Carrying party.

Trench to be dug to a depth of 6', the bottom without hummocks. Infantry Officers will allot the tasks, and be responsible that trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout.

When this is completed and passed by Sig. Coy. Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by Sig. Coy. personnel under the supervision of the Sig. Coy. Officer present.

At his word, the Infantry will fill in the trench. When filled in to his approval details may be withdrawn.

Route will be taped out by Signal Coy. personnel before arrival of party at the work.

Attached hereto (Bns. & O.C. only) is a sketch showing in red work remaining to be done. Work to be commenced at approx. (O.21.a) 1.7. ^{015d25}

In case of attack O.C. will report to 5th A.I.Bde. H.Q's. at 0.25, c.6.4..

Midday meal to be carried.

Major.
Brigade Major, 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
15th July, 1918.

C.O.,

A cable burying party of 400 men and carrying party of 20 men are to be provided for the Divnl. Sig. Coy. tomorrow.

A Captain detailed by the 23rd Bn. will command the whole party and will forward a report to Bde. Hqrs. of work done.

Details of numbers to be supplied by each Bn. and times to report at rendezvous are given in table.

Unit.	Composition of party			Tools.	Report to C.21. a.s.g. approx.	Remarks.
	Off.	H.C.O's.	Men.			
21st Bn.	5	8	180	2 shovels to 1 pick.	8.40 a.m.	Movement will be by parties of 25 at 150 yds. distance.
23rd Bn.	5	8	150	-do-	8.30 a.m.	-do-
24th Bn.	2	4	100	-do-	8.50 a.m.	-do-
23rd Bn.	1	2	20	Nil.	8.30 a.m.	Carrying party.

Trench to be dug to a depth of 6', the bottom without hummocks. Infantry Officers will allot the tasks, and be responsible that trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout.

When this is completed and passed by Sig. Coy. Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by Sig. Coy. personnel under the supervision of the Sig. Coy. Officer present.

At his word, the Infantry will fill in the trench. When filled in to his approval details may be withdrawn.

Route will be taped out by Signal Coy. personnel before arrival of party at the work.

Attached hereto (Bns. & O.C. only) is a sketch showing in red work remaining to be done. Work to be commenced at approx. 0.21.a.s.g.

In case of attack O.C. will report to 5th A.I.Bde. H.Q's. at 0.25.c.s.g.

Midday meal to be carried.

Richard Rob. Caff Major.
Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,
16th July, 1918.

C.O.,

A cable carrying party of 400 men and carrying party of 80 men are to be provided for the Divul. Sig. Coy. tomorrow.

A Captain detailed by the 24th Bn. will command the whole party and will forward a report to Bde. Hqrs. of work done.

Details of numbers to be supplied by each Bn. and times to report at rendezvous are given in table.

Unit.	Composition of party			Tools	Report to C.O.S. c.95.25 approx.	Remarks.
	Off.	N.C.O's.	Men.			
21st Bn.	3	6	150	2 shovels to 1 pick.	8.40 a.m.	Movement will be by parties of 25 at 150 yds. distance.
23rd Bn.	3	6	150	-do-	8.30 a.m.	-do-
24th Bn.	3	4	100	-do-	8.50 a.m.	-do-
23rd Bn.	1	2	20	Nil.	8.50 a.m.	Carrying party.

Trench to be dug to a depth of 6', the bottom without hummocks. Infantry Officers will allot the tasks, and be responsible that trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout.

When this is completed and passed by Sig. Coy. Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by Sig. Coy. personnel under the supervision of the Sig. Coy. Officer present.

At his word, the Infantry will fill in the trench. When filled in to his approval details may be withdrawn.

Route will be taped out by Signal Coy. personnel before arrival of party at the work.

Attached hereto (Bns. & O.C. only) is a sketch showing in red work remaining to be done. Work to be commenced at approx. 0.15 c.95.25.

In case of attack O.C. will report to 5th A.I. Bde. H.Q's. at 0.25.c.6.9.

Midday meal to be carried.

Edward J. G. Gifford Major.
Brigade Major 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,
17th July, 1918.

C.O.,

A cable burying party of 380 men and carrying party of 20 men are to be provided for the Divnl. Sig. Coy. tomorrow.

A Captain detailed by the 23rd Bn. will command the whole party and will forward a report to Bde. Hqrs. of work done.

Details of numbers to be supplied by each Bn. and the times to report at rendezvous are given in table.

Unit.	Composition of party.			Tools.	Report to O.15. d.s.s. approx.	Remarks.
	Off.	N.C.O's.	Men.			
21st Bn.	3	6	180	2 shovels to 1 pick.	8.40 a.m.	Movement will be by parties of 25 at 150 yds. distance.
23rd Bn.	3	6	130	-do-	8.30 a.m.	-do-
24th Bn.	2	4	100	-do-	8.50 a.m.	-do-
23rd Bn.	1	2	20	Nil.	8.30 am.	Carrying party.

Trench to be dug to a depth of 6', the bottom without hummocks. Infantry Officers will allot the tasks, and be responsible that trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout.

When this is completed and passed by Sig. Coy. Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by Sig. Coy. personnel under the supervision of the Sig. Coy. Officer present.

At his word, the Infantry will fill in the trench. When filled in to his approval details may be withdrawn.

Route will be taped out by Signal Coy. personnel before arrival of party at the work.

Attached hereto (Ins. & O.C. only) is a sketch showing in red work remaining to be done. Work to be commenced at approx. 0.15.d.s.s.

In case of attack O.C. will report to 5th A.I. Bde. H.Q's. at 0.25.c.s.s.4.

Midday meal to be carried.

W. F. N. Bridges

Major.
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Infantry Bde.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SECRET.

2nd Aust. Divn.

Brigade Headquarters,
21st July, 1918.

6th
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6 a.m. 21. 7. 18.

Location.	Nature of work.	Details of progress made.	Remarks.
Front Line (RIGHT)	Deepening	(a) STAMBOUL & SYRIA trenches to road at U.6.c.5.9. to average depth 4'0". (b) Centre Coy. Posts to average depth 4'0" for length 10 yds.	
U.6.a.95.85 to U.6.b.2.4.	New C.T.	200 yds. dug from U.6.a.90.85. to a depth of 4'6" by 18" wide at bottom by 4'0" wide at top.	
P.31.a.5.9. to P.31.b.0.7.	Improving C.T.	380 yds. deepened & widened to 4' to 4'6", 3'6" to 4'0" wide at top, 15" to 18" wide at bottom.	
O.30.d.0.3.	Dugout construction.	No.1 face 9' x 7' - 2 cub. yds. removed and ready for timbering. No.2 face 7' x 3'3" - 2'3" advance & timbered No.2 " " " 3'6" " without timber.	
O.36.d.95.50	Improvement to Trench.	50 yds. trench deepened to 4'6". 15 yds. C.T. deepened to 4'6" back to Coy. H.Q.	
O.36.d.7.6.	Improving accommodation.	8 German shafts made habitable for 6 men each. Doors strengthened with sandbagging for protection against shelling.	
V.1.a.7.7. V.1.a.6.1. V.6.c.80.85.	New T.M. position " " " " " " " "	Pit completed. " " 50% completed.	

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Hammond *Sale Capt.* Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Brigade Headquarters,
22nd July, 1918.

2nd Aust. Divn.

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6 a.m. 22. 7. 18.

Location.	Nature of work.	Details of Progress.
v.l.b.65.65.	Improving Front Line Post.	15 yds. length x 5' deep with 2 small traverses completed.
P.31.a.7.1.	Improving trench	20 yds. cleared and deepened Latrines dug.
HALF MOON TR. P.31.b.&.d.	Improving trench	Accommodation improved. Fire steps made for L.G.positions.
P.31.d.98.75.	Improving Front Line Posts	Post deepened to 4' Two T. heads dug. Length of post increased from 18 yds to 25 yds.
P.32.a.&.c.	Improving Posts.	Deepening and widening posts and constructing trench shelters.
U.6.b.1.6. to U.6.b.3.3.	New C.T. to Front Line.	200 yds. 4'6" deep 18" wide at bottom 4' wide at top completed.
P.31.b.0.7. to P.31.b.1.4.	Improving C.T.	100 yds. improved from about 2' x 1½' to 3'9" average width at top by 18" wide at bottom.
P.31.b.1.4. to P.31.b.15.25.	Digging new C.T.	90 yds. new trench dug to 3'9" average width at top by 18" at bottom x 4'3" deep.
O.25.c.5.3.	Shelters at Bde. Hqrs.	Excavation for two shelters 60% completed.
O.30.d.0.3.	Deep Dugout.	No.1 Face 9' x 7' 2 sets erected and roof bagged. Pilot gallery 6' x 2' driven 15'-6" No.2 Face 7' x 3'6" 1 set erected. Driven 6'6" & erected 2 steel sets. Pilot gallery driven 1'6"

Edmund Sale
Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SECRET.

2nd Aust. Divn.

Brigade Headquarters,
23rd July, 1918.

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 9 a.m. 23. 7. 18.

Location.	Nature of Works.	Details of progress made.	Remarks.
V.1.b.6.4. to V.1.b.6.2.	Connecting and improving posts.	About 70 yards of trench excavated.	All working parties on Left Bn. sector cancelled owing to gas bombardment.
V.1.a.25.60. to V.1.a.60.15	Improving captured trench.	About 100 yards cleaned and deepened	
CRATT TRENCH. U.5.d.75.50.	Deepening	20 yards completed to average depth of 5 ft. Block constructed at U.5.d.65.40.	
SYRIA TR. U.6.d.0.8.	Deepening	24 yds. deepened from 3'6" to 5'	
V.1.b.6.1. U.6.b.3.3. to U.6.b.4.1.	Cutting sap through Road New C.T.	Dug to depth of 3' x 1'6" width 120 yds dug to depth of 4'0" x 15" wide at bottom by 3' at top.	
O.25.c.5.3. Rt. Bde.H.Q.	Shelters	Excavation for two shelters completed.	
O.39.d.0.3.	Deep Dugout.	No.1 Face. Pilot gallery 5'6" x 2' driven 10'	
HEROW C.T.	Coy H.Q.	No.2 " " " " " 10'	
P.31.a.5.3.	Shelters	Excavation complete.	
		4 new shelters constructed.	
Carrying parties	1 N.C.O. 10 D&R's.	Carrying Ammunition from Right Line Bn. H.Q. to Front Line Posts.	Salved timber used.
" "	1 Off. 50 D.R's.	Carrying ammunition from O.30.c.5.4. to Front Line.	
" "	1 N.C.O. 20 O.R's.	Carrying Stokes Ammunition from O.30.d.0.4. to gun positions.	
New R.E.Dump established at P.31.a.5.4.		4 G.S. Limber loads of B.W. concertina.	

Edmund H. Sale Brigadier General.
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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2nd Aust. Divn.

Brigade Headquarters,
24th July, 1918.

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 9 a.m. 24.7.18.

Location.	Nature of Work.	Details of Progress.	Remarks.
SYRIA TRENCH Posts at U.6.d.3.7. U.6.d.4.7. U.6.d.60.65. U.6.d.9.6. V.1.c.3.6.	Deepening Posts.	Each post deepened 18" for a length of 20 yards.	
V.1.a.6.2. to V.1.a.6.6.	Deepening trench & constructing parapet.	150 yds. parapet completed and trench deepened 18"	
V.1.a.6.2.	Sap across road	Deepened from 3'0" to 6'0"	
V.1.b.3.3. to V.1.b.4.6.	Connecting up posts.	Continuous line 5 extreme left posts.	
V.1.a.7.0.4 V.1.a.7.1.	Establishing new posts	Each post dug 3' deep.	
CRAFT TR.	Improving Block	Two bombing traverses dug	
CRAFT TR.	Deepening trench	25 yds. deepened from 3'6" to 4'6"	
U.6.c.9.8.	Deepening Trench	20 yds. deepened from 3'6" to 4'6"	
U.6.d.05.75. to U.6.c.9.7.	Wiring	100 yds. concertina erected.	
V.1.c.5.8.	Constructing latrines	2 dug complete.	
P.32.a.55.00 tp P.32.c.35.85	Connecting posts Nos. 5 & 6 in front line.	completed to depth 2'6" x 2'6" wide.	Fire steps dug in each post. Trench shelters constructed
U.6.a.9.9. to O.36.c.8.1.	Improvement to C.T.	Cleared out widened and deepened 300 yds.	
P.31.a.5.3.	Dugouts.	7 sets put in.	
O.34.d.0.3.	Deep dugout	North Face 9' x 7'. 3'9" advance 1 set R.S.J. pit props and lagging complete, Small face 9' x 7' 2'6" advance 1 set " " " " " "	

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Location.	Nature of Work.	Details of Progress.	Remarks.
U.5.b.1.8.	Deep dugout.	Opening out from trench 5'0" advance on each face size 7' x 3'3"	
O.25.c.5.3. Rt. Bde. H.Q.	Shelters.	2 shelters 50% complete. Excavations for 2 shelters 80% complete.	
Carrying Parties.	1 N.C.O. 20 O&R's.	60 rds. Stokes Bombs from Right Line Bn. H.Q. to guns.	
do. do.	1 N.C.O. 10 O.R's.	10 boxes S.A.A. for Right line Bn.H.Q. to left line Coy.	
do. do.		Usual ration carrying parties from both Bn. H.Q. to Line Coys.	

NOTE - Gas bombardment of previous night necessitated 90% of support Bn. strengths being rested thus cancelling usual C.T. working parties and carrying parties.

/s/ Robertson
 Brigadier-General.
 Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

S E C R E T.

Brigade Headquarters,
25th July, 1918.

2nd Aust. Divn.

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 9 a.m. 25.7.18.

Location.	Nature of work.	Details of progress	Remarks.
U.5.d.6.4. CRAFT TR.	Reconstructing block	Built block 5'0" high. 100 sandbags filled.	
U.5.d.7.5.	Cleaning out trench	15 yards cleaned out where blown in by shelling	
U.5.d.90.80	Cleaning out trench	20 yds. cleaned out where blown in by shelling.	
U.6.d.7.6. & V.1.a.1.6.	Deepening trench and constructing shelters	60 yds. trench deepened to 4'6" Shelters at each post constructed.	Salved material used
V.1.c.65.95	New post	10 yds. length 5'0" deep	Task complete
V.1.a.95.10.	" "	9 " " " "	50% "
V.1.b.05.20.	" "	9 " " " "	50% "
V.1.b.15.20.	" "	9 " " " "	50% "
V.1.a.60.20.to V.1.a.50.00.	Deepening trench	Deepened from 4'0" to 5'0" parapet constructed	
V.1.b.55.62.	Wiring	2 coils concertina wire across railway erected, 25 yds. in advance of bridge	
V.1.b.55.62.) V.1.b.65.70.) P.31.d.70.05)	Shelters	4 excavations 6'0" x 4'6"	
P.32.a.65.20.) P.32.a.50.00.) P.32.c.10.90.)	Wiring posts and con- structing shelters	2 coils of concertina erected 30 yards in front of each post One excavation for shelters in each post.	
From O.36.c.4.3. to MOUND	Making track for pack mules.	2 trenches filled in, wire cut and shell holes filled.	
V.1.a.55.50 to C.T. V.1.a.25.55.		120 yds. completed 4'6" deep 4' wide at top 18" wide at bottom	Constructed by Pioneers
P.31.d.50.85to P.31.d.35.65	Support line	100 yds. APOLLO SUPPORT deepened to 4' and widened to 3' at top and 2' at bottom. 100 yds. new trench dug 3'6" deep and 3' wide at top and 2' at bottom	
U.5.b.1.8.	Dugout	Opened out and timbered up portion to start of inclined First step of incline set.	
O.34.d.0.3.	Dugout	North face 9'7ft x 4'6" advance 2 sets with lagging put in South face 9' x 7' 5'9" advance Q set " " " in.	
O.25.c.5.3. Right Bde HQ.	shelters	2 shelters completed. Excavation for two shelters com- pleted.	

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Carrying	1 N.C.O. 15 O.Rs.	15 coils concertina wire carried from LONE TREE DUMP P.31.a.6.3. to front line Coys.
Carrying	1 N.C.O. 10 P.Rs.	Carrying 20 cases stokes bombs from O.31.d.4.1. to Left Forward Guns.
Carrying	1 N.C.O. 10 P.Rs.	Carrying S.A.A. from 22nd Bn. H.Q. to Front Line.

Edmund Sab. Caff

Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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2nd Aust. Divn.

Brigade Headquarters,
26th July, 1918.

WORKS REPORT to 24 HOURS ENDING 9 a.m. 26.7.18.

Location.	Nature of work.	Details of progress	Remarks.
U.5.d.6.3. CRAFT TR.	Wiring block.	Trench wired for a distance of 30 yds. in front of block. Concertina wire used.	
U.5.d.7.5..	Deepening trench.	20 yds. deepened from 3'0" to 4'6"	
STAMBOUL & SYRIA TRENCHES JUNCTION.	Deepening trench	15 yds. deepened from 3' to 5'	
U.6.c.8.9.	Deepening trench	15 yds. deepened from 1'8" to 4'0"	
U.6.c.2.8.	Deepening trench	15 yds. deepened from 1'0" to 3'8"	
U.5.d.8.8.) U.5.b.8.2.)	Latrines	2 dug and box seats fitted.	
U.6.b.4.1.	Latrine	Excavation 7' x 7' completed & box seat fitted.	
V.1.c.5.6. to V.1.c.7.9.	Deepening 4 posts	Each deepened to 4'6"	
V.1.b.0.2. to V.1.b.3.3.	Deepening 2 posts	Each deepened to 4'9"	
SYRIA TR. U.6.d.- 8.7. to V.1.c.1.6.	Deepening front line & connecting up posts.	Deepened from 18" to 4'6" shelters improved.	Slow work owing loose earth caused by shell fire.
P.32.c.25.85 P.32.a.50.00. P.32.a.55.20.	Connecting posts, im- provement of trenches and continuing shelter	15 yds. trench dug 3' deep 2'6" wide. one trench shelter 6' x 4' x 4'6" dug.	
P.34.d.7.2.	Connecting front line	20 yds. dug 2' wide x 4' deep.	
V.1.b.8.8.	Connecting front line	15 yds dug 2' wide x 4' deep.	
V.1.b.5.7. V.1.b.65.80. V.1.b.8.9.	Excavation for shelters	Excavations 6' x 4' x 4'6" 50% completed.	
P.31.b.10.25 to P.31.central(approx)	Completing C.T.	70 yds. dug 4' deep x 3' wide at top x 2' wide at bottom.	
V.1.a.2.5. to U.6.b.9.5.(approx)	New C.T.	110 yds. dug 4'6" deep x 2' wide at bottom 4' wide at top.	

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Location.	Nature of work.	Details of progress	Remarks.
P.31.b.40.65. to P.31.d.2.4.	Support Line.	179 yds. dug 3'6" deep x 3' wide at top 2' wide at bottom.	
O.30.d.0.3.	Deep dugout.	North Face 9' x 7' advanced 4'6". 1 complete set R.S.J. put in. South face 9' x 7' advanced 2'0" 1 complete set R.S.J. put in. Trimming up floors and walls.	
U.5.b.1.8.	Deep dugout.	No.1 drive 8 sets placed and roof lagged. No.2 " " " " " " " "	
Carrying parties.	1 N.C.O. 18 men.	Carrying Engineer Material from LONE TREE DUMP P.31.a.6.4. S.A.A. and bombs to front line Left Bn.	
Carrying Parties	1 N.C.O. 10 men.	Carrying S.A.A., bombs, and sandbags from Support Coy.H.Q. to front line on Right Bn. Front.	
Carrying parties	1 N.C.O. 20 men.	Carrying 40 boxes Stokes bombs from Right Bn H.Q. to Gun positions.	

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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WORKS REPORT TO 24 HOURS ENDING 27. 7. 18.

Brigade Headquarters,
27th July, 1918.

Location.	Nature of works.	Details of progress.	Remarks.
U.5.d.8.6. to U.6.d.10.80.	Improving front line posts	Shelters improved and posts built up with sandbags	
U.6.d.3.7. to U.6.d.9.6. SYRIA TR.	Deepening trench and connecting posts.	30 yds. trench dug 4' x 6'	Crumbling ground owing to shellfire
V.1.c.7.7.	Digging posts	3 posts each dug 15 yds long by 4'0" x 2'0" wide.	
V.1.b.6.4.	Deepening trench	50 yds. deepened to 4'6"	
V.1.b.75.90.	Connecting posts	15 yds. dug 4'0" deep x 2'0" wide.	
V.1.b.6.7.	Deepening and draining	15 yds. deepened 1'0"	
P.32.a.55.20. P.32.a.55.00. P.32.c.35.85.	Trench shelters and general improvements to posts.	3 excavations 6'0" x 4'0" x 4'6" and shelters of English iron roofs completed. Nos. 5 & 6 posts now connected by sap 2'6" wide x 3'0" deep.	
O.28.d.1.2.	Coy H.Q.	Excavation 9' x 7' x 3' 50% complete.	
O.36.a.8.8.	Shelter	Excavation 9' x 7' x 3' 50% complete.	
P.31.a.6.3.	Cleaning out trench	Cleaning out where blown in by shellfire	
P.31.a.6.2.	Shelter	Excavation 6' x 4' x 3'6" 50% complete.	
O.35.d.1.3. Right Bn.H.Q.	Strengthening Signal Dugout.	Increased head cover with bricks and cover.	
O.6.b.9.7.	New C.T.	100 yds. trench dug 4'6" deep 4'0" wide at top 18" wide at bottom	
P.31.b.1.2. to P.31.d.15.10.1.2.	Completing C.T.	16 yds. trench dug 3'6" deep average width 2'0" Overhead shelters, Bricks, and other obstructions removed from old trench.	
P.31.b.1.2. to P.31.d.15.10.1.2.	Support line	200 yds dug 3'6" deep x 3'0" wide at top and 18" wide at bottom	
U.5.d.6.4.	Bombing stop	7 yds dug 4'0" deep x 2'0" wide	
O.30.d.4.3.	Deep Dugout	North face advance 3'6" South face advanced 3'6"	
U.5.b.1.8.	Deep dugout	No.1 drive four sets placed, lagged up entrance. No.2 " " " " " " "	
O.25.c.5.3. Brigade H.Q.	Brigade H.Q. shelters.	3rd & 4th Shelters 50% complete.	
Carrying from O.30.d.4.4. to Front Line Left.		1 N.C.O. 18 B.Rs. Carried 18 sheets of large English Iron.	
Carrying from VILLERS BRETONNEUX to forward M.T.M. in Railway Cutting.		1 N.C.O. 10 O.Rs. 40 6" Newton bombs carried.	

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Brigade Headquarters,
28th July, 1918.

2nd Aust. Divn.

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 9 a.m. 28.7.18.

Location.	Nature of work.	Details of progress	REMARKS.
SYRIA TRENCH U.5.d.75.60 to U.6.d.20.75.	Cleaning and draining front line.	Posts cleaned and water bailed out of trench.	
SYRIA TR. U.6.d.20.75. to V.1.a.5.1.	Connecting posts and deepening front line and erecting latrines.	30 yds. dug 4'6" deep x 2'6" wide 40 yds. dug 1'0" deep 2 box latrines completed.	Trenches cleaned out having fallen in, in many places owing to rain
V.1.b.20.30 to V.1.b.50.40.	Connecting up and deepening trench.	Deepened to 5' x average 3'0" width.	
V.1.c.20.65 to V.1.a.80.70.	Cleaning trench	Cleaning and draining after rain. Shelters improved.	
V.1.b.7.9. V.1.b.6.8. V.1.b.5.7.	Shelters	Excavations for three shelters 6'0" x 4'0" x 4'6" 80% complete.	
V.1.b.8.7.	Connecting trench	15 yds deepened from two feet to 4'6"	
APOLLO SUPPORT P.31.d.6.9. to P.31.b.8.3.	Improving accommodation	Shelters for 40 men cleaned out and improved.	
ARDAYH C.T. U.6.a.8.8.	Deepening C.T.	140 yds. trench deepened to 4'6" and widened to 3'9" at top by 18" at bottom.	
O.36.b.85.40.	R.A.P.	9'x7'x7' excavation completed	
O.36.d.8.8. P.31.a.6.2. O.30.c.9.3. O.28.c.8.2.	Shelters	9' x 7' x 7' Excavation 80% complete.	
VILLERS LINE O.30.d.2.b.	Clearing and draining	Clearing slurry and drainage away 1 foot of water.	
O.30.d.7.3.	Deep dugout	North face 3' excavated 1 complete set installed South face 2'3" " " " " " "	90% complete
U.5.b.1.8.	Deep dugout	No.1 face 3 complete sets placed 18" centre and extra excavation. No.2 face ditto.	
24.05. O.36.d.4.1. to U.6.b.50.85.	New C.T.	130 yds dug 4'6" deep 4'0" wide at top 18" wide at bottom.	

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Location.	Nature of works.	Details of progress.	Remarks,
O.25.c.5.3. Right Bde H.Q. Carrying	Shelters 1 N.C.O. 20 D&Rs.	Frames for 3rd and 4th shelters completed. Carried 16 sheets large English iron 2 bundles of sandbags for DOLLHOUSE to line Coys. of Left Bn.	

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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2nd Aust. Divn.

Brigade Headquarters,
29th July, 1918.

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 9 a.m. 29.7.18.

Location.	Nature of work.	Details of progress.	Remarks.
U.6.c.2.8.	Coy H.Q.	Excavation 9' x 7' x 7' deep completed	
U.5.d.75.40. STAMBOUL TR.	Wing trenches to improve block.	10 yards dug 4' deep.	
U.6.c.4.8. SYRIA TR.	Connecting up	25 yards dug 4' deep.	
U.5.d.7.6. to U.6.d.45.75. SYRIA TR.	Draining	Cleaned out posts and drained trench.	
U.6.d.5.8. to U.6.d.9.7. SYRIA TR.	Connecting up posts	4 sections as under dug - 10 yards long 4'6" deep 30 yards " 4'0" " 12 " " 3'6" " 20 " " 2'6" "	
V.1.c.4.6. to V.1.a.7.0.	Improving posts and extending trench	Trench deepened 2' and 10 yards added laterally.	
V.1.a.7.0. to V.1.b.5.5.	Deeping	Trench deepened average 2'6"	
U.6.d.30.75.	Digging front line.	55 yds. total trench dug to depth 2'6" x 2'6" wide	
V.1.b.65.62. to V.1.b.80.70.	Linking up posts	50 yds. dug 3' deep 2' wide.	
P.31.d.70.40. to P.31.d.60.20.	Linking up to APOLLO SUPPORT to No. 5 post.	30 yds. dug 3' deep 2' wide	Not complete
P.31.d.70.30. to P.31.d.95.70.	Deepening and extending posts.	<i>new trench</i> 45 yds. dug 4'0" deep. 35 yds. deepened to 4'0"+4'0" to 3'6" wide at top and 3'0" wide at bottom.	
do. do. do.	Accommodation	Shelters for 30 men completed. Excavation for shelters for 12 men dug.	
APOLLO SUPPORT	Extending south end.	30 yds. dug 4'0" deep 3'6" wide at top 3'0" wide at bottom	
U.6.b.9.6. to U.6.b.50.85.	New C.T.	320 yds dug not to full depth	C.T. now cut through to full length & will be cleaned up to full width and depth tonight.

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Location.	Nature of work.	Details of progress	Remarks.
O.36.b.85.40.	R.A.P.	Trench along front widened to 4'6" for 15 yds.	
P.31.a.6.2.	Coy H.Q.	Excavation 9' x 7' x 7' deep completed.	
P.31.a.	Cable burying	310 yds. cable trench dug 6' deep and filled in after cable was laid	Supervision of Div ^e Sig. Coy.
O.39.a.0.3.	Deep dugout	1 R.S.J. placed 4' of roof lagged 37' of sides lagged.	
U.5.b.1.8.	Deep dugout.	No.1 face 6' excavated & 3 sets 1'6" centres installed and roof lagged. No.2 face 6'6" excavated & 3 sets 1'6" centres installed and roof lagged. Both Faces 5'6" x 3'3"	

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WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 9 a.m. 30.7.18.

Brigade Headquarters,
30th July, 1918.

Location.	Nature of work	Details of progress	Remarks.
U.6.c.2.8. SYRIA TR.	Deepening	30 yds. deepened from 18" to 4'0"	
U.5.d.6.3. STAMBOUL TRENCH.	Wing trenches to improve block.	5 yards dug 3' deep 2'6" wide.	
U.6.d.2.8. to V.1.c.2.6. SYRIA TR.	Deepening	40 yds. dug 3'0" deep 3'0" wide. 30 " " 4'0" " 3'0" "	
V.1.a.7.3.	Deepening	100 yds. dug from 2'0" to 3'0"	
V.1.c.3.6.	Wiring	60 yds. concertina (single) erected	
P.25.c.5.8.	Cable burying	265 yds. of cable buried in 6'0" deep trench & filled in	Under super- vision Div. Sig. Coy.
O.30.d.0.3.	Deep dugout.	1 set put in - close lagged 37' x 6' wall built 27 bricks built 2 tables 3' x 5' - removed 100 bags of spoil.	
U.5.b.1.8.	Deep dugout.	No.1 Face 2 sets placed 18" spacing and excavated 2'6" No.2 " 2 " " 18" " " 1 set 3' spacing. Ramping trench for windlass.	
V.1.b.55.65.	Connecting Nos.1 & 2 posts.	10 yds. dug 3' deep	10 yds.yet to connect.
V.1.b.65.80.	Connecting Nos.2 & 3 posts.	5 yds. dug 4' deep	50 yds.yet to connect.
P.31.d.85.30.	Deepening & improving post.	Deepened 2 feet - shelters improved and fire steps dug.	
P.32.c.00.60.	do. do. do.	Deepened 2' 1 latrine dug.	
APOLLO SUPPORT	Shelters	4 shelters (2 men) completed.	
O.28.c.8.0.	Coy H.Q. shelter	Excavation 10'x8'x3'6" dug. 60% framework for shelter built	
O.36.b.85.40.	R.A.P.	4'2" proof shelter 9' x 7' complete.	
U.5.d.40.65 to U.5.d.70.70. ALEXANDRA AVE.	Deepening and Maintenance.	120 yds. deepened from 2'6" to 4'6" x 3'6" wide at top to 18" wide at bottom.	
Carrying parties	1 N.C.O. 10 O.Rs.	carried 120 rds. Stokes Bombs from V.1.a.35.80 to V.1.a.60.35.	
do. do.	1 N.C.O. 16 O.Rs.	carried Coy H.Q. dugout frame from U.6.a.3.6. to U.6.c.2.8.	
Transport	24 pack animals	carried 144 rounds Stokes Bombs from WHITE CHATEAU to 12 packs to P.31.c.85.60. 12 packs to V.1.a.35.80.	
1 G.S. Limber.	Carried Engineer material from TRANSIT DUMP to O.27.d.8.8.		

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,
31st July, 1918.

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 9 a.m. 31.7.18..

Location.	Nature of work.	Details of progress	Remarks.
P.31.d.85.35.	Deepening post	20 yds deepened 1' 6 fire steps made..	
P.32.c.25.95.	Improving post	Bottom of trench levelled and deepened in places one fire step put in.	
P.32.c.35.85.	" "	Lateral trench between 8 and 9 posts deepened 1' for 30 yds,	
P.32.a.45.25.	" "	Post deepened and two fire steps put in.	
P.31.b.5.2.	Deepening trench	8 yds. deepened 3'	
APOLLO SUPPORT	Improvement	10 shelters (for 2 men)	small English shelters used.
P.31.d.7.5.	Connecting up to APOLLO SUPPORT	40 yds dug 2ft deep.	Now continuous but shallow.
P.31.d.50.95.	Excavation for 42 proof shelters	Excavation dug 8' wide 10' long & 2'6" deep	33% complete
P.25.b.1.8.	Cable burying	150 yds dug 6' deep and trench filled in	
U.6.c.2.8.	Coy H.Q.	Shelter erected complete by Engineers	
O.30.d.0.3.	Deep dugout.	Lagging side 37' x 8' face advanced 2' Windlass and skids erected. 4 gas containers installed.	
U.5.b.1.8.	Deep dugout	No.1 face 6' excavated and timbered No.2 " " " " "	
U.27.d.9.9.to	Shelters	Fixing windlass in position.	
O.28.c.3.8.		Dug 27 excavations 8ft. x 8" into railway cutting.	
Transport.	5 G.S.Limbers	27 shelters 7' x 7' 70% complete.	
		carried Engineer material from TRANSIT DUMP to Support Bn. H.Qs.	

NOTE:- Inter/Bn. Relief on right front.

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6TH. FIELD CO AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6 A.M. 21-7-1918.

Ref. Map. 620.

Location	Work	Person in work	No of men employed		Particulars	Remarks
			Eng.	Inf.		
U.6.a.3.9	Cutting wire for overland track	LT RENSHAW	2			
U.5.1.8.3	Group improvement	"	4	-	Shoring up cover on roof of front of shelter	
O.28.d.7.0.	Guard on camp	"	4	-		
U.6.a.95.85 to U.6.b.2.4	C.T.	"	3	100	200yds trench dug.	
O.34.c.5.0.	Building cookhouse	"	3	-		
Brigade sector	Reconnaissance	"	6	-	Reconnoitring trenches etc in Sector. (Right)	
O.25.d.0.5.	Deep dugout.	LT EKSUM	8	-	7' x 3'3" face 5' advance	2/6hr shifts of 4 sprs per shift.
			3	-	7' x 3'3" face 1'6" advance 2 sets taken out & replaced, new 9" set erected.	
O.30.d.0.3.	Brilliant Deep dugout.	LT SEXTON	6	10	Nº1 face 9' x 7' 2 cub yds spoil removed from face ready to place (2nd set) Nº2 " 7' x 3'3" 2'3" advance timbered + filled in large cavity above caps. 3'6" " without timber.	2 shifts of 3 sprs + 4 inf per shift.
O.34.b.8.9.	Camp Accommodation	"	10	-	Shelters for 27 men being bombproofed. 50% complete.	
P.31.a.5.9 to P.31.b.0.7.	Improving C.T.	"	1	103	380yds deepened + widened to 4' + 4'6" deep, 3'6" to 4' wide at top, 15" to 18" at bottom.	
	Reconnaissance	"	2	-	Looking over sector on left.	
	Dry Weather Track from O.36.d.00.35 to new Dump Site at U.6.a.3.7	Capt CARTWRIGHT	8	-	2 Artillery Peridges (6'8" wide) placed at O.36.c.05.25 and O.36.c.10.15 and wire cleared about U.6.a.3.9	



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6TH. FIELD CO AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

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WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6 A.M. 22-7-1918

Location	Work	Person in charge work	No of men employed		Particulars	Remarks
			Eng.	Inf.		
U. 6. b. 1. 6 to U. 6. b. 3. 3.	New C.T. to Front Line.	LT. RENSHAW.	3	100	Dug. 200 yds. complete.	
O. 34. b. 8. 9.	Coy. Fwd. Shelters	Cpl. STONEHOUSE	5 16	-	Guard & improvements to camp. Accommodation for 27 men made 4-2 shell proof.	
O. 25. d. 0. 5.	Deep dugout.	LT. ELSUM	8	-	7' x 3' 3" face, 1' advance. Erected 2 sets of pit props & R.S.J's. 9' x 7' " 9" "	2/6hr Shifts of 4 sprs. per shift.
			7	-	7' x 3' 3" face, 3' 6" advance. 2' 6" timbered.	2/6hr Shifts.
O. 25. c. 5. 3.	Excavations for shelters (Rt. Batt. H.Q.)	"	2	24	Excavations for 2 shelters, 60% complete.	
O. 30 d. 0. 3.	Deep dugout for Lt. Batt'n.	LT. SEXTON	14	28.	No 1 face 9' x 7'. 2 sets erected & roof lagged. Pilot gallery 6' x 2' driven 15' 6". No 2 face 7' x 3' 6". 1 set erected. Drove 6' 6". & erected 2 Steel sets. Pilot gallery driven 1' 6".	
P. 31. b. 0. 7 to P. 31. b. 1. 4.	Improving C.T.	"	1	113	100 yds. improved from about 2' x 1' 1/2' to { 3' 6" to 4' wide at top 15" to 18" " " bottom 4' to 4' 6" deep.	
P. 31. b. 1. 4 to P. 31. b. 15. 25.	Digging new C.T.	"			90 yds. new trench dug to { 3' 6" to 4' wide at top 15" to 18" " " bottom x 4' to 4' 6" deep.	
Lt. Batt'n. Sector	Locating new works.	Capt. CARTWRIGHT	2	-		
Rt. Batt'n. Sector	do.	Major. HARRIS.	1	-		



J. H. Cartwright
Capt.

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WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6 A.M. 23-7-1918.

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Location	Work	Person in charge work	No of men employed		Particulars	Remarks
			Eng.	Inf.		
U. 6. b. 3.3. to U. 6. b. 4.1	New C.T.	✓ J. RENSHAW	2	75	Dug 120 yds trench. 4' deep x 18" wide at bottom + 3ft at top.	
	Coy. H.Q. Shelter (24th Bn)	"	2		Building Framework	
	" " (13th Bn)	"	2		"	
O. 34. b. 8.9	Coy. fwd. shelters.	"	5	-	Guard on Camp + Improving shelters.	
			8	-	Improving shelters.	
O. 25. d. 0.5	Deep dugout.	LT. ELGUM	10	-	9' x 7' face, 2' 3" advance	
O. 25. c. 5.3.	Excavation for shelters (Rt. BDE. H.Q.)	✓ "	2	24	Excavations for 2 shelters complete.	2 shifts of 5 spts per shift
	Building frames for shelters.	"	2	-	Frames for 2 shelters 30% complete	
O. 34. d. 0.3.	LT. Bn. H.Q. Deep dugout.	✓ LT. SEXTON	10 10	25 27	Nº 1 face, Pilot gallery. 5' 6" x 2', driven 10'. Nº 2 " " " " " " 10'.	2½ shifts of 3 Engs + 1 infantry
	Overland Route for Capt Transport to P. 31. a. 5.4 (from VILLERS - WARFUSEE road)	✓ CARTWRIGHT	8	0	Track cleared and Artillery Bridges 6' 8" wide installed at O. 36. b. 0.9 and P. 31. a. 4.8 New RE dump established at head of track with 4 Gs lumber loads of BW. concertinas. (Propose calling this LOVE TREE DUMP)	



Note: - All working parties on left bank
Sector cancelled c/o Gas bombardment

Atkinson's Major
OC. 6th Field Coy AE

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WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6 A.M. 24-7-1918.

Location	Work	Person in charge work	No of men employed		Particulars	Remarks
			Eng.	Inf.		
U. 5. b. 1. 7.	Shelter for Co HQ. 24th Bn.	LT. RENSHAW	30		Erection completed.	
U. 6. a. 3. 5.	Shelter for Co HQ. 23rd Bn	"	2		Finished framework.	
U. 6. a. 9. 9. to O. 36. c. 8. 1	Clearing out RAIL C.T.	"	1	20	300 yds. cleared out.	
U. 5. b. 1. 8.	Deep dugout	"	9	16	Opening out from trench. 5'0" advance on each face size. 7' x 3'3".	4 shifts of 2 sprs + 4 inf per shift.
O. 25. d. 0. 5.	Deep dugout	LT. ELSUM	6		9' x 7' face 2' advance. 1 set R.S.J., pit props + lagging put in	1 shift.
O. 34. d. 0. 3.	Deep dugout. Lt. Bn HQ	"	6	22	Nth Face, 9' x 7' 3' 9" advance, 1 set R.S.J., pit-props + lagging complete Sth " 9' x 7' 2' 6" " 1 " " " " " " " " " "	3 shifts of 2 sprs + 7 inf per shift.
O. 25. c. 5. 3.	Constructing shelters (Rt. Bde. H.Q.)	"	2		2 shelters 50% complete.	
	Excavations for 2 shelters	"	2	24	Excavations for 2 shelters 80% complete.	
Transport lines.	Painting notice boards.	LT. CARLETON	4		16 notice boards painted.	
All normal parties cancelled last night c/c Gas Bombardment on previous night						

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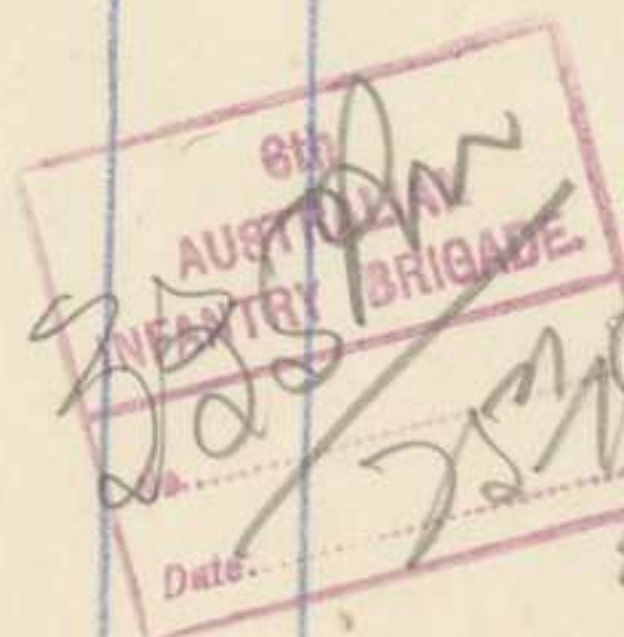
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6TH. FIELD CO AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6 A.M. 25-7-1918

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Location	Work	Person 1/2 work	No of men employed		Particulars	Remarks
			Eng.	Inf.		
U. 5. b. 1. 8.	Deep dugout. ✓	LT. RENSHAW	9	16	opened out + timbered up portion to commencement of incline. 1st step of incline set.	4 shifts of 2 engs + 4 inf per shift.
From U. 6. b. 90. 85.	Deepening ARDATH C.T.	"	11	-	Deepened + widened 70 yds of trench.	
O. 36. c. 4. 3. 6 V. 1. a. 5. 7.	Mule track ✓	"	1 2	8	Filling in 2 trenches for crossing. Cutting wire.	
Approx. V. 1. a. 55. 50. to V. 1. a. 25. 55.	C.T. ✓	"	1		Taped out C.T.	
O. 25. c. 5. 3.	Shelters at Rt. Bde. H.Q. ✓	LT. ELSUM	4	24.	2 shelters completed. Excavations for 2 shelters completed.	
O. 34. d. 0. 3.	Deep dugout. Lt. Bn H.Q. ✓	"	8	32	Nth. face 9' x 7' 4 1/2" advance. 2 complete sets put in with lagging. Sth face 9' x 7' 5 1/2" advance. 1 complete set put in with lagging.	4 shifts of 2 engs + 8 inf per shift.
P. 31. d. 50. 85 to P. 31. d. 35. 65.	Digging support line ✓	"	2	100	100 yds. of 1/2 MOON TRENCH deepened to 4' + widened to about 3' 0" at top x 2' at bottom. 100 yds of new trench dug 3' 6" deep x 3' at top and 2' at bottom.	
O. 30. c. 50. 35.	Reconnaissance	"	1		Reconnoitred site with view to making O.P. + necessary accommodation for personnel.	



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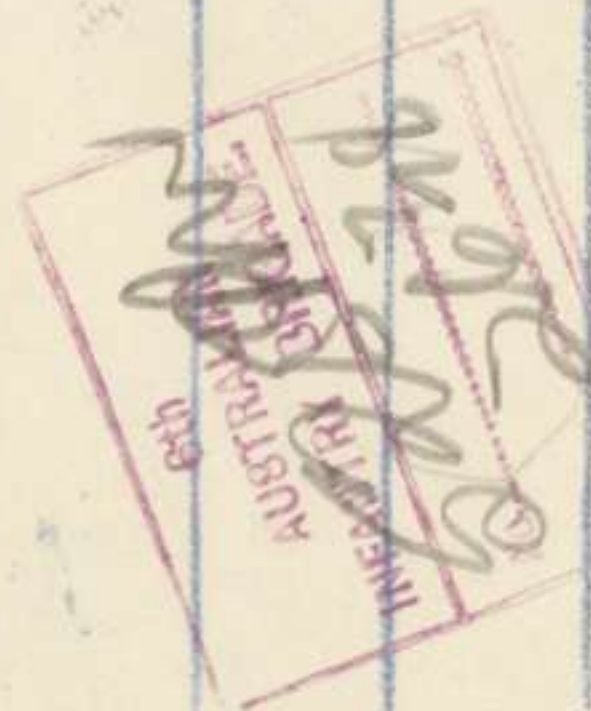
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6TH FIELD CO AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6 A.M. - 26.7.18.

Location	Work	Person in charge work	No of men employed		Particulars	Remarks
			Eng.	Inf.		
U.5.b.1.8.	Deep. Dug Out. ✓	Lt. RENSHAW.	8	16	Nth Drive:- 8 sets placed and roof lagged. " 2 " 9 " " " "	4 shifts of 2 Sps & 4 inf
ARDATH C.T.	Improving Trench.	"	6	-	Trench deepened in shallow places. to -4'6" minimum	
V.1.2.5. to U.6.b.9.5. (Approx	New C.T. ✓	"	2	-	150 yds. C.T. laid out for Pioneers.	
	Placing Trench Name Boards.	"	2	-	20 boards placed in position	
O.34.d.0.3.	Deep Dug Out (Lt Bde H.Q.) ✓	Lt. ELSUM.	8	32	Nth Face:- 9'x7' advanced 4'6"- 1 complete set R.S.J's etc put in. Sth. Face:- 9'x7' " 2' " " " " " " Trimming up floors and walls.	3½ Shifts of 3 Engrs & 8 inf.
O.25.C.5.3.	Shelters at Rt Bde H.Q.	"	3	-	1. Shelter fitted complete with bunks and table. Frame for additional shelter 25% complete.	
O.30.C.9.3.	Cleaning out cellar	"	2	-	Cellar cleared ready for strutting.	
P.31. b.10.25 to P.31. b.1.1.	Extension of C.T. ✓	"	1	34	70 yds. C.T. dug 4' deep x 3'6" wide at top x 2' " " bottom.	
P.31. b.40.65. to P.31 d.2.4.	Support Trench ✓	"	2	87	170 yds Trench dug 3'6" deep x 3' wide at top x 2' " " bottom.	
	Reconnaissance & Surveys	Major HARRIS	3		works located to date.	



Harris Major.
O.C. 6TH FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS A.I.F.

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Ref. Map 62² 6th FIELD CO AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.
 Works Report for 24 hours ending 6 A.M.-----27/7/18.

Location	Work	Person in Charge Work	No. of men employed		Particulars	Remarks
			Eng.	Inf.		
U.5.b.1.8.	Deep Dug Out	LT RENSCHAW	8	16	No.1 Drive:- 4 sets placed, Lagged up entrance. No.2 Drive:- 4 " " " "	4 shifts of 25prs 8.4. Inf per shift.
O.35.d.1.3.	23 rd Bn Sig Station	"		10	Increasing head cover with bricks and timber.	
ARDAH. C.T.	Improving Trench	"	7	-	Trench deepened and widened. 6-4-6" and about 2'6" average width	
	Placing Trench Name boards.	"	2	-	12 boards placed.	
U.6.b.8.7.	Taping out C.T.	"	2	-	C.T. taped for Pioneers to U.6.b.8.7 (approx).	
P.31.d.2.4. to P.31.d.15.10.	Digging Support Line	LT ELSUM	2	80	200 yds Trench 3'6" deep x 3' wide at top x 1'6" " " bottom } dug.	
P.31.b.1.2. to P.31.d.1.9.	Linking up APSLEY. Av and removing obstacles	"	-	20	16 yds. Trench dug 3'6" deep, Average width 2' Overhead shelters, blocks etc, removed from old trench.	
O.30.d.0.3.	Deep Dug Out	"	8	32	Nth Face advanced 3'6" 1. complete set R.S.J's etc placed. 5th " " 3'6" " " " "	4 shifts of 25prs 8.4. Inf per shift
O.30.a.90.85.	Strutting cellar for accommodation at ARTILLERY O.P.	"	2	3	Strutting 20% complete in main cellar.	
O.25.c.5.3.	Shelters at R. Bde HQ.	"	5	-	3rd & 4th shelters 50% completed.	
U.5.d.6.4	Bombing Stop	LT ELTIS Capt DAWSON	2	10	About 7 yards dug 4ft deep x 2ft wide	

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6TH. FIELD CO AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.
Works Report for 24 hours ending 6 A.M. 28.7.18.

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Ref. Map:- 62^o WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6 A.M. 29.7.18.

LOCATION	WORK	PERSON IN CHARGE WORK	NO OF MEN EMPLOYED		PARTICULARS	REMARKS.
			ENG.	INF.		
U.S.b.1.8.	Deep Dug Out. ✓	Lt. REMSHAW.	8	16	No 1 Face:- 6' excavated & 3 sets 16" centres installed & Roof lagged. No 2 " 6'6" " " " " " " Making working drawing and checking-up. Fixing camouflage.	4 Shifts of 2 Sprs & 4 Inf. Faces 5'-6" x 3'-3"
U.3.a.05.10.	O.P. (Bunking)	"	2	-		
SYRIA Trench	Reconnaissance Reconnaissance	"	3	-	Reconnaissance completed for Report on Condition	
O.36.b.85.40.	R.A.P. ✓	Lt HILL	1	10	Widening trench (about 15 yds widened)	
O.30.c.95.30	Strutting cellar for accommodation at Artillery O.P.	"	2	-	Lowering struts in cellar for fitting capping pieces. 3 lorry Increasing Cover over Cellar	
O.28.C.B.2.	Building Shelters	"	6	-	Built frames and roof for 6 shelters approx 6'6" x 6'6".	
O.30.d.O.3.	Deep Dug Out ✓	"	10	12	I.R.S.J. placed - 4' of roof lagged - 37' of sides lagged.	2 Shifts of 1 Spr & 6 Inf 1 " " 3 " 0 1 " " 6 " 0



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Ref. Map. 622 WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6 A.M. 30.7.18

LOCATION	WORK	PERSON BY WORK	NO OF MEN EMPLOYED ENG. INT.		PARTICULARS	REMARKS
U.5.b.1.8.	Deep Dug Out	Lt RENGAW.	9	20.	No. 1. Face - 2 Sets placed - 1'6" spacing. & excavated 2'6"	4 shifts of 2 hrs 45 hrs.
			6	-	No. 2. Face - 1 " " " and 1. Set. 3' spacing Ramping Trench for windlass and truck to be installed.	
U.6.c.2.8.	Right Coy. H.Q. Rt. Bt.	"	2	-	Excavation not completed by 1st. Framing ready for erection when excavation is completed	
O.36.b.85.40.	R.A.P.	Lt HILL	2	-	R.A.P. 9'x9' built.	
O.30.d.0.3.	Bt HQ, Deep Dug Out	"	21	20	1. Set put in - close lagged 27'x6' wall - built 27 bunks - built 2 tables, 3'x5' - removed 100 bags of spoil.	1 shift of 8 hrs - 12 hrs. 1 " " 6 " - 8 " 2 " " 6 " - 0 "
O.28.c.5.2.	Bunking. D.D.O. Div. No 116. Army No Q.28.9.	Lt CARLETON	12	-	Cleared out old temporary bunks Set out, framed and wired. 35 bunks complete.	
O.28.c.8.0.	Coy. H.Q. Shelter.	"	5	6	Excavation, 10'x8'x3'6". 60% Framework for shelter built ready for erection.	Inf worked 3 hrs only.
O.27.d.3.9.	Shelters for Brigade Snipers.	"	2	-	1 Shelter built as sample.	
O.28.c.8.5.	Surveying.	Lt AITKEN	2	-	Surveying QUARRY, Dug Outs etc.	



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Ref. Map:- 62^D WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6 A.M. 31.7.18.

LOCATION	WORK	PERSON I/C WORK	NO OF MEN EMPLOYED ENG. INT.		PARTICULARS	REMARKS
U.5.b.1-8.	Deep Dug Out.	Lt RENSCHAW.	8	24.	No 1 Face:- 6' excavated and timbered. No 2 Face:- 6' " " " 1 - Levelling etc. 2 - Fixing windlass in position No 2 Face.	4 shifts of 25prs & 6 Inf Completes Incline and bottom straight of entrance.
U.5.b.	Improving ALEXANDRA. AV. ✓	"	3	18	85yds trench deepened and widened.	
U.6.c.2.8.	Right Coy H.Q. Rt. B? ✓	"	2	-	Shelter erected.	
U.3.b.7.3.	Bunking. ✓	"	1	-	Reconnoitring Dug Outs to be bunked.	
V.1.b.00.65 (approx.)	O.P. ✓	"	2	-	Selecting position for 24th Bn O.P.	
O.28.c.3.2.	Bunking D.D.O. Div No 113. Army Hq O.28.9. ✓	Lt CARLETON.	3	-	3 bunks built. 1 Table 5'x2' built.	
O.27.d.9.9. to O.28.c.3.8.	Shelters for 22nd Batt? ✓	"	4 12	90	Cutting 60. 10' Pitprops to 5' lengths at TRANSIT Dump. 27 Shelters (T'X T') 75% complete.	
O.30.d.o.3.	Deep Dug Out ✓	Lt HILL.	6	12	Lagging side of dug out. - Face advanced 2'. - Windlass and skids erected.	3 shifts. 25prs 4 Inf.
O.30.c.95.30.	Strutting cellar for accommodation at ANNULRY C.P. ✓	"	2	4 (Artillery)	4 Gas Curtains installed. Strengthening cellar and piling bricks over roof.	



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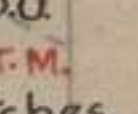
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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

Brigade Headquarters
3rd July, 1918.

MORNING INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

5.30 p.m. 2. 7. 18 to 9 a.m. 3. 7. 18

OUR OPERATIONS Relief of 5th A.I.Bde. Line Left was completed without incident by 1.20 a.m.

Artillery. Harassing fire was maintained according to programme during the night on enemy approaches and communications.

Aircraft. Our planes were over enemy lines from midnight till 12.45 a.m. Parachute flares were dropped and M.G.'s fired by planes. In the morning continuous patrolling by strong flights was maintained.

Patrols. Right Bn. Patrols moved out East for approximately 100 yds. from P.25.b.5.6. No enemy wire or movement observed ~~at P.25.~~
Left Bn. Standing patrols report no enemy movement seen or heard.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Artillery. Scattered shelling at irregular intervals throughout the night with 77 mm's in VALLEY in 0.23. Light shelling on DIGGERS SUPPORT Line between 3.30 and 3.35 a.m. and 3.45 & 4.00 a.m. constituted the only activity.

M.G.'s. Occasional bursts only.

Movement One man at P.22.d. at 7.45 a.m.

Flares Were normal.

Attitude Passive.

Balloons. At dawn balloons on T.B's 89° and 52° from P.25.a.25.70. were observed.

W. J. H.
Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade



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8th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
4th July, 1918.

MORNING INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

8.30 p.m. 3. 7. 18 to 9 a.m. 4. 7. 18.

OPERATIONS.

1. At 3.10 a.m. our line was successfully advanced to a line running from P.21.c.8.9. through P.26.b.4.8. to P.25.b.3.0. under artillery and M.G. barrage and in co-operation with tanks. Prisoners captured 3 Officers and 201 other ranks, and 24 machine guns and one anti-tank gun have been reported as being taken.
Artillery. Harassing fire was maintained at irregular intervals, and barrage opened punctually at 3.10 a.m.
Trench Mortars. In connection with operation our Light T.M's. fired 380 rounds, and at 5.15 a.m. 4 guns had moved forward and 60 rds. per gun dumped.
Machine Guns. Co-operated with the artillery barrage, afterwards advancing to forward positions.
Aerial Activity. Our planes were active on evening preceding zero and after zero in contact, counter attack observation, bombing, and ammunition carrying. One of our planes were observed to crash in enemy lines S. of TAILL-BOUX WOOD about 9 a.m. At 8.35 a.m. counter-attack plane reported trenches in P.21.c.8.d. full of enemy, but no counter-attack eventuated.
Patrols. Standing patrols supervised NO MAN'S LAND during the forming up on J.O.T. No enemy were observed.
Snipers. Our snipers accompanied the attacking waves and during the consolidation inflicted heavy casualties on enemy particularly in area P.28.b.5.5.
Identifications. The following identification was established in P.26c. - 15th I.R., 15th Div.
Hostile Artillery Activity. Prior to zero only light harassing fire on trenches O.24. d. was reported. After zero enemy light barrage on front line was reported at 3.15 a.m. which became heavier and swept back at 3.27 a.m. between front and support line. Enemy shelling gradually slackened off towards 3.30 a.m. t. Enemy commenced shelling S. of VAINE WOOD and his old front line P.20.c. at 9 a.m.
Work and Wire. German concertina wire was encountered at P.26.a.20.85. to P.26.a.60.85. No wire of importance on Left Bn. front.
Trench Mortars. Pineapples displayed light activity at midnight on our front line system.
Machine guns. Active in early part of night. After zero M.G's. were quietened, with the exception of occasional bursts at 3.27 and 3.30 a.m.
Flares. Flares normal until zero plus 5 when abundant red flares were sent up along whole front, a light barrage following. These were repeated at 3.27 and 3.30 a.m. from well in the rear of enemy line.
Hostile Aerial Activity. Enemy planes became active behind their own lines towards 9 a.m.
Roads and Tracks. Brigade on left reported enemy seen moving West along WARFUSSE-VILLERS BRETONNEUX RD. at 6.55 a.m. Further bodies of enemy troops and transport towards VILLERS BRETONNEUX along main road to WARFUSSE in P.26, P.27, and P.28.
Gas Shells. Between 10 and 10.30 a.m. 200 sneezing gas shells fell in O.25.

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John Brown
 Brigadier-General.
 Commanding 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
5th July, 1918.

MORNING INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

5.30 p.m. 4. 7. 18 to 9 a.m. 5. 7. 18

1. OPERATIONS. Artillery. During period harassing fire was maintained on enemy trenches forward of our new position. Special activity between 9.40 p.m. & 10.10 p.m. and 2.20 a.m. to 2.45 a.m.
Trench Mortars. Targets in P.26.b.5.5. were engaged by our L.T.M's.
M.G's. 82,000 rds. were expended targets being Roads and Tracks in P.32.a.&c., Road Junction and Tracks P.36.d. Protective barrage was placed by all guns from 9.50 p.m. to 10.20 p.m. and from 2.30 to 3.35 a.m.
Aerial Activity. Our planes were active before dusk and after dawn.
Patrols. Right Bn. report that reconnoitring patrols discovered no enemy movement during the night. During the early afternoon an officer examined enemy system in P.26.b.5.5. and found it evacuated. A wounded German Officer and man were brought back. At 11.30 p.m. the above system was again examined and found to be occupied by the enemy.
Snipers 21 hits are claimed.
2. IDENTIFICATIONS By Prisoners 137th I.R., 108th Division, and 15th I.R. 13th Div.
3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Increased activity shown during night generally from direction of WARFUSEE, areas shelled being P.19.b., P.20.b., P.25.a. VALLEY in O.23. and VILLERS LINE O.30.b.
4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Work & Wire. Trench at P.21.b.3.5. was found to be unoccupied.
M.G's Moderately active during the night. A gun enfilading our front appeared to fire from direction of WOOD in U.6.
Flares. Many single RED flares went up on Right Bn. Sector between 9.00 and 9.20 p.m., No action followed.
5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Hostile low flying plane showed particular activity during the morning. Bombs were dropped at O.24.a., O.22.c., & O.28.a.
6. MOVEMENT BEHIND ENEMY LINES. 5.15 p.m. 40 men in batches of 6 or 7 came from WARFUSEE disappearing at trees P.29.b.0.5. 5.30 p.m. about 30 Limbers seen moving on road in Q.25.a. and disappeared at P.30.d. Our artillery were informed and fired on them. 5.40 p.m. three wagons disappeared at P.24.a. 6 - 8 p.m. considerable individual movement P.29.b.0.5. During the morning several individuals were observed about trench system P.21.b.7.5.

Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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Brigade Headquarters
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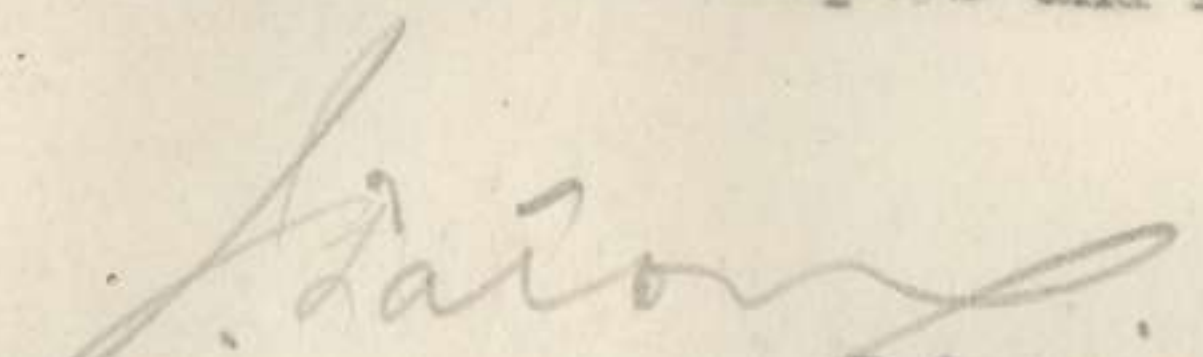
5.30 p.m. 5. 7. 18 to 9 a.m. 6. 7. 18

1. OPERATIONS (a) Three German Minenwerfers at P.21.c.5.5. were rendered useless with Mills Bombs. They were too cumbersome to bring in as sniping in this vicinity was heavy at times during the day.
(b) During the morning two of our snipers in search of good sniping positions worked up the O.T. in P.21.c. as far as P.21.d.0.5. where a German was found asleep on his post. He was killed. Our snipers were, however, forced to return.
(c) During the afternoon after reconnaissance and under cover of active sniping several posts were pushed out 2 - 300 yds. in advance of our line.
(d) At night these posts were strengthened and other established so that our line now runs P.26.c.1.8., P.26.a.2.1., P.26.a.5.4., P.26.b.2.5., P.26.b.8.5., P.21.c.1.0., P.21.c.3.4. P.21.c.5.9. (i.e. approx. 200 yds. forward on the whole of the Bde. front). In the course of this operation enemy resistance was overcome by bombing and one wounded prisoner was captured. After dawn in cleaning up trench at P.26.b.8.4. five enemy were killed and a M.G. captured.
Artillery. Active throughout the whole period especially so in counter preparations, 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. During the period heavies engaged WARFUSEE targets.
T.M.'s. Ranging shots only were fired with a view to supporting local operations later, which support however was not required.
M.G.'s. Normal activity.
Aerial Activity. Active patrolling over enemy lines throughout the period.
Patrols. Active patrolling on Bde. front was maintained throughout the night.
Sniping. Our snipers were active and by going well forward of our lines they secured command of a large area which was previously dead ground to them. 289 shots were fired and 9 definite hits observed. Many targets were in crops and it was impossible to observe whether a hit had been secured or not. Two thirds of the shots fired were at ranges from 800 to 1,500 yds.
2. IDENTIFICATIONS. By prisoner wounded 137th I.R., 108th Division.
3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Fairly active. A counter barrage in answer to our counter preparation fire in evening was put down by enemy in old NO MAN'S LAND P.20.c. Areas shelled.- VILLERS BRETONNEUX, DIGGERS SUPPORT, and original front line and support area, by 10.5's and 15 cm's. About midnight present front line and original front line were shelled with Blue Cross Gas shells. Vicinity of supports was heavily shelled with H.E. & Shrap. from 2 to 2.35 a.m. Roadway in O.29.b. shelled at 3.30 a.m. with Blue Cross Gas shells.
4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Work. Enemy occupied line approx. P.26.d.8.6. to P.26.b.6.4.
M.G.'s. Enemy M.G. located at approx. P.26.d.1.8. Heavy M.G. is suspected at P.21.d.9.7.
Flares. Flares were fired from position about 27.a.central.
5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. During the afternoon a box containing bully beef and biscuits was dropped from a hostile low flying plane onto one of our forward posts. Slight activity was displayed by hostile aircraft after dawn.
6. ENEMY MOVEMENT. At dawn considerable amount of movement in and around trenches P.22.d. & P.23.b.&d., it was sniped by our Artillery.

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6. ENEMY MOVEMENT (Contd.)

Usual movement in small groups was also observed in areas P.25. and P.29. Several men moving at P.26.d.6.7. this morning were fired on by our snipers and L.G.'s and five hits observed.


Brig.-General,
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,
20th July, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCEFrom 5.30 p.m. 19. 7. 18 to 9 a.m. 20. 7. 18.1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Infantry. The 6th A.I.Bde. relieved the 7th A.I.Bde. in the right Bde. sector during night. The relief was carried out smoothly, and was complete at 2.35 a.m.
- (b) Artillery. Light harassing fire at irregular intervals on enemy approaches.
- (c) Trench Mortars. Quiet.
- (d) Machine Guns. Roads and trenches in U.12., enemy trenches from V.2.a.6.0. to V.2.b.85.52., and tracks etc. from U.6.d.4.3. to U.12.b.95.85., were harassed during the night, 7,500 rds. being fired.
- (e) Aerial Activity. Our planes were active over enemy lines throughout night, bombs being dropped behind enemy lines. Planes active at 5.20 a.m. and were engaged by A.A. and M.G. Fire.
- (f) Patrols. Covering patrols while relief in progress. Left Bn. patrols gained touch with flank Bns. Right Bn. standing patrols had nothing to report.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Area O.28.c., O.28.d., O.34.b., O.35.c., & U.5.a. were shelled lightly during night from direction of MARCEL-CAVE. Area U.6.a.2.c. were shelled more heavily with 10 cm. and 77 cm. O.36.c. received 35 rds. 15 cm. H.E. and shrap. at 9 p.m.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Passive.4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Posts were located at approx. U.5.d.7.3., U.6.c.1.2. U.6.d.3.3. (apparently a S.P.) U.6.c.40.25. (flare post) Enemy appear to hold posts at further side of MOUND at approx. V.1.b.8.4. SYRIA trench E. of block at U.6.d.9.8. appears in bad condition and probably only lightly held. Switch trench running S.W. from U.6.d.9.8. is also badly battered.
- (b) M. Guns:- Enemy M.G. active from trench approx. V.1.c.5.9. was silenced by our rifle grenades 4 (36 s) at 3.30 a.m. A party of enemy stretcher bearers with white flag were observed shortly afterwards removing wounded.
- (c) Flares. White flares very constant all along the sector.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

At 3.20 a.m. one E.A. crossed our lines and dropped 5 bombs on area O.28.c.. At 3.15 a.m. E.A. dropped 8 bombs on U.1.a.2.b. and more on back areas.

6. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION.

Between 2 and 3 a.m. transport was heard on road in V.7.b.9.4. After dawn individual movement seen at V.7.b.7.5. and also at N. edge of MORGENT WOOD.

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Brigade Major, for G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde.

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2. 5th A.I.Bde.
3. 74th French Bde.
4. 1st Bn.
5. 22nd "
6. 23rd "
7. 24th "
8. Snipers
9. War Diary
10. "

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,
21st July, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.from 5.30 p.m. 20. 7. 18. to 9 a.m. 21. 7. 18.1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery:- Our artillery was active shoots being frequently carried out on hostile support positions and roads in rear.
- (b) T. M's.:- ^{H.T.M.} 6th Newtons fired 7 rounds between 7.40 p.m. & 8 p.m. on strong points & enemy trenches in vicinity of U.5.d.40.35. Good bursts were observed. Slight retaliation by 10 cm. Light T.M's. ranged on S.P. at U.5.d.40.35 at 5 p.m. Burst was observed in the objective trench. At 11 p.m. 10 rds. were fired on same target.
- (c) M.G's. L.G's. of Left Bn. have been active and have reduced enemy M.G. fire. Right Group M.G. fired 9,500 rds. at following targets - U.12.a.4.7. to U.12.b.5.2., - U.12.a.4.5. to U.12.a.22.27., - U.12.a.70.27. to U.12.c.50.85 - V.2.a.6.0. to V.7.b.85.52. - U.6.d.4.3. to U.12.b.95.85 - U.12.a.8.6. - Railway line at V.2.a.
- (d) Aerial Activity:- Moderately active patrolling along front line area.
- (e) Patrols:- Patrol of 1 Off. 8 O.R's. with L.G. patrolled Left Bn. front and report enemy posts at P.32.c.5.7., P.32.c.7.8., P.32.c.85.95. Each post contains a M.G. Flares were fired from these posts. No casualties. Right Bn. patrol of 1 Off. 10 O.R's. moved E. along SYRIA TRENCH (U.6.d.) for 150 yds. Trench is in a battered & broken condition, no enemy encountered. New post was established at U.6.d.4.7. Sounds of digging were heard from direction of road at U.6.d.4.3. Patrol of 3 O.R's. heard sounds as of enemy wiring near JAFFA TRENCH in V.1.b..
- (f) Snipers:- Two shots fired by snipers, one hit claimed at U.5.d.8.2. Left Bn. claim a hit at P.32.c.20.25.
- (g) Infantry:- New post established without casualties at U.6.d.4.7.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Slightly decreased activity. Quiet after midnight. U.5.b.&d., U.6 and V.1.a. were shelled by salvoes of 77 mm. between 9.40 p.m. & 10 p.m. From 4 a.m. to 4.30 a.m. U.5.d. & U.6.c. received about 50 77 mm. & 10 cm. from direction MARCELCAVE Also at 6.30 p.m. this area was heavily shelled for a short period. VILLERS BRETONNEUX was intermittently shelled. At 5.45 p.m. bombs, rifle & M.G. fire was heard on our right flank. Enemy then fired a ^{double} red flare which brought down his artillery on that sector. A green flare was fired soon afterwards when artillery ceased. At 4.30 a.m. the same occurred enemy using red & orange flares & clusters. This barrage lasted 30 minutes. O.27 was shelled with 15 cm. at 11 p.m. & AQUENNE WOOD (O.33) at 11.20 p.m.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Quiet on Right Bn. sector but more active and aggressive on Left Bn. Sector.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Work & Wire. See Para 1 s.s. (e) (Patrols) Enemy posts located (by movement seen) at U.5.d.5.3. & V.1.c.4.7. WOOD at U.6.c.5.3. is occupied. Flares and a few "pineapple" bombs were fired on our front line from this wood. Outposts in front of JAFFA trench are suspected & enemy appears to be connecting them.
- (b) Trench Mortars.:- A few "pineapple" bombs were fired from WOOD in U.6.c. on to our front trench. Otherwise inactive.
- (c) M.G's.:- Emplacements located at U.6.c.4.5. firing on U.6.a. M.G's also located at P.32.c.5.7., P.32.c.7.8., & P.32.c.85.95. M.G's. were very active during night firing from P.32.c. towards O.33.a.7.4.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES (Contd.)

(d) Flares:- White flares normal. At 9 p.m. 3-77 mm. shells fell in Hun line in P.32.c.. A white flare was immediately fired towards the rear. At 4 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. during 6" Newtons registration shhot, numerous white and green flares went up without result, but on twin reds being fired a light barrage was put down on our front line and close supports.

(e) Snipers:- Inactive. One located at U.5.d.7.2. firing towards U.5.c.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Very inactive. One E.A. flew along our front at dusk but was turned off by M.G. fire. At 6 a.m. & 7.45 a.m. small enemy patrols were sighted over our lines at a great height. At 9 a.m. an enemy balloon on bearing of 125° from U.6.c.2.8. was brought down in flames, the observers were seen to descend in parachutes. At 11 a.m. another hostile balloon over MARCELCAVE was brought down in flames by our aircraft.

6. MOVEMENT.etc.:-

Individual movement was seen as follows:, In trenches at V.1.c.-4.7. & U.5.d.5.3. Between 11.20 p.m. & midnight parties seen moving E. S. of SYRIA TR. Our L.G. fired and cries were heard. 5 men on road in U.12.a.&b. at 9.30 p.m. 2 limbers on road V.14.b.&c. at 9 p.m. Movement was noticed through windows inside BAYONVILLIERS CHURCH. 14 men in V.8.a. at 6.30 p.m. two were carrying what looked like stretchers. Heads seen at U.5.d.7.2. and slight movement near CRUCIFIX at U.6.c.4.3. At 6 a.m. considerable movement of individuals and small parties near CZECHS TR. in V.13.b.

7. MISCELLANEOUS.

At 4 a.m. 5 men approached our block at V.1.a.6.2. & threw a few bombs at about 40 yds. Our men retaliated with grenades & 36's. It is thought casualties were caused as at 9 a.m. stretcher bearers with white flag were seen in the locality. A broad white light was clearly seen behind enemy lines from midnight to 3 a.m. on bearing of 110° from P.31.d.7.6.

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Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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8. Right Group Arty.
9. " " M.G's.
10. War Diary.
11. " "
12. File.

Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 21.7.18 to 9 a.m. 22.7.181. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery. Normal activity shown. JAFFA TR. and MARCELCAVE receiving attention. At 7.25 p.m. a small explosion occurred in WARFUSEE, apparently a small dump.
- (b) T.M. During the day 3" Stokes registered on V.1.b.9.5., V.1.c.5.9., V.1.c.7.8., Post at U.5.d. central, & U.5.d.50.35. At night in co-operation with Right Bn. the 3" stokes fired 25 rds. on U.5.d. central, and 25 rds. on U.5.d.50.35. Good effect was obtained. Stokes guns also fired on SYRIA TRENCH V.1.c.5.9. in co-operation with Infantry. 50 rds. were fired & direct hits were obtained with excellent results. 20 enemy dead were found by Infantry party. 10 rds. were also fired on to post at V.1.c.7.8. & 10 rds. on JAFFA TR. at V.1.b.9.5.
- (c) M.G. L.G's. fired 500 rds. on enemy M.G. positions in JAFFA TR. Superiority of fire is being established. Screams came from trench after a burst of fire, presumably casualties. Vickers guns expended 3,000 rds. on following targets.- V.2.a.6.0. to V.7.b.85.52. and U.12.a.95.85.
- (d) Aerial Activity. Quieter than usual, activity greatest at dusk.
- (e) Patrols. Left Bn.- Patrols report enemy M.G's. active. One located at P.32.c.65.65. & movement seen here. Our Officer in charge of this patrol was wounded by this M.G. No wire met with in front of this post. Right Bn. sent out standing patrols. Enemy movement heard from V.1.c.3.7.
- (f) Snipers. Our snipers fired 33 shots during the day and claim 4 certain hits.
- (g) Infantry. In conjunction with M.T.M. & L.T.M., 1 Off. & 12 O.R's. of Right Bn. worked along CRAFT TR. (U.5.d.) overcame opposition which was strong, & established a block at U.5.d.65.40. At the same time 1 Off. 10 O.R's. occupied SYRIA TR. U.6.d.6.7. and 1 Off. & 10 O.R's. left our trench at V.1.a.6.2. carrying a telephone, connected to the Stokes Mortar co-operating, and penetrated to V.1.c.4.7. where a block was established. Later this party pushed down to V.1.c.3.6. and established a post there. Total captures were 5 prisoners and 4 M.G's. Enemy casualties are estimated at killed 1 Off. and 25 O.Rs.

IDENTIFICATIONS:- 2 prisoners from 2nd & 4th Coys. of 148 I.R. (normal) stated they had only come into the line on night 20/21st. They were to have wired trench in which they were captured. (V.1.c.3.6.)

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- Area 0.35, 0.36., 0.29 was kept under scattered fire by 10 & 15 cm. hows., mostly firing from direction of WARFUSEE and MARCELCAVE. At 2.10 a.m. a single red flare went up on our left Bn. sector which was followed 20 minutes later by a shoot on our support lines by 10 & 15 cm. Hows. also 21 cm. firing from a line between MARCELCAVE & WIENCOURT. This shoot continued for two hours and was stopped by counter battery work. W. edge of MONUMENT WOOD & STAMBOUL TR. was heavily shelled by 10 cm. between 4 & 5 a.m. This was probably retaliation for our T.M. activity. Enemy artillery fairly active on front of Right Bn. from 1.20 a.m. to dawn but generally his artillery was slightly less than normal.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Generally quieter especially on Left Bn. Sector.

ENEMY DEFENCES.- S. Post located at P.32.c.2.3. M.G. located at V.1.b.90.75 V.1.b.90.85. P.32.c.2.2. P.32.c.65.65. Also at V.1.d.5.4., V.1.d.5.8., V.1.d.9.3. which were firing parallel to Railway. A M.G. at approx. U.6.c.4.4. was sweeping road in direction of U.6.a. Flares. At 1.5 a.m. double reds brought down a M.G. barrage on our Rt. Bn. front & 1 orange flares brought down artillery barrage a little later. Other flares consisted of mixtures of reds, greens, and whites with no apparent result.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.- 3 E.A. with bodies painted red crossed our lines at 8 p.m. and flew towards HANGARD WOOD. These E.A. flew low and at the same time 4 others flew very high over them. No other activity reported.
7. MOVEMENT Etc.- Considerably more movement was seen than during the previous period. Transport heard at road V.2.c.5.2. Movement was seen in tower at V.9.d.2.4. and O.P. is suspected. At 8 a.m. 8 S.B. moved two wounded from V.1.b.9.6. to Railway under white flag. At 8 p.m. transport seen at V.14.b..
8. MISCELLANEOUS.- Three enemy balloons up in early morning near WIENCOURT. Enemy sniping was practically Nil. Enemy retaliated on our sniper with M.G. and rifle fire from U.5.d.7.2. at 5.30p.m. Enemy sniper firing across French Front was located at U.5.d.6.4. Trench running E. from V.1.c.3.6. comes to dead stop 40 yds. E.

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15. " "
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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,
23rd July, 1918.Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 22.7.18 to 9 a.m. 23.7.18.1. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery:- Active firing on enemy rear lines and communications. Counter battery fired in retaliation to enemy gas shelling. Our 18 pdrs. fired on P.32.central to P.32.c.9.9. at request of Left Bn. at 3.5 a.m. Right Bn. report that a practice barrage was put down on the S.O.S. Line at 7.30 p.m. No shorts observed.
- (b) T.M.:- 6 rds. fired by L.T.M.Bty. ranging on to enemy positions in U.6.c.
- (c) M.G.:- 6,000 rds. fired on movement at road in V.2.d. Road junction at V.2.b.95.75. harassed.
- (d) Aerial activity:- Moderate.
- (e) Patrols:- Right Bn. standing patrols report hearing enemy wiring at U.6.d.2.2. Our L.G's. opened fire on party. A patrol moved out to V.1.c.7.9. & along trench 18" deep to V.1.c.7.8. From here a party of Huns 50 strong was seen. Flares came over our patrol & M.G. fire from enemy party wounded 2 of our patrol. It is thought that enemy was engaged digging a line across road at V.1.c.9.8. Left Bn. patrols:- Party moved out to V.1.b.8.6. and was fired on by M.G. in shallow sap pushed out from JAFFA TR. at V.1.b.80.55. Second patrol states that JAFFA TR. extends to road in P.32.c. Enemy posts located at approx. P.32.c.2.3. & P.32.c.2.5. Flares were numerous and M.G. active. Grass in N.M.L. is thick & 2'6" high. No enemy patrols encountered. Third patrol report. no enemy wire met with or movement heard between P.32.c.9.8. and P.32.a.8.0.
- (f) Snipers:- Fired 30 shots & claim 3 definite hits and several probable others.
- (g) Infantry:- Right Bn. occupied SYRIA TR. without opposition as far E. as our post at junction V.1.c.3.6.
- (h) Lewis Guns:- Active from V.1.b.55.62. through night firing burst on JAFFA TR. Fired on 3 Huns seen at V.3.a.&b.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS:- One wounded German brought in from V.1.c. Identification normal.3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- Marked increase. At 10.5 p.m. enemy commenced shelling VILLERS BRETONNEUX with gas shells (Yellow & GREEN CROSS) 10 cm & 77 mm. Rate of fire was uniform and intense until 11.30 when it slackened. At 12.10 a.m. it increased in intensity & combined some H.E. Shelling came from direction of BAYONVILLERS & S. to MARCELCAVE. It is estimated that at least 7 to 8,000 gas shells fell. At 2.30 a.m. a S. wind sprang up which helped to disperse the fumes. At 6 pm. W. edge of MOUND was registered on (V.1.a.6.7.) and then strafed for an hour by 15 cm. from MARCELCAVE. Areas shelled by H.E. at night were U.5.d., U.6.a.&b., V.1.a., Railway at V.1.a.6.8. & road at O.36.d.9.2. Heavy hostile shelling far S. started at 4.45 a.m. and is continuing (9 a.m.) P.31.a.&b. shelled from WARDUSEE at 7-7.45 p.m. At 2 a.m. about 12 shells fell in P.32.c.central & V.1.b.8.5. Several fell near enemy posts. Three green flares were fired and shelling ceased. These flares were repeated to roar by single & double greens.4. ENEMY ATTITUDE:- Appears nervous and alert.5. ENEMY DEFENCES:-

- (a) Work:- Enemy suspected digging across road at V.1.c.9.8. Wiring heard at U.6.d.2.2.
- (b) Posts:- Located at approx. P.32.c.2.3., P.32.c.2.5., U.6.d.8.5.
- (c) M.G. U.5.d.7.3. U.5.d.2.0. (CRAFT TR.) A.A. M.G. fired from Copse V.7.a.7.1. Active through night firing from V.1.b.9.5. M.G. in CARO COPSE at V.3.a.3.3. & V.3.a.2.9. fired by night very accurately on our post at P.31.b.25.80. RAILWAY STN. (O.35.d.) & GASOMETER received attention during night.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES (Contd).

(a) Flares:- Greens when enemy shells fell short. Gas bombardment was preceded by yellow bursting into double red. Whites normal.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Increased activity shown. Low flying planes over at 8.30 p.m. and 4.30 a.m. At 7.20 a.m. (22nd) a low flying E.A. with two streamers on lower planes (red white & black) came over V.1.b. and dropped red and white flares. No action followed. At 7 p.m. an E.A. crossed Left Bn. lines and dropped a green and a red flare. At 8.45 p.m. another E.A. dropped two red flares over our Left Bn. outposts.

7. MOVEMENT etc.:- Increase in movement observed. Road from V.7.b.3.9. towards V.2.c. was used by individuals, also Cross Road at U.6.c.4.3. Considerable movement in areas V.8., V.13, & V.14. At 3 p.m. some movement seen in V.13.b. & at 4.15 a.m. enemy placed a smoke barrage in this locality. Enemy is making more use than usual of white flag for (apparently) stretcher parties.

8. MISCELLANEOUS:-

(a) Enemy Snipers:- More active. Located firing from U.5.d.65.35. to U.5.d.8.8. from V.1.d.5.9. to V.1.a.6.2. and from V.1.c.7.8. to V.1.c.4.8.

(b) Enemy O.P's. Suspected at WATER TOWER (V.9.d.35.40.) Mill at V.3.d.3.1. CARD Copse V.3.a.3.3.

(c) Pigeons:- At 6 p.m. on 21st & 22nd inst an E.A. flew over our lines at a fair height and a half hour later each evening 3 pigeons were seen flying over U.4.a. towards the enemy lines.

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for

Brigadier-General.

Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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ANNEXE TO SUMMARY.

Extract from Aust. Corps I.S. No.199 of 22nd July.

Relief.

A document indicates that the 148th I.R. is to be relieved in the VILLERS BRETONNEUX sector on the 25th July.

Brigade Headquarters,
24th July, 1918.

Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 23.7.18 to 9 a.m. 24.7.18.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.- Active throughout night. C.B. work silenced enemy 10 cm. how. firing from bearing of 138° from U.5.b.7.3. at 12.55a.m. Our fire eased off at 1.30 a.m.

(b) T.M.- Mediums fired 4 rounds registration on JAFFA TR.

(c) Machine Guns.- Fired 16,500 rds. on following targets, where movement has been reported -

U.6.d. to U.12.b. 1,500 rds.

U.12.b.6.2. 2,000 "

U.12.b.0.8. 2,000 "

U.12.a.4.1. 1,500 "

U.12.a.6.2. 1,500 "

U.12.a.85.40. 2,000 "

Railway Line & tracks in V.2.a. 3,000 rds.

Light Railway from V.2.b.30.22,

to V.2.b.3.1. 3,000 "

(d) Lewis Guns.- Left Bn. guns fired 1,100 rounds on enemy posts and JAFFA TR. establishing superiority of fire.

(e) Aerial Activity.- Below Normal.

(f) Patrols.- Right Bn. patrol heard enemy wiring at U.6.d.2.2. & U.12.b.0.9. L.G. opened fire on enemy. Another patrol covered the establishment of posts by moving to position at V.1.c.8.9. Enemy seen wiring at approx. V.1.c.7.7. on which party our L.G. fired when patrol returned. Left Bn. patrols report having examined posts in vicinity of P.32.c.15.50 These are not connected and show no signs of recent occupation. M.G. fire encountered from P.32.c.65.65. No enemy patrols seen. Reported that the crops in front of our posts still hold traces of gas especially in the longer vegetation. Liaison with Flank Brigades maintained by patrols.

(g) Snipers :- Some shots were fired but no certain hits are claimed.

(h) Infantry :- Our Right Bn. successfully established two new posts at V.1.a.7.0. and V.1.a.7.1.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY :- No gas shelling reported. Areas U.5., U.6.b.&d. were heavily shelled at 9.30 p.m. and again at 11 p.m. from 120° T.B. from O.35.b.75.75. Scattered shooting during evening on O.35.c., V.1.a.&b., -O.36., and P.31.b.&d. shelled intermittently. During afternoon of 23rd enemy appeared to be registering on S.O.S. line about 200 yds. in rear of our N.&S. trench in P.31.b.&d.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE:- Quiet.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES:-

- (a) Work & Wire:- Earthwork at V.7.b.3.8. is occupied. Wiring party heard by our patrol at V.1.c.7.7.
- (b) T.M.A few rounds were fired on to French front from approx. U.12.a.8.9. An active gun is also reported at about P.32.d.8.3. 12 pineapples fell on area P.31.d. at 3.30 p.m. coming from V.5.a.10.75. The position of this same M.W. was reported as V.2.b.9.5. *previously*
- (c) M.G.:- Active on Left Bn. sector from about P.32.c.65.65. On Right Bn. sector at V.1.b.9.2. and V.1.c.7.8.
- (d) Snipers:- More active than previous day.
- (e) Flares :- Green flares sent up on Left Bn. front when enemy shells were noticed falling short of our line. Result shelling ceased. White flares below normal owing to moonlight.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Very slight.

6. MOVEMENT etc:- Considerable movement was seen. 5.35p.m. an engine & 2 trucks in W.18.c. going S. Light engine only in W.18.c. going N. at 8 p.m. and another at 8.25 p.m. 8.15 p.m. 8 wagons on road in W.2.d., 2 going towards BAYONVILLIERS & 6 towards HARBONIERES. A 77 mm. gun was seen firing from V.5.a.1.9. & a 10 cm. battery was seen firing from W.10.c. both at 7.45 p.m. At 6 p.m. 8 men were seen at earthworks at V.7.b.3.8. & at 7.25 p.m. 8 men at CROATES TR. V.13.d. Movement also seen in enemy lines during day at following points V.1.d.-7.7., V.1.d.80.75., V.1.b.9.2., V.1.d.65.55. V.1.d.4.4. Between 9.30 & 11 p.m. men were seen moving about at enemy S.P. at U.5.d.6.3. At 7.50 a.m. on 23rd Hun burial party left JAFFA TR. and worked under a red cross flag. They could obtain a good view of our right posts from their position. At 9.25 two parties of about 20 men each were seen in V.15. going towards AUBERCOURT French Brigade was notified and their artillery fired on parties. 5 transport on road in V.15.b. moving towards MARCELCAVE at 7.15 a.m.

7. MISCELLANEOUS:- Visibility good until rain came in morning, then only fair. Enemy balloon at 1250 T.B. from O.35.b.75.75. at 8.55 a.m..

L. F. Peters
for Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Australian Inf. Bde.

Distribution:-
As previously with the addition of 5th Artillery Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters,
25th July, 1918.

Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 24.7.18 to 9 a.m. 25.7.18

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery:— 18 pdrs. placed barrage on CRAFT TR. U.5.d. at our request during attempted enemy raid. In addition the normal shoots were carried out on enemy rear lines and approaches. C.B. was employed on a hostile 10 cm. battery firing on STAMBOUL Trench & also on a hostile battery firing on O.25.c.

(b) T.M.:— Light T.M.'s. opened fire on to U.5.d.6.3. at 8.10 p.m. when enemy raid was observed. Registration was obtained on JAFFA TR.

(c) M.G.:— Harassing fire on known enemy tracks as follows:— Fork roads at V.3.a.00.75. — 3000 rds. Cross Roads at V.7.b.3.9. 3000 rds. Enfiladed track from U.6.d.4.3. to U.12.b.05.25., Fired at trenches U.12.b.0.8. U.12.b.6.2., & U.12.a.85.40. Total 11,000 rds. Fired also 1000 rds. on S.O.S. lines from two guns during hostile bombardment and raid. Two other guns fired direct on to enemy raiding party.

(d) Aerial Activity:— Our aircraft were active patrolling along front area.

(e) Patrols. — Right Bn. patrolled their sector of N.M.L. Nothing to report. Left Bn. reconnoitring patrols report no enemy wire or movement seen between P.32.c.3.8. and P.32.a.7.0. A medium M.W. was active from a position opposite left Brigade sector firing into hangars. Enemy posts located at P.32.c.2.2. with 2 M.G., P.32.c.3.3. which appeared to be a small listening post with 1 M.G. in it. Another post located at P.32.-C.1.4. with 2 M.Gs. in it, and from which a good deal of talking was heard. No wire encountered. Flank patrols kept touch with neighbouring units.

(f) Snipers:— 2 shots were fired and we claim 2 hits at V.1.b.9.6. & V.1.b.8.5.

(g) Infantry:— Left Coy. Right Bn. established three new posts at following points — V.1.a.95.10, V.1.b.05.20., V.1.b.15.20. In addition the post at V.1.a.7.0. was evacuated and re-established at V.1.c.65.95. Our post at U.5.d.6.4. was raided by the enemy at 8 p.m. Our garrison was forced to withdraw but the local supports immediately organised a counter-attack which was successful in re-establishing the position complete. None of our men are missing (Full report forwarded separately)

2. IDENTIFICATIONS:— One wounded prisoner (since died of wounds) was taken in raid on our post. 2nd Gren. Regt. 109th Divn. Identified by shoulder strap no paybook carried. Identification normal.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY :— More active than usual. Principal shelled areas were U.6.a.&b., U.5.a.B.&d., O.35.d., & E. edge of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. At 7.40 p.m. a heavy barrage was placed on U.5.d.7.6. to cover enemy raiding party. The batteries engaged on this barrage were as follows:—

77 mm. from 138° T.B. from U.5.d.7.7.

10 cm. " 142° " " U.5.d.6.4.

10 cm. " 160° " " U.5.d.7.7.

P.31.d. was shelled at 8.45 p.m. and railway was heavily shelled from 8 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. in response to light signals fired from enemy post S. of Railway. From 8.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. P.25.d. was shelled with 10 & 15 cm. from direction of LAMOTTE-en-S,

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE:— 41st Div. passive 109th Div. showed some enterprise in its raid on our right post.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES:—

(a) Work & Wire:— Wire is visible from U.6.d.20.25. to U.6.d.3.3. Enemy is working on his line at approx. U.6.d.7.5. (patrol).

(b) T.M.:— One reported active from a position opposite left Brigade firing into hangars P.25.c.2.3. 25 rds. were fired from CARD COPSE V.3.a. central between 11 p.m. and midnight.

(c) M.G.:— Activity about normal firing from direction of U.12.a.7.4. and JAFFA TR. V.1.d. See also "Patrols".

(d) Flares:— Normal.

Appendix

5. ENEMY DEFENCES :- (Contd.)

(e) O.P.'s. Chimney in MARCELCAVE has a hole in it half way up and is suspected of being used as an O.P. Continual movement in left window of BATONVILLERS CHURCH tower, a probable O.P. At V.3.a.-4.2. there is a tree on S. edge of CARD COPSE with a wooden platform in the branches.

(f) Snipers:- Fired some shots at 7 p.m. from U.6.d.5.0. Also two shots at 7.40 a.m. on to P.31.d.55.90. from direction of JAFFA TR. in V.1.a. N. of Rly.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:- A lowflying E.A. over our lines at 6 a.m. driven off by our scouts. At 12.20 a.m. a lowflying E.A. passed W. over O.25 & returned E. at 12.35 a.m. This plane is also reported passing over front line at 12.15 a.m. where it dropped two 25 lb. bombs near APOLLO SUPPORT in P.31.b.central. Balloons observed from O.35.d.1.4. to be on bearings of 135P & 1600

7. MOVEMENT:- Decrease ^{of movement} of individuals near front line. Some movement again noticed in trenches in V.13.b. & V.14.a. where some work is in progress. Men with cross-cut saw seen at 5.40 a.m. & a horse and cart at V.8.c.8.5. A H.Q. is suspected at V.13.b.5.D. An object looking like a camouflaged trench periscope was seen at U.5.d.7.3. At 5 p.m. a G.S. wagon was seen at V.8.c. moving towards BAYONVILLERS. At 11.30 p.m. enemy seen at P.31.d.8.2. and was fired on by our L.G. 3 Huns buried under protection of Red Cross Flag in V.1.a. by a party of four.

8. MISCELLANEOUS:- There is a white tape about 60 yards from and parallel to our posts in P.32.c.

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No. 7.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,
26th July, 1918.Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 25.7.18. to 9 a.m. 26.7.18.1. OUR OPERATIONS:-

- (a) Artillery:- Shoots were carried out on enemy centres of activity. Attention was given to vicinity of CARD COPSE, roads in V.1., 2., 7., & 8. Generally active throughout day and night.
- (b) T.M.:- M.T.M. fired 23 rounds at 7 p.m. on post at U.5.d.50.35.
- (c) M.G.:- Active. Tracks and roads used by enemy were harassed by fire during the night, 13,500 rds. being expended.
- (d) Lewis Guns:- Left Bn. guns were active against hostile M.G. fire and a hit is claimed on Hun at P.32.c.5.6.
- (e) Aerial Activity:- From two front line posts it is reported that a Hun plane was brought down at 5.15 a.m., (25th) S. of MARCELCAVE by our planes. An enemy balloon was destroyed at 6 a.m. (25th).
- (f) Patrols:- Standing patrols established by Right Bn. report enemy working party at U.6.d.9.2. and another party (15 men) seen working at U.6.c.9.1. The latter party was dispersed by M.G. fire. Enemy snipers retaliated on L.G. from U.6.d.1.2. and rifle grenades were thrown on to spot patrol had left. Left Bn. patrol was fired on by M.G. No wire encountered, (between P.32.c.3.8. and P.32.a.60.15.) but talking was heard from P.32.central.
- (g) Snipers:- Fired 15 shots and claim one certain hit.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- Increased activity. At 8.45 p.m. our left front line was heavily shelled from direction of WARFUSEE with various calibres. At 9.30 p.m. a few sneezing gas shells were mixed with shrapnel. Left Bn. front continually shelled till 10.30 p.m., and some 15 cm. fired on to same area at 2.45 a.m. Considerable firing was done on Right Bn. front during night, mostly with 10 & 15 cm. guns. From 9.45 to 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. to 3.45 a.m. fire was especially heavy. STAMBOUL TR. & line N.E. through old trench system U.6.a.&b. seems to be a barrage line. Normal bursts of shelling of VILLERS BRETONNEUX & surrounding area. Left Bn. H.Q. was shelled with 10 cm. during the night (about 20 shells).3. ENEMY ATTITUDE:- Rather more aggressive in artillery.4. ENEMY DEFENCES:-

- (a) Work & Wire:- Enemy has wired railway cutting at V.1.b.70.55. JAFFA TR. has been worked on, fresh earth being visible. Enemy post located at P.32.c.65.10. Others are suspected at intervals of 300-350 yards running N.E. just forward of 100 m. contour line. Hun H.Q. suspected at V.2.b.3.8. Post at U.5.d.6.3. has been worked on. Work noticed on mound at V.1.b.8.5.
- (b) T.Ms.:- L.M.W. at U.6.c.53.00. active at 6 a.m. on to French. Our 18 pdrs. silenced them. A M.W. was firing on to SYRIA TR. at 2.30 a.m. from about V.7.a.2.8.
- (c) M.G.:- Active.
- (d) Flares:- Double greens were fired when enemy shells were seen falling short in V.1.b. These were repeated back and shelling ceased. Other flares below normal.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Three lowflying E.A. inspected shelled area in P.31.d. at 6 a.m.6. MOVEMENT:- Individual movement in forward area is much decreased and is practically nil. Probably due to our alert sniping. Train at W.12.a. was seen at 8 a.m. (25th) going towards PROYART. Wagons seen in W.1. & W.2. at 6.5 p.m. & 6.40 p.m. respectively going towards BAYONVILLIERS. Individual movement seen during evening at P.34.a., V.5.a., P.33.b.,

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No. 8.

SECRET.6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 26.7.18. to 9 a.m. 27.7.18.1. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery:- Usual harassing fire during night. Heavies silenced enemy battery at 12.30 a.m.
- (b) T.M.:- Inactive.
- (c) Patrols:- Standing Patrols on Right Bn. front have nothing to report. Left Bn. patrols report enemy posts at P.32.c.1.0., P.32.c.05.15., P.32.c.0.3. The usual liaison was maintained with flank units by means of regular patrols.
- (d) Aerial Activity:- Active from 5.30 p.m. till 7.45 p.m. over enemy lines.
- (e) M.G.:- Usual activity. The following points were harassed :- U.12.b.0.8., V.2.b.99.75., Railway from V.2.b.30.22. to V.2.b.60.15. Roads and tracks in V.2.c., U.12.b., U.6.d., & track U.12.a.95.24. to U.6.d.4.3. Total expenditure 11,000 rds.
- (f) Snipers:- Claim 4 hits.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- Quieter. P.31.central shelled by heavies from 9 p.m. at intervals of 15 minutes. C.B. not effective on this. From 4 to 4.20 p.m. (26th) 120 rds. fell near new support trench in P.31.d. At 9 p.m. 30 rds. on same place from direction of BAYONVILLIERS. Also new C.T. in U.6.b. shelled with 10 cm. A 77 mm battery was active from direction of V.13.a. (apparently very close range). E. edge of VILLERS BRETONNEUX received usual attention at intervals from heavies. At 7.25 p.m. 2 smoke shells fell in P.31 & P.32, also some in front area of French Bde. Other areas shelled were STAMBOUL TR., ASCOT SUPT., and Railway in O.36.c.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE:- Quiet.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES:-

- (a) Work and Wire:- Fresh earth is visible along JAFFA TR. from V.1.b.85.55. to V.1.b.92.80. Wire is visible in front of same trench at V.1.b.85.35.
- (b) T.M.:- Enemy fired 6 rifle grenades over our post at U.5.d.65.45. which came from enemy post at U.5.d.6.3. A few sounds of L.T.M.W. fell near posts at V.1.c.6.7. coming from S. direction.
- (c) M.G.:- Active during night. M.G. fired from V.1.b.9.4. Another located firing from U.6.d.55.45. At 7 a.m. indirect firing came from V.7.a. and another M.G. was located at U.12.a.9.9.
- (d) Flares:- Quieter than usual.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY :- Low flying planes flew along our lines at 5 a.m. From 2 p.m. (26th) to 9 p.m. 2 to 4 E.A. patrolled over enemy lines from Railway across Right Bn. sector.

6. MOVEMENT etc.:- Below normal near front line. Small party seen near WATER TOWER in V.9.d. at 8.30 p.m. Enemy working party at V.1.d.5.7. at 1 a.m. Our L.Guns fired on this target. At 7 p.m. individual movement seen near N. edge of MORGEMONT WOOD V.7.c. Limber heard at approx. V.2.c.0.5. at 12.45 a.m. Train in W.18 going S. at 8.25 p.m. Two limbers in W.9.d. moving N.W. at 8.35 p.m. and one in P.33.d. at 8.40 p.m.

7. MISCELLANEOUS:-

- (a) Gas:- At 9 p.m. three blue cross shells fell near P.31.b.3.8.
- (b) Balloons:- Seen up at following true bearings from U.1.b.45.85.
90° - 79°

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
28th July, 1918.

Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 27.7.18. to 9 a.m. 28.7.18.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery:- Usual harassing fire was carried out during the night. Counter Batteries fired at request on enemy battery and effectively silenced it at 10.20 p.m. 270 rds. gas shells were expended during the night.
- (b) T.M.:- Inactive.
- (c) M.G.:- Were very active during the night firing on roads, tracks etc. The following targets were engaged - U.6.c.4.3., U.12.b.-0.8., roads in W.2.d. and V.2.b., track from U.6.d.4.3. to U.12.b.-95.25., U.12.d.6.9., U.18.a.80.99., tracks and trenches in U.12.b. and V.7.b. Total number of rds. expended 21,000.
- (d) Aerial Activity:- Below normal owing to bad weather. Normal activity this morning.
- (e) Patrols:- Right Bn. patrol reports enemy working party heard at work near U.6.d.9.2. Flares were fired from E. edge of wood U.6.c. & M.G. fired from same locality. Standing patrols covered movement of troops, and liaison patrols kept regular touch with flank units.
- (f) Snipers:- Report a sudden marked increase of movement which suggests a relief having been accomplished on the night 26/27th. During yesterday our snipers fired 30 shots and claim 8 definite hits at JAFFA TR.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- Quieter. Between 9.30 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. hostile shelling was heavy on front area. P.31., V.1.a., U.6.a.&b., and U.5.b. Special attention to road and road junction in O.36.c., V.1.a. (Rear of ALLENDALE SUPPORT) U.6.b. (ARDAGH Avenue), O.35.-C.&d., (along railway) and S.E. VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Light shelling between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. and quiet from 1 a.m. to 2.30 a.m. Intermittent salvos from 2.30 a.m. HANGARS in P.25.c., are constantly shelled.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE:- Quiet but apparently nervous.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES:-

- (a) Work and wire:- Wiring is in progress N. of road U.6.d.3.2. Working parties heard U.6.d.9.3. Enemy appears to be pushing on with establishing his new line.
- (b) T.Ms.:- 12 rds. L.T.M. fell in rear of our front line just N. of railway.
- (c) M.G.:- Seen to be pushed forward at night in U.6.d. and V.1.c. and are very active, apparently to cover their working parties, in rear in this locality. M.G's. at U.6.d.3.2. and U.6.d.8.3. were very active. Others were located at approx. V.1.c.4.2., V.7.b.4.8., V.1.d.8.8. Left Bn. report M.G. fire normal but very accurate, sweeping our parapets firing from JAFFA TR.
- (d) Flares:- Normal.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Low flying E.A. crossed our lines at 8.30 p.m. to about U.5.central. Hostile artillery fired soon after. At 1 a.m. a low flying E.A. crossed our lines and dropped 8 bombs in AQUEENNE WOOD about 0.33.

6. MOVEMENT:- Little movement in forward area except near JAFFA TR. where more movement than usual was observed. Movement around MARCELCAVE water tower was again seen at dawn. At 10 p.m. working parties were seen passing over crest line at U.6.d.8.3. and were engaged by our L.G's. At 11 p.m. 6 men entered post at U.5.d.5.2. and L.G's again fired. Visibility too low to observe rear areas.

7. MISCELLANEOUS:- 3rd Bn. 129th U.S. Regt. attached to this Bde. came into the line and were distributed in accordance with orders by 7.55 a.m.

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No. 10.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
29th July, 1918.Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 28.7.18 to 9 a.m. 29.7.18.1. OUR OPERATIONS:-

- (a) Artillery:- Harassing fire was directed at intervals on to enemy roads and centres of activity. Retaliation and counter battery work was requested at 9.15 p.m. in reply to enemy activity on Right Bn. sector.
- (b) T.M.:- 6" Newton's fired 11 rounds registration on Cross Roads U.6.c.4.2. and at 9.10 p.m. fired 17 rds. on same target. L.T.M. fired 20 rds. on CRAFT TR. and 50 rds. on JAFFA TR. during the night.
- (c) M.G.:- 29,000 rds. were fired during the night on roads and tracks and enemy trenches.
- (d) Aerial Activity:- Normal amount of activity.
- (e) Patrols:- Right Bn. patrols report. Ground south of SYRIA TR. was actively patrolled. Movement was noticed about 300 yds. S. of SYRIA TR. Flares were fired from posts approx. 300 yds. from our line and at intervals of 150 to 200 yds. Trench running S.W. from U.6.d.0.8. degenerates after 50 yds. into a series of holes, which finish about 40 yds. from the road. An enemy post is suspected at U.6.c.35.50. No enemy encountered. Another patrol moved S.W. for 75 yds. from V.1.c.3.6. Except for a small piece 10 yds. long this trench is only 2 ft. deep and is unoccupied. Left Bn patrols reconnoitred N.M.L. No enemy encountered: flank patrols as usual.
- (f) Snipers:- Fired 39 shots. 4 hits are claimed at JAFFA TR.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- Most active from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. VALLEY in O.35.c. was heavily shelled. Enemy was also active on VILLERS BRETONNEUX. MONUMENT WOOD and line running N.E. through O.36.d. and P.31.a. Shelling of Right Bn. sector appears to come mostly from the direction of MARCELOCAVE and shelling on Left Bn. sector from WARFUSEE-LAMOTTE. Shelling of Left Bn. sector was quieter. Enemy appeared to register on APOLLO SUPPORT. Railway Mound at V.1.b. was shelled constantly and bridge at V.1.b.5.6. received two direct hits. Gas shells (unidentified) fell in VILLERS BRETONNEUX for 10 minutes at 10.20 p.m.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE :- Alert.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES:-

- (a) Work and wire:- Post located at U.6.c.35.50.
- (b) T.M.:- L.T.M. registered on APOLLO SUPPORT and a few fell to N. of Railway. Positions not located.
- (c) M.G.:- A M.G. was active from approx. V.7.b.8.3. and another from V.1.b.90.35. Less M.G. fire on left Our Left Bn. posts retaliate on M.G. fire with rifle grenades which has kept enemy quieter.
- (d) Flares:- Large number when the barrage opened up to the NORTH but otherwise normal. TWIN REDS brought down a scattered barrage and green still signify lengthen range.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Quiet. One E.A. flew along the front about 9.50 p.m.

6. MOVEMENT:- 10 men left post at U.5.d.6.3. at 2 a.m. and were fired on. Glimpses of heads at JAFFA TR. throughout yesterday. At V.2.a.9.1. slight movement was seen and a newly sawn tree was visible here. CAVE COPSE appears to be occupied. Trains noted in X.20. going N.E. at 7.35 a.m. and S. at 8.20 a.m. Train at V.12.d. going N. Harvesting party of 12 loading hay into G.S. wagons at V.5.a. at 3.30 p.m. (28th) Dispersed by artillery. Great quantity of hay being carted by Huns in rear areas. Individual wagons seen moving into BAYONVILLIERS.

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No. 11.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
=====Brigade Headquarters,
30th July, 1918.Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 29.7.18 to 9 a.m. 30.7.18.1. OUR OPERATIONS:-

- (a) Artillery:- Gas shelling of enemy area constituted main activity. Harassing shoots were also carried out during the night.
- (b) T.M.:- T.M. ranged on the CRUCIFIX U.6.c.4.3. otherwise no activity.
- (c) M.G.:- Very active. 35,600 rds. being expended on enemy tracks, roads, trenches in U.12., V.7., V.2.c., W.3.a., V.8.c., Road in U.18.a. Area around U.6.c.80.25., Cross Roads U.6.c., Roads and cross roads from V.3.d. to V.9.d. (water tower) were harassed between 11 & 12 p.m.
- (d) Aerial Activity:- Our planes were active patrolling and observing and towards 7 p.m. a large bombing squadron flew East.
- (e) Patrols:- Patrol from Right Bn. moved S.W. along sap from U.6.d. to U.6. for 30 yds. thence S. for 150 yds. from about U.6.d.50.25. and U.6.d.90.35. individual ^{movement} seen between these points. Another patrol advanced 70 yds. from V.1.c.0.6. and observed enemy digging and wiring about 200 yds. in front. A third patrol moved W. along trench from V.1.c.3.6. for about 250 yards trench was found to be in damaged condition and unoccupied. Enemy observed digging at approx. V.1.c.9.5. No.4 patrol moved down sap to road at U.6.c.4.5. Enemy post previously suspected at U.6.c.35.50. found unoccupied. M.G. fire was directed on patrol from another post and patrol withdrew. Patrol also left Bn. sector covered inter Bn. relief.
- (f) Snipers:- Fired 7 shots, one probable hit.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- ^{DE} Increase in enemy activity was noticeable. Scattered shelling during the night on MONUMENT WOOD. Some rds. of gas (phosgene) were mixed with this. P.31.d.&b. was shelled at intervals. 50 rds. on APOLLO SUPPORT. (10 cm.) at 8.40 a.m.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE :- Quiet.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES:-

- (a) Work and wire:- Enemy is working on his line at about V.1.c.9.5. and U.6.d.2.1.
- (b) T.M.:- L.T.M. fired 12 rds. from U.12.a.8.8. at 1.25 a.m. M.T.M. fired from V.8.b. on to our posts in V.1.b. and P.31.d.
- (c) M.G.:- Fairly active through night. M.G. located at U.6.c.15.20. Area U.6.a. was kept under constant indirect fire during the night. M.G. located at V.1.b.8.7., V.1.b.55.50., and V.1.b.8.5.
- (d) Flares:- Normal.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Very quiet.

6. MOVEMENT:- Little movement in forward area. At 5.40 p.m. dummy displayed from trench to draw fire. Throughout the whole of yesterday individuals were seen moving over crest lines from direction of V.14.c.&d. to CZECH TRENCH and rear of TITTLE COPSE.

7. MISCELLANEOUS:- Visibility was fair yesterday and very poor this morning owing to heavy ground mist.

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No.12.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.S E C R E T.

Brigade Headquarters,
31st July, 1918.

Summary of Intelligence from 5.30 p.m. 30.7.18 to 9.a.m. 31.7.18.

1. OUR OPERATIONS:-

(a) Artillery:- Enemy tracks in V.2.b., P.32.d., trenches in P.33.d., Cross roads P.34.d., CARD COPSE, & H.Q. at P.33.d., were harassed during night.
(b) T.M.:- At 3.30 p.m. (30th) 18 rds. M.T.M. fired on M.G. at V.1.d.5.4.
(c) M.G.:- Very active. The following targets were engaged -- Tracks & roads in V.7.c., V.2.c., V.1.c., V.7.a., to U.12.b. Centre of activity at P.33.central. Reported H.Q. at P.33.c.8.8. & V.3.a.3.7., V.3.a.35.75. BASILIDE ALLEY (U.11. & 12.) Approaches to HANGARD WOOD. Total rds. expended 30,000.

(d) Aerial Activity:- Very active patrolling and bombing enemy battery area. Considerable A.A. & M.G. fire encountered.

(e) Patrols:- Left Bn. patrols reconnoitred N.M.L. nothing special to report. Right Bn. patrols covered inter Bn. relief. Flank liaison patrols as usual.

(f) Snipers:- Active. Fired 23 shots and claim 2 hits.

2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- Normal. 77mm. were active on O.35 between 9 & 9.20 p.m. coming from MARCELCAVE. 77 mm & 105 mm on O.35, O.36, c. & d., and V.1.a. from 1.45 a.m. to 2 a.m. & from 2.40 a.m. to 3 a.m. Also on U.6. from 2.50 to 3 a.m. again from direction of MARCELCAVE. P.31.b., c. & d., & V.2.b., were shelled at 8 p.m. by 105 and 150 mm. from MARCELCAVE. At 2 a.m. about 45 gas shells (GREEN Cross) fell in VILLERS BRETONNEUX & also a few on left line Coy. 20 150 mm shells fell in O.34.a.

3. ENEMY ATTITUDE:- Quiet.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES:-

(a) Work & Wire:- New earth visible at V.1.b.8.4.

(b) T.M.:- A few rounds M.T.M. reported from V.2.b. W. of CARD COPSE. Six rds. L.T.M. also fired from a position in P.32.c.

(c) M.G.:- Active throughout night. No positions located.

(d) Flares:- Normal. GREEN is apparently the color for "lengthen range"

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Quiet. Some bombs were dropped on our rear areas around batteries during the evening.

6. MOVEMENT:- Some glimpses of heads at U.5.d.7.3. During yesterday considerable movement was seen in V.13.b. A red flag on a dugout can be seen in this locality. Very little movement in forward area.

7. MISCELLANEOUS:- Loud shrieks came from U.6.c.7.2. at 3 a.m. when our artillery was active on that area.

W. F. Fetherston
for Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.



BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

Appendix

By
Brig.-General J. Paton, C.B., C.M.G., V.D., Commanding 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
1st July, 1918

SALVAGE

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(a) Valuation of salvage for weeks ending 21. 6. 18 & 27. 6. 18 respectively is as follows.--

Week Ending 21. 6. 18

21st Battalion	...	£ 51. 4. 0
22nd	"	581. 9. 7
23rd	"	47. 13. 0
24th	"	403. 4. 2
Total.--		<u>£1082. 15. 9</u>

Week Ending 27. 6. 18

21st Battalion	...	£176. 18. 3
22nd	"	95. 1. 2
Total.--		<u>£271. 12. 9</u>

(b) Paper, Cardboard & Cartons salvaged during week ending 27. 6. 18 as follows.--

Unit.--	Paper	Cardboard	Cartons
21st Bn. 15	Bags = 887 lbs.	12 bgs. = 645 lbs.	976
22nd " 40	" = 2235 "	33 " = 1580 "	1020
23rd " 4	" = 93 "	4 " = 109 "	568
24th " 3	" = 125 "	1 " = 45 "	450
6th T.M. 1	" = 3 "	-	48
Bty.			
S.H.Q. 1	" = 15 "	-	50
Total.	61 Bags = 3357 lbs.	47 bgs. = 2483 lbs.	3142.

SENTENCES BY
F.C.C.M.--

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The undermentioned men tried by F.C.C.M. on 25. 6. 18 were found guilty and sentenced as shown.--

Unit.--	No., Rank & Name.--	Charge	Finding and Sentence.--
21st Bn.	5802, Pte. W.A. CLANCY	Desertion	Not guilty desertion but guilty A.W.L. 12 mths. I.H.L.
"	2364, " R.S. MOORE	Desertion	Guilty - 5 yrs. P.S.
"	2483, " H.P. SMITH	"	" - 5 " "
"	2356, " C.A. GILLAM	"	" - 5 " "
"	1136, " R. WHITE	(1) Desertion (2) A.W.L.	Guilty - 5 " "
22nd Bn.	2486, Pte. C.E. BARTON	Desertion	Guilty - 5 yrs. P.S.
"	2487, " J.B. PAYNE	"	" - 5 " "
23rd Bn.	1806, Pte. H.V. BISHOP	Desertion	Guilty - 1 Year I.H.L.
"	6047, " A. DICKINSON	"	" - 2 " "
"	7242, " E.V. HAYES	"	" - 10 Yrs. P.S.
"	460, " L.H. TREVINA	(1) Desertion (2) Desertion	(1) Guilty. (2) Not Guilty desertion but guilty A.W.L. 5 Yrs. P.S.
"	450, " H. SMITHERS	(1) Desertion (2) Desertion	(1) & (2) Not guilty of desertion but guilty A.W.L. 6 Months I.H.L.
24th Bn.	2471, Pte. W.H. O'BRIEN	(1) A.W.L. (2) When in confinement escaping (3) -do-	(1), (2) & (3) Guilty - 6 months I.H.L.

ORDERS.--

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Attention is directed to following Orders.--

Divisional Routine Orders

1744 .. 25. 6. 18 .. Army Form B.94.
1745 .. 27. 6. 18 .. Salvage of tins.

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Aust. Corps Routine Orders.

- 171 .. 18. 6. 18 .. Instructions for Water
Point duty men.
172 .. " .. Horse management.
180 .. 22. 6. 18 .. Dummy Cartridges for use
M.G's.

IV Army Routine Orders

- 2242 .. 19. 6. 18 .. Return of unserviceable
clothing.

General Routine Orders

- 4292 .. 17. 6. 18 .. Pistols, reduction in
scale of etc.
4294 .. " .. Iron Ration
4308 .. 19. 6. 18 .. Guns Lewis .303" - Bodies.
4318 .. 20. 6. 18 .. Field Service Boots.
4321 .. 21. 6. 18 .. Offrs' Rest House, Paris
PLAGE.
4328 .. " .. Recovery of Sheet Tin
from Biscuit, Tea and
other large tins.
4356 .. 24. 6. 18 .. Bicycles & Clinometers
4365 .. 25. 6. 18 .. Grenades rifle .303"
Night Signal, etc.

(Signed) O. V. ROAD, CAPTAIN,
A/STAFF CAPTAIN.

N O T I C E

LOST.-- Leather Photo Wallet containing photos and money. Will
finder please return to Signal Office 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Brig.-General J. Paton, C.B., C.M.G., V.D. Commanding 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
7th July, 1918.

CONGRATULATORY 561 (i) From Major-General C. ROSENTHAL, C.B., C.M.G.,
D.S.O., Commanding 2nd Aust. Divn.

"My hearty congratulations to yourself and your
Brigade."

(ii) From 2nd Aust. Divn.--

"Army Commander wishes his congratulations conveyed
to you and your men on your excellent work AAA General
BIRDWOOD & Corps Commander both send you and your
command best congratulations on your brilliant work."

(iii) Attention is called to Austn. Corps Special
Congratulatory Orders dated 4.7.18, circulated to all
units.

SALVAGE

562 (a) Valuation of salvage for week ending 4. 7. 18 is
as follows.--

21st Battalion	.. £ 59. 6. 0
22nd "	.. 120. 17. 5
23rd "	.. 169. 0. 0
Total.--	<u>349. 3. 5</u>

(b) Paper, Cardboard, Cartons salvaged during week
ending 4. 7. 18 as under.--

Unit.--	Paper	Cardboard	Cartons
21st Bn.	2 bags = 75 lbs	4 bags = 140 lbs.	870
22nd "	35 " = 2092 "	1 " = 55 "	744
23rd "	4 " = 134 "	4 " = 67 "	480
24th "	1 " = 25 "	2 " = 175 "	150
T.M.Bty.	1 " = 6 "	-	34
B.H.Q.	1 " = 20 "	-	50
Total.--	42 bags = 2352 "	11 bags = 417 lbs.	1,828

ORDERS

563 Attention is directed to following Orders.--

Divisional Routine Orders

1749 .. 1. 7. 18 .. Grazing
1752 .. 4. 7. 18 .. Use of dry weather tracks
1755 .. " .. Return of dirty clothing.
1756 .. " .. Water Carts.

Fourth Army Routine Orders

2279 .. 3. 7. 18 .. Horses - Picked up nail.
2290 .. " .. Wooden racks for the carriage
of Lewis Guns.

General Routine Orders

4333 .. 28. 6. 18 .. Self-inflicted injuries - Gas
4332 .. " .. Rods cleaning .303" Arms R.& F.

(Signed) A. G. BROWN, CAPTAIN,
STAFF CAPTAIN.

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By
Brig.-General J. Paton, C.B., C.M.G., V.D., Commanding 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
9th July, 1918.

FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

584

Detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at a place to be notified at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 11th July, 1918, for the purpose of trying by Field General Court Martial.--

6290, Pte.	B. BRADY	1st Bn. A.I.F.
133, "	J. GOWLEY	" " "
6867, "	W.J. OSBORNE	" " "
113, "	J.T. BAKER	22nd Bn. "
6944, "	W.J. BARKS	" " "
4366, "	L. BRACKENWAGON	23rd " "
1857, "	D.W. BISHOP	" " "
8818, "	F.C. ETHERIDGE	" " "
6118, "	W.J. SANDSTROM	" " "
6428, "	W.L. MOUNTNEY	24th " "
4725, "	W. LYONS	" " "
4813, "	L. TORPY	" " "
6049, "	W. GOODWIN	" " "
6071, "	W.A. HARRISON	" " "

and such other person or persons as may be brought before them.--

President

Major D. Beith 23rd Bn. A.I.F.

Members

Capt. H.J. Sparrow, 22nd Bn. A.I.F.

" A.A. Ball, D.C.M. 24th Bn. A.I.F.

Aust. Corps Court Martial Officer

The accused will be warned and all witnesses required to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Bde. H.Q.

Necessary accommodation and all other arrangements for holding this Court will be made by Bde. Hdqrs.

BLANKETS

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D.R.O. 1897 and extract from A.D.M.S. Circular Letter 36/85 of 13.5.18 are republished for information and necessary action.--

"D.R.O. 1897 4.1.18 Blankets of Sick Men. The blankets of all men evacuated sick will accompany the patient to Field Ambulance.

C.O.'s of Field Ambulances will arrange to return clean blankets in exchange.

On no account will blankets of men evacuated sick be returned to regimental store until they have been disinfected".

"Extract from A.D.M.S.'s Circular Letter 36/85 of 13.5.18.-- Blankets of the evacuated men must be sent with the patient and a clean blanket obtained in exchange by Orderly Corporal or bearer squad from Field Ambulance which takes charge of the patient. Special precautions should be taken to see that these infected blankets do not remain within the unit lines. Field Ambulance Commanders will report particulars of patients arriving without blankets.

Unit representatives can always get a dated receipt from Ambulance Orderly if they cannot get a blanket, and blanket will be returned later".

(Signed) A. G. BROWN, CAPTAIN,
STAFF CAPTAIN.

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SPECIAL ORDER

By

Brig.-General J. Paton, C.B., C.M.G., V.D., Commanding 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
10th July, 1918

CONGRATULATIONS

Following message has been received from Australian Corps.--

"His Majesty the King has approved of the award of the VICTORIA CROSS to No. 1940, Sgt. (now 2/Lieut.) W. RUTHVEN, 22nd Bn. AAA Corps Commander conveys his congratulations". The Divisional and Brigade Commanders also add their congratulations.

(Signed) A. G. BROWN, CAPTAIN,
STAFF CAPTAIN

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*Attached is statement of the Officer
Gallant Conduct*

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By
Brig.-General J. Paton, C.B., C.M.G., V.D., Commanding 6th Aust
12th July, 1918.

CONGRATULATORY 567 Following Cable from Defence Melbourne begins AAA
"Commonwealth of Australia desire to congratulate
Monash and all ranks in his command on the splendid
success attending the recent operations at HAMMEL and
VAIRE WOODS AAA that the casualties sustained were
slight in character is especially pleasing and adds
to the gratification with which the news has been
received. Ends D.A.C., A.I.F."

PROMOTION 568 The G.O.C. 6th A.I.Bde. approves of the following
promotion.-
No. 834, T/C.S.M. A.L. BURKE, 24th Bn. to be C.S.M.
(W.O. Cl. II) vice No. 791, C.S.M., W.E. RANKIN evac.
sick 9.4.18. To date from 9.7.18.

SENTENCES BY 569 The undermentioned men tried by F.G.C.M. 11.7.18 were
F.G.C.M. found guilty and sentenced as shown.-

Unit.-	No., Rank & Name.-	Charge.-	Finding & award.-
21st Bn.	133, Pte. J. COWLEY	Desertion	Guilty - 10 yrs. P.S.
24th Bn.	6071, " W.A. HARRISON	A.W.L.	" - 1 " I.H.L.
" "	4725, " W. LYONS	(1) A.W.L. (2) When in) arrest escaping.)	Guilty - 1 yr. I.H.L.
" "	4813, " L. TORPY	A.W.L.	" - 1 " "
" "	6428, " W.L. MOUNTNEY	Desertion	" - 2 yrs. "

BOATING - RIVER 570 Aust. Corps R.O. 187 is republished for information &
SOMME.- action.-
"All boating on the RIVER SOMME East of AMIENS,
except on duty is prohibited.
Divns. & A.P.M. of Corps will arrange for the
collection & storage of all boats other than those
required for duty purposes and for the necessary
river patrols to enforce this order".
The above will be repeated in all Unit Orders.

ORDERS.- 571 Attention is directed to the following orders.-
Divisional Routine Orders
1780 .. 6. 7. 18 .. Chevrons for service overseas.
1781 .. " .. Horses - picked up nails.
1784 .. " .. Shooting game.
1785 .. 10. 7. 18 .. Box Respirators.
1788 .. " .. Civilian Cemeteries.
1789 .. " .. Looting.
Australian Corps Routine Orders
182 .. 30. 6. 18 .. Sick Evacuations.
185 .. 3. 7. 18 .. Drinking Water.
188 .. " .. Looting.
190 .. " .. Transfer of Animals from one
Unit to another.
General Routine Orders
4438 .. 4. 7. 18 .. Igniter Sets for 3" Stokes T.M.
Bombs.
4451 .. 6. 7. 18 .. .303" S.A.A. (S.P.G. Tracer)
4460 .. 8. 7. 18 .. Fires.

(Signed) A. G. BROWN, CAPTAIN,
STAFF CAPTAIN.

BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Brig.-General J. Paton, C.B., C.M.G., V.D. Commanding 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
12th July, 1918.

COURT OF INQUIRY

566 Detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. at 2 p.m. Saturday, 13th July, 1918 for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting on cases of Gas poisoning in the 22nd Bn. 6th July 1918.

President

Captain H.J. Sparrow 22nd Bn. A.I.F.

Members

Lieut. L.J. Edmondson, 17th Bn. A.I.F.
(6th A.I.Bde. Gas Officer)

Lieut. W.B. Gow 24th Bn. A.I.F.

All witnesses will be warned by C.O. 22nd Bn. Proceedings will be forwarded in duplicate to Bde. Hdqrs., who will provide necessary accommodation for holding this Court.

(Signed) A. G. BROWN, CAPTAIN,
STAFF CAPTAIN

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BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER

by

Brig-General J. PATON, C.B., C.M.G., V.D., Commanding 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.
15th July, 1918.

COURT OF ENQUIRY. 507

Detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at place to be arranged by 81st Bn. rear Hdqrs. (LAMOTTE) at 4p.m. today Monday 16th July, 1918, for the purpose of enquiring into and making a declaration on fatal accident which occurred to four Other Ranks of 81st Bn. on 14th July, 1918.

PRESIDENT.

Major D. Beith 23rd Bn. A.I.F. (Nucleus)

MEMBERS.

Captain. A.R. McNeill M.C. 81st Bn. A.I.F.
Captain J.P.V. Hogg M.C. 6th A.L.V.M. Bty.

All witnesses will be warned to attend and 81st Bn. (rear) will provide necessary accommodation and make arrangements for holding this Court.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters in duplicate.

(SGD) A. G. BROWN Capt.
Staff Captain.

BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

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By
Brig.-General J.S. Robertson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

18th July, 1918.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

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Detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at 22nd Bn. Hdqrs. (O.S.O.b.9.3.) at 11 a.m. on Friday 19th July, 1918 for the purpose of enquiring into and making a declaration on Gas Casualties occurring in 22nd Bn. on night 16th/17th July 1918.

PRESIDENT.

Captain R.L. LINNICK

22nd A.I. Bn.

MEMBERS.

Lieut. J.C. HIRMANSON
C.C. BURGH

5th A.I. Bde. Gas Officer.
24th A.I. Bn.

22nd Bn. will warn all witnesses, provide necessary accommodation and make all other arrangements for holding this Court.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Bde.H.Q. in duplicate.

SALVAGE

874

(a) Valuation of salvage for week ending 11.7.18 is as follows:-

21st Bn.	.....	£ 59. 2. 4.
22nd "	.....	873. 5. 2.
23rd "	.....	270. 15. 6.
24th "	.....	71. 4. 3.
Total		<u>£774. 8. 5.</u>

(b) Paper, Cardboard, & Cartons salvaged during week ending 11.7.18 as under:-

Unit.	Paper	Cardboard	Cartons.
21st Bn.	5 bags = 80 lbs	1 bag = 88 lbs	786
22nd "	43 " = 3139 "	8 " = 438 "	748
23rd "	3 " = 97 "	3 " = 87 "	410
24th "	1 " = 25 "	1 " = 27 "	180
R.H.Sty.	1 " = 5 "	1 " = 15 "	28
Bde.H.Q.	1 " = 15 "	1 " = 15 "	77
Total.	52 bags = 3419 lbs.	14 bags = 832 lbs.	2238

AMMUNITION

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A.G.R.O. 192 12/7/18 is republished for information and action.

"Attention is directed to A.R.O's. 1901 and 2281, reading as follows:-

1901 'AMMUNITION is placed out of bounds to all troops. passes to enter the town will be issued only to those proceeding there on duty'.

2281 'Officers or men will not enter any unoccupied premises in AMMUNITION except on duty'.

These orders will be read on parade, in every unit, and once monthly thereafter, and will also be posted in a conspicuous place in all unit billeting areas."

ORDERS.

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Attention is drawn to following Routine Orders:-

Aust. Corps. R.O's.

124	18. 7. 18....Influenza.
125	.....	18. 7. 18....Sick Wastage.

S. R. O's.

4480	.....	18. 7. 18 Amm. 3" Stokes Mortar.
4481	18. 7. 18 Leave Circular.

(SGD) A. G. BROWN
Captain.

Staff Captain 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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by
 Brig.-General J.C. Robertson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 6th A.I. Brigade.

20th July, 1918.

F.G.C.M.

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Detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at
 6th A.I. Bde. Nucleus Bn. (M.14.d.7.7.) at 10 a.m. on
 Monday 22nd July, 1918, for the purpose of trying by
 F.G.C.M. -

5712	Pte.	F.J. MUST	21st Bn.
1901	"	P.H. GANNINGTON	" "
2241	"	F. PHILLIPPE	" "
4768	"	H.T. O'BRIEN	" "
5788	"	V.S. RICHARDSON	" "
6585	"	J. SHERRILL	" "
6912	"	J. MOONEY	23rd Bn.
4850	"	G. ROGERS	" "
1103	"	E.A. HOLMES	" "
1038	"	E. RYAN	" "
247	"	W.G. STANLEY	" "
4511	"	W.H. TWEEDLE	" "
6049	"	H. GOODWIN	24th Bn.
6085	"	J. LITTLEFIELD	" "
1766	"	W.C. ROBERTS	" "
57836	Sgt.	J. DOLAN	18th Bty. 6th A.F.A.
6750	"	H. SULLIVAN	Bde. do. do.

and such other person or persons as may be brought
 before them.

PRESIDENT.

Major L.T.O. PEDLER, M.C. 23rd Bn. A.I.F.

MEMBERS.

Capt. M.B. KELLY 21st Bn. A.I.F.
 " R.L. LINCKER 23rd Bn. "
 Asst. Corps Court Martial Officer.

The accused will be warned and all witnesses required
 to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Bde. H.Q.
 Necessary accommodation and all other arrangements
 will be made by 6th A. I. Bde. Nucleus Bn.

(Sgd) A. G. BROWN Captain.
 Staff Captain.

BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER

by

Brigadier-General J.C. ROBERTSON C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 6th A.I. Bde.

25th July, 1918.

SALUTING. 578. Army Order No. 211/1918 is republished for information:-

"The left hand salute by Warrant Officers, non-Commissioned Officers and men is abolished.

The salute will be given by all ranks with the right hand. When saluting to the side the head will be turned towards the person saluted.

In cases where from physical incapacity a right hand salute is impossible, the salute will be given with the left hand.

The necessary amendments to the various regulations and Training Manuals will be issued shortly".

(Sgd.) W. F. N. BRIDGES Major.
Brigade Major.

PROMOTIONS. 579 G.O.C., 6th A.I. Bde. has approved of the following promotions:-
(a) 1st Lt. H.V. BARKER, 21st Bn. to be Temp. Coy. Sgt. Mjr. vice C.S.M. Hardie - Commissioned - To date from 19.7.18.
(b) 1st Lt. J. IRWIN, 21st Bn. to be Temp. Coy. Sgt. Mjr. vice C.S.M. G.C. Hunt, D.C.M. - killed in action - To date from 6.7.18.

EVIDENCE IN CASES OF DESERTION. 580 In order to secure definite evidence in cases of desertion the following procedure will be adopted:-
Previous to a battalion or portion thereof moving into the line each Company Commander will, after calling the roll, personally warn all men that they are moving into the forward area, at the same time having another officer or senior N.C.O.s. present as witnesses.
A certificate will be rendered to the Battalion Commander that this has been done.

SALVAGE. 581 Valuation of salvage collected by 6th A.I. Bde. week ending 18.7.18, as follows:-

21st Bn.	£ 579.18.0.
22nd "	244. 8.10.
23rd "	232.11.8.
24th "	107. 0.9.
Total	£ 963.19.1

Paper, Cardboard, etc., salvaged week ending 18.7.18 as under:-

Unit.	Paper.	Cardboard.	Cartons.
21st Bn. 4 bgs =	217 lbs	4 bgs. = 283 lbs.	947
22nd Bn. 15 " =	1357 "	8 " = 910 "	925
23rd Bn. 12 " =	777 "	6 " = 482 "	755
24th Bn. 3 " =	47 "	3 " = 89 "	505
I.M. Bty. 1 " =	5 "	" =	58
Bde. S.G. 1 " =	15 "	1 " = 8 "	87
35 bgs. =	2418 lbs.	22 bgs. = 1019 lbs.	3155

Also 3 bales.

ORDERS. 582 Attention is drawn to following orders:-

	D.R.Os.	
1775	18.7.18.	Sanitation.
1782	21.7.18.	Signal wires in dugouts or shelters
	Aust. Corps R.O's.	
199	12.7.18.	Protection of wounded against gas.
204	17.7.18	Tents

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ORDERS. 582
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4th Army R. O's.

2332 21.7.18. Lewis guns - Oil Bottles^S

G. R. O's.

4549 3rd Stokes Mortar -
Extractors Cartridge.

SENTENCES 593.
BY F.O.C.M.

The undermentioned men tried by F.O.C.M. 22.7.18. were
found guilty and sentenced as shown;-

Unit.	No.	Rank.	Name.	Offence	Finding and Sentence.
21st Bn.	3341	Pte.	F. PHILIPPE	A.W.L.	Guilty - 12 mths. I.H.L.
" "	6386	"	J. SHEEHAN	Desertion	Guilty 2 yrs. I.H.L.
23rd Bn.	247	"	W.G. STANLEY	"	Guilty 10 yrs. P.S. (5 yrs remitted)
" "	4511	"	W.H. TWEEDE	"	Guilty 5 yrs. P.S.
24th Bn.	6085	"	J. LITTLEFIELD	(1) A.W.L. (2) Conduct to prej. In AMIENS without permis- sion (3) Con- duct to prej. in improper posses- sion of plunder.	Guilty of (1) & (3) - 2 yrs I.H.L.

(SGD.) A.G. BROWN Captain.
Staff Captain 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.



27-7-18

BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER

by

Brigadier-General J.C. ROBERTSON, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 6th A.I. Brigade.

P.C.C.M. 534. Detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at 6th A.I. Bde. Nucleus Bn. (H.14.d.4.7.) at 10 a.m. on Monday, 29th July, 1918, for the purpose of trying by P.C.C.M. --

1785	Pte.	F.C. WINTER,	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
6196	"	H.C. DUNCAN,	24th Bn. A.I.F.
1934	"	J. McHENRY,	24th Bn. A.I.F.
4595	"	C.W. PITMAN,	24th Bn. A.I.F.

and such other person or persons as may be brought before them :-

PRESIDENT.

Major D. BRITH, 23rd Bn. A.I.F.

MEMBERS.

Captain H.C. RODDA, M.C. 22nd Bn. A.I.F.
 Captain L.S. MARCHANT 24th Bn. A.I.F.
 Australian Corps Courts Martial Officer.

The accused will be warned and all witnesses required to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters. Necessary accommodation will be provided and all other arrangements made by O.C., 6th A.I. Bde. Nucleus Bn., for holding this Court

(Sgd) A. G. BROWN Captain.
 Staff Captain.

by
Brigadier-General J.C. ROBERTSON, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 8th A.I. Brigade.

31st July, 1918.

SENTENCES BY P.O.C.M. 888 The undersigned men tried by P.O.C.M. on 29.7.18. were found guilty and sentenced as shown:-

Unit.	No.	Rank & Name.	Offence	Finding & Award.
23rd Bn.	1755	Pte F.C. HINTON	Desertion	Guilty. 3 yrs P.S. 2 yrs. remitted.
24th Bn.	6136	" H.C. DUNCAN	"	Not guilty desertion. Guilty A.W.L. - 3 yrs. I.H.L.
24th Bn.	1934	" J. McHERRY	"	Guilty 2 yrs. I.H.L.

SALVAGE.

888 (a) Valuation of Salvage collected by 8th A.I. Bde, week ending 26.7.18, as follows:-

1st Bn.	.....	\$ 255.19.5.
2nd "	.....	173. 5.8.
3rd "	.....	545.18.6.
24th "	.....	500.12.0.
TOTAL.		\$1289. 2.7.

(b) Paper, Cardboard and Cartons salvaged during week ending 26.7.18 :-

Unit.	Paper.	Cardboard.	Cartons.
1st Bn.	35 bgs. = 2099 lbs.	6 bgs. = 404 lbs.	734.
2nd "	15 " = 575 "	7 " = 215 "	570
3rd "	5 " = 66 "	3 " = 50 "	405
24th "	3 " = 104 "	3 " = 111 "	530
T.H. Bty.	.....	.....	.....
Bde.H.Q.	1 " = 30 "	.....	65
Total	58 bgs. = 2864 lbs.	19 bgs. = 780 lbs.	2300

PROMOTION.

887 W.O.C., 8th A.I. Bde., approves of following temporary promotion:-

1st Bn. - No. 522 Sgt. H.W. TURNBULL M.M. to be temp. Coy. Sgt. Mjr. (W.O. Cl. II.) vice 310 C.S.M. W. Trevascus evacuated wounded - dating from 25.7.18.

RANKS OF AMERICAN OFFICERS.

888 Rank of American Officers and how denoted as follows:-

General Staff	.....	Black band on sleeve.
All other officers	...	Brown band on sleeve
2nd Lieut.	.....	Plain brown band on sleeve only
1st Lieutenant	.....	1 bar on shoulder.
Captain	.....	2 bars " "
Major	.....	Gold leaf on "
Lieut. Colonel	.....	Silver " " shoulder.
Colonel	.....	Silver eagle on shoulder.
Brig.-General	.....	One Star on shoulder.
Major-General	.....	Two Stars " "

RETURNS.

889. (a) Fighting Strength:- In addition to information at present furnished in the Weekly Fighting Strength Return, another column will be added to this return showing ACTUAL FIGHTING STRENGTH excluding personnel at transport and Q.M. Stores.

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(b) Captured trophies:- (Ref. B.R.O. 1734 29.7.18.)- In future this will be a monthly return and will be rendered to reach this office by 2 p.m. 27th of each month. An additional column "TROPHIES CAPTURED" will be inserted and completed in all returns. CLAIMS will be submitted as at present, i.e. after despatch of trophies to D.A.S.O.S. The monthly return will show all H.O's., F.M's., etc., captured during the month with remarks stating if claims have been submitted (giving date) or are being submitted. Any outstanding trophies after monthly return has been submitted will be carried forward to next return, under the heading "INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS RETURN".

(c) Field Return (A.F.R. 213):- In addition to the information regarding deficiencies in animals at present shown on perforated sheet of A.F.R. 213, all units will in future, show thereon the number of animals, i.e. rides, L.D., etc, drawn for the period covered by this return.

HONORS & AWARDS 590

A tabulated statement of Honors and awards received by Units of this Brigade to date accompanies this Order for information of all Units.

UNDERCLOTHING, UN-291
UNAUTHORIZED ALTER-
ATIONS.-

G.R.O. 4554 is republished for information and action.

"Ref. G.R.O's. 1250 and 2255 it is found that many units are cutting the sleeves off shirts. This unauthorized and wasteful practice must cease".
(4004/22 (O.S.1) 21.7.18.)"

ORDERS.

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Attention is directed to the following Routine Orders :-

B.R.O.

1738	26.7.18.	...	Sanitation.
1733	29.7.18.	...	American clothing.

AUST. CORPS R.O.

208	24.7.18.	...	Diarrhoea and Dysentery.
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(Signed) A. G. BROWN Capt.
Staff Captain, 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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NOTES ON THE ENEMY
OPPOSITE THE CORPS FRONT.

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APPENDIX

- (1) DISPOSITION OF ENEMY TROOPS.

(1) ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

Up till recently the enemy has displayed little energy in the construction of forward defences opposite the Corps Front, and as yet there are no signs of new work in the immediate back areas at all.

During the past few weeks, however, there are increasing indications that he intends to develop a complete two line system with the usual saps, dugouts, and communication trenches. In certain areas the work is nearing completion and a considerable defence scheme is evidently contemplated, the tendency being to link up the already existing chains of rifle pits and incorporate them in the trench lines.

From the report of patrols, there is no doubt that wire obstacles do exist, but they appear to be hastily improvised and should not afford any great obstacle.

The only work on rear defences has been on the old French line, which has been cleaned out in places and wired. This should prove quite an effective line of resistance when the work is completed. Mined dugouts have been constructed in numerous places in the forward and battery areas, particularly in the sides of embankments for protection against our artillery fire.

(2) ORDER OF BATTLE.50th Reserve Division.

230th R.I.R.
229th R.I.R.
231st R.I.R.

The 50th Reserve Division came into the MEAULTE Sector at the end of May, relieving the 54th Reserve Division. Its southern boundary is the River ANCRE.

107th Division.

52nd R.I.R.
227th R.I.R.
232nd R.I.R.

This division relieved the 54th Division on 20/21st June in the MORLANCOURT sector.

43rd Reserve Division.

203rd R.I.R.
201st R.I.R. (?)
202nd R.I.R.

This division relieved the 24th Reserve Division in the SOMME sector on June 22/23rd, but it is probable that, unlike the latter division, it has 2 regiments north of the SOMME, not one, owing to the sidslipping further south.

77th Reserve Division.

332nd I.R.
419th E.H.R.
257th R.I.R.

This division relieved the 108th Division in the HAMEL Sector on 16/17th May. Its relief has been imminent since the beginning of the month.

108th Division.137th I.R.
265th R.I.R.(?)
97th I.R.

This division relieved the Jager Division in the VILLERS BRETONNEUX Sector on 19/20th June and is due for relief.

Previous to this it had been in the HAMEL Sector, where it relieved the 9th Bavarian Reserve Division on April 30th, the relief of the Jager Division being effected by sideslipping. For the first half of May the 2nd Bn., 265th R.I.R. was attached to the 107th R.I.R., 24th Reserve Division, north of the SOMME.

(3) ATTITUDE.

The enemy's general attitude is obscure in this area.

North of the SOMME, there seems little doubt that he is apprehensive of further operations on our part similar to those at VILLE-sur-ANCRE and north of SAILLY LAURETTE, and this nervousness has led to the hasty construction of a defence system during the past few weeks, with which he was content to dispense for so long. This and the appearance of trench mortars of heavier calibres point to a passive attitude, at any rate for the time being, though the absence of any rear organisations for defence seems to indicate that his present attitude is temporary.

South of the SOMME, the enemy's intentions are still more obscure and have been complicated by the recent sideslipping northwards, and the temporary withdrawal of the 265th R.I.R. from the 108th Division. This regiment was apparently the least shattered in the division and its withdrawal must have imposed a heavy strain on the two other and weaker regiments which had to hold their own sectors in addition, though there was an unconfirmed rumour that they had been reinforced by a battalion from another division.

To sum up, the attitude of the enemy is, at any rate for the present, purely defensive and he is apprehensive of our intentions. This attitude is abundantly disclosed by the frequent bombing of his own wire, amongst other signs of nervousness, and in general by the policy implied by his defensive works.

(4) 107th Division.

Engagements. After being on the Galician Front till 1917, the 107th Division proceeded to the Western Front. It has just arrived in the CAMBRAI area where our attack on the CAMBRAI front took place.

On the 20th November, 1917, the 107th Division was drawn into the battle and lost heavily in prisoners. It took part in the German advance south of the CAMBRAI area on the 30th November and remained in the GONNELIEU sector till March of this year. It participated in the advance on the SOMME, on the 21st March and was relieved south of MERCATEL on the 20th April. After resting and training near CAMBRAI it came into line in the MORLANCOURT Sector on 16th May and remained in the line until the 23rd. It suffered heavily from our raids and artillery fire, particularly in our attack on VILLE-sur-ANCRE on the 18th May, when 150 prisoners were captured from one regiment alone. It went into rest near CAMBRAI until the 21st June when it again returned to the MORLANCOURT Sector.

Quality. The moral of the 107th Division is fair but it is not a good fighting division.

108th Division.

Engagements. The 108th Division was on the Eastern Front - GALICIA - till the end of 1917. At the beginning of April of this year it came into the line at WINTERBERG in the VOSGES and was relieved on the 13th April and went into rest at JUVENCOURT.

It came into line on the SOMME front near MARCELCAVE at the beginning of May and relieved the Jager Division by sideslipping northwards about May 18th. The 265th R.I.R. suffered heavily during its tour in the line, particularly in our operation on the 10th June.

It was last identified on the 22nd. inst. and is probably now relieved.

Quality. The moral of the 108th Division is good. As a fighting division it is not of the best as it has spent most of its time on the RUSSIAN Front.

43rd Reserve Division.

Engagements. The 43rd Reserve Division was first engaged in October, 1914, in the First Battle of YPRES. Part of the division remained in BELGIUM, proceeding to SERBIA about July, 1915. The remainder of the division was seriously engaged in the fighting about SOUCHEZ during the French offensive. One regiment lost 26 officers and 1320 men during the fighting. About the beginning of July elements of the division took part in the Mackensen offensive in POLAND, and one regiment, during 4 months, lost 63 officers and 3511 men.

After a short spell in SERBIA, the division returned to the Western Front, and was heavily engaged in the VERDUN fighting in February and March, 1916. It took part in the German counter-offensive in RUSSIA in June. In 1917 the 43rd Reserve Division took part in the fighting on the CHEMIN DES DAMES (July and August, 1917) and suffered severe losses. After another tour in RUSSIA it returned to the Western Front and took part in the LYS advance remaining in the line near FESTUBERT till the end of April. It went into rest near CAMBRAI and trained for 3 weeks and came into the line in the MORLANCOURT Sector about the 21st inst.

Quality. The 43rd Reserve Division has always been considered a good fighting unit. It is drawn from the depots of guard regiments and consequently contains "human material" of good quality.

In the end of 1917 it was used as a special counter-attack division. Owing however, to its many engagements and heavy losses, it has frequently been reconstituted.

77th Reserve Division.

Engagements. The 77th Reserve Division was first engaged on the Eastern Front taking part in the fighting at the It proceeded later in the year to GALICIA where it remained till the beginning of 1917, when it went into line on the RIGA front. In January, 1918, the division was transferred to the Western Front being in reserve in LORRAINE and later went into line in the WOEVRE. It moved up to the SOMME front in April, 1918, and went into the line on the 23rd of that month in the VILLERS BRETONNEUX sector where it suffered heavily in our counter-attack on the 24th April, both in casualties and prisoners. It was withdrawn at the end of May and rested till the 17th June when it was again in the line in the HAMEL Sector. It has suffered severely from our gas and artillery shoots.

Quality. The 77th Reserve Division is of poor quality and the moral is not good. One regimental commander was removed during April for giving vent to utterances prejudicial to moral.

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MERICOURT.

Scale 1:40,000

FIELD SURVEY C. R. E. (3810) 18-6-18

PROBABLE DISPOSITIONS OF ENEMY TROOPS

Between DERNANCOURT & VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

1-7-18

LEGEND

1 Com. □

1 Batt. □

RESERVES

54TH R.D.

54TH DIV

1ST DIV

24TH R.D.

233RD DIV

In Reserve
at
Monrauban

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50th R.D.

231st R.I.R.

52nd R.I.R.

In Reserve

227th R.I.R. (Dispositions unknown)

In Reserve

? 232nd R.I.R.

? In Support

? In Reserve

201st R.I.R. (Dispositions unknown)

202nd R.I.R.

232nd R.I.R.

In Support

? In Support

419th I.R.

137th I.R.

? 265th R.I.R. (Dispositions unknown)

207th I.R.

? In Support

109th Div.

In Reserve
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Appendix 64

Corps Topo Section.



DISPOSABLE DISPOSITIONS
ENEMY
BROOKLYN

527 R.I.R. (Disposition known)
528 R.I.R.

529 R.I.R.
530 R.I.R.

425 B.D.V.
531 R.I.R. (Disposition known)

532 R.I.R.

533 R.I.R.

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"I have come here just for the very purpose of seeing the Australians. I am going back to-morrow to see my countrymen and tell them: 'I have seen the Australians. I have looked in their eyes. I know that these men who have fought great battles beside us in the cause of freedom will fight alongside us again until the cause of freedom for which we are battling is safe for us and for our children.'"

A.I.F. P.S. 670-7-18.

Appendix 64

24th Infantry Brigade.

H. G.

26th July 1918.

N° 7.589.

Order.

1. According to order N° 2845/3 of the
26th July the relief of the 3rd
Triaireux by the 3rd Louaers will
take place as follows:

Night 27th to 28th
Relief of Bon Basse (outpost line)
of the 3rd Triaireux by Bon
Thaligne (Reverse) of the 3rd Louaers.

Night 28th to 29th Lemoulant.
Relief of Bon ~~Thaligne~~ (main line)
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Appendix

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of the 1st *trai'leurs* by the
Bon Lagaret (main line) of the
 3rd *Louares*.

Relief of *Bat^{on}* de Bernard
 (Reverse of the 3rd *trai'leurs*) by
Bon Gody (outpost line) of the 3rd
Louares.

The Lt Colonels of the 3rd *Louares*
 and 3rd *trai'leurs* will make direct
 arrangement for relief of the Regiment
H.G. Company.

orders for reconnoitring and guides
 will be given directly by the
S.L.'s Regiment after arrangement.

III ² Lt Colonel Mondelli will
take command of the sub
secta Infantry the 29th July
at 8 a.m.

II After the relief, the 3rd
Maitheurs will come in Army
Reserve.

H. G and 1 Bon: Lt Fusien
2 Bous: Gury.

Signed: Colonel Thonys. L.
7th Brigade.

Musketry Report.

6th Inf Brigade A.I.F.
for month ending 30th June '18

While the Brigade Assembly was at Bertanconet the 30 Yards range was made use of each day all available men doing practice in grouping, application Rapid and Snap and also receiving instruction behind the range.

The long distance range was available to the Brigade Assembly for 2 days during the stay at Bertanconet.

During the first day all available men were practised in grouping at 100 yards and application and Rapid at 300 yards. On account of no targets being available on 2nd day improvised targets were put up and some interesting competitions between Companies were fired.

When the Brigade came out of the line to the Quenien area 30 Yards ranges were made use of by all Battalions and