

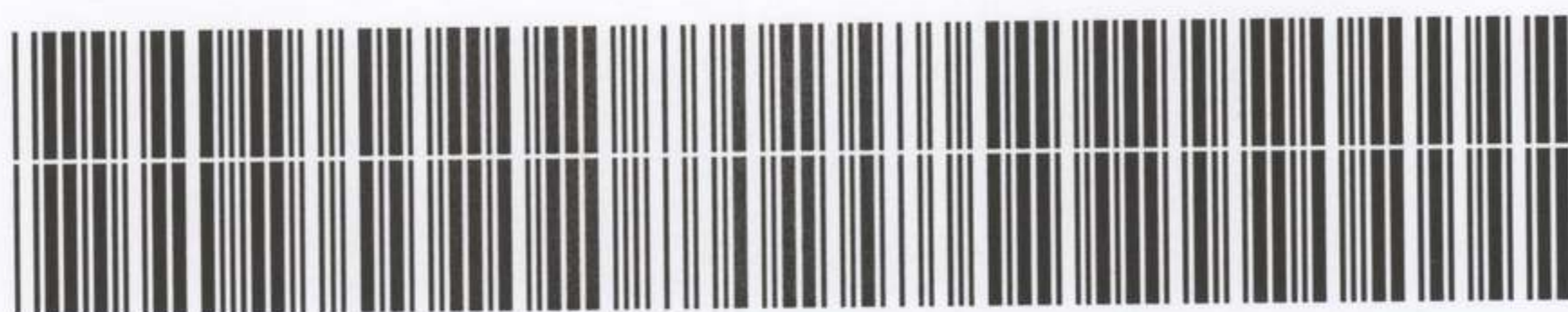
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OF

4th Australian Infantry Battalion,

FOR

Month of JULY 1918.

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| Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| 1 | | <p style="text-align: right;">8.30 AM till 12.30 PM.</p> <p>Fine day. Training programme carried out. One company at rifle range. 1st Aust Div Special Order received containing farewell message from Major General Sir H.B. Walker K.C.B. etc. on the eve of his departure.</p> | Reference MAP Sheet 27. |
| 2. | | Major Gen. T. Glasgow C.M.G. D.S.O. commanding 1 st Aust Div. visited and inspected the camp. Training carried on in morning. Cricket & Football in afternoon. | |
| 3. | | Training in morning. Mess Bn Sports meeting and concert in afternoon. | |
| 4. | | Training in morning. Games in afternoon. Forward parties sent to 10 th Bn in line S.E. of STRAZEELE. Co. visited 10 th Bn in evening. Competition between companies for the best guard completed. Won by 6. Coy. | |
| 5. | | Training in morning. Camp handed over to forward party of 10 th Bn in afternoon. Bn moved at 8 pm and relieved 10 th Bn in front line immediately West of MERRIS; two companies A on the right and C on the left in the front line B + D coys in support in trenches approx ¹⁵⁰⁰ 2000 yds in rear. Bn HQ. at Tuffis House E4 B99 (Sheet 36A). Relief complete by 12.45 am. | |
| 6 | | Bde Commander visited Bn HQ at about 11 am. and discussed a minor operation. At dusk the front line was reorganized into platoon posts each company. | |

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| FRONT LINE Strazeele Sector | 6 (cont) | Having three platoons holding the line and one platoon in support. all isolated small posts were done away with. No man's land was patrolled and enemy wire and posts located. Quiet during the day. | |
| | 7 | Before dawn the whole of No Man's Land was thoroughly patrolled especially on the left of the Bn sector. Lieut Court (A Coy) with three other ranks while reconnoitering located an enemy small post which was unoccupied with a M.G. mounted which was brought in. At 9 a.m. Lieut Court and three other ranks proceeded to an enemy post on the right of the Bn Sector and captured two of the enemy. In the evening Bde order was received to carry out an attack on a front of about 400 yds. Preparations were immediately put in hand and C. Coy. ordered to be prepared to do the attack on the night 9 th /10 th . Enemy activity normal shelling only. | |
| | 8 | During the night 7/8 front line was wired and dumps established for the attack; patrols again active; no enemy encountered. Quiet day. Good weather until evening of the 8 th when slight rain started to fall. Favourite localities such as Mont de Meuse farm house shelled by the enemy. | 2 20 |

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| FRONT LINE Strazeele Sector | 9 | | <p>During the night 8th/9th final preparations were made for the attack. Saps in the enemy wire were located and routes forward unconnected by command and percentage of attacking platoons. Quiet day. At dusk At dusk B Coy moved forward to position immediately in rear of 6. Coy. At 11.30 pm Barrage opened and C Coy, following it attacked the enemy who was found in greater strength than was expected, numerous small posts with machine guns being encountered. The centre platoon advanced to its objective and consolidated beating off counter attacks. The right platoon after dealing with opposition dug in on the objective line and beat off two counter attacks. The left platoon was held up after covering half the distance. Fighting kept on till dawn when the left platoon advanced and occupied enemy trenches on the objective line. Altogether 15 prisoners were captured and six machine guns. The estimated enemy dead was in the vicinity of one hundred. Our casualties were six other ranks killed and 3 off and 25 O.R. wounded. Touch was established with the 6th on the left who had also advanced their line. Enemy quiet during day.</p> | |
| | 10 | | | |

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| FRONT LINE 10 (Cont) | | | at 1 am D Company relieved A Coy in the right out sector without incidents. Normal enemy activity assumed. Advice received that Lieut | |
| Strazeele Sector. | | | Keith + Allen to be temporary Captain. Lieut Thomas returned from Intelligence School. Wiring done in front of new post after dusk. | |
| | 11 | | Patrolling activity as usual before dawn without incidents. Left part of the right company advanced about 70 yards to compare with advance of the left Coy. Quiet times: enemy not at all aggressive. At about midday a daylight patrol of the right (D) Coy brought in three prisoners. Other patrols were sent out during the afternoon and captured fourteen prisoners and two machine guns. A B Coy patrol captured 2 prisoners and 2 Germans wounded into our line after dark. At about 6 pm Capt A. Allen M.C. was seriously wounded by snip fire while arranging with post commanders for patrols and an advance of the line. The right part was advanced during the afternoon in conjunction with a forward movement of the 1 st Bn on the right. At dusk No 2 Post was advanced about 200 yards. | 4 4 |

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|------------------------------------|------|------|--|--------------------------------------|
| FRONT LINE Strazeele Sector. | 12 | | Mining done in front line before dawn also patrolling without incidents. Advanced parties of the 2 nd Bn arrived before dawn and were sent to companies. Very quiet day. Brigade, Division and Corps Commanders visited the Bn area at about midday. After dusk 2 nd Bn arrived in relief. | |
| | 13 | | Relief complete without incidents at 12.45. Bn moved back to Reserve near BORDRE and occupied billets. Working parties supplied in afternoon. Lieut Col Sasse returned from leave. | |
| | 14 | | Working parties supplied at 7 am. Quiet day. Officers of K.O.S.B. visited Bn in afternoon. | |
| | 15 | | Quiet day, good weather. Relieved at 3 pm by K.O.S.B. and moved to Camp at V 15 B. 8.3. near La Kreute taking over from South Wales Borderers. | |
| | 16 | | Coys reorganised, cleared up etc and camp organised. | |
| | 17 | | Coy parades in morning. Football + Cricket in afternoon. | |
| | 18 | | Training syllabus begun. Parades 9-12-30. Games in afternoon. | |

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| TENTED CAMP V. 15. B. 83 | 19 | | Training parade. 9-12.30. One bay at Rifle Range. Cricket and Football in afternoon. | |
| Near LA KREULE. | 20 | | Training parade 9-12.30. One bay at Rifle Range. Showery day. Heavy rain storm in afternoon. | |
| | 21 | | Weather good. Church Parade. | |
| | 22 | | Training + James. | |
| | 23 | | Training + James. | |
| | 24 | | Training + James. | |
| | 25 | | Training James. 1917 Bn March Boxes distributed to members of Bn. Cost defrayed from Regt Funds. | |
| | 26 | | Showery weather. Training carried on. | |
| | 27 | | Showery weather. Training carried on. | |
| | 28 | | Bde Church Parade. Bn represented by 10 officers + 160 other ranks. After church Gen. Bridgford presented medals and ribbons to officers + men awarded, and later addressed the Parade. | |
| | | | Bn played 33 rd Lane F. C. Cricket. Won by 150 runs. | |

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| Pacquinham | 31/7/18 | | <u>Officers</u> | |
| | | | <u>Headquarters</u> | <u>"B" Coy</u> |
| | | | Lieut C. D. Sisson DSO, C.O. | Lieut W. Robertson O.C. |
| | | | Major E. A. Poynter 2 nd Command | Lieut R. Crawford DCOY 2 nd Command |
| | | | Major E. K. White R.C. Adjutant | Lieut W. Cowley Platoon Commander |
| | | | Lieut G. D. Cambridge Asst. Adj. Lt. | Lieut J. H. Lane do do |
| | | | Lieut D. Smith Signal Officer | Lieut W. D. Grant do do |
| | | | Lieut J. H. Thomas Intelligence Officer | Lieut J. A. Robin do do |
| | | | Lieut H. E. Newland L. G. Officer | Lieut W. A. Ayton |
| | | | Lieut R. M. Tripp Transport Officer | <u>"C" Coy</u> |
| | | | Lieut E. R. Hawkins Asst. do | Capt R. A. Macalpine R.C. O.C. |
| | | | Staff Lieut L. Milroy Quartermaster | Lieut J. C. Mann 2 nd in Command |
| | | | <u>"A" Coy</u> | Lieut W. H. Eichel Platoon Commander |
| | | | Major F. W. Hewth O.C. | Lieut F. Beale do do |
| | | | Lieut H. Wilkerson 2 nd Command | do J. F. Arkinstall do do |
| | | | Lieut W. G. Green Platoon Commander | <u>"D" Coy</u> |
| | | | Lieut W. E. Back do | Lieut A. J. Malone O.C. |
| | | | do J. J. Perkins do | " W. B. Grey 2 nd in Command |
| | | | do J. J. Williams do | " E. R. Beale Platoon Commander |
| | | | Capt R. J. Henry R.M.S. | Lieut A. H. B. Cox do do |
| | " A. H. Buckenora do do | | | |
| | " A. F. Gordon do do | | | |
| | Capt R. H. Henry Captain | | | |

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| Racquingham | 3/7/18 | | <u>Officers at Schools</u> | |
| | | | Lieut H. A. Parkes 15 th Corps School | |
| | | | 7 Lieut A. A. F. Gluth 15 th Corps School | |
| | | | Lieut J. F. Barnes 2 nd Army Central School | |
| | | | <u>Ration Strength</u> | |
| | | | Headquarters 10 Officers 123 Other Ranks | |
| | | | A. Company 6 do 115 do | |
| | | | B. Company 7 do 104 do | |
| | | | C. Company 5 do 115 do | |
| | | | D. Company 6 do 123 do | |
| | | | Transport 2 do 45 do | |
| | | | <u>Total 36 Officers 625 Other Ranks</u> | |

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Daily Fighting Strength For Month of July

| Day | Offs | O/Ranks | Day | Offs | O/Ranks | Day | Offs | O/Ranks | Day | Offs | O/Ranks |
|--------------|------|---------|-----|------|---------|-----|------|---------|-----|------|---------|
| 1 | 46 | 748 | 9 | 47 | 724 | 17 | 44 | 718 | 25 | 45 | 774 |
| 2 | 46 | 750 | 10 | 45 | 719 | 18 | 44 | 718 | 26 | 45 | 771 |
| 3 | 46 | 755 | 11 | 45 | 681 | 19 | 44 | 727 | 27 | 45 | 778 |
| 4 | 46 | 750 | 12 | 44 | 676 | 20 | 44 | 737 | 28 | 45 | 774 |
| 5 | 48 | 757 | 13 | 44 | 669 | 21 | 44 | 737 | 29 | 45 | 789 |
| 6 | 48 | 735 | 14 | 44 | 669 | 22 | 44 | 737 | 30 | 45 | 789 |
| 7 | 47 | 730 | 15 | 44 | 670 | 23 | 44 | 739 | 31 | 45 | 794 |
| 8 | 47 | 726 | 16 | 44 | 699 | 24 | 44 | 773 | - | - | - |

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Daily Effective Strength for Month of Study.

| Day. | offs | O/Ranks | Day | offs. | O/Ranks | Day | Offs. | O/Ranks. | Day. | Offs. | O/Ranks. |
|------|------|---------|-----|-------|---------|-----|-------|----------|------|-------|----------|
| 1 | 39 | 635 | 9 | 30 | 558 | 17 | 33 | 611 | 25 | 32 | 630 |
| 2 | 38 | 630 | 10 | 28 | 548 | 18 | 33 | 618 | 26 | 32 | 609 |
| 3 | 38 | 631 | 11 | 29 | 522 | 19 | 32 | 620 | 27 | 32 | 609 |
| 4 | 36 | 631 | 12 | 28 | 516 | 20 | 31 | 590 | 28 | 34 | 614 |
| 5 | 38 | 629 | 13 | 28 | 515 | 21 | 31 | 589 | 29 | 34 | 629 |
| 6 | 31 | 579 | 14 | 28 | 513 | 22 | 33 | 597 | 30 | 32 | 619 |
| 7 | 30 | 569 | 15 | 27 | 513 | 23 | 31 | 587 | 31 | 33 | 624 |
| 8 | 30 | 558 | 16 | 32 | 581 | 24 | 32 | 624 | | | |

APPENDIX

4th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION, ORDER NO. 53.Battalion Headquarters,
7/6/18.REFERENCE MAP - MESSINES - 1:20,000.

1. The Battalion will relieve portions of the 5th. & 6th. Aust. Battalions in the line on the night 8th. 9th. inst.
 2. (a) "C" Company will be in the line on the right, relieving half of No. 6 post and No. 7, 8 & 9 posts of "D" Company 6th. Battalion.
"A" Company will be in the line on the left, relieving No. 1, 2, 3 & 4 posts of "B" Company 5th. Battalion.
"D" Company will be Battalion Support relieving two Platoons of "C" Company 5th. Battalion in W. 24. D. and placing the remaining two Platoons in the WORD HELP LOOP in W. 30. C & A.
Complete dispositions etc. are shown on attached map.
"B" Company will occupy trench running parallel with road running from W. 23. B. 4. 2. in the direction of ELITE HILL relieving portion of 8th. Battalion.
 - (b) The Battalion will move to the relief in the order N. re "C", "A", "D" & "B" Companies at 9.15 p.m. in small parties of not more than 12 with a distance between parties of 50 yds.
 - (c) "A" & "D" Companies will meet guides of 5th. Battalion at 5th. Battalion R.A.P. at W. 24. A. 5. 7.
"C" Company will meet guides from 6th. Battalion at W. 23. C. 4. 2.
"B" Company will make its own arrangements.
Guides will be at the rate of one per post.
 - (d) Companies will be allotted to posts in such a manner as to enable one Platoon to be retained in close support at Company Headquarters.
 - (e) Combined posts will be established as follows -
(i) At B. 6. B. 6. 7. to consist of half a Platoon of "C" Company and Lewis Guns and half a Platoon and Officer of 6th. Battalion.
(ii) At the junction of the WORD HELP LOOP Line with the Western Battalion Boundary at approximately W. 30. C. 5. 9. and to consist of one Section of "D" Coy. and one Section of 6th. Battalion.
 - (f) Advance parties of one Officer per company and one N.C.O. per Platoon will proceed forward on the night 7th. 8th. and take over the Defence Scheme and Trench Stores of Unit relieved.
Advance parties will also participate in all patrols etc. and make themselves thoroughly conversant with the whole front.
 - (g) Company Commanders will make a personal reconnaissance of their positions on the night 7th. 8th. and select a suitable Headquarters in the vicinity of their positions notifying the location and nature of same to Battalion Headquarters by 8 a.m. on the 8th. inst.
They will also visit the Companies they are relieving and make all necessary arrangements for combined posts mentioned in para (e)
- The Officers Commanding "A" & "C" Companies will also ensure a mutual understanding as to their inter Company Boundaries
- (h) Companies will move by the most practicable route from their present positions to the points where guides are to be met.
Companies will keep well clear of STRASBLES.

(1) Battalion Headquarters will be located at W.22.D.9.8.

3. Original Company Commanders disposition sketches, separate receipts in duplicate for (i) Defense Scheme and Maps, (ii) Trench stores taken over, Requisitions for R.S. material S.A.A. and Bombs required, and a report and sketch giving the condition and nature of wire covering the front, will be forwarded to reach Battalion Headquarters by 4 a.m. on the 9th. inst.

4. Instructions re -
 (i) Administrative arrangements,
 (ii) Line policy, Patrols etc.
 (iii) Works programme,
 will be issued separately.

5. Completion of relief will be notified by Code wire.

6. A_C_K_N_O_W_L_E_D_G_E.

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2/6/18.REFERENCE MAP - Sheet 27 S.E. 1:40,000.

1. (a) The Battalion will be relieved by the 5th. Australian Battn. on the 27th. inst. and night 27/28th.
- (b) On relief, Companies will move to a tented camp at V.15.B.8.3.
- (c) Relief will probably commence about 9.30 p.m.
2. The route to the new location will be as follows :-
W.13.D.1.3. - V.16.B.8.5. to camp.
3. Special care will be taken to ensure that trenches are left in a clean and sanitary condition and a certificate that this has been done will be procured from the incoming Companies and forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 9 a.m. 28th. inst.
4. Trench stores will be handed over and receipts in duplicate obtained and forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 9 a.m. on the 28th. inst.
5. Completion of relief will be notified as quickly as possible by sending the words "Nomine Quarta".

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4th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
4/7/18.

10th. BATTALION DISPOSITIONS.

Battalion Headquarters - E.4.b.9.9.

Company Dispositions.

| Post No. | Location. | Right Line Coy. | | Remarks. |
|----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| | | | Strength. | |
| 1 day | E.6.c.88.28. | 2 H.C.O's. | 6 men | 1 L.G. S.O.S. |
| 1a night | E.6.c.88.50. | 1 | 3 | 1 L.G. |
| 1b | E.6.d.10.62. | 1 | 6 | 1 L.G. |
| 2 day | E.6.d.35.37. | 1 Officer | 21 | 2 L.G's. S.O.S. |
| 3 | E.6.d.60.60. | 1 | 18 | 1 L.G. |

| <u>Company Supports.</u> | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|--------|------------------------|
| 1 support | E.6.c.95.75. | 1 H.C.O. | 8 | by night S.O.S. |
| 2 | E.6.d.10.80. | 1 Officer | 13 | plus 1a by day. 1 L.G. |
| Company Headquarters | E.6.a.80.20. | 1 Officer. | 19 men | plus 1b by day. S.O.S. |

| <u>Left Line Coy.</u> | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Coy. H. Crs. | E.6.a.95.20. | | | S.O.S. |
| 4 day | E.6.d.60.85. | 1 Platoon | | 2 L.G's. S.O.S. |
| 5 | E.6.b.70.30. | 2 Sections | | 1 |
| 6 | E.6.b.80.45. | 2 | | 1 |
| 6a | E.6.b.93.53. | 1 | | 1 |
| 4a night | E.6.b.63.05. | 1 | (from No 3 support) | 1 |

| <u>Company Supports.</u> | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|---------------|
| 3 support | E.6.b.40.25. | 1 Platoon by day. | | 2 L.G. S.O.S. |
| 4 | E.6.b.65.53. | 3 Sections by night | | 1 L.G. |
| | | 3 | | 1 L.G. |

Coy. Hdqrs. W.29.d.1.2. Support Companies.
(BOTRA FARM).

At present ~~are~~ ^{have} Coys. each ~~are~~ 3 Platoons occupying support line from - E.4.b.50.00. to W.30.a.2.2.

P. K. White
..... Capt. & Adjt.
4th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

4th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 71.

Battalion Headquarters,
4/7/18.

REFERENCE MAPS - Sheets 27 S.E. & 36a N.E. - 1:25,000.

1. (a) The Battalion will relieve the 10th. Aust. Inf. Battalion in the line on the night 5th/6th. July.
 (b) Companies will relieve as follows :-
 "A" Coy. - Line right relieving "A" Coy. 10th. Bn.
 "C" Coy. - Line left relieving "B" Coy. 10th. Bn.
 "D" Coy. - Support right relieving "D" Coy. 10th. Bn.
 "B" Coy. - Support left relieving "G" Coy. 10th. Bn.
 (c) The Battalion will leave the present camp at 8 p.m. in the order Headquarters, A, C, D, B, Companies at 8 p.m.
 (d) The route will be as follows :-
 X roads V.16.b.6.4. - X roads V.11.c.1.4. - X roads W.13.c.9.4.
 - Road junction W.20.a.10.9. - FRABELLES - Road junction W.27.b.8.5.
 thence across country past Battalion Headquarters at B.4.b.9.9.
 (e) West of the BOHRE - HAZEBROUCK Railway Companies will move as Companies with 100 yards distance between.
 East of above Railway Companies will move by Platoons at 100 yards distance.
 After FRABELLES, Companies will move in small parties of not more than 12 men in file.
2. Advance parties of one Officer per Company & Headquarters and one N.C.O. per Platoon will proceed by 8 p.m. today.
3. Details of the present disposition of 10th. Battalion Coys. are issued herewith together with a map.
 These dispositions will for the present be adhered to.
4. Triplicate separate receipts for Trench Stores, Defence Scheme and Maps taken over will be forwarded to reach Battalion Hdqrs. by 4 a.m. on the 6th. inst.
5. Completion of relief will be notified by wiring the word "DINKUM".
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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.....Capt & Adjt.
4th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.Battalion Headquarters,
4/7/18.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED WITH BATTALION ORDER No. 71.

1. Rations for the 6th. will be issued prior to moving from the present location.
Rations for all succeeding days will be delivered as follows:-
For the two front line Companies by mule in hot food containers to S.6.a.77.30. by 10.30 p.m.
For Support Companies to W.29.c.6.1. in hot food containers by limber at 10 p.m.
2. Water at the rate of 20 tins per Company will be delivered to Coys. nightly, being dumped at the Support Coy. ration dumps.
The respective support companies will supply carrying parties of 1 H.C. O. & 4 men to carry water to the line Company.
Every possible effort must be made to return petrol tins to the dump and this will be the responsibility of the carrying party.
Water for the 6th. will be delivered as above.
3. Lewis Guns will be dumped in Company dumps at the present location by 7 p.m. on the 5th. inst. when one limber per Company will report.
This limber must travel with the Company and will reissue guns to Coys. at road junction W.27.b.8.5.
4. Packs labeled with the mans name, number and Battalion will be dumped in Company dumps at the present location by 4 p.m. Shaving gear will be retained.
The C.M. will arrange necessary Guard and cover.
The packs of men selected for schools will be retained.
5. Lists of Officers and men who are to form the Battalion Nucleus Company will be sent to Companies and personnel selected will parade at Battalion Orderly Room at 11.45 a.m. on the 5th. inst.
O/ranks remaining out on account of leave and schools will retain their packs.
6. Works reports, Intelligence sketches, original Company Commanders disposition sketches, requisitions for R.A. material, requisitions for Ammunition and bombs, Receipts for Trench Stores handed and taken over and all daily returns will be forwarded to reach Battalion Headquarters by 4 a.m. daily.
7. Immediately on taking over, the reserve R.A.A., Bombs etc., will be checked and requisitions to complete the following reserve forwarded at 4 a.m. on the 5th. inst:-

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| R.A.A. | 200 rounds per man. |
| | 3000 " " L.O. |
| Mills Bombs | 2 per man. |
| Rifle Grenades | 2 |
| S.O.S. | 2 " Officer's Post. |
| | 4 " Coy. Hdqrs. |
| Very lights | 1 doz. per Officers post & Coy. H.Q. |
| Water | 1 quart per man. |
8. The C.M. will arrange to issue the following at 4 p.m. on 5th. inst.
 - 5 Very Pistols per Company.
 - 1 Periscope per Company.
 - 1 Reaping Hook per Platoon.
 - 1 Primus Stove and kerosene per Company.
9. All Sporting gear will be returned to Lieut. A.S. ALLEN by 10 a.m. on the 5th. inst.
The C.M. will arrange to remove same to C.M. Store.

(2)

10. A change of Socks will be sent up on the night 9/10th. inst.

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.....Capt. & Adjt.
4th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

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List of Officers & O.R. of
Newlands Battalion 6/7/18

- Lieut H Witherson ✓
- Plim S Bass JCM ✓
- Lieut J H Lane ✓
- Lieut W A Perkes ✓
- " V D Grant ✓
- " H E Howland (not at Newlands)
- 2206 Smith (Cookman) ✓
- Lieut G H Quar ✓
- 1448 Pte Brock J ✓
- 2646 " Milton O.P. ✓
- 3333 " Hammond J ✓
- 3240 " Steppell L.H. ✓
- 2847 " Walters J ✓
- 7044 " Reid J.G. ✓
- 3170 Sgt Mahy J.F. ✓
- 7869 Cpl Webber H.W. ✓
- 5047 Pte Bruce J. ✓
- 3296 Sgt Dennis L.H. ✓
- 6505 Pte Thompson L ✓
- 6040 Cpl Serove A.J. ✓
- 453 Sgt Miller R ✓
- 2438 Cpl Rogers E ✓
- 2879 Sgt Thornton H ✓
- 6726 Cpl D'Elboux A.H. ✓

| Serial | Rank | Name | Regiment | Notes | ✓ |
|--------|-------|-------------|----------|------------|---|
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| 5240 | . | Wynne J. | | } Premiers | ✓ |
| 6390 | . | Fox wa | | | ✓ |
| 4349 | . | Monaghan Th | | | ✓ |
| 6731 | . | Davis | | | ✓ |
| 1329 | Sgt | Pearson | L.S. | | ✓ |
| 4612 | Lieut | Quinlan | Lt | | ✓ |
| 2568 | Plt | Brown | Lt | | ✓ |
| 2558 | . | Barrett | Lt | | ✓ |
| 6468 | . | Burwood | R | | ✓ |
| 6470 | . | Brady | R | | ✓ |
| 3334 | . | Tollins | at | | ✓ |
| 4479 | . | Durkin | RN | | ✓ |
| 1004 | . | Woody J. | | | ✓ |
| 6265 | . | Ellis J. | | | ✓ |
| 7469 | . | Ford | Lt | | ✓ |
| 2595 | . | Norton | Lt | | ✓ |
| 7053 | . | Spink | Lt | | ✓ |
| 4627 | . | Shost | at | | ✓ |
| 6005 | . | Lyftho | DD | | ✓ |
| 1770 | . | Herman | at | | ✓ |
| 1459 | . | James | am | | ✓ |
| 2898 | . | McCulloch | W | | ✓ |
| 1179 | . | W. Dougal | at | | ✓ |
| 5740 | . | W. G. G. G. | Lt | | ✓ |
| 1599 | . | W. Sweeney | at | | ✓ |
| 5748 | . | Marchant | RN | | ✓ |

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| 5752 | Lie Morrison | 9 | ✓ |
| 6769 | Pte Newman | 11 | ✓ |
| 7376 | " Thomas | E 16 | ✓ |
| 5477 | " Williamson | 19 | ✓ |
| 7545 | " Wood | 14 | ✓ |
| 1782 | " Curran | 14 | ✓ |
| 7453 | " Cherry | 16 (Not at Anzac) | ✓ |
| 4571 | " Ford | 14 | ✓ |
| 2005 | " O'Brien | 14 (Patrol) | ✓ |
| 6054 | " Hopper | 14 (Band For King) A | ✓ |
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4TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION, ORDER NO. 72.

Battalion Headquarters.
8/7/18.

REFERENCE MAP SHEETS 17.8 E & 36a. N E 20000.

- (1) (a) At a Zero hour and day to be notified later the battalion in conjunction with the 6th Australian Infantry Battalion on the left will advance the front line to the line B.6.B.7.5. P.1.C.1.9.-P.1.A.2.2. and establish three posts at approximately the following locations:- P.1.C.1.9.-P.1.A.3.0. and P.1.A.30.45.
- (b) "C" Company will carry out the attack using three platoons for the attack and holding one in close support.
- (2) (a) At least 50% of the platoons carrying out the operation will patrol to the enemy's wire prior to the operation.
- (b) Tapes showing the routes of approach as far as the enemy's wire will be laid at dusk on Zero day under arrangements to be made by the Officer Commanding "C" Company.
- (c) On the night prior to the operation lanes will be cut in the wire opposite the objective and given a distinguishing mark.
- (3) (a) At Zero minus 30 minutes "B" Company will have moved forward and occupied the positions to be vacated by "C" Company.
- (b) "C" Company will be in position under the enemy's wire at Zero minus 15 minutes.
- (4) Attacking platoons will advance as fighting patrols covered by scouts.
- (5) At Zero the 18 pounders and Stokes Mortars will bombard all known enemy posts and machine gun positions on the immediate front of the attack.
The following will be the Barrage table:-
 - (a) Zero to Zero plus 4 lifts on posts etc as stated above.
 - (b) Zero plus 4 lifts 50 yards.
 - (c) Zero plus 5 lifts 50 yards.
 - (d) Zero plus 7 lifts 100 yards.
 - (e) Zero plus 8 lifts to protective barrage line 150 yards in advance of objective.
 - (f) Zero plus 20 minutes Field Artillery will search enemy tracks roads etc, in the immediate rear of the protective barrage line Eight Stokes Mortars will be placed in position and will bombard enemy posts and machine gun positions till Zero plus 4 then thickening the artillery barrage to Zero plus 7 and ceasing.
- (5a) The Vickers Machine guns will co-operate.
- (6) (a) Lieut. A.L. Malone. will act as liaison Officer with the left Battalion.
- (b) "C" Company will arrange for a reliable N.C.O and one man to move forward with the right company of the left Battalion.
- (7) (a) An advanced Battalion report centre will be established in trench at B.6.A.8.3.
- (b) "B" Company will notify that they have occupied the "C" Company positions by wiring the word "READY".
- (c) "C" Company will notify completion of assembly by wiring the words "TAILS UP".
- (d) Capture of objectives will be notified by runner, wire or any other available means to the advance Battalion report centre by sending the words "NOMINE QUARTUS".
- (e) Capture of objective will be indicated by firing the rifle Grenade Signal Red over Red over Red. Every effort must be made to notify capture of objective as quickly as possible.
- (8) Administrative instructions etc will be issued separately.

- (9) Watches will be synchronised at Six, Two, and one hour before
 (10) Acknowledge.

EK White
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ADDENDA TO

4TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION, ORDER NO. 72.

Battalion Headquarters.

8/7/18.

- (1) Para 5 of Battalion Order No. 72. is Cancelled. The map issued herewith shows the following:-
- (a) The jumping-off line.
 - (b) The initial barrage which will dwell for two minutes.
 - (c) The first lift which is on to the objective line.
 - (d) The objective line and the approximate position of the posts which will be established.
 - (e) The second lift of the barrage to where it dwells until Zero plus 30 for protective purposes.
 - (f) French Mortar targets from Zero to Zero plus 4 and subsequent to Zero plus 4.
 - (g) Targets for 4.5 Hows. from Zero to Zero plus 4 and subsequently.
- (2) Attacking platoons will form up in shell holes on and behind the jumping-off line and at Zero will close on the barrage. Troops destined to garrison the present front line posts will be sheltered behind the assaulting troops and moved into these posts immediately after Zero.
- (3) A slight alteration in the Northern boundary will take place - the East and West road in P.L.A. (inclusive to the 2nd Brigade) will form the new boundary. The 6th Battalion will advance and establish their right post on the farm P.L.A. 55.40. Definite contact with this post will be established by "G" Company.
- (4) The operation will take place on the night 9th/10th instant - Zero hour will be 11.30 p.m.
- (5) A_K_N_O_W_L_E_D_G_A.

A.K. White
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4TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION. ORDER NO. 73.

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- (1) "A" & "D" Companies will exchange dispositions on the night 9th/10th instant, at a time to be mutually arranged ~~between~~ ~~Company Commanders~~ after 12.15 a.m. Between Company Commanders.
- (2) Completion of relief will be notified by code wire.
- (3) A_C_K_N_O_W_L_E_D_G_E.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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DEFENSIVE MAP SHEETS 27.9 N.E. & 30a. N.E. 1/20000.

- (1) "B" Company will relieve "C" company in the front line by mutual arrangement to be made between the Company Commanders concerned at some time after 11 p.m. on the night 10th/11th.
- (2) After the completion of above relief "A" company will send one platoon to support "B" company and to be located in the trench at present occupied by "B" company Headquarter Details.
- (3) In carrying out the relief "B" company will so arrange that a Lewis gun and 4 additional men are placed in the right post of the left Battalion, thus making a total of 5 men and a M.C.C.
- (4) Evening meals will be taken at the present location prior to relief.
- (5) Relief will be notified by code wire.

W. White
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4TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION, (FORM NO. 75)Battalion Headquarters.
12/7/18OPERATIONAL MAP SHEET 16a.H.S.S.27.E.S.1/20000.

- (1) The Battalion will be relieved in the line by the 2nd Australian Infantry Battalion, on the night 12th/13th inst, and on relief will become BRIGADE RESERVE taking over the present dispositions of the 3rd Australian Infantry Battalion.
- (2) (a) Companies of the 2nd Battalion will relieve companies of this Battalion as follows:-
 "C" Company 2nd Battalion relieve "D" Coy 4th Battalion.
 "D" Company 2nd Battalion relieve "B" Coy 4th Battalion.
 "B" Company 2nd Battalion relieve "C" Coy 4th Battalion.
 "A" Company 2nd Battalion relieve "A" Coy 4th Battalion.
- (b) Each line company will send one guide per post to report to Battalion Headquarters at 10.p.m. sharp.
 The support companies will send two guides each to report as above.
- (c) On relief one guide per Company will be met at road junction W.27.b.8.5. and guide companies to their new locations.
- (d) One N.C.O per company will be sent to report to opposite companies of the 3rd Battalion as advance party by 12 noon to-day.
- (e) Advance parties of 2nd Australian Battalion will move to all companies to-night, (night 11th/12th).
- (3) The line company reliefs will be covered by protective patrols.
- (4) Trench stores, maps etc will be handed over, receipts in duplicate obtained and forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 11.a.m. on 13th inst.
- (5) Completion of relief will be notified by code wire as quickly as possible.
- (6) ACKNOWLEDGES.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters.

12/7/18.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED WITH BATTALION ORDER NO. 75.

- (1) On relief Lewis guns will be placed in a limber which will be waiting at Battalion Headquarters.
The limber must travel with the company and will re-issue guns to companies immediately on arrival at new location.
- (2) Four hot food containers per company containing stew will be issued prior to the relief. The remainder of the rations will be delivered to the new locations.
- (3) Lists of trench stores to be handed over will be prepared and forwarded to reach Battalion Headquarters by 12 noon to-day. Lists will include all H.M. material at company dumps, petrol and all hot food containers which have not been returned including the four per company sent up with the hot meal prior to the relief.
As many petrol tins as possible will be handed over.
Ficks and shovels will be collected in to company dumps.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER NO. 76.

Battalion Headquarters,
July 14th 1918.

REFERENCE MAP SHEETS 27. 1/40000.

- (1) The Battalion will be relieved on the 15th inst. by the 1st K.O.S.B. and on relief will move to camp at 9.15.A.
- (2) On relief companies will move independently as companies to the new location.
- (3) Completion of relief will be notified by sending the words, "WHO WANTS LEAVE".
- (4) ACKNOWLEDGE.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 77.

Battalion Headquarters
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REFERENCE MAP - Sheets 27 & 36a - 1:40,000.

1. On the 30th. inst. the Battalion will move by March Route to the RAGQUINCHEN Area and take over the 6th. Australian Infantry Battalion Camp at B.20.a.O.1. (Sheet 36a N.W.)
2. (a) The Battalion will pass the Starting Point (V.22.c.3.6.) in the order, Headquarters, "C", "B", "D", "A" Coy. and Transport.
(b) 100 yards distance will be maintained between Headquarters, Companies and Transport.
(c) The Battalion will march from the present location at 6.30 am.
(d) The Route will be via LES CING RUES - WALLON CAPPEL - LYNNE thence by shortest route to Camp.
3. "A" Company will detail a rear party of 2/Lieut. PERKINS, one H.Q.O. and 10 men to march 50 yards in rear of the last Company.
4. Certificates that Camps have been left in a clean and sanitary condition will be forwarded to reach Battalion Headquarters by 8.15 am on the 30th. inst.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. K. White
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4th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 100.Brigade Headquarters,
25th. June, 1918.

MAP REFERENCE, SHEET 27.S.E. 1/20,000.

1. The Brigade will be relieved on the 27th. and night 27th/28th. inst. by the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade in accordance with the table overleaf.
2. All maps, documents and information of value to incoming Units will be handed over. Trench Stores will similarly be handed over and receipts obtained.
3. Advance parties will move in on the night 26th/27th. and take part in patrols, etc. on that night.
4. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
5. The 1st. Brigade Nucleus will disband at 1 p.m. 27th. inst., move to new locations of their respective Units and pitch the Camp. Battalions will arrange for a Senior Officer to take over Camp Kit when it arrives and to prepare Camp for the arrival of the Unit.
6. Brigade Headquarters will close at present location on completion of relief and re-open at V.L.O.A.S.O. at the same hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE.*A. J. Curran*

Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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| | 10. | 2nd. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 11. | 3rd. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 12. | 4th. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 13. | 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty. |
| | 14. | Nucleus Battalion. |
| | 15. | No. 2 Coy., A.A.S.C. |
| | 16. | 1st. Field Coy., A.E. |
| | 17. | 2nd. Aust. M.G. Coy. |
| | 18. | 1st. Aust. Pioneer Bn. |
| | 19. | 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| | 20. | 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| | 21. | 26th. Infantry Brigade. |
| | 22. | 1st. Aust. Division. "G". |
| | 23. | 1st. Aust. Division. "Q". |

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RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No.100.

| DATE. | UNIT. | TO | ON RELIEF BY |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| June 27th. | 1st.Aust.Battalion. | V.14.C.5.5. | 5th.Aust.Battalion. |
| Night of June 27/28th. | 4th.Aust.Battalion. | V.15.B.8.3. | 5th.Aust.Battalion. |
| do | 3rd.Aust.Battalion. | V.17.C.9.1. | 8th.Aust.Battalion. |
| do | 2nd.Aust.Battalion. | V.23.B.2.8. | 7th.Aust.Battalion. |
| do | 1st.Aust.L.T.M.Bty. | V.20.A.8.3. | 2nd.Aust.L.T.M.Bty. |

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
26th. June, 1918.

- 1st. Aust. Battalion.
 - 2nd. Aust. Battalion.
 - 3rd. Aust. Battalion.
 - 4th. Aust. Battalion.
 - 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
-



Administrative instructions in connection with
1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No.100.

1. Transport will remain in present locations.
2. Trench and area Stores will be handed over and a copy of receipt sent to reach Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours of relief. This return will include all hot food containers, etc. handed over at Wagon lines.
 Units will not hand over any reaping hooks and bills hooks that are part of their establishment.
 Receipts for Reserve Rations will be obtained on the authorised pro-forma (copies attached), Number of cases, not rations, will be given.
3. Packs will be delivered on 27th. instant at the following locations :-

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1st. Battalion. | V.14.C.4.4. |
| 4th. Battalion. | V.21.B. Central. |
| 2nd. and 3rd.) | V.22.B.0.2. |
| Battalions.) | |
| L.T.M. Battery) | V.15.D.2.1. |
| & Bde. Hdqrs.) | |

Units concerned will arrange to have a guard ready at locations given, on morning of 27th. to receive packs.
4. The Brigade Guard Room will be broken up on the morning of the 27th. and the prisoners handed over to O.C. respective Battalion Nucleus Companies.

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Capt..

Staff Captain, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 101.Brigade Headquarters,
4th. July, 1918.REFERENCE MAPS, SHEETS 27 & 36A. 1/40,000.

1. On July 5th. and night 5th/6th. July 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade in the line in accordance with the table over-leaf.
2. The usual relief procedure will be maintained and completion be reported to Brigade Headquarters.
3. Advance parties will move into the line to-night.
4. Copies of receipts for Trench Stores, etc. will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters on July 6th.
5. The Nucleus Battalion will be reformed; Major A.K. MACKENZIE, M.C., 1st. Aust. Battalion, is appointed to Command.
Battalion Nucleus will report to the C.O., Nucleus Battalion, at V.8.D.4.4. at 1 p.m. July 5th.
6. Brigade Headquarters will close at present location at 9 p.m. on July 5th. and open at W.25.A.5.8. at the same hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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| | 12. | 2nd. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 13. | 3rd. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 14. | 4th. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 15. | 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty. |
| | 16. | 1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion. |
| | 17. | 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| | 18. | 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| | 19. | No. 2 Coy., A.A.S.C. |
| | 20. | 93rd. Infantry Brigade. |

RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 101.

| UNIT. | Unit to be relieved. | Hdqs. on Relief. | Remarks. |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| 1st. Battalion. | 12th. Battalion. | E.3.C.0.8. | |
| 4th. Battalion. | 10th. Battalion. | E.4.B.9.9. | |
| 2nd. Battalion. | 11th. Battalion. | W.21.C.1.7. | Units will move in in small parties. |
| 3rd. Battalion. | 9th. Battalion. | V.24.D.4.6. | No movement EAST of the Reserve line will take place before 10 p.m. |
| 1st. L.T.H. Bty. | 3rd. L.T.H. Bty. | W.28.A.3.7. | |
| 1st. Brigade Nucleus. | 3rd. Brigade Nucleus. | V.8.D.4.4. | |

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 102.Brigade Headquarters,
7th. July, 1918.REFERENCE MAP SHEET 27, S.E. 1/20,000.

1. The 4th. Aust. Battalion, in conjunction with the 6th. Aust. Battalion on the left, will advance the front line to the line R.F.D.7.5.-F.1.C.1.9.-F.1.A.2.2., and there consolidate.
2. Zero night and hour will be notified separately.
3. The 1st. L.T.M. Battery is placed at the disposal of the Battalion for the operation. Such Artillery support as is required will be arranged for direct through the F.A. liaison at Battalion Headquarters.
4. Commanding Officer, 4th. Aust. Battalion, will submit a copy of his orders as soon as possible.

ACKNOWLEDGE.*Amkautchun*

Major.

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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| | 2-4. | War Diary. |
| | 5. | G.O.C. |
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| | 7. | Staff Captain. |
| | 8. | Signal Officer. |
| | 9. | 1st. Aust. Division, "G". |
| | 10. | 1st. Aust. Division, "Q". |
| | 11. | 1st. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 12. | 2nd. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 13. | 3rd. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 14. | 4th. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 15. | 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty. |
| | 16. | Nucleus Battalion. |
| | 17. | 1st. Aust. M.G. Battalion. |
| | 18. | 3rd. Aust. M.G. Company. |
| | 19. | 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| | 20. | 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| | 21. | 92nd. Infantry Brigade. |
| | 22. | 1st. Field Coy., A.E. |

ADDENDA TO1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 102.

Brigade Headquarters,
8th. July, 1918.

1. A map issued herewith sets out :-

- (a) The Jumping-off line,
- (b) The initial barrage which will dwell for two minutes.
- (c) The first lift which is on to the objective line.
- (d) The objective line and the approximate position of the posts which will be established.
- (e) The second lift of the barrage to where it dwells until Zero plus 30 for protective purposes.
- (f) Trench Mortar targets from Zero to Zero plus 4 and subsequent to Zero plus 4.
- (g) Targets for 4.5 Hows. from Zero to Zero plus 4 and subsequently.

2. ^{Attacking Skeleton} Assaulting troops will form up in shell holes on and behind the jumping-off line and at Zero will close on the barrage.

Troops destined to garrison the present front line posts will be sheltered behind the assaulting troops and moved into these posts ^{immediately} after Zero at the discretion of the Company Commander.

3. A slight alteration in the Northern boundary will take place - the East and West road in F.L.A., (inclusive to the 2nd. Brigade) will form the new boundary.

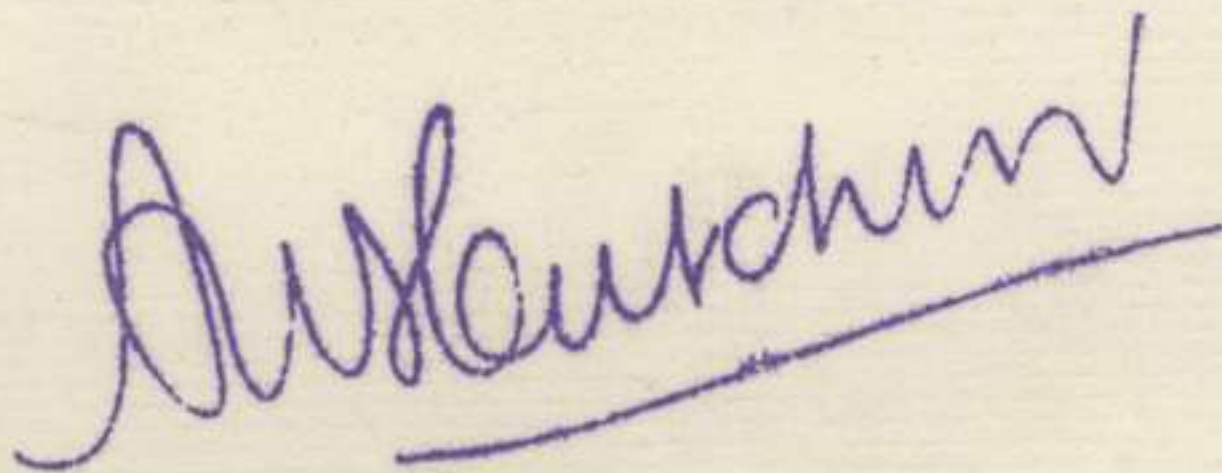
The 8th. Battalion will advance and establish their right post in the Farm F.L.A. 55.40. Definite contact with this post will be established by the 4th. Battalion. ^{c. Coy.}

4. Progress reports as to the preparations for the attack will be submitted by the C.O., 4th. Aust. Battalion, and O.C., 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Battery by special runner at 8 p.m. on the night 9th/10th. instant.

5. The operation will take place on the night 9th/10th. instant - Zero hour will be 11.30 p.m.

6. Watches will be synchronised with Brigade Signals at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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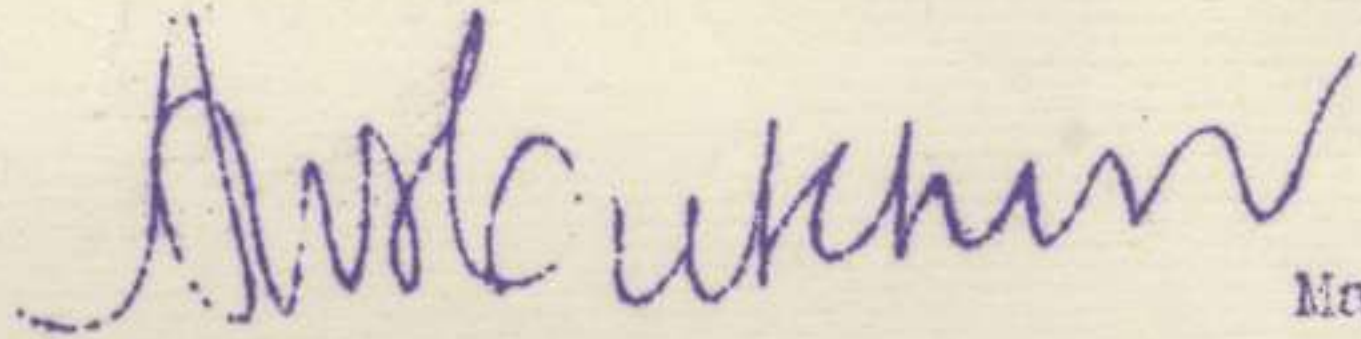
1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 103.

Brigade Headquarters,
11th. July, 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS, SHEETS 27 & 36A. 1/40,000.

1. The 3rd. Battalion will relieve the 1st. Battalion, and the 2nd. Battalion the 4th. Battalion, in the line on the night June 13th/14th.
2. On relief the 1st. Battalion will move into Support and take over the duties and dispositions of the Support Battalion - Headquarters PRADELLES. The 4th. Battalion will move into Brigade Reserve. Duties found by the Reserve Battalion will be relieved not later than 4 p.m. on the day of relief.
3. Advance parties will in all cases move to new stations 24 hours in advance.
4. Details not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between Commanders concerned.
5. Completion of reliefs in the line and moves to new stations will be wired to Brigade Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE .



Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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| | 2-4. | War Diary. |
| | 5. | 1st. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 6. | 2nd. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 7. | 3rd. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 8. | 4th. Aust. Battalion. |
| | 9. | 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty. |
| | 10. | Nucleus Battalion. |
| | 11. | 1st. Aust. Division, "G". |
| | 12. | 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| | 13. | 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| | 14. | 92nd. Brigade. |
| | 15. | 1st. Field Coy., A.E. |
| | 16. | 3rd. M.G. Company. |
| | 17. | 1st. M.G. Battalion. |
| | 18. | Artillery Liaison. |
| | 19. | G.O.C. |
| | 20. | Brigade I.O. |
| | 21. | Staff Captain. |
| | 22. | Brigade Sig. Officer. |

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COPY NO. 8

AMENDMENT TO

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 103.

Brigade Headquarters,
12th. July, 1918.

Amend para. 1, second line, to read -

" on the night 12th/13th. July, 1918. "

ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. H. M. M. M.

Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 104.

Brigade Headquarters,
13th. July, 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS, SHEETS 27 & 36A. 1/20,000.

1. The 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be relieved in the line on the night 14th/15th., the 15th. and the night 15th/16th. instant by the 87th. Inf. Brigade and the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
2. An alteration in dispositions takes place on relief and as a result the 1st. Border Regiment is relieving the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Battalion and the right line Company of the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion.
The left line Company of the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion will be relieved by the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
Support and Reserve Companies will not necessarily be relieved in their present locations.
3. Relieving troops will not pass the N. and S. line through PRADELLES before 9 p.m. and will move in small parties with distances between.
4. Commanding Officers of Units of this Brigade will ensure that Companies of the relieving Brigade, which are moving into positions different from those occupied by us, are effectively guided. The distribution of the incoming Brigade on relief is as follows :-
 - Line Battalion. - 3 Companies in line.
1 Company in trenches on MONT de HERRIS.
 - Support Battalion. - 2 Companies in SUPPORT LINE.
2 Companies in RESERVE LINE.
In each case 1 Company will be NORTH and the other SOUTH of the railway line.
 - Reserve Battalion. - Present distribution of 4th. Battalion.
5. Advance parties will move in 24 hours prior to relief and will participate in patrols.
6. Defence Schemes, Works Policy, maps, photographs, documents and information of value to incoming troops, will be handed over.
7. Details not herein provided for will be mutually arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
8. Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by wire - Code word "GOOD-BYES".

ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. J. L. ...
Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at ... 7.30 am 14th

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| 2-4. | War Diary. | 15. | 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty. |
| 5. | G.O.C. | 16. | Nucleus Battalion. |
| 6. | Brigade Major. | 17. | 1st. Aust. M.G. Bn. |
| 7. | Staff Captain. | 18. | 3rd. Aust. M.G. Coy. |
| 8. | Signal Officer. | 19. | 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 9. | 1st. Aust. Division, "G". | 20. | 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| 10. | 1st. Aust. Division, "Q". | 21. | 92nd. Inf. Brigade. |
| 11. | 1st. Aust. Battalion. | 22. | 87th. Inf. Brigade. |
| 12. | 2nd. Aust. Battalion. | 23. | 1st. Field Coy., A.E. |
| 13. | 3rd. Aust. Battalion. | 24. | No. 2 Coy., A.A.S.C. |

RELIEF TABLE. - TO ACCOMPANY 1st. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.104.

| Serial No. | Date. July. | Unit. | Relieving Unit. | On relief move to | Remarks. |
|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1. | Night 14/15th | 3rd.Battalion | 1st.Border Regt. | V.17.C.9.1. | (a) 2nd.Bn.move to V.23.A.2.8. on evening of 15th.July. |
| 2. | do | 2nd.Battalion | 1st.Border and 11th.Battalion. | * PRADELLES Area. | (b) Nucleus Battalion will disband on July 15th.On relief by incoming Nucleus personnel will join respective Units. |
| 3. | Night 15/16th. | 1st.Battalion | 2nd.S.W.Borderers | V.15.B.8.3. | (c) Advance parties will be sent to the Reserve Brigade area to take over from outgoing Units of 2nd.Aust.Inf.Brigade. |
| 4. | July 15th. | 4th.Battalion | 1st. K.O.S.Bs. | V.20.A.4.6. | |
| 5. | Night 15/16th | 1st.A.L.T.M.B. | 87th.L.T.M.B. | V.20.A.8.3. | |

* The 2nd.Battalion will be accommodated for the night 14th/15th.July and July 15th. in the Reserve Line and Tranches adjacent to PRADELLES under arrangements to be made by the Commanding Officer.

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“ A ” Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121
(In pads of 100.)

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| At | | | (Signature of "Franking Officer") | By..... |

TO 1st., 2nd., 3rd. & 4th. Bns., 1st. L.T.M.B.,
87th. Bde., 3rd. A.I. Bde., 1st. Aust. Div.

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| A.W.H.107. | 14/7. | | |

Reference Relief Table issued with Brigade Order 104 the following ^{MOVES} are amended ~~aaa~~ 2nd. Battalion on relief move to Square V.S.C.1.3. and remain there pending further instructions ~~aaa~~ Companies of 1st. Battalion in STRAZELLE defences and STRAZELLE AVENUE will be relieved by 10th. Battalion who will also take over 1st. Battalion Headquarters on completion of relief ~~aaa~~ Details will be arranged between C.Os concerned ~~aaa~~ 4th. Battalion will not move to V.80.A.4.6. but to the old 2nd. Battalion camp at V.83.A. ~~aaa~~ Acknowledge ~~aaa~~

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| From | |
| Place | 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade. |
| Time | |
| The above may be forwarded as now corrected | (Z) <i>[Signature]</i> Major. |
| Censor. | Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name |

* This line should be erased if not required.

SECRET.Brigade Headquarters,
14th. July, 1918.

1st. Aust. Battalion.
2nd. Aust. Battalion.
3rd. Aust. Battalion.
4th. Aust. Battalion.
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
Nucleus Battalion.
Capt. W.L. COOKE, M.C.
Brigade Trans. Off.
87th. Inf. Brigade.



Administrative Instructions in conjunction with
1st. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 104.

1. Transport lines will not change.
2. Limbers and detonating party now at Brigade Ammunition Dump will leave dump to rejoin their Units at 3 p.m. on 15th. inst.
D.A.C. Orderly will remain at dump under 87th. Brigade Dump Officer.
3. Water cart at present carting water to Brigade Headquarters will bring last load night of 14th. inst.
4. Transport for move of 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Battery will be provided by Brigade Headquarters.
5. Trench and Area Stores and Supporting Point rations will be handed over to relieving Units and receipts obtained on the authorised pro-forma, same to be forwarded to this Office as soon as possible.
6. Packs will be delivered on morning of 15th. instant at V.15.D.2.0. Units will arrange to have a guard ready to receive packs from 9 a.m.
7. Picquets, mine guards, and other duties will be taken over by incoming Units by mutual arrangements with C.Os concerned.
8. Allotment of Baths will be advised as soon as possible.

Albee Capt.,
a/Staff Captain, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

2.

BATTALION ORDER NO 105.Reference sheets :-
MERRIS - STRAZERLE.Battn Headquarters,
July 4th 1918.

1. RELIEF. The 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade is being from Line Left Area by the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade on the 5th and night 5/6th July.

The 10th Aust Inf. Battn is being relieved by the 4th Aust Inf. Battn. as follows :-

| | | | |
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| A C B D | "A" Coy LINE RIGHT 10th Batt. will be relieved by "A" Coy 4th Bn. | | |
| | "B" Coy LINE LEFT | d i t t o | "B" do |
| | "C" Coy LEFT SUPPORT | d i t t o | "C" do |
| | "D" Coy RIGHT SUPPORT | d i t t o | "D" do |

2. MOVE. On completion of relief 10th Battn will move to billeting area at V.15.B.2.3. Coys will move independently, and guides will meet Coys at V.23.D.05.XY 65. Guides will be at this point from 12.0. midnight.

3. ROUTE. Coys will move along STRAZERLE AVENUE to W.30.D.65.65, thence to BORRE-STRAZERLE ROAD at W.30.D.60.96, thence along MAIN ROAD TO V.23.D.05.65.

4. DISTANCES. Distances of 100 yards will be maintained between platoons.

5. ADVANCE PARTIES.

Advance party from 4th Battalion will reach 10th Battn H.Qs on night of 4/5th July, and will be guided to respective Coy H.Qs and take over stores and obtain all necessary information. The 4th Battalion will provide their own guides on night of relief.

6. NUCLEUS BATTALION.

Nucleus Battalion will disband on relief, and personnel will rejoin Unit.

7. WAGON LINES. Wagon Lines will remain at present location.

8. COMPLETION. Completion of relief will be wired to Battn H.Qs. in code.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. J. Chittiborough

3 Lieut & Act Adj.
TENTH INFANTRY BATTN. AIF.

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| 3 | A./Adj. | ✓ | 10 "C" " |
| 4 | Q.M. | ✓ | 11 "D" " |
| 5 | T.O. | ✓ | 12 "Hqrs" |
| 6 | H.O. | | 13, 14, 15, War Diary |

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APPENDIX

SECRET

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

COPY NO.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH E.O. No 105.

1. STORES. All Trench Stores, ammunition, S.O.S. Signals etc will be handed over to incoming Unit, and receipts in triplicate forwarded to Batta H.Qs by 5.0.p.m. 5/7/1915.
2. LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Guns will be dumped at W.S.S.D.75.20, and then carried by limber to new area.
3. MEALS. Q.M. will arrange to have hot meal ready when Battalion arrives at new area.
4. RATIONS. No rations (wet or dry) will be brought forward on night of 5/6th July. C.Q.M.S. will proceed to rear at dawn on 5/7/15 and report to Q.M.
5. ADVANCE PARTIES. Nucleus Batta will supply from 10th Batta Coy 1 Off. and 1 H.C.O. per Coy to take over Balcoats from 4th Battalion at V.16.B.3.3. They will act as guides, and will meet respective Coys of Battalion at midnight on 5/6th July.

A. P. Whiteborough

2nd Lieut & Act. Adj.
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION AIF.

Issued to all recipients of E.O. 105.

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APPENDIX

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27 6th Battalion OPERATION ORDER No. 127.

Ref. Maps :-
 Sheets 27 S.E. and 36a N.E.
 1/20,000.

Headquarters, 6th Bn., A. I. F.

5th July 1918.

1. On the 6th instant and night of 6th/7th instant, the 6th Battalion is to relieve the 8th Battalion in the Right Section, and the 5th Battalion is to relieve the 7th Battalion in the Left Section of the Brigade sub-sector.
 On relief the 7th and 8th Battalions are to move back, and take over duties and dispositions of the units by whom they are respectively relieved.
2. (a) On the night of 6th/7th inst. the Battalion will relieve the 8th Battalion in the Right section of Brigade sub-sector.
 (b) Companies will take over as under :-
 "D" Coy. will relieve "C" Coy. 8th Bn. in Line Right.
 "A" Coy. will relieve "B" Coy. 8th Bn. " " Left.
 "C" Coy. will relieve "D" Coy. 8th Bn. " support.
 "B" Coy. (plus Band) will relieve "A" Coy. 8th Bn. in Reserve.
3. EQUIPMENT. Fighting Order with greatcoat and waterproof sheet rolled. Extra ammunition (100 rounds and 1 bomb). Lewis Guns will be carried.
4. ADVANCE PARTIES of 1 Officer per Company and 1 N. C. O. per Platoon will report at 8th Battalion Headquarters at 10-30 p.m. on 5th instant, and take over respective positions, and remain in posts.
5. MOVEMENT. (a) Order of march - "D", "A", "C", "B", Hqrs.
 (b) Companies will move in parties not greater than platoons, with 100 yards distance between such parties.
6. GUIDES. Guides from 8th Battalion will pick up Companies at X Roads W.16.d.0.4 at 10-30 p.m., and guide same to respective positions.
7. Company Commanders disposition sketches, with strength of each garrison will be sent to this office by first runner after completion of relief.
8. (a) Maps, aerial photographs, Defence Schemes, ^{and all information of value} will be handed over to incoming Units.
 (b) Area and trench stores will be exchanged and receipts given. One copy of receipts will be forwarded to this Headquarters by first runner on 7th instant.
9. Officers valises, blankets of all ranks in bundles of 10, Company and Mess boxes will be dumped at present Company Headquarters by 6-30 p.m. on 6th instant.
10. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between O's. C. Companies concerned.
11. Completion of relief will be notified to this office by wiring code word "PLAYERS".
12. A C K N O W L E D G E .

(See back for Distribution).

Samuel
 Lieut.
 A/Adjutant 6th Battalion, A. I. F.

Headquarters, 8th Bn., A.I.F. 5th July 1918. 120,000. 27 A.M. and 30 A.M.

On the 5th instant and night of 5th/6th instant, the 8th Battalion is to relieve the 7th Battalion in the left section of the Brigades to relieve the 7th Battalion, and the 8th Battalion is to relieve the 7th Battalion in the left section of the Brigades.

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| 5 | 2nd A. I. Bde. | 4 p.m. | D.R.L.S. |
| 6 | O. C. "A" Coy. | " | Runner |
| 7 | " " "B" Coy. | " | " |
| 8 | " " "C" Coy. | " | " |
| 9 | " " "D" Coy. | " | " |
| 10 | " " Hqs. Dtls. | " | " |
| 11 | O. M. and T. O. | " | " |
| 12 | C. O. 8th Battalion | " | D.R.L.S. |
| 13 | Right Battalion. | " | Runner |
| 14 | Left Battalion | " | " |
| 15 | Spare | " | " |

ADVANCE PARTYING of 1 Officer per Company and 1 N.C.O. per Platoon will report at 8th Battalion Headquarters at 10-30 p.m. on 5th instant, and take over respective positions, and remain in posts.

MOVEMENT. (a) Order of march - "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", "H", "I", "J", "K", "L", "M", "N", "O", "P", "Q", "R", "S", "T", "U", "V", "W", "X", "Y", "Z". (b) Companies will move in parties not greater than platoons, with 100 yards distance between such parties.

GUIDES. Guides from 8th Battalion will pick up Companies at 11 roads W. 10.0.4 at 10-30 p.m., and guide same to respective positions.

COMPANY COMMANDERS' DISPATCH STATIONS, with strength of each section will be sent to this office by first runner after completion of relief.

(a) Maps, aerial photographs, Defence Schemes, will be handed over to incoming units. (b) Area and trench stories will be exchanged and receipts given. One copy of receipts will be forwarded to this Headquarters by first runner on 7th instant.

Officers' valises, blankets of all ranks in bundles of 10, Company and mess boxes will be dumped at present Company Headquarters by 0-30 p.m. on 6th instant.

Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between C.O. Companies concerned.

Completion of relief will be notified to this office by writing code word "PLAYERS".

A.I.F. 8th Bn. (see back for distribution)

Adjutant 8th Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters, 8th Bn., A.I.F.

"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO { All recipients of B.O.O. 127

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| Sender's Number. | Day of Month. | In reply to Number. | AAA |
| F B 606 | 5/7 | | |

Reference B.O.O. No. 127 - para 6 is cancelled and the following substituted -

6th Battalion will supply one guide per post to meet Companies as under at 10 p.m.

D Coy at RAY DUMP W.23.d.80.05

A Coy at OAKLEY DUMP W.24.d.05.65

G Coy at RAY DUMP W.23.d.80.05

B Coy at 6th Battalion Hqs W.22.d.9.8

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| From | 6th Battalion |
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"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO { *1st Recpt Inf Brigade*

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*Will you kindly forward attached copy of Operations Order No 127 to your Lt Col's Battalion
AAA*

*4th Aust Bn
forwarded.
Robt Scott to Major
of Lt Col's Battalion
1st Aust Inf Bde
6/17/18*

From *John*
Place
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
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6th Bata H 2nd

7. 7. 18

To
100. 4th Bata A I. I.

We propose to carry out a minor operation on your immediate left tomorrow night 8th inst and would be glad to know if you would give us any particulars, as it is our wish to cooperate with you.

If Colonel Ulrich proposes coming over to see you tomorrow morning

Samuel H
Aidy
for Major Cunniff 6th Bn
- A.I.F.



Ref. maps :-
Sheets 27 S.E. & 36a N.E.
1/20,000.

Headquarters, 6th Bn., A.I.F.
8th July 1918.

1. Provided that conditions are favorable an operation with gas projectors will be carried out by No. 2 special Company R. E's. on the night of 9th/10th inst. for the purpose of killing the enemy in and about squares X 26.d. and F.2.b.
For this purpose 1000 LIVER projectors are being installed at approximately X.19.d.3.4. to X.19.d.3.7.
2. The operation will not take place unless the wind is between North through West to South West.
3. The garrison of "A" Company's two left posts will wear box respirators from ZERO - 10 minutes to ZERO + 15 minutes.
4. The following code words will be used in connection with the operation
CAULFIELD will mean conditions favorable.
HALVERN " " conditions unfavorable.
ARMADALE " " operation postponed 24 hours.
5. For the purpose of the operation all Officers of No. 2 Company (Special R. E's. will have "Urgent Priority" rights over the whole of the communication in the Brigade Sector.
6. ZERO hour will be notified later. 11.30 pm
7. A C K N O W L E D G E .

Gannet Lieut.
A/Adjutant 6th Battalion,
A. I. F.

Distribution.

| Copy No. | To Whom. | Hour of Issue. | Method. |
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| 1 | File | | |
| 2-4 | War Diary | | |
| 5 | 2nd A. I. Bde. | 10 p.m. | D.R.L.S. |
| 6 | C.C. "A" Coy. | " | Hunter |
| 7 | " "B" Coy. | " | " |
| 8 | " "C" Coy. | " | " |
| 9 | " "D" Coy. | " | " |
| 10 | " Hqs. Coy. | " | " |
| 11 | G. M. and F. C. | | |
| 12 | CO 5 th A.I. B ⁿ | | |
| 13 | ✓ CO 4 th A.I. B ⁿ | | |

6th Battalion OPERATION ORDER No. 128.

Ref. Maps :-
 Sheets 27 S.E. & 36a N.E.
 1/20,000.

Headquarters, 6th Bn., A.I.F.
 9th July 1918.

1. INFORMATION. The enemy holds the following positions :-

Posts at F.l.a.4.5. F.l.a.95.55.

Trench from F.l.a.40.57 to F.l.a.9.6., probably with one or two shellhole posts in advance of this on the line F.l.a.57.60 to F.l.a.65.70 to F.l.a.85.75.

Posts in trench F.l.a.6.4. to F.l.a.82.52.

Machine Gun post at house F.l.a.55.40.

On the Right Flank the 4th Aust. Inf. Bn. is going to seize enemy posts on line E.6.d.7.5 - F.l.c.1.9 - F.l.a.2.2.

2. INTENTIONS. At ZERO hour on ZERO date to seize and occupy enemy positions and establish a new line through F.l.a.5.4 - F.l.a.83.45 - F.l.a.99.58 - X.25.d.20 in order to deny him observation and improve our own.

3. DETAILS. (a) "C" Company will carry out the operation with three platoons in front line and one platoon in Reserve

(b) Two platoons will deal with the situation south of the line X.25.c.7.0 - F.2.a.0.0., one "special" section being detailed to deal with the post at F.l.a.4.5. One platoon will deal with situation North of the line X.25.c.7.0 - F.2.a.0.0.

(c) Assembly :- Thirty minutes prior to ZERO hour the troops detailed to carry out the operation will form up as follows :-

Front line platoons on the line F.l.a.3.6 - X.25.c.9.1.

Reserve Platoon on left flank of No. 2 post.
 Coy. Hqrs. in No. 2 post.

(d) Attack will be launched in section columns covered by ground scouts. At ZERO hour they will move out as close under the barrage as possible and at ZERO + 2 minutes on the barrage lifting will move forward under it. On it again lifting at ZERO + 4 minutes the objectives will be rushed and captured.

(e) Consolidation :- Platoon posts will be established at F.l.a.7.4 - F.l.a.95.60 - X.25.d.20, making use of the enemy works as far as possible.

"special" section will establish joint post with 4th Aust. Inf. Bn. at (approx.) F.l.a.4.5.

Wiring will be commenced immediately, patrols with Lewis Guns being pushed out to cover this work and to investigate the Cross roads at F.l.a.8.3.

Special attention must be paid to the siting of posts in order to deny the enemy the high ground.

(f) Co-operation - Artillery. From ZERO to ZERO + 2 minutes 18 pdrs. will barrage the line F.l.a.35.45 - F.l.a.65.58 - F.l.a.85.60 - X.25.d.0.0. From ZERO + 2 minutes to ZERO + 4 minutes the line F.l.a.50.37 - F.l.a.83.45 - F.l.a.99.58 - X.25.d.2.1. From ZERO + 4 minutes to ZERO + 30 minutes the line F.l.c.60.95 - F.l.c.82.90 - F.l.b.45.05 - F.l.b.95.50.

(Cont'd).

3. DETAILS.
(Cont'd.)

(F) 4.5" Howitzers will fire as under :-
From ZERO to ZERO + 2 minutes.

- 1 on F.l.a.5.4.
- 1 on F.l.a.8.3.
- 1 on F.l.b.23.72.
- 1 on X.25.d.45.25.

From ZERO + 2 minutes to ZERO + 30 minutes.

- 1 on F.l.c.87.90.
- 1 on F.l.d.45.90.
- 2 on line F.l.d.45.90 - F.l.b.8.3.

From ZERO to ZERO + 30 minutes.

- 2 on line F.l.d.45.90 - F.l.b.8.3.

Stokes :-

From ZERO to ZERO + 2 minutes.

- 1 on line F.l.a.6.6. - F.l.a.9.6.
- 1 on F.l.a.7.5.
- 1 on F.l.a.95.82.
- 1 on F.l.a.52.40.
- 1 on F.l.b.23.70.

From ZERO + 2 minutes to ZERO + 7 minutes.

- 1 on F.l. Central.
- 1 on F.l.a.7.1.
- 1 on F.l.b.2.3.
- 1 on F.l.a.8.0.
- 1 on X.25.d.45.25 to X.25.d.5.3.

Rapid fire will be maintained throughout.

Rifle Grenades :- "D" Coy. will make liberal use of No. 36 Rifle Grenades on to post at F.l.a.4.5 between ZERO and ZERO + 2 minutes.

"A" Coy. will operate similarly on post at X.25.d.45.25 from ZERO to ZERO + 5 minutes.

(G) Equipment :- Fighting Order.
per man 220 rounds S.A.A., 2 bombs or rifle grenades, filled waterbottles, iron rations, waterproof, and greatcoat.
Officers Verrey pistol - 6 1" GREEN Verrey lights.
Every second man will carry one ground flare.
6 shovels per platoon.

(h) Success signal :- GREEN Verrey lights fired as soon as objective is gained.

(i) Wiring material will be carried from dumps at F.l.a.40.67 (near No. 2 post) and X.25.c.77.05 by Reserve Platoon, or "D" Coy. if Reserve Platoon has been used.

(j) Communications :- Bn. signal Officer will establish telephone communications between No. 2 post and "D" Coy.. This line will not be used prior to attack.

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4. WEATHER. Weather conditions being favorable the operation detailed in Battalion Operation Order No. 129 will take place on the same date at the same hour. 128
5. MEDICAL. R. A. P. will be established at X.19.o.05.75., with Relay Bearer station at "D" Coy. Hqrs. - W.30.d.95.10.
6. WATCHES. Watches will be synchronized throughout the Battalion at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. on date of attack.
7. REPORTS. Progress reports will be communicated to Bn. Hqrs.
8. PRISONERS. Prisoners will be sent direct to Brigade Hqrs. for interrogation.
9. ZERO hour and date will be notified later.
10. A C K N O W L E D G E .

Samuel Lieut.
A/Adjutant 6th Battalion,
A. I. F.

Distribution.

| Copy No. | To whom. | Hour of issue. | Method. |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------|----------|
| 1 | File | | |
| 2-4 | War Diary | 8. A.M | |
| 5 | 2nd A. I. Bde. | 8 p.m. | D.R.L.S. |
| 6 | O. C. "A" Coy. | " | Runner |
| 7 | " "B" Coy. | " | " |
| 8 | " "C" Coy. | " | " |
| 9 | " "D" Coy. | " | " |
| 10 | " Hqrs. Coy. | " | " |
| 11 | Q.M. and T.O. | " | " |
| 12 | Sig. Officer | " | " |
| 13 | Intelligence Officer. | " | " |
| 14 | 4th A. I. Bn. | " | " |
| 15 | 5th A. I. Bn. | " | " |

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Amendments and Addenda
to Bata O. Order No 129.

Delete para 3 (c) and substitute

Thirty minutes prior to ZERO hour
the troops detailed to carry out
the operation will form up as
follows:-

Front line platoons on the line
F1A36 to X75.091 clear of the
left flank of No 21 post

Reserve platoons in trench
F1A78:

Cooy Hqr with D Cooy Hqr W30 D9510

From ZERO - 30" to ZERO + 5"

D Cooy will arrange to withdraw
the garrisons of Nos 1 and 2 posts
to trench at E6 B 9570 and at
ZERO + 5 reoccupy posts.

ZERO Hour to be 11.30pm tonight 9th inst
Acknowledge

Att^d to all recipients
of BOD 129.

Jamwell
Aidy 6th Bn AIF

SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.ORDER No. 17.Battalion H. Q.,
11th. July 1918.
---Ref. Map Sheets 27 and 36a. 1/40,000.

- 3
1. The 2nd. Australian Bn. will relieve the 4th. Aust. Bn. in the line (left Bde. Sector) on the night July 13/14th.
 2. Companies will relieve as shewn hereunder :-

| | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|-----|---|---------------|-------------|
| "C" Coy. | will relieve | " | " | Coy. 4th. Bn. | Line Right. |
| "D" | " | do. | " | do. | " Left. |
| "B" | " | do. | " | do. | Support. |
| "A" | " | do. | " | do. | Reserve. |
 3. Companies will move, and will be met by guides in accordance with the following table :-

| <u>Unit.</u> | <u>Move at.</u> | <u>Meeting Point for Guides.</u> | <u>Time.</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| D. Coy. | 10.15 p.m | E.4.b.9.9 | 10.30 p.m. |
| C. " | 10.25 " | E.4.b.9.9 | 10.30 " |
| B. " | 11.00 " | do. | 11.15 " |
| A. " | 11.10 " | do. | 11.20 " |

H.Q. Details, move direct to Bn. Head Quarters.
 4. Advanced parties will be sent forward on night 12/13th. July. They will take part in patrols that night and will remain in the line until arrival of Unit.
 5. (a) Trench stores, Maps, Defence Schemes, etc. will be taken over and receipts given.
(b) Certificate to the effect that troops have been properly detailed to the defences, and given their orders for action in case of attack, together with sketches shewing Company dispositions will be forwarded to Bn. H. Q. by 8 a.m. on 15th. inst.
 6. Regimental Aid Post is at W.28.b.1.2.
 7. Rations are cooked at Rear H.Q. and brought forward twice nightly to Battalion H. Q. and each Coy. H.Q., and are distributed under Company arrangements.
 8. Completion of relief will be notified to Bn. Head Quarters by wiring Code Word "HUTCHY".
 9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. 1st. A. I. Bde.
2. A. Coy.
3. B. "
4. C. "
5. D. "
6. 4th. Bn.
7. Trans. Off. & Q.M.
8. R.M.O.
9. Intelligence Off.
10. Works Officer.
11. War Diary.
12. File.
13. Spare.

W. J. M. Allen
Lieut. A/Adjutant.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.



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3. DETAIL
(Cont)

(C) Attack will be launched at ZERO hour, troops will move out as close under barrage as possible and at ZERO plus 2", on the barrage lifting will rush & capture the objective.

(D) consolidation :- strong fire will be established and used at X25 D 42, to X25 D 6741, X25 D 8.5, X26 C 26, X26. A. 1505

(E) operation ARTILLERY

From ZERO to ZERO plus 2"

6 18 pd. guns and 2.4.5

Howos firing on line X25 D 4015

X25 D 6138 - X25 D 80.42

at ZERO plus 2" Barrage

will lift 2 to 300*

Zero + 2 to ZERO plus 10"

guns continue slow fire 2 to

300* past objectives to a line

approx 50* N. of GEBEDDEN F

to X26 Centre

3. DETAIL (E) Success signal - GREEN
Cont. Green light flashes as soon as
objective is gained

4. WATCHES Watches will be synchronized
throughout the Batt at 8 pm +
10 pm tonight

5. REPORTS Progress reports will be com-
municated to Batt HQs.

6. PRISONERS Prisoners will be sent to direct
to Bde HQs.

7. ZERO Zero hour will be 12 midnight
on 12th/13th inst

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Jammy H.
Cdr 1st Lt. R. H. A.



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HDC on 6th BATA

12.7.18

Ref. Sect 27 SE & 36 NE

Amendments & Addenda to
6th BATA Operations Order No 30

Ref Para 3 Detail Subpara (E)

Last line - after "x 26 Central"

From ZERO to ZERO + 10

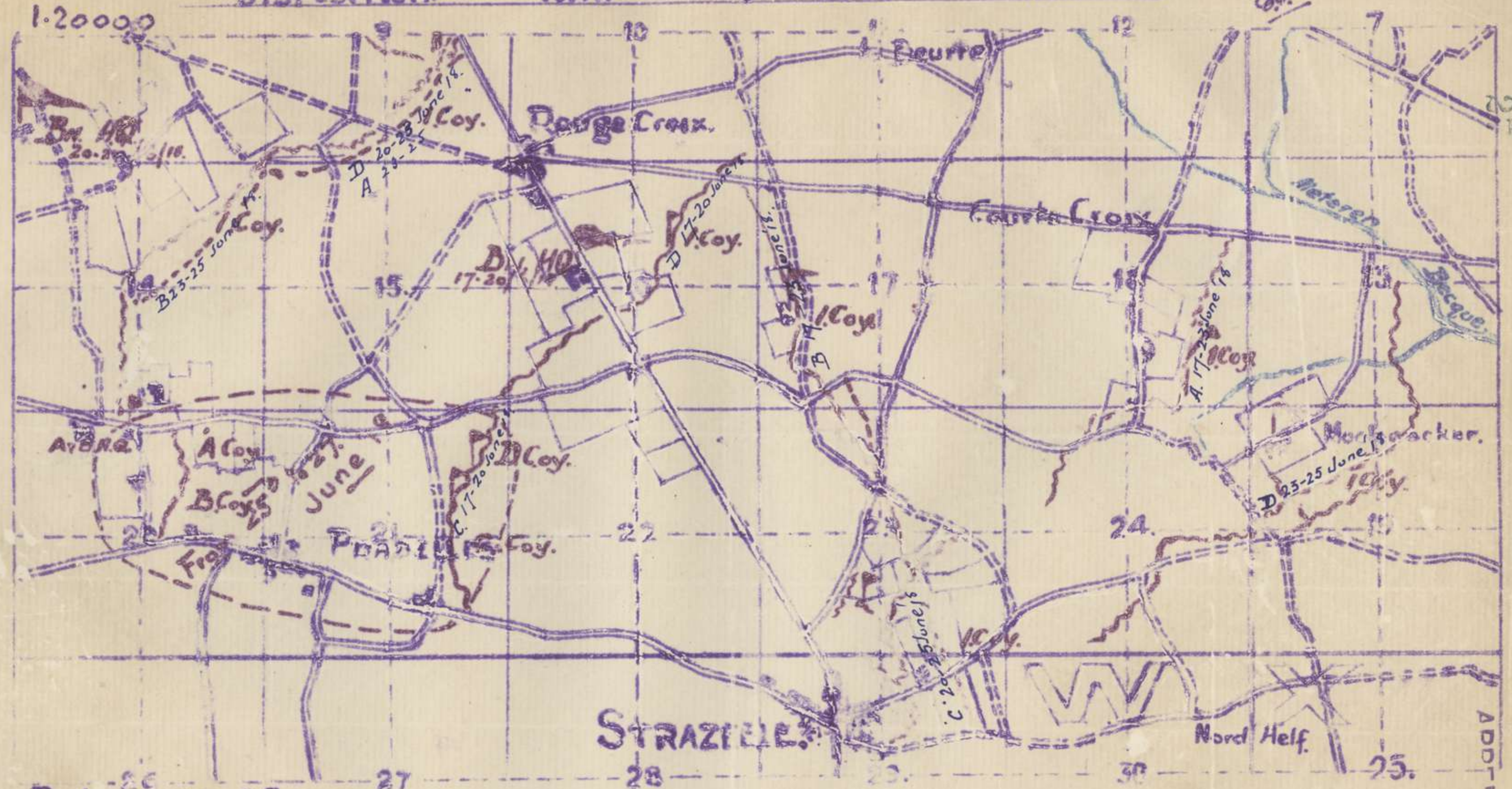
4 4.5 Howitzer will fire on line
2 to 300 yds past objectives to
a line approx 50 yds west of
GEBEDGEN FM to X 26 central

Jammy H
Adj 6th BATA

Distribution

| Comp. No | To whom | Hour | Method |
|----------|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| 1 | File | 7.5 pm | - |
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| 3 | | . | - |
| 4 | | . | - |
| 5 | 2 nd A. I. Bde | . | DRLS |
| 6 | Co A. Coy. | . | Runners |
| 7 | B. | . | . |
| 8 | C. | . | . |
| 9 | D. | . | . |
| 10 | Co 4 th Bn | . | . |
| 11 | Co 5 th Bn | . | . |

DISPOSITION. MAP. 4th AUSTRALIAN INF. DIV. N.



Part of 27. SF.
Support and Precautionary. Zone. from 17th 20th to 27th June 18.
Coys. distributed as per above under divers dates.

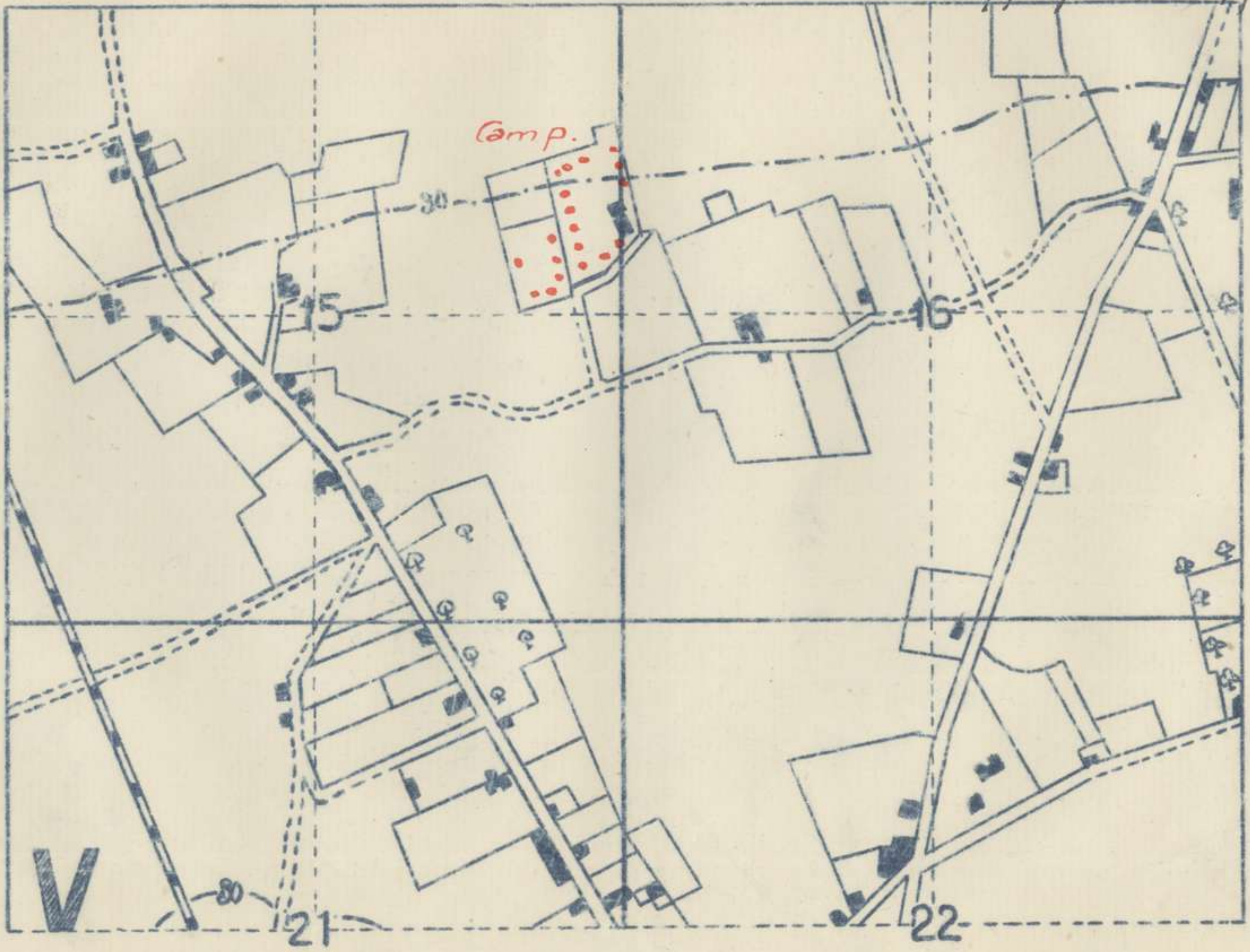
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4th Aust. Inf. Bn. Billet Area

Enlarged from Sh. 27 S. E. 1:20000

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DISPOSITION REPORT.

July 4th 1918.

| Post No. | Location. | Accommodation | Remarks. |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Battalion Headquarters | E 5a 1085 E.4.Y.9.9. | | S.O.S. Relay. |
| " O.P. | W.39.B.08.15. | | |
| R. A. P. | W.38.B.15.15. W 286 12 | | with alternative at W.39.C.6.1. |

LINE RIGHT.

| Day | Post No | Location | Accommodation | Remarks |
|------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Coy Headquarters | E.6.A.60.20 | 1 Off 19 O.Rs | |
| Day | 1 | E.6.C.28.28. | 2 NCOs 6 men | L.G. S.O.S. |
| Night | " 1A | E.6.C.28.50. | 1 " 3 " | L.G. |
| Night | " 1B | E.6.D.10.63. | 1 " 6 " | L.G. |
| Day | " 2 | E.6.D.35.37 | 1 Off 31 " | (German M.G. S.O.S (2 L.Gs. |
| Day | " 3 | E.6.D.60.60 | 1 " 18 " | German M.G. S.O.S. L.G. |
| <u>Supports.</u> | | | | |
| " | " 1 | E.6.C.95.75 | 1 NCO 8 men plus 1A by day | German M.G. S.O.S |
| " | " 2 | E.6.D.10.80. | 1 off 13 men plus 1B by day | L.G. |

LINE LEFT.

| Post No | Location | Accommodation | Remarks |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Coy Headquarters | E.6.B.40.25. | | |
| Post No 4 | E.6.D.60.85. | 1 Platoon | 3 L.Gs. S.O.S. |
| " 5 | E.6.B.70.30. | 2 Sections | 1 L.G. S.O.S. |
| " 6 | E.6.B.80.45. | 2 Sections | 1 L.G. S.O.S. |
| " 6A | E.6.B.95.53. | 1 Section | 1 L.G. S.O.S. |
| Night " 4a | E.6.B.60.05. | 1 Section | 1 L.G. S.O.S. } now cancelled. |
| <u>Supports.</u> | | | |
| " 3 | E.6.B.40.25 | Day - 1 Pltn. Night - 3 Sec | 3 L.Gs. S.O.S. 1 L.G. |
| " 4 | E.6.B.65.53 | 2 L.G. Sec. 3 Sections | 1 L.G. 1 L.G. S.O.S. |

SUPPORT LINE.

Coy Headquarters... W.39.D.1.2.

Left Supports..... 1 Company.) Each Company
Right " 1 ") 3 platoons.

(BOUNDARY - E.4.B.50.00 (for convenience) to W.30.A.28.05.)

RESERVE LINE.

Coy Headquarters... E.4.B.65.80.

(BOUNDARY from W.38.D.55.20 to where Reserve Line joins Support Line, thence along Support Line to E.4.B.50.00.)

A. P. Shittabrough

2nd Lieut & Actg. Adj.
TENTH INF. BATTN AIF.

MAP SHOWING DISPOSITIONS 10TH BATTALION, A.I.F.
5/7/18
Scale: - 1/10,000

Drawn by Intelligence Section T.W.S.



Part T.S. 209 2nd EDITION 25/6/15.

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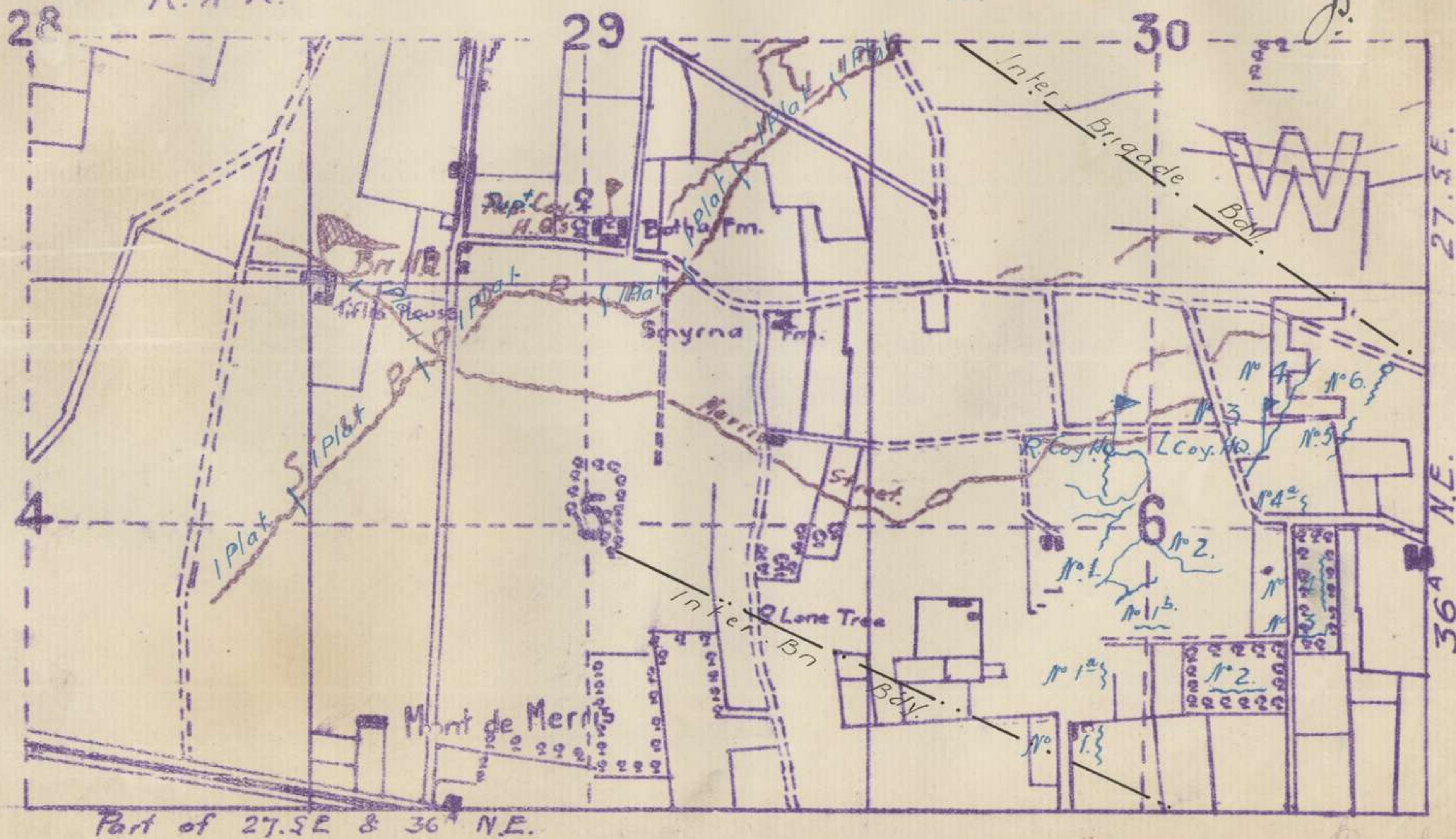
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From 5th July '18
To 9th " "



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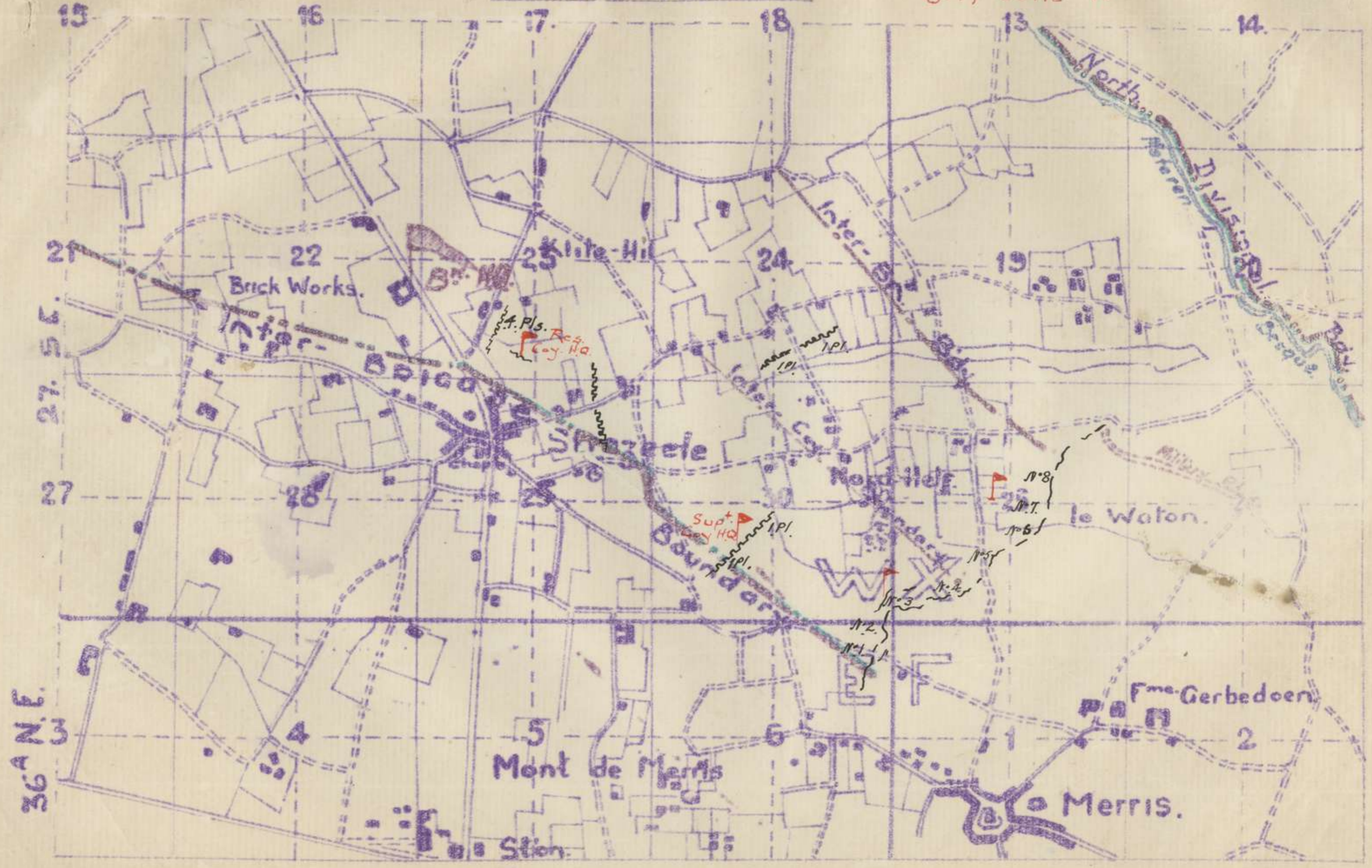
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4th Aust. Inf Bn Disposition Map

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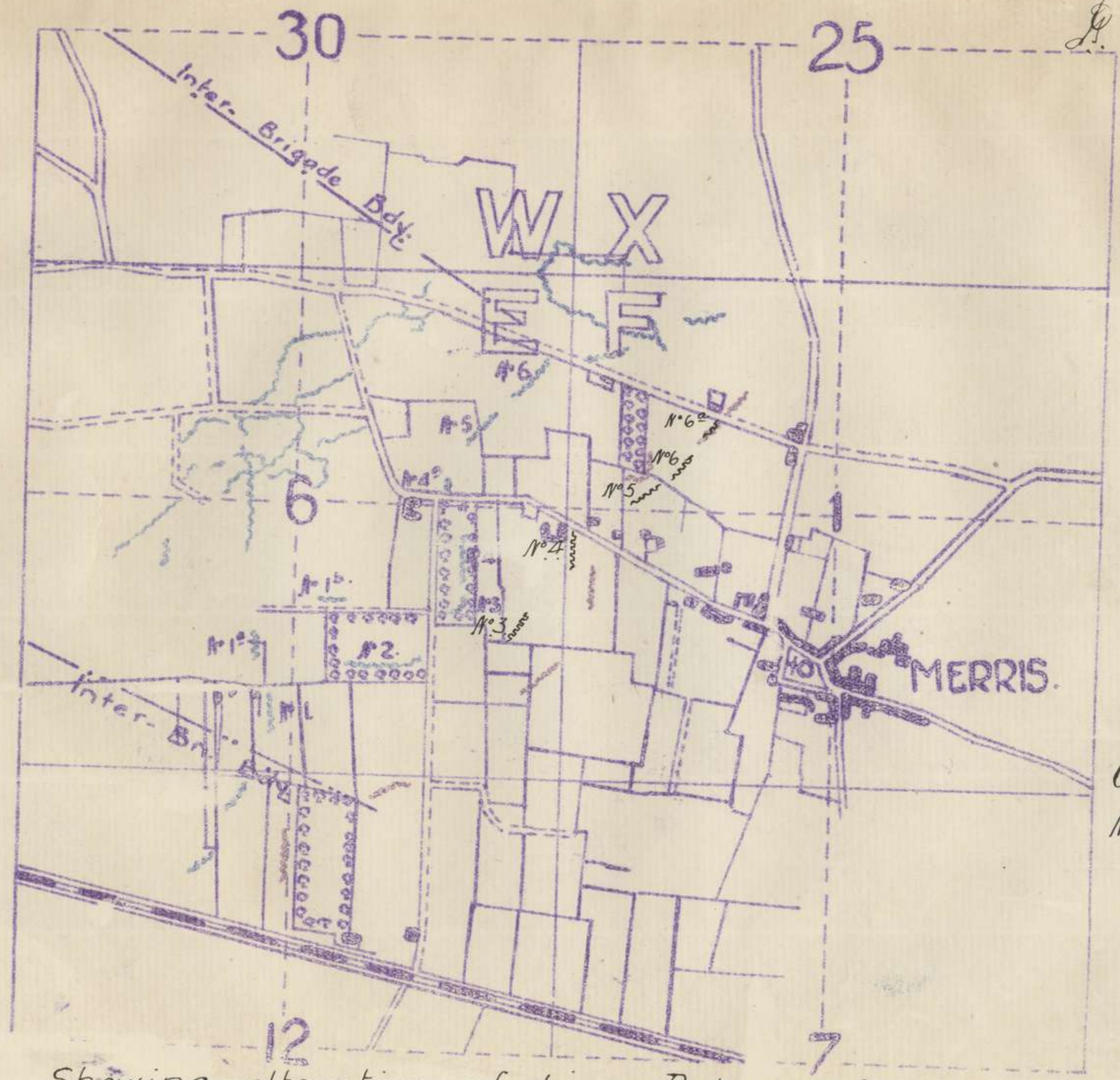
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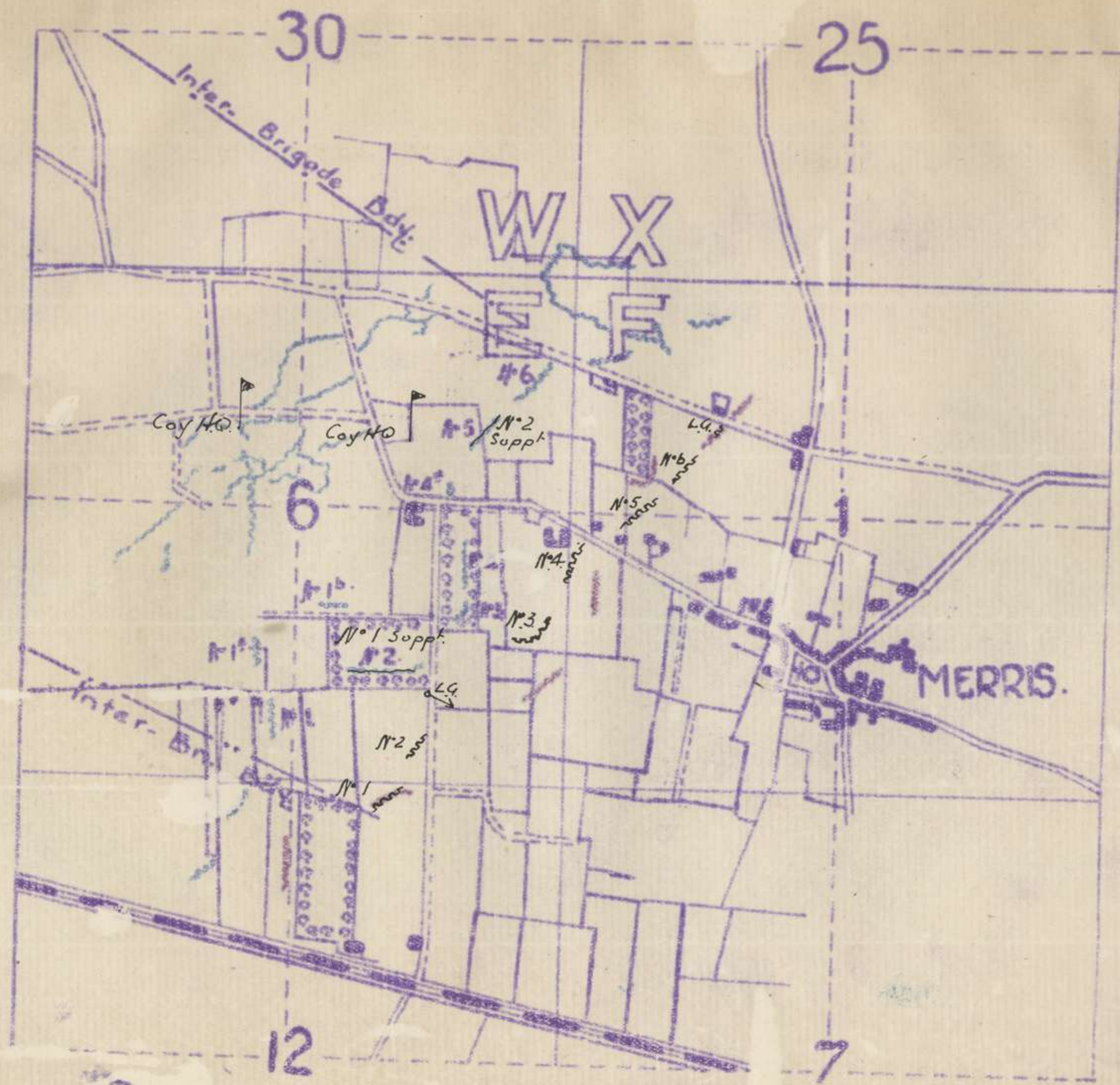
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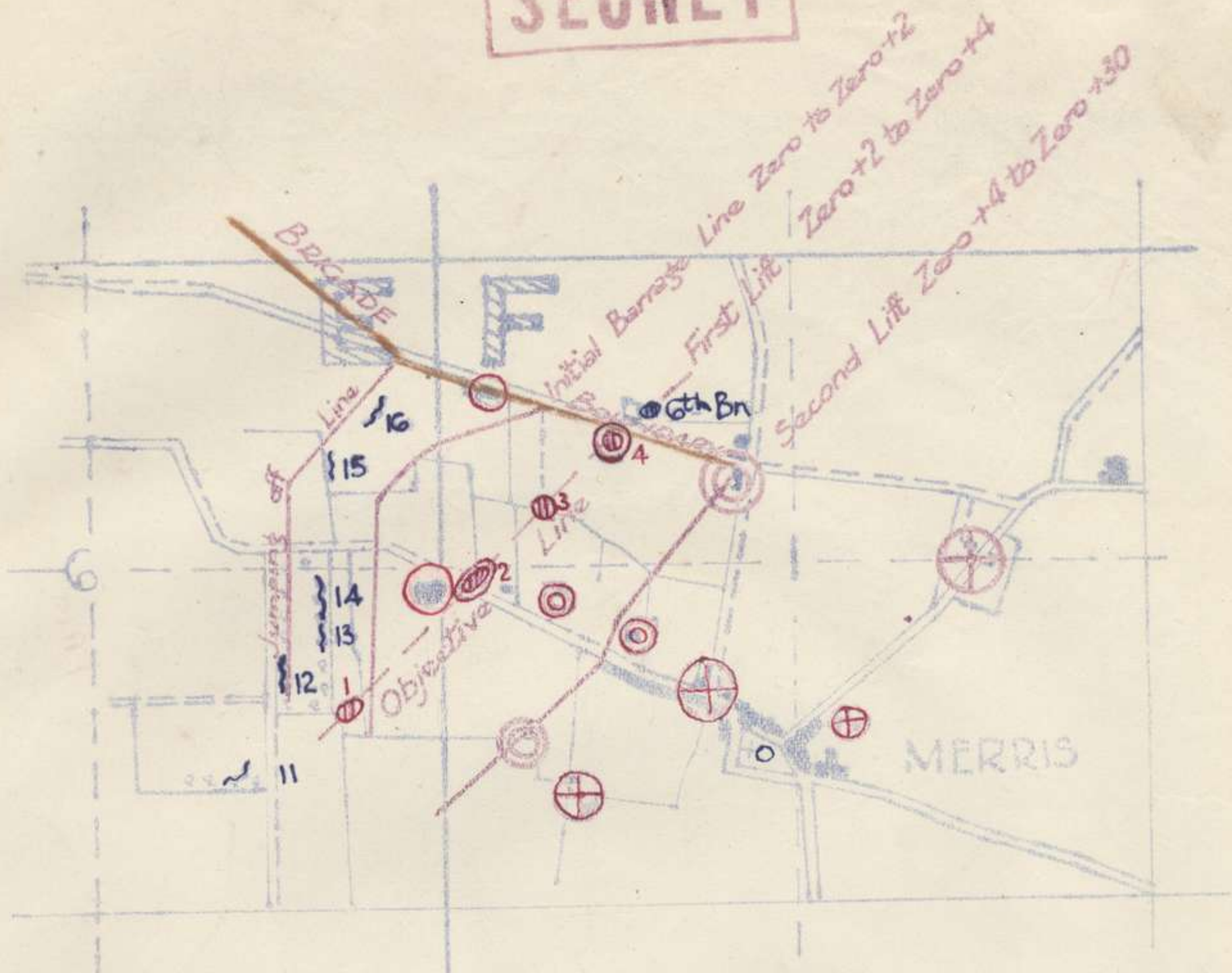
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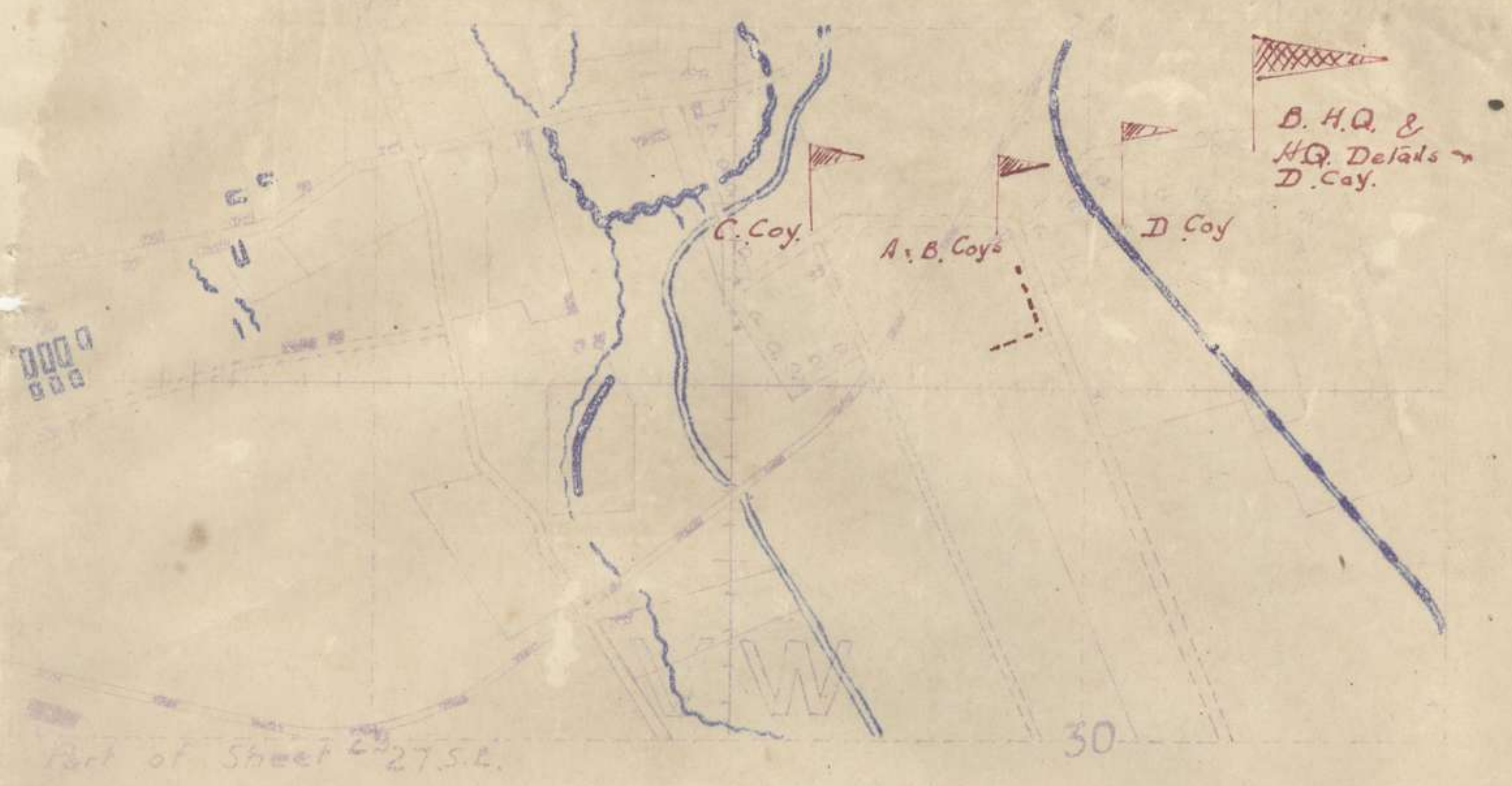


LEGEND

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Trench Mortar Targets | Zero to Zero + 2 | ○ |
| do | do + 4 | ⊖ |
| do | Zero + 2 to Zero + 4 | ⊗ |
| How. Targets | Zero to Zero + 4 | ⊙ |
| T.M. Targets | Zero + 4 to Zero + 15 | ⊚ |
| How. Targets | Zero + 4 to Zero + 30 | ⊕ |
| New posts to be put in | | ⊖ ⊙ |

Rates of fire

Zero to Zero + 4 18 pdrs. & Hows. 4 rds per gun, per min best rate.
 L.T.Ms.
 Zero + 4 to Zero + 30 Guns & T.Ms. - a gradually decreasing rate.



| | |
|----------|----------------|
| Bn HQ | V. 24. d. 4.7 |
| A Coy HQ | V. 24. C. 7.4 |
| B " " | V. 24. C. 7.4 |
| C " " | V. 24. C 15.40 |
| D " " | V. 24. C 10.45 |

A & B. Coys are in trench covers erected in same field as H.Q.
 C & D. Coys & Bn. H.Q. Details are billeted in farm buildings at given locations
 "A.A." guns are mounted along hedge V. 24. d. 4.5.

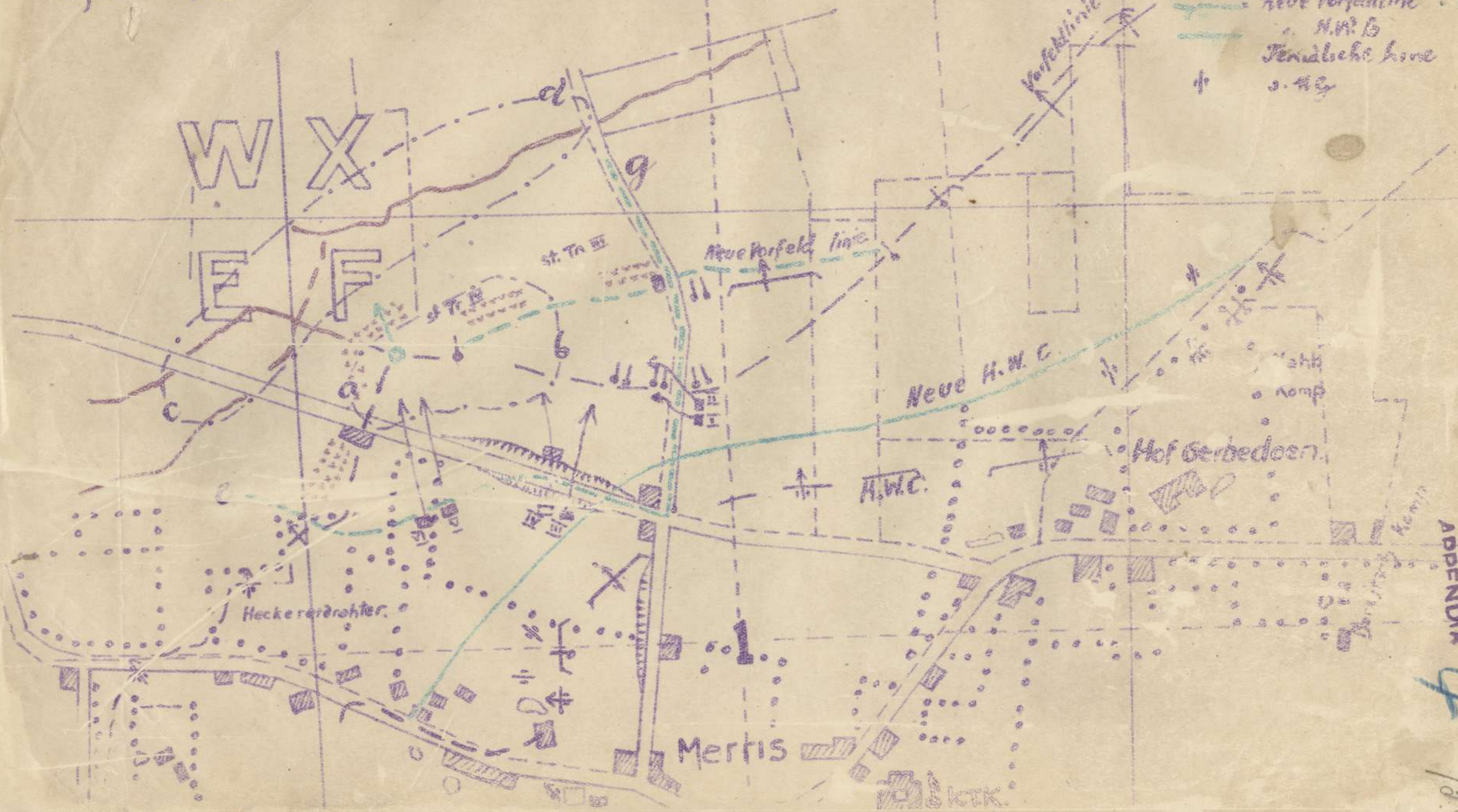
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Reference

- Inf Gruppe
- H.G.
- Neue Vorfeldlinie
- N.W.C.
- Trench line
- s.H.G.



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3rd Aust. M.G. Company.

Programme of INDIRECT HARASSING FIRE - for week ending

| Gun No and Location | Deflection off GRID. E. REG. | TARGET | Times of Firing | Rate of Fire | Range to Range to | | CONTOURS | | | V.I. | Q.E | (Minimum) Clearance | REMARKS | TARGET NUMBER |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------------------|--|------------------|
| | | | | | TARGET | OWN TROOP | GUN | TARGET | Friendly Troops | | | | | |
| 15 W20d 90.85 | 31 1/2 RT, | F2C 0.0 F8a 30.90 | Dark to Dawn | 1500* | 2400* 2550 | 1200* | 55 | 24 22 | 45 | -31 -33 | 5° 53' 7° | 89* | Vertical Search of road | ① |
| 15 W20d 90.85 | 51° RT, | F7C 85.95 | " | " | 2300* | 1300* | 55 | 20 | 35 | -35 | 5° 5' | 71* | Application | ② |
| 16 W30a 25.20 | 24° 31 1/2 RT, | F1b 6.0 F1b 8.4 | " | " | 1900* | 1200* | 55 | 30 | 45 | -25 | 2° 57' | 42* | Horizontal traverse | ③ |
| 16 W30a 25.20 | 38 RT, | F1d 75.10 | " | " | 2250* | 1050* | 55 | 26 | 50 | -29 | 4° 50' | 65* | Application on road where path out | ④ |
| 7 E4b 60.20 | 64° RT, | E17a 75.75 E18C 10.20 | " | " | 2450* 2800 | 1700* | 28 | 20 | 20 | -8 | 6° 55' 10° - | 107* | Vertical Search | ⑤ |
| 7 E4b 60.20 | 58 RT, | E18C 3.8 | " | " | 2550* | 1700* | 28 | 20 | 20 | -8 | 7° 40' | 130* | Application on junction of paths | ⑥ |
| 8B E4b 25.55 | 36 1/2 RT, | E12a 60.35 | " | " | 2700* | 1850* | 30* | 20* | 22* | -10 | 8° 56' | 168* | Traverse iR iL | ⑦ |
| 8B E4b 25.55 | 36° RT | E12d 30.60 | " | " | 2050* | 1900* | 30 | 20 | 20 | -10 | 8° 56' 7° 12' | 103* | Application on junction of paths | ⑧ |
| 4 E10b 60.35 | 34° 41° RT | E12b 60.90 F7C 00.40 | " | " | 2650* | 950 | 20 | 20 | 20 | NIL | 8° 45' | 136* | Horizontal traverse | ⑨ |

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3rd Aust. M. G. Company.

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Programme of INDIRECT HARASSING FIRE - for week ending

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| Gun No. and Location | Deflection off GRID E. P.C. | TARGET | Times of Firing | Rate of Fire | RANGE | | | CONTOURS | | | V.L. | Q.E. | (Minimum) Clearance | REMARKS | Target Number |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----|----------|--------------------|-----|------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| | | | | | Target | own trap | Gun | Location | Friendly Troops | | | | | | |
| 4 E10 t 60.35 | 22 1/2 Rt | F13a 75.18 | Dusk Dawn | 1500 | 2800 | 950 | 20 | 20 | 20 | NIL | 10° 10' | 150' | Application | 10 | |
| 3 E10 t 2.4 | 19° Rt | E18 t 9.8 F13a 35.65 | " | " | 2500 2700 | 1150 | 20 | 20 | 20 | NIL | 9° 10' 7° 30' | 119' | Vertical Search | " | |
| 3 | 25° Rt | F18 t 05.75 F18 t 40.60 | " | " | 2100 2300 | 1200 | 20 | 20 | 20 | NIL | 4° 5'0" 6° | 66 1/2 | Vertical Search | 12 | |
| 4 E10 t 60.35 | 42° Rt | E18d 15.15 | " | " | 2400 | 900 | 20 | 20 | 20 | NIL | 6° 42' | 89' | Concentration on path | 13 | |
| " | 27° Rt 32° Rt | F13c 0.6 F13a 25.00 | " | " | 2600 | 100 | 20 | 20 | 20 | NIL | 8° 15' | 121 1/2 | Horizontal trauma TRAIN track | 14 | |
| 3 E10 t 2.4 | 23° Rt | E18 t 75.40 F13a 15.25 | " | " | 2500 2700 | 1200 | 20 | 20 | 20 | NIL | 7° 28' 9° 10' | 121 | Vertical Search | 15 | |
| 4 E10 t 60.35 | 5 LEFT | F7 t 05.85 | " | " | 2750 1600 | 1500 | 20 | 30 | 27 | +10 | 9° 5'0" | 186 1/2 | Concentration on road junction | 16 | |
| 3 E10 t 2.4 | 5° Rt 6° Rt | F7c 15.98 F7c 55.90 | " | " | 2500 2700 | 1450 | 20 | 20 | 20 | NIL | 7° 27' 9° 10' | 130' | From just trauma 10 | 17 | |
| " | 39° R | E18c 5.7 | " | " | 2150 | 1150 | 20 | 20 | 20 | NIL | 5° 7' | 70' | Application | 18 | |

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Edm

Brigade Headquarters,
4th. July, 1918.

1st. Aust. Battalion.
2nd. Aust. Battalion.
3rd. Aust. Battalion.
4th. Aust. Battalion.
Nucleus Battalion.
Brigade Trans. Off.



The attached list of duties at present being supplied by 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be taken over by the relieving Units of this Brigade at 5 p.m. to-morrow, 5th. inst., by mutual arrangement with Commanding Officers concerned.

In addition to this list each Battalion will detail 2 G.S. Limbers each with 9000 rounds S.A.A., and 2 men as detonators, to report to Capt. W.L. COOKE, M.C., 4th. Battalion, at Brigade Ammunition Dump at W.19.A.O.2. at 5 p.m. on 5th. instant. 3rd. Battalion will supply Transport N.C.O. and 2nd. Battalion N.C.O. in charge of detonating party.

Brigade Transport Officer will arrange for one full water cart to report to Brigade Headquarters every evening at 9 p.m. commencing to-morrow, 5th. inst.

Transport lines will not change.

Edm Capt.,
a/Staff Captain, 1st. Australian Infantry Bde.

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LIST OF DUTIES TO BE SUPPLIED BY 1ST. AUST. INF. BRIGADE ON RELIEF
ON 5th/6th. JULY, 1918.

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| Party. | Off. | NCOs. | Men. | Duty. | Report to | Location. | Under. | Unit to supply. | To be rationed by. |
|--------|------|-------|------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| No. 1. | - | 1 | 3 | Railway Guard. | Party to be relieved. | V.30.C.8.3. | A.P.M. | Reserve Battn. | Unit. |
| " 2. | - | 2 | 6 | Gas Guard. | Brigade Headquarters. | Brigade Hdqrs. | Camp Commandant. | do do | Bde. Hdqrs. |
| " 3. | - | 1 | 3 | Mine Guard. | Party to be relieved. | W.23.C.4.3. | Engineer, STRAZELLE. | Support Battn. | Unit. |
| " 4. | - | 1 | 3 | do | do do do | W.29.A.7.6. | do , do . | do do | do |
| " 5. | - | 1 | 3 | do | do do do | W.29.A.1.5. | do , do . | do do | do |
| " 6. | - | 1 | 3 | do | do do do | W.29.C.5.3. | do , do . | do do | do |
| " 7. | - | 1 | 3 | do | do do do | E.3.D.2.6. | do , RAILWAY. | Right Line Bn. | do |
| " 8. | 1 | 2 | 18 | Town Picquet. | A.P.M., HAZEBROUCK. | HAZEBROUCK. | A.P.M., HAZEBROUCK. | Nucleus Battn. | Nucleus Bn. |
| " 9. | 1 | 3 | 20 | Picquet. | Party to be relieved. | BORRE-BECQUE. | " , 1st. Aust. Div. | do | do |
| " 10. | 2 | 16 | 84 | Cable burying. | do do do | V.16.D.0.2. | Signals (daily). | do | do |
| " 11. | - | 2 | 10 | Cutting forage. | Div. Salvage Coy. | V.22.D.2.1. | Div. Salv. Coy. (daily). | do | do |

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,
6th July, 1918.1st Aust. Battalion,
2nd Aust. Battalion,
3rd Aust. Battalion,
4th Aust. Battalion.
-----Working Parties will be supplied in accordance with
the table below:-

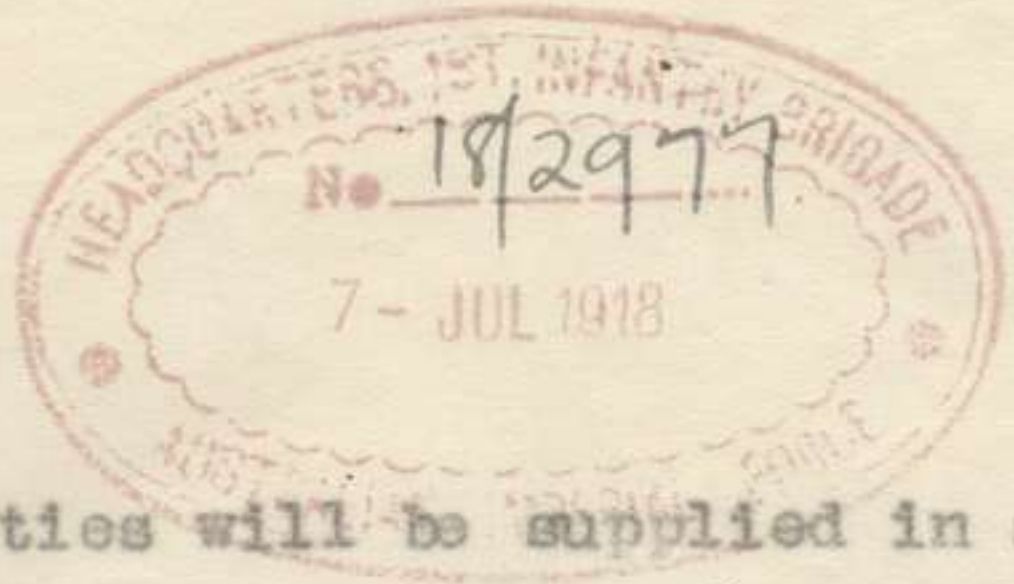
| <u>No. of Party.</u> | <u>Strength.</u> | <u>Rendez-vous.</u> | <u>Date.</u> <u>July.</u> | <u>Time.</u> | <u>Work.</u> | <u>Battalion to supply.</u> | <u>Remarks.</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. | 1 Off. 20 O.R. | E.4.C.8.8. | 6th. | 9.45pm | Loading STRAZEELE Dump. | 2nd Bn.) |) Same parties required nightly. |
| 2. | 5 O.R. | W.19.D.0.8. | 6th. | 9 p.m. | Unloading party. | 2nd Bn.) | |
| 3. | 6 O.R. | W.19.C.9.8. | 6th. | 8 p.m. | Y.M.C.A. W.27.B. 9.4. | 3rd Bn. | |
| 4. | 1 Off. 20 O.R. | Bde. H.Q. | 6th. 7th. | 1 p.m. 8.30am | Shelters Bde.H.Q. | 3rd Bn. | |
| 5. | 1 Off. 20 O.R. | W.19.C.9.8. | 6th. 7th. | 1 p.m. 8.30am | A.D.S. BORRE | 3rd Bn. | |
| 6. | 2 Off. 100 O.R. | Cross Rds. W.19.C.9.7. | 6th. | 8.30pm | BORRE Switch. | 3rd Bn. | 80 shovels & 20 picks to be brought |
| 7. | 2 Off. 75 O.R. | E.4.C. 85.85. | 6th. | 10 pm. | Revetting. | 2nd Bn. | |
| 8. | 1 Off. 40 O.R. | W.28.D.7.2. | 6th. | 10 pm. | Improving Support Line. | 2nd Bn. | |
| 9. | 1 Off. 40 O.R. | W.28.D.7.2. | 6th. | 10 pm. | Excavation MERRIS St. | 2nd Bn. | |
| 10. | 1 Off. 40 O.R. | E.3.D.1.1. | 6th. | 10 pm. | MOLECHHEIN Farm. | 3rd Bn. | |
| 11. | 1 Off. 80 O.R. | E.4.D.4.7. | 6th. | 10 pm. | STRAZEELE Street Defences. | 2nd Bn. | |

Major.

Brigade Major, 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters,
7th. July, 1918.

- 1st. Aust. Battalion.
- 2nd. Aust. Battalion.
- 3rd. Aust. Battalion.
- 4th. Aust. Battalion.
- 1st. Field Coy., A.E.



Working Parties will be supplied in accordance with the following table :-

| No. of Party | Strength required | Meeting Point. | Date. July. | Time. | Work and Location | Bn. to supply | Remarks. |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. | 1 Off. 30 O/R. | E.4.C.8.8. | 7th. | 9.45 p.m. 10.45. | Loading, STRAZEELE Dump. | 2nd. Bn. | |
| 2. | 10 O/R. | W.19.D.0.8. | 7th. | ¹⁰ 9 p.m. | Unloading party. | 2nd. Bn. | |
| 3. | 6 O/R. | W.19.C.9.8. | 7th. | 8 p.m. | Y.M.C.A. W.27.B.9.4. | 3rd. Bn. | |
| 4. | 1 Off. 20 O/R. | Bde. Hdqrs. | 8th. | 8.30a.m. | Shelters, Bde. Hdqrs. | 3rd. Bn. | |
| 5. | 1 Off. 20 O/R. | W.19.C.9.8. | 8th. | 8.30a.m. | A.D.S., BORRE. | 3rd. Bn. | |
| 6. | 2 Off. 100 O/R. | X roads at W.19.C.9.7. | 7th. | 8.30p.m. | BORRE Switch. | 3rd. Bn. | - 80 shov- els & 30 picks to be brought. |
| 7. | 2 Off. 75 O/R. | E.4.C.85.85. | 7th. | ¹¹ 10 p.m. | Revetting. | 2nd. Bn. | |
| 8. | 1 Off. 40 O/R. | E.3.D.1.1. | 7th. | 10p.m. | MOLEGHEIN FARM. | 3rd. Bn. | |
| 9. | 1 Off. 80 O/R. | E.3.D.1.1. | 7th. | ¹¹ 10 p.m. | STRAZEELE St. defences. | 2nd. Bn. | |
| 10. | 1 Off. 40 O/R. | W.28.D.7.2. | 7th. | ¹¹ 10 p.m. | Improving support line. | 2nd. Bn. | |
| 11. | 1 Off. 40 O/R. | W.28.D.7.2. | 7th. | ¹¹ 10 p.m. | Excavation, Merris St. | 2nd. Bn. | |
| 12. | 4 parties of 1 NCO. & 9 men each from post Gar- risons. | W.28.D.7.2. | 7th. | ¹¹ 10 p.m. | Wiring. | 2nd. Bn. 2nd Bn | |

M. J. Curran

Major,
Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters,
 8th. July, 1918. 80

 1st. Aust. Battalion.
 2nd. Aust. Battalion.
 3rd. Aust. Battalion.
 4th. Aust. Battalion.
 1st. Field Coy., A.E.



Working parties will be supplied in accordance with the following table :-

| No. of Party. | Strength required | Meeting Point. | Date. July. | Time. | Work and Location. | Bn. to supply. | Remarks. |
|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1. | 1 Off. 50 O/R. | E.4.C.8.8. | 8th. | 10.45pm. | Loading, STRAZEELE Dump. | 2nd. Bn. | |
| 2. | 10 O/R. | W.19.D.0.8. | 8th. | 10 pm. | Unloading party. | 2nd. Bn. | |
| 3. | 10 O/R. | W.19.D.1.8. | 9th. | 9 am. | W.26.B.9.2. | 2nd. Bn. | |
| 4. | 6 O/R. | W.19.C.9.8. | 8th. | 8 pm. | Y.M.C.A., W.27.B.9.4. | 3rd. Bn. | |
| 5. | 1 Off. 20 O/R. | Bde. Hdqrs. | 9th. | 7.30am. | Shelters, Bde. Hdqrs. | 3rd. Bn. | |
| 6. | 1 Off. 20 O/R. | W.19.C.9.8. | 9th. | 7.30am. | A.D.S., BORRE. | 3rd. Bn. | |
| 7. | 2 Off. 100 O/R. | X. roads at W.19.C.9.7. | 8th. | 8.30pm. | BORRE Switch. | 3rd. Bn. | - 80 shovels, 30 picks. |
| 8. | 2 Off. 75 O/R. | E.4.C.85.85. | 8th. | 10 pm. | Revetting. | 2nd. Bn. | |
| 9. | 1 Off. 40 O/R. | E.3.D.1.1. | 8th. | 10 pm. | MOLEGHEIN FARM. | 3rd. Bn. | |
| 10. | 1 Off. 80 O/R. | E.3.D.1.1. | 8th. | 10 pm. | STRAZEELE St. defences. | 2nd. Bn. | |
| 11. | 1 Off. 40 O/R. | W.28.D.7.2. | 8th. | 11 pm. | Improving support line. | 2nd. Bn. | |
| 12. | 1 Off. 40 O/R. | do | 8th. | 11 pm. | MERRIS St. | 2nd. Bn. | |
| 13. | 2 parties, 1 Off. 20 O/R. | do | 8th. | 11 pm. | Wiring, Sup- port Line. | 2nd. Bn. | |

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Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

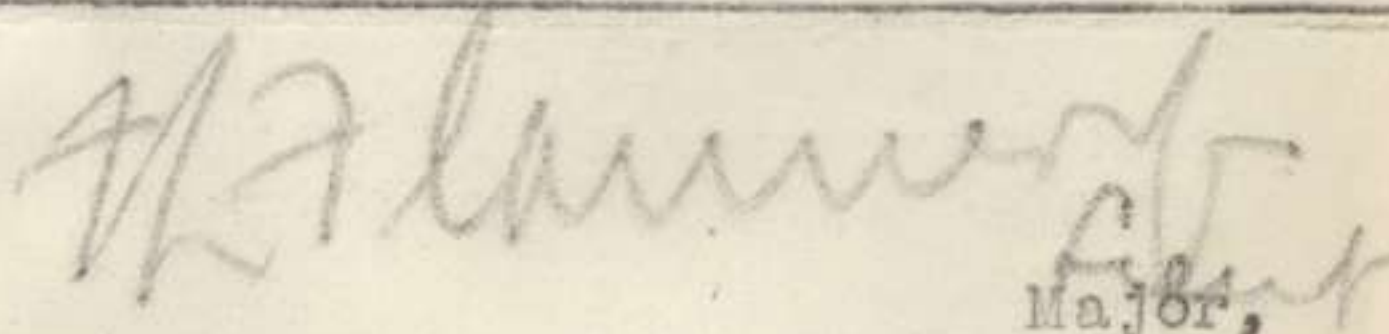
1st. Aust. Battalion.
/4th. Aust. Battalion.
1st. Field Coy., A.E.



Brigade Headquarters,
12th. July, 1918.

1st. and 4th. Battalions will supply working parties as detailed below, please :-

| No. of Party | Strength Required | Meeting Point. | Date. July. | Time. | Bn. to supply. | Work. |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| # 1. | 10 O/R. | W.19.D.0.8. | 13th. | 9 am. | 1st. Bn. | Work on Sig. Dugout, W.26.B.9.2. |
| # 2. | 10 O/R. | W.27.A.5.8. | 13th. | 9 am. | 1st. Bn. | Company Headquarters. |
| D 3. | 1 Off. 20 O/R. | Brigade H.Q. | 13th. | 9.30am. | 4th. Bn. | Dugouts. |
| B 4. | 1 Off. 40 O/R. | W.19.C.9.8. | 13th. | 9.30am. | 4th. Bn. | A.D.S., BORRE. |
| D 5. | 1 Off. 20 O/R. | V.24.C.2.5. | 13th. | 9.30am. | 4th. Bn. | Coy. H.Q. Dugouts. |
| AIC 6. | 1 Off. 30 O/R. | V.24.D.4.8. Bn. Headqrs. | 13th. | 9.30am. | 4th. Bn. | Dugouts, Bn. Headqrs. |

for 
Major,
Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

*In the On the 18th Party will
start at 1.20 PM, but thereafter
at the times stated*

"O" FORM.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2123.
(In books of 100.)

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| Service Instructions | | | | | By. H |

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO JA. JB

| * Sender's Number. | Day of Month. | In reply to Number. | AAA |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|
| K1 | 12 | | AAA |
| INCO | and | 3 | men |
| to | report | to | BHQ |
| at | 1.20 PM | for | mine |
| guards | | | |
| | | | Mine Guard |
| | W 23 | C 4 3 | INCO 3 men |
| | W 24 | A 7 6 | " |
| | W 24 | A 1 5 | " |
| | W 24 | C 5 3 | " |
| | E 3 | D 2 6 | " |

FROM: NOPU

PLACE & TIME: 11.40 AM

Detective Lt
for Ady.

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Brigade Headquarters,
13th. July, 1918.

1st. Aust. Battalion.
4th. Aust. Battalion.
1st. Field Coy., A.E.

Working parties will be detailed in accordance with the following table :-

| No. of party. | Strength required | Meeting Point. | Date. July. | Time. | Bn. to supply. | Work. |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|----------------|---|
| 1. | 12 O/R. | E.5.C.4.1. | 13th. | 9.45p.m. | 1st. Bn. | Loading Party, STRAZEELE |
| 2. | 10 O/R. | W.19.D.0.8. | 13th. | 9.30p.m. | 1st. Bn. | Unloading Party, BORRE. |
| 3. | 10 O/R. | W.27.A.5.0. | 14th. | 9 a.m. | 1st. Bn. | Coy. Dugouts, W.27.A.5.0. |
| 4. | 10 O/R. | W.19.D.0.8. | 14th. | 9 a.m. | 1st. Bn. | Sig. Dugout, W.26.B.9.2. |
| A { Coy 5. | 12 O/R. | W.19.D.0.8. | 14th. | 9 a.m. | 4th. Bn. | Mines. X |
| 6. | 1 Off. 40 O/R. | Bde. Hdqrs. | 14th. | 7.30a.m. | 4th. Bn. | Dugouts, Bde. Hdqrs. X |
| 7. | 1 Off. 40 O/R. | W.19.C.9.8. | 14th. | 7.30a.m. | 4th. Bn. | A.D.S., BORRE. X |
| 8. | 1 Off. 20 O/R. | V.24.C.2.5. | 14th. | 7.30a.m. | 4th. Bn. | Coy. Dugouts. X |
| C & D Coy 9. | 1 Off. 40 O/R. | V.24.D.4.8. | 14th. | 7.30a.m. | 4th. Bn. | Battn. H.Q. Dugouts. X |
| 10. | 3 Off. 75 O/R. | E.4.C.85.85. | 13th. | 10 p.m. | 1st. Bn. | Revetting, E.4.C. |
| D Coy 11. | 2 Off. 40 O/R. | E.4.C.55.70. | 13th. | 10 p.m. | 4th. Bn. | MOLEGHEIN FARM. X |
| 13. | 3 Off. 80 O/R. | E.4.C.55.70. | 13th. | 10 p.m. | 1st. Bn. | STRAZEELE Stn. defence |
| 14. | 2 Off. 50 O/R. | W.28.D.9.2. | 13th. | 11 p.m. | 1st. Bn. | Improvements, Hilltop trench, E.6.A., B. & C. |
| 15. | 2 Off. 40 O/R. | W.28.D.9.2. | 13th. | 11 p.m. | 1st. Bn. | Improvements, MERRIS Street. |
| 16. | 2 parties of 1 Off. & 20 O/R.) | W.28.D.9.2. | 13th. | 11 p.m. | 1st. Bn. | Wiring, Support Line. |

Spokeny Lieut.,

for Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

1st. Aust. Battalion.
4th. Aust. Battalion.
1st. Field Coy., A.E.



Brigade Headquarters,
14th. July, 1918.

Working parties will be detailed in accordance with the following table :-

| No. of Party. | Strength required | Meeting Point | Date. July. | Time. | Bn. to supply. | Work. |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|----------|----------------|---|
| 1. | 10 O/R. | E.5.C.4.1. | 14th. | 8.45p.m. | 1st.Bn. | Loading Party, STRAZEELE. |
| 2. | 10 O/R. | W.19.D.0.8. | 14th. | 9.30p.m. | 1st.Bn. | Unloading party, BORRE. |
| 3. | 5 O/R. | W.27.A.5.0. | 15th. | 9 a.m. | 1st.Bn. | Protection of Company Dugouts. |
| 4. | 5 O/R. | W.19.D.0.8. | 15th. | 9 a.m. | 1st.Bn. | Signal Dugout, W.26.B.9.2. |
| 5. <i>D</i> | 1 Off. 20 O/R. | Brigade H.Q. | 15th. | 7.30a.m. | 4th.Bn. | Constructing dugouts, Bde. Headqrs. |
| 6. <i>A</i> | 1 Off. 30 O/R. | W.19.C.9.8. | 15th. | 7.30a.m. | 4th.Bn. | Strengthening A.D.S., BORRE. |
| 7. <i>C</i> | 1 Off. 20 O/R. | W.24.C.2.5. | 15th. | 7.30a.m. | 4th.Bn. | Const. dugouts, "C" Coy. H.Q., 3rd. Bn. |
| 8. <i>B</i> | 1 Off. 30 O/R. | V.24.D.4.8. | 15th. | 7.30a.m. | 4th.Bn. | Constr. dugouts, 3rd. Bn. Headqrs. |
| 9. | 1 Off. 30 O/R. | E.4.C.85.85. | 14th. | 10 p.m. | 1st.Bn. | Revetting, E.4.C. |
| 10. <i>D</i> | 1 Off. 20 O/R. | E.4.C.55.70. | 14th. | 10 p.m. | 4th.Bn. | MOLEGHEIN FARM. |
| 11. | 1 Off. 30 O/R. | E.4.C.55.70. | 14th. | 10 p.m. | 1st.Bn. | STRAZEELE Station defences. |
| 12. | 1 Off. 35 O/R. | W.28.D.9.2. | 14th. | 11 p.m. | 1st.Bn. | Trench/improvements, E.6.A., B. and C. |

H. Hanning
Lieut.,

for Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

"A" Form. Army Form C. 2121.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message _____

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| Office of Origin and Service Instructions. | | | Sent _____ | | Service. _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") _____ | Date _____ |
| | | | At _____ m. | | | From _____ |
| | | | To _____ | | | By _____ |
| | | | By _____ | | | |

TO { N.O.P.U.

| | | | |
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| Sender's Number. * FN 31 | Day of Month 14 | In reply to Number A 49 | A A A |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------|

Herewith statement of how Coy is employed. AAA. 47 OR have already been asked for to work on 15th inst in addition to the 15 asked for in your message under reply.

| | | |
|---|------|--|
| From 1530 pm | J.A. | |
| Place | | |
| Time | | |

(Z) *[Signature]*
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. Censor. _____

* This line should be erased if not required.

(4198) Wt. W1 042-M44. 100000 Pads. 12/15. Sir J. C. & S.

4 Bn

A49 14.7.18

Number of ORs available for fatigue
15.7.18 is 46. The balance of the Co.,
will be employed as follows.

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| C.S.M. | 1 |
| Cltms | 1 |
| Signallers | 4 |
| Runners | 2 |
| Co Cooks | 4 |
| Off Cook - Batman | 2 |
| Stretcher Bearers | 4 |
| Sanitary Request | 2 |
| Co Clerks | 2 |
| Boone Bagque Request | 22 |
| Brigade Guard | 8 |
| Railway Guard | 4 |
| Mine Guard | 4 |
| No Duty | 1 |
| Total | 61 |
| OR Strength | 107 |
| Balance available | 46 |

W. H. W. H. Capt.
14.7.18

A Coy ^{V25A5-8} ~~V18D4-4~~ [✓] Buzonac Hoags. Gas Guard. 8 0/10.
~~V18D4-4~~ [✓] Borre Becque Picquet. 1 off 7 22 0/10
[✓] Railway Guard (V30 C8-3) 4 0/10
V30-A83 Mine Guard (Borre) W19 D08 4 0/10

B Coy ^{V30 A83} ~~V18D4-4~~ Mine Guard (Borre) W19 D08 4 0/10

C Coy ^(A19) [✓] Hazetronk Picquet 1 off 7 20 0/10
+ Divl Hoags. A.A Guard 8 0/10

D Coy ^(A19) [✓] Mine Guard (Borre) W19 D08. 4 0/10
V30 A83 Control Guard (Railway Level Crossing) 14 0/10

Band [✓] Jamelling Post C8-8. 1-6-1914
(Can. Inni. Coy)

A Coy ✓ 8 OR as Bde H.Q. Gas Gd.
 ✓ 1 off 4 22 OR Bonne Becque Pgt
 ✓ 4 OR Ranks Railway Gd V30-C8-3
 ✓ 4 OR Ranks - Mine Guards. ? ⊕

B. Coy ✓ 1 Cpl. 3 OR Ranks Mine
 Guards at ⊕

C Coy 1 off 20 OR Hazetroner Pgt
 8 OR Div ^{Gas} Guard -
 Bde

D Coy 1 NCO and 3 ORS Mine Guard Boise.
 2 NCOs and 12 ORS civilian control guard
 at Railway level crossing

Duties to be taken over tomorrow
 by incoming unit

ROYAL AIR FORCE COMMUNIQUE—No. 10.

During the period under review (3rd to 9th June, 1918, inclusive) we have claimed officially 56 E.A. brought down and 26 driven down out of control. In addition, one E.A. was brought down by anti-aircraft. Twelve of our machines are missing. Approximately 174½ tons of bombs were dropped and 6,933 photographs taken.

June 3rd.—Weather fine; cloudy in morning.

Fifteen reconnaissances, 17 contact and counter-attack patrols.

One hundred and two hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 18 neutralized, 74 zone calls sent.

Twenty-four tons of bombs dropped.

On the 2nd instant, 38 hostile batteries were engaged for destruction by balloons and fire was observed on 97 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—E.A. inactive until evening.

E.A. were brought down by:—Lieut. H. A. F. Goodison, No. 23 Squadron; Lieut. J. W. Pearson, No. 23 Squadron; Capt. I. D. R. MacDonald, No. 24 Squadron; Capt. W. J. A. Duncan, No. 60 Squadron; Capt. J. V. Sorsoleil, No. 84 Squadron; Lieut. A. W. Vigers, No. 87 Squadron; Lieut. J. H. Siddall, No. 209 Squadron; Lieuts. R. C. Armstrong and J. H. Jeffery, Lieuts. T. L. Baillieu and F. A. Sewell, 3rd Squadron A.F.C. (one).

Miscellaneous.—Capt. Scott and Lieut. Edwards, No. 59 Squadron, ranged 277 S.B. on hostile battery; 200 rounds observed, two OK, two MOK obtained, two pits damaged. Also ranged 244 S.B. on hostile battery; 250 rounds observed, one OK, two MOK obtained, one pit destroyed, two damaged, one explosion and two fires caused. (Pilot ranged.)

Lieuts. Brown and McNay, No. 35 Squadron, ranged 121 S.B. on a bridge; 135 rounds observed, road entrances were badly torn up and bridge hit and rendered impassable.

HONOURS AND AWARDS.—The Distinguished Service Cross.—Capt. J. H. Forman.

The Military Cross.—Capt. F. Hyde, 2nd Lieut. S. H. Wallage, Capt. B. E. Catchpole, Capt. P. S. Burge, M.M.

June 4th.—Weather overcast all day.

Ten reconnaissances, 14 contact and counter-attack patrols.

Eighty-eight hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 20 neutralized, 107 zone calls sent.

Thirteen and three-quarter tons of bombs dropped.

On the 3rd instant 41 hostile batteries were engaged for destruction and fire observed on 139 other targets by balloons.

Enemy Aircraft.—Enemy aircraft activity very slight.

One E.A. was shot down in flames into the sea by Major W. A. Bishop, No. 85 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. Davis, No. 4 Squadron, in a flight of 4 hours 10 minutes observed for two shoots with 379 S.B. and one with 201 S.B.

Lieuts. Craig and Lumsden, No. 59 Squadron, in a flight of three hours, ranged 195 S.B. on hostile battery; 300 rounds observed, 5 OK, 7 MOK obtained, position badly damaged. Also 244 S.B. on hostile battery; 300 rounds observed, 1 OK, 8 MOK obtained, position badly damaged. (Pilot ranged.)

Lieuts. Pickering and Withers, 3rd Squadron A.F.C., ranged 214 S.B. and 283 S.B. on two hostile batteries; 200 rounds observed, 2 MOK obtained, 1 pit destroyed, 1 damaged. During this shoot a hostile battery was successfully neutralized.

Lieuts. Love and Shelley, 3rd Squadron A.F.C., ranged 353 S.B. and 25 S.B. on two hostile batteries; 170 rounds observed, 1 OK, 2 MOK obtained, 2 pits destroyed, 2 explosions caused. During this shoot two hostile batteries were neutralized.

June 5th.—Weather, fine.

Twelve reconnaissances, 14 contact and counter-attack patrols.

One hundred and twenty-two hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 11 neutralized.

Twenty-seven and a quarter tons of bombs dropped.

On the 4th instant, 67 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 164 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Enemy aircraft activity slightly below normal.

Lieut. E. C. Bromley and 2nd Lieut. C. G. Gass, while leading a patrol of No. 22 Squadron, sighted a Halberstadt two-seater, which on their approach fired a green light. Lieut. Bromley, suspecting a trap, waited, and in a short time some Albatross scouts appeared and joined the Halberstadt. Almost at once, six Albatross scouts dived out of the sun on to the others, apparently mistaking them for one of our patrols. Lieut. Bromley then led the patrol into the melée and shot down the Halberstadt. Lieut. S. F. H. Thompson and Sergt. R. M. Fletcher shot down two of the Albatross scouts while the E.A. continued to fight among themselves, several of them being seen to go down out of control. Lieut. Bromley's good leadership thus led the Huns into their own trap.

E.A. were also brought down by:—Lieut. J. E. Gurdon and Sergt. J. Hall, No. 22 Squadron; Capt. J. E. Pugh and Lieut. S. C. Eschmann, No. 25 Squadron; Capt. J. D. Belgrave, No. 60 Squadron; Lieut. G. K. Runciman and Lieut. A. J. Todd, No. 62 Squadron; Capt. W. E. Staton

and Lieut. J. R. Gordon, No. 62 Squadron (two); Capt. A. W. Beauchamp-Proctor, Lieut. A. W. Southey, No. 84 Squadron (one); Lieut. K. B. Conn and 2nd Lieut. B. Digbey-Worsley, No. 88 Squadron (two); Lieut. W. R. May, No. 209 Squadron; Capt. A. W. Carter, Lieut. Baird, No. 210 Squadron (one).

Enemy balloons were shot down in flames by Lieut. A. L. Jones, No. 210 Squadron, and Lieut. E. Swale, No. 210 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. Leete, No. 7 Squadron, with 21 S.B. (9.2-in. How.), observed 26 ranging rounds in 25 minutes, including one OK, eight Y, nine Z, three A; 14 re-ranging rounds in 17 minutes, including five Y, three Z, one A; 14 re-ranging rounds in 20 minutes, including one OK, six Y, seven Z; ten re-ranging rounds in 20 minutes, including four Y, six Z, nine explosions and three fires caused.

Lieuts. Thomas and Hislop, No. 59 Squadron, with 244 S.B., observed for 300 rounds; two MOK obtained, two pits damaged. Also with 303 S.B. observed for 300 rounds; one OK, eight MOK obtained, two pits damaged. (Pilot observed in each case.)

HONOURS AND AWARDS.—**Bar to the Military Cross.**—2nd Lieut. R. T. Mark, M.C.

The Military Cross.—Capt. E. J. Jones, Capt. C. N. Lowe, 2nd Lieut. C. A. Sundy, 2nd Lieut. B. L. Lindley, Capt. G. E. Gibbons, Lieut. H. S. P. Walmsley, Capt. E. Williams, Lieut. A. S. Keep, Lieut. W. McK. Thomson.

The Distinguished Service Cross.—2nd Lieut. L. R. Shoebottom.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal.—67051 A/Sergt. E. A. Deighton.

June 6th.—Weather fine.

Twenty-two reconnaissances, 14 contact and counter-attack patrols.

One hundred and thirty-four hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 16 neutralized.

Thirty-seven and three-quarter tons of bombs dropped.

On the 5th instant, 50 hostile batteries were engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 172 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Enemy aircraft activity considerable.

Capt. P. J. Clayson, while leading a patrol of No. 1 Squadron, attacked formation of Pfalz and Albatross scouts, two of which he shot down in flames.

Lieut. E. E. Owen and Lieut. C. B. Henderson, of the same patrol, also each shot down an E.A. in flames.

E.A. were also brought down by:—Capt. C. N. Lowe, No. 24 Squadron; Lieut. C. H. R. Lagesse, No. 29 Squadron (one, our side of lines); Lieut. B. R. Rolfe, No. 29 Squadron; Lieut. A. E. Reed, Lieut. C. G. Ross, No. 29 Squadron (one); Capt. W. A. Tyrrell, No. 32 Squadron; Capt. W. A. Tyrrell, Lieut. J. W. Trusler, No. 32 Squadron (one); Capt. M. le Blanc-Smith, No. 73 Squadron; a patrol of No. 74 Squadron (one); Capt. C. J. W. Darwin, No. 87 Squadron; a formation of No. 103 Squadron led by Capt. J. S. Stubbs and 2nd Lieut. C. C. Dance (one); Lieut. S. C. Joseph, No. 210 Squadron; Lieut. S. C. Joseph, Lieut. K. T. Campbell, No. 210 Squadron (one); Capt. J. G. Manuel, Lieut. W. S. Jenkins, No. 210 Squadron (one).

Two hostile balloons were shot down in flames by Capt. A. W. Beauchamp-Proctor, No. 84 Squadron, and one by Lieut. H. G. Watson, 4th Squadron A.F.C.

Miscellaneous.—No. 39 Section's balloon with two observers ascended to 6,650 feet, thus constituting a record for 2nd Balloon Wing.

Lieuts. Woollett and Kent, No. 59 Squadron, during a flight of 4 hours 10 minutes, observed for 150 rounds with 95 S.B. on hostile battery; four OK, three MOK obtained, four pits destroyed, two explosions and several fires caused. Also observed for 300 rounds with 194 S.B. on hostile battery; two OK, two MOK obtained, three explosions and five fires caused, position damaged. (Pilot observed in each case.)

June 7th.—Weather fine; cloudy in afternoon.

Nineteen reconnaissances, 15 contact and counter-attack patrols.

One hundred and two hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 13 neutralized, 76 zone calls sent.

Thirty-four and three-quarter tons of bombs dropped.

On the 6th instant 76 hostile batteries were engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 201 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Enemy aircraft activity slight.

Lieut. C. R. Pithey and 2nd Lieut. H. Rhodes, No. 12 Squadron, while on photographic work were attacked by nine Pfalz scouts. Of the two first pairs to attack, Lieut. Rhodes drove two down out of control. He then fired at one of the third pair and shot away its tail. The remaining E.A. then made off.

A formation of No. 49 Squadron on bomb raid were attacked by about 45 E.A. Lieuts. L. R. Charron and F. B. Denison were attacked by two of them at close range, both of which Lieut. Denison shot down and crashed.

E.A. were also brought down by 2nd Lieut. C. Parry, No. 56 Squadron (two); Lieut. F. I. Lord, No. 79 Squadron; Capt. Stevens and Lieut. Christian, Lieut. Eaton and 2nd Lieut. Tatnall, No. 206 Squadron (one); Lieut. N. W. Hustings, No. 19 Squadron; Capt. C. N. Lowe, No. 24 Squadron; Capt. I. D. R. MacDonald, No. 24 Squadron; Lieut. G. B. Foster, No. 24 Squadron; Lieut. J. Paine, No. 43 Squadron; Capt. C. F. King, No. 43 Squadron; Capt. D. R. MacLaren, No. 46 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Capt. Francis and Lieut. Loram, 3rd Squadron A.F.C., with 42 S.B. and 169 S.B., observed for 210 rounds in all on two hostile batteries. In the first shoot 1 OK, 4 MOK obtained, 1 pit destroyed, 2 damaged, 1 explosion caused. In the second shoot 3 MOK obtained, 2 pits destroyed, 1 damaged, 1 explosion, 1 fire caused.

June 8th.—Weather, cloudy with fair intervals.

Seven reconnaissances, seven contact and counter-attack patrols.

Fifty hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, three neutralized, 48 zone calls sent.

Eight and three-quarter tons of bombs dropped.

On the 7th instant, 47 hostile batteries were engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 161 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Enemy aerial activity was very slight.

E.A. were brought down by:—Capt. T. P. Middleton and Capt. F. Godfrey, No. 20 Squadron (two); Lieut. A. T. Iaccaci and Corpl. A. Newlands, No. 20 Squadron; Lieut. C. J. Venter, No. 29 Squadron; Lieut. W. B. Probart, No. 73 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Capt. Nicholson, No. 16 Squadron, with 493 and 162 S.Bs, observed for three very good shoots on three hostile batteries.

Lieuts. Craig and Thomas, No. 59 Squadron, with 277 S.B., observed for 200 rounds on a hostile battery; three OK and three MOK obtained, one explosion and three fires caused, all four pits damaged. Also with 299 S.B. observed for 300 rounds; one OK and five MOK obtained, one explosion and two fires caused, two pits badly damaged. (Pilot observed in each case.)

June 9th.—Weather, fine in morning, rain in afternoon.

Twenty-one reconnaissances, 153 contact and counter-attack patrols (of which 150 were by 9th Brigade).

Eighty-four hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, eight neutralized, 88 zone calls sent.

Twenty-eight and a half tons of bombs dropped.

On the 8th instant, five hostile batteries were engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, and fire observed on 29 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Enemy aircraft activity slightly below normal, except on battle front.

Lieut. F. R. McCall, No. 41 Squadron, dived on an E.A. two-seater which opened fire on him at 1,000 yards range, hitting a longeron and the petrol tank. After considerable manœuvring, Lieut. McCall got within 100 yards of E.A., whose observer then ceased firing, and the machine was seen by ground observers to crash at Mezieres. Lieut. McCall's machine was badly damaged, two cylinders being blown off the engine during the combat.

Lieuts. R. C. Armstrong and F. J. Hart, 3rd Squadron A.F.C., on returning from the line had their attention attracted by anti-aircraft bursts to an E.A. two-seater which was making for the line. Lieut. Armstrong cut the E.A. off and by skilful manœuvring forced it to land intact on his own aerodrome.

E.A. were also brought down by:—Lieut. A. W. Franklyn, Lieut. W. Hubbard, No. 3 Squadron (one); Lieut. C. V. Gardner, No. 19 Squadron; Capt. D. Latimer and Lieut. T. C. Noel, No. 20 Squadron; Lieut. W. M. Thomson and Pbr. F. J. Ralphs, No. 20 Squadron; Lieut. J. H. Spence, Sergt. P. H. Williams, No. 54 Squadron (one); Capt. J. D. Belgrave, No. 60 Squadron; Lieut. W. K. Swayze and 2nd Lieut. E. M. Nicholas, No. 62 Squadron; Capt. W. E. Young, Capt. E. Mannock, Lieut. A. C. Kiddie, Lieut. H. G. Clements, No. 74 Squadron (one); Lieut. J. H. Siddall, Lieut. C. G. Edwards, No. 209 Squadron (one); Lieut. C. G. Edwards, No. 209 Squadron; Capt. J. G. Manuel, No. 210 Squadron.

A hostile balloon was shot down in flames by Lieut. C. J. Shackell, No. 210 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Capt. B. E. Catchpole, No. 21 Squadron, with 148 S.B., observed for two successful shoots on two hostile batteries; three large explosions caused and house destroyed in the first shoot and several explosions in the second.

Lieut. Leete, No. 7 Squadron, with 21 S.B. (9.2-in. How.), observed 24 rounds in 25 minutes, including 8 Y, 6 Z, 7 A; 16 re-ranging rounds in fifteen minutes, including 7 Y, 7 Z, 1 A; 12 re-ranging rounds, including 1 OK, 5 Y, 6 Z; fire for effect good.

Capt. Francis and Lieut. Loram, 3rd Squadron A.F.C., with 42 S.B. (9.2-in.), observed 100 rounds on hostile battery; 1 OK, 4 MOK obtained, 1 pit destroyed, 1 explosion caused. During this shoot an NF was sent on an active hostile battery, which was turned into a shoot, 50 rounds being observed.

The following information was obtained from a German prisoner:—

“On 28th May a British single-seater was forced to land near Morcourt. The Germans who took him prisoner questioned him, but he refused to answer. Thereupon they threatened to shoot him; but as he still refused to reply to their questions he was taken to the rear. Subsequently the Battalion Commander told the men to imitate his example, if captured.”

Headquarters, R.A.F.,

12th June, 1918.

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Captain, Air Staff.



ROYAL AIR FORCE COMMUNIQUE—No. 11.

During the period under review (10th to 16th June, 1918, inclusive), we have claimed officially 63 E.A. brought down and 31 driven down out of control. In addition, 2 E.A. were brought down by anti-aircraft. 31 of our machines are missing. Approximately 115½ tons of bombs were dropped, and 4,104 plates exposed.

It is regretted that the following combats were omitted from R.A.F. Communique No. 9, though they were included in the total of E.A. brought down:—

May 30th.—E.A. were brought down by Capt. A. G. Waller and Lieut. B. J. Blackett, No. 18 Squadron; Capt. A. C. Atkey and 2nd Lieut. C. G. Gass, No. 22 Squadron; Capt. D. W. Forshaw, No. 46 Squadron; Lieut. D. H. Robertson, No. 46 Squadron; Lieut. G. Hudson, No. 46 Squadron; Lieut. P. M. Tudhope, No. 46 Squadron. (This patrol of No. 46 Squadron, which was led by Capt. D. W. Forshaw, also sent two E.A. down out of control in the same combat.)

May 31st.—E.A. were brought down by 2nd Lieut. L. W. King and 2nd Lieut. J. McDonald, No. 22 Squadron; 2nd Lieut. C. H. Dunster and Sergt. J. H. Jones, No. 22 Squadron; Lieut. H. G. Ross, No. 64 Squadron; Capt. E. R. Tempest, No. 64 Squadron.

June 10th.—Weather, rain; some bright intervals.

Twelve reconnaissances, 171 contact and counter-attack patrols (of which 159 were by 9th Brigade).

Twenty-four hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 21 neutralized, 74 zone calls sent.

Ten and a-half tons of bombs dropped.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity was slight.

Capt. G. Fox-Rule and Lieut. E. H. Tredcroft, No. 49 Squadron, while on low bombing were attacked by five E.A., who cut them off from the line. Capt. Fox-Rule dived through the E.A., singling out the leading machine, at which he fired until within 30 yards, whereupon it burst into flames and was seen to hit the ground. They were then attacked by three E.A. from the rear, at which the observer fired 100 rounds, sending one down out of control and forcing another to break off. Owing to their tail plane bracing wires being shot through, the combat was not continued with. During a bomb raid on Bapaume Dump, Lieut. C. W. Peckham and Sergt. J. Grant, No. 57 Squadron, were attacked by eight Fokker triplanes at the first of which Sergt. Grant fired, sending it down in flames. The remaining E.A. then headed off the D.H.4, compelling it to fly north. A little later another of the E.A. opened fire from below; Lieut. Peckham dived on it, and after firing 80 rounds saw it crash to the ground. The D.H.4 then returned home.

E.A. were also brought down by Lieut. C. B. Ridley, No. 43 Squadron; Lieut. C. C. Banks, No. 43 Squadron; Capt. C. F. King, No. 43 Squadron; a patrol of No. 48 Squadron, led by Capt. C. R. Steele (one); Lieut. H. Ford and Lieut. H. H. Jones, No. 49 Squadron; Lieut. A. D. R. Jones and Sergt. J. T. Ward, No. 57 Squadron; Lieut. G. L. Graham, No. 73 Squadron; Lieut. L. K. Baker, No. 80 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—No. 9 Section's balloon, with one observer, ascended to a height of 6,850 ft.

June 11th.—Weather, overcast; clearing in afternoon.

Twenty-three reconnaissances, 173 contact and counter-attack patrols (of which 160 were by the 9th Brigade).

Fifty-four hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 8 neutralized, 23 zone calls sent.

Twenty-one and three-quarter tons bombs dropped.

On the 10th instant, 11 hostile batteries were engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 33 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity was below normal, except on the battle front.

Patrols of No. 73 Squadron destroyed 6 E.A. in the course of the day, the following pilots accounting for one each:—Lieut. G. Pilditch, Lieut. O. M. Baldwin, Capt. G. A. H. Pidcock, Lieut. R. N. Chandler, Lieut. A. V. Gallie, Capt. W. H. Hubbard.

E.A. were also brought down by the following:—Capt. F. W. Lowen and Lieut. V. Dreschfeld, No. 49 Squadron; Capt. A. W. Beauchamp-Proctor, No. 84 Squadron; Major R. Collishaw, No. 203 Squadron; Lieut. T. J. Hammond, 2nd Squadron, A.F.C.

June 12th.—Weather, overcast; visibility fair.

Twenty-three reconnaissances, 32 contact and counter-attack patrols.

Ninety-six hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 7 neutralized, 77 zones calls sent.

Twenty-seven tons of bombs dropped.

On the 11th instant, 38 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 120 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity generally slight, except on battle front.

Patrols of No. 73 Squadron destroyed five E.A. during the day, two of which were shot down in our lines—both by Capt. M. le Blanc-Smith, who had also previously destroyed another E.A. The remaining two E.A. were accounted for by Lieut. G. N. Anderson and Lieut. J. H. Drewry.

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Capt. R. C. Phillipps, 2nd Squadron A.F.C., while on offensive patrol, dived on six triplanes which were attacking another of our patrols, and shot down two of them. Shortly afterwards he attacked an enemy two-seater, which he shot down, the E.A. bursting into flames on hitting the ground. Capt. Phillipps also destroyed another E.A., thus accounting for four in one day, all of which were confirmed by pilots.

E.A. were also brought down by: Capt. T. P. Middleton and Capt. F. Godfrey, No. 20 Squadron; Capt. A. Claydon, No. 32 Squadron; Lieut. J. G. Beck, No. 43 Squadron; Capt. C. L. E. Geach, No. 43 Squadron; Capt. E. R. Tempest, No. 64 Squadron; Lieut. H. G. Clements, No. 74 Squadron; Lieut. P. F. C. Howe, No. 74 Squadron; Capt. H. A. Whistler, No. 80 Squadron (two); Capt. Stevens and Lieut. Christian, No. 206 Squadron; Lieut. R. L. Manuel, 2nd Squadron, A.F.C.; Capt. E. J. McClaughry, 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

A hostile balloon was shot down in flames by Capt. E. J. McClaughry, 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Miscellaneous.—No. 40 Balloon was shelled on evening of 10th instant. The gun was located by the observers on a railway and engaged with 521 S.B., whereupon an engine was seen to move away with the gun.

Lieut. Burgess, No. 7 Squadron, with 19 S.B. (9.2-in. Hows.), observed 33 ranging rounds in 38 minutes, including 6 Y, 6 Z, 8 A; three explosions and one fire caused. Also with 30 S.B. (8-in. Hows.) observed 34 ranging rounds in 60 minutes, including one OK, 2 Y, 2 Z, 8 A, and 28 re-ranging rounds in 48 minutes, including one OK, 3 Y, 5 Z, 7 A.

Capt. Glennly, No. 7 Squadron, with 30 S.B. (8-in. Hows.), observed 24 ranging rounds in 29 minutes, including 2 OK, 4 Y, 4 Z, 6 A, and 17 re-ranging rounds in 16 minutes, including 2 Y, 4 Z, 7 A. Also, with 268 S.B. (6-in. Hows.), observed 41 ranging rounds in 53 minutes, including 2 OK, 3 Y, 3 Z, 7 A; 18 re-ranging rounds in 23 minutes, including one OK, 5 Z, 4 A.

Two successful cross-observation shoots were carried out by 2nd Balloon Wing, one of which was in co-operation with 1st Balloon Wing.

June 13th.—Weather, cloudy; visibility poor.

Twenty-nine reconnaissances, 19 contact and counter-attack patrols.

Sixty-two hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 13 neutralized, 79 zone calls sent.

Nine and a-half tons of bombs dropped.

On the 12th instant, 20 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 86 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Inactive, except for a brief spell on the Third Army front.

Lieut. H. A. Gordon, No. 60 Squadron, in company with Lieut. R. G. Lewis and Capt. J. D. Belgrave, dived on an E.A. two-seater which went down out of control, closely followed by Capt. Belgrave into the mist. Lieut. Gordon then followed Lieut. Lewis, who was losing height, and landed beside him between Ablaincourt and Chaulnes—Lieut. Lewis smashing his undercarriage. Some soldiers soon appeared, who opened fire on them. Lieut. Gordon ran to his machine, calling to Lieut. Lewis to get in with him, but the latter, apparently mistaking the soldiers for friends, walked towards them. As they were still firing, Lieut. Gordon took off and then circled back over the body of men, intending to fire on them, but seeing Lieut. Lewis in their midst refrained from doing so, as he was afraid of hitting him. Lieut. Gordon then returned home, having had one wire of his rudder control shot through and a longeron practically shot away.

E.A. were brought down by the following:—Capt. P. J. Clayson, No. 1 Squadron; Capt. A. Claydon, No. 32 Squadron; Lieut. F. R. McCall, No. 41 Squadron; Capt. C. F. King, No. 43 Squadron; Lieut. C. C. Banks, No. 43 Squadron; Capt. G. A. H. Pidcock, Lieut. E. R. Trendell, No. 73 Squadron (one); Lieut. S. Carlin, No. 74 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—No. 28 Balloon Section (1st Balloon Wing) observed a convoy of motor transport entering Wancourt, which was engaged with 31 H.B. (60-pdrs.) and dispersed.

Lieut. Swann, No. 10 Squadron, with 190 S.B., on an ANF call, observed 2 OK, 13 Y, 9 Z, 14 A; two fires and one explosion caused.

A very successful C.B. shoot was observed for by No. 39 Section's balloon (2nd Balloon Wing) in conjunction with a French aeroplane; 388 rounds fired, 70 individual rounds observed, 300 rounds fired in salvos for effect, a series of explosions and fires caused.

June 14th.—Weather overcast, low clouds, high wind.

Thirty-four reconnaissances, 10 contact and counter-attack patrols.

Seventy-nine hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, nine neutralized, 41 zone calls sent.

Four and a-half tons of bombs dropped.

On the 13th instant, five hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 28 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity very slight; no decisive combats.

Miscellaneous.—Lieuts. Woollett and Kent, No. 59 Squadron, with 144 S.B. observed for 300 rounds on a hostile battery; 3 MOK obtained, one explosion caused and position generally damaged. During the same flight, 200 rounds were observed for with 219 S.B. on a hostile battery; 2 OK, 3 MOK obtained, position considerably damaged. (Pilot observed.)

Capt. Francis and Lieut. Loram, 3rd Squadron A.F.C., with 42 S.B. (9.2") observed for 100 rounds; one OK, 3 MOK obtained, one pit destroyed, one fire caused. Also with 94 S.B. (9.2") on a hostile battery observed for 80 rounds; 2 OK, 2 MOK obtained, three explosions caused. During the same flight, a hostile battery was successfully neutralized, 2 MOK being sent.

June 15th.—Weather, cloudy; fair intervals.

Thirty-two reconnaissances, 12 contact and counter-attack patrols.

Forty-seven hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 11 neutralized, 47 zone calls sent.

Ten tons of bombs dropped.

On the 14th instant, 11 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 48 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity slight.

E.A. were brought down by:—Capt. J. Gilmour, No. 65 Squadron; Lieut. P. F. C. Howe, No. 74 Squadron; Major W. A. Bishop, No. 85 Squadron; Major R. Collishaw, No. 203 Squadron.

A hostile balloon was shot down in flames by Capt. P. J. Clayson, No. 1 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—2nd Lieut. Poynton and Corpl. Jackson, No. 3 Balloon Section, located a hostile railway gun about to come to action near Wiencourt. Observation was given to 504 S.B. and the gun was compelled to move. Soon after observation was given to 499 S.B. on the same gun, which again moved. Lieut. Riches and Corpl. Boddy, No. 29 Balloon Section, also saw this gun and gave observation to 222 S.B. The gun was eventually driven back over 5,000 yards.

Three machines of No. 83 Squadron left at 11.5 p.m., 11.10 p.m. and 11.12 p.m. to carry out a reconnaissance of the area Cambrai—Le Cateau—St. Quentin—Peronne. All machines had to be sent together as a clear interval occurred in the weather at 11 p.m. The machines returned respectively at 1.55 a.m., 1.10 a.m. and 2.12 a.m. Reconnaissances were carried out from heights varying from 800 to 2,500 feet, but were greatly hindered owing to severe rain storms and low clouds. Several Michelin flares were dropped; a number of lights were seen in woods west of Estrees, and a considerable amount of transport was observed on the road at the S.W. edge of Manancourt Wood. Another column of transport was seen on the main road three miles west of Cambrai proceeding in the direction of Bapaume. Observation in the majority of cases was rendered very difficult owing to machines having to alter their altitude very frequently through running into banks of clouds.

June 16th.—Weather variable—some rain, fair intervals.

Fifty-one reconnaissances, 15 contact and counter-attack patrols.

One hundred and nine hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 16 neutralized, 136 zone calls sent.

Thirty-two and a-half tons of bombs dropped.

On the 15th instant, 50 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 118 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Active on French battle front and north of British front.

Lieuts. E. A. Coghlan and H. M. Stewart, on a bomb raid of No. 27 Squadron, were attacked by about 20 E.A. Lieut. Stewart shot one of them down in flames, but was then killed. The E.A. continued to attack, and Lieut. Coghlan was wounded. Another D.H.4 of the formation closed up on Lieut. Coghlan's tail and escorted him safely to the lines.

E.A. were also brought down by:—Lieut. N. B. Scott and 2nd Lieut. H. E. Power, No. 11 Squadron; Lieut. D. E. Smith and 2nd Lieut. J. Hills, No. 20 Squadron; Lieut. W. G. Claxton, No. 41 Squadron; Lieut. F. R. McCall, No. 41 Squadron; Capt. G. C. Maxwell, No. 56 Squadron (two); Capt. E. Mannoek, No. 74 Squadron; Lieut. G. A. Vaughn (U.S.A.), No. 84 Squadron; Major W. A. Bishop, No. 85 Squadron (two); Lieut. L. H. Callahan, No. 85 Squadron; Capt. S. B. Horn, No. 85 Squadron; Lieut. G. B. Gates, No. 201 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. Henderson, No. 4 Squadron, with 70 S.B. (8-in. Hows.), observed 39 rounds in 54 minutes, including 1 OK, 3 Y, 5 Z, 13 A; 17 re-ranging rounds in 20 minutes, including 1 OK, 2 Y, 8 A. Fire for effect was good. Five explosions and two fires caused. No. 1 pit badly damaged; No. 3 pit damaged.

No. 11 Section (3rd Balloon Wing) with X Battery, 57 Div. Trench Mortars, observed 15 rounds out of a total of 16 fired on two trench targets.

Capt. Pett and Hill, No. 15 Squadron, with 36 S.B. observed 29 rounds on hostile battery, 6 MOK obtained. Also with 56 S.B. observed 26 rounds on hostile battery, 2 OK, 7 MOK obtained, two large explosions and four fires caused; two hostile batteries also reported by zone call. (Pilot observed.)

Headquarters, R.A.F.,
19th June, 1918.

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ROYAL AIR FORCE COMMUNIQUE—No. 12.

During the period under review (17th to 23rd June, 1918, inclusive), we have claimed officially 53 E.A. brought down and 10 driven down out of control. Nineteen of our machines are missing. Approximately 107 tons of bombs were dropped, and 3,626 plates exposed.

June 17th.—Weather, fine in morning; some thunder in afternoon.

Sixty-five reconnaissances, nine contact and counter-attack patrols.

One hundred and thirty-four hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 13 neutralized, 97 zone calls sent.

Thirty-four and three-quarter tons of bombs dropped.

On the 16th instant, 49 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 234 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity was considerable on north of British front.

No. 85 Squadron destroyed five E.A. in the course of the day, of which Major W. A. Bishop crashed two and sent one down in flames, Lieut. A. Cunningham-Reid shot down one, and Lieuts. J. D. Canning, E. W. Springs, J. M. Grider accounted for the fifth.

E.A. were also shot down by:—Capt. D. Stewart and L. I. Collins, No. 18 Squadron; Lieut. A. T. Iaccaci and Corpl. A. Newlands, No. 20 Squadron; Lieut. L. M. Price and 2nd Lieut. E. Harcastle, No. 20 Squadron; Lieuts. P. T. Iaccaci and W. Noble, No. 20 Squadron; Lieut. L. H. T. Capel and Sergt. E. A. Deighton, No. 20 Squadron; Lieut. W. C. Lambert, No. 24 Squadron; Capt. I. D. R. McDonald, G. O. Johnson, Lieut. H. D. Barton, No. 24 Squadron; (one, in our lines); Lieut. C. J. Venter, No. 29 Squadron; Lieut. A. G. Reed, No. 29 Squadron; Lieut. W. G. Claxton, No. 41 Squadron; Capt. F. M. Kitto, No. 54 Squadron; Lieut. J. H. Spence, No. 54 Squadron; Capt. E. Mannoek, No. 74 Squadron; Lieut. B. Roxburgh-Smith, No. 74 Squadron; Capt. F. A. Laughlin and 2nd Lieut. H. Tasker, No. 98 Squadron; Lieut. C. H. Roberts and Sergt. G. W. Slater, No. 98 Squadron; Capt. R. M. Foster, Lieut. R. D. Gracie (U.S.A.S.), No. 209 Squadron (one); Lieut. E. Swale, No. 210 Squadron; Lieut. K. T. Campbell, Lieut. C. H. Strickland, No. 210 Squadron (one); Lieut. H. G. Watson, 4th Squadron A.F.C.; Capt. A. H. Cobby, 4th Squadron A.F.C.; Capt. H. A. Patey, No. 210 Squadron.

A hostile balloon was shot down in flames by Lieut W. G. Claxton, No. 41 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Lieuts. Pithey and Rhodes, No. 12 Squadron, with 34 S.B. observed 22 rounds on hostile battery; one OK, one fire and one explosion caused, one pit damaged. Also with 77 S.B. observed 31 rounds on hostile battery; 3 OK obtained, one explosion and one fire caused, one pit badly damaged. During this flight an NF call was sent and a hostile battery silenced; also GF call on a train, one OK on railway being obtained, and GF call on a balloon on the ground.

Capt. Francis and Lieut. Jones, 3rd Squadron, A.F.C., with 216 S.B. observed for 200 rounds on hostile battery; 4 OK obtained, one explosion. Also with 33 S.B. observed for 150 rounds on hostile battery; one OK, 2 MOK obtained, one pit destroyed, one fire and several explosions caused. During this flight 4 NF calls sent; two hostile batteries neutralized.

Capt. Gamon, No. 205 Squadron, during a bomb raid on Chaulnes was wounded in the head by A.A. fire, and fainted. The engine was hit and, the main petrol pipe being severed, went on fire. The machine fell for 1,000 feet when the fire went out. Major Goble (observer) regained control of the machine and released his bombs; he then glided to the lines, which he crossed at 6,000 feet, when Capt. Gamon recovered and brought his machine safely back to the aerodrome although a Pfalz scout attacked them on the way.

June 18th.—Weather, fair, overcast in afternoon.

Forty-eight reconnaissances, 10 contact and counter-attack patrols.

Seventy-nine hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, nine neutralized, 55 zone calls sent.

Twenty-eight and a-half tons of bombs dropped.

On the 17th instant, 72 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 182 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Active in morning, very slight in afternoon.

Lieuts. F. M. F. West and D. R. Sharman during a bomb raid of No. 8 Squadron, were attacked by four of a formation of Pfalz scouts. Lieut. West turned and dived on one E.A. which he shot down and crashed. Four more Pfalz scouts then attacked them; Lieut. Sharman fired at the leading one which went down out of control. They were again attacked, but succeeded in shaking off the E.A. Lieuts. F. A. Whittall and A. J. Ord, on the same raid, also sent down a Fokker triplane out of control and returned with their machine badly shot about.

A patrol of No. 56 Squadron attacked six Albatross scouts over Suzanne aerodrome. Lieut. H. J. Burden attacked one which he shot to pieces in the air. Lieut. C. Parry shot down another and drove a third down compelling it to land about a mile from the aerodrome, where Lieut. Burden saw it and fired several bursts into it.

Capt. A. Pentland, No. 87 Squadron, while flying alone attacked four enemy two-seaters. He first fired at the straggler, which dived east very steeply, and then climbed back to the other three. He attacked the leader, which went down east, with his engine stopped, followed by one of the others. Capt. Pentland then attacked the remaining E.A. which he shot down out of control.

E.A. were also brought down by the following:—

Lieut. C. L. A. Sherwood, No. 23 Squadron; Capt. H. V. Puckridge, No. 23 Squadron; Capt. F. J. Davies, No. 29 Squadron; Lieut. M. G. Burger, No. 54 Squadron; Lieut. E. G. Brookes, No. 65 Squadron; Lieut. J. I. T. Jones, No. 74 Squadron; 2nd Lieut. R. Manzer, No. 84 Squadron; Capt. A. C. Randall, Lieut. A. Cunningham-Reid, No. 85 Squadron; Major W. A. Bishop, No. 85 Squadron (two); Lieut. E. W. Springs, No. 85 Squadron; Major F. I. Tanner, 4th Squadron, A.F.C.; Capt. E. J. McLaughry, 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. Leete, No. 7 Squadron, with 21 S.B. (9.2" Howrs.) observed 37 ranging rounds in 55 minutes, including 2 OK, 11 Y, 9 Z, 8 A; 14 re-ranging rounds in 15 minutes, including 6 Y, 7 Z, 1 A. Fire for effect very good, two explosions and one fire caused. Also with 152 S.B. (8" Howrs.) observed 28 ranging rounds in 40 minutes, including 5 Y, 9 Z, 7 A. Fire for effect good, one explosion caused. 152 S.B. was shelled during shoot. Hostile battery was located and NF call sent and answered. In addition, 4 NF and 1 GF sent during flight.

Lieuts. McKenna and Heslop, 3rd Squadron, A.F.C., with 143 S.B. (9.2" Howrs.) and 33 S.B. (8") observed for 200 rounds on two hostile batteries; one OK and 3 MOK obtained, three pits damaged, one explosion caused.

No. 29 Section's balloon (observers Capt. Von Steiglitz and a Battery Commander) observed for seven successful shoots between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the 17th instant, including 105 rounds on a large emplacement; one OK and 3 MOK obtained.

June 19th.—Weather, low clouds and rain.

Eleven reconnaissances, four contact and counter-attack patrols.

Fifty-three hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, six neutralized, 66 zone calls sent.

Seven and three-quarter tons of bombs dropped.

On the 18th instant, 21 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 93 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity was very slight.

Lieuts. J. E. Gurdon and J. J. Scaramanga, No. 22 Squadron, dived on one of a formation of Pfalz scouts and fired into it at close quarters, whereupon the E.A. side-slipped steeply and crashed into the centre-section of another hostile scout just below it. Both of them were seen to go down locked together.

Major W. A. Bishop, No. 85 Squadron, while flying alone attacked three Pfalz scouts which were immediately joined by two others. After firing a short burst into one of them it went down vertically and crashed near Ploegsteert. Two of the other E.A., while circling round, collided and fell together. Major Bishop then attacked one of the remaining two E.A. which had started to dive east and shot it down. The last escaped in the clouds. Ten minutes later Major Bishop attacked an enemy two-seater and shot it down in flames.

Capt. A. H. Cobby, 4th Squadron, A.F.C., shot down a Pfalz scout on our side of the lines.

Capt. C. H. R. Lagesse, No. 29 Squadron, shot down an enemy balloon in flames.

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. Jack, No. 7 Squadron, with 152 S.B. (8" Hows.) observed 57 ranging rounds in 60 minutes, including one OK, 1 Y, 2 Z, 19 A; 45 re-ranging rounds in 56 minutes, including one OK, 6 Y, 4 Z, 11 A; three explosions caused.

Lieut. Smith and F/Sergt. Shepherd, No. 29 Balloon Section, had their balloon set on fire by a hostile machine during a shoot. They both jumped but Lieut. Smith's parachute failed to open. His fall was broken by a tree and he landed on marshy ground none the worse except for a shaking. F/Sergt. Shepherd's parachute opened, but he was unfortunately seriously wounded in the back.

A raid was carried out on Bancourt aerodrome by a patrol of No. 201 Squadron, consisting of Lieuts. Brading, Gates, Nightingale, Bright, Riddell and McLaughlin, protected by two flights of No. 60 Squadron. Twenty-four 25-lb. bombs were dropped from 500 feet, bursts being observed among the hangars, after which the machines descended lower and over 3,000 rounds were fired into the hangars and huts believed to be officers' quarters. A Hannoveraner two-seater which was on the aerodrome was set on fire. All the machines returned, though most of them were hit.

June 20th.—Weather, low clouds and rain.

Twenty-one reconnaissances, eight contact and counter-attack patrols.

Forty-two hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, four neutralized, 34 zone calls sent.

Eight and a-half tons of bombs dropped.

On the 19th instant, 16 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 46 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity very slight.

A hostile machine was brought down by Lieut. M. A. Newnham, No. 65 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. Chapman, No. 10 Squadron, with Nos. 4 and 11 R.M.A. Batteries (15" Hows.), though greatly hampered by adverse weather, observed 44 rounds including 2 OK, 7 Y, 14 Z, 11 A, from a height of 1,500 feet during a flight of 4 hours 25 minutes.

No. 45 Balloon Section observed for two successful shoots with 9.2" gun and 12" gun on railway near Bapaume.

Lieut. E. V. Hooper and 2nd Lieut. J. M. Jacques, Lieut. G. E. Mace and 2nd Lieut. P. V. Preston, No. 83 Squadron, carried out successful night reconnaissances of the Cambrai—Le Cateau area and the Bapaume—Peronne—St. Quentin area respectively, in spite of extremely adverse weather conditions.

June, 21st.—Weather, low clouds, occasional rain-storms.

Eight reconnaissances, three counter-attack patrols.

Thirty-five hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, three neutralized, 12 zone calls sent.

Seven tons of bombs dropped.

On the 20th instant, 17 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 82 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity was very slight. One hostile machine was brought down by Capt. J. I. T. Jones, No. 74 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. M. W. Richardson, No. 2 Squadron, observed for a very successful shoot with 218 S.B. on a hostile battery; four fires caused (one of which burned for 30 minutes), one large and several small explosions, position badly damaged.

Lieut. Short, No. 10 Squadron, during a successful shoot with 249 S.B., located a hostile battery shelling one of ours. Zone call was sent and immediately answered by two 9·2" whose first salvos fell in enemy battery, causing large explosion and three cartridge fires.

June 22nd.—Weather, low clouds and high wind.

Thirteen reconnaissances, six contact and counter-attack patrols.

Twenty-seven hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, eight neutralized, 18 zone calls sent.

Two and a half tons of bombs dropped.

On the 21st instant, eight hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 23 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Practically none seen. No decisive combats.

June 23rd.—Weather, overcast, fair intervals, high wind.

Forty-five reconnaissances, 10 contact and counter-attack patrols.

Forty hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, four neutralized, 43 zone calls sent.

Eighteen tons of bombs dropped.

On the 22nd instant, one hostile battery engaged for destruction with balloon observation, and fire observed on six other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity very slight.

E.A. were brought down by Lieut. L. H. T. Capel and Sergt. E. A. Deighton, No. 20 Squadron, and Capt. L. P. Coombes, No. 210 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Capt. Stevenson, No. 4 Squadron, with 49 S.B. (6" Hows.) observed 34 rounds in 35 minutes, including 1 OK, 2 Y, 2 Z, 5 A. Fire for effect excellent, three direct hits on gun-pits being obtained. Five re-ranging rounds observed when enemy barrage was seen to descend on Strazeele; GO sent; six NF and three WPNF calls sent, four of these (including three WPNF) were effectively answered.

Honours and Awards.

The Distinguished Flying Cross.—2nd Lieut. W. F. J. Harvey, Capt. H. A. Whistler, 2nd Lieut. G. G. Bailey, Capt. R. H. Rusby, Capt. A. H. Cobby, Capt. E. D. Atkinson, Capt. M. H. Findlay, D.S.C., Lieut. H. Fall, Capt. R. Affleck, Capt. W. E. Young, Capt. T. P. Middleton, Capt. A. R. Churchman, Lieut. W. H. Leete, Capt. C. H. Darley, D.S.C., Capt. S. N. Pike, Capt. H. G. Forrest, Lieut. R. L. Manuel, 2nd Lieut. A. McGregor, 2nd Lieut. J. M. Glaisher, 2nd Lieut. G. A. King, Capt. P. J. Clayson, M.C., Capt. D. Gilley, Capt. J. A. Slater, M.C., Capt. S. M. Kinkead, D.S.C., Capt. I. D. R. McDonald, Capt. T. L. Simpson, 2nd Lieut. H. N. Young, 2nd Lieut. H. B. Davies, Lieut. H. Briggs, Capt. G. E. Siedle, Lieut. A. Mills.

The Distinguished Flying Medal.—F/16604 1st Cl. Pte. (A/Sergt.) W. J. Middleton.

DOUNE, Captain,
Air Staff.

HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F.
26th June, 1918.

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ROYAL AIR FORCE COMMUNIQUE.—No. 14.

During the period under review (1st to 7th July, 1918, inclusive) we have claimed officially 67 E.A. brought down and 44 driven down out of control. Twenty-one of our machines are missing. Approximately 167 tons of bombs were dropped and 7,685 plates exposed.

July 1st.—Weather fine, visibility good.

Forty-three reconnaissances, 10 contact and counter-attack patrols.

One hundred and eight hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, four neutralized, 43 zone calls sent.

Thirty-eight and three-quarter tons of bombs dropped.

On June 30th, 55 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 192 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Active, especially in morning.

Capt. J. Gilmour, No. 65 Squadron, while leading a patrol, dived on a Fokker triplane, and, getting on its tail, shot it down in flames. Shortly after, he attacked another E.A., which dived steeply, but could not be followed. A little later Capt. Gilmour led his patrol to attack 40 E.A., at one of which he fired at point blank range; the E.A. dived steeply, and its wings were seen to fall off in the air. Another E.A. which was attacked dived over the vertical, and appeared to be out of control. On his way back to the lines Capt. Gilmour was attacked by four Albatross scouts. By doing an Immelmann turn and the half-roll he succeeded in getting on the tail of the leader, which he shot down in flames. Having by this time exhausted all his ammunition, Capt. Gilmour returned home.

Capt. E. J. McClaughry, 4th Squadron A.F.C., was dived on by three Pfalz scouts, two of which, however, collided in the air during their dive; the third scout fired on him, but when attacked dived east. One of the E.A. which collided immediately fell to the ground, while the other went down in a slow spiral. Capt. McClaughry then dived on the latter, which, after 100 rounds had been fired into it, burst into flames.

E.A. were also brought down by:—Lieuts. J. C. Bateman, Kullberg and Smart, No. 1 Squadron (one); Capt. G. Irving, Lieuts. J. D. Hardman and J. A. Aldridge, No. 19 Squadron (one); Lieut. M. S. Gregory, No. 19 Squadron; Capt. H. V. Puckridge, No. 23 Squadron; Lieut. J. W. Pearson, No. 23 Squadron; Lieut. G. W. R. Pidsley, Lieut. J. Adam, No. 23 Squadron (one); Capt. A. B. Fairclough, No. 23 Squadron; Lieut. H. N. Compton, No. 23 Squadron; Lieut. C. E. Walton, No. 23 Squadron; Lieut. B. M. Bowyer-Smythe and Sergt. W. B. Harold, No. 27 Squadron; Lieut. T. S. Harrison, No. 29 Squadron; Lieut. H. A. Whittaker, No. 29 Squadron; Capt. I. P. R. Napier, No. 40 Squadron (two); Capt. D. R. MacLaren, No. 46 Squadron; Capt. C. M. Crowe, No. 56 Squadron; Capt. G. C. Maxwell, Capt. C. M. Crowe, No. 56 Squadron (one); Lieut. J. S. Griffith, No. 60 Squadron; Capt. H. G. Hegarty, No. 60 Squadron; Lieut. H. Browne, No. 65 Squadron; Capt. E. F. Peacock, No. 65 Squadron; Capt. J. I. T. Jones, No. 74 Squadron; Capt. A. Pentland, No. 87 Squadron; Lieut. K. B. Conn and 2nd Lieut. B. Digby-Worsley, No. 88 Squadron; Lieut. W. A. W. Carter, No. 203 Squadron; Lieut. W. R. May, No. 209 Squadron.

Hostile balloons were shot down in flames by:—Lieut. J. A. E. R. Daley, No. 24 Squadron; Lieut. D. S. Poler (U.S.A.), No. 40 Squadron; Capt. G. E. H. McElroy, No. 40 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. R. D. Caley, No. 16 Squadron, in the course of a night reconnaissance flight carried out a successful shoot with 149 S.B. on a bridge; one OK 3 Z, 4 A, 2 B were observed. OK fell on northern edge of bridge, but owing to ground mist it could not be seen whether the bridge was destroyed.

No. 18 Balloon Section sent an N.F. call on a hostile anti-balloon gun which had been firing on them. This was answered by a 6-in. gun. Cross observations were given by Nos. 15 and 18 Sections and the hostile gun was silenced.

July 2nd.—Weather fine.

Fifty-one reconnaissances (some of which were carried out at night), and three contact patrols.

Ninety-seven hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, eight neutralized, fifty-seven zone calls sent.

Thirteen tons of bombs dropped by night and 16 tons by day.

On the 1st instant, 35 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation, and fire observed on 59 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Not active considering weather.

Capt. P. J. Clayson, No. 1 Squadron, attacked a Hannoveraner over Armentieres. On opening fire the E.A. machine suddenly went into a steep dive, the observer's map fell overboard quickly followed by the observer himself, who caught hold of the gun mounting and lay along the top of the fuselage. The machine caught fire and finally crashed.

Five machines of No. 60 Squadron, led by Lieut. A. W. Saunders, saw a formation of six Pfalz scouts 7,000 feet below flying over Villers Bretonneux. The patrol went down and attacked the E.A. at the tail end of the left-hand side of the formation. A drum of Lewis and a long burst of Vickers were fired at it by Lieut. Saunders, whereupon it went down vertically and was seen to crash by an A.A. battery. The second E.A. on the left of the leader suddenly turned to the right and collided into the E.A. leader, both machines collapsing and crashing in the Bois de Pierret. A Hannoveraner which was firing at one of our S.E.s was then attacked; it dived to within 50 feet of the ground when it flattened out, flying east. Lieut. Saunders then became separated from his patrol and saw three Pfalz scouts, which he attacked and chased east. On coming home he saw an E.A. attacking an S.E.5 and joined in, whereupon this E.A. also flew east. Lieut. Saunders was fighting altogether 45 minutes.

E.A. were also brought down by:—Capt. G. E. H. McElroy, No. 40 Squadron; Lieut. D. J. Weston, and Lieut. W. Noble, No. 20 Squadron; Lieut. E. W. Sweeney and Pbr. C. G. Boothroyd, No. 20 Squadron; Lieut. C. J. Venter, No. 29 Squadron; Capt. J. E. Drummond and 2nd Lieut. J. A. Galbraith, No. 48 Squadron; Capt. H. A. Oaks and Lieut. G. J. Maynard, No. 48 Squadron; "A" Flight, No. 48 Squadron (Pilots—Capt. H. A. Oaks, Lieut. E. D. Shaw (U.S.A.S.), 2nd Lieut. N. Y. Lewis).

Miscellaneous.—Capt. Fletcher, No. 7 Squadron, observed 47 rounds in 43 minutes for 268 S.B. on a hostile battery position; 25 re-ranging rounds were observed for in 23 minutes; four explosions were caused, and a fire which rendered further observation impossible.

Lieuts. Adams and Hamilton, No. 12 Squadron, during one flight gave observations for 84 S.B. and 258 S.B. on to three hostile batteries, causing one fire and two explosions in two of the hostile battery positions.

July 3rd.—Weather, cloudy.

Eighteen reconnaissances and two contact patrols.

Sixty-seven hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, five neutralized, 43 zone calls sent.

Three tons of bombs dropped by night and 10 tons by day.

On the 2nd instant, 10 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and 43 other targets engaged.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity slight all day.

E.A. were brought down by the following:—Capt. G. E. H. McElroy, No. 40 Squadron; Lieut. A. Cunningham-Reid, No. 85 Squadron; Capt. R. C. L. Holme, No. 29 Squadron; Lieut. E. F. H. Davis, No. 41 Squadron; Capt. J. Gilmour, No. 65 Squadron; Capt. A. H. Cobby, 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Miscellaneous.—Capt. A. H. Cobby, 4th Squadron, A.F.C, attacked a hostile balloon which was a height of 4,000 feet from above; it was hauled down smoking, but when at a height of 700 feet burst into flames.

Capt. F. H. Davies, No. 13 Squadron, carried out two very successful counter-battery shoots with 69 S.B. and 239 S.B. In one case a large explosion was caused, and a fire started, which was still burning when the machine left the lines.

Lieut. Chittenden, No. 7 Squadron, gave observations for 21 S.B. and 112 H.B. on two hostile batteries. In one case corrections were given for 41 rounds in 45 minutes, and in the second for 43 rounds in 55 minutes.

Major Sansom observed for a successful destructive shoot on a suspected dump from a balloon; 99 rounds were observed out of 101 fired.

July 4th.—Weather fine, with strong West wind.

Thirty-two reconnaissances and four contact patrols

Thirty-five hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 18 neutralized, 69 zone calls sent.

Eight tons of bombs dropped by night and 12 tons by day.

On the 3rd instant, six hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and 41 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Low-flying E.A fairly active on the Fourth Army front; otherwise activity slight.

Combats on a large scale took place between 10 machines of No. 24 Squadron and 20 hostile machines, consisting of 14 Fokker biplanes, 2 Pfalz scouts and 4 D.V.'s. One E.A. was brought down by Capt. W. Selwyn and two by Lieut. W. C. Lambert, while one other was driven down out of control. In addition, there were 10 indecisive combats. All our machines returned undamaged.

Lieut. T. N. Harrison, No. 29 Squadron, on wireless interruption, shot down an enemy two-seater, which burst into flames. He was then attacked by three Pfalz scouts and a two-seater, and succeeded in shooting down one of the former.

E.A. were also brought down by the following:—Capt. A. B. Fairclough, No. 23 Squadron; Lieut. W. E. Shields, No. 41 Squadron (two); Capt. J. Gilmour, No. 65 Squadron (two); Lieut. T. M. Williams, Lieut. D. M. John, No. 65 Squadron (one).

Miscellaneous.—Pilots of Nos. 23, 41 and 209 Squadrons fired a large number of rounds and dropped a great many bombs on hostile batteries and troops from a low height in conjunction with the successful operations by the Fourth Army north-east of Villers Bretonneux. At the same time No. 9 Squadron dropped 100,000 rounds of ammunition in 83 boxes to our advanced infantry.

In spite of bad weather, machines of No. 101 Squadron patrolled a line east of the Fourth Army front continuously from dark till dawn. Machines of the same Squadron dropped 350 25-lb. bombs. All pilots carried out three raids, while Lieut. Anderson, with Lieut. Lovell as observer, made four trips.

July 5th.—Weather fine.

Forty-four reconnaissances (of which several were done at night) and three contact patrols.

One hundred and eighty-six hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 28 neutralized, 147 zone calls sent.

Seventeen and a half tons of bombs dropped by night and 20½ tons by day.

On the 4th instant, 30 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation, 13 neutralized, and 96 other targets engaged.

Enemy Aircraft.—Fairly active in the evening.

Hostile machines were brought down by the following:—Capt. R. A. Del'Haye, No. 19 Squadron; Lieut. P. T. Iaccaci and 2nd Lieut. R. W. Turner, No. 20 Squadron (two); Lieuts. J. E. Gurdon and J. J. Scaramanga, No. 22 Squadron; Capt. A. B. Fairclough, Lieut. H. M. Sinclair, No. 23 Squadron (one); Capt. F. J. Davies, No. 29 Squadron; Lieut. W. E. Shields, No. 41 Squadron; Lieut. N. C. Dixie, No. 203 Squadron; Lieut. F. R. Smith, 2nd Squadron A.F.C.

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. S. A. Puffer, No. 41 Squadron, on diving through the clouds whilst on offensive patrol almost collided with a hostile balloon; he fired 50 rounds at it from a range of 40 yards, causing the balloon to burst into flames.

Lieut. C. T. Anderson, No. 2 Squadron, sent down a zone call on a steam tug towing a gun along the bank of a canal, which was answered by 520 S.B. and an OK and several Y and Z were obtained. A zone call was then sent down on a column of infantry, which was answered, an MOK being obtained.

268 S.B. with observation by Capt. Fletcher, No. 7 Squadron, fired 75 ranging rounds on a hostile battery position in 66 minutes, obtaining 2 OK and several Y.

290 S.B. with observation by the same pilot fired 81 ranging rounds, obtaining 2 OK. This pilot observed for 305 rounds in all during a flight lasting 3½ hours.

Successful long range shoots on Erquinghem railway junction and Houthem dump were carried out by Capt. Stevenson, No. 4 Squadron, and Lieutenant Webster, No. 10 Squadron, both of whom used their wireless receiving apparatus. A large fire was caused in Houthem dump.

Capt. Francis and Lieut. Sturgeon, 3rd Squadron A.F.C., observed for fire on a hostile battery by 94 S.B.; one pit was destroyed and two explosions caused. During the same flight, this pilot and observer sent down 18 NF calls, in reply to which four hostile batteries were neutralized. In another flight they observed for 94 S.B. and 143 S.B. on two hostile battery positions when 4 OK were obtained, two pits destroyed, one damaged, six explosions and one fire caused; two other hostile batteries were also neutralized.

An issue of 1,200 copies of photographs taken from No. 12 Section's balloon was made to the infantry prior to the successful attack by the Fourth Army on the 4th instant.

Lieut. G. Blake, No. 45 Balloon Section, ascended to a height of 6,950 feet.

Machines of No. 25 Squadron carried out six very successful photographic flights, exposing 334 plates.

In the middle of a low reconnaissance, Lieuts. Dunlop and Scott, No. 53 Squadron, had their petrol tank pierced by machine gun fire from the ground. Lieut. Scott (observer) climbed out on to the wing of the machine to investigate the extent of the damage. He then climbed back into his seat, removed his cloche, stepped out on to the wing again and blocked the rent with his stick and leather cap. The reconnaissance was then completed and messages dropped at Divisional Headquarters on the return journey.

Whilst on night reconnaissance, Lieuts. A. J. E. Broomfield and G. B. Nicholas, No. 102 Squadron, observed two trains moving west near Hermies. A flare was dropped from a height of 800 feet which showed that the one train was loaded with carts or artillery and that the other was a goods train with about 50 trucks. Four bombs were dropped on the first train, one of which was an OK, another bomb hitting the line immediately in front of the engine. They then dived on the second train and dropped four 25-lb. bombs from 500 feet. The truck next the engine was knocked off the line and also one in the centre of the train.

Lieut. Welsh with Major Mason, No. 101 Squadron, carried out four bomb raids during the night. During one of these they succeeded in blowing up a dump. Machines of this Squadron dropped altogether over 400 bombs during the night, in addition to carrying out six reconnaissances.

July 6th.—Weather cloudy all day.

27 reconnaissances, 2 contact patrols; 105 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 10 neutralized; 32 zone calls.

One and a half tons bombs dropped by night, and 16 tons by day.

On the 5th instant, 94 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and 29 neutralized. Balloons of the 3rd Brigade alone observed for 56 destructive shoots and 78 other shoots.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity slight.

Lieut. C. J. Heywood and 2/Lieut. E. A. Dew, No. 205 Squadron, when flying on the rear of a bombing formation, were attacked by five Pfalz scouts. The pilot fired 200 rounds with the front gun, while the observer opened fire on two of the E.A. which had got on their tail. After firing 450 rounds at a close range, he was very badly wounded in the leg, but fired a further 50 rounds, which sent one of the hostile machines down in flames. The observer then fainted and fell on the dual control lever, causing the machine to go into a very steep nose-dive from which the pilot had great difficulty in pulling it out. The machine landed O.K. at Bertangles.

Hostile machines were also brought down by the following:—Lieut. E. H. Johnson and 2nd Lieut. A. R. Crosthwaite, No. 205 Squadron; Lieut. W. G. Claxton, No. 41 Squadron; Capt. L. P. Coombes, No. 210 Squadron; Capt. G. E. H. McElroy, No. 40 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—On the 5th instant, Lieut. J. H. O'Connell, No. 20 Balloon Section, remained in the air for 7 hours 12 minutes, during which time he observed for four destructive shoots on hostile battery positions in conjunction with aeroplanes. He also registered another battery position and dump and located six active hostile batteries, which were neutralized.

Lieut. Moxey, No. 4 Squadron, observed 55 rounds in 56 minutes on a destructive shoot by the 153rd Siege Battery. He re-ranged a further 37 rounds in 36 minutes.

Lieut. Whittaker, of the same Squadron, observed for a bombardment shoot on a bridge for the 61st Siege Battery; 36 ranging rounds were observed in 40 minutes, and a further 50 re-ranging rounds in 47 minutes.

No. 34 Balloon Section observed for a successful shoot on a railway dump and siding, a cross observation being given by No. 37 Balloon Section.

No. 102 Squadron carried out 13 night bombing flights and three reconnaissances.

July 7th.—Weather fine, visibility bad.

Twenty-seven reconnaissances, seven counter-attack patrols.

Twenty-one hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, seven neutralized, 16 zone calls sent.

One and a half tons of bombs dropped by night and 11½ tons by day.

On the 6th instant, 23 targets engaged with balloon observation, including two destructive shoots.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity slight. E.A. were brought down by the following:—Capt. C. R. Steele and Lieut. A. E. Ansell, No. 48 Squadron; Lieut. W. B. Giles, No. 74 Squadron; Lieut. J. S. Griffith, No. 60 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. Saunders, No. 70 Squadron, observed 40 rounds in 40 minutes on a destructive shoot by 249 S.B.; two fires and two explosions were caused.

A shoot on a dump was observed by observers in No. 43 Section's balloon for a 6-in. Mark XIX. Several explosions and a large fire were caused.

HONOURS AND AWARDS.—**Second Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.**—Major E. Mannoek, D.S.O., M.C.

The Distinguished Flying Cross.—2nd Lieut. E. F. Van der Riet, Capt. O. L. Beater, Capt. J. M. Mason, D.S.C., Capt. S. Anderson, Capt. F. C. Ransley, Capt. J. I. Jones, M.C.

R. J. BARTON, *Lieut.-Colonel,*
Air Staff.

HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F.,
10th July, 1918.

23.7.18
 ROYAL AIR FORCE COMMUNIQUE—No. 15.

During the period under review (8th to 14th July, 1918, inclusive), we have claimed officially 47 E.A. brought down and 19 driven down out of control. In addition, one E.A. was brought down by A.A. Twenty-two of our machines are missing. Approximately 102 tons of bombs were dropped, and 3,662 plates exposed.

July 8th.—Weather overcast in morning, heavy thunderstorms in afternoon.

Forty reconnaissances, eight contact and counter-attack patrols.

Eighty-five hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 19 neutralized, 41 zone calls sent.

Five tons of bombs dropped by night and 19 tons by day.

Enemy Aircraft.—A formation of machines of No. 103 Squadron whilst on a bomb raid was attacked by about 15 E.A. at a height of 15,000 feet. Lieut. J. G. H. Chrispin and 2nd Lieut. E. A. Wadsworth fired three bursts at one of the machines which was attacking their tail; it dived down vertically and was observed to crash.

E.A. were also brought down by the following:—Lieuts. G. Darvill and W. Miller, No. 18 Squadron; Lieut. H. N. Compton, No. 23 Squadron; Lieut. C. J. Venter, No. 29 Squadron; Capt. G. E. H. McElroy, No. 40 Squadron; Capt. G. H. Lewis, Lieut. I. F. Hind, No. 40 Squadron (one in our lines); Lieut. R. E. L. MacBean, No. 32 Squadron; Lieut. L. Campbell and 2nd Lieut. P. Pilkington, No. 62 Squadron; Capt. W. E. Staton and Sergt. W. N. Holmes, No. 62 Squadron; Capt. W. H. Hubbard, No. 73 Squadron; Major E. Mannoek, No. 85 Squadron; Capt. S. B. Horn, No. 85 Squadron; Lieut. W. H. Longton, No. 85 Squadron; Capt. H. A. R. Biziou, No. 87 Squadron; Lieuts. W. E. G. Mann and Mollison, No. 208 Squadron (one).

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. Chittenden, No. 7 Squadron, observed 63 ranging rounds and 34 re-ranging rounds during a destructive shoot for 60 S.B. Fires and explosions were caused.

Lieut. Jack, No. 7 Squadron, observed 29 ranging and 27 re-ranging rounds for 88 S.B. on a hostile battery position. During the same flight he observed for 132 S.B., giving corrections for 36 ranging rounds and 15 re-ranging rounds. Three hundred and one rounds were observed in all.

Four machines of No. 25 Squadron carried out four successful long-distance photographic flights, exposing 181 plates.

Valuable night reconnaissances were carried out by machines of Nos. 16, 58, 83, 102, 148 and 149 Squadrons.

July 9th.—Weather cloudy with occasional showers.

Twenty-five reconnaissances and four counter-attack patrols.

One hundred and twenty-four hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 13 neutralized, 56 zone calls sent.

Fourteen tons of bombs dropped by day.

On the 8th instant, balloon observers observed for 15 registration shoots.

Enemy Aircraft.—Fairly active.

Lieuts. C. F. Galbraith and G. W. Parlee, No. 5 Squadron, whilst engaged on a shoot, saw an Albatross single-seater on the tail of one of our scouts; they dived on it, but the pilot's gun jammed after 10 rounds had been fired. The hostile single-seater left our scout and turned east. The pilot of the R.E.8 side-slipped his machine, the observer firing a burst of about 20 rounds; at the same time a second Camel dived at the E.A., which then turned west. The R.E.8 side-slipped once again, allowing the observer to fire three bursts at close range. The hostile machine burst into flames and crashed to the ground.

Whilst machines of No. 107 Squadron were releasing their bombs in formation, three hostile machines attacked them in the rear. 2/Lieut. J. R. Brown and A/M J. P. Hazell fired 40 rounds at one of the E.A., which burst into flames.

Hostile machines were also brought down by the following:—Capt. G. W. Bulmer and 2nd Lieut. J. McDonald, No. 22 Squadron (two); Lieuts. J. E. Gurdon and J. J. Scaramanga, No. 22 Squadron; Lieut. T. W. Martin and Sergt. J. H. Hall, No. 22 Squadron; Capt. H. W. Woollett, No. 43 Squadron; Lieut. W. S. Stephenson, No. 73 Squadron; Lieut. O. M. Baldwin, No. 73 Squadron; Lieut. R. H. Gray, No. 74 Squadron; Capt. W. L. Jordan, No. 208 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. Johnstone, No. 10 Squadron, with 111 S.B. on a bombardment shoot, observed 40 ranging rounds in 30 minutes and 20 re-ranging rounds in 22 minutes.

No. 107 Squadron dropped 18 112-lb. bombs on Fives (Lille) railway station, causing a very large explosion indeed in a factory just east of the objective.

No. 211 Squadron dropped 28 112-lb. bombs on Bruges Docks, starting a fire on the quay.

July 10th.—Weather cloudy, with rain storms.

Twenty-seven reconnaissances and 7 counter-attack patrols.

Ninety-two hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 10 neutralized, 48 zone calls sent.

Three and a half tons of bombs dropped by night and 10 by day.

On the 9th instant, 22 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 66 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Fairly active in the North during the morning; otherwise slight.

Patrol of 9 Bristol Fighters of No. 22 Squadron encountered a hostile formation of between 15 and 20 Fokker Triplanes and Pfalz Scouts. Lieut. J. E. Gurdon dived on one of the Pfalz Scouts and sent it down in flames. Two E.A. then got on to the tail of his machine. Lieut. J. J. Scaramanga (Observer) shot them both down out of control, himself being severely wounded.

Lieut. F. C. Stanton then dived on another of the Pfalz Scouts, when 5 got on his tail, all of which the Observer, 2nd Lieut. C. J. Tolman, engaged, sending one down out of control. Lieut. Stanton brought down 2 other machines, while Capt. W. F. J. Harvey and Lieut. Thomson, his Observer, shot down a third, and sent a fourth down out of control.

Lieut. T. W. Martin and Capt. D. E. Waight fired a long burst at a Pfalz Scout, which went down out of control.

Lieut. F. G. Gibbons (Pilot) and Lieut. V. St. B. Collins (Observer) were attacked by 3 E.A. who got on the tail of their machine. One of these the Observer shot down out of control. During the fight other hostile machines were shot down, but it was impossible to say by whom.

Hostile machines were also brought down by the following:—Lieut. P. T. Iaccaci and 2nd Lieut. R. W. Turner, No. 20 Squadron (two); Lieut. W. H. Longton, No. 85 Squadron; Lieut. H. A. Kullberg, No. 1 Squadron; Lieut. R. E. Meredith, No. 43 Squadron; Capt. A. H. Cobby, 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Miscellaneous.—Major W. R. Snow, No. 2 Squadron, carried out three successful shoots during one flight lasting 4½ hours. The 481st S.B. was ranged on to two hostile A.A. batteries and the 108th S.B. on to a hostile battery. In the last-mentioned shoot a fire was caused and numerous explosions.

Lieut. Symons, No. 13 Squadron, observed for 74th S.B. on a hostile battery position, also an A.N.F. battery on an active hostile battery. In the latter shoot two pits were damaged and a large fire and explosions caused lasting half an hour.

In a flight lasting over 4 hours Capt. Glenny, No. 7 Squadron, observed for two destructive shoots by 249 S.B. In one shoot 47 ranging rounds were fired in 53 minutes and 19 re-ranging rounds in 26 minutes. In the other shoot 42 ranging rounds were fired in 54 minutes and 36 re-ranging rounds in 38 minutes.

Lieut. Gould-Taylor and Lieut. Thomson, 3rd Squadron, A.F.C., observed for 309 S.B. on a hostile battery. One gun pit was destroyed and 2 explosions caused.

Four hostile batteries neutralized as the result of 6 N.F. calls.

Capt. Bolitho and 1st Air Mech. Burgess, No. 40 Balloon Section, observed for 3 successful counter-battery shoots, during which 180 rounds were fired. During the same ascent 3 other shoots were carried out, one of which caused a fire in a hostile battery position.

Night Reconnaissances were carried out by machines of Nos. 83, 101, 148 and 149 Squadrons, and night bombing by the last three named Squadrons.

July 11th.—Weather, low clouds and rain.

Twenty-one reconnaissances and five counter-attack patrols.

Forty-five hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 10 neutralized, 35 zone calls sent.

Nine tons of bombs dropped by day.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity very slight, only a few combats taking place.

Hostile machines were brought down by the following:—Capt. E. J. McLaughry, 4th Squadron, A.F.C. (two), and Capt. G. E. H. McElroy, No. 40 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. E. O. Drinkwater, No. 2 Squadron, observed for a successful shoot by the 5th S.B. on wire, which was completely destroyed. Two listening posts were also destroyed. The Battery was re-ranged three times, 382 rounds being fired during a flight lasting 4¾ hours.

Observers of No. 14 Balloon Section observed for 11 successful shoots, amongst these being three G.F. shoots on tanks.

No. 107 Squadron dropped 20 112-lb. bombs on railway lines between Tournai and St. Amand, four bursts being observed 50 to 75 yards from the railway track.

July 12th.—Weather, low clouds and rain.

Fourteen reconnaissances and six counter-attack patrols.

Fifteen hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, eight neutralized, 31 zone calls sent.

One ton of bombs dropped by day.

Enemy Aircraft.—Activity practically nil—no combats.

July 13th.—Weather, clouds and rain with occasional bright intervals.

Thirty reconnaissances, one contact and six counter-attack patrols.

Forty-one hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, eight neutralized, 46 zone calls sent.

Three tons of bombs dropped by night and 4½ tons by day.

On the 12th instant, four targets were registered by balloons.

Enemy Aircraft.—Fairly active in the North during morning.

A patrol of No. 74 Squadron had a combat with six enemy scouts. Several of the patrol opened fire at close range. One hostile machine was shot to pieces in the air and another driven down out of control.

A patrol of No. 40 Squadron attacked an enemy two-seater, which was shot down and seen to crash.

The 148th American Squadron got their first blood, Lieut. F. E. Kindley shooting off the tail plane of an Albatross scout.

E.A. were also brought down by the following:—Lieut. C. V. Gardner, No. 19 Squadron; Lieut. M. S. Gregory, No. 19 Squadron; Lieut. P. J. E. Pierce, No. 19 Squadron; Lieut. G. J. Strange, No. 40 Squadron; Lieut. I. L. Roy, No. 40 Squadron; Capt. G. E. H. McElroy, No. 40 Squadron; Lieut. L. K. Callahan, No. 85 Squadron; Capt. G. C. Dixon, No. 85 Squadron; Lieut. F. T. S. Sehl, No. 203 Squadron; Capt. E. J. McClaughry, 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

A hostile balloon was shot down in flames by Lieut. T. S. Harrison, No. 29 Squadron.

Miscellaneous.—Lieut. Locke-Waters, No. 5 Squadron, observed for a very successful shoot by 524 S.B. on a hostile battery position; four OK were obtained and two gun-pits destroyed, in one of which a large explosion was caused. One of the pits was apparently camouflaged with some green material, which disappeared after the first OK was obtained.

During the night reconnaissances were carried out by Nos. 16, 101 and 102 Squadrons, bombing by Nos. 101 and 102 Squadrons, and patrols by No. 151 Squadron.

On the 12th instant, in spite of winds up to 50 m.p.h., 22 successful shoots were carried out by the 5th Balloon Wing, of which the observers of No. 19 Section observed for seven.

The following is an extract from Intelligence Summary of the 1st Australian Division, dated 12th instant:—

“Several prisoners stated they were unable to offer any resistance owing to one of our aeroplanes, which by machine-gun fire forced them to keep their heads down in their shell hole position.”

July 14th.—Weather, fine early; overcast later.

Forty-seven reconnaissances, nine contact and counter-attack patrols.

One hundred and twenty-four hostile batteries engaged for destruction with aeroplane observation, 15 neutralized, 62 zone calls sent.

Thirty-three and a quarter tons of bombs dropped.

On the 13th instant, 10 hostile batteries engaged for destruction with balloon observation and fire observed on 40 other targets.

Enemy Aircraft.—Fairly active in early morning, otherwise quiet.

E.A. were brought down by the following:—Capt. F. J. Davies, No. 29 Squadron; Capt. G. E. H. McElroy, No. 40 Squadron; Lieut. R. G. Landis (U.S.A.S.), No. 40 Squadron; Lieut. S. T. Liversedge, No. 70 Squadron; Major E. Mannock, No. 85 Squadron; Capt. A. C. Randall, No. 85 Squadron; Lieut. J. C. Rorison, No. 85 Squadron; Lieut. W. H. Longton, No. 85 Squadron; Lieut. N. C. Trescowthick, 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Hostile balloons were shot down in flames by Capt. R. C. L. Holme, No. 29 Squadron, and by Capt. A. H. Cobby, 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Miscellaneous.—Capt. Sutherland and 2nd Lieut. Thomas, No. 10 Squadron, in co-operation with XIX. Corps, carried out a successful contact patrol at a height of from 100 to 500 feet, bringing back detailed information of the position of our own and enemy troops.

Capt. Fletcher, No. 7 Squadron, with 268 S.B. (6-in. Hows.), observed 50 rounds in 40 minutes, including one OK, one Y, 3 Z, 12 A; 31 re-ranging rounds in 22 minutes, including one OK, two Y, 3 Z, 7 A. Fire for effect very good; three explosions caused, and a fire and explosion in a neighbouring position.

During the course of night operations by No. 102 Squadron, two flares were dropped on a train on the Cambrai—Douai railway from 800 feet; six 25-lb. bombs were also dropped and the train was set on fire, clouds of smoke and sparks being observed.

During the night No. 207 Squadron dropped 132 112-lb. and 33 25-lb. bombs on the railway between Blanc Misseron and Thulin and on the Valenciennes—Mons railway from heights varying from 300 to 3,500 feet. Eight direct hits were obtained on the line at Blanc Misseron. Eight 112-lb. bombs were dropped on a train from 900 feet, causing several explosions. Explosions were also caused in the railway works at Quievrechain.

Capt. F. R. McCall, No. 41 Squadron, destroyed two E.A. on July 3rd, and Lieut. W. G. Claxton, No. 41 Squadron, destroyed one E.A. on July 4th, which have not been previously reported.

HONOURS AND AWARDS.—The Distinguished Flying Cross.—Lieut. H. G. Watson, Lieut. F. R. McCall, 2nd Lieut. W. G. Claxton, Lieut. J. E. Gurdon, Capt. C. N. Lowe, M.C., Lieut. W. C. Lambert, Capt. G. J. C. Maxwell, M.C., Lieut. L. L. Brown, Lieut. A. Cunningham-Reid, Lieut. D. J. Weston, Capt. F. Godfrey, 2nd Lieut. W. Noble, Capt. A. A. N. D. Pentland, M.C., 2nd Lieut. E. G. Brookes, Capt. R. M. Foster, Capt. G. Irving, Major G. L. Thomson, D.S.C., Lieut. J. A. E. R. Daley.

The Distinguished Flying Medal.—No. 223740 Private 1st Class J. Chapman, F4709 Sergt. W. Jones.

DOUNE, Captain,
Air Staff.

HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F.,
17th July, 1918.

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***** INTER-BATTALION CRICKET COMPETITION. *****

By Bn Sports Officers

The following matches have been arranged:-

- "A". 1st.Battalion v 2nd.Battalion. On 1/7/18.
- "B". 3rd.Battalion v Headquarters. On 1/7/18.(On 3rd.Bn.Ground.)
- "C". 4th.Battalion. - BYE.

SEMI-FINAL.

- Winners of "B" (3rd.Bn. v Headqrs.) v "C" (4th.Battalion).- On 3rd. Bn. ground.
- Winners of "A" (1st.Bn. v 2nd.Bn.) - BYE.

FINAL.

Winners of "B" versus "C" v Winners of "A".(1st.Bn. v 2nd.Bn.)

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1ST.AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,
1st. July, 1918.

The Secretary,
Sports Committee,
4th.Battalion.

The G.O.C. and Staff, 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters,
have much pleasure in accepting your invitation to 4th.Battalion
Sports at V.15.B.8.3. to-morrow, the 3rd.inst.

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Commanding Officer
Officers, N.C.O's
and Men
of the 4th Australian Battalion.

The Commanding Officer, Officers, N.C.O's,
and Men of the 2nd Australian Battalion. request the pleasure
of your company at 2nd Battalion Sports Meeting to be held at
V.23.b.2.8. at 1;pm 4th July, 1918;

Em Hillman Lt Sports Sec
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2nd Aust Bn

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60. + Adj. to the Battalion

The Commanding Officer and Officers of the 1st. Australian Divisional Train request the pleasure of your company at the Divisional Train Sports to be held at Sheet 27/U.18.d.1.7. on the afternoon of July 6th. commencing at 1 p.m.

M. Thomson Capt.

Secretary

1st. Australian Divisional Train Sports Committee

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4th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
4/7/18.

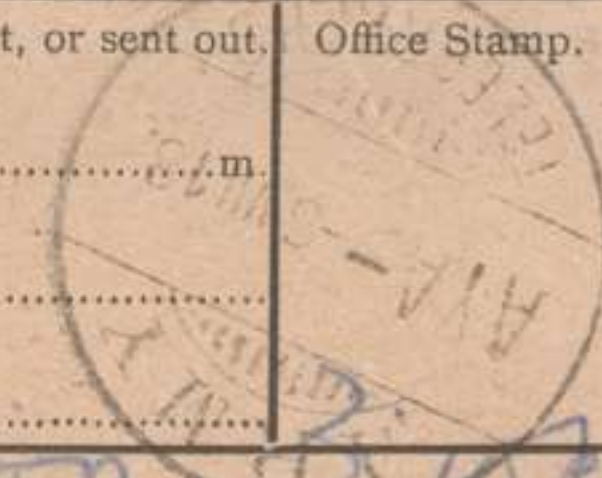
The C.O. and Officers, of the 4th. Battalion, have much
pleasure in accepting your invitation to 1st. Divisional Train
Sports at U.18.d.1.7. on the 6th. inst.

.....Major.

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 message from LAMP
 timed 2.15 pm rec'd
 2.43 pm Begins
 Birds released 2.20
 pm ends
 FROM: Pigeons



"C" FORM. Army Form C, 2123. (In books of 100.)
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 FOSU line right
 FORU line left
 FOMU supports
 FOHU reserves aaa
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 in tonight
 FROM: TUNA

FORU
4/7/18

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SECRET

At m. From

To

By (Signature of "Franking Officer")

TO 2ND A.I. Bde, 5th Battr, 4th Battr.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

24. 701

Herewith as under list of pass-words as adopted by this unit on dates as shown - passwords will be notified to boys of this unit 24 hours in advance

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| 8 th . | SWALLOW | 12 . | SNIFE |
| 9 th . | MAGPIE | 13 . | QUAIL |
| 10 th . | WOMBAT | 14 . | SPARROW. |

Passwords will come into operation at 9 pm on respective dates.

From 4th Battr

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

Censor. (Z)

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

Ambley J. Coe
4th Battr - A.I.F.

* This line should be crossed if not required.

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Adjutant,

H.M. Battalion.

Will you kindly notify me whenever possible, in the case of Roman Catholics being killed in action, so that I may bury them personally. Word may be sent either to Brigade Headquarters or Advanced Dressing Station.

M. J. Buckley Chaplain,
1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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| I am in receipt of your B.O. No 72 of 2m 555 date | | | | | |
| From | St H 11/13 | | C.C. 1 st Aust. L.T.M. BATTERY | | |
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| By | | (Signature of "Franking Officer.") | By |
| TO | | 4 th Aust | |
| Sender's Number. | Day of Month. | In reply to Number. | AAA |
| * 4m 80 | 8 | | |
| Withdraw personnel from your posts at E.6B62 and E.6B74 at 12.50 am tonight as a Posts will be re-occupied at 1.15 am a.m. At 1 am the wire and hedges opposite these posts will be subjected to a 5 minute bombardment as a Ascertain if you can what the result of the shoot is as a Arrange with 1 st LTMB to cooperate in the shoot as a Ask by wire | | | |
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| Service Instructions | By <i>Johnson</i> | To..... | <i>8/7/18</i> |
| | | By..... | |
| Handed in at <i>WUKA</i> Office <i>8.25 a.m.</i> Received <i>8.35 a.m.</i> | | | |

TO *NOPU*

| * Sender's Number. | Day of Month. | In reply to Number. | AAA |
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| <i>SC 71</i> | <i>8</i> | | AAA |
| <i>Detail</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>man</i> | <i>to</i> |
| <i>attend</i> | <i>Colonial</i> | <i>Parade</i> | <i>Paris</i> |
| <i>AAA</i> | <i>Lorry</i> | <i>leaves</i> | <i>LA</i> |
| <i>BREARDE</i> | <i>CORNER</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>noon</i> |
| <i>AAA</i> | <i>Any</i> | <i>deficiencies in</i> | |
| <i>equipment</i> | <i>will</i> | <i>be</i> | <i>completed</i> |
| <i>by</i> | <i> Aust</i> | <i> Corps</i> | <i> AAA</i> |
| <i>NORU</i> | <i>will</i> | <i>detail</i> | <i>sergeant</i> |
| <i>in</i> | <i>charge</i> | <i>of</i> | <i>party</i> |
| FROM | <i>WUKA</i> | | |

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| AWH921 | 10 | | | | |
| The Corps Divisional and Brigade commanders send congratulations on result of the Stunt and please inform the diggers that some useful information has been gained | | | | | |
| AAA | | | | | |
| FROM | WUKA | | | | |

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From WVKA At m. NOPU

By Johnson To 11/7/18

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions

Handed in at WVKA Office 9:30p m. Received 9:50p m.

TO NOPU

| *Sender's Number. | Day of Month. | In reply to Number. | AAA |
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| <u>AWH 115</u> | <u>11</u> | | <u>AAA</u> |
| <u>Reference</u> | <u>BO</u> | <u>103</u> | <u>action</u> |
| <u>thereunder</u> | <u>will</u> | <u>take</u> | <u>place</u> |
| <u>24</u> | <u>hours</u> | <u>earlier</u> | <u>than</u> |
| <u>time</u> | <u>indicated</u> | <u>add</u> | |
| <u>Acknowledge</u> | | | |

FROM WVKA

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From WVKA At m. NOPU

By Johnson To 11/7/18

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Handed in at WVKA Office 11:20p m. Received 11:50p m.

TO NOPU

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| <u>G 712</u> | <u>11/7</u> | | <u>AAA</u> |
| <u>Following</u> | <u>from</u> | <u>2nd</u> | <u>Army</u> |
| <u>begins</u> | <u>— The</u> | <u>Army</u> | <u>Commander</u> |
| <u>would</u> | <u>like</u> | <u>to</u> | <u>congratulate</u> |
| <u>the</u> | <u>12th</u> | <u>Aust</u> | <u>Div</u> |
| <u>on</u> | <u>the</u> | <u>success</u> | <u>of the brilliant</u> |
| <u>enterprise</u> | <u>they</u> | <u>carried</u> | <u>out</u> |
| <u>to-day</u> | <u>add</u> | <u>Ends</u> | <u>add</u> |
| <u>The</u> | <u>Corps</u> | <u>commander</u> | <u>desires</u> |
| <u>to</u> | <u>add</u> | <u>his</u> | <u>congratulations</u> |

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Adjutant,
4th. Australian Battalion.

Reference Brigade Order 103. para. 2. the following
detached duties are supplied by this Unit:-

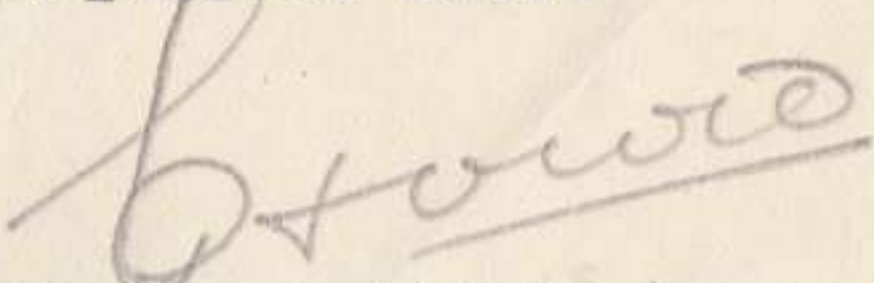
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| 1 N.C.O. and 3 men | A | - Railway Guard, Location V.30.C.8.3. |
| 2 N.C.Os. & 6 men. | A | - Gas Guard, Brigade Headquarters, |
| 1 Officer, 2 N.C.Os. & 18 men | C | - Town picquet, A.P.M. HAZEBROUCK. |
| 1 Officer, 3 N.C.Os. & 20 men | A | - Picquet, BOORE BECQUE. |
| 2 N.C.Os. & 6 men | C | - A.A. Guard, NUCLEUS. (<u>2 guns are supplied with this guard.</u>) |

A working party consisting of 2 Officers, 16 N.C.Os. and
84 men for cable burying work is provided at 7.30 a.m. daily.

As our duties to be relieved have to proceed into the line
on the night of the day of relief would you please arrange to send
reliefs as early as possible.

Tea and guides for each party will be provided if you
could arrange to wire me approximate time of arrival at these
Headquarters.

11th. July, 1918.


Capt. & Adjutant,
3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

S E C R E T.

Brigade Headquarters,
12th. July, 1918.

.....
6th. Battalion will carry out minor operation to: night, 12/13th.
instant with a view to capturing enemy positions in X.25.D.
Zero hour will be 12 midnight.

Anderson
Major,
Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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| TO | | | |
| Advt. 4 th Aus Bn | | | |
| Sender's Number. | Day of Month. | In reply to Number. | AAA |
| CM 17 | 13 th | | |
| <p>Herewith Reference scheme not handed over to your Advance Officer yesterday.</p> | | | |
| From | G. B. B. B. | | |
| Place | | | |
| Time | | | |
| The above may be forwarded as now corrected. | | (Z) | |
| Censor. | Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name | | |
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| AWH 206 | 16 | | |
| <p>If possible the competitions for champion sports cup and military challenge shield will take place when Bde moves back. AAA Preliminary arrangements should be pushed on with within Bns.</p> | | | |
| FROM | WUVA | | |

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
19th. July, 1918.

4TH. AUST. BATTALION.

The G.O.C. and Staff, 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade, have much pleasure in accepting the invitation of the C.O. and Officers of 4th. Battalion to Mess at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 20th. July, 1918.

R. Hau Capt.
Staff Capt. 1st A. J. Bode.

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ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS.
A U S T R A L I A N I M P E R I A L F O R C E .

In reply quote

4386/1/23

Australian War Records Section.
103 Horseferry Road.
LONDON. S.W.1.

June 20th 1918.

MEMORANDUM TO

Commanding Officers.

During the past month there has been an appreciable increase in the interest displayed in the collection of material for Australian War Museums. The total number of exhibits received from units in France up to the 15th June is 223; this does not include guns, machine guns, trench mortars, &c. claimed officially.

2. Of the contributions received the best have come from the 41st, 47th, 22nd, 52nd, 57th, 16th, 45th and 13th Battalions, the 4th and 9th Fld. Coys., and the 3rd Tunnelling Coy. The 7th Field Ambulance sent in a number of interesting medical exhibits, and the 5th Fld. Ambulance forwarded a number of interesting trophies. The Divisional Salvage Coys. are giving very valuable assistance.

Trophies have not been received from Artillery or trench mortar units in any number though one or two specially interesting exhibits have been sent in, notably one from the 11th Howitzer Battery.

3. A description of some of the most interesting exhibits or of some typical of those required is given herunder.

4. As stated in this office letter AW4386/1/23 of the 6th ult., it is intended to begin at the end of this, or early next month, publishing lists showing the contributions received from each unit.

J. J. Moran Captain.
Officer i/c, Aust. War Records Section.

LIST OF SPECIALLY INTERESTING OR TYPICAL EXHIBITS RECEIVED FROM THE
AUSTRALIAN WAR MUSEUMS.

| <u>Given by</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION.</u> |
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| <u>O.C.</u> <u>11th How. Bty.</u> | During a recent German attack the Battery suffered heavy casualties. The dead were sent back to be buried in the cemetery at Behencourt. The maire of the village, wearing his robes of office, attended the funeral and afterwards took off his scarf (a silk-knitted tri-coloured band with gold tassels) and handed it to the Battery Commander as a mark of esteem and respect for the dead. |
| <u>R.S.M. TESCH.</u> <u>41st Bn.</u> | The compass taken from the machine of Capt. von Richthofen the famous German airman, who was brought down by Australian machine gun fire on the 21st April 1918. |
| <u>Lieut. G.M. TRAVERS.</u> <u>52nd Bn.</u> | A piece of fabric of Richthofen's machine which bore the distinguishing mark - the black cross. |
| <u>Pte. MORRIS.</u> <u>"D" Coy. 22nd Bn.</u> | Water bottle carried by Pte. Morris during the attack on Ville sur Amere. The waterbottle was struck by the nose-cap of an 18.pdr. shell which is still lodged in the waterbottle. Pte. Morris was uninjured. |


P.T.O.

| <u>Givon by</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION.</u> |
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| <u>C.O.</u> <u>22nd Battn.</u> | Battalion flag carried by the 22nd Bn. since leaving Australia on 8th May 1915 and flown in EGYPT, GALLIPOLI, FRANCE, and BELGIUM. |
| <u>7th Fld. Amb.</u> | German medical equipment, dressings, medical books, &c. captured in a German R.A.P. at Ville sur Ancre. |
| <u>17th Battn.</u> | Improvised food heater used by the battalion during the winters of 1916/17 and 1917/18. |
| <u>24th Battn.</u> | The kits of a Prussian officer and non-commissioned officer of the 184th Inf. Regt. The officer was in charge of a party, all the members of which were killed or captured by No. 3 Platoon, 24th Bn., whilst it was engaged in mopping up the northern part of the village after the main attack on Ville sur Ancre had been completed. |
| <u>3rd Aust. Div.</u> <u>Salvage Coy.,</u> | A German blanket found in an enemy officer's dug-out. It is interesting in showing the poor quality wool used as compared with that used in the manufacture of Australian blankets. |
| <u>47th Battn.</u> | Tunic worn by 4061 Sgt. F.R. McDOUGALL, V.C., M.M. when he won his V.C. at Dernancourt on the 28th March 1918. |
| <u>47th Battn.</u> | Two Australian pattern hats, one of English and the other of Australian manufacture, offering comparison. The former had been worn for 2 months the latter for 2½ years. |
| <u>C.O.</u> <u>23rd Battn.</u> | <p>Complete set of German equipment, comprising belt, cartridge pouches, bayonet and scabbard, entrenching tool and carrier, flare pistol, leather case of flares and cover, water-bottle, haversack, gas-mask, steel helmet, moss tin, and pack containing spare gas-mask container.</p> <p>This equipment was collected during the operation of mopping up the village of Ville sur Ancre from the west side on the morning of 19th May 1918.</p> <p>All packs and equipment throughout the village were neatly packed, showing intention of early relief or of one just completed.</p> |
| <u>Lt. A.R. KUNKLER.</u> <u>15th Battn.</u> | German automatic revolver captured by Lt. Kunkler during a raid on the enemy trenches near HEBUTERNE on the 4th April 1918. The revolver was afterwards the means of protecting this officer during an enemy bombing raid on another sector of the front. The pistol and case were under his pillow when a heavy bomb fell nearby and exploded, a fragment of the bomb striking the pistol. The damage done may be plainly seen on the pistol. |

HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,

20th JULY, 1918.

Colonel LUXTON, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Staff request the
pleasure of the company of the Commanding Officer of the
4th Battalion at this Brigade's Swimming Carnival to be
held on Thursday, 25th instant, commencing at 2 p.m. at the
Canal near PONT ASQUIN, B.S.B.V.4.

 Secretary.

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"C" FORM. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2123. (In books of 100.)

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| An | Acroplane will fly | | |
| over | this area at | | |
| 10.15 am | this morning and | | |
| drop | lights at following | | |
| altitudes | 500ft 1 white | | |
| 1000ft | 1 Red 2000 Red + 1 white | | |
| 3000ft | Red + 2 white | | |

FROM PLACE & TIME Pusa

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
25th. June, 1918.

- 1st. Aust. Battalion.
 - 2nd. Aust. Battalion.
 - 3rd. Aust. Battalion.
 - ✓ 4th. Aust. Battalion.
 - 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
 - Camp Commandant.
 - Cpl. i/c Div. Baths.
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Baths at V.I.I.C. Central. are allotted as follows: times
9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; capacity about 80 per hour:-

- 28th. June. 3rd. Battalion.
- 29th. June. 2nd. Battalion.
- 30th. June. 4th. Battalion.
- 1st. July. 1st. Battalion.
- 2nd. July. 9 to 10 a.m. L.T.M. Battery.
- 10a.m. to 12 noon Brigade Headquarters.

A. Hall

Capt.,

Staff Captain, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

S E C R E T.

Brigade Headquarters,
27th. June, 1918.

2nd. Aust. Battalion.
3rd. Aust. Battalion.
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
1st. Aust. Battalion. (For info)
4th. Aust. Battalion. (" ")



1. On the morning of 28th. June, 1918, at an hour to be notified, the Division on the South will be carrying out an operation.

2. Simultaneously with the above the 1st. Aust. Division will simulate an attack on MERRIS. The action will be confined to the area between F.L.B.S.I. and a point 1000 yards to the South.

3. Our Artillery Stokes Mortars (Right Brigade) and Machine Guns will take part. A percentage of smoke will be used. There will be no set Infantry action.

The Right Brigade will give a series of short blasts on Strombos Horns at Zero plus 5 and Zero plus 55.

4. As the main object of the simulated attack is to prevent the enemy switching the fire of the guns covering this front to the South there is the likelihood of hostile shelling falling in our area.

Battalions being relieved, if subjected to any shelling, will take necessary steps to avoid such by occupying trenches and arranging for small parties to move to a rendezvous in the rear areas, en route to their billets.

R. R. Agnew.

Capt.,

for Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade

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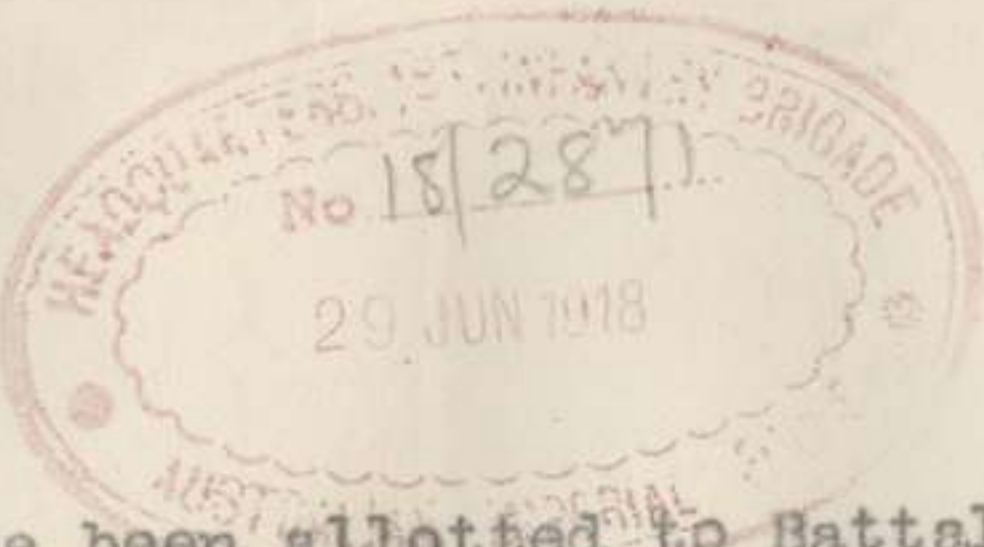
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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
29th. June, 1918.

- 1st. Aust. Battalion.
- 2nd. Aust. Battalion.
- 4th. Aust. Battalion.
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Ranges have been allotted to Battalions as follows :-

- 1st. Battalion. "B" Range, V.19.B.5.3.
- 2nd. Battalion. "C" Range, V.19.B.4.1.
- 4th. Battalion. "D" Range, V.19.D.7.9.

Battalions must not take more than one Company per day to rifle range. Troops not actually firing must be separated as the place is apt to be shelled.

Ammunition for use on the Range can be drawn from 1st. Battalion at V.14.C.5.4.

*R.R. Agnew Capt
for*

Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SECRET.

Brigade Headquarters,
30th. June, 1918.

- 1st. Aust. Battalion.
- 2nd. Aust. Battalion.
- 3rd. Aust. Battalion.
- 4th. Aust. Battalion.
- 1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.



1. Commencing from 12 noon on the 1st. July the S.O.S. Signal on the Corps front will be a rifle grenade bursting into coloured stars, RED over GREEN over YELLOW.
2. These Signals will be issued to Units under arrangements by Staff Captain.
3. All S.O.S. signals of the type now in use will be withdrawn from the line and returned to D.A.C. by noon 4th. July.
4. The Right Brigade will arrange to fire one of the new S.O.S. signals from about W.20.C.2.8. at 11 p.m. on 30th. June so that all concerned may have an opportunity of seeing the signal.

A. J. [unclear]
~~*[unclear]*~~
D. [unclear]

R. R. Agnew, Capt

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

APP-NDIX

Visit of French Prime Minister to the Australian Troops.

It will interest members of the AUSTRALIAN Corps to know how it was that the Prime Minister of France came up to visit us the other day and what he said.

When the Supreme Council of the Allies was sitting at Versailles the other day, and the Prime Ministers of France, Italy, and England were present around the table, and all the Prime Ministers of the Dominions, it so happened that there came in, while they were deliberating there, the news of the battle of Hamel, and of the success that the Australian Troops had gained. All those present asked the Secretary to telegraph at once their congratulations to the Australians. But when it came to M. Clemenceau, the venerable Prime Minister of France, after starting to instruct the Secretary to telegraph his congratulations also, he said: "No, I will go and tell them myself."

M. Clemenceau is 78 years of age. Every Sunday he drives to some division of the French Army, goes to see them close up to the line, travelling hundreds of miles through the country in spite of his age. This Sunday he determined to come to an Australian Division. As the 4th Australian Division had been directing the operations at Hamel, he came to that. After chatting and laughing with the Officers and men who could be got together at short notice at Headquarters—as much at home amongst them as if he were a boy again—he said he would like to say a word or two to them on behalf of the French people. A number of the men were gathered into a rough semicircle, and the little Premier, "The Tiger," as he is known by the French, standing in front of them simply, without any attempt to flatter or over-do his praise of them, made them in English the following speech:—

"Gentlemen," he said, "I hope you will be kind enough to excuse my faulty English. I know only a little, but I find it very useful at this moment, this English, because it enables me to tell you what all the French people think of you. When the Australians came to France we expected a great deal of you. First, because we had heard of what you had done in war in Gallipoli; secondly, because we had heard a great deal of what you had accomplished in peace in your own country. The French people expected that when you came to France to fight in this great struggle, which, after all, is the same for the French, the English, the Australians and all those who have fought this great war out in the cause of freedom, which is the same for all, they expected a good deal of you; and I should not like to say that they have been surprised that you have fulfilled that expectation. They admired most the fact that you were capable of doing what they expected of you. The more they expected of you, the more they held it in admiration.

"Hamel—after all, that is not such a very great battle; but I am ready to hold that in a comparatively small battle the man, the fighting man, who goes in to give all he has—his home, his hopes, his life itself—in a small battle his qualities show in all the brighter light, the action of each individual man having more influence in the final result. In a very big action it is not possible to notice so well the qualities of particular men. Well, in this battle the Germans saw that they had before them men who came from far away to attest that wherever free people lived, in England, in France, in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and all free countries, these were not ready to give way to the Boche who has acted with such barbarity—who wounded and killed not only men in battle, but women and old men and little children—who ruined and destroyed our country, our houses, our fruit trees, even our gardens.

"We have all been fighting beside each other here. It is such a wonderful thing that this should happen in history on these old fields of battle which you had read of in books, hearing of wars which you had not seen and the consequences of which you had never expected to see. It is a wonderful thing that you should be fighting beside us on these old battlefields of history. Still, it has come true. The work of our fathers, which we wanted to leave unharmed to our children, they tried to rob us of. They tried to take from us all that was dearest in modern society. But the free nations of the world said that the Boche should not do this so long as they were there to come and prevent it. Men were the same in England, in France, in Italy, and all the countries which are proud of being the home of a free people. And that is what you did. And that is what made us greet you when you came. We knew that you would fight a real fight. But we did not know that from the very beginning you would astonish the whole continent.

"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.'"

The Australians who had been listening to this fine speech from the Grand Old Man of France, gave three tremendous cheers for France, which affected him greatly. He then called for three cheers for Australia, and left to go back to Paris.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121. (In pads of 100.)

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TO { Platoon Comdrs & Platoon Strengths

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

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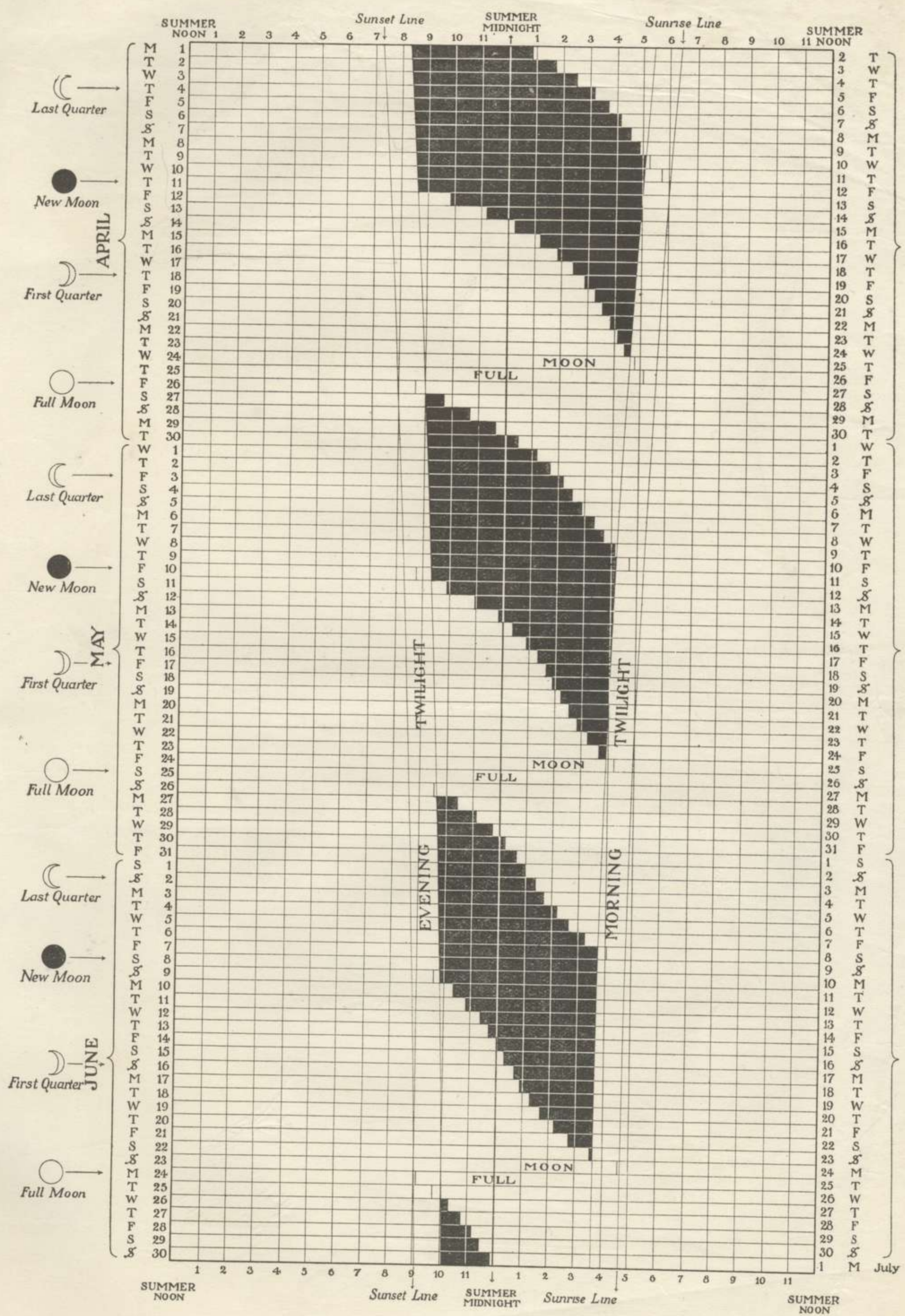
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The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) 28-478

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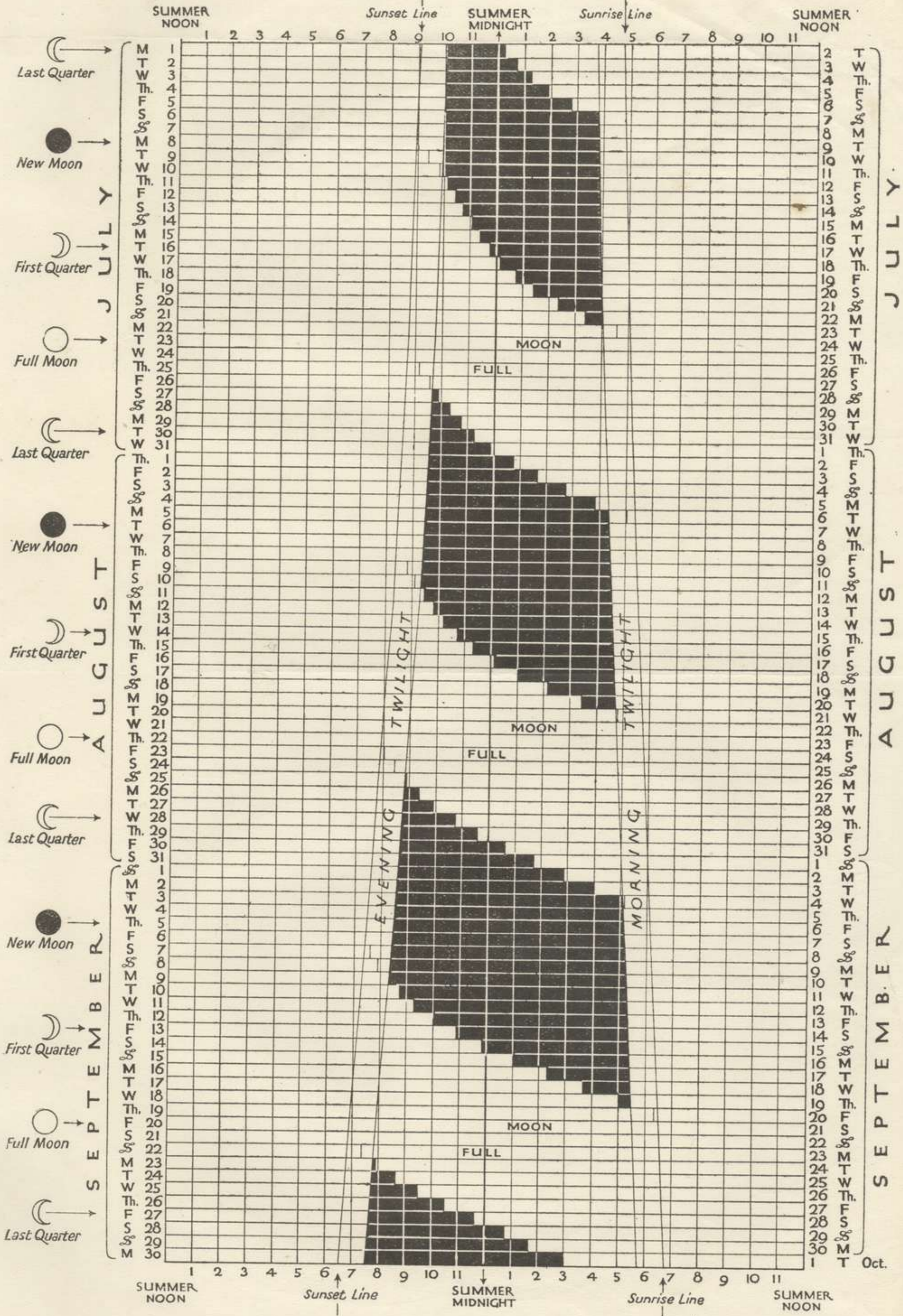
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MOONLIGHT CHART FOR APRIL, MAY & JUNE



Times of sunrise are taken from Field Almanac and computed for a point in the neighbourhood of Bethune.

MOONLIGHT CHART for July, August & September, 1918



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