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HQ 6th Infy Bde 2.

Date.	Place and Time.			Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 1.12	ANZAC		23 rd Bn relieved 24 th Bn in Lone	
	Section :-		Pine at:	
	LONE TRENCH		No 1 Sec 0900 No 2 Sec 1030	
	UNION TRENCH		No 4 Sec 1400 No 3 Sec 1530	
			<p>This system being in accordance with the wishes of the G.O.C. that the relief should be spread out over the day & also that sections should be relieved individually to lessen the possibility of casualties.</p> <p>All action during the day was normal along the whole front with some small art. action with</p>	

J. G. G. for B.M. [unclear] on duty

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1 st Dec. 1915	ANZAC Section LONE PINE 15 UNION TRENCH	No damage resulting. Work in PINE was continued, all communication trenches being cleared and most of the parapets restored. We put out more wire obstacles along our whole front at night	
	1430	a hostile airplane passed over & flew away in E direction Weather fine & somewhat warmer In afternoon Gen. Godley, White & Stalnes went through Lone Pine with Brigade Water Rations 1/4 gallon Staff Sgt. Mulsahy went sick	Wounded O.R. 3 S.M.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2.12	ANZAC Section LONE PINE IS UNION TRENCH	<p>Enemy's action during day & night considerably more active all round</p> <p>We continued repairs in Lone Pine & more wire was put out along our front</p> <p>German flag observed flying at House at 81. V. 9 for some minutes during the afternoon</p> <p>Weather fine & moderate.</p> <p>Water Ration 1/2 gallon</p>	<p>Killed O.R. 1. Wounded O.R. 5 J.V.S.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
3. 12.	ANZAC Section 1 - LONE PINE 15 UNION TRENCH	24 th Bn relieved 23 rd Bn in Lone Pine All action during the day was extremely quiet and little art: action took place. Our work was confined principally to clearing up & repairing trenches At night patrols were sent out in OWENS GULLY & sand trench at bottom occupied by enemy Weather fine & moderate. Water Ration 1/2 gallon	Wounded O.P. 1. M. J. S.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4. 12.	ANZAC Section LONE PINE ¹⁵ UNION TRENCH	All action during 24 hours extremely quiet with nothing of any interest to record. Our work as usual clearing Pine trenches & rebuilding parapets Weather moderate but fine Water ration 1/2 gallon	Killed O.R. 1. Wounded O.R. 3. M.D.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
5. 12. Sunday	ANZAC SECTION LONE PINE UNION TRICK	23 rd Bn relieved 24 th Bn in Lone Pine. Practically no artillery action during the day, but enemy rifle fire slightly more intense Some more wire obstacles were placed out in front of our lines at night At 10 2230 + 2245 Enemy threw 2 mines in vicinity of D16 without doing us any damage. Mail arrived. Weather fine Water ration 1/2 gallon	Cannocks NIL N.G.S.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
6.12.	ANZAC LONG PINE UNION TRENCH 1530	<p>Enemy shelled front from 1415 to 1530 doing some slight damage. Hostile airplane flew over from W to E, returning again dropping bombs & arrows on Pramas Hill, Wire Gully & Bridges Road. Late in evening a man wearing a spiked German helmet was seen in G.O.T. More wire put out. Weather fine. Water ration 7/2 gals. Practice of reinforcing line held by 21st & 22nd Bns carried out (without reserves) about 20 mins.</p>	<p>Killed O.R. 4 Wounded O.R. 9 V. G. D.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
7.12	ANZAC Section 1 - LONE PINE UNION TRENCH	<p>24th Bn relieved 23rd Bn in Lone Pine</p> <p>All action during the 24 hours quiet & only occasional shelling with little damage.</p> <p>Orders rec^d from 2nd Aust Div that ANZAC had directed the Lt Col CROUCH was to resume command of 22nd Bn, which he accordingly did. Major R Smith was instructed by the Brigadier verbally. Weather fine flag (German) observed on house 80. V. 9.</p> <p>Water Ration 1/2 gallon</p>	<p>Completed NIL.</p> <p>N.G.S.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
8 12	ANZAC Section - LONE PINE 16 Union Trench	Flag observed flying from a position N of farmhouse. Resembled German National Flag. LONE PINE continued cleaning up parapets and trenches. B.S. tunnel partly unholed. Start made with deep shelter trenches. The weather was fine but cloudy. Water ration $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon. Work continued on Saps A, B, C in LONE PINE	Casualties Nil. M. E. Bell

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9. 12	ANZAC Section - LONE PINE 15 UNION TRENCH	23 rd Bn relieved 24 th Bn in LONE PINE. 75's from the direction of TURKS HUMP came on to our line C4 to D1. 8.2cm gun from the direction of SCRUBBY KNOLL on to our trenches in LONE PINE. This shelling stopped when our guns retaliated. No damage done. A patrol from 21 st Bn discovered enemy's sniper post in WIRE GULLY and took	<p style="text-align: right;">A. B. C.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9. 12	Angac	60. rounds of ammunition from it. The weather was cloudy but fine. Water ration 19 gallons per man.	Casualties 1 O.R. Killed 1 O.R. wounded
10. 12	Section - LONE PINE 16 UNION TRENCH	Enemy shelled. LONE PINE with 75's and 8.2cm shells. No damage was done. Fine day but cloudy. Water ration full. Col G.W Gwynn CMC DSO took over Brigade from Colonel SPENCER BROWN CB VD Major FTH GOUCHER took	E.B.M.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10-12	H.Q.	adv. Brigade Major from Major H. J. SMITH.	Casualties me
11-12-15	H in Gully Section:- LONE PINE 15 Union Trench	Enemy shelled LONE PINE damaging parapets & several sticks bombs thrown Transfer + change in garrison of first commenced with Operation Memorandum N°52 Casualties for day 2 1/2 Killed 7 O.R. wounded.	A. B. L. H.
12-12-15	"	Enemy shelled position with 75' sniping & machine gun fire brisker along whole front	H.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
12-12-15	Amzac Section:- LONE PINE 15 Union Trench	Our No 17 Siege battery retaliated but burst second shot in our own trench at dead end C1 Total casualties 3 killed 1 Officer (Lt G.M. Nicholson) wounded + 13 other ranks	79
13-12-15	"	Enemy's sniping busier than usual, patrols moved towards our trenches during night but were bombed back Total casualties 1 killed 1 wounded.	79

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
14-12-15	Anzac section - LONE PINE in UNION Trench	Quiet during day. more Turks than usual using saps leading to latrine in rear of GERMAN OFFICERS trench.	J.G.
15-12-15	do	Quiet day. Turks recommenced sapping. A Red Light showed intermittently for 5" in house 8199 Kurija Dere. 1 O.R. wounded.	
16-12-15	do	Quiet day. enemy aircraft over line on being fired on moved S. Silent period over house 8199 enemy fire continued to our 1 O.R. wounded. Div Order N°3 issued.	J.G.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
17-12-15	LONERINE 15 UNION TRUNK	Situation normal, sniping, and bombing normal, enemy's wire entanglements repaired during night.	<u>79</u>
18 ¹² / ₁₅	ANZAC "	Evacuation of trenches - position held commenced by the embarkation during the night of 16 officers 600 other ranks this was carried out without any hitch occurring. - Time of embarkation 2140. One of the enemy's aircraft flew over during the day. Enemy fire normal. The 13 L.H. which had been attached to the Brigade, left early in the evening.	<u>79</u>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
19-12-15	ANZAC. LONE PINE UNION TRENCH	<p>Enemy bombarded the support trenches at LONE PINE and Communication trench with BROWNS DIP firing heavy howitzers shells. destroyed communication trench called MARTYNS LANE falling it in in 4 places this was however soon readjusted.</p> <p>A party consisting of detachments from the 21st & 23rd Battalion withdrew early in the evening, followed by B1 party & B2 party this was just before midnight</p>	<p>17.</p> <p>Detailed account attached</p> <p>flg</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20-12-15	ANZAC LONE PINE ¹⁵ UNION TRENCH	C I party consisting of machine guns & parties from 21, 22, & 24 Bth withdrew. & embarked at 0245	Detailed
	0245	C II party withdrew. strength 67	Account attached
	0235	C III " " strength 83	
	0240	Evening exceptionally quiet Casualties nil. Arrived Mudros and disembarked landing at West MUDROS - moved to what is known as SOUTH CAMP proceeded to pitch camp Heavy rain storm during night with strong wind	49.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
21-12-15	MUDROS	Pitching camp & clearing camp ground, as was practice during entire	
22-12-15	"	carried on with previous days work.	
23-12-15	"	do do do	
24-12-15	"	Battalions exercised in route march	
25-12-15	"	Christmas Day after Church parade day was observed as a holiday.	
26-12-15	"	Battalion - Company Training	
27-12-15	"	" " "	
28-12-15	"	" " "	
29-12-15	"	" " "	F.G.
30-12-15	"	" " "	
			" Adv. party 17/17 left for Egypt.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
31-12-15	MUDROS	Battalion + company training.	

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Operation Memorandum No 47 Copy 1
 Colonel Spencer Browne C.B.V.D. Commandg. 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.
 WIRE GURLY 2. 11. 15.
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RELIEF

24th Bn will relieve 28th Bn in LONE-PINE position tomorrow
 the 3rd inst as under.

1000	No 1. Section	Strength not less than 210 Ingoing troops to use B5 Tunnel. Outgoing " " " PLATEAU-SAP	24 th Bn.
1115	No 3. Section	Strength not less than 155. Ingoing troops to use MARTINS LANE & B8 Tunnel. Outgoing " " " B8 tunnel & GUN LANE.	24 th Bn.
1430.	No 2. Section	Strength not less than 180 Troops entering to use B5 Tunnel. " coming out " PLATEAU-SAP	24 th Bn.
1545-	No 4 Section	Strength not less than 180 made up by 100 24 th Bn & 80 13 th L.H. These L.H. will be relieved by 80 other L.H. at the same hour on the 4 th inst. Ingoing troops to use MARTINS LANE & B8 Tunnel Outgoing " " " B8 Tunnel & GUN LANE.	

The relieving O.C. LONE-PINE will take over command of the
 position on the completion of the relief of No 3. Section
 All officers will report as detailed previously to Bde. Hdqrs

Attention is again drawn to the fact that troops bivouaced in or
 near BROWNS-DIP are forbidden to use southern portion of
 ARTILLERY ROAD where it is visible from GABA-TEPE.

This order has been repeatedly disobeyed & has once again
 to be brought to notice of all officers concerned
 It is hoped that in the future the practice of using this road
 will cease

M. J. Smith

Major
 B.M. 6th Inf Bde A.I.F.

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1-2	Retained	} Orderly
3	1st Aus Div	
4	2 nd " "	
5	21st Bn	
6	22nd "	
7	23 rd "	
8	24 th "	
9	13 th L.H.	

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Operation Memorandum No. 17

General Situation of the Sector

The situation in the sector is as follows:

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No. 1 Section

Strength not less than 210
digging troops to rear 100
PLATEAU 200

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No. 3 Section

Strength not less than 150
digging troops to rear 100
PLATEAU 200

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No. 2 Section

Strength not less than 180
digging troops to rear 100
PLATEAU 200

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No. 4 Section

Strength not less than 180
digging troops to rear 100
PLATEAU 200

The remaining 100 men will take over command of the position on the completion of the work of the 1st section. The officers will report on the situation to the Major. The situation is as follows: The 1st section is in position near Browns and are further to the south-west of the main road where it is visible from the plateau. This position has been repeatedly attacked and has been held to the present. The officers of all sections are to be brought to notice of all officers concerned. The report of the situation is as follows: The 1st section will cross.

P. Smith

Major

Copies to: 1. Major 2. Captain 3. Lieutenant 4. Sergeant 5. Corporal 6. Private

Operation Memorandum No 48.

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By
Colonel Spencer Browne. C.B.V.D. Commanding 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.
WIRE GULLY. 4. 12. 15

RELIEF.

27th Bn will relieve 24th Bn in LONE PINE position tomorrow.
5th inst as under: -

- 1000. No 1. Section Strength not less than 210. 27th Bn.
Ingoing troops to use PLATEAU. SAP
Outgoing " " " B. 5 Tunnel & GUN. LANE.
- 1115. No 3. Section Strength not less than 155 made up by
77. 27th Bn. & 78. 24th Bn.
Ingoing troops to use GUN. LANE & B. 5. tunnel.
Outgoing " " " B. 5. Tunnel & MARTINS. LANE.
- 1430. No 2. Section. Strength not less than 180 27th Bn.
Troops entering to use. PLATEAU. SAP.
" coming out " " B. 5 tunnel & MARTINS. LANE.
- 1545. No 4. Section Strength not less than 180. made up by. 60 24th Bn.
& 117. 13th L.H. These L.H. will be relieved by 117. others.
L.H. at the same hour on the 6th inst.
Ingoing troops to use GUN. LANE & B. 5 tunnel.
Outgoing " " " B. 5. tunnel & MARTINS. LANE.

The relieving 24th Bn. will take over command of the position on the completion of the relief of No 3. Section. All officers will report as detailed previously to the Adjutant.
The L.H. for No 4 Section will arrange the relief as previously ordered. i.e. by furnishing an extra 37 men to their quota of 80. already in the A.I.F. making total of 117. & reverting to quota of 80. when the position is relieved by the 24th Bn.

Spencer Browne
Captain
for. C. in. 6th Inf. Bde A.I.F.

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Operations Memorandum

Planned Operation Summary 18.10.40 Summary of the 1st 17
MRE Group 12.12

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Operation Memorandum No. 10.

Copy No. 1

By Colonel Spencer Brown C.B. 10. Commandg 6th Div Bde A.I.F.

MINE GULLY. 6.12.15.

RELIEF

2nd Lfz will relieve 24th Lfz in LONE PINE position tomorrow the 7th inst. as under: -

- 0900. No 2. Section Strength not less than 180. 2nd Lfz troops entering fence B5. Tunnel. " coming out " PLATEAU SAR.
- 1015 No 4. Section Strength not less than 180 made up by 100. 2nd Lfz & 80. 13th L.H. These L.H. will be relieved by 80. others L.H. at the same hour on the 8th inst. Ingoing troops to use MARTINS LANE & B8 tunnel. Outgoing " " " B8 tunnel & GUN LANE.
- 1330 No 1. Section Strength not less than 210 2nd Lfz. Ingoing troops to use B5. tunnel. Outgoing " " " PLATEAU SAR.
- 1445. No 3. Section Strength not less than 155. 2nd Lfz. Ingoing troops to use MARTINS LANE. & B8 tunnel. Outgoing " " " B8 Tunnel & GUN LANE.

The relieving O.C. LONE PINE will take over Command of the position on the completion of the relief of No 4. Section. All Officers will report as detailed previously to Bde Hdqrs.

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| 7 | 24th " | | |
| 8 | 2nd Lfz | | |
| 9 | 13th L.H. | | |

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[Signature] Captain for Bde 6th Div Bde A.I.F.

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OC 24th Bn were report as early as possible
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 24th Bn to complete the minimum number
 will arrange direct with OC 24th Bn to supply
 the number of men. The details of
 distribution of the troops obtained from
 Resting Bn. will be left to the discretion
 of the OC. Line Plan.

Colonel. Spencer Browne C.B. VO Commandg 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

WIDE GULLY. 8.12.15

RELIEF 23rd Bn will relieve 24th Bn in LONE. PINE position tomorrow.
the 9th inst as under: -

- 0900. No 2. Section Strength not less than 180.
Troops entering to use. PLATEAU. SRF
" Coming out " " B5. Tunnel & MARTINS. LANE.
- 1100 No 3. Section Strength not less than 155.
Incoming troops to use. GUN. LANE. & B8. Tunnel.
Outgoing " " " B8. Tunnel & MARTINS. LANE.
- 1400. No 4. Section. Strength not less than 180. This strength will include 117. 13th L.H. These L.H will be relieved by 117. Others. L.H. at the same hour on the 10th inst.
Incoming troops to use. GUN. LANE & B8. Tunnel.
Outgoing " " " B8. Tunnel & MARTINS. LANE.
- 1530. No 1. Section Strength not less than 210.
Incoming troops to use. PLATEAU. SRF
Outgoing " " " B5. Tunnel. & GUN. LANE.

The relieving O.C. LONE. PINE. will take over command of the position on the completion of the relief of No 3. Section. All officers will report, as detailed previously to Bde Hdqrs.

The L.H. for No 4. Section will arrange the relief as previously ordered. i.e. by furnishing an extra 37 men to their quota of 80. already in the PINE. making total of 117 & reverting to quota of 80. when the position is relieved by 24th Bn. O.C. 23rd Bn will report as early as possible, the exact number of men he will require from the 24th Bn. to complete the minimum garrison. & will arrange direct with O.C. 24th Bn to supply this number of men. The details of distribution of the troops obtained from resting Battalion will be left to the decision of O.C. LONE. PINE.

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3	1 st Inf. Div.	Orderly
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6	22 nd Bn.	
7	23 rd Bn.	
8	24 th Bn.	
9	13 th L.H.	

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M. J. Smith
Major
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OPERATION MEMORANDUM
by
Brigadier-General W. HOLMES, D.S.O., V.D.
Commanding 2nd Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters,
8th December 1915.

The steps necessary to effect the following re-distribution of the troops along our front will be put in hand forthwith:- Endeavours should be made to complete the redistribution by the evening of Monday the 12th December 1915.

1. The 5th Brigade will extend its right to THOMPSON'S LOOK-OUT inclusive. The 5th Brigade will extend the left of the 22nd Battalion to THOMPSON'S LOOK-OUT exclusive and will be responsible for the defence of WIRE GULLY. The 21st Battalion will be withdrawn from the section of the line it now holds.
2. Brigade Commanders will carry out reliefs by mutual arrangement. The administrative areas of 5th and 6th Brigades will not be altered. The 20th Battalion will still be held in reserve by the 5th Brigade.
3. The question of gun teams for machine guns now in position or the replacement of such guns by other guns will be decided by Brigadiers in consultation. The number of guns along our front will not be reduced.
4. The Beach parties furnished by the 18th and 22nd Battalions will be relieved by men from the 7th Brigade. The Beach parties now furnished by the 23rd and 24th Battalions will be relieved by the 21st Battalion. The 13th Light Horse and one Battalion 7th Brigade will constitute Divisional reserve and will not furnish Beach parties.
5. LONE PINE will be divided into three Sections proportionate to the strengths of the 23rd and 24th Battalions and the two Companies of the 21st Battalion. Each section will be commanded by an officer of the Battalion concerned; the whole Post being commanded by Colonel Watson, 24th Battalion. The Post will include the PINE proper, PLATEAU SAP and the section of the old firing line B3 to B 8 both inclusive.
The Brigadier 6th Brigade will arrange the division into three sections and will issue the necessary orders; submitting a tracing to Divisional Headquarters shewing new allotment.
6. Accommodation for the present will be as follows :-
23rd Battalion - Half in PINE. Half in BROWNS DIP.
24th " Half in PINE Half in WHITE VALLEY
21st " One Company in PINE, One Company in BROWNS DIP.
21st " less 2 Companies, in BRIDGES ROAD.
5th Brigade Headquarters - BRIDGES ROAD.

Present distribution of Engineers will not be changed and Field Ambulances will continue to be responsible for the areas now allotted to them.

L. A. Jackson
General Staff.

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Operation Memorandum No 51.

Colonel. G. W. Gwynn. C.M.G. DSO. Commandg 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.
WIRE GULLY. 10.12.15.

RELIEF 24th BN. will relieve 23rd BN. in LONE. PINE. position tomorrow the 11th inst. as under :-

0900.	No 1. Section.	Strength not less than 210 Incoming troops to use B5 tunnel. Outgoing " " " PLATEAU. SAP	24 th BN.
1015.	No 3. Section	Strength not less than 155. Incoming troops to use MARTYNS. LANE & B8 tunnel. Outgoing " " " B.8. tunnel. & GUN. LANE.	24 th BN.
1330.	No 2. Section	Strength not less than 180 Troops entering to use B5 tunnel. " coming out " " PLATEAU. SAP	24 th BN.
1445.	No 4. Section.	Strength not less than 180. made up by 100 24 th B. & 80 13 th L.H. These L.H. will be relieved by 80 other L.H. at the same hour on the 12 th inst. Incoming troops to use MARTYNS. LANE. & B8 tunnel. Outgoing " " " B8. tunnel & GUN. LANE.	

The relieving O.C. LONE. PINE will take over command of the position, on the completion of the relief of No 3. Section. All officers will report as detailed previously to Bde Hdqrs.

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Operations Memorandum No 52.

Colonel. G. W. Gwynne. C.M.G. D.S.O. Commandg 6th Inf Bde. A.I.F.
WIRE GULLY. 10.12.18

- (1) (A) The 5th Inf. Bde will take over the frontage D18 to Southern end of UNION TRENCHES by 1200 11.12.18. O.C. 21st Bn acting in Consultation with O.C. 18th Bn.
- (B) The O.C. 21st Bn will arrange sufficient number of Officers & N.C.O.'s to ensure that incoming troops are fully informed concerning all details connected with the posts & will not withdraw them till O.C. 18th Bn is satisfied.
- (C) All French Stores & Post supplies of bombs & ammunition will be transferred as usual.
- (D) The B.M.G.O. will hand over a Bde M.G. to 5th Bde to replace the 21st Bn M.G. in the section of the line transferred, & will withdraw present crew in consultation with M.G.O. 5th Bde.
- (E) The O.C. 21st Bn will in consultation with O.C. 18th Bn arrange for the dividing line between Brigades through support trenches. The line to be fixed in such manner as to give 18th Bn access to the right of their line from the terrace of the present 18th Bn Hdqrs. A tracing showing line fixed will be forwarded to Bde Hdqrs.
- (2) (A) The 13th L.H. Regt. is attached to 6th Bde & will take over the frontage from Southern UNION TRENCHES to South end of THOMPSON'S LOOKOUT.
- (B) The relief will commence tomorrow & will be completed by 1300 tomorrow 13th inst. The orders contained in Para 1(b) & 1(c) will apply to this relief also.
- (C) The 2 M.G. of the 13th L.H. & their crews will take over 2 M.G. positions in this section of the line tomorrow. The B.M.G.O. will arrange for immediate transfer of the M.G. released to 5th Inf Bde.
- (D) 21st Bn less 2 Coys will take over H.Q. & dugouts vacated by 13th L.H. & will form Brigade Reserve.
- (3) (A) The 22nd Bn will before 1700 tomorrow extend to left stake over frontage C4 to SCOTT'S POST inclusive. Communicating direct with O.C. 21st Bn.
- (B) The orders contained in 1(b) & 1(c) will apply to this relief.
- (C) O.C. 22nd Bn may reduce parties employed on Dugouts, tunnels by 65 men. This number in conjunction with Beach Parties which have been relieved being so employed as to enable the extra frontage to be held by the Bn.
- (4) (A) The ONE PINE post including the old firing line between B3 & B8 tunnel both inclusive, is placed under the command of Lieut-Col WATSON, 24th Bn. & will be divided into 3 sectors, garrisoned respectively by 24th Bn, 23rd Bn & 2 Coys. 21st Bn.
- (B) Half of this force will be on duty & half in reserve resting. 24th Bn details in WHITE VALLEY 21st & 23rd Bn details in BROWNS DIP.
- (C) The frontages occupied in the firing line will be allotted by Lieut-Col WATSON in consultation with Brigade Staff.
- (D) Reliefs will be so arranged that not more than half this garrison will be relieved in one day.
- (E) When the Post Commander requires to leave his post, he will detail the next senior Officer of the Garrison to act for him.
- (F) Commanders of the 3 Subsections, who will be appointed from units holding them, will live in the post & will be connected by telephone to the Post Commander H.Q. & with their respective reserves. They will not leave the PINE without the permission of the Post Commander or without notifying their next senior officer.
- (G) Cooking for the ONE PINE Garrison will be done in each section & not in rear positions as at present.

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5. In order to effect the change of system of holding ONE PINE the following reliefs will take place:

The 29th Bn will take over the new No 3 Sector and the 21st Bn will take over new No 2 Sector on Sunday 12th inst. The reliefs of L.H. details will be completed by 1100. Lt Col WATSON will issue the necessary orders, as to the times & routes for relieving parties. He will also provide trained bombers & usual Officers & N.C.O's to assist 21st Bn C.O in taking over new frontage. The second Coy of 21st Bn will be available to carry out reliefs on Monday 13th inst.

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