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OF

17th Bn. A. I. F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Near VILLERS BRETONNEUX	1-7-18	3.30am	Situation quiet Our artillery active	
		7.30am	Intelligence Summary attached	Appx 1
		10am	Warning Order No 1/62 issued	" 2
		3.30pm	Situation quiet. Our planes had been active during day bombing enemy areas.	
		4 "	Patrol programme issued	" 3
		9 "	Operation Order No. 74 issued	" 4
				Capt. H. Ronald D.S.O, evacuated sick
2-7-18	3.30am	Situation quiet.		
		Intelligence Summary attached	Appx 5	
		3.30pm Situation quiet.		
			Patrol programme attached.	ARM Appx 6
3-7-18	1.15am	Relief by 21st part of 21st + 23rd Bns complete Bn moved to positions in T/34c + d + T/35c. During day a few 8" shells fell near positions		
		2/Lt. C.R. Nicholson rejoined from Cadet Bn.	ARM.	
Near TRONVILLE WOOD	4/7/18	3.10am	Bn stood to on account of attack on HAMEL and VAIRE WOOD, + at 8am. received orders to be prepared to move at 15 minutes notice.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	4/7/18	12 noon	Received orders to reconnoitre positions held by 22 nd Bn in O28 & 29. + at 5 p.m. received orders to move to those positions. Moved at 9.30 p.m. On march up numerous enemy planes were over dropping flares & bombs all round Bn, but luckily only 2 O.R. wded	ERM
Near VILLERS BTK.		11.30 p.m.	Disposition report attached. Bn now attached 6 th A. I. Bde.	Appx 7
	5/7/18		Bn standing by. Lt. F. R. Lockwood arrived from Nucleus Bn.	
	6/7/18	9 a.m.	Received orders to relieve 24 th Bn A. I. f. in SUPPORT.	ERM
	7/7/18	1.15 a.m.	Relief complete. Intelligence Summary attached. Disposition Report attached	Appx 8 " 9
		3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet.	ERM
	8/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet Intelligence Summary attached Amended Disposition Report attached. These dispositions following on alterations by Front Line Bn. now afford greater "defence in depth"	Appx 10 Appx 11 ERM

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	8/7/18	3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet	LRM.
	9/7/18	3.30 a.m.	" "	
			Intelligence Summary attached.	Appx 12 LRM.
		3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet First rain during month fell.	
	10/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet	LRM.
			Intelligence Summary attached.	Appx 13
		10 a.m.	Operation Order No 75 issued	" 14.
		"	" " " 76 "	" 15.
		3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet. Lts. J. Ridley M.C. & Croft to Corps School.	LRM.
	11/7/18	3.30 a.m.	" " Enemy M. Ss. active.	
			Intelligence Summary attached.	Appx 16
			Disposition report attached.	" 17.
		3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet.	
			Memo re dispositions attached. (issued following on Bde order)	LRM " 18.
	12/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet. Our artillery active.	
			Intelligence Summary attached	Appx 19

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	12/7/18		Amended Disposition report attached	Appx 20
	"	3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet	GRM
	13/7/18	3.30 a.m.	" "	
			Intelligence Summary attached	Appx 21
		3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet.	
		4 p.m.	Patrol programme issued	" 22
			Two Platoons of "B" Coy moved to O.G. 1 at occupying from P25b2.0 to P26a1.6.	
			Lt. R. Pettit rejoined	
			Lt. L. B. Mackenzie transferred to A.F.C.	GRM.
	14/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet	
			Intelligence Summary attached	Appx 23
		3.30 p.m.	TH Situation quiet	
		5 p.m.	Memo re dispositions issued	Appx 24
		"	" " undercutting "	" 25
	14/7/18		During night alterations as laid down were made in dispositions (vide Appx 24). Casualties 1 O.R. killed 2 O.R. wiled.	GRM.

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	15/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet.	
			Intelligence Summary attached	Appx 26.
		3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet.	
		9.30 p.m.	Operation Order No 77 issued	" 27
	16/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Enemy M.Gs active.	60M
			Intelligence Summary attached. Vide also Appx 32.	Appx 28.
		12.10 h.m.	Operation Order No 78 issued	" 29
		3.30 h.m.	Situation quiet. Registration by enemy artillery on various spots reported.	
			Enemy balloon brought down.	
		5 p.m.	Operation Order No 79 issued	Appx 30
			casualties. Lt. A.S. West wounded. 2 OR. killed 5 OR. wded.	60M
	17-7-18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet	
			Intelligence Summary attached	Appx 31
		3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet. considerable enemy movement effectively shelled by our artillery	
			Report on operations attached	Appx 32
			Lt. W.L. Flood evacuated sick. Lt. B.W. Warburton wded. 3 ORs wded	

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	18/7/18	12.30 a.m.	Relief by 18 th Bn complete. Bn now in SUPPORT disposed as laid down in Operation Order No 79 appx. 30.	
		3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet. DIGGERS SUPPORT shelled fairly heavily during night.	
		3.30 p.m.	Intelligence Summary attached Situation quiet Scattered shelling at intervals	appx 33.
			Casualties 3 O.R. killed 2 O.R. wded.	ERM.
	19/7/18	3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet.	
		a.m.		
		3.30 p.m.	" "	
			Lt. J. H. M. Clure wded. 1 O.R. killed	ERM
	20/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet.	
			Intelligence Summary attached.	appx 34
		3.30 p.m.	Quiet.	
			Major L. Fussell M.C. & Lt. G. Small M.C. & also 1 N.C.O. per Coy attached to 2 nd Bn.	
			129 th S. R. U.S. Army to instruct.	
			Casualties 2 O.R. killed 1 O.R. wded.	ERM.
	21/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet.	
			Intelligence Summary attached	appx 35.

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	21/7/18	3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet	CRM.
	22/7/18	3.30 a.m.	" "	
			Intelligence Summary attached	Appa 36
		3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet. Our artillery consistently active.	
		4 p.m.	Operation Order No. 80 issued	Appa 37
		10 p.m.	Enemy commenced shelling VILLERS BRETONNEUX heavily with yellow cross gas & continued for some time	
	23/7/18	12.30 a.m.	Enemy still using gas shells Estimated number during night 7,000 shells. S.B.Rs worn practically all night. Wind was blowing towards our area from Village.	
		3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet	
			Lt. F.S. Rae and 4 O.R. waded (gassed) being buried by 5.9 gas shell.	
			Intelligence Summary attached.	Appa 38.
		3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet.	CRM.
	24/7/18	12.30 a.m.	Relief of 18" Bm. complete.	
		3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet.	
			Intelligence Summary attached	Appa 39.

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	24/7/18		Disposition report attached.	Appx 40.
		3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet. Our artillery active.	
		5 p.m.	Patrol Programme issued.	Appx 41 ERM.
	25/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet.	
			Intelligence Summary attached	Appx 42
		3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet. Few 18 pdrs shells near Bn. H. Qs	
		4 p.m.	Patrol Programme issued	Appx 43. ERM
	26/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet.	
			Intelligence Summary attached	Appx 44.
		3.30 p.m.	Quiet. Casualties. 4 ORs wded (gassed)	ERM
	27/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet.	
			Intelligence Summary attached.	Appx 45.
			Orders received from Bde re attachment of Americans & Bn Order issued	Appx 46
		3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet.	
		4 p.m.	Patrol Programme issued	Appx 47.
			Provl. Defence Scheme attached.	" 48

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	27/7/18		Capt. E. J. Manifold to 4 th Army School, Lt. R. E. Massey M.M. to Corps Bombing School. Casualties. 2 ORs gassed. Word recd. that "E" Coy 129 th I.R. U.S Army will join Bn. night 27/28 th	
	28/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet. "E" Coy 129 th I.R. disposed amongst Bn. as laid down. (Appx 46). Lt. Raymond O/c "E" Coy at Bn. H.Q. Lt. Fritzy with No 1 Ptn attached our "A" Coy. Lt. Roscoe Rosenberg + 2/Lt. Honeywell. No 1 Ptn attached our "A" Coy. No 2 our "B" Coy No 3. our "C" Coy + No 4 our "D" Coy. Intelligence Summary attached	Appx 49.
		3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet Lt. F. R. Lockwood to O. J. B. England. 1 OR E Coy 129 th I.R. wded.	
	28/7/18	3.45 p.m.	Patrol Programme issued Order No. 81 issued	Appx 50. " 51.
	29/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet. Intelligence Summary attached	Appx 52.
		3.30 p.m.	Situation quiet.	

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	29/7/18		Lts W.A. Robertson + F.W. Johns returned (Nucleus) from Corps School. Lt. Harris ret'd from Army Rest Camp.	
	3	11.55 a.m.	Relief by 18" Bn complete. Bn now Support Bn with disposition as laid down in Order No. 81 (Appa 51).	GRM
	30/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet. Intelligence Summary attached.	Appa 53.
		3.30 p.m.	Quiet. Casualties. 1 OR wded 2 OR (129 OR) wded.	GRM
	31/7/18	3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet. Intelligence Summary attached. Memo re training American personnel attached. O Q. M's report attached. J. O " " Aeroplane photos (3) + Maps (1 of "BAYONVILLERS") attached.	Appa 54. GRM 55 Appa 56 " 57

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			<p>General :- During the whole of the month, except when prevented by operations & reliefs, the Bn had every available ^{man} utilised for work, such as digging & improving posts, C. TS, etc, salvage, carrying etc.</p>	
			<p>The weather was generally fine throughout the month. Owing to both Support & Front Line Bns being in same dugout the closest liaison was maintained & inter Bn reliefs were facilitated thereby.</p>	<p>gem.</p>
			<p>The attachment of the American Troops to the Bn. tended to improve the spirits of our troops, as the hard work etc of past month had affected them somewhat.</p>	<p>gem.</p>

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HEM

Sheet 62d Intelligence Summary (Opposite 1) 17th Bde A.I.F.

SE. $\frac{1}{20,000}$

For period ending 7.30 am 1/7/18

Operations. -

Patrol of 1 officer and 10 OR. left our trenches at P 25 b 25.45 approx and moved E.S.E. through crop for about 100 yards. Patrol listened for about 15 minutes and could hear enemy working parties right along front. Coughing could be heard quite plainly. Patrol leader and the men crawled about 30 yards along road which is covered with grass. Enemy M.G. opened from directly in front about 30-40 yards away. Flares went up and bombs and pineapples were fired at patrol from close position on left. No wire could be seen. Patrol then withdrew. Judging by number of bombs hurled positions seem to be held strongly. Patrol returned at point of departure. Casualties - 1 OR. killed and 3 OR. wounded.

Patrol of 1 officer and 17 OR. with L.G. left our trenches at P 20 c 1.2 and proceeded East about 200' toward gap in line of shell holes. Patrol worked $\frac{1}{4}$ hour without hearing or seeing anything. Then moved 50' to left. Enemy could be heard

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distinctly talking but no signs of working were heard or seen. No wire was encountered. Patrol returned at P 200 1-2 at 12.30 am. Casualties nil.

Patrol of 1 NCO. + 6 OR. patrolled centre Coy sector from 12.30 am to 2 am. Hunt light prevented enemy wire being examined.

Enemy front line appears to be well held judging by movement and voices heard.

* Our Artillery -: Active at intervals.

Our planes -: Very active during evening & night, bombing and machine gunning enemy areas.

Snipers -: Only very long range shots fired.

Enemy Shelling -: Practically no shelling forward of VILLERS RESERVE.

Battery firing Gas shells off left of our sector - from Grid Bearing of 103° from P 190 15.95.

Enemy T.M.s -: A few rounds L.T.M. were fired in rear of centre Coy at 2.45 am.

Enemy Snipers -: Nil.

Enemy M.G.s -: Not very active.

Enemy planes -: Few appeared at intervals.

At 8 pm. a low flying EA with red undercarriage crossed our front line but withdrew on approach of our planes.

At 1.45 am. an E.A. dropped green flares over rear of Right sector but

no visible action followed.
 Movement + etc. -:

At 7.45 pm. 6 men met at cross roads
 in P 27 d carrying wire on reels and
 commenced to lay 3 lines. 2 men
 walking towards WARFUSEE, 2 due
 N. and 2 on to road P 33 a 0.6.

At 5.45 am. 4 men wearing full gear
 left trench at P 26 a 5.8 moving S.E.
 No movement observed from front line.
 Misc.

Enemy anti aircraft fire -: Seemed
 below normal and that used on
 our sector had whitish burst.

Enemy Balloon -: Observed at 6.30 am. on
 Grid bearing of 120° from P 19c 15.95.

*. Enemy Dump. - set on fire by our
 artillery at 3 am. on Grid bearing
 of 119° from P 19c 15.95.

Flares -: Below normal.

[Signature]
 Lt.
 20.

H. Q.

5th A.I. Bde

P.R.L.S. 7.30 am.

1st. July, 1918.Warning Order No. 1/62.Ref. Sheet. 62 D. S.W.

1.(a) The 5th. A.I. Brigade, less 19th. Battalion, will be relieved by the 6th. A.I. Brigade on night 2/3rd. July, 1918.

(b) The 17th. Battalion is being relieved by part of 21st. and 23rd. Battalions.

23rd. Battalion	LINE RIGHT.
21st. Battalion.	LINE LEFT.

2. 6th. A.I. Brigade are taking over the sector as a two Battalion front. Inter-Battalion boundary - the grid line running East and West through P.19.d.0.0. - O.24.d.0.0.

3. Advance parties consisting of the following are proceeding to Companies on night of 1st. inst.

5 Off.	65 c/r.	23rd. Battalion.	LINE RIGHT.
4 Off.	69 c/r.	21st. Battalion.	LINE LEFT.

4. Transport and Q.M. Stores will remain as situated at present.

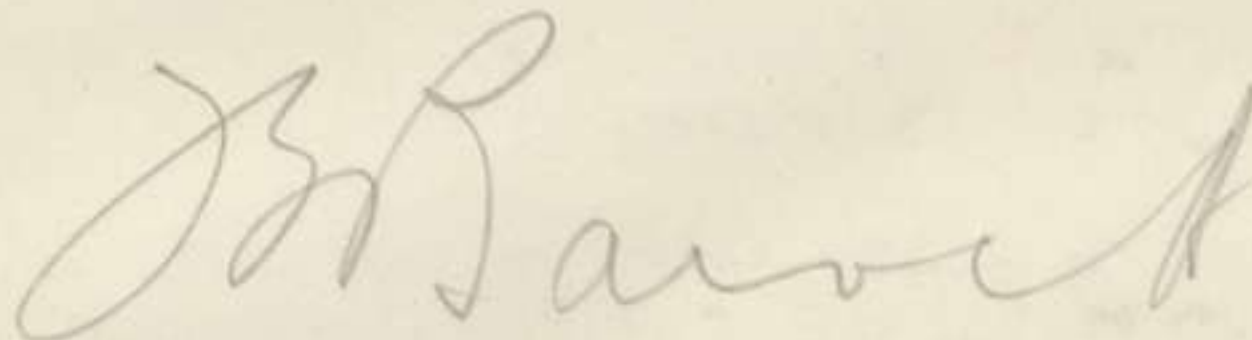
5. Dispositions aimed at by 6th. A.I. Brigade for the two Battalions in the Line (21st. and 23rd. Bns), are two Companies in Line (in depth), one Company Support, and one Company Reserve.

6. On relief, 17th. Battalion will take over positions previously occupied by 23rd. Battalion, N.34.c & d - N.35.c.

7. Bn. Headquarters will be at N.23.d.8.6.

8. Each Company will detail an advance party of 4 N.C.Os to report to Lieut. A.F. GILBERT at Battalion Headquarters at 10 a.m. tomorrow, 2nd. inst.

9. A C K N O W L E D G E.



Captain.

Adjutant, 17th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. File.
2. "A" Coy.
3. "B" "
4. "C" "
5. "D" "
6. Transport Officer.
7. Q.M.
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Night 1/2nd. July. 1918.

17th. Battalion. A.I.F.

Coy. & Personnel.	Time and place of Departure.	Time and place of Return.	Object.
"D" Coy. 1 Offr. 10 o/r. with L.G.	10.15 p.m. P.20.c.30.95 approx.	12 m'night. P.20.c.1.5. approx.	Patrol No man's Land. Investigate shell-holes in vicinity of P.20.c.5.5. Engage any enemy parties.
"A" Coy. 1 N.C.O. 4 o/r.	12.15 a.m. P.19.d.9.1.	2 a.m. P.25.b.7.7.	Reconnoitre No Man's Land in front Coy. Sector.
"B" Coy. 1 N.C.O. 4 o/r.	10.30 p.m. P.25.b.3.5.	12 m'night. P.25.b.1.3.	Reconnoitre line of shell- holes at approx. P.25.b.5.4. and No Man's Land in front Coy. Sector.

Password "YELLOW".

Code-word "WICK" to be wired to Battalion Headquarters when Patrol returns.

This programme will not be taken forward of Company Headquarters.
All ranks will be warned of this programme.

Copies to
5th A. J. Bode
A, B, & D. Coys.
Rt & Left. Bns.

H. Col. R. M. P. H.
for Commanding 17th. Battalion, A.I.F.

17th. BATTALION, A.I.F. 1st. JULY, 1918.

Ref. Map.
Sheet. 62D, S.W. & S.E.
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1. (a) The 5th. A.I. Brigade, less 19th. Battalion will be relieved by 6th. A.I. Brigade in the Left Brigade Sector of the Divisional front on the night 2/3rd. July, 1918.
(b) On relief the 5th. A.I. Brigade will take over the duties of the Reserve Brigade.
2. The 17th. Battalion will take over positions previously occupied by 23rd. Battalion - N.23.c. and d. - N.35.c.
3. (a) Defence Schemes, Aeroplane photos, marked maps, information and intelligence regarding the sector and trench stores will be handed over.
(b) Defence Schemes, all papers in connection with the duties of Reserve Brigade and area stores will be taken over.
(c) Copies of receipts will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 12 noon on 3rd. July.
4. (a) The 6th. Brigade are providing their own Guides.
(b) Lieut. Gilbert will detail guides from the advance party to meet Companies and L.G. Limbers at Level-crossing at N.29.d.1.6. Companies will take over from corresponding Companies of 23rd. Battalion.
5. Transport Officer will arrange for Limbers to collect Headquarters gear, to report to Battalion Headquarters at 9.30 p.m. ~~and~~ and for Headquarters Lewis Guns at 11 p.m. Companies Lewis Guns will be dumped at kitchens and will be picked up by Limbers at 1 a.m. Cooking dixies will also be collected at that time.
6. Completion of relief and arrival in new area will be notified to Battalion Headquarters by wiring the code-word "MARY".
7. Battalion Headquarters will be at N.23.d.8.6.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J. Barrett Captain.

Adjutant, 17th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. File.
2. "A" Company.
3. "B" do
4. 202 do
5. "D" do
6. H.Q. Officers.
7. B.Q.M.
8. T.O.
9. Lt. Gilbert.
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Huns with White Patches (approx 5)
 Sheet 62 d SE. 17th Bn A.I.F.
 Intelligence Summary
 for period ended 8am. 2/7/18.

Operations -:

Patrol of 1 officer and 10 O.R. with L.G. left
 trenches at P20c 30.95 at 10.15 pm. and moved
 EAST about 150'. Enemy was throwing flares
 frequently & apparently sighted Patrol as M.G.
 opened fire from approx P20c 7.7. Patrol then
 moved S & were fired on by M.G. at approx P20c
 5.5. Patrol then moved further S with object
 of cutting it off. One of enemy was then
 observed moving about throwing occasional
 flares. Patrol lay quiet some time & then
 opened fire & threw bombs with unknuson
 results. Enemy replied with M.G. fire & threw
 bombs which fell within 4 or 5 yds from Patrol.
 Patrol returned through P20c 1.5 at 12.20 am
 casualties nil.

Patrol of 1 NCO & 4 O.R. left at P.25b 3.5
 at 10.30 pm & patrolled to main land. Returning
 at P.25b 1.3 at 12 midnight. During first half
 how carrying parties were seen behind enemy
 lines. Talking of sleep was going on in front
 and talking was heard up & down line.
 Afterwards everything was quiet. Casualties nil.

Patrol of 1 NCO and 4 O.R. Patrolled centre
 bay front from 12.15 am. to 2 am. but
 nothing fresh was seen. (over)

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Our Artillery - Very active at intervals
(See under miscellaneous)

L.G.'s + Rifle Grenades - were used on
movement heard in front (in enemy lines) of
left bay after return of Patrol. Results unknown

Enemy Shelling - Very little in front of Bth
area. At 2:10 am. a light barrage from
field guns was put down lasting about
2 minutes in answer to Red flares sent up.

Enemy T.M.'s - Nil reported

Enemy M.G.'s - were more active probably on
account of raids on left, and our Patrols.
There was also more indirect firing on
tracks & etc. in rear.

Our Planes - Very active during night
and early morning.

Enemy Planes - Nil reported during period.

Enemy attitude - Enemy appeared to be
unquiet, probably on account of raids & etc
and consistent shelling by our Artillery.

Miscellaneous

Movement - From 6 to 7 p.m. enemy
Stretchers bearers & Red Cross cars were
very busy in direction of WARFUSEE
and V 12.

During afternoon a party of stretcher
bearers carried in wounded (5) and
buried dead in vicinity S.E. corner of
VAIRE WOOD.

(Over)

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At 5.50 p.m. 4 parties of 10 men were observed crossing ridge in P 22 Central.

At 7.5 p.m. 10 men wearing full equipment left vicinity P 27 Central and moved towards WARFUSEE.

Enemy Flares -:

Red flares breaking into two were fired along 3 Bde front and repeated back brought down a light barrage which ceased on green flares being sent up.

Visibility -: Good during evening.

(Sya) G.R. McPhee Lt
(R6) I.O.

H.Q.'s
5th A.I. Bde
per runner 9am.

(oppre 6)

17th Bde A.I.F.

Patrol Programme

night 2nd + 3rd July 1918

Each front line Coy will send out a
Protective Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 6 OR's to
cover relief.

Patrol to be withdrawn when
relief complete.

Password "PINK"

Sydney G.R. McPherson Lt
(Rtd) J.O.

Copies to :-

5th A.I. Bde

"A", "B", + "D" Coys

Sheet	Disposition Report	(Appendix 7)	17 th Bk	A.I.F.
62 d S.W.			11:30 p.m.	4-7-18
$\frac{1}{20,000}$	B ^{lin} is now occupying positions in O 28 and 29.			
	B.H.Q. at O 28 b 9.8.			
	Personnel in Sunken Road in vicinity.			
	7 officers		57 OR's	
	R.A.P. in tunnel O 27 a 7.9.			
	1 officer		4 OR's	
	"A" bay			
	C.H.Q. at O 28 b 8.8.			
	Garrison along bank and in VILLERS SWITCH in O 29 a in vicinity C.H.Q.			
	5 officers		90 OR's	
	"B" bay			
	C.H.Q. at O 28 a 1.8.			
	Garrison along bank in vicinity O 28 a 7.5.			
	4 officers		57 OR's	
	"C" bay			
	C.H.Q. at O 29 a 5.1.			
	Garrison along road and PINEAPPLE SWITCH in vicinity			
	5 officers		79 OR's (over)	

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"D" Coy

C.H.Q. at 022 d 8.2.

Garrison along bank and in vicinity
and along bank 80 yards N.

5 officers

.114 OR's

A.A.L.G.'s

1	vicinity	022 d 8.3
1	"	029 a 1.8
1	"	029 a 5.1
1	"	028 a 7.5

(Sgt) G.R. McPhee Lt

(Plt) J.O.

H.Q.

6th A.I. BdeRunner 8 am $\frac{5}{18}$

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Sheet 62a Intelligence Summary (Appendix 8) 17th Bde A.I.F.
 Period 1 am - 8 am 7-7-18

Operations - The relief of 24th Bde A.I.F. (support Bde) was successfully completed at 1.15 am.

Enemy Shelling -

Time	Target	Calibre	No rounds	From	Nature
12.30 am to 1 am	O24C	4.2 H.E. Gas	40	:	Bi-phosgene
2 am	Sussex St O24C	5.9 H.E.	Two	:	
3.15 am	FRONT LINE AND DIGGER SUPPORT PIQC	4.2 H.E. + Snap	Barrage	-	-
4.55 am	DIGGER SUPPORT PIQC	-	50	-	-

Flares - In response to our artillery fire at 3.15 am enemy put up double red and green flares which were followed by heavy enemy fire on sector.

A.Q.
5th A.I. Bde
10.15 am

(Sgd) G.R. McPherson Lt
(Rtd) J.D.

Sheet 62d Disposition Report. ^(Appendix 9) 17th Bde A.I.F.
 7-7-18

Bde is now holding SUPPORT SYSTEM
 (part) in P19c, d, & 25 a & b
 Garrison in vicinity

B.H.Q. at O 24 c 25.30

R.A.P. at O 24 c 2.2

7 officers 62 O.R.s

"A" Coy (RIGHT) occupying old front line
 from approx P25 b 7.8 to P20 c 00.20.

C.H.Q. at P19 d 9.6

Garrison 5 officers 90 O.R.s

"C" Coy (LEFT) Old front line from
 P20 a 20.00 to P20 c 1.3

C.H.Q. at P19 d 6.2

Garrison 5 officers 97 O.R.s

"B" Coy on left in DIGGERS SUPPORT and
 HUNTER ST.

C.H.Q. at P19 a 5.9

Garrison 4 officers 68 O.R.s

"D" Coy on right in DIGGERS SUPPORT from
 KENT ST to ALBURN TRENCH.

C.H.Q. at P19 c 25.20

Garrison 5 officers 114 O.R.s

(Over)

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S.O.S. relay posts ² shown on sketch.

Dumps - S.A.A. & Bombs in P.M. areas.
No other dumps taken over.

H.Q.
5th A.I. Bde
D.R.S. 11 am.

(Sgt) G.R. McPhee Lt
(Rtd) J.O.

(Appendix 10)
17th Bn A.I.F.

Sub 62d Intelligence Summary
SE & SW.

1/2000 301 period ending 8am 8-7-18.

Enemy Shelling - Quieter during day.

Time	Target	Calibre	No rounds	From	Remarks
9pm	O24c 2-3	4.2 HE	30	Bayonvillers	Surging Gas
10.5pm	Piquental	7.7 HE	20	T.B. 82°	-
12.25 am	front line & supports	77 & 4.2 HE	Light Barage	-	-
2 am.	Piquental & HUNTER St.	77 & 4.2 HE	30	-	-

Enemy Aerial Activity - from 5.30 to 5.45 am. an EA flew low over our lines.

Flares - at 12.15 am. in reply to our light barage enemy fired double reds and single greens which brought down enemy barage.

H.Q.
5th A.I. Bde
20R2 9am.

(Sgd) G.R. McPhee Lt
(Res) J.O.

Sheet
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Amended Disposition Report

(Appx 11)

17th Bn AIF
8.7.18

"C and A" Coys have now been withdrawn from old front line and are occupying position in YILLERS SYSTEM.

note sketch attached.

"C" Coy H.Q. at 024d 2.8

"A" Coy H.Q. at 030k 4.6

note "D" Coy H.Q. now at P19c 75.20

(Sgd) G. R. Mulpha Lt
20.

H.Q.

56 A.I. Bde

per DRLS 9 am

Stat Intelligence Summary (Appx 17) 17th Bn A.I.F.
 62d for period ended 8am 9-7-18

Enemy shelling - Quiet in SUPPORT
 Bn area during day!
 Hearing enemy artillery retaliation on
 Left Div. front from about 10-30pm.
 A few enemy shells fell in VILLERS
 SYSTEM.

(Sgd) G.R. Walker Lt
 (Rtd) D.O.

H.Q.

5th A.I. Bde
 WALS 9am.

(Appx 13)
 Sheet 62a Intelligence Summary 17th Btn A.I.F.
 1/10/50 for period ending 8am, 10/7/18

Enemy Shelling - Except for few 5.9 shells in O 24 d & P 19 c no shelling in SUPPORT BTN. Area.

Shelling was from approx. Grid Bearing of 95° from O 24 d 2.8.

H.Q.

5th A.I. Bde

10.0.5. 8.30am.

(Sgd) G.R. McPhee Lt.

(Rsg) L.V.

OPERATION ORDER No. 75.17th. Battalion, A.I.F. - 10th. July, 1918.

Ref. Map.

62D. S.W. 1/20,000.

1. The 17th. Battalion, A.I.F. will relieve the 18th. Battalion on the 10th. July and the night 10/11th. July, 1918.
2. "D" Company 17th. Bn., will be on Right Front.

"A"	"	"	"	"	"	"Left Front.
"C"	"	"	"	"	"	"Right Support.
"B"	"	"	"	"	"	"Left Support.
3. "A" and "D" Companies will move up at 4 p.m. to relieve Right and Left Support Companies of the 18th. Battalion. They will move on tonight and take over the Front Line as soon as visibility allows. "B" & "C" Companies will then move up and take over Support positions.
4. "A" Company will occupy Post at P.27.c.5.4. and a Post is to be established at P.27.c.2.6. "D" Company ~~are relieving~~ 18th. Battalion are exploiting trench through P.33. a & c.
5. Battalion Sector is from P.27.c.5.4. (Road inclusive) to road junction V.2.b.95.70.
6. The 7th. A.I. Brigade occupy Trench P.31.b & d, which covers our Right flank.
7. Cooking arrangements will remain as they are for the time being.
8. All Trench Stores &c. will be taken over and receipts ~~given~~ forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 10 a.m. 11th. inst.
9. Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Headquarters by wiring the code-word "LIZZIE".
10. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J. G. Bawley Captain.
 Adjutant, 17th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Distribution.

1. "A" Company.
2. "B" "
3. "C" "
4. "D" "
5. 18th. Battalion.
- 6/8 War Diary.
9. Spare.
10. "

OPERATION ORDER NO 7617th. Battalion. A.I.F. - 10/7/18.Reference Map.
Sheet 62D, S.E. 1/20,000

1. During the night 9/10th. July, 1918, the 7th. A.I. Brigade established their Line from P.31.b.1.5. to P.26.c.0.0. and also occupied trench P.31.b.85.50 - P.31.b.5.2.

18th. and 20th. Battalions occupied line of enemy trenches P.27.a.1.9. - P.27.a.3.7. - P.27.a.3.0. - P.27.c.5.4.
2. Tonight, 10/11th. July, 7th. A.I. Brigade are exploiting enemy trenches North of Railway in P.31.d. - V.1.a & b, and are prepared to throw a line of posts across P.32.c. to join up with 17th. Battalion in making good any ground gained.
3. Tonight the 10/11th. July, the 20th. Battalion will send out patrols to reconnoitre enemy trench line P.21.c.5.4. - P.27.a.3.7. - P.27.a.5.5. - P.27.c.8.8. - P.27.c.8.4. with a view to occupation on night 11/12th. inst. The present line will be consolidated and wired.
4. On relief, O.C. "A" Company will establish a Post at P.27.c. 25.50. "A" Company will send out fighting Patrol with Lewis Gun to reconnoitre trench running through P.26.d.9.1.- P.33 a & c - P.32.d.
5. "D" Company will send fighting Patrol with Lewis Gun to reconnoitre trench through P.26.d.0.0. - P.32.a & d.
6. Any ground gained by either of above Patrols will be occupied and consolidated under cover of Patrol.
7. (a) "D" Company will ensure that touch is maintained with Left Battalion of Right Brigade.
(b) "A" Company will maintain touch with 20th. Battalion.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J. G. Barrett Captain.

Adjutant, 17th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Distribution.

1. File.
2. "A" Company.
3. "B" do
4. "C" do
5. "D" do
6. War Diary.
9. 27th. Bn., A.I.F.
10. Spare.

Sheet 62d. Intelligence Report. - 17th Btry A.I.F. (Opposite 16)
for period ending 8.30am 11/7/19

Operations - The relief of 18th Btry A.I.F. in Line RIGHT was successfully completed at 1.35 am

Patrols - vide Patrol report attached.

Posts - Posts were established during night from P26d 7.3 to approx P26d 90.00. Enemy shelling. Scattered shelling at intervals.

Time	Target	Calibre	From	No rounds	Remarks
11.30 pm to 12 pm	P26a	4.2 H.E.	WAREUSEE	50	-
1 am	P25d	77 H.E.	?	25	-
3 am	P26a	4.2 H.E.	WAREUSEE	40	-

Enemy M.G.s - Active during night.

Hostile Aircraft - An enemy plane flew over sector at 7.30am towards German Lines.

Flares - Above Normal.

Enemy Movement - At 8.15 pm two parties (5 men in each) fully equipped and carrying tools came from rear of enemy lines & disappeared in trenches in P 32d at 4.45 am. Men left these trenches & went down towards Railway in V 2.

Visibility - Good.

(Sgd) G.R. McPhee Lt

H.Q.

(Rsg)

J.O.

5th A.I. Bde

9 am

Patrol Report. 17th Bn. A.I.F.

Night 10/11/7/18.

Personnel 1 Off, 9 OR with L.S.

Place of departure P26C 2.1. (27th Bn. Post)

Time 1 am.

Purpose Reconnoitre & occupy if possible enemy positions in P. 32 a.

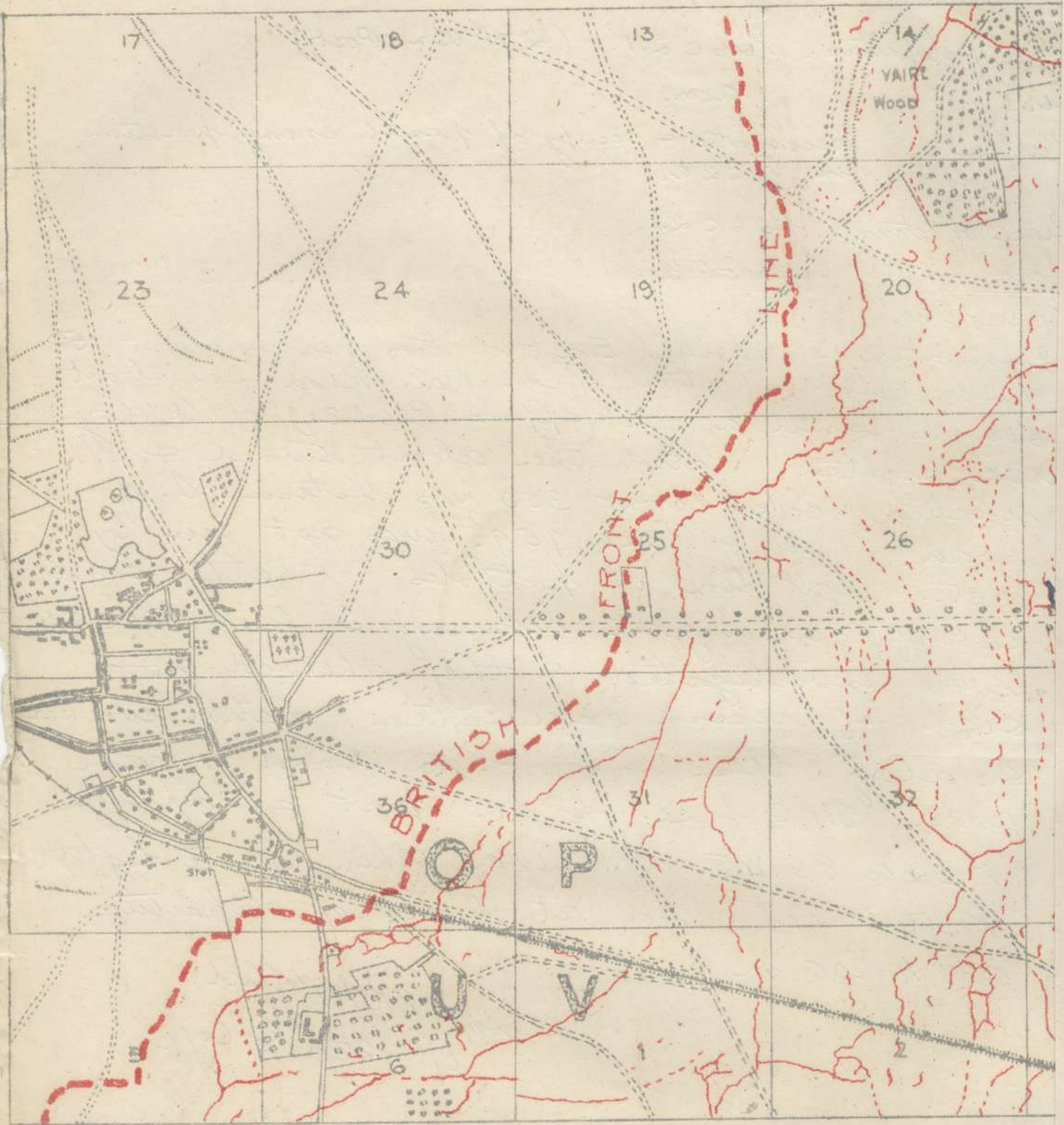
Place of return P26C 2.1.

Time 4.20 am

Casualties nil.

Information: Worked East in two parties about 150 & 200 yds respectively from Main Road for about 600 yds until a post (approx P26d 8.1) of "A" Coy's was sighted. Patrol then about turned & worked back about 350 yds distance S. of road. Post at P32a 9595 was not seen by patrol, but line of potholes or rather small camouflaged dugouts running S. from P26C 5.4 were investigated & they showed no sign of recent occupation. Patrol worked S. along these almost to Road & came under M.C. fire from post at approx P32a 85.45. It was then quite light. Patrol returned at point of departure at 4.20 am.

Sgt. R. R. McLeod
 ofc Patrol. D. Coy.



Sheet 62a S.E.

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17th Bn A.I.F.

11-7-18

Bde 10/788

Report showing dispositions of 17th Bn as different from those handed over by 18th Bn.

R.A.P. at P25b 5.9

O.P. at P25c 4.1

"D" Coy dispositions similar to "D" Coy 18th Bn at 6am 10-7-18

"C" and "B" Coy also similar

"A" Coy

C.H.Q. at P26b 4.5

Garrison 1 officer and 11 O.R.s

1 Platoon 2 L.G.s at P26d 8.7

1 " 2 " at P27c 25.50

2 " 3 " at consolidating line of Pot holes from P26d 7.3 to approx P26d 90.00.

note: Post at P27c 5.4 apparently does not exist. Post handed over being at P27c 25.50.

Pls strength 1 officer 20 O.R.s

(Sgd) G.R. McPhue Lt
I.V.

A.Q.s

5th A.I. Bde

8.30 am

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17th BATTALION A.I.F.

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Battalion Headquarters
11th July 1918.

Reference Map 62 D. S.E.

The following changes in disposition will be made on night 11/12th inst.

"D" Company, 17th Battalion will take over the left post from 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. and will commence on a continuous line, connecting posts, etc.

"A" Company will withdraw the two platoons from P.26.d.7.3. and consolidate on ^{line} P.26.d.2.5 to post at P.26.d.8.9.

"A" Company will establish a post at P.26.d.8.5.

O.C. "C" Company will reconnoitre traced line - P.26.c.3.8. - P.26.b.5.5. with a view to occupying it at short notice.

J. J. Lambert Captain
Adjutant, 17th Battalion A.I.F.

Distribution.

"A" Co.	20th Bn.
"B" "	27th Bn.
"C" 2	War Diary (3)
"D" "	Spare.

Sket 62d Intelligence Summary ^(Appendix 19) 17th Bde A.I.F.

SE + SW Period ended 8.30am 11-7-18

Operations -

During night posts were established by Left Coy at approx P27a 1.2, P27a 05.00, preliminary to linking up with Bde on Left.

Posts S of road at P26d 8.2 were withdrawn and new posts established N of road at approx P26d 85.45, 65.45, + 40.45 to link up with Rt Coy.

Post at P26a 35.15 was taken over ~~(by)~~ from Rt Bde.

Our Artillery - Very active from 2.15 am until dawn.

Enemy Shelling - Unusually quiet on sector during night, except for about 100 77 H.E. shells in vicinity of Posts in P26c + P25d from 9.30 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. Batteries firing from direction of WARFUSEE, no other shelling was reported.

Enemy M.G's - Active at intervals.

Enemy ~~(shots)~~ Flare - Less than previous night

Hostile Aircraft - Below normal

Movement - A good deal of enemy movement about trenches in P27b+d, + P28 was noticed in aft. + evening.

Visibility - Good.

29 H.Q.
5th A.I. Bde
9.30 am

(Sgd) G.R. McPhee Lt.
(R.S) 20.

Sheet ^(APPX 20) Amended Desposition Report 17th Bn A.I.F.
 6rd. 12/7/18

"A" Coy

Two platoons formerly in Posts vicinity P26d
 8.2 have been withdrawn:

1 Platoon vicinity P26d 8.7

1 " in U shaped trenches P27c 2.6

1 Post - 70's - approx P27a 1.2 (about 70 yds
 distant from Rt post of 205 Bn)

1 Post - 60's - approx P27a 05.00.

3 Posts each 80's along road at approx
 P26d 85.45, P26d 65.45, P26d 40.45.

"D" Coy.

Platoon Post at P25d 90.45 has been vacated
 and garrison now occupies Post at P26a 35.15
 and in touch with 27th Bn Post at P26a 00.00.

Sketch attached.

(Sgd) G.R. McPhee Lt
 (Rtd) J.V.

H.R.

5th A.I. Bn

9 am.

Sheet 62d - Intelligence Summary - (Appendix 21) 17th Bn A.I.F.
For period ending 8.30am 13/7/18

Operations - Posts were dug along a line P27a 3.0 P26d 8.7, + P26d 2.5 in order to ensure better command. Posts at approx P27c 1.5 is being maintained as an advanced post. Posts at approx P26d 85.45 P26d 65.45, and P26d 40.45 were vacated and garrison occupied posts along line mentioned above.

Our Artillery - Active during night.

Snipers - Claim two hits.

M.G.s - were very active about midnight.

Enemy Shelling - Quiet during period.

Time - Target - Calibre - Direction - No of rounds.

5.15 p.m. O24d 4.2 HE WAFUS EE. 10

5.30 p.m. P19d 4.2 HE 121° G.B. 20

* 9.20 p.m. V. BRETK. 5.9 HE 121° G.B. few.

(Gun firing from P19. 25.70)

* This gun appeared to be in WOOD in V15a. There was very little other shelling in area.

Enemy M.G.s - not as active as previously.

Enemy Aircraft - Inactive about midnight E.A. were active over our sector and bombing back areas.

Enemy Snipers - Inactive.

(Over)

17th Bde A.I.F.
13-7-18

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J.O.

5th A.I. Bde

The attached document was
found in TUCK of SLEEVE of Hens
Greatcoat in trench in P26 d 8.7.

(Sgd) G.R. McPhie Lt.
(RS) J.O.

9.30 p.m.

(Over)

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Enemy Movement + Organisation -:

- 5.45 pm Two horse transport travelled S.E. from WIENCOURT into field and proceeded to load with hay.
- 6.50 pm Party of 20 men leaving DOGWOOD (P24d) carrying bags on shoulders.
- 7.7 pm Train passed S through DOGWOOD towards WARFUSEE. Trucks appeared to be loaded with large white boxes.
- 7.15 pm Two horse transport wagon moving S through P24c towards LAMOTTE.
- 8.30 pm Large ammunition dump in P24c (9.8?) set on fire by our artillery.
- 9.30 pm Convoy of 10 enemy transport pass through LAMOTTE + head S.E.
- 7-7.30 am Movement of transport + men on horseback to + fro on roads S.E. of LAMOTTE (P36a)

Flares - Reds sent up brought no apparent action.

Visibility - Good.

(Sgd) G.R. McPhee Lt.
(Rtd) J.O.

20 HQ's
5th A.I. Bde
9 am

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PATROL PROGRAMME.

Appx 22

Night 13/14th July 1918.

<u>Coy. & Personal.</u>	<u>Time & Place of departure.</u>	<u>Time & Place of return.</u>	<u>Object, etc.</u>
"D" Co. 1 Officer 12 O/R L.O.	10.30 p.m. P.27.o.1.5.	12.30 a.m. P.26.o.35.15.	Reconnoitre S. of Road about 200 yds then West approx. parallel with road to our Right Post (P.26.o.35.15) particular attention being paid to posts South of road in P.26.o.

Password RABBIT. This programme is not to be taken forward of Coy. Headquarters. Code word "COCK" to be wired to Bn. Hdqrs. on return of patrol.

J.M. Sadler
Lieut.-Colonel
Commanding 17th Battalion A.I.F.

- Copies to:-
5th A.I. Sds.
"A" & "D" Coys.
Right Bn.
3 copies War Diary.

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For period ended 8³⁰ am. 14/7/18.

Operations - Patrol of 1 officer and 12 O.R.'s left our line at P26d 2.5 at 10.30 p.m. and proceeded along S edge of road for about 300 yards. M.G. was firing from approx. P26d 95.30. Patrol then worked S from road about 200 yards and then W and investigated pot holes from P26d 95.10 towards P26c 6.2. M.G. previously reported at approx P32a 9.5 was firing. None of 'possies' investigated were occupied, but numerous stick bombs new and in good condition were in these posts. Patrol returned at P26c 35.15 at 12.30 am.

Casualties - Nil.

Our Artillery - Active, especially at 9.15 p.m. on roads GUILLACOURT WIENCOURT + BAYONVILLERS. A lot of movement transport etc being on roads at this time.

Rifle Grenades - numerous R.G.'s fired on Enemy posts vicinity P27c 3.6. Effect could not be observed.

Snipers - fired on all Enemy movement which was inconsiderable.

Our Planes - Increased activity.

Hostile operations -

Enemy Shelling - Increased activity.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
5.40 pm.	O24d	4.2 H.E.	?	6 rounds
9. pm.	P25a and road in P25 C + D	4.2 and 77 H.E.	WARFUSEE	Harassing, few rounds each time
10.30 pm.				
11.30 pm.				
11.55 pm.				
12.5 am.				
12.48 am.				
9.20 pm.	P19d	5.9 H.E.		20 rounds
9.30 pm.	P25	5.9 H.E.		20 rounds

T.M's - Nil.

Enemy Aircraft - Showed increased activity.

M.G's - Fairly Active. Observation reports show posts at approx P27c 3.7, P26d 9.2, and suspected posts at P27c 45.70 and P27c 45.50.

Enemy Balloons - Observed at 7.30 pm. Grid bearing 119° from O.P. descended at 7.5 pm.

Flare - Normal.

Enemy attitude - Quiet.

(Over)

Movement and Organisation.

Train Movement :- 5.45 pm. Smoke from train observed in W1c at 5.50 pm. Train moved WEST.

5.50 pm. Smoke from train in P 24 d between DOGWOOD and RATWOOD moving N.W.

6.5 pm. Smoke from another train at same place etc.

7.50 pm. Smoke from train at W1a 88 moving S became wholly visible at W1 central, consisted of 6 trucks, stopped at W 7b 00.70 for 5 minutes, then engine with only two trucks shunted back over same line and disappeared at W1a 8.8. (approx)

Misc. Movement :- 6.50 pm. Limber (2 horses) followed by 3 enemy on foot moving N along road in P 30c and a. Six enemy on same road moving in opposite direction (towards WARFUSEE)

4 pm. onward. 3 enemy cutting trap in vicinity P 24 central (approx) & loading same on waggon.

7.55 pm. Two men observed entering trench in P 28 d.

9.15 pm. Movement on roads near GUILLACOURT. (See under "Our Artillery" on previous sheet)

Visibility :- Good during evening, very poor during morning.

(Hyd) G.R. McPhee Lt
(MC) J.O.

20 H.Q.

5th A.I. Bde

9.30 am.

Battalion Headquarters.
14th July 1918.

Appx 24

All Coys.

Reference Map, 62D S.E., 1/20,000.

The following alterations will be made in the dispositions of the Battalion to-night.

1. "C" Coy. will take over the positions in the old German Front Line at present occupied by "B" Coy.

2. "B" Coy. will move forward to New Support Line, one platoon North of its junction with C.T. at P.26.a.9.1. and the remainder of the Coy. to the South.

3. Completion of move will be notified by wiring the code word "NIGGER" to Bn. Headquarters.

New disposition reports will be sent in as soon as possible.

J. Gauret

Capt.
Adjutant 17th Battalion A.I.F.

3 copies to War Diary.

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Battalion Headquarters.
14th July 1918.

All Coys.

1. Attention is drawn to the unsound practice of undercutting trenches.

All officers will make special effort to prevent this. Accommodation will be provided by making "T" heads in the parades.

2. At the present time there is an enormous amount of waste material salvage, etc., lying about the area. This will be collected and placed in Coy. dumps,; live bombs will be placed in small dumps. Battalion Salvage Dump is situated near the R.A.P. Every effort must be made to send material collected to this dump.

Each Company is responsible for its own area.

J. Barrett Capt.
Adjutant 17th Battalion A.I.F.

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Intelligence Summary (Appx 26) 17th Bk A.I.F.
for period ended 8 am. 15-7-18

Appendix

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Operations - A patrol of 1 officer and 10 OR's with L.G. left our lines at P 26d 35.10 at 12.5 am. and proceeded S.E. with object of locating M.G. post previously reported at approx P 32a 9.5. Patrol advanced S.E. about 250 yards. This M.G. was firing from position further S. than reported P 32a 9.3. Flares were also fired from here. Patrol returned at 1.55 am. without gaining any further information. Casualties nil.

Our Artillery - Very active at intervals.

Our M.G.'s - Showed increased activity.

L.G.'s and - Dispersed enemy working party at approx P 26d 90.15
Rifle Grenades Several yells were heard following explosions.

L Stokes mortars - Fired 17 rounds at post at P 27a 15.70. Observation was difficult but several hits were claimed.

Our Planes - Below normal.

Hostile Artillery - Showed increased activity.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>No rounds</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Direction</u>
5.45 pm.	O 24 b	10	4.2 HE.	WARFUSEE
"	18 d	10	4.2 HE	"
5.50 pm	P 19 b + d	5	"	"
6.20 pm. to 6.35 pm.	P 25 + 26 27 a + c	40	4.2 + 5.9 H.E.	WARFUSEE + MARCELCAVE
	O 24 d	30	77	?
7.45 pm.	P 26	10	77	WARFUSEE
9.30 pm.	P 19 c	50	4.2	111° Grid B.
"	V. Bret x	15	5.9	135° " " (approx)
10 pm.	P 25 b 00.20	20 (approx)	77 x	77 Battery from
11 pm.	P 25 b 1.6	20	4.2 H.E.	S. edge of ACCROCHE WOOD.
2.30 am to 3.30 am	Scattered	bursts of 77 and	4.2's	on sector.

Enemy Granatwerfer - Fired a few rounds on advanced posts.

Enemy M.G.'s - Less active than usual.

Enemy Artillery - Quiet.

Enemy References - Trenches in vicinity P 32a 9.2 appear to be used as an artillery O.P. A party of 6 men carrying rations were seen to enter these trenches just about dusk. Front line observers are
(Over)

do

of opinion that these posts are fairly strongly held.

Flares -: Normal. (see under E.A.)

Enemy Aircraft -: At 7.45 pm E plane flew low over our line and dropped green flare; 2 min after enemy artillery opened rapid bursts on front & support lines.

Enemy Movement -: At 8 pm. Party of 15 men assembled at Cross Roads in V 66 and picked up some timber and then moved towards WIENCOURT.

8.30 pm Convoy of 10 enemy transport moving in V 5 central towards WIENCOURT.

Miscellaneous -: Some of the shelling reported during night is stated to be 18 pounders.

Visibility -: Good.

20 H.Q.'s
5¹/₂ A. I. Bde
9.15 am.

G.R. McPhee Lt.
(R) 2.0.

17th BATTALION A.I.F.
OPERATION CAMEL NO 72.

Reference Map 62 D. S.S. 1/20,000.

Headquarters
July 15th 1918.

1. (a). It is intended to advance our present line to approximately P.32 central - P.26.d.6.8. - P.27.c.3.0. - P.27.c.25.50.
 (b). The 19th Bn. are bombing down trench running through P.27.a and c to the Junction with VILLERS BERTHELEUX - WAFURNE- ABANJOURE Road.
 (c). The Brigade on the Right is conforming to the movement.
2. The operation will be carried out on night of 15/16th inst as follows:-
 "B" Company will send out a fighting patrol with supports to attack and occupy enemy post at P.32.a.9.2. - P.32.b.1.3.
 When this has been captured, a line of posts will be established along the line as stated in para. 1 (a). up to the road at P.26.d.6.0. inclusive.
 Two posts will also be established along Western edge of road running through P.32.a. and d. at approximately P.32.a.75.20. and P.32.a.60.35.
 "A" Company, if possible, in conjunction with bombing attack by 19th Battalion will attack and occupy enemy post at P.27.c.3.4. - P.27.c.2.7.
 When this has been done a line of posts will be established running approximately - P.26.d.6.0. - P.27.c.0.2. - P.27.c.3.3.
3. "D" Company will arrange with O.C. Reserve Coy. for carrying parties and for the occupation of the posts vacated by him.
 "A" Company will make similar arrangements with O.C. Support Coy.
4. Liaison will be established with Units on Flanks and frequent reports will be sent to Battalion Headquarters.
5. Action will be taken as soon as possible after receipt of orders.
6. ACKNOWLEDGES.

J. G. Lawrence

Captain.

Adjutant 17th Battalion A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. File
2. "A" Coy.
3. "B" Coy.
4. "C" Coy.
5. "D" Coy.
6. 19th Battalion
7. Left Bn. Right Brigade.
- 8/10. War Diary
11. Spare.

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for period ended same 16/7/18.

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Operations -

Infantry -

During the night our line was advanced to a depth of approx 500 yds on right, and 100 yds on left on a front of 1000 yards. Line now runs approx P 32 a 95.20, - P 26 d 6.0, P 27 c 25.30, + P 27 c 2.7.

* 1 Prisoner + a M.G. were captured. A number of German dead were left in posts. Our casualties 1 officer Wdied 2 O.R. killed + 4 O.R. Wdied. The posts occupied by enemy put up a marked resistance, including a lot of M.G. fire which however was mostly high. Left Coy endeavoured to exploit success by attacking a post about 100 yds in front of their left post (P 27 c 2.7) but found same strongly held.

Artillery - Active during period.

Our planes - Active from 8 - 9 pm.

Identifications - * above prisoner belonged to 5 Kom 18 I.R. 41st Division (normal)

Enemy Shelling - D.P. at P 19 c 25.90.

Time	Target	No rounds	Calibre	Direction	Remarks
7.25 pm to 7.45 pm	P 26 and P 27	50	5.9 H.E.	DOGWOOD and P 24 antial	Reply to ant H. Artillery
9.30 pm	P 25 a	10	4.2 H.E.	WAREUSEE	-
9.45 pm	P 25 c	15	77 H.E.	"	-
10.30 pm	P 25 antial	20	4.2 H.E.	?	-
11 pm	P 25 and Y. Brevet	8	5.9 H.E.	111° Grid B.	-
11.20 pm	O 2 d	15	5.9 ?	"	-
3 am to 3.20 am	Front	Light Barrage	4.2 and 77.		
4 am	P 25	40 (approx)	77 shrapnel.		

Enemy T.M's - nil reported.

Enemy attitude - sketches beams of both sides worked in daylight under white flag.

Enemy flares - Above normal caused by our operations. Double Reds and Greens brought down a light barrage after approx 15 minutes. Golden clusters seem to be signal for Artillery to shorten.

Enemy Aircraft - At 9.15 pm E.A. (1) flew low over our lines, and also from 4 am to 4.30 am.

Movement and Organisation -

5.30 pm. 6 men observed getting out of trench in P 28 b and proceeded towards WAREUSEE.

6.45 pm. Several more men moving about above trenches.

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Searchlight - Observed on bearing of 109° Grid from O.P.
 Observers state it is in BAYONVILLERS CHURCH as it
 is high up and they saw lights moving in CHURCH.

Visibility - Good.

G. R. McPhee Lt.
 (RC) 2.0.

20 HQ's
 5⁴ A.I. Bde
 8.45 am.

C.O. 17th Bn.

Report on operations Night 15/16 July 18
I have to report that two platoons under Mr West + Mr Warbinton occupied enemy trench P27C24 to P27C18 without casualties the enemy evacuating on our approach. He left two dead + all his gear, food etc. The 19th Bn do not appear to have moved from their former place.

On the right of the road my two platoons under Mr Blackshaw + Mr Phelps met considerable opposition from MG + shell fire + were hung up for a while but a runner has just reported that they are dug in in small posts roughly on a line P26d7.0 to P27C25.30. I have not heard that they are in touch with "D" Coy but if "D" Coy are on their objective we must be very close to them.

I have brought 3 of "B" Coy's guns up and have placed

them in my old posts covering
the ground to the south of the
road.

I have temporarily moved my
Coy H.Q. to where Mr. Blackshaw
had his post.

The enemy can be seen taking
away wounded & from the yells he
must have received a number of
bombs from our party on the
right of the road. Mr West's
party found two dead Boche in
the hole.

Our casualties Nil

5 am 16/7/18.

St CR Maynard Lt
OC a Coy
17th Bn

To 60

I have just had a telephone message from Mr Warburton to say that just after daylight - Mr. West accompanied by 4 men hopped across the trench running through P27 a & c (the northern part of which is held by 19th Bn) The trench was full of Germans who captured Mr West killed one man & wounded two.

Sd. C. M. Maynardt.
OC 8th Coy
17th Bn.

6 am 14/7/18

Note. Telephone message received at 8 am that Mr West had been recovered under white flag, in exchange for a wounded German.

C. M. Maynardt.
Sd.

Reference Map - S.
Sheets 62.d. S.E. and W. 1/20,000.

OPERATION ORDER N^o. 78.

Headquarters.
16th July 1918.

1. The Division is pushing forward to consolidate on the line - Post at U.6.c.55.80. through U.6.central, to Railway at V.1.b.7.5., bridge inclusive, thence through P.32.central to Post at P.27.c.15.45.
2. The inter Brigade boundary will be adjusted to run P.32.central to O.30.central, thence as before.
The present inter Battalion boundary will remain in force.
3. (a). The Right and Left Coys. of 17th Battalion will make necessary adjustments in their line to conform with that given in last night's Battalion Order, viz., approximately P.32.central - P.26.d.6.0. - P.27.c.3.0. - P.27.c.25.50.
(b). The Right Coy. will ensure that the two posts mentioned West of road running N.W. through P.32 central are established for flank ~~pro~~ protection until the Right Brigade move forward.
4. "C" Coy. will man present Right Brigade left post at P.26.c.0.0.
5. The Left Battalion of this Brigade is exploiting trench P.27.a.3.0. to P.27.c.45.50.
"A" Coy. will render any possible assistance by means of rifle grenades, covering fire, etc.
On completion of this operation "A" Coy. will establish a post at P.27.c.2.2.
6. All Coys. will render complete disposition reports as soon as possible.
7. No move forward beyond the line given in para. 1. above will be made without reference to Battalion Headquarters (except such minor adjustments as are necessitated by the configuration of the ground).
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. G. Barrett
Captain
Adjutant 17th Battalion A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. File
2. "A" Coy.
3. "B" "
4. "C" "
5. "D" "
6. 19th Bn.
7. Left Bn. Right Bde.
- 8/10. War Diary.

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17th BATTALION A.I.F.

OPERATION ORDER No. 79.

Headquarters
July 16th 1918.

Reference Map.-
Sheets 62.D. SE and SW. 1/20,000.

1. (a). The 17th Battalion A.I.F. will be relieved by the 18th Battalion A.I.F. on night of 17th/18th inst.
(b). On completion of relief the 17th Bn. will take over the dispositions and works of 18th Bn. in Support, as under:-

"C" Coy. 17th Bn.	will take place of	"D" Co. 18th Bn.	OLD BRITISH P.L.
"B" " "	" " " "	" " " "	DIGGER SUPPORT RIGHT
"A" " "	" " " "	" " " "	do. do. LEFT.
"D" " "	" " " "	" " " "	VILLERS LINE and) BANANA SWITCH.)
2. Coy. Commanders will arrange mutually for guides.
3. Advance parties will be sent out on 17th inst.
4. Defence Schemes, Trench Maps, and Trench Stores, will be handed over, and receipts obtained, which will be forwarded to Bn. Hdqrs. by 12 Noon on 18th inst.
5. Cookhouse will remain at present position and Coys. will supply their own ration parties.
6. R.A.P. will move to Q.24.c.2.3.
7. Battalion Hd. Qrs. will remain at present position.
8. Completion of relief will be notified to Bn. Hdqrs. by wiring the code word "BLIGHTY". Coys. will also notify Bn. Hdqrs. when they are in their new position.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Barrett
Captain
Adjutant 17th Battalion A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

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| 1. File | 5. "D" Coy. |
| 2. "A" Coy. | 6. Q.M. |
| 3. "B" Coy. | 7. T.O. |
| 4. "C" Coy. | 8/10. War Diary. |

200 period ended 8 am. 17-7-19

Our Operations:

Infantry - During night our left Coy established a L.G. and Rifle Grenade post at approx P25d 2.2. This post & others N of road co-operated, by use of L.G.'s and R. Grenades (No 36) with the left Bde in their attack on enemy trenches (P27c 5.4 - P27a 3.0) in front.

Posts were established by Rt Coy along road at approx P32a 6.3 and P32a 4.5 for defence of Rt flank.

Post at approx P26a 0.0 was taken over by our support Coy from 25th Bde. Posts in P32b were adjusted slightly to conform more closely to line laid down by Div order.

Artillery - Active (see under movement)

L.G.'s and R. Grenades - See under Infantry. L.G.'s, R Grenades, and Snipers in forward posts established during previous night claim to have accounted for numerous enemy during morning of 16th inst.

Movement & Organisation -

At 5 pm 5 or 6 men (cyclists) were seen moving along Road BAYONVILLERS - NIENCOURT.

At 5.25 pm 6 enemy got out of trenches in P29a. One pointed towards WARFUSSE & then towards TAILLOUX WOOD, & a few min later two made towards WARFUSSE & two towards TAILLOUX WOOD, and after another 5 min. two more went towards WARFUSSE.

6.10 to 6.45 pm. A considerable amount of individual movements of enemy in and around trenches in P28b and 29a and along road from WARFUSSE to TAILLOUX WOOD.

* 7 pm. Approx 30 men in battle order and in extended formation moving along road in P23d & c.

7.50 pm Horsemen riding from BAYONVILLERS - NIENCOURT.

* 8 pm 6 enemy carrying Red Cross flag on road in P29a and P23c.

* Note Our 18 pounders had been firing on these areas from 7.35 pm to 7.45 pm.

8.15 pm 12 enemy in battle order got out of trench in P28a and moved across fields towards DOG WOOD.

Visibility

Good during evening. Bad during morning.

(Over)

Hostile Artillery Activity.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>No rounds</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
8.20 pm.	P19c D.24 a	4.2 + 5.9 H.E.	30	?	-
10 p.m.	D24 d	4.2 H.E. and Gas.	20	?	-
1 am (approx)	Enemy shelling back areas with Gas.				
3 am (approx)	Enemy put down a fairly heavy barrage after commencement of operation by 19 th Bde.				
3.45 am.	Heavy barrage along whole front opened apparently in response to signal - rocket bursting into two Reds.				

Enemy planes - At 5 am. low flying E.A. dropped Red and White flares on Support Line.

M.G's - Active.

Flares - Bursting Red Rocket appears to be S.O.S. signal.

G. R. McPhee Lt.
Rt. L.D.

20 HQ's
5th A.I. Bde
9 am.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS BY 17TH BATTALION A.I.F.
July 16th and 17th 1918.

On the 15th July 1918, the front occupied by this Battalion was a line of disconnected posts, running from P.26.c.4.2. - P.26.c.7.4. - P.26.d.4.6. - P.27.c.2.9., with an advanced post at P.26.c.1.6.

Verbal orders were received from Brigade that the line was to be advanced to the line P.32.central - P.26.d.6.0. - P.27.c.0.2. - P.27.c.3.3. and connect with Left Battalion, who were to bomb down trench N. and S. P.27.c. to P.27.c.5.5.

Orders were issued as follows -

(a). The Right Company to send out fighting patrols with supports to attack and occupy enemy post at P.32.a.9.2. and establish a line of posts between that point and P.26.d.6.0., with two posts for defence of right flank at, approximately, P.32.a.75.20. and P.32.a.60.35.

(b). The Left Company to attack and occupy posts at P.27.c.3.4. and P.27.c.2.7. and establish a line of posts from P.26.d.6.0. - P.27.c.0.2. - P.27.c.3.3.

The operations of both Coys were successful, the enemy putting up a marked resistance at P.32.a.9.2. and P.26.d.7.0. On the determined advance of our men, however, the enemy fled leaving 7 dead in these posts. He was pursued by rifle and Lewis Gun fire and Rifle Grenades and a good number of casualties inflicted. One prisoner of the 5th Coy. 18th I.R. was captured. Our casualties were 2 O.R. killed and 1 Officer and 5 O.R. wounded. One Machine Gun was captured. The enemy machine gun fire was extremely heavy but, fortunately, erratic. Lieut. A.S. West (Left Coy.) with party of 4 men started out from the ground in front of his newly captured post at P.27.c.2.7. and encountered a strongly held enemy post about 100 yards in front. He rushed it with his party and after a brief fight Lieut. West was wounded and party had to withdraw, after bombing dugouts and blowing up a heavy machine gun. During the day, a number of wounded, estimated at nearly 20, left this post. During the day, Lewis Gunners, Rifle Grenadiers and Snipers in various posts claim to have caused further casualties.

Flares breaking into two reds brought down a light barrage. Golden clusters appeared to mean "shorten range". Four platoon posts were established by the Right Coy. approximately along the line laid down. The Left Coy. established two platoon posts at P.26.d.7.0. and P.26.d.9.2. and enemy posts at P.27.c.34.27. One platoon in support.

The post occupied by Lieut. Willard (P.32.a.9.2.) was a fairly well traversed trench in places and in vicinity were fresh large calibre shell holes (Note) On afternoon of 15th July our heavy artillery had shelled at our request - vicinity of P.32.a.9.2. - as it appeared to be strongly held and to be used as an O.P.)

The trench contained four dugouts, each about 15 feet deep with accommodation for total of 20 men. There were sufficient small dugouts for a further 20 men. As enemy could be seen about 70 yards approximately due South and could be heard working towards S.W., a trench was dug out towards Road on Right, giving view and command of country S. and S.W. Flank posts were also established in connection with this about 100 yards N.W. The other posts were along road, dug by our men.

Daylight shewed that owing to want of guiding marks that the two left posts of Right Coy. and right post of Left Coy. were not located so as to give mutual support, so one (Lieut. V.J. Sullivan M.C.) was withdrawn slightly and the other two pushed up. All the posts would have an excellent field of fire, but for the crops about 2 feet high which surround each post.

A great difficulty was experienced in obtaining exact map references in the darkness owing to the flatness of the country and lack of prominent objects.

On the night of 16/17th inst our line was adjusted in order to conform with the line laid down in Brigade Order No. 197. This necessitated the shifting of two left posts of the Right Coy. and the two right posts of the Left Coy.

The Left Coy. established a post at P.25.d.2.2. This post, with others North of Main Road co-operated with bombing attack of Left Bn. on trench P.27.c.5.4. - P.27.a.3.0. by use of Lewis Gun and Rifle Grenades. Post, approximately, P.26.d.0.0. was taken over by Support Coy. from Left Battalion Right Brigade.

(2).

The disposition of Coys. is now - two Coys. in Front Line. The Right Coy. has four platoons in Front Line. The Left Coy. has three platoons in line with one in close support, which also acts as close support to Left Battalion. The Support Coy. now occupies old front line and the Reserve Coy. is occupying line in P.26 a. and b.

One Vickers Gun has been emplaced at P.26.c.O.O. for defence of right flank.

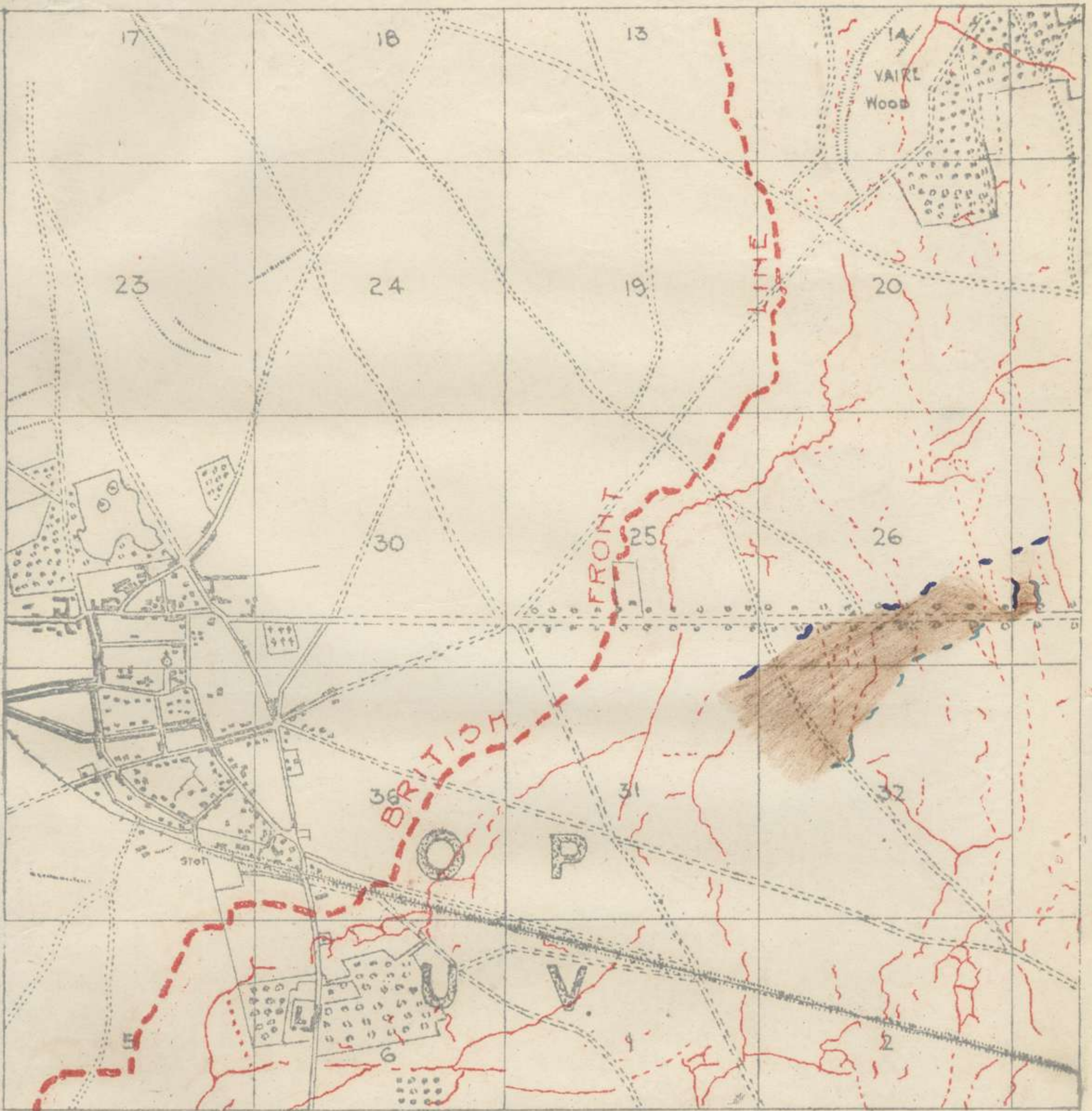
The attitude of the enemy towards our stretcher Bearers was generally friendly. On one occasion only were shots fired. On other occasions the enemy left his trenches to show the stretcher bearers where our wounded men were.

RMSade

Lieut.-Colonel

July 19th 1918.

Commanding 17th Battalion A.I.F.



- ADVANCED POSTS MARKED IN GREEN
 ORIGINAL " " " BLUE
 SHADED PORTION INDICATES GROUND TAKEN

Shat-62^d Intelligence Summary, 17th Bn A.I.F.
 S.E. + S.W. for period ended 8.30am 18/7/18

Operations:

Infantry - The relief of the 17th Bn from Pt
 front line by 18th Bn was successfully
 completed by 3.5 am. The 17th Bn
 taking over dispositions etc of SUPPORT
 Bns

Artillery - very active during night. but response
 to S.O.S on Pt Bae front at about 5 am
 seemed rather slow.

Enemy Shelling - consistently active especially with
 4.2^s
 2mo birds attacked shell.

Enemy M.G.'s - Active.

Visibility - Good except during rain.

(Sgt) G. R. McPhee Lt
 (R.S.) 2.10.

20 H.A.^s
 5th a. g. Bae
 8.45 am

Enemy Shelling.

Date	Target	Calibre	No rounds	Direction	Remarks.
5.10 pm	P 26 d	4.2 H.E.	10	GUILLECOURT	
5.45 pm	P 19 c	4.2 H.E.	150 (approx)		In bursts of about 20 rounds
8.30 pm	and Rt Sector	5.9 H.E.			

Enemy retaliation on our sector was not heavy, being mainly confined to Rt Bde Sector.

From 2.40 am. until 5.30 am enemy artillery was active.

(Sgd) G. R. Welphre Lt
(Asst) J. D.

H. Q.
5th A.I. Bde

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 Intelligence Summary 17th Bn A.I.F.
 For period ended 8am. 20-7-16

Time	Target	No rounds	Direction	Remarks
10 PM.	P19d	50 rds	MARCELCAYE	
to 10.30 pm.		4.2 HE.		

Throughout the night there were scattered bursts of fire on area mainly H-2's.

Movement:

At 5:20 am Engine with 16 trucks moving N through H1a

5:50 am. Three enemy transport moving along road in P 35 towards WARFUSEE.

(Sya) G. R. McPherson Lt
 (RCS) J. V.

To H.Q.:

5th A.I. Bde

8.30 am.

(Approx 35)
 1st Btd. Intelligence Summary 17th Div A.I.F.
 For period ended 8am. 21.7.18

Enemy Position - decrease in activity
 scattered bursts of fire at intervals.

Time	Target	Calibre	No rounds	Direction
10 pm	P19d+c	5.9 H.E.	60	DOG WOOD
11.30 pm	P25		(approx)	
2.30 am	P19d	4.2 H.E.	10	WARFUSEE.
4. am	O30c	5.9 H.E.	10	DOG WOOD
4.35 am	P25'6+c	5.9+4.2	40	5.9 from DOG WOOD.

Movement - At 8 p.m. a party of 25 men some carrying white bags were observed moving along Sunken Road in P29a towards WARFUSEE.

At 5 am two waggons in V6c with 8 men loading hay on to same.

(Sgt) G.R. McPhee Lt
 (Rgt) J.O.

H.Q.
 5th A.I. Bde
 8.30 am

O.P. P19c 15.95.

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17th Bde A.I.F.

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SE + SW $\frac{1}{20,000}$.Intelligence Summary.For period ended 8am 22/7/18

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OperationsOur Artillery - Active during period, shelling roads etc.Our planes - Active at 7.35 am, brought down enemy balloon in front of sector, also machine gunned enemy line during morning.Enemy Shelling - Slightly decreased activity.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>No rounds</u>	<u>Direction</u>
5.20 pm.	P19d	4.2 H.E.	15	LAMOTTE
6.20 pm.	P19d	4.2 H.E.	20	"
9.30 pm.	P19c	4.2 H.E.	30	DOGWOOD
10.30 pm.	P25 + P19c	5.9 H.E.	10	"
1.30 am.	P19	5.9 + 4.2	30-40	"
6.30 $\frac{10}{15}$ 7 am.	O24c	4.2	25	?

Enemy Flares - Colored flares above normal. At 1.30 am numerous Greens brought enemy shelling on Rt Bde. Front. Subsequent Red and Green lights brought no apparent action.Hostile Aircraft - At 11.30 pm. Enemy plane dropped about 8 bombs on battery areas.

Movement - At 5.20 pm. 4 enemy transport moved along road in V11a towards MARCELCAYE at 6.30 pm. Smoke observed from stationary train in W1a.

7 pm 3 enemy transport in field in W7a.

7.15 pm. 8 men carried timber from P23 d 5.4 towards WARFUSEE Cemetery.

7.45 pm. Enemy train in full view in P24 d consisted of 8 trucks loaded heavily with cases of timber.

8 pm 6 men walking along road in P34 d towards Railway Line, 3 carrying bags.

8.45 pm ~~to~~ Fire (unknown cause) in O31.

9.15 pm. 20 Huns and transport on road in W14 moving towards WIENCOURT. Stopped and separated into 4 parties possibly for harvesting.

6 am. W14 3 men on horseback on WIENCOURT road. Also parties of what were apparently Harvesters (Many artillery took notice as these appear to be regular parties at night and morning). (Over)

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Miscellaneous.

At 6 p.m. enemy gun flash observed at Grid bearing of 140° from O.P.

6.35 p.m. enemy flash lamp signalling for 10 min. on bearing of 121° Grid from O.P.

(Sgd) G.R. McPhee Lt
(Ptd) J.V.

20 H.Q's.

5¹/₂ A.I. Bde

8.30 am.

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SW. SE

O.P. P19c 15.95.

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Intelligence Summary

17th Bn A.I.F.

80 For period ended 8.30 am 23/7/18

Operations

Our Artillery - Active. 18 pounders very active from midnight until 4 am.

Enemy Shelling -:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>No rounds</u>	<u>Direction</u>
7 pm	O24 d	18 pdr	30	?
7.50 pm	P25 b	4.2	12	MARCELCAVE
8 pm	P19c	5.9	10	GUILLA COURT
8.10 pm	"	"	"	147° Grid.
10 pm to 12.45 pm	Y. Breck	Gas Yellow Cross	Continuous shelling	
1 am	P19c	4.2	10	WIENCOURT.
1.45 am	"	"	14	"
2.20 am	"	"	15	?
3.25 am	"	"	25	?
	P25a	4.2 + 5.9	-	-

Movement - Harvesters observed during evening in W1 d with 3 waggons at 5.30 am. Two motor transports moving on road from GUILLA COURT - WIENCOURT at 6.20 am. Party of 20 men on road in W7 b moving towards BAYONVILLERS.

(Hyd) G.R. McPhie Lt

(Rt) J. G.

To H.Q.

5th A.I. Bde

DRLS. 8.45 am.

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26d 65.85. (Appx 39)
 Intelligence Summary 17th Bn A.I.F.
 For period ending 8am. 24/7/48

- Operations - The relief of the 17th Bn A.I.F. in RIGHT FRONT line was successfully completed at 17.30am.
- Patrols - Liaison patrols established connection between front line posts and also to posts of Bn's on Rt and Left.
- Enemy Shelling - Below normal: front line boys report nil on camp sectors.
 Post at P 27c 05.45 reports that enemy fired a few "pineapples" bombs at post during night.
- Movement - at 5.30am enemy S.B's working under Red Cross flag in V2 going in direction of MARCEL CAVE.

To HQ
 5th A.I. Bde

(Sgd) G. R. McPhee Lt.
 (R) D. D.

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SE-S.W.

Disposition Report (appx 40) 17th Bn A.I.F. Appendix 40⁷⁴

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80 B.H.Q's at O24c 25.30
Garrison 6 officers 68 O.R's
R.A.P. at P25b 5.9
1 officer 4 O.R's
O.P. at P26d 65.85
6 O.R's

"D" bay - Rt bay -

C.H.Q's at P26c 35.35

4 Platoons in front line

Garrison 4 officers 56 O.R's

"B" bay - Left bay -

C.H.Q's at P26d 65.85

holds a series of 8 posts as shown on sketch.

Garrison 4 officers 83 O.R's

(includes 1 officer, 16 O.R's, and 2 L.G's of A Coy)

"C" bay - Rt support bay -

C.H.Q's at P25b 5.3

1 officer 10 O.R's

no 9 Platoon	vicinity	P26d 3.3	-	1 officer, 13 O.R's, + 2 L.G's
no 10 "	"	P26d 90.40	-	1 " , 14 " , 2 "
no 11 "	"	P26d 45.45	-	17 " , 1 "
no 12 "	"	P26d 0.0	-	8 " , 1 "

"A" bay - Left support bay -

C.H.Q. at P26b 4-6

3 Platoons in Support Line

(1 platoon attached to "B" bay)

Garrison 3 officers 51 O.R.

S.O.S. relays

Shown on sketch.

Sketch attached.

20 HQ's

5^{1/2} A.I. Bde

8 am.

(Syd) G.R. McPhue Lt

(Rd) J.C.

APP 41

Patriot Programme (Appx 41)

17th Bn A. I. F.

For night 24th - 25th July 1918

Coys + Personnel.	Time + place of departure.	Time + place of return.	Object.
"D" Coy 1 N.C.O. + 3 O.R.'s	10.30 p.m. P32a Q.2	12.30 a.m. P26d 2.2	Reconnoitre No Man's Land in front of Coy sector.
"B" Coy 1 N.C.O. + 3 O.R.'s	12.30 a.m. P27c 05.45	2.30 a.m. P26d 2.2	do

Password "GUAVA" Code word "LIME JUICE" to be wired
to Bn H.Q. when patriot returns. Attached form to be
used and route taken to be marked on map.

Copies to "B" + "D" Coys
5th A. I. Bde,
Rt & Left Bns.

(Sgd) G.R. McPhee Lt
(Rtd) 20.
For Lt Col Comm. 17th Bn A. I. F.

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S.W. + S.E.

D.P. P26 d 65.85. (Appx 42) Appendix 4276
Intelligence Summary

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For period ending Eam. 25/7/18

Operations - vide Patriot report attached.

Infantry - On morning of 24th enemy in front of Post in P 32 a 9.2 started throwing hand grenades and firing M.G.'s wildly causing three casualties - slightly wounded. We replied with rifle grenades + L.G.'s with effect, as 3 stretcher cases + 1 walking wounded left them post.

Artillery - Very active during night.

Our planes - were bombing enemy areas during night. Forced I.E.A. to land in rear during morning.

L.G.'s + Snipers - No certain hits. Enemy now doubles across open field at over 1000 yards range.

Enemy Shelling - Fairly active during early part of night. From 9.20 to 10.45 Bn sector was constantly shelled with 4.2" and 77 H.E. from direction of WARFUSEE + WIENCOURT. One post reports use of new 5.9 H.E. with Gas. Helmets being worn for 20 minutes.

Enemy M.G.'s - Fairly active. - See Patriot Report -

Enemy L.T.M.'s - fired few rounds on P 26 d during night from direction of CAYE COPSE.

Enemy Attitude - Quiet, but opens M.G. fire at slightest provocation

Plans - Normal.

Movement - At 5 am two enemy S.B.'s seen near CAYE COPSE helping wounded men.

At 5.30 am. Waggon loading crops - 2 men - in V 9 d - dispersed by 2 rounds from artillery.

At 6.45 am. 9 enemy observed moving about trenches in P 33 c.

Visibility - Good

Kate Report - At 7 am about 15 - 77 shells in vicinity P 32 a 8.2 from 8 am - 8.20 am. 2 Enemy planes patrolled our lines.

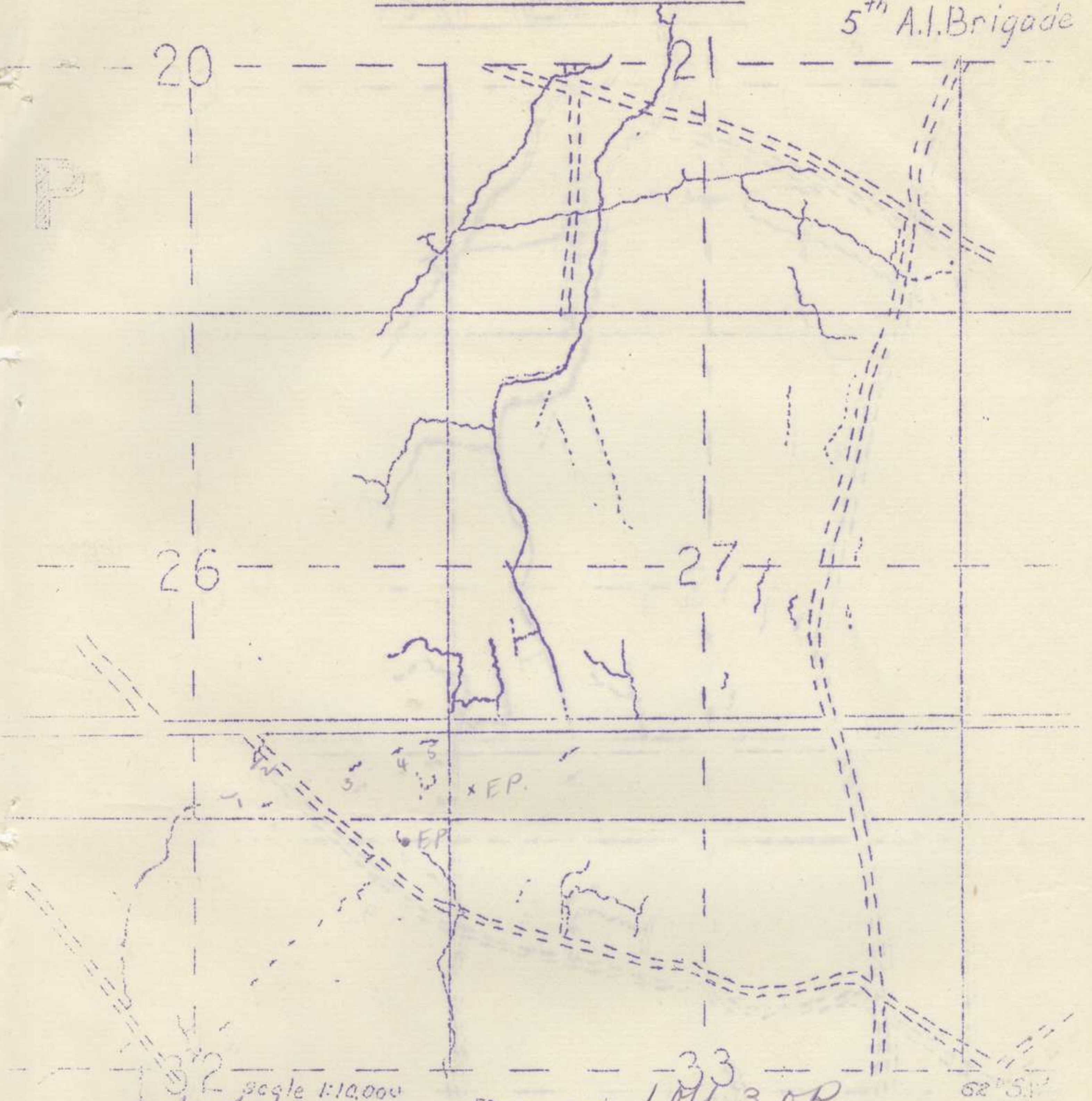
(Hyd) G. R. McPhee Lt

(RC) J. O.

2nd A.Q.'s

5th A.I. Bde

8.45 am.



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24/25/7/18

Report

10 off 3 OR

Place of going out P27c 05.45

Time " " 12.30 a.m.

Place of return P26d 2.2

Time " " 2.30 a.m.

Casualties Nil

Information gained:—

I reconnoitred the ground between the positions in map references to a depth of 120 yds from road thro: P26d + P27c. Located an enemy M.G. Post at P27c 15.20 + another at P32b 8.9. I could not approach close enough to examine enemy post on a/c of severe M.G. fire. The enemy appears to be in posts just over a ridge. The ground in front of Nos 4 & 5 posts is open + doesn't afford much cover. In front of Nos 1, 2 + 3 posts a crop of wheat spreads across to enemy posts. I found a series of pot holes running at right angles to the road at P26d 9.15. They extend for about 8 yds. Post at P27c 15.20 appears to be fully well manned.

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Sd. A. S. Warr St. Patrol Leader
B Coy 17th Bn.

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Patriot Programme

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17th Bn A.I.F.

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Night 25th - 26th July 1918

Boy and Personnel	Time and place of departure	Time and place of return	Object.
"D" boy 1 N.C.O. 3 O.R.'s	12.30 am. P32 a 9.2	2.30 am. P32 b 00.45	Reconnaissance & Protective patrols. Locate enemy posts in front of bay sector.
"B" boy 1 N.C.O. 3 O.R.'s	10.30 pm. P 32 b 00.45	12.30 am. P27c 05.45	do.

Password "LEMON" Code word "TOBACCO" to be wired
to J.H.Q.'s when patrol returns.

See to
and "D" boys
5th A.I. Bde
Rt Bn.

(Sgd) G.R. McPhue Lt
(Rsd) J.V.
For Lt Col Gamm 17th Bn A.I.F.

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S.E. - S.W.

Q.P. 26 a 65.85 (app)

17th Bn A.I.F.

Intelligence Summary

201 period ending 8am. 26/7/18.

Operations -: Patrols see patrol reports attached.

Our Artillery -: Very active at intervals. Silenced active enemy L.T.M. at P 33 c 1.8 during night. C.B. caused E. artillery to slacken.

Enemy Shelling -: Active during early night.

Time	Target	Calibre	No rounds	Direction
8.30pm	RT line	4.2 +	Fairly	5.9 on T.B. of 138° ±
10	sector	5.9	heavy	118°? . 4.2 on T.B.
9.30pm	Supports			of 133° + 124°

Enemy L.T.B's -: Fired few rounds on P 26 d was silenced by retaliating fire.

Enemy M.G's -: More active. Position at P 32 b 8.9 verified by patrol.

Enemy planes -: Nil reported.

Enemy Defences -: Enemy appears to be working more than usual as front line posts + patrol report that working could be heard along front during whole night. Work was mainly along posts from P 32 a 9.1 to P 32 b 8.9.

Mines -: Normal.

Enemy Movement -: Very little observed. at 5 am. individual movement observed in P 32 b in trenches.

Visibility -: Good

20 H.Q's
5.5 A.I.Bae
8.45 am.

(Sgd) G.R. McPhue Lt
(Rtd) J.D.

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Patrol Report. 25/26/7/18.

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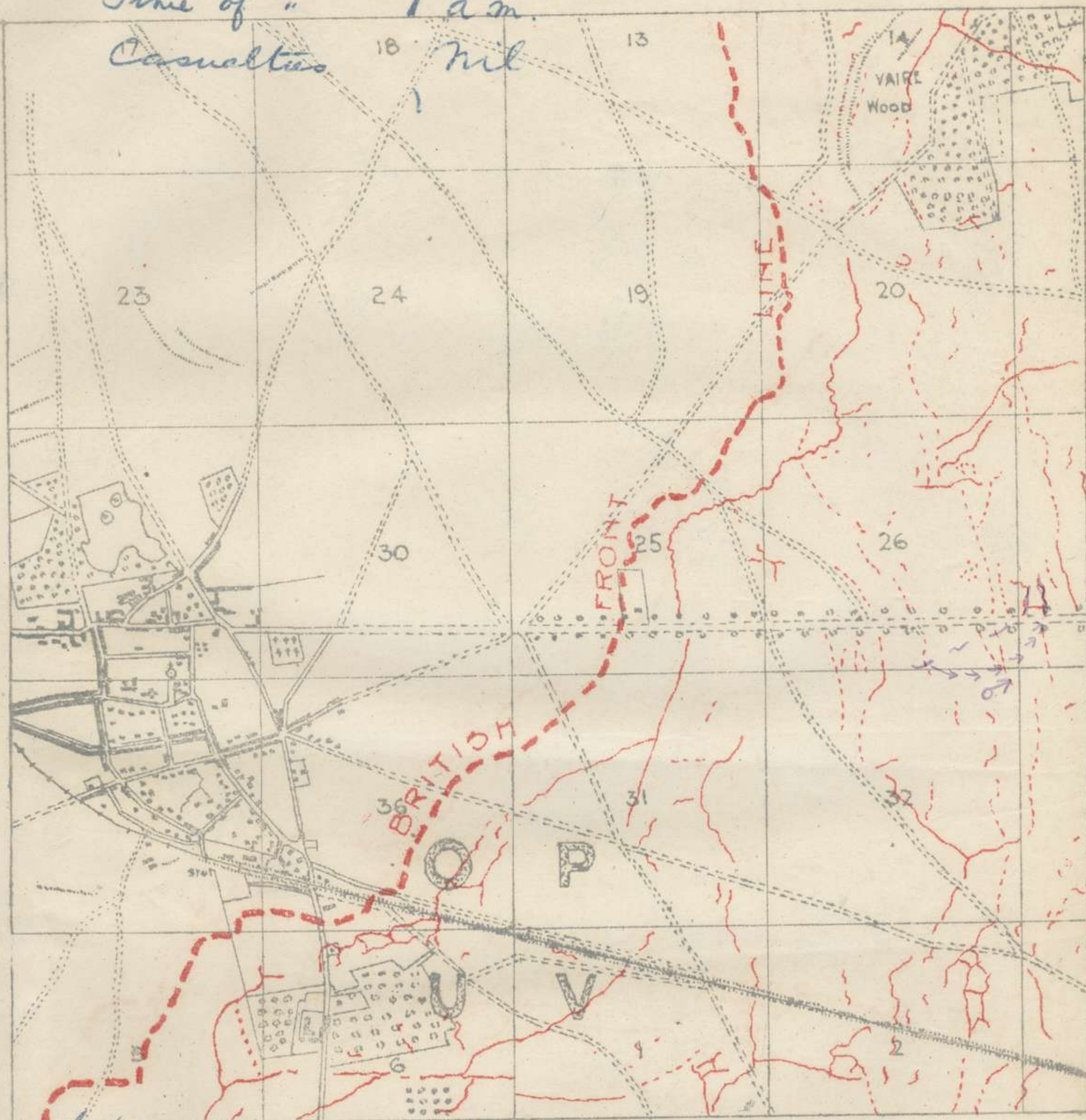
Place of going out. P26d 3.0.

Time of " 10.30 p.m.

Place of return. P27c 2.5.

Time of " 1 a.m.

1 W.C.O + 2 O.R.



Information gained:- I left Coy Rt post & worked East to position about 100' in front of No 4 post (P26d 3.3) a m.g. was firing close by. Then tried to locate M.G. By working thro crops managed to get about 10 yds. from same approx position shown on map. (P32 b.8.9) There was concertina wire along here. I then tried to work along same but saw Hms patrol of 9 men close to their wire. I then worked back to left Post P.27c 2.5.

sd. J.J. Rigley Cpl.
Patrol leader.
"B" Coy 17 Bn.

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O.P. P26d 65.85 (Oppx 45)

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A.I.F.

80 S.E. + S.W. Intelligence Summary.

For period ending 8 am. 27-7-18

Operations - Our Artillery - Active during period. At 11 p.m. 18 pounders opened on enemy tracks & benches in P32b. Two flare dumps were set on fire. Front line posts report shelling as first class.

L.T. Mortars - Fired 25 rounds during night on new enemy works in P32b

Enemy Shelling - Less active.

Time.	Target.	Calibre.	No rounds.	Direction.
5.30 pm.		77 M.M.		Approx position of battery V10b 2-7 smoke observed.
9.55 pm.	P32a P26c	4.2	70	?
10.20 pm.	P26d	77 H.E.	30	?
12.30 am.	P25	4.2 + 77 H.E.	20	?
3 am.	P25	4.2	20	?

At 9 p.m. gun flash observed at Grid bearing of 121° from O.P. - 14 seconds between flash and sound.

Enemy T.M's - Fired a few rounds at intervals during night from cemetery at V8b.

Enemy M.G's - Less active during night.

Enemy attitude - Quiet.

Enemy work - no working was heard during night. Apparently due to either rain or effect of ~~rain~~ our T.M. and Artillery fire. See under movements.

Plans - normal.

Hostile aerial activity - At 8.30 p.m. 4 E.A. planes flew low over Bth sector. were not fired on.

Movement etc - 6 p.m. trench at V3b 7-5 man observing here whenever our Artillery opens. This trench appears to be strongly held as many as 10 men observed at once and they appeared to be doing up their equipment.

8.35 pm 8 enemy carrying bags moving along road from V9d 4.4 to V9c.

Visibility - Good.

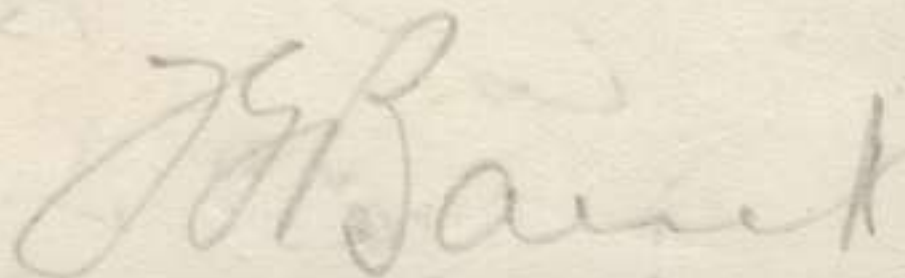
(Sgd) G. R. McPhee Lt
(Ras) J. O.

To H.Q.
5th A.I. Bde

17TH BATTALION, A.I.F.Appsc 46
27/7/18.

All Companies.

1. One Company (F) 2nd Battalion, 129th American Infantry Regiment, will be attached to the 17TH BATTALION, A.I.F. from to-night the 27th July 1918.
2. For the first Eight Days of their attachment, 1 American Section will be attached to each Australian Platoon. For the next Eight Days, American Platoons are to be attached to Australian Companies as a Fifth Platoon of the Company. After this period, American Battalions will be attached to Australian Infantry Brigades as a Fifth Battalion of the Brigade.
3. Company Commanders, whilst bearing in mind the fact that the attached American Troops are here in order to complete their training, will nevertheless treat them as an integral part of their own Companies during the period of their attachment.
The more these troops share in the every-day life and work of the Companies to which they are attached, the quicker will their training be completed.
4. During the period of their attachment, American Troops will be under the Tactical Command of the Australian Officer with whose Unit they are serving. At all times, however, attached American Troops will be under the administrative control of their own Officers who will be responsible for their interior economy and discipline.
5. American Troops will draw the same rations as our men. The extra rations thus required will be handed over to Australian G. M's. for distribution. American Troops are carrying in 24 hours rations.
6. The bodies of any American Troops who may be killed in action will, if possible, be sent down to 17TH BATTALION Headquarters.
7. Casualties to all ranks of the American Infantry Regiment (129th), are to be shown under the heading "AMERICAN".



Captain.
Adjutant 17th Battalion A. I. F.

3 Copies to War Diary.

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Patrol Programme ^{Appx 471} 17th Bde A.I.F.
Night 27th - 28th July 1918

Company + Personnel	Time + place of departure	Time + place of return	Object.
"B" + "D" boys	Usual	small protective	patrols.
"B" boy 1 N.C.O. 3 O.R.'s	11 P.M. P27c 25-40	1 am. P26d 8-3	Local enemy posts S of road between Mangle Heap + vicinity P32 B 9-9

Password B.H.Q.'s lead word "PHOTO" to be wired to when "B" boy patrol returns.

Copies to
"B" and "D" boys
5th A.I. Bde

(Sgd.) G.R. McPhie Lt.
(Rd) J. O.

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PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME.

Appendix 48

Reference Map:-

Sheet 62 D., 1/40,000.

1. TACTICAL FEATURES.

The Tactical Features are the Village of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and the Ridge running N.E. from it, HILL 105, our possession of which is of the utmost tactical and strategical importance. This feature must be held by us at all costs; possession by the enemy would give him command of the SOMME Valley back to AMIENS.

2. BOUNDARIES.

- (a) Battalion Southern Boundary:- P.32.central - 0.30.central - 0.29.central.
 (b) Battalion Northern Boundary:- P.27.c.5.4. - P.26.b.5.5. - P.26.a.0.5.
 (c) Inter-Company Boundary:- P.26.d.3.0. - P.26.d.0.4. - P.26.c.5.7.

3. ORGANISATION OF DEFENCE.

The defences of the Battalion Area are systematically organised into:-

- (a) A front line which is at present a line of posts and are being connected. P.32.a.8.2. - P.32.b.2.8. - P.26.d.6.3. - P.27.d.2.6. - P.27.d.2.8.
 (b) A support line which is not yet continuous:- P.26.c.0.0. - P.26.d.0.5. - P.26.d.7.8.
 (c) A reserve line continuous and wired:- P.26.d.2.5. - P.26.a.3.0. - P.26.a.9.2.
 (d) There are at present 3 C.T's. under construction, which will also be organised for flank defence.

4. DISTRIBUTION.

The normal distribution of the Battalion is as follows:-
 2 Companies in front line, 1 Company in support, and 1 in reserve. Battalion Headquarters at 0.23.c.20.25.

5. MACHINE GUNS.

Distributed in depth as follows:-

- P.26.a.9.2. - 2 guns; P.25.b.6.7. - 1 gun.
 P.26.d.35.20 - 1 gun; P.25.b.75.90 - 1 gun.

6. TRENCH MORTARS.

Two 3" Mortars emplaced at P.26.d.75.90.

7. ARTILLERY.

2 Field Artillery Brigades cover Brigad- Sector. S.O.S.Line runs at an average distance of 400 yards in advance of our front line. One anti-tank gun at 0.29.b.8.5.

8. ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

2 Lewis Guns at P.25.d.75.80. Crews to have written orders.

9. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

The probable form of an enemy attack may be one of three alternatives, viz:-

1. A raid.
2. An attack with limited objectives.
3. An attack on a large scale.

In the event of (1) or (2) happening, the support ^{and} the reserve Companies may be required to counter-attack immediately, or reinforce the front line. In the event of (2) or (3) a defensive flank may have to be formed. Should communication with Battalion Headquarters fail, Commanders will act on their own initiative, or under orders of Senior Officers on the spot. The positions now in our possession must be held at all costs. In the event of Companies moving forward as above, Nucleus Garrisons of 2 Sections per Company will be left behind, 1-Lewis Gun Section, and the other, a Rifle Section. These will act as rallying points if necessary.

10. WORKS.

Work will be carried out in the following order of importance:-

- (a) Connecting front line posts, and moving front line.
- (b) C.T's. capable of being used as Switches.
- (c) Completion of wiring of support line.

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10. WORKS (continued)
(d) Accomodation.

Working Parties will have definite orders in case of emergency to report to nearest Company or Headquarters.

11. COMMUNICATIONS.

Telephone and Runner to Companies. Buried Cable. Pigeons. Message Dogs, and Visual to Brigade.

12. COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.

Company Headquarters are situated at:-

- Line right Company - P.26.c.4.4.
- " left " - P.26.d.70.75.
- Support Company - P.26.c.25.50.
- Reserve " - P.26.b.4.6.

13. Battalion O. P. is situated at P.26.d.7.8.

14. Medical R. A. P. is situated at P.25.b.5.8. Evacuation through relays to Advanced Field Ambulance at O.24.c.2.3.

Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding 17th Battalion A. I. F.



LEGEND
LÉGENDE

Trenches from Air Photos
Anti-Aircraft Gun
Wire
Shell-hole Ammo Dumps
Organised Shell Holes
Rifle Pits
Light Railways, (sites of)

Tranchées par Aero Photos
Canon contre Avions
Réseau
Dépôts de Munitions dans Trous d'Obus
Trous d'Obus organisés
Petits Postes
Voies ferrées Légères (sites de)

British Enemy
300 644
200 575
100 500

BRIDGES
Fit for Tanks
" Fld Arty.
" Inf. in File
M. Transport
All traffic except Tanks
Footbridges

PONTS
Pour Tanks
Artillerie de Campagne
Infanterie en file
Camions
Toutes voitures exceptés les Trucks
Passerelle

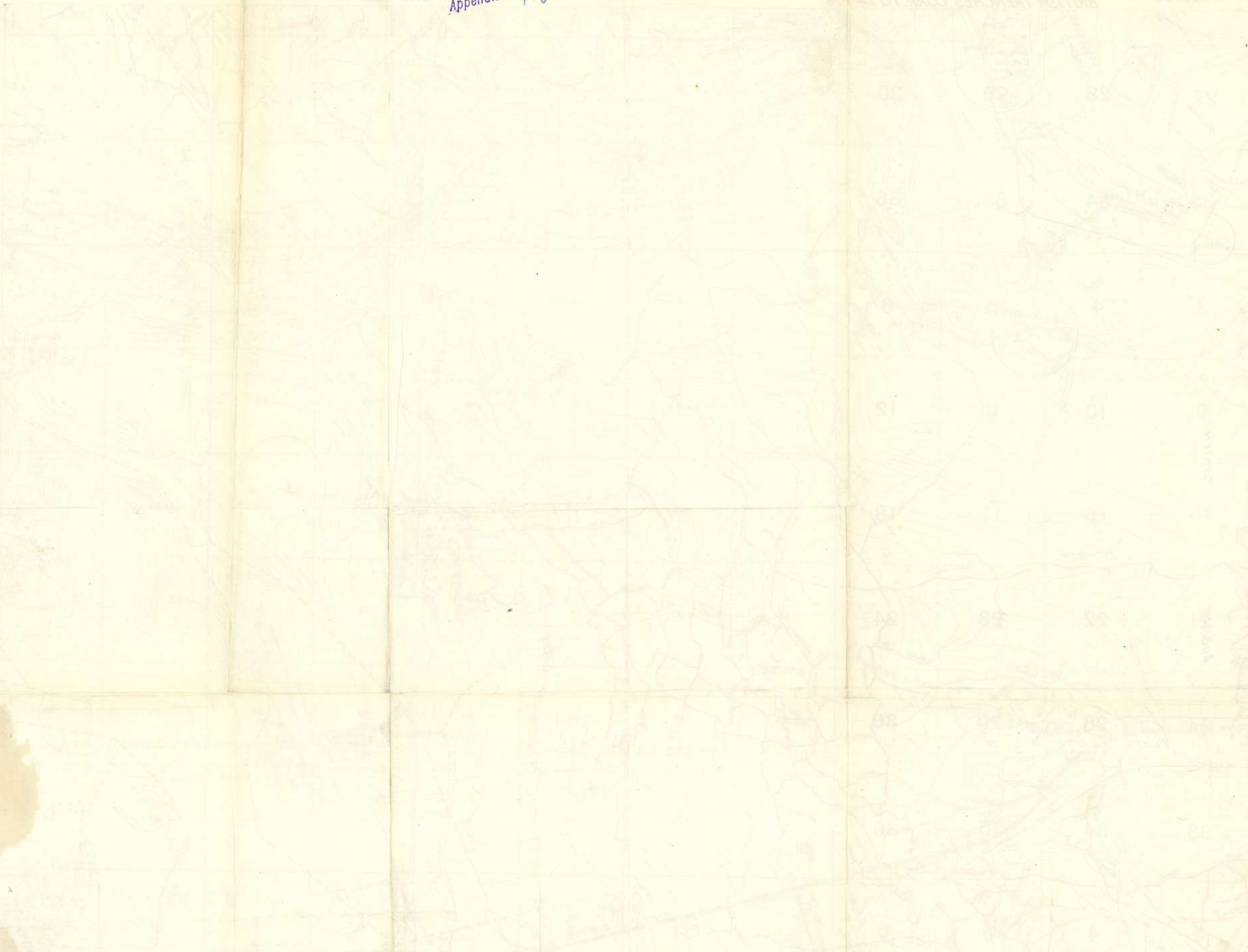
Trench Mortars
Machine Guns
Headquarters
Dugouts

Mortiers de Tranchées
Mitrailleuse
Quartiers Généraux
Abris

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<p>LEGEND</p> <p>ENEMY TRENCHES</p> <p>BRITISH TRENCHES</p> <p>...</p>	<p>LEGEND</p> <p>ENEMY TRENCHES</p> <p>BRITISH TRENCHES</p> <p>...</p>	<p>LEGEND</p> <p>ENEMY TRENCHES</p> <p>BRITISH TRENCHES</p> <p>...</p>
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Intelligence Summary
for period ending 8 am. 28/7/18.

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17th Bde A.I.F.

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Operations

Infantry - The disposing of "E" bay 129th I.R. U.S. Army amongst various posts held by this Bde was successfully completed during the night. (1 Platoon to each bay)

Patrols - Vide Patrol report attached.

Artillery - Active 18 pnds fired on movement at 6.30 p.m. to and from Water Towers. Observation of this and other shoots prevented by mist.

Aircraft - Bombing planes active from midnight till 2 am.

Enemy Shelling - Less active on sector.

Time	Target	Calibre	No rounds	Direction
9.15 pm.	P26a+b	5.9 H.E.	10	?
9.30 pm.	P25d	4.7 Shrap	20	?
9. p.m.	P26d	5.9	10	WIENCOURT.

This shelling followed a sudden burst of rather heavy shelling on Rt Bde front.

Enemy T.M. - Fired 10 rounds on P26d from direction of FOUR TREES at 17.15 am.

Enemy attitude - Quiet.

Enemy defences - No working heard or observed.

M.G.s - Normal.

Flares - Normal after 11 p.m.

Hostile aircraft - Nil reported.

Movement - At 5 pm. to 7.20 pm. men in small parties (2 to 5 men) in full marching order left trenches at V2b V3c, and V2 central and moved towards WATER TOWERS. Similar parties coming towards these trenches. This movement was hampered by our Art. At 7.45 pm. two enemy parties (unknown No-mistly-) assembled at cross roads in V14 and V15 central afterwards moved towards IGNAUCOURT. At 8.15 pm. a party of 15 men or more seen behind hedges on cross roads at V19d 3.2

Miscellaneous - Movement seen, and absence of enemy flares until 11 pm. would indicate a relief.

(Sgd) G.R. McPhee Lt.
(Rsg) J.C.

To HQ

5th A.I. Bde
8 am.

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Report 27-28 July 1918. S2° SW

Place of going out P26 d 8.3
 Time " " 11.15 p.m.
 Place of return P27 c 05.50
 Time " " 1.30 a.m.

Legend
 British Front Line —
 Enemy Trenches - - -

Casualties Nil Personnel 1 N.C.O. + 3 O.R.

Information gained:— Proceeded S abt 220 yds & struck a m.g. position at about P32 b q. 9 about 5 yds long freshly broken by Artillery fire & which appeared to have been recently occupied. There was no movement of enemy in & No mass land. Near this post was a small amount of concertina wire broken up by artillery also. No working or movement by enemy could be heard. Patrol returned at 1.30 a.m.

Sd.

J. J. Ryley ^{Patrol leader}
B's Coy 17 Bn.

(appx 50)
 - Patrol Programme - 17th Bde A.I.F.
 night 28th - 29th July 1918

Bay and Personnel	Time + place of departure	Time + place of return	Object.
"B" bay 1 NCO + 3 OR's	10.30 p.m. P26 d 4.2	12.30 a.m. P27 c 05.50 (approx)	Reconnoitre enemy posts in front of bay sector, particularly any posts near MANGEL HEAP (see photo 831)
"D" bay 1 NCO + 3 OR's	10.30 p.m. P32 b 2.8	12.30 a.m. P32 a 8.2 (approx)	Reconnoitre enemy posts in front of bay Rectis.

Password "FIG". Code word "OXFORD" to be used to Bde H.Q.'s when patrol returns. Attached form to be used for report.

Copies to:
 5th A.I. Bde
 "B" and "D" bays
 R.F. Bde

(Sgd) G. R. McPhee Lt
 (Rtd) J. V.
 for Lt. Col. Comm. 17th Bde A.I.F.

Reference Map:-

Sheet 62.D. S.E. and S.W. 1/20,000.

1. The 17TH BATTALION A.I.F., plus attached American personnel, will be relieved by the 18th Battalion A.I.F., plus attached American personnel, on night 29/30th July 1918.

2. On relief, the 17TH BATTALION. A.I.F. will take over positions and duties of the Support Battalion as under, viz:-

"A"	Coy.	17th	Bn.	will	take	place	of	"A"	Coy.	18th	Bn.	-	DIGGERS	SUPPORT
"B"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"B"	"	"	"	"	Left	OLD BRITISH FRONT LINE
"D"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"D"	"	"	"	"	Right	"
"C"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"C"	"	"	"	"	BANANA SWITCH & VILLERS SPT	

3. Advance Parties of 1 Officer per Company and 1 N.C.O. per Platoon will report to the Companies of the 18th Battalion which they are relieving on night 28/29th July 1918.

4. Companies will make mutual arrangements for Guides.

5. Defence Schemes, Aeroplane Photos., Trench Stores, Picks and Shovels, and Intelligence concerning the Sector, will be handed over. Receipts will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 12 noon on the 30th July 1918.

6. Companies will arrange for their own ration parties to draw meals from Kitchens after relief.

7. Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Headquarters by wiring the Code Word - "RUM".
Companies will also notify Battalion Headquarters when they are in their new positions.

8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J. J. Bawet

Captain.

Adjutant 17th Battalion A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. File.
2. "A" Company.
3. "B" Company.
4. "C" Company.
5. "D" Company.
6. R. Q. M.
7. Transport Officer.
- 8/10. War Diary.

for period ending P.m. 29-7-18

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Operations -:Our Artillery -: Active during night.Patrols -: Patrol report attached.Our planes -: Activity below normal.Snipers -: 1 hit at 40 yds, afterwards bombed to make sure.Enemy Shelling -: Below normal

Time	Target	calibre	No rounds	Direction
10 pm.	P26d	4.2 H.E.	40	BAYONVILLERS
11.30 pm.	Light barrage of 3 min. duration on front.			
11 m.m.	in response to Red and Green flares from enemy lines.			
1.40 am.	P27c	(E) L.T.M.	15 rounds.	

Enemy M.G.'s -: Active.Flares -: More lively. Red & Green flares brought down light barrage.Enemy attitude -: Uneasy, probably due to stunt on left.Enemy Aircraft -: Inactive. - See under miscellaneous. -Enemy Movements -:

5.25 p.m. 4 men carrying bags walked along road V8c to V9c.

5.45 p.m. V14 central approx 15 men moving about in this area.

6 p.m. Enemy working in trenches in V9c, apparently digging.

6.25 p.m. Enemy working in trenches in V8c and V14 building dugouts as they were handling timber.

7.15 p.m. Individual movement in Railway in V2 and 3.

8.30 p.m. Flag came from V9c and disappeared in wood in V8b.

Movement also observed in "ORSOVA" trench in V9a and on road to MARCELCAVE through V9a and b.

Miscellaneous -:Visibility -: Fair.

It has been reported that at 5 p.m. 5 of our planes dropped 6 bombs in P26d but this requires confirmation.

(Sgd) G.R. McPhee Lt

(R) J.V.

20th A.I.F.

5th A.I. Bde

8.50 am.

Shat' brd
S.E. + S.W.

O.P. P19C 15.95 (Appx 53)

17th Bde A.I.F.

Intelligence Summary

For period ending 8.30am 30/7/18.

Operations -:

Infantry -: The relief of this Bde by 18th Bde was successfully completed by 11.55 p.m.
Protective Patrols covered relief.

Our Artillery -: Active throughout the night.

Enemy Shelling -: Quiet.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>no rounds</u>	<u>Direction</u>
5.30 p.m.	P 26	4.2 H.E.	30	WIENCOURT
to 6 p.m.	and P 31			

There was a little ^{also} scattered shelling on sector.

Miscellaneous -:

Visibility -: Bad. Mist prevented observation.

20 H.Q.s

5th A.I. Bde

(Sgd) G. R. McPhee Lt
(Rtd) J. D.

Sheet Appx 54
 62d SWHE Intelligence Summary. 17" Bn.
 period ending 8.a.m. 30-7-18.

Operations :- Our Artillery Active at intervals throughout the night.
Enemy shelling :- Scattered bursts of fire on sector.

Time	Target	Calibre	Yards	Direction to
7.30 p.m.	P19c+D	4.2 HE	10	WIENCOURT.
8 p.m.	P19d	5.9 "	10	?
10-11 p.m.	P19d P25	4.2 HE	30	At intervals.
	+ P26d	5.9 "	few.	
1 a.m.	P19d+c	4.2 "	15	-
2 "	"	4.2 "	50	

Enemy Aircraft :- Inactive.

Movement
 at 6 p.m. Enemy observing + signalling from LAMOTTE Steeple
 at 7 p.m. Few enemy seen in field in Vgc

Visibility Poor Prevented observation.

H. Q. 17th/20th
 5' d. J. Bole
 8.30. a.m. 90.

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Hd. Qrs. 17th Battalion A.I.F.,
31st July 1918.

All Companies - 17th Bn. AIF.
C. C., H. Coy. 129th American Infantry Regiment.

Reference training attached personnel American Unit.

The periods of training will be shortened as follows:-

The first period, attachment of American Sections to Australian Platoons, will be for four days instead of eight i.e., from 28th to 31st July inclusive.

The second period, attachment of American Platoons to Australian Companies, will be for four days instead of eight, i.e., from 1st to 4th August inclusive.

On completion of these two periods, total 8 days, the American personnel will be withdrawn from Australian Bns., and reorganised into a Battalion which will be employed as a fifth Bn. of this Brigade. This Bn. will first be employed as a Support Battalion for the first two days, and will then be put in and take over a Battalion Sector of the Brigade front. Further details as to length of time in the line, etc., will be notified later.

J. G. Barrett

Captain.

Adjutant 17th Battalion A.I.F.

3 copies to War Diary.

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War Diary Report for July

Although the Battalion has been in the line during the whole month no difficulty has been experienced in rations. Two hot meals per night have been kept up, supplemented by porridge, cakes etc sent up from the rear.

Vegetable issue has been short, otherwise rations have been well up to the post standard.

Salvage returns for this Battalion have been excellent especially in paper, cardboard, cartons etc.

Although subject to shellfire no casualties have occurred in G Branch.

Darmon
W. M.
of Battalion

July 1918. Appx 57
 Transport Report 17th Bn A.I.F.

Battalion was in forward area for the greater part of month hence the transport section had a long distance to take supplies & water each day. Horses are in fair condition considering the amount of work done & short rations. The ration has been a reduced one seven times the full issue has not been received from supply.

One driver & one horse wounded & evacuated.

The horse was replaced from accounts. There have been no moves during month.

W. B. Budy Capt.

T. O. 17th Bn

A.I.F.



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H°4.900ft
9.7.18.

62°Q.25d.7.4.

62°O.18d.1.5.

Appendix

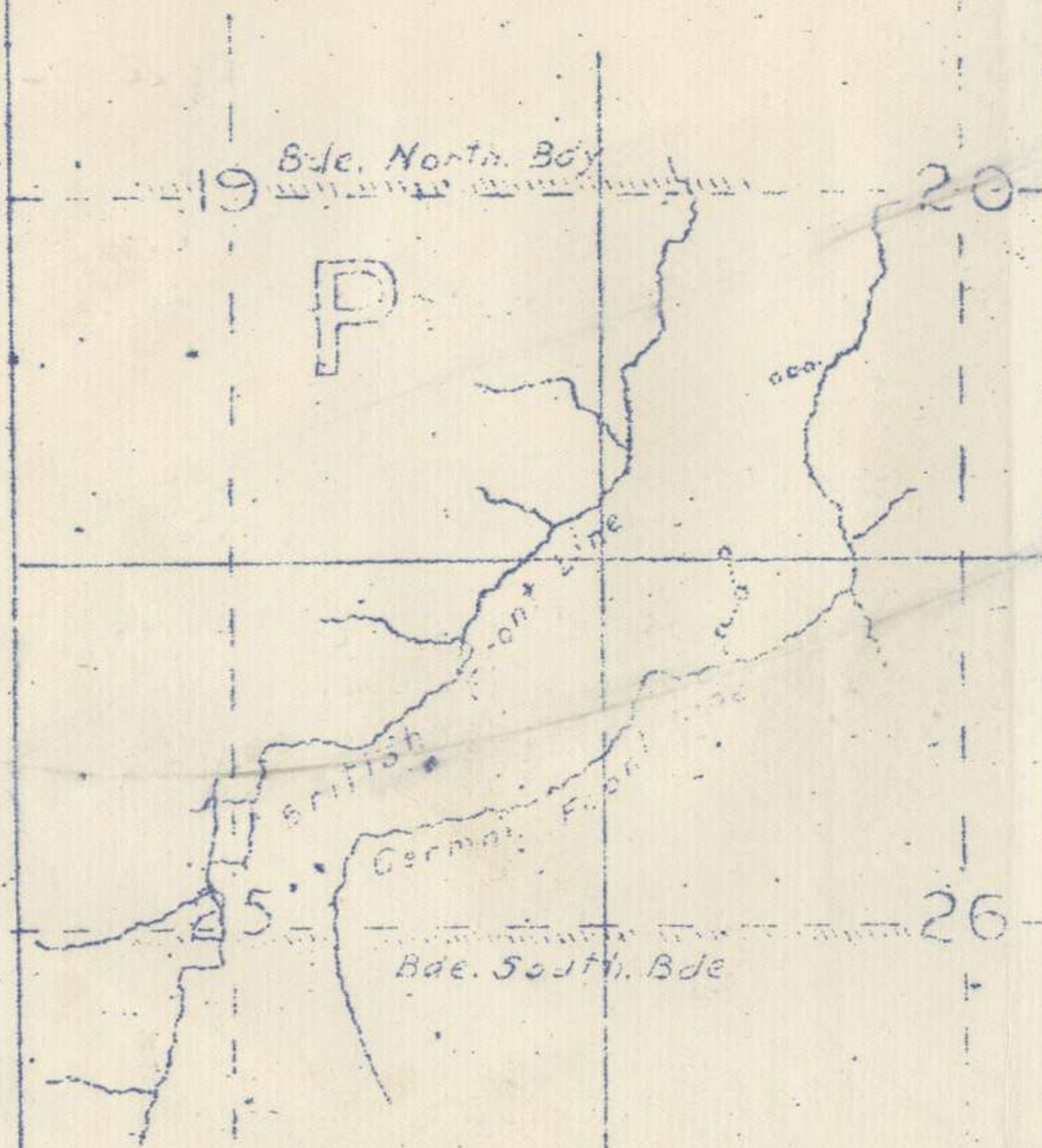
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PATROL MAP



Reference: - sheet 623

Place of going out

Time

Place of return

Time

Casualties

Information gained

Patrol log 100

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