

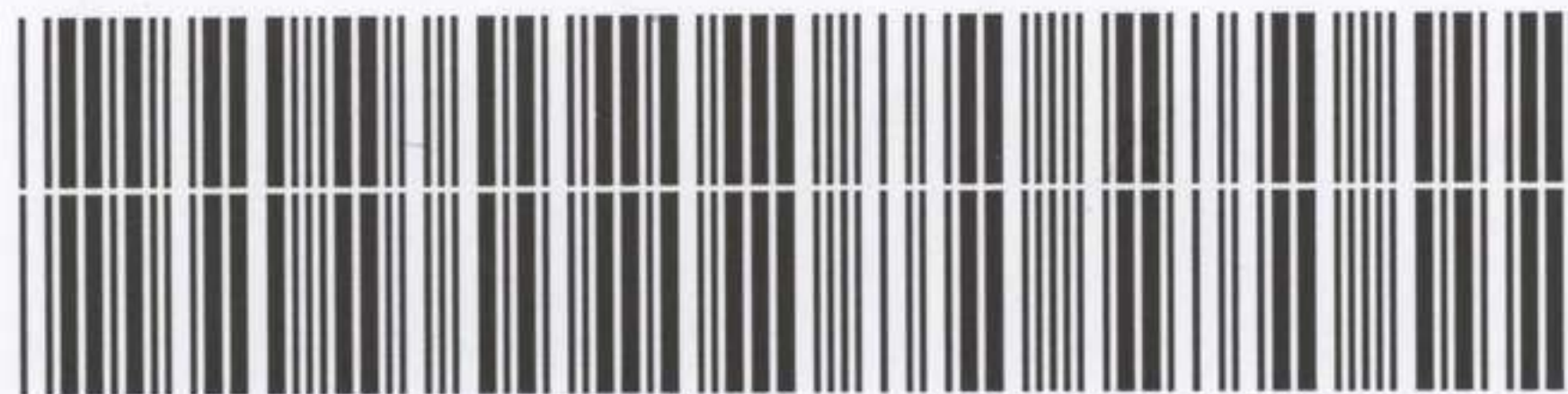
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In the line	1.5.18.		<p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine. Visibility low.</p> <p><u>RELIEF.</u> Enemy artillery very quiet throughout the day. Brigade being relieved from the line.</p> <p>23rd London Regiment relieving this Unit. Relief complete-a commenced 10.15 p.m.</p> <p>Battalion Ord r No. 23 issued</p> <p><u>STRENGTH</u> Lieut H.E. Banfield returned to Nucleus Garrison from Hospital. Lieut N Banfield appointed Battalion Intelligence Officer.</p>	<p>Appen 1.</p> <p>Appen 2.</p>
WARLOY- BAILLON.	2.5.18.		<p><u>WEATHER.</u> Very hot.</p> <p><u>RELIEF.</u> Relief complete 12.10 a.m. Battalion arrived at Warloy from line at 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Very tired after 6 strenuous days with out rest. Settled comfortably in billets.</p> <p>Hot meal on arrival. Moved off from Warloy at 1.30 p.m. in Brigade column under Captain Morgan Jones. The C.O. Commanding the Brigade on the March. Band of the 24th London Regiment played the rear Company to CONTAY. Arrived FRECHINGCOURT 4.30 p.m. Billeted in Village. Transport Brigaded at MONTIGNY. Battalion Headquarters established in the CHATEAU.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH</u> 3 o.rs were evacuated to Hospital and <sup>2/</sup>rejoined from hospital.</p>	



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BEHENCOURT	3.5.18		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>ROUTINE. Thorough inspection of men by Coy's. All Officers and N.C.O's instructed by the C.O. on methods of counter attack, and general lecture to N.C.O's on their responsibilities. Pay drawn from BERTANGLES. Band rendered programme in village which was greatly appreciated by American Troops quartered close by. C.O discussed with Coy Commanders a review of the last tour in the line.</p> <p>STRENGTH Lieut G.D.J.Low marched into Nucleus Garrison from Hospital.</p>	
BEHENCOURT	4.5.18		<p>WEATHER. Fine.</p> <p>ROUTINE. Coy parades, Musketry exercises and Gas drill. C.O. Inspected all billets and issue of mid-day meal. All Lewis Gunners paraded 2.30 p.m. for special inspection by the C.O. Whole Battalion bathed at BEHENCOURT.</p> <p>RECONNAISSANCE Coy Commanders and H'Q's Staff reconnoitred Divisional Defensive line. Band rendered an "All American" program. Greatly appreciated by our Allies.</p> <p>WARNING. Warning order received from Brigade to be ready to move. Extra ammunition and bombs drawn.</p> <p>STRENGTH Lieuts, J.H.Duncan, S.M.Clark, F.J.Brown, and J.A.Holdsworth attached from 18th Battalion. 6 o.rs were evacuated to Hospital. 7 marched in from Prison and 3 rejoined from Hospital.</p>	
BEHENCOURT	5.5.18.		<p>WEATHER. Showery.</p> <p>Move Order received from Brigade to move. Battalion cleared village in Brigade Column at 8.30 a.m. Marched to CARDONETTE via St GARATIEN. Inspected By Lieut-Col Martin, G.M.G, D.S.O, acting Brigadier, on the march. Arrived destination 11.30 a.m. BILLETTS bad. Special sick parade as number of men suspected of suffering from Trench fever. Meeting of Coy Commanders.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 3 o.rs were evacuated to hospital and 2 rejoined.</p> <p>HONOURS &amp; AWARDS. For gallantry in action and devotion to duty the following were awarded the Military Medal, Ptes H.O. Wells, G.E.Walsh, and H.Mudford.</p>	

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CARDONETTE.	6.5.18.		<p><b>WEATHER.</b> Showery.</p> <p><b>ROUTINE.</b> Company parades. Gas drill and Musketry. One Officer per Coy further reconnoitred Divisional defensive line. All N.C.O's and Officers carried out a skeleton Flank attack system. Colonel Myles G.O.G Division called at Battalion Headquarters and visited the C.O. CO visited Brigade Headquarters,</p> <p><b>ORDERS.</b> Warning order for move received at 6 p.m. C.O. warned to proceed to Nucleus Garrison.</p> <p><b>HEALTH.</b> A.D.M.S paid a special visit <del>in this</del> to enquire into the outbreak of Trench Fever. Special fatigues were detailed to clean up the Village Streets and billets. All men of "C" Coy paraded twice daily for throat gargle.</p> <p><b>STRENGTH.</b> Lieut F.J.Brown ceased to be attached from 18th Battalion on marching out to 19th Bn. Lieuts W.G.L.Bain and K.I.McMillan marched in from Nucleus Garrison. 10 o.rs were evacuated to Hospital.</p>	
CARDONETTE.	7.5.18.		<p><b>WEATHER.</b> Showery.</p> <p><b>ROUTINE.</b> Parades 9.30 a.m. Special attention paid to Musketry and gas drill. Lieut Col A.J.Bennett, C.M.G, D.S.O, V.D marched out to Nucleus Garrison, relieved by Major.W.J.R.Scott, D.S.O.</p> <p><b>ORDER.</b> Warning order received from Brigade to be ready to move after 25 minutes as after 5 a.m. on the 8th inst.</p> <p><b>HONOURS &amp; AWARDS.</b> For gallantry and devotion to duty in action the undermentioned N.C.O has been awarded a Bar to THE MILITARY MEDAL. 5683 L/Cpl C.H.Piddington, M.M. Awarded the MILITARY MEDAL 4744 Pte H.McKenzie.</p> <p><b>STRENGTH.</b> 5 o.rs were evacuated to Hospital. 12 men rejoined from Hospital, 1 from detention and 1 from Reinforcements.</p>	

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CARDONETTE	8.5.18.		WEATHER. Fine.	
			ROUTINE. Company parades 9.30 a.m.. Musketry and gas drill. All Specialists training under their respective Instructors.	
		2 pm	RECONNAISSANCE. 3 Officers per Coy, including Coy Commanders, had a further reconnaissance of Defensive positions.	
			ORDER. Brigade move order was received. Battalion Order No. 001 was issued.	App. 2.
			AWARD. For gallantry and devotion to duty in action the award of the MILITARY MEDAL was made to Sgt S.H.SPARKS.	
		STRENGTH. Lieut F.Harris was attached from the 17th Battalion. 5 o.rs were evacuated to Hospital 7 men from hospital and 4 from Reinforcements marched in to the Unit.		
CARDONETTE.	9.5.18		WEATHER. Fine.	
			MOVE. Battalion moved by march route to position near LA HOUSOYE. Move complete noon. Battalion camped in tents.	
			MEETING. A meeting of Coy Commanders was held immediately on arrival to discuss new positions C.O and Coy Commanders reconnoitred the position. Transport Brigaded near FRECHENCOURT.	
			STRENGTH. 2 o.rs were evacuated to Hospital.	
LA HOUSOYE.	10.5.18.		WEATHER. Fine.	
			ROUTINE. Company parades 9.30 a.m. Final inspection before proceeding to line. Gas drill carried out. Coy Commanders meeting to discuss operations whilst in the line. Advanced parties for Ammunition dumps, bridges and baths, moved forward. Battalion moved forward to RESERVE Position at 8 p.m.	App. 4.
			STRENGTH. 2/Lieuts F.J.Noble and L.T.Moss marched in from O.C.B. 2/Lieut W.Saunderson joined Unit from Reinforcements. Lieuts C.E.Cameron, H.C.N.Winkworth, G.D.J.Low and S.G.Burdus returned to the Battalion from Nucleus Garrison. 6 o.rs were evacuated to Hospital.	

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In the line	10.5.18		MOVE; The Move was complete by 11.30 p.m Dispositions as per appendix	No.5
do	11.5.18.		WEATHER. Very hot. O.C's Coy's and 50% Coy Officers reconnoitred approaches and Tactical features of both Battalion areas of the Brigade. See appendices.	No.6
			STRENGTH. 2 men were wounded, 2 evacuated to Hospital and 2 details rejoined.	No.7
do	12.5.18.		WEATHER. Hot and fine. During the day remaining 50% of Coy Officers reconnoitred all approaches to front line Battalions of the Brigade Front. Conference of O.C's Coys concerning Battalion policy for following tour of duty in the front line. Conditions fairly quiet.	No.8
			WORKS. As per appendix	No.9
			STRENGTH. Lieut E.Lewins was placed on Regimental Second d List. 749 C.S.M. Arthur Cooke was promoted to T/Regimental Sgt Major. 2 o.rs were wounded and 4 sent to hospital. 5 details marched in from Hospital.	No.10
do	13.5.18		WEATHER. Hot and fine. SITUATION Artillery fire consisted on back area Battery positions and approaches Colonel Martin, T/Commanding 5th A.I. Brigade called at Headquarters and discussed with Major Scott, various points affecting the Battalion's actions. Lieut Banfield proceeded to Headquarters of 32nd Battalion on the recommendation of the G.O.C Brigade and made sketches of flank position to be used in the event of an Enemy advance WEST along the SOMME Valley.	No.11
			WORKS. As per appendix.	No.12.
			STRENGTH One man was wounded and 5 evacuated to Hospital.	
do	14.5.18.		WEATHER. Very hot and clear. SITUATION. Enemy planes active in the morning and apparently noticed movement in Battalion position. About 10 o'clock the enemy opened up a steady and constant fire of 5.9 & @. 4.2 on the Battalion position which lasted for about 3 hours. Casualties, 1 killed and 16 wounded. No.1770 Pte H.J.Spies displayed great courage and gallantry while Stretcher bearing under heavy Fire. Recommended for immediate reward. ( For this action , this man was awarded the MILITARY MEDAL)	No.13
			WORKS. As per appendix.	No.14



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In the line	15.5.18.		<p><b>WEATHER.</b> Hot. <b>Situation.</b> Coy's prepared to move to the line. Major Scott held Conference with O.C's Coy's Discussed the Brigades policy. Battalion action, and Tactical features. Capt C.E.W. Bean &amp; Lieut Dyson, Official War Correspondent and Artist respectively visited Headquarters and made a sketch of the Battalion's position.</p>	No.15 No.16
			<p><b>MOVE.</b> Battalion moved off at dusk 9.15 p.m. to relieve the 17th Battalion in the RIGHT sub-sector of the Brigade front. Headquarters Staff reported to 17th Battalion at 10 p.m.</p>	
			<p><b>HEALTH</b> 15 evacuations with acute influenza. Every precaution taken to prevent the epidemic spreading.</p>	
In the line.	16.5.18.		<p><b>WEATHER.</b> Hot and Dry. <b>RELIEF.</b> Relief complete at 1 a.m. Dispositions as per appendix Major Scott visited O.P and Support positions during the morning with a view to improving dispositions. Under Bde orders 1 Coy of the 19th Battalion relieved "D" Coy from RESERVE Position in old French Trench system.</p>	No.17 No's 18 19, 20, 21 & 22
			<p>Capt Barlow, MC appointed Works Officer. Enemy artillery active. A little gas. <b>WORKS.</b> See appendix</p>	No.23 No.24 No.25
			<p><b>STRENGTH.</b> 2/Lieut L.T.Moss was evacuated to Hospital. 5 o.rs to hospital.</p>	
In the line.	17.5.18		<p><b>WEATHER.</b> Very hot. <b>SITUATION</b> Enemy artillery very active throughout the day. Battalion snipers report excellent results. Major Scott visited the line during the morning. Brigade Major visited Battalion Headquarters at 2 p.m. The work of linking up the front line was vigorously pushed ahead. See appendix Major Scott became suddenly ill (Nervous exhaustion) and was evacuated to C.C.S Capt Barlow recalled from Superintending the construction of a C.T in the Support line to take over Command of the Battalion till Lieut Col Bennett could be recalled from 2nd Aus Div Reinforcement Camp, which he temporarily commanded 7 men were wounded and 17 were evacuated to hospital. 4 details rejoined Unit.</p>	No.26 & 27 28

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In the line.	18.5.18.	WEATHER.	Very warm with heavy thunderstorm at 4.30 p.m.	
		SITUATION.	Enemy Artillery again active. Good results reported by our Snipers. Adjutant visited the Coys in the line and acquainted O.C.'s with particulars concerning the pending operations of the 6th A.I.Bde and the 18th Battalion against enemy positions to the NORTH and VILLE-sur-SOMME ANCRE.	No.29
		COMMAND	Lieut Col Bennett arrived at Headquarters of the Battalion at 7 p.m to take command of the Battalion.	
			One Post of the LEFT COY (8 o.rs) took over the Right Post of the 18th Battalion to enable them to make better preparations for the forthcoming operation	
		WORKS.	As per appendix	
		STRENGTH.	The following 2/Lieuts were promoted Lieutenants, H.K.Morgan, O.M.Shepherd and C.B.Ayling. Lieut W.A.Jones was evacuated wounded. 1 o.r was killed, 1 wounded and 10 were evacuated to hospital. 1 man taken on strength from 30th Battalion.	No.30
do	19.5.18.	WEATHER.	Fine and warm.	
			Communication received from Brigade that the operation of the 6th Brigade and 18th Battalion was completely successful.	
		SITUATION.	Enemy Artillery shelled the vicinity of Battalion Headquarters. C.O visited Battalion O.P during heavy shelling. Enemy observed to have the greatest respect for our sniping. Movement about our front line Trenches during daylight could now be carried out in comparative safety owing to superiority of fire. Also through the policy of returning 2 Rifle grenades & 2 Stokes Mortars for every one of similar kind the enemy sent over.	No.31.
		STRENGTH.	Lieut O.M.Shepherd and 1 o.r wounded and evacuated. 1 o.r from hospital. Sgt B.F.Lyon proceeded to Officers Cadet Battalion England.	

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In the line.	20.5.18		<p>WEATHER. Fine and hot.</p> <p>SITUATION. Usual Enemy Artillery fire.</p> <p>The epidemic of Influenza which had been prevalent throughout the Battalion, had now apparently been got under control- the evacuations during the last few days being only 1 per day. The Moral of the Troops continues to be excellent. All ranks express satisfaction at the manner in which food and tea were coming to them in the Trenches.</p> <p>WORKS As per appendix.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 4 me were wounded and 6 evacuated to hospital. 3 details rejoining.</p>	No. 32
In the line.	21.5.18		<p>WEATHER. Very hot.</p> <p>C.O Slightly ill . Advised by R.M.O to rest. Col Martin T/Commanding 5th A.I.Bde visited Headquarters during the afternoon . News received that of General Smyth's departure for a New Command. Brigade Major called at Headquarters in the afternoon. Communication from Brigade that they were anxious to obtain Enemy indentifications. Suggested raiding a Post 70 yards in front of Right Coy Sector. Special Patrol of 1 Officer, 1Sgt, reconnoitred the Post and were sniped and bombed (Appendix 34) Finally decided that the enterprise would entail considerable casualties owing to open ground and prevalence of M.G's. The idea was abandoned.</p> <p>Situation as per appendix 35. Works as per appendix 36.</p> <p>STRENGTH. Capt J.A. Broadbent "MC" Returned from hospital and Lieut G.S.B. Holmes was evacuated. 1 o.r killed, 1 wounded and 4 to hospital. 3 o.rs from hospital and 3 from Reinf's.</p>	No. 34 No. 35. 36
do	22.5.18		<p>WEATHER. Very hot and dry.</p> <p>SITUATION. Enemy artillery very active.</p> <p>ORDERS. Battalion Orders No 28 and 26 were issued.</p> <p>C.O 36th Battalion. A.I.F visited Headquarters and discussed liasion, also C.O Brigad Tank Section. Action and co-operation of tanks discussed.</p> <p>RELIEF. Coy Officers from 17th Battalion visited the Coy sectors which they were to relieve &amp; mutually arranged details of relief with O.C 20th Battalion Coy's. H.Q Staff arrived at 10 p.m. at which time the relief commenced.</p> <p>STRENGTH. Advice received that Lieut A.T. Day was being invalided to Australia. 1 o.r wounded, 1 evacuated to Hospital, 1 from hospital and one from Reinforcement.</p>	No. 37 & 38 39. 40



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In the field.	23.5.18.		<p><b>WEATHER.</b> Fine.</p> <p><b>RELIEF.</b> Complete at 12.20 a.m Coys moved to Reserve position at 5.21.c . Hot meal provided on arrival. Low flying enemy plane dropped a bomb while coys were standing to at 5 a.m, killing 1 man and wounding 5. Capt Broadbent "MC" reported to Headquarters and took over Command of "C" Coy.. C.O conferred with O's C Coys with the view to securing the services of every available man during the forthcoming tour of duty in the line. Exchange of Nucleus personnel arranged. All equipment, Technical stores, and shortages indicated for</p> <p><b>STRENGTH.</b> Lieut D.H.Anthon "MC" returned from hospital. 7 o.rs from hospital.</p>	No.41
do	24.5.18		<p><b>WEATHER.</b> Dull and cold with rain at intervals.</p> <p>General Rosenthal, commanding 2nd Aus Division and Col Martin 5th A.I.Bde visited Battalion Headquarters, at 9 a.m Enemy shelled Battalion Headquarters position. Cooker was brought up from Transport to facilitate early despatch of working parties. 1000 sheets writing paper and 1000 envelopes were issued and greatly appreciated by the men.</p> <p><b>STRENGTH.</b> 2 men were killed and 1 wounded. 3 evacuated to hospital. 24 details rejoined unit from hospital and Reinforcements.</p>	No.42
do	25.5.18.		<p><b>WEATHER.</b> Weather cold with high cold wind.</p> <p><b>SITUATION.</b> Enemy shelled Battalion position slightly, with considerable shelling of back areas 20 men reported to Battalion Headquarters from various works and were relieved by Bandsmen of the Unit as result C.O's endeavours recall all fighting men. Cigarettes and pipes were distributed from 20th Battalion Comforts Fund .Y.M.C.A Established a Canteen to provide working parties with hot cocoa on return from work.</p> <p><b>STRENGTH.</b> 7men rejoined Unit from Hospital.</p>	No.43. No 44
do	26.5.18.		<p><b>WEATHER.</b> Fine and warm.</p> <p><b>SITUATION.</b> Enemy Artillery active. In the evening considerable enemy aerial activity. A large number of bombs being dropped on Battery positions. 7 Officers from Nucleus Garrison marched in during the evening. "A" Coy were bathed at HEALY and were provided with clean underclothes. H.Qrs and "B" Coys, under arrangements made by the R.M.O bathed at VAUK. Clean clothes provided by Bn Q.M.</p> <p><b>STRENGTH.</b> 4 men wounded. 2 to Hospital and 1 from hospital.</p>	No.45 No.46



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In the line.	27.5.18.		<p><b>WEATHER.</b> Hot and clear Lieut-Col Miles and Capt McColl from the Divisional Staff visited Headquarters. Enemy Artillery fairly active. Intelligence Officer proceeded to 17th Battalion to arrange details of coming relief 1 Officer and 41 o.rs marched in from Nucleus Garrison. At 8 a.m. 8 Officers left for Nucleus Garrison. Enemy aircraft active in the evening bombing Battery positions.</p> <p><b>STRENGTH?</b> Lieut K.I. McMillan marched out to Corps Gas School. 2/Lieut C.C. Brice joined the Unit from Reinforcements. 2 men were evacuated to hospital, 1 rejoined and 1 marched in from Base Prison.</p>	No 47 & 48
do	28.5.18		<p><b>WEATHER.</b> Dull and cool. C.O. and 7 other Officers attended a farewell to the Corps Commander, Gen Birdwood, prior to his departure from the Corps. The following received ribands from the Corps Commander, Lieut S.G. Burdus "DSO" 1133 Sgt J. Berry "MM"                      6374 Cpl W.J. Macey "DCM"                      171a Pte N.S. McColl "MM" 1770 Pte H.J. Spies "MM"                      4520 Sgt S.H. Sparks "MM"</p> <p><b>RELIEF.</b> Battalion order No. / was issued. Coy's moved out at 10 p.m for a tour of duty in the line relieved 17th04 Battalion A.I.F. on the Night Sector of the Brigade Front. C.O. owing to illhealth, returned to Transport. Major L.G. Fussell MC of 17th Battalion taking over T/Command.</p> <p><b>SITUATION.</b> As per appendix</p> <p><b>STRENGTH.</b> 1 man wounded, 3 to hospital sick. 15 marched in from Base and 1 from Base Prison.</p>	No 49.  No. 50 & 51
do	29.5.18		<p><b>WEATHER.</b> Dull to fine and warm.</p> <p><b>RELIEF.</b> Relief complete 1.30 a.m. Adjutant made a tour of the Battalion position in the morning accompanied by an Artillery Officer. As a result of their tour a Trial S.O.S Shoot was arranged for later in the day. Major Fussell, with Lieut Anthon MC -Works Officer- inspected and checked the whole of the Battalion's dispositions and laid down lines of action to be adopted by O.C's Coy's in the event of enemy attack or Gas bombardment.</p> <p><b>STRENGTH.</b> Capt C. Morgan Jones was evacuated wounded. Major W.J.R. Scott "DSO" returned from Hospital. 1 o.r wounded, 1 to hospital and 4 rejoined from Hospital.</p>	No. 52. & 53



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In the line	30.5.18.	WEATHER.	Fine bright and cool. Major Fussell and the Adjutant made a tour of the line during the afternoon and evening. Major McDonald "MC" marched in from Nucleus this afternoon.	No. 54 55 56
		SITUATION	as per Intelligence Summary and Disposition report	
		STRENGTH	1 o.r to hospital.	
do	31.5.18	WEATHER.	Fine and cool. Major Borthwick of 2nd Aus Div accompanied by the D.A.D.M.S. visited Headquarters.	
		COMMAND.	Lieut-Col F.W.D. Forbes, "DSO", reported from 19th Battalion A.I.F and took over T/Command from Major Fussell, who returned to Brigade. Lieut-Col Forbes, Major Fussell and the Adjutant proceeded to visit the front line positions and inspected Coy Dispositions of the Battalion in the afternoon and evening.	
		SITUATION	As per Intelligence Summary.	No. 57. 58
		STRENGTH	1 man evacuated to hospital.	
			Review of work by Battalion Quartermaster and Staff for the month received.	59
			Review of work for the month carried out by Transport Section to hand.	60.



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BATTALION ORDER NO. 26.

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- 1; The 20th Battalion A.I.F will be relieved by 23rd London Regt on night of 1/2nd May 1918.
2. On Relief the Battalion will move to WARLOY.
3. Trench Stores, S.O.S, Aeroplane Photos, Works policies, and all information regarding the enemy, will be handed over. Receipts to be obtained and handed to B.O.R in Duplicate by noon 2.5.18
4. LEWIS GUNS and PANNIERS will be dumped at Headquarters. Each Coy will supply 2 O.Rs to remain with them as guard and as loading party
- 5; All Dixies, Petrol Tins, food containers, Picks and Shovels, will be returned to Battalion Headquarters by 9.30 p;m. 1st May.
6. I Guide for each Platoon and Coy Headquarters will report to Battali Headquarters by 9 p.M 1st May. O.C's Coys will arrange POST GUIDES.
7. Completion of relief will be either wired or sent by Runner to Battalion Headquarters. If message is sent by Phone, the word WALLABY will signify completion.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E .

.....Lieut  
A/Adj; 20TH Battalion.A.I.F.



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20TH. BATTALION, A.I.F.

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ORDER NO. 23.

Headquarters,  
2nd. May, 1918.

1. The 20th. Battalion, A.I.F. will move to FRECHINCOURT on the 2nd. May, 1918 by march route via CONTAY.
2. Companies will pass starting point, Brigade Hqrs. U.23.a.8.6., at 1.p.m. in order of Hqrs., "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies.
3. Company billeting parties guides will be met at the destination.
4. Dress: Full marching order less blanket. Companies will issue packs.
5. Blankets will be rolled in short bundles of 10 and dumped at Battalion Hqrs. by 10.a.m. with Officers' Kit under a guard of 1 man per Company. Officers mess gear will be dumped by noon.
6. All Machine guns and gear to be at Battalion Transport lines by 10.a.m.
7. Transport Officer will arrange to carry all Bandsmens' gear, which will be delivered to Transport lines by 10.a.m.
8. A certificate will be rendered to Battalion Hqrs. by 12 noon that all billets have been left in a clean and sanitary condition.
9. *Cops will be ready & move at 12.30 pm*
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
 ..... Lieut.  
 Adj. 20th. Battalion, A. I. F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued at 7.a.m.

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| Copy No. 1 to | C.O.               |
| 2             | O.C. "A" Coy.      |
| 3             | O.C. "B" Coy.      |
| 4             | O.C. "C" Coy.      |
| 5             | O.C. "D" Coy.      |
| 6             | O.C. Hqrs.         |
| 7             | Transport Officer. |
| 8             | Quartermaster.     |
| 9             | Lewis Gun Offr.    |
| 10            | 5th. A.I. Brigade. |
| 11            | File.              |
| 12/14.        | War Diary.         |



20<sup>th</sup> Pw. A.I.F.

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ORDER No. 001

- ① 20<sup>th</sup> Pw. A.I.F. will move to LAHOUSOYE. on 9<sup>th</sup> inst. by march route.
- ② Coys. will parade ready to move off at 8.45 am. outside coy. billets. DRESS. Battle order. Packs. and blankets will be dumped at Billet No 7. by 7.30 am. Officers gear will be collected at 8.15 am. at Coy. HQs.
- ③ Forward of a line running N. and S. through I. C. central movement will be by platoons with interval of 100 yds. All movement in vicinity of LAHOUSOYE. will be at an absolute minimum.
- ④ Lieut SHEPHERD. and 1 N.C.O per Coy. will report to BOE. representative at TOWN. MAYOR'S office LAHOUSOYE by 10 am. Party to report to B.O.R. & ready to move off by 7.45 am. Figures for the number to be billeted will be obtained before leaving.
- ⑤ All Lewis Gun gear will be sent to TRANSPORT. lines by 7 am, ~~and~~ loaded under supervision of Coy Lewis Gun crews and drawn immediately on arrival at destination.
- ⑥ ACKNOWLEDGE

J. J. O'Hanlon  
Lt Col  
20<sup>th</sup> Pw. A.I.F.



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20th. Battalion, A. I. F.

ORDER NO. 27.

Headquarters,  
10th. May, 1918.

1. The 20th. Battalion, A.I.F. will move to-day from present camp to Reserve position in J.21.c.
2. Companies will parade at 7.45.p.m., moving off at 8.p.m. in order Headquarters, "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies. Interval of 100 yards will be maintained between platoons on the march.
3. Officers' Kit and Mess gear will be dumped at Battalion Hqrs. under a guard of 2 Bandsmen by 7.p.m.
4. All Lewis Guns will be dumped behind C.O.'s. tent by 6.p.m. Duty Company to detail 1 complete Lewis Gun team to act as Loading party. The limber transporting Lewis guns will travel at head of column.
5. All trench stores, aeroplanes photographs, defence schemes, marked maps, works policy and intelligence will be taken over and copies of receipts given will be forwarded, IN TRIPLICATE, to Battalion Hqrs. immediately on completion of relief.
6. Bugles will be taken in and used in foggy or misty weather to supplement the S.O.S. Signal. Buglers will sound the alarm. The Call will be taken up by relay stations.
7. Movement in the forward area will be restricted to an absolute minimum.
8. Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Hqrs. by wire using the code word "STING".
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Lieut.  
A/Adj. 20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Distribution issued through Runner  
at 2.p.m.

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| Copy No. 1 to | C.O.               |
| 2             | O.C. "A" Coy.      |
| 3             | O.C. "B" Coy.      |
| 4             | O.C. "C" Coy.      |
| 5             | O.C. "D" Coy.      |
| 6             | O.C. Hqrs. Coy.    |
| 7             | Transport Officer. |
| 8             | Quartermaster.     |
| 9             | Lewis Gun Officer. |
| 10            | 5th. A.I. Brigade. |
| 11            | File.              |
| 12/14         | War Diary.         |



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20TH BATTALION. A. I. F.

APPENDIX NO. 5

DISPOSITION REPORT.      Night 10/11 May 1918.

The 20th Battalion relieved the 33rd Battalion A.I.F in RESERVE area 62d I.2I.C.4.5 on the night 10/11th May 1918. The relief was delayed for 30 minutes owing to exceptional shelling by the enemy of area I.2I.c.I.3 to I.2I.c;4.8 The relief was completed by 11.30 p.m.  
The following are the dispositions :-

Battn. H. QRS.	2I.c;4.5
"A" Coy	2I.C.4.3
"B" Coy	2I.c.5.4
"C" Coy	2I.c.6.6
"D" Coy	2I;C;3.4

STRENGTH OF COYS.

Coy.	Off.	C.R
BHQ	6	60
"A" Coy	5	120
"B" Coy	5	125
"C" Coy	4	80
"D" Coy	5	106

*P. J. Banfield* ..... Lieut;  
A/I.O, 20th Battalion; A.I.F.



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20TH BATTALION. A. I. F.APPENDIX NO. 6Ref Sheet 62 d;INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. I.

The 20th Battalion A.I.F relieved the 33rd Battalion A.I.F on the night of 10/11th May 1918 in the RESERVE POSITION J.21.

The RELIEF was held up for 30 minutes owing to enemy bombardment of area J.21.c and was completed by 11.30 p.m

OPERATIONS. At intervals during night our ARTILLERY was busy harrassing the enemy with guns of all calibres.

AEROPLANES. Our planes were busy over the enemys lines during the afternoon and evening and 3 enemy planes were reported to have been shot down in flames over their lines.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>CALIBRE.</u>	<u>AREA STRAFED.</u>	<u>NATURE.</u>
10.30 p.m to 11 p.m	77 mm 10.5 cm	J.21.C	Barrage
do	Gas		do
1.30 a.m	10.5 cm 77 mm	do	Harrassing
4 to 4.30	10.5 cm	do	20 Rounds

WEATHER. Misty and inclined to drizzle with wind from NORTH.

*R. B. Anfield*  
..... Lieut  
I.O 20th Battalion; A.I.F.



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20TH BATTALION.A.I.F.

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AREA.	TIME.	KIND.	ROUNDS.	NATURE.
J.2I.c	10.30 & 11 p.m	Phosgene & Lachromatory.	30	Barrage.

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13.5.18.

Nil.

*Wanfield* Lieut  
I.O, 20th Battalion; A.I.F.



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WORKS REPORT.      12.5.18.

Strength of party.	Time worked.	Map Ref.	Amount.	Nature of work;
7 Officers and 150 O.R's.	12.20 am to 2.45 am	J.L2.c.9.5 to J.I2.d.3.5	265 + X 3" X 3'.9"	Communication Tren ch dug from J.I2.c.9.5 to J.I2.d.3.5

*H. Parlow*

.....Capt;  
Works Off. 20th Battn. A.I.F.





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WORKS. Working party did work as shown on works report attached.

ARTILLERY. About 10.15 am our Artillery was active on J.34.c.2.3. About 1.30 am and 2.30 pm Shrapnel and H.E was fired on J.34.c.2.3 From 5.30 pm to 6 pm our Heavies were active on K.19.c & K.20 6.30 to 7 pm Heavies active on J.34.C; & 9.20 pm Artillery active on J.34.c. & d .

AEROPLANES. Inactive.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>CALIBRE</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>AREA STRAFED</u>	<u>NATURE.</u>
10 am	5.9	191° from	J.22.A	7 Rounds
11 to 12 am	do	T.21.d.6.2	do	Occasional Sh <sup>h</sup>
4.10 pm	do	157° T.B from	J.21.d.6.2	
4.20 - 4.30	do	do	VAUX-SUR-SOMME	do
5 to 6 pm	77 mm	150° T.B from do	J.21.c	40 Rounds
8 to 8.15	77 mm	do	J.28.b	Harrassing
8.30	10.5 cm	102° T.B do do	J.22.b & c	2 Rounds
8.45	do	do	J.22.b	4 Rounds
9 pm- 9.10 pm	77 mm	98° T.B from do	J.22.d	
10.10 pm	4.2	102° T.B from do	J.23.d	
			J.21.d	13 Rounds

From this time on enemy artillery quiet. ~~====~~

FLARES. At 11.30 PM a large blaze was seen at J.34.d and explosions at intervals were also heard.

AEROPLANES. An enemy plane over our lines at 7.45 pm.

WEATHER. Misty and visibilitiy not good. Wind from S.W

*W. J. Penfold*  
Lieut;  
I.O 20th Battalion; A.I.F.



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WORKS REPORT. 13.5.18.

<u>Strength</u>	<u>Time worked.</u>	<u>Map Ref.</u>	<u>Extent.</u>	<u>Nature of work.</u>
6 Off and 160 O.R's.	12.40 am to 3 a.m	K.I3.c.I0.I0 to K.I3.c;I5.30	Length 240+ Width Top 3' 6" Btm 2' Depth 4'	Traversed Trench From K.I3.c.I0.I0 to K.I3.c.50.30.

*R. B. Sanfield*  
.....Lieut.  
I.O. 20th Battalion; A.I.F.



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 3.

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OPERATIONS. At 5 pm our Artillery shelled area J.34.d. 12 to 12.30 am the Artillery again active on enemy Sector opposite our front. 2 to 2.30 the enemy Sector received attention from our guns of all calibre.

AEROPLANES. At 6.25 pm 2 of our planes patrolled enemy lines and at 7.20 pm three planes were busy. 7.40 6 of our planes patrolling the front. 10.10 pm one plane over enemy line.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>CALIBRE.</u>	<u>DIRECTION.</u>	<u>AREA SHELLED.</u>	<u>NATURE.</u>
3.1 ( pm	5.9	152° T.B Fr J.21.d.5.2	J.27.a	16 Rounds
4.30 to	4.2	88° T.B Fr do		Counter Bty
4.45 pm				
5 pm	5.9	152° T.B Fr do	J.21.d	12 Rounds
6 pm	5.9	152° T.B Fr do	J.26.a	14 Rounds
9.20 pm	J.26a	77° T.B Fr	J.22.a.5.7	Harrassing
10.40	77mm	87° T.B Fr Do	J.23.d	do
1.25 am	4.2		J.22.d	6 Rounds

ENEMY PLANES. 5.48 enemy planes over our line. 7.35 pm 8 enemy planes over our Sector. 4.30 am enemy planes active, many passing over to rear areas were heavily engaged by anti-air-craft guns.

ENEMY BALLOONS. Enemy Balloons were up at the following T.B's From J.21.d.5.2 156° 176° 177° at 6 pm.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. At 7.5 pm smoke of what appeared to be a light engine was observed at J.36.d; 15.15. Flashings of LUCAS LAMP was seen at J.36.c.8.2 at 8 pm. At 8.10 pm light engine was seen along a T.B of 154° from J.21.d.5.2 moving to rear of enemy's lines.

SEARCHLIGHTS. 2 searchlights were seen showing from a position on a T.B of 92° from J.21.d.5.2 at 2.45 am.

WEATHER. Rained during morning and remained dull and cloudy until about 6 pm when it cleared. Night clear. Visibility during the day POOR.

*R. Ranfield* Lieut;  
I.O. 20th Battalion; A.I.F.



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WORKS REPORT. 14.5.18.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time worked.</u>	<u>Map Ref.</u>	<u>Extent.</u>	<u>Nature.</u>
9 Officers and 250 O.R's	12.30 am to 2.30 am	J.24.c.9.9 to J.24.d.8.8	400 yds x 2' 6" deep x 3' wide.	Communication Trench between Front and Support Lines.

The Ground was very chalky and hard. Parties reported to B.O.R at 11.30 p;m.

*W. B. ...*  
.....Capt;  
Works Off. 20th Battn. A.I.F.



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 14.5.18.

Summary from 3.30 pm 13.5.18 to 6 am 14.5.18.

OPERATIONS. Working parties were forward and completed tasks as shown in Work's report.

ARTILLERY. At 4.45 pm our Artillery shelled J.36.c.6.6. 9.40 PM Guns of all calibres active on enemy's lines. 10.55 pm guns again active on Enemy's defences. 2 am J.33.c J.34.c&d were treated by Artillery.

ENEMY OPERATIONS, ARTILLERY.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>	<u>Area Shelled.</u>	<u>Nature;</u>
3.10 pm	4.2	107° T.B Fr J.21.d.5.2	J.21.b.4.2	6 Rounds
3.50 pm	4.2	107° T.B	do	J.21.a;8.1 9 Rounds
4.55 pm	77MM	92° T.B	do	J.21.a.2.3
5.5 pm	4.2	92° T.B	do	J.22.a
5.5 pm	5.9	92° T.B	do	do
6.30 pm	4.2	92° T.B	do	do 6 Rounds
9 pm	4.2	92° T.B	do	do 20 Rounds
10 pm	5.9	107° T.B	do	do
10.5 pm	4.2	92° T.B	do	do 6 Rounds
3.15 to 4 am	4.2	92° T.B	do	J.22.b & c Intermittent Shelling.

WEATHER. Clear until about 11 am after this time a drizzling rain set in and in consequence visibility was low.

*Perkinsfield*  
.....Lieut;  
I.O; 20th Battalion; A.I.F.



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WORKS REPORT.      15.5.18.

Strength of party.	Time worked.	Map Reference	Extent	Nature of work.
10 Officers & 250 O.R's	10.30 pm to 2 a.m	J.24.c.9.9 to K.19.c.30.90	600 Yards	Widening and deepening Communi- cation Trench between references

for *W. Branfield* .....Lieut.  
Works Officer 20th Battalion;A.I.F.



Summary from 3.30 p.m 14.5.18 to 6 a.m 15.5.18.

OPERATIONS. At 3.55 pm our Artillery was active on Q.5.c. 4 am . Our ARTILLERY. Artillery was active on enemy lines.

AEROPLANES. During the hours of daylight, our planes were often over the enemy lines.

ENEMY OPERATIONS, ARTILLERY

Time.	Calibre.	Direction.	Area.	Nature.
3.45 to 4.5 pm	5.9	92° T.B Fr J.2I.d.5.2	J.2I.c.& d	9 Rounds
1.30/6.30pm	5.9	do	J.2I.c	200 Rounds
5.5 pm	4.2	94° T.B Fr do	J.22.b	10 Rounds
5.10 pm	4.2	150° T.B do	J.27.b	6 Rounds
5.35 pm	4.2	94° do	J.22.b	8 Rounds
7 pm	4.2	150° do	J.27.b.7.5	8 Rounds
8 PM	4.2	105° do	J.22.a	12 Rounds
8 pm	Gas	do do	J.22.a.2.3	4 Rounds
9/9.15pm	4.2	do do	Back area	
9.15/9.30	5.9	92° do	J.2I.c.6.8	3 Rounds
10.15/11	4.2	105° do	Back area	
1.40 am	5.9	92° do	J.2I.c.6.8	3 Rounds
3.45	4.2	94° do	J.2 b& d	10 Rounds
5.10 am	4.2	94° do	J.22.c	12 Rounds

Flashes of guns (not firing on this area) were observed on a T.B of 147° & 176° from J.2I.d.6.2.

ENEMY PLANES. Enemy aircraft were more active during the day. At 7.30pm 5 planes appeared over our lines at 12.35 am. Plane flew over our Sector using M.G . 3.45 AM Plane passed over our position.

BALLOONS. 4.35 am Enemy Aeroplane was passing over our Sector at 3.4 it dropped a red, white flare.

MISCELLANEOUS. AT 7 pm a large plane representing a British Plane was reported. This plane had NO markings.

WEATHER. Fine clear day with good visibility.

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*P. Banfield* Lieut  
 I.O; 20th Battalion; A.I.F.



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<u>Area.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Kind.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Nature.</u>
.22.a.2.3	8 pm	Mustard.	4	

*W. Banksfield*  
.....Lieut;  
I.O; 20th Battalion; A.I.F.



REF 62d S.W.

DISPOSITION REPORT. 16.5.18.

The 20th Battalion.A.I.F relieved the 17TH Battalion.A.I.F in the FRONT LINE TRENCHES on the night of the 15/16th May 1918. The relief was complete at 1.30 am. Following are the dispositions:

"A" Coy Right Front Coy.

			Off.	O.R
H.Q.	J.24.d.80.35	Lewis Gun	I	20
No.1. Post	K.19.c.1.3	Bayonets		3
2	K.19.c.10.35	Lewis Gun		5
3	K.19.c.12.47	Rifle Grenadiers		5
Platoon H.Q.	K.19.C.11.37		I	3
4	K.19.c.20.55	Bombers		5
5	K.19.c.30.65	Lewis Gun		6
66	K.19.c.50.75	Bombers		5
7	K.19.c.70.90	Bombers		5
Outpost	K.19.c.80.90	Lewis Gun		12
Support	J.24.d.90.45 to K.19.a.1.1	Lewis Gun	I	20
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"B" Coy Left Front Coy.

K.19.a.90.25 to K.19.a.95.90			I	23
Lewis Guns at K.19.a.90.25				
K.19.a.95.90				
K.19.a.95.60				
K.19 a 95.15 to K.19.a.20.30	4 Posts			14
K.19.a;95.90				5
K.13.c.90.10	Lewis Gun			7
K.13.c.90.15				7
Platoon H.Q.			I	2
K.13.c.90.20	Vickers Gun			2
K.13.c.90.35	Lewis Gun			8
K.13.c.90.50				7
Platoon H.Q			I	2
Coy H.Q	K.13.d.75.30		I	22
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"C" COY SUPPORT.

Coy H.Q	J.24.c.63.40	Anti-air-craft	2	23
J.30.a.50.93		2 Lewis Guns		23
J.30.a.50.90		2 Lewis Guns	I	25
			<u>3</u>	<u>71</u>

"D" Coy RESERVE.

Coy H.Q	J.23.a.9.1		2	22
K.19.a.3.8		2 Lewis Guns		10
K.13.c.15.40		do	I	11
J.23;b.4.6			I	22
J.23.b.7.4			I	23
J.23.d.9.6				4
Post K.19.a.7.1		Lewis Gun		9
			<u>5</u>	<u>101.</u>

<u>Headquarters.</u>	J.22.d.15.40			
R.A.P	J.22.d.20.40			
Garrison in vicinity				
Lewis Gun	J.22.d.30.50			59
O.P	J.23.d.3.3		7	7
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*P. J. Parsfield* Lieut;  
I/O/ 20th Battalion.A.I.F.



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To O.C, 19th Battalion Company

From H.Q, 20th Battalion.

You will please post 2 Lewis guns in Tunnel with concrete emplacements, running from Trench in J.23.d.2.6 through underground to approx. J.23.d.5.6 This position commands the Valley and all high ground in K.25 clearing our Troops in firing on the latter.

Advise me at Battalion H.Q when these Guns are in position and I would suggest at least 2 boxes of S.A.A with the Post. Let me know if you are short of S.A.A.

8.45 pm

16.5.18

.....Major;  
T/Cmmdg; 20th Battalion, A.I.F



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O.C. "A" Coy.

Tonight "C" Coy will send one Platoon to Reinforce & remain with your Support Platoon, they will dig trench between their Post and your Coy H.Q. please arrange this - two Platoons to work - You will Lieut Treacher, 1 Sgt and 10 men with Lewis gun to place standing Patrols in front of our line from the Right and extended as far as possible to the Left. In addition you you will detail one Lewis Gun & 5 men to act as covering party in addition to Treacher's party while working parties are at work. They will act vigorously against enemy working parties, Snipers or Active M.G's, as this has been proved the one way of quietening them.

The Password tonight will be TWEED.

One Platoon from "D" Coy and one Platoon from "C" Coy both in Support to "B" Coy, will dig Trench ~~near~~ between "A" Coy and "B" Coy. This has been laid out with a tape and has strong point between A & B Coys. "D" Coy will carry your rations tonight and "C" Coy will supply rations to "C" Coy Platoon in Support to you.

You will keep touch with post on your Right.

You will arrange a Patrol to keep touch with B Coy. Your Patrol to report to Right post of "B" Coy at 10 pm, 12 Midnight, and 2 am. "B" Coy Patrol will report to your left post at 11pm, 1 am and 2.45 am. You will relieve Sgt NUNN and 8 O.R's with Lewis Gun at New Post at approx. 19. Central, care to be taken that they get rations. The digging tonight will be from that Post to your left Post. Work to Start at 10 pm sharp.

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

.....Major,

16.5.18.



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O.C. "B" Coy.

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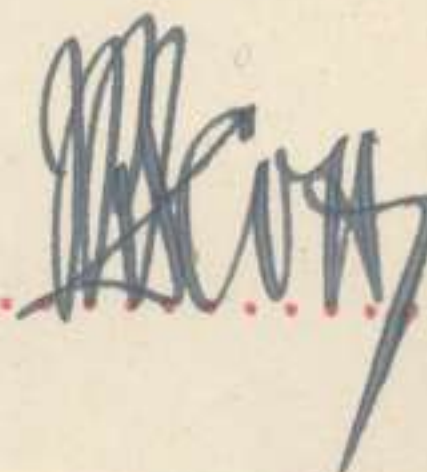
To-night "C" Coy will send one Platoon to reinforce and remain with one Platoon from "D" Coy in Support to you. You will instruct these 2 Platoons to dig to-night a Trench along tape already laid between New Post at approx I9 Central to left Post of "A" Coy. "A" Coy & lieut Treacherswith Patrol will provide covering party.

Pass word to-night "TWEED".

"D" Coy will carry your rations to-night and "C" Coy will carry rations for "C" Coy Platoon. Work to start as soon as possible after dark, you will carry on digging towards New Post in I9 Central. As many men on this job as available. "A" Coy visiting Patrol will visit your Right Post at 10 pm, 12 Midnighh and 2 am. Your visiting Patrol to visit left Post of "A" Coy at 11 am, 1 am and 2.45 am; You have 18th Battalieu in same Trench on your left - obtain touch with them - The same applies to your Supports. "A" Coy is relieving Sgt NUNN in New Post tonight, same persennel.

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

16.5.18.

  
 .....Major.
O.C. "C" Coy.

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To-night you will move one Platoon at present with you to reinforce and remain with Platoon of "D" Coy in Support to "B" Coy. you will be responsible for carrying their rations.

Also you will move your remaining Platoon to reinforce and remain with Platoon from "A" Coy in Support to "A" Coy. You will be responsible for carrying their rations. Your Headquarters will remain where they are, and "D" Coy will carry rations for A & B Coys. Your Coy has work tonight to do and O's C A & B Coys have orders and will take them over for work. The Password for tonight is "TWEED".

"D" Coy is moving to SUNKEN ROAD and TRENCHES in J.24.a & c. One Coy of 19th Battalion will take over from "D" Coy. The move will be made as soon as possible after dark. Completion of move to be notified to Battalion H.Q. by the word "RUM".

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

16.5.18.

  
 .....Major.

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I want you to look after rations for A B & C Coys as they are near your H'Qrs- your G.S.M could look to these.





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O.C. "D" Coy.

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To-night one Coy from 19th Battalion will take over your position and you and your three Platoons will move to sunken road and Trenches in J.24.a and c. "C" Coy H.Q. will remain where it is, but the 2 platoons of "C" Coy are going on to join your Platoon in SUPPORT to "B" Coy and one to join "A" Coy Platoon in Support to "A" Coy. "A" Coy will relieve Sgt NUNN tonight and you will send a guide to "A" Coy H.Qrs as soon after dark as possible to bring him and his party back to you.

The Password for tonight will be "TWEED".

Rations will be up same time as last night you will carry to "A" & "B" Coys Your rations will be dumped at Road into which you are going, make arrangements to guide Transport and meet them. You will also carry to "A" Coy 12 boxes of S.A.A. and 6 boxes of Grenades, they will be brought up by Transport and dumped at "C" Coy dump. You will also carry 20 boxes of T.M. ammunition from dump near "C" Coy H.Qrs to T.M. position at J.24.a.I.O. Guides from T.M will report to "C" Coy H.Q. at 10.30 pm. You are responsible for keeping in touch with this T/M Battery and they will not fire except at your orders. You will keep them advised of the situation. You will report completion of your move to Battalion H.Q. by the word "RUM"

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

16.5.18.

  
Major.





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OPERATIONS. The 20th Battalion, A.I.F. relieved the 17th Battalion, A.I.F. in the FRONT SYSTEM in K.I3 & K.I9. The relief was carried out undisturbed and was complete by 1.30 am on 16.5.18.

PATROLS. A Patrol of 1 Officer, 10 O.R.'s and Lewis Gun was out from dusk to dusk in front of Right Coy. Report not yet received.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Time	Calibre	Direction	Area Shelled	Nature
12.30 am	Gas		J.22.d. J.22.c	Phosgene. Sneezing.
1.30 am	5.9	K.I6.c	J.30.c.4.8	4 Rounds.
1.45 am	5.9	K.I6.c	J.22.b & d	
2 am	4.2		J.22.c	20 Rounds.

MACHINE GUNS. At 11 pm 2 M.G.'s were active on K.I9.c; M.G.'s generally were active on both RIGHT and LEFT FRONT.

TRENCH MORTARS. At intervals during the night an enemy PINEAPPLE THROWER was active on space in line between K.I9.c.8.9 & K.I9.b.9.2 Gun not yet located.

FLARES. Two reds fired brought Machine Gun fire.

AEROPLANES. 10.30 Enemy plane flying low over our lines. Enemy planes passed over our lines many times during the night.

MOVEMENT. At 3.30 at K.I9.B.3.4 an enemy working party of 20 men seen and dispersed by our Artillery fire. In K.I9.c enemy appeared to be working on his line, strengthening and deepening as he was digging at intervals during the day.

WEATHER. Visibility was high, the day being exceptionally bright.

*R. D. Bayfield* Lieut;  
I.O 20th Battalion; A.I.F.



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GAS SHELL RETURN 16.5.18.

AREA	TIME	KIND	ROUNDS	NATURE
J.22.d	12.30 pm	Phosgene &	30	
J.24.c		Green Cross.	24	

*P. Parkfield*  
I.O 20th Battalioen.A.I.F.



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WORKS REPORT 16.5.18.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time worked</u>	<u>Map Ref.</u>	<u>Extent</u>	<u>Nature;</u>
17th Battn.		K.I9.a.7.I to 30+ K.I9.a.70.28	X 3' 4"	Traversed Trench in the space between RIGHT & LEFT FRONT Line Coy's.
		K.I9.a.80.10 to K.I9.a;80.23	60 Yards.	Wire 50 yds in front of Trench consisting of a low concertina trip wire.

*Barfield Lt* Capt;  
Work's Officer; 20th Battalion A.I.F



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GAS SHELL RETURN

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J.22.d	9.15 pm	Green Cross	2
J.22.d	9.45 pm	do	2
J.22.d	1.10 am	do	9
J.22.d	5 am	do	3

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*R. D. Barfield* Lieut;  
I.O. 20th Battalion, A.I.F.



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 7. 17.5.18.

Summary from 3 pm 16.5.18 to 6 am 17.5.18.

OPERATIONS. A Patrol consisting of 1 Officer and 10 O.R's and Lewis Gun PATROL. (forming two standing Patrols) went out from RIGHT SECTOR and RETURNED at dusk. Report not yet to hand.

AEROPLANES. Our planes were very active during the whole day and at noon and 4.30 pm bombs were dropped in enemy lines about K.14 & K.20 About 12.30 pm one of our planes was driven down under control but it was not located.

SNIPING. Our snipers were very active during the day and 5 hits are claimed by them.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery was rather quiet during earlier part of day, but towards evening guns of various calibres fired consistently on enemy rear positions.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. AEROPLANES. Enemy planes were very active and were many times over our lines. At 7.40 pm 7 enemy planes patrolled sector. At 8.10 pm 1 enemy plane over and about this time 16 planes passed over our position and went to the rear. At 10 pm another number of planes passed over our lines.

TRENCH MORTARS. Medium M.W fire from K.14.c.70 approximately, was active at intervals on K.19.c. Enemy also used Rifle grenades and Shrapnel pine apple bombs.

SNIPERS. Enemy snipers were inactive during the day but towards dusk they livened up a lot and did a lot of firing from points along FRONT line and K.19 central.

ENEMY M.G's. Active from K.19 central, K.19.a.20.15, K.20.b.4.5 and from Guns on the following bearings from J.23.d.3.3 much firing came from 124° 71° 59°.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. About dawn enemy working parties were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. At K.19.a.5.3 groans and shrieks were heard after a short burst by Lewis Gun.

FLARES. At 9.30 am on our left, enemy sent up a number of Red Flares. The signal was picked up in Support and then in RESERVES. No noticeable action followed.

ARTILLERY.

Time.	Calibre.	Area.	Direction.	Nature.
3 pm	4.2	J.24 Central	K.26 Central	Searching
3.5 pm	77	J.22.d	173° T.B J.23.d.3.3	Harrassing
3.15 pm	4.2	J.15.b	107°	
4.15 pm	77	J.24.c	173°	8 Rounds
5 pm	4.2	J.15.b	107°	10 Rounds
5 PM	77	J.23.d.7.4	167°	
6.40 pm	5.9	REAR	108°	Counter battery
6.50 pm	do	do	do	do

WEATHER. Fine. Clear. Visibility Good.

*R. Banfield* Lieut;  
I.O. 20th Battalion, A.I.F.



WORKS REPORT.

17.5.18.

Strength.	Time worked.	Area.	Remarks and Nature.
2 Officers 100 O.Rs	11.30 pm to 2 am	C.T in J.24 d	Deepening and fire stepping C.T. Fire stepping in 3 different Sectors facing South not quite completed.
1 Officer 50 o.rs	11.30 to 2 a.m.	C.T in J.24.d	Continuing C.T to J.24.d.4.5 work only about 3' deep and another 100 yards required to complete C.T. Ground hard, chalky flint.
1 Officer 50 O.Rs	11.30 to 2 a.m.	J.18.d.8.0 to K.13.c.9.4	Clearing blocks in C.T. Cutting through road in J.18.d.8.0 also deepening and widening C.T for 80 yards from Road. C.T still requires deepening and widening In parts very little impression made on Road.
2 Officers 50 o.rs	10.30 to 2 a.m.	K.19.a.8.4	Linking up, front line from Right Coy to post at K.19.a.8.4 70 Yards not complete.
2 Officers 50 o.rs	10.30 to 2 a.m.	K.19.c.1.8 to K.19. .2.6	Joining up Support line. 180 yards Trench 3' to 3' 6" deep not completed.
All available men in Front line Coy	9.30 to 2 a.m	Front line K.19.a.and c	Deepening and improving fire positions and shelters for men left Coy. Extending line towards post at K.19.a.8..4.

.....*W. Danfield*..... Capt.  
Works Officer 20th Battalion.A.I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 8.

18.5.18.

OPERATIONS. A Patrol of 1 Officer and 4 O.R's LEFT at 2 AM. RETURNED 3.10 am. CASUALTIES Nil. INFORMATION :-

PATROLS.

All no-mans-land quiet. Machine Guns and flares normal. Enemy working party of approximately 20 men were heard and seen opposite No. 4 Post, apparently they were wiring some 20 Yard from our lines. The Patrol returned and opened with Lewis Gun fire and Grenades and no further work was carried out.

AEROPLANES.

Our planes were actively patrolling the enemy lines and defence throughout the day, and there were many combats in the air.

SNIPING.

Our Snipers were active during the day and in consequence the enemy snipers were less active. One enemy sniper was hit.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. 11.15 pm Machine Guns: from bearing 71° from J.23;d.33 Machine Guns and was then active during the night. 12.55 am M.G on

Machine Guns.

bearing of 90° from J.23.d.3.3 commenced to fire and continued throughout the night. 1.50 am M.G On T.B of 114° was active. At intervals Guns at K.19 Central and K.13.a.20 and K.20.b.45 were all active during night.

SNIPERS.

Enemy snipers were quiet.

MINENWERFERS.

RIGHT FRONT COY and SUPPORT COY were fired on by pineapple bombs yesterday. About 6 pm and again at 12 am J.24.b was lightly shelled.

ARTILLERY.

Time	Calibre	Area	Direction	Nature;
3.25 pm	4.2	J.22.b	107° T.B J.23.d.3.3	
4.45 pm	5.9	J.22.c	108°	
5.40 pm	77mm	J.22.c	173°	
6.30 pm	4.2 SHP	J.29.b.6.8	107°	3 Rounds
8.25 pm	4.2	de	107°	
8.45 pm	4.2	de	107°	
8.40 pm	4.2	J.24.b	107°	8 Rounds
10.30pm				
11.50pm	77mm	J.24.c	93°	
12.5 am	4.2	J.22	107°	
12.40am	77mm	J.24.c	93°	
12.15am	4.2	Rear	107°	Very active
2.40 am	4.2	J.22.b	107°	8 Rounds gas

ENEMY BALLOONS. 4.25 am Enemy O.B up 102° from J.23.d.3.3

AEROPLANES.

The enemy showed a great deal of activity during the day, particularly just before dusk and just after dawn when numbers of his planes could be seen.

FLARES.

About 10 pm Enemy Artillery dropped short and immediately enemy



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fired Golden Cluster Flares. Enemy dropped Red Flares from his plane over J.21.b these were followed by Artillery fire on the Wood. At 9.45 enemy set up 2 Red flares and his Artillery fire opened.

ENEMY

MOVEMENT. As reported by Patrol

WEATHER. Bright clear day with high visibility.

*W. Banfield*  
..... Lieut,  
I.O. 20th Battalion, A.I.F.



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WORKS REPORT.      19.5.18.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Reference.</u>	<u>Extent.</u>	<u>Nature.</u>
All available men A coy & A Coy Support.	K.I9.c.20.33 K.I9.c.30.33	50+X3' X3'	Connecting Right of our line with 5th Aus.Div left post.
		Draining cleaning and deepening and improving line & Support	
All available men B Coy	do	do	do

The projected "stunt" made it necessary to keep men in position so work was carried on in the line only. Much water was in the line after the rain

*W. Parsfield*  
.....Lieut;  
I.O, 20th Battalion; A.I.F.



OPERATIONS. Our Artillery was active on Targets behind the enemys lines and a  
ARTILLERY. also on the enemys line.

AEROPLANES. Our planes were continually in evidence throughout the day and wer  
many times fired upon by enemy anti-air-craft.

SNIPERS. Our snipers are very active and 5 hits are claimed.

WORKS. The work o f deepening and cleaning of Trenches was carried out .

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Time	Calibre.	Area	Direction	Nature
3.40	77mm	J.17.d	100° T.B Fr J.22.b.30.3	Harrassing These
5.25	77MM	J.24.D	do	do guns act
6	77mm	Ft line& Sppts	do	do ive all day
6.45	15cm	J.22.D	90° do	
7.30	10.5cm	J.17.D	90° do	
9.40	77mm	J.29.c	107° do	20 Shells
9.30	10.5 Cm	J.24.A	100° do	10 Shells
10.30	do	J.24.b	107° do	
10.30	do	J.22.B	107° do	
11.30	do	J.24.b	90° do	
11.30	77mm	J.24.A	100° do	
11.55	77mm	J.24.c	100° do	10 Rounds
1.20	10.5	J.22.c	107° do	
		J.23.b		12 Rounds Gas
2.45	10.5	J.23.D	168° do	
3.50	10.5	J.22.d	101° do	
3.30	10.5	J.23.c	95° do	9 Rounds Gas
3.40	77mm	J.23.a	173° do	Active on and off during night
4.30	77mm	J.24.d	100° do	3 Rounds

Enemy Artillery was much more active on line positions during the day than he has been for some time. Looked as if he was registering. The shoots were mostly in salvos.

ENEMY M.G's. Enemy M.G's at the following points did indirect fire on tracks and traversing on Communication Trenches. 90° From J.23.D.3.3, 114° T.B. from J.23.d.3.3, K.19.Central, K.13.A.20.16, K.20.b.4.5, and 54° from J.23.d.3.3.

ENEMY SNIPERS. Enemy snipers very quiet and our sector certainly have a superiority of fire over the enemys.

MINENWERFERS. A light M.W fired on K.19.a and central at intervals From K.19. C Central.

AEROPLANES. Enemy planes were frequently over our front line but rarely got behind it. They were kept in place by Lewis Guns and A.A. Guns They were over at 1 pm, 3.3 pm, 4 pm, and 4.15 pm. and about 7 pm and 4 am.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. An enemy working party was seen at dawn at K.19.b.2.3. Our M.G opened up killing 2; The rest of the party dispersed.

WEATHER. During morning, weather fine, but slightly hazy and misty. Visibility only fair. Heavy rain fell in the afternoon, but the night was clear.

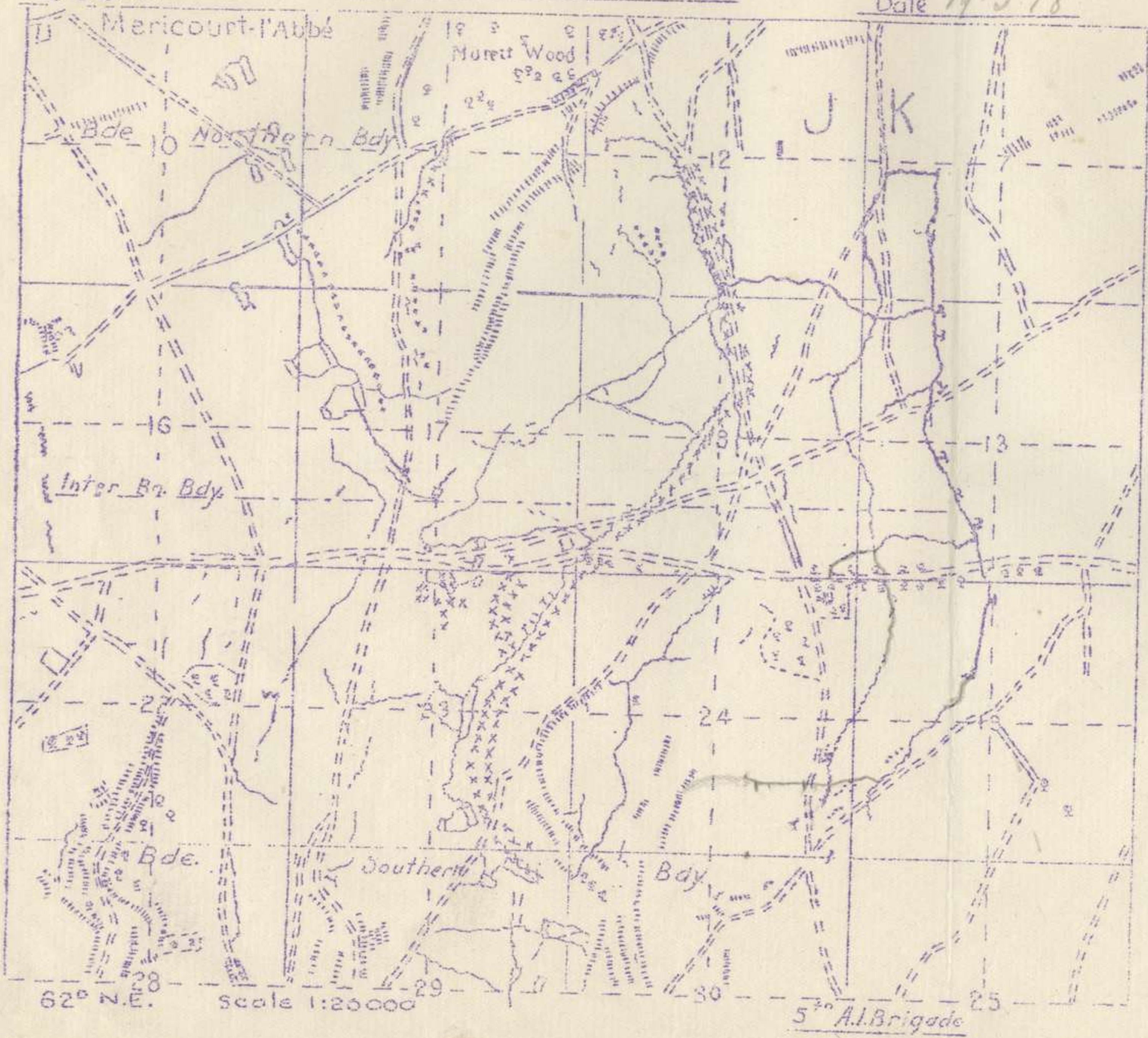
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I.O. 20th Battalion; A.I.F.



# WORKS MAP

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Date 19.5.18



## REMARKS.

A. Holdsworth  
 Please supply  
 report of work done under my  
 last night's station  
 No of men employed  
 Line worked  
 Map reference of locality  
 Extent of work.  
 P. Barfield W  
 Co Coy.  
 20th Bn  
 Works Report

Work was carried out by Co Coy comprising  
 of 1 Off 87 other Ranks. The whole party  
 was employed on the right C.T. in  
 200 yards

1 off 87 OR 11.30 1 & 7

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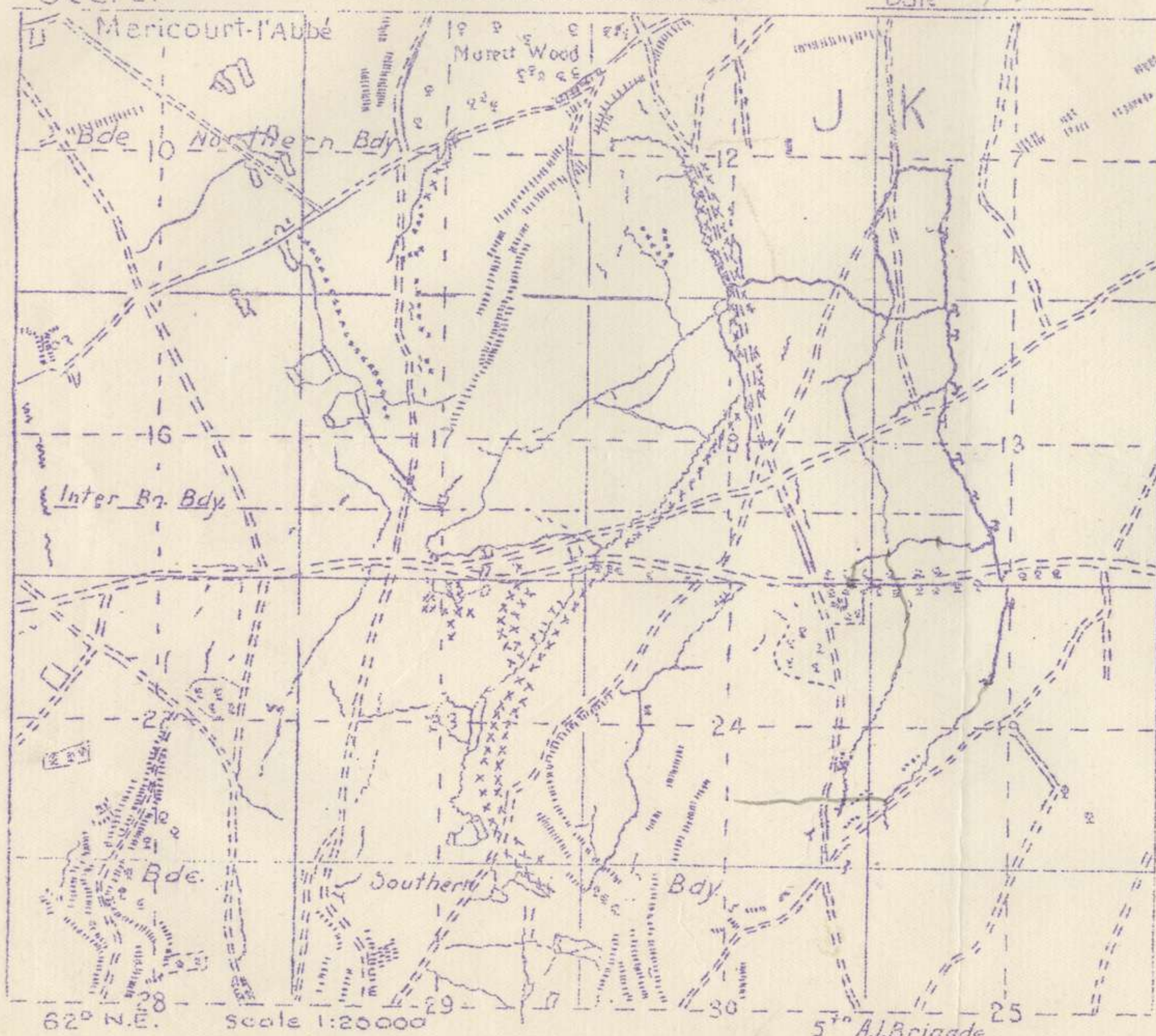
M. Holdsworth



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## REMARKS.

To G. How  
 Please supply a report of work  
 done under you last night stating  
 no of men used  
 time worked  
 map references of locality  
 Extent of work

*W. How*

No of men employed 89.  
 Time worked 3 hours  
 Map Reference J 18 d 2.0  
 Trench running to K 13 d 5.3.  
 Widening and deepening  
 the C. T. trench running to  
 above references, estimated  
 extent of work 300 yds.

*W. How*

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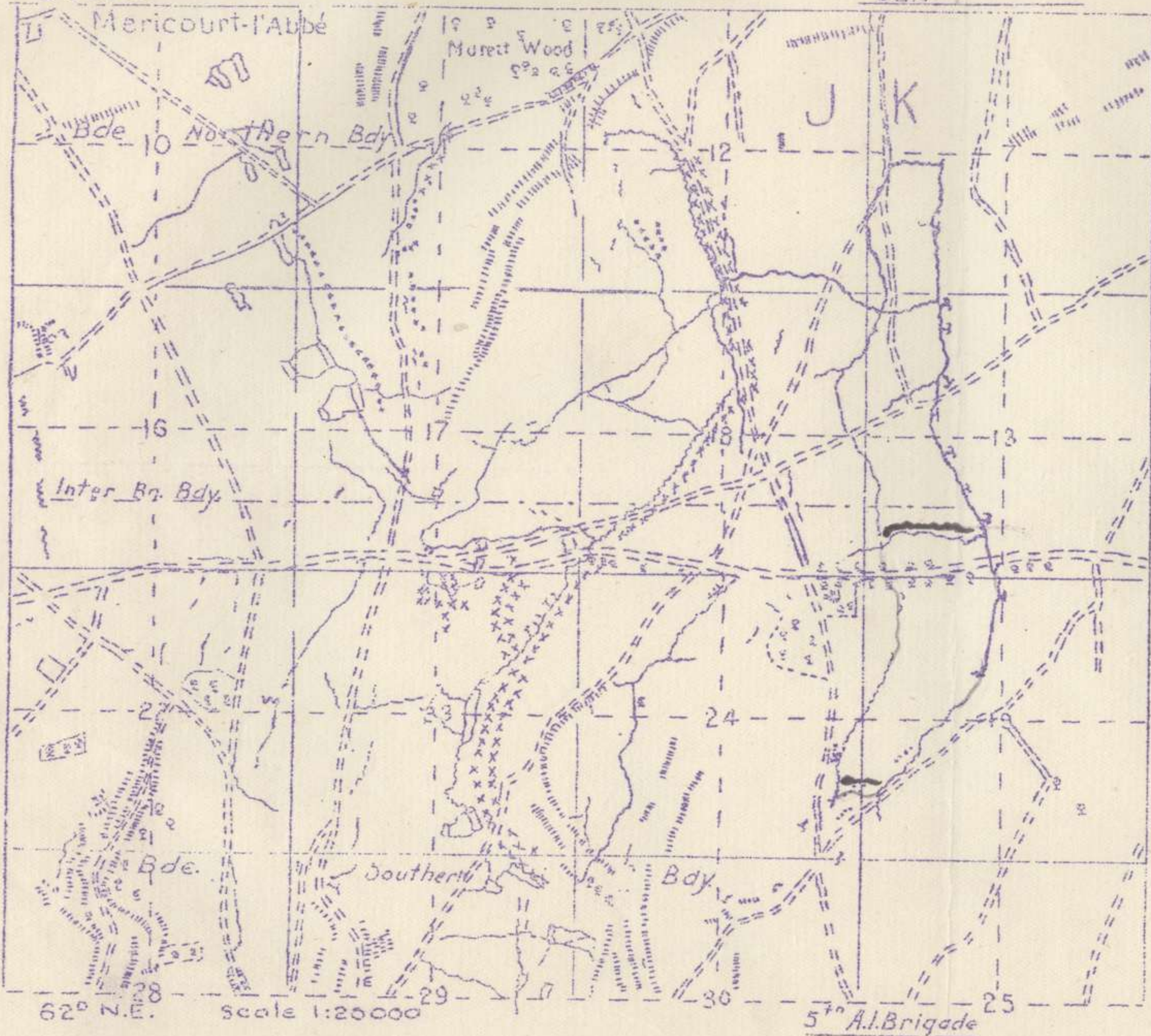


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## REMARKS.



2 off 850R digging and deepening C.T. from LEFT FRONT LINE to Support 250'  
 Worked from 11.30 pm to 2.30 am  
 2 off 700R digging and deepening C.T. from RIGHT FRONT Coy to SUPPORTS  
 Worked from 11.30 pm to 2.30 am  
 Both C.T.s are now completed to a depth of 4'.

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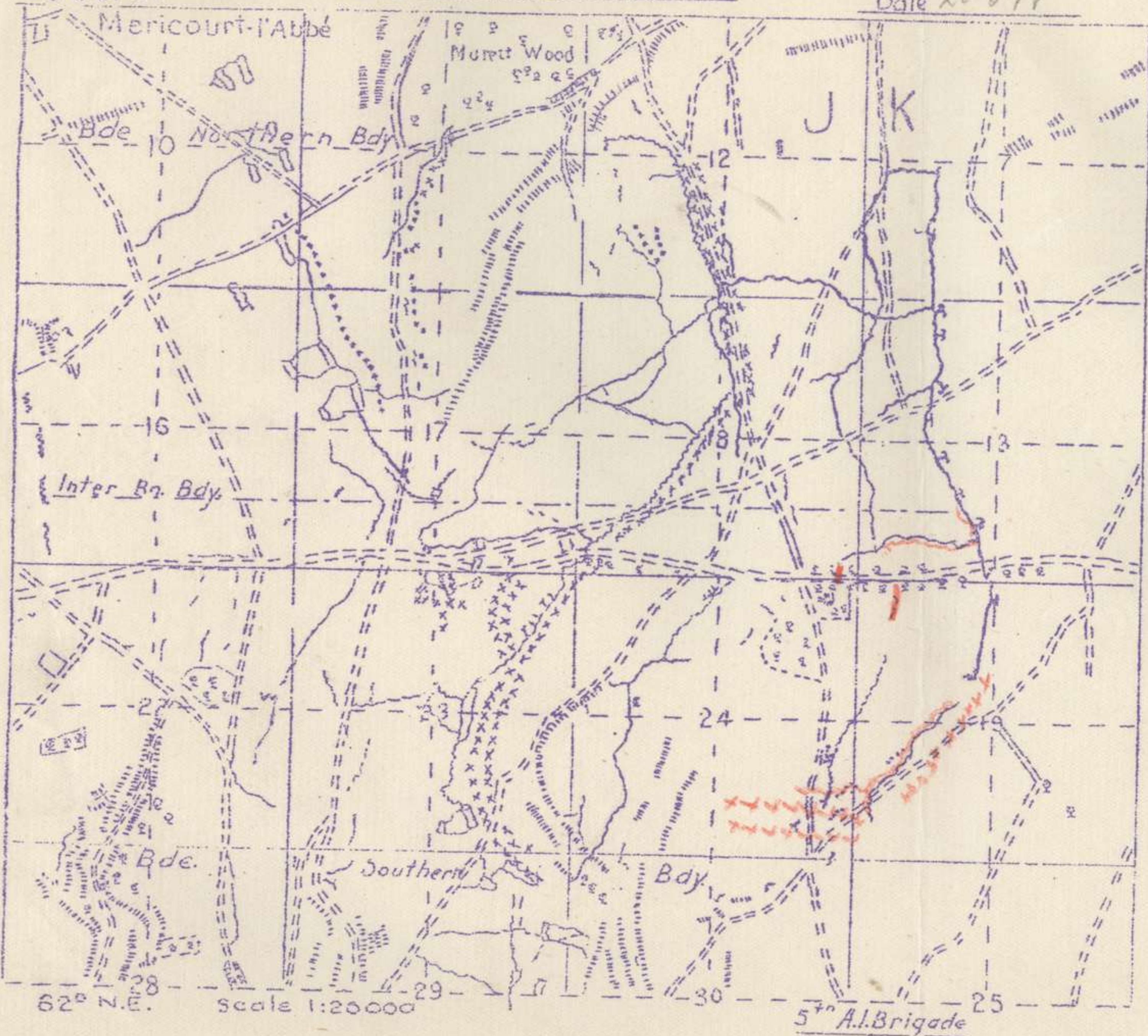
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## REMARKS.

2 of 100 OR digging Sup line from K19a 2.8 to K13c 30.05 Support line now completely linked up except through Road at K13c.  
 2 of 100 OR working CT from J24d 9.3 - J24d 9.5-30 about 450' double apron 150' single apron  
 40 OR breaking through road at J18d 8.0  
 10 of 200 OR improving CT from J24d 8.4 to J24d 4.4  
 all available men employed improving CT from close support to front line in K13c  
 a few men employed in claying low lying part of trench in front line about K13c 8.4  
 15 OR employed in putting out trench wire 150' from K19a 9.4 to right Garrison from front line (right) 300 yards of single apron fence with diagonal A trip wires. 60 yards of single apron fence from K19c 30.42 to K19c 80.95. a gap of 40 yards remains unmined N. of Outpost.  
 All other available men improving C.T. on right sector between front and support line

NEW TRENCH WORK ———  
 IMPROVED - - - - -  
 NEW WIRE TOW x x x x

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OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY Our Artillery of all calibres fired on targets in enemys lines and in rear of his lines., throughout the day and night.

AEROPLANES. Our Planes actively patrolled th e enemy lines continuously and much attention was paid them by anti-air-craft .

WORKS. Works carried out as per report.

SNIPERS. Our snipers were busy all day and kept the enemy from retaliating. 7 hits are claimed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. An enemy soldier crawled out from a forward post and threw several Egg Bombs into Trench. He was located and was wounded befo he could get back.

AEROPLANES. There were some planes over pur line sduring the day but they did not get very far back. At dawn one plane went up and down our line several times, and, although heavily engaged by M.G's it could not be driven off. The wings were noticed to be riddled with bullets

ENEMY M.G's Machine Guns were active and seem to have moved back. Guns were busy from 59° from J.23.D.3.3, 105° T.B From J.23.D.3.3, K.13.A.20.15 and K.20.B.4.5.

ENEMY SNIPERS. Enemy snipers were very quiet.

BALLOONS. Balloons were up from the following bearings from J.23.D.3.3 74°.

ENEMY FLARES. An enemy plane was over our line dropping white flares. These were answered by white flare from enemys line. Two Greens and two Reds brought Artillery fire on our Sector.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. Enemy Artillery was more active than usual yesterday and he shelle consistently during the afternoon, J.23.D & B.

Time	Calibre	Area	Direction	Nature
3.45 pm	4.2	J.23.d. J.17.D	I63° T.B Fr J.23.D.3.3	Registering & area shoot
4.30 pm	do	J.23;d	I63°	
4.40 pm	77mm	J.17.d	I61°	
5/5.30pm	4.2	J23.d. do	I63°	
6.50	4.2	J.22.b	I07°	
7.45	5.9	J.22.D	95°	
9.15	5.9	J.23.B	I63°	2 ROUNDS
10.15	5.9	J.23.D	DO	8 ROUNDS
9.50	77	J.29.B.	I00°	
11.45	4.2	J.23.D	I63°	3 ROUNDS
12.5			I65°	GUN FLASHES
12.20	4.2	J.23.D	I63°	9 ROUNDS
	77	J.23.D	I00°	6 ROUNDS
1.50	5.9	J.29.B	I63°	8 ROUNDS
2.20	4.2	J.23.D	I63°	6 ROUNDS
3.10	77	J.23.D	I03°	8 ROUNDS
4.35	77	J.24.A	I00°	

MINENWERFER. At 8/55 pm on bearing of 91° from J.23.d.3.3 a Pine apple throw er was active on K.13.c.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. Parties of three's and fours were seen at dawn at K.13.D.4.5 our Lewis Gun scattered them. An enemy party of 5 were being sniped by 18th Battalion. As they stood up our Lewis Gun fired and skittled the 5 of them.

WEATHER. The day was clear and bright. Visibility was good.

*Per [Signature]* Lieut,  
I.O 20th Battalion, A.I.F.



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<u>Strength</u>	<u>Time worked</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Extent.</u>	<u>Nature.</u>
1 Off 50 O.R	10.45 PM 1.30 AM	{ J.24.d.2.3 to J.24.d.1.3 J.24.D.2.3 J.24.d.2.5	40+	Extending C.T from one reference to the other, = also Deepening & widening between points.
1 off 50 O.R	10.45 PM 1.45 AM	J.24.d.9.4 K.I9.c.2.9	300+	Wire single apron.
2 OFF 100 O.R		J.18.d.70. K.13.c.1.3	300+	Deepening and widening C.T This C.T is not yet complete but is fairly deep and has 1" to 1' 6" of water in it.
2 Off 50 O.R	1.30 AM 2 AM	K.I9.a.8.2 K.I9.a.9.3	50+ 3' Deep.	Linked up front line.
1 N.C.O 10 O.R	12 PM 2 AM	K.I9.C.1540 K.I9.C.40.65	100+	Single apron wire.
8 O.R				Shelter for B Coy H.Q.

All other available men employed draining and cleaning.

*R. Banfield* Lieut;  
I.O. 20th Battalion; A.I.F.



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20TH BATTALION. A.I.F. *appendix No. 34*

Headquarters,  
21.5.18.

5th Inf. Bde.

REFERENCE B.M 774.

Reconnaissance in accordance with attached instructions was carried out by Lieut Winkwerth and Sgt Davis.

The approach is quite flat without cover. The Post appears to be pushed forward to protect a M.G, and consists of snipers and bombers, and is in close touch with enemy main system here, which is strongly held. There is an Enemy flare station (very active) just in rear of post. This with the bright moonlight eliminates any prospect of surprise. There is some wire, but party could not get close enough to say how much. This must be dealt with. The reconnoitring party was sniped and bombed while crawling to and fro.

In view of this report, it is now a question as to whether possible identification justifies the minor operation which would be necessary. This is not a raid on an isolated post, not in view of its main body, as in the case of 18th Battalion successful daylight raid. It would be impossible to escape casualties, especially returning with no cover to use.

It would be necessary to have wire cut by 6" Mortar and to have a local barrage by Stokes Mortar. Prompt retaliation would ensure making it necessary to have all working parties undercover.

This raid, in my opinion; would be too expensive to justify its cost in casualties.

*A. H. ...*  
..... Lieut COL.  
Commanding 20th Battalion. A.I.F.



## OPERATIONS.

PATROLS.

A Patrol consisting of I Officer (Lieut Winkworth) and I Sgt LEFT outpost at K.I9.c.65.90. RETURNED outpost K.I9.c.65.90. CASUALTIES Nil. OBJECT to reconnoitre routes and approaches to Enemy advanced post K.I9.c.80.95 and also wire in front.

COVERING PARTIES

Covering parties were pushed forward to protect working parties in the line. There was no attempt to rush posts or parties.

LEWIS GUNS. Our Lewis Guns were active on enemy wire . posts and planes and as regards planes did much good work. Keeping them: either off the Sector or well up. One Gun claims 1 Plane; (See enemy planes)

AEROPLANES. Our planes were consistently active throughout the day, observing the enemy positions thoroughly. At 6 pm one of our planes was forced to land presumably owing to Engine trouble.

MORTARS. At 4.30 pm our 6" Mortars fired 2 shots on K.I9. Central.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery was active and enemy planes = back areas and Artillery areas were given a lot of attention.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. TRENCH MORTARS. AT 4.30 pm 4 Pine apple bombs fell on K.I9.c.65.90 from K.I9.c.8.3 This same Mortar fired on K.I3.c at 11.45 to 12 Midnight.

MACHINE GUNS Machine Gun activity was below normal. Guns from the following places did indirect and traversing fire. At 9.45 pm Gun on a bearing of 84° from J.24.d; 3.3 active. At 10.35 pm Gun on a bearing of 71° T.B. from same was also active. 11.20 M.G on T.B 114° was active. M.G's at K.I9.c.80.95 and K.I9 Central active at intervals during night.

FLARES.

Enemy night flying machines going towards our rear dropped Red Flares. Enemy planes flying over our lines fired white flares bursting into stars. The signal was answered in the enemy's lines by white flares.

ENEMY WORKS.

About 200 yards of concertina wire was put out by the enemy at K.I3.d.0.3

AEROPLANES.

Enemy planes were very active during the night passing over our lines to back areas. 3 am to 5.30 planes were over our lines, some flying low, some covering them much higher up. At 4 am one enemy plane passed up and down our lines firing tracer bullets. A Lewis Gun was brought in to action, his engine suddenly stopped and he commenced to roll and disappeared to earth behind enemy lines.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

At 3.40 am a party of about 10 Germans were observed at K.I3.d.0. A Lewis Gun was opened on them and they dispersed. At 9.15 pm much noise and talking was heard along enemy lines, probably new men were coming in to the line. The Artillery effectively dealt with them

ARTILLERY.

Time	Calibre	Area	Direction.	Nature.
4.45 5.25	4.2	J.17.d & a	82° T.B J.23.d.3.3	Gas
5.55	77mm	J.17.a	173°	
6.20	77MM	J.22.d	do	
8.30	77	J.24.b	100°	
8.35	77	J.17.b	173°	
9.30	5.9	J.24.b	96°	
9.50		J.22;c	107°	
10/10.10		J.22.C	107°	Gas

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*R. W. Paulfield* Lieut,  
I.O. 20th Battalion; A.I.F



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20TH BATTALION. A. I. F.

WORKS REPORT. 21.5.18.

Strength	Time worked.	Map Ref	Extent.	Nature & Remarks.
3 Officers 150 O.Rs	10.30 to 2 am	K.19.a.1.4 to K.19.a.2.8	400+	Digging Support line. Trench 3' wide 3' deep. Good fire Trench. About 80 yards required to join up: Support.
I Off 50 O.rs	do	K.19.a.2.9 to K.19.a.3.8	300+	Double apron fence.
I OFF 10 O.R	do	K.13.c.9.2 K.13to.2.2		Improving C.T Front line to Supports.
2 Off 30 O.R	do	K.19.a.5.2 to K.19.a.9.3	80+	Deepening Front line between 3' 6" deep A & B Coys.
3 O.Rs	do			New Company H4Qrs.
I Off 30 o;r	do	K.19.c.40.65 K.19.c.50.90	300	Single fence not complete. Wi re
All other available men				Deepening and improving Front line and Support.

*R. Banfield* Capt;  
Works Off. 20th Battalion. A. I. F.



OPERATIONS. Our Artillery was active during period and targets in enemys ARTILLERY lines were engaged with success.

MORTARS. At 3.30 am our 6" fired 6 rounds on K.19. Central.

SNIPERS. Our Snipers were active during period particularly about STAND # TO . 2 men were wounded coming from STRONG POINT (Enemy) Another man was hit while crawling over crest K.19.c he ~~was~~ was probably killed.

LEWIS GUNS. During the night our Guns fired at suspected Enemy M.G. position and in direction where sounds of working parties could be heard.

WORKS. As per works appendix.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. Enemy snipers were not very active, and except for a SNIPERS. stray sniper or so we maintained our superiority of fire over the enemy.

AEROPLANES. Enemy planes were very active and several times were low over our lines. 1100 rounds being fired at them.

MINENWERFER. Minenwerfer was located at K.20.a.4.4 It fired on K.19.c.70.90 to K. from 6 to 9 am.

ENEMY WORK. Enemy was digging a Trench From K.13.c.95.40 to K.13.d.1.2.

ENEMY M.G's. Enemy Guns were not very active during the day and during the night less activity was shown than on previous nights? Guns at following positions were active at intervals, K.19. Central, K.19.c.85.95, K.13.d.30.10, K.19.b and those on bearings of 84°, 141° and 71° from J.23.d.3.3.

FLARES. At 10.15 and 10.35 and 1.15 and 1.50 am enemy fired a silver bell flare bursting into a cluster of silver stars. No apparent action followed. At 3 am Enemy fired small Golden Clusters when his Artillery was falling short.

ARTILLERY. Enemy Artillery was much below normal during period.

Time	Calibre	Area	Direction	Remarks
3.15 am	77	J.22.d	164° T.B J.23.d.3.3	
3.40	77	J.24.b	100°	
5.15	77	J.22.d	100°	
6	10.5	J.28.a	107°	
6.40	15 cm		102°	Firing back
7.15	10.5			do
7.50	10.5	J.17.d.2.1	163°	
10.40	77	J.23.d	100°	
10.50	10.5	J.22.d	107°	
11	77	J.23.d	100°	
11.15/11.30	4.2	J.29.b	107°	Gas and H.E
11.50/12.40	77	J.29.b	100°	
1.50 pm	4.2	J.22.A	107°	
2.10	4.2	J.23.a	168°	
2.50	4.2	J.23.c	107°	
3.15/3.50	5.9		96°	
3.40	77	J.24.b	100°	
4	77	J.24.c	1008°	
3.45	77	K.13.c	100°	Shelled front line.
3.45	4.2	K.19	107°	
3.45	5.9	K.13	76°	

WEATHER. Good weather prevailed and in consequence good observation was obtained.

*R. B. ...* Lieu  
I.O. 20th Battalion, A.I.F.





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20TH BATTALION. A. I. F.

DISPOSITION REPORT NO. 2. 22.5.18.

The 19th Battalion. A. I. F relieved our Post at K.13.c.8.5 of 8 O.R and Lewis Gun . This Post was moved to K.19.a.90.30.

Platoon of "D" Coy which was in SUNKEN ROAD J.23.d has moved up to SUPPORT in J.24.d.

I Off 26 O.R and I Lewis Gun.

*P. Panfield* ..... Lieut  
I.O. 20th Battalion; A. I. F.



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SECRET.ORDER NO. 28.

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Headquarters,  
22nd. May, 1918.

1. The 20th. Battalion, A.I.F. will be relieved by the 17th. Battalion, A.I.F. in the RIGHT Sub-sector of the line on the night 22/23rd. May, 1918.
2. On relief the Battalion will occupy its former position as Brigade Reserve.
3. Relief will commence as soon as visibility allows.
4. Four guides per Company will report to Battalion Hqrs. at 8.30.p.m. to-night, 22nd. inst. to guide incoming Companies to their respective Coy. Hqrs. where Post Guides will be provided and met.
5. Further details of relief will be mutually arranged by O.C.'s. Coys.
6. All Trench stores, S.O.S. Signals, Aeroplane photographs, Marked maps, etc., will be handed over and receipts obtained, copies of which will be forwarded to Battalion Hqrs. by 9.a.m. to-morrow, 23rd. inst.
7. Movement in the Reserve position will be restricted to a minimum, and each Company will provide a picquet for the purpose of enforcing this order.
8. Completion of relief will be reported to Battalion Hqrs. by code word "MERRY".
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. J. G. John*  
..... Lieut.  
Adj. 20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Sigs.  
at 10.a.m.

Copy No. 1	to C.O.
2	O.C. "A" Coy.
3	O.C. "B" Coy.
4	O.C. "C" Coy.
5	O.C. "D" Coy.
6	O.C. Hqrs. Coy.
7	17th. Battalion.
8	5th. A.I. Brigade.
9	Transport Officer.
10	Quartermaster.
11	File.
12/14	War Diary.



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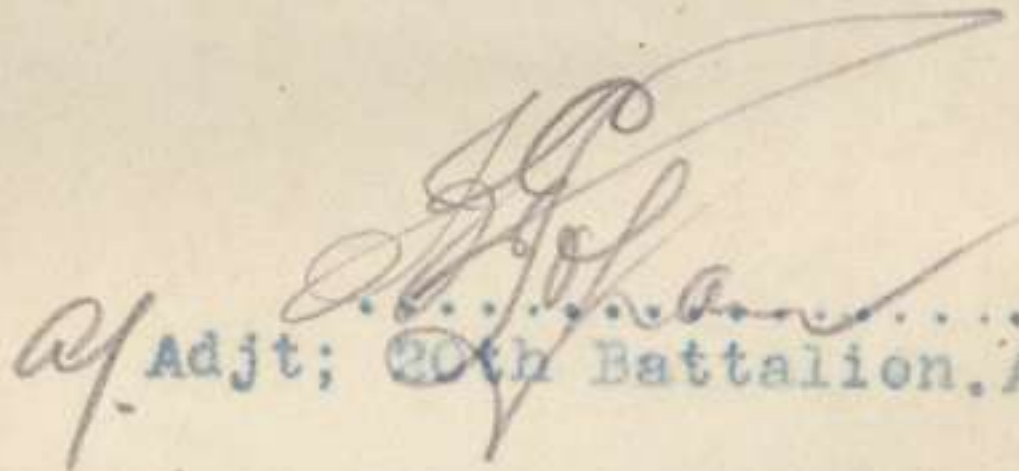
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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO NO. 26.

22 May 1918.

Issued in conjunction with Battalion Order No. 28.

- 1; Coys will not be without their Lewis Guns and Buckets during the move from the Line to Reserve position. These will be carried by the men.
2. All Tools will be dumped at "C" Coy's Ration Dump on the way out.
- 3/ Transport Officer will arrange to collect, Tools, Dixies and 60 Reserve Lewis Gun buckets at "C" Coy's Dump. O.C "C" Coy will place an N.C.O and 2 men in charge of Dump till taken over by Transport.
4. Lieut McMillan with 4 men from Battalion Headquarters, will proceed to 17th Battalion Headquarters and take over all Trench Stores and Etc. One man will meet Each O.C Coy and guide him to his position in Reserve.
5. Battalion Quartermaster will arrange to have Rations at Reserve Headquarters, J.21.c Central at mid-night on 23rd inst, unless further advised.  
Lists of all shortages to be submitted to Battalion Headquarters by 8 p.m 23rd inst.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E .

  
 Adjt; 20th Battalion, A.I.F. Lieut.

DISTRIBUTION.

- No. 1 to C.O
- 2 O.C "A" Coy.
- 3 O.C "B" Coy.
- 4 O.C "C" Coy.
- 5 O.C "D" Coy.
- 6 O.C "H.Q." Coy.
- 7 Lieut McMillan.
- 8 Transport Officer.
- 9 Quartermaster.
- 10 File.
- 11/13 War Diary.



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DISPOSITION REPORT. NO. 13.

23.5.18.

The 20th Battalion A.I.F. was relieved from FRONT LINE SECTOR K.I3. K.I9 on the night of 22/23 May 1918 by the 17th Battalion.A.I.F; The relief was complete by 12.20 and the Battalion moved back to RESERVE and took up the following positions :-

Battalion Headquarters	J.2I.c.36.50	6 Off	70
"A" Coy	J.2I.c.50.50	5	114
"B" Coy	J.27.a.40.50	5	98
"C" Coy	J.2I.c.53.60	3	78
"D" Coy	J.2I.c.2I.40	4	83
		<u>23</u>	<u>443</u>

*De Banfield*  
.....Lieut  
I.O, 20th Battalion.A.I.F.



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20TH BATTALION, A.I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 14

24.5.18.

OPERATIONS Our Artillery was very quiet until about Dusk and from then on  
ARTILLERY. until morning it has been very active.

AEROPLANES. Our planes were active and patrolled our lines almost continuously throughout the day.

ENEMY OPERATIONS, AEROPLANES. At 5 am enemy plane was over our RESERVE position but it was driven off by M.G fire and anti-air-craft Guns.

ARTILLERY.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
3.30	pm 15 cm	J.21.c	109° T.B Fr J.27.B.5.8)	
4	15 cm	do	do	50 Rounds
10	10.5 cm	J.22.b.8.6	91° do	2 do
11.5	10.5 cm	J.22.b	91°	
12.5	am 15 cm	J.22.d	109°	3 Rounds
4.10	10.5 cm	J.22.b	91°	

WEATHER. Except for a slight shower during afternoon the weather was clear and visibility high.

*R. G. Partridge*  
.....Lieut;  
I.O, 20th Battalion, A.I.F.



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GAS SHELL RETURN      25.5.18.

<u>AREA.</u>	<u>TIME.</u>	<u>KIND.</u>	<u>ROUNDS.</u>
J.21.c.3.3	11 am	GREEN CROSS	7

These shells were ordinary 5.9 H.Explosive. The Gas being mixed with H.E.

*W. Danfield*  
..... Lieut;  
I.O. 20th Battalion. A.I.F.



20TH BATTALION, A.I.F.

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26th May 1918.

Transport Officer,  
20th Battalion, A.I.F.

The time has arrived in this war when every man who can possibly be put forward to KILL GERMANS must be employed on that duty and no other. The only way to defeat the enemy is to KILL, KILL, KILL.

I am therefore calling on the splendid body of men who have made the 20th Battalion Transport the best in the A.I.F., to spare no effort, and to make every sacrifice, in order to work the Transport with the least possible personnel so that the Battalion as a whole, may do its full share of this killing.

I warmly appreciate, and so does every one in the Battalion, the excellent daily and nightly work of the Transport men which plays so big a part in keeping the men in the line fit, and I know they will cheerily comply with all demands on them in the strenuous days and nights to come.

(Sgd) A.J. Bennett Lieut-Col.  
Commanding 20th Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

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20TH BATTALION. A.I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 15.

26.5.18.

OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery very active on enemys lines and defences throughout the night.

AEROPLANES. DURING NIGHT MANY OF OUR PLANES CROSSED OUR LINES into enemy country, and between 4 am and 6 am 26.5.18 two of our planes patrolled enemy lines.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

Time	Calibre	Area	Direction	Remarks:
5.20	4.2	J.27.a	130°	T.B. Fr J.27.b.5.8 High Veloc.
5.25	4.2	J.27.b	127°	
6	J.21.c		95°	3 Rounds
9/55	4.2	J.27.a	167°	
10.35	4.2	J.26.b. J.27.b	127°	
11	4.2	J.27.c	107°	
13	4.2	J.28.c	86°	
13	4.2.	J.21.c	127°	GAS
3.30	4.2	J.27.a	100°	

WEATHER. Dull and low visibility.

*Deansfield*  
..... LIEUT.,  
I.C. 20th Battalion A.I.F.



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GAS SHELL RETURN

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20TH BATTALION, A.I.F.      26.5.18

<u>AREA.</u>	<u>TIME.</u>	<u>KIND.</u>	<u>ROUNDS.</u>
J.2I.c	3 a;m.	GREEN CROSS	15

*R. B. Balfour*  
 .....Lieut;  
 I.C., 20th Battalion, A.I.F.



20TH BATTALION. A. I. F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 16 27.5.18.

WORKS. Works programme was carried during the night and work accomplished as per Works Report.

AEROPLANES. During afternoon there was very little aeroplane activity, but about 5 pm and from then on our planes were active over enemys lines.

ARTILLERY Enemy front line in K.13 & K.19 and his back areas received attention from our Guns at 10 PM, 11.35 I.10 to I.20 am.

ENEMY ACTIVITY. AEROPLANES.  
About 7.15 pm 5 enemy planes were over our lines and again 10.45 No bombs were dropped in our area.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

TIME.	CALIBRE.	AREA.	DIRECTION.
6.20 AM	4.2	J.22.b	145° T.B J.22.b.6.5
7.35 AM	4.2	J.27.a	145°
9.5 PM	4.2	J.21.c	145°
12.35 AM	77	J.28.a	155°
2.30 AM	4.2	J.21. a & c	145°
3.15 AM	4.2	Batteries	127°
4.20 2M	4.2	do	138°

WEATHER. Heavy mist with very low visibility.

*R. Dunfield* Lieut,  
120.20th Battalion. A. I. F.



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GAS SHELL RETURN 27.5.18.

Nil.

*R. B. Bunsfield* Lieut  
I.O. 20th Battalion. A.I.F.



Order OA  
Reference map 620.

20<sup>th</sup> Div HQ  
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- (1) The 20<sup>th</sup> Div AIF will relieve the 17<sup>th</sup> Div AIF in the Right Sub Sector on the night of 28/29<sup>th</sup> May 1918.
2. Corps will be disposed as follows  
A Coy Right front    B Coy Left front  
C Coy Supports        D Coy Reserve.
2. 1 Officer and 1 NCO and No. 1 Lewis guns per Coy will Report to O/C Corps of the 17<sup>th</sup> Div. in their respective Sector as advance party.
3. 2 Guides per Coy will be met at C Coy old HQ and post. Guides will be provided at Coy HQ from each of the 17<sup>th</sup> Div Coys being relieved.
- (4) all trench stores maps, aeroplane photographs will be taken over and receipts for same given the duplicate copies of which will be forwarded to Div HQ by 9 am on the 29<sup>th</sup> Inst.

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5. Lewis Guns and buckets will be carried to the line by the Companies

6. Further administrative details will be issued later.

7. Relief Complete will be reported by the Code word "SCALP"

8. acknowledge.

Edward Brad  
20<sup>th</sup> Div AIF



WORKS. Work was completed in the forward area as per report.

AEROPLANES. 4 pm one of our planes over sector. 4.55 same plane over enemy lines. 5.25 another plane over our sector. 6.40 pm one of our plane fired Machine Gun on HAMEL. 8 pm 2 of our planes over S ector  
1.30 am our planes bombed MORLANCOURT. 4.25 am our planes bombed HAMEL. 5.55 I plane over Sector. 6 pm numbers of our planes returnin from Enemy lines.

ARTILLERY. 6.50 pm Our guns fired 6 rounds on P.II  
7.40 pm do do on WARFUSSEE  
10.15 to 10.30 our Artillery active generally on enemy defences  
11.10 pm our Gun firing on HAMEL. 11.50 active enemy defences  
12.50 am firing on K.14 . 1.10 am firing on MORLANCOURT. 1.15 am firing on Warfusée. 2.50 am active on Hamel & Warfusée. 2.25 am active on K.19.C 2.35 am active on K.26 and again at K.19.

FLARES. White "Very" lights were fired during the night behind our lines but no action followed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. AEROPLANES. 5.40 pm enemy plane over our line dropped bombs on J.24.a 8.20 am 3 enemy planes over sector driven off by anti-air-craft . 4.25 am enemy plane over our lines.

ARTILLERY.

TIME.	CALIBRE	AREA	DIRECTION	REMARKS.
5.50 PM	77	J.22.c	90° T.B J.27.b.6.5	4 Rounds
6.5.PM	77.	J.28.c	123°	4 Rounds
6.15 PM	77	J.22.c	95°	10 Rounds
6.15 PM	10.5 CM	J.17.c	97°	
7 PM	do	J.27.b	98°	8 Rounds
9.10 PM	do	J.28.c	98°	Shrapnel
9.20 PM	do	J.19.c	98°	6 Rounds
11.35 PM	do	J.17.c	81°	20 Rounds
3.25 2M	do	J.21.d	82°	12 Gas
4.5 AM	do	J.21.a	82°	4 Gas
4.15 AM	do	J.21.c	92°	6 Rounds

WEATHER. Clear and fine Visibility medium.

*P. J. Panfield*  
..... Lieut;  
I.C. 20th Battalion.A.I.F.



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Gas Shell return.

28.5.18.

Time.	Area	Kind	Rounds
27.5.18 10.40 a.m.	J.21.a	Green cross	5
28.5.18 3.25 a.m.	J.21.a	do	12
4.5. a.m.	J.21.c	do	4

*R. Banfield*  
 .....Lieut,  
 I.O.20th Battalion.A.I.F.



OPERATIONS. The 20th Battalion A.I.F relieved the 17th Battalion A.I.F in the Front System K.13 K.10 on the night of 28/29th May 1918. The relief was complete by 1.30 a.m.

WORKS. Nil.

ARTILLERY. 10.10 p.m. our Artillery active on K.20.c and at 10 p.m on K.20 a & c between 1 a.m and 1.30 this area was again strafed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. MACHINE GUNS. Enemy Gun at K.13.d.50.0 very active and guns on T.B of 71' 114' from J.23.d.3.3 were very active.

ENEMY PLANES. 12.17 a.m enemy plane over our lines and bombed rear areas. 12.30 one plane came over and fired about 50 rounds from his M.G on Front line. 3.45 enemy plane over Sector.

SEARCHLIGHTS. On T.B of 132' from J.23.d.3.3 a Searchlight showing at 11 p.m

FLARES. Between 1 and 2 p.m enemy fired 7 star shells on our sector.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Time	Calibre	Direction	Area shelled	Remarks.
10.20 p.m	15cm	96' T.B Fr J.23.d.3.3	J.16.d	2 Rounds
10.30 p.m	do	107' T.B do	J.22.d	2 Gas
12 a.m to 3 p.m	do	72' do	J.18.c ) J.17.d )	60 Gas
3.10 a.m	do	157' do	J.18.c	30 Gas
3.20 to 3.40 p.m	do	72' do	J.18.c	5 rounds
3.40 a.m.	do	128' do	J.17.a	8 do
3.50 a.m.	do	72' do	J.16.d	

WEATHER. Weather fine with a fair visibility.

*Reynolds*  
.....Lieut.,  
I.O.20th Battalion A.I.F.



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GAS SHELL RETURN.

29.5.1918.

Time.	Area.	Kind.	Rounds.
1.35 p.m	J.26.	Green cross	30 rounds
10.20 p.m	J.22.d	do	2 do
12 a.m. to 3 a.m	J.18.c & J.17.d	do	60 do
3.20 to 3.40 a.m.	J.18.c	do	30 do
	.....		

.....*W. Mansfield*.....Lieut,  
I.O.20th Battalion.A.I.F.



The 20th Battalion.A.I.F relieved the 17th Battalion.A.I.F on night 28/29th May 1918. in front system K.i3 and K.19 . Relief was complete 1.30.a.m. 29.5.18. The following are the dispositions :-

"A" Company Right Front.

1 Platoon in Support.				
No.1 Post	K.19.c.12.30		8	Lewis Gun
2	K.19.c.22.42	1	7	
2a	K.19.c.30.50		4	
3	K.19.c.32.55		5	
4	K.19.c.38.65		7	Lewis Gun
5	K.19.c.40.80	1	9	
6	K.19.c.52.93		7	Lewis Gun
7	K.19.c.62.93		7	Lewis Gun
8	K.19.a.45.05		5	
9	K.19.a.50.20		10	
10	K.19.a.58.38		7	
11	K.19.a.60.35	1	7	
Support platoon				
	J.24.d.80.32		11	Lewis Gun
	J.24.d.80.48		6	
Coy H'Qrs.	J.24.d.92.64	1	17	Lewis Gun
<u>Total</u>		<u>4.</u>	<u>117.</u>	<u>and 6 Lewis Guns.</u>

"B" Company left front

No.1.Post	K.19.a.70.40		5	
2	K.19.a.75.45		6	Lewis Gun
3	K.19.a.82.55		6	Lewis Gun
4	K.19.a.90.75	1	6	
5	K.19.a.92.80		8	Lewis Gun
6	K.19.a.92.88		5	
7	K.19.a.95.73		7	Lewis Gun
8	K.19.a.98.75		4	
9	K.13.c.98.05		7	Lewis Gun
10	K.13.c.98.10		7	Lewis Gun
11	K.13.c.95.22		8	
12	K.13.c.90.33		8	
13	K.13.c.92.40	1	9	Lewis Gun
14	K.13.c.88.42	1	11	
Coy H.Q.	K.13.c.82.30	1	11	
<u>Total</u>		<u>4.</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>7 Lewis Guns.</u>

"C" Company close Support.

K.19.c.95.00 to	K.19.a.20.46	1	34	Lewis Gun
	K.19.c.20.46			Lewis Gun
	K.19.c.95.00			Lewis Gun
K.19.a.20.68 to	K.13.c.20.30	1	33	
	K.19.a.20.68			Lewis Gun
	K.19.a.20.90			Lewis Gun
	K.19.c.10.30			Lewis Gun
Coy H'Qrs.	J.24.c.60.00	2	21	Lewis Gun
<u>Total</u>		<u>4.</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>7 Lewis Guns.</u>

"D" Company Reserve.

Com H'Qrs.	J.23.d.80.35	2	23	2 Lewis Gun
J.23.d.80.78 to	J.23.d.85.25	1	36	3 Lewis Guns
J.23.d.85.25	J.23.d.89.05	1	25	2
<u>Total</u>		<u>4.</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>7 Lewis Guns.</u>
Battalion H'Qrs.	J.22.d.10.30	6	68	2 Lewis Guns.
Battalion O.P	J.23.d.30.20		9	
<u>Total</u>		<u>6.</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>2 Lewis Guns.</u>

.....*Herby*.....Lieut,  
I.O.20th Battalion.A.I.F.



OPERATIONS. PATROLS. A patrol consisting of 1 Officer 19 o.rs and 2 Lewis Guns LEFT K.19.c.12.3 at 10.30 p.m. RETURNED K.19.c.12.3 at 3 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS To go out and occupy a line of Enemy old Shellholes about 100 yards in advance of RIGHT COY Front. (The shell holes are in K.19.c) and to lie and wait for Enemy parties and if possible capture a German.

CASUALTIES. Nil.

INFORMATION. Occupied 4 of the Pot holes from Right to Left. Reconnoitred the ground in front near second line of enemy wire. No enemy was met but the Pot holes show signs of recent occupation. There was no movement visible and nothing could be heard. Everything very quiet. Made gaps in wire about 40 Yds on our side of Pot holes.

No.2 Patrol consisting of L.n.c.o and 1 o.r. LEFT outpost K.19.c.62.93 10.30 p.m RETURNED outpost K.19.c.62.93 1 a.m. CASUALTIES Nil.

INFORMATION. The patrol crawled out to K.19.c.8.8 where 8 low trip wires were found running NORTH from about 30 yards NORTH of enemy post. Enemy has 2 rows of concertina wire approx. 30 yards WEST and in advance of post. An enemy wiring party of about 10 men were seen continually at the wire to NORTH FLANK. An enemy M.G. fired from approx. K.19 Central. Patrol returned at 1 a.m.

WORKS. Working parties on the Sector worked throughout the night and did work as shown on Works report.

SNIPERS. Our snipers were active during day and were successful in keeping enemy snipers under cover.

LEWIS GUNS. Our Lewis Guns were active on enemy M.G's and their fire was successful in reducing the volume of fire.

RIFLE GRENADES. A German was seen observing from Advanced post in K.19.c Our Rifle Greandiers opened fire on him with No 36 Mills bombs.

AEROPLANES. At 4.20 p.m. one of our planes patrolled enemy line At 6.20 another plane over enemy line heavily engaged by Anti air craft . At 7.10 p.m. 7 of our planes passed over enemy lines and at 7.20, 25 planes went over. and dropped 30 bombs on enemy position. This performance was repeated by 7 planes at 7.35 p.m and in each case the planes were heavily engaged by M.G fire. 4.20 a.m one plane over enemy line.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery shelled K.13.d. at 3.30 p.m and 4.30 p.m 10.20 p.m Enemy front line received attention. 10.35 p.m, K.19.d & k.13.d were shelled 2.30 a.m K.19.b.& d and K.25.b were shelled. These areas were again shelled from 3 to 3.30 and at 4 a.m K.26.a. was shelled.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. Machine Guns. Enemy Guns at K.19.c.9.2, K.19.b.2.0, K.19.b.6.7, K.19.Central and K.13.b.50.35 were active during the night on line and tracks.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. At 2 p.m 6 enemy were seen at K.19.d.2.4 at 8 p.m one man was observed at K.25.b.2.4. At 11 p.m enemy wiring party of about 10 men were seen at K.19.c.75.95. These were covered by M.G fire on NORTH FLANK . The party and Gun were engaged with grenades and Lewis Guns and afterwards cries and groans were heard. Probably some were wounded.

SNIPERS. enemy snipers were inactive.

AEROPLANES. 1.35 p.m. 2 enemy planes dropped 4 bombs on J.28.b.7.8. 8.40 p.m 9 enemy planes over our line . 2.30 a.m enemy enemy plane dropped 2 bombs on J.28.b. 5 a.m enemy plane over Sector. These planes are always engaged either by M.Guns and Anti air craft.

BALLOONS. 8.30 p.m enemy balloon up at 117' T.B from J.23.d.3.3.

FLARES Normal.

WEATHER. Bright and clear. High visibility.

*R. Danfield*  
.....Lieut,  
I.O. 20th Battalion.A.I.F.



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20TH BATTALION.A.I.F.

GAS SHELL RETURN      30.5.1918.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Kind.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>
8.10 p.m	J.16.d.	Green cross ✓	5
9.25 p.m.	do.	do ✓	3

*Ransfeld*  
.....Lieut,  
I.O.20th ~~Battalion~~.A.I.F.



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 31.5.1918.

OPERATIONS. WORKS. Working parties were engaged on forward zone and work was completed as shown on works report.

PATROLS. Nil.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery was active at the following times and on the following areas throughout the period.

5.30 p.m "Heavies" active on enemy rear defences.  
5.40 p.m 18 Pdrs on K.25.b Artillery active on K.26.d. 10.30 p.m 18 Pdrs on K.25.b & d and K.13.c. 2.40 a.m Artillery on K.12.b.& d. 4.45. on "Heavies" on K.26.c.

MORTARS. 6" Mortars fired on the following points M.G.Post at K.12.b.40.60 M.G.Post at K.19.c.95.80. Between these 2 map references and on E.T.M in K.20.a.(Cannot yet locate Mortar) Between 6 and 8 p.m 48 rounds were fired on enemy post K.19.c.95.85 and on area between K.19.c.95.85 and K.19.d.00.30.

MACHINE GUNS. Lewis Machine Guns below normal, but guns at the following points were active during the night. From line and Supports on enemy aircraft, enemy M.G's and enemy working parties.

AEROPLANES. Aeroplane activity was above normal and some battles were fought and bombs dropped. At 4.30 p.m 4 of our planes were engaged by anti air craft. 4.45 16 planes went over enemy lines and dropped bombs on K.20. 9 Planes engaged by A.A guns 5.15 p.m. 7 p.m. 5 of our planes crossed enemy lines and bombs on K.20 a & c 4.5 a.m 2 of our planes crossed enemy lines and dropped Bombs SAILLY-LAURETTE.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. TRENCH MORTARS. At 3 p.m Light Trench Motar fired 5 bombs on K.19.a.50 from K.20.b.o.4 position approx.

MACHINE GUNS. Guns at K 19.b.40.50 K.19.d.35.60 fired bursts during night. Some activity shown by Gun at K.19.b.20 K.19.b.6.7 & K.19. Central.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. Enemy working party was observed deepening a Trench running from K.25.c.60 to K.25.d.0.4 Artillery fired on them and work ceased at 3.30 p.m. At 10 p.m. enemy wiring party repairing wire at K.19.c.90.70 was dispersed by Lewis Gun. Another working party at K.19.b.85 was dispersed by Lewis gun fire at 1 a.m.

ARTILLERY.

Time.	Galibre.	Direction.	Remarks.
3.45 p.m.	10.5 cm	J.22.b.	164' T.B H.23.d.3.3 5 rounds
4	do	J.22.d.	92' do 28 do
4.5	do	J.28.b	102' do 23 do
4.10	do	J.22.d	92' do 9 do
4.30	15 cm	HEILLY	90' do 8 do
6.30	77 mm	J.28.b.& d.	132' do 20 do
6.35	10.5 cm	J.28.c	164' do 5 do
8.50	J.21.	J.21.	90' do 10 do
9.30	10.5 cm	J.16.a	107' do 30 do
11.50	do	J.29.b	72' do 14 do
12.15 a.m	15 cm	J.17.b	168' do 12 do
12.30/1.55	10.5 cm	MERICOURT	67' do 30 do
12.55	do	J.22.a	107' do 5 do
2.25	do	J.29.b	72' do 30 do
2.55/3.20	do	J.21.a & c	88' do 16 do

AEROPLANES. One enemy plane crossed our lines driven off by M.G. Fire. 11.15p.m enemy plane crossed our line and dropped a parachute flare. 4.30 a.m one enemy plane over our line.

WEATHER. Fine and bright with high visibility.

*R. G. Banfield*  
.....Lieut,  
I.O.20th Battalion.A.I.F.



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20th Battalion.A.I.F.

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Headquarters,  
31.5.1918.

REPORT ON ENEMY WIRE.

Report made from Trench Observation and previous Patrols.

"Enemy has a continuous belt of wire along our front consisting of trip wires and Barbed wire concertina.

This wire is not a formidable obstacle and could be easily destroyed and the way made passable."

.....*R. Ransfield*.....Lieut,  
I.O.20th Battalion.A.I.F.



Review of workdone by

Hon Capt S.R. Kent, SMC

Regimental Quartermaster20th Battalion A.I.FMay 1918

Salvage During the month the following was returned to 2nd Australian Divisional Salvage Coy & receipts obtained.

1-5-18	9 Empty SAA Boxes	8-5-18	63 Empty Mills Gasmask Boxes
	1 Mills Gasmask Box		29 Empty SAA Boxes
	1 Rifle Shot No. 6		3 Petrol tins
	2 Web Packs		4 Haversack Web
	2 Boxes Dummy Ammunition		1 Belt "
4-5-18	25 Web Packs		1 Steel Helmet
	19 Anti Splash Plate K.I.		8 lb Rubber
	1 Rifle Shot No. 6		1 Sack SAA
	6 Steel Helmets		1 Box Respirator Haversack
	3 Empty Sig Whi Rucks		5 Humane Lamps
	61 Shell Cases 18 PR		1 Web Pack
	2 Pns Gum Boots		1 Leather Bandolier
	30 feet 1" Rubber Hose		2 Bag SAA Clips & Cases
	7 Empty SAA Boxes		3 Brake Handles W. L. G. S
7-5-18	1 Web Pack		1 Sand Bag SAA
	10 Bottom SAA Bandolier		8 Horse Respirator Satchels
	3 Steel Helmets		2 Pairs Goggles
	1 Haversack		
	1 Water Bottle Carrier		



Salvage continued

10-5-18	5	Aerial Bombs	11-5-18	1	Bag Web Equipment
	1	Tent Complete		7	18 <sup>PR</sup> Shellcases
	2	Motor Lorry Driving Chains		11	Steel Helmet
	1	Bag SAA		4	Bayonets with Scabbard
	3	Web Packs		3	Bayonets
	1	Steel Helmet		3	Water Bottles
	1	Brass Lamp Stand		1	Pr Gum Boots
	1	Wicker Shell Carrier		3	Rifle Grenades
11-5-18	2	Steel Helmets		4	Barrels LMG
	2	18 <sup>PR</sup> Shell Cases		4	Rods Piston LMG
	1	Wire Reel		3	Web Packs
	1 1/2	Pr Gum Boots		1	Wheel Bicycle
	1	Bag SAA	11-5-18	1	Rifle Grenade
	1	Brass Cap & Diag Washers		2	Bayonets
	1	Aeroplane Oil Tank		3	Scabbards
	7	Rifle short No L & E		1	Box 4-5 Now charger
12-5-18	20	4-5 Now Shellcases		1	Tri - " - " - "
	2	Steel Helmets		15	lb Brass
	3	Bag SAA		2	Aeroplane wheels
	1	Sack SAA		1	Empty SAA Box
	1	Box Mills Grenade		1	Signal Light Box
	8	Web Packs		1	Web Belt
	3	Bayonets		1	Water Bottle Carrier
	2	Scabbards		2	Bags Nose Cap Protector
	1	Water Bottle		14	4-5 Now Shellcases
	3	Mills Grenade		1	Aeroplane axle
	1	Sack Web Equipment		3	18 <sup>PR</sup> Ammunition Boxes
	2	Gas Lamps		10	Grease tins
	1	Roll Wire Netting		31	6 <sup>th</sup> Shells
				3	6 <sup>th</sup> Shell Boxes



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Salvage continued.

14-5-18	7	Burjels Tyres	17-5-18	33	4.5 Cartridges Complete
	8	4.5 How Shell cases		33	-m -m Shellcases
	1	Web Pack		7	-m -m Carriers
	1	SAA Box		3	18 <sup>px</sup> Shells
	9	Drums Mobili Oil		2	-m Shellcases
	8	1/2 drums -m -m		2	Grenade Boxes
16-5-18	2	Sacks Equipment		4	4.5 Ammunition Boxes
	17	Rifles Short M L E	18-5-18	1	Bag SAA
	5	Bag SAA		1	Sack Equipment
	1	Box -m		2	Water Bottle.
	1	Bayonet		4	Rifle short M L E
	2	Steel Helmets		1	Bag Equipment
	7	Water Bottle		9	Rifle short M L E
	1	4.5 How Shell Case		2	Bag SAA
17-5-18	9	Rifles short M L E		1	Web Pouch
	1	German M G Belt		1	SAA Boxes.
	4	Steel Helmets		1	Steel Helmet
	1	Leather Bandolier		4	18 <sup>px</sup> Shells
	2	Pro Gun Boot		1	4.5 Shellcase
	8	Water Bottle		1	4.5 Charge tin
	2	lbs Rubber		9	Grenade Boxes
	2	Empty SAA Boxes		2	Boxes Mills Grenades
	1	h Lens	21-5-18	7	Rifles short M L E
	3	Acas Pich		4	Bag SAA
	1	h Legging		2	Sacks Equipment
	1	h Truss leather		4	Steel Helmets.
	1	Camp Kettle lid		10	lb Zinc
	1	Sack fine tin		1	Sack Saddlery
	2	Sacks Equipment	2	191	18 <sup>px</sup> Shellcases
	1	Bag SAA		16	18 <sup>px</sup> Shells
	1	Hurricane Lamp		3	Grenade Boxes
				1	Aerial Bomb.



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Salvage continued

24-5-18	3	18 <sup>th</sup> Shellcases	28-5-18	190	4.5 Now Shellcases
	4	4.5 Now Shellcases		2	4.5 Shells.
	4	Grenade Boxes		48	18 <sup>th</sup> Shellcases
	2	Boxes Percussion Caps		20	18 <sup>th</sup> Shells
	11	Rifles short M.L.E		12	Empty SAA Boxes
	4	Sacks Wet Equipment		2	Rifles short M.L.E
	3	Bag SAA		2	Steel Helmet
	2	Mini Reels		1	Haversack
	2	Entrenching Tools		2	Scabbards.
	3	Bayonets		2	Ent Tool Helms.
	3	Steel Helmets		1	Filter Water can
	3	Water Bottle	29-5-18	1	Empty SAA Box
	6	Grease Drums		1	Rifle short M.L.E
	1	Empty SAA Boxes		6	Bayonets
25-5-18	295	4.5 Shellcases		5	Scabbards
	2	18 <sup>th</sup> Shellcases		1	Shovel
	8	Bag Cartridges 4.5 Now Charges		1	Pick
	1	Bag Noxalite		1	Bag SAA
26-5-18	5	Rifle Short M.L.E		1	Sack Wet Equipment
	11	Spades		1	German Steel Helmet.
	1	Sack Wet Equipment	30-5-18	4	Rifles
	1	German Flare Pistol		3	SAA Boxes
	1	Empty Mini Reel		2	Mini Reels
	1	Pick		1	Grinding Stone
	5	Water Bottle		1	Sack Wet Equipment
	1	Bag SAA		2	Picks
	6	Bayonets + Scabbards		1	Anti Gas Fan
27-5-18	1	Sack Wet Equipment		3	Bag SAA
	3	Rifle short M.L.E		12	Water Bottle
	2	Bag SAA		2	Kit Bags
	1	Steel Helmet		3	Grenade Boxes
				2	4.5 Shell Cases.
				1	Anti Tank Shell
				2	French Grenades.



Baths While in Reserve position of forward area the baths were freely used by the men. Clean underclothing was drawn from 2nd Aust Divisional Clothing Store + dirty clothing returned. During the month the following surplus serviceable underclothing + woollen articles were returned to the baths + receipts obtained.

4-5-18	59 Pn Sox	11-5-18	12 Shirts	20-5-18	4 Shirts
	14 Cap comforters		3 Singlet		7 Towels
	5 Cardigans		4 Pn Sox		27 Pn Sox
	4 Abdominal Belts		3 Cardigans		4 Cardigans
	7 Singlets		1 h Drawers		5 Mufflers
	13 Shirts	12-5-18	30 Shirts	23-5-18	160 Pn Sox
	12 Drawers		65 Pn Sox	28-5-18	146 Shirts
8-5-18	29 Shirts		31 h Drawers		7 Singlet
	9 Singlet		18 Singlet		110 Drawers
	34 Pn Sox		9 Towels hand		129 Pn Sox
	5 Cardigan		7 Cardigan	30-5-18	28 Shirts
	7 Cap comforter.		9 Mufflers		30 Pn Drawers
	17 Shirts		2 Abdominal Belts		15 Singlet
	11 Drawers	13/5/18	38 Shirts		76 Pn Sox
	9 Singlet		25 Pn Drawers		10 Mufflers
	3 Towels hand		12 Singlet		7 Cardigan
	3 Muffler		3 Muffler		5 Towels
	10 Pn Sox		5 Cardigan		
10-5-18	4 Towels hand	16-5-18	63 Pn Sox		
	4 Drawers	17-5-18	12 Shirts		
	3 Singlet		6 Singlet		
	4 Shirts		8 Drawers		
	3 Cardigan		44 Pn Sox		
	15 Pn Sox		8 Towels		
	1 Abdominal Belt.		8 Abdominal Belts		
			12 Mufflers		



Paper, board and Jam cartons.

The following were returned to 15<sup>th</sup> A.S. Coy during the month

	<u>Paper</u>	<u>board.</u>	<u>Jam cartons,</u>
4-5-18	16 <sup>lb</sup>	23 <sup>lb</sup>	34
6-5-18	-	-	17
7-5-18	-	-	25
8-5-18	13 "	22 "	39
10-5-18	-	-	116
11-5-18	-	-	40
13-5-18	-	32 "	69
14-5-18	22 "	-	-
16-5-18	-	30	130
18-5-18	62 "	-	90
20-5-18	80 "	21	-
23-5-18	25 "	55	96
25-5-18	48 "	-	-
26-5-18	23 "	-	70
27-5-18	30	-	90
30-5-18	23	29 "	110
31-5-18	-	-	300
Totals	342 <sup>lb</sup>	212 <sup>lb</sup>	1,226

Empty Returns During the month the following empties were returned 15<sup>th</sup> A.S. Coy.

199 Bread Sacks  
 300 Out - in  
 59 Sugar Bags  
 24 Oil Drums  
 152 Rum Jars  
 12 Rum Kegs  
 14 Rum Cases  
 45 Jam Cases  
 3 Vegetable Baskets  
 4 Salt Bags

The 15<sup>th</sup> A.S. Coy reports to Base A Co. show a credit balance of all the above articles for the month of May.



Comforts During the months, several lots of comforts were received & issued to the men. 21 Cases Milk, 180 lbs Soda, & 42 Shirts were received from 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion Comforts Committee of Sydney Australia... We also received from Australian Comforts Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Divisional Branch 15 Cases Cocoa & Milk, 2 c/s Biscuits, 2 cases Cigarettes, 1 c/s Tobacco & 1 case of Mixing & 8 packets of reading material.

Special stores purchased through Mess Anthony Hardern & Sons, <sup>London</sup> such as Cocoa Milk & Tommy Cooker Refills were received in two consignments a total of 5 c/s = 200 lbs Cocoa Milk 2 c/s = 200 Tommy Cooker Refills.

Two lots of matches were received from 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Y.M.C.A. These were very much appreciated by the men & the issue ran out 1 box per man on two occasions.

Approximately 900 Francs were spent out of Regimental Trust Funds for the purchase of supplies for the men. The chief items were Cornmeal, Custard Powder, Herbs, Curry Powder, Matches & Potatoes.

Rations The supply of rations for the month <sup>was</sup> very satisfactory. French rations were indented for and received throughout the month.

Bread An issue of two loaves to five men was maintained throughout the month. The percentage of broken bread was low.

Meat Regular supplies of fresh meat were received, approximately 9 lbs per man.



Vegetable Potatoes, Onions, Lettuce Leeks & Cabbage were on issue & the supplies were very satisfactory.

Cooking The Battalion being in the forward area during the whole of the month it was therefore impossible to give the men roasts.

Stews & Rissols were the principal dishes.

Meats were cooked behind the line & carried to Bn H.Q. by Kitchen Littermen, thus enabling the men to have hot meals. Tea was carried up in Petrol tins packed in straw. This system proved very satisfactory.

Fat

435 lb fat was returned to 15<sup>th</sup> A.A. Coy. Large quantities were used in cooking Rissols & making French cookers, which was used for heating up food.

Horse Fodder, During the early part of the month, the supply of oats were very unsatisfactory in regard to weights, An improvement was noticed towards the latter end of the month.

Hay was quite satisfactory - clover patches were allotted to Brigade for grazing purposes, thus enabling green feed to be mixed with the hay.

Regimental Shoemakers. One Shoemaker was attached to the nucleus Battalion when a large number of repairs were executed. Two other Shoemakers with Battalion were not kept so busy as the past owing to the men being in the trenches.



Regimental Tailors - Very little repair work was done with Battalions, but the tailor attached to Nuclear Battalion was kept busy the whole time.

D.A.D.O.S. The usual weekly supplies of Soak Dabbing, Rifle Oil & Flannellette were received & issued. The demands for clothing were very light as very little refitting was done during the month. Four new Lewis Guns were received making a total Establishment of 28 guns per Battalion. Ordnance stores were delivered daily per Motor Lorry to Battalions & No Store in forward area. D.A.D.O.S. visited Quartermasters on two occasions.

Captured Trophies One German Machine Gun complete with Feed Block, Fusse Spring, & Bipod - Two German Machine Belt Boxes & one Ammunition Belt were packed & delivered under seal to 2nd Australian Divisional D.A.D.O.S.

The following articles were handed to Australian War Museum -

- 2 German Flare Pistol
- 1 Magazine of German Automatic Pistol
- 2 German Rifles
- 1 Oil Pump from German Battle Plane.
- 1 German Ammunition Box.
- 1 German - on Belt with Cartridge
- 1 German Machine Gun Spare Parts Bag with spare parts.
  - { 2 Leaks, 2 Barrels, 2 Spanners.
  - { 1 Fusse Spring, 1 lb Springs
  - { 1 Pullthrough, 1 Oil Bin, 1 screw driver & screw bits.
- 1 German Shell Case
- 1 German Machine Gun Stand



Battalion Dump: When Battalion moved up to forward area a dump was established in rear. All packs & Blankets were stored. The Fodder Furnigator was in attendance & all blankets were treated.

*[Signature]*

Capt. J. M.

20th Australian Inftry Bn



## War Diary for May 1918

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On 1<sup>st</sup> May 1918 The weather was very dull & light. Showers fell during the day. The Battalion were relieved in the Line on night of 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>2</sub> May & Billeted at Warley for the night. The necessary Wagons etc for bringing back Machine Guns & other Gear were supplied, & the Change over completed without any trouble, On 2.5.18 the whole Battalion including Transport Sect, moved. The former to Freshencourt about ten Kilometres & the latter to Montigny about Eight Kilometres. The weather was perfect & with the roads in a very fair condition, the journey was completed in a short time, under such satisfactory conditions. On arriving at our destination on the outskirts of Montigny, a certain amount of trouble was caused, owing to the fact that another unit had occupied our Horse Lines, however after a time, another suitable standing was located & we settled down for the night, On 3.5.18 the weather conditions were fine. The new camp was put in order & Horse Lines etc erected. In the afternoon Personnel of R.M. Transport Sect were paid. On 4.5.18 the weather continued to be fine nothing of any note happened. In the afternoon orders were received that Battalion & Transport would move to Cardonette, seven Kilometres distance. So an early start was made on 5.5.18, suitable Transport Lines were secured. Cents were erected for some men, others were billeted in part of deserted house most of the Horses were under cover, during the afternoon heavy showers fell. On 6.5.18 the weather was fine & bright, the usual arranging of new camp was proceeded with, nothing of any note happened. On 7.5.18 the weather changed again & heavy rain fell during the day. Orders were received in the afternoon to stand by ready to move at 20 minutes notice, On 8.5.18 nothing unusual happened. On 9.5.18 an early move was made to a new camp about 5 Kilometres distance. A very suitable Transport Line was erected in a forest on the outskirts of Freshencourt. But about 9pm that night orders were received that another move had to be made on the following day 10.5.18, but destination was only a short distance of two Kilometres to another forest. Our stay here however, was a short one, for after moving Battalion into Supports that night, another move was ordered for the following morning 11.5.18. All four Transports had to be Brigaded in forest near Pont Neuf. We were in our new camp by midday, & commenced erecting Horse Lines etc. this time with better results for the Section remained in this camp for the next 21 days while the Battalion were in the Line & Supports. During the Battalion's tour in the Line. Patients were delivered to them daily. The roads were in a very fair condition. But the Enemy's heavy shell fire often necessitated the Transport of Patients being left until late at night. Even then





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There were several casualties amongst the Horses, four being expunged during our stay in the present Camp. The Horses were grazed for several hours daily. This made a marked improvement in their Condition. Even though the demand for Transport during the month was fairly heavy.

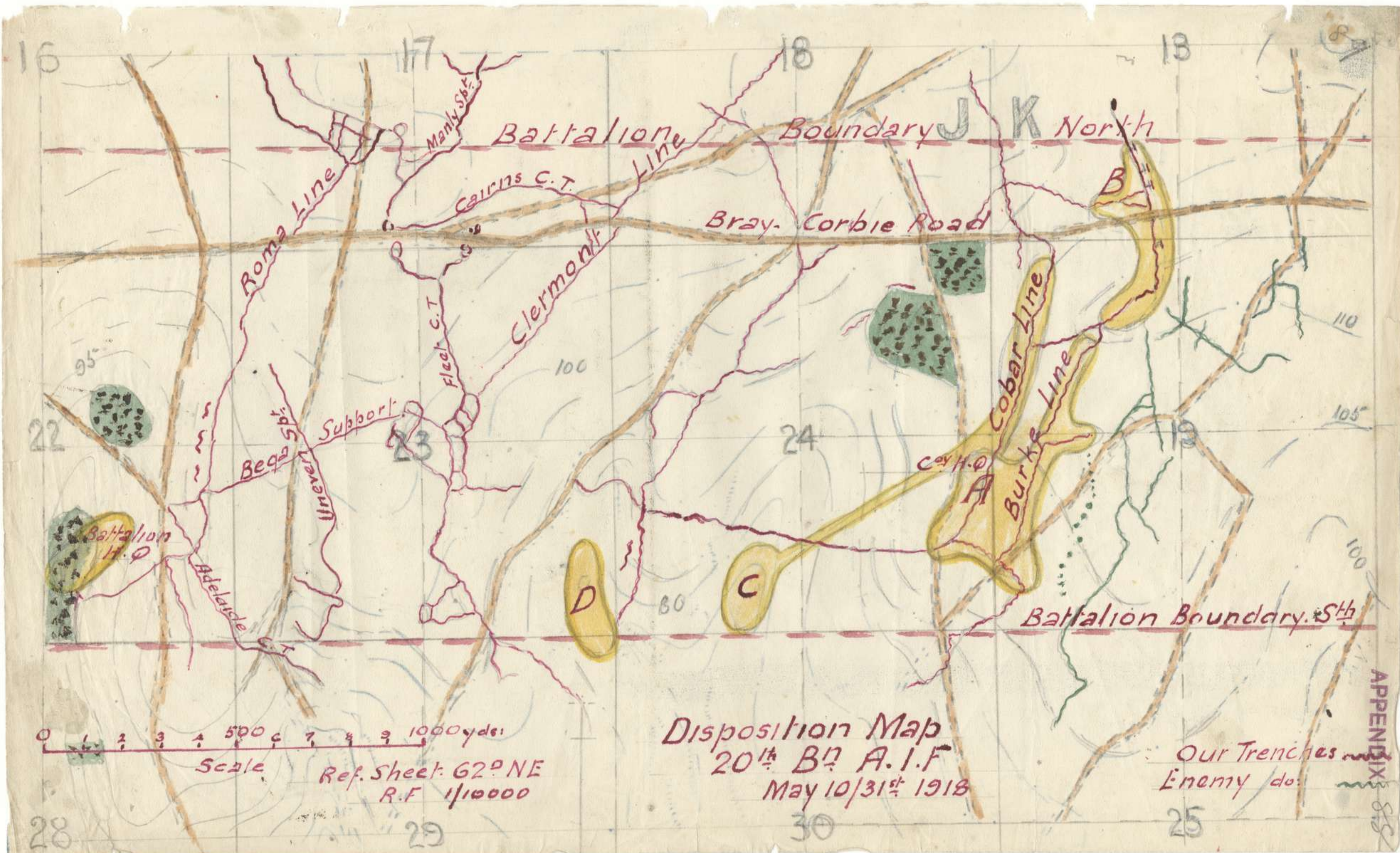
Requisitions for Mule Equipment etc were exceptionally light for the month, owing to such good weather conditions my felle Mule Packs etc were covered out. Advantage was taken of our few weeks stay in the one Camp, to fit men out with new clothing, Boots etc.

9th Battalion Transport Coy

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Disposition Map  
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Our Trenches  
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- 1.5.18. Battalion inline north of ALBERT? near BOUZINCOURT. The excavation in hillside for the R.A.P. has been completed and now is ready for timbering and roofing. The front was fairly quiet during the day and no casualties occurred. In the evening, about dusk, the R.M.O. of the 23rd. Battn. London Regiment relieved me. The battn. moved back to WARLOY. No casualties during relief. At 11.30 a.m. next morning the battalion moved out of WARLOY and marched to FRECHENCOURT. Sick parade held at 6 p.m. and a foot parade run through. The men have been billeted in the usual barns. One billet which had especially dirty surroundings was condemned next day. Latrine accommodation poor except for two large public latrines. Town Major unable to give any assistance in supplying any latrine seats. Water supply O.K. The men were bathed whilst here and had a clean change of clothing.
- 4.5.18. On sick parade a few cases of P.U.O. were seen.
- 5.5.18. Battalion marched out of village at 8.30 a.m. moving to CARDONNETTE. A large number of men fell out of the column during the march, complaining of Influenzal symptoms. Practically all of these came from 'C' Coy. One of the platoons of the Coy. occupied the billet which had been condemned in FRECHENCOURT. This billet had a large moist, sodden heap in its courtyard. A rain storm caused it to overflow and the surroundings of the billet became mucky. CARDONNETTE is a dirty village. The weather becomes increasingly warmer. Open latrines largely in use. Urinals put down and latrine seats indented for and materials for building an incinerator. All billets were cleaned out and fresh straw put down. P.U.O. cases increasing in numbers and though majority came from 'C' Coy., odd ones also came from the other Coys. Sick parade held twice daily. Murgling parades held. 'C' Coy. removed from village and isolated in tents in a wood. A small Battalion Rest Hut established for mild cases of P.U.O. All severe cases of P.U.O. were evacuated at once.
- 9.5.18. At 9.30 a.m. Battalion marched out of CARDONNETTE and billeted in a tent camp between QUERIEN and LEHOUSOYE? on the left side of the AMIENS - ALBERT ROAD. Weather remaining warm and fine. 'A' Coy. were bathed at QUERIEN and obtained clean clothes. P.U.O. cases still prevalent
- 10.5.18. A hot day. A lot of the men bathed in the canals during the day. At 7.45 p.m. the battalion marched through LE HOUSOYE and BONNAY to the reserve Battalion, Position in a gully about 600 yards north of VAUX-sur-SOMME. On approaching the gully the H.Q. Coy. walked into a short sharp barrage of whiz-bang H.E. and shrapnel. One casualty was received. R.A.P. which was built into the bank and was splintered proof was taken over from the R.M.O. of the outgoing battalion. Some gas was hanging about the gully.
- 11.5.18. Evacuations of P.U.O. still going on in fair numbers each day. 50 odd cases were sent away during the fortnight. We relieved the 33rd. Battn. which had recently attacked and advanced the line with other battalions of the brigade some 850 yards and taken 300 prisoners. Their own casualties were slight.



- 14.5.18. After lunch the gully was shelled heavily with 4.2 instantaneous fuse and 5.9.shells, causing casualties of which several were severely wounded. No fractured bones. The dressing of the wounded was temporarily suspended owing to attention having to be given to repelling the trench store goat which was suffering from shell shock and had invaded the R.A.P.
- 15.5.18. Fourteen cases of P.U.O. were evacuated and the battalion moved forward to occupy the front trenches in the evening relieving the 17th. Battalion. Box seat latrine accommodation was ample at the reserve battalion position. H.Q.Coy.had their rations cooked in the gully but the other Coys.had their food brought up at night in food containers. Water for battalion brought up from transport lines. Additional supplies were brought from VAUX-sur-SOMME and chlorinated at R.A.P. Forward RA.P. taken over from the 17th. Battn. situated alongside 29th. Battn.R.A.P. and in the same gully as the 20th. Battn.H.Q. Large dugouts under construction here. Dimensions of R.A.P. about 12ft.by 10 ft.Room for about four stretcher cases. During the next few days a few cases of P.U.O. were sent away but company commanders say their men are feeling well and there is less sickness. A few casualties occurred during the six days we spent here. All water is brought up from transport lines. Fifteen latrine seats were put in position in the forward companies. The outbreak of Influenza has subsided and men are in good nick and the moral is excellent.
- 22.5.18. In the evening, the battalion moved back to reserve position again being relieved by the 17th. Battn. Relief completed without any casualties. Early next morning we had five men wounded and one killed by a bomb which dropped in the gully. There are very few sick men now. during the next few days arrangements were made for a bathing allotment at the HELLY BATHS and two companies were bathed there at night. The rest of the battn.were bathed at VAUX-sur-SOMME in improvised baths and clean changes of clothing for them by the Battn. Quartermaster Men with suspicious rashes were collected from the local baths and given sulphur treatment for a couple of days, with hot baths. About five cases of suspicious rashes only were observed and treated. Whilst in this reserve position, one cooker was brought up and placed in a recess in the bank of the gully, cooking for the two coys. which went forward working each night. Arrangements were made at Transport Lines for accommodation for convalescent cases from Field Ambulance and mild sick cases from the Battn.
- 28.5.18. In the evening the battalion moved forward again to the front line and relieved the 17th. Battn. The front appears much quieter than when we first came in. Casualties for three days being two slightly wounded cases.
- 31.5.18. Fine weather prevailing and men in good condition.

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