

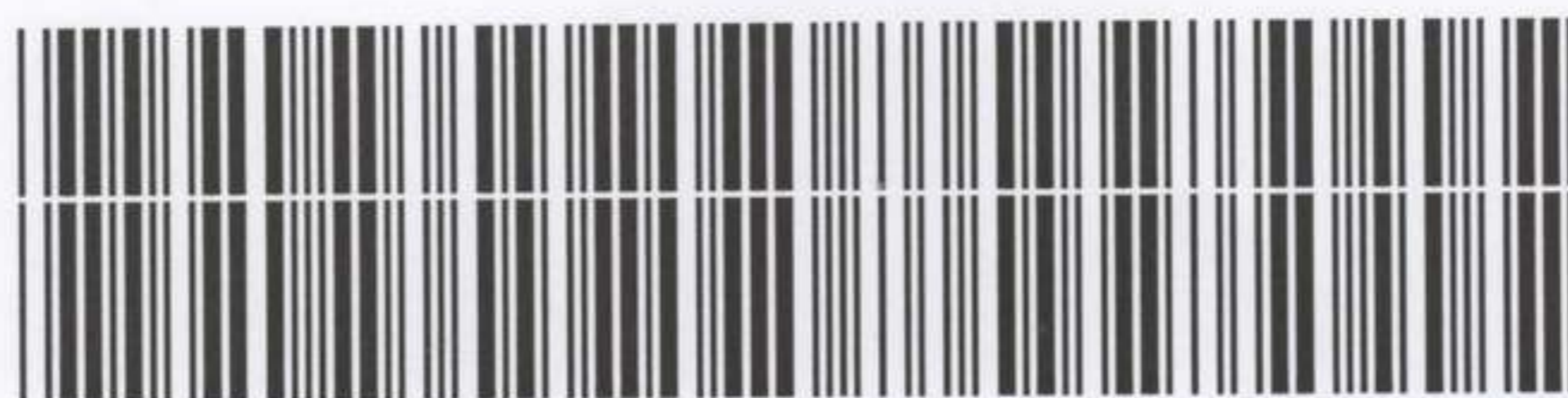
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Place	Date	STRENGTH Hour Offs	D.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
Reserve Area Bde. front	1st	45	865	<p>Advice received that Battalion would be relieved by 4th Pioneer Bn instead of a battalion from 12th A.I. Bde. Early in afternoon a message received from Bde regarding enemy tanks and all concerned warned.</p> <p>Q.M. Stone and Rear Bn Hd. moved to GLISY during the day and the Transport Section to the vicinity of HAMOTTE where they took over transport lines.</p> <p>The Bn was relieved during night by 4th Pioneer Bn. (Bn Order No 135 - append 2) Relief was not completed till 2 a.m. 2nd inst. The night was favourable for relieving and no heavy enemy shelling was encountered by any of the units during the march out except H.Q. Details who were caught in an enemy barrage, composed largely of gas shells, but by prompt adjustment of red finators and good control by leaders no casualties resulted. The whole Bn was in positions laid down in Bn Order 136 (appendix 3) by 5 a.m. (2nd inst) and awaited relief in accordance with instructions received and issued (appendix 4) W.</p>	<p>35 O.R.s were taken on strength in error on 31/5/18.</p> <p>2 O.R.s evacuated sick.</p>	<p>appendix 1</p> <p>appendix 2</p> <p>appendix 3</p>

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AUBIGNY Reserve line	2nd.	45	861	<p>At 5.30 a.m. shortly after "C" &amp; "D" Coys had settled down in their positions enemy placed heavy barrage of gas shells in vicinity of posts occupied, which lasted for about half an hour. Three casualties resulted, two of whom subsequently died, the third being W.D. Bickerton. Relief by 45th Battalion commenced at 7.30 a.m. and was completed by 10 a.m. The march to GLISY was well carried out. M.D. Details arrived at new area about 9 a.m. "A" &amp; "B" Coys about 10 a.m. and "C" &amp; "D" Coys at noon. A hot meal was again given units at midday. During the afternoon the troops rested. Lt Colonel J.W. Clark D.S.O. V.D. arrived at Ben Hk during afternoon and visited boys.</p>	<p>3 O. Rhos wounded 1 O. Rh was sick</p>	
GLISY Area	3rd.			<p>Advice received that 3rd and 4th June would be devoted to resting the troops, a general clean up, inspections and reorganisation. All units carried on with cleaning up in preparation for inspection by C.O. on following day</p>		

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GLISY Area	3rd (contd)	45 859	<p>Conferences of Adjutants and A. M's were held at Bde HQ during morning and the Bde Commander met C.O's in conference. At all conferences a general discussion took place regarding the training to be carried out during the period the Bde was out; the reconnaissance of areas the Bde would be likely to work through in case of an enemy attack on the Corps front, and the re-equipping and general comfort of the personnel. During the afternoon a reconnaissance of the BLANGY SYSTEM, into which the Bn would move in the first instance, in event of attack was made.</p> <p>Swimming parades were held by Coys in lagoon near their positions.</p> <p>Enemy shelling against large trench gun located near "A" and "B" Coys was practically continuous throughout the day but caused no casualties.</p> <p>A pay was issued to the boys - the first since March 15th 1918.</p>	2 O. Rho evac sick	

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Place	Date	Hour	STRENGTH I.F.S. O.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY Area.	4th	45	854	<p>The C.O. carried out a general inspection of the Battalion. "A" &amp; "B" Coys were inspected in the morning, "C" Coy, "D" Coy and H.Q. Details in the afternoon. On the whole the turn out was very good considering the length of time the Battalion had been in the forward area. Within a few days the whole turn out should be brought up to the usual high standard. The Q.M. is receiving very fair supplies of clothing and equipment to replace that worn out. Equipment is being scrubbed and endeavours being made to obtain khaki blankets for same.</p> <p>After inspections completed the C.O. made a recon. of some of country in vicinity of VILLERS-BRET-ONNEUX, particularly with reference to possible Assembly Places and routes Bn may have to use.</p> <p>The Bn Intelligence Officer attended a conference of I.O.s at 5th Div H.Q. discussing the methods of maintaining Bn Intelligence personnel.</p>	<p>A.I.F. Honours list No 340 show:- Awarded Military Cross Lieut Stanley Clarence BUTLER 30th Bn. Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal 233 Sgt (now 2nd Lt) S. R. MURDOCK. Mentioned in Despatch Lieut T.S.C. HORGAN 624 Sgt H. H. COX.</p> <p>3. O.A. ever sick</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4</p>

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GLISY Area.	5th	45	861	<p>Commencement made with training as per attached syllabus. (appendix 5). Major J. Pilton <del>was</del> assumed duties of Training officer.</p> <p>After completion of afternoon parade 50% Coy officers and NCOs made a reconnaissance of positions for schemes "X", "Y" and "Z" and routes to them in accordance with para. 5 of Defence Scheme (appendix 6).</p> <p>The CO and Major Pilton attended a conference at Divisional HQs at 2.30 pm. to discuss general questions and lessons learnt during recent tour of duty in the line. The great amount of work done by the Division whilst in the line was commented on, also the splendid health of the personnel of the Division as evidenced by the low number of evacuations.</p> <p>A meeting of Battalion sports representatives was held at Bele HQ and it was decided that each Battalion held a swimming carnival after which the Brigade held a Championship Meeting.</p>	1 O.R. see A.I.B.D.	appendix 5.
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Place	Date	STRENGTH Offs O.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY Area	6th	45 859	<p>Training as per attached syllabus laid down for the day, but the afternoon syllabus for 'C' and 'D' Coy was not carried out owing to those two Coys being inoculated as a precaution against Paratyphoid.</p> <p>During the morning the Divisional and Brigade Commanders paid a visit to the Battalion S.H. and inspected the Q.M. store and S.H. details. The Divisional Commander personally congratulated the personnel he came in contact with for their good work during last tour in the line, and expressed himself very pleased with the Administrative branch of the Battalion.</p> <p>In the afternoon the C.O. inspected the Transport Section who made a splendid turn-out. It has been seldom if ever that the Transport equalled the turnout this afternoon.</p> <p>After inoculation the troops are given a 48 hour rest to recover from the effects. The balance of Coy Officers and N.C.O.'s completed the reconnaissance of assembly positions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SW</p>	2 O.R. was sick	Appendix I

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Place	Date	STRENGTH Hour Offs OR	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY Area	7th	45 856	<p>A and B boys and remainder of A.G. Details were inoculated in the morning and returned to their camp to rest. The boys who were inoculated yesterday also rested; a good percentage of these felt the effects rather severely.</p> <p>Enemy aircraft were very active flying high over this area throughout the day. At night a fair amount of bombing took place in the area but none landed in close vicinity to any positions occupied by units of the Bn.</p> <p>Enemy shelling considerably decreased, due no doubt to the fact that the large gun moved during the night.</p>	3 O.A. ever sick	
do	8th		<p>Notice was received that the Brigade would be relieving the Right Side of Sand Aust Division in about a week's time. The CO. went forward in a motor to reconnoitre the forward area on this front</p>		

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Place	Date	STRENGTH Hour Offs	D.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks.	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY Area.	8th (contd)	45	966	<p>After reaching Bde HQs he was advised that preparations were being made for an operation and learnt that the front the Bn would take over would in a week's time would not be the present line held. In view of this fact a further reconnaissance of the area was not carried out. No work was carried out by units owing to inoculation.</p> <p>Spiclight officers made a tour of the Bn area and selected suitable spots for Bombing, h. gun and Rifle Ranges.</p> <p>A reconnaissance of the country between GLISY-LAMOTTE was made with a view to selecting a suitable spot for <del>hiding</del> bivouacking a Battalion of the Bde if it is proposed to move forward into this area.</p>	<p>12 O. Rhs A.I.B.D 2 O. Rhs evacuated</p>	

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Place	Date	STRENGTH Hour	O.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY Area	9th	45	865	<p>a battalion church parade was held in the morning.</p> <p>Washing order increased and issued to legs. (appendix 8)</p> <p>A fair number of men are still suffering from the effects of inoculation.</p> <p>No training was carried out after Church Parade.</p>	1 O.R. was sick	appendix 8.
do	10th	44	865	<p>Training as per attached syllabus (appendix 9) was interfered with owing to rain, especially during the morning when lectures were given by platoon commanders and specialist officers to the men under cover.</p> <p>During the afternoon a supply of clean underwear and socks were drawn from PW baths and held in readiness till weather cleared to allow of bathing parades being held and the clean clothing issued.</p> <p>Under instructions received from Cole by platoon commanders and 50% of leg officers and NCO made a reconnaissance of CACHY-GENTELLES area.</p>	1 Officer seconded	appendix 9  appendix 10

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Place	Date	STRENGTH Hour Offs O.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY Area	10th (contd)		during the afternoon Addenda to Bn Provisional Defence Scheme issued. (appendix 11)	KW	Appendix 11.
do.	11th	44 <del>875</del>	Training as per syllabus attached (Appendix 12) was carried out. Training was carried out during the morning and in the afternoon a Bn Aquatic Carnival was carried out in the Somme Canal near GLISY. The whole Battalion and a large number of visitors were present and a very successful and entertaining afternoon's sport was carried out. The Brigade Band was in attendance. In the evening a Regimental Dinner was held to which all officers who had done duty with the Bn were invited, also the Brigadier and his staff and the CO's and Adjutants of other Bns of the Brigade. A very pleasant evening was spent and the reunion of many officers who spent their first 12 months in its cabin days evoked a splendid spirit of comradeship and evidenced the fact that officers of the Bn are now well scattered.	10 O.Rs ex A.I.B.D.	Appendix 12.

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Place	Date	STRENGTH Hour Offs O.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY Area	12th	44 872	<p>Training in accordance with syllabus (append 13) carried out. Bathing parades were also carried out during the day and men were issued with a clean change of clothing.</p> <p>Warning Order of Bn relief on night 14/15th inst issued. Bn relieved (Appendix 14)</p> <p>A Swimming Carnival was held by Brigade at the Baths, RIVERS in the afternoon. representatives of all units of the B'de competed and about 60 members of the Bn journeyed in motor lorries to witness the carnival. A competition table in which points were given for all championships was conducted and the Battalion was successful in winning the championship with 14 points, the 29th Bn being 2nd with 10 1/2 points. The C.O. and 2nd I/C acted as judges at the carnival. The 220 yds, 880 yds and Officers Team Race were won by this unit; 2nd place was obtained in officers championship and 3rd place in 100 yds Championship, Relay Race and 880 yds Championship.</p>	3 O.R.s were sick	Appendix 13

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Place	Date	STRENGTH Hour D.H.S.	GTH O.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY Area	13th	44	864	<p>The Battalion carried out a practice attack during the morning under supervision of Major Street. Owing to a suitable area in the vicinity not being available the practice was carried out by two Coys at a time. Lewis gunners, Rifle Grenadiers and Signallers carried their full complement of ammunition and stores, and signalling by Lucas lamp and ground sheet was carried out. Altogether a very useful morning was spent. In the afternoon the Box Respirators of all members were tested in test gas by the Brigade Gas Officer. The C.O. and Adjutant went to the forward area and made a reconnaissance of the positions to be taken over by the Bn on night 14/15th inst. All blankets were taken by Bn transport to the Toden to be fumigated during the morning, and in the afternoon packs and blankets were taken to the Red Pack store in RIVERY where they will be stored whilst Red is in the line. The Battalion Nucleus of 8 Officers and 92 O.P.s marched out en route for PERNOIS at 6 P.M.; they halted for the night at training camp near VAUX-en-AMIENOIS.</p>	8 O.P.s were sick	

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G 4154 Area	13th (contd)			<p>An Advance Party of 10 Officers and 9 B. Ranks from each Coy proceeded to forward area by motor transport as far as HEILLY and then moved to the area occupied by Bn.</p> <p>The C.O. held a conference of Coy Commanders and had a general talk regarding the relief and sector to be held.</p> <p>During the evening the C.O. received notice that he would attend the Brigadier's staff till the B.C. returned from Division and as Major Staff had been selected to attend the West Coast Senior Officers School on 16th inst Major P. Charlton M.C. was detailed back as C.O. till the return of Lt Colonel J.W. Clark.</p>		
Left Sector Brigade front MORLAN COURT AREA.	14th	44	955	<p>The Battalion relieved 25th A.I. Bn and one Coy of 25th A.I. Bn in the line during night 14/15 inst (Bn Order No 136 - appendix 14). The move and relief were carried out without hitch though during the latter part of the relief a road was carried out by the Brigade on left which caused a fair amount of hot shelling in this sector and resulted in three casualties. The Bn Transport and A.M.</p>	<p>2 O.Rs K.I.A. 3 " Wounded 2 " sick</p>	<p>appendix 14.</p>

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Left Sector Bole Front MORLANCOURT AREA.	14th (contd)		<p>Store moved to BOIS MADAME in I.A. and the Raiding Party in training of 2 Officers and 60 O.Rs also established themselves in the wood. A hot meal was served to the troops whilst in the BONNAY LINE at 7 p.m. and the cooks then returned to Q.M. Store.</p> <p>The relieving British GHIST Area - 17th Bn A.F.F. did not arrive till after Bn had embussed, but a rear party left in the area landed over bullets and areas occupied by the unit Advance party of incoming Bn at midday.</p> <p>Major F. Street acted as Embussing Officer for the Bn and Capt A.C. White M.C. (Bole Staff) as Debussing Officer.</p>	<p>Remarks</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p>
do.	15th	44 970	<p>The dispositions of Battalion shown in attached map (appendix 15). The system of trenches occupied is an old enemy network and the present front line was the enemy support line. The trenches are in a very</p>	<p>15 O.Rs ex A.I.B.D.</p>	<p>appendix 15.</p>

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Left Sector Bd Front MORLANCOURT (contd) Area	15th			<p>foot state and exceedingly narrow, varying in depth from 2 to 8 feet. No attempt had been made by the enemy to reveal, though he had commenced sinking deep dugouts. As the unit relieved by the Bn had only captured the ground a few days before the defences had not been organized and the ground and trenches cleared of debris. Numerous enemy dead were still unburied and gave a very offensive smell; latrines and urinals were overflowing, and the sanitary conditions of the area were in a very bad state.</p> <p>Practically no wire was out in front. No trace was found to be undulating and covered with high crops which afforded excellent cover to forward enemy posts, and rendered patrolling a risky venture. The enemy's main line in course of construction is about 1000 yds from our line, but several Strong Points and numerous Machine Gun Posts have been pushed out by enemy.</p> <p>Our line is on the forward slope of a ridge but this overlooked by a higher ridge behind enemy line in vicinity of MORLANCOURT.</p>		

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Left Sector Bde front MORHAN COURT AREA	15th (contd)			<p>Hot food is only sent up once daily during the few hours of darkness but 2 meals are cooked and "Tommy Cakes" have been issued which will enable the tea and cooked food to be reheated for the morning meal.</p> <p>Our artillery was active during the day and night.</p> <p>Two fighting patrols each of 1 officer and 12 o.s. who patrolled Bde front before dawn and found N.M.L. quiet. Listening Posts were put out immediately relief was completed.</p> <p>Enemy artillery quiet except for retaliation to raid by Bde on left at 12-30 a.m.</p> <p>Medium Minenwerfers and Progons were fired on our forward line. Enemy attitude generally very quiet.</p>		
do	16th	44	869	<p>Notice was received that units will be prepared to raid selected points in enemy line at short notice, and Lt Bragg and party of 12 o.s. from Rading Party proceeded to Forward Area for reconnaissance purposes, and at night patrolled the enemy front. Our artillery was not very active during the day.</p>	1 o.s. was sick.	

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Left Sector 16th Front MORLANCOURT AREA.	16th (contd)		<p>but active during the night. Our patrols were active during the night and came under direct m. gun fire from enemy posts on several occasions. A small patrol was well forward in N.M.L. in the early hours of the morning opened fire on a Minenwerfer crew in the act of fixing their mortar and inflicted 6 casualties and captured two prisoners of the 6th Coy, 449th I. Regt, 233rd Div. Hostile artillery was inactive. front line and C.T.s were lightly shelled at night. Enemy m. guns active at night.</p> <p>but planes were active throughout day and night. Parties carried hot food and wine and pickets to front line from B.M.L. Wiping party of 1 officer &amp; 11 other erected 30 yds <sup>double</sup> apron wire. All other available personnel employed on deepening front line trench, making five step and improving trenches generally. A party was employed burying enemy dead during night.</p>		

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Left Sector Side Front MORLAN COURT AREA	17th	44 861	<p>A gas projector attack <sup>enemy line opposite</sup> on Side front at 11:30pm as per Order NO 137 (Appendix 15) was successfully carried out. But artillery was again quiet during the day but active at night. But French mortars and M. guns were active, and all shoots brought enemy retaliation with Medium and Heavy Minenwerfers which failed to do any damage. Our snipers were active during day and killed one enemy for certain.</p> <p>Our patrols were active during night, and working well over towards enemy lines were fired on several times by machine guns and covering parties for working parties which were seen and heard working in large numbers. Papers were taken from a dead German found near enemy's line and identification 11th Coy, 3rd Bn, 90th R.I.R. obtained.</p> <p>Enemy artillery, minenwerfers and machine guns were active on the Sector.</p> <p>About 6:30p.m. enemy harassed our front line with minenwerfers; artillery retaliation called for and silenced enemy. Carrying and working parties on trenches <sup>including</sup> enemy dead and general improvements were supplied during the night.</p>	<p>2 O.Rs K.I.A. 3 " Wounded 3 " evac sick</p>	<p>Appendix 15.</p>

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Place	Date	STRENGTH Hour Offs D.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks.	Remarks and references to Appendices
Left Sector Bde Front MORHANCOURT AREA.	18th	44 860	<p>Our artillery quiet during morning but boomed during afternoon and night. Our French Mortars and m-guns in the sector were active and our snipers were given several good targets and claim seven hits. Our patrols were very active and one patrol was fired on by enemy m-guns at point blank range and three of patrol were wounded, but were brought back to our lines. Patrols reported large enemy working parties digging and wiring along Battalion front. Considerable movement of enemy troops seen along road running N. to S. from K 36 to K 47 about 9 p.m. Artillery informed and shelled them. Later a fire was started in MORHANCOURT by our artillery and silhouetted against blaze large numbers of figures seen moving. Artillery still shooting, and enemy attack thought possible at dawn. Our patrols became extremely active but encountered no enemy. Enemy m-guns became very active. No attack developed. Enemy relief however was in progress 449th I. Regt being relieved by 448th I. Regt. A prisoner previously captured stated that 448th Regt was coming in on right of 449th Regt to carry out an attack.</p> <p>Working Party erected 40 yds Double Apron Wire. Work in deepening front line difficult owing to rocky formation. 20 yards deepened from 2 to 3'-6". A sap running</p>	1 I.R. etc hospital 2 O.P. wounded	

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Place	Date	STRENGTH Hour Offs	OR	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
Left Sector Bde Front MORLANCOURT AREA	18th (contd)			forward to M.G. position about 20 yds long deepened from 1'-6" to 3'. 20 yds trench running right to BRAY-CORBIE road being dug, not yet completed. A party of 25 O.R.s were detached for duty with 8th Field Coy Engrs for working Reserve line.		
do.	19th	44	857	An Entet Coy Relief was carried out during the night (An Order No 138). Our artillery was quiet during day but active at night and found enemy alert but quiet. Our Lewis guns and snipers were also active during the period. Enemy artillery was extremely active on Bn sector during the night. Shelling commenced about 5 p.m., and between 9-30 p.m. and 11-30 a.m. a barrage was played round the sector, the support and Reserve lines and C.T.s receiving special attention. About 11 p.m. the barrage slackened on forward part of sector and area in J17b was heavily shelled with gas shells. At 11-30 p.m. the barrage again resumed its former intensity on the whole sector, gas shells being freely mixed with H.E. The wind being unfavourable the enemy	1 O.R. K.I.A. 2 O.R. Wounded.	appendix 16

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Left Sector Bde Front MORLANCOURT AREA.	19th (contd)	2 Offs	0. R	<p>gas, both sneezing and lachrymatory, drifted across the front line towards the enemy. The shelling fell away again at 12.30 a.m., but increased in intensity at 2.15 a.m., and from 2.30 a.m. till 3 a.m. was very violent, gas being very freely used. This bombardment damaged the trenches and c.T.s considerably and inflicted twelve casualties 2 Offs and 10 O.R.s. It was probably due to the enemy believing an attack was to be delivered on the front. Enemy T. M. Co. operated with artillery in bombardment, shooting freely on our front and support lines. At 1.15 a.m. enemy fired several flares breaking into 2 nets opposite our front, no immediate action followed but artillery resumed a steady barrage at 1.30 a.m..</p> <p>Heavy rain fell during the day, and should it continue will cause the trenches to fall in at many places.</p> <p>owing to the bombardment it was found inadvisable to send out working and working parties. The garrison carried out general improvements to the trenches.</p>	<p>Capt A.P. Kent &amp; Padre Nichols W. severely wounded</p>	

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Place	Date	STRENGTH OFFS O.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
Left Sector B.P. Front MORHAN COURT AREA.	20th	44 860	<p>Provisional Defense Scheme for Sector issued to all units (Appendix 17). 5 officers and 9 NCOs from American Army reported to gain experience in line work. One officer remained at HQ, the balance were distributed amongst Coy. In accordance with instructions a scheme for proposed raid on enemy line opposite this unit was submitted (Appendix 18).</p> <p>Our artillery was quiet during day but active at night, whilst machine guns and trench mortars in the sector harassed the enemy at night. Enemy artillery was quiet on this sector during the period, but enemy light and heavy mines etc were active on front and support lines; enemy machine guns were quieter than usual.</p> <p>Our patrols were active during night and found the enemy alert; they were fired on several times but escaped casualties. It was found that enemy shell hole positions in K. 7.1.6 and D were being fixed. A patrol heard enemy working party and moving forward the party came under observation; patrol opened fire on enemy and inflicted four casualties.</p>	<p>4 ex A.D.R.W. 1 To Supernumerary list Lt W. R. Marble evacuated sub</p>	<p>Appendix 17.  Appendix 18.</p>

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Place	Date	STRENGTH Hour Offs D.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
Left Sector Bde Front MORLANCOURT AREA.	21st.	44 854	<p>Out artillery was active throughout day &amp; night on left sector. Out snipers were alert but saw very few targets of these men who were seen in a wheat field behind enemy outposts who were hit by out snipers. Out heavy guns were active throughout the night against enemy machine guns. Out patrols were active. One patrol of 1 Sgt and 5 men went out at midnight and shortly after were seen by enemy so withdrew and proceeded further along our line until they found themselves behind an enemy post. They were challenged in good English and patrol leader replied that they were a patrol. They then heard something spoken in German so patrol immediately fired causing casualties. Patrol withdrew being subjected to bomb, machine gun and rifle fire. All reached our line with exception of one man who was wounded. The Sgt limped &amp; finally went out after wounded man but when only a short distance out he was sniped at and a bullet evidently hit a bomb in his pocket which caused it to explode killing him instantly. The wounded man was recovered next night.</p> <p>Enemy artillery and mortars were quiet. About 20 mortars were fired onto our front and support lines during the day. Enemy was found to be very alert &amp; no snipers were active. Raiding Party proceeded to forward M.H. [unclear]</p>	<p>2 to Super Summary 1 OR K. I. A. 8 O.R. wounded 1 O.R. evac sick 6 O.R. etc A.I.B.D Lt R. J. Williams evac sick</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	STRENGTH O.F.S. D.R.	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices
Left Sector Bale Front MORLANCOURT AREA.	22nd	4.2	845	<p>Artillery was very active throughout the period, likewise our machine guns and h.T. Mts. No targets offered to our snipers throughout the day. A patrol was out between 11 pm and 11-45 h-m, but no sign of enemy.</p> <p>Warning Order of Relief was received from Bale (Appendix 19).</p> <p>On Order for raid to be carried out by Battalion on enemy trenches opposite Bn issued. (Appendix 20) Bussard, Brigade and Artillery Orders with barrage map dealing with operation shown in Appendix 21. Advice received that Zero hour for operation 12-15 a.m. night 22/23rd June 18.</p> <p>Fifty English uniforms and suits of body armour were obtained from D. A. J. O.S. and issued to raiders to wear during raid.</p> <p>Preparations were completed for raid and party proceeded to front line about 10 h-m. Enemy was freely shelling Bn area, paying particular attention to C.T. During to operation no washing passes were sent after 11.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Capt A.P. Hest Died of Wounds</p> <p>Lieut E.H. Richardson Killed in Action</p> <p>3 O.Rs. K.I.A.</p> <p>4 O.Rs Wounded</p> <p>1 evac sick to Superannary list</p>	<p>Appendix 19</p> <p>Appendix 20</p> <p>Appendix 21</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Left Sector Side Front MORWANCOURT AREA	23rd	41 815	<p>At 12-15 a.m. A party of 3 officers and 42 O.Rs carried out a raid on enemy trenches. Full report in appendix 12. After things had quietened down parties were working on clearing trenches and C.I.T. which had been knocked in by direct hits. During the day and night our artillery was active on enemy lines, while our machine guns harassed his tracks. Owing to the moonlight patrols were not active but strictly listening posts were put out in front of posts. No enemy movement was seen. An attempt to obtain bodies of members in N.M.L. was unsuccessful as patrol were seen long before reaching enemy lines. Enemy artillery and m.g.s. livelier than usual, though mortars were much quieter. Our snipers wounded one enemy who was seen to crawl away. Our planes were very active during afternoon and evening and bombs were dropped in MORWANCOURT. Owing to moonlight no mining could be done but large parties were at work repairing the damaged trenches and several blown-in dugouts were built up. Excavation for dugout for new Coy HQ completed and material brought up for same. Sanitary conditions improved by installing hose seats. Salvage parties were busy collecting NW.</p>	<p>Lieut B.D. Davies K.I.A. Lieut B.A. Bragg Wounded 4 O.Rs K.I.A. 19 O.Rs Wounded 4 O.Rs Missing 3 O.Rs were sick</p>

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Place	Date	STRENGTH Hour Offs D.R.	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices
Left Sector Bde Front MORLAN COURT AREA.	23rd (contd)		It was noticed that enemy registered on strong point where our Right Coy H.Q. are situated, and there were other indications of a possible enemy raid. In view of this preparations were made to meet such a possibility as per C.O.'s report & Bde H.Q. (appendix 23)		Appendix 23.
do	24th	41 811	As a result of experience gained in raid on night 22/23rd. suggestions, as per report (appendix 24) submitted to Bde H.Q. Gas projectors were discharged against target opposite Bn Sector at 1.15 a.m. (appendix 25). Our artillery was active throughout period and it co-operated during discharge of gas projectors. Protective patrols went out after gas operation when a mist came over. Enemy artillery and trench mortars were very active throughout the period likewise machine guns. Enemy planes were active flying very high. A good deal of enemy movement observed around MORLAN COURT. A bright moon did not allow of active patrolling. In the morning mist a patrol went out but did not find bodies of soldiers but were unsuccessful in finding any.	30 Rks wounded 4 " evacuated	Appendix 24
					Appendix 25.

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Place	Date	STRENGTH Hour	C.T.H. O.R.	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices
Left Sector Base Front MORLAN COURT AREA.	25th	41	811	<p>Our artillery has been active throughout the day and night and our machine guns and trench mortars harassed the enemy at night. Before the moon rose two patrols were sent in N. M. L. but saw no sign of enemy. We took advantage of the short period of comparative darkness to erect about 20 yards of wire in front and strengthen existing wire in front of S.P. at R137.5.8. Strong listening posts were put out when moon rose but enemy was very quiet though alert. 150 yds of C.T. was deepened and widened from R137.5.8 to H.137. 25.80. 7 dugouts were erected in BUNBORY LINE, and 30 yards of COPPER C.T. deepened and widened. BURKE LINE was cleaned up, three old latrines filled in and two new ones erected. Front line was repaired where damaged by C.T. The Bn on night carried out a raid on enemy lines at 12.30 a.m.; retaliation was not heavy on this sector. Report on condition of trenches occupied by unit when taken over on night 14/15th inst. (Appendix 24)</p>		

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Place	Date	Hour	STRENGTH F.F.S. D.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
left Sector Rt of front MORLAN COURT AREA	26th	46	813	<p>Our artillery was active during the period. At midday the enemy commenced registering on front line system with 5.9's. The front line itself was not shelled but COMBAT C.T. and other C.T.s were shelled and also a line between the front and support lines. A few shells also fell near support line and the new Coy. H.Q. This registration appeared to be directed by observation balloon. Another effort was made probing in the bodies of men killed on night 25/26th, but enemy was alert and m. guns opened up on party and followed their every move so attempt had to be abandoned. Casual activity was very evident on both sides: an enemy machine was forced to land by one of our behind MORLAN COURT.</p> <p>The Bn was relieved in the line during the night by 53rd Bn A.F. 7. (Order No 140 - Appendix 27)</p> <p>During the relief enemy aircraft were active over our lines and dropped several bombs but caused no casualties to this unit, though we had 2 men wounded. Relief was completed at 1-15 a.m.</p>	<p>1 O.R. K.I.A. 1 O.R. Wounded. 6 " evac sick 2 " ex hosp. 8 " " A.I.B.D Lt Keen and Lt Wonnacott evac. sick</p>	<p>Appendix 27.</p>

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Place	Date	STRENGTH Officers O.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks.	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRANVILLERS SYSTEM. (left) FRANVILLERS AREA	27th	41 812	<p>The march out from front line to new area was accomplished without casualties, the last of the Bn reaching its destination about 3 a.m. A hot meal was awaiting the troops after which they had a good sleep, the men being allowed to rest the whole day without interference. The trenches and dugouts taken over were left in a very clean and sanitary condition, and being situated amidst fields under crop they are comparatively immune from dust etc. The I.Q.M. store and transport fires did not move from MADAME WOOD.</p> <p>Provisional Defence Scheme for Bn issued (Appendix 28).</p> <p>Two parties totalling 10 officers and 75 O.Rs reported for work at sawmills, BONNAY at 3 p.m., and worked till 8 p.m.</p> <p>During night enemy planes dropped bombs in the area, confining himself chiefly to the main AMIENS-ALBERT Road which runs through the trench system occupied by the Battalion.</p>	1 O.R. wounded	appendix 28.

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FRANVILLERS AREA.

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The day was devoted to resting the troops and having a general clean up of arms and equipment, clothing and occupied trenches. The party of 1 Officer and 75 O.Rs reported for duty at BONNAY Saw mills at 9 a.m. and worked till 3 p.m. In the afternoon 2 Coys marched to the SOMME River near BONNAY and had a swimming Parade. A percentage of Officers and NCOs reannexed positions and frontes to the ANCRE extension of BALEUX System which is the occupied by Bon in event of a move forward. The Platoon of B Coy that won Bde Championship for the National Rifle Association "Platoon in Attack" Competition represented the Brigade in the Divisional Championship but owing to lack of practice, which the other competing platoons had, a good showing was not made. Endeavours were made to obtain 7 or den berry denable personnel have their clothes disinfected when they had a bath and clean change, but this could not be made available before 2nd prog.

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Place	Date	STRENGTH Hour	D.R.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRANVILLERS SYSTEM (left) FRANVILLERS AREA	29th	43	826	<p>The C.O. went to Brigade to act as Brigadier during absence of G.O.C. on leave to England. Major Street reported from Nucleus to take command. The C.O. held a conference of Coy Commanders before he left, to discuss principally the new Battalion organisation of double Lewis gun section in each platoon, and the training to be carried out during spell out here. The importance of having a large percentage of personnel trained in Lewis gun work was fully realised and arrangements were made to commence training at once. Twenty men from each Coy were selected to undergo the course which is being conducted by the Lewis gun Serjeant Instructors. Party of usual strength reported for duty at BONNAY. Saw mills and another party of 2 nets and 25 men reported at Brigade HQs for work there. A further percentage of officers and NCOs made a reconnaissance of forward areas and routes. Enemy planes again heavily bombed parts of area, but none fell to trenches and no casualties resulted.</p>	<p>Lt F. Hamilton ex Seconded Lt Lt C. E. Hall ex Rein Cadet 12 D.R. ex A.D.R.V. 2 " " " " hook</p>	

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FRANVILLERS SYSTEM (left) FRANVILLERS AREA	30th	43	828	<p>Lewis gun Class carried on during day. Parties as supplied yesterday were again sent out. Major P. Charlton M.C. proceeded to Aust Corps Senior Officers School at MONTIERES. Enemy shelled the village of FRANVILLERS during morning. A Voluntary Church Parade was held at 6 p.m. by new Padre. Instructions received during afternoon that a party of 2 officers and 100 s.tanks were required for 2 days work on cable - burying at ST GRATIEN. B Coy supplied party which marched out of lines at 6 p.m.</p>	2 O.R. ex hospital	

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Several enemy tanks seen  
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- 1 The 8th Aust Inf Bde will be relieved in the line on the night of 1/2nd June by three Battalions of 13th A.I. Bde. and 4th Pioneer Bn.
- 2 The 30th Bn in Bde Reserve will be relieved by 4th Pioneer Bn. on night of 1/2nd June and on relief will move to reserve AUBIGNY line. "A + B" Coys to O.13.a. central. "C and D" Coys at O.17.C in Quarry, with Bn H.Q. at O.7.a.5.4.
3. All existing dispositions will be handed over as they stand and defence schemes, maps, aeroplane photos, trench stores, water-lins, S.O.S. rockets, message carrying rockets etc. will be handed over, receipts obtained in duplicate and forwarded to Bn H.Q. by 10am on 2nd June.
4. The evening meal will be partaken of as usual and all hot boxes will be returned by limbers bringing up this meal.
5. Lewis guns and panniers will be carried on native limbers to new position.
6. Coys. will move out by platoons at 50 yds interval. Strict march discipline to be maintained.
- 7 Instructions re guides and advance parties will be issued separately.
8. Completion of relief will be word to Bn H.Q. in code.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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- 5 ACoy
- 6 BCoy
- 7 CCoy
- 8 DCoy
- 9 Sigs + LMG
- 10 DM + T.D.
- 11 Bde H.Q.
- 12 File.

W. H. Edd  
Lieut.  
Adjutant

30<sup>th</sup> BATTALION ORDER N° 136

(reference sheet 62D 1-40000) 1-6-18

(1) The 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion will move from Reserve AUBIGNEY Line to the GLIST area on morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1918.

(2) "A" Coy will take over shelters in woods N20d  
"B" "

"C" Coy will garrison GLIST trench system, manning four platoon posts between N26c to T1 central. Coy H.Q. in copse in N31b  
BN H.Q., Q.M. store, R.A.P. and H.Q. Detail will be billeted in GLIST, in street running from N20d 1.4. to N20c. 8.5.

BN H.Q. at N20c 9.5

(3) H.Q. Detail "A" Coy and B Coy will pass STARTING POINT - road at 013c. 0.1 - in above order at 5-15 am on 2<sup>nd</sup> inst.  
Route - S.P., along road to Road Junction N22c thence road through N21d and c to destination.  
"C" Coy and "D" Coy will not move from position at 017c till relieved by units of 12<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde, when they move by route selected by guides.

(4) Strict march discipline must be maintained throughout the march. Units will move by platoons at 50 yds distance 100 yds between companies.

Lumber carrying Coy Lewis Guns will accompany units on the march. Each Coy will have a L.G mounted for protection against hostile aircraft on the march  
(5) Halts will be regulated from head of column as traffic permits  
(6) Transport Line and Q.M. store, will move to new area on 1<sup>st</sup> inst.  
(7) Breakfast will be partaken of by H.Q. Details, "A" and "B" Coys immediately after arrival in new area. Morning meal for "C" and "D" Coys will be sent to position at 017c about 6 a.m.

(8) Reports of completion of move will be sent to BN H.Q.  
(9) ACKNOWLEDGE.

DISTRIBUTION.

- Copy No 1-3 War Diary  
4. C.O.  
5. "A" Coy  
6. "B"  
7. "C"  
8. "D"  
9. Sigs  
10. Q.M.T.O.  
11. Bde  
12. File

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Reference order No 178	Table	of Starting	Units
"B" lines	Cancelled	and	will hand over to
incoming Battalions	and	then move independently	to RIVERY and new
Area and Units are	responsible for	defence of	submarine system until
relief is complete.	Relieving	units are as follows	
29 <sup>th</sup> Bn	relieved by	48 Bn	
30 " "	" "	45 "	
31 " "	" "	48 "	
32 " "	" "	46 "	

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O.C.

H+B Coy.

Advice has just been received from Gde that units will not move from the AUBIGNY Reserve line until ~~units~~ relieved by units of 12th A.I. Brigade, the 45th Bn relieving 30th.

It is not known at what hour relief may be expected tomorrow morning, but as it is not likely to be before 8 am instructions have been sent to ~~Gen~~ Gen HQ. to have a hot breakfast for H+B Coy sent to their positions in O.13 a. central, to arrive there about 6 am.

Boys will move independently to their positions on GLENEY Acrely on relief, but Gen HQ. will be advised before Coy move.

This cancels paras in B.O. 135 re march to new area.

A. Deed. Lieut  
Adjutant



TRAINING PROGRAMME - 5th JUNE 1918.

MORNING

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Coy.	10-a.m. to 11-am	11-a.m. to 11-30a.m.	11-30a.m. to 12 noon	Remarks.
"A" and "B"	Lewis Machine Gunners (30 per Coy.) under Sergt. Sharman and Instructors for specialist training. Rifle Grenadiers Remainder of Coys:- P.T.	under Lieut. Marlier for specialist tng.		: L.M.G. N.C.O. will accompany the gunners receiving instruction each day under Sergt. Sharman. Dress Fatigue dress & S.B.R. : 2 W.P. Sheets, 2 guns and spare-parts bags also 2 pockets will be brought along with each Coy. : Coys. will be fallen in at 9-55a.m. and 1-55p.m. on their parade grounds with the various specialists on the flanks. At these hours the Specialists will march off and report to their respective Specialist Offrs. or N.C.Os. to enable training to commence at 10-am and 2-p.m. sharp.
"C" and "D"	Coy. Sigs. and Runners, (less 2 sigs. & 1 Runner) under Lt. Horgan for Specialist Tng. Musketry under Capt. Barbour	GAS	B.F.	

AFTERNOON.

Coy	1-30p.m. to 2-30p.m.	2-30p.m. to 3-p.m.	3-p.m. to 4-p.m.	Remarks.
"A" and "B"	Musketry under Capt. BARBOUR	Musketry under Capt. BARBOUR.	Discretion of Coy. Comdr. (to include instn. in Guard & sentry duties and Rifle exercises.)	: the various specialists on the flanks. At these hours the Specialists will march off and report to their respective Specialist Offrs. or N.C.Os. to enable training to commence at 10-am and 2-p.m. sharp.
"C" and "D"	Coy. Sigs and Runners less 2 sigs. & 1 Runner under Lt. Horgan for Specialist Tng. <i>2pm to 3pm</i>	<i>2pm to 3:30pm</i>	<i>3:30pm - 4pm</i>	
"C" and "D"	Lewis Machine Gunners (30 per Coy) under Sergt. Sharman and Instrs. for Specialist training. Rifle Grenadiers under Lieut. MARLIER for Specialist Training. Remainder of Coys. B.F.	GAS	P.T.	

H.Qrs. L.M.G. will report to O.C. "A" Coy. at 9-45a.m. for P.T., GAS and B.F. and to "D" Coy. for Musketry from 2-p.m. to 3-p.m. 3-p.m. to 4-p.m. at discretion of Sergt. Sharman.

50 per cent H.Qrs. Sigs and Runners report to O.C. "B" Coy. at 9-45a.m. for P.T., GAS and B.F. All Company and H.Qrs. Intelligence personnel will report to Lieut. Davies on "A" Coy parade ground at 9-55a.m. for instruction. They will remain with their Coys. for afternoon parade. H.Qrs. Squad will again report to Lieut. Davies at "A" Coy. H.Qrs. for further training, at 1-55p.m.

*Coy Sigs whilst not undergoing specialist training will undergo whatever training they Coys are carrying out.*

*Davies*

Lieut. and Adjutant 30th Bn. A.I.F.

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PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME.

30th BATTALION A. I. F.

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30th BATTALION PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME.

Reference - G2.d.1/40,000

6th June '18.

G2.d. parts of S.V., N.E., S.E. and S.W. 1/20,000

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1. The 30th Bn. is regarded as the Nucleus Garrison on the BLANZY System and is at present disposed as under:-  
 "A" and "B" Coys. in wood in N.20.d.  
 "D" Coy. in wood in N.31.b.  
 "C" Coy. disposed in trenches from AMIENS-VILLERS-BRETONEUX Road in N.26.e. to T.I.c. with B.Crs. in wood at N.31.b.7.6.  
 Battalion H.Crs. in GLISY.
2. The Battalion may be called upon to take part in counter-attacks in the three following contingencies:-  
 (i.) An enemy attack SOUTH of the SOMME.  
 (ii.) The left flank of the Corps being threatened.  
 (iii) Loss of ground to the NORTH necessitating a defensive flank facing NORTH EAST, along spur SOUTH of PROCHENCOURT and the ST. GRATIEN spur.
3. In the event of (i.) positions of readiness for 8th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will be N.34.b. and N.34.d.
4. In the event of VILLERS-BRETONEUX falling temporarily into the hands of the enemy, counter-attack will probably be made in one of the following ways:-  
 (a) In a SOUTH EASTERLY direction both sides of VILLERS-BRETONEUX, in which case forming up positions will be approximately C.16. and C.17 (Scheme 'W'.)  
   C.21. and C.27 (Scheme 'X'.)  
 (b) In an EASTERLY direction, in which case approximate forming up positions will be general line of CACHY-FOUILLOY Roads (Scheme 'Y'.).  
 (c) By attacks from NORTH WEST and SOUTH WEST of VILLERS-BRETONEUX and converging EAST of the Village, in which case forming up positions will be :-  
   C.16. and C.17. (Scheme 'W'.)  
   C.53. and U. 3. (Scheme 'Z'.)
5. All officers and N.C.Os. will reconnoitre positions for schemes 'X', 'Y' and 'Z' and routes to them from the Battalion Assembly point, especially other than main roads, noting particularly all gaps through our own wire.  
 Coy. Commanders will prepare detailed plans of action. Officers will be made familiar with all the approaches to all Divisional sectors of the Corps front.
6. Battalion Assembly Point will be vicinity of road junction in N.26.e.
7. Units will be prepared to move at an hour's notice to any of the positions as detailed.
8. HEADQUARTERS. Battalion H.Crs. and B.A.P. - N.20.d.C.5. in GLISY.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. Under*  
 Lieut.  
 Adjutant, 30th Battalion A.I.F.

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 COPY 1-3 War Diary  
    4 Bde. H.Q.  
    5 "A" Coy.  
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    7 "C" Coy.  
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    9 C.C.  
 10 File.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

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1. AMMUNITION. All units are in possession of 120 rounds per man and will keep this supply always.
  2. SUPPLIES
    - (a) Water. Every man's water-bottle will be kept filled. Water carts are attached to coys. for this purpose.
    - (b) Iron Rations. Inspections are to be held twice weekly to ensure that every man is in possession of his iron rations.
  3. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS R.A.P. is situated at Battalion Headquarters in GLISY - N.20.d.1.5. from where evacuations are carried out by motor ambulance.
  4. DUMPS. In BLANCY system are approximately:-
    - (a) N.34.d.5.6.
    - (b) N.29.e.5.8.
    - (c) N.22.d.7.6.
 All these dumps contain water, biscuits, bully-beef, S.A.A. and bombs. In addition there is a 3rd Divisional Dump of S.A.A. opposite TRONVILLE Chateau in N.21.a.

*W. Under*  
 Adjutant.  
 30th Battalion A. I. F.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME 6th JUNE '18.

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MORNING

Coys.	10-a.m. to 11-a.m.	11-0a.m. to 11-30a.m.	11-30a.m. to noon	REMARKS.
"A" and "B"	Musketry under Capt Barbour's inst'ns.	At discretion of Company Commanders ( to include close order drill, Guard and Sentry duties, rifle exercises, etc.		: "A" and "B", also "C" and "D" Coys. will be fallen in at 9-45a.m. and 1-45p.m. in close column of Coys. in line with "A" and "C" Coys. in front of "A" and "D" Coys. parade grounds. R. Grenadiers will be on the extreme flanks, then L. Gunners, Sigs & Runners. (in the case of A & B Coys) also Intelligence personnel, then the remainder of the Coys. Gaps will be left between each of these Specialist squads. After Platoon Cdrs. have called rolls and ascertained if all are present or otherwise the Specialists will be marched off by the senior N.C.O. and will report to their specialist Officers or N.C.Os. for instruction training.
"C" and "D"	L.M. Gunners (30 per Coy.) Under Sergt. Sharman ) Rifle Grenadiers " Lieut. Marler ) Coys Sigs & Runners (less 2 sigs. and 1 Runner) ) under Lieut. Horgan. Remainder of Coys.:-	) For Specialist training.		
	P.T.	GAS	B.F.	

## AFTERNOON

Coys.	2-p.m. to 2-30p.m.	2-30p.m. to 3-p.m.	3-0p.m. to 4-0p.m.	REMARKS.
"A" and "B"	L.M. Gunners (30 per Coy.) Under Sergt. Sharman & Instrs.) Rifle Grenadiers " Lieut. Marler " Coy. Sigs and Runners (less 2 sigs & 1 runner ) under Lieut. Horgan and Instrs. Remainder of Coys:-	) For specialist training.		: report to their specialist Officers or N.C.Os. for instruction training.
	B.F.	GAS	P.T.	
"C" and "D"	Musketry under Capt. Barbour's Instructions.		At the discretion of Coy. Comdrs. to include Close Order Drill, Guard & Sentry Duty, Rifle Exercises: etc.	

H.Qrs. L.M. Gunners report to O.C. "A" Coy. at 1-40p.m. for P.T., B.F. and Gas. and to "B" Coy. <sup>at 9.40am</sup> for Musketry from 10 to 11-a.m. From 11-to 12 noon at discretion of Sergt. Sharman.

50 per cent H.Qrs. Sigs & Runners report to O.C. "D" Coy. for P.T., B.F. & Gas at 9-40a.m.

All Coy. and H.Qrs. Intelligence Personnel to report to Lieut. Davies at "A" Coy. Parade Ground at 9-55a.m. They will remain with their Coys. for afternoon parade.

*Deeder*  
Adjutant, 30th Battalion A.I.F.

Lieut.

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30th Battalion A.I.F.

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WARNING ORDER.

It is expected that the 5th Aust. Divn. will be relieved by the 2nd Aust. Divn. in about 5 days time in "C" Divisional Area.

The Division will be disposed as follows:-

8th A.I. Brigade - Right Bde.  
15th A.I. Brigade - Left Bde.  
14th A.I. Brigade - Reserve Bde.

Arrangements for forward reconnaissance will be notified to Coy at a later date on receipt of instructions from Brigade.

*W. G. Wade*

Lieut.  
Adjutant 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion A.I.F.

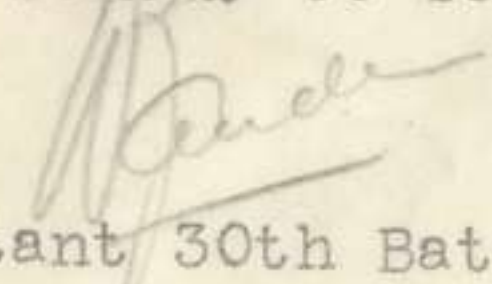
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TRAINING PROGRAMME 10th June 1918.

30th Battalion A.I.F.

Coy.	9- to 9-30am.	9-30am to 10-am	10-to 10-30am	10-30 to 11-am	11- to 11-30am	11-30 to noon	Remarks
"A" & "B"	L.M. Gunners (30 per Coy. under Sergt. Sharman and Instructors for specialist training.			Rifle Grenadiers under Lieut. Marler and Instrs. for specialist training.		At Discretion	
	P.T.	P.T.	Gas.	B.F.	B.F.	Of. Company	See below
"C"	Three Platoons under Captain T.C. BARBOUR for G A S Close order Drill and Rifle Exercises.			L.M. Gunners (30 per Coy.) Under Sergt. Sharman ) Rifle Grenadiers under Lieut. Marler ) Musketry - 9 - a.m. to 12- noon. - Remainder of Coy. :-		At Discretion of Company Commander.	
"D"	G A S Close Order Drill and Rifle Exercises			L.M. Gunners (30 per Coy.) Under Sergt. Sharman ) Rifle Grenadiers under Lieut. Marler )		For Specialist training. At Discretion of Company Commander.	

REMARKS. Coy. & H.Qrs. Intelligence Personnel report to Lieut. Davies at Bn. H.Q. at 8-55a.m.  
 Coy. Sigs. and Runners (less those of "C" Coy. who are to fire at musketry range) report to Lieut. Horgan at Bn. H.Qrs. at 8-55a.m.  
 Lewis Gunners and R. Grenadiers of "C" and "D" will NOT go on musketry but will be formed up ready for L.G. Sergt. and Bombing Officer at 10-30a.m. on "C" Coy's parade ground. They will do Gas and Close Order drill from 9-to 10-30a.m.  
 H.Qrs. Lewis Gunners will report to O.C. "A" Coy. at 8-45a.m. for P.T., B.F. and gas. From 11-30 to noon at disposal of Sergt. Sharman.  
 Three platoons of "C" Coy. for musketry will be formed up on their parade ground ready to move off at 10-am. Nominal roll to be supplied. O.C. "C" Coy. will arrange for 2 boxes S.A.A. to be drawn from R.S.M. at B.H.Q. and have same carried to range with these three platoons.

  
 Lieut.  
 Adjutant 30th Battalion A.I.F.

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Adjutant 30th Battalion A.I.F.  
 Lieutenant

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and have same carried to range with these three platoons.

Nominal roll to be supplied. O.C. "C" Coy. will arrange for 3 boxes S.A.M. to be drawn from R.S.M. at B.H.O.C.

Three platoons of "C" Coy. for musketry will be formed up on their parade ground ready to move off at 10-am.

at disposal of Serjt. Sparrman.

H. Gns. Lewis Gunners will report to O.C. "A" Coy. at 2-45p.m. for P.T., B.F. and Gas. From 11-30 to noon

drill from 9-10-30am.

L.G. Serjt. and Bombing Officer at 10-30a.m. on "C" Coy's parade ground. They will go Gas and Close Order

Lewis Gunners and H. Grenadiers of "C" and "D" will NOT go on musketry but will be formed up ready for

at Bn. H. Gns. at 2-55a.m.

Coy. Sigs. and Runners (less those of "C" Coy. who are to fire at musketry range) report to Lieut. Morgan

Coy. & H. Gns. Intelligence Personnel report to Lieut. Davies at Bn. H.O. at 2-55a.m.

REMARKS:

G A S Exercises

Close Order Drill and Rifle

At Discretion of Company Commander.

Three platoons under Captain T.C. BARBOUR for: Musketry 9-12 noon. Remainder of Coy.:-

at Bn. H. Gns. at 2-55a.m.

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Co. C. Units.

Pending the issue of En. Operation Order, reconnaissance will be made of the CACHY - GENTELLES position and the ground between it and the River AVRE, also NICHOLAS Support Line and the GLISY - NICHOLAS switch at present held by counter-attack regiment of 31st French Corps.

50% of Coy. Officers and a proportion of M.S.Co. will make this reconnaissance this afternoon as soon as possible after 1-p.m.

Coy. Commanders will be at En. H.Crs. at 1-p.m. They may send horse for them at that hour.

*[Signature]* Lieut.  
Adjutant 30th Battalion A. I. F.

SECRET.ADDENDA TO PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEMEReference. Sheet 62.d.S.W. and Local.

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1. ~~IA~~ French Counter-attack Reserve Regiment holds the NICHOLAS SUPPORT at present, and in the event of the CACHY - GENTELLES Plateau being lost will immediately counter-attack to regain it.
  2. Should the CACHY - GENTELLES Plateau be lost, the 30th Bn on receipt of orders from Brigade will move forward and occupy NICHOLAS SUPPORT Trenches.
  3. The 32nd Battalion will also move and occupy GLISY - NICHOLAS SWITCH and GLISY SYSTEM.
  4. Should the counter-attack of the French Regiment be unsuccessful, it is probable that the Battalion will act defensively in the NICHOLAS Sector pending the arrangement of a counter-attack on a large scale.
  5. Reconnaissance of the CACHY - GENTELLES Plateau and the ground between it and the AVRE River will be made at once.
  6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut.  
Adjutant 30th Battalion A.I.F.

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Coy.	9- to 9-30am.	9-30am to 10-am	10-to 10-30am	10-30 to 11-am	11- to 11-30am	11-30 to noon	Remarks
"A"	L.M. Gunners (30 per Coy. under Sergt. Sharman & Instructors for specialist training.					At Discretion	
"B"	Rifle Grenadiers under Lieut. Marler and Instrs. for specialist training.			B.F.	B.F.	Of. Company	See below
	Remainder of Coys less Coy. sigs and runners:- P.T. P.T. Gas.					Commanders.	
"C"	Three Platoons under Captain T.C. BARBOUR for G A S Close order Drill and Rifle Exercises.			: L.M. Gunners (30 per Coy) Under Sergt. Sharman ) : Rifle Grenadiers under Lieut. Marler ) : <del>Remainder of Coy. less Coy. sigs and runners</del> ) Musketry - 9 - a.m. to 12- noon. - Remainder of Coy.:- At Discretion of Company Commander.			For specialist training
"D"	G A S Close Order Drill and Rifle Exercises			L.M. Gunners (30 per Coy.) Under Sergt. Sharman ) Rifle Grenadiers under Lieut. Marler ) At Discretion of Company Commander.			For Specialist training.

REMARKS. Coy. & H.Qrs. Intelligence Personnel report to Lieut. Davies at Bn. H.Q. at 8-55a.m.  
 Coy. Sigs. and Runners (less those of "C" Coy.) who are to fire at musketry range) report to Lieut. Horgan at Bn. H.Qrs. at 8-55a.m.  
 Lewis Gunners and R. Grenadiers of "C" and "D" will NOT go on musketry but will be formed up ready for L.G. Sergt. and Bombing Officer at 10-30a.m. on "C" Coy's parade ground. They will do Gas and Close Order drill from 9-to 10-30a.m.  
 H.Qrs. Lewis Gunners will report to O.C. "A" Coy. at 8-45a.m. for P.T., B.F. and gas. From 11-30 to noon at disposal of Sergt. Sharman.  
 Three platoons of "C" Coy. for musketry will be formed up on their parade ground ready to move off at 10-am. Nominal roll to be supplied. O.C. "C" Coy. will arrange for 2 boxes S.A.A. to be drawn from R.S.M. at B.H.Q. and have same carried to range with these three platoons.

*[Signature]*  
 Lieut.  
 Adjutant 30th Battalion A.I.F.

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Adjutant 20th Battalion V.I.B.  
H.M.

and have same carried to range with these rules B.T. 1908.  
Mentioned to be arranged. O.C. "C" Coy. will arrange for 2 boxes B.V. to be drawn from B.T.M. at B.H.C.  
Rules B.T. 1908 of "C" Coy. for inter-club will be formed as on first page B.T. 1908 for whole of 10-AM.  
at disposal of Sel. 2nd Lt.  
H.M. 1st Lt. 2nd Lt. will report to O.C. "V" Coy. at 8-30 AM for B.L. B.L. and Sel. from 11-20 to noon  
draw from 8-10-30 AM.  
I.C. Sel. and working officer at 10-30 AM on "C" Coy. B.T. 1908. They will go to sea and close order  
1st Lt. 2nd Lt. and K. 2nd Lt. of "C" and "D" will not be on inter-club and will be formed as B.T. 1908 for  
at B.H. H.M. at 8-30 AM.  
Coy. Sel. and 1st Lt. (less those of "C" Coy. who are to file at inter-club range) report to H.M. H.M.  
Coy. & H.M. Intelligence personnel report to H.M. Sel. at B.H. at 8-30 AM.

MEMORANDUM

	Exercise	at disposal of combined command.
"D"	G.V.S. Close order drill and rifle	Rifle companies under H.M. Sel. ) starting I.M. 2nd Lt. (20 B.V. Coy.) under Sel. 2nd Lt. ) for exercise
	Exercise	
"C"	G.V.S. Close order drill and rifle	at disposal of combined command.
	Three platoons under Captain I.C. B.V. 1908 for inter-club - 8-10 AM to 12-noon - H.M. Sel. of Coy. :-	
		:- H.M. Sel. of Coy. :-
		Rifle companies under H.M. Sel. ) starting
		I.M. 2nd Lt. (20 B.V. Coy.) under Sel. 2nd Lt. ) for exercise
	B.L. B.L. Sel.	
	Members of Coy. less Coy. Sel. and 1st Lt. :-	
	for exercise starting	
"B"	Rifle companies under H.M. Sel. and 1st Lt. :-	B.L. B.L.
"V"	and inter-club for exercise starting	
	I.M. 2nd Lt. (20 B.V. Coy.) under Sel. 2nd Lt.	at disposal
Coy.	8-10-30 AM 8-30 AM to 10-AM 10-10-30 AM 10-20 to 11-AM 11-10-30 AM 11-20 to noon	Remarks

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Appendix 13

TRAINING PROGRAMME 12th June 1918.

30th Battalion A.I.F.

Coy.	10-a.m. to 11-a.m.	11-0a.m. to 11-30a.m.	11-30a.m. to noon	Remarks	
"A" & "B"	L.M. Gunners (30 per Coy.) under Sergt. Sharman and instructors)	" Rifle Grenadiers " Lieut. Harler "	" " " " ) Training.	For Specialist Coy. and H.Q. Intgee. Personnel report to Lieut. Davies at Bn. H.Q. at 9-55a.m.	
"C" & "D"	Remainder of Coys. less Coy. Sigs and Runners. P.T.	GAS.	B.F.	Coy. Sigs & Runners report to Lt. Morgan at Bn. H.Q. at 9-55a.m.	
"C" & "D"	1 platoon of "C" Coy) 1 " of "D" Coy)	Musketry under Captain BARBOUR on range.		H.Q. L. Gunners report C.C. "A" Coy at 9-45a.m. for P.T., B.F. & Gas.	
"D"	Remainder of Coys:- Close order drill	At the Discretion of Company Commanders			Musketry Platoons will be formed up on "C" Coy's. Parade-ground ready to move off at 10-am and 2-pm.
<u>AFTERNOON.</u>					
Coy.	2-pm to 2-30pm	2-30 to 3-0p.m.	3-0p.m. to 4-p.m.		
"A" & "B" & "C" & "D"	Close Order Drill, Rifle Exercises Company Drill	Rifle Exercises	Disposal of Company Commanders.	Some box of S.A.A. is collected from H.Q. at Bn. H.Q. and taken along with platoons in the morning and one box in the afternoon. Nominal roll will be brought.	
"A" & "B"	L.M. Gunners (30 per Coy) under Sergt. Sharman and Instrs.)	" Rifle Grenadiers " Lieut. Harler "	" " " " ) Training		
"C" & "D"	Two Platoons of "D" Coy. -	Musketry under Captain BARBOUR on range.			
	Remainder of Coys:- B.F.	GAS	P.T.		

SPECIALISTS -

Specialist P.T. and B.F. H.Q. Co. will report to Lieut. Hanlon on "A" Coy's parade ground at 9-50a.m. They will receive special lecture and instructions from him from 11 to 11-30a.m.

Specialist L.M.G. Instructors, as usual, will report to Sgt. Sharman on "A" Coy's parade ground at 9-50a.m. and on "C" Coy's ground at 1-50p.m.

Sergt. Thomas will report to Captain Barbour on "C" Coy's ground at 9-50a.m. and 1-50p.m.

Specialist Bombing H.Q. Co. will report to Lieut. Harler on "A" Coy's parade ground at 9-50a.m. and "C" Coy's ground at 1-50p.m.

*W. Guide*  
Lieut.  
Adjutant 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion A.I.F.

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WARNING ORDER.

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12th June 1918.

1. The 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade will be relieving 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. 2nd Aust. Divn. in the Right Sector of "C" Divnl. Front on night 14/15th. inst.
2. The 15th Inf. Bde. will be on left of 8th Bde. after night of 15/16 inst. and 4th Aust Divn. on the right.
3. The 30th Bn. will be on the left and 32nd Bn. on the right of the Bde. Sector.
4. "B" Coy. will be on the right, "D" Coy. on the left in the front line. "A" Coy. in Supports, and "C" Coy. in Reserve on completion of relief.
5. A percentage of Officers and N.C.O. Specialists will move into the line on the night 13/14 inst.
6. Advance parties will consist of 1 Off. Per Coy. also 1 N.C.O. per Platoon, 1 Bombing N.C.O. per Coy., 1 L.M.G. N.C.O. per Platoon. Bn. H.Qrs. will send Intelligence Officer and Sig. N.C.O., two Signallers, 4 Runners and 1 L.M.G. N.C.O.
7. Instructions re move of advance party will be notified later. They will probably move early on afternoon of 13th inst. Names will be submitted to Bn. H.Q. by 10-a.m. tomorrow 13th inst.
8. 30th Bn. will move from GLISY Area and move on morning of 14th inst. by motor lorry to reserve area of "C" Divnl. front, and will move forward from there into the line on night 14/15th.
9. Acknowledge.

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Lieut.  
Adjutant 30th Bn. A.I.F.

Reference 62d 1/40000  
62d.N.E. 1/20000

13th June 1918.

1. The 30th Bn. will relieve 28th A.I. Bn. and one Coy. of 25th A.I. Bn. in the line on night 14/15th inst.
2. The 30th Bn. will embuss at M.30.c.9.3. and move from GLISY area on morning of 14th, debussing at PONT NOYELLES, marching to BONNAY line. Bn. H.Qrs. will be in BONNAY Near Church.
3. The Bn. will march to embussing point and will pass starting point, road junction N.25.d.1.3. at 10-45a.m. in following order - D., C., B., A., Details (under Sgt. Sharman) Raiders (under Lieut. Bragg). An interval of 50 yds will be kept between platoons, 100 yds between Coys.
4. Dress, fighting order, steel helmets, S.B.Rs. slung. Mess tin on haversack, waterproof sheet and overcoat rolled horse-shoe fashion on haversack on back.
5. Officers valises will be stacked on A. and C. Coys parade grounds, and will be picked up by G.S. wagon at 10-a.m. mess gear will be picked up at the same place at 10-30am by mess cart. Mess gear will be available at BONNAY later on in the morning.
6. Coy. and H.Q. L.Guns and sig gear will be loaded on limbers reporting to Coys. and H.Q. this morning. These will go to BONNAY area under Transport Corpl. A Lewis Gun N.C.O. will accompany each limber.
7. Correct marching out states will be rendered to B.O.R. by 10 a.m. Marching in states will be rendered to Bn. H.Qrs. in BONNAY at 5-p.m.
8. On the evening of 14th inst. the Bn. will move from BONNAY to the Front Line. B. and D. Coys. will occupy the front line right and left respectively. A. Coy. Support, and C. Coy. reserve line. H.Qrs. Gunners and Sigs will be with Bn. H.Qrs. in J.17.b.
9. Units will move in the following order - Nos. 6 and 5 platoon "B" Coy., No.1 Platoon A. Coy. No.9 Platoon C. Coy., 1 section of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men from each C. and A. Coys., 1 permanent Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men from C. Coy. These will be known as party No.1. Guides will meet this party as cross roads at J.13.b.7.6. at 9-45p.m. and will take them to relieve people of 25th Bn.
10. Parties from A. and C. Coys. of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men are required to act as escort for anti-tank guns. Party of 1 N.C.O. and 3 as permanent Guard are over iron ration dump.
11. Party No. 2 will consist of the remainder of the Bn. and will move in the following order - 16, 15, 14, 13, platoons "D" Coy. 7 platoon B. Coy., 2, 3, 4 platoons A. Coy. 10, 11, 12 platoons C. Coy., H.Qrs L.M.G. and Sigs. Interval will be notified later.
12. Guides will meet party No.2 at Road Juncm. at J.11.c.2.6. at about 9-45p.m.
13. Route - via HEILLY - Cross Roads J.13.b.7.6. - PICADILLY CIRCWS (MERICOURT J.9.b.3.8.) - Road Juncn. J.10.a.3.9. - J.11.c.2.6.
14. Time of passing starting point - 8-40p.m. Starting point will be notified later .  
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- 15. Head Qrs. and Coy. Lewis Guns and Panniers and signalling gear will be loaded on limbers in BONNAY Line on evening of 14th, which will dump these at J.11.c.2.6. Lewis Guns of party No.1 (4) and panniers will be dumped at cross roads J.14.a.2.8. Each platoon will send one L.Gunner to accompany limber and deal out the guns as platoons pass. Sergt. Sharman will detail two H.Q. gunners to supervise (one on each dump).
- 16. All trench stores, S.A.A, Bombs, S.O.S., Aerial Photos. Picks, Shovels, etc. will be taken over and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Bn. H.Q. by 9-a.m. on 15th inst.
- 17. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. H.Qrs. in code.
- 18. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut.  
Adjutant 30th Battalion A.I.F.

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- Copy No. 1 - 3 War Diary
- 4 Bd. H.Q.
- 5 "A" Coy
- 6 "B" Coy
- 7 "C" Coy
- 8 "D" Coy
- 9 L.M.G. & Sigs.
- 10 Q.M. & T.O.
- 11 File

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- 18. ACKNOWLEDGE.
- 17. Completion of relief will be wired to Br. H. Gns. in code.  
forwarded to Br. H.C. by 9-a.m. on 15th inst.  
Shovels, etc. will be taken over and receipts in duplicate
- 16. All French stores, S.A.V. Bombs, S.O.S., Aerial Photos, Picks,  
will get all two H.C. Runners to supervise (one on each dump).  
Limber and get out the guns as platoons pass. Sergt. Sherman  
1.I.F.S.S.G. Each platoon will send one I. Gunner to accompany  
of party No. 1 (4) and panniers will be dumped at cross roads  
of 14th, which will dump there at 1.I.I.C.S.G. Lewis guns  
Hess Gns. and Col. Lewis Gns and Panniers and signalling

Ref. - Sheet 62 d.  
Edition 2 Local

16<sup>th</sup> June 18

1. The following arrangements for projecting gas on targets on this Bde front are being made
  - (a) Targets to be engaged are ravines in K.25. d. in which it is understood the enemy maintains a reserve Coy.
  - (b) Projectors will be emplaced at K.19. c.1.0 and targets will be engaged from Right Bn. Sector.
  - (c) It is anticipated that 200 projectors will be discharged from this sector.
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  - (a) The date and hour of the discharge will be notified later. An artillery shrapnel shoot of 3 minutes duration commencing at zero will be arranged.
  - (b) A special gas alert will be maintained in the sector as soon as units are notified that gas bombs are being taken forward.
  - (c) Ample notice will be given to units as to whether gas will or will NOT be discharged at the date and hour previously notified. The limits of direction of wind for safe discharge are from S.S.W through W. to N.E. with a velocity not exceeding 10. M.P.H.
  - (d) Lieut S. J. White M.C. of 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Coy R.E. is in charge of the arrangements in this Bde area.
3. The B.A.B. Code No 4 will be used for all messages in connection with the discharge of gas. In addition all men will be warned that in case of capture by the enemy they are not to answer any questions especially in relation to gas offensives.
4. A trace map will be prepared and forwarded to units showing the area to be cleared of troops at the time of discharge and in which gas masks should be worn from zero minus 5" to zero plus 10"

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Lieut. & Adjutant

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4 Bde HQ

5 A Coy

6 B "

7 C "

8 D "

9 File

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30TH BN. OPERATION ORDER NO 138.

1. The Battalion will carry out an inter-Company relief to-night 19/20th.  
"A" Coy will relieve "B" Coy - front line right.  
"C" " " " " "D" " - " " left.  
On completion of relief, "D" Coy will move to SUPPORT line and "B" Coy to RESERVE Line.
2. Subject to the terms of this order, details of relief will be mutually arranged between Os. C. concerned. These details will NOT be arranged over the phone.
3. Evening meal will be partaken of as usual prior to relief.
4. Relieving routes will be as under -  
"A" Coy will go up COOMA C.T. "C" Coy up KING STREET, then via COPPER C.T. "C" and "D" Coys will return by these same routes so as to save congestion.
5. Existing dispositions will be taken over. All information relative to the sector, maps, S.A.A., bombs, tarpaulins etc. will be handed over, and receipts forwarded to B.H.Q. by 9 a.m. 20th inst.
6. The greatest care will be taken in handing over all these stores, which will be carefully checked beforehand.
7. Os. C. "B" and "D" Coy will be responsible for a strong covering party being out whilst the relief is in progress. These covering parties will ~~be-withd~~ not be withdrawn until relief is complete.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to B.H.Q. by code-word as under-

"A" Coy	COW
"B" "	RAT
"C" "	MICE
"D" "	CROW

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.



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Adjutant 30th Battalion.

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1. The Support Coy after completion of relief will be distributed as under -

3 Platoons in BURKE LINE and  
One platoon and Coy HQ in  
COBAR LINE.

HQ will occupy an dugout  
at present used by D.C. Coy.

2. The reserve Coy will occupy  
BUNBURY LINE instead of  
COBAR LINE.

3. Platoons and sections will be  
well distributed in Support  
and Reserve Coys.

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80TH BATTALION PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME

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Ref. 52 d N.E. 1/50,000.

19/6/18

1. The Battalion sector extends from K.13.d.65.10 (BRAY-CORNBIS Road INCLUSIVE) to K.17.central. This is held by 2 Companies in front line. Inter-Company boundary in support, 1 company in reserve. Inter-Company boundary

Dispositions of Coys-

Right Company	K.13.d.65.10 to K.13.b.3.5.
Headquarters	K.13.d.6.8.
Left Company	K.13.b.3.5. to K.7.central
Headquarters	K.7.c.3.3.
Support Coy	In BOURKE LINE Coy. H.C. K.13.a.55.40.

Reserve Coy  
Three Platoons disposed in  
CORAN LINE, One Platoon in  
PICKER TRENCH from  
K.13.b.1.3. to K.13.a.9.9.  
Coy. H.C. K.13.d.55.25.

Battalion H.C. & R.A.F. - K.17.d.3.7

2. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK  
(a) In the case of a raid, should an entry be made on any post in our front line, immediately the place is located, a local counter attack will be made simultaneously from either flank and if necessary, bombers working from either flank towards the objective, and Lewis Gun teams to work forward into NO MANS LAND to try and cut off the raiders.  
(b) Against a general attack - action will be taken similar to that of a raid, but should the troops holding the front line fail to restore the situation, the Company Commander of the Support Coy in BOURKE LINE, who will have sent forward scouts to make a reconnaissance of the situation, will, immediately he finds it necessary, launch a counter attack on his own initiative from either flank, or from both flanks simultaneously.  
The reserve Coy will "stand-to" but will not move forward without orders from R.H.Q.  
The BURNBY LINE will be the Battalion main line of resistance, but the front line will be defended to the last.
3. RECONNAISSANCE - All Officers and N.C.Os. will be made thoroughly conversant with all routes, and alternative routes to the various Company sectors.
4. WORKING PARTIES - These will always carry rifle, bayonet, and 100 rounds and will in the event of operations report to the nearest officer for instructions.
5. S. O. S. - The SOS is a signal rocket bursting into three flares - Red over red over red.
6. LIAISON - On the commencement of operations, Lieut BERN, "C" Coy., will report to R.H.Q. Liaison will be maintained with Units on the flank.

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7. COMMUNICATIONS - Telephone communication is maintained with all companies, Brigade HQ and staff units. There is a radio room and wireless also installed at B.H.Q. and a messenger is maintained in front line. Support, 1 company in reserve.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE

E. 12. 4. 22. 10 to E. 12. 4. 22. 8  
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Adjutant  
Support Coy

E. 12. 4. 22. 8 to E. 12. 4. 22. 7  
Headquarters E. 12. 4. 22. 8

IN BURNING LINE  
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ATTENTION IN CASE OF ATTACK - (a) In the case of a raid, should an enemy be made on any post in our front line, immediately the place is located, a local counter attack will be made immediately from either flank and if necessary, support working from other flank towards the objective, and laws can come to work forward into the line to try and cut off the raiders. (b) Against a general attack - action will be taken similar to that of a raid, but should the troops holding the front line fail to restore the situation, the Company Commander of the Support Coy in BURNING LINE, who will have been forward to make a reconnaissance of the situation, will immediately be made if necessary, launch a counter attack on his own initiative from either flank, or from both flanks simultaneously. The reserve Coy will "Stand-by" but will not move forward without orders from E.H.Q. The BURNING LINE will be the Battalion main line of resistance, but the front line will be defended to the last.

RECONNAISSANCE - All officers and N.C.O.s will be made thoroughly conversant with all routes, and alternative routes to the various company sectors.

WORKING PARTIES - These will always carry rifles, bayonet, and tool boxes and will in the event of operations report to the nearest officer for instructions.

SIGNALS - The S.O.C. is a signal rocket bursting into three flares - Red over red over red.

LAISONS - On the commencement of operations, Liaison "C" Coy., will report to E.H.Q. Liaison will be maintained with units on the flank.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. AMMUNITION -  
Every man is in possession of 170 rounds. In addition, there is a supply with each Coy and a reserve dump at B.R.Q.
2. WATER -  
A 400 gallon tank at B.R.Q. supplies water for the En. area. Coys. send to B.R.Q. for it. 8 water carts fill this tank each night.
3. RESERVE RATIONS AND WATER -  
500 reserve iron rations and 75 tins of water are stored at B.R.Q. and another lot at J.L.S.B.S.9. under a permanent guard.
4. COOKING -  
Hot food is cooked at Transport lines and Q.E. Store at I.S. central, and brought forward to B.R.Q. at night by limbers. Carrying parties meet it and take it to the Coys.
5. B.R. MATERIAL -  
An Engineer Officer is attached to the En. and all indents submitted to him are delivered to B.R.Q. from where it is carried by limbers to En. dump at K.L.S.A.O.7. thence by carrying parties to front line. There is a dump of wire and pickets at B.R.Q.
6. R. A. P. is at En. HQs.  
Evacuations are done by motor car, from there to car loading post at Quarry, MARISSOURT, thence to A. D. S.
7. BATHS are located in HILLY.  
Application is made to Brigade for allotment for these.

*A. W. J. D.* Lieut.  
for Adjutant.

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 Amendment  
 to  
 30th Bn, Provisional Defence Scheme

1. Dispositions of Companies  
 Support Coy - Three platoons  
 in BURKE LINE, one Platoon  
 COBAR LINE, Coy HQs at  
 J. 18. d. 99.  
 Reserve Coy. - Three Platoons  
 in BUNBURY LINE, one Platoon  
 in HEALTH SUPPORT, Coy HQ.  
 J. 13. C. 52 10.
2. Sub-Para (b) - In BURKE LINE  
 read BURKE LINE and COBAR  
 LINE.

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 Lieut  
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Herewith scheme for proposed  
 Raid on Enemy line in front  
 of this unit.

After careful reconnaissance  
 of our front it has been  
 found that the Enemy's  
 main line is some 700 to 800  
 yards away, he holds the  
 intervening space of NML  
 by a line of Machine Gun  
 & Listening Posts, some  
 of which are reached by  
 C.T.'s & others evidently  
 overland.

A Raid on the Enemy's  
 main line does not  
 seem feasible, it is  
 therefore proposed to raid  
 the Enemy C.T. & Strong  
 Point in K 13 b, the latter  
 being about K 13 b 5.7.

It is proposed to attack  
 with two parties converging  
 on the SP from the two flanks.  
 The left Party to advance from  
 old C.T. running from

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 K 13 to 4.5 to K 13 to 5.8 and  
 to consist of

Rifle + Bayonet men	12
Bombing Team	8
Lewis Gun "	4

The Bombers to exploit the  
 Noche C.T. leading down to  
 the S.P., covered by the L.G.  
 while the Bayonet men  
 rush the S.P.

The Right party to consist  
 of

Rifle + Bayonet men	12
Lewis Gun Team	4

The L.G. will cover our  
 Right flank while the  
 Bayonet men rush the  
 S.P.

St. Bragg will be in charge  
 of the whole party.

1 Sgt.	with Right Bayonet men
1 "	Left " "
1 cpl.	" Bombers

Total 1 officer. 43 O.R.S.  
 a Box Barrage running  
 roughly along the grid lines

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of K 13 b - <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> east & West.

In addition known M B<sup>s</sup>.  
& Mennenerwerfer positions could  
be engaged by our L T M<sup>s</sup>.  
& M. T. M<sup>s</sup>. and the Boche  
main line by Artillery.

It is understood this Raid  
may be in conjunction  
with others along the front  
but if not probably  
River some could be  
arranged by units on  
our flank.

The time considered  
suitable would be about  
12-30 A.M.

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Comdg. 30<sup>th</sup> Bn 27

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WARNING ORDER

The Battalion will be relieved on night of 26/27<sup>th</sup> instant. The Brigade is being relieved at same night and will be moving back to Divnl Reserve taking over the dispositions of 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade.

*[Signature]*  
Lieut  
Adjutant

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- 29th Battalion
- 30th "
- 31st "
- 32nd "
- 8th L.T.M.B.

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WARNING ORDER.

The 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade will be relieved in the right Sub-sector of 'C' Divisional Area on the night 26/27<sup>th</sup> June.

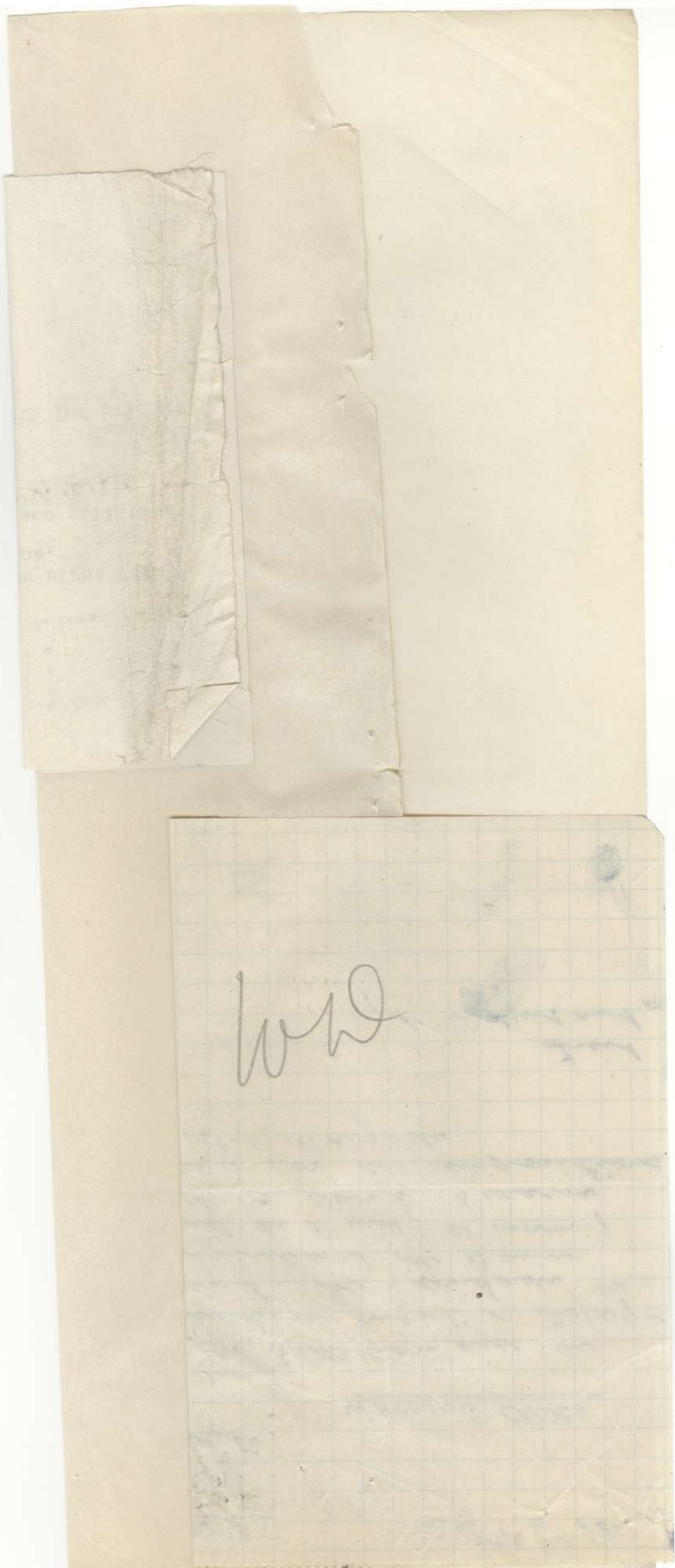
On relief 8th A.I. Brigade becomes Divl. Reserve, and will take over present dispositions of 14th A.I. Brigade.

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INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Captain,  
Brigade Major, 8th Inf Brigade



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Appendix 20.  
EDGE ORDER No 139. Copy No 1

Reference 62 d. N. E. 1/20000.

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1. At a time and date to be notified later, 30th Bn. will carry out a raid on enemy S.P. and C.T. at K. 13. b. 6. 4.
2. Object of the raid to secure identification, inflict casualties and destroy enemy dugouts, etc.
3. Composition of raiding party will ~~be~~ as under :-
  - O.C. Raid ... .. Capt Stalmers
  - O.C. Assault ... .. Lieut Bragg
  - O.C. Right Party. Lieut Harlow and 67 O.Rs.
  - (a) Right party will consist of 1 Officer and 23 O.Rs as under :-
    - (1) Bayonet team 2 N.C.Os and 12 men
    - (2) Bombing " 1 " " 6 "
    - (3) 1 Intelligence man and 1 Runner
  - (b) Left party will consist of 1 Officer and 26 O.Rs as under :-
    - (1) Bayonet team 2 N.C.Os and 13 men
    - (2) Bombing " 1 " " 6 men
    - (3) 1 Intelligence, 1 Signaller and 1 Runner.
  - (c) Three Lewis gun teams consisting of three per team, with three men each as covering party. These will be distributed one on the right and two on the left
4. The Raiding party will be in position in the jumping off trench by zero minus 15" The jumping off trench will be our front line system.
5. At zero ~~15"~~ the Artillery will put down a box barrage around position to be attacked and at the same time we will place a barrage 150 yds in front over -

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of the jumping off trench. Stakes 67 mortars will traverse the front of the box at a distance of 100 yds from parapet they will then switch to known positions on flank as per T.M. programme. +1"

(2) At zero ~~10~~ this barrage in front of jumping off trench will lift and rest on the objective.

(3) At zero +3" the raiding party will move to the assault, the barrage lifting by 100 yds lifts until it meets the rear wall of the box barrage.

6. The artillery fire will last until zero plus 20, after which time it will ease off and gradually die away until it ceases at zero + 30.

7. Action of raiders:-

(1) The left party will cover the interval between the two German C.Ts. running forward from our line. They will move forward with their left flank following the line of the left C.T. The two L.F. teams will be disposed in the C.T. - one to protect the left rear and the other the left flank.

(2) Bombing team will push ahead up left C.T. for about 50 yds to junction of small connecting trench at J. 13. b. 5.7. and will then turn to the right.

(3) The remainder of the left party will continue on and attack enemy trench between J. 13. b. 6.7. and J. 13. b. 5.5.

(4) The Right party will move forward with the left flank on the right C.T. and having its Lewis gun and bombing team on its right flank.

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- (5) Their objective will be enemy's strong point in J. 13. b. 6. 4.
8. Machine guns will co-operate by harassing fire on both flanks.
  9. Light and medium T.M.s. will also be engaging known enemy positions.
  10. Communication. A telephone wire will be taken forward with the left party. A loop wireless set will be established close to H.Q. of O.C. Raid.
  11. The O.C. Assault will use a green flare as a signal for the parties to return to our lines.
  12. Medical arrangements + A relay post will be established at the junction of COBAR LINE and COLLINS STREET. A wheeled stretcher will be available at this point.
  13. Raiders will not carry any identification other than a number. These will be checked going in and coming out by Lieut Davies D.C.M.
  14. Dress. Drill Order, rifle and bayonet, body armour, steel helmets, S.B.R.s, two bombs per man. Bombers will carry extra bombs in haversack. Assaulting troops will wear English uniforms.
  15. Watches will be synchronised by runner at 6 pm and 9 pm.
  16. Acknowledge.

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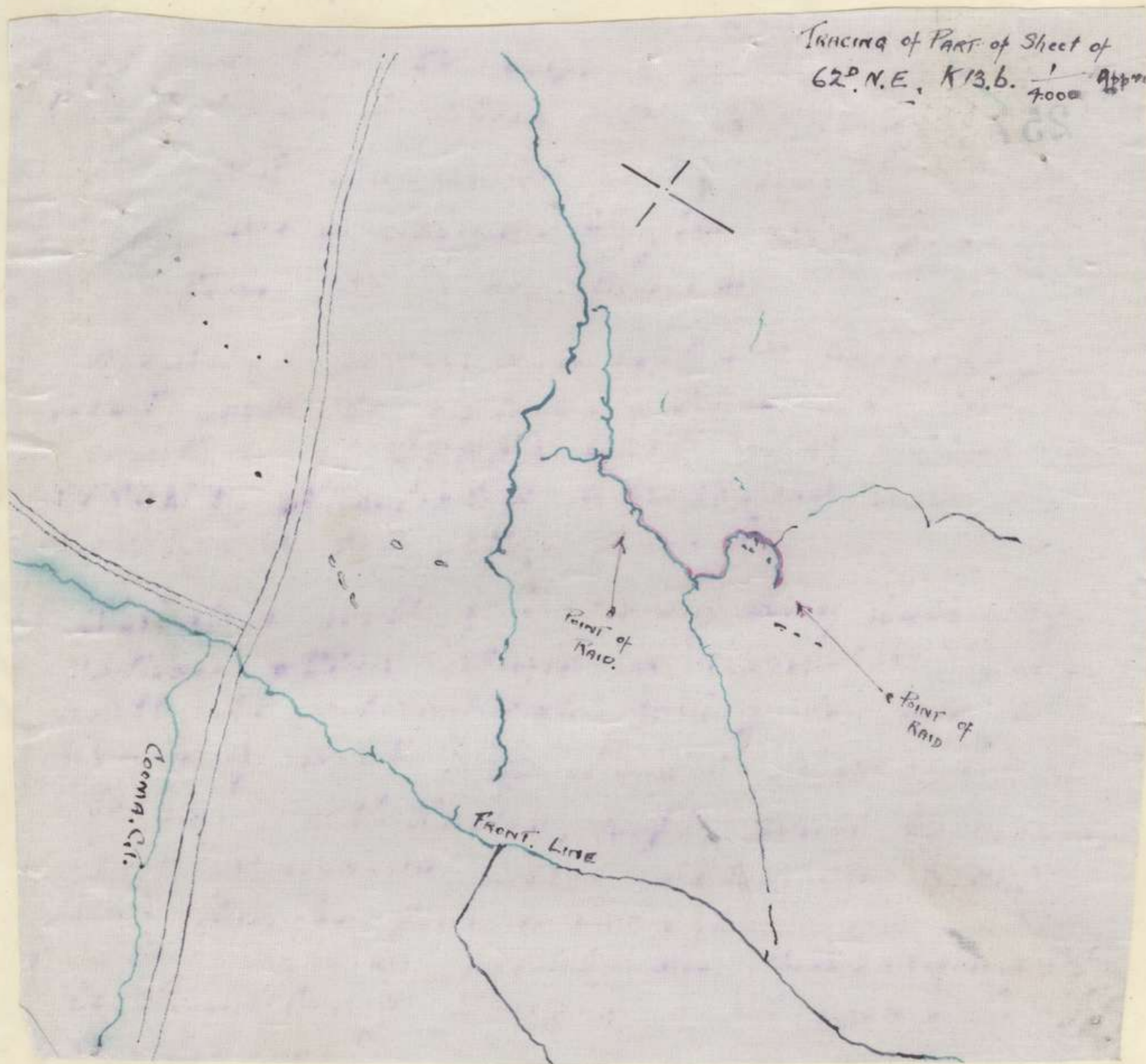
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- 10 L.T.M.B.
- 11 M.T.M.B.
- 12 14th M.G. Coy.

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Lieut  
Adjutant.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

to

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. 2.

Under Para. 8 - ADD :-

Para 9. AMMUNITION. 18-pdrs. - Zero to plus 6 minutes ALL "A" 50% on graze.

Plus 6 minutes onwards 50% A, 50% AX.

Para. 10. Lieut. A.L. ROSE will act as Liaison Officer with O.C. Raid. He will report to Capt. D. CHALMERS (O.C. Raid) at Left Battalion Headquarters, J.17.b.30.80, before dusk on 22/6/18.

Cancel Table "B" Rates of fire and substitute -

T A B L E " B " .

Rates of Fire (per Gun per minute).

18-pdrs. 4.5" Hows. 6" M.T.M's.

Zero to plus 6 minutes -		2	
Zero to plus 10 minutes -	3		Zero to plus 3 mins. as fast as possible.
Zero plus 6 mins. to plus 20 mins -		1	plus 3 minutes
Zero plus 10 mins. to plus 20 mins -	2		onward
Zero plus 20 mins. to plus 30 mins -	1	1	1 round.

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Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

to

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER NO. 2.

In para. 2 delete "K.13.b.80.70." and substitute  
"K.13.b.60.40."

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REFERENCE RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

Zero hour for the Operation will be 12.15 a.m. night  
22nd/23rd. June 1918.

Acknowledge by wire. ✓

*Brigman*

Lieut.  
Adjutant, Right Group Artillery.



SECRET.

Copy No. ...

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 210

Reference Map:  
62D, 1/40,000.

Headquarters  
21st June 1918.

1. On a day ("Z") and at a time (ZERO) to be notified, raids will be carried out as follows:-
  - (a) By 15th Australian Infantry Brigade on enemy trenches K.2.a.00.10 to K.2.a.10.35.
  - (b) By 8th Australian Infantry Brigade on enemy trenches at K.13.b.6.4 to K.13.b.6.7.
2. Artillery and machine gun support for the above raids has been arranged direct between Infantry Brigadiers and the C.R.A. and C.O. 5th Australian Machine Gun Battalion respectively.
3. Simultaneously with the above raids, provided the weather conditions are favourable, two hundred gas bombs will be projected into DERNANCOURT from E.19.c.9.2, under arrangements to be made by "Z" Special Co. R.E.
4. An officer from Divisional Headquarters will call at Headquarters of Infantry Brigades and artillery groups concerned at ZERO minus 10 hours and again at ZERO minus 6 hours to synchronise watches. No synchronisation of watches is to be made over telephone lines.
5. Copies (in duplicate) of the infantry raid orders and plans of artillery and machine gun support will be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

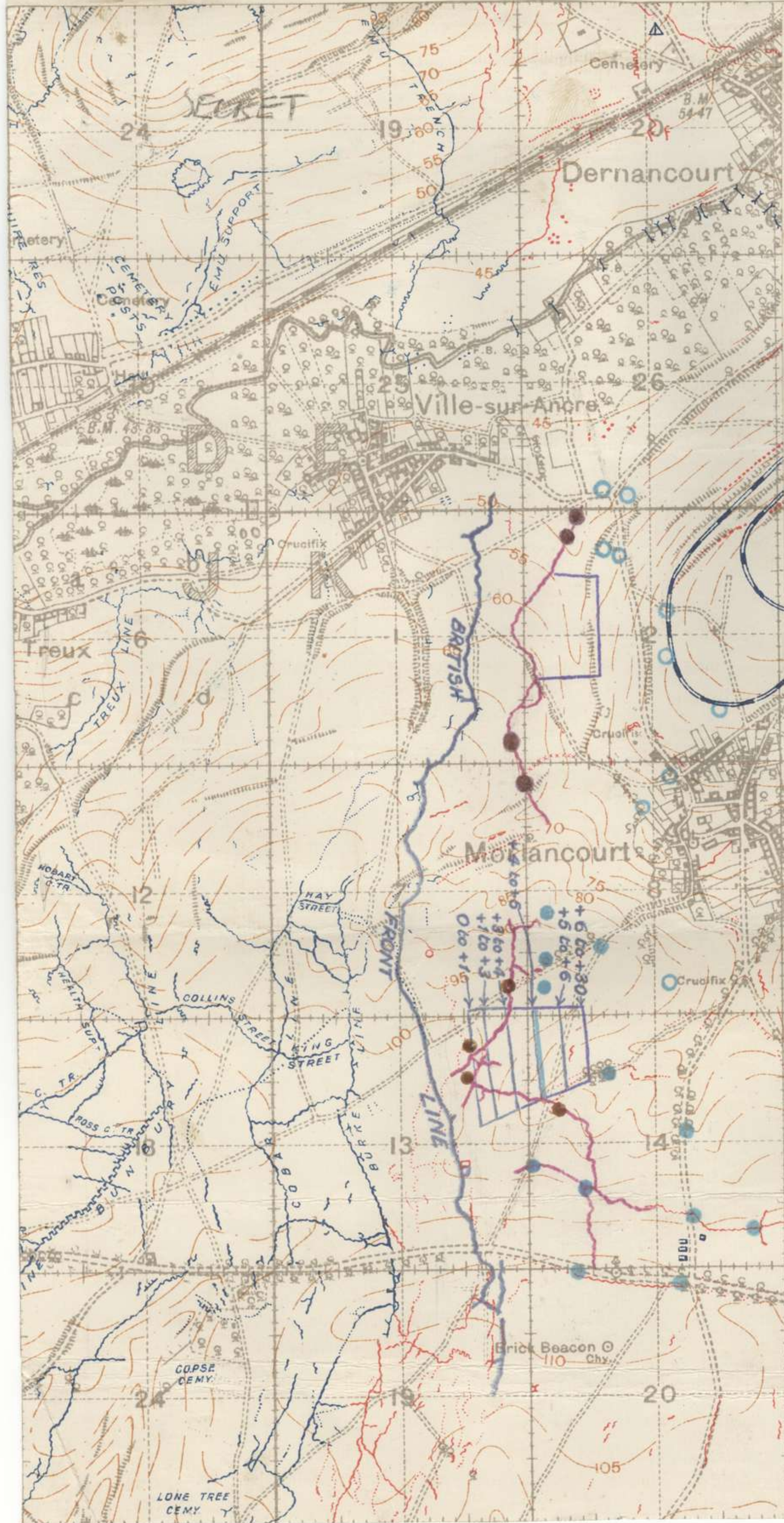
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Major,  
General Staff,  
5th Australian Division.

Issued at 10 p.m. to:

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8th Infantry Brigade	1	2
15th Infantry Brigade	3	4
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5th Machine Gun Battalion	7	
Divisional Signal Co.	8	
Divisional Engineers	9	
Copies to:		
Australian Corps	10	
58th Division	11	
4th Australian Division,	12	
14th Infantry Brigade	13	
A.D.M.S.	14	
A.P.M.	15	
"Z" Special Co. R.E.	16	
"G"	17	18
"AQ"	19	
A.D.C. to G.O.C.	20	
War Diary	21	23



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BARRAGE MAP

PORTION OF SHEET 62D N.E.  
E. LOCAL

SCALE - 1/20,000

REFERENCE

LEFT GROUP

PHASE I ZERO TO ZERO +2  
18 PDRS. ENEMY FRONT LINE  
K2a.2.7. TO K.2c.0.5.

4.5" HOWS.

M.T.M's

PHASE II ZERO +2 TO ZERO +30.

18 PDRS. BOX AS IN BLUE —  
4.5 HOWS. AND M.T.M's AS FOR PHASE I.

RIGHT GROUP

PHASE I

18 PDR. CREEPING BARRAGE AS IN DIAGRAM.  
4.5" HOWS. CREEPING BARRAGE START ON  
LINE IN GREEN FOR 3 MINS. THEN 100 YDS.  
PER MINUTE TO +6

M.T.M's ZERO TO +3. WIRE AT K.13b.50.75  
AND K.13b.50.50 + 3 ONWARDS K7d.8.2  
AND K.14a.25.25.

PHASE II. +6 TO +30

18 pdrs. BOX AS IN BLUE —  
4.5" HOWS.  
M.T.M's AS FOR +3 ONWARDS

APPENDIX. 21 75

30th Battalion.SECRET

1. (a) A Minor Operation will be carried out by the 30th Bn. supported by the Right Group Artillery on the night 22nd/23rd June 1918, against enemy S.P. K 13 b 6 4 and C.T's. in K 13 b. Sheet 62d N.T. 1/20,000
- (b) A Battalion of 15th A.I. Brigade will raid enemy trenches K 2 a 0 1 to K 2 a 1 3 at the same time, and Gas projected against DERNANCOURT, also Medium Trench mortars and Stokes mortars will make a demonstration on the Southern part of the Brigade front.

## 2. The object of the raid is :-

- (i) To secure prisoners:  
 (ii) To obtain identification.  
 (iii) To kill as many of the enemy as possible, and to capture and destroy material and work.

## 3(i) The raiding party will consist of :-

H.Qrs. - Capt. D. CHAMBERS, Sigs, runners and wireless personnel.  
 Right Party - under Lieut. HANLON, approx 30 o.r.  
 Left Party - under Lieut. B. BRAGG, approx 30 o.r.

- (ii) The parties will lie up under the barrage in the vicinity of our front line and at ZERO plus 1 will move as close to the objective as possible.

At ZERO plus 3 the objective will be rushed: at the same time bombers will exploit C.T's. leading towards enemy position and establish blocks at approximately K 13 b 65 70 and K 13 b 50 75.

Covering parties with Lewis guns will protect both flanks.

- (iii) The return routes will be selected by O's.C. parties, and parties will be led back to H.Q. of the raid at K 13 b 25 65 where reports of all prisoners and material captured will be collected.
- (iv) O.C. No. 2 sig. Section will make any arrangements required for special communication.
- (v) The garrison of the front line between posts K 13 b 4 0 and K 7 d 1 0 will be withdrawn to the flanks 15 minutes before ZERO and the line will be re-occupied at ZERO plus 5 minutes.

## 4. The action of Supporting Artillery will be as follows :-

At ZERO a box barrage will be placed round the objective and remain there until ZERO plus 30 and a barrage will be placed about 100 yards in front of our line.

At ZERO plus 1 the barrage will lift on to the objective and remain there for two minutes; at ZERO plus 3 the barrage will lift 100 yards per minute until ZERO plus 6 and remain on box barrage until ZERO plus 30.

Howitzers will engage specially selected targets in rear. Medium trench mortars will cut wire at approx. K 13 b 75 70 from ZERO to ZERO plus 3 and then engage specially selected targets on the flanks until ZERO plus 30.

- 5.(i) O.C. Right Group Machine Guns will arrange to bring fire to bear on enemy positions and approaches K 8 a and K 8 central: K 14 a, c and d from ZERO until ZERO plus 15 minutes.

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- (ii) O.C. 8th A.L.T.M. Battery will arrange to engage enemy positions at K 13 b 7 2 from ZERO Plus 3 to ZERO plus 15, and enemy positions at K 13 b 57 80 from ZERO to ZERO plus 2 3, then swing outwards to flanks and engage shell hole posts and machine guns on left flank.  
 Enemy machine guns that remain active on the flanks will be silenced.

6. ZERO hour will be notified later.
7. Reports to Brigade H.Qrs. J 1 c 45 05 with all possible speed.
8. Watches will be synchronised by special despatch rider at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. on stand inst.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Copies to :-

39th Battalion  
 31st "  
 32nd "  
 Right Group M.Guns (2)  
 8th A.L.T.M. Battery  
 No. 2 Sig. Section  
 Right Group Artillery  
 'A' Coy 13 Tank Bn.  
 5th Aust. Div. (2)  
 15th A.I. Brigade  
 12th A.I. Brigade  
 B.G.C. 8th A.I. Brigade  
 Staff Captain  
 4 Btty M.T.M.  
 'Z' Special Coy R.E.  
 War Diary  
 File



*A. J. Mason*  
 Captain,  
 Brigade Major, 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.

June 21st 1918.

Hqrs. 8<sup>th</sup> Inf. Brigade

With reference to our Raid on night 22/23<sup>rd</sup> June 1918 I beg to report as follows:-

1. Objectives. The objectives were enemy's S.P. and C.T. at K 13 to 6.4.

2. Strength of Party. Strength of Raiders was

Right + Left Parties	2 officers	66	O.R's
O.C. Raid party	1 "	6	"
Total		3 "	72 "

3. Artillery action. Our barrage by our own artillery opened at ZERO and from various accounts appears to have been accurate and solid, there were a few "shorts" prior to leaving our jumping off trench + the O.C. Right party states that when he reached his objective our barrage was only bursting about 20 yards over it.

4. Narratives by O.C. Raid + O.C. Parties form an addenda to this report.

5. Enemy Retaliation. This consisted of a Maxim machine barrage which fell on our front line at ZERO, Machine guns also opened simultaneously.

at Zero + 2 a barrage of 5.9<sup>s</sup> + 4.2<sup>s</sup> was put down along BUNBURY LINE BURKE LINE + all C.T.'s. The high ground + Road in K 7a, also valley between Bon. Agr + MARBETT WOOD were also heavily shelled. As many as 3 "minnies" were noticed in the air at one time.  
our Reserve Coy. (BUNBURY LINE)

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(5) reports that Gas was freely mixed with H.E. on the left half of Sector + S.B.R.<sup>s</sup> were worn for 20 minutes. All Coys. report several direct hits on their trenches which have been severely damaged in places. Everything points to Retaliation increasing in intensity, from out Right to left. One officer (O.C. Right front Coy) gave an estimate of "minnies" as Right about 50 Centre 70 Left 100, with Enemy M.B. fire right on his Coy. front.

(6) Casualties (estimated)

3	O.R. <sup>s</sup>	Killed
1	"	Missing believed killed
1	"	Missing
2	"	Wounded + missing
1 officer	15 "	Wounded

1 officer 22 O.R.<sup>s</sup> Total

7. Identifications. Prisoner <sup>H</sup> 11 Coy. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 232<sup>nd</sup> R.I.R.

8. Communications. At ZERO + 1 I was in phone touch with O.C. Raid but at zero + 10 lines broke, also those to front line Coy. Hqs. Identification message was sent from O.C. Raid by loop wireless at zero + 10, but a sheet broke the aerial near Bn. Hqs. + this

8. message failed to reach me + shortly afterwards a shell wrecked the front line Wireless Set.

My first identification was therefore the arrival of the prisoners at B H Q at zero + 75 minutes, all other means of communication having failed.

9. Wire. None encountered.

10. Trenches. The only trench mentioned was the S. P., the objective of our Right party, which report state appeared about 2 ft wide + 4 ft. deep with earth thrown up on both sides, there were no deep dugouts, only undercut shelters.

11. Ground. The ground was very simple, almost flat + having no wire offered no obstacle other than shell holes.

12. General. The ~~Raid~~ Artillery Barrage for the Raid on our Left (59<sup>th</sup> Bn.) opened at ZERO - 4 minutes, also their M. G.<sup>s</sup>, this appears to have started our L.T.M.<sup>s</sup> as O.C. our Raid stated the latter opened 4 minutes before zero + brought enemy flares + M. G.<sup>s</sup> on to our Sector immediately. I turned our own Artillery barrage

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12. to start accurately, at zero which proved our Synchronisation was correct, there was however a difference of some 4 minutes in the start of the two raids & owing to this & our L.T.M.<sup>s</sup> following the lead of the 59<sup>th</sup> Raid, the element of surprise was lost to us.

The Right Party met resistance but not heavy M.G. fire & quickly disposed of the whole garrison of the S.P.

The Left Party which is responsible for nearly all our casualties, continued to advance bravely in the face of an awful fire from numbers of M.G.<sup>s</sup> & a lot of their casualties were received in endeavouring to get all the party safely back.

Considering the "Minnie" Barrage it is evident our guns did not manage to silence them all & our Right front Coy. Comdr. reports they seemed to come from positions Nos. 1 & 2.

I wish to record my appreciation of the gallantry displayed by all ranks taking part in this Raid.

23-6-18

J. W. Cleary D. S. Lt. Col.  
Comdr. 30<sup>th</sup> Bn. A. I. F.



Report by O.C. Raid.

"At about 11 p.m. the raiding party was formed up as per schedule in the jumping off trench (our front line), and in ample time to allow all men to get their bearings.

At ZERO - 4½ minutes the barrage on the 59th Bn. sector opened: at the same time our mortars opened. At ZERO our barrage opened, some shells falling short.

At ZERO - 15 seconds the raiding party moved forward.

At ZERO the enemy M.W. barrage fell in the vicinity of our front line and machine guns were firing at that time.

At about ZERO plus 8 minutes, a prisoner was reported to me and I gave the Wireless and telephone operator the identification to forward.

The O.C. Right party reported to me at about 12.35 a.m. that his party was back except the wounded and those carrying them in.

At 12.35 a.m. O.C. Left Party reported to me that his party had met strong M.G. fire and that the casualties were being brought in.

The M.W. barrage was at about the rate of 3 per minute and fairly accurate.

At 12.30 a.m. communications failed, but the wireless set was adjusted.

Report by O.C. Right Party.

"The right party was formed up in trench as per arrangements at about 11 p.m. At 5 minutes before ZERO our Trench Mortars opened up. At ZERO plus 2 ¾ minutes the Right party went forward, two men being hit about half way across. We followed very closely on the barrage and did not meet with any opposition till within a few yards of enemy trench when bombs were thrown at us.

When party jumped into trench enemy scattered in all directions. During the time we were in the trench a great number of our shells were falling within 20 yards of us.

We also encountered a very strong M.G. fire from the left but as it appeared to be frontal, did not affect us.

The right flank gave us no trouble at all. The trench itself appeared to be about 4' deep and about 2' wide with earth thrown up on both sides. It was not revetted or duckboarded.

The enemy has no wire of any description in front.

Estimate of enemy casualties :-

12 dead in post.

1 prisoner died of wounds after reaching our lines:

1 prisoner alive.

Report by O.C. Left Party.

"The whole of raiding party was formed up at 11 p.m. in front line trench in order as arranged. While waiting for ZERO time all was very quiet on the front, and perfect confidence was expressed while waiting for barrage to fall.

At 12.10½ a.m. a heavy barrage fell on left Brigade sector; almost immediately after our Stokes Mortars opened up and kept firing until our barrage opened. At 12.15 a.m. our barrage fell sweeping very close to parapet, some shells bursting very near front line trenches where we were waiting.

15 second before barrage lifted from objectives the left party were over the parapet just after bombing party working up left Sap had gone forward. There was no hesitation in advancing; the rifle and bayonet party advanced in line. There were no obstacles in our way and the ground was perfectly level. Before we advance 50 yards Bosche M.G.'s. opened on us directly in front and from the left flank. Party continued to advance in face of this for about another 80 yards when my men were getting casualties.

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Report by O.C. Left Party (continued)

At about this distance - 130 yards from our line - more machine guns opened. In spite of this I urged my men on but they began to fall quickly and I estimated reaching objectives with too few men to carry on, even to defend ourselves.

Immediately fired return signal (a green Very light). My men saw this and immediately started helping their comrades who were wounded to get back. Flares commenced to go up from the Bosche and he had splendid targets. I estimated at least 4 guns firing on us from in front and some from left flank; I do not know how many.

At this time stick bombs started to fall amongst us; I do not know whether they caused casualties. At about 35 yds from Bosche trench I received a wound in left shoulder whilst trying to help back L/Cpl WYNNE who was badly wounded and could not walk. I dragged him a few yards and put him in a small shell hole. I could not put him on my shoulder on account of my wound so had to leave him and assist to bring Cpl. ABEL a little way back to safety and left someone with him.

I immediately went over to sap to look after my bombing party and machine gunners. This party was held up by m.gun. fire and bombs. Sap in some places was completely blocked. These overland parts were covered from left by M.Guns from left of sap.

I found my machine gun crew at the end of a block covering approaches from Bosche side. Stick bombs were falling here. I placed the riflemen in position to cover our flanks in case of a counter attack up sap. Our bombs were used and bombers were either casualties or had fallen back. My machine gun could not locate Bosche bombers; when my NO. 1 on gun was wounded I ordered the party back to work slowly back and put them in another position.

Machine guns were still very active and I had another gunner wounded and then ordered whole party back as soon as possible covering the return of the wounded men which we got back safely.

In my opinion the Bosche was waiting for us; he covered all approaches to his posts effectively and even if ~~xxxx~~ we had twice the number in party I think we would have had more casualties.

The conduct of all the N.C.O's and men under my command was exemplary, especially in the way they set about their job, even when casualties were getting heavy.

The way they endeavoured to get their wounded comrades back under the heavy fire and bombing is specially worth mentioning.

All arrangements from our point of view worked splendidly. We got as close to our own barrage as was possible, but I noticed even when our barrage played on objectives, machine gun fire coming from Bosche side."

8TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. G14/859 23/6/18.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 23-6-18

Retaliation to our raid on this boys' ~~was~~ sector was very severe. Starting at zero + 2' a continuous barrage of 4-2's and 5'9's was put down on or near the Bambray line. This lasted until 1-30 a.m. & then eased up gradually. Impossible to estimate number of shells. Trenches were blown in at several points. Gas was freely mixed with HE on left half of sector, helmets being worn for 20 minutes.

Casualties for last 24 hours

Lieut. Richardson Killed.  
P3916 Pte S. Burns Wounded.  
Stratford Rogers  
and Lewis Summers sent to P.O. not yet reported back.

Withd. Capt.  
O.B. Coy.

By.....		Signature of "Distinguishing Subject".....	
TO	0's Coy's.		B
	Sender's Number.		In reply to Number.
Day of Month.		AAA	
<p>Please take particular notice of  retaliation to an raid  to which was about 2000  to Bth. H. &amp; as soon as possible  afternoon, stating:-</p> <p>(a) Loss of shells  (b) Material destroyed  (c) Material damaged  (d) Casualties done</p> <p>500  1500</p>			
From	1st Lt. Major		
Place			
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(2)	



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Wed. 2-25 AM

Retaliation during raids after

- a) Enemy retaliation started from 5 to 10 minutes after our barrage whole trench of coy shelled but heavier on left than right
- b) shinnies & 5.9 mainly but had some light shells among it
- c) shinnies right about 50  
Centre " 70  
Left " 100

Shell fire heavy on left in front & rear of trench same round SP. at coy HQ but on right mines fell in front of trench

- d) Trench blown in in 5 places
- e) Casualties  
2166 Pte Knight A C Wund

shinnies appeared to come from position 1 & 2

Enemy MG fire light on whole of coy post all quiet at 1-10 AM

1-35 AM  
23/8/18

John  
Rear  
Rear

The Adpts.

Recd 2.20 AM

Damage to our trenches  
very heavy at positions held by  
us. The damage was  
caused by three <sup>mm</sup> which  
fell right into the trench. Other  
casualties - but.

C. D. Savage Capt

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Rand Report.

Recd 2.20 AM

The battalion carried out a raid this  
morning, commencing at 12.15 a.m. on a  
German stronghold at K13 to 6-4 (order  
operation order). The Stokes mortars were  
in action for a few minutes before our  
artillery opened up, & the enemy became ac-  
tive with heavy lights. These ceased to be  
fired when the artillery started. Rockets  
bursting into golden rain were fired  
shortly after the raid commenced & sup-  
port was immediately given by the German  
artillery, with 4.2's & 7.7's. Heavy heavy  
mortars also come into action, & the  
night sky received particular attention from  
them, some <sup>mm</sup> being in the air at  
one or two times. Buster bomb received most  
attention from the artillery, as well as  
C.I.'s leading to it from the front line.  
The high ground & road near K7a was  
also heavily engaged. The bombardment  
generally was heavy & an estimate of  
the approximate shells fired on each  
area could not be given. By 1 o'clock  
the artillery was quiet again. Casualties  
& damage will be notified by wire.

22/6/18. C. D. Savage Capt

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Hqs Coy. Hqs. SECRET

I have just returned from here  
Inspection & have visited  
with Coy. Hqs.

The Right Coy. Comdr. reports  
that enemy registered on the  
S.P. at K 13 d S. 8 where our  
Right Coy. Hqs. are, he fired  
8 rounds. Locating the S.P.  
well inside & also registered  
on the little wire there is  
in front, using H. 2's.

I had previously decided  
to move Coy. Hqs. back from  
the front line & this strengthens  
my decision & I selected  
a spot in old Boche trench  
some 100 to 150 yds back & am  
asking the Engrs. to build  
a small place as per plan  
given the O.C. Engrs. here.

I told the O.C. Right Coy.  
to clear this S.P. tonight,  
have L.C.S. & Bombch. forward  
on each flank & L.C.S. &  
Bombch. near junction of  
C.T. with old Boche trench

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I also warned the O.C. Support  
Coy. to get in touch with O.C.  
Right Coy. & arrange to have  
one Platoon ready to help  
should an entry be effected.

If a small affair starts  
the O.C. will not use an  
S.O.S. unless he thinks  
it absolutely essential  
if it looks big he won't  
hesitate.

Arrangements might be  
made with our Artillery  
to keep this point in view  
so as to be able to respond  
quickly if required.

This is only an appreciation  
on my part but I thought  
it as well to warn all  
concerned of the  
possibilities.

Avr. Lea. Hllol  
Comdg. 30<sup>th</sup> Mkt Bty

23/6/18 P.S. It may be advised  
to allot some L.T.M. to O.C. Support Coy.  
J.P.C.

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APPENDIX

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25/7  
12:00

Observation from COB R  
 12:20 Our Artillery barrage opened up  
 for Road. M.G.'s also assisting  
 our M.G.'s appear to open up on area  
 behind Artillery Companies.  
 Numerous white flares were thrown up by  
 enemy and followed at  
 12:25 by flares bursting into a  
 cloud of yellows - evidently the COS  
 has made a take observation consisting  
 of H.G. Shrap + Menemeyer took place  
 on our Area. From C.T. the Menemeyer  
 appears to be plying at front line  
 H.G. + Shrap falling in Subplots  
 principally at K13 a and K13c  
 He also searched our C.T.s  
 particularly Booma to north H.G.  
 our Shrap  
 12:40 Enemy placed Gas  
 shells on our Area  
 12:49 Sep. reports common  
 disconnected  
 12:58 Situation fairly quiet  
 with exception of H.G.  
 still searching our C.T.s + Shrap  
 3:15 am

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12:00  
12:50  
12:58  
3:15 am

As a result of our experience in the  
 Raid by this unit on night  
 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June 1918, I beg to  
 offer the following suggestions  
 with a view to ensuring the  
 success of future operations.

(1) A point worth considering  
 is whether the risk of possible  
 shorts from the 6" M.T.M.'s is  
 not worth taking considering  
 the circumstances?

Our men had good cover in  
 a narrow deep trench, the  
 objectives were some 200'  
 away.

I am of the opinion that the M.T.M.  
 bombardment would have  
 accounted for some of the M.G.'s  
 and personnel + would  
 certainly have been more  
 effective in neutralising  
 their fire than the 18 prs.  
 + reports from the Ranging officer  
 say that M.G.'s opened on them  
 the moment they crossed our  
 parapet.

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It is suggested that on similar nights (bright clear moonlight) the Artillery might include some SMOKE SHELLS in their bombardment of the objectives. This in my opinion would probably have affected the accuracy of the M.C. fire & refused them the clear, good targets they evidently had.

13) I have already referred in my previous report to the evident misunderstanding regarding Synchronisation of the two Raids.

I think the result also justifies orders being given to all units participating such as L T M's & M T M's that ZERO hour should be strictly adhered to & Officers, N.C.O's or whoever in charge of weapons should not take the cues from the start of any Artillery. This refers especially to L T M's. The Officer supervising the

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fire of the M T M's was extremely careful with his Synchronisation & admitted he fired his first round half a minute before ZERO as his estimated time of flight for the shell was  $2\frac{3}{4}$  seconds.

The O.C. Raid maintains that the first Stokes shell landed a few seconds after the Left Raid Artillery started and at least 4 minutes before ZERO & switched off to the flanks at ZERO - 4 minutes thus leaving the enemy machine gunners clear of all mortar fire.

(4) Artillery registration. Despite the care which I am sure was exercised by all concerned, the fact of some four or five batteries of Artillery registering on the afternoon of the operation & almost simultaneously combined with the necessary movement to observe fire

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25<sup>th</sup> Telephone communication directing fire must have landed to warn the enemy of an impending operation.

16. The Prisoner taken by us said that our Patrol Reconnaissance of the objective warned the occupants that an attack was impending; owing to the few hours of darkness & the moon it was practically impossible to make this reconnaissance of a place 200<sup>x</sup> from our line over flat country without being seen.

Although not relevant to the subject matter I would like to point out that no information was gained from missing men of our previous night's patrol. Sgt Drake's body was located and Pte Pritchard the wounded & missing man was found in a shell hole & rescued by one of our Raiders.

23/11/41 J. W. Clark Plt. Lt. Coy. 30<sup>th</sup> Inf. A.S.F.

25<sup>th</sup> 11/41

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1. Gas projector has been installed in K. 9. E. In 6. 11<sup>th</sup> is proposed to load and discharge shell at 1.5 am tonight should weather conditions be favorable.

Sgt K & C. 200 drums will be fired under the supervision of Lt. Strange M.C.

2. The limits of direction for wind for safe discharge are from SSW through W to N.E. by a velocity not exceeding 10 m.p.h.

3. The following code words will be used in connection with operation:

- CRASH Operations will take place
- COURT Operations will not take place
- CRUEL Operations complete.

Enclosed tracing shows area to be cleared of troops at the time of discharge and in which gas must be used from zero minus 5" to zero plus 10"

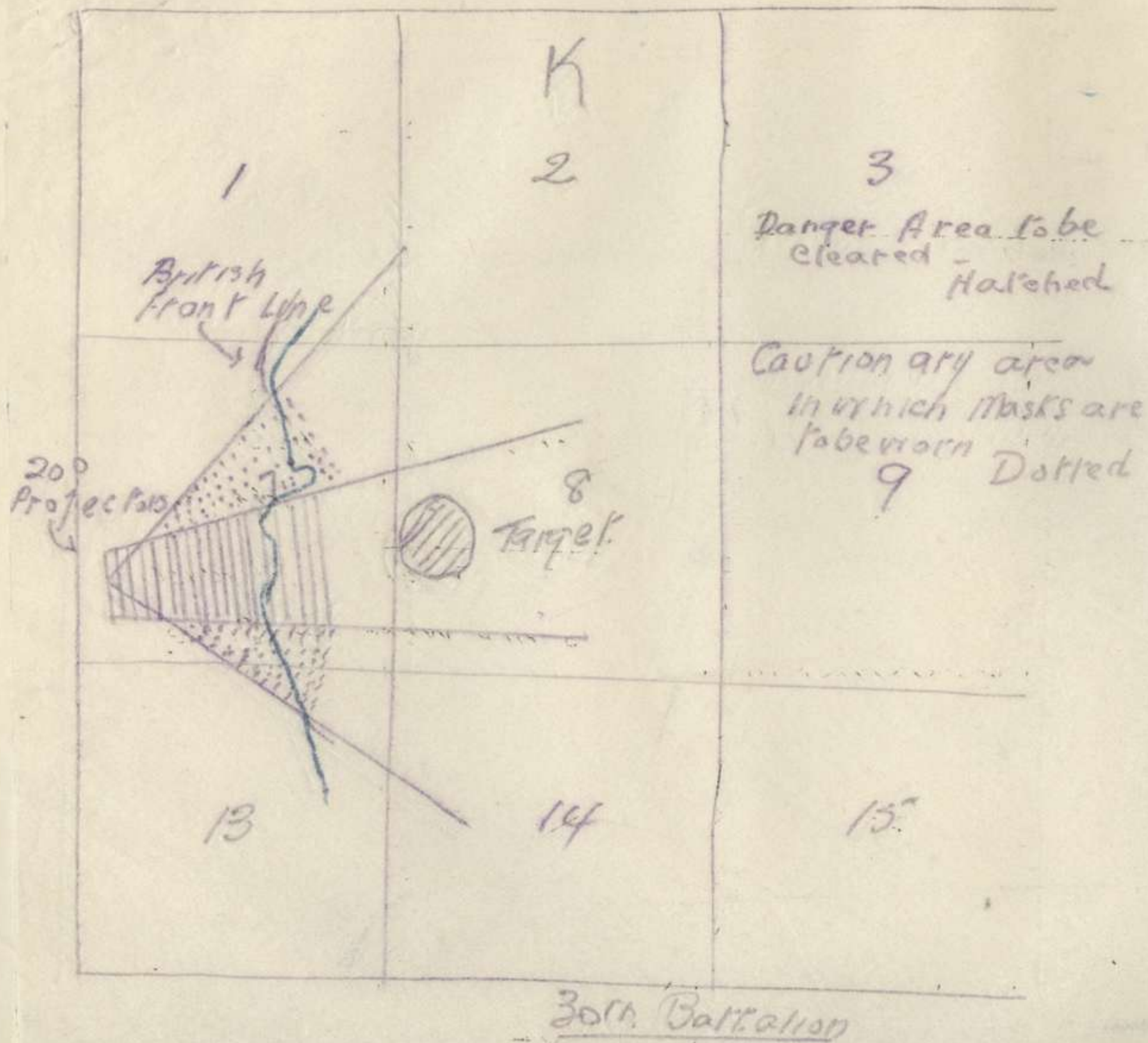
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The earliest time at which areas vacated may be re-occupied will be zero plus 30". All precautions will be taken to prevent surprise caused by the enemy moving forward and occupying any of our posts. A special gas alert will be maintained in the whole Bn sector from 11 pm until operations are completed. Simultaneously with this discharge gas projectors will be fired from K 19. c. 1. 0. on to K 25. d. This is on 32nd Bn sector and O.C. Coy's will take precautions to watch out that this gas does not blow back on our own lines.

5 Acknowledge by wiring back the code word REX

*[Signature]*  
Lieut  
Adjutant

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H. A.  
 Lt. Aust. Inf Bde

The trench systems from  
 the BRAY-CORBIE road  
 to K 7 control was taken  
 over by my Battalion on the  
 night 14/15 inst. On inspection  
 the following morning the  
 whole system was found  
 to be littered with salvage  
 and in a very unsanitary  
 condition.

There were great  
 quantities of clothing  
 equipment and rifles (both  
 our own and that of the  
 enemy) thrown along the  
 trenches, and thousands of  
 rounds of S. A. A. were  
 lying loose in the bottom  
 of practically every trench in  
 the sector. In addition  
 insufficient attention seems  
 to have been paid to the  
 sanitary arrangements. Urine  
 was seen in almost every  
 case overflowing and

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the ground fouled. In  
 numerous cases there seems  
 to have been no regular  
 latines the men having used  
 any hole in the trench as they  
 could find and the result  
 was almost everywhere  
 with the result that the  
 smell and flies were very  
 bad.

About twelve dead  
 bodies mostly enemy were  
 lying imbedded in the  
 mortar and were very  
 objectionable.

The trenches themselves  
 were very narrow and  
 every line had been badly  
 run down by the men to  
 obtain shelter.

Since taking over  
 this Battalion has returned  
 a large quantity of salvage  
 to the rest and is still  
 working on same.

24/6/18 J. W. Carr Lt. Col.  
 Comdg. 30th Bn

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30th BATTALION ORDER No. 140.

Reference 62d.N.E.1/20,000, 62d.1/40,000.

26-6-1918.

1. The 30th Battalion will be relieved on night of 26/27th inst. by 53rd Bn., 14th A.I. Brigade.  

"A" Coy.	53rd Bn.	will relieve	"A" Coy.	30th Bn.
"B"	"	"	"	"
"C"	"	"	"	"
"D"	"	"	"	"
  
2. Relieving Units will move up the line as under:-  

1&2 Platoons	"A" Coy.	up	COOMA C.T., BURKE LINE, WORTH C.T.
3&4	"	"	COOMA C.T.
5&6	"B" Coy.	"	COOMA C.T.
7&8	"	"	COPPER C.T.
9,10,11,12	"C" Coy.	overland to junction of COBAR LINE and KING Street - 9 & 10 thence via COOMA and 11 via KING St. 12 to remain in COBAR.	
13, 14 & 15	"D" Coy.	(right, centre and left) overland to BUNBURY LINE.	
16 Platoon	"	to	HEALTH SUPPORT.

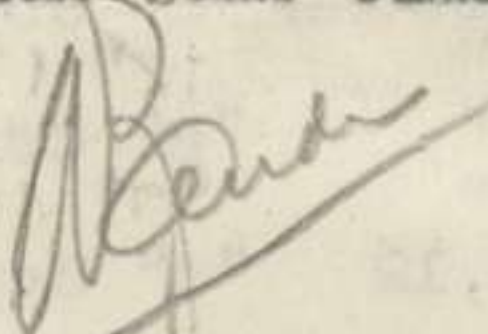
Guides supplied by Coys. will be notified to bring in relieving troops as above.
  
3. "A" and "C" Coys. 30th Bn. will move out via WORTH C.T. and COPPER C.T. - their central platoons coming down COOMA C.T.
  
4. Guides as under for 53rd Battalion will report to R.S.M. at Bn.H.Q. at 9-30p.m. sharp, tonight.  

1 Officer per Coy.
1 Guide for Coy. H.Qrs.
1 Guide per platoon.

Total - 1 Officer and 5 O.Rs. per Coy.
  
5. All aeroplane photos, dispositions, defence schemes, and information relative to the sector, ammunition, S.O.S. trench shelters, signal rockets, etc. will be handed over and receipts obtained. Copies of receipts in DUPLICATE will be forwarded to Bn.H.Q. by 5-a.m. on 27th.
  
6. Hot boxes, box periscopes, tommy-cookers, will NOT be handed over, but will be brought out.
  
7. Os.C. "A" and "C" will be responsible for a strong covering party being put out prior to relief and not withdrawn until relief is complete. If moonlight, several listening posts with guns will do for this.
  
8. Before handing over, all dug-outs and shelters must be sprayed with a 50% solution of cresol. No infringement of this order will be permitted. A certificate to the effect that this has been done will be rendered together with a certificate that Coy. areas were handed over in a clean and sanitary condition. These certificates will be signed by the O.C. of incoming Unit and will be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. together with other receipts by 5-a.m. 27th inst.
  
9. On completion of relief, Coys. will move independently to FRANVILLERS LINE in J.29.d.  
Route - via HEILLY HALTE - HEILLY - J.19d.1.5. - then by main HEILLY - FRANVILLERS Road to where it meets AMIENS - ALBERT Road. Guides will meet Companies there.  
Coys. will move in parties of platoons at 100 yds interval to HEILLY HALTE, thence at 50 yds interval.

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- 10. Limbers will be at Bn. H.Qrs. at midnight and Coys. will arrange to load all Lewis Guns, panniers, signal gear and stretchers on these as they pass. Limbers will then follow each Coy. to their new area. Coy. Commanders' horses will be on road at J.10.b.5.1. Os. G. will arrange to collect these.
- 11. Completion of relief will be wired by code words "CASUALTIES NIL".
- 12. Bn. H.Q. will close at J.17.b.3.7. on completion of relief and re-open at J.29.d.1.9. in FRANVILLERS LINE just North of AMIENS - ALBERT ROAD at the same time.
- 13. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Lieut.  
Adjutant 3th Battalion A.I.F.

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30TH BATTALION PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME

Reference 62 D N.E. and N.W. 1/20,000.  
62 D 1/40,000.

28th June 1918.

1. The 8th Infantry Brigade is reserve Brigade to the Division.
2. The 30th Bn. is known as "C Battalion", and is disposed as under in the FRANVILLERS Line Left:-
 

"A" Coy.	C. 29 a.	
"B" "	C. 29 d.	North of AMIENS-ALBERT Road.
"C" " )		
"D" " )	C. 29 d.	South of AMIENS-ALBERT Road.
Bn. Hqrs		In trenches at C. 29. d. 3. 7.
3. The Battalion may be called upon to reinforce or counter attack in any part of the Divisional Front, and on or on its immediate flanks, or it may be employed to hold rear lines of defence.
4. The Battalion is responsible for detailing a nucleus garrison for the ANCRE extension of the BEXIEUX System from
  - (a) I.18.a.0.5. to J.1.c.7.8. and to occupy these defences when ordered.
  - (b) This frontage includes posts lettered "J", "K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, S, T." inclusive and posts numbered 30-36 both inclusive - totalling 17 posts. Half to be manned by Lewis Gun sections, half by rifle sections.
  - (c) "D" Coy., 30th Battalion, will be regarded as the nucleus garrison for the above, and will be the first to move forward, and take up a defensive position, should the Bn. have to move forward.
5. Posts are allotted to Companies as under:-
 

"A" Coy	-	36, P, Q, S and T.	Posts 36, 33, 32, 31, 30,
"B" "	-	35, 34, N and O.	J, K and S are L.G. Posts.
"C" "	-	33, 32, L and M.	
"D" "	-	31, 30, J and K.	

In the event of a move forward, "D" Coy will occupy the whole system till the remainder of the Battalion arrives. When as each post is relieved by the incoming "A", "B" and "C" Coys., it will move out, and the Company will concentrate in posts 31, 30, J and K.
6. All Officers and N.C.Os. will reconnoitre positions and routes to the system referred to. Company Commanders will prepare detailed plans of action. Officers and N.C.Os. will make themselves familiar also with all the approaches to all the Brigade sectors in the Divisional front, and also to the sectors on the immediate flanks of the Division.
7. Units will be prepared to move at short notice to any of the positions as detailed.
8. Bn. Hqrs. and R.A.P. at C.29.d.3.7.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Wards*  
Lieut.  
Adjutant 30th Battalion.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

1. AMMUNITION. Every man is in possession of 120 rounds S.A.A. and will keep this supply always.
2. SUPPLIES.
  - (a) WATER. Every man's water-bottle will be kept filled. Water-carts call daily to Companies for this purpose.
  - (b) IRON RATIONS. Inspections are to be held twice weekly to ensure that each man is in possession of his iron rations
3. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. R.A.P. is situated at Battalion headquarters - C.29.d.3.7. from where evacuations are carried out by motor ambulance.
4. DUMPS.
  - (a) Supporting Point rations and water are 1 dumps as under:-

	<u>Biscuits</u>	<u>Pres. Meat</u>	<u>Water.</u>
I.5.d.1.6.	350	360	50
C.23.d.1.6.	300	384	50
  - (b) 48000 S.A.A., 851 Mills Grenades, S.O.S grenades near Bn. H.Q. These dumps are under guards and are only used under special circumstances.

*W. G. G. G.*

Lieut.  
Adjutant 30th Battalion A.I.F.

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The first twelve days of the month the Battalion spent in the Corps Reserve Area, where the troops were well rested after their long spell in the forward area and specialist training carried out.

Being handy to the Somme River, swimming was largely indulged in and a successful swimming carnival was held; representatives from the Battalion competed in the Brigade Championships and were very successful, this Unit winning the competition.

The stay in the GLISY area certainly refreshed the troops and on 14th inst. the Battalion moved by motor bus and route march to the forward area of the Left. Divnl. Sector, taking over Left portion of Brigade Front Line System. The trenches had recently been captured from the enemy and were found to be in a filthy and disorganised state, and it took a week of continuous effort on the part of the garrison to put the area in a sanitary state, whilst the organisation of the trench system into a well defended area was pushed on with in spite of heavy bombardments and continual interference by enemy. During the tour of duty in the line, which lasted twelve days, the Battalion conducted a raid which is fully reported on in the Diary.

The Unit was relieved on night of 26/27th inst. and moved to FRANVILLERS AREA where it is at present.

Owing to heavy casualties amongst both Officers and Other Ranks the strength has fallen considerably and is even well below the new Battalion establishment of 900 Other Ranks.

The illness which has been raging amongst the army recently, was very prevalent in the Unit, but by good and prompt attention the M.O. was able to return practically all cases to duty after a few days without evacuating them. The health of the troops otherwise has been good.

The high standard of discipline in the unit has been well maintained during the month.

The equipment and clothing is in a good state, whilst the transport, although very hard worked during the spell in the line is looking well and the animals fit. Unfortunately two mules were killed and a limber destroyed by shell fire whilst on a ration trip.

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Sheet Major  
a/cmdy 300 Bn A.F.F.

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REPORT ON WORK OF Q.M. Month ending 30-6-1918.

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RATIONS. Quality of fresh meat and bread good. The following rations were issued to all ranks when in the line from 15-6-18 to 27-6-18.

<u>Breakfast - 9-a.m.</u>	<u>Lunch 2-p.m.</u>	<u>Dinner 11-p.m.</u>
Bacon or rissoles bread, tea or cocoa.	Pressed beef or brawn jam, cheese, biscuits cocoa.	Stew or dry hash roast joints, rissoles, baked pudding, bread, tea.

Quantity of hot food sent forward:-

<u>Stew</u>	<u>Dry Hash</u>	<u>Rissoles</u>	<u>Pressed Beef</u>	<u>Brawn</u>	<u>Date Pudding.</u>
500 qts	400 qts.	3,500	150 lbs.	195 lbs	500 lbs.
<u>Roast Joints</u>	<u>Tea</u>	<u>Cocoa</u>	<u>Bacon.</u>		
400 lbs	6000 qts	5000 qts.	800 lbs.		

All hot food is cooked at rear Bn. H.Q. by regimental cooks and delivered in hot boxes, which are made regimentally. The above hot food is taken forward by first line transport, in charge of C.Q.M.S.

FAT RETURN month ending 30-6-18. is 1,550 lbs.

CLOTHING. Condition fair. All unserviceable uniforms have been changed for new.

ARMS & EQUIPMENT. In good condition. 90 rifles and 50 sets of equipment have been salvaged by Bn. and returned to Divnl. Salvage Coy. since going into line.

BOOTS. Every man in possession of good boots.

COMFORTS. Received from A.C.F. Christmas Boxes for all ranks, rather late in arriving but much appreciated. Socks, Cocoa and Milk, Cigarettes, also received from A.C.F. Preserved fruit, sweets, cocoa, oatmeal, milk, purchased from regimental comforts, also appreciated by all ranks.

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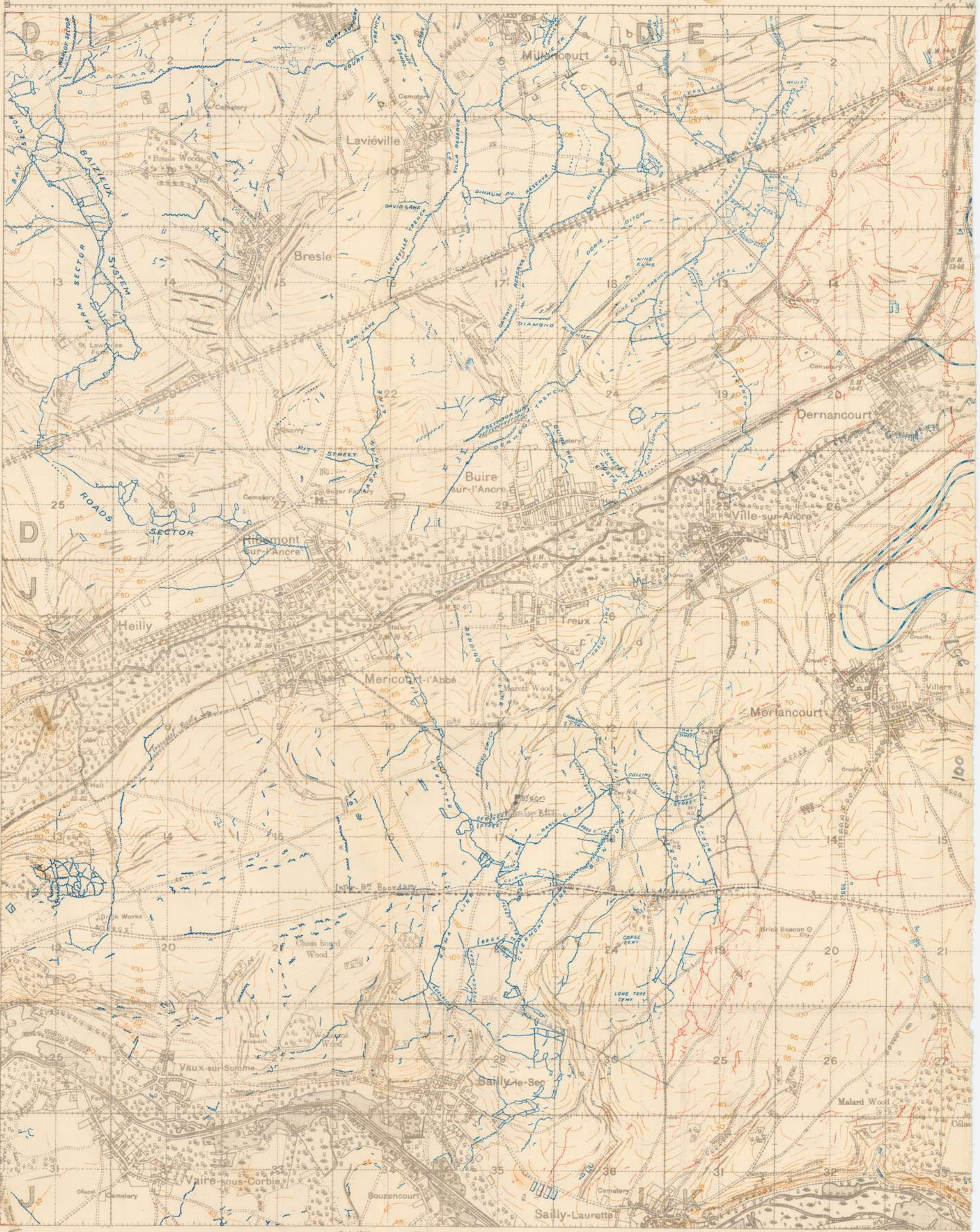
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