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No. 8 CAMP QUERRIEU AREA	1st. 36	222	<p>The Battalion arrived from the Forward Area at about 5-a.m., had a hot meal and turned in for a rest.</p> <p>The camp occupied by the unit is a very congested one and consists of numerous small dug-outs and shelters. There is a stream in the close vicinity, of which every advantage was taken by members during the afternoon.</p> <p>The C.O., Lieut. Colonel J.W. Clark D.S.O., V.D., left the Bn. for a Battalion in the 3rd Training Brigade in England.</p> <p>During the afternoon all Officers met and bade him farewell. Major F. Street took over the duties of Acting Commanding Officer.</p> <p>Lieut. Colonel Clark completed three years in command of the Bn. during which period he was not away from the Battalion one day from illness.</p> <p>Owing to the area in which the camp is situated being bombed at night special precautions were necessary. Instructions as per Appendix 1. were issued to all ranks.</p> <p>The Bn. Transport and Q.M. Store took up positions in close proximity to the camp in the BUSSY-les-DAOURS Chateau grounds.</p> <p>During the afternoon the area was cleaned up, as it was found in none too clean a state.</p>	3 OK Wald 3 OK Evac	Appen. 1.

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No SnCamp JERRIEU AREA	2nd	36	822	<p>The C. O. attended a conference at Brigade Hqrs. at 10 a.m. where the probability of the Division and the Brigade participating in a large operation at an early date was discussed. The G. O. C. Brigade anticipated that, if the Division carried out an operation, the 8th would be in the front line, in which case the 30th and 31st Battalions would be the front line Battalions of the attack.</p> <p>A thorough cleaning-up of all arms, equipment and clothing was carried out, and an inspection held - lists of all shortages being taken. The Quartermaster, Sergeant Bootmaker and Tailor inspected the clothing and boots of all ranks, and found that the rough wear it had been subjected to recently rendered necessary a fair amount of new clothing and repairs.</p> <p>During the afternoon the C. O. inspected the personnel of the Transport Section, whilst the men were employed in reconstructing shelters in their areas, with a view to doing away with the congestion, and making the shelters more proof against bomb splinters.</p> <p>In the evening the C. O. held a conference of Company Commanders, and explained the position regarding the possibility of an operation at an early date discussed at the conference he attended at Brigade Headquarters this morning.</p> <p>5 Officers and 30 other ranks attended a Tank Demonstration in the vicinity of VAUL-en AMIENOIS during the day. During the afternoon Captain C.D. SAVAGE, Lt. G. HAIG, and 36 other ranks consisting of 4 Lewis gun teams of 1 N.C.O. and 7 men each were sent to Tank Depot at FREMONT under special instructions.</p>		

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No 8 camp QUERRIEU AREA	3rd	36	821	<p>Preparations were carried out during the day as regards equipping the men with a view to offensive action. Technical stores were overhauled, and the making of hot boxes for the conveyance of hot food was pushed on with. Companies carried out training in field formations, and there was also half an hour gas drill. Instruction was given in Tank signals, method of dealing with low-firing hostile planes, and the lecture was delivered by platoon commanders on giving away information.</p> <p>During the afternoon the C. O. and company commanders made a reconnaissance of the forward area, where it was probable the Brigade would assemble, in the event of offensive action taking place.</p> <p>Packs were obtained from the pack dump at RIVERY during the afternoon and issued to companies.</p> <p>A party of similar strength to that of yesterday attended another Tank demonstration at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS.</p> <p>In accordance with instructions received from Brigade, all Officers and N.C.Os, who witnessed the Tank demonstration yesterday and to-day, lectured their platoons and Sections on the tactics adopted. It was pointed out that it was most essential all ranks become familiar with these, in view of the possibility of our operating with Tanks in the near future.</p>	<p>2 1</p> <p>OK was OK ex A.D.R.W.</p>	

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No 8 Camp JERRIBU AREA	4th	36	837	<p>During the day the whole of the Battalion was bathed and a complete change of clothing was obtained at the Baths, at DAOURS. The C. O. attended a conference at Brigade at 10 a.m. and obtained further particulars as to the intended operation, and learned that the Battalion would move the next day to a position in the area area. It was also ascertained that the 5 Australian Divisions were to take part in the operation, and that the 5th Division was detailed to take the final objective. Maps were issued and the objective and boundaries as shewn in map, (appendix 2.)</p> <p>A conference of Company Commanders was held during the afternoon, and a very full discussion took place on the operation. It was decided that "A" and "B" Coys. would be the front line Coys. of the operation with "C" Coy in support and "D" Coy in reserve. "B" Coy would be on the left flank, and would be responsible for maintaining liaison with the 4th Division operating on our left. Company boundaries were discussed, and formations to be adopted in the various stages of the attack were also considered. Preliminary arrangements regarding equipment, and S. A. A., bombs, etc., were carried on with. Metal discs for communication with aeroplanes were made and issued to all ranks. During the night, the enemy bombed the area, but fortunately dropped none in the vicinity of the camp.</p>	6 OK eaten 10 v ac	Appen.2

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FUILLOY AREA	5th	36	838	<p>The C.O. attended another Conference at Bde. H.Q. during the day and preparations were made for the move to areas in O.17.a. & b. in the vicinity of FUILLOY.</p> <p>The Battalion nucleus was detailed and sent out to a camp near ALLENVILLE in charge of Captain T.C. Barbour. All packs, Officers valises and surplus gear were sent back to pack store at RIVERY, whilst the Battalion Q.M. and Transport moved to lines in the close proximity of BLANGY-TRONVILLE.</p> <p>The Battalion moved out in accordance with Battalion Order No. 145 (Appendix 3). An advance party moved out at 1-p.m.</p> <p>The Battalion reached the new area and settled down in same by 1-a.m. on the night 5/6th. All personnel, were camped in dug-outs on the terraces and were fairly comfortable. It rained during the day and night but this caused no great inconvenience.</p> <p>Hot food was brought up from the Q.M. Store, for although the area in which the Bn. was situated was well to the rear, it was most necessary to avoid all risk of the enemy finding out that the area was occupied by a large body of troops. Special instructions were given and steps taken to avoid all unnecessary movement throughout the day, but owing to the overcast sky aeroplane observation was out of the question.</p> <p>During the day a party of four men was detailed to work with supply tanks and another party of one Officer and 36 O.Rs. from the nucleus was sent to the Tank Base for loading of supply tanks. This party worked for two days and then returned to the nucleus.</p>	<p>1 on at top.</p>	<p>Appen. 3.</p>

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FUILLOY AREA.	6th	36	838	<p>The C.O. attended Conference at Brigade H.Qrs. during the morning at which he obtained further information regarding the operation. A conference of Coy. Commanders was held during the afternoon. Final plans for the attack were made and preparations are now practically complete.</p> <p>During the day as many Officers as could be spared visited the Officers of "A" Coy. 13th Tank Bn., with whom this Battalion has been detailed to work. This interchange of views and discussion on matters likely to crop up during the attack was doubtless of benefit to both the Officers of the Tank Battalion and of this Unit.</p> <p>During the afternoon Officers and N.C.Os. made a detailed reconnaissance of the army area assembly area and approaches.</p> <p>The issue of an extra water-bottle to all ranks was made and the issue of S.A.A, ground flares, S.O.S. Success Signals and other stores was completed.</p> <p>Officers from "C" Coy. 8th Tank Bn. who were detailed to act as liaison between 4th and 5th Aust. Divisions, visited the Bn. and discussed matters with the Officers of "B" Coy. who would be on the left flank of 5th Divn.</p> <p>Boards painted with the Battalion colors were sent to both the 8th and 13th Tank Bns. to be attached to the rear of tanks as a means of identification.</p> <p>Men who were to act as liaison between the front line Coys. and the flanks were sent to obtain full particulars as to the work they were to do during the operation.</p> <p>The weather continued very wet and showers fell throughout the day and there appeared to be no prospect of its clearing.</p> <p>The enemy had been shelling the area, but beyond putting a few near the quarry occupied as Bn. H.Qrs. but fortunately doing no damage.</p>		

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Fuilloy Area	7th	36	852.	<p>The Intelligence Officer and his personnel visited the Assembly Area during the morning and received instructions from Brigade as to the trenches to be occupied by the Bn. before moving on to the starting line. These were then taped off and stakes were put out for the starting line, which was to be taped later on under Brigade arrangements.</p> <p>30th Bn. Order No. 146 was issued to all concerned (Appendix 4). The C.O. attended a final conference at Brigade during the afternoon and prior to moving had a short discussion with the Coy. Commanders.</p> <p>The men were thoroughly rested during the day no work whatever being given to them. A hot meal was served at 11-p.m. and dry rations for the following day issued.</p> <p>A party of 1 Officer and 20 O.Rs. from 8th Field Coy. Engrs. who were to be attached to the Bn. for the operation, and a party of 2 Officers and 29 O.Rs. from 25th M.G. Coy. who were also attached to the Battalion for the operation reported during the day.</p> <p>The address by the Corps Commander was read to all ranks. (Appendix 5)</p> <p>Visits were made by an Officer from the Field Artillery operating on the Bn. front and the Medical Officer in charge of Bearer parties operating in the Battalion area, and matters were discussed with them by the C.O.</p> <p>Liaison Officers from 46th Bn. operating on our left and the 31st Bn. operating on our right and 32nd Bn. in support reported, and Lieut. J.H. King and 2nd Lieut. C.E. Hall were detached for liaison duty with the left and right Bns. respectively.</p>	14 OK. ca. ABRU	<p>Appen. 4.</p> <p>Appen. 5.</p>

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Right Bde. 8th Sector FRAMERVILLE- PROYART		36	820	<p>At 12-45a.m. the Battalion moved from the area in O.17.a.&b. to Assembly Trench (ALBURY LINE). The move was made without casualties and the whole Battalion was in position by 3-a.m. and Bde. H.Q. was advised accordingly.</p> <p>Enemy attitude was quiet during the period and beyond indirect fire from machine guns which swept across the trench, there was nothing doing. All ranks were in great heart and quite eager for the coming attack.</p> <p>At 3-a.m. a mist was noticed to be forming in the valley and as time progressed it became thicker until at 4-a.m. the visibility was not more than 20 yds.</p> <p>At 4-20a.m. the barrage fell and the enemy retaliation was very slow to come and when it did come it was weak.</p> <p>At ZERO plus 45. our two front line Companies ("A" and "B") formed up on the jumping off tapes with "C" and "D" in the rear and at ZERO plus one hour moved off.</p> <p>At this time, the fog together with smoke from the barrage had considerably reduced the visibility and it was very difficult to discern anybody farther than five yards. This fact made the task of keeping direction very difficult and it was only by compass bearings that the direction could be kept.</p> <p>As our original front line was approached the enemy shelling became heavier, but beyond a couple of casualties no damage was done. Owing to the heavy fog a large number of troops participating in the advance on the first objective became lost and our front line Coys. on many occasions found themselves fighting with the troops taking the first objective.</p> <p>As may be expected, many enemy machine guns were overlooked by our front line troops and on several occasions they kept in action until the last.</p> <p>By very good leadership all units of the battalion reached the GREEN LINE (our jumping off line for the second phase) in good time to enable reorganisation and forming up to take place.</p>	<p>W. OH K. B. A. 27 ✓ W. O. D. I. D. 1 ✓ L. V. A. C.</p>	

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	8 hh Contd.		<p>Our captures up to this moment comprised 30 prisoners, two 77 guns and one light machine gun. Touch was obtained with both flanks and our total casualties up to this did not exceed ten.</p> <p>Whilst re-organising and forming up on our jumping off line our barrage fell short and many shells fell amongst our troops and those who were digging in along this line, but fortunately no casualties were caused.</p> <p>The tanks operating with us commenced forming up and at ZERO plus 4 hours all ready was ready for the commencement of the second phase.</p> <p>At 8-20a.m. the tanks gave the signal with green and white flags that they were moving on and our Companies followed. Little opposition was met with during the first quarter of an hour and several prisoners were brought in. Good progress was made and it was not until the battalion crossed the main WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT ROAD that heavy fire was met with and a few casualties were caused. On the right the 31st Bn. was apparently meeting with opposition, but the tanks soon overcame this. Several anti-tank guns were in action against the tanks, but up to the present those operating with the unit had come through safely.</p> <p>After crossing the main road, our left flank then rested on same and keeping direction was found very much easier.</p> <p>Enemy machine guns now became very much more active and many field guns also began to open up, but the rapidity of the advance swept aside this opposition and the good work performed by the tanks was also instrumental in enabling the advance to be made at such a good rate.</p> <p>On reaching the MORGOURT VALLEY it was noticed that our barrage was still playing on it and we were slightly ahead of time. A halt was called until our salvos ceased and then we immediately pushed on. The tanks worked very well in this valley, which was alive with machine guns and our troops were successful in scuppering a large number of these. The valley yielded a large number of prisoners</p>	

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	8th Contd.		<p>- prisoners a pproximately 150 to 200, whilst large quantities of stores etc. were also obtained.</p> <p>No time was lost in pushing through the valley, and the RED LINE was reached at 10-40a.m. By this time all opposition had been wiped out and numerous prisoners sent to the rear. A commencement was made to consolidate on this line and the success signals were fired.</p> <p>AS no tanks (which were to push forward to the BLUE LINE) were observed, patrols were sent out to this line which was found to be unoccupied. Position was asked of Brigade to move to the BLUE LINE and on same being given the BLUE LINE was occupied and consolidation took place.</p> <p>Cavalry, whippet-tanks and armoured cars pushed out in front of this line and it was seen that they obtained a large number of prisoners and enemy transport.</p> <p>Touch was maintained throughout the operation on both flanks. Our casualties throughout the operation had been very slight and did not exceed 30, amongst whom were three Officers slightly wounded.</p> <p>Battalion H.Qrs. was established at Q.30.c.2.2.</p> <p>During the afternoon the enemy shelled the area around the RED LINE and in MORCOURT VALLEY, but caused very little damage. The troops occupying the front line were not molested until evening when enemy machine guns began to get active.</p> <p>Our transport arrived three hours after we reached the forward objective, bringing water and S.A.A. At 7-p.m. a hot meal was brought forward for the troops, which was greatly relished. All hands were very tired but contented that a hard day's work had been done very successfully.</p> <p>Patrols were sent out towards evening but no enemy could be located. The night was quiet throughout, though heavy shelling took place in rear of Bn. H.qrs. towards dawn.</p> <p>The total number of prisoners captured exceeded 300 and total list of war material is attached (Appendix 6.)</p>		<p>Appen. 6.07</p>

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Right Bde. Sector, FRAMERVILLE- PROYRT.	9th	35	801	<p>During the early hours of the morning the enemy shelling increased AND THROUGHOUT THE DAY the enemy put down concentrated shoots on parts of the Battalion area, but fortunately no severe casualties were caused. The increased enemy shelling was doubtlessly brought on by the fact that units of the 2nd Aust. Divn. who had received orders to pass through this Brigade, moving about a great deal in the area. At 11-a.m. a barrage was put over the Brigade front by our artillery, but it was not until 4-30p.m. that the 18th Bn. moved out of our outposts and continued the attack advance.</p> <p>During the morning fighting patrols were sent out from "A" and "B" Coys with a view to scuppering any machine guns in the close vicinity with the object of helping the units who were to pass through to continue the advance. Both patrols were subjected to considerable machine gun fire and unfortunately, casualties were obtained by both, but the second patrol sent out by "B" Coy. and lead by Lieut. H. Doust was successful in bringing in one Officer and 20 O.Rs. prisoners. This capture was of considerable value as the party were hidden in numerous huts in the close vicinity of our outpost lines and had two machine guns.</p> <p>At about 2-p.m. the enemy put up a very heavy shoot on the Bn. H.Q. area which caused several casualties at Bn. H.Q., the R.M.O. and three liaison Officers being wounded, and two O.Rs. killed and eight wounded.</p> <p>Throughout the day our planes were very active overhead and the enemy planes were certainly not so active as on the previous day.</p> <p>It was noticed that as the 18th Bn. pushed on they were suffering many casualties from M.G. fire and parties of stretcher bearers from this unit went forward to help in bringing in the wounded.</p> <p>Our transport brought up water and S.A.A. and Lewis gun panniers during the day and at 7-p.m. brought up a hot meal which at dusk was taken forward to the outpost by limbers. This action has proved the great value of hot food for the men in the front line.</p> <p>Throughout the evening the enemy artillery quietened down, due no doubt, to the fact that the further advance had caused him to withdraw his guns.</p>	<p>29-9 Haig K.P.A. 5 O.R. K.I.A. B.L.C. Hogan K.P.A. King 2 O.R. Marwick 14 O.R. Wounded 1 O.R. Evac 1 O.R. Wounded</p>	<p>Wounded</p>

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Divnl. Area AUBIGNY.	10th	37	803	<p>At 5-a.m. orders were received from Brigade that it would move by route march from the present position to the AUBIGNY System in O.19.b. and O.20.a.& b. The time for the start of the march was set down as 7-a.m., but owing to the delivery of the order being considerably delayed this was put back by Bde. to 8-a.m., when the Battalion moved out to the AUBIGNY System in accordance with Battalion Order No.147 (Appendix 8).</p> <p>The march was completed at 12-30p.m., when the cockers were ready with a hot mid-day meal for the personnel, after which the Coys. were distributed over the area and commenced to settle down.</p> <p>The accommodation consisted of trenches with numerous dug-outs. There was a shortage of shelters, but this was remedied by the Area Commandant issuing a number of tarpaulins.</p> <p>All ranks turned in for a good rest, being thoroughly tired after their previous day's exertions and the long march today.</p> <p>The Transport Lines and Q.M. Store were established on the canal in AUBIGNY itself, and are very favorably situated, being hidden by large trees which give good cover from observation and provides a shady spot for the animals.</p>	<p>1 OR K.P.F. 2 OR W.D.C. 1 OR Evac 6 OR ex Hosp. Capt W. Thompson S. H. C. H. P. see Section 13</p>	<p>appen. 8.</p>

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Divnl. Area, AUBIGNY.	11th	27	803	<p>The day was spent in resting the troops and allowing them to have a thorough cleaning up. All ranks were taken for a swim in the canal near the area and this was greatly appreciated. Additional shelters were made for the men and they were fairly comfortable.</p> <p>A foot inspection was carried out by Platoon Commanders and it was found that a fair number of men had sore feet which were attended to.</p> <p>The canteen was established in the area, whilst the bootmakers, tailors and barbers commenced their work.</p> <p>During the afternoon the C.O. attended a conference at Bde. H.Q. and received instructions to the effect that it was quite probable the Division would be called upon to take part in an offensive action within a few day's time. It was thought that the 8th Brigade would be the reserve brigade in this operation.</p> <p>The C.O. subsequently held a conference of Coy. Commanders and passed on the information he received from Brigade, and matters in general regarding the next operation were discussed.</p>		
do	12th	37	799	<p>Light training was carried out during the day, including P.T. and B.F. and the Companies were practiced in open warfare formations, especially dealing with deployment when coming under machine gun fire.</p> <p>The experience gained in the recent operation was taken into consideration and the faults noticed in it were pointed out to the men.</p> <p>All formations from forming up in trenches to the final objective were gone through, and the action of the N.C.Os. in case of a hold up by the section or platoon coming under machine gun fire, was carefully watched by Officers and criticised.</p> <p>A sharp look-out was kept for hostile aeroplanes during the training.</p> <p>During the afternoon all ranks went for a swim in the canal.</p> <p>The C.O. attended another conference at Brigade H.Q. and received instructions to make immediate preparations for a move forward. It was pointed out the operation would be with the object of capturing CHAULNES and the Railway Junction.</p>		

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		Men Off.	O.Rs.			
Divnl. Area AUBIGNY	12th contd.	37	799	<p>The 14th and 15th Brigades would carry out the operation with 8th Brigade in reserve.</p> <p>Later in the day the C.O. held a conference of Company Comdrs. and passed on this information and give instructions for units to prepare for the move.</p>		
do	13th	37	803	<p>Brigade orders were received regarding the move forward and 30th Bn. Order No.148 was issued to all concerned. (Appendix 9). A clean change of underclothing was obtained for all ranks who went down to the canal for a swim during the morning.</p> <p>A thorough check was made by Unit Commanders as to the equipment and technical stores required for battle, and all preparations were made for the move forward in the morning.</p> <p>The C.O. attended conference at Brigade and obtained further particulars regarding the proposed operation, but during the evening a message was received from Brigade stating that the move had been postponed 24 hours. Orders were consequently issued to this effect by all concerned.</p>	30th Evac 7th Evac	Appen. 9.
do	14th	37	803	<p>Beyond giving the men P.T. and B.F. and swimming parade, no work was done. The men were rested prior to the expected move on the following morning, but during the afternoon a message was received cancelling the previous instructions issued.</p> <p>During the afternoon the C.O. carried out an inspection of the transport and Q.M. store and found them in a very satisfactory state. Opportunity was taken of the delay in moving forward to make an increased supply of hot boxes for hot food, though it was anticipated that if the Brigade was ^{not} called upon to take part in the operation beyond acting as reserve, the cookers would be available for cooking meals.</p>		

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		Off-	O. Rs.			
Divnl. Area AUBIGNY	15th	37	803	<p>Orders were received from Brigade that it would go forward to an area in Q. 14, 15 and 21 on the night of 16th inst. The C.O. attended conference at Bde. H.Q. and ascertained that the 5th Divn. would relieve 17th English Division in the line in "C" Divnl. Sector next night.</p> <p>A conference of Company Commanders was held and preparations put in hand for the next day's move.</p> <p>Light training was carried out during the morning and a swimming parade during the afternoon.</p> <p>The Brigade Commander visited the Bn. during the day and spoke to several bodies of troops he found training and expressed his appreciation for the work they had done in the recent operation.</p>		
Brigade Reserve Area MORCOURT VALLEY - MORCOURT AREA.	16th	37	803	<p>The 30th Bn. moved from the AUBIGNY LINE to the present area in accordance with 30th Bn. Order No. 149 (appendix 10).</p> <p>The advance party moved to the new area at 9-a.m. and the Bn. in position by 6-45p.m.</p> <p>Owing to the large number of troops already in the valley it was found that accommodation was available only for about 200, and consequently the majority of our troops had to dig in and bivouac for the night. The positions take up were on the banks of the valley which were very steep and afforded good protection from enemy shell fire. Fortunately, the weather was very fine and the night's bivouac caused no hardship in this way.</p> <p>On arrival at the new area a hot meal was available for all ranks and this was greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Enemy 'planes were over during the night and dropped bombs in close proximity to the area occupied by this unit.</p> <p>The Bn. took over portion of the shelters occupied by 53rd Bn. and 60th Bn., but these did not accommodate more than 200 men.</p> <p>The march forward was carried out under very trying conditions, the heat being abnormal, but very few men fell out.</p>		Appen. 10.

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Brigade Reserve Area MORCOURT VALLEY, MORCOURT Area.	17th	37 803	<p>Under instructions from Brigade a reconnaissance was made of the forward area of the whole of the Divisional Sector from the SOMME River to 500 yds S. of the Main WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT Road. 50% Officers and N.C.Os. carried out the reconnaissance over the Right (15th Brigade) Sector and the other half the Left (14th Bde) Sector.</p> <p>During the day a supply of trench shelters were received and these were distributed to the Coys. and everybody was able to get under cover.</p> <p>The Brigade Commander visited the Battalion during the day and expressed himself as well satisfied with the arrangements for the men. Volunteers were called for to form a raiding party and sufficient applications were received to form several parties of 50. A selection had to be made and a commencement was made with the training of the team of 52 O.Rs.</p> <p>Under Brigade orders, a party of 6 Off. and 25 O.Rs. was specially detailed for the salvage of spare cable and equipment in the Battalion area and during the day the party collected a very large quantity of cable which was returned to Brigade dump.</p>		

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Brigade Reserve Area MORCOURT VALLEY MORCOURT Area.	18th	37	809	<p>A commencement was made with training. All companies carried out r.T. and B.F. and elementary musketry. Lectures were delivered by Platoon Commanders on various subjects.</p> <p>A letter in reply to the C.O.'s. expression of thanks to the Tank Battalion for their assistance in the recent operation, was received from the O.C. "A" Coy. 13th Tank Bn., who worked with this unit. This letter is attached as appendix (Appendix 11).</p> <p>The enemy fired a few H.E. shells into the valley, but no damage was done. The night was very clear and enemy bombing machines were over, but no bombs were dropped in the vicinity of the Battalion area nor were any dropped near the transport lines situated in the WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT VALLEY.</p> <p>The salvage party continued in their work of salvaging and were successful in obtaining a very large quantity of cable.</p> <p>The remainder of Officers and N.C.Os. carried out forward reconnaissance during the day, and all Officers and N.C.Os. are now familiar with the area to be occupied in the event of the Brigade being called upon to move forward, and routes to this area.</p>	<p>1 OR Evac 7 - APPENDIX</p>	<p>Appen. 11.</p>

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		Inf.	O.Rs.			
Brigade Reserve Area MORCOURT VALLEY MORCOURT Area	19th	37	809	<p>Training was continued during the morning. All Coys. carried out a little training in B.F., musketry (bolt drill and rapid loading) gas drill and a lecture by Coy. Comdrs. on "Offensive Spirit - Patrols and Raiding Parties".</p> <p>Extracts from intelligence summaries were brought before the notice of all ranks and the effect of continuous raiding and patrolling which had been conducted by the Aust. Corps. during the past few months was emphasised as being a typical example of the result of the offensive spirit in actual practice. All signallers, stretcher bearers and intelligence personnel received special instructions. All volunteers for the raiding party paraded and carried out their first morning's training together.</p> <p>An inspection of the clothing of all ranks was carried out by platoon commanders and those in need of same were issued with new clothing.</p> <p>During the day the enemy again shelled the valley, but caused no damage. At night his bombing planes were very busy and he dropped several bombs in close vicinity to our transport lines and wounded two members and four animals.</p>		

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Brigade Reserve Area MORCOURT VALLEY MORCOURT Area.	20th	37	809	<p>Training in accordance with syllabus was continued. The raiding party continued their special training under Lieuts. H. J. Wells. J. J. W. Flynn and 2/Lt. H. S. Grimwade who were selected by the C.O. to lead the raiding party. Lieut. H. J. Wells to be in charge.</p> <p>During the afternoon advice was received that the Bde. would be relieved the following day and move by route march to the area occupied by it recently in the vicinity of AUBIGNY. Preparations were made accordingly and orders issued to all concerned giving full details of the move.</p>		
AUBIGNY SYSTEM AUBIGNY Area	21st.	37	808	<p>The Bn. moved by route march from the MORCOURT Valley to AUBIGNY AREA, leaving the former at 3-30p.m. and moving by cross country tracks. The day was exceedingly hot and the march was carried out under most trying conditions but all ranks had reached the destination by 8-30p.m. that evening though many were in a very tired state. On arrival a hot meal was available and trench shelters had been drawn by the advance party so that there was ample accommodation available at once. The valises and packs had been brought from the store at AUBIGNY so that all ranks were able to turn in and have a good sleep in reasonable comfort.</p> <p>The Bn. transport and Q.M. store were again situated on the canal banks at AUBIGNY.</p> <p>Although fatigued, a large percentage of the men proceeded to the canal for a swim before turning in.</p>	<p>1 OR was</p>	

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AUBIGNY SYSTEM AUBIGNY area	22nd	37 808.	<p>No training was carried out during the day, but the men were given a good rest and a swimming parade held in the canal after which a foot inspection was carried out. Owing to the considerable amount of marching which the Bn. had carried out recently the men's feet were not in the best condition, but the inspection only revealed about 12 men whose feet really needed special attention. All Bootmakers and Bn. Barbers were busy throughout the day working on the boots and hair of the men.</p> <p>All felt hats in the possession of the men were withdrawn, and sent to Q. M. Store for cleaning and blocking by the Bn. tailors, and these will not be re-issued again till the Bn. comes out for its spell.</p> <p>During the evening the C. O. visited the Transport lines and Q. M. Store, and made a general inspection of both.</p> <p>During the day, a party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men worked under the supervision of the Town Major, AUBIGNY.</p>		
Ditto	23rd	37 806.	<p>During the morning, all Companies carried out one hour and a half physical training and bayonet drill, and then proceeded to the canal for a swimming parade.</p> <p>During the afternoon, the 8th Brigade band played a programme of music to the Battalion in its area, and this was very much appreciated by all ranks.</p> <p>During the morning the C. O. carried out an official inspection of the Bn. Transport, and found it in a very satisfactory state, despite the hard work it has done recently.</p> <p>at night the C. O. held a conference of Company Commanders, and a general discussion on matters relative to the Unit was held.</p> <p>The Brigade Commander paid a visit to the Battalion in the afternoon, and spoke to several parties of the men.</p>	2 OP. Evac	

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AUBIGNY System AUBIGNY Area	24th	37	805	<p>Light training was continued during the morning, physical training and bayonet fighting being the chief subjects. The weather had turned slightly cold during the night, but this did not prevent the majority of members availing themselves of the swimming parade at 11 a.m.</p> <p>A supply of beer was obtained, and made a free issue to all ranks from the Battalion Comforts Fund.</p> <p>A supply of cricketing material having been obtained, inter-Company cricket matches were arranged during the afternoon and this form of recreational training was greatly enjoyed by all participants.</p> <p>The Transport Officer took the opportunity of commencing the re-painting of his transport, and made good progress during the day.</p>	10A Evac.	
Ditto	25th	37	805	<p>The Battalion was bathed during the day at 5th Divisional Baths at AUBIGNY. A clean change of underclothing was obtained, while the tunics, breeches and blankets of all members were put through the Foden at the same time. A commencement was made at 8 a.m. and the whole Battalion had been put through by 3.30. p.m.</p> <p>During the hours of the morning, when coys. were not bathing, Coy. Commanders gave their ^{units} instruction in advanced guard work. This latter was given at the instance of Brigade.</p> <p>The C. O. attended a conference at Brigade Hqrs. and there received notification that the Bn. would move the following morning to the forward portion of the MORCOURT Valley, preparatory to participating in an operation the following day. The C. O. held a conference of Coy. Commanders on his return, and passed on to them the information he had obtained.</p> <p>Preparations were hurried on for the move, which was to be at 8 a.m. next day.</p>		

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Place	Date	Strength Hour Officers O.R.	Summary of Events and Information	REMARKS	Remarks and references to Appendices
Forward portion of MORCOURT Valley, MORCOURT Area.	26th	27 803	<p>The Battalion moved from the AUBIGNY System to MORCOURT Valley, in accordance with Appendix 13.</p> <p>The conditions for marching were excellent, and rapid progress was made and all Units were in their new position by 12.30 p.m. The men were in old dug-outs and shelters which enabled them to have a good rest during the afternoon.</p> <p>Immediately on arrival at the new area, the C. O. was summoned to Brigade Hqrs, and there received instructions that the policy to be adopted on the Divisional front had been altered, and that instead of making a deliberate operation, the 8th Brigade would take over the line from the 1st Division, adopt forceful tactics and press on the enemy's heels, should he retire.</p> <p>The C. O. and Coy. Commanders made a forward reconnaissance during the afternoon, and it was found that the Bn. front was at present held by two Bns. of the 2nd Brigade with two in support. "D" Coy were instructed to take over from the right Bn, and "C" from the left, with "B" in right support, and "A" in left support, whilst Bn. would take over the Headquarters vacated by the 5th Bn.</p> <p>The Bn. moved from its present area to the front line at 9.30 p.m., and the relief was completed by 1.30 a.m. 27th inst.</p> <p>Special instructions were given to Unit Commanders regarding gas precautions, as the enemy had been freely shelling the area with gas, and had caused the relieved Brigade many casualties.</p> <p>Active patrolling was carried out during the night, and our patrols came under M.G. fire at many points. It was found that the enemy was established in posts on an average of 200 yards from our own line, and was very alert.</p>	<p>200 vac.</p>	<p>Appen 13</p>

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Front line right Brigade Sector FOUCAUCOURT Area	27th	37 803	<p>Advice was received that enemy machine guns were very active on the vicinity of FOUCAUCOURT, and opened up immediately any movement was shewn. It was determined, however, to endeavour to straighten the line on the left of FOUCAUCOURT, which meant our left Coy. moving forward to an average depth of 700 yards. The left Coy. Commander made arrangements accordingly. The situation on the right was not too clear, but during the morning an Officer of the right Bn. visited Bn. Hqrs. and explained the position then, and left disposition maps. Instructions were sent to the right Coy. Commander to make every endeavour to obtain touch with this Unit.</p> <p>The dispositions of this Bn. at 11 a.m. were as shewn on the attached map, (Appendix 15). At 12.45 the C. O. received advice from Brigade that a concentrated shoot would take place on the village from 1.20 p.m. to 1.28 p.m. but and that the Bn. would attack at the conclusion of the bombardment, with a view to the capture the village; but the Coys. could not be informed in time to commence at the conclusion of the Artillery programme. The action that followed during the remainder of the day is explained fully in appendix 16 which contains the C.O.'s report, Coy. Commanders' reports, and messages sent and received throughout the day.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	<p>appen 14</p> <p>appen 15</p> <p>appen 16</p>	<p>appen 14</p> <p>appen 15</p> <p>appen 16</p>

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Fre East of FOU-CAUCOURT	28th	37 738	<p>The advance was continued during the day, a start being made at 5.45 a.m. by the left Coy, and a few minutes later, the whole Bn. line was in touch and advancing. Contact was maintained with the enemy throughout the advance, and it was noticed that they were on cycles with machine guns attached. They were thus able to get well away, before our troops could approach them. Steady progress was maintained, likewise good touch, and the village of ESTREES (not actually in existence) was passed with very little opposition. At 2.30 p.m. our line was well clear of this village, running through N 19, 25 and 31, a halt was called as men were now thoroughly fatigued. The 31st Bn. in support received instructions from Brigade to pass through this Bn., and this was done at 5.45 p.m. and they continued the advance till darkness set in. The Bn. now came became right support battalion, and for the night occupied an area in N. 19, 25 and 31 with Bn. Hqrs. at M. 30. d. 8.4. A hot meal was served to all ranks at 8 p.m., and this was greatly appreciated. A good night's rest was obtained, the enemy abstaining from shelling the area during the night.</p> <p>The country over which the advance was made was exceedingly rough and broken, being nothing less than a maze of trenches, and the ground all round badly shell-torn.</p> <p>The transport and Q. M's Store moved to a valley about 1000 yards in rear of FOUCAUCOURT during the morning.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>111 OR KPA. 4 ✓ POW 60 ✓ Waded. S. W. Flynn } S. W. Briddle } to S. C. Dutton } day P. H. G. G. G. } 1 OR vac 14 ✓ ec A.P.D.</p>	

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Right Support Bn. VILLERS-CARBONNEL.	29th	37	737	<p>At 5-a.m. the Battalion moved in support of 31st Bn. and good progress was made, the Front Bn. reaching the West bank of the River SOMME at 8-30a.m.</p> <p>Close touch was maintained during the advance and the Bn. took up its position in Support astride the main road about 200 yds. West of the village of VILLERS-CARBONNEL. A rather poor system of trenches was occupied. During the early part of the day the enemy was fairly quiet, but towards mid-day and during the afternoon he very freely shelled the whole area with light and heavy guns and the Bn. was very fortunate that it did not sustain heavy casualties. The only casualty through the day was the Regtl. Medical Officer. During the morning the Battalion Transport and Q.M. Store received orders from Brigade to move forward in the vicinity of ASSEVILLERS but these orders were cancelled a little later on when the transport was on the move, so a bivouac was made for the night in N.31.a.</p> <p>A hot meal was sent up to the Bn. at dusk.</p> <p>Orders were received about midnight that the Bn. would move back the following morning to the valley near FONTAINE. Preparations were accordingly made.</p> <p>The enemy shelled the whole area very heavily during the night until about midnight when it practically ceased.</p>	OR evac.	

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Divnl. Reserve Area near FONTAINE - les - CAPPY.	30th	35 743	<p>The Battalion moved from the Supports position to Divnl. Reserve Area commencing at 9-a.m. in accordance with Special order shewn as Appendix 18.</p> <p>The Bn. reached the new area at about 1-p.m. and numerous dug-outs and shelters were available and the Unit was soon settled down and the men had a good rest during the day and night. They were considerably fatigued, but this rest relieved them somewhat, though they require a few days spell at least to get them in a fit state.</p> <p>A good supply of water was made available to allow the men to wash their feet, whilst an issue of new socks was also made. The Bn. Transport and Q.M. Store moved to the same area as the Bn. and settled down in very comfortable quarters.</p>	<p>6 OR ex ADAD.</p> <p>L. H. Hogan</p> <p>L. J. King</p> <p>Seconded</p>	Appen. 18.
Divnl. Reserve area near FLAUCOURT.	31st	35 743	<p>At 10-30a.m. orders were received that the Bn. would move forward into the new Divnl. Reserve Area situated in the vicinity of FLAUCOURT. The C.O. was summoned to a conference and there learnt the situation on the front.</p> <p>Advance party was sent forward at 2-p.m. and the Bn. moved itself by route march to the new area leaving at 3-30p.m. and reaching the new position which consisted of trenches with practically no shelters, at 6-p.m.</p> <p>The troops immediately set about erecting shelters for themselves and fortunately were able to use material from a couple of captured dumps in the close proximity.</p> <p>In a couple of hours they were all under cover and ready for a hot meal which arrived at 8-p.m.</p> <p>The Bn. Transport and Q.M. Store did not move from their former ward-position.</p> <p>The area occupied by the Bn. is one largely used by our heavy guns and consequently receives a good deal of attention from the enemy heavies during the night, but fortunately no casualties were caused.</p>	<p>Sheet sent Colonel</p> <p>Candy 30th Bn AIF</p>	

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Whilst in this area the following orders will be strictly adhered to by all ranks.

Unit Commanders will ensure that every member is acquainted with same at once.

1. PROTECTION AGAINST HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AND BOMBS. - All Units will mount at least 1 A.A. Lewis gun in or close to their areas. These will be manned by day and night, but orders issued re night firing will be strictly adhered to. All occupied shelters will be banked as a protection against splinters from bombs.
2. LIGHTS. - All lights will be shaded at dusk. "Lights Out" will be blown on bugle at 10-30p.m. when all lights with the exception of those in Officers dug outs and Orderly Rooms will be extinguished. Each coy. will be responsible for the picketing of their area until midnight. To ensure these orders are obeyed. Picket will be provided with whistles and will be responsible for blowing the following warnings:-
 - Approach of enemy aircraft. - Three blasts All lights to be extinguished.
 - Departure of Enemy aircraft. - One blast.
3. CLEANLINESS OF AREAS. → Units are responsible for the cleanliness and sanitation of the areas occupied by them and the immediate precincts. all dugouts must be thoroughly cleaned daily and sprinkled with creosol solution. Twice weekly the whole area will be cleared of all gear and thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Washing must not be permitted in close proximity to dug-outs.
4. PERSONAL CLEANLINESS. - Unit Commanders will ensure that all members of their command shave regularly and keep their hair cut short.
5. WATER. - Water for cooking and drinking purposes will be obtained from water-carts only. The practice of drawing water from the creek must cease. Watercarts will deliver water to Coys. three times a day.
6. LEAVE. - No one will be allowed out of the Bn. area without permission. Coy. Commanders may grant leave to personnel who wish to visit BUSSY les-DAOURS. Applications for leave to any other village must be submitted to Bn. H.Q. 12 hours before required.
7. SALUTING. - Steps must be taken to warn all N.C.OS. and men that they must salute their officers. Officers will check all offenders.
8. DRESS. - Any member leaving the Bn. Area must be correctly dressed. Men will wear web belts, N.C.Os. above the rank of Corporal belt and side-arms. S.B.Rs. will be worn slung at all times.

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Atg. Adjutant, 3rd Bn. A.I.F.

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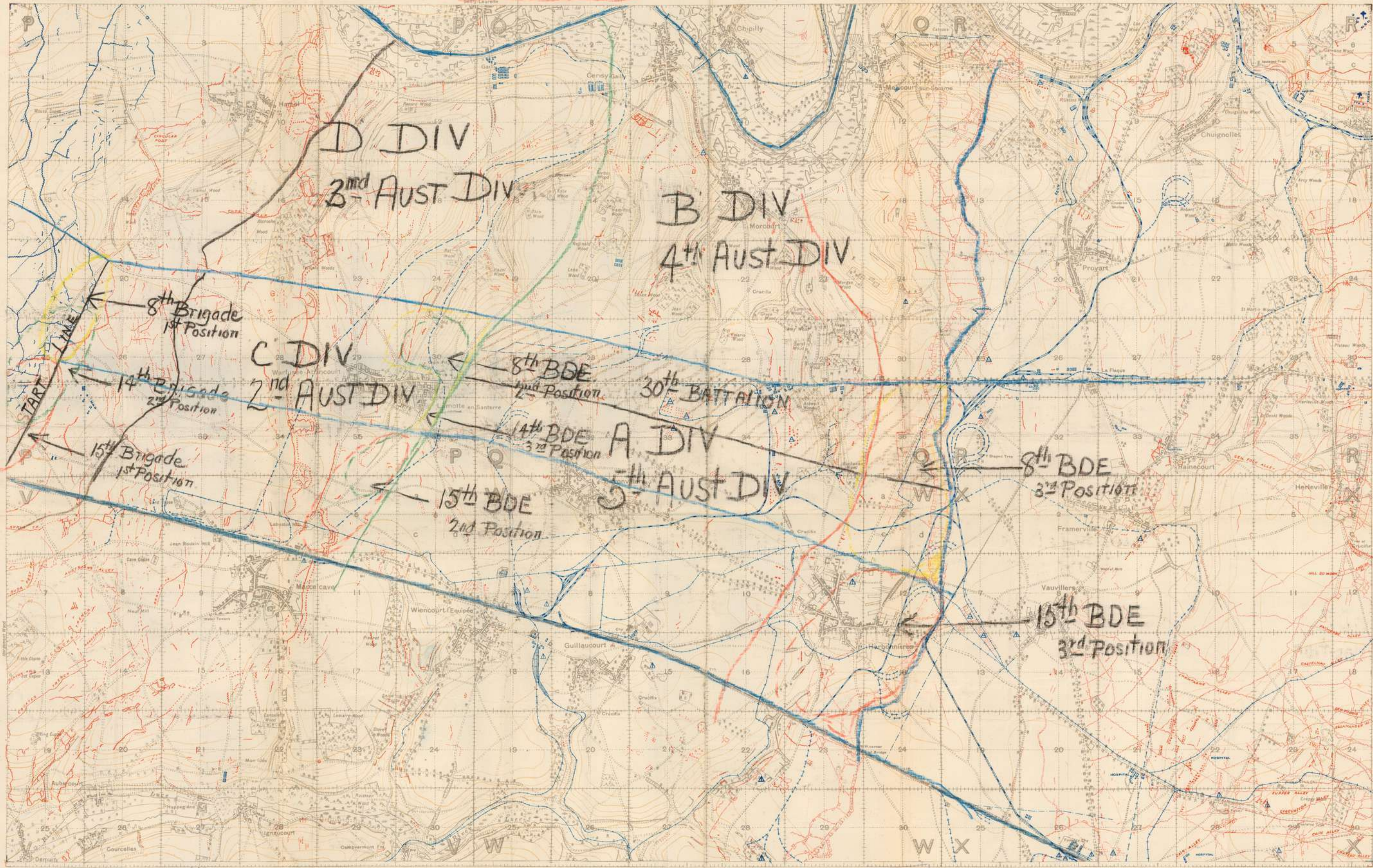
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30TH BATTALION ORDER NO 145.

REFERENCE 62 d.S.W. 1/40,000

4th August 1918.

1. The 8th A.I. Brigade will move to locations in O.17. 18, 22, 23 and 21 on night of 4th 5th inst.
2. 30th Br. will move to area in O.17.a & b. on the night of 4th/5th inst.
3. Bn. will pass starting point road at H.29.d.8.0. at 10-p.m. Order-Order of March - "D" Coy., "B" Coy., "C" Coy., "A" Coy., H.Qrs.
4. Route to be taken will be through DOURS - AUBIGNY - FUILLOY v Guides (one per Coy.) will be met at the church FUILLOY O.10.b.6.8.
5. Movement will be by platoons at 100 yds distance, with 200 yds between Coys. All precautions will be taken against hostile shelling and bombing en route.
6. Lewis guns, signalling gear and Officers Mess gear will be transported to new area. Limbers will carry guns of two Coys. and will move between these Coys. Officers mess gear will be taken forward in Mess Cart and same will be collected by Coys. at B.H.Q.
7. Hot meal will be partaken of before move. Kitchens will be stationed in rear and hot boxes will be used to bring up food whilst in this area.
8. When the new area is reached, special police will be detailed by Bns. to ensure that there is no unnecessary movement by day - any offender is to be seriously dealt with. Unit Commanders will explain the necessity of strictly adhering to this order, to all ranks before moving off.
9. Area at present occupied will be thoroughly cleaned before moving out and a certificate rendered to B.H.Q. to this effect by 9-30p.m.
10. Coys. will advise B.H.Q. when they are in position by sending code word 'BOSKA'.
11. Special precautions will be taken against gas and hostile aircraft in the new area.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.


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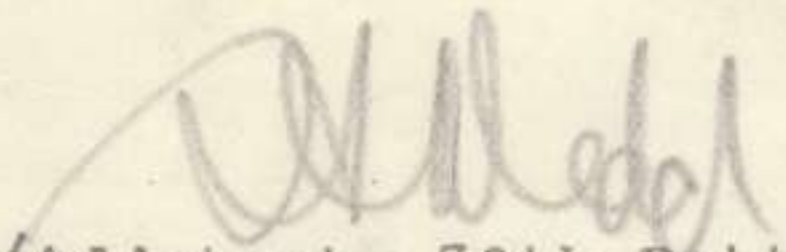
6th Aug. 1918.

1. The Australian Corps on a day and hour to be notified later will advance from the present front line and consolidate on a line (shewn BLUE on map issued).
2. At ZERO hour the 2nd Aust. Divn. will attack and advance to a line (shewn ~~RED-SH-NAP-IBBNSD~~ GREEN on map issued).
3. The 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. in conjunction with the 15th Aust. Inf Bde. on the RIGHT and 14th Aust. Bde. in Reserve will pass through 2nd Aust. Divn. and move to the Red and Blue lines and consolidate on the BLUE Line.
4. 31st Bn. will be on the RIGHT, 30th Bn. on the LEFT (boundaries as shewn on the map) 32nd Bn. in SUPPORT and 29th Bn in RESERVE. The 46th Bn., 12th A.I. Bde. will operate on Left of 30th Bn.
5. The Bn. will attack on a two Company front with "A" and "B" Coys., "C" Coy. being in support and "D" Coy. in reserve.
6. The Bn. will be in Assembly positions in ALBURY LINE from Juncn. of ALICE C.T. and ALBURY Line at r.20.c.05.30. to Northern Bde. boundary in r.20.a.0.8. until ZERO plus 45 minutes, when it will form up on tape lines in front of this trench system.
7. Formations for the attack will be as shewn on the attached sketch.
8. At ZERO plus 1 hour the Bn. will move from the Assembly position through the 2nd Aust. Divn. to the GREEN Line and at ZERO plus 4 hours will advance to the RED line. The signal to advance will be a green and white flag waved from the tanks.
9. Two sections of tanks will operate with the Bn. from the GREEN line to the RED line, and will move approximately 200 yds in front of the foremost Infantry. These tanks will be identified with boards bearing the Battalion colors.
10. On the RED line being captured the 'Success' signal will be fired, which will be the signal for a detachment of exploiting tanks to move through the RED line to the BLUE line where the exploiting party carried in these tanks will be disembarked. This party will consolidate on the BLUE line.
11. The Bn. will consolidate on the RED line until the exploiting party has been disembarked on the BLUE line when it will move forward to the BLUE Line and consolidate on that. The BLUE Line will be the Main Line of Resistance.
12. On the BLUE line being captured the RED Line Tanks will withdraw and return for oil and refitting. The BLUE Line tanks will remain until ordered to return by B.H.Q.

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LIAISON -

13. "B" Coy. will detail one platoon as a liaison platoon between left flank of Bn. and 12th A.I. Brigade. Three men from "A" and "B" Coys. will report to RED Line Tanks to act as Liaison between Tanks and Infantry. Lieut. C.B. Hall will act as Liaison Officer with 31st Bn. and Lieut. J.H. King with 46th Bn.
14. Contact planes will fly along the red line at ZERO plus 6hrs. 30 mins. Flares will be called for by aeroplane sounding a succession of "As." on the clazton horn and by firing a white verey light. If the plane fails to make the line actively it will complete its call ten minutes later. Should the Infantry not have reached the line of the objective at the time laid down, the plane will return at half hour intervals until flares are shewn.
15. Contact planes will fly over the BLUE line at Zero plus 7 hours, when the procedure laid down for the RED line will be observed until flares are shewn. As alternate methods for notifying positions, metal discs will be shewn and rifles laid in threes or fours across the trench.
15. Prisoners will be paswed from front to rear where they will be taken by escort to Bde. collecting station. Instructions regarding escort will be strictly adhered to.
16. Administrative, Medical and Signal arrangements have been issued separately.
17. Each Coy. and H. Qrs. will detail one Lewis Gun for anti-aircraft protection.
18. Synchronisation of watches will be carried out by an Officer from B.H.Q. twice before ZERO.
19. Reports and disposition maps will be sent without delay to Bn. H.Q., the position of which will be notified to Units immediately after reaching the BLUE Line.
20. ACKNOWLEDGE.


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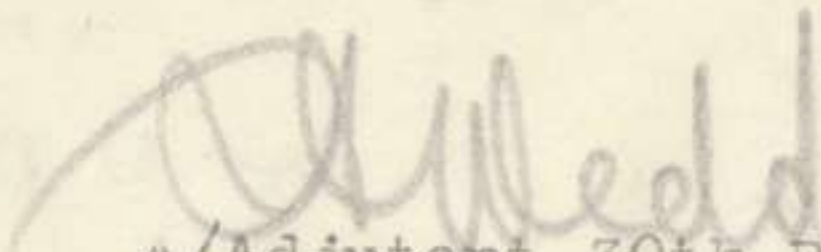
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ACTION OF AIRCRAFT.Issued in conjunction with Bn. Order No. 146.

1. The airforce which will operate on the Australian Corps Front will be as follows:-
 - (a) Corps Squadron - 3rd Aust. Squadron.
 - (b) 5th Tank Bde. - 8th Squadron.
 - (c) Working under Army Orders - 22nd Wing (8 scout squadrons) will be exclusively employed in engaging ground targets and Machine gunning along the whole army front.
 - (d) One night bombing squadron - 101 Bombing Squadron.
 - (e) One reconnaissance squadron - 48th Squadron.Four additional day-bombing squadrons and three additional night bombing squadrons are being obtained from other wings for co-operations.
2. Low Flying Scouts will operate in two places -
 - (a) From Zero to Zero plus 4 hrs. - Eastwards from GREEN LINE.
 - (b) From ZERO plus 4 hours onwards - Eastwards from RED LINE.In each phase very favorable targets will be engaged in addition to the targets marked by the green and red lines.
3. Counter-attack 'planes. From ZERO Counter-attack planes will be constantly in the air with the object of observing hostile concentrations or abnormal movements.
In the event of an enemy concentration the counter-attack 'plane will signal this information to the artillery by wireless.
In the case of counter-attack actually developing a white parachute flare will be fired by the plane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter-attack, for the information of the Infantry.
4. Ammunition carrying aeroplanes.
 - (a) Aeroplanes will be detailed to transport ammunition to Zero plus 7 hours.
 - (b) Vickers guns will display a white 'V' at the point where ammunition is to be dropped. The arms of the 'V' to be six feet in length and 1 foot in width. The apex of the 'V' to point towards the enemy.
 - (c) Ammunition aeroplanes will have the underside of the lower plane painted BLACK for a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. from the tip.
5. Contact aeroplanes will operate in accordance from Bn. Order No. 146.

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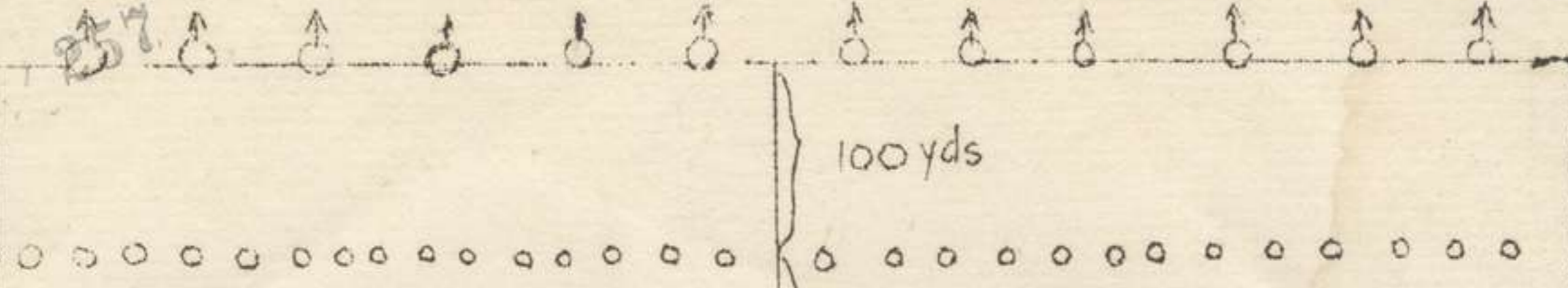
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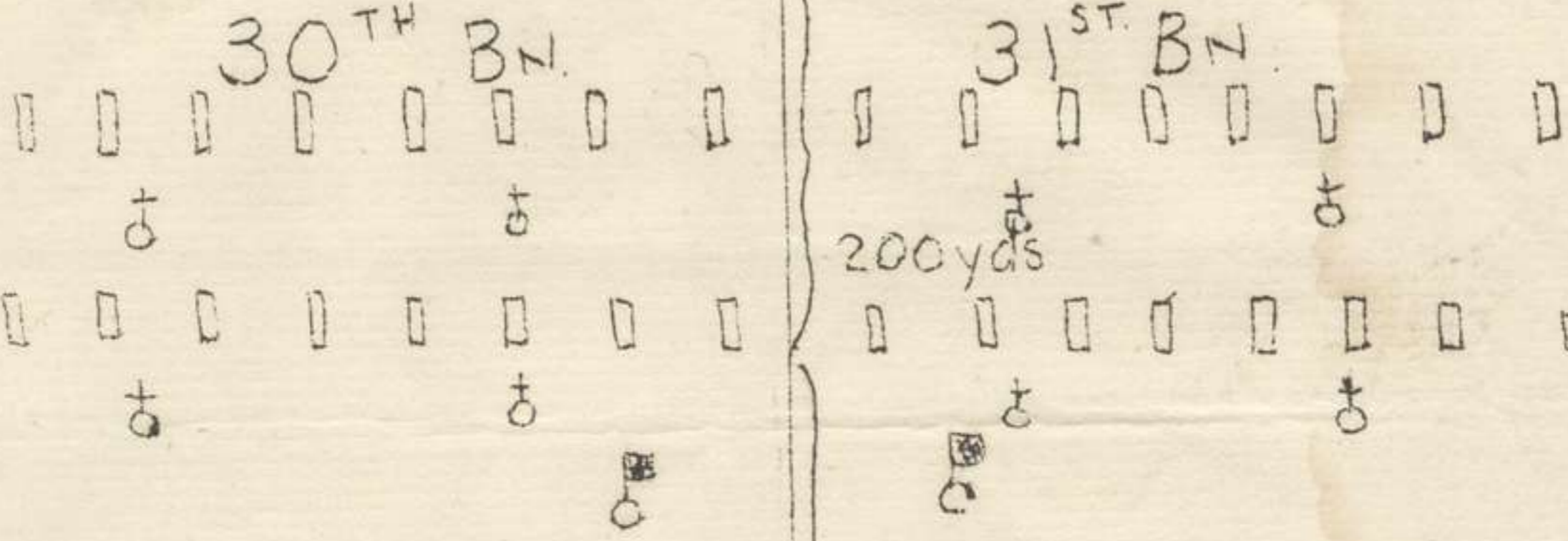
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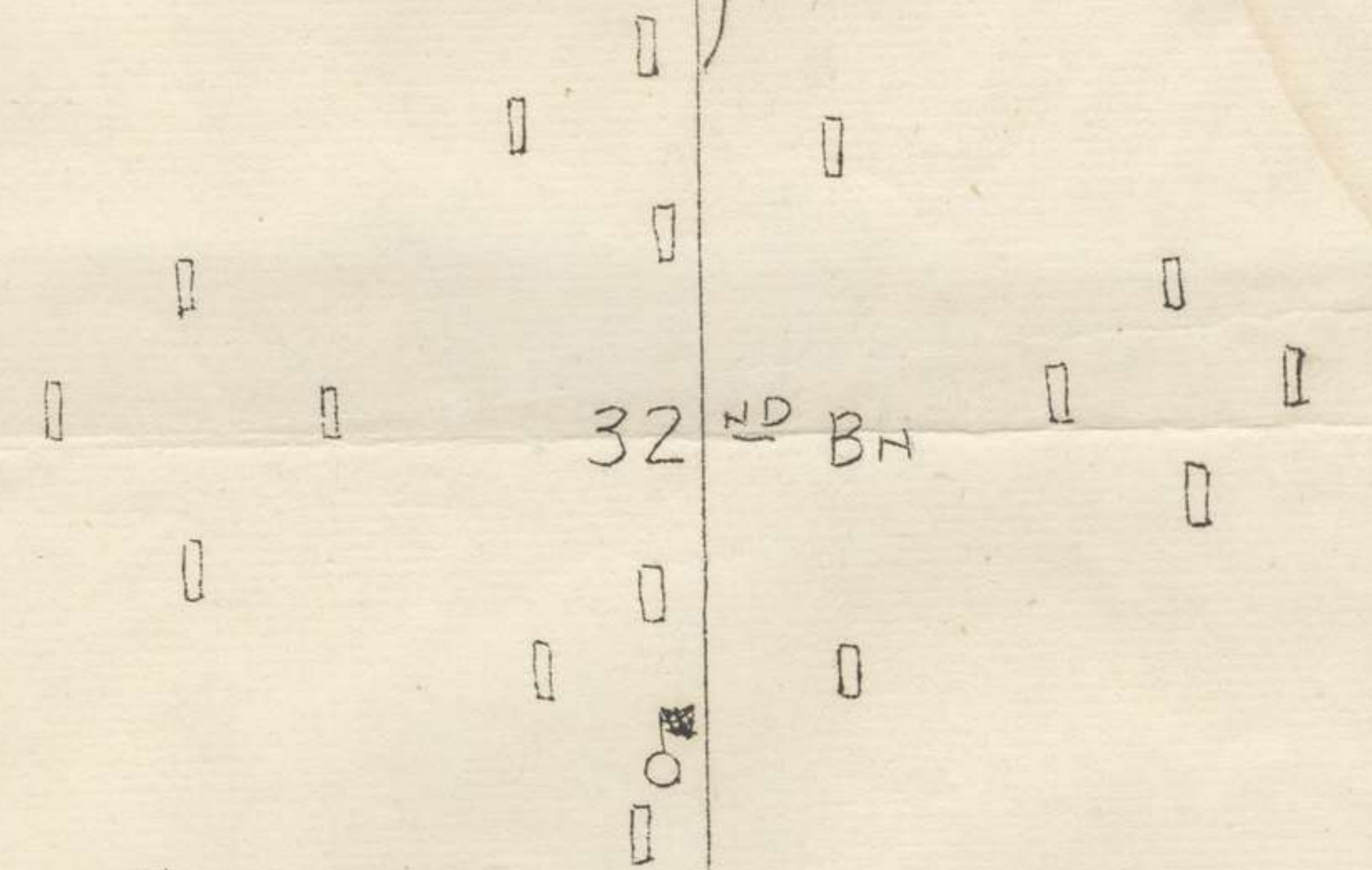
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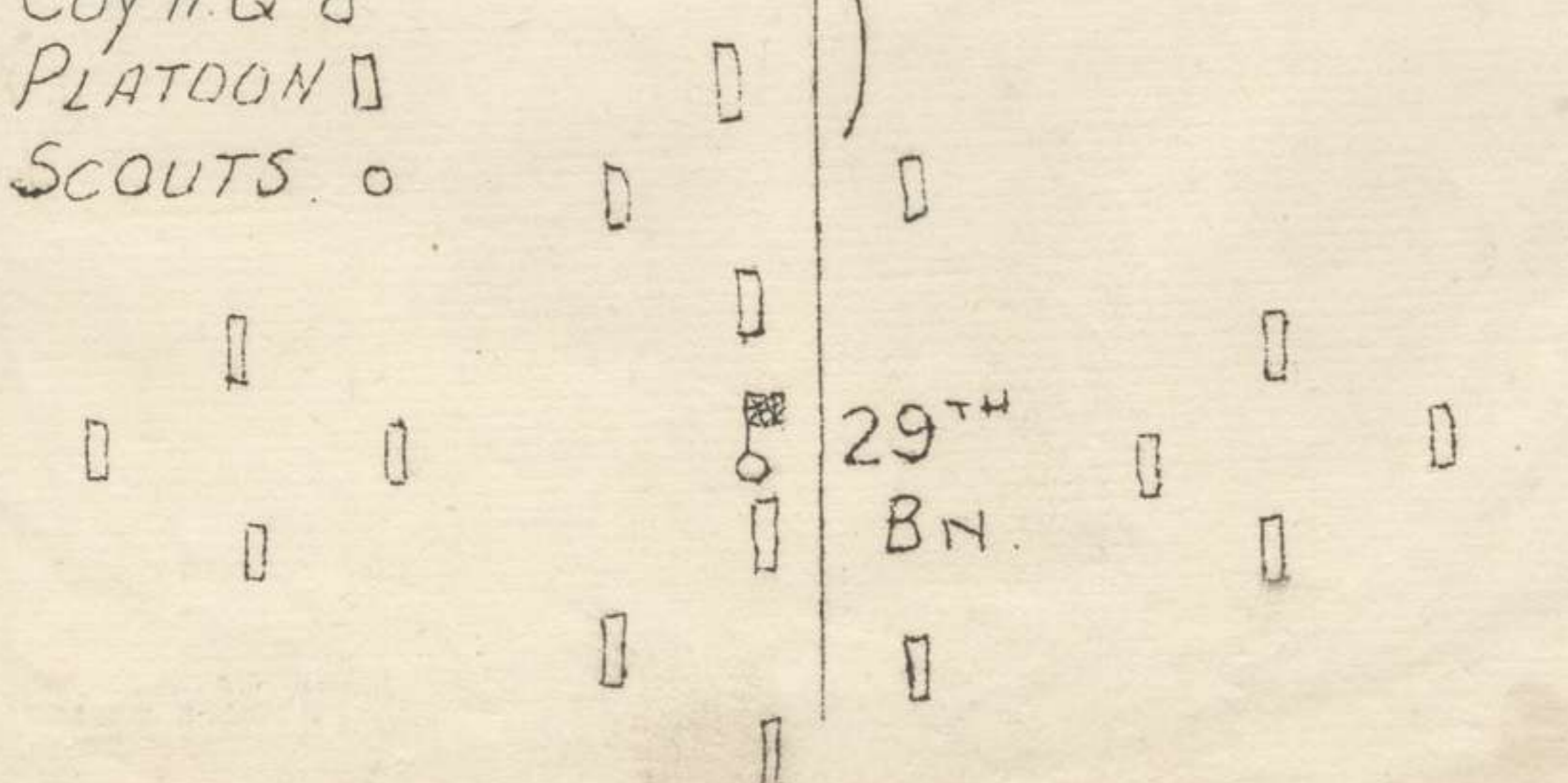
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8TH A.I. BDE
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LEGEND.

- TANKS ♂
- BN.HQ 🚩
- Coy H.Q ♀
- PLATOON ▭
- SCOUTS ○

450 yds



29TH
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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

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Issued in conjunction with 30th Bn. Order 146.

1. EQUIPMENT. - All troops participating in the attack will carry the following:- Fighting Order.
 170 rounds S.A.A.
 48 hours iron rations and unexpired portion of days ration.
 2 water bottles (filled).
 Waterproof sheet.
 1 Ground flare.
 1 Metal disc
 6 No.27 Grenades) Per
 6 No.36 do) Platoon.
 Message rockets - 1 Per Coy., 3 for Bn. H.Q.
 S.O.S. Rockets - 1 per Officer.
 Success Signals 2 per Coy. H.Q.
 L.G. Magazines - 20 per gun
 100 Shovels and 30 picks will be carried by Support and Reserve Coys.
 Wire cutters and Grenade Discharger Cups will also be carried.
2. AMMUNITION. - All requirements for ammunition etc. will be made to Bn. H.Q. on forms issued to Coys.
 All reserve L.G.ammunition will be brought to Bn. H.Q. by pack animals after the final objective has been reached
 S.A.A. will be carried in Store Tanks to the BLUE and RED Lines, and by Bn. transport and pack mules under Brigade arrangements .
3. STORE TANKS. - Store tanks will be used to transport ammunition, engineering stores, etc. and will be loaded as under:-
 2 Tanks each carrying -
 1 6" Newton T.M. with 30 rounds ammunition with charges.
 6 boxes M.G. Ammunition.
 4 " S.A.A.
 50 petrol tins filled with water.
 2 boxes preserved meat.
 10 S.O.S. signals
 200 Shovels
 100 Picks
 5 Bales sand-bags
 10 Bundles French wire
 150 Long Screw pickets
 150 Short do do
 40 Coils Barbed wire
 2 Boxes biscuits
 126 Rounds L.T.M. ammunition.
- 3 Tanks each carrying -
 100 rounds L.T.M. Ammunition
 26 Boxes M.G. do
 14 " S.A.A.
 2 " No.36 grenades
 50 Petrol tins filled with water.
 2 Boxes preserved meat.
 2 " biscuits
 10 S.O.S. Signals
 200 Shovels
 100 Picks
 5 Bales sand bags
 10 Bundles French wire
 150 Long screw pickets
 150 Short do
 40 Coils barbed wire
 These tanks will carry a board painted YELLOW as destinguishing mark.

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- 4. DUMPS. - Dumps will be established in the vicinity of Bn. H.Q. under the supervision of R.S.M. who will arrange to communicate the locality for dumping material, to the tanks. Coys. will indent for all their requirements on special forms supplied them.
- 5. WATER. - Two filled water-bottles will be carried on the man. Water will be carried to Bn. H.Qrs. by tanks and pack transport (first trip). The supply will be replenished by Bn. water carts and in addition the Brigade will have attached one G.S. water-wagon and one water-cart. ~~On no a~~
On no account must water from wells or tanks in capture country be used without same is first tested by R.S.M.O.
- 6. TRANSPORT. - On "Y.Z." Night Bn. transport will move to Railway Bank at 0.27.d.7.2. Route forward from this point will be along WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT Road through VILLERS BRETTONNEUX to Road Junc. at 0.30.d.95.30. and then N.E. along road to P.29.a.30.70, thence along road S.E. towards WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT.
For The first trip forward Transport will come under Battalion; after the first trip it will rendezvous at 0.32.d.9.7. when it will come under Lieut. Bull, Bde. T.O.
- 7. HOT FOOD. - Q.M. Store and Cookers will move forward to a pre-arranged spot. A hot meal will be sent forward on the evening of "Z" Day.
- 8. SALVAGE. - Every effort will be made to send back salvage. Empty returning transport will be used to convey same to Advanced Salvage Dump.
- 9. TROPHIES. - All captured trophies will be labelled and when possible sent by runner to Bn. H.Qrs. In the event of any guns or heavy trophies being captured, Coys. will notify Bn. H.Q. and arrangements will be made for tanks or transport to collect same.
- 10. VETERINARY. - The Mobile Veterinary Section will be at BLANGY-TRONVILLE and the Veterinary evacuation Stn. at POULAINVILLE. Evacuations will be to mobile Veterinary Section and conducting parties will hand over the animals there and return to their units.
- 11. SANITATION. - In view of the prevalence of Dysentery, greatest care must be taken in regard to sanitation in the new area taken over, particularly as regards latrines and protection of food from flies.

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257 SIGNALLING COMMUNICATIONS. 437

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1. CODE NAMES. Code names, issued under secret memo of even date, only will be used throughout the operation.
 2. EQUIPMENT. - Each Coy. will be in possession of the following equipment before moving to the attack :-
 - 1 Lucas Lamp
 - 1 D. III Telephone.
 - 1 Folding Shutter
 - 1 Drum cable D. II.
 - 1 Message Rocket
 - 1 Basket of pidgeons (2 birds).
 3. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.
 - (a) While moving from the GREEN LINE to the RED and BLUE Lines all messages will be sent by runner to Bn. H.Q.
 - (b) On gaining final objective the two Front Line Coys. will connect with each other and linesmen from Bn. H.Qrs. will proceed forward with lines to meet them.
When the circuit is complete, the support and reserve coys. will 'Tee' in.
 - (c) Bn. H.Qrs. will connect with Bde. Forward Station and also to flank battalion.
 - (d) Should the lines between Bn. H.Qrs. and Coys. become 'dis' Lucas Lamps and shutters will be used.
 - (e) Pending establishment of phone communication from B.H.Q. to Coys. the Lucas Lamp and Shutters will be used.
 4. AEROPLANE CONTACT. - Liaison with aircraft will be carried out by Bn. H.Q. by means of Popham Panel.
 5. PIDGEOONS. Pidgeons with Forward Coys. should be reserved against an emergency.
 6. MESSAGE ROCKETS. - Message rocket may be used at any juncture. If possible they should be kept as a reserve against emergency and should be only fired when location of Bn. H.Q. is known.
 7. RUNNERS. - All despatches from B.H.Q. will pass through the Bde. Forward Station which will be situated as far as possible mid-way between H.Q. of Attacking Bns.
Brigade F.S. will be equipped with wireless.
 8. BATTALION H.QRS. - B.H.Q. will be indicated by a white signalling flag with a blue cross.

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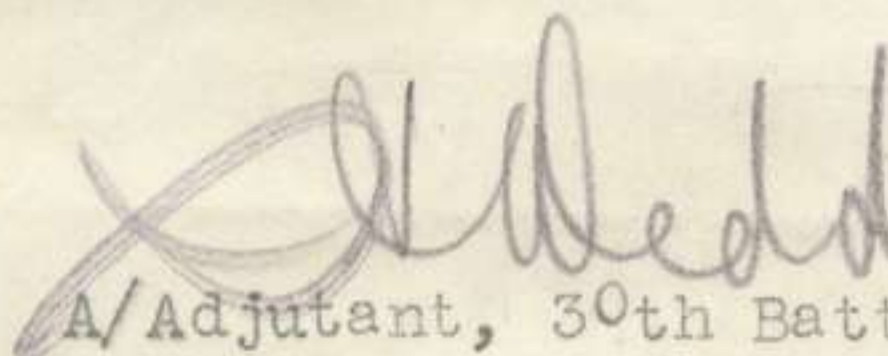
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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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1. All Stretcher Bearers will act in accordance with instructions issued by the Medical Officer.
2. The spot where wounded men incapable of moving are left, will be indicated by pushing rifle with bayonet fixed into the ground. Every member will carry a piece of white cloth or handkerchief. When a man is wounded and he is able to, the cloth will be fastened to butt of rifle. Tanks will avoid all spots so indicated.
3. A party from Bn. H.Q. will search crops for wounded.
4. All walking wounded, after reaching GREEN LINE, will return to A.D.S. ~~in vicinity~~ be established in vicinity of WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT.
5. Supply Tanks (denoted by yellow board affixed in rear) and empty returning transport will pick up walking wounded.
6. On R.A.P. being established the units will be advised location and all wounded will be conveyed to same by Coy. stretcher bearers.
7. Evacuations from R.A.P. will be by relay S.Bs. and Ambulance.
8. One bearer squadron from 8th Field Amb. will be attached to the R.M.O. with flags for contact duty to work in liaison with Bearer Captains.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Prisoners obtained by Army	21,500.
Guns obtained by army	800
Prisoners obtained by Aust. Corps	8,500
Guns obtained by Aust. Corps.	350

Identifications obtained by 8th Bde.:-

<u>21st Divn.</u>	-	27th I.R.
		27th Foot. Art.
		21st Field Art.
 <u>41st Divn.</u>	 -	 152nd I.R.
		18th I.R.
		41st Wireless Det.
		26th Pioneer Coy.
		79th Foot Art.

<u>43rd Divn</u>	-	201 I.R.
		7th Foot Art.

<u>117th Divn.</u>	-	22nd I.R.
		232nd Foot Art.

<u>225th R.D.</u>	-	225th R.D.
		217th I.R.
		225th Tel. Coy.
		" Pioneer Coy.

<u>107th Divn.</u>	-	47th Light Art.
		2nd Gren Reg.
		16th Foot Art.
		576th I.R.
		14th Foot Art.

<u>Miscellaneous.</u>	-	110th Labour Coy.
		120th Anti Aircraft Coy.
		716th do
		3rd. En. Foot Art.
		7th, Railway Coy.
		259th Sanitary Sec.
		1004th Baty. Field Art.
		20th Search Light Coy.

MATERIAL AND PRISONERS CAPTURED BY 30th Bn.

Prisoners	360	Field Guns	2
Machine Guns	20	Heavy Minenwerfers	5
Field Hospital	1	Med. do	3
Searchlights	3	Light do	2
R.E. Dump	1	Canteen	1
Field Kitchens	2	Q.M. Store Clothing	1
Bags documents	20	Box of Maps	1
Box Orderly Room			
Material	1		

18-8-1918.

[Signature]
Lieut.
A/Adjutant 30th Bn. A.I.F.

The undermentioned Officers of the 30th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, took part in the operations of the 7/8th August 1918 with the Battalion:-

HEADQUARTERS

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 Lieut H. W. L. Wadd
 Lieut C. E. HARROLD
 Lieut T. S. C. Horgan
 Major J. C. Wells

Commanding Officer
 Adjutant
 Intelligence O.
 Signal Officer
 M. O. attached.

"A" COMPANY

Major J. Bilton
 Lieut G. Haig
 Lieut A. H. Forbes M.M.
 Lieut A. Ellis
 Lieut W. I. Daniel

O. C. Company
 Attd. Tank Bn.

"B" COMPANY

Captain D. Chalmers
 Lieut F. Hamilton
 Lieut D. Vincent
 Lieut C. E. Hall
 Lieut H. Doust.

O. C. Company

Liaison duty.

"C" COMPANY

Captain C. D. Savage
 Captain J. C. Rickard
 Lieut F. D. Beer
 Lieut H. R. Robinson
 Lieut H. S. Grimwade.

Att. Tank Bn.
 Actg. O. C. Coy.

"D" COMPANY

Lieut H. J. Wells
 Lieut S. R. Murdoch D.C.M.
 Lieut J. H. King
 Lieut J. J. Wilton Flynn

Actg O. C. Coy.

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Appendix 8
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Reference. 62.d.1/40000.

10-8-1918.

1. 30th Bn. with attached ~~mevem~~ units will move by route march from present position to the AUBIGNY SYSTEM in O.19.a. and O.20.a.&.b. on 10th inst.
2. Starting point Q.30.a.5.2. Head of column to pass S.P. at 8-5a.m. Order of march - D., C., B., Bn. H.Q., A. Coy.
3. Route - overland to road near Q.26.c.8.3. thence by road through WARFUSEE ABANCOURT leading to FUILLOY in P.13.c.9.1. where guide will be met, who will indicate route to new area.
4. Movement will be by sections at 50 paces interval to WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT, thence by platoons at 50 paces, ~~strict-~~
5. Strict march discipline will be adhered to. Under no circumstances will straggling be allowed.
6. Halts will be at 10 mins. to clock hour.
7. Every precaution will be taken against hostile bombing and shelling. Each Coy. and H.Q. will carry one Lewis gun and four magazines to act as A.A. defence en route.
8. Limbers will collect all Lewis guns and panniers excluding A.S.guns, hot boxes and water-tins from Coys. Should limbers not arrive before moving off loading party under Coy. L.G. N.C.O. will be left behind. One limber is allotted to each Coy.
9. S.A.A. and bombs will be handed over to 18th Bn. Picks and shovels will be loaded on limbers. Ground flares must be taken out.
10. All waterbottles will be filled before moving off. A hot meal will be available on reaching new area.
11. Dress - fighting order, unexpired portion of day's dry rations, filled water-bottles.
12. Coy. Commdrs. horses will be available at outskirts of WARFUSEE ABANCOURT on road leading to FUILLOY.
13. Acknowledge.

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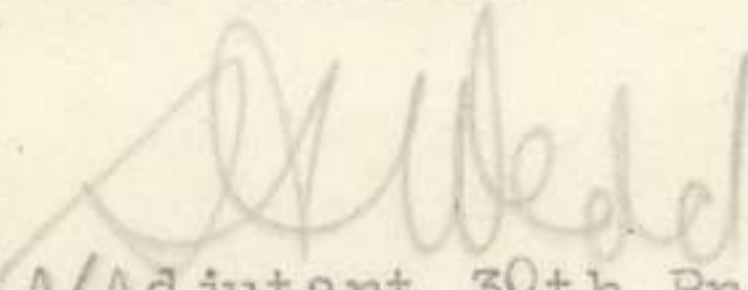
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Reference - Sheet 62 d., 62.c, 66.e, 66d.
and ROSIERES Combined Sheet.13th Aug. 1918.

1. The 30th Bn. will move from the AUBIGNY SYSTEM to the vicinity of squares w.22. and W. 28 on 14th inst.
2. Advance parties consisting of 1 Officer or Sergt. and 2 N.C.Os. per Coy. will report to Bn. I.O. at 5-a.m. on 14th inst. Advance party will take over allotted areas and will also act as guides. The I.O. will arrange for a rendezvous for these guides to meet the column and guide units to bivouac.
3. Order of March - "C" Coy., "D" Coy., H.Qrs., "B" Coy., "A" Coy.
Hour of starting - "D" Coy. will move from present position at 6-30a.m.
Route. - As reconnoitred today. Main roads and villages to be avoided.
4. Movement will be by platoons at 50 yds distance and 100 yds between Coys.
Strict march discipline will be maintained. Every precaution will be taken aga inst hostile aircraft. Each Coy. will carry one Lewis Gun as A.A. Protection.
5. Halts will be made at 10 minutes to clock hour.
Mid-day halt will be from 11-50a.m. to 1-20a.m. if Unit has not reached its destination.
6. Transport less cookers and water-carts will move under orders of Bde. T.O. and rendezvous at a place to be notified by the Staff Captain. One water-cart will accompany Bn. on the march. Coy. cookers and one water-cart will proceed to destination and
#v prepare hot mid-day meal.
7. Dress - Battle Order, two water-bottles filled, 170 rounds S.A.A
On reaching new area one extra ground flare per man and one S.O.S. rocket per Officer will be issued.
8. Administrative instructions are being issued separately.
9. Marching out states will be rendered to Bn. H.Q. by 6-a.m. and Marching in states half an hour after arrival.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

257 Issued in conjunction with 30th Battalion Order No. 148.

1. Instructions issued regarding reveille and breakfast hour will be adhered to.
2. All shelters not yet returned will be dumped at Bn. H.Q. by 5-a.m. where they will be collected by Transport. Mess cart will collect Officers Mess gear going forward at 6-am
3. One double limber will collect Lewis Guns from two Coys. and one for H.Qrs. L.G. and Signalling gear. This transport will not accompany Bn. but will rendezvous at a spot to be indicated by Battalion T.O. Guns will be brought forward by transport immediately it arrived in new area.
4. Cookers and one water-cart will move independently to a new area by route shewn to T.O. They will be met and guarded to their Coy. area by Advance Party. After they have cooked mid-day meal cookers will return to transport lines.
5. All echelons to be ready to move forward at a moments notice.
6. Refilling point on and after 14th August will be P.25.c.3.3.
7. Rear Bn. H.Qrs. will be established near Brigade rear H.Q. in rear of GUILLAUCOURT.
8. Coy. Commanders horses will be available at 6-15a.m.

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30TH BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 149.

Reference Maps parts of 62d
62c, 65e and 66d, 1/40,000.

16th August 1918.

1. (a) The 5th Australian Division will be relieving the 17th Division on "C" Divisional Sector night 16/17th inst. 1918.
(b) The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will move forward into the area Q.14, 15 and 21 on the night of 16th inst. 1918, and becomes Divisional reserve.
2. The 30th Bn. A. I. F. will move from the AUBIGNY LINE to Area in Q.14, 15 and 21 on 16th August 1918.
3. STARTING POINT - Road junction in C.20.b.
TIME of starting - Head of column will pass starting point at 1.45 p.m.
ROUTE - Cross country track. To keep clear of main roads, railways and villages.
4. ORDER OF MARCH - "C", "D", Bn. Hqrs, "B", "A". Movement will be by Platoons at 100 yards distance, 200 yards between Coys. and 1000 yards between Battalions.
5. Whenever possible, Battalion will move by line of Coys. and slightly echeloned, with Platoons at above distances.
Strict control will be exercised by Coy. Commanders throughout the march.
6. All precautions will be taken against hostile shelling and bombing. One Lewis gun with 5 magazines per Coy will be carried as A.A. protection.
7. Halts will be made at 10 minutes to the clock hour, and will be regulated by the leading Coy.
8. DRESS - Fighting order, 170 rounds S. A. A., 2 waterbottles filled, greatcoat and waterproof sheet, to be rolled horseshoe fashion on back - steel helmet.
9. One guide per Coy. and one for Bn. Hqrs. will be at cross-roads at Q.19.d. Unit Commanders will be on the lookout for their guides at this spot.
10. Cookers, watercarts, Maltese cart, and Lewis Gun limbers (one limber for "C" and "D", one for "B" and "A") will move at the rear of the Battalion. The remainder of transport will be Brigaded and will move under Brigade arrangements.
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11. Administrative arrangements will be issued separately.
12. Marching-out states to be rendered to Bn. Hqrs by 1 p.m. and marching-in states half an hour after arrival in new area.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ISSUED IN
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1. Special care will be taken to see that all latrines etc are filled in, and that areas are left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition.

2. TRANSPORT - The Transport Officer will arrange for the following:-

2 Double limbers - To carry Coy. Lewis guns. One limber to carry guns of "C" and "D" Coy. - 1 limber to carry guns of "B" and "A".

1 double limber - To carry H. Q. L. Guns and signalling gear

1 double limber - For Sn. Orderly Room and H.Q. gear.

Mess cart - for all mess gear.

A. H. Q. cart-

2 Water carts - filled.

All the above to report at 12.30 p.m.
Cocker horses and Coy. Commanders, C.Os, Adjutants' and H.Q.'s horses - all to be at Battalion by 1 p.m.

3. Two ration wagons are allotted to G. H. for the purpose of carrying extra petrol tins, baggage and hot boxes forward. They will dump rations in the Square, AUGIGNY, before reporting to Battalion.

4. Transport will move forward with echelons full.

5. Extra water-bottle will be carried on the man, also extra iron ration.

6. Midday-meal will be partaken of before moving. Cookers will remain with Sn. in forward area.

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16th August 1918.

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

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My dear Major.

I received your letter of 12th Aug only 2 days ago. It had been delayed at Bala^h St Bris.

I cannot sufficiently express my feelings on the subject & can only say that your letter is more to me than any decoration I could have received as a result of the operations.

I paraded my Coy & read it out to them. I know that they received it with deep feeling.

Let me express on my own behalf and theirs our thanks for your very kind letter & also our appreciation of the courtesy & help that your very gallant Battalion gave us throughout.

In the event of future operations our one wish is to be with you again.

Yr sincerely,

A R Pape Mai

C.O. A Coy.

13th Tank Battⁿ

Appendix 12

30th Battalion A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

19th to 24th AUGUST 1918. (inc.)

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Monday 19th	Tuesday 20th	Wednesday 21st	Thursday 22nd	Friday 23rd	Saturday 24th.
Inspection by Platoon Comdrs. P.T. & B.F. Elementary Muskty. Bolt Drill Rapid Load'g. Gas Drill. Lecture "The Offensive Spirit, Raids & Patrols (The information given in Intell'gce Summaries of recent date to be quoted as illustrative of the demoralisation brought on the enemy by Offensive Spirit). Intelligence and Sigs. as per Syllabus atted.	Inspn. by Platoon Comdrs. P.T & B.F. Demonstration of Tank tactics (to be carried out by Off. & NCO's who attended demonstrations. Specialist Tng. - Lewis Gunners & Rifle Grenadiers. Gas Drill	Inspection by Platoon Comdrs. P.T. & B.F. J.D. Musketry - Fire Orders. Lecture & Demonstration of "Field Formations." Gas Drill	Inspections. P.T. & B.F. Specialist T'ng. Lewis Gun'rs and Bombers. Lecture - "Duties of a Sentry on a. Front Line Trench. b. Sentry Group.	Inspections. P.T. & B.F. Musketry - Fire Discipline & Control. Gas Drill Lecture "Fighting Patrols."	Inspections by Coy. Commander Recreational T'ng.

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

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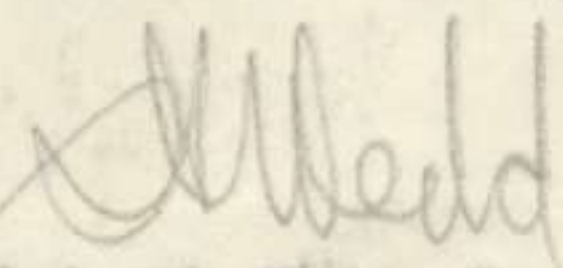
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The following preliminary instructions are issued regarding the move tomorrow:-

1. The Bn. will move from the present position to HORSICOURT VALLEY tomorrow and will pass the starting point (to be notified later) at 8-a.m.
2. Order of March - "G", "D", H.Q., "B", "A". Movement will be by platoons at 100 yds distance. 300 yds between Coys. and 1000 yds between Bns.
3. Halts will be as follows - 1st half, 10 minutes to clock hour, second and successive halts after every half hour's marching. All halts will be of 10" duration.
4. One N.C.O. per Coy. will report to I.C. at 7-30a.m. to act as Advance Party.
5. During the march all precautions to be taken against hostile shelling and aircraft. One gun with four magazines will be carried by each Coy. as A.A. protection.
6. Dress will be, fighting order, steel helmets, greatcoat and W.P. sheet to be carried ~~in~~ horseshoe fashion on haversack on back.
7. Emergency rations and unexpired portion of day's dry rations will also be carried.
8. Sergt. Cook will arrange for a hot meal to be ready for Units after reaching destination.
9. Half limber will be available for each Coy. to carry Coy. Lewis Guns and one limber for H.Q. Lewis guns and signalling gear. These will report to Coys. at 7-a.m. Officers mess cart will collect Coy. mess gear (not more than one box) to go forward, at 7-30a.m.
10. All packs which will contain blankets will be stacked ready to be loaded on limbers by 6-30a.m. tomorrow. All tarpaulins will also be dumped ready to be loaded at this hour. A special limber will call round to collect these tarpaulins.
11. All areas will be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Each Coy. nucleus will be left behind as a rear party to hand over the area. Capt. J.G. Rickard will be responsible for ensuring that the rear party gets the area into a clean condition before handing over to Rep. of Area Commandant. He will obtain the necessary certificate from the Adjutant in the morning.
12. Personnel for nucleus will be marched to Nucleus camp in the vicinity of HANLETT. Capt. W.A. Thompson will be in charge of party. He will report to the Adjutant at 7-a.m. for further instructions.
13. Marching out states will be submitted to Bn. H.Q. by 7-30am tomorrow.

25-3-1918.


Lieut.
Adjutant 3rd Bn. A.I.F.

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BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS Series 'D' No. 1.

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62d, 62c, 1/40,000

Aug. 25th 1918.

1. (a) 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade (less 29th Bn.) will move from the AUBIGNY system to the vicinity of squares Q 29 c and d and Q 35 a and b on 26th inst.
- (b) 29th Bn. will rejoin the Brigade in new area and be in position before 10 p.m. on night 25/27th Aug.
- (c) Representatives of Units will meet Lieut. GUNNING at Cross Rds. Q 27 c at 10.30 a.m. 26th inst.
2. Moves will be made in accordance with attached table.
3. Transport (less Cookers, water carts and Lewis gun limbers) will move under orders of Brigade Transport Officer to a position to be notified later.
4. Standing orders with regard to intervals, hostile aircraft precautions and march discipline will be observed. Halts will be made 10 minutes to the clock hour. Mid-day halt will be made from 10.50 am. to 1.30 pm.
5. Units will make arrangements to dig in when they arrive in the new area.
6. Administrative instructions are being issued by the Staff Captain.
7. Arrival of units and location of Battalion H.Q. will be reported to Brigade H.Q.
8. Brigade H.Q. will close at AUBIGNY at 1 pm. 26th inst., and re-open at Q 29 d 8 7 at same hour.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE. *916/1599*

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A/Brigade Major, 8th Inf. Bde.

MARCH TABLE to accompany 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS Series D No. 1.

Date	Units in order of march	From	To	Starting Point	Time of passing	Route	Remarks.
1918 Aug. 26th	30th Battalion	AUBIGNEY System.	Vicinity of Q 29 c and d and Q 35 a & b: to be billeted in area allotted to your representative by Lieut. GUNNING on 26th inst.	Rd. junction O 20 b.	8 a.m.	Route previously reconnoitred: to keep Sth. of BOIS-ÉO VAIRE, Nth. of WARTUSEE-ABANCOURT. Route to be across country. Main roads and villages are to be avoided.	Units will send forward Advance parties on bicycles (para 1 c). Advance parties will also act as guides.
"	32nd Battalion Bde. F.C. and Sig. Section	"		Cross Roads O 15 a	8.45 am		Arrangements will be made by Bns. for a rendezvous for these guides to meet the column and guide units etc. to bivouacs.
"	31st Battalion and 8th LTB.	"		Cross Roads O 15 cont.	9.30 am		

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.
to accompany
8th Inf. Brigade BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, Series D No. 1.

1. The 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade Group will move from present area to Q 22, 23, 3 28 and 29 on 26th Aug. 1918.
2. Transport, (less Lewis Gun limbers, water carts and cookers) will, be brigaded
* move under the orders of Lieut. P. A. BULL, Brigade Transport Officer. Transport lines will be in or near MORCOURT VALLEY.
3. Two G.S. wagons will be attached to each Bn. for the move, and will be retained during subsequent operations. Units will send guides to transport lines, 19th A.A.S.C. (P 31 a 5 5) at 7 a.m. 26th Aug. to guide wagons to unit lines.
4. Units, with the exception of 29th Bn. will store packs, officers' kits, surplus stores etc. in the stores at AUBIGNY used during last tour of duty.
29th Bn. will store kits at HAMELET. Guards will be provided by Unit.
5. Units, except 29th Bn., will dismantle trench shelters and deliver them to the Town Major, AUBIGNY, before moving, and obtain a receipt for them.
29th Bn. will collect and stack at their Bn. H.Q. all trench shelters in use by them; these will be subsequently handed over to 5th S.A.A. Section. A rear party (out of Nucleus) will be left behind for this purpose.
If possible units will obtain a certificate of cleanliness from Area Commandant before moving.
6. Nucleus will report for instructions at Brigade H.Q. at 9 a.m. 26th inst. and will later move to HAMELET where they will come under C.O. 5th Div. Nucleus.
29th Bn. Nucleus will proceed direct to HAMELET where they will report to Capt. W.A. THOMPSON, 30th Bn. on afternoon 26th inst.
7. Refilling point will remain at present location till further notice.
8. Units will notify location of transport lines and horse watering points within 4 hours of arrival.
9. All handing over and taking over receipts and cleanliness certificates will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. by 6 p-m- 26th inst.
10. Units will notify at once any shortages in ammunition, flares, extra water bottles and extra iron rations.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Series 'D' No. 1.

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J. H. Charlton
Captain,
A/Staff Captain, 8th Inf. Bde.

26th August 1918.

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13A
1. The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade in the line on the night 26/27th inst.
 2. The 30th Bn. will relieve the 8th Bn. and 7th Bn. A. I. F. in the line right on the night 26th/27th.
"D" Company will relieve the two front line Companies of 8th Bn. in the right sub-sector, and "C" Coy the two front line Coys of 7th Bn. in the left sub-sector.
"B" Coy. will be in support to "D", and "A" Coy in support to "C".
 3. Companies will move from present position in the following order:-
"D", "C", "B", "A", Hqrs. Time of starting will be notified later.
 4. Guides will be met in accordance with arrangements made by Companies and routes forward will be as recommended by Unit commanders to-day.
 5. Movement will be by Platoons at 100 yards distance, breaking into sections at 50 yards on passing a line drawn North and South through
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All precautions will be taken against hostile bombing and shelling.
 6. All trench stores, maps, aeroplane photos and information relative to the sector, together with S. A. A., tools, ground flares etc. will be taken over, and receipts for same forwarded to Bn. Hqrs with Intelligence Summaries on morning of 27th inst.
 7. Personnel will proceed into the line equipped as follows:-
Fighting order - greatcoats, waterproof sheet - 2 water-bottles filled - emergency rations - and extra battle ration, - unexpired portion of ration for 27th.
 8. Grenade dischargers and cups, Verey pistols, wire cutters, will be taken into the line,
 9. A hot meal will be partaken of prior to Units moving off. No further hot meal will be served until the night of 27/28th.
 10. Acknowledge.

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W. Bedd
Lieut
A/Adjutant, 30th Bn. A.I.F.

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Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. H.Qrs. by the codeword 'JAPAN'.

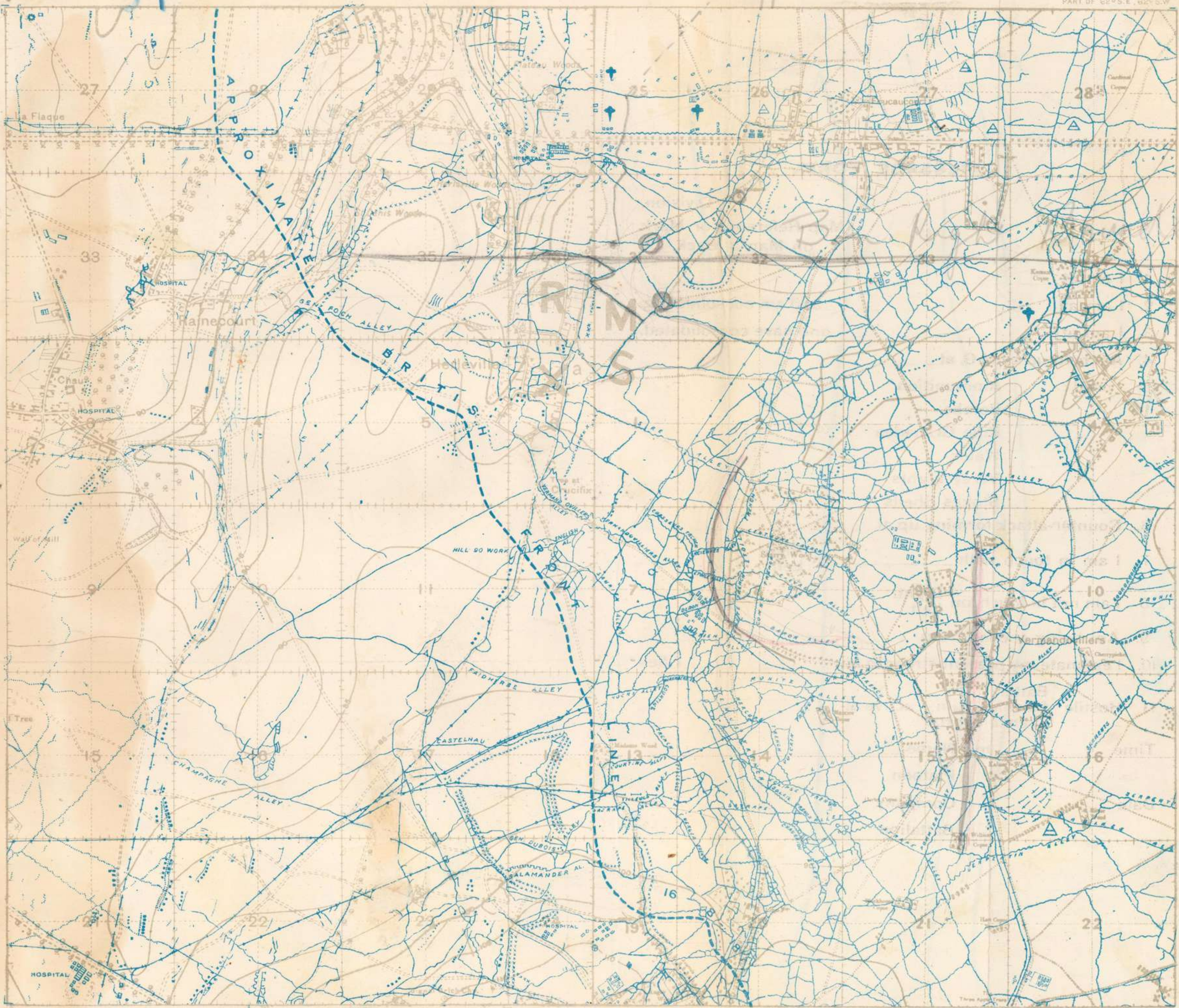
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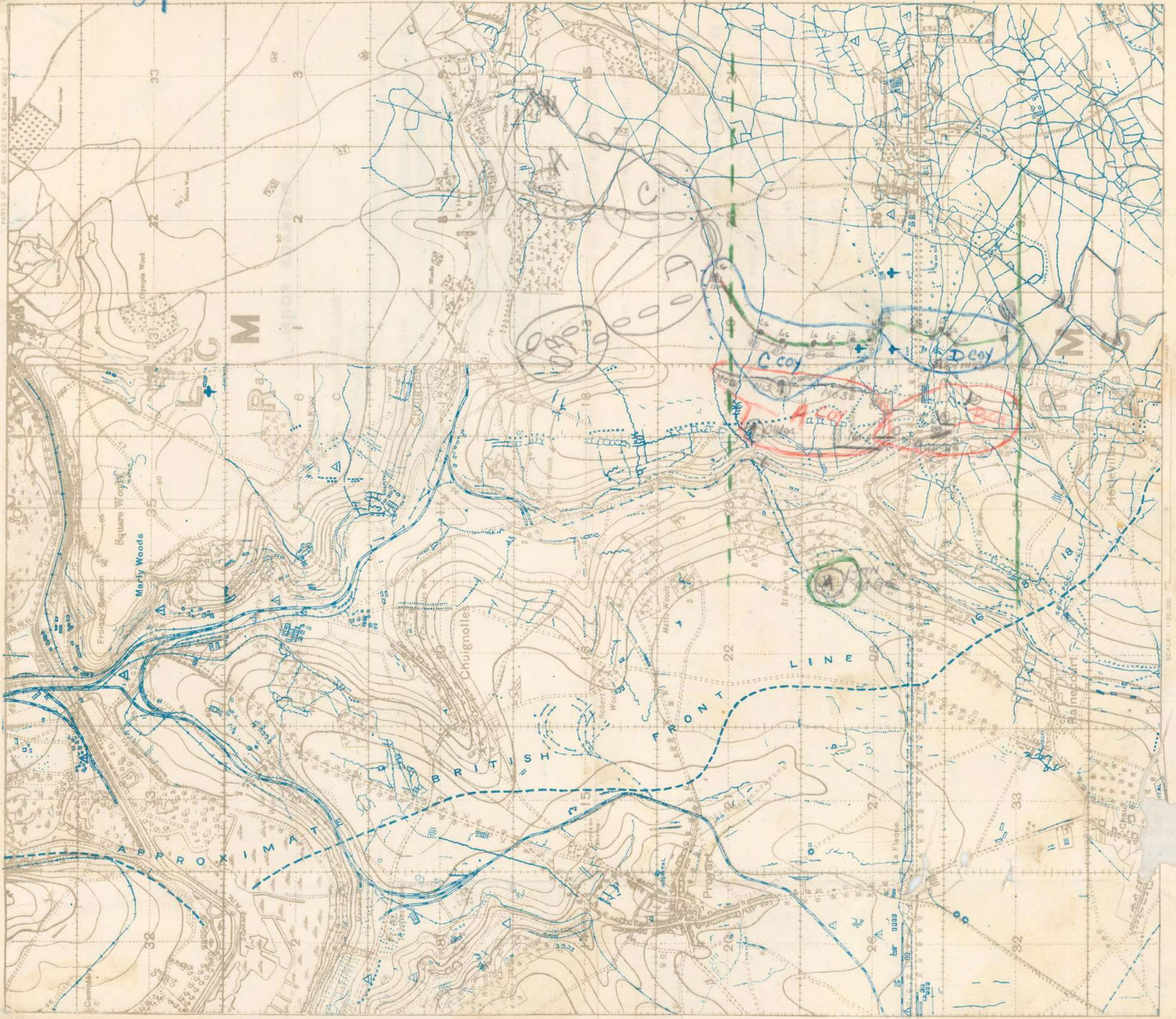
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NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS - 26 - 29th AUGUST 1918.

The Battalion, on the night of 26/27th August relieved elements of the 7th and 8th Battalions, A.I.F. in the sector near FOUCOUCOURT. The relief was completed at 1-a.m. On the morning of 27th, "C" Coy, was ordered to straighten out their line and make a general line running from M.20. central to left of "D" Coy. At 12-50p.m. a message was received relating to an artillery programme on FOUCOUCOURT, with instructions that the Battalion would act at the conclusion of the bombardment, with a view to capturing the village. The Companies could not be informed in time to commence at the conclusion of the artillery programme.

"C" Coy. commenced to straighten their line at 2-p.m. and they were further instructed to bulge their line towards the village and threaten the rear of the village. This was to be done in conjunction with "D" Coy. who was to press on the south of ~~the~~ the village. The actual attack on the village took place at 3-15p.m.

The dispositions at this time were "C" Coy. working north of the village and "D" Coy. frontally and south of the village.

"C" Coy. moved much quicker than "D" Coy. owing to good ground, and made good progress against very heavy machine gun fire. The artillery gave this Coy. excellent support. "D" Coy. was working two platoons past the south of the village with one platoon holding frontally. The task of this Company was very formidable and the machine-gun shooting of the enemy very deadly. Notwithstanding this, they made ground and at 6-p.m. the two Companies gained touch in front of the village. Rifle grenades here proved themselves to be very valuable against machine guns.

The captives included one Officer, 34 Other Ranks and sixteen heavy and light machine guns. It is estimated that the enemy lost at least 20 killed and several wounded. Most of the killed were bayoneted during the attack by "D" Coy. Corporal Ford of that Coy. was with the platoon attacking frontally which was held up by machine-gun fire, and after some delay he remarked "This is no bloody good to me, I'll get that cow" and rushed the gun, killing all the crew but one, who he brought back with him. The platoon was then able to get on.

During the attack the enemy put down an extremely heavy barrage which interfered horribly with communication. Lines could not be maintained and the runners were called upon to do very heavy work. Unfortunately the great majority of runners were killed and the messages not received.

I must particularly commend the work of Captain Savage, O.C. "C" Coy. and Lieut. Wells, O.C. "D" Coy. Our casualties were 13 killed and 66 wounded.

On the following morning the Battalion commenced to advance and shortly after starting came in contact with the enemy, who kept close touch with us the whole way. The enemy were on cycles with machine guns and could retire as soon as our Lewis guns got to work. This was kept going right up till the Battalion stopped in about N. 19.25 and 31, when the enemy seemed to make a stand. The men at this time were very tired and not able to go further. Later on in the day the 31st Battalion moved through me and continued the advance.

The Battalion had a good night's rest after having had a very good hot meal.

The following morning the Battalion continued in support to the 31st Bn. to the final objective where we halted and took up positions about 200 yards in rear of the village of VILLERS.

On the main road a 77 field gun was found which had evidently struck one of their own mines with the result that the gun team were all killed and the gun abandoned.

The next day the Battalion was relieved and marched back to FONTAINE. The casualties were nil during this advance. The men were very fatigued and footsore, but their spirit is all that can be desired.

Sheel Hood

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Narrative on capture of
Foucouwit :

D Coy relieved 5th Aust Bn. on night 26/29th. At 1:50 P.M. on 27th I received word to send out patrols in conjunction with people on both flanks and endeavour to capture Foucouwit. At 2:15 P.M. my three patrols having advanced about 200 yds were held up by heavy ab. G. fire from the village. Later all patrols were withdrawn. At this stage Capt. Ford showed great pluck in rushing a ab. G. which was giving a great deal of trouble, killing one and taking the other prisoner. (Retrieved) Finding my right flank only in touch with one platoon of Royal Scots, then a gap of 400' with Boche between. I received orders to cooperate with 'C'

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Coy, who were moving forward to outflank the village. We immediately hopped over, striking resistance from a nest of ab. G. in front of village which we rushed killing two of the enemy and capturing eight ab. G. Lt Flynn at this stage working through the village sent back 15 prisoners. Continuing our advance we were held up momentarily at the windmill by ab. G. fire but on working round right flank the enemy fled leaving four ab. G. On gaining the outskirts of the village we were met with very heavy ab. G. and shell fire, but dug in in front of sugar refinery with 47 mm firing point on flank at us.

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we now had over 2000³ of frontage to cover. There I put a platoon of Royal Scots in the centre, and swung my left flank back to link up with 'C' Coy. Later on in the night I put one platoon of 'B' Coy under Lt Hall on the left of Lt Rush, thus having complete touch with my left flank. After sending out two patrols I found another platoon of Royal Scots putting them on my right flank, and later eventually linked up ~~with~~ thus having both flanks intact.

A. W. Sweet
 O.C. Coy

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(Night report) 01. 8. 18

A. Coy, 30th Bn A.I.F.

Sua. Varnation. 27-29. Aug 1918

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3 pm. Moved forward to C. Coy's position in 1st front line.

4.45. Received message C. Coy could not advance owing enemy resistance and required assistance.

5. 2nd Platoon sent forward. It obtained touch with C. Coy at 5.30 pm.

6.30. Message received C. Coy beyond village and required assistance.

7. Remainder of A. Coy commenced move forward to position vacated by 2nd C. Coy.

7.10 - 8 pm. Heavy H.E. Gas Barrage on A. Coy's positions delayed forward movement of part of Coy.

8.30 pm. C. Coy's first forward position occupied and communication with rear opened.

9. Message received C. Coy left was exposed by withdrawal of 32nd Bn leaving gap of about 1000⁺ on left and unless Platoon sent C. Coy would have to withdraw.

9.15. Replied 3 Platoons had already been sent to C. Coy's support.

(8.30 pm) 2 Platoons sent forward to support.

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C Coy left. The platoons went into position there and touch with 32nd Bn obtained.

Coy HQ & 1 Plat of A Coy remained at 1st forward position throughout night 27/28 as instructed by CO. Occasional heavy bombardments. Phone wires broken several times but communication with Bn HQ restored quickly.

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5 am. Balance of A Coy moved forward to position 300 yds in rear of C Coy HQ & obtained phone communication to front & rear and touch with right by runner.

5.45 am 3 Platoons of A Coy on left of C Coy moved forward with left in valley just south of FONTAINE. Orders had been given to march to left and obtain touch with left Bn (32nd)

6.10 am. This portion of A Coy came in touch with 24th Bn A.I.F who were on N side of FONTAINE VALLEY. They (24th)

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had been endeavoring to get touch with 32nd who had not then come forward.

6.10 am to 7 am. - A Coy occupied & had possession captured Railway Depot including rolling stock, and large dump of loaded wire, light rails, ammunition, and stores. About 7 am, 32nd Bn came up and commenced marking the rolling stock but the 32nd Officer was enjoined A Coy, 30th had been in possession about an hour.

6 am. A Coy captured 8th Howitzer just North West of Railway Depot.

7.15 am. Coy HQ & 1 Plat moved forward behind C Coy & remainder of A Coy.

9.30 am. Telephone communication re established from M. 25 d 10. and report giving situation sent back. After laying about 5000⁺ of wire during advance, here the wire gave out.

12 noon. Coy took up position in support about M. 25 a.

29.8.18

5 am. A Coy advanced as left Coy support (over)

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to 31st BN A.I.F. and took up a position
in trenches in M. 30 a. Touch having
been established on both flanks and
telephone communication again established
with BN. H. Q.

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10 am. A. Coy withdrawn to bivouac in
M. 8 d.

Recommendations for distinguished
service have been submitted

Casualties 4 killed, 9 wounded & gassed

1-9-18.

J. Patton Capt (RMC)

O.C. 'A' Coy 30th BN A.I.F.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent		Date	
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<u>lined</u>	<u>12.50pm</u>	<u>state that</u>			
<u>they</u>	<u>are</u>	<u>co-operating with</u>			
<u>troops</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>right in</u>			
<u>an</u>	<u>attack</u>	<u>at 3 pm</u>			
<u>AAA</u>	<u>Patrols</u>	<u>from Right</u>			
<u>Coy</u>	<u>are</u>	<u>working directly</u>			
From					
Place					
Time					

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent		Date	
At m.		Service.		Date	
To		From		Date	
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By	
TO { }					
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA		
* <u>10</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>towards village</u>			
<u>for</u>	<u>one</u>	<u>casualty report</u>			
<u>from</u>	<u>Right Coy.</u>				
From					
Place					
Time					

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Sent _____ Date _____
 At _____ m. Service _____
 To _____ From _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO { KUFA. }

Sender's Number. W Day of Month. 24th. In reply to Number. _____ AAA

Right Coy report. Right
 platoon moving forward with
 troops on their right
 and is working along
 sap about M 31 a. 6. 20 AAA
 Centre by platoon held up
 by M. 4 fire at M 32 a. 4. 8.
 M. 4 now being engaged. AAA.
 left road. Platoon outside main
 with AAA at M 26. c. 4. 6 meeting
 heavy M. 4 fire

From _____
 Place DOVO
 Time _____

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Sent _____ Date _____
 At _____ m. Service _____
 To _____ From _____
 By _____ (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____

TO { DOVO }

Sender's Number. BM 818 Day of Month. 27 In reply to Number. _____ AAA

Co-ordinated staff of
 heavy and field artillery
 for 20 minutes duration
 on FOUCOUVERT commencing
 1 Pm 27th inst

From _____
 Place RUFA
 Time _____

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Sent		Date
At	m.	Service
To	From	
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By

TO			
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
	27th		

* Capt. Savage reports hp line ruins approximately from M.20 D. of M.25 C. converging slightly towards village Major Bilton reports: - seeing a Party of about 40 Prisoners coming through from village

From		
Place		
Time		

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Sent		Date
At	m.	Service
To	From	
By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By

TO	Dono		
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
	29		

Capt. Savage reports his flank N of village requires more ammunition cannot move further forward and send up four more S Beans

M 20 d cent (about) N of village M 25 cent near his right hand towards village

From	forward Dono	
Place		
Time		

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Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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Headquarters ^{7 para}
 line
 Right
 Intend

arranging with Capt
 Savage to swing his
 line forward clear
 of village and clear
 of scrub. My right
 flank will remain
 stationary being clear
 of village.

Will move as soon
 as arrangements are
 completed

[Signature]

The day ~~2nd 4th date~~

Situation as follows
Practically all tented
up on my left flank.

Am holding frontage of
approx 2000 yds. Right
flank so far in the air
But expect the "jocks" along
any minute. I have 1 platoon
of B Coy in the centre with
about 2 platoons of Royal
Scots in the centre. Their
officer has been wounded
so am assuming command
of them.

Have arranged with Lieut
Vincent to take over my
right flank and try
and form a continuous
line until the Royal Scots
are in position.

attached find situation
map with line I am
holding approx

Hot Food could you
arrange to send forward
our Hot food and dry
rations. I can't spare
any men to send back.
The runners could
act as guides for them
at good feed would
lure the men up

W. W. W.

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Ady
Reference my
night blank.

One platoon of Royal Scots
reported to me. I have
swung them around to
the right and slightly
to the rear.
The situation now is
quite good.

Received rations O.K.
Enemy appears to be
leaving villages.
Do you want me to
continue advancing tomorrow
in the event of him falling
back? Or will I wait
for operation orders?
All of men are fatigued
8:22 PM H. H. H.

The Ady (For Co. D)

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chs succeeded I
sent out 3 patrols after advising
people on flanks, but owing to
stout resistance nothing definite
was gained. Later I discovered
one platoon of Scots were in touch
with my right, then a gap of
400 yds. with them in between.
I was then advised that 'B' Coy
were moving forward to outflank
the village. When I observed 'B'
Coy moving I commenced to advance
taking forward the one platoon
of Scots with me, thus leaving
the right flank in the air.
Previous to advancing Sgt Ford
captured a ch. G. and 1 prisoner
killing remainder of team.
We were held up temporarily
at Windmill (1732, 2.8.8) by
ch. G. fire. We rushed the
trench killing two of the enemy.

and capturing 8 M.G.

On receiving sight of village we were again held up by M.G. but on pushing forward they fled, leaving four M.G.

On arrival at Sugar Refinery (M 24.C.2.2) (my right flank then being clear of village)

and encountering heavy M.G. fire from front & flanks, as well as exceptionally heavy

artillery fire I halted and dug in. I then had to

bring my left flank back into the village in order to keep touch with 16 Coy. who were held up.

At present my left flank is O.K. My right flank has two platoons of Royal Scots guarding it, who are endeavouring to get in touch with people on their

right.

Mines have not yet arrived with their guns.

You have ~~my~~ map showing my posts —

~~Some~~ S. et. et and bombs are urgently required.

This is the 13th message I've despatched to H. Q.

Casualties as far as I know now are:

4 Killed

16 Wounded

Including Lt Flynn

Lt Bilton is wounded slightly but is remaining on duty.

1:4 P.M.

D. Welsh

126th



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ready
Please give
runners another
L.P. as seen from
H.Q. (white) ~~is~~ is
knocked out of action

White



In the Field,

191.....

The C.O. Dava. left
at 2 p.m.
to day an operation was com-
menced with the object of
straightening our front line.
The intention was to force
to allow the right platoon
to remain fixed while the
left platoon moved forward.
The remaining platoon was
in support with rifle co.
to be given each platoon
was to move forward and
then from left to right.



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In the Field,

.....191.....

about 3 p.m. in attempt
 to make the assault, I was
 carried. My mind
 with the help of papers in
 the advance was told
 of for the report. The
 Gula platoon was then
 pushed forward, & both
 flanks supported in
 pushing. The 3rd Co. Bn.
 did not get up, which up
 till they had remained
 stationary. The other
 5th moved forward. At
 about 3.30 p.m. positions
 were taken, & the advance



In the Field,

.....191.....

then proceeded very rapidly.
 The advance stopped at
 6.40 p.m. owing to the
 difficulty. The left flank
 held in position, & the
 work was done on account
 of the enemy drawing on
 the air in the front
 position of trench beyond
 the road in morning & d
 the right flank of the
 left flank is about 100 yds
 80 yds. It will be neces-
 sary to fill the gap
 from the support. The
 the night day in which

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In the Field,

191.....

Just want to say a word
to you about the
person full of the
day for support. My
...

... are killed
... wounded.
... or urgently
needed.

8/8/19
7:30 PM
C. D. Sawyers Capt
O/C Coy

O/C ~~Support Coy~~
I have just been ad-
vised that left bank
is being cut a narrow
low 400' in rear of
the woods. This leaves
a gap of 1000 yards.
Will you get the gap
please, & so fast
as possible.

8/8/19 C. D. Sawyers Capt
8:30 PM O/C Coy

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C.O. - DOVO.

Am in touch with
right & left flanks.

& everything O.K.

J.C.

C.D. Savage Capt

1702

19C.5.3
(C. Coy first forward
position
27.8.18)

Adj't DOVO

Attached message received from
C Coy is forwarded.

I have sent 3 platoons forwards
to support C Coy 1/4 of hour ago and
told him to use as the tanks get
but if he cannot get touch with
Left Bn and he is moved from
that front he should retire until
he gets touch.

I have 1 platoon & Coy HQ at
this place (about 400 yds east of
my position in old support line
and am remaining here pending
developments.

If Left Bn cannot keep touch
with C I may suggest a Coy
from support Bn be sent
forwards to do this

We had plenty gas and H Coy
but casualties very few - with
us. (Pepper Gas)

I had 1 wounded man in
this position. Leg wounds which
has been bound.

I have asked C Coy to advance
on his position and situation.
The men have taken forward
all W.D. & tools they could
carry but more will be
required.

Am trying to get you by
phone but line is broken.

Will you please advise
me by runner what is being
done re C Coys left.

The Banner from the front
informed me C Coys line is
about 27 C 58. just on left +
east of FOURAUCOURT

4.30 pm

Platoon Adj't
Dovo

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Left support
17⁰⁰ (19.C.4.3)
27.8.18

Adj't
BOVD

Your message per runner
received in reply to my 7⁰⁰ r.

I have seen Lt Levelt. He is
in close support to C. Coy a short
distance in rear. He said things
were fairly quiet in front a little
shelling. About 22 casualties in
C since they left, none in A.

He was not sure that C was in
touch with D on right but thought
he must be as Fagan (R) was
wounded coming to C to get touch.
The village is cleaned up, all
our traps being beyond it on both
sides. The two platoons I sent
up as support had not reached
there when Levelt left to come
back. Harold was here.

2
He went forward with Levelt to
clear up situation.

Nothing further from Savage
since. I told Levelt what I had
written to Savage re getting touch.
I am remaining here with Coy HQ
& 7⁰⁰ 4 Plat pending further develop-
ments.

I enclose rough disposition
map as I understand it from
Levelt.

Can you send for this wounded
Man. He is in great pain.
Rages went back to support line
(old) to try & get a party to carry
up Anna for L.T.M.

We got accessioned straps
of H.C.

Patton Key
D.C. A.

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To Adyt. Right
Support
The line now
runs approx M 33 c 1.9
M 33 a s s M 27 c 5.4
This is very approx and
is only taken from direction
given by Ob P Coy to one
of my officers. At about 9 pm
the right flank is in the
air left flank in touch
with 1st Coy about main
road. Portion of the
village is certainly
in our possession. Para
required by front line
boy.
H. Almer Capt

To Adyt
I am sending forward
one platoon to form
defensive flank. The
platoon has already
been posted in front
line. The other two
are at 1 M 25 d
and the other is
working as carrying
party.
I am sending forward
the former ~~M 25 d~~ Almer Capt.
to 1 M 32 a. (Wendell)
H. Almer Capt.
Approx casualties 20
B + D Coy.

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OpC A.B.C.D. Appendix 29/8/18

31st Bn are resuming their advance at dawn this morning (approx 4.45 am - 5 am). Their line now runs N21 a 2.2. - N27 a 5.5. - N29 d 7.9. - N27 d 7.4. - N33 b 9.9. - N33 b 0.5. - N33 d 2.8 (defensive flank). The left flank of the 32nd Div. (H.L.I.) on their right - at N33 C 6.6. - 31st are in touch with both flanks. They will move at dawn & as there is fairly heavy M.G. fire from the village wood on their left they will probably in conjunction with 32nd Bn on their left try to punch out the wood by working round it.

A & B Cos 30th Bn will hold themselves in readiness to move through the present

line held by the Bn & to take up a position temporarily approx N 15 through the Copse in N26 d. A on the left B on the right. C & D will then follow & move in support about 400 yds near of A & B.

Formations to be adopted will be adapted to the type of fire the advancing troops come under. This will probably be M.G. fire from the left flank.

Touch must be maintained with the 31st Bn at all times but the Co wishes to impress on Coy. Cmdr. the fact that on NO account are they to become embroiled in any fighting that the 31st are doing.

advise. Also that A & B
Cops are 1407 to get closer
to the 31st ~~Tr~~ than 500'
at any time.

30th Bn H.Q. will
probably move to present
31st Bn H.Q. at 1426 C.G.B.
some little time after
the Cops get started.
The same Divisional boundaries
hold good so Cops will
move on the same
frontages as previously.

Advise re exact time
Cops are to move will be
sent out just before
dawn.

acknowledge

Wander
for 30th Bn.

A & B Cops

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A & B Cops will
move at 5 am. as per
previous instructions
they are to endeavor to
get touch with 31st Bn
& keep this touch up.
C & D Cops will not follow
400' in rear as previously
stated but 200' (approx)
in rear instead.

Both will
move to present 31st Bn H.Q.
probably about dawn
if situation warrants
it.

U.S. Am.

Wander

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Dear

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Secret

30th order Z1 Special

1. The 8th Bde are being relieved on 30th inst. by a Bde of the 32nd Div. are moving back as Div. Reserve into Square M8. M9. M15. M16. M22.
2. Coy will move as under:
9am D + C Coy.
10am B + A "
10.45am H.Q. details.

Coy will move by platoons with 10 minutes between each platoon. Platoons will be in sections in artillery formation widely distributed & moving parallel to the main road. No unit to be too close to this road.

3. Each Coy will send a reliable NCO as advance party & report to Lt. Harrod at Bt of at 6.45am Sharp with full pan.

4. Advance parties will on being shown the Pa area be split up - one NCO per Coy waiting for their Coy on the road in M22 b. - the other NCO meeting Coy further on.

5. Coy will on moving back keep parallel to the main Warfuss road, but on reaching valley in M29 + M35 will change direction & move North up it till they meet their first fence in M22 b.

6. Any hot boxes, petrol tins, not returned last night will be returned to the ration dump by 7am sharp. Otherwise all other fuel must be carried back by Coy. No lumber is available.

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- 7. Every precaution is to be taken when moving back against hostile planes. Section must halt the down on the approach of low flying enemy planes.
- 8. Location of new BTL will be notified to Coy on arrival later.
- 9. Acknowledge.

Wander
Ady 3012

Disposition:
 1 Coy to stop
 Inver by Rimmer
 8.15 am.

BA
ATA

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C.O's. REPORT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 1918.

The past month has been a very eventful one for the Bn. and I think it may be fairly stated that the unit acquitted itself with great credit during the operations it was engaged in.

In the big attack east of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX on 8th Aug. the Unit was in the leading wave which covered approximately eight miles of country in as many hours and with the splendid assistance of the tanks over 350 prisoners were brought in while our own casualties throughout the whole operation did not exceed 55.

In the operation of 26, 27 and 28th instant, although so much progress was not made much stiffer resistance was met and the village of FOUCAUCOURT was captured only after a very stiff fight during which our casualties amounted to 65 O.Rs.

The men have had very little rest during the whole month, being continually on the move, but they are still very cheerful though tired out.

The Battalion transport has also had a very strenuous time and their previous splendid condition has stood them well.

In spite of the hard wear and tear the clothing and equipment of the men are in a very fair condition.

31-8-1918.

Sheet
Lieut. Colonel
Commanding 30th Battalion A. I. F.