

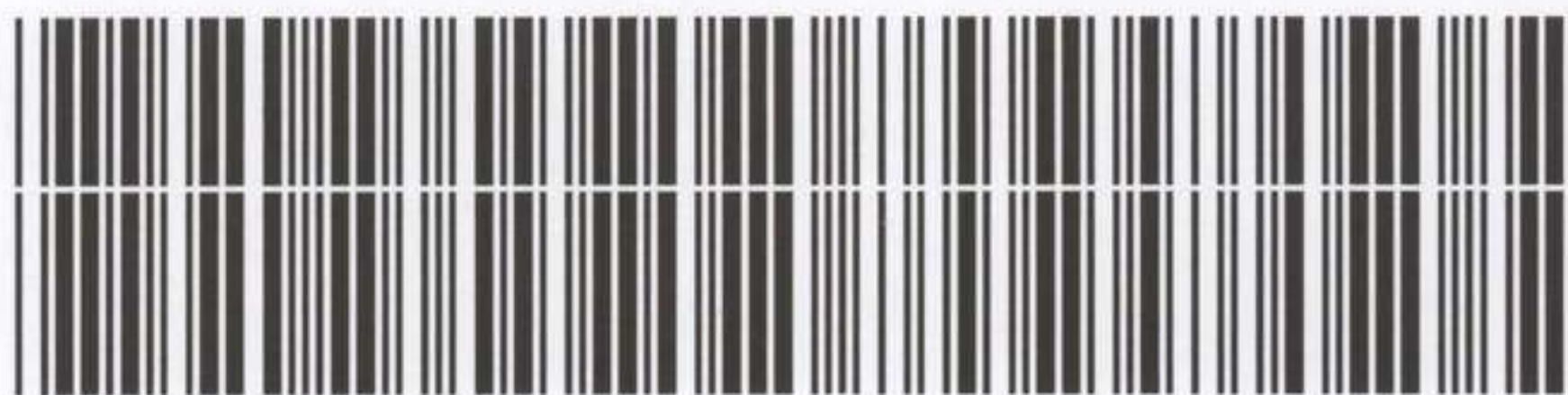
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| F.29.a.9.7. (Sheet 62 C) France) | Oct 1 st 1918. | | <p>Brigade Staff, G.O.C. Brigadier-General J.H. CANNAN, C.B., C.M.G. B.M. Brigade Major, Major G.A. VASEY, D.S.O. S.C. Staff Captain, Captain S.W. HAWKINS, M.C. a/s.c. assistant do' Lieut. R.W. LAHEY (11th Field Compy Engineers) Signal Officer Lieut. H.W. GROVES M.C. (3rd Division Signal Co) Second do' Lieut. W.A. MACPHERSON (do' - - - - -) B.I.O. Intelligence Off^r Lieut. D.L. FRASER (42 Battalion) B.B.O. Bombing Off^r Lieut. A.T. HARPER (41 - - - - -) [On English leave] B.X.O. Muesketry --- Lieut. E. LLOYD (43 - - - - -) B.G.O. Gas --- Lieut. A.N. BIRKS (44 - - - - -) [On NICE leave]</p> | |
| | | | <p>Battalions operating in 9th & 10th NE of BONY in the attack on HINDENBURG LINE, as per "Report on Operations, Sept 29 - Oct 3," included in August Diary)</p> | |
| | | Night 1/2 | <p>Dispositions of units, - 41 Battalion under command of 9th Brigade, A.I.F. 33 - - - - (attached) gunctioned with 53 Bn in A.16. central (Sheet 62 B) & the 10th Bde, A.I.F., in A.10. C. (62 B) 42 - - - - in CANAL TUNNEL & HINDENBURG System in A.21. b. & H.A.15. d. 43 - - - - in CANAL TUNNEL & HINDENBURG LINE in A.15. b & d 44 - - - - HINDENBURG-LINE in A.21. C. & d</p> | |

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| | Oct. 2: 1918. | | <p>No forward move made by Battalions. Brigade relieved by 4th Kings Royal Rifles, relief being complete by 22.30 Battalions moved back to bivouacs in area E.30, F.25, 26; 27, K.6; L.1. (u.e. 10.30pm) (62E) 41 Battalion reverted back to 11th A.I. Bde; 433 Battalion back to 9th A.I. Bde, while sections of 9th Machine Gun Coy attached to Battalions concentrated as a company & came under orders of 3rd M.G. Battalion. Brigade Headquarters established at <u>DRIENCOURT</u> (J.3.d; 62E) NE of <u>PERONNE</u>.</p> | |
| DRIENCOURT. J.3.d. (62E) (France) | Oct. 3 & 4 | | <p>Brigade resting in same areas. (An early order from Division re a move was hastily cancelled pending other arrangements, notice of which was received on the afternoon of the 4th) B.G.O. returns from leave to <u>PARIS & NICE</u></p> | |
| | Oct 5: | | <p>Battalions route march to <u>AIZECOURT</u> (62E, J.1.a) & entrain per light railway for <u>PERONNE</u>. Here the unit entrained in two personnel trains timed to leave at 10.30 am & 2.30 pm for <u>AIRAINES</u> (62E, B.13.d.); and one train for first-line transport, due to leave at 1.30 pm for <u>LONGPRE</u> 3 miles N.N.E. on the main line to <u>ABBEVILLE</u>. All trains arrived with the customary lack of punctuality general to the French <u>CHEMIN DE FER</u> ^{in time of war,} & units marched to billets in the early hours of the morning of the 6th in the <u>HEUCOURT</u> area. Second line transport staging thro' by road arrived two days later.</p> | <p>DPF</p> |

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| HEUCOURT 62 E Square G/H (France) | OCT 6 | | Disposition of units as follows, on attached sketch 1. <u>HEUCOURT</u> Brigade H.Q. & 44 Battalion 2. <u>METIGNY</u> 43 Battalion 3. <u>WARLUS</u> 41 ----- & 11 th A.L.T.M. Battery 4. <u>VERGIES</u> 42 ----- 5. <u>CROQUOISON</u> N.C.O.S' School after a few days & 1 Coy 44 Bn. | |
| | OCT. 7 | | Units resting & gradually increasing daily training; first week, special attention given to discipline & saluting & esprit de corps. | |
| | OCT. 8 | | B.I.O. departs on 14 days' English leave. | |
| | OCT 7-12 | | Training, only gradual for first week. Lieut MACPHERSON departs 14 days leave | |
| | OCT 13. | | All units hold Church Parade. Weather continues fine & warm | |
| | OCT. 15 | | Head check inspection of units begins. G.O.C. & B.M. check heads & minutely inspect 44 Battalion on parade, while S.C. inspects Orderly Room. Bde Signal School assembles under Lieut H. W. GROVES, M.C. in LALEU with 30 x O.R. & 2 officers from each Battalion | |
| | OCT. 16. | | Head check inspection of 43 Battalion. B.B.O. evacuated to Hospital | |
| | OCT. 17. | | --- do' --- do' --- do' 41 Battalion with 2 fractured bones, Right thumb. | |
| | OCT. 13 | | News received of Germany's willingness to accept (USA) President WILSON'S 14 proposed conditions towards peace negotiations, thro French wire press. | D.P.F. |

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| HEUCOURT Sheet 62E (France) | OCT 14/1918 | | <p>Special Order sent to 42 Battalion to disband as per instructions recently received from G.O.C., A.I.F., thus reducing the Brigade from a 4 Battalion to a 3 Battalion unit. This order had already been issued to 42 Battalion late in September but with only a negative result. Here again there was no result. The transport drivers refused to mount on receiving the order to move off once again, ^{the Battalion} remained intact. In view of the disciplinary difficulties in connection with this stand, the Battalion was instructed that it would cease to exist as 42 Battalion, (as that unit had been instructed to disband), & would be known as the 11th Bde Training Battalion.</p> <p>OCT. 18. Bde H.Q. give a dinner social evening at Bde H.Q. Mess at 7pm. The guests were</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Lieut. Col. J. P. CLARK</td> <td>D.S.O.</td> <td rowspan="2">} 42 Battalion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Major R. W. EVERETT</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. Col. A. R. WOOLCOCK</td> <td>D.S.O.</td> <td rowspan="2">} 42 Battalion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. Col. J. FARREL</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. Col. H. B. LEWERS</td> <td>O.B.F.</td> <td rowspan="2">} 11th Field Ambulance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Captain C. W. STUMP</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>The evening finished off with pianoforte & vocal selections rendered by selected members of the Bde Pierrot Troupe.</p> | Lieut. Col. J. P. CLARK | D.S.O. | } 42 Battalion | Major R. W. EVERETT | | Lieut. Col. A. R. WOOLCOCK | D.S.O. | } 42 Battalion | Lieut. Col. J. FARREL | | Lieut. Col. H. B. LEWERS | O.B.F. | } 11th Field Ambulance | Captain C. W. STUMP | | |
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| HEUCOURT Sheet 62 E (France) | OCT 19: 1918. | | <p>Head check inspection of 11th A.L.T.M.B. conducted by G.O.C., B.M. & S.C., as other units. These inspections were most exhaustive & brought out discrepancies & irregularities in minor equipment, such as absence of identification discs, paybooks incomplete, absence of colour patches. Office & orderly room routine was also carefully inspected.</p> <p>About this time a Divisional lorry ran daily trips into ABBEVILLE, taking 20-25 men from each Brigade group in rotation to the city, leaving the unit about 10 a.m., & the city again about 8 p.m.</p> | <p>for details of transfer & absorption of 42 Bn as B Co 41 Bn see Appendix attached App 3.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | OCT 20: | | <p>Very wet; pre arranged Church Parades were cancelled.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | OCT 21: | | <p>42 Battalion marched over to & were absorbed into the 41 Battalion. 42nd personnel were placed in one strong company (B Co) to maintain cohesion & esprit de corps. A few officers & O.R. transferred to 43 Bn & to Bde H.Q. but otherwise the unit moved over complete. All villages then occupied by units of Bde group were already taxed to their utmost for accommodation & to get 42 Bn with & adjoining 41 Bn as its new Coy, a general change round of billeting areas was necessary.</p> <p>By nightfall the disposition of units was as follows (see sketch map)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>HEUCOURT AREA N 21.</td> <td>11 Bde H.Q. & 44 Bn. (3 Companies)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>METIANY</td> <td>2 11 A.L.T.M. Battery (Signal School & NCO School arrived later)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WARLUS</td> <td>3 41 Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VERGIES</td> <td>4 43 Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CROQUOISON</td> <td>5 N.C.O. School, 41 Coy 44 Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LALEU</td> <td>6 Vacant, later occupied by Signal School</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AVELESSES</td> <td>7 B Coy, 41 Battalion (late 42 Bn)</td> </tr> </table> <p>G.O.C. inspected Bde H.Q. details minutely as with units during last week</p> | | HEUCOURT AREA N 21. | 11 Bde H.Q. & 44 Bn. (3 Companies) | METIANY | 2 11 A.L.T.M. Battery (Signal School & NCO School arrived later) | WARLUS | 3 41 Bn. | VERGIES | 4 43 Bn. | CROQUOISON | 5 N.C.O. School, 41 Coy 44 Bn. | LALEU | 6 Vacant, later occupied by Signal School | AVELESSES |
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| HEUCOURT Sheet 62E (France) | OCT. 22: 1918. | | Conference of C.O.'s at Bde H.Q., Chateau HEUCOURT at 2.30 p.m. Captain A.W. WARDELL, M.C. of 10 th Machine Gun Coy reported as Staff Trainee. | |
| | OCT 23 | | At the instigation of Bde H.Q. a musketry competition was shot off on the miniature range (30 yards) Bde Staff was now reduced to 5, 4 corresponding teams entered from 4 th Battalion & the 11 th Field Ambulance. Consequent upon the shortness of notice & the impossibility of previous practice the scores were not up to standard but the competition caused great interest & excitement, & resulted as follows. — 11 Field Ambulance 160; 4 th Bn 149; Bde H.Q. 135 (possible 200) So much interest was shown that it was determined to challenge other units. | <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">D. G. E. DONALD</p> |
| | OCT 24: | | B.I.O. returns from 14 days English leave. Bde H.Q., 4 th Battalion & 11 Field Ambulance again contest, this time in a cross country run of 2 miles. This was won by the ambulance team. Bde H.Q. Mess entertained the C.O., 11 th Field Ambulance (Lt-Col. LEWERS, ^{O.B.E.} D.S.O.) & Captain (M.O.) STUMP at dinner. | |
| | OCT 25. | | Lieut (temp. Captain) S.R. WARRY M.C. late 42 Bn, (now 43 Bn) joined Brigade as Brigade Sports Officer, to supervise & assist in Sports particularly. Staff Captain departs for 14 days English leave. | |
| | OCT. 26. | | Brigade Canteen opened at METIANY for convenience of members of N.C.O. School, Signal School & 11 th T.M. Battery Captain D.G.E. DONALD late Artillery & 41 Battalion posted to 11 Bde as Staff Trainee. | |

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| HEUCOURT Sheet 62E (France). | Oct 26 1918. | Continued. - | <p>Bde H.Q. Details (including such of the Brigade Signal Section as were not away at Signal School) were treated to a dinner. The menu covered, -</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Soup</td> <td>Ham</td> <td>Lettuce</td> <td>Blanc mange.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Goose</td> <td>Cabbages</td> <td>Apple Pie</td> <td>Beer.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roast Beef</td> <td>Potatoes</td> <td>Austard</td> <td>Tea.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Most of the Battalions had had a similar fete for the men, it was thought only fitting that Bde H.Q. should do likewise.</p> | Soup | Ham | Lettuce | Blanc mange. | Goose | Cabbages | Apple Pie | Beer. | Roast Beef | Potatoes | Austard | Tea. | |
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| | OCT 27/28 | | Church Parade & Ceremonial Drill. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | OCT. 28/9 | | <p>No 2 winter blanket issued to all troops for the winter. Very marked improvement noticed in the troops since coming to the rest area. Bde training; morning, routine instruction; afternoon recreational training. Lieut-Col LEVEY (B.E.F.) Inspector of Training, visited the Bde & gave a demonstration in competitive training. This was followed on the 31st by a visit by Brigadier-General GAINSBURG, (B.E.F.) Inspector General of Training, who conferred with G.O.C. & B.M. re training schemes. Lieut MACPHERSON returns & LONDON leave rejoins Signal School.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 30-31. | | <p>Musketry competitions being entered into with great zest by Battalion teams, at various ranges. Cross country runs also were very well patronised; one in which Bde H.Q., II Field Ambulance & 4th Bn teams competed was won by a Bde H.Q. representative with other two units in order mentioned. Weather continues fine; occasional showers Nights getting appreciably colder.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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1. Units of the 11th. Infantry Brigade Group will move to HAUT ALLAINES Area on 3rd. instant in accordance with following march table.

| Unit. | Starting place. | Time. | Route. | Remarks. |
|------------------|--|-------|--|--|
| 41st. Bn. | Head of column to cross N.S. Grid Line between E.30 & F.25. | 9.15 | Avoid main roads and march by overland tracks. | Units will march with Platoons at 50 yards interval. |
| 43rd. Bn. | do. | 9.45 | do. | |
| 44th. Bn. | do. | 10.15 | do. | |
| 42nd. Bn. | do. | 10.45 | do. | |
| 11th. Field Coy. | do. | 11.15 | do. | |
| T.M. Battery. | do. | 11.30 | do. | |
| 11th. Field Amb. | under order O.C. 11th. Field Amb. but to move after other units have cleared VILLERS FAUCON. | | | |
| 9th. M.G. Coy. | Head of column to cross N.S. Grid Line between E.30 & F.25. | 11.45 | and march to billeting area allotted under instructions from O.C. 3rd Machine Gun Battalion. | |

2. Billeting areas allotted as follows:-

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| 41st. Battalion. | D.26.a.&.b |
| 43rd. Battalion. | J.2.a.&.c. |
| 44th. Battalion. | D.26.b.&.d. |
| 42nd. Battalion. | J.2.b.&.d. |
| 11th. Field Coy. | D.27.a.&.c. |
| T.M. Battery. | J.3.b. |
| 11th. Field Amb. | J.3.a.&.c. |
| Brigade H/Qs. | J.3.d. |

3. Billeting parties and guides will be despatched under Unit arrangements.
4. Guides for supplies will meet Supply Wagons at Church, DRIENCOURT, 3 p.m. 3rd. inst.
5. First Line Transport and Baggage Wagons will move under orders of Brigade Transport Officer in order of march as per March Table.
6. Any tents or shelters at present in possession of units will be taken to HAUT ALLAINES and not handed over.
7. Brigade Headquarters will close at present location, F.20.a.9.7. at 12.00 and open at DRIENCOURT at same hour.

Staff Captain
CAPTAIN.
Staff Captain 11th. Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

SCHEDULE "B"Personnel and Transport Trains
Units will en train as under.

1. Personnel Train at 12.30. 11th. A.I. Sde. H/Qs.
41st. Battalion.
42nd. Battalion.
11th. M.G. Coy.
11th. Field Coy. Engineers.
Safe Custody Personnel.

Transport Train. at 13.30. PERONNE to LONGPRE.

Personnel Train at 14.30 11th. T.M. Battery.
43rd. Battalion.
44th. Battalion.
11th. Field Amb.
Divl. Sig. Coy.

TRANSPORT BY ROAD.

Starting Point. Cross Roads I.3.c.1.4.

O.C. Column. Captain CARSTAIRS.

Time of passing Starting Point. 13.00

Order of March.

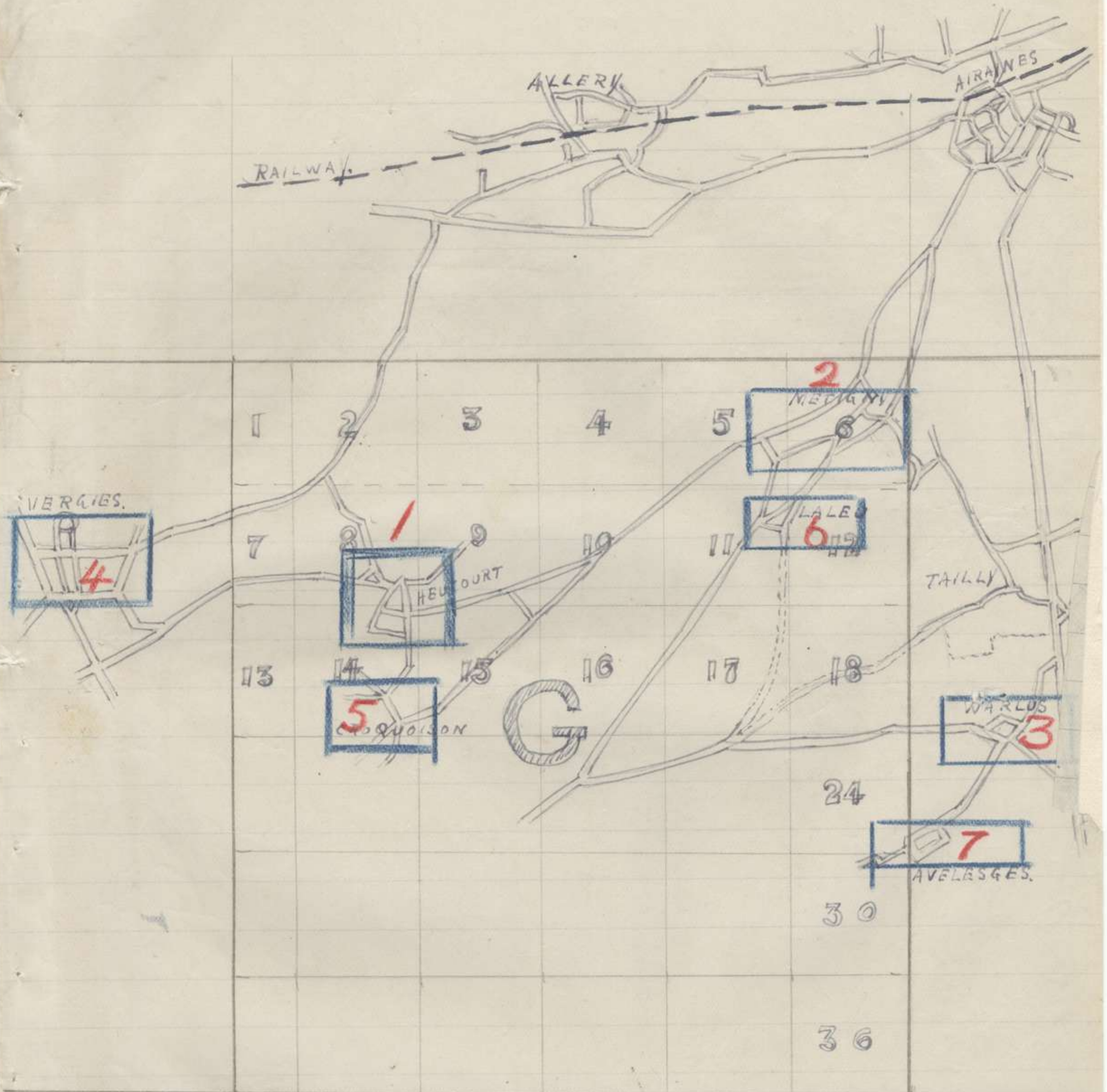
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42nd. Battalion.
43rd. Battalion.
44th. Battalion.
11th. M.G. Coy.
11th. Field Coy.
Divl. Sig. Coy.

The following show the times of moves of personnel and transport to the HEUCOURT Area.

11th. Machine Gun Coy. will entrain the following transport.

1 Field Kitchen.
1 Cart Off. Mess.
1 Cart Water.
5 Riding Horses.

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SKETCH MAP, -

- HEUCOURT AREA.

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

In order to ensure uniformity throughout the Brigade the G.O.C. directs that the following customs be adopted.

DRESSING. RIGHT DRESS. - After the word "Halt" if it is necessary to correct the dressing, the command "Right (or Left) Dress" will be given. On this command the whole, except the Right (or Left) file will turn the head and eyes to the right (or left), and shuffle quickly into their dressing.

At the same time the Platoon Sergeant will move out to a position 5 paces from the front rank man on inner flank and dress the Platoon.

When the Platoon is correctly dressed he will give the command "Eyes Front" when every man will turn his head and eyes to the front. The Platoon Sergeant will then move in quick time to his position 2 paces in rear of the centre of the Platoon.

NOTE. 1. In the dressing of a Squad or Section the same procedure is adopted, the Squad or Section Leader dressing them as above laid down and returning to his position on the command "Eyes Front".

2. In "Falling In" a Company, in Column or Close Column of Platoons, on the command "Fall In" being given, the Company sergeant-major will place himself 5 paces in front of the right hand man of the leading Platoon and turn about, the guides of each Platoon take $1\frac{1}{2}$ paces forward and turn to the right, the Platoon Sergeants will move out as above described.

The Company Sergeant Major will dress the guides, turn to his left, take 5 paces forward, turn to his right and dress the Platoon Sergeants; having done this he will give the command "Steady" when the guides will turn to their front and dressing will be proceeded with as above described, the Company Sergeant Major placing himself 5 paces in front of the guide of the leading platoon.

When the Platoons are dressed, the Platoon Sergeant will give the command "No - Platoon Eyes Front" No - Eyes Front" No - Eyes Front" No - Platoon Eyes Front", commencing from the leading Platoon of the Company. On the last sound of the word "Front" from the rear Platoon Sergeant, the four Platoon Sergeants will move back to their relative positions in quick time.

TELLING OFF AND PROVING A PLATOON. - The Platoon will be formed up in two ranks, the men being in their permanent *Sections*. In event of a section, from any cause, having less than 8 other ranks on parade, it will be attached to another section, taking care that in the case of a section belonging to the right half Platoon being weak, it is attached to that half Platoon, and similarly with the left half Platoon.

On the command "Tell off by Sections" No. 1 Section Commander will immediately call out "No. 1 Section; Nos 2" ; will omit the word "section", No 3 will call out "No 3 Section".

On the command "Section Commanders tell off and prove your sections" Section Commanders will slope arms and take three paces forward, turn about and without moving from that position will number off and prove their section.

When the Sections have been proved, the Section Commanders taking the time from the Right Section Commander, will move back to their position in quick time, turn about, and still taking the time from the Right Section Commander, will Order Arms and Stand at Ease.

APPENDIX

USING BAYONETS, 3rd, and 4th, movement.- The Left Hand man will shoot his right hand into the air at an angle of 75°. On this movement, the whole of the Squad will push their bayonets home. The Left Hand man pausing in the air will return his hand to the band, the Squad acting in a similar manner. (4) Resting a pause equal to 2 paces in quick time, the whole will spring to attention and the Left Hand man will then resume his position in the ranks.

CHANGING ARMS.- Taught in four motions instead of three.

Detail.- Command 1. Procedure as usual.

Command 2. Rifle raised and held perpendicularly in front of centre of body-left hand holding the rifle at the small of the butt - knuckles to the front - right hand grasping the butt plate and knuckles pointing to the ground, thumb round the toe of the rifle. Rifle to be held well clear of the body with sling to the front. Both elbows close to the side.

Command 3.- Rifle placed on right shoulder, procedure then as usual.

Command 4.- Procedure as for old Command 3.

On the march all movements done taking the time from the left foot; command always given on the right foot.

STAND EASY.- Right hand slipped smartly up to the piling swivel before any other movement of rest is allowed to take place.

FORMING THREES.- After being proved in "Fours" platoon will be proved in "Threes" as follows:-

On the command "from the right fall off by threes" the front rank of the whole Platoon numbers off in threes from right to left including the right section commander, but no other section commanders. The third section commander immediately the command is given takes two paces to the rear and one pace to the right covering off the second section commander, the fourth section commander stands fast.

On the caution "move to the right in threes" the Platoon Sergeant doubles to the right of the Platoon and covers the first Section Commander forming a rear rank. If there is a blank file the fourth Section Commander would cover the left flank man, thus closing all gaps. On the command "Form threes" the even numbers of the front rank take a long diagonal pace to their right rear covering the numbers one of the front rank; the even numbers of the rear rank take a long diagonal pace to their left front and close their heels, covering number three of the front rank, and immediately afterwards taking a side pace to the right with the right foot, numbers three moving with them.

This places the Platoon in threes with comparatively equal intervals throughout.

If a Platoon has to move off with the left leading the same movement holds good with the exception that the Platoon Commander and the Platoon Sergeant change places.

Should the Platoon in numbering finish with either one, two or three the distance lost throughout a Company of four Platoons is negligible.

NOTE.- For the first two or three times the even numbers should be proved after numbering. It is not considered necessary to always prove them.

In column of route (three or four) the Platoon Commander marches at the rear of his Platoon and on the left (or inner) side.

"THREES" to file, or single file should be practised. The former is merely "Form two deep". Single file from "Threes" is formed by front rank man moving off (No. 1) followed by his rear rank, and so on, the files being kept together.

WATERPROOF SHEET.

Dress. Fighting Order and Drill Order:

Waterproof Sheet on belt instead of in haversack. A uniform method of folding as per attached sketch is suggested. Sheets to be attached to the waist belt by two straps, pack supporting, which are passed round brades, shoulder, and crossed and buckled. This method of wearing renders inspection easy and leaves more room for rations and comforts. Sheet is secure and yet easily removed by the wearer.

W.P. Sheet.



1st Fold:

2nd. "

Then roll Sheet:

FOR INSPECTION PORT ARMS. - Drawing back bolt from position "For inspection Port Arms" taking time from right for uniformity of movement.

PRESENT ARMS. Third movement "Present Arms". Slip hand under sling for uniformity of movement and comfort in preference to grasping rifle and sling together which makes too much of a handful.

UNFIXING BAYONETS. - After placing the rifle between the feet, the hands are cut smartly to the sides, then a pause equal to two paces in quick time, when both hands are brought up to the handle of the bayonet.

FIXING BAYONETS. (BATTALION MASS OR BATTALION IN LINE).

On the word "Fix" the right hand man of the front rank of the right Company only will come forward a distance of 12 paces.

The whole Battalion will take the time from him.

On completion of the movement this man will slope arms, turn about, march back to his position in the ranks, turn about and order arms.

MARCHING PAST.SUPERNUMERARIES.

Prior to Marching Past all Company Supernumeraries will fix bayonets with the exception of any N.C.O. who may be in command of a Platoon.

An N.C.O. in command of a Platoon will march past in supernumerary rank two paces in rear of the centre of the Platoon, and on giving the command "Eyes Right" will salute as laid down in I.F. 1914, Para. 73 (i).

POSITION of C.O., 2nd, IN COMMAND and ADJUTANT.

In marching past the C.O. will be 15 paces in front of the right centre and the 2nd. in Command 15 paces in front of the left centre of the Battalion.

The Adjutant will march past 10 paces in rear of the centre of the rear Company or Platoon.

DRUMS AND BAND.

Will move up to 50 paces in front of the leading Company, formed in two or more ranks. The Band will play as soon as the leading Company advances towards the saluting point, then it arrives in front of the saluting point, it will turn to the left, and when it has moved far enough to clear the left flank of the Companies marching past, will wheel to the right, halt, and turn to the right opposite to the saluting point, continuing to play until the rear of the Battalion has passed. The Bandmaster will face the saluting point.

GUARDS AND SENTRIES.

When a N.C.O. is in charge of a Guard he will not fix bayonets, but will present arms with the guard.

MUSKETRY.

The "Order" from the loading position, standing, is to be carried out in accordance with I.T. 1914, Para. 61. Note (ii).

SALUTING:

When two or more soldiers are sitting or standing about, the senior non-commissioned Officer or oldest soldier will face the Officer, call the whole to attention, take one pace forward, and alone will salute.

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NOTES ON TRENCH WORK.

(Not to be confused with consolidation after an offensive)

Trench work is not Engineers; it only calls for :-

- (1) A little imagination.
- (2) A little previous preparation.

Such as:-

- (a) Reconnaissance of work to be performed.
- (b) Details of work to be carried out.
- (c) Distribution of party.
- (d) Rendezvous.
- (e) Right and wrong, safe and unsafe routes (having regard to enemy H.G., Artillery and T.M.)
- (f) Tools and material.
- (g) Information on all above required by Company, and Platoon Officers and passed to Section Leaders and men before they set out to work.
- (h) Always work complete sections, platoons and companies, and controlled by their own leaders, they in turn being supervised by Platoon, Company and Battalion Headquarters Officer.
- (i) Never be dependant on Engineers or Pioneers; seek their advice and assistance, but use your own brains and initiative.

DIGGING: When digging trenches or drains remember the four "B's", BATTER, BERE, BOTTOM (must be graded for drainage,) and BORROW PIT, (if needed, must be far enough from parapot.)

Start your trench at least four feet wide, and throw the first dirt furthest.

In all trenches leave a berm of 1'6" and 2' between parapot and cutting edge.

Fire bays should be eight paces long and allow:-

- (a) Free use of rifle.
- (b) Freedom of movement behind men manning fire bays. Traverses at least five paces across, but better eight paces and five paces deep.

Communication trenches should be 2'6" to 3' at bottom and deep enough to prevent enemy observation of movement in them. Curve them well firstly and with the curve zig-zag to localise enemy artillery fire.

A man's task is usually 2 paces long, never less, rarely more.

Remember one big "C" - CONCEALMENT. Never start a job until you have made every possible provision for concealment from hostile aeroplanes, balloons and ground observers; and never leave it without thinking again how best to baffle the Boscho.

For instance, don't start a new trench on snow covered ground without scraping up snow to cover the now turned earth. Have the snow ready in heaps before you start digging in.

Remember one big "D" - DRAINAGE. Don't waste labour digging a hole which is sure to fill with water. On the other hand, don't start a breastwork where a dug trench is feasible. Keep the bottom of your trench free from hills and hollows to facilitate drainage. It takes at least four feet of Flanders clay to stop a bullet, but cover from view is often the main object of earthworks.

REVETTING. Don't revet unless necessary. Grass grown banks are better than revetting. Think how much easier an unrevetted trench is to clear after shelling. If "A" Frames are used, never place more than three feet apart. If available use one sheet of iron for the lower part of the trench side, but one only. Revetting hurdles of all sorts, if not supported by "A" Frames, must be tied back by numerous wires to good anchorages at least 10' back. Tie wire is cheap; try to use too much. Don't have a large number of tie wires depending on one anchorage picket; it isn't fair to the picket. Imagine your revetting breaking or falling over under the pressure of the earth; then use tie wire to prevent what you imagine will happen. Tie wires must have a straight pull from picket to hurdle.

SANDBAGS. Don't use sandbags at all if you can help it, they cost nearly a shilling each.

Don't lay them along the edge of a new dug trench; they are sure to fall in. Before laying the first layer, always prepare a bed, sloping back at the right inclination. BATTER IS ESSENTIAL. It should be 4 in 1, therefore the bottom course must be prepared with a slope of 1 in 4. Start and end with headers, lay headers and stretchers alternately, and with all seams and joints inwards. Don't waste time on prettiness.

Don't fill new sandbags with earth full of rotten bags as new bags will quickly rot.

WIRE. Rough, broken ground needs wire more than clear open spaces. Hedges, trees and bushes make the best support for wire; make full use of them. The purpose of wire is to lead the enemy into places best suited for his destruction. Don't lead him directly into your sally ports.

Bands of wire at right angles to your line are very valuable particularly along hedges, banks, C.Ts. and ditches.

Don't use a screw picket when you can use an angle iron or wooden picket.

All wire is good; some sorts are better than others. Loose irregular wire bands are the best; with luck you can make a formidable obstacle unrecognisable on an aeroplane photograph.

Nearest edge of barbed wire should be 50 to 35 yards from our parapet; this keeps enemy out of bombing range, and if our trench is too heavily barraged, it gives room for garrison, in emergency, to lie between our trench and our wire.

11TH. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.TRAINING CIRCULAR NO. 4.FIRE COVERING MOVEMENT.

1. It is considered that the principle of Fire Covering Movement is not carried out in war, and is not correctly practiced in peace training.

2. Experience in recent fighting shows that Units reported being hung up and unable to advance, owing to enemy Machine Gun, Rifle and Open-sight Artillery fire, yet the casualties are not indicative of this. There is probably no lack of determination to close with the enemy, but what steps did we take to beat down this fire by the means immediately available, i.e. Rifle, Lewis and Machine Gun fire, Stokes Mortars, Bombs and Smoke, so as to make it possible to close with the enemy. Did we use these natures of fire, or were we dependent on Artillery and Tanks to give us covering fire? If we did use these natures of fire, did we apply them correctly by means of Fire Orders which concentrated on the main centres of enemy resistance instead of allowing indiscriminate, uncontrolled, individual fire, during which a proportion of the troops were sniping walking wounded etc., as they were the most prominent targets.

3. Again, assuming that the fire was controlled and directed was it well and intelligently directed, so as to cover the forward movement of some portion of the line? Were troops detailed off to certain tactical features in order to give covering fire to the other troops? Did we make for those features which, when once gained, would enable us, from them, to again give covering fire to the troops in rear, or to those which would advance beyond this feature; or did the troops select by instinct those positions which gave cover instead of being led to positions which in addition to giving cover enabled fire to be brought to bear on the enemy.

4. If we did do the first alternative above, and were still unable to advance, which means we were unable to gain superiority of fire, we must admit that the enemy was able to produce and maintain a greater volume of fire than we were. To admit this, one of the following conditions must exist :-

- (a) The enemy's fire is better directed and controlled than ours.
- (b) The enemy's means of producing fire, i.e. the number of troops, Machine Guns, etc., are greater than ours.

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5. (a) above infers that the enemy is better trained than we are, and that he has a high standard of moral, which latter is not the case.

(b) above can be dismissed, as from prisoner's statements and the prisoners and material captured, it is evident that on most occasions the enemy did not have greater means of producing fire power than we did.

6. Hence we must either admit that the enemy is better trained than we are, or we do not carry out the principles of Fire Covering Movement set out in the Manuals, which is almost the same thing, or in other words, the enemy is well trained and we are not.

7. Again, how is it that the enemy, whilst fighting his rear-guard actions, is able to hold us up all day, and then disappear during the night, so that in the morning we attack an unoccupied piece of ground, for example, North of BRAY on August, 27th? The answer to this is, that we do not keep in touch with the enemy, we do not press forward and close with him, because we are too easily hung up by fire.

8. We are too dependant on Artillery to give us the necessary covering fire. We must learn not to count on Artillery support and must supply our own covering fire.

9. Determination to close with the bayonet and lust of blood must be taught, practiced and encouraged, but in actual fighting, superiority of fire wins the fight allowing the advance to continue with reduced casualties and the attacker to close with the enemy. (I.T. Sect. 116-3 and Sect. 118-6.)

10. The above are some of the many points raised in connection with this subject, and, in order that our training, at least, in this matter, shall be on a sound and uniform basis, it has been decided to hold a conference or conferences of the following officers to fully discuss the matter, both from the point of view of "Theory" and practice in war.

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| 44th. Battalion. Major R.W.EVERETT. | Capt. M.LEWIS. | |

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11. After discussion and after a decision as to what we want, has been arrived at, practices with troops (Brigade N.C.O's School plus N.C.Os. of 43rd. Battalion) will be carried out, firstly as a drill movement, secondly as a tactical scheme and thirdly, as a scheme using ball ammunition. By this means it is hoped, firstly to arrive at a definite and the best decision on this matter, and secondly, to demonstrate what is the effect of correctly carrying out the principles laid down.

12. The question of the best "Drill" method of successively breaking from column to artillery formation to line, taking into account the new platoon organisation, will also be decided during these conferences and practices.

13. The first conference will be held on Monday, 28th. inst., at a place and time to be notified. In the meantime it is requested that the Battalions fully discuss this matter so that representatives may be fully conversant with the view and ideas of their Commanding Officers, as well as their own.

14. Sufficient copies are forwarded for distribution to Companies and to each Officer mentioned in Para. 10.

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FIRE COVERING MOVEMENT.Reference Training Circular No. 4.

The following are the points discussed and decided at conference on 28th. instant.

1. We are aiming at:-

- (a) Suitable Formations.
- (b) Thorough preparation for the attack and assault.
- (c) Skilful occupation and use of ground.

2. FORMATIONS.

(a) The formations put forward in Training Leaflet No. 4 were considered suitable. In order to make drill movements of this the following Orders were decided on :-

- (i) "Artillery Formation - Squares." means that formation as per figure 1 would be adopted.
- (ii) "Artillery Formation - Diamonds" means that formation as per figure 2 would be adopted.

(b) If, anything but the relative positions of Sections as indicated, these figures is desired, the order - "Artillery Formation - Squares", would be followed by - No. 4 Section leading, or Nos. 2 and 4 Sections leading, as the case may be; whilst the order - "Artillery Formation - Diamonds", would be followed by the order - No. 2 leading, No. 3 to the Left etc, as the case may be.

3. When in Artillery formation Section Leaders will be in front of their Sections.

Sections in single file was considered to be the most suitable normal formation when in Artillery Formation.

4. When halted in Artillery formation troops will lie down not kneel. When lying down they will scatter so as not to form one compact body.

5. In extending from Artillery formation into Line it was considered preferable to normally extend from the centre, in order to leave the Section Commander in the centre of his Section for purposes of control. In doing this extension the men immediately in rear of the Section Commander would go to the right, those in rear of the Section to the Left.

The question of files working together as much as possible was discussed and this practice was advocated.

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6. (a) In extending from Artillery formation Platoon and Section Commanders must not extend the troops too far or a Section Commander will be unable to control his Section - three or four paces will normally be sufficient. This means that there will be gaps between Sections and on the flanks of Platoons; but it is not necessary to cover the whole front with troops, provided that it is covered with fire. Lateral connecting files will provide the necessary physical touch between Sections and Platoons.

(b) It was agreed that after extension from Artillery Formation rifle Section normally moved in "Blob" formation, though care must be taken to ensure that all members are able to use their rifles, their fire not being masked by those in front.

(c) With regard to Lewis Gunners it was decided that some form of file formation was the most suitable, though care must be taken that these files do not give themselves away as being Lewis Gun Sections. This formation ensures the gun being carried forward.

7. (a) The question of permanent and thoroughly organised Sections was discussed and strongly advocated. During the absence of the Section Commander the next Senior N.C.O. or Senior Private should be in command of the Section - an N.C.O. from another Section should not be brought in for this purpose.

(b) During battle, section organisation must be maintained (I.T.116. Para. 3 & 4) though Sections may come under other than their own Platoon Leaders. This is possible, when building up a firing line from Artillery Formation or when reinforcing, by Platoon and Section Leaders directing and leading reinforcing sections into the gaps referred to in Para. 6 (a) above.

8. (a) The training of Lewis Gunners as Riflemen needs more attention, also the training of Lewis Gunners in firing from the hip, as this form of fire has been found of great use during recent operations.

(b) Similarly Riflemen should be taught to do snap shooting from the shoulder whilst advancing, though to do this a short pause must be made. Rifle fire from the hip was deprecated and considered a waste of ammunition.

9. Unit of Direction. - A Unit of direction must always be stated. In order to do this Battalions will nominate a Company, Company a Platoon and Platoon a Section. The question of a "Sarre file" to check the direction of this Section was advocated.

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10. Connecting Files.— Though little use has been made of connecting files during recent operations their use both laterally and from front to rear was strongly advocated.

The supply of these connecting files will be as follows:—

Rear troops will always send connecting files forward and flank troops connecting files to the Unit of Direction.

These connecting files would act in the nature of relay posts and it is considered would considerably assist in the passing of information from front line troops to the rear.

11. The French system of runner relay posts in order to expedite the passing of information, and in order to save runners was advocated. Battalions should make arrangements for these in future operations and during training.

Runners must be taught semaphore signalling.

12. Movement,

(a) When closing with the enemy and rushes become necessary it was agreed that one Section per Platoon should always be on the move irrespective of whether the Platoon was in the front, Support or Reserve. By this method no part of the line is allowed to become stationary and a general forward movement is maintained, whilst at the same time allowing for sufficient covering fire to be developed to allow this Section to advance. This decision is in conformity with I.T. 121 Para. 12., 1st. Sub. para.

(b) It was admitted that creeping and advancing man by man had been practiced to a large extent during recent operations with success; but this method should only be resorted to in exceptional circumstances.

13. With reference to I.T. Sec. 11³. Para. 12. it was decided that platoons should normally deal with the targets which lay direct in their line of advance, and advance as long as possible, claiming that flank platoons would be better assisted by this forward movement than by employing oblique fire against any resistance which was hanging up the latter. If this forward movement did not dislodge the centre of resistance it would normally allow of better opportunities for oblique and enfilade fire, and opportunities for the employment of such natures of fire must not be neglected.

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14. It was agreed that in practice Section Commanders did not lead their men from one fire position to another, but that men rushed forward more or less independently to positions where they got cover.

15. In view of the equipment carried by the soldier at the present time, it was agreed that the length of a "rush" could not normally exceed 20 yards. For the final assault it was agreed that 60 to 100 yards was the maximum.

16. The principle that Support and Reserve troops should push forward and protect the flank of Units that had been able to get forward of the general alignment, was agreed to. The use of Vickers and Lewis Guns for the purpose of protecting these flanks was brought to notice.

17. More reconnaissance by Company, Platoon and Section Leaders prior to the committal of their troops, was urged.

18. Fire Orders.

(a) It was admitted that Fire Orders were not given nor carried out during operations.

(b) One reason given for this was the difficulty in locating Machine Guns and spotting points which were preventing our forward movement.

(c) In order to assist the Platoon and Company Commanders in the locating of these Machine Guns it was decided that each Platoon Commander would always have with him, one, and each Company Commander, two, trained observers. (I.F. 11th Para. 15.) These observers must receive special training under the Intelligence personnel of Battalions.

19. (a) It was agreed that fire direction would normally be given by Platoon Commanders, though occasionally by Company Commanders, and that fire control developed normally on the Section Commander, though at times, on the individual.

(b) In order to assist Platoon and Company Commanders in this fire direction, the provision of a small megaphone for them was recommended.

20. The question of supply of ammunition must be provided for in all tactical exercises.

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21. During training, practice in reforming into Artillery Formation, after the enemy resistance has been overcome and continuing the advance, must be carried out.

22. It is considered that the Section Commander of a Lewis Gun Section should not be the No. 1 of the gun, so that he can be employed to observe the fire of the gun and give the necessary fire orders to it. It was agreed that in the past fire orders for Lewis Gunners had not been given.

23. Faulty messages and reports were found to be a cause of lack of covering fire from Support Companies, Machine Guns and Artillery. Reports and messages should state time and place both past and future as well as present. e.g.

"At 09.00 my Platoon reached line J.13.a.0.9. to J.13.a.4.8. aaa At 09.50 enemy counter-attacked and drove me to line J.13.c.2.6. - J.13.c.7.7. where I am at present established aaa At 11.00 intend to again advance and re-establish original line." (This message being timed 10.10.)

Such a message would allow the Battalion Commander to employ covering fire of his Support Company, or Machine Guns or Artillery to assist in the proposed advance, and would also allow Brigade, with this full knowledge of the situation to bring supporting Artillery fire to bear.

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1. Of all forms of Transport Pack Transport requires the most unremitting care and closest supervision in order to maintain it in that high state of efficiency, without which continuous operations are impossible.

2. To facilitate supervision on the march, Pack Convoys should always be divided into Sections. The early detection of a defect will often prevent consequences which might otherwise result in a serious injury.

Injuries to pack animals are mainly due to:-

- (1) Badly fitting saddles.
- (2) Wrongly adjusted loads.
- (3) The loads being allowed to remain on the animal for too long a period.

3. The chief points to which attention should be directed in fitting pack saddles are :-

- (1) The correct length of bearing surface of panels, that is, the stuffed portion of the panels should extend from the pit of the shoulder to a hand's breadth in front of the point of the hip.
- (2) The stuffing should be of sufficient thickness to prevent undue pressure.
- (3) The height and width of the front arch of the Pack Saddle should be sufficient to prevent the withers being rubbed or pinched.
- (4) Panels should be kept clean by frequently being dry brushed and beaten.
- (5) The girth should be tightly buckled, but not so tightly as to wrinkle the skin.

After the load has been a short time on the back, it's weight will cause the girths to slacken, consequently they should be inspected and tightened soon after starting.

In order to test the tightness of a girth, a finger should be inserted between the girth and the animal's body, care being taken that such insertion is made from rear to front, so that when the finger is withdrawn, the hair will not be ruffled so as to cause a gall.

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(6) The surcingle or wantie should pass over the whole load. It should be tightly buckled or tied, but not tighter than the girth. It is of great use in steadying a load.

(7) The breast collar, which is used to keep the load from slipping back, should hang horizontally from the neck straps, the lower edge just clear of the shoulder points. It should not be tight, and should admit the breadth of the hand between it and the breast.

(8) The breeching, which is used for keeping the load from slipping forward, should hang horizontally by the hip straps. It should not confine the animal's movements, but admit the breadth of the hand between it and the animal's quarters.

When descending a steep hill it is advisable to shorten the breeching, similarly when ascending, to shorten the breast collar.

(9) Chains should be used in preference to leather in loading mules and tying them up, as these animals generally gnaw any soft substance they can reach.

(10) The greatest care should be taken of the baggage ropes. When not in use, these should be folded up and attached to the Pack Saddle. They should be kept clean and supple.

4. The loads to be carried, exclusive of the saddles are :-

- Mule..... 100 lbs.
- Horse..... 200 lbs.

It is well not to load any animal beyond these limits, as in wet weather, blankets, tents, and other loads of an absorbent nature, increase considerably in weight.

The correct balance of loads is of paramount importance, and equality in size of the two packs on the one animal is as important as equality in weight. For instance, if a Box of Ammunition is put on one side of a mule and a roll of Blankets on the other, the centre of gravity of the Blankets being further from the animal than that of the ammunition, the larger load will sag and pull the saddle to one side. But for short journeys, this difficulty can be surmounted by placing the bulky load higher on the saddle.

The stability of the load must be assured by adjusting it at the right height on the saddle, and fitting it in its place with the sureing or wantie strap. If too high, the load will rock, while, if too low, it will press on the weaker part of the ribs and distress the animal.

In principle, no portion of a load should touch the animal, as it is always liable to chafe.

No package should exceed the following dimensions :-

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| Length..... | 30" |
| Width..... | 15" |
| Height..... | 20" |

The flatter the package, the easier it will be carried.

The troops should be fully practised in making up loads.

Entrenching Tools should be carried in bags, Forage in bales or sacks, Blankets in bundles, Camp Kettles nested together and carried in crates.

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| 16. G.S.Blankets, (packed in 2 | lbs. | ozs. |
| Ground Sheets) weight..... | 80. | 8 |
| 30 Ground Sheets weigh..... | 80. | 8 |
| 8 Camp Kettles (in sack) weight..... | 75. | 8 |
| Box of Ammunition weighs..... | 80. | 8 |
| Box of Biscuits weighs..... | 74. | 0 |
| Box of Preserved Meat weighs..... | 73. | 8 |
| Medical Comfort Panier weighs..... | 72. | 0 |

5. Before saddling it is essential that the animal's back should be free from dirt.

The panels should be thoroughly clean, and free from any dirt or grit. Neglect of these precautions is the most fertile source of sore backs.

Constant care must be paid to the stuffing of the panels, and care taken to prevent them from becoming hard and lumpy.

It is essential when an animal has been saddled, and the loads are being put on, that the weight of the load on the near side should be supported till the off side load is in position, similarly in off-loading.

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The stability of the load must be ensured by adjusting the position of the load on the animal. This is especially necessary in dealing with mules, as, if the weight is not supported, the animal is liable to become restive.

A knowledge of the following knots is very useful :-

- (1) The Half Hitch.
- (2) The Reef Knot.
- (3) The Cleve Hitch, (for making fast an end.)
- (4) The Sheepshank, (for shortening a rope.)

Animals should not be kept standing longer than necessary when saddled and loaded.

If a saddle has shifted, do not try and push it into a better position. Off-load, off-saddle, and re-saddle properly.

Do not allow men to hang their rifles or equipment on the loads, or to hold on by them on the march.

Do not forget to allow for Forage and Picketting gear when estimating the number of animals required for pack transport.

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| Box of Ammunition weights | 10 |
| Box of Bladder weights | 10 |
| Box of Improved Hot weights | 10 |
| Box of Improved Paper weights | 10 |

Before adding it is essential that the animal's back should be free from dirt.

The pack should be thoroughly clean, and the iron any dirt or grit. Weight of these provisions is the most fertile source of sore backs. Constant care must be paid to the condition of the pack, and every effort to prevent them from becoming hard and lumpy.

It is essential when an animal has been saddled, and the loads or water put on, that the weight of the pack on the animal should be adjusted to suit the animal's strength.

11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.FIRE AND MOVEMENT DEMONSTRATION.NARRATIVE.

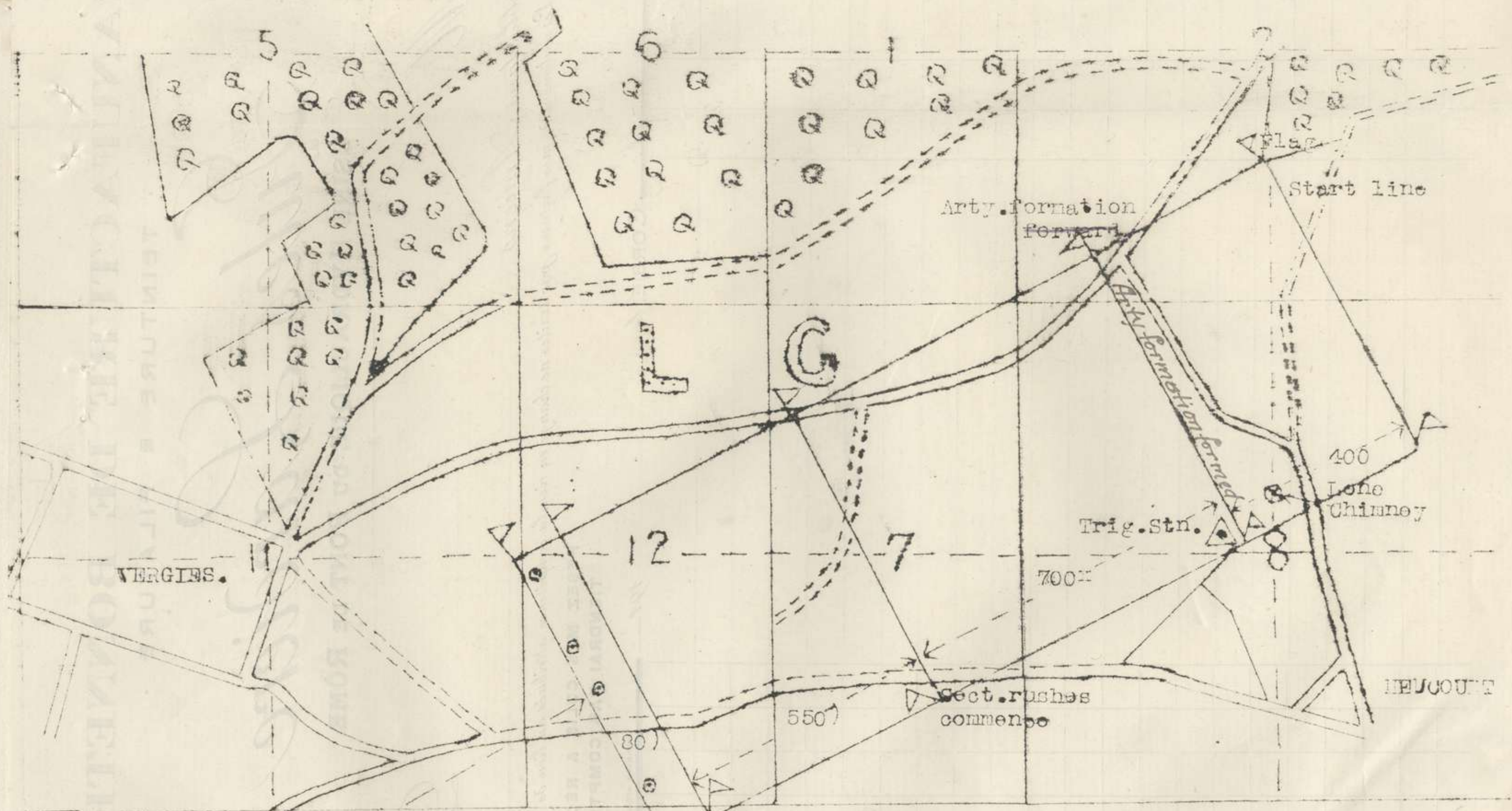
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1. The Company advances from the jump off line, 400 yards as a company in Artillery formation - three platoons in front, one in support, each Platoon in column.
2. On reach the first flags (400 yards from start), platoon break into Artillery formation - leading Platoons into "Squares" - Support Platoon in "Diamonds".
3. After a further advance of 700 yards (to next pair of flags), the Company comes under rifle and Machine Gun fire from an enemy line of resistance, and Platoons break from Artillery formation to a line of skirmishers.
4. From this point the advance is continued by Section rushes, covered by fire, up to the next line of flags, 400 yards further on, which are 80 yards from the furthest point of the enemy line of resistance, which has a depth of 40 yards.
5. In order to secure superiority of fire, the Support platoon is employed to build up the firing line, and takes part in the assault on the enemy line, there being four centres of resistance to deal with.
6. The assault is made from the line of flags 80 yards from enemy line of resistance, which is 40 yards deep.
7. After the assault, the Company re-organises and continues the advance with Platoons in Artillery formation, three platoons in front in "Squares", one Platoon in support in "Diamonds", for a depth of about 200 yards from furthest line of flags, when the exercise ceases.

POINTS TO BE EMPHASISED.

1. Order for and rapid formation of Artillery formation.
2. Positions when halted in Artillery formation.
3. Orders for and method of extension from Artillery formation to line.
4. Formations of Lewis Gun Sections.
5. Fire direction, control and orders.
6. Reinforcing the firing line but maintenance of Section organisation.
7. Re-organisation after capture of objective - sections complete, but not in all cases under their own Platoon Commanders.

PLAN OF GROUND.



Centres of resistance marked by bayonet bags.

Assault Line
Line of resistance.

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TREE-CLIMBING CAMOUFLAGE: AN INGENIOUS AMERICAN OBSERVER'S EXAMPLE OF THE ART ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

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SPECIAL ORDER

By

Brigadier-General J.H. CANNAN, C.B., C.M.G.,
Commanding, 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters.
13th. October, 1918.

1. Under the authority of General Sir William R. BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., Commanding the Australian Imperial Force, and with the approval of the Government of the Commonwealth of AUSTRALIA, the 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade is to be at once reorganised as a three Battalion Brigade.
2. In order to give effect to this Order the 42nd. Battalion will as from 09.00 (9 a.m.) Monday, 14th. October, 1918, become the Training Battalion of the 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade, all present members of 42nd. Battalion being transferred to some Infantry Battalion serving in the field, as provided for in paras. 3 and 7 below.
3. In order to retain the members (except those provided for in para. 7 below) of the 42nd. Battalion within the 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade and also to preserve a territorial basis those members will be transferred to the 41st. Battalion, A.I.F.
4. The 41st. Battalion will have one complete Company ("B" Coy.) composed of members of the 42nd. Battalion, the remainder of the 42nd. Battalion being merged into H.Q. "A", "C" and "D" Coys. of the 41st. Battalion.
5. In order to continue the traditions and historical records of the 42nd. Battalion all future deeds and actions of "B" Coy., 41st. Battalion, will be recorded as the historical records of the 42nd. Battalion and this Coy. ("B" Coy.) will, when wastages occur in it, be reinforced by the members of 42nd. Battalion absorbed in H.Q., "A", "C" and "D" Coys. 41st. Battalion.
6. Members of the 42nd. Battalion transferred to the 41st. Battalion will be posted to Battalion H.Q., "A", "B", "C" or "D" Coys. as the C.O. 41st. Battalion may direct; they will wear the colour patches of the 41st. Battalion and will foster the "esprit de corps" of 41st. Battalion.
7. Lieut.-Colonel A.R. WOOLCOCK, D.S.O., will forthwith submit a nominal roll of those Officers, N.C.Os. and men "present with the unit" who desire transfer to any Infantry Battalion other than the 41st. Battalion and their reasons for so desiring in order that the C.Os. of the Battalions, to which transfers are desired, may review the applicant's case and decide whether he will accept the applicant or not.
8. Lieut.-Colonel A.R. WOOLCOCK, D.S.O., will command the Training Battalion of the 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade until further notice.

L. A. Vasey.

(R.B.)

Brigade Major, 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Major.

11th. Brigade Headquarters.

THE BLUEGUYS.

The 11th. Brigade Concert Party will give opening night in Concert Hall, ALLERE, 6 p.m. tomorrow, 23rd. instant.

The Concert Hall has a capacity for holding about 300, wooden floor, and an excellent stage has been erected.

The BLUEGUYS will entertain nightly at 8 p.m., except Sundays, and programmes with special items are being arranged.

The Hall is situated quite close to Headquarters, Third Divisional Train, and in ALLERE there are several excellent Cafeterias where a good substantial evening meal and other refreshments may be obtained.

It is thought that Units, when sending men to Baths, in the afternoon might take advantage of the facilities afforded in the village and attend the BLUEGUYS in the evening.

The Comforts Committee are arranging to have a suitable coffee stall erected near the Hall, and a free distribution of Comforts will be made to the troops.

A charge to meet expenses of :-

| | | | |
|-------------|---|--------------|---------------|
| Officers | - | One franc. | |
| Other Ranks | - | 50 Centimes. | will be made. |

Special Complimentary nights to Units will be notified from time to time.

H. W. Hawt...
CAPTAIN.
Staff Captain, 11th Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

A.J.H.
20/10/19.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.

PARADE STATE AS AT NOON *2 October* 1918.

| UNIT. | Trench Strength | | Wagon Lines. | | Nucleous | | Sick. | | ON 'COMMAND. | | | | TOTAL. | | Attached. | |
|--------------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|----------|------|-------|------|---------------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
| | "A" | | "B" | | "C" | | 1. | | In Div-ision. | | Elsewhere | | | | | |
| | Off's. | O.R. | Off's. | O.R. | Off's. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| Bde. H. Qrs. | 4 | 5 | | 13 | | | | | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 27 | 2 | 44 |
| 41st Bn. | 15 | 314 | 2 | 64 | 6 | 45 | - | - | 3 | 79 | 4 | 35 | 30 | 537 | 2 | 17 |
| 42nd Bn. | 21 | 373 | 4 | 59 | | 45 | | 2 | 4 | 45 | 6 | 33 | 35 | 557 | 3 | 16 |
| 43rd Bn. | 17 | 273 | 3 | 57 | 4 | 43 | | 7 | 2 | 39 | 10 | 29 | 36 | 448 | 2 | 48 |
| 44th Bn. | 20 | 261 | 3 | 76 | 3 | 34 | | 21 | 3 | 46 | 5 | 33 | 34 | 471 | | 2 |
| 11th T.M.B. | | 30 | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 32 | 3 | 19 |
| TOTAL. | 77 | 1256 | 12 | 269 | 13 | 167 | - | 30 | 14 | 216 | 28 | 133 | 144 | 2072 | 12 | 147 |

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Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
11th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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PARADE STATE AS AT NOON 5th October 1918.

| UNIT. | Trench Strength | | Wagon Lines. | | Nucleous | | Sick. | | ON 'COMMAND. | | | | TOTAL. | | Attached. | | |
|-------------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|----------|------|-------|------|---------------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|----|
| | "A" | | "B" | | "C" | | 1. | | In Div-ision. | | Elsewhere | | | | | | |
| | Offs. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | |
| Bde.H.Qrs. | 5 | 6 | | 13 | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 27 | 1 | 43 |
| 41st Bn. | 18 | 395 | 3 | 64 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 35 | 7 | 30 | 31 | 532 | 2 | 4 | |
| 42nd Bn. | 25 | 399 | 4 | 59 | - | - | - | 19 | 2 | 39 | 6 | 30 | 37 | 546 | 1 | 2 | |
| 43rd Bn. | 19 | 303 | 3 | 57 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 39 | 12 | 34 | 26 | 433 | 2 | 1 | |
| 44th Bn. | 22 | 283 | 2 | 76 | - | - | - | 10 | - | 40 | 9 | 37 | 33 | 446 | | 2 | |
| 11th T.M.B. | - | 26 | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | - | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 32 | 2 | 15 | |
| TOTAL. | 89 | 1412 | 12 | 269 | - | - | - | 34 | 19 | 160 | 36 | 141 | 146 | 2016 | 8 | 67 | |

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Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



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| DETAILS OF COLUMN 2 :- | Bde.HQ. | | 41st Bn. | | 42nd Bn. | | 43rd Bn. | | 44th Bn. | | T.M.BTY. | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|---|----|---|----|----|----|---|----|---|---|
| | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Divisional Headquarters. | | | 1 | | 1 | 5 | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Divisional Train. | | | | 4 | | 3 | | 3 | | 5 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| D.A.D.O.S. | | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Divisional Signal Company. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Divisional Orchestra and Pierrots. | | | | 2 | | 5 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Divisional Canteens and Y.M.C.A. | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Divisional Armourers Shop. | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Divisional Comforts Guard. | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Divisional Baths. | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A.A., Instructor. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brigade Headquarters. | | | | 6 | | 12 | | 6 | | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brigade Pierrots. | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11th T.M. Battery. | | | | 7 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Town Majors and duty with, Guards on Dumps etc. | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reinforcements at Div. Wing. | | | | 8 | | | | 1 | | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duty at Divisional Wing. | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chaplains with 41 44 Bns & Batmen 42 43 44 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CC. YMCA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43rd Bn. | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 47nd Bn. | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11th Field Ambulance. | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 3 | 35 | 7 | 30 | 7 | 30 | - | 40 | - | 1 |
| DETAILS OF COLUMN 3 :- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corps Duties. | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Detention. | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| "K" Labour Company. | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brigade Dump, DESVRES. | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6th Corps H.Q.s. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leave. | 1 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 14 | 8 | 17 | 5 | 44 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A.W.B. | | | | 2 | | | | 4 | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duty at schools. | | | | 3 | | 1 | | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attending Schools. | | | 5 | 31 | 3 | 12 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 7 | 38 | 6 | 30 | 12 | 34 | 9 | 37 | 1 | - |

9. 160 TOTAL

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.TRANSFERS FOR WEEK ENDING 5/10/18.41st Battalion.

| | | | |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| 25 O.R. | transferred from | 42nd Battalion | 27/9/18. |
| 5 O.R. | " | " " | 1/10/18. |
| 1 O.R. | " | " " | 22/9/18. |
| 1 O.R. | " | " " | 8/9/18. |
| 1 Officer | transferred to | 42nd Battalion | 31/8/18. |

42nd Battalion.

(See 41st Battalion).

.....BRIGADIER
GENERAL
COMMANDING 11th INF. BDE. A.I.F.

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11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.RECONCILIATION OF STRENGTH (OFFICERS) BETWEEN NOON STATES OF
28/9/18 and 5/10/18.

| | | | |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|------------|
| <u>41st Battalion.</u> | | Strength 28/9/18. | 40 |
| <u>Plus.</u> | Lieut. W.M.McLEAN from seconded on stgh state 4/10/18. | | <u>1</u> |
| | | | 41 |
| <u>Less.</u> | Lieut. R.BREWER, Killed off stgh state 1/10/18. |) | |
| | Lieut. J.LAWSON, M.C., Killed. " " " |) | |
| | Lieut. H.J.WILES, D.S.O. Wounded " " " |) | |
| | Lieut. G.S.DODDS, " " " |) | |
| | Lieut. J.J. HANLEY, " " " |) | |
| | Lieut. S.L. ROBINSON, M.C. " " " |) | |
| | 2/Lt. T.C.RICHARDSON, " " " |) | |
| | 2/Lt. J.A. JAMES-WALLACE, wounded " " " |) | |
| | Lieut. W.D. CLARKE " " " |) | |
| | Lieut. K.A. MIRDOCH, T'ferred to 42nd Bn. Off state 2/10/18) | | <u>10</u> |
| | | Strength 5/10/18. | <u>31.</u> |
| <u>42nd Battalion.</u> | | Strength 28/9/18. | 40 |
| <u>Plus.</u> | Lieut. K.A.MURDOCH, T'ferred from 41st Bn. On state 4/10/18. |) | |
| | Lieut. V.C.DIXON, D.C.M., from seconded " " 5/10/18. |) | <u>2</u> |
| | | | 42 |
| <u>Less.</u> | Lieut. E.M.S. EVENSON, wounded off stgh state 30/9/18.) | | |
| | Lieut. E.E.PATERSON, wounded " " " " ") | | |
| | 2/Lt. G.M.BROWN, wounded " " " " ") | | |
| | 2/Lt. J.S.PENDER, seconded to 11th T.M.Bty. " " ") | | |
| | 2/Lt. H.SMITH, to hops.sick. " " " " ") | | |
| | | | <u>5</u> |
| | | Strength 5/10/18. | <u>37.</u> |
| <u>43rd Battalion.</u> | | Strength 28/9/18. | 38 |
| <u>Plus.</u> | Major. A.T.PATTERSON from S.O's Course on state 3/10/18. | | <u>1</u> |
| | | | 39 |
| <u>Less.</u> | 2/Lt. R.D.THOMSON, wounded off stgh state 2/10/18.) | | |
| | 2/Lt. M.K.McDONALD, wounded " " " " ") | | |
| | Lieut. R.W.SCOTT, Wounded " " " 4/10/18.) | | <u>3</u> |
| | | Strength 5/10/18. | <u>36.</u> |
| <u>44th Battalion.</u> | | Strength 28/9/18. | 39 |
| <u>Plus.</u> | Lieut. T.H.PORTER from Reinf's. On stgh state 30/9/18.) | | |
| | 2/Lt. E.E.JONES, from seconded on state " " " " ") | | |
| | Capt. W.J.STABLES, from seconded on stgh state 4/10/18.) | | <u>3</u> |
| | | | 42 |
| <u>Less.</u> | Capt. H.G.BREMNER, M.C., wounded off stgh state 1/10/18.) | | |
| | Capt. H.L.FOWLER, wounded " " " " ") | | |
| | 2/Lt. A.G.McDERMOTT, Killed. " " " " ") | | |
| | 2/Lt. B.D.BRYANT, wounded " " " " ") | | |
| | E/Capt. W.J.HUNT, wounded " " " " ") | | |
| | Lieut. F.O. GAZE, wounded " " " " ") | | |
| | Lieut. H.SCARR, wounded " " " " 2/10/18.) | | |
| | Major. W.H.ROCKLIFF, M.C. to S.O's Course " " 4/10/18.) | | |
| | 2/Lt. E.E.JONES, wounded off stgh state " " " " ") | | <u>9</u> |
| | | Strength 5/10/18. | <u>33.</u> |

Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. AIF.

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Lt Tom McLean
MC from
Secured 4/10/18

Lt R Brewer
Lt Shawson MC
Killed 1
Lt R Miles 1500 10
Lt G. Woods 18
Lt G. Haully 18
Lt Sh. Robinson MC
Lt T. C. Richardson
Lt G. James Wallace MC
Lt W. Clarke
wounded
Lt R. Murdoch
Lt W. Murdoch

Lt V. Dixon
WCM from
Secured 5/10/18
Lt R Murdoch
from 11
4/10/18

Lt E. Stevenson
wounded
Lt E. Paterson
wounded
Lt G. Brown
wounded
Lt G. Pender
TMB
Lt Smith
Lt R Murdoch
from 11

Major AT Patterson
from 5000
3/10/18

Lt R. Thomson
Lt W. Thompson
wounded 4/10/18
Major AT Patterson
from 5000 5/10/18
Lt R. W. Scott
wounded 4/10/18

Lt J. H. Porter from
The Express from
30/9/18
Capt W. G. Stables from
w/d 4/10/18

Capt R. Brennan
MC wounded
Capt H. Fowler
wounded
Lt A. G. Moore
Killed 30/9/18
Lt B. Bryant
Capt W. G. Stables
Lt J. G. Sage
wounded
4/10/18
Lt H. Carr
w/d 4/10/18
Major W. H. Rockwell MC
15000
Lt S. Brown
wounded
4/10/18

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10/11 ✓
31 ✓

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12/11 ✓
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.

PARADE STATE AS AT NOON 9th October 1918.

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| UNIT. | Trench Strength | | Wagon Lines. | | Nucleus | | Sick. | | ON COMMAND. | | | | TOTAL. | | Attached. | | |
|--------------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|---------|------|-------|------|--------------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|----|
| | "A" | | "B" | | "C" | | 1. | | In Division. | | Elsewhere | | | | | | |
| | Offs. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | |
| Bde. H. Qrs. | 5 | 6 | | 13 | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 27 | 1 | 43 |
| 41st Bn. | 10 | 405 | 2 | 62 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 29 | 7 | 34 | 31 | 531 | 2 | 2 | |
| 42nd Bn. | 25 | 304 | 2 | 59 | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | 38 | 6 | 31 | 37 | 528 | 1 | 2 | |
| 43rd Bn. | 24 | 330 | 3 | 55 | - | - | - | 7 | 2 | 19 | 10 | 33 | 39 | 444 | 1 | 1 | |
| 44th Bn. | 23 | 216 | 2 | 115 | - | - | - | 9 | - | 46 | 10 | 42 | 35 | 448 | | 2 | |
| 11th T.M.B. | 1 | 26 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | 28 | 2 | 12 | |
| TOTAL. | 97 | 1427 | 11 | 592 | - | - | - | 23 | 9 | 139 | 24 | 142 | 151 | 2006 | 7 | 62 | |

[Signature]
Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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| | Bde. HQ. | | 41st Bn. | | 42nd Bn. | | 43rd Bn. | | 44th Bn. | | T.M.BTY. | |
|--|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|
| | Off. | C.R. | Off. | C.R. | Off. | C.R. | Off. | C.R. | Off. | C.R. | Off. | C.R. |
| DETAILS OF COLUMN 2 :- | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Divisional Headquarters. | | | 1 | | 1 | 5 | | | 4 | 5 | | |
| Divisional Train. | | 1 | | 4 | | 5 | | 3 | | 5 | | 1 |
| D.A.D.C.S. | | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Divisional Signal Company. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Divisional Orchestra and Pierrots. | | | | 2 | | 5 | | 1 | | | | |
| Divisional Canteens and Y.M.C.A. | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Divisional Armourers Shop. | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Divisional Comforts Guard. | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Divisional Baths. | | | | | | | | | | 9 | | |
| A.A., Instructor. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brigade Headquarters. | | | | 6 | | 12 | | 6 | | 16 | | |
| Brigade Pierrots. | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | | 8 | | |
| 11th T.M. Battery. | | | | 4 | | 1 | 8 | 1 | | | | |
| Town Majors and duty with, Guards on Dumps etc. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reinforcements at Div. Wing. | | | | 5 | | | | 1 | 2 | | | |
| Duty at Divisional Wing. | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Chaplains with <i>of 41st Bn.</i> & Batmen <i>42-43-44</i> | | 2 | | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| 2nd Y.M.C.A. | | | | 3 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 42nd Bn. | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 43rd Bn. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 41st Bn. | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 11th Field Ambulance. | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| En route to unit. | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| TOTAL | 2 | 6 | 2 | 24 | 3 | 30 | 2 | 19 | | 46 | | 1 |
| DETAILS OF COLUMN 3 :- | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corps Duties. | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Detention. | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | |
| "K" Labour Company. | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| Brigade Dump, <i>PERONNE.</i> | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | 2 | | |
| <i>6th Corps HQ's.</i> | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| <i>En route to England.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leave. | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 3 | 14 | 6 | 15 | 3 | 18 | | |
| A.W.L. | | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Duty at Schools. | | | | | | 1 | | 4 | | 1 | | |
| Attending Schools. | | | 5 | 15 | 3 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 6 | 12 | | |
| TOTAL. | 1 | 2 | 7 | 34 | 6 | 31 | 10 | 33 | 10 | 42 | | |

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.

PARADE STATE AS AT NOON 12th October 1918.

| UNIT. | Trench Strength | | Wagon Lines. | | Nucleous | | Sick. | | ON 'COMMAND. | | | | TOTAL. | | Attached. | |
|--------------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|----------|------|-------|------|-------------------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
| | "A" | | "B" | | "C" | | 1. | | In Div- ision. | | Elsewhere | | | | | |
| | Offs. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| Bde. H. Qrs. | 7 | 6 | | 12 | | | | | 2 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 27 | 1 | 42 |
| 41st Bn. | 24 | 391 | 3 | 63 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 39 | 6 | 43 | 34 | 536 | 2 | 1 |
| 42nd Bn. | 25 | 371 | 3 | 63 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 45 | 6 | 35 | 34 | 514 | 1 | 1 |
| 43rd Bn. | 25 | 330 | 3 | 57 | - | - | - | 2 | 3 | 32 | 10 | 35 | 41 | 456 | 1 | 8 |
| 44th Bn. | 24 | 282 | 2 | 45 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 55 | 8 | 45 | 35 | 458 | | 2 |
| 11th T.M.B. | 1 | 35 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | | 1 | - | - | 1 | 39 | 2 | - |
| TOTAL. | 106 | 1445 | 11 | 270 | - | - | - | 6 | 10 | 178 | 31 | 161 | 158 | 2020 | 7 | 55 |

W. Hart
Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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DETAILS OF COLUMN 2 :-

Divisional Headquarters.
 Divisional Train.
 D.A.D.C.S.
 Divisional Signal Company.
 Divisional Orchestra and Pierrots.
 Divisional Canteens and Y.M.C.A.
 Divisional Armourers Shop.
 Divisional Comforts Guard.
 Divisional Baths.
 A.A., Instructor.

Brigade Headquarters.
 Brigade Pierrots.
 11th T.M. Battery.
 Town Majors and duty with,
 Guards on Dumps etc.
 Reinforcements at Div. Wing.
 Duty at Divisional Wing.
 Chaplains with 41 42 Pns. & Watmen 42-43 44
 & Bde NCO School.
 YMCA.
 42nd Bn.
 41st Bn.
 En route to Unit.
 1st Field Ambulance.

10-178 TOTAL

DETAILS OF COLUMN 3 :-

Corps Duties.
 Detention.
 "K" Labour Company.
 Brigade Dump, DESVRES. PERONNE.
 6th Corps H.Q.S.
 En route to Eng. for Medical Board.
 Escort Duty.
 Leave.
 A.W.L.
 Duty at schools.
 Attending Schools.

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TOTAL

| | Bde.HQ. | | 41st Bn. | | 42nd Bn. | | 43rd Bn. | | 44th Bn. | | T.M.BTY. | |
|--|---------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|
| | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| Divisional Headquarters. | | | 1 | | 1 | 5 | | | | 3 | | |
| Divisional Train. | | | | 4 | | 3 | | | 3 | | | 1 |
| D.A.D.C.S. | | 3 | | 2 | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Divisional Signal Company. | | | | 2 | | 5 | | | 1 | | | |
| Divisional Orchestra and Pierrots. | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Divisional Canteens and Y.M.C.A. | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Divisional Armourers Shop. | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Divisional Comforts Guard. | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Divisional Baths. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A.A., Instructor. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brigade Headquarters. | | | | 6 | | 11 | | | 6 | | | 16 |
| Brigade Pierrots. | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 | | | 0 |
| 11th T.M. Battery. | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | |
| Town Majors and duty with, Guards on Dumps etc. | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| Reinforcements at Div. Wing. | | | | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| Duty at Divisional Wing. | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| Chaplains with 41 42 Pns. & Watmen 42-43 44 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| & Bde NCO School. | | | | 14 | | 14 | | 1 | 14 | | | 13 |
| YMCA. | | | | 3 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 42nd Bn. | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 41st Bn. | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| En route to Unit. | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 1st Field Ambulance. | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| TOTAL | 2 | 6 | 1 | 39 | 3 | 45 | 3 | 32 | 1 | 55 | - | 1 |
| Corps Duties. | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 4 |
| Detention. | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| "K" Labour Company. | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Brigade Dump, DESVRES. PERONNE. | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| 6th Corps H.Q.S. | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| En route to Eng. for Medical Board. | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Escort Duty. | | | | | | | | | | | | 19 |
| Leave. | 1 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 3 | 18 | 6 | 17 | 1 | 19 | | |
| A.W.L. | | | | 2 | | 2 | | 4 | | | | |
| Duty at schools. | | | | 3 | | 1 | | 3 | | | | 1 |
| Attending Schools. | | | | 5 | 17 | 3 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 6 | 13 | |
| TOTAL | 1 | 3 | 6 | 43 | 6 | 35 | 10 | 35 | 0 | 45 | - | |

APPENDIX

Transfers for week ending 12/10/18.

APPENDIX 415

41st Battalion.

3 O.R. Transferred to 11th T.M.Bty. 11/10/18.

42nd Battalion.

7 O.R. Transferred to 11th T.M.Bty. 11/10/18.

43rd Battalion.

1 O.R. Transferred to Aust. Corps. Schools. 9/10/18.

Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.RECONCILIATION OF STRENGTH (OFFICERS) BETWEEN 5/10/18 and 12/10/18.41st Battalion.

| | | |
|---|-------------------|------|
| Plus. 2/Lieut. G. WHITESIDE, from Reinf's on stgh | Strength 5/10/18. | 31 ✓ |
| 2/Lieut. J. H. R. WALKER, " " " " | 11/10/18.) | |
| Capt. R. McILROY from Supernumerary. " " | 10/10/18.) | 3 |

Strength 12/10/18. 34 ✓42nd Battalion.

Strength 5/10/18. 37 ✓

No Change.

Strength 12/10/18. 37 ✓43rd Battalion.

| | | |
|--|-------------------|------|
| Plus. Lieut. K. DUNSTON, from seconded on stgh | Strength 5/10/18. | 36 ✓ |
| Lieut. R. A. CANAWAY " " " " | 6/10/18.) | |
| Lieut. A. E. OLSSON, " " " " | 8/10/18.) | |
| 2/Lieut. J. CUDMORE " " " " | 11/10/18.) | |
| Lieut. J. N. McANNA from Corps Schls. " " | 10/10/18.) | 5 |

Strength 12/10/18. 41 ✓44th Battalion.

| | | |
|---|-------------------|------|
| Plus. 2/Lieut. W. STEWART, from Hosp. on stgh | Strength 5/10/18. | 33 ✓ |
| Major. R. W. EVERETT, from Secended " " | 8/10/18.) | |

Strength 12/10/18. 35 ✓Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

41

42

43

44

on

off

on

off

on

off

on

off

Mr Whitehead }
Mr Walker GAA }
from Rump }
Capt R Mellroy }
from Sup }
10/18

31
2

on

34 ✓

37 ✓

no change

Mr H. Dunstan }
from Sec d }
6/10/18. }
Mr R. Barnum }
from Sec }
Mr R. Olsson }
from Sec }
8/10/18 }
Mr E. Admore }
Sec'd 11/10/18. }
Mr H. Mcanna }
from Corps }
Sec'd 10/10/18 }

36

on

41 ✓

Mr Westwood }
from }
Major R. Bennett }
from }

38

on

35

APPENDIX 43

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.

PARADE STATE AS AT NOON 16th Oct 1918.

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| UNIT. | Trench Strength | | Wagon Lines. | | Nuclous | | Sick. | | ON 'COMMAND. | | | | TOTAL. | | Attached. | |
|-------------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|---------|------|-------|------|---------------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
| | "A" | | "B" | | "C" | | 1. | | In Div-ision. | | Elsewhere | | | | | |
| | Offs. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| Bde.H.Qrs. | 7 | 6 | | 14 | | | | | 2 | 39 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 62 | - | 42 |
| 41st Bn. | 21 | 420 | 3 | 62 | | | | | 3 | 144 | 7 | 50 | 34 | 676 | 2 | 2 |
| 42nd Bn. | 73 | 301 | 3 | 28 | | | | | 2 | 32 | 8 | 37 | 36 | 398 | | 2 |
| 43rd Bn. | 75 | 309 | 3 | 60 | - | - | - | 3 | 4 | 59 | 9 | 39 | 44 | 470 | 1 | 1 |
| 44th Bn. | 18 | 241 | 2 | 75 | - | - | - | 2 | 3 | 78 | 13 | 42 | 36 | 468 | | 2 |
| 11th T.M.B. | 1 | 44 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | - | - | 1 | 46 | 1 | - |
| TOTAL. | 95 | 1351 | 11 | 239 | - | - | - | 6 | 14 | 383 | 38 | 171 | 158 | 2120 | 4 | 49 |

W. G. Allen
Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

W. G. Allen
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43

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.

PARADE STATE AS AT NOON 19th October 1918.

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| UNIT. | Trench Strength | | Wagon Lines. | | Nuclous | | Sick. | | ON 'COMMAND. | | | | TOTAL. | | Attached. | |
|--------------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|---------|------|-------|------|---------------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
| | "A" | | "B" | | "C" | | 1. | | In Div-ision. | | Elsewhere | | | | | |
| | Offs. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| Bde. H. Qrs. | 5 | 6 | | 15 | | | 1 | | 4 | 39 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 62 | | 42 |
| 41st Bn. | 22 | 425 | 3 | 64 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 104 | 7 | 48 | 30 | 181 | 2 | 2 |
| 42nd Bn. | 22 | 308 | 2 | 24 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 4 | 32 | 7 | 32 | 36 | 397 | | 3 |
| 43rd Bn. | 25 | 314 | 2 | 59 | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | 59 | 9 | 38 | 41 | 471 | 2 | 1 |
| 44th Bn. | 19 | 263 | 2 | 78 | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | 79 | 12 | 56 | 36 | 474 | 1 | 2 |
| 11th T.M.B. | 1 | 45 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | 1 | 48 | 2 | |
| TOTAL. | 94 | 1361 | 10 | 237 | - | - | 2 | 3 | 17 | 356 | 36 | 176 | 159 | 2133 | 7 | 50 |

Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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DETAILS OF COLUMN 2 :-

Divisional Headquarters.
 Divisional Train.
 D.A.D.O.S.
 Divisional Signal Company.
 Divisional Orchestra and Pierrots.
 Divisional Canteens and Y.M.C.A.
 Divisional Armourers Shop.
 Divisional Comforts Guard.
 Divisional Baths.
 A.A., Instructor.
 Supply, *Officer Longpre*
 Brigade Headquarters.
 Brigade Pierrots.
 12th T.M. Battery.
 Tom Majors and duty with,
 Guards on Dumps etc.
 Reinforcements at Div. Wing.
 Duty at Divisional Wing.
 Chaplains with *41.42.43.44. Rns. & Batmen*
47th Bn.
 Ymca
 Base Nco School
 " Sig Schools
 41st Bn.

TOTAL

DETAILS OF COLUMN 3 :-

Corps Duties.
 Detention.
 "K" Labour Company.
 Brigade Dump, *DESVALES. PERONNE.*
 AFPO London.
 6th Corps HQ.
 Medical Board LONDON & Dental.
 Leave.
 A.V.O.
 Duty at schools.
 Attending Schools.

TOTAL.

| | Bde. HQ. | | 41st Bn. | | 42nd Bn. | | 43rd Bn. | | 44th Bn. | | T.M. BTRY. | |
|--|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|------------|------|
| | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| | | | 1 | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| | | 70 | | 7 | | | | 3 | | 3 | | 1 |
| | | 3 | | 2 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| | | | | 6 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| | | | | 2 | | | | 2 | | 2 | | |
| | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | |
| | | | | 11 | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | | 16 | | | | 6 | | 15 | | |
| | | | | 2 | | | | 2 | | 7 | | |
| | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | | 2 | | |
| | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| | 4 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 13 | | 32 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 26 | | 2 | 2 | 37 | 1 | 13 | | 2 |
| | | | 1 | 20 | 2 | 30 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 25 | | |
| | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | 4 | 30 | 2 | 144 | 4 | 32 | 4 | 59 | 3 | 79 | | 3 |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 9 | | |
| | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 | | |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 3 | 16 | 4 | 18 | 4 | 26 | | |
| | | | | | | 2 | | 3 | | 1 | | |
| | | | | 4 | | 1 | | 4 | | 1 | | |
| | | | 6 | 20 | 4 | 11 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 15 | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 7 | 48 | 7 | 37 | 9 | 39 | 12 | 56 | | - |

APPENDIX

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
11th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

PARADE STATE AS AT NOON --- 23 October --- 1918.

| UNIT. | Trench Strength | | Wagon Lines. | | Nucleous | | Sick. | | ON 'COMMAND. | | | | TOTAL. | | Attached. | |
|-------------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|----------|------|-------|------|-------------------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
| | "A" | | "B" | | "C" | | 1. | | In Div- ision. | | Elsewhere | | | | | |
| | Offs. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| Bde.H.Qrs. | 5 | 5 | | 15 | | | 1 | | 4 | 40 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 63 | 1 | 49 |
| 41st Bn. | 23 | 446 | 3 | 63 | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 197 | 8 | 56 | 31 | 763 | 2 | 2 |
| 42nd Bn. | 20 | 203 | 2 | 17 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 58 | 7 | 29 | 25 | 307 | 1 | 103 |
| 43rd Bn. | 24 | 305 | 3 | 59 | - | - | - | 5 | 4 | 67 | 8 | 41 | 42 | 476 | 1 | 4 |
| 44th Bn. | 20 | 255 | 3 | 15 | - | - | - | 4 | 4 | 87 | 10 | 59 | 37 | 490 | 1 | 2 |
| 11th T.M.B. | 1 | 39 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - | 5 | 1 | 40 | 2 | 1 |
| TOTAL. | 96 | 1253 | 11 | 228 | - | - | 1 | 12 | 20 | 452 | 34 | 193 | 162 | 2138 | 8 | 160 |

W. H. ...
Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE,

PARADE STATE AS AT NOON 26 October 1918.

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| UNIT. | Trench Strength | | Wagon Lines. | | Nucleous | | Sick. | | ON 'COMMAND. | | | | TOTAL. | | Attached. | |
|-------------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|----------|------|-------|------|-------------------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
| | "A" | | "B" | | "C" | | 1. | | In Div- ision. | | Elsewhere | | 3. | | | |
| | Offs. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| Bde.H.Qrs. | 5 | 6 | | 18 | | | | | 4 | 37 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 63 | 2 | 48 |
| 41st Bn. | 21 | 721 | 3 | 60 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 159 | 9 | 113 | 36 | 1053 | 16 | 82 |
| 42nd Bn. | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 20 | 3 | 1 | - | 33 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 43rd Bn. | 26 | 303 | 3 | 58 | - | - | - | 8 | 5 | 70 | 9 | 42 | 43 | 481 | 12 | 14 |
| 44th Bn. | 31 | 264 | 2 | 76 | - | - | - | 2 | 4 | 90 | 11 | 54 | 38 | 486 | 3 | 2 |
| 11th T.M.B. | 1 | 40 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | 5 | 1 | 49 | 2 | 1 |
| TOTAL. | 79 | 1334 | 8 | 212 | - | - | - | 10 | 45 | 363 | 31 | 216 | 161 | 2135 | 36 | 71 |

H. W. Marshall Capt
for Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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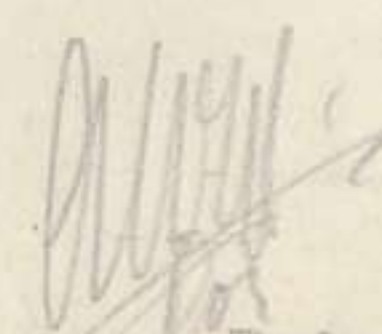
| DETAILS OF COLUMN 2 :- | Bde. HQ. | | 41st Bn. | | 42nd Bn. | | 43rd Bn. | | 44th Bn. | | 1 M. Coy. | |
|---|----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| Divisional Headquarters. | | | 1 | 4 | | | | | | 3 | | |
| Divisional Train. | | 23 | | 7 | | | | 3 | | 5 | | 1 |
| D.A.D.O.S. | | 2 | | 3 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Divisional Signal Company. | | | | 6 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Divisional Orchestra and Pierrots. | | | | 2 | | | | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Divisional Canteens and Y.M.C.A. | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Divisional Armourers Shop. | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Divisional Comforts Guard. | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | |
| Divisional Baths. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A.A. Instructor. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| School SANITATION - AIRRAINES. | | | | 2 | | | | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Div Paymaster. | | | | 10 | | | | 7 | 1 | 8 | | |
| Brigade Headquarters. | | | | 17 | | | | 5 | | 15 | | |
| Brigade Pierrots. | | | | 3 | | | | 2 | | 6 | | |
| 11th T.M. Battery. | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | |
| Town Majors and duty with, VMCA | | | | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| Guards on Dumps etc. 11 Bde Tng Bn. | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Reinforcements at Div. Wing. | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Duty at Divisional Wing. | | | | 2 | | 3 | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Chaplains with 4 L.H.S. 43. 44. B. & Batmen | 4 | 4 | | 12 | | | | | | 3 | | 1 |
| 41st Bn | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43rd Bn. | | 7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 44th Bn 4 Field Coy Engrs. | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Range Wardens | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Brace School. | | | | 24 | | | | 1 | 15 | 1 | 14 | 2 |
| Bde Sig School. | | | | 56 | | | | 2 | 28 | 2 | 25 | |
| TOTAL | 4 | 37 | 3 | 159 | 29 | 3 | 5 | 70 | 4 | 110 | 4 | 4 |
| DETAILS OF COLUMN 3 :- | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corps Duties. | | | | 20 | | | | | | | | |
| Detention. | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | |
| "K" Labour Company. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brigade Dump, DESVRES. PERONNE. | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| H.F. POLYCLONIN. | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| K Coys HQ | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 44th Bn - LONDON. Purchasing Coy. | 1 | 2 | 1 | 46 | 1 | | 2 | 22 | 2 | 26 | | 5 |
| Leave. | | | | 1 | | | | 3 | | 1 | | |
| A.W.L. | | | | 6 | | | | 5 | | 1 | | |
| Duty at schools. | | | | 8 | | | | 7 | 10 | 7 | 17 | |
| Attending Schools. | | | | 34 | | | | 10 | | 17 | | |
| TOTAL. | 1 | 2 | 4 | 113 | 1 | - | 9 | 47 | 11 | 54 | 5 | 5 |

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RECONCILIATION OF STRENGTH (OFFICERS) BETWEEN STATES OF
19/10/18 and 26/10/18.

| | | | |
|---|--|--------------------|-----------|
| <u>41st Battalion.</u> | | Strength 19/10/18. | 35 |
| <u>Plus.</u> 2nd Lt. J. L. GILL from Perm. Sup. List. on stgh 21/10/18. | | | <u>1</u> |
| | | Strength 26/10/18. | <u>36</u> |
| <u>42nd Battalion.</u> | | Strength 19/10/18. | 36 |
| <u>Less.</u> Lieut. A. C. DIBDIN to hosp, sick off stgh 20/10/18. | | | } |
| 2/Lt. A. F. SNELLING " " " " 24/10/18. | | | |
| Capt. J. LEAHY, Boarded and sent to Base off stgh 26/10/18.) | | | |
| | | Strength 26/10/18. | <u>33</u> |
| <u>43rd Battalion.</u> | | Strength 19/10/18. | 41 |
| <u>Plus.</u> 2/Lieut. K. R. RUDD from seconded on stgh 21/10/18.) | | | } |
| Lieut. A. BLACK " " " " 26/10/18.) | | | |
| | | Strength 26/10/18. | <u>43</u> |
| <u>44th Battalion.</u> | | Strength 19/10/18. | 36 |
| <u>Plus.</u> Lieut. L. PAVY from seconded on stgh state 21/10/18.) | | | } |
| " E. E. McGRATH " " " " 26/10/18.) | | | |
| | | Strength 26/10/18. | <u>38</u> |


Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

TRANSFERS.

41st Battalion.

1 O.R. to A.I.B.D. 23/10/18.

42nd Battalion.

1 O.R. to 31st Bn. 19/10/18.
1 " " D.A.D.O.S. 19/10/18.
2 " " 15 Bn. 20/10/18.
3 " " " " 24/10/18.
1 " " 33 Bn. 20/10/18.
5 " " 49 Bn. 20/10/18.
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1 " " 56 Bn. 20/10/18.
6 " " 40 Bn. 22/10/18.
1 " " 9 Bn. 23/10/18.
7 " " 51 Bn. 23/10/18.
2 " " 50 Bn. 23/10/18.
1 " " 39 Bn. 23/10/18.
8 " " 43 Bn. 23/10/18.
1 " " 44th Bn. "
3 " " 28 Bn. 24/10/18.
280 " " 41 Bn. 23/10/18.

43rd Battalion.

1 O.R. to A.A. Postal Corps. 21/10/18.
1 " " 5th Pioneer Bn. 23/10/18.

44th Battalion.

1 O.R. to A.A. Postal Corps. 21/10/18.

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Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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Bancroft 24/10/18

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seed 24/10/18
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.

PARADE STATE AS AT NOON 30th October. 1918.

| UNIT. | Trench Strength | | Wagon Lines. | | Nucleous | | Sick. | | ON COMMAND. | | | | TOTAL. | | Attached. | |
|--------------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|----------|------|-------|------|--------------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
| | "A" | | "B" | | "C" | | 1. | | In Division. | | Elsewhere | | | | | |
| | Offs. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Offs. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| Bde. H. Qrs. | 5 | 7 | | 14 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 24 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 60 | 2 | 48. |
| 41st Bn. | 25 | 749 | 3 | 60 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 164 | 6 | 101 | 37 | 1074 | 19 | 4 |
| 42nd Bn. | 1 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | 33 | 1 | 1 | | 35 | 1 | | 2 |
| 43rd Bn. | 25 | 318 | 3 | 59 | - | - | - | 5 | 5 | 70 | 10 | 38 | 43 | 490 | 12 | 9 |
| 44th Bn. | 25 | 283 | 3 | 75 | - | - | - | 6 | 4 | 89 | 7 | 46 | 39 | 499 | 3 | 2 |
| 11th T.M.B. | 1 | 38 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | 9 | 1 | 51 | 3 | - |
| TOTAL. | 47 | 1395 | 9 | 208 | - | - | - | 11 | 49 | 352 | 25 | 199 | 165 | 2165 | 29 | 65 |

W. M. C. P.
Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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| | Bde.HQ. | | 41st Bn. | | 42nd Bn. | | 43rd Bn. | | 44th Bn. | | T.M.BTY. | |
|--|---------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|----------|------|
| | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| DETAILS OF COLUMN 2 :- | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Divisional Headquarters. | | | | 18 | | | | | | 3 | | |
| Divisional Train. | | 15 | | 4 | | | | 3 | | 5 | | 1 |
| D.A.D.O.S. | | 3 | | 3 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Divisional Signal Company. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Divisional Orchestra and Pierrots. | | | | 6 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Divisional Canteens and Y.M.C.A. | | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | 2 | | |
| Divisional Armourers Shop. | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Divisional Comforts Guard. | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | |
| Divisional Baths. | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | |
| A.A., Instructor. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Div Pay master | | | | 10 | | | | 7 | | 1 | 7 | |
| School SANITATION | | | | 2 | | | | 2 | | 2 | | |
| Brigade Headquarters. | | | | 17 | | | | 6 | | 15 | | |
| Brigade pierrots. | | | | 3 | | | | 2 | | 6 | | |
| 11th T.M. Battery. | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Town Majors and duty with, 11 Bde Troop Bn. | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Guards on Dumps etc. <i>Boeing party.</i> | | | | 12 | | | | | | 5 | | 1 |
| Reinforcements at Div. Wing. | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Duty at Divisional Wing. | | | | 1 | 3 | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| Chaplains with <i>41 & 44</i> & Batmen <i>41, 42, 44</i> | 3 | 4 | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| <i>10 Bde HQ.</i> | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>43 Bn.</i> | | 2 | | | | 12 | | | | | | |
| <i>Range W. yards.</i> | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| <i>4th Bn. 1st Bn.</i> | | | | 5 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| <i>Bde NCO School</i> | | | | 31 | | | | 1 | 14 | 1 | 14 | 2 |
| <i>" Sig "</i> | | | | 53 | | | | 2 | 28 | 2 | 23 | |
| <i>41 Bn</i> | 4 | 24 | 3 | 164 | 25 | 17 | 1 | 5 | 70 | 4 | 89 | 4 |
| DETAILS OF COLUMN 3 :- | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corps Duties. | | | | 20 | | | | | | 3 | 2 | |
| Detention. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| "K" Labour Company. | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| Brigade Dump, <i>DESVRES. PEROTINE</i> | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| <i>APPO London.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| <i>L. Corro HQ.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leave. | 1 | 5 | 1 | 39 | 1 | | | 3 | 19 | 3 | 24 | 8 |
| A.W.L. | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | |
| Duty at schools. | | | | 6 | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Attending Schools. | | | | 5 | 35 | | | 7 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 1 |
| TOTAL. | 1 | 5 | 6 | 101 | 1 | | | 10 | 39 | 7 | 46 | 9 |

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TOTAL.

WAR DIARY

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|-------|---|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1918 | October 1 st to 31 st | | <p>Battery disposed amongst the Battalions prepared to assist in assault. The line occupied by us - in the Hindenberg line and adjacent to Bong. On the 2nd Oct. relieved in the line by the King's Royal Rifles, moved back into a Quarry near the village of Templeux-la-Guerard. On the 3rd marched from this Quarry and billeted in some trenches at Bouchy, near Tincourt. 4th inst remained the whole of this day resting in reserve. On the 5th inst travelled from Bouchy, by Light Railway to Peronne, leaving the latter place at about 4.30 p.m. Then travelled by train to Aircaines arriving at this place, about 10.30 p.m. From here we marched to our present billets in Warlus, where we arrived about mid-night. The 6th inst. was spent in cleaning up and arranging billets, also other necessary fatigue work. The billets in this area were found to be fairly comfortable. A general friendly feeling is being exhibited by the French residents, toward Australian troops, this being the first occasion on which members of the Australian Corps have been billeted here. On the 7th, 8th and 9th were spent in training. A daily programme of about 4 hours being covered. The afternoon of the 9th inst, being half-holiday many men visited Aircaines. The 10th & 11th training, carried out during the morning hours. This training consisted chiefly of Physical Training and Squad Drill. Afternoons were occupied with sports and games. On Saturday 12th a Route March had been set down, but owing to inclement weather was cancelled, and indoor training substituted. The weather cleared towards mid-day and as the afternoon was a 1/2 holiday passes were issued to a good many of</p> | |

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| | | | <p>The Battery permitting them to visit neighbouring villages. On Sunday 13th the only parade held was a Church Parade. The men marching to the neighbouring village of Tilly. 14th 15th & 16th training was carried out. Thursday 17th a route march of 9 miles was undertaken. On the 19th a thorough inspection by the G. C. B. of Brigade was carried out. Sunday 20th proved a wet disagreeable day and compelled the unit to remain in Billets. On Monday 21st training was carried out in the morning, men also being put through Gas Chambers. In the afternoon the Battery left Warlus and moved to Wetigny occupying billets previously held by the Transport lines of the 43rd Bata. On the 22nd men marched to Allery for bath. The afternoon being spent in games. On the 23rd training carried out chiefly consisting of the ranging of the Mortars. On the 24th Battery moved out at 9.30 a.m. on a route march, passing through the villages of Allery and Beaucourt. Friday the 25th morning spent in training - firing with dummies. In the afternoon cricket match was played between right & left half Batterys. Saturday a portion of the morning was spent in training, balance in cleaning up of equipment. Lieut Ashton proceeded to Aust. Corps School to witness a display of Mortars. Sunday the 27th the morning the Battery went on Church Parade, in the afternoon the majority visited neighbouring villages. Monday the 28th training in the morning, in the afternoon cricket. Also a number of men assisted the local farmers in picking potatoes. Tuesday the Battery marched to Allery to the baths. The afternoon teams indulged in cricket. Wednesday & Thursday 30th & 31st training in the morning. The afternoon respectively spent in sport. On the 30th the O.C. visited a display of physical training at Beaucourt.</p> | |

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pan. to Aust. War Museum.

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October 30th, 1918.

My dear General,

Many thanks for yours of 25th. I have already forwarded the name of the Company Commander for the M.C. and your letter will serve excellently as a support if not too late.

I am now out of the line refitting, re-organizing and waiting for reinforcements.

I had my last "go" in that Le Cateau battle which started on the 17th was working with British Divisions. Yanks on my left, and French on my right! got on pretty well in spite of the fog, and gained about 4000 yards or **50** - if your boys had been with me we would have gone 40,000 yards!! I've come to the conclusion that the place to be is in the centre of the Australian Corps, when you can have 'em on your right and left, in front and behind, and all round you all the time - that's the business!

Sorry to say I'm miles from your Army now, am with another Brigade with the 1st Army.

However the War looks like finishing early now, doesn't it?

Remember me very kindly to General Mc Clegan and Laverack and all the other friends.

The best months of my 4 years out here, were those I spent with the Australians - Honest!

Yours sincerely

(sig) D BINGHAM.

Note:-

Copy of a letter sent to Brig. Gen. Cannon, G.O.C. 11th A.S. Bde. Original is held in the War Museum as a relic

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*Shelley
Chief Librarian*



REPORT ON THE ST. QUENTIN CANAL.

1. SOURCES OF SUPPLY.

This canal was built to connect the canalised river ESCAUT with the SOMME Canal, which it joins at ST. SIMON. It then continues south to meet the SAMBRE - OISE Canal at FARGNIER (west of LA FERRE), and the OISE - AISNE Canal south-west of CHAUNY.

In its upper reaches north of ST. QUENTIN the Canal is supplied with water from three sources.

- (a) The ESCAUT river at LE BOSQUET. North of this point the Canal merges into the ESCAUT Canal.

(NOTE ON THE ESCAUT. - This river rises at 62B., A.18.d. and flows past GUY and LE CATELET to near VENDHUILLE and thence north alongside the Canal till it is itself canalised at LE BOSQUET. East of the "Sources de l'ESCAUT" there is the so-called Canal des TORRENS, shown running through an artificial cutting from east of BEAUREVOIR. It is not navigable, and the cutting seems intended to contain one of the "riots" or torrents common in the CAMBRAI area in wet weather. The banks are solid and strengthened by masonry at points. It is reported to be 2 to 3 metres wide and 2 metres deep when full. Soft ground must be looked for along the ESCAUT near LE CATELET.

- (b) The sources du Souterrain or springs issuing from the Canal Bottom in the BELLICOURT- VENDHUILLE Tunnel.

- (c) A Canal feeder which enters the canal at LESDINS and supplies it with water from the OISE River, and from the NOIRIEU stream (above LESQUIELLES). The feeder syphons under the OISE Canal and is regulated by a dam at VADENCOURT. It is also known as the RIGOLE DE L'OISE (or DU NOIRIEU). For 14 kilometres of its course from the OISE to LESDINS it runs underground. At LESDINS it is 10 metres wide and 2.2 metres deep. At other points it is from 6 to 8 metres wide, and from 1.2 to 1.8 metres deep. These measurements do not include the sloping banks.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE CANAL.

The flow of water is from north to south. The difference in water level, amounting to 9 metres, between BELLICOURT and the ST. QUENTIN bridge is allowed for by five locks (all below LESDINS).

South of BELLICOURT the Canal emerges at RIQUEVAL from the long tunnel into a cutting, which gradually decreases in depth on approaching RIQUEVAL Farm bridge at G.22.d.

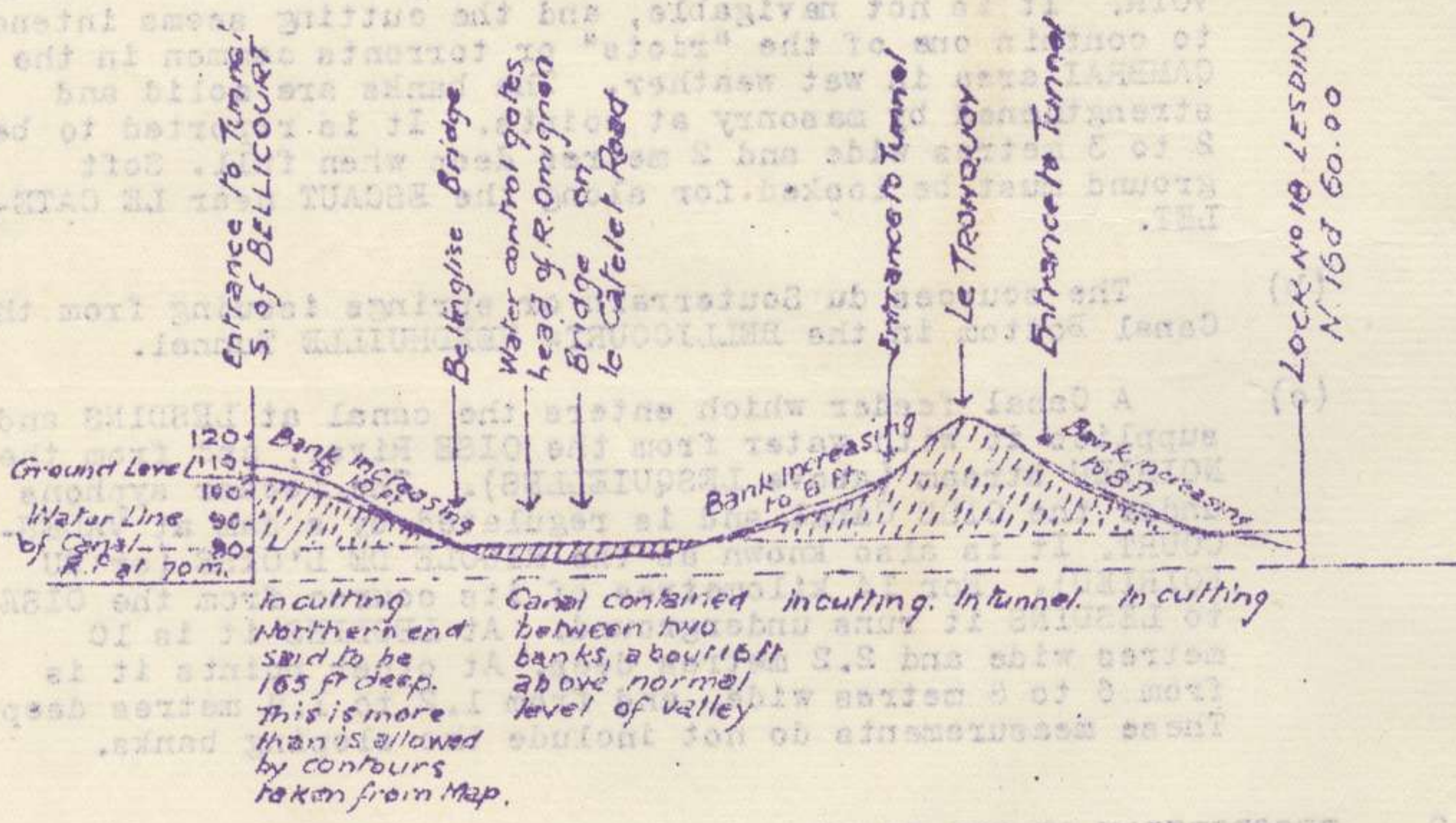
(Note. Along both sides of the Canal a bank has been thrown up to a height of about 10 ft. at the tunnel entrance decreasing towards RIQUEVAL Farm bridge).

Thence onwards the Canal is contained between banks as far as the LEHAUCOURT Bridge. At BELLENGLISE these banks are 16-17 feet above the normal water level of the area. The maximum height is at the control gate by which water is let through a sluice into the OMIGNON Valley.

Southwards from the LEHAUCOURT Bridge the Canal enters an ever-deepening cutting till it disappears into a tunnel under the LE TRONQUOY Ridge. The Canal re-emerges in a cutting which gradually decreases in depth till it reaches N.16.a.5.9. Thence southwards past the LESDINS Bridge as far as N.22.d. the water is practically flush with the adjacent country. Towards the OMISSY Bridge the Canal is slightly banked up, i.e., it runs between dykes as it approaches each lock. It is above the level especially of the SOMME marshes on its eastern side.

An ideal longitudinal section of the canal is given in Sketch 1.

NOTE. At both ends of the tunnel, banks have been thrown up along the sides of the canal to maximum height of 10 and 6 feet at the northern and southern ends respectively.

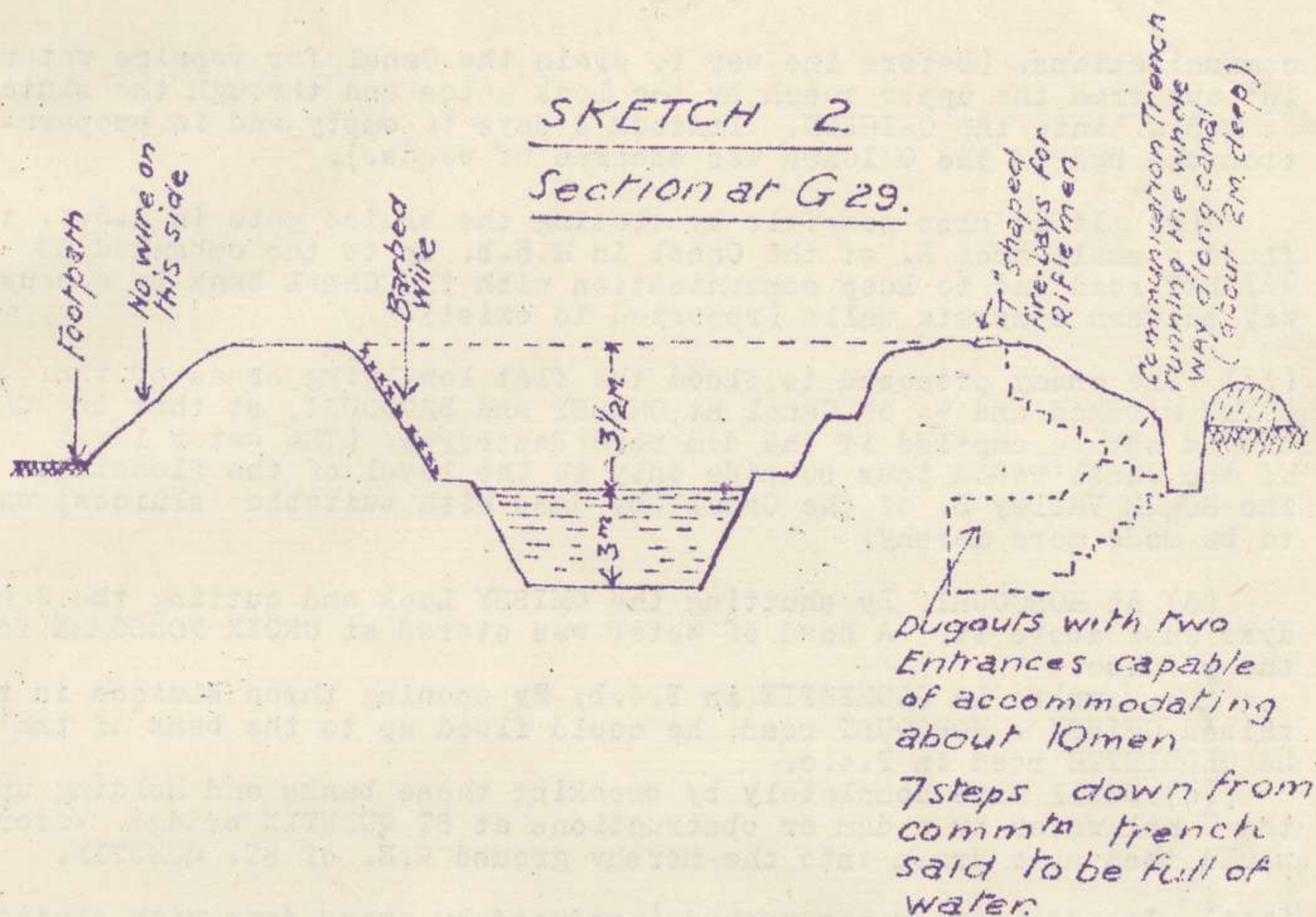


DESCRIPTION OF THE CANAL.

3. DIMENSIONS OF THE CANAL.

Average width at surface 59 feet.
 " " at bottom 32 feet.10"
 Depth 6½ feet.

There is a towpath on both banks in the cuttings and on one side at least in the tunnels. The locks can hold barges 35 m. long by 5 m. wide. A latitudinal section of the Canal cutting at G.29, north of BELLENGLISE seems to be as given in Sketch 2.



4. PO SSIBILITIES OF FLOODING.

To preserve the Canal as a front line obstacle, the enemy proposed according to a captured scheme of defence, to carry out the following work (since executed).

(1) The locks at MORCOURT and LESDINS were blockéd up with cement and sacks full of sand. Further obstructions were provided for by sinking barges loaded with sand and cement, e.g. at the entrances of the tunnel. In each tunnel two dams were to be built and others on each side of BELLENGLISE to prevent the whole Canal being emptied, should the banks be destroyed at BELLENGLISE.

(a) Note.- The enemy made three cuts closed by coffer dams in the W. bank near BELLENGLISE (according to a captured map at M.5.a. 1.7, M.5.a.3.5. and G.34.d.5.7.). At M.5.a. the 80 metre contour touches the Canal, the normal water level of which is 83.72 metres. But by these cuts only a local flooding in G.34.d., M.4.b.5.a. is possible, as the 85 metre contour closely approaches the Canal. The enemy recognises that this local flooding on W. side of the Canal soon drains away and cannot be regarded as a permanent obstacle. (Note.- The area so flooded nearly coincides with the thin belt of land W. of the Canal.)

(b) The enemy built a dam across the OMIGNON at M.4.b. If this dam and the coffer dams at BELLENGLISE were destroyed the upper reach of the Canal would drain into the already marshy OMIGNON Valley. As the breach would be large it would take only half a day to empty and the OMIGNON would be sufficiently swollen to obstruct our lateral

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communications. (Before the war to drain the Canal for repairs water was let out from the upper reach by the lock gates and through the sluice at M.5.a. into the OMIGNON. It took 4 days to empty and in preparation the bed of the OMIGNON was cleared of weeds.)

(c) It is also possible by closing the sluice gate in M.5.a. to flood a small area E. of the Canal in M.5.b. up to the embanked LE CATELET road and to keep communication with the Canal bank by a causeway between concrete walls (reported to exist).

(ii) The enemy proposed to flood the flat low-lying areas of the SOMME marshes and W. of Canal at OMISSY and BROCCOURT, so that the Canal should not be emptied if the dam were destroyed. (The water level of the Canal would thus subside only to the level of the flooding). The SOMME Valley S. of the Canal (by dams with suitable sluices) was to be made more marshy.

(a) At MORCOURT. By shutting the OMISSY Lock and cutting the Canal dyke just above it. A head of water was stored at CROIX FONSOMME for the purpose.

(b) Down to LA GLORISTTE in T.4.b. By opening three sluices in the raised OMISSY - MORCOURT road, he could flood up to the bank of the LA GLORISTTE road in T.4.c.

(c) Still more completely by breaking these banks and holding up the Canal water by a dam or obstructions at ST QUENTIN bridge. Water would then also drain into the marshy ground N.E. of ST. QUENTIN.

(iii). In addition swampy ground (produced by enemy dams with sluices) may be anticipated between VENDHUILLE and HORMECOURT, and the valley of the ESCAUME, in which the canal runs, can also probably be flooded (to the extent of increasing the area of soft ground) with no more difficulty than further South. The soft ground west of the Canal between OSMUS Wood and Canal Wood is also defended by thin belts of wire. There are 5 or 6 sluices at VENDHUILLE filled up with concrete.

5. THE TUNNELS.

As originally designed in 1769 the Canal was to run by a direct underground tunnel over 13 kilometres long from LE TRONQUOY to VENDHUILLE. A million francs were spent on making a gallery from LE TRONQUOY to NAUROY, but this scheme was abandoned in 1802 and work was carried on as now with only two isolated tunnels at LE TRONQUOY and BELLICOURT. Napoleon visited the RIQUEVAL Section in 1810.

NOTE. - When abandoned this original tunnel was 4 metres broad by 12 metres high. Signs of a few ventilating shafts are reported to remain about MAGNY and ETRICOURT, and a staircase down to water-level near NAUROY in G.12.c; the enemy made efforts to find it but failed. A recent report however, by the deputy of ST. QUENTIN gives the line of an old souterrain BELLICOURT - NAUROY - ETRICOURT - LESBOUCOURT - LE TRONQUOY, with an entrance near BELLICOURT square. This souterrain 40 m. deep, was discovered in 1880, when the wells of NAUROY Sucrerie were being dug. From these wells the BELLICOURT exit and the vicinity of LESDINS Sucrerie can be reached. The Deputy thinks it is likely the enemy found it and cleared it for use, as it forms a shelter 7 kilometres long, and 3 metres high and broad. He says the LE TRONQUOY part was much worked on by thousands of Russian and Rumanian prisoners. (This last probably refers to the known southern tunnel at LE TRONQUOY).

The BELLICOURT Tunnel runs for 5.7 kilometres at a depth underground varying from 15 to 20 metres. It is 10 m. wide at the top by 12 metres at water level, and strongly built of masonry. A towpath runs all along the eastern side and another along at least part of the tunnel on the west side. There are reported to be air holes every 300 metres

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and also chambers cut in the walls.

Early in 1918 there were 25 barges in the tunnel north of the BELLICOURT block in G.16.a. used for billets: according to recent prisoners these barges are now broken up or sunk. There are foot-bridges across the water bed.

Prisoners in 1917 stated that there were four or five approach galleries about 30 metres apart with entrances (30 or 40 steps down) on the W. side of the road about G.10.c.3.5. The location of these lateral galleries is fixed by captured German maps which show a gallery from G.10.c.7.6. to exit at G.10.c.1.6. and other entrances at G.10.c.75.45., G.16.a.80.85., G.10.a.70.25 and G.10.a.84.53, of galleries leading down to the tunnel. Some of these are discernible on photographs. The German map also shows 3 galleries into the Canal cutting just south of RIQUEVAL - exits at G.16.b.1.3., G.16.b.18.23 and G.16.d.22.88. (in addition a prisoner reports another exit in a cellar of a villa at G.10.2.30.55, and that the shaft at G.10.c.45.60, has an exit on the BELLICOURT Road).

These galleries are confirmed by maps and by a prisoner of an Electric Power Company whose engine was in one of the chambers cut in the east wall of the tunnel at BELLICOURT.

No German map is available for the main length of the tunnel north of BELLICOURT to near VENDHUILLE. According to prisoners' statements in 1917 there were 15 underground galleries leading from the GOUY - BELLICOURT Road into the tunnel. These would enable to enter or leave the tunnel unobserved. As far as can be gathered from a recent prisoner, he emerged from one of these lateral galleries close to the GOUY - BELLICOURT Road at G.22.c. There is little trace of such exit on photographs as they are camouflaged with brush wood. According to a prisoner there are about 9 such galleries from the tunnel between BELLICOURT and BONY.

Apart from the air shafts shown along the tunnel, there is a series of dugouts cut into the east bank of the long spoil heap which runs above ground over the line of the tunnel. It does not seem likely that these dugouts lead down into the tunnel, as the latter is 15 to 50 metres below.

It is possible that there are also galleries leading west from the tunnel to exits shown along the HINDENBURG support line.

NOTE:-(In case of an attack by our troops across the GOUY - BELLICOURT tunnel, it would be of the most extreme importance (a) for the HINDENBURG support line to be garrison throughout the length running from A.9.d. - 15.b. and d. - 21.b. and d. - 27.b. and d. - G.3.b. and d. 9.b. and 10.c; (b) for the dugouts along the top of the tunnel to be mopped up (c) for the entrance along the GOUY - BELLICOURT road to be searched for and guarded. These measures would be necessary in order to prevent the enemy from emerging from the tunnel in rear of our men and cutting them off.)

There is a block ("SPUNDWAND") at each entrance of the tunnel. These blocks are described by a prisoner as thick ferro-concrete, containing an upper chamber over the waterway with a platform. The blocks are provided with slits for two machine guns to command the entrance of the tunnel; also with a ventilating shaft containing an electric fan. The centre block in G.4.c. under BELLICOURT appears to be similar, but with no machine gun openings. The blocks fill the entire tunnel from the water level to the roof, and are passed by means of a door on the tow path (see sketch below). There is a large concrete machine gun nest at S. entry to tunnel at N.W. corner of the cutting (G.16.a.7.6.), and there are other M.G. emplacements here to enfilade the open canal.

For BELLICOURT and the RIQUEVAL tunnel

II. The LE TRONQUOY Tunnel.

This tunnel runs for 1.1 km. at LE TRONQUOY under Hill 127. On the ground above the tunnel passes the LEHAUCOURT - LES DINS road on an embankment gradually dwindling towards each end of the tunnel.

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There are reported to be 30 chambers cut in the walls of the tunnel at regular intervals and connected by a passage. Barges here are also said to have been used for billets and ammunition.

A captured German map (1/5,000) gives accurately the lateral galleries to this tunnel. Entrances are marked at N.2.d.05.30, N.2.d.35.25, N.9.a.03.58 and N.9.a.3.3. of four short galleries leading into the tunnel. These entrances coincide with holes or dugouts clearly visible on photographs. No tracks lead up to these, and it is probable they are only used as emergency exits. In addition map also shows a long lateral gallery with entrance (from a dugout known to exist) in FLECHE WOOD, N.3.c.4.7. and leading to the tunnel at N.8.b.1.8 and further W. exit in a trench dugout at N.8.b.2.3. near TRANCHE WOOD.

This map confirms previous prisoners' statements describing the tunnel as having 6 lateral galleries branching east at intervals of 200 yards. There is also apparently a communication from above by shafts 20 feet by 10 feet.

III. The BELLENGLISE Galleries.

(a) MAGNY Tunnel.

A captured German map shows a tunnel running from the eastern edge of the wood in G.36.a. to the northern outskirts of BELLENGLISE at G.35.c.25.85., with another entry from the BELLICOURT road at G.35.b.10.13.

The prisoners of the Electric Power Coy. mentioned above described this tunnel in Feb., 1918 as 1½ metres broad and 2 metres high, with 4 additional exits in BELLENGLISE close to Church at G.34.d.90.85, G.35.c.08.53, G.35.c.10.75 and G.35.c.14.72. These galleries enter the main tunnel at about G.35.c.25.85. A prisoner could also locate one at G.35.a.10.33, which led to the Starkstrom Kommande Station supplying electric light to the tunnel. This last named location is doubtful.

It is certain that the tunnel goes further east than the point marked on the map (G.35.b.) and that it emerges near MAGNY. In February 1918 prisoner could not definitely locate it, but it was near the cross roads at H.25.a.30.25. A Pioneer prisoner states that on September 18th 1918 his company and an infantry regiment used this tunnel from MAGNY. The entrance is apparently about H.31.a.6.8 (where photographs show a dugout in a trench) and the tunnel, which is not quite straight, runs for over 2 kilometres via BELLENGLISE to about 100 yards of the canal. It is revetted with wood, and there are a series of 16 dugouts as well as a trench tramway, inside the tunnel. Traffic is facilitated by switch tunnels which are also provided with dugouts.

Prisoner in Feb. 1918 stated that the tunnel contained a dressing station, canteen and a kitchen. One battalion was quartered here in reserve and at least another could be put in. There were several air shafts and an electric fan.

(b) In addition, a previous prisoner stated that there were at BELLENGLISE two straight approach galleries to the Canal about 35 m. apart with entrances on W. side of road at G.34.d.95.90. The galleries were 40 m. long, 1.8 m. high and 1.8 m. broad, revetted with wooden frames.

6. QUARRIES.

The Quarry in G.16.d. contains important accommodation for troops, including, in the northern face, a gallery capable of holding at least a battalion. This gallery has three entrance shafts and 3 large rooms. There are also 2 large dugouts in the W. face side by side and several in the eastern face, probably capable of holding a large number of men. They are used to be two anti-aircraft machine guns

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emplaced near the dugouts in the W. face. The North-eastern corner contained a large dugout, then used as Regimental Battle H.Q. There was a Battalion H.Q. in the dugouts shown on the 1/10,000 map at G.22. b.55.85.

NOTE. - This quarry is of great tactical importance. Its garrison is undoubtedly intended to attack our troops in flank should they succeed in crossing the Canal tunnel south of BELLICOURT. Its importance is referred to in the HINDENBURG defence scheme.

7. BRIDGES.

Bridges exist as indicated on the maps and fully described in topographical reports. In addition, there are many footbridges at short intervals along the Canal.

The bridges occur at narrowings of the Canal, and are raised about 3 to 4 metres above the water level. They are nearly all fixed iron bridges on stone foundations, many as at BELLENGLISE and LEHAUCOURT having two spans (20 metres long). The PONT de RIQUEVAL at G.22.d., however, is of solid masonry, and so is the ST. QUENTIN Bridge (double-arched, with stone pier in centre of Canal. In addition there are bridges over the river SOMME E. of the Canal at ST. QUENTIN, MORCOURT and ROUVROY.

8. PRESENT CONDITION OF CANAL.

The Canal is now practically empty between the locks in HONNECOURT and from the lock in S.13.d. to the northern end of the tunnel near LE CATELET. South of the lock, in S.13.d. to VENDHUILLE the water consists mainly of small pools. The bottom appears very muddy. The existence of bridges over the channel E. of the Canal N. of VENDHUILLE without corresponding bridges over the Canal itself would indicate that the bed is passable for foot traffic at certain points.

9. TRENCHES: The SIEGFRIED Stellung.

The enemy chose the line of the Canal to take advantage of the latter as a natural obstacle. But there is much evidence that from BELLICOURT to ST. QUENTIN the original scheme was not quite maintained. He at first chose the E. bank as his main line of resistance and proceeded to sink shafts at frequent intervals from the top of the east bank to connect with dugouts which would again connect with a circulating trench running under the lee of the bank. A support line was planned 150 yards behind this on the higher ground. Then, perhaps because the dugouts filled with water draining from the Canal, he abandoned the bank itself as his main line; the shafts were replaced by small fire bays at intervals, connected with the circulating trench (in recent photographs these fire bays appear neglected) He was now obliged to draw back his line to higher ground, in order to command ground otherwise dead.

This probably explains the series of holes, apparently purposeless, visible in some parts between the east bank and the present main HINDENBURG line. They represent the dugouts of a projected line not carried out (work was on the usual SIEGFRIED line principle, starting first on the dugouts).

Captured German secret maps of February, 1917 show in detail the HINDENBURG line as projected on that date, and as since executed.

The Canal obstacle was enhanced by wire on the inner side of the W. bank and by felling the trees and leaving the stumps interlaced with wire. The bridges are ready mined and the approaches defended by machine guns.

The HINDENBURG line as projected in 1917 was based on principles of defence since obsolete. It was executed on these principles even up to March, 1918, perhaps because the enemy felt reliance on its unusual strength and that it could not be attacked.

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The front line was provided with concrete dugouts at 40 or 50 yards interval: the captured maps show all the machine guns in the front and support lines, and the artillery not disposed in depth.

Modifications must now be expected in these directions.

But even for the HINDENBURG line the enemy was careful to keep a series of forward positions to deny observation and in 1918 did much work on outpost lines. These were strongly elaborated between PONTRUET and the bastion of the HINDENBURG Line enclosing the city of ST. QUENTIN.

Where the natural obstacle of the Canal is lacking, i.e. at the long tunnel between VENDHUILLE and BELLICOURT and the shorter LE TRONQUOY tunnel, the enemy organised particularly strong and well wired trenches in the form of a slight salient. The wire is particularly strong, the forward belt being in the form of triangles characteristic also of the DROCOURT - QUEANT line.

E. of VENDHUILLE the HINDENBURG line is drawn well back from the Canal and goes north past LA TERRIERE to rejoin the Canal at BANTOUZELLE. In this sector, also, the wire is of similarly strong character.

At BANTOUZELLE the system crosses the Canal, runs N.W. to MOEUVRES and QUEANT - now in our hands.

Work before March, 1918.

From January, 1918 a considerable amount of work was noticed on outpost lines, e.g. much wiring and work on trenches was done near OSSUS WOOD and in the PONTRUET - THORIGNY - ST. QUENTIN area. In the latter area there appeared a considerable number of wired-round strong points.

There was much activity on the repair of roads, the making of new military roads, especially at ITANCOURT and to the Canal bridges. New tramways were built and the enemy increased his footbridges and causeways and made several bridges for heavy traffic.

Recent work.

Since we again approached the HINDENBURG Line work on that system has not been so conspicuous as might be expected. On the 15th Sept. photographs showed various new lengths of trench: across the ridge E. of BELLENGLISE from G.29.c. to G.36.c., across KNOBKERRY RIDGE from G.24.c. to G.30.b.; from NAUROY at G.11.d. across the REQUEVAL ravine and BELLICOURT ridge to the tunnel at A.20.c. (with some gaps) to A.22.c.d.; along the LE CATELET - BELLICOURT road in A.25.c.16.b.; and along the Canal north of VENDHUILLE. Since then no new trenches have appeared but activity and work on trenches is visible, especially at BONY and BELLENGLISE. The work done has been noticeably slight in the LEHAUCOURT - LESDINS - ST. QUENTIN area. In general, however, the HINDENBURG Line was ready before and remained in good condition: the wire is excellent.

Little or no work has been recently done on back lines behind the HINDENBURG Line, e.g., the LE CATELET - NAUROY - MAGNY Line, a single trench with dugouts, not very heavily wired, and on the MANSUEBENS - BEAUREVOIR line, which is more heavily wired and consists of front and support trenches. Behind this is the WALINCOURT - AUDIGNY line, mostly merely traced.

On the other hand, the enemy evidently does not wish us to approach too close to the HINDENBURG Line, and he did a good deal of work on various outpost lines, e.g., GILLEMONT Farm - QUENNELMONT Farm. In particular the FLESNOY - FAYET Ridge was strongly organised with new trenches and considerable belts of wire.
