

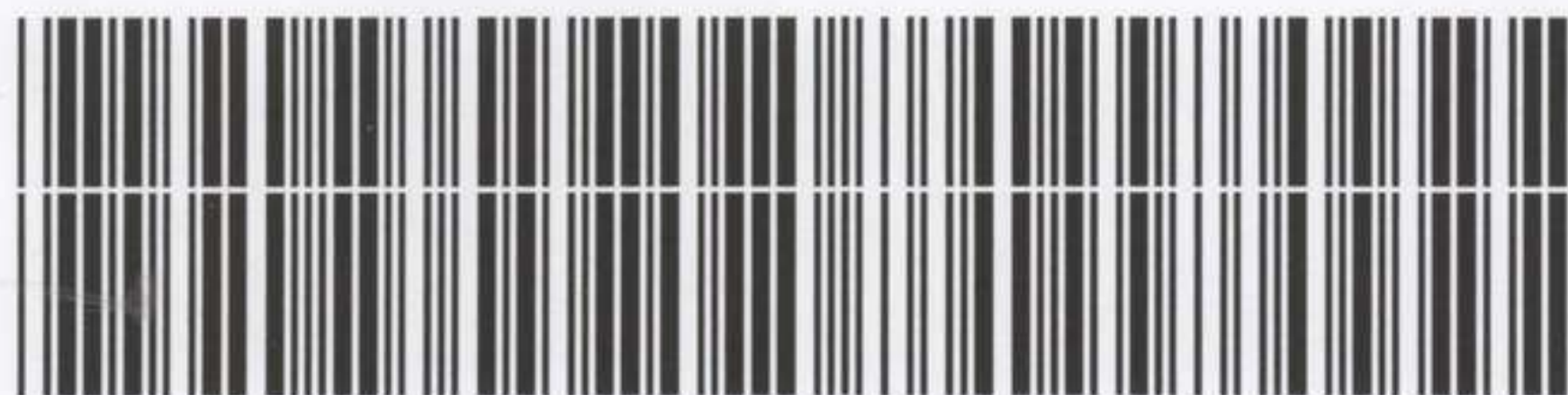
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
May BLANGY-TRONVILLE	1918 1st	"	Working party of 4 Officers & 200 men burying signal cable to forward Bde Hdqrs. Weather dull & misty	RC
"	2nd	"	Working party on same work as for 1st. same strength, weather fine & clear 2 boys moved to position in BOIS L'ABBE Sector of the AUBIGNY SWITCH trench as a nucleus garrison. Battalion H.Q. & 2 boys remaining at BLANGY-TRONVILLE.	RC
"	3rd	"	Weather fine & clear. The Battalion moved to support position near the Railway Station VILLERS-BRETTONEUX in rear of 49th & 50th Battalions. Companies were in position by 11-35 PM.	RC
BOIS L'ABBE	4th	"	Dispositions of Battalion at 8 AM attached & marked I. Quiet day very light hostile shelling of Bn Area weather fine & clear.	I RC
"	5th	"	Situation quiet light hostile shelling of Bn Area weather fine	
"	6th	"	Situation quiet weather fine during day fairly heavy rain at night.	RC
"	7th	"	Light hostile shelling of Bn Area, reconnaissance of front line occupied by 49th & 50th Battalions by Coy Commanders weather fine, party of 2 off	RC
	8th	"	~75 opanks carrying wire for use in front line.	
		"	Situation quiet, weather fine 1 off 50 opanks digging trench for power Buzzer.	RC
		"	1 off 50 opanks carrying wiring material to front line	



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May 0151 ABBE	1918 9 th	"	Situation quiet. weather fine. The Battalion relieved the 49 th Battalion on the front line. Relief complete at 12-30AM 52 nd Battalion on Right 48 th Battalion on left. Copy of Bn order no 62 attached & marked II	PC II
VILLERS-BRETTONEUX	10 th	"	Disposition of Battalion at 8AM attached & marked III, very light shelling by enemy of Bn Area, Reconnoitering & Protective Patrols out in front of our line during night nothing to report. 70 yards double apron wire entanglement erected on left Coy front. weather fine. Rations taken to S.W corner of VILLERS-BRETTONEUX by limbered wagons & then carried forward by carrying parties to Companies	III RC
" "	11 th	"	Quiet day, weather fine & clear. Fighting Patrol of 1 officer & 10 of ranks sent out in co-operation with a similar party from 52 nd Bn. Battalion order no 63 copy attached & marked IV. Reconnoitering patrols also sent out did not get in touch with enemy. Copy of Report of Fighting patrol operation is attached & marked V also Sketch of route taken	IV V RC
" "	12 th	"	Enemy shelling of VILLERS-BRETTONEUX & Battalion Area heavier than for last 2 days. weather fine, 80 yards of wire entanglement erected in front of left Company	PC
" "	13 th	"	Scattered hostile shelling over whole Battalion Area weather fine & clear. The Battalion was relieved by 13 th & 14 th Battalions, Relief was completed at 11-30 P.M.	



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May 1918 LIERS-BRETONNEUX 13 th	13 th	"	on Relief Battalion marched to Bellets in BLANCY-TRONVILLE copy of Battalion order No 64 is attached & marked VI. Sketch showing disposition of the Battalion from 1st to 14 th May 1918 attached & marked VII	VI RC VII
LANCY-TRONVILLE 14 th	14 th	"	Bathing parades, all ranks received change of clean underclothing, cleaning of Equipment & Clothing weather fine & clear.	RC
" 15 th	15 th	"	Company training from 9 A.M. to 12 noon Recreational parades from 2 P.M. majority of men bathing in SOMME CANAL weather warm & fine. Copy of daily strength return attached & marked VIII	RC VIII
" 16 th	16 th	"	Company Training Recreational & Bathing parades, weather warm & fine 9 officers & 189 of ranks transferred from 52 nd Battalion, taken on strength	RC
" 17 th	17 th	"	Reorganization of Companies. Foot inspection of all ranks by Bn medical officer, weather fine & warm. issue of clothing	RC
" 18 th	18 th	"	Company training & Recreational & Bathing parades. 1 Coy sent to position in the BOIS DE ABBE sector of AUBIGNY line, as nucleus garrison. weather fine.	RC
" 19 th	19 th	"	1 Coy AUBIGNY Switch trench. Presentation of medals & Ribbons to member 13 th Bde at GLISY by G.O.C. A.I.F. List of recipients from Battalion attached & marked VIII	RC VIII A



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
May 19 th	19 th			
LANCY-TRONVILLE	20 th	"	Battalion moved to LA-HOUSSEY trench system, Dispositions are attached, marked <u>IX</u> . <u>RC</u> <u>X</u>	
			Battalion Headquarters PONT NOYELLES. weather fine & clear ^{Copy of Battalion Order no 165 attached marked} <u>IX</u> <u>RC</u> <u>IX</u>	
PONT-NOYELLES	21 st	"	Training close order Lewis Gun, & Rifle Bombing Syllabus of training for week ending 25/5/18 copy attached & marked <u>XI</u> weather fine	<u>XI</u>
"	22 nd	"	Training as per syllabus weather fine	<u>RC</u>
"	23 rd	"	do do do	<u>RC</u>
"	24 th	"	Training as per syllabus. Bathing parades change of clean underclothing all ranks. Determination of blankets by Foden Lorry determinator.	
"	25 th	"	Morning; training as per syllabus. afternoon, Aquatic Sports held in lagoon near the Chateau at QUERRIEU by 13 th Aust Inf Bde. 51 st Battalion gaining highest aggregate of points & winning the G.O.C's trophy. weather fine	<u>RC</u>
"	26 th	"	Church Parades, General Sir W R Birdwood KCB KCSI. & G.O.C and Corps met C. Officers & 2nd in Command of units 13 th Bde at Bde Hqrs & bid them farewell on his leaving to take command of an Army.	<u>RC</u>
"	27 th	"	Training as per syllabus of training for week ending 1/6/18 copy which is attached & marked <u>XII</u>	<u>RC</u> <u>XII</u>

OR *RC*
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Meary NT-NOYELLES	1918 28 th	"	Draming as per syllabus, weather fine & clear.	RC
"	29 th	"	do do do	RC
"	30 th	"	- do do Reconnaissance of front line	RC
"			Sector held by 32 nd Aust Inf Battalion by C.O. & Coy Comdrs, arrangements made with C.O. 32 nd Bn for Relief on night 1 st /2 nd June 1918	
"	31 st	"	Draming as per syllabus, Brigade order for Relief of 8 th Aust Inf Bde by 13 th Aust Inf Bde received. advanced parties of 1 off & 3 N.C.O's per Coy sent forward into line with 32 nd Battalion, weather fine & warm. copy of Daily Strength Return as attached, marked XIII List of Casualties, & Reinforcements joined, for the month is attached & marked XIV List of Honours & rewards awarded to members of the Battalion during month of May is attached & marked XV	RC. <u>XIII</u> a <u>XIV</u> <u>XV</u> RC
			\$/6/18.	Rd Christie Lieut Col. Commanding 51st Battalion

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OF

51st. BATTALION, AIF.

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8 AM 4th. May 1918.

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51st. Battalion Disposition report.

Reference sheet 62D, S.W.
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Disposed as follows :-

Bn. H/Qrs. and R.A.P. 0.26.c.9.3.
One Coy. from Right at 0.35.d.1.4. to Left at 0.35.d.40.45.
Coy. H/Qrs. - 0.35.d.30.40.
One Coy. from Right at 0.35.d.90.35. to Left at 0.36.c.3.3.
Coy. H/Qrs. - 0.36.c.3.4.

R. Christie

Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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51st. BATTALION ORDER No. 62.

9th. May 1918.

Reference sheet 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.

RELIEF.

1. The Battalion will relieve 49th. Battalion in the line tonight, 9th. May 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS.

2. (a) "B" and "C" Coys. will take over sector held by Right Coy., "A" and "D" Coys. will take over sector held by Left Coy. of 49th. Battalion. 52nd. Battalion will be on the Right and 12. Aust. Inf. Bde. on the Left.
(b) Relief will commence at 10.00 p.m.
(c) O.C. Companies will make the necessary arrangements for guides from Companies of 49th. Battalion.
(d) Dress. Dress will be Fighting Order with W.P. Sheet and great-coat.

REPORTS.

3. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters in B.A.B. Code.
Disposition reports will be sent to Battalion Headquarters as soon as possible.

Gallbrech

Captain &

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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51st. Battalion,
10th. May 1918.

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Disposition report as at 8 a.m. 10/5/18.

Reference sheet 62D, S.W.
1/20.000.

Disposition as follows :-

Bn. H/Qrs. and R.A.P. 0.28.c.75.50.
Bn. O.P. - 0.36.c.30.60.
Bn. Dump. - 0.28.c.75.50.
Ration Dump 0.29.d.70.48.
Relay & Signal Station 0.36.c.30.60.

2 Companies in Front Line.

Right Coy. 2 Platoons Front Line.
1 do. Support.
Coy. H/Qrs. 0.36.c.30.60.

<u>Posts.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Garrison.</u>
No. 1.	0.36.c.4.1.	- 1 N.C.O., 5 men, 1 L.G.
" 2.	0.36.c.50.10.	- 8 men, 1 L.G.
" 3.	0.36.c.57.10.	1 Off - 7 men, 1 L.G.
" 4.	0.36.c.69.12.	- 6 men. -
" 5.	0.36.c.73.12.	- 6 men. -
" 6.	0.36.c.83.14.	- 1 N.C.O.. 7 men. 1 L.G.
" 7.	0.36.c.94.18.	- 1 N.C.O. 6 men. 1 L.G.
" 8.	0.36.c.94.20.	- 1 N.C.O. 6 men. 1 L.G.
" 9.	0.36.d.05.18.	- 5 men. -
" 10.	0.36.d.0.3.	- 1 N.C.O. 5 men. -

Support Platoon.

<u>Posts.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Garrison.</u>
No. 1.	0.36.c.5.3.	1 Off. - 10 A.Rs.
" 2. and 3.	(0.36.a.45.20	
	(to 0.36.a.52.28.	1 Off. - 21 O.Rs.

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Left Company.

2 Platoons Front Line.
1 " Support.

Coy. Headquarters - 0.36.c.60.95. 2 Offs. 8 O/Ranks.

<u>Posts.</u>	<u>Location.</u>		<u>Garrison.</u>	
No. 1.	0.36.c.80.45.	-	1 N.C.O.	6 men. 1 L.G.
" 2.	0.36.c.80.55.)	1 Off.	2 N.C.Os.	9 men. -
" 3.	0.36.c.80.55.)	-	1 N.C.O.	6 men. 1 L.G.
" 4.	0.36.c.80.60.	-	1 N.C.O.	7 men. 1 L.G.
" 5.	0.36.c.90.70.	1 Off.	1 N.C.O.	11 men. -
" 6.	0.36.d.00.90.	-	1 N.C.O.	13 men. 1 L.G.
" 8.	0.36.b.05.10.	1 Off.	-	12 men. 1 L.G.
" 9.	0.36.a.95.20.	-	1 N.C.O.	12 men. 1 L.G.

Support Platoon.

From Right at 0.36.a.50.00 to Left at 0.36.a.55.40.
Garrison - 1 Off. 25 O/Rs. 1 L.G.

R Christie Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion. AIF..

51st. BATTALION ORDER NO. 63.

reference sheet 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.

11th. May 1918.

INTENTION.

1. A Patrol of 1 Officer and 10 O/Ranks in conjunction with a similar patrol of the 52nd. Battalion will leave our trenches at Zero hour with the object of gaining identification of the enemy troops in sector opposite the Brigade Front.

INSTRUCTIONS.

2. (a) 2/Lieut. S.E. JOYCE and 10 O/Ranks from "B" and "C" Coys. in co-operation with Lieut. W.J. HALL and 10 O/Ranks of 52nd Battalion will carry out the operation.
 (b) Zero hour will be 12.30. a.m.
 (c) Our artillery will fire on line as shewn on attached sketch and will remain on "Barrage Starting Line" from Zero plus (2) two minutes, lifting at the rate of 100 yards per minute to "Standing Barrage Line" and remaining there to Zero plus 30 minutes. French artillery are co-operating on our Right.
 (d) 13th. L.T.M. Battery will co-operate and fire on the railway cutting 0.36.d. and enemy trench from U.6.b.3.9. to 0.36.d.5.2. and on building U.6.a.5.9. from Zero plus (1) one minute and then lift on enemy posts in U.5.b.
 (e). 13th. Machine Gun Coy. will assist by firing on road in U.6.b. and on wood in U.6.a. and b. from Zero plus 30 minutes.
 (f) The patrol will leave our trench at approx. 0.36.c.8.3, move to S.E. side of building at U.6.a.7.8. returning to our line at approx. 0.36.c.6.2. 52nd. Battalion patrol are leaving their line at 0.36.c.4.0. moving through U.6.a. and returning to trench at approx. U.5.b.8.9.
 (g) 2/Lieut. S.E. JOYCE will co-operate with Officer in charge of 52nd. Bn. patrol before moving out.

REPORTS.

3. Immediately patrol returns to our line the code word "FINISH" will be sent to Battalion Headquarters at once.
 A full report of the operation will be forwarded as soon as possible afterwards.

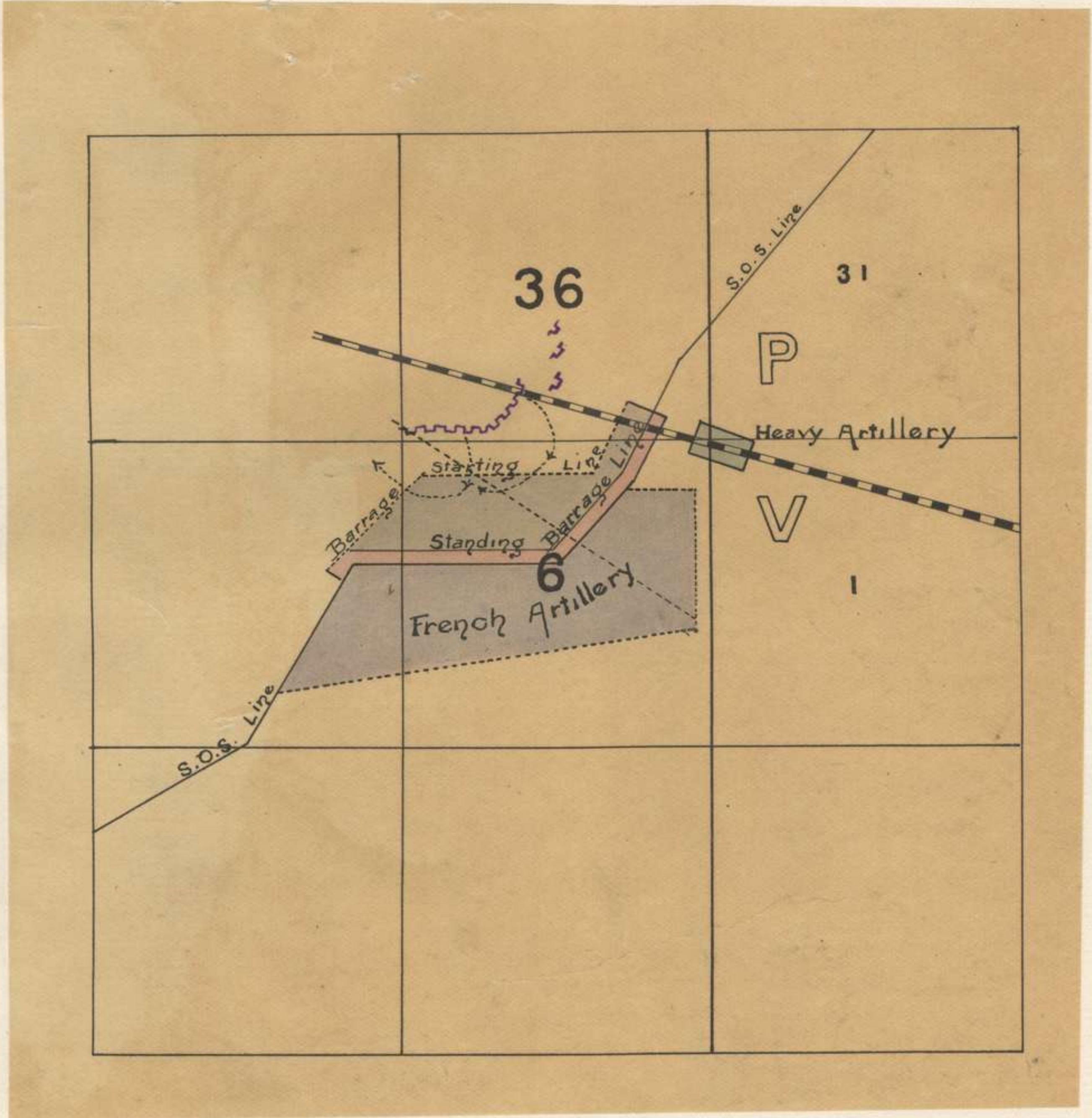
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Gallbrech

Captain &,

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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51st. Battalion,
12th. May 1918.

Headquarters,
13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Report on minor operations carried out by 51st. Battalion
on night of 11th/12th. May 1918.
Reference sheet 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.

1. In accordance with orders received from 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde, a patrol of 1 Officer (2/Lieut. S.E. JOYCE) and 10 O/Ranks moved out from our line with the intention of obtaining identification of enemy unit on front of our Sector, and searching the buildings situated at U.6.a.6.8.
2. At 12.33 a.m. the patrol moved from our trenches at 0.36.c.8.2. and moved to E. side of the buildings at U.6.a.6.8., and when within 30 yards of building Sgt. MAGEE with 3 was sent round the W. side of the building close to the road in U.6.a. and moving on thoroughly searched the building and ground in the vicinity of this side. 2/Lieut. JOYCE with remainder of party searched buildings and ground on E. side, and the two parties met at a point S.W. of the building approx. U.6.a.6.7. and advanced to approx. U.6.a.6.6. and returning again searched the buildings and ground but could find no trace of enemy or anything to show he had recently occupied these positions.
Route taken by the Patrol is shown on the attached sketch.
The Patrol returned to our line at approx. 0.36.c.7.2. Time. 12.55 a.m.
No casualties received.
3. Our Artillery Barrage was good but from Zero to plus 2 minutes a number of shells from 18 pounders hit our wire, which was about 150 yards short of "Barrage Starting Line". On moving forward a fairly even line of shooting was maintained.
Light trench mortars co-operated by firing on Railway Cutting 0.36.d. and enemy trench U.6.b.3.9. to 0.36.d.5.2. and from Zero to plus 1 minute on building at U.6.a.6.8., and buildings and wood U.6.a.central, also enemy posts in U.5.b. 150 Rounds were fired on these targets.
13th. Machine Gun Coy. assisted by firing on Road in U.6.b. and wood in U.6.a. 5.000 Rounds were fired by these guns.
4. Enemy action. At Zero plus 9 minutes a double "Red" flare was fired by the enemy from Right of Monument Wood about U.5.b.9.4., This Signal was repeated by single Red Flares for some distances behind enemy front line, seven distinct relays were observed. Two minutes after the double red flare was fired enemy artillery fired scattered Barrage over our front line positions; At Zero plus 8 minutes an enemy flare was fired on our right front at approx. U.6.a.3.4. and at the same time a Machine Gun opened fire from the same place, and plus 15 minutes another flare was fired from approx. U.6.a.9.7. and another Machine Gun opened fire. Both these machine guns fired across our front between front line and buildings the patrol visited in U.6.a.6.8., and continued firing during our artillery fire and after it ceased.

R. Christie

Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion. A.I.F.

PLAN shewing ROUTE taken by PATROL on the night of 11th/12th MAY.

Legend:-

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Enemy do. do.....
Route.....

51st. BATTALION.

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R. Christos Lieut. Col.
C.O. 51st Bn.

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51st. BATTALION ORDER No. 64.

Reference sheet 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.

12th. May 1918.

RELIEF.

1. The Battalion will be relieved in the Front Line on night of 13th/14th. May 1918 by the 13th. and 14th. Bns. On relief Battalion will move to BLANGY-TRONVILLE.

INSTRUCTIONS

2. (a) One Coy. of 14th. Bn. will relieve "B" and "C" Coys. 51st. Battalion from Right to Left as far as Railway Line at approx. O.36.c.85.30.
One Coy. 13th. Bn. will relieve Left Posts of "D" and "C" Coys. and whole "A" and "D" Coys.
(b) Guides for Right Coy. will be arranged between Company Commanders concerned.
O.C. "A" and "D" Coys. will send (5) five guides to Bn. Headquarters before dawn on morning X 13th. May where they will remain and guide relieving Coys. at night. They will report fully equipped.
(c) Relief will commence about 9.45 p.m.
(d) Lewis Guns and Magazines will be carried to Bn. Headquarters and there loaded on G.O. Limbered Wagons.
(e). Dress Fighting Order with W.P. Sheets and greatcoat.

REPORTS.

3. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters in B.A.B. Code.

Galbreath Captain &
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion..

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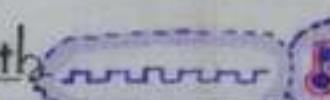

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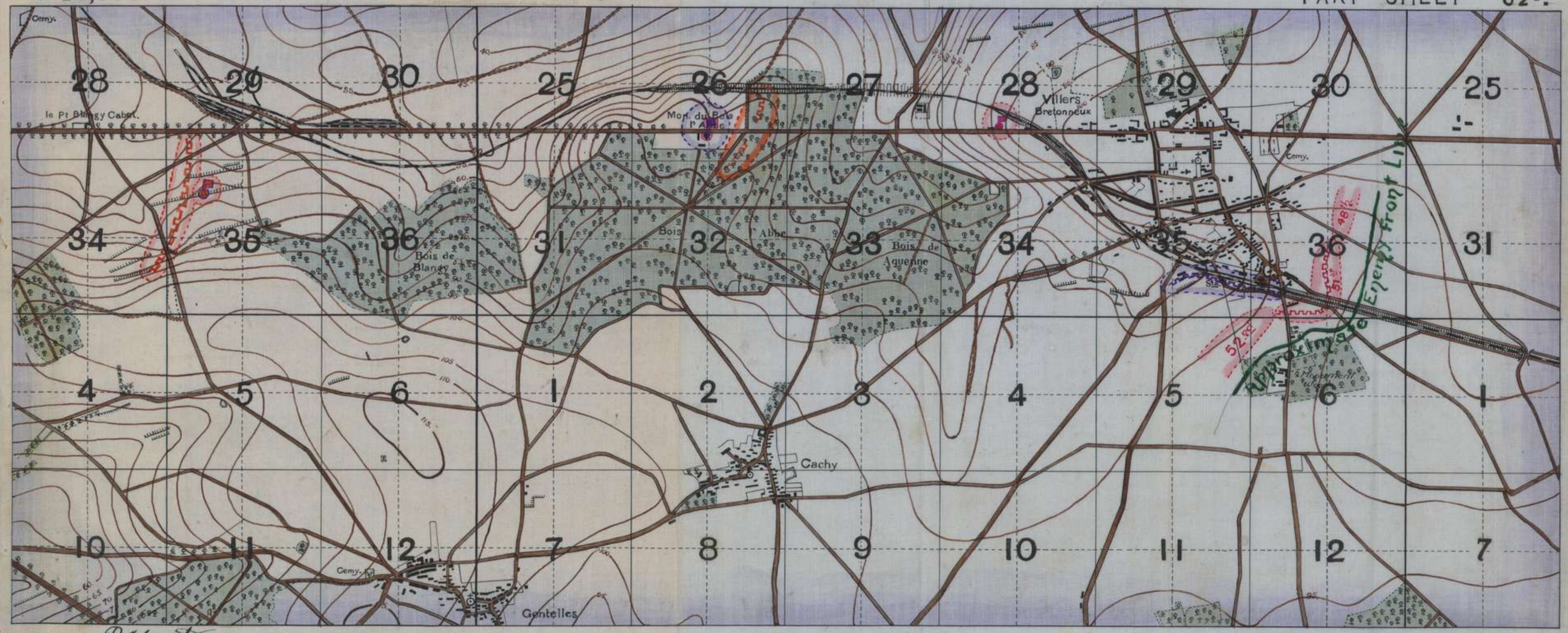
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R. Christie LI. COL. C.O. 51st Bn.

Q.M. & T.R. 20-5-18.

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51st. Battalion.

Daily Strength Return.

15th. May 1918.

Daily Strength Return.						15th. May 1918.									
Actually with Unit.		Attached.		In Hospital.		Leave.		Tempy. Detached.						Totals.	
								Schools.		Bde. Duties.		Other Duties.			
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
25	482	1	18	3	29	-	4	-	2	-	17	-	8	29	560

ARRIVALS. Nil.

DEPARTURES. 1 O/Rank to Hospital.

R Christie Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion.

*Original*51st. Battalion.
31st. May 1918.*app VIII A*

The undermentioned men were presented with Medals and Medal Ribbons by the Corps Commander on 19th. May 1918 at N.20.a.8.2., sheet 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.

MEDALS.

2272 CSM. Rosendell,	C.W.	2034 Pte. Hall,	W.
4585 Pte. Smith,	I.L.	5037 L/Cpl Anderson,	T.
3900 " Grabham,	J.F.	1960 Pte. Langdon,	W.
3220 " Wilkes,	H.	2690 " McLennan,	G.

MEDAL RIBBONS.

3184 Cpl. Whitmore,	W.T.	5132 Pte. Laird,	W.M.
2463 Sgt. Runnercliffe,	J.W.	2447 " Cotterill,	L.C.
5131 Cpl. Lade,	C.A.	3132 " Douglas,	C.R.
26 " Scougall,	J.		

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APPENDIX

51st. BATTALION ORDER NO. 65.

Reference sheet 62D. 1/40.000.

20th. May 1918.

RELIEF.

1. The 51st. Battalion will be relieved from the Reserve Area in BLANGY-TRONVILLE by the 43rd. Battalion today, 20th. instant. On relief the Battalion will move to the LA HOUSOY Line.

INSTRUCT-
IONS.

2. (a) "A" Coy. will occupy trenches from I.19.c.8.0. to I.7.b.9.3.
"C" Coy. will occupy trench from I.7.b.9.3. to C.21.c.central
"B" Coy. will be in support to "A" Coy. "D" Coy. will be in support to "C" Coy.
Battalion Headquarters - PONT NOYELLES.
(b) Order of March - H/Qrs. "C", "A", "B", "D" Coys.
(c) Starting Point - TRONVILLE CHATEAU.
(d) Time - 3.45 p.m.
(e) Route - Bridge N.W. of TRONVILLE CHATEAU-VEQUEMONT - DAOURS - Road Junction I.19.c.7.7.
(f) Movement - The Bn. will move with 50 yards between Platoons and 100 yards between Companies.
(g) Loading - Lewis Guns, Signalling gear, picks and shovels will be loaded at 1.30 p.m. in square in front of the Church.
(h) Dress - Marching order without blankets. Felt hats will be worn.

TRANSPORT.

3. G.S. Limbers, Cookers, Mess Cart and Maltese Cart will be ready to move from BLANGY-TRONVILLE at 2.30 p.m.

REPORTS.

4. When Companies are in position they will at once notify Battalion Headquarters, and stating dispositions.

Gallbrech

Captain &.

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion..

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APPENDIX. *X**Original**amp ~~EX~~ X*Disposition of 51st. Battalion as at 8 a.m. ^{21st} ~~24th~~ May 1918.Reference sheet 62D. 1/40.000.

Bn. H/Qrs.	H.17.b.9.5.
"A" Company.	I.19.a.8.8. to I.8.a.8.8.
Coy. H/Qrs.	I.7.d.9.0.
"B" Company.	I.13.c.
Coy. H/Qrs.	I.13.c.2.4.
"C" Company.	I.8.a.8.8. to C.21.b central.
Coy. H/Qrs.	C.26.d central.
"D" Company.	C.26.a.
Coy. H/Qrs.	C.26.d.5.9.

R Christy

Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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51st. Battalion,
22nd. May 1918.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 25/5/18.

Day	9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 12 noon.	Remarks.
Wednesday 22nd.	Fitting and wearing of equipment in Fighting Order. Platoon Close Order Drill.	Musketry, Rapid Loading. Fire Control and Fire Discipline.	Platoon in extended order drill, practice correct methods of breaking down into section columns and then to line.	"B" Coy. Lewis Gunner and Rifle Bombers for instruction by L.G.O. and B.O.
Thursday 23rd.	As for 22nd.	Musketry, Rapid Loading. Description & Recognition of targets. Fire Orders	As for 22nd.	"A" Coy. Lewis Gunners & Rifle Bombers for instruction by L.G.O. and B.O.
Friday 24th.	As for 22nd.	Musketry, Rapid Loading, use of ground and judging distance.	Coy. in extended Order, breaking down to lines of platoons, Section Columns and Line.	"C" Coy. Lewis Gunners & Rifle Bombers for instruction by L.G.O. and B.O.
Saturday 25th.	As for 22nd.	As for 24th.	As for 24th.	"D" Coy. Lewis Gunners & Rifle Bombers for instruction by L.G.O. and B.O.

Route Marches of not less than 4 miles will be carried out by Companies commencing at 2.30 p.m.

22nd. May 1918 - "B" Company.

24th. May 1918. - "D" Company.

23rd. " " - "A" " 9 a.m. 25th. " " - "C" "

Afternoons from 2 p.m. will be devoted to Recreational Parades, issue of and repairs to clothing and boots by Companies not routine marching, also swimming parades may be arranged. One Company only to be absent from sector at same time. Times will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders.

Dress - Dress for all Parades will be "Fighting Order". Felt hats will be worn.

Signallers and Runners will carry out training under Bn. Sig. Officer from 9 a.m. to 12 noon daily.

At least 10 minutes on the first hours parade each day will be devoted to instruction in saluting.

G. Albrecht

Captain &,

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 1/6/18.

Day	9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	10 a.m. to 12 noon.	Remarks.
Monday 27th.	Instruction in Lewis Gun, Bombing & Rifle Grenades under supervision of Platoon Comdrs.	Tactical Schemes by Platoons. Coy. Comdrs. will instruct Platoon Comdrs as to the work they want them to carry out.	"A" Coy. Lewis Gunners & Rifle Bombers for instruction by L.G.O. and B.O.
Tuesday 28th.	As for 27th.	As for 27th.	"B" Coy. Lewis Gunners & Rifle Bombers for instruction by L.G.O. and B.O.
Wednesday 29th.	As for 27th.	Tactical Schemes by Companies. Same to be decided on by C.O.	"C" Coy. Lewis Gunners & Rifle Bombers for instruction by L.G.O. and B.O.
Thursday 30th.	As for 27th.	As for 29th.	"D" Coy. Lewis Gunners & Rifle Bombers for instruction by L.G.O. and B.O.
Friday 31st.	As for 27th.	As for 29th.	"A" Coy. Lewis Gunners & Rifle Bombers for instruction by L.G.O. and B.O.
Saturday 1st.	Bayonet Fighting.	Inspection and checking of kit.	

Route Marches of not less than 6 Miles will be carried out by Companies commencing at 2 p.m.
 27th. May 1918 - "A" Company. 28th. May 1918. - "B" Company.
 29th. " " - "C" " 30th. " " - "D" "

Afternoons from 2 p.m. will be devoted to Recreational Parades, issue of and repairs to clothing and boots by Companies not route marching, also swimming parades may be arranged. One Company only to be absent from sector at same time. Times will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders.

Dress - Dress for all Parades will be "Fighting Order", Felt hats to be worn.

Signallers and runners will carry out training under Bn. Sig. Officer from 9 a.m. to 12 noon daily.
 Company Scouts to report to Lt. BROWN at MONUMENT every morning at 9 a.m.

G. Albrecht Captain &
 Adjutant, 51st. Battalion, A.I.F.

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51st. Battalion.

Daily Strength Return.

31st. May 1918.

Actually with Unit		Attached		In Hospital		Tempy. detached.								Total	
						leave		Schools		Brigade duties		Other duties			
Offs	O.R.	Offs	O.R.	Offs	O.R.	Off	OR.	Offs	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Offs	O.R.
31	655	1	7	6	14	-	-	1	3	-	21	-	34	39	734

ARRIVALS. 1 O/Rank from Hospital.

DEPARTURES. 5 O/Ranks to Hospital.
19 " off Hospital, evacuated Div. Area.

R Christies

Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion.



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51st. Battalion,
31st. May 1918.

TOTAL CASUALTIES FOR MONTH ENDING - 31/5/18.

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>
Wounded in Action.	2	20
Killed in Action.		2
Gassed.		3
	2	25

Lieut. E. SMITH, Wounded in Action 12/5/18.
" N.O. PHILLIPS. Wounded in Action 16/5/18., Died of Wounds 17/5/18.

TOTAL OF REINFORCEMENTS JOINED MONTH ENDING 31/5/18.

2 Officers. 122 O/Ranks.
2/Lieut. E.N. STANTON, M.M.
" G.K.B. HAY.

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b.o. 5/2/18

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Honours and Awards received during month ending 31st. May 1918.

Headquarters - Military Medal.

3128	Pte.	S.R. BROWN.	3376	Pte.	E.A. JACKSON.
2001	Cpl.	C.C. PARSONS.	5118	L/Cpl.	W.A. IVEY.
2190	Pte.	C. PRICE.	3834	Pte.	W.J. JACKSON.
3825	"	J.R.G. IRVINE (late 52nd. Bn).			

"A" Company. - Military Medal.

3460	Pte.	H. WARBURTON.	3016	Pte.	R.H. ADDISON.
3084	L/Sgt.	H.V. LAKE.	1967	Sgt.	J.A. KEELEY.
3927	Pte.	T.A. PORTER.	4901	Pte.	E.J. STOKES.

"B" Company. - Bar to Military Medal.

4736 Cpl. G.B.B. NOELL, M.M.

"B" Company. - Military Medal.

6571	Pte.	A.V. ROSE.	3021	Cpl.	C.T. BROWNE.
309A	"	F.J. COX.	2989	Pte.	D. SHANKS.
3034	"	C.W. LUCAS.	2925	Sgt.	C. GLENROY.
2672	Cpl.	R. VERELL (late 52nd. Bn).			

"C" Company. - Bar to Military Medal.

3099	Cpl.	L.M. NOAKES, M.M.			
689	Pte.	W. ALLAN, M.M.	(late 52nd. Bn).		

"C" Company. - Military Medal.

1656	L/Cpl.	W.G. GUTHRIE.	2746	L/Cpl.	S.R. WEST.
723	Sgt.	A.H.S. THORNS.	2672	Pte.	P. PIANTO.
2913	Pte.	G.L. MCKENZIE.	3391	Sgt.	M. O'KEEFE. (late 52nd Bn)
5326	L/Cpl.	W.T. PARKINSON. (late 52nd. Bn).			
3452	Pte.	W. BAILEY. (late 52nd. Bn).			
1838	"	L.A. JARMAN. (late 52nd. Bn).			

"D" Company. - Military Medal.

1973	L/Cpl.	N.H. MORRELL.	3057	Pte.	E. GILMORE.
1617	Sgt.	C.A.M. BEAUMONT.	3934	"	W.H. SAUNDERS.
2742	Pte.	W.T. McQUADE.	1769	"	F. JONES.

*Rechristie Abel
to 51st Bn*