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51st. Battalion

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PONT NOYELLES	June 1918 1st "		The Battalion (less nucleus personnel) moved to trenches in LANEUVILLE-BONNAY Sector, arriving there 9-15 A.M. Nucleus personnel strength of officers & 128 other ranks in charge of 2nd in Command Major R. F. Fitzgerald D.S.O. marched to 13th Aust Inf Bde Nucleus Camp in H 22 weather fine & warm. at 8-45 P.M.	
			Battalion moved from LANEUVILLE-BONNAY line & relieved the 32nd Bn Aust Inf Force in the front line N.E. of SAILLY-LE-SEC relief complete at 1-15 A.M. Copies of Battalion orders 170 67 & 68 are attached & marked I	RC I
SAILLY-LE-SEC	2nd "	"	Disposition of Bn at 8 A.M. is attached & marked II. Weather fine, Light Hostile shelling during night working parties improving trenches & erecting wire in front of firing line. Reconnaissance & liaison Patrols, a patrol from D Coy Captured a prisoner of the 265th Regt R.I.R. at 11-30 P.M.	RC II
"	3rd "	"	Weather fine, Slight Hostile shelling over Bn Area. Working parties & patrols as for night of 2nd.	RC RC
"	4th "	"	Weather fine & warm. Left Coy (D) Sector taken over by 20th Battalion A.I.F. this was completed at 11-45 P.M. Copy of Battalion order no 69 is attached & marked III	RC III
			working party erecting wire in front of Right Coy.	



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SAILLY-LE-SEC	June 1918 5 th	"	Disposition of Battalion at 8 AM attached & marked <u>IV</u> . Scattered Hostile shelling of Bn Area, weather fine & warm, working parties improving trenches, was erecting wire in front of firing line. Reconnaissance & liaison patrols out on Battalion front during night.	<u>IV</u> RC
"	6 th	"	Weather fine, Light Hostile shelling over Battalion Sector, working & wiring parties as for previous night, also patrols out after dusk.	RC
"	7 th	"	Weather fine & warm, slight Hostile shelling on Bn Sector, working & wiring parties & patrols after dusk as for previous night.	RC
"	8 th	"	Weather fine & warm, light hostile shelling of Bn Sector during day, At 10 AM Battalion frontage was extended to the South by taking over 300 yards of left 49 th Battalion. 7 Coy carried out this move which was completed at 3-10 AM on 9 th . ^{copy of Battalion order no 70 is attached & marked V} Disposition of Battalion after this move are attached & marked <u>V</u> . At 11-50 PM enemy shelled whole of Battalion Area with "Gas" which was continued for 1½ hours. this shelling delayed the move with 49 th Bn as boy relieving was held up by the bombardment 7 of ranks slightly "gassed" were the only casualties.	<u>V</u> <u>V</u> RC



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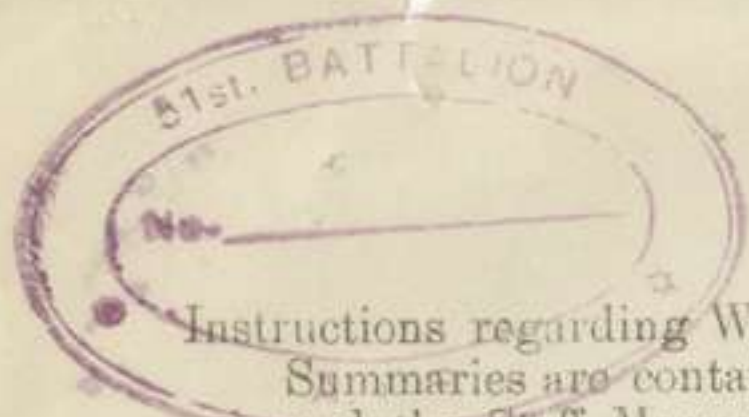
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAILLY-LE-SEC	June 1918 9 th	"	weather fine, Scattered Hostile shelling of Bn Sector. Our Patrols active during night. A Patrol of 3 men with Lieut J.D. Fryer in charge surprised an enemy post wounding & capturing two prisoners of the 107 th R.I.R. Orders for attack on enemy line opposite the Battalion front & in co-operation with 2 nd Aust Divn (7 th Aust Inf Bde) on our left were issued, (Battalion order no 71 copy of which is attached & marked VII) arrangements completed by 3 AM in accordance with above order.	VII RC
"	10 th	"	weather fine, Hostile artillery very active round vicinity of Bn Hqs during day. at 9-45 P.M. the Battalion, in co-operation with 7 th Aust Inf Bde, attacked enemy positions on our immediate front. Report of operation is attached hereto & marked VIII	RC VIII
"	11 th	"	New dispositions of Battalion are attached & marked IX, weather fine & warm. Heavy shelling of front Support line & Communication trench during day. our Patrols active in "no mans land" during night no enemy seen.	IX RC
"	12 th	"	weather fine & warm, intermittent hostile shelling of whole Bn Area. "C & D" boys were relieved in front line by "B" boy 49 th Battalion moved Nth. & took over front line occupied by Right Platoon of "A" boy A boy moving to left, joining up with B boy, copy of Battalion Order no 72 is attached, marked X	X RC



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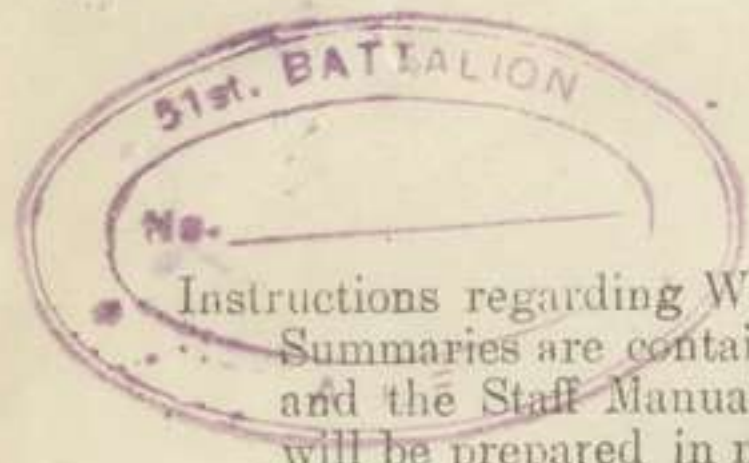
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
June	1918.			
SAILLY-LE-SEC	13 th	"	New dispositions of the Battalion are attached & marked X1, weather fine, working party improving communication trench to front line. Working party erecting wire in front of new firing line. Reconnaissance & liaison patrols out after dark. no enemy met with.	X1 <i>Re</i>
"	14 th	"	weather fine, Scattered hostile shelling working parties & Patrols as for night of 13 th .	<i>Re</i>
"	15 th	"	weather fine, very light shelling over Ben Area a number of Officers & of ranks evacuated to Hospital with prevailing epidemic similar to influenza which has affected members of the Battalion during the week. Working parties & Patrols as for night of 13 th . Copy of daily Strength Return is attached & marked X11	<i>Re</i> X11
"	16 th	"	weather fine, Scattered hostile shelling over Ben Area, Battalion was relieved by 48 th Battalion. Copy of Battalion order NO 73 is attached & marked X111	X111
			Relief was completed at 3-45 AM on 17 th . & Battalion marched to dugouts in Bank ^{900 yds} S.E. of DAOURS.	
DAOURS	17 th	"	weather fine Battalion resting	<i>Re</i>
"	18 th	"	weather fine Cleaning of Clothing & Equipment & reorganising of Corps.	<i>Re</i>



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
June	1918			
DAOURS.	19 th	"	weather fine, Bathing parades all ranks received change clean underclothing, tracks received from Dump & issued with Blanket.	Re
"	20 th	"	company training & martining up drill, weather fine, repairs to Boots & Clothing.	
"	21 st	"	weather dull & windy. Training as per Syllabus attached, marked XIV. Chaplain Bishop Long lectured to Battalion & explained A. P. F. educational scheme.	XIV Re
"	22 nd	"	Training as per Syllabus, weather fine & cool.	Re
"	23 rd	"	weather fine & cool, voluntary Church Parade	Re
"	24 th	"	working party of 5 officers & 250 of ranks employed burying cable to Line Bde Hdqrs. remainder of Bn training as per Syllabus, ^{for week ending 29/6/18} copy of which is attached & marked XV, Reconnaissance by C.O. & officers of Sector of front line held by 15 th Battalion A. P. F. with a view of Relieving that Bn. weather dull & showery.	XV
"	25 th	"	working party as for 24 th . Training as per Syllabus. Reconnaissance of 15 th Bn Sector by Adjt & Coy Comdrs. weather fine	Re



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DAOURS.	June 1918 26 th	"	Weather fine. Battalion bathed & change of clean underclothing received by all ranks, Blankets determined, "Nucleus" personnel exchanged with same number from Battalion. Bn relieved 15 th Bn Aust Imp Force from Front line in HAMELET - VAIRIE - SOUS - CORBIE Sector. Relief complete at 1 A.M. Copy of Battalion order No 74 is attached & marked XVI	RC XVI
HAMELET	27 th	"	Disposition of the Battalion at 6 AM is attached & marked XVII, weather fine. Reconnaissance & Liaison patrols on Bn front during night, no touch gained with enemy.	XVII RC
"	28 th	"	Weather fine, Brig-Genl J.W. GLASGOW, met C.O's Bns at Rde HQ to say farewell on his departure to 1st Aust Divn. Patrols out at night as for 27 th , enemy quiet	RC
"	29 th	"	Weather fine & warm. Reconnaissance & Liaison Patrols at night out on Bn front no enemy seen.	
"	30 th	"	Weather fine. Patrols as for 29 th , nothing of interest to report. Copy of Daily Strength returns attached marked XIX. Sketches showing Dispositions of Battalion in front line sectors from 1 st to 16 th June 1918 & from 26 th to 30 th June 1918. are attached & marked XVIII & XVIII A.	RC XIX, XVIII A
			Quartermaster's Transport officer's report for month is attached & marked XX & XXI	XX, XXI RC
			Table showing Reinforcements joined & Battle casualties is attached & marked XXII	XXII, RC

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C.O. 51st Battalion

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INTENTION.

1. The Battalion less Nucleus Personnel will move from LA HOUSOYE Line to a rendezvous in I.27 tomorrow (1st June). Nucleus will move to camp in HN28.a.2.8.

INSTRUCT-
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2. (a) Move will commence as follows :-

"A" Coy.	7.45 a.m.
"B" "	7.45 a.m.
"C" "	7.45 a.m.
"D" "	7.50 a.m.
H/Qrs.	7.30 a.m.

Nucleus personnel will assemble at Bn. H/Qrs. at PONT NOYELLES at 8.00 a.m. Senior Officer or N.C.O. of respective Companies will march party to Bn. H/Qrs. where they will report to Major R.F. FITZGERALD, D.S.O. who will take charge and march party to Bde. Nucleus Camp at H.22.a.

(b) Route - Headquarters, "A" and "B" Coys. North of Wood in I.14.a. thence along LA NEUVILLE Road. "C" & "D" Coys. via LA HOUSOYE thence along LA NEUVILLE Road.

(c) Dress - Fighting Order with greatcoat and W.P. Sheet. Nucleus personnel with marching order, blanket and W.P. sheet.

(d) Movement Companies will march with 50 yards distance between Platoons and 200 yards between Companies.

(e) Two G.S. Limbered Wagons are allotted for loading Lewis Gun gear. "A" and "B" Coys one limber. "C" & "D" Coy. one limber. These will be loaded and ready to move with "A" and "D" Companies.

(f) Trench Stores All trench stores and shelters will be handed over to incoming Unit. Receipts to be obtained in duplicate and forwarded to Bn. H/Qrs. at earliest opportunity.

TRANSPORT.

3. All Cookers, and Water Carts less "A" Coy's Cooker will be loaded and move with respective Companies. "A" Coy. Cooker will be loaded and move with Nucleus Personnel from Bn. H/Qrs. at 8 a.m.

REPORTS.

4. On arrival at rendezvous, Coy. Commanders will at once report to the Adjutant.

G. Albrecht

Captain &

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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51st. Battalion Order No. 68.
Reference sheet 62D. 1/40.000.

31st. May 1918.

INTENTION.

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1. (a) The Battalion will relieve the 32nd. Bn. in the Front Line, "B" Division Sector on the night 1st/2nd June 1918.
(b) Disposition. "B" and "D" Coy. Front Line.
"B" Coy. Right "D" Coy. Left.
"C" Coy. in support.
"A" " in Reserve.

INSTRUCT-
ION.

2. (a) The Battalion will move from rendezvous I.27 in the following order :-
H/Qrs. "D", "B", "C" and "A" Coys.
(b) Time - Move will commence at 8.30 p.m.
(c) Route - Though I.28.c and d. I.29.c, I.35.a & d, thence along VAUX-sur-SOMME Road - VAUX-sur-SOMME to Bn. H/Qrs, J.28.a.
(d) Dress - Fighting Order, greatcoat and W.P. sheet.
(e) Guides Guides will be at 32nd. Bn. H/Qrs. tomorrow night (1st June) at 10 p.m.
(f) Lewis Gun Limbers will be unloaded at Bn. H/Qrs. and Coys. will carry guns forward.
(g) Reports On completion of relief Coys. will notify Bn. H/Qrs in "BAB" Code. Disposition report to be forwarded as soon as possible.

Gaurechs Captain &
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

Disposition of 51st. Battalion as at 6 a.m. 2/6/18.
sheet 62D. N.E. 1/20.000.

Bn. H/Qrs. J.28^a.7.9.
R.A.P. J.22.d.20.45.
O.P. J.30.c.1.5.
Ration Dump J.29.a.9.4.

Two Companies in Front Line.

Right Coy. from J.30.c.10.35 Right to J.30.b.3.3 Left.
Posts No. 1 J.30.c.10.35. 1 Off. 32 O/Ranks.
2 J.30.c.4.7. 1 Sgt. 15 "
3 J.30.d.0.9. 1 Off. 27 "
4 J.30.b.3.3. 1 " 31 "
Coy. H/Qrs. J.30.c.16.70. 1 Off & 11 O/Ranks also man a post.

Left Coy. from J.30.b.3.3. Right to K.25.a.0.9 Left.
Coy. H/Qrs. J.30.b.2.5.
Disposed 1 Platoon from J.30.b.42.35 to J.30.b.85.55.
1 Off. 40 O/Ranks.
1 Platoon from J.30.b.80.65 to K.25.a.0.9.
1 Off. 38 O/Ranks.

One Company in Support.

One Platoon in J.29.d.
" " " J.30.a.
Coy. H/Qrs. J.29.b.8.3.

One Company in Reserve.

One Platoon in J.29.a.3.9.
" " " J.29.a.9.9.
" " " J.23.c.8.3.
Coy. H/Qrs. J.29.a.7.7.

49th. Battalion on Right.

20th. Battalion on Left.

R. Christie

Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion. A.I.F..

RELIEF.

1. "D" Company and Left Platoon of "B" Company will be relieved tonight by the 20th. Bn. A.I.F.
On relief "D" Company will move to valley in J.28.a. Guides will be arranged and will be at Bn. H/Qrs.

INSTRUCT-
IONS.

2. (a) "D" Coy. will be relieved by "C" Coy. 20th. Bn.
1 Platoon "B" Coy. will be relieved by 1 platoon "D" Coy. 20th. Bn.
(b) Relief will commence at 10.30 p.m.
(c) Guides One guide from each Platoon will report to Coy. H/Qrs. at 10 p.m. and guide the relieving platoons to their positions.
(d) All trench stores will be handed over and duplicate receipts obtained.
(e) Protective patrols will be placed out at dusk by "B" and "D" Coys. and will remain out till after completion of relief.

REPORTS.

3. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. H/Qrs. in "BAB" Code.

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Captain &,

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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*IV 12*Disposition of the 51st. BATTALION as at 5/6/18.

Bn. H/Qrs. J.28.a.7.9.
 R.A.P. J.22.d.20.45.
 O.P. J.30.c.1.5.
 Ration dump. J.29.a.9.4.

One Company in Front Line

from J.30.c.0.2 Right to J.30.c.9.9. Left.

Disposed.

1 Platoon J.29.d.85.25 Right to
 J.30.c.15.50 Left
 1 Off. and 31 O/Ranks.
 1 Platoon J.30.c.15.50 Right to
 J.30.c.35.75 Left
 1 Off. and 30 O/Ranks.
 1 Platoon J.30.c.35.75 Right to
 J.30.c.9.9. Left.
 1 Off. and 28 O/Ranks.
 Coy. H/Qrs. J.30.c.16.70.

One Company in Support.Disposed.

1 Platoon J.29.d.75.75 Right to
 J.29.b.85.15 Left.
 2 N.C.Os. and 11 O/Ranks. (2 L.Gs).
 1 Platoon J.30.c.15.75 Right to
 J.30.a.15.10 Left.
 1 Off. and 33 O/Ranks.
 1 Platoon J.30.a.15.10 Right to
 J.30.a.15.80 Left.
 1 Off. and 34 O/Ranks.
 Coy. H/Qrs. J.29.b.8.1. 1 Off. and 17 O/Ranks.

One Company in Reserve.Disposed.

1 Platoon J.28.b.9.9. Right to
 J.29.a.20.95 Left.
 1 Off. and 23 O/Ranks.
 1 Platoon J.29.a.30.75 Right to
 J.29.a.65.60 Left.
 1 Off. and 32 O/Ranks.
 1 Platoon J.29.a.65.60 Right to
 J.23.c.70.00 Left.
 1 Off. and 25 O/Ranks.
 Coy. H/Qrs. J.29.a.7.7. 1 Off. and 7 O/Ranks.

One Company in Reserve.

In Bank at J.28.c.
 4 Offs and 98 O/Ranks.
 Coy. H/Qrs. J.28.c.7.8.

20th. Battalion on Left.

49th. Battalion on Right.

Alhustie

Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion, A.I.F.

51st. Battalion Order No. 70.
Reference sheet 62D. N.E. 1/20.000.

8th. June 1918.

INTENTION.

1. (a) The 51st. Battalion will take over the portion of the Front Line occupied by the 49th. Bn. from J.35.b.8.5 to J.30.c.0.2 on the night of 8th/9th. inst. "B" Company 51st. Bn. will also be relieved from the Front Line.
- (b) Dispositions :-

"A" & "C" Coys.	in Front Line.
"D" Coy.	in Close Reserve.
"B" "	in Reserve.

INSTRUCT-
IONS.

2. (a) "A" Coy. will relieve "D" Coy. 49th. Bn. and "B" Coy. in front Line between J.35.b.8.5 and J.30.c.1.6.
~~XX~~ "C" Coy. will relieve "B" Coy. in front line between J.30.c.1.6 and J.30.c.9.9.
 "D" Coy. will relieve "A" Coy.
 "B" Coy. will move into reserve in valley J.27.a & c.
- (b) Time. Relief will commence at 10.30 p.m.
- (c) Guides Necessary Guides will be arranged between Os.C. Coys.
- (d) Trench Stores. Duplicate receipt for all trench stores taken over will be sent to Bn. H/Qrs.
- (e) Dress. Fighting Order carrying greatcoat and W.P. sheet.
- (f) Protective patrols will be sent out by "B" Coy. at dusk and will remain out until completion of relief.
- (g) Each Coy. will mount at least 2 Lewis Guns for A.A. Defence. The locations of these guns will be attached to the disposition report.

REPORTS.

3. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. H/Qrs. in "BAB" Code.
 A disposition report showing number of men at each post will be rendered as soon as possible.

G. Albrecht

Captain &,

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

Disposition of the 51st. BATTALION as at 6 a.m. 9/6/18.

Bn. H/Qrs. J.28.a.7.9.
R.A.P. J.22.d.20.45.
O.P. J.30.c.1.5.
Ration Dump. J.29.a.9.4.

Two Companies in Front Line.

Disposed.

One Company Right to Left J.35.b.8.5 to J.30.c.1.6.

One Company Right to Left J.30.c.1.6 to J.30.c.9.9.

Right Company disposed :-

Coy. H/Qrs. J.30.c.0.4 2 Offs. and 9 O/Ranks.

2 Platoons in Front Line.

1 " in Supports J.29.d.

1 Off. and 18 O/Ranks.

Posts Numbered Right to Left.

No. 1.	12 O/Rs.	J.35.b.95.85	(L.Gun).
2.	1 Off. 14 "	J.36.a.00.90	(").
3.	6 "	J.35.b.70.90	(").
4.	8 "	J.35.b.60.75	
5.	7 "	J.29.d.9.2.	(").
6.	18 "	J.30.c.0.4.	

Left Company disposed :-

Coy. H/Qrs. J.30.c.16.70. 1 Off. and 12 O/Ranks.

2 Platoons in Front Line.

1 " in Support at J.30.a.15.30.

1 Off. and 39 O/Ranks (2 L.Guns).

1 Platoon J.30.c.15.75 Right to
J.30.c.75.75 Left.

1 Off. and 36 O/Ranks. (2 L.Guns).

1 Platoon J.30.c.75.75 Right to
J.30.c.9.9. Left.

1 N.C.O. and 2 L.Gun teams.

One Company in Reserve.

Disposed.

1 Platoon J.28.b.9.9. Right to
J.29.a.20.95 Left
1 Off. and 23 O/Ranks.

1 Platoon J.29.a.30.75 Right to
J.29.a.65.60 Left.
1 Off. and 32 O/Ranks.

1 Platoon J.29.a.65.60 Right to
J.23.c.70.00 Left.
1 Off. and 25 O/Ranks.

Coy. H/Qrs. J.29.a.7.7. 1 Off. and 7 O/Ranks.

One Company in Reserve.

In Banks in J.27.a.

Coy. H/Qrs. J.27.a.4.2.

49th. Battalion on Right.

27th. Battalion on Left.

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Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion, A.I.F.

9th. June 1918.

INTENTION.

1. (a) The 2nd. Australian Division is to attack the enemy and advance the line in front of it on night of 10th. June 1918.
- (b) The limit of the advance will be line of road running N.E. through Squares K.25.c & a - K.19.d.
- (c) The 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. is co-operating in the attack by establishing a line from J.36.a.1.9 - J.30.d.4.0 linking up with 2nd. Aust. Division at K.25.c.0.5.
- (d) The 51st. Battalion will carry out the operation of 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. The 27th. Bn. A.I.F. are on the Left and 49th. Bn. A.I.F. on the Right.
- "C" Coy 4th. Aust. M.G. Bn. will assist by firing on selected targets in K.25.c - K.31.a.
- (e) The attack will be supported by Field and Heavy Artillery. Barrage map is attached.

INSTRUCT-
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2. (a) The operation will be carried out by "A", "C" and "D" Companies disposed as follows :-
 "A" Coy. will advance 1 platoon to line J.36.a.1.9 to J.30.c.7.1.
 "D" Coy. 1 platoon plus 2 sections "C" Coy. to line J.30.c.7.1 to J.30.d.2.3.
 "C" Coy. 2 Platoons to line J.30.d.2.3 to J.30.d.9.5.
 1 Platoon of "D" Coy. will advance and support the 2 platoons of "C" Coy.
- (b) Formations. The attack will be made in 1 wave on the Right in normal formations and 2 waves on Left.
- (c) Assembly. "A", "C" and "D" Coys. will assemble in Front Line trenches and "B" Coy. will move to Reserve Area vacated by "D" Coy. on night prior to attack.
- (d) Zero time will be 9.45 p.m. At Zero "A" Coy. and 1 platoon of "D" Coy. plus 2 sections of "C" Coy. will move from trenches and advance as close as possible under barrage to line of objective. At zero plus 7 minutes 2 platoons of "C" Coy. on Left will advance followed by Support platoon of "D" Coy.
- (e) On gaining objective consolidation will take the form of mutually supported posts, strength of which must not be less than 2 sections. Covering parties will move out to position at least 100 yards in front of objective.
- (f) Signals. Green very lights will be fired by each platoon to indicate that objective has been gained and is being consolidated and touch with 27th. Bn. established. These lights will be fired S.W. in direction of SAILLY-le-Sec
- (g) Contact Aeroplanes. A contact patrol of 3rd. Squadron A.F.C. will fly over captured ~~ground~~ positions at 4.15 a.m.. RED ground flares at 20 yards interval will be lit and rifles laid on the parapet in groups of 3 (2 feet between rifles and 10 yards between groups) when called for by Klaxon Horn.
- A Counter-attack patrol will also be in the air between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. This patrol will signify that the enemy is assembling for counter-attack by flying in direction of enemy, sounding Klaxon Horn and discharging a white very light.
- (h) Liaison. Complete liaison will be maintained with Unit on Left Flank. 1 N.C.O. and 2 men to be specially detailed for this by O.C. "C" Coy. Touch will be maintained throughout between Companies.
- (i) Time Watches will be synchronised with the Bn. Signal Officer at 3 a.m. on morning before attack.

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(j) Anti-Aircraft Defence. O.C. "A" Coy. will make arrangements to mount 2 Lewis Guns for anti-aircraft defence at present locations.

(k) Aid Post. R.A.P. will be at J.22.d.2.3 and Company bearer relay Post at J.29.a.7.7.

REPORTS.

3.

All reports and messages will be sent to Forward Bn. Headquarters which will be at J.29.a.7.7.

New dispositions will be forwarded as soon as possible after consolidation of new position.

Gallrecht

Captain &

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

Barrage
+
Objective

18 Pdr. Barrage Diagram
Scale 1/20,000

Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.

J K

Left Group
'C' Div. Arty.
(2 Bdes)

Objective 7

0 to +90

3rd Bde Group

13

96TH Bde Group } 16TH Bde
R. H. A.

19
0 to +4
+4 to +6
+6 to +8
+8 to +10
+10 to +13
+13 to +15
+15 to +17
+17 to +19
+19 to +21

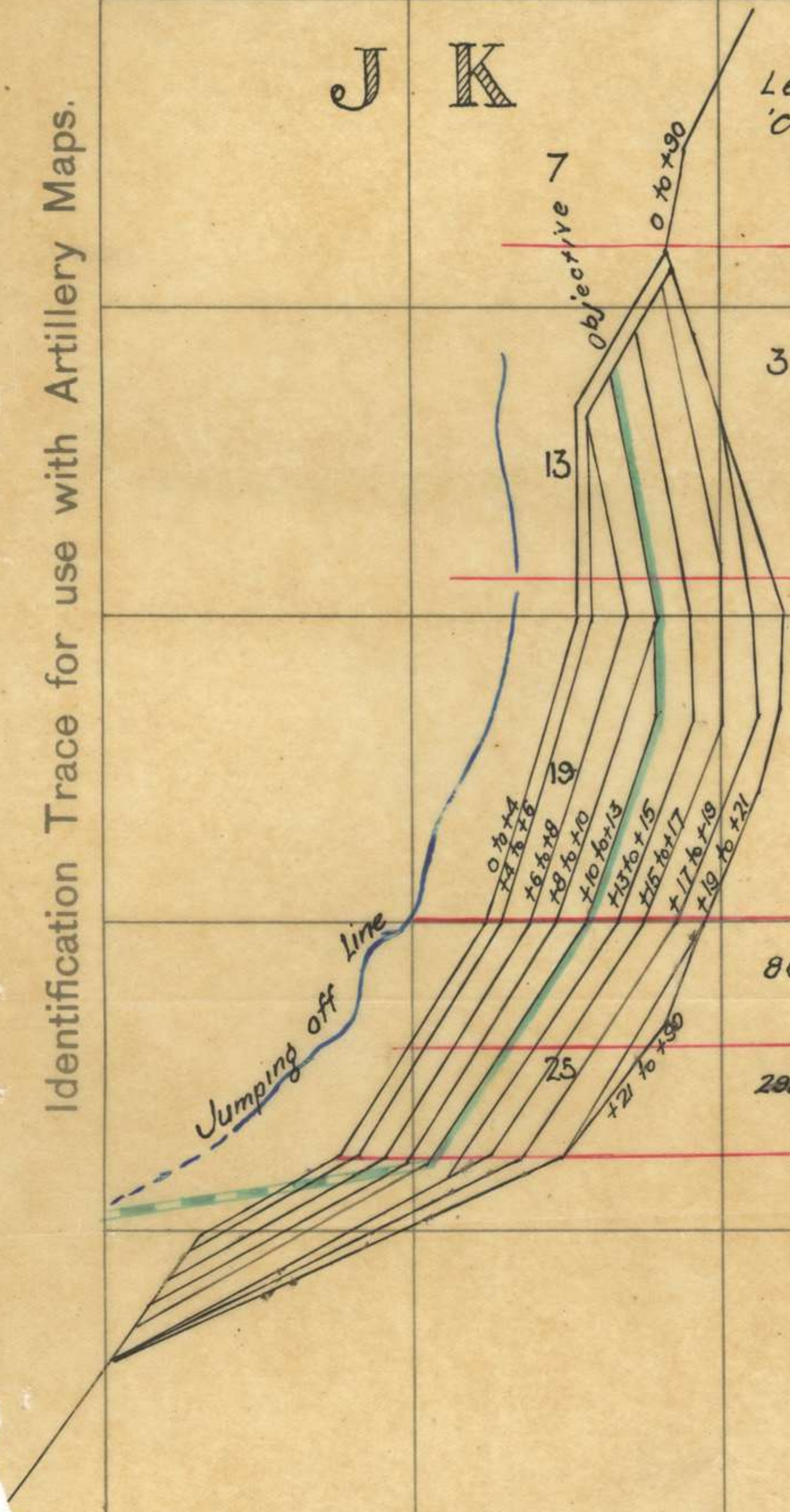
86TH Army Bde R.F.A.

298TH Army Bde R.F.A.

25

+21 to +90

Jumping off Line



REPORT ON OPERATION CARRIED OUT BY 51st. AUST. INF. BATTALION IN
CO-OPERATION WITH 7th. AUST. INF. BDE. ON NIGHT OF 10th. June 1918.

Reference Sheet 62.D.N.E. 1/20,000.

(1) In accordance with orders received from 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. the Battalion co-operated with 27th. Aust. Inf. Battalion of 7th. Aust. Inf. Bde. in an attack on the enemy positions N.E. of SAILLY-LE-SEC. on night of 10th. June 1918.

(2) "C" & "D" Coys, with 1 Platoon of "A" Coy. carried out the operation and were disposed as given in Battalion Order No. 71. "B" Coy. was in Reserve. The attacking Companies were assembled in the front line by 3 a.m. on morning of 10th. June, and remained in that position all day.

(3) Zero hour was at 9.45 p.m.. The attack was launched under an Artillery Barrage. At zero 1 Platoon each of "A" & "D" Coys. advanced and at zero plus 7 minutes "C" Coy. and remainder of "D" Coy. moved to the attack. The right platoons of "A" & "D" Coys. gained their objectives and commenced consolidation without opposition by 10.30 p.m., Green Very Lights being fired by them at that time. At 10.40 p.m. Green Very Lights were fired by "C" Coy. which signified that their objective had been gained, consolidation commenced, and that they were in touch with 27th. Battalion on left, the total depth of the advance being approx. 600 yards. Liaison was maintained with 27th. Battalion by 1 N.C.O. and 2 men detailed by O/C., "C" Coy. Consolidation was carried out by digging mutually supported posts and this was completed by 3 a.m. on 11th. June. The number of prisoners taken was 1 Officer and 18 O/Ranks. One Light Machine Gun was captured.

The enemy did not attempt any counter attack, and "A", "C" & "D" Coys. remained in new line until night of 12th. June 1918 when "C" & "D" Coys. were relieved by "B" Coy.

Total casualties received during the operation was:-

Killed 1 officer (Lieut. W. BRITT.)
7 O/Ranks.

Wounded. 1 officer (2/Lieut. N.F. TIMBURY.)
22 O/Ranks.

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

Disposition of 51st. BATTALION as at 8 a.m. on 11/6/18.

Bn. H/Qrs. J.28.a.7.9.
R.A.P. J.22.d.20.45.
O.P. J.30.c.1.5.
Ration Dump. J.29.a.9.4.

Front Line.

Right Company.

		Offs	N.C.Os.	O.Rs.	L.Guns.
No. 1 Post.	J.35.b.8.8.	-	1	11	1
2 "	J.36.a.00.90.	1	-	14	1
3 "	J.30.c.20.05.	-	1	9	1
4 "	J.30.c.40.25.	1	-	15	1
5 "	J.29.d.90.35.	-	1	6	1
6 "	J.29.d.70.20.	1	-	9	-
Coy. H.Qrs.	J.30.c.00.45.	1	-	14	-

Centre Company.

1 Platoon in 2 posts from approx. J.30.d.2.3 to J.30.d.35.00.
with 2 Lewis Guns.
1 Platoon in 2 posts approx. J.30.d.5.0 to J.30.d.7.2 and
2 Lewis Guns.
Coy. H/Qrs. J.30.c.15.55.

Left Company.

2 Platoons in 3 posts from approx. J.30.d.7.2 to J.30.d.95.45
Coy. H/Qrs. at J.30.c.16.70.

Support Company.

1 Platoon from J.30.c.2.8 to J.30.a.20.25.
2 Platoons from J.29.d.7.8 to J.29.b.7.2.
Coy. H/Qrs. at J.29.b.80.15.

49th. Battalion on Right.

27th. Battalion on Left.

R Christy

Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion, A.I.F.

RELIEF.

1. "C" and "D" Coys. will be relieved from the Front Line by "B" Coy. and 1 Platoon of "A" Coy. tonight (12th/13th instant).
49th. Bn. are to take over Front Line from their present Left at J.35.b.8.5 to J.36.a.2.9.

INSTRUCT-
IONS.

2. (a) "C" Coy. will be relieved by "B" Coy.
"D" Coy. will be relieved by 1 platoon of "B" Coy. and 1 platoon of "A" Coy.
(b) Dispositions :-
"A" Coy. will hold front line from J.36.a.2.9 to J.30.d.45.
"B" " will hold line from J.30.d.45.30 to J.30.d.90.45.
"D" " will be in reserve trenches in J.29.a.
"C" " will be in reserve in valley J.27.a & c.
(c) Time Relief will commence at 11.30 p.m.
(d) Guides Necessary Guides will be arranged between Coy. Commanders.
(e) Dress Fighting Order with greatcoats and W.P. sheet:
(f) Protective patrols. "C" and "D" Coys. will push out protective patrols which will remain out until after relief.
(g) A.A. Defence. Companies will arrange at least 2 Lewis Guns for A.A. Defence. Location will be notified to Bn. H/Qrs.

REPORTS.

3. Completion of relief will be notified to Bn. H/Qrs. in "BAB" Code.
A disposition report showing locations of posts and number of men in each will be forwarded to Bn. H/Qrs. as soon as possible.

Albrecht

Captain &,

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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Disposition of 51st. BATTALION as at 6 a.m. 13/6/18.

Bn. H/Qrs. J.28.a.7.9.
R.A.P. J.22.d.20.45.
O.P. J.30.c.1.5.
Ration Dump. J.29.a.9.4.

2 Companies in Front Line.

Disposed :- One Company. J.36.a.2.9. Right to
J.30.d.40.20. Left.
One Company. J.30.d.40.20. Right to
J.30.d.90.45. Left.

Right Company disposed.

Posts numbered Right to Left.		Offs.	O/Rs.	L.Guns.
No. 1 Post.	J.30.c.20.05.	-	10	1
2 "	J.30.c.40.25.	1	15	1
3 "	J.30.d.00.15.	-	9	1
4 "	J.30.d.10.20.	1	9	-
5. "	J.30.d.30.20.	-	8	1
Listening Post	J.30.c.60.15.	1 N.C.O. and 3 men.		

1 Platoon in support.

		Offs.	O/Rs.	L.Guns.
No. 6 Post.	J.29.d.90.35.	1	7	1
7 "	J.30.c.16.75.	-	10	-
Coy. H/Qrs.	J.30.c.16.70.			

Left Company Disposed.

		Offs.	O/Rs.	L.Guns.
No. 1 Post.	J.30.d.45.20.	1	10	1
2 "	J.30.d.5.2.	-	6	-
3 "	J.30.d.55.25.	-	8	1
4 "	J.30.d.60.25.	-	7	-
5 "	J.30.d.65.30.	-	7	1
6 "	J.30.d.75.35.	1	8	-
7 "	J.30.d.80.40.	-	7	1
8 "	J.30.d.90.45.	-	7	-

In support.

1 L.Gun and 6 O/Rs. at J.30.c.7.7.
1 L.Gun and 7 O/Rs. at J.30.c.8.7.

Coy. H/Qrs. J.30.c.16.70. 1 Off. and 16 O/Ranks.

One Company in Reserve.

Disposed :- J.28.b.9.8. Right to J.29.a.20.95 Left. - 10 O/Ranks.
J.29.a.30.75 Right to J.29.a.65.60 Left. -
1 Off. and 23 O/Ranks.
J.29.a.65.60 Right to J.23.c.70.00 Left -
1 Off. and 27 O/Ranks.
Coy. H/Qrs. J.29.a.7.7. - 1 Off. and 20 O/Ranks.

One Company in Reserve.

In Banks in J.27.a. - 2 Offs. and 94 O/Ranks.
Coy. H/Qrs. J.27.a.4.2.

49th. Battalion on Right.

32nd. Battalion on Left.

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

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Daily Strength Return. 51st. Battalion.

15th. June 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.	Off	O.R.	Offs	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Offs	O.R.
28	663	1	7	6	15	-	2	2	5	-	22	-	38	37	752

ARRIVALS.

25 O/Ranks Reinforcements (13/6/18.)
2 " " " (ex 52nd Bn).
1 " " (14/6/18.)

DEPARTURES.

3 O/Ranks Wounded in Action.

R Christie

Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion.

RELIEF.

1. The 51st. Battalion will be relieved by the 48th. Bn. A.I.F. on the night 16th/17th. instant.
On relief the Bn. will move to place vacated by 48th. Bn. in O.7.c.

INSTRUCT-
IONS.

2. (a) "A" Coy. will be relieved by "A" Coy. 48th. Bn.
"B" " " " " " " " " " "
"C" " " " " " " " " " "
"D" " " " " " " " " " "
- (b) Time - Relief will commence about 11 p.m.
(c) Guides - Guides will be at Bn. H/Qrs to guide relieving Coys to Coy. H/Qrs. Each Coy. will have guides from each platoon at Coy. H/Qrs. by 11 p.m.
(d) Receipts - Receipts will be obtained for all trench stores handed over and rendered to Bn. H/Qrs. in duplicate by 9 a.m. 17th. instant.
(e) Protective patrols will be placed out at dusk and will remain out till after relief is completed.
(f) On relief Coys. will assemble at Bn. H/Qrs. and move off by platoons.
(g) All Lewis Guns and magazines, picks and shovels will be brought to Bn. H/Qrs. where they will be loaded on limbers.
(h) Dress - Fighting Order, W.P. sheets and greatcoat will be carried.

REPORTS.

3. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. H/Qrs. in "BAB" Code.

G. Albrecht Captain &
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

51st. Battalion,
22nd. June 1918.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 22/6/18.

Friday 21st. 9.00 a.m. to 9.50 a.m. Bayonet Fighting.
10.00 a.m. to 10.50 a.m. Platoon Training and close order drill.
11.00 a.m. to 11.50 a.m. Training of Lewis Gunners, Rifle Grenadiers and Bombers.
2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Recreational Parades.

Saturday 22nd. 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Rifle Exercises.
9.30 a.m. to 9.50 a.m. Gas Drill.
10.00 a.m. to 10.50 a.m. Bayonet Fighting.
11.00 a.m. to 11.50 a.m. Platoon Training. Training of Lewis Gunners, Bombers by Platoon Comdrs.
Coy. Signallers and Coy. Scouts will report to Sig. Officer and Scout Officer at 9.30 a.m.

G. Allbrecht

Captain &

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

51st. Battalion,
22nd. June 1918.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 29/6/18.

Day.	9.00 - 9.30 am	9.30 - 9.50 am	10 a.m. - 10.50 am.	11 a.m. - 12 noon.	2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Monday. 24th.	Rifle Exercises.	Gas Drill.	Bayonet Fighting.	Platoon training, Instruction of Lewis Gunners, Rifle Grenadiers, Bombers.	Recreational Parade
Tuesday. 25th.	Close Order Drill.		Bayonet Fighting combined with Musketry exercises.	do.	do.
Wednesday 26th.	Gas Drill. Platoons will do platoon movements wearing respirators.		Musketry. Indications and recognition of targets. Fire control & direction.	Platoon training - Lewis Gunners etc "A" Coy. will do tactical exercises by platoons.	do.
Thursday. 27th.	Rifle Exercises.	Gas drill.	Bayonet Fighting combined with Musketry Exercises.	do. "B" Coy. will do tactical exercises by platoons.	do.
Friday. 28th.	Close Order Drill.		do.	do. "C" Coy. will do tactical exercises by platoons.	do.
Saturday. 29th.	Gas Drill. Rifle Exercises and Close Order Drill working wearing respirators.		do.	do. "D" Coy. will do tactical exercises by platoons.	do.

Coy. Scouts and Coy. Signallers will report daily at 9.30 a.m. to Sig. Officer and Scout Officer. When the range is available arrangements will be made for range practice and Lewis Gun Firing. Each Platoon will arrange to throw and fire live grenades during the week.

H Albrock Captain &
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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51st. BATTALION ORDER No. 74.
Reference Sheet 62.D. 1/40,000.

26th. June 1918.

INTENTION. 1. The Battalion will relieve the 15th. Aust. Inf. Bn. from the Front Line tonight, 26/27th. instant..

INSTRUCTIONS. 2. (a) Front Line. "D" Coy. will relieve "D" Coy. 15th. Bn.
"C" " " " " "A" " " "
Support. "A" " " " " "C" " " "
Reserve. "B" " " " " "B" " " "

(b) Order of March. - H/Qrs., "D", "C", "A" and "B" Coys.

(c) Starting Point. - R.A.P.

(d) Starting Time. - 10 p.m.

(e) Route. - Overland through O.13 -14 -15 and 16 to Cross Road P.10.d.8.9. thence along road to HAMELET.

(f) Movement. - Coys. will move at 200 yards distance and 100 yards between platoons.

(g) Guides are being arranged to meet Coys. at H/Qrs. O.6.b.8.1.

(h) Lewis Guns will be loaded at Bn. H/Qrs. at 9 p.m. carried to new Battalion H/Qrs. and picked up by Coys. while passing through.

(i) Dress. - Fighting Order with greatcoats and W.P. Sheet.

REPORTS. 3. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. H/Qrs. in B.A.B. Code.
A disposition report will be rendered to Bn. H/Qrs. by 7 a.m. 27th. inst..

W. Allrecks

Captain &

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

DISPOSITION OF 51st. BATTALION AS AT 6 a.m. 27th. JUNE 1918.

Reference Sheet 62.D. S.E. & S.W. 1/20,000.

Two Companies in front line from P.8.b.00.15. Right to P.2.b.45.90 Left.
Right Company Disposed.

Two platoons in continuous trench disposed in posts.

One Platoon. (with 3 L.Guns, 1 Off. 39 O/R.)

from P.8.b.00.15. to P.8.b.5.9.

One Platoon. (with 2 L.Guns, 1 Off. 38 O/R.)

from P.8.b.5.9. to P.2.d.5.4.

Coy. H/Qrs. (2 Offs. 14 O/Ranks) at P.2.c.95.42.Left Company Disposed.

Two platoons in continuous trench disposed in posts.

One Platoon. (with 3 L.Guns, 1 Off. 44 O/R.)

from P.2.d.5.4. to P.2.b.25.20.

One Platoon. (with 3 L.Guns, 1 Off. 43 O/R.)

from P.2.b.25.20. to P.2.b.45.90.

Coy. H/Qrs. (1 Off. 11 O/Ranks) at P.2.b.3.7.One Company in Support.

Disposed in trench from P.7.b.6.6. to P.2.c.25.50.

(3 Off. 60 O/Ranks with 5 L.Guns.)

Coy. H/Qrs. (1 Off. 23 O/Ranks) at P.1.d.90.50.One Company in Reserve.

Disposed in Reserve Line.

P.1.a.40.00 to P.1.a.40.20. (2 L.Guns & 12 O/Ranks.)

P.1.c.4.3. to P.1.c.8.9. (1 Off. & 27 O/Ranks & 2 L.Guns.)

P.1.a.75.05 to P.1.a.75.45. (1 Off. & 23 O/Ranks & 2 L.Guns.)

P.1.a.35.30. (Coy. H/Qrs. - 1 Off. & 18 O/Ranks)

Battalion Headquarters. at 0.6.b.7.1.Battalion R.A.P. at 0.6.d.3.8.Battalion O.P. at P.8.a.3.5.

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Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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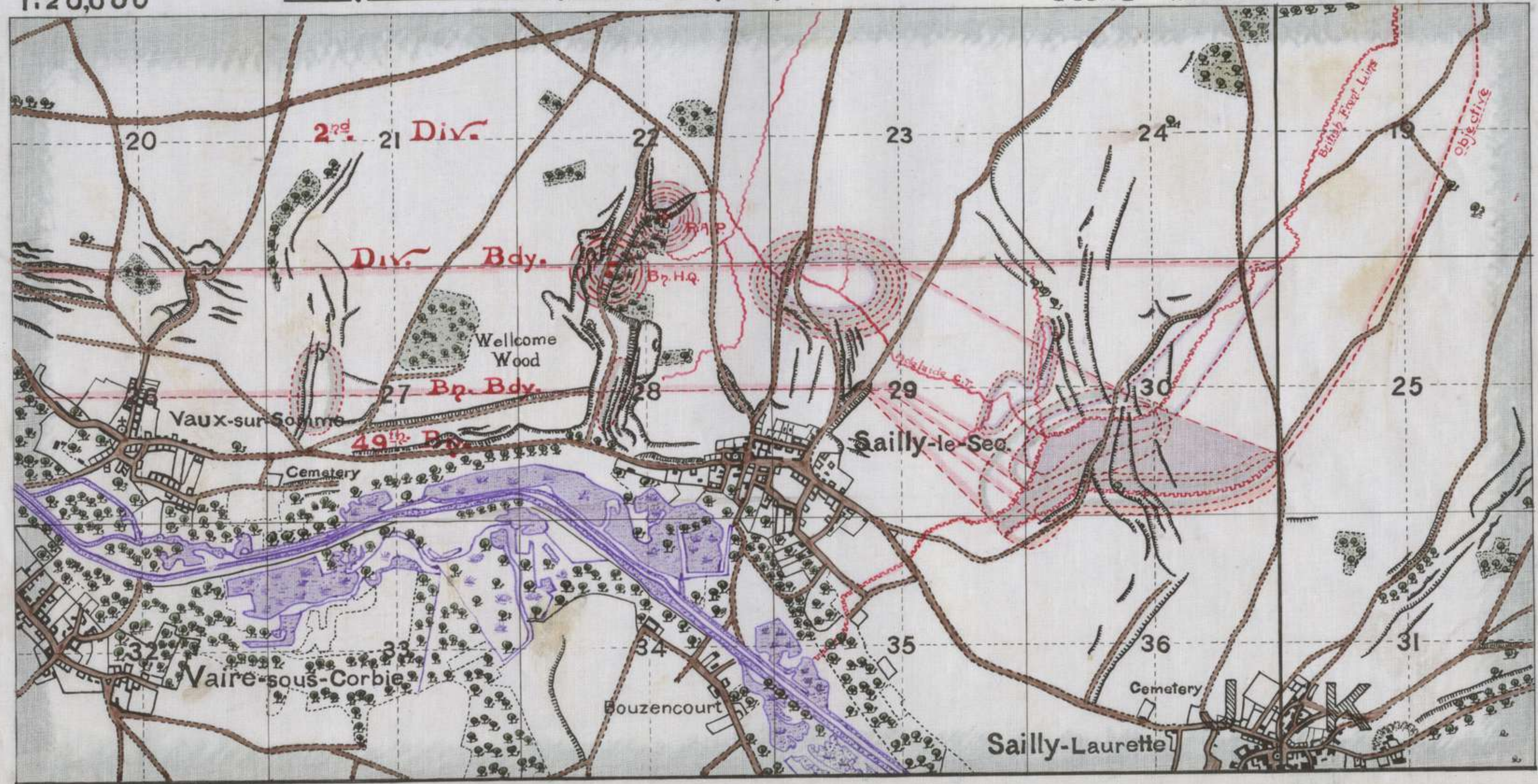
PLAN showing POSITIONS HELD by 51st. BATTALION A.I.F. from 1st. to 16th. June 1918.

Legend:- Position from 1st to 5th shown
do. do. 5th to 9th do.
do. do. 9th to 11th do.
do. do. 11th to 13th do.
do. do. 13th to 16th do.
Ground covered in attack shown



1:20,000

PART SHEET 62° N.E.



R. Christie Lt. Col. C.O. 51st. Bn.

G.M. 26-6-18

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51st BATTALION

From 26.6.18. to 30.6.18.

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R Christie **Lt. C. C.O. 51st Bn.**

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Daily Strength. Return.

30th. June 1918.

30th. June 1918.															
Actually with Unit.		attached.		In Hospital.		Tempy. Detached.								Total.	
						Leave.		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.
27	653	-	6	8	18	1	3	1	3	-	21	-	34	37	738

ARRIVALS. 1 O/Rank Reinforcement. (29/6/18).DEPARTURES. 2 O/Ranks to Hospital.
2 " Wounded in Action. (M.G. Bullets.)*R Christo*Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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R.Q.M. REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1918.

Rations.

Rations have been maintained to scale during the month. Hot meals were forwarded without intermission to troops whilst in forward area.

Clothing & Boots.

Clothing has not been drawn in large quantities but a considerable amount of repair work has been carried out. The men's clothing and boots are now in excellent condition.


Comforts,

The Australian Comforts Fund have kept up an excellent supply of socks, cigarettes, cocoa and milk and Tommy Cookers etc.

General.

Every effort has been made to save fat, paper and cardboard, and considerable quantities have been returned to Railhead, as follows:-

Fat. -	1250 lbs.
Paper. -	14 lbs.
Cardboard.-	25 lbs.

 Captain,

R.Q.M. 51st. Battalion, A.I.F.

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TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1918.

Work has been very heavy during the month, as large supplies of Engineering material, reserve water and reserve rations have been transported to front line in addition to daily rations.

A Divisional Pack Troop has been formed, this Unit supplying 9 animals and 2 N.C.O. and 10 men.

Condition of the horses and mules is excellent. Only one casualty was sustained during the month, one light Draught Gelding being killed by shell-fire.

All vehicles have been repainted during the month, and the harness and saddlery has had considerable attention and is in excellent condition.

During the month the transport has moved twice into fresh lines, and very serviceable bomb breaks have been erected in each case.

A. J. Watkins Lieutenant,
Transport Officer, 51st. Battalion.

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TABLE SHOWING REINFORCEMENTS JOINED AND BATTLE CASUALTIES FOR
MONTH ENDING - 30/6/18.

REINFORCEMENTS JOINED. JUNE 1918.

1 Officer (2/Lieut. F.M. WHAMOND.)

103 O/Ranks.

CASUALTIES FOR JUNE 1918.

KILLED IN ACTION. 1 Officer (Lieut. W. BRITT.)
7 O/Ranks.

WOUNDED IN ACTION. 1 Officer (2/Lieut. N.F. TIMBURY.)
56 O/Ranks. (Includes 10 cases of Gas.)

Rehistro Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion.