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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>September 1918</u>				
RIVERY	1st	"	Church parade, fine sunny weather	RC
"	2nd	"	Training as per Syllabus, copy for week ending 7th Sept is attached & marked I Ranges used for firing of Range practice were in the old moat surrounding the CITADEL of AMIENS, weather fine	I RC
"	3rd	"	Training as per Syllabus, company tactical exercises fairly well carried out some very useful instruction given to Section Comdrs on "Fire Control" & "Fire Orders" weather fine & clear	RC
"	4th	"	Battalion marched to the Rifle Range E of MONTIERES with 2 "cookers" midday meal carried by all ranks, a field firing practice was fired by companies with 6 Lewis Guns which also fired, the shooting was fairly good in each Coy & some very useful & interesting instruction was learned in "Fire discipline" & "Fire Control"	
"	5th	"	Battalion returned to billets 4-30 PM weather was fine & warm Battalion tactical exercise as laid down in Syllabus for 4th, a very useful & instructive exercise a ground selected for the work was very deceptive & instrumental in Officers & N.C.O.'s using their initiative, Brig General Marshall, Inspector General of training C.H.Q. visited the Battalion during morning's work & was favourably impressed with methods of training weather fine & warm, Warning Order received from 13th Aust Inf Bde that the Bde would be moving to forward Area on 6th.	RC.
"	6th	"	Battalion embussed at 9-30 AM, & moved to BIACHES area, arriving there at 4 PM & billeted in old enemy shelters, & sheds which had been partially destroyed by shell fire Copy of Battalion order no 85 is attached & marked II, nucleus personnel & Off 680/Ranks in charge of Lieut R Dickson remained at Bde nucleus Camp HOSPICE RIVERY, fine day.	II RC
BIACHES	7th	"	Arrangements made for dumping of Officers values, Surplus Gear & men packs, all ranks made most of the opportunity to bathe in River SOMME, weather fine.	
"	8th	"	Officers baggage & packs etc were dumped by 7 AM. Battalion moved out of Camp at 9-30 AM & marched to CARTIGNY area, billeted in huts at CATELET, 700 yds S.W. CARTIGNY arrived at 12-30 PM. weather showery & dull. during afternoon Support Bde area (14th Aust Inf Bde) was reconnoitred by C.O. & Intelligence Officer, Camp was bombed during night by Enemy Aircraft & 5 Officers wounded, copy of Bn Order no 85 A is attached marked Copy of Battalion disposition at 1 PM are attached & marked III	RC IIA. III-RC



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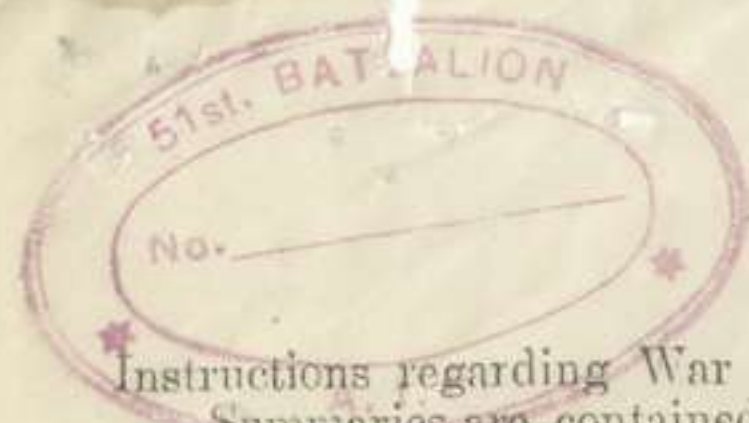
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September 1918 CATELET.	9 th	"	^{Re} Battalion relieved 54 th Aust Inf Batta in Support Area N of ESTREES-EN-CHAUSSÉE weather Showery Copy Battalion Operation Memo No 3 is attached & marked IV, Battalion disposition as at 4 PM attached & marked V very wet night.	IV V Re
ESTREES-EN-CHAUSSÉE	10 th	"	Morning very wet, Reconnaissance by C.O. & Coy Comdrs of front line held by 31 st Aust Inf Bn & arrangements made for relief, very heavy rain at midday, Battalion relieved 31 st Bn. at night relief completed 10-40 PM, night fine & clear, enemy attitude during relief was quiet copy of Battalion order No 86 attached & marked VI, Patrols were sent forward immediately after relief a distance of 1500 yds & located enemy E of old PERONNE-ST QUENTIN Railway. See "Intelligence Summary"	VI Re
POEUILLY	11 th	"	Battalion dispositions as at 8 AM attached & marked VII Fine sunny day, at 2-30 PM front line Coys (B & C) advanced on to line of old PERONNE-ST QUENTIN Railway which was gained by both Coys at 5-30 PM. 1 wounded prisoner & 2 m. Guns were captured opposition was slight & our casualties light, Patrols out on our front during the night. Particulars of operation & information gained by patrols see Intelligence Summary.	VII Re
"	12 th	"	at 7 PM Battalion 4 Bns moved to new position in Bank 1000 yds E of POEUILLY copy of Battalion dispositions as at 8 AM attached & marked VIII, Fine sunny day, at 2 PM B Coy on Right & C Coy on left advanced to a depth of 600 yds B Coy capturing 8 prisoners	Re VIII
"	13 th	"	Patrols out on our front during night (for operations & information see Intelligence Summary) Battalion disposition as at 8 AM attached & marked IX, Enemy shelled Battalion area with "Blue Cross" Gas. A fighting patrol from A Coy captured 2 officers & 42 of Ranks prisoners & 6 machine Guns (See Intelligence Summary attached) Bn 4 Bns moved to position in cutting on old PERONNE-ST QUENTIN Railway 1000 yds N.E. of VERMAND	IX Re
VERMAND	14 th	"	Battalion dispositions as at 8 AM attached & marked X weather dull & Cloudy. Use Right front Coy (B Coy) & Right Support (A Coy) area taken over by 2 nd Bn WELSH Relief Complete at 10-30 PM. at Left Support (D Coy) relieved C Coy from front line A Coy moved in position in support to D Coy B & C Coy in Reserve on old Railway line Copy of Battalion Operation Memo No 4 attached marked XA	Re X XA.
"	15 th	"	Enemy very quiet, (See Intelligence Summary for information gained by patrols) Battalion disposition at 8 AM attached & marked XI, day fine & clear, at 12-30 PM, D Coy (front line) advanced the line to an average depth of 500 yds, Resistance by enemy slight. 5 prisoners, 3 m. Guns & 4 trench mortars were captured 2 nd Bn Welsh Coy on Right & 4 th Bn on left cooperated in movement. (See Intelligence Summary for information) Copy of Daily Strength return attached marked XI	XI Re



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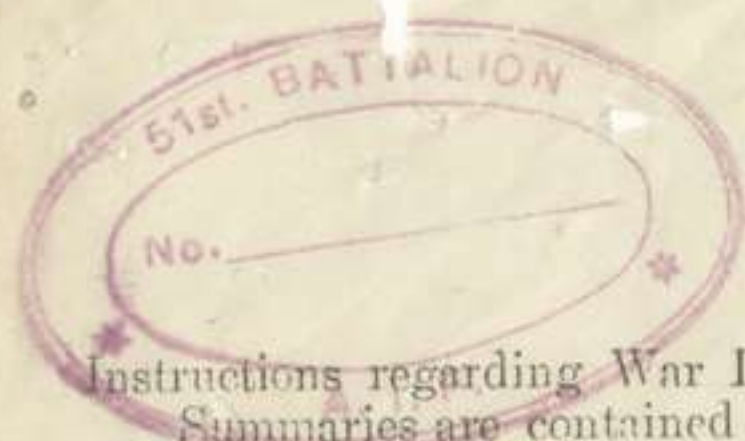
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September 1918				
VERMAND	16 th	"	Battalion disposition as at 8 AM attached & marked XII day fine & clear. Scattered shelling over Battalion area. Battalion relieved from front line by 48 th Bn Aust Imp Force relief complete 11 PM. enemy quiet during period. On relief Bn moved to shelters in vicinity of POEUVILLY. Copy of Battalion Order No 87 is attached & marked XIII. Bombing of area by enemy aircraft. Copy of Battalion daily Intelligence Summaries are attached marked XIV.	Re XIV Re
POEUVILLY	17 th	"	Disposition of Battalion at 8 AM attached & marked XVI, all ranks resting, weather showery during morning fine & clear in afternoon. Heavy rain during night.	XVI Re
"	18 th	"	Attack by 4 th & 12 th Aust Inf Bdes commenced 5.20 AM, riders received from 13 th Aust Inf Bde for Battalion to be ready to move on 1 hour's notice. Bathing, parades by Corps to Dunal Baths on NTH. end of VRAIGNES men received change of clean underclothing. Battalion moved forward at 6 PM & occupied old front line. Dispositions as attached & marked XVII.	Re XVII Re
VENDELLES	19 th	"	Weather showery men employed constructing shelters. Light hostile shelling of area.	Re
"	20 th	"	Weather fine & clear. Reconnaissance by all officers, of Support line of 12 th Aust Inf Bde.	Re
"	21 st	"	A Battalion of NTH STAFFORDSHIRE REGT moved forward at midday & took over Reserve area of 12 th Aust Inf Bde. at 12.30 PM Battalion moved out & marched to TINCOURT arriving 4.30 PM. Copy of Battalion order no 88 is attached & marked XVIII, all ranks billeted in huts & very comfortable.	XVIII Re
TINCOURT	22 nd	"	Battalion moved from Camp at 9 AM & marched to BIACHES arriving there at 1 PM. On arrival shelters had to be erected by the men, from material lying about. weather dull & cloudy > about 5 PM heavy rain fell. by this time men had constructed shelter sufficient to keep dry. During afternoon, all packs, valises & surplus baggage was drawn from Bde Dumps. Battalion nucleus 7 off 90 off ranks marched in from Bde nucleus Camp at LA-CHAPELETTE. Copy of Battalion order no 89 attached & marked XIX.	XIX
BIACHES	23 rd	"	General cleaning up & checking of clothing & equipment. weather dull & showery. Under instructions received from 13 th Aust Inf Bde the following officers & N.C.O.s were selected to be attached to 2nd American Corps as advisory mission. Capt M. P. OWEN M.C. Lieut J. R. CHANTER (QM) Lieut F. R. BROWN (Int off) R.Q.M.S. J. C. M'RAE, CQMS, M.A.D'UNKIN Sgts. KEELEY, BURTT, HALLIDAY.	Re
			Copy of Report on operations by the Battalion from 11 th to 21 st Sept 1918 & sketch of Dispositions is attached & marked XX.	XX Re



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September 1918 BIRCHES	24 th		Battalion embussed with remainder of 13 th Aust Inf Bde at 7 ³⁰ AM & moved to billets in GUYNEMICOURT arriving at that place 2 P.M. Transport was Brigaded & marched to new area staging for night at FOUILLOX. Copy of Battalion order no 90 is attached & marked XX I weather dull & cloudy	XX I RC
GUYNEMICOURT	25 th	"	Billets were found to be poor & men crowded & clean straw was obtained for men's billets & arrangements made to improve the sanitary conditions which was very bad & the village generally in a dirty condition. Surrounding country undulating & ideal for training purposes. Men occupied in cleaning of billets & getting comfortably settled. Syllabus of training for week ending 28/9/18 is attached & marked XX II	XX II
"	26 th	"	Training as per syllabus. D Coy moved to billets in BOVELLES about 2 miles N of GUYNEMICOURT this was found necessary owing to crowded state of billets dispositions now being Bn H.Q. A.B. & C Coy GUYNEMICOURT, D Coy BOVELLES	
"	27 th	"	Training as per syllabus weather showery	
"	28 th	"	" " " fine.	
"	29 th	"	Church Parade. & Recreational.	
"	30 th	"	Company training, Bayonet Fighting, & musketry, & Recreational parades. weather fine.	
Report on Quartermaster's Stores for month ending 30/9/18 attached marked XX III				XX III
" of Transport officer for month ending 30/9/18 attached " XX IV				XX IV
Return showing casualties & captives for month " " XX V				XX V
Copy of Daily Strength Return for 30/9/18 " " XX VI				XX VI
Sick evacuations for month " " XX VII				XX VII
Reinforcements joined & machine guns & trench mortars captured for month ending 30/9/18 attached & marked XX VIII				XX VIII
R. Christie Lieut Col commanding 51st Bn A. G.				4

51st. BATTALION.
for

SEPTEMBER 1918.

List of Appendices.

- I. Syllabus of Training for week ending 7/9/18.
- II. Battalion Order No. 85.
- IIa. Battalion Order No. 85a.
- III. Battalion Disposition, 1 p.m. 8/9/18.
- IV. Operation Memo No. 3.
- V. Battalion Disposition, 4 p.m. 9/9/18.
- VI. Battalion Order No. 86.
- VII. Battalion Disposition, 8 a.m. 11/9/18.
- VIII. " " 8 a.m. 12/9/18.
- IX. " " 8 a.m. 13/9/18.
- X. " " 8 a.m. 14/9/18.
- Xa. Operation Memo No. 4.
- XI. Battalion Disposition, 8 a.m. 15/9/18.
- XII. Daily Strength Return, 15/9/18.
- XIII. Battalion Disposition, 8 a.m. 16/9/18.
- XIV. Battalion Order No. 87.
- XV. Intelligence Summaries from 11/9/18 to 21/9/18.
- XVI. Battalion Disposition, 8 a.m. 17/9/18.
- XVII. " " 1 a.m. 19/9/18.
- XVIII. Battalion Order No. 88.
- XIX. " " No. 89
- XX. Report of operations and sketch showing disposition and
Signal Communications from 11/9/18 to 21/9/18.
- XXI. Battalion Order No. 90.
- XXII. Syllabus of training for week ending 28/9/18.
- XXIII. Report on work of Q.M. Store for month ending 30/9/18.
- XXIV. Transport Officer's Report.
- XXV. Statement of Casualties and Prisoners captured for month
ending 30/9/18.
- XXVI. Daily Strength Return 30/9/18.
- XXVII. Sick Evacuations for month ending 30/9/18.
- XXVIII. Reinforcements joined and Machine Guns, Trench Mortars
captured during month ending 30/9/18.

51st. Battalion,
31st. August 1918.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 7th. SEPTEMBER 1918.

Date	2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.		
Monday 2nd.	Range Practices -	Dress -	Fighting Order wearing Felt hats.
Tuesday 3rd.	Tactical Schemes by Companies.	Scheme for each Company will be arranged the evening previous by C.O.	Training of Lewis Gunners, Bombers, signallers and Scouts. Gas Drill.
Wednesday 4th.	Tactical Exercises -	The Battalion in attack.	Dress - Complete Fighting Order wearing felt hats. do.
Thursday 5th.	Range Practices.	-	As for Monday 2nd. September.
Friday 6th.	Battalion Route March with Transport.	-	Dress - Fighting Order wearing felt hats. do.
Saturday 7th.	Inspection of gas respirators.	Inspection of Bn. by C.O. and Bn. Drill.	

Os.C. Companies will arrange each evening the following days work with their Platoon Commanders.

All Coy. Signallers and Scouts. will report to Bn. Signal Officer and Scout Officer respectively at Bn. H/Qrs. at 2 p.m. daily.

All Nos. 1. on Lewis Gun teams will report to the L.G.O. at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Instruction for tactical exercises for following day to all Officer by C.O. on Monday and Tuesday at 4.30 p.m.

Lecture on co-operation of aircraft and Infantry by R.A.F. Officer.

Arrangements will be made for throwing and firing live grenades.

An allotment of the Bn. 30 yards range will be notified to Companies.

(signed) F. ALBRECHT. Captain &
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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51st. Battalion Order No. 85.
Reference sheet 62D. 1/40.000.

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6th. September 1918.

- INTENTION. 1. The Bn. will move by motor bus to BIACHES today, 6th. instant.
- INSTRUCT-
IONS. 2. (a) Embussing point - Road between M.2.d.8.7. and M.2.d.0.9.
(b) Time - 9.30 a.m.
(c) Order of March - H/Qrs., B. C. A. D. Coys.
(d) Dress - Marching Order wearing steel helmets.
(e) Loading - A motor lorry will be provided to carry Lewis Guns, cooking gear and wet rations. Above material will be dumped at Cross Roads M.2.b.2.0. by 8.50 a.m.
(f) Nucleus personnel will report to Lieut. R. DICKSON at B.O.R. at 9 a.m.
- TRANSPORT. 3. Transport will move under Brigade arrangements and will stage at MORCOURT on night of 6th/7th. inst.
- REPORTS. 4. Marching-in-state will be rendered to Bn. H/Qrs. immediately on arrival in new area.

Gallrecht Captain &
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

APPENDIX II

INFORMATION.

1. (a) The enemy is retiring on the AUSTRALIAN CORPS Front closely pressed by our advanced guards. Latest information gives our line as shown on attached map.
 (b) The AUSTRALIAN CORPS Front is now held by the 32nd. Division, 5th. AUST. Division and 3rd. AUST. Division
 (c) The advance is being continued for the present by the Division now in the line, but three other Divisions are being assembled in rear of them and will pass through later.
 (d) The 4th. AUST. Division is being concentrated in rear of and will subsequently continue the advance of the 5th. AUST. Division (Centre Division).
 (e) The advance of the Corps Front will be pressed by a series of bounds. Successive objectives on the Div. Front are shown on attached map.
 (f) Each Divisional Front will be covered by an advance Guard consisting of a Brigade group with some artillery.

INTENTION.

2. The Battalion will move to a position near CARTIGNY tomorrow the 8th. instant.

INSTRUCTIONS.

3. (a) Order of March - H/Qrs. "A", "C", "B", "D" Coys.
 (b) Starting Point - Road at I.25.a.7.2.
 (c) Time - 9.30 a.m.
 (d) Route - Along tow path to I.33.central, across canal, along road skirting S.E. of PERONNE through FLAMICOURT along road to Cross Roads in P.8.a.
 (e) The Billetting party consisting of 2/Lieut. E.N. STANTON & 4 O/Ranks. will report to the Brigade I.O. at Cross Roads, P.8.0 at 9.30 a.m.
 (f) Loading - Lewis Gun Limbers will report to Coys. at 7.30 a.m. and will be loaded by 9 a.m. Cookers will be loaded and ready to pull out by 9 a.m.
 (g) Dress - Fighting Order.
 (h) Dumping - Packs and spare gear will be dumped at Bde. Dump starting with "A" Coy at 6.30 a.m., followed by "C", "D" and "B" Coys. Lieut. J.J. CONNOR will be Officer i/c of the Brigade Dump.
 "D" Coy. will detail a rearguard of 1 Off and 8 O/Ranks.

TRANSPORT.

4. Transport will move independently under Brigade arrangements.

REPORTS.

5. Marching-out-states will be rendered by 9 a.m. A marching-in-state will be rendered when companies reach the new billeting area.

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



51st BATTALION, Aust I.F.

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Disposition Report as at 1p m on 8th September, 1918.

Reference Sheet 62 c, 1/40,000.

Bn H.Q. & R.A.P. - P.8.b.9.5.

Four Coys in Huts. - From P.9.a.1.6. to P.9.a.3.6.

Transport Lines at - P.3. a.5.4.

R. Christie H. W.
C.O. 51st Bn



51st. Battalion Operation Memo No. 3.
Reference sheet 62C. S.E. 1/20.000.

9th. September 1918.

1. The Bn. will relieve 54th. Aust. Inf. Bn. in Support Bde. Area today, 9th. inst.
2. (a) Order of March - H/Qrs. D. B. C. A. Transport.
(b) Starting Point - On Road at entrance to camp at P.8.b.80.55.
(c) Time - 2.15 p.m.
(d) ~~Road Junction~~ Route - ~~Road~~ Junction, P.9.c.10.60, thence main road to P.23.central, S.W. BOUVINCOURT - road through P.23.c. to P.29.a.50.70.
(e) Formation - The Bn. will move by Coys at 100 yards distance.
(f) Lewis Gun Wagons, Cookers and Mess Cart will be loaded and ready to move at 1.30 p.m.
3. Transport. All Transport will be formed up on road near starting point all ready to move at 2.00 p.m.
4. Reports. Marching-in-state and Coy. Dispositions will be sent to Bn. H/Qrs. at once on arrival of Coys. in new area.

(signed) F. ALBRECHT. Captain &
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.



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B.H.Q. at- P.29,b.0.7.

R.A.P. " P.29.b.55.75.

Two Coys in Trench from P.30 a.6.3. to P.30,b.0.7.

Two Coys from P.24a 4.2.to P.24.b.5.0.

Transport Lines P.4 c.3.3.

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B.H.Q. at P.29.b.0.7.

R.A.P. " P.29.b.55.75.

Two Coys in trench from P.30.a.6.3. to P.30.b.0.7.

Two Coys from P.24 a.4.2 to P.24.b.50.

51st. Battalion Order No. 86.
Reference sheet 620. 1/40.000.

10th. September 1918.

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RELIEF.

1. The Bn. will relieve the 31st. Bn. from the Front Line tonight 10th/11th. instant.

INSTRUCT-
IONS.

2. (a) Order of March - H/Qrs. C. D. B. and A.
(b) Relief -
B Coy. (Right Front) will relieve B Coy. 31st. Bn.
C " (Left ") will relieve D " "
A " (Support) will relieve A " "
D " (Support) will relieve C " "
(c) Starting Point - Road Junction, P.39.d.2.6.
(d) Time - H/Qrs. 6.40 p.m.
C Coy. 6.45 "
D " 6.55 "
B " 7.05 "
A " 7.15 "
(e) route - Along main road to POEUILLY.
(f) Dress - Fighting Order. Each man will carry extra 100 rounds, S.A.A. and 2 grenades.
(g) Loading - A Lewis Gun limber will report to each Company at 6.00 p.m. These Limbers will also carry cooking utensils for B, C and D Coys.
(h) Water carts will move with Bn. to position where cookers are being established.
(i) Guides - Five guides will meet Coys. at Road Junction Q.29.c.2.5 at 7 p.m.

TRANSPORT.

3. Transport will remain at present location.

REPORTS.

4. Disposition reports will be forwarded to Bn. H/Qrs. as soon as possible after arrival in new area.

(signed) F. ALBRECHT. Captain &
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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Disposition Report as at 8 a m 11/9/18. Ref sheet, 62c.1/20.000.S.E.

Bn. H. Q. - Q.28.b.8.0.

R. A. P. Q.28.b.9.6.

One Coy in right front line from R.25 d.1.5.to R.25.A.1.8.

Right Coy in front line disposed in posts.

No 1 Post from R.25.d.1.5.to R.25.c.6.9. L.G's at R.25.d.05.60, & R.25.c8.8
Pltn H.Q. at R.25.c.9.7.

NO 2 Post. From P.25.c.95.7.0.to R.25.A.centre.L.G's on flanks.

No 3 Post. From R.25.A.50.65.to R.25.a.1.9. L.G's at R.25.a.2.7. & R.25.a5.4

Coy H.Q. at R.25.A.3.3.

ONE COY in left front line, disposed in posts-

No 1 Post.	from	R.25.a.4.8.	-	1 L.G.6 men.
" 2 "	"	R.25.a.3.9.		7 Rifles.
" 3 "	"	R.19.c.1.1.		9 "
" 4 "	"	R.19.c.1.4.		1 L.G.6 men.
" 5 "	"	R.19.c.10.65.		1 " " 7 "
" 6 "	"	R.19.c.15.85.		11 Rifles.
" 7 "	"	R.19.A.15.05.		6 "
" 8 "	"	R.19.a 1.2.		1 L.G. 5 men.
" 9 "	"	R.19-a.05.40.		1 " " 6 "
" 10 "	"	R.19.a.15.65.		9 Rifles.
" 11 "	"	R.19.a.00.90.		7 "
" 12 "	"	Q.24.b.95.95.		1 L.G.5 men.
Coy H.Q.		Q.24.d.25.		

ONE COY in right support Line, from R.25.c.2.3.to R.25.a.0.9.
Coy H.Q. at Q.30.d.1.5.80.

ONE COY in left support line disposed in Platoon Posts.

No 1 Post. from Q.24.a.2.3. to Q.24.a.7.1. L.G's at Q.24.a.60.15.

" 2 " " Q.24.a.2.9. to Q.24.a.2.6. L.G's at Q.24.a.2.8. & Q.24.
a.2.7.

" 3 " " Q.23.b.95.50.to Q.23.b.95.20. L.G's at Q.23.b.95.55. &
Q.23.b.95.20.

Coy H.Q. - Q.24.a.0.7.

Transport Lines at P.4.c.3.30.

<u>Vickers Guns.</u>	One	at	Q.29.b.7.8.
	"	"	Q.29.b.75.85.
	"	"	Q.30.c.4.8.
	"	"	Q.30.c.6.6.

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APPENDIX VIII

Disposition report as at 8 a m 12/9/18. Ref Sheet 62c.S.H. 1/20.000.

Bn H.Q. - Q.29.b.95.15.R.A.P. - Q.24.a. 2.4.RIGHT Front Line Coy disposed in Platoon posts-

No 1 Post. from R.20.d.8.3. to R.20.d.8.7.

" 2 " " R.21.a.0.3. to R.15.c.3.1.

" 3 " " R.15.c.3.2.to,R.15.c.4.8.

Right Coy H.Q. at R.21.a.0.3.LEFT FRONT LINE COY disposed in half Coy posts.

No 1 Post. In railway from R.15.a.2.0. to R.14.b.5.5.

" 2 " in trench in R.8.9.

Coy H.Q. at R.15.c.2.9.RIGHT SUPPORT COY disposed in Platoon posts.

No 1 Post. From R.20.d.8.0. to R.20.d.7.

" 2 " " R.21.a.0.3. to R.21.a.2.

" 3 " " R.15.c.3.4. to R.15.c.3.

Coy H.Q. at R.20.d.8.8.LEFT SUPPORT COY disposed in Platoon posts-

No 1 Post in Rly Bank from R.8.d.2.2. to R.8.7.

" 2 " from Q.24.b.90.15. to R.19.c.1.6.

" 3 " " Q.30.b.95.15.to R.19.c.30.15,& R.19.c.14.

VICKERS GUNS. 1 at Q.29.b.7.8.
 1 " Q.29.b.75.85.
 1 " Q.30.c.48.
 1 " Q.30.c.6.6.

TRANSPORT LINES at P.4.c.3.3.

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Disposition report as at 8 a.m, 13/9/18.

reference sheet 62C. 1/20.000 S.E.

Bn. H/Qrs. Q.29.b.95.15

A.A.P. R.21.a.15.60.

Right Front Line Coy. in Platoon posts.

Coy. H/Qrs. R.21.a.0.3.

No. 1. Post from R.22.a.10.55. to R.21.b.75.75.

No. 2 " from R.15.d.8.1 to R.15.d.central.

No. 3 " from R.15.b.2.8 to R.15.a.9.3.

Left Front Line Coy. on line.

Coy. H/Qrs. R.15.c.2.9.

From Right to Left R.15.a.9.4. to R.15.a.5.5. to R.9.a.2.2. to
R.8.d.8.2 to R.8.b.8.8.

Right support Coy.

Disposed in platoon posts.

No. 1 Post from R.20.d.8.0 to R.20.d.7.5.

No. 2 " from R.21.a.0.3 to R.21.a.2.7.

No. 3 " from R.15.c.3.4 to R.15.c.3.8.

Coy. H/Qrs. R.20.d.8.8.

Left support Coy.

Disposed in platoon posts.

No. 1 Post from R.14.b.8.3 to R.15.c.2.8.

No. 2 " from R.8.d.3.0 to R.14.b.7.5.

No. 3 " from R.8.c.8.7 to R.8.d.2.2.

Coy. H/Qrs. R.14.b.5.6.

(signed) R. CHRISTIE. Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion.

APPENDIX IX

51st. Battalion, A.I.F.

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Disposition report as at 8 a.m, 14/9/18.
 Reference sheet 62C. 1/20.000. S.E.

Bn. H/Qrs. and R.A.P. - R.21.a.15.60.

Right Front Line Coy. and one platoon of Right Support Coy disposed
 in section posts.

Coy. H/Qrs. at R.21.a.0.3.

From - R.22.a.3.8. to R.15.a.8.4.

Left Front Line Coy. and one platoon of Left Support Coy.

Coy. H/Qrs. at R.15.c.2.9.

No. 1 Post - R.15.a.9.3 to R.15.a.5.9.

No. 2 " - R.9.a.9.3 to R.9.d.0.5.

No. 3 " - R.9.a.6.9. to R.9.a.7.7 to R.9.a.7.4.

Right Support Coy. Platoon Posts :-

Coy. H/Qrs. at R.20.d.8.8.

No. 1 Post - R.21.a.0.3 to R.21.a.2.7.

No. 2 " - R.15.c.3.4 to R.15.c.3.8.

Left Support Coy. Platoon Posts. :-

Coy. H/Qrs. at R.14.b.5.6.

No. 1 Post - R.14.b.8.3. to R.15.c.2.8.

No. 2 " - R.8.c.8.7. to R.8.d.2.2.

(signed) R. CHRISTIE. Lieutenant-Colonel,
 Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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51st. Battalion Operation Memo No. 4.
 Reference sheet 62C. S.E. 1/20.000. 14th. September 1918.

1. "B" Coy. and one platoon of "A" Coy. will be relieved from front line between R.22.a.6.7. and R.15.b.5.8 by the 2nd. Bn. Welsh Regt tonight 14th/15th. instant.
 "D" Coy. will take over front line from "C" Coy. between R.15.b.2.4 through R.9.a.central to R.9.a.6.7.
 "A" Coy. will take up a support position between R.15.a.9.5. and R.8.d.8.5. "B" and "C" Coys. will be in reserve behind Railway Bank from R.14.d.2.8 to R.8.c.8.9.
2. (a) Relief will commence at 8 p.m.
 (b) Two Guides per platoon from "A" and "B" Coys. will report to their respective Coy. H/Qrs. before 7 p.m. Necessary guides for "D" Coy. will be arranged by O.C. Coy.
 (c) S.A.A. and bombs in front posts will be handed over to relieving platoons and duplicate receipts obtained. S.O.S. grenades will not be handed over.
 (d) A protective screen will be placed out and will remain out till relief is complete.
 (e) Rations will be dumped near new Bn. H/Qrs.
 (f) "A", "B" and "C" Coys. will each mount 1 Lewis Gun for A.A. Defence.
3. Relief complete will be notified over the 'phone by code word "SET".
 Disposition report will be rendered to Bn. H/Qrs. by 6 a.m. 15th. inst.

(signed) M. CAMERON CROCKER, Lieutenant,
 for Captain & Adjutant,
 51st. Battalion.

51st. Battalion, A.I.F.

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Disposition Report as at 8 a.m. 15/9/18.
Reference sheet 620.S.E. 1/20.000.

Bn. H/Qrs. and R.A.P. at R.14.b.65.65.
Front Line Coy. disposed in half platoon posts.
Coy. H/Qrs. R.9.c.2.1.

No. 1 Post from R.15.b.2.9 to R.9.d.1.0.
No. 2 " from R.9.c.95.10 to R.9.c.90.25.
No. 3 " at R.9.c.8.6.
No. 4 " at R.9.a.9.1.
No. 5 " at R.9.a.9.3.
No. 6 " at R.9.a.7.7.

Support Coy. disposed in platoon posts.

No. 1 Post from R.15.b.15.75 to R.15.a.90.90. to R.15.a.8.0 to
R.9.c.75.10.
No. 2 " from R.9.c.65.20 to R.9.c.50.25 to R.9.c.50.50.
No. 3 " from R.9.c.4.5 to R.9.c.3.7. to R.9.c.35.90 to
R.9.a.40.25.

Right Reserve Coy.

Coy. H/Qrs. at R.15.c.3.5.
Coy. in bank R.15.a.5.0. to R.15.a.5.2.

Left Reserve Coy. in Railway Cutting.

Coy. H/Qrs. at R.8.c.75.60.
Coy. from R.8.c.9.4. to R.8.c.8.9.

(signed) R. CHRISTIE, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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51st. Battalion.

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Daily Strength Return.

15th. September 1918.

Month: September 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	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.
35	655	1	3	4	12	4	60	5	23	-	16	-	28	49	797

ARRIVALS.

1 Officer from Seconded.
 1 " from U.K. Leave.
 16 O/Ranks Reinforcements.

DEPARTURES.

3 O/Ranks Wounded in Action.
 4 " to Hospital.
 1 " to D.Duty at Bde.
 1 " from Bde. Duty. Wounded.
 20 " off Hospital, evacuated Div. Area.
 1 Officer to Hospital from Bde. Duties.

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Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion.

APPENDIX XIII

51st. Battalion, A.I.F.

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Disposition report as at 8 a.m. 16/9/18.
Reference sheet 62C. S.E. 1/20.000.

Bn. H/Qrs. and R.A.P. at R.14.b.65.65.

Front Line Coy. plus 2 platoons support Coy. disposed in three posts of one and half platoons and two posts of one section each.

Coy. H/Qrs. at R.9.c.2.1.

No. 1 Post from R.9.d.8.2. to R.9.d.8.6.

No. 2 " from R.9.d.8.8. to R.9.b.8.1. to R.9.b.6.3.

No. 3 " from R.9.b.5.5. to R.9.b.5.8. to R.3.d.6.0. to R.3.d.5.1.

Lewis Gun Post at R.9.b.75.30.

Bombing Post. R.9.b.8.5.

Support Coy. Platoon at R.9.c.55.80.

Coy. H/Qrs. at R.9.c.2.2.

No. 1 and 3 platoons Reins. Front Line Coy.

Right Reserve Coy. in bank from R.15.a.5.0 to R.15.a.5.2.

Coy. H/Qrs. at R.15.c.3.5.

Left Reserve Coy. in Railway Cutting from R.8.c.9.4 to R.8.c.8.9.

Coy. H/Qrs. at R.8.c.75.60.

(signed) R. CHRISTIE, Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion. am XIII

51st. Battalion Order No. 87.
reference sheet 62C. S.E. 1/20.000.

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16th. September 1918.

RELIEF.

1. The Bn. will be relieved from the front line tonight 16th/17th. inst. by the 48th. Bn. A.I.F.
On relief the Bn. will move to position in Q.27 and 28.

INSTRUCT-
IONS.

2. (a) "D" Coy. and platoons of A Coy. in front line will be relieved by one Coy. 48th. Bn. The remainder of A Coy. will be relieved by a Coy. of 48th. Bn.
B and C Coys. will not be relieved and will move out on receipt of ordered from Bn. H/Qrs.
(b) O.C. D Coy. will arrange a protective screen which will remain out till relief is complete.
(c) S.O.S. grenades, maps, picks and shovels will be brought out.
(d) Extra S.A.A. and grenades will be handed over to relieving Unit and receipts obtained.
(e) Lewis Guns, picks, shovels, fantasias and petrol tins will be loaded at Bn. H/Qrs. B and C Coy. Lewis Guns in one Limber. A and D Coys. Lewis Guns in one limber.
(f) Guides. Two guides per platoon from front line will report to D Coy. H/Qrs. at 7 p.m. Guides for new Bn. position will meet Companies at Sunken road, Q.29.b.2.6.

REPORTS:

3. Relief complete will be wired to Bn. H/Qrs. by code word "JAKE".

Gallbrech

Captain &

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

APPENDIX XIV

51st Battalion.Intelligence Summary from 9p.m. to 6a.m, 11/9/18.

OPERATIONS. The Bn relieved the 31st Bn in the line on the night of 10/11th. The relief was complete at 10-40p.m. Enemy quiet during relief.

PATROLS. Ref sheet 62c S,E,1/20,000.

A Patrol of 1 Officer and 6 men left our lines at 4-30a.m. from Q24,B,8065, and pushed forward to Railway running through R,14,B, and searched all country in R,13,C, and R.14-B, and wood in R.20.a, and on to railway as above.

Enemy definitely located approx on contour 110 in R.9.a. Enemy appeared to be wiring. Patrol returned our lines 6a.m.

Enemy Patrols. Left Coy 31st Bn reported on being relieved by left front line Coy 51st Bn, reported. Just prior to relief, driving off an enemy patrol of 6 men. They had no patrols out of any description, and were quite out of touch with enemy.

Our left Coy pushed out reconnoitring patrols of 1 N.C.O and 5 men about 600yds every hour. No signs of enemy were reported.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. Shelled area lightly with 4,2" H.E at 11-50p.m, 10/9/18, also at 12-45a.m, and 1-45a.m, and 2-30a.m. Very scattered.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Over frequently during early part of night, and bombing out of this area.

51st Battalion.Intelligence summary from 6a.m 11/9/18 to 6a.m 12/9/18.

OPERATIONS. At 2-30p.m. on 11th, two Coys advanced to railway line through R8,A.B.&C.-R.14,B.R15,A,C, R21A and R.19 D.

The centre platoon of the left Coy gained the objective from R 15,A 20 to R 14,B 5.5. at 5-10p.m. Both Coys gained objective at 5-30p.m.

The right support Coy moved forward at 8-30p.m, to railway bank from R20,D 8.0. to R 15.C 3.8. Nil Inf resistance, Artillery high light. The left Platoon of left support Coy moved forward and took up position from R 8,D 2-2, to R.8.C8.7. at 3 a.m, 12/9/18.

ENEMY holding line lightly from R21.B 8.9. to R.15,B 21.

At 6-45a.m 12/9/18 the RIGHT Coy reported about 12 huns and 2 M.G's taking up a position at R.9.A7.6.

PATROLS. (our) Report strong wire in belts at R.15.A 7.7, to 3.5. also at R.8.D.2. as on map. REPORT, Trench from R 15.C 8.5 to R.15, @ 5.1, only 1 ft deep, wire good.

ENEMY M.G's during advance located in vicinity of R.8.9.& R 15 B.

ARTILLERY (our) fired on M.G's at R.9.A.7.6, at 8a.m.

ENEMY ARTILLERY active from 4p.m till 10p.m, on 11/9/18, shelling railway bank, principally re-entrants WEST of railway Bridge, using 5.9s, 4.2s and Whiz-bangs; also shelled WEST of railway; chiefly H.E. A little gas noticed.

ENEMY M.G's. Two at R 9,A 7.6, fired down railway bank at 7-35a.m. Snipers firing on R 14 B along railway.

IDENTIFICATION. One PRISONER of 8th Coy, 46th Inf Regt captured at 5p.m 12/9/18, was lying wounded on railway at R 8.D22, captured by 13th Pltn, 51st BN.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FROM 6a m 12/9/18 to 6a m 13/9/18.

OPERATIONS. (our) At 2p m on 12/9/18 our Right and Left front line Coys commenced to creep forward on to brown line. Enemy M.G's offered strong resistance at R.19,D 1.7. - R 9.d 8.8.-R.15.B.8.5, and from high ground in R.28 a& b, also from BIHECOURT.

At 7-30p m the line had reached from right to left R 22.a 10.55 to R 15.d 8.1 to R 15 a 5.9 to R.9 a.2-2- to R.8.b 8.2. to R.8.b.8.8, and is now being held. Eight unwounded prisoners were taken.

The M.G fire was responsible for brown line not being reached.

ARTILLERY. (our) During advance engaged enemy M.G's mentioned in OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. (our) A patrol of 1 Officer and 25 O.R, with one L.G left our line at R.20,D.8-6, at 11-45 p m on 12/9/18. Route:- along railway line.

ENEMY M.G. Strong point of 2 .08 guns at R.9.d.4 8, also 9 A strongly wired.

Enemy Shelling light and scattered. Heavy gas this morning.

51st BATTALION, Aust I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FROM 6 a m 13/9/18 to 6 a m 14/9/18. Ref sht 62c S E

OPERATIONS. The left platoon of the right Coy moved forward to R 15.3.3.6. but owing to the left flank of left Coy being in the air, it withdrew to former position. No casualties resulted.

The right support Coy moved its right platoon forward and filled the gap between the right and centre platoons of the right line Coy.

The left support Coy moved its centre platoon forward to gap in R.9,cto fill up the gap between the left and centre platoons of the left Coy.

IDENTIFICATION. 2 Off. 42 O.R, of 5th, 6th & 8th Coy, 46th regt.

Patrols. 8-15 a m 13/9/18. A patrol of 1 Off and 18 O.R with 1 L.G left railway cutting at R.15, c 3.3 at 8 to clear a party of enemy established in portion of trench between the left and centre platoons of right line Coy. They moved to sunken road at R 15 a 7.4, then along road until opposite portion of trench held by enemy. Lewis gun and bombs were used to great advantage and resulted in killing 3 of the enemy, capturing 6 M. G, and taking 2 Officers, 44 O.R prisoner.

Patrol reported back to support lines at 9-50 a m.

ARTILLERY. Active on left at 7 p m, 13/9/18, quiet remainder of period. Reported our Artillery falling short at 1-50 a m, in R 22, a 20.65. Remedied.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Quiet, scattered shelling.

M.G bursts from M.G's in R.9.B throughout period.

51st BATTALION, AUST INF

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 am 14/9/18, to 6 a.m 15/9/18. Ref Sht 62.5.E. 1/20.

OPERATIONS. RELIEF. The 2 Bn Welsh Regt relieved the right line Coy on night of 13/14th. Relief complete by 10-30 p.m. Enemy quiet whilst relief carried out. The left support Coy relieved the left line Coy, relief complete by 10 p.m. Artillery quiet.

PATROLS. 1 N.C.O and 4 O.R. Report trench in R.9.d 5.4 unoccupied. Touch maintained with flanks during night.

IDENTIFICATION. Nil.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. Quiet during day, at 11 p.m. shelled wire from R.15 b.0.8.5 to R. 9. C 3.2 with 5'9"s, about 30 rounds.

GRENADES. "Pineapples" about 20 in R.9.c, and R.8.d. 10-30 p.m. from vicinity A.3. d.2.5.

M.G. Silent during day, opened at dusk from R.7.B along railway cutting.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Low flying machine over between 1-30 and 2-30 p.m., driven off by A.A.G.

51st BATTALION. Aust I.F.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6a.m, 15/9/18 to 6a.m 16/9/18, Ref Sheet 62c S.E. 1/20,000.

OPERATIONS. At 12-30 p.m 15/9/18 front line Coy moved forward to an average depth of 500 yds. Enemy offered little resistance with artillery and M.G's, and few snipers. Objective gained and resulted in us capturing 5 O.A., 3 08/15 M.G's, 3 minnies, and 1 T.M.

Line now runs from R.9.d 8.2. to R.9B.8.1. to R.9.B-6.3. to R.9.B.5.5M to R.3.d.5.1.

PATROLS. Patrols worked vigorously along front Coy front, Nil encountered. Liason patrols between posts during night.

IDENTIFICATION. At 5 p.m, at approx R.9.B.5.4. 1 O/R 3rd Coy, 58 Regt.
4 O/R 4th " " "

ARTILLERY. Active throughout period; shelled reported party of enemy at 10-50 p.m, from R.3 d 7.2 to R.10. A.6.6.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY. At 1 p.m shelled support line and railway cutting at R.14.B.6.5. to R.14.B.5.9. Quiet from 5-30 p.m to 8-30 p.m. Commenced shelling with H.E and sneezing gas till 9 p.m around support line and railway cutting and wood at R.14.B.

3-55 a.m. Shelled R.8.d. 14.B and R.15a-H.E and schrapnel.

HOSTILE M.G. Active throughout advance, firing from copse in R.9.d and No 1 copse.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. 7 pm. Low flying plane dropped silvery flares on left of copse, in 9d. (apparently nil action taken by enemy.) 8 p.m. Bombing plane flew along railway cutting, dropped bombs outside R.A.P, causing 2 casualties.

Lieut Col,
C.O. 51st Bn.

51st BATTALION. Aust I.R. *LV*

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 6 a m 16/9/17 to 6 a m 17/9/18.

OPERATIONS. The Bn was relieved by the 48th Bn, Aust I.R. on the night of 16th. Relief complete by 11 p.m. All quiet during relief.

ARTILLERY. Active throughout period.

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Lieut-Col,
C.O. 51st Bn.

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51st. Battalion, A.I.F.

Disposition Report as at 8 a.m. 17/9/18. Ref. sheet 62C. S.E.1/20.000.

Bn. H/Qrs. and at Q.28.b.8.0. R.A.P. at Q.28.b.9.6.

Two Coys in trench from Q.28.central to Q.29. .0.8.

Two Coys in bank from Q.27.a.and b.

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ANNEX VI

(signed) R. CHRISTIE, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion.

51st. Battalion, A.I.F.

Disposition report as at
1. a.m. - 19/9/18.

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Reference sheet 620. S.E. 1/20.000.

Bn. H/Qrs. R.8.c.95.40.
R.A.P. R.8.d.20.05.

"A" Coy. H/Qrs. R.9.d.75.70.
Coy. Distributed from R.9.d.60.35 Right to
R.9.d.75.85 Left.

"B" Coy. H/Qrs. R.9.c.15.30.
Coy. distributed from R.9.c.20.05 Right to
R.9.c.20.55 Left.

"D" Coy. H/Qrs. R.9.b.5.3.
Coy. distributed from R.9.b.70.15 Right to
R.9.b.25.50 Left.

"C" Coy. H/Qrs. R.8.b.75.50.
Coy. Distributed from R.9.a.05.20 Right to
R.8.b.75.60 Left.

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

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APP XVIII

51st. Battalion Order No. 88.
Reference sheet 620. 1/40.00.

21st. September 1918.

- INTENTION. 1. The Bn. will move to TINCOURT area today 21st. inst.
- INSTRUCT-
IONS. 2. (a) Order of March - H/Qrs. B. C. A. D. Coys.
(b) Starting Point - R.7.b.7.5.
(c) Time - 12.30 p.m.
(d) Route - Q.12.b.& a., BERNES, Q.4.c.,
Q.3.d., Q.2.b, K.32.c. TINCOURT.
(e) Guides will meet Companies near HALTE at J.24.central.
(f) Lewis Gun Limbers will report to Coys. at 11 a.m.
Lewis Gun Limbers and Cookers will move with their
respective Companies.
- REPORTS. 3. Marching-out-states will be rendered to Bn. H/Qrs.
by 12 noon.
Marching-in-state and report on accommodation will
be rendered immediately on arrival in new billeting area.

Gallbrech Captain &
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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51st. Battalion Order No. 89.
Reference sheet 620. 1/40.000.

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21st. September 1918.

- INTENTION. 1. The Bn. will move from TINCOURT to BIACHES Area tomorrow 22nd. inst.
- INSTRUCT-
IONS. 2. (a) Order of March - H/Qrs., A. B. C. D. Coys.
(b) Starting Point - J.17.d.1.6.
(c) Time - 9.30 a.m.
(d) Route - J.20.central, PERONNE, Q.21.c.,
HALLE, I.19.c., H.24.d., H.30.b.
(e) Dress - Fighting Order.
- TRANSPORT. 3. Transport will be brigaded and will move independently under Lieut. T.G. WATKINS.
- REPORTS. 4. Marching-inStates will be rendered by 9 a.m.

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

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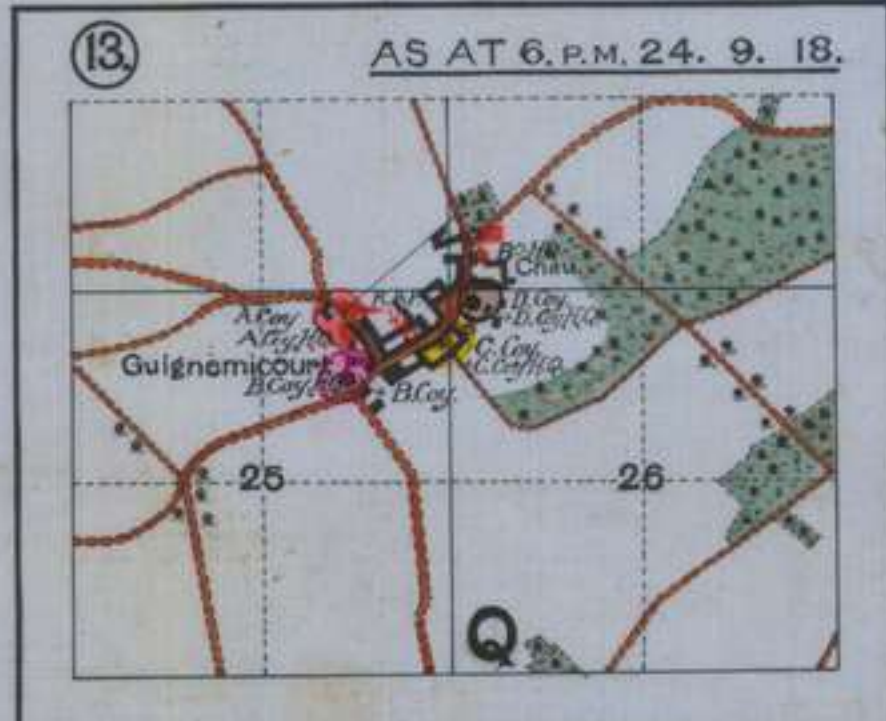
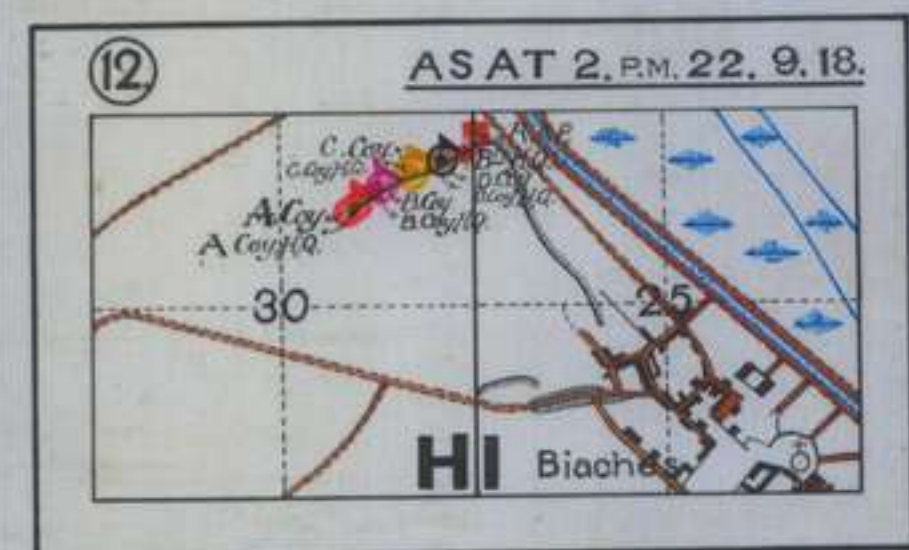
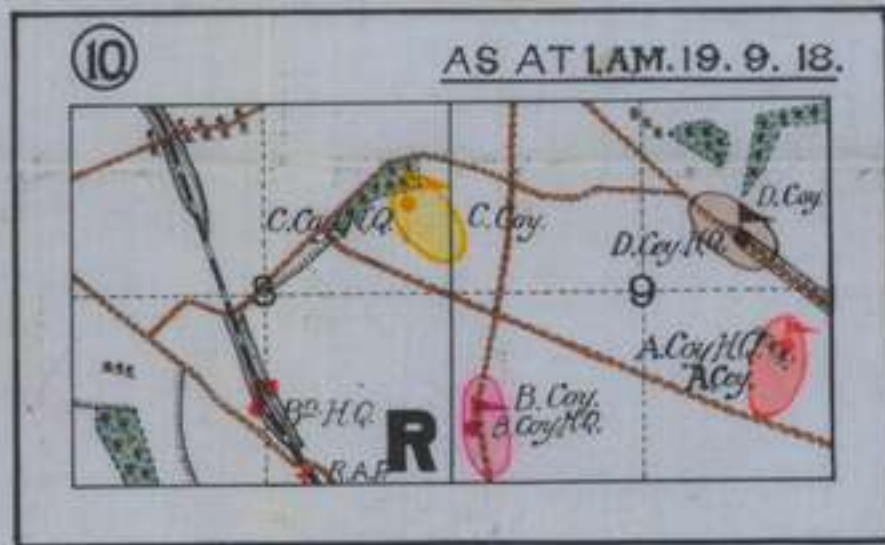
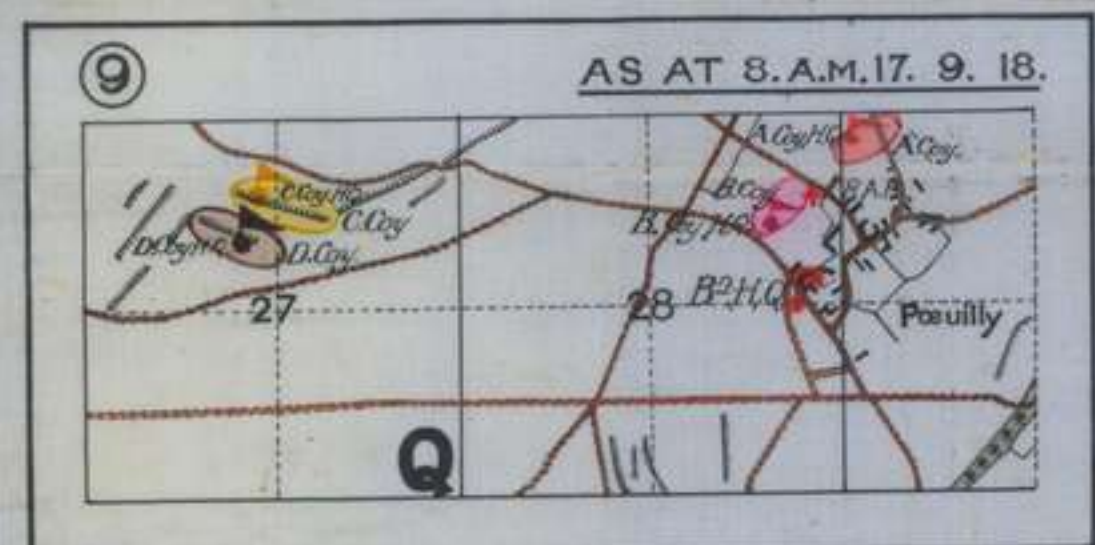
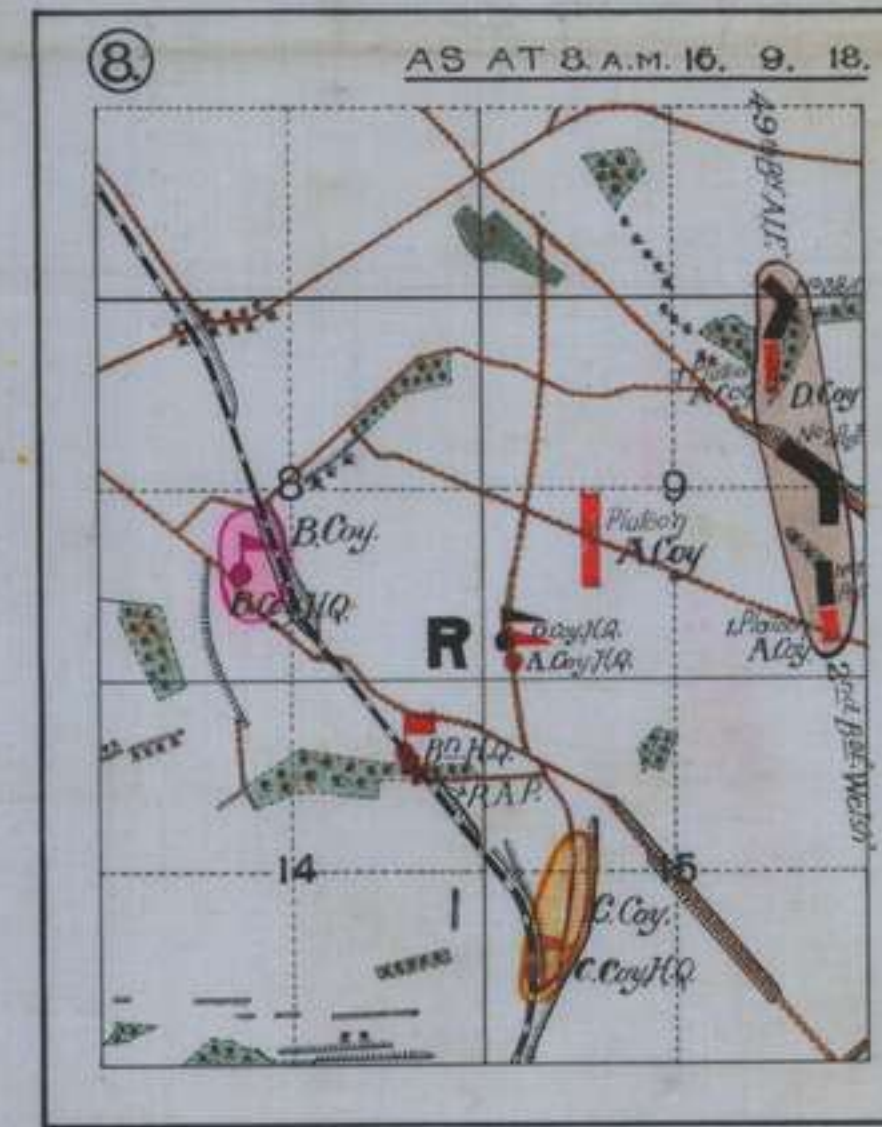
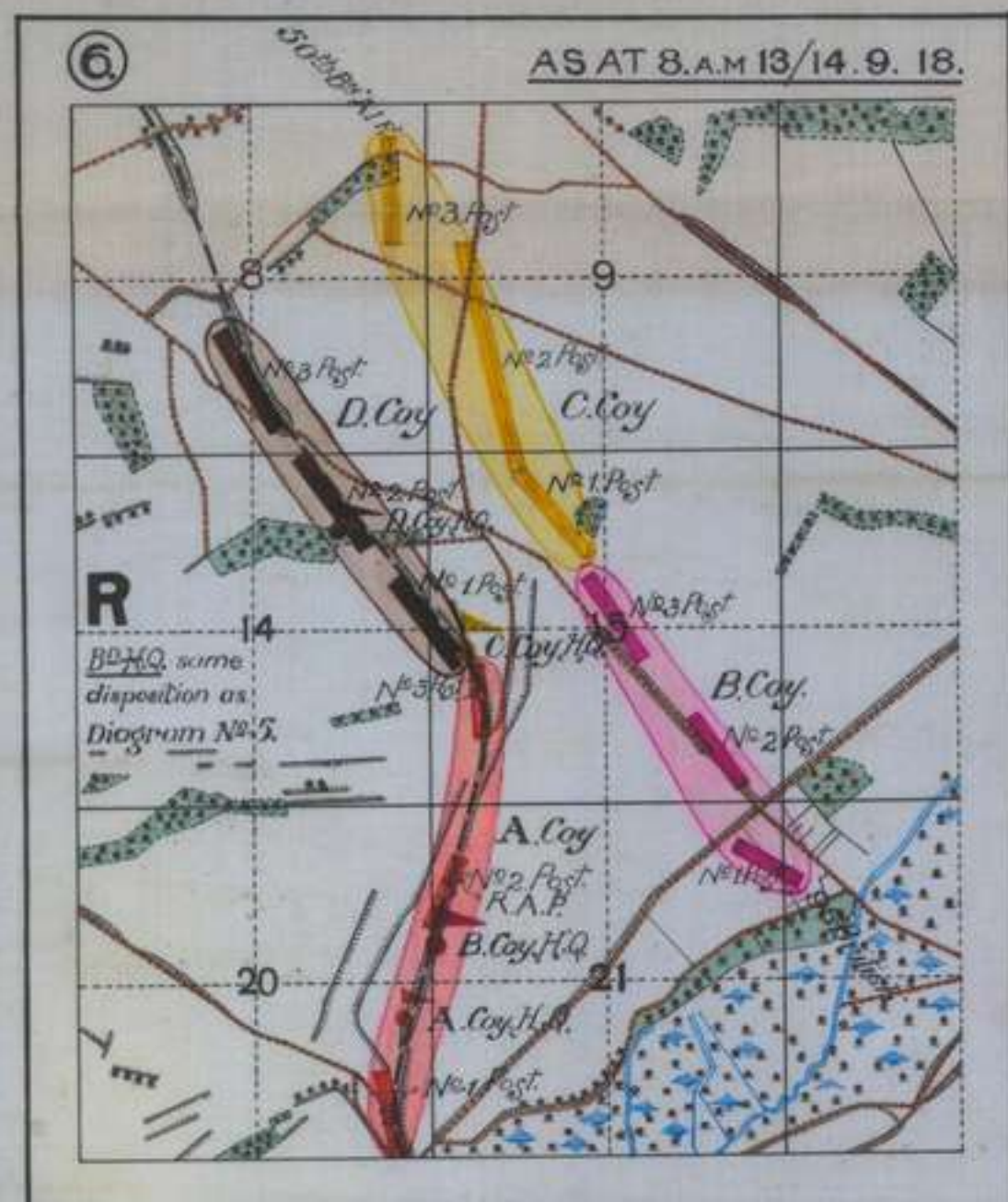
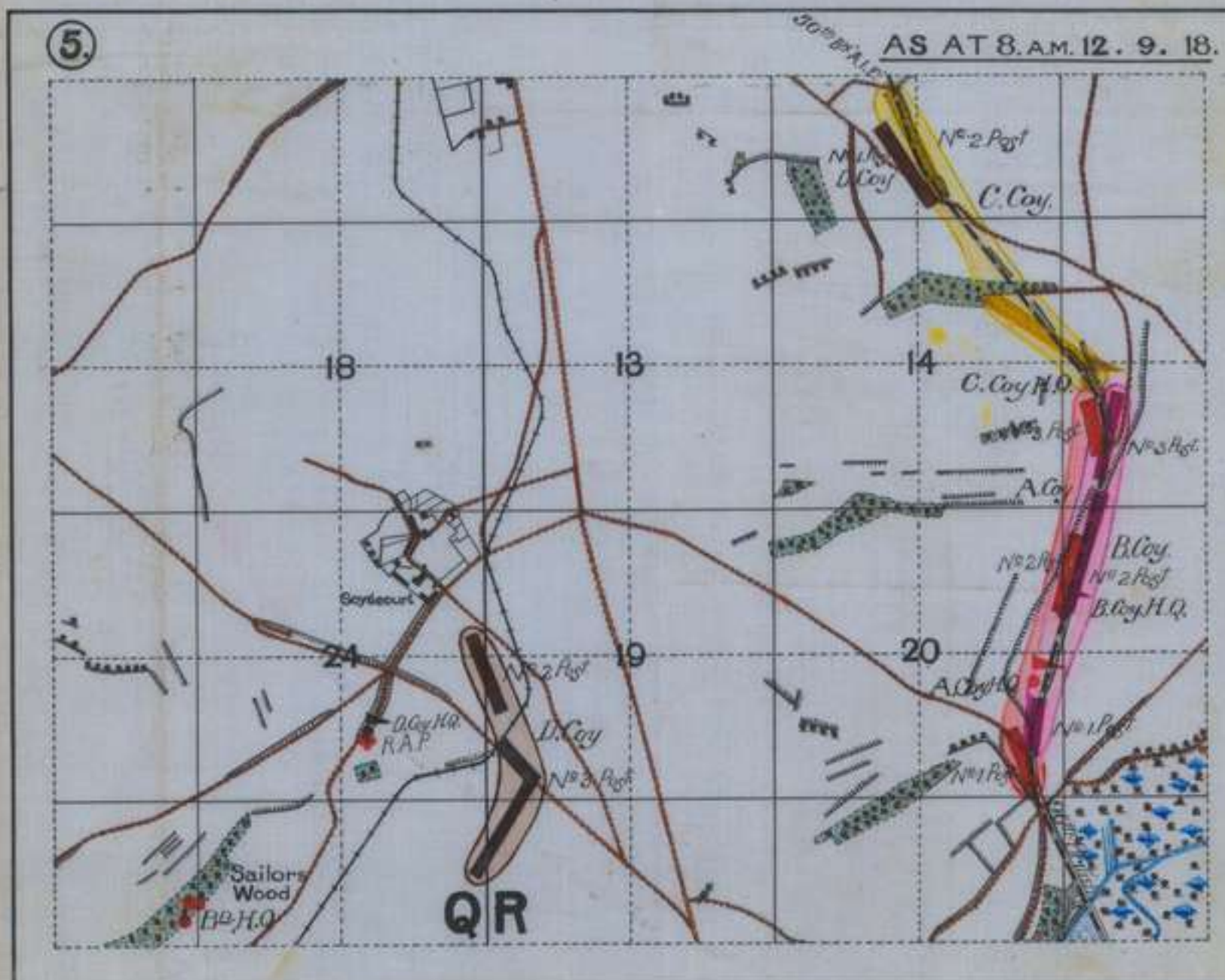
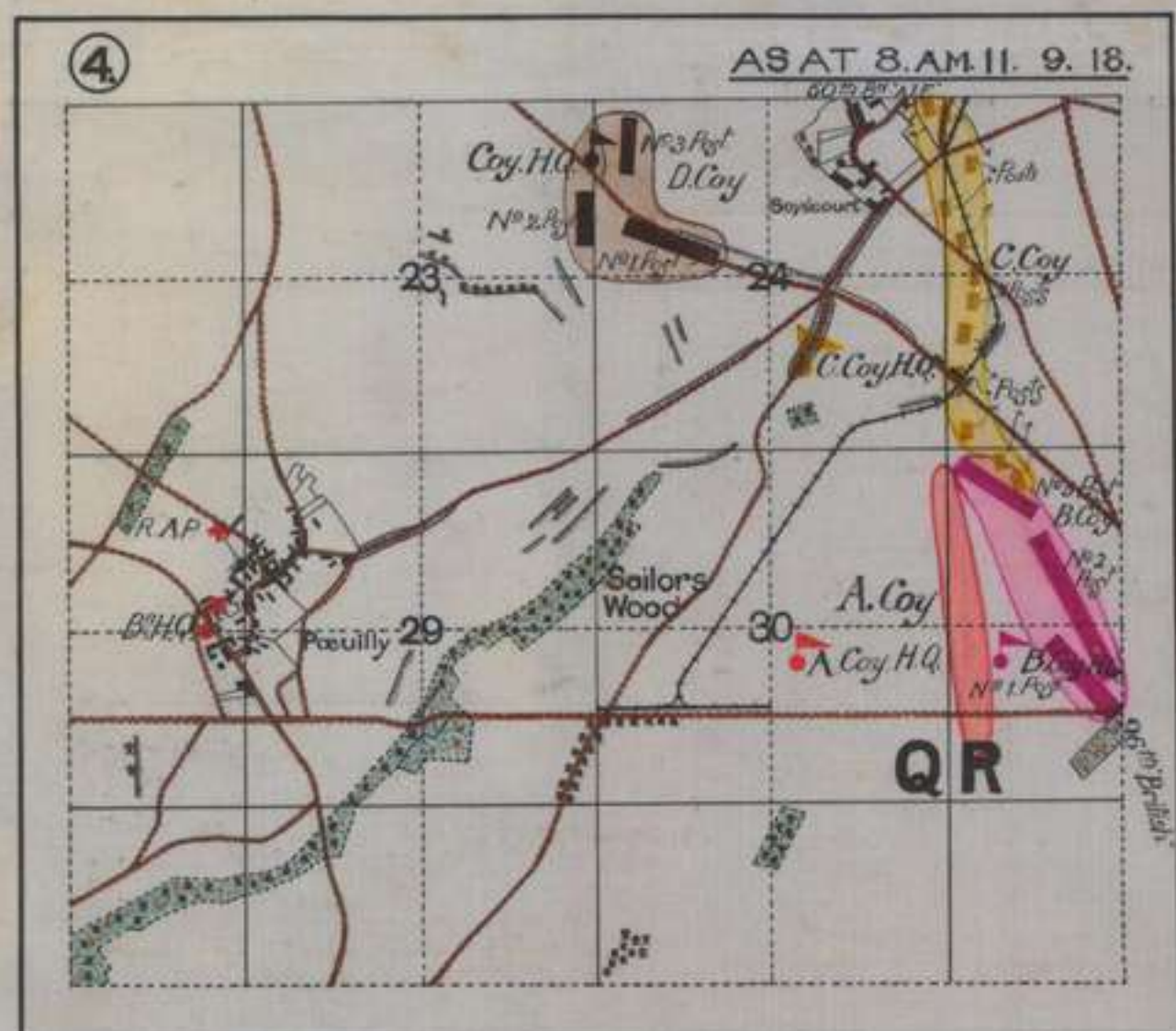
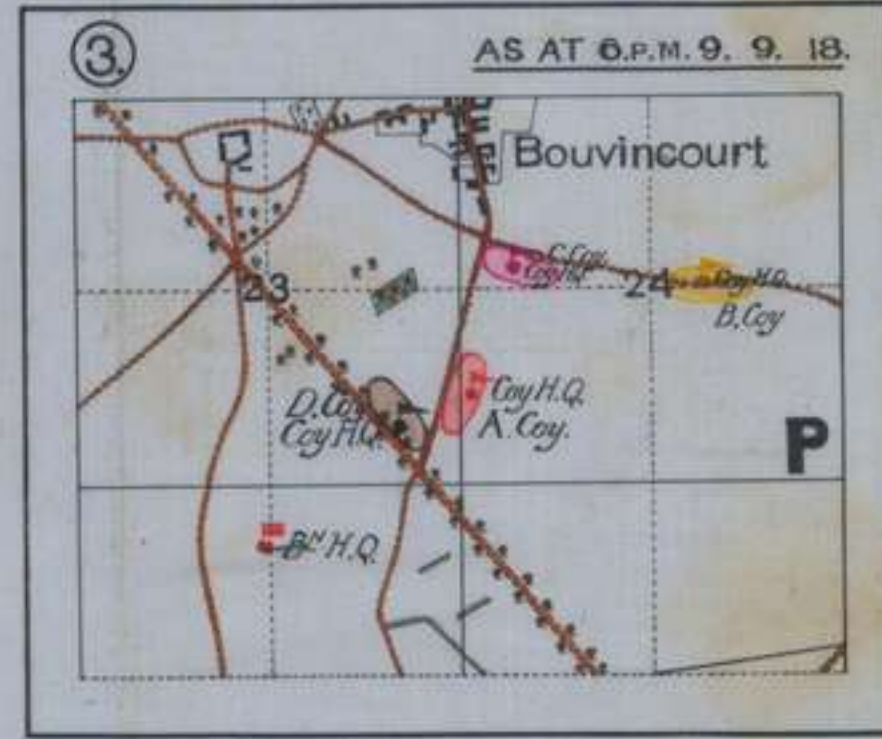
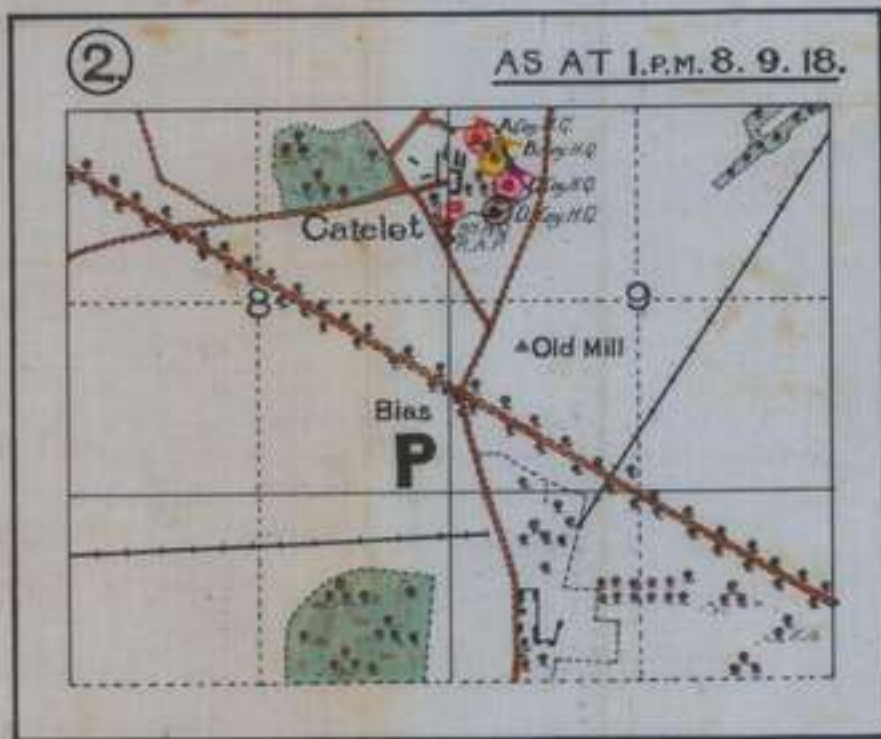
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51ST. BATTALION

FROM 6.9.18. TO 24.9.18.



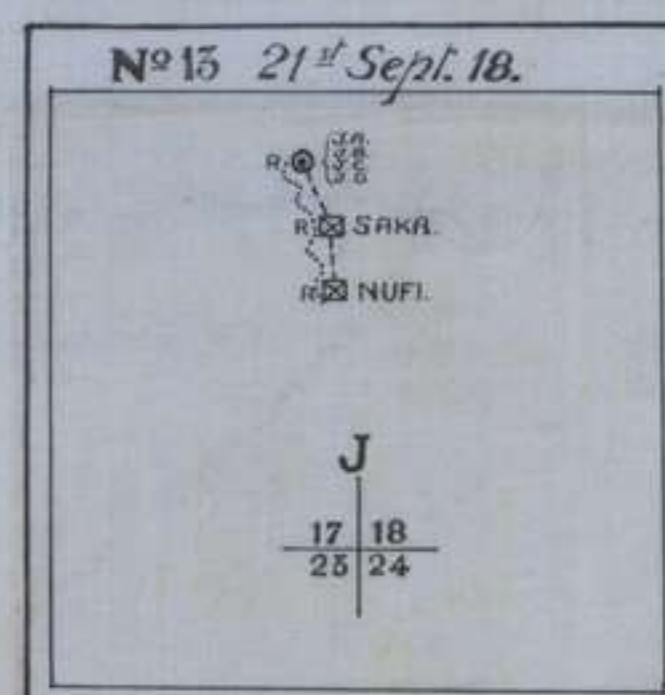
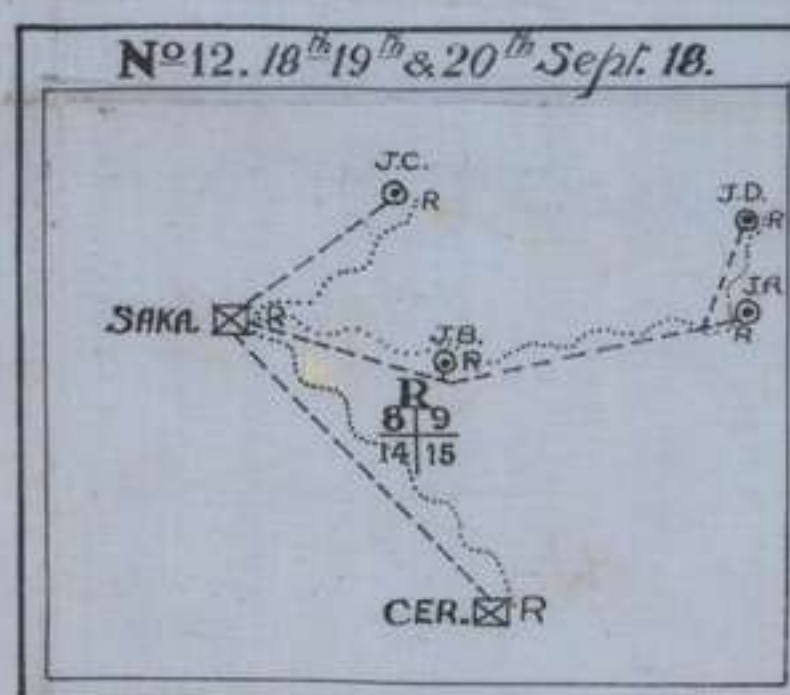
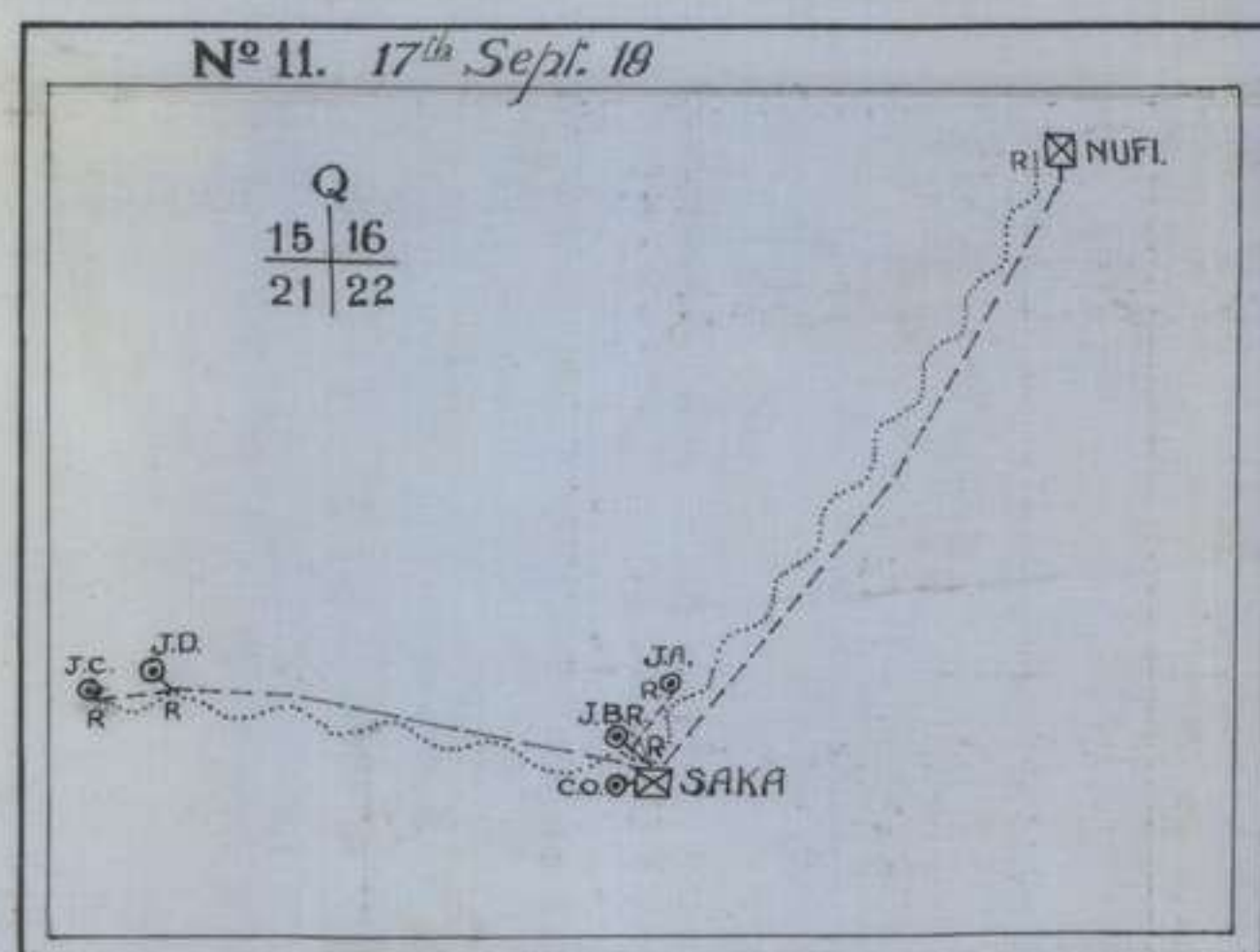
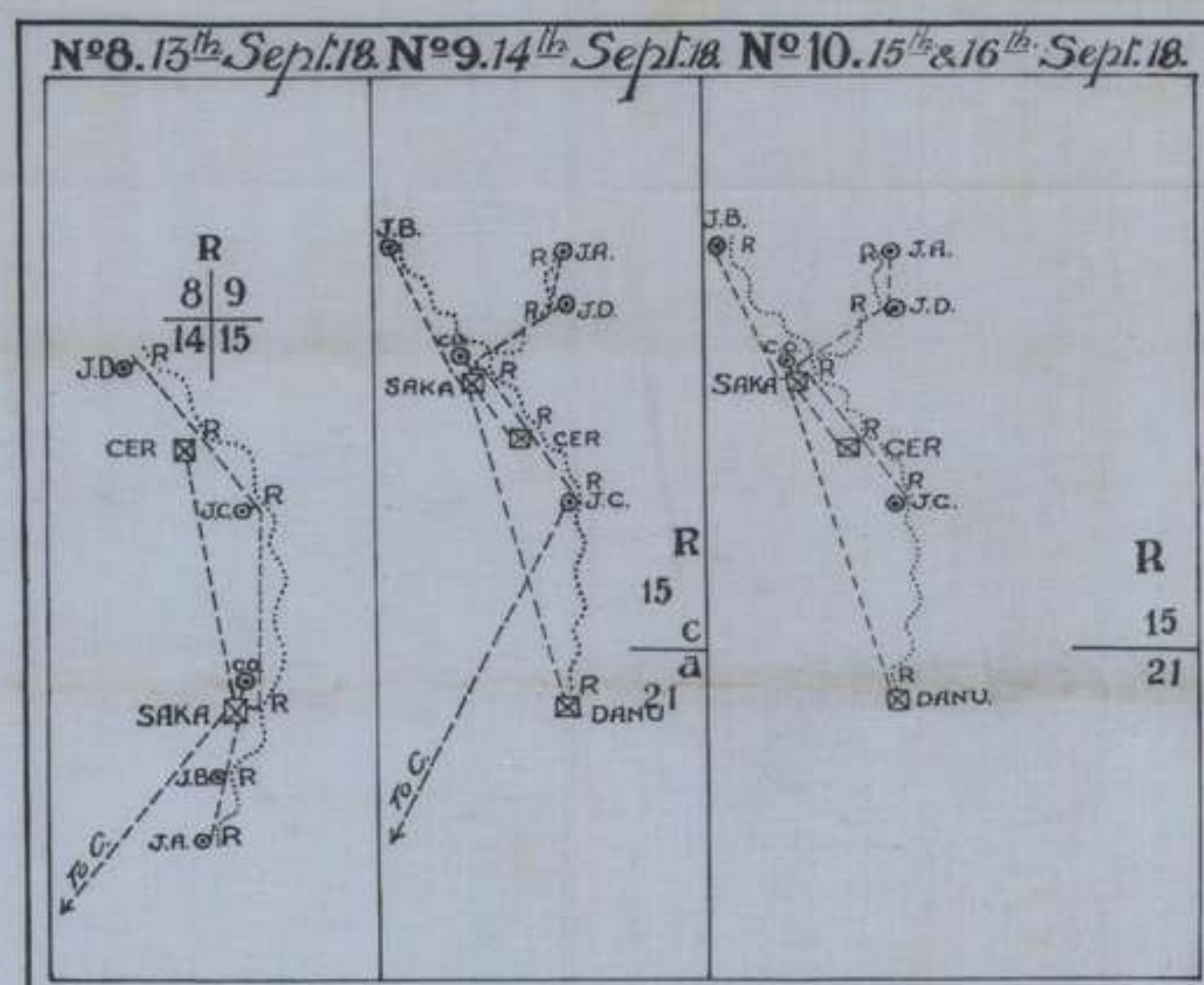
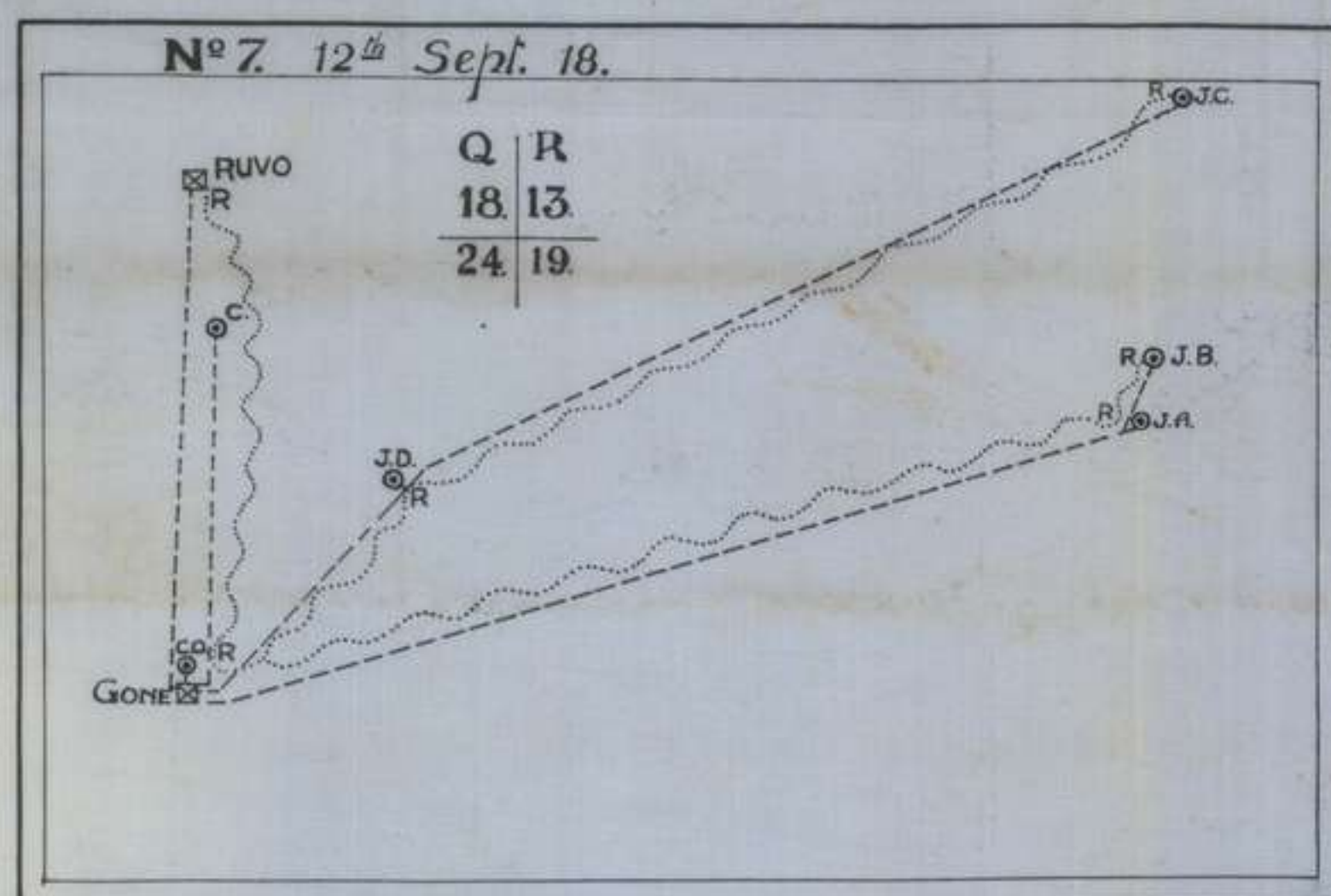
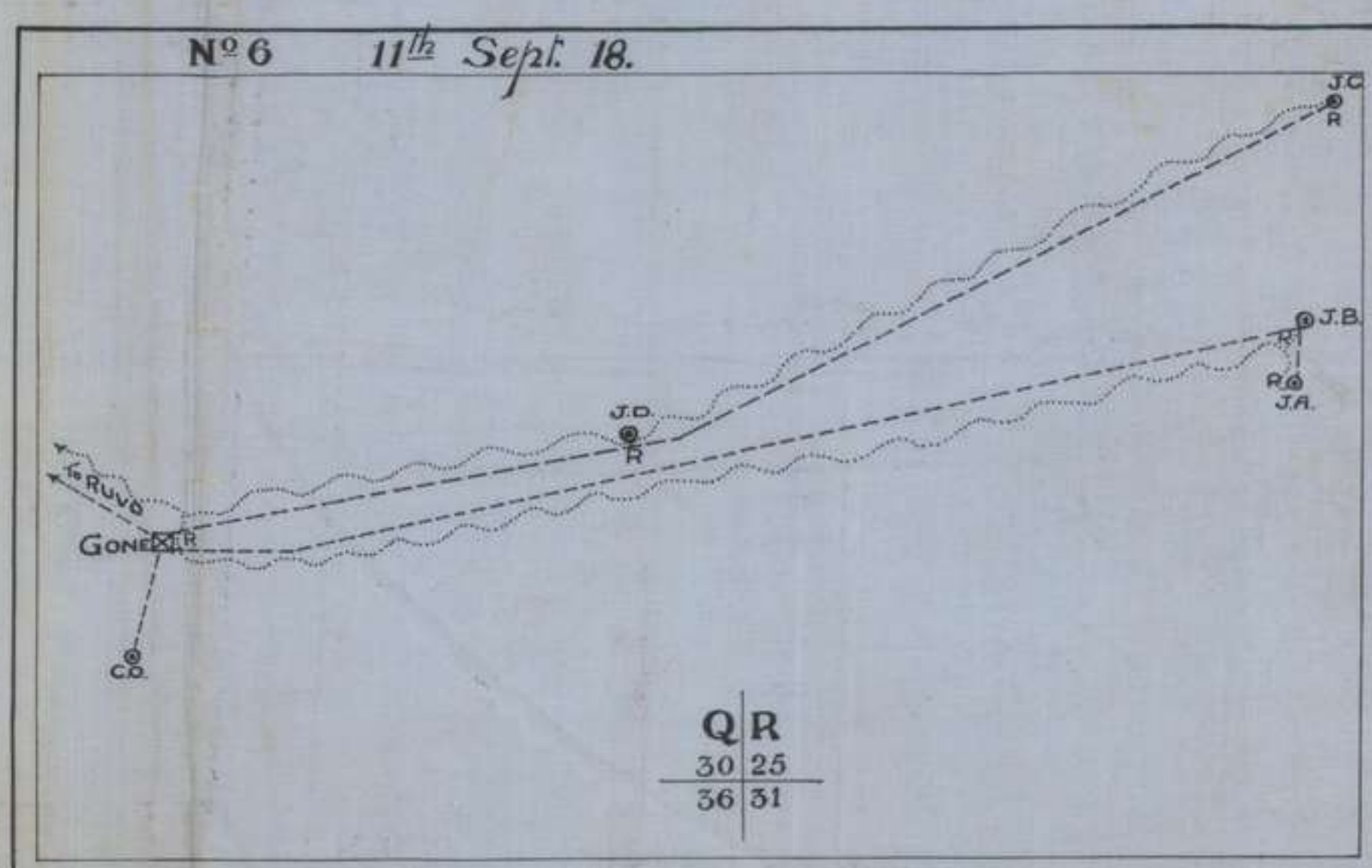
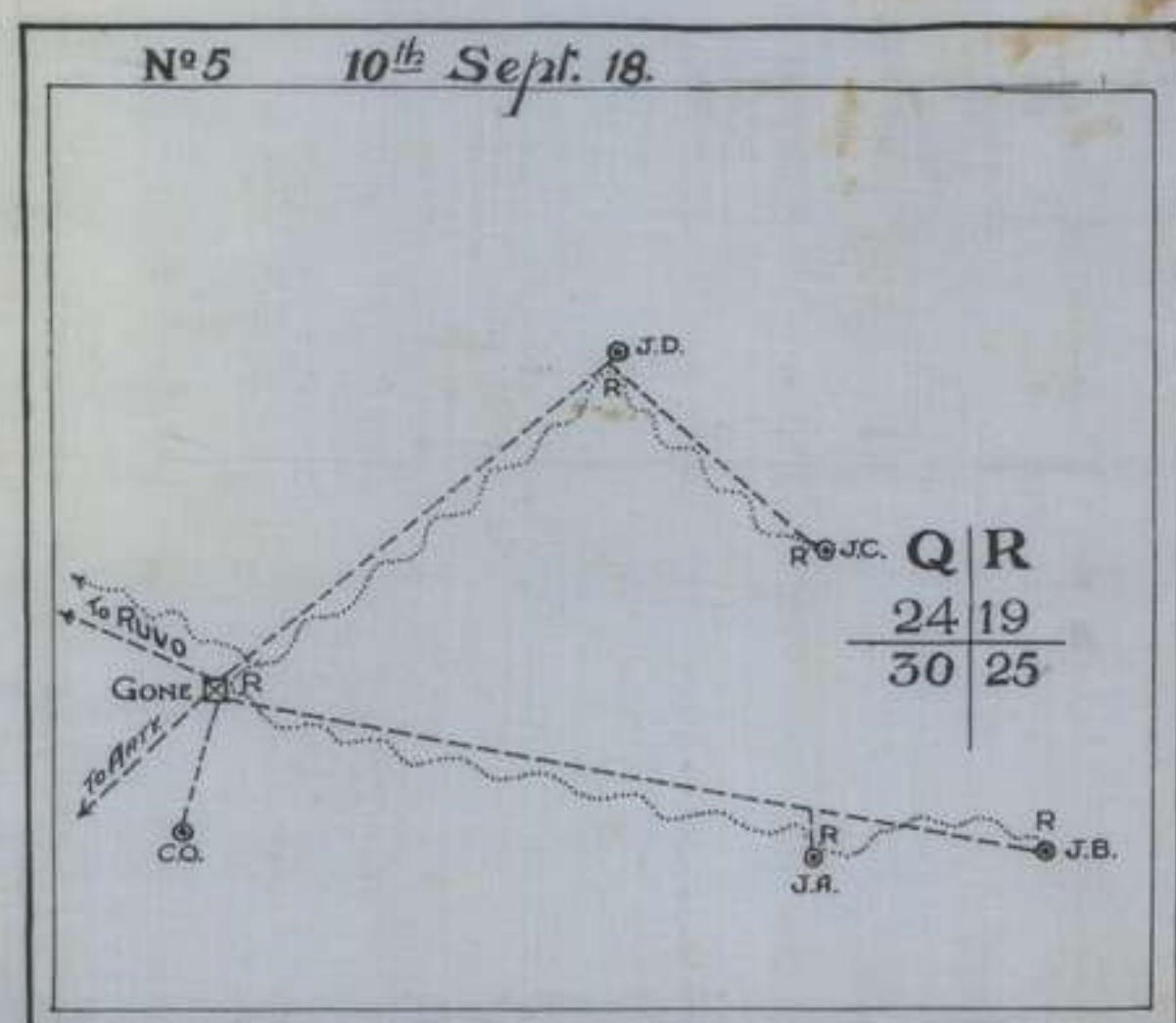
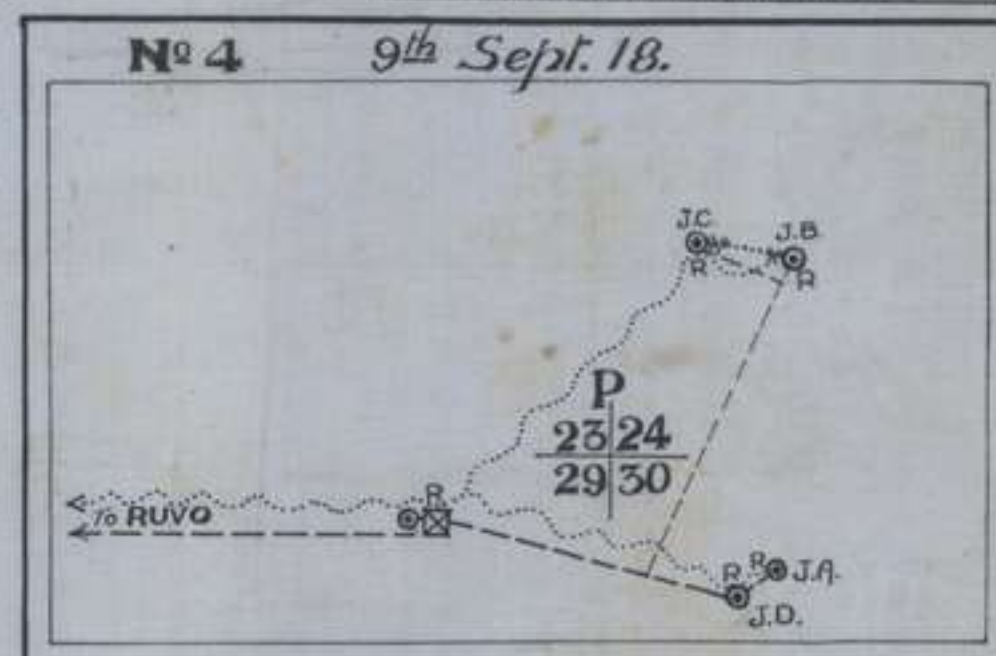
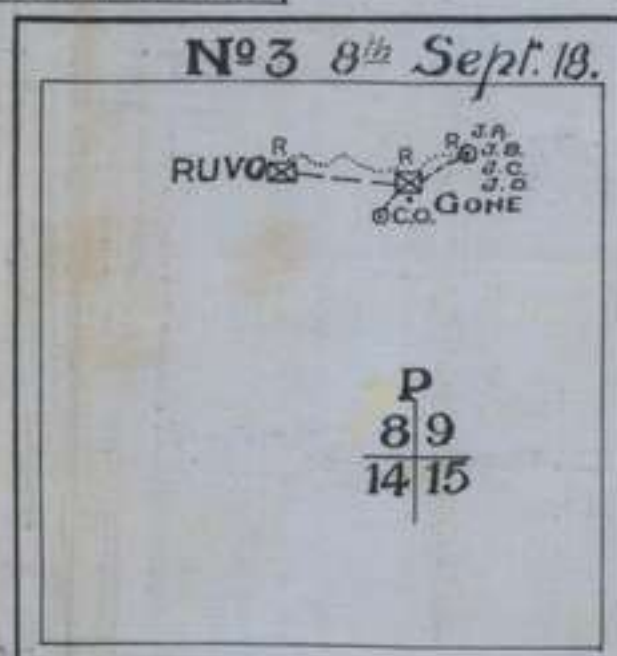
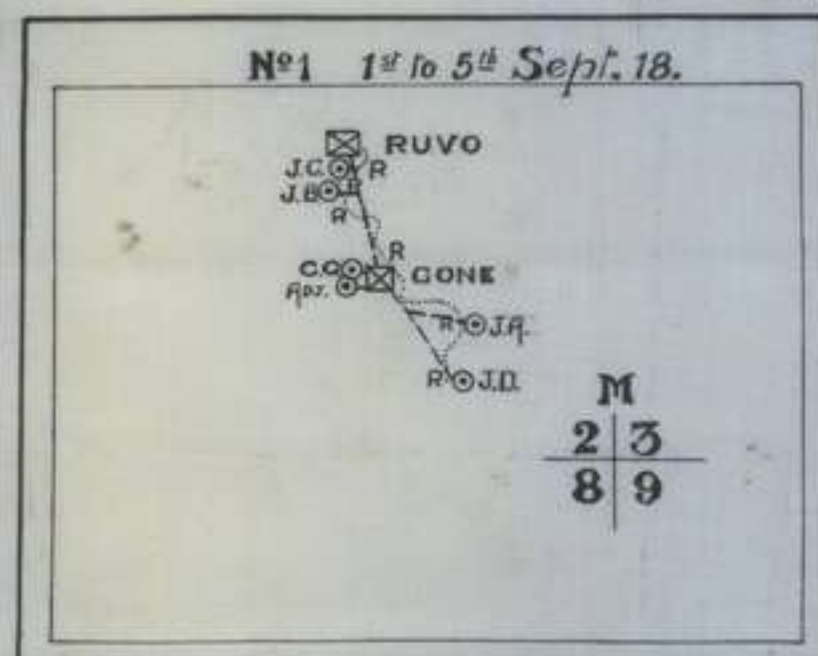
R. Christie Lt. Col. 51ST. BN.

— T.R. 1. 10. 18. —

—51st BATTALION A.I.F. from 1st to 24th Sept. 18.—

Diagram No. 1. PART SHEET. 62° S.W.
 D. D. 2 D. D. 62° C. N.W.
 D. D. 3 to 12 D. D. D. D. S.E.
 D. D. 13 D. D. D. D. N.E.
 D. D. 14 D. D. D. D. N.W.
 D. D. 15 D. D. D. D. 62° E. S.E.

1-9-18. To 12-9-18.
 RUVO...=13¹/₂ Bde. H.Q.
 GONE...=51¹/₂ Bz. De.
 JA. JB. JC. JD. = A. B. C. D. Coys.
 15-9-18 To 16-9-18
 DANU...=Welsh Bde. H.Q.
 SAKA...=51¹/₂ Bz. De.
 17-9-18 To 24-9-19
 NUFI...=13¹/₂ Bde. H.Q.
 SAKA...=51¹/₂ Bz. De.



L. Christos 1st. Co. C.O. 51st Bn.

Mcannon Crocker I.C. Signals.

G.M. 1-10-18

Headquarters,
13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Report on operations carried out by the 51st. Battalion during the period 10th. 24th. September 1918 (inclusive.).

Reference sheet 62C. S.E. 1/20.000.

On the night 10th./11th. instant the Battalion relieved the 31st. Bn. A.I.F. from the Front Line. The relief was complete by 10.40 p.m. For dispositions, see sketch.

The policy during the Brigade tour was to penetrate as far as possible into the enemy's ground without becoming involved in any serious action.

Immediately on taking over the line a policy of vigorous patrolling was pursued. Enemy were located in R.9.a. approx on contour "110".

At 2.30 p.m. two Companies, "B" Right and "C" Left moved forward on a front of approx. 2000 yards, objectives being gained by 5.30 p.m. The opposition encountered was slight being confined to few machine guns and scattered area shelling.

The objective was the Railway Line from R.20.d.8.3 to R.14.b.5.7 and along trench through R.8.d. to R.8.b.4.2.

One wounded prisoner belonging to the 46th. Inf. Regt. and 2 machine guns were captured. Five casualties were sustained throughout the operation, 1 killed and 4 O/Ranks wounded.

At about 6 p.m. the enemy put down a heavy artillery concentration on the area occupied, which continued until about 7 p.m. No casualties resulted.

At about 4 p.m. Left Support Company ("D") moved forward to trench positions vacated by "C" Coy in front of SOYECOURT. At 8.30 p.m. the Right Support Company ("A") moved forward to Reserves in Railway Bank from R.20.d.8.0 to R.15.c.3.8 while "B" Coy. moved to trench 300 yards East of the Railway Bank.

At 3 a.m. 12th. instant, Left Platoon of Left Support Company ("D") moved forward to Railway and took up position from R.8.d.2.2 to R.8.c.3.7 vacated by platoon of "C" Company. At 2 p.m. on the 12th. inst. two Front Line Companies ("B" and "C") commenced creeping forward. Strong resistance was offered by enemy machine guns located in R.9.d., R.15.b. and R.28.a. and b.

At 7.30 p.m. our line was established from R.22.a.10.55 to R.8.b.8.8. as shown on attached sketch. ~~For period 15th/16th. September~~, eight unwounded prisoners were captured.

At 8 p.m. the remainder of the Left Support Coy. ("D") moved up to the Railway Line. During the night, 12th/13th, one platoon from each of Support Coys. ("A" and "D") were pushed forward to reinforce the front Line Coys. ("B" and "C").

Early in the morning of the 13th. inst. it was found that a strong party of the enemy were established in the trench about R.15.a.9.4 between the centre and Left Platoon of "B" Coy. A fighting patrol of one Officer and 18 O/Ranks with one Lewis Gun from "A" Coy. was detailed to clear this party out. At 8.15 a.m. patrol moved out to sunken road in R.15.a.7.4, formed up, and attacked the portion of the trench occupied by the enemy, killing three and capturing 2 Officers and 44 O/Ranks with 6 machine guns. Patrol casualties were nil.

On the night 14th/15th. inst. the 2nd. Bn. Welsh Regt. took over the front Line from the Right Coy. ("B") to R.15.a.9.4. At the same time the Left Support Coy. ("D") took over the front line from R.15.a.9.4 to R.8.b.8.8 with "A" Coy. in support and "B" and "C" Coys. in Railway Bank in Reserve. Relief was complete by 10 p.m.

At 12.30 p.m. 15th. inst. in conjunction with Welsh Regt. on Right and 49th. Bn. on Left the front Line Coy. ("D") pushed forward and by 3 p.m. were established on line R.9.d.8.2, R.9.b.8.2 to R.3.d.5.1 (see dispositions dated 16th/17th).

Five prisoners, 3 machine guns and 4 trench mortars were captured. Our casualties - 4 O/Ranks Killed and 24 O/Ranks Wounded.

On night 16th. inst. the Battalion was relieved by the 48th. Bn. A.I.F. Relief completed by 11 p.m.

On relief the Bn. moved back to reserved position in Q.27 and 28. (near PEOUILLY), which positions they occupied at Zero hour (5.20 a.m.) on the 18th. instant. (see dispositions dated 17th/18th).

At 6 p.m. on 18th. inst. the Bn. moved forward and by 10 p.m. were in a position as per attached sketch dated 18th/21st.

During the period 10th to 21st. September the Battalion suffered casualties in 7 O/Ranks Killed, 2 Officers and 54 O/Ranks Wounded, 1 gassed.

In prisoners the Battalion captured 2 Officers, 58 O/Ranks unwounded and 6 O/Ranks wounded, with 13 Machine guns and 4 Trench mortars.

At 12.30 p.m. on the 21st. inst. the Bn. marched to TINCOURT where it was billeted in huts for the night.

At 9.20 a.m. 22nd. inst. the Bn. marched to BIACHES Area and remained there till the 24th. inst.

At 9 a.m. 24th. instant, the Bn. embussed near BIACHES, debussed near FERRIERES, and arrived at Billets in GUIGNEMICOURT at 2 p.m.

The transport route marched leaving BIACHES at 10 a.m. on 24th, staging for the night at FOUILLOY, leaving that place at 8 a.m. 25th. inst and arriving at GUIGNEMICOURT at 2 p.m. the same day.

Diagram showing Dispositions of Bn. and signalling communications from 10th. to 21st. September are shown on the sketch attached.

R. Christie

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

51st. Battalion Order No. 90

APP XI

reference sheet 82C. 1/40.000.

23rd. Sept. 1918.

INTENTION. 1. The Bn. will move by Motor Bus to GUIGNEMICOURT tomorrow, 24th. instant.

INSTRUCTIONS. 2. (a) Embussing Point - H.29.d.2.9.
 (b) Order of March - H/Qrs., "A", "B", "C", "D" Coys.
 (c) Starting Point - "A" Coy. H/Qrs.
 (d) Starting Time - 6.40 a.m.
 (e) Dress - Full Marching Order carrying W.P. sheet and blanket, horseshoe fashion round the pack.
 (f) Officers valises, spare gear will be dumped in front of Bn. H/Qrs. at 5.30 a.m.
 O.C. "B" Coy. will detail a loading party of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men to report to the R.S.M. at that time.
 (g) Companies will carry sufficient cooking utensils for use during next two days.

TRANSPORT. 3. Transport will move under Brigade arrangements.

REPORTS. 4. Marching-out-states will be rendered to Bn. H/Qrs. at 5.45 a.m. Marching-in-states and reports on accommodation and sanitation will be rendered immediately on arrival in new area.

Gallbrech Captain &
 Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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Annex 11

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 28th. SEPTEMBER 1918.

Day.	9 a.m. to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 12 noon.
Wednesday. 25th.	: Inspection of clothing by R.Q.M. with Sgt. Tailor and Sgt. : Bootmaker. Times will be notified. : The R.M.O. will lecture to all Coys. on Venereal Disease.	
Thursday. 26th.	: Re-organisation of Companies. : Fitting of equipment etc.	: Disciplinary training. :
Friday. 27th.	: Inspection of Coys. by C.O. Dress - Fighting Order wearing : felt hats. : Inspection of small box respirators by Bde. and Bn. Gas N.C.Os. : The remainder of time will be devoted to platoon and section : drill. Half a hour will be devoted to saluting.	
Saturday. 28th.	: Route March by Companies. Distance - 6 Miles. Dress - : Fighting Order. Company Commanders will notify Bn. H/Qrs. : the route selected, on Friday evening.	

25th. September 1918.

(signed) F. ALBRECHT, Captain,
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

Report on work of Quartermaster Store for September 1918.
-----RATIONS.

Rations were for the main part good, but owing to the reduction in the Ration Scale as from the 23rd. instant, it is found very difficult to give appetising dishes, and a varied menu.

The daily ration of 8 oz. Fresh Meat per man gives very little scope for a varied menu - hence variety lays chiefly with Preserved Meat, which notwithstanding the great variety of ways in which it can be spared becomes unpalatable by virtue of its monotony. The vegetable ration which was good, and was chiefly composed of Potatoes, aided the serving of appetising dishes greatly.

CLOTHING.

The general state of clothing in the Battalion is very good, with the exception of puttees, the latter is caused through the extremely slow execution of our demands. During the month the following quantities of clothing etc. were drawn from Ordnance -

Greatcoats - 2. Jackets - 191. Boots - 89 pairs. Breeches - 181

Approximately 120 articles of clothing were repaired and 260 pairs of boots were mended. Puttees to the amount of 185 pairs became unserviceable during the month. These have been demanded from Ordnance but have not yet been supplied. The chief cause of the unserviceable state of breeches and puttees was enemy barbed wire. The jackets were mainly worn threadbare.

EQUIP-
MENT.

Equipment in the Battalion is excellent. All unserviceable articles were exchanged at salvage dumps. Battle equipment is complete.

During the month 3 new Travelling Kitchens were drawn in place of others rendered irreparable. This rendered the work of the cooks less arduous as prior to this, they were cooking mainly on improvised Field Ovens.

Box Respirators were periodically inspected and 84 new ones issued whilst 36 new containers were adjusted.

*R. Christie H. Col
6051st Bn*

APP XXIV

TRANSPORT OFFICERS' REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING
30th. SEPTEMBER 1918..

During the month Transport Personnel and animals were heavily worked, moves being frequent. On 6th. instant, the Transport moved from RIVERY to BIACHES, staging for one night at MORCOURT. On 8th. inst. transport moved to LE CATELET, 800 yards S.W. of CARTIGNY, remaining overnight and moving to more suitable horse lines on 9th. inst. in old Sugar Factory on Sth. edge of CARTIGNY. The animals all stood the journey exceedingly well. Water was handy and of good quality. Animals were grazed over waste land daily.

On 19th. instant, the transport lines were again moved and located near PEOUILLY. This made the transport of rations to the Battalion much shorter. Again water was near and grazing of animals resumed.

On 21st. instant the Battalion was relieved and Transport moved with it to TINCOURT remaining overnight. The move was resumed on 22nd. inst - destination BIACHES, which was reached at 12.30 p.m.

At 10 a.m. on 24th. instant transport moved off on two days' march arriving at FOUILLOY 6 p.m., where rations for the next day were drawn. A start was made at 8 a.m. on 25th. instant for new billeting area at GUIGNEMICOURT which was reached at 2 p.m. All animals stood the journey well.

There were no evacuations during the month and animals are in good condition.

30/9/18.

L. J. Watkins
Lieutenant &
Transport Officer, 51st. Battalion.

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<u>Casualties.</u>	<u>Offs. O/Ranks.</u>	
Wounded in Action. (2/Lieut. W.H. TURNER, DCM) (" A.A. KELLY.) -----	2	54
Gassed. -----		1
Killed in Action. -----		7
Total.	2	62

GERMAN PRISONERS CAPTURED.

	<u>Offs. O/Ranks.</u>	
Unwounded.	2	58
Wounded.		6
Total.	2	64

Month ending
30th. September 1918.

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Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion.

APP XXVI

Daily Strength Return.

51st. Battalion.

30th. September 1918.

Actually with Unit		Attached		In Hospital		Tempy. detached.								Total	
						leave		Schools		Brigade duties		Other duties			
Offs	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Offs	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Offs	O.R.	Offs	O.R.
30	606	1	3	1	8	6	60	3	36	-	17	3	35	44	765

ARRIVALS.

8 O/Ranks from U.K. Leave.
2 " Reinforcements.

DEPARTURES.

8 O/Ranks to Div. Signal School.
1 Officer (Lieut. E. WICKS, M.C.) and
17 O/Ranks to Brigade Sig. School.
1 " to Hospital.
1 " to Hospital from U.K. Leave.
1 Officer (2/Lieut. A.A. KELLY) off Hospital, evacuated
Div. Area.

(signed) A.H. ROWE, Major,
T/Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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APP XXVII

Sick Evacuations for
Month of September
1918.

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>
V.D.		9
N.Y.D.		8
Pneumuculosis.		5
Trench Fever.	1	2
Synovitis.		3
Debility.		3
Orchitis.	1	
Sprains and Fractures.		2
Dermatitis.		2
Pleurisy.		1
Bronchitis.		2
Tonsillitis.		1
Gastritis.		1
Otitis.		1
Epilipsy.		1
Gout.		1

Total.	2	42
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(signed) R. CHRISTIE, Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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REINFORCEMENTS.

Officers.

1

(2/Lieut. H.C. HOPKINS).

O/ranks.

79

TRENCH MORTARS, MACHINE GUNS CAPTURED

Trench Mortars (German),	Light.	2
"	"	
"	heavy.	1

Total. 3

Machine Guns, (German),	light.	13
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Month ending
30th. September 1918.

R. Christie

Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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