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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*5<sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy.*

FOR

*January 1918*

Signature of Officer compiling

*A Langworthy Thoms*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*R. Hammett Capt*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MORTELETTE CHAPELLE C. 7. d 50.70	Jan'y 18 <sup>th</sup>		Capt. R. A. P. HAMILTON, M. C. Awarded M. C. A. I. F List 279. Officers. C. L. M. CRANITCH, M. G. RYAN and J. V. WRIGHT promoted Lieutenants	HOURLINES MAP SHEET 36
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		6000 rounds were fired by our guns on FRELINCHIEN bridge, and bridges at C. 11. a. 45.00, also on road from C. 11. d. 88.55 to C. 12. c. 33.50 6000 rounds were fired by our guns on road from C. 11. d. 88.45 to C. 12. c. 33.00 and bridge at C. 6. b. 65.65	10000 "
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Lieut. H. P. FRENCH left for Machine Gun Training Centre, England 6000 rounds were fired by our guns on roads from U 24. d. 35.32. to U 24. d. 70.50 and from C. 6. a. 95.75 to C. 6. b. 23.45.	"
	4 <sup>th</sup>		At 7. P. M. fire was concentrated on roads in and around FRELINCHIEN, 5000 rounds being fired (guns 1 to 9 being used) Rear Hdqrs. moved from PONT. de. NIEPPE to BONANZA CAMP at B. 9. B. 60.30	"
			6000 rounds were fired by our guns on bridges at C. 11. c. 45.90 and C. 11. a. 45.00 and road from C. 11. d. 88.45 to C. 12. c. 33.30	"

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BONANZA CARR MORTELETTE CHAPELLE	5 <sup>th</sup>		Capt. R. C. WEBB M.C. returned from Machine Gun School, Camiers. Fire was brought to bear by our M.G.s. on roads from C. 11. b. 00.30 to C. 11. b. 32.92 and from C. 11. b. 32.92 to C. 12. a. 00.60. Low flying enemy aircraft were also fired upon, 4500 rounds being used on same.	PROGRESS 1/10000
	6 <sup>th</sup>		6000 rounds were fired by our M.G.s on roads from C. 11. d. 88.45 to C. 12. c. 23.00 and C. 11. b. 32.92 to C. 12. a. 00.60	
	7 <sup>th</sup>		6000 rounds were fired by our M.G.s. on road from C. 6. a. 95.75 to C. 6. b. 23.45	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Rejoined unit from Base Camp, CAMIERS, Ten men Bridges at C. 11. c. 43.90 and C. 11. a. 45.00 were fired upon by our M.G.s, also road from C. 11. c. 90.40 to C. 11. d. 30.20, 6000 rounds being used. Enemy aircraft were also fired upon, 300 rounds being fired on same.	
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Our M.G.s. fired 6000 rounds on bridges at U 29. b. 37.30 and U 36. b. 20.30	
	10 <sup>th</sup>		6000 rounds were fired by our M.G.s. in and around FRELINGHIEN and roads at U 30. c. 00.85	

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MORTELETTE CHAPELLE	Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>		<p>21<sup>st</sup> D. S. GIBSON relieved at Advanced Hdqrs. by 21<sup>st</sup> A. LANGWORTHY. the former leaving for 1<sup>st</sup> Amys Corps School.</p> <p>3000 rounds were fired by our M. Gs on bridges at C. II. C. 43.90, C. II. a. 43.00, U 29. b. 57.30 and U 30. b. 20.30 and on road from C. II. b. 00.30 to C. II. b. 33.93. 1000 rounds were also fired on hostile aircraft.</p>	
	12 <sup>th</sup>		<p>3000 rounds were fired on road at U 30. c. 00.50 and 3000 on bridge at U 30. b. 20.30. A working party at C. II. a. 30.12 was also fired upon.</p>	
	13 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Operation Memo No 13 issued by Brigade</p> <p>Brigade Order No 138 issued to effect that 5<sup>th</sup> A. M. G. Coy. would be relieved by 22<sup>nd</sup> A. M. G. Coy. on 14<sup>th</sup> inst. 5<sup>th</sup> Coy. to continue duties and works of 22<sup>nd</sup> Coy. in accordance with Defence Policy (Appendix V Brigade Defence Scheme)</p> <p>Operation Order No 2 issued by Capt. P. A. P. HAMILTON. M. C.</p> <p>Our M. Gs. fired 3000 rounds on bridge at U 30. b. 20.30 and 3000 on bridge at U 30. b. 57.30</p>	<p>Copy sent to War diary</p> <p>Copy attached</p> <p>Copy attached</p> <p>PL0EG 17</p> <p>100000</p>

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MORTELETTE CHAPELLE	January 14 <sup>th</sup>		<p>boy. relieved by 22<sup>nd</sup> A. M. G. Coy. and 5<sup>th</sup> A. M. G. Coy took over positions vacated by 22<sup>nd</sup> Coy.</p> <p>Lieut. S. R. RICHARDSON and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. A. LANGWORTHY placed in charge of "A" Battery of 8 guns at C. 20 d. 45.95. Orders were to place barrage from C. 22. b. 50.00 to C. 28. b. 50.00 on receipt of a written message from front line, followed by S. O. S. signal. Battery Hdqrs. were at C. 20 d. 35.65</p>	HOUPLINES MAP. 1:10000
BONANZA CAMP	15 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Lieut. J. C. DUNNINGHAM and M. G. RYAN were placed in charge of "B" Battery of 8 guns at Sunney Farm. C. 9. b. 25.35. Orders were to place barrage on line running from C. 17. d. central to C. 23. d. 15.70</p> <p>During day four (4) of these guns moved to a position at C. 9. b. 40.32, zero line of fire being 92° 42' grid.</p> <p>6000 rounds were fired by our guns on bridges at C. 11. e. 45.90 and C. 11. a. 45.00. Our guns also fired upon enemy aircraft.</p>	
	16 <sup>th</sup>		<p>gun positions of "A." Battery partly filled with water owing to thaw having set in</p> <p>Lieut. B. W. HICKMAN returned from Hospital</p>	

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BONANZIA CAMP.	Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>		River LYS rising. Preparations made for transferring guns of A" Battery to positions previously constructed on railway line at C. 21. a. 10.05	
	18 <sup>th</sup>		Improvements made to gun emplacements on railway	
	19 <sup>th</sup>		owing to flood. Hdqrs. of A" Battery transferred to C. 21. a. 50.40 Guns shifted to new positions at C. 21. a. 10.05. Roads in vicinity partly under water, and river still rising.	Copy change of personnel attached
	20 <sup>th</sup>		floods continue rising	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		River still rising, but new gun positions untouched by water	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Improvements made to gun positions of B" Battery. Hdqrs. of A" Battery again shifted to C. 21. a. 50.40 owing to previous location being under observation from FRELINGHIEN	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Flood waters now receding Improvements made to gun positions of A" and B" Batteries Enemy aircraft fired upon by our guns, and one machine was seen to land behind the enemy's lines	

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BONIANZA CAMP.	Jan 24		<p>2/Lt. A. LANGWORTHY relieved at 'A' Battery by 2/Lt. A. E. CRIDLAND An receipt of information from O.P. at Sunev Farm that movement of enemy was seen at TWIN FARM (C. 12. a. 70.40) fire from 2 guns of 'B' Battery was immediately brought to bear on same, 1000 rounds being used. Commencing at 5.30 p.m. a party of men under Lieut. B. W. HICKMAN and 2/Lt. S. W. COLEMAN started construction of new battery position for 8 guns and shelters for men at C. 12. a. 56.68. These positions have 2 foot trench in rear and are covered with corrugated iron and camouflaged. This work was completed on night of 27th. material used:- 5000 sandbags 16 sheets iron, corrugated 30 " " flat corrugated 120 sq. yds. camouflage 50 duckboards</p> <p>C. S. M. BIBLE, R. H. mentioned in SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S despatch of 7/11/17 for distinguished and gallant service and devotion to duty in the field during period 26th to midnight 20th - 21st Sept. 1917 (A. I. F. orders. List 279)</p>	<p>HOUPLINES MAP. 1/10000</p>

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PENZANCE CAMP.	25 <sup>th</sup>		<p>movement was observed in vicinity of C. 6. c. 18.00 at 3 p.m. and two guns were brought to bear on this target, but owing to slight mist, result uncertain. 1000 rounds were fired. At 4.30 p.m. four guns fired 3000 rounds along road from C. 6. d. 40.30 to C. 12. b. 93.00, slight movement being observed earlier in the day.</p> <p>"A" Battery transferred to new positions at <del>C. 9. b. 56.68</del> C. 9. b. 56.68</p> <p>Improvements made to positions at "A" Battery</p> <p>In accordance with Brigade Order N<sup>o</sup> 140, Brigade relieved.</p> <p>M. G. Coy. moved to PENZANCE CAMP, KORTEPYP AREA (T. 20. b. 10)</p> <p>Lieut. J. C. DUNNINGHAM left at 8 a.m. for LUMBRES Area in order to arrange billeting accommodation for Coy.</p> <p>Guns etc. cleaned and inspected by O. G. Coy. and taken on packed in limbers. Lt. J. L. LANE rejoined Coy. from Cadet School</p> <p>Transport Section moved off at 9 a.m. en route for LUMBRES</p>	<p>Copy sent to War Diary BAILLEUL MAP. SHEET 36.NW. 40000</p>
	26 <sup>th</sup>			
	27 <sup>th</sup>			
	28 <sup>th</sup>			
	29 <sup>th</sup>			
	30 <sup>th</sup>			

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LART. D 19. d. 24 (SHEET. 36 d. NE)	Jan'y 31 <sup>st</sup>		<p>In accordance with Bde. Order No 141, Coy. moved from PENZANCE CAMP at 11.30 a.m. and entrained at DE. KENNEBEK, departing at 1.30 p.m. Arrived LUMBRES at 5 p.m. and reached LART at 7 p.m., move complete by 7.45 p.m.</p> <p>Transport Section, moving by road, left PRADELLES (having arrived on previous evening) at 9 a.m. and reached CAMPAGNE at 3.30 p.m. Lieut. M.G. RYAN, in charge of transport with omnibus train, arrived at WIZERNES at 10 p.m., and cleared the town by 12. midnight, arriving at LART at 2.30 a.m.</p> <p>Strength of Coy. at this date: - 16 officers no O.R.</p>	HAZEBROUCK 109,000

R Hamblet  
Capt

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# WAR DIARY

OF

5<sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy

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FOR

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5<sup>th</sup> Aust. M. Gun Coy.

Night Firing Programme No 3.

Period Decr. 31<sup>st</sup> 1917 to Jan'y 9<sup>th</sup> 1918

1. Targets will be as tabulated on Night Firing Programme No 2
2. Officers Commanding Group will, by consultation with Br Commanders concerned, ensure that when they are firing on Bridges over R. Lys. (Targets G.H.P.I & Task II) their fire does not interfere with works of Patriots, Working Parties etc. operating in the vicinity of those targets
3. Guns will fire as in attached table
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distributions

Copy 1-4 Group Commanders

5. 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde
6. Right Battalions
7. Left Battalion
8. DMGO
- 9/10 File

Date	Nos. of guns to fire	Targets	Hours at which to fire	Rate of fire
Decr 31	1 & 2	H & G	6. 7.30. 9 PM	300 rounds per gun in bursts of 15 rounds, with intervals of 1/2 minute between bursts - at each of the times stated.
Jan'y 1	3 & 5	H	4.30 6 AM	
1	7 & 8	N	5.30. 6.30. 8 PM	
2	6 & 9	B	4. 6 AM	
3	10 & 11	J	5. 6. 7 PM	
	12 & 13	M	3. 5 AM	
4	1 & 2	E	5.30. 7. 10 PM	
	3 & 5	F	4. 6 AM	
4/5	10 & 11	Shelters between L & K	6.30. 8. 9 PM	
	12 & 13	O	4. 6 AM	
5/6	7 & 8	F	6. 7. 8 PM	
	6 & 9	B	4. 6 AM	
6/7	10 & 11	N	6.30. 7.30. 9.30 PM	
	12 & 13	M	5. 6 AM	
7/8	1 & 2	H & G	5.30. 7. 9 PM	
	3 & 5	C	3.30. 5.30 AM	
8/9	7 & 8	L	7. 8. 9 PM	
	6 & 9	TASK II	12 Mid. 4 AM	
9/10	10 & 11	TASK II	5. 6. 7 PM	
	12 & 13	Q	4. 6 AM	

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5th Aust M Gun Coy

Night Firing Programme 1918

Period Jan 10/11 - Jan 17/20 1918

I. Targets will be as in Night Firing Programme No 2 with the addition of Target Q. Road at 030.009 Guns firing on this target will search 100 yds beyond target & traverse 2° each way.

II. Officers commanding Groups will, by consultation with with Batten commanders, ensure, that when they are firing on Bridges over R Lys (Targets G H. P. I (Just II). then fire does not interfere with work of Patrols working Parties etc operating in the vicinity of those targets.

III. Guns will fire as in attached table

IV ACKNOWLEDGE

Distributions

- 1/1 Group Commanders
- 5. Staff B Co
- 6. Right Batten
- 7. Left Batten
- 8. D.M.G.O
- 9/10. File

Date	COUNTS TO FIRE	TARGETS	Times at which to fire	Notes of Time
Jan 10/11	1 & 2	H & G	6.30. 7.30. 9.30 PM	300 rounds per gun in bursts of 15 rounds with 1/2 minute intervals between bursts - at each of the times stated.
Jan 11	3 & 5	E	5.30. 6.30 AM	
11/12	10 & 11	Q	6.30. 8. 9 PM	
11/12	12 & 13	L	4. 6 AM	
12/13	7 & 8	TASK II	5. 6. 7 PM	
12/13	6 & 9	V	3. 5 AM	
13/14	10 & 11	J	5.30. 7. 9 PM	
13/14	12 & 13	D	2. 30 5.30 AM	
14/15	7 & 8	B	5. 6. 7 PM	
14/15	6 & 9	F	4. 6 AM	
15/16	1 & 2	H & G	7. 8. 9 PM	
15/16	3 & 5	C	12 midn. 4 AM	
16/17	7 & 8	TASK II	6. 7. 30 9 PM	
16/17	6 & 9	Q	4. 30 6 AM	
17/18	1 & 2	E	6. 7. 8. PM	
17/18	3 & 5	A	4. 6 AM	
18/19	10 & 11	I	5. 5.30 9 PM	
18/19	12 & 13	M	3. 5.30 AM	
19/20	7 & 8	IV	5. 15. 6. 8 PM	
19/20	6 & 9	TASK II	4. 6 AM	

Agro. 5<sup>th</sup> A.M. Gloy  
19. 1. 18.

Battery Commander

APPENDIX 2

The personnel of your Batteries will be relieved on the night of 21<sup>st</sup> inst by men from camp, with the exceptions of Officers, Battery signallers, Runners, Cooks Sgt Hamilton, Cpl Stewart.

The attached list shows the new allotment of H.C.O.s & men to guns.

Cpl Newling will report to "A" Battery on the night of 20<sup>th</sup> & Cpl McArthur will return to camp.

Sgt Thompson & Cpl Bond will report to "B" Battery on night of 20<sup>th</sup> inst and Sgt. Kotheringham, Cpl McShane will return to camp.

Please see that all No. 1. hand over all charts & gun gear correctly. Batteries will report O.K. by return party.

No guides will be required.

Respectfully  
for A.M. Gloy

A Battery

APPENDIX 2

Headquarters

Lieut. S. R. Richardson Battery Commander  
 " A. Langworthy 2nd in Command

Lieut. Hodgson }  
 Plt. Pomroy } Signallers  
 " Kennedy }  
 " Warren Runner  
 " Green }  
 " Carpenter } Cook  
 " Kenny } Batmen

No 1 Gun	No 2 Gun	No 3 Gun	No 4 Gun
Plt. Cull	Lieut. Lawler	Plt. Stutton	Plt. Stewart
" Walker	Plt. Bateman	" Kelly	Plt. Fitchfield
" Mills	" Brown	" Anstice	" Preston
No 5 Gun	No 6 Gun	No 7 Gun	No 8 Gun
Lieut. Pickering	Sgt. Hammett	Plt. Mathison	Plt. Newling
Plt. Poole	Plt. Clark	" Lawson	Plt. Buckley
" Archibald	" Kelly	" Hulme	" Sayers

B. Battery

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Headquarters

Lieut. J. C. Dunningham Battery Commander  
 " M. G. Ryan 2nd in Command

Lieut. Dillon }  
 Plt. Faulkner } Signallers  
 " Hill }  
 " Stutton Runner  
 " Booker Cook  
 " Keenan }  
 " Nicholls } Batmen

No 1 Gun	No 2 Gun	No 3 Gun	No 4 Gun
Lieut. Bond	Lieut. Noble	Plt. Lopez	Plt. Osborn
Plt. Jack	Plt. Anderson	" Bishop	" Ryan
" Surman	" Munch	" Rogerson	" Wilkins
No 5 Gun	No 6 Gun	No 7 Gun	No 8 Gun
Lieut. Hear	Sgt. Thompson	Plt. Stone	Lieut. Harney
Plt. Ramage	Plt. Quantal	" Phillips	Plt. Bull
" Lewis	" Brazier	" Staggs	" Morelli

Ret. Capt.  
 for 5th A.M.G. Coy

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A Battery

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 " A. Langworthy 2nd in Command  
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 Plt. Pomroy } Signallers  
 " Kennedy }  
 " Warren Runner  
 " Green }  
 " Carpenter } Cook  
 " Kenny } Butcher

No 1 Gun	No 2 Gun	No 3 Gun	No 4 Gun
Plt. Coull	Lieut. Lawler	Plt. Stutton	Cpl. Stewart
" Wallin	Plt. Bateman	" Kelly	Plt. Fitchfield
" Mills	" Brown	" Anstice	" Preston
No 5 Gun	No 6 Gun	No 7 Gun	No 8 Gun
Lieut. Pickering	Lieut. Hammett	Plt. Mathison	Cpl. Hewling
Plt. Poole	Plt. Clark	" Lawson	Plt. Buckley
" Anstibala	" Kelly	" Hulme	" Sayers

Roll Capt.  
 for 5th A.M.G. Coy.



## "B." Battery Report

On 14. 1. 18, eight guns and crews of 5<sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Coy. relieved the 22<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Coy at Sunney Farm (C. 9. b. 35. 35) where an 8 gun battery had been installed for purpose of placing an S.O.S. barrage on a line from C. 17. d. central to C. 23. d. 15. 70.

In addition to above, 4 guns & crews from left half battery moved out after "stand down" each day to a switch target position at C. 9. b. 70. 32, having a zero line of 92° 42' grid, and a traverse of 45° right and left of zero. From this position telephonic communication was maintained with Section Hdqrs. who were in constant communication with 5<sup>th</sup> A. I. Bde observers at O.P.

Up till the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. no target that justified the firing of a gun was brought under our notice, but on 24<sup>th</sup> inst. at 2 p.m. the O.P. reported movement in the vicinity of Twin Farm (C. 12. a. 70. 40). Fire from 2 guns was immediately brought to

beard on this point, firing 1000 rounds. No further movement was reported on this spot.

On 25<sup>th</sup> inst. at 3 p.m. movement was observed in vicinity of C. 6. c. 18.00, along the track. 2 guns were brought to bear on this point, but owing to a slight mist no observation was obtained. 1000 rounds were fired.

Later in the afternoon of 25<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 p.m. the 4 guns fired 3000 rounds traversing along the road from C. 6. d. 40.30 to C. 12. b. 93.00. Along this road slight movement had been observed during the day, and same would probably have been used by native hunters and parties at this time.

Up till this date no S.O.S signal has been sent up.

January, 25<sup>th</sup> 1918

W. Ryan  
Lieut  
Battery Commander  
"B" Battery

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Operation Order No 2

APPENDIX 4

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By Capt R Hamilton MC

Commanding 5 Aust. M.G. Coy.

13/1/18

1. The 5<sup>th</sup> Aust M.G. Coy is being relieved by the 22<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Coy on relief will occupy the positions vacated by the 22<sup>nd</sup> A.M.G. Coy on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.
2. Relief to be complete by 9 pm.
3. Guns No. 1-8 will be relieved & will take over on relief the positions of B Battery at Juncy Farm Cgd. 2.3.  
Guns No. 9-16. will be relieved & will take over on relief the positions of A Battery at C2 Od. 45.90.
4. Guns crews ~~from~~ the Battery positions will consist of three (3) men 1 M.O. will be included in each 2 gun teams.  
The remainder of the men will proceed to Rear H & Q under Section Officers who will report with names of men of their parties on arrival here to Capt. Webb.
5. Lieut Richardson will command A Battery with 2 Lieut Langworth as 2<sup>nd</sup> in command & Lieut Birmingham B Battery with 2 Lieut Ryan as 2<sup>nd</sup> in command.
6. A list of names of M.O.s & men forming the gun crews of Batteries will be forwarded by Group Commanders to HQ H & Q by noon on 14<sup>th</sup> inst.
7. Guides - 1 Guide for the left section will report to HQ Coy H & Q at 2 pm on 14<sup>th</sup> inst. This man will guide relieving parties to the Ration Dump where the O.C. Left Group will arrange to have 1 guide per gun team at 3.45 pm.  
One guide from Left Centre Group will report to HQ Coy H & Q at 2.30 pm. This man will guide relieving party to his Ration Dump where the O.C. Left Centre Group will arrange to have a guide for each of No 9 10-12 guns at 2.45 pm.
8. The gun crews who are to occupy A Battery will be brought to HQ H & Q by their Section Officers who will report to Capt. Hamilton on arrival.  
The gun crews of No 6, 7, 8 who are to occupy part of B Battery will report after relief to Lieut Ryan at the junction of NICHOLSON, HARNIANS & SUFFOLK Avenues at 4 pm.
9. The gun crews of No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 will report, after relief, straight to B Battery position reporting to Lieut Birmingham on arrival here.
10. All stores with the exception of Gun Spare Parts, Oil, Valves, Thermometers, Gun Boots & Spare Pistols will be handed over to Relieving Unit & receipts obtained, which will be handed to Capt. Hamilton at HQ H & Q on passing through the stores house & upon the reception of Spare Pistols.

APPENDIX  
All to be taken by guns crews occupying Batteries to being  
Batteries. Spare Pistols will be taken to Rear H.Q. & handed  
into Am. Stores

10. Rations for the 15<sup>th</sup> inst will be delivered to Ration  
Dumps of Batteries at the following hours.

B<sup>n</sup> Battery Dump at Motor Car Corner at 4.30 pm.

H<sup>n</sup> Battery - Dump at Battery Position with the guns & gear.

On following days rations will be dumped at above Ration  
Dumps at 4.30 pm.

11. Transport, 1 Limber for Left Group to be at their Ration Dump  
at 5.30 pm. to wait until guns & crews are picked up.

1 Limber for Left Centre Group at their Ration Dump at  
6.30 pm. to wait until guns & crews are picked up.

Both above will report to Adv H.Q. for instructions after  
picking up the above gear.

Rations for A Battery will be at Adv Coy H.Q. at  
6.30 pm.

Section Officer's gear & spare gear which is going to the  
rear in the case of Left & Centre Groups will be put  
on above limbers taken off at Adv Coy H.Q.

In the case of Right Group gear will be at Ration  
Dump at 4.30 pm. & put on remaining ration limbers

17. Copies of Receipts for gear taken over at the Batteries  
will be sent by runner to Adv Coy H.Q. as soon as  
possible after taking over.

19. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE

1/4 Group Commanders

5/6 Battery "

7 Capt Webb

8/9 S/Lt.

R Hamilton

Capt  
Adv Coy

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SECRET

Copy No. .... 11

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 136

Brigade Headquarters,  
4th January 1918.

Reference Maps: Sheet 28 1/40,000  
Sheet 56 1/40,000

1. The following inter-battalion reliefs will take place on  
3th January and 3th January 1918.

2. (a) The 17th Battalion will relieve the 20th Bn. in the  
line (right sub-sector) on 8th January and night 8/9th January.

(b) The 19th Battalion will relieve the 18th Bn. in the  
line (left sub-sector) on 9th January and night 9/10th January.

(c) The 300 men supplied by each of 17th and 19th Bns  
for forward working parties, will be relieved by 2 Companies from  
20th and 18th Battalions. Relief to be spread over 24 hours so  
as to provide against any disorganisation of the work carried out  
by them.

(d) On relief the 20th and 18th Battalions will move  
to and take over camps at present occupied by 17th and 19th  
Battalions respectively.

3. Local maps, Air photos, and trench stores will be taken  
over.

4. The present work policy and system of active patrolling  
will be carried on by the incoming units.

5. Subject to the terms of this order, details of reliefs  
will be mutually arranged by G.O.'s concerned.

6. Completion of reliefs will be reported to Brigade H.Q.  
by priority code wire.

7. A C K N O W L E D G E

(R)

*L. P. MacCallum*

Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued through Signals  
at 4 p.m.

D I S T R I B U T I O N

Copy No. 1	G.O.C.	13	2nd Aust. Div.
2	B.M.	14	171st Inf. Bde.
3	Staff Captain	15	7th A.I. Bde.
4	Bde. I.O.	16	6th A.I. Bde.
5	Lde. Sig. Off.	17	15th A.A.S.C.
6	Bde. T'Port Off.	18	Town Major NIEPPM
7	17th Bn	19	5th Field Coy.
8	18th Bn	20	5th Field Amb.
9	19th Bn	21	Right Group Arty.
10	20th Bn	22	File
11	5th A.G. Coy	23/25	War Diary
12	5th ALMety	26/28	Spare.

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APPENDIX 6

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 137

Brigade Headquarters,  
15th January 1918.

Reference Maps: Sheet 28 1/40,000  
Sheet 35 1/40,000

1. The following inter-battalion reliefs will take place on 16th/17th and 17th/18th January 1918.

2. The 20th Battalion will relieve the 17th Battalion in the right sector of the line on 16th and night of 16/17th instant.

The 18th Battalion will relieve the 19th Bn in the left sector of the line on 17th and night of 17th/18th instant.

The 200 men supplied by each of 18th and 20th Bns for forward working parties, will be relieved by 2 Companies from 17th and 19th Battalions. Relief to be spread over 24 hours so as to provide against any disorganisation of the work carried out by them.

On relief the 17th and 19th battalions will move to and take over camps at present occupied by 20th and 18th Bns respectively.

3. Locals maps, air photos, and trench stores will be taken over.

4. The present works policy and system of active patrolling will be carried on by the incoming units.

5. Subject to the terms of this order, details of reliefs will be mutually arranged between C.O's. concerned.

6. Completion of reliefs will be reported to Brigade H.Q. by priority code wire.

7. A C K N O W L E D G E. (R)

*W. P. MacCallum*

Issued through Signals at 6 p.m. Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

D i s t r i b u t i o n

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2	B.N.	14	172nd Inf. Bde.
3	Staff Captain	15	7th A.I. Bde.
4	Bde. I.O.	16	6th A.I. Bde.
5	Bde. Sig. Off.	17	15th A.A.S.C.
6	Bde. T'port Off.	18	5th Field Coy.
7	17th Bn	19	5th Field Amb.
8	18th Bn	20	Right Group Arty
9	19th Bn	21	File
10	20th Bn	22/24	War Diary
11	5th AMG Coy	25/27	Spare
12	5th A.M.Bty.		

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 138

Brigade Headquarters,  
13th January, 1918.

Reference Maps - Sheet 28 1/40,000  
Sheet 39 1/40,000

1. The 5th Aust. Machine Gun Coy. will be relieved in the line by the 22nd Aust. Machine Gun Coy. on 14th instant and night 14th/15th instant.
2. Local maps, Defence Scheme, Air photos, charts, trench stores, etc., will be handed over and receipts obtained. The present policy and schemes of night firing will be taken over.
3. On relief, the 5th Aust. Machine Gun Coy. will move to positions vacated by 22nd Aust. Machine Gun Coy. and continue duties and works in accordance with Defence Policy (Appendix IV, Brigade Defence Scheme).
4. Headquarters of 5th Aust. Machine Gun Coy. will remain at BONANZA CAMP. B 9 b 2
5. Subject to the terms of this order details of relief will be mutually arranged between C.O.'s concerned.
6. Relief is to be completed before 7 a.m. 15th inst. Completion of relief will be reported to Bde. H.Q. by priority code wire.

7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*W. P. MacCallan*

Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 8 pm  
thro' Signals.

D i s t r i b u t i o n

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2	B.I.	15	6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
3	Staff Capt.	16	172nd Inf. Bde.
4	Bde. I.O.	17	7th Aust. Inf. Bde.
5	Bde. Sig. Offr.	18	15th A.A.S.C.
6	Bde. T'port Offr.	19	5th Field Coy. Aust. E.
7	5th Aust. M.G. Coy.	20	5th Aust. Field Ambce.
8	22nd Aust. M.G. Coy.	21	Right Group Arty.
9	17th Bn	22	File
10	18th Bn	23/25	War Diary
11	19th Bn	26/28	Sparce
12	20th Bn		
13	5th A.D.T.M. Bty.		

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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OPERATION HELIO. No. 13

Brigade Headquarters,  
13th January 1918.

Reference Map -  
Sheet PONT ROUGE = 1/10,000

1. (a) At 2.30 pm on Monday 14th instant, the Heavy Trench Mortar Guns covering this Brigade front are registering on selected Zero points.
- (b) Covering fire will be supplied by the Heavy Artillery, one How. Battery, and 3/18 pdr. Batteries of the 5th Aust. F.A. Brigade.
- (c) Rates of fire, times, and targets to be engaged by the Field Batteries, will be as shown in attached table.
- (d) The Heavy Artillery are engaging DURIEZ FARM, DEULLELONT Church and LES ECLUSES.
- (e) 6" Newton Mortars already registered, are firing on selected targets in their zone at the rate of one round per gun per minute, viz.,
  - No. 3 N.W. Positions at U 24 c 75 22, U 24 c 80 28, and U 24 d 20 25.
  - No. 2 URLL HOUSE and UNKNOWN FARM.

2. Two Stokes Mortars of 5th A.L.T.M. Bty. will fire on selected targets in FREILINGHAM; 50 rounds per Mortar will be expended.

\*\* All safety precautions against possible enemy retaliation will be taken by troops in the forward area.

4. Lewis Gun Posts and Vickers M. Guns covering areas to be shelled should be on the alert to deal with any enemy dislodged by the bombardment.

5. Watches will be synchronised with Right Group Signal Office at noon.

6. A C K N O W L E D G E <sup>(R)</sup> *F. MacCallum*

Captain,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

- Issued to -
- 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.
  - 5th A.M.G. Coy.
  - 5th A.L.T.M. Bty.
  - 2nd Aust. Division,
  - Right Group Art.,
  - 6th A.I. Bde.
  - 7th A.I. Bde.
  - 171st Inf. Bde.
  - 2nd Pioneer Bn
  - 5th Field Coy.
  - File
  - War Diary (3)

\*\* 5. Forward Posts at POND HOUSE, ESTALINET HOUSE, and CROWN PRINCE FARM will be withdrawn before daylight on 14th instant.



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TASK TABLE

105th How. Battery

Time	Guns to be employed	Target	Rate of Fire
0 to 0.10	R.X. O.X. L.X.	Brewery and M.W. at C.17.a.80.97 O.P. at C 11 b 20 57 and SCREENED FARM. SOAP and LAUNDRY	Two rounds per How per minute
0.10 to 0.20	R.X. O.X. L.X.	THE VATS and road junction at C 11 c 85 42 THE ARCHES and road junction at C 11 b 32 90 Trench System between DURIEZ FARM and C 11 b 32 92	One round per How. per minute
0.20 to 0.30		Same as PHASE I.	$\frac{1}{2}$ round per How. per minute

14th Battery

0 to 0.30	R.X. O.X.	Commencing on trench system between and C 11 b 88 00 and C 11 d 45 20. Search FREELINGHEM area backwards and forward for a distance of 400 yards in steps of 100 yards; remaining 2 minutes on each range.	One round per gun
0 to 0.15 0.15 to 0.30	L.X.	Sweep CERTAIN TRENCH, near DURIEZ FARM. Activity centre "F.C." in vicinity of LAUNDRY and SOAP HOUSE.	per minute.

15th Battery

0 to 0.30	All	Commencing on line U 29 d 40 90 - U 30 a 80 48. Search forward and backward in steps of 100 yds, remaining 8 minutes on each range. (for a distance of 300 yds)	$\frac{1}{2}$ -round per gun per minute.
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15th Battery

0 to 0.30	All	Commencing on line U 24 c 70 20 - U 24 a 65 00 search forward and backward in steps of 100 yds for a distance of 300 yds, remaining 2 minutes on each range.	$\frac{1}{2}$ -round per gun per minute.
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRETORDER No. 139

Copy No.....

Brigade Headquarters,  
20th January 1918.

## Reference Maps -

Shoot 28 - 1/40,000

Shoot 36 - 1/40,000

1. The following inter-battalion reliefs will take place between 22nd and 24th instants.
2. The 17th Battalion will relieve the 20th Battalion in the right sector of the line on 22nd and night 22nd/23rd Jany. The 19th Battalion will relieve the 18th Battalion in the left sector of the line on 23rd and night 23rd/24th Jany.
3. The 17th Battalion will take over the present temporary dispositions of 20th Bn. These will be modified in the event of better weather conditions.
4. Local Maps, Air photos, and trench stores will be taken over.
5. The present works policy and system of active patrolling will be carried out by incoming units.
6. Subject to the terms of this order, details of reliefs will be mutually arranged between C.O's. concerned.
7. Completion of reliefs will be reported to Brigade H.Q. by priority code wire.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*W. P. MacCallum*Issued at *20th Jan.*  
through Signals.Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.D i s t r i b u t i o n

Copy No. 1	G.O.C.	Copy No. 13	2nd Aust. Div.
2.	B.M.	14	172nd Inf, Bde.
3	Staff Captain	15	7th A.I.Bdo.
4	Bdo. I.O.	16	8th A.I.Bdo.
5	Bdo. Sig. Off.	17	15th A.A.S.C.
6	Bdo. T'port Off.	18	5th Field Coy.
7	17th Bn	19	5th Field Amb.
8	18th Bn	20	Right Group Arty.
9	19th Bn	21	File
10	20th Bn	22/24	War Diary
11	5th A.M.G.Coy.	25	22nd AMG Coy.
12	5th ALTM Bty.	26	Spare

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- The 200 men supplied by each of 17th and 19th Bns for forward working parties, will be relieved by 2 Companies from 18th and 20th Bns. Relief to be spread over 24 hours so as to provide against any disorganisation of the work carried out by them. On relief the 20th and 18th Bns. will move to and take over camps at present occupied by 17th and 19th Bns respectively.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
-----SECRETBrigade Headquarters,  
20th January 1918.OPERATION MEMO. No. 14

1. In order to test the efficacy of the S.O.S. Signal Chain from front to rear, the 18th Battalion will hold a test on a night to be selected by them.

2. Two red Very flares will be fired from each <sup>S.O.S.</sup> relay station, forming one chain.

3. The test must be bona fide and this Office informed of length of time taken to reach Battalion H.Q. The night selected should be dark, with a slight mist if possible.

4. The 18th Battalion will inform all concerned as to time and date of the test.

5. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*G. P. (Wai) Collier*

Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

## Distribution -

17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,  
5th AMG Coy., 5th ALTM Bty.,  
172nd Inf. Bde.  
6th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
2nd Aust. Division.  
Right Group Arty.  
22nd A.M.G. Coy.  
File  
War Diary (3)

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Copy No.....

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 140

Brigade Headquarters,  
23rd January 1918.

Reference Maps -

- Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20,000
- Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20,000

1. The 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade will be relieved by the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. on 23th January and night 23th/29th January, *in accordance with attached relief table.*
2. On relief the Brigade will move to KORTEPYP area and become Reserve Brigade to the 3rd Aust. Division.
3. Command will pass to G.O.C. 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. on completion of relief.
4. (a) The 22nd A.M.G. Coy. will be relieved by the 11th A.M.G. Coy. under the orders of this Brigade.  
(b) The 5th A.M.G. Coy will be relieved by the 23rd A.M.G. Coy. under the orders of the Divisional M.G. Officer.
5. Advance parties from 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. are to arrive on afternoon of 27th instant.
6. Maps, Defence Schemes, aeroplane photographs, works policies, will be handed over and receipts obtained; copies will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 6 p.m. on 29th instant.
7. No work will be done by forward working parties on the night of 27th/28th January.
8. The course in progress at the Brigade N.C.O's. School will close on 27th instant, when personnel, including instructors, will return to their units; *work* be continued in the new area. (date and place will be notified later).  
Raiding platoons will also return to their units on that date.
9. Subject to the terms of this order reliefs will be carried out under arrangements to be made mutually by C.O's. concerned.
10. Administrative arrangements will be issued separately.
11. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade H.Q. by priority code wire.
12. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*H. P. Munt...*

Captain,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued through  
Signals at 8 a.m.  
24/1/18.

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7	Bdo. Q.M.	
8	17th Battalion	
9	18th Battalion	
10	19th Battalion	
11	20th Battalion	
12	5th A.M.G. Coy.	
13	5th A.L.T.M. Bty.	
14	22nd A.M.G. Coy.	
15	5th Field Coy.	
16	5th Field Ambulance	
17	2nd Aust. Div.	
18	6th Aust. Inf. Bde.	
19	7th do	
20	171st Inf. Bde.	
21	15th A.A.S.C.	
22	Right Group Arty.	
23	11th Aust. Inf. Bde.	
24	File	
25/27	War Diary	28 - Area Comdt. KORTEPYP
30/32	Sparos.	29 - School Comdt.

RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 140

Date	Unit	From	To	Relieved by	Route	Remarks
28th Jany.	Forward working Party, 20th Bn	LE BIZET	LE ROSSIGNOL	-	Most direct	To clear LE BIZET by 5 am
	Forward working party 18th Bn	FUSILIER LOOP	INGERSOLL	-	do	To clear FUSILIER LOOP by 5 a.m.
	18th Battalion	INGERSOLL	KORTEPYP "B" T.20.b.9.5.	<sup>47th Bn</sup> 45rd Bn	Via ROMARIN LEINSTER Rd.	To clear INGERSOLL by 9.30 am
	20th Battalion	LE ROSSIGNOL	BULFORD T 20 c 38 25	<sup>43rd Bn</sup> 42nd Bn	do	To clear Lo ROSSIGNOL by 10.30 a.m.
	19th Battalion	LINE LEFT	KORTEPYP "A" T 20 b 4 5	44th Bn	Train <sup>to</sup> Connaught Siding	Details in Admin. Memo. of entrainment
	17th Battalion	LINE RIGHT	CANTEEN CORNER T 20 c 58 12	41st Bn	Train "	do
	22nd A.M.G.Coy.	LINE	PEMZANCE Lines T 20 d 20 95	11th AMGCoy.	Train "	do
	5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	LINE	BULFORD CAMP T 20 c 38 25	11th ALTMbty	Train "	do
	5th A.I.Bde.H.Q.	LINE	TROIS ROIS CAMP T 20 c 5 5	11th A.I.Bde. H.Q.	-	-

Following distances will be maintained between units on the march -

Companies	100 yards
Unit and its Transport	100 yards
Battalions	500 yards.

APPENDIX

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
-----SECRET  
\*\*\*\*\*Brigade Headquarters,  
26th January 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 51To accompany Brigade Order No. 1401. Billotting -

Billotting parties for KORTERPYP AREA will report on morning of 28th instant, direct to Camps as allotted in Brigade Order 140 and amendment.

2. Train Arrangements

On night of 28th/29th instant trains for the transport of 17th and 19th Battalions and 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. will be available as follows. Each of the battalions will detail 1 Officer to act as Entraining Officer and to report to entraining points 1 hour before trains are due to leave :-

17th Bn	9 p.m. 28th instant	COSTHOVE FARM	
19th Bn	8 p.m. 28th instant	PLOEGSTEERT	U 25 d 55 70
5th ALTBty	8 pm 28th instant	do	

These units will detrain at CONNAUGHT SIDING.

17th and 19th Bns and 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. will furnish to this Office by 10 pm on 26th instant, a statement showing the number of men travelling by train.

Units will arrange for their own guides to meet them at CONNAUGHT SIDING.

3. Transport -

Baggage wagons will report to units by 6 pm on 27th instant and will remain with units until completion of move on 1st February.

1st line transport will move under orders of unit commanders, and is to be clear of all lines in the present area by 10 a.m. 28th instant.

Transport lines in the new area are as follows :-

17th Battalion	...	CANTHEN CORNER	T 26 c 58 12
18th Battalion	...	ORSMAN LINES	
19th Battalion	...	do	
20th Battalion	...	ANTRIM LINES	
5th A.M.C. Coy.	...	PENZANCE	CAMP
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	...	ANTRIM LINES	

4. Trench Stores -

Duplicate receipts for all trench stores etc. will be obtained and copy sent to this Office by 6 pm on 29th instant.

5. Gum Boots

All Gum Boots are to be washed and returned to Brigade Drying Shed by 2 p.m. on 29th instant. A return is to be rendered to Brigade H.Q. by 6 pm on 29th instant showing each transaction in boots since the Brigade came into the line, reasons for any shortages being forwarded at the same time.

No Gum Boots are to be handed over to incoming units.

6. Patrol Tins etc. -

All patrol and water tins in the area are to be handed over and receipts obtained.

7. Mobile Echelon -

Units will move with full Mobile Echelon, and as much S.A.A. and Grenades for practice as can be carried.

8. Guards etc. -

The Guards on Ration Dumps, Brigade Ammunition Dumps and Traffic Posts will be relieved on the morning of 28th instant.

9. Ordinance -

Will remain at present location until 28th instant.

10. Divisional Horse Rest Farm -

Will close on 25th instant when personnel will return to their units.

## 11. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
 Captain,  
 Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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As for Bde. Order No. 140



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Copy No.....

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 141Brigade Headquarters,  
27th January 1918.

## Reference Maps -

Sheet 27 SW 1/20,000  
Sheet 36 NW 1/20,000  
HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100,000

1. (a) The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved in the KOTREPIY area on 31st January by the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.

(b) Defence Schemes, local maps, etc., will be handed over and receipts obtained.

2. (a) The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group (less transport) will move by train to the LULBRES sub-area on 31st instant in accordance with the attached move table "A".

(b) For the purposes of the move the Brigade Group will consist of :-

5th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
5th Field Coy. A.E.  
5th Field Ambulance  
15th A.A.S.C.  
22nd A.M.G.Coy.

(c) The personnel will move by 2 trains - 1.38 pm and 2.8 pm entraining at DE KANNEBEK, T S b 50 10., and detraining at LULBRES.

3. Transport, less Cookers, water carts, etc., will move by march route, in accordance with attached table "B".

Brigade Transport Officer will be in charge. Head of <sup>SA.28</sup> Transport will pass the starting point, Cross Roads at S 27 b 0 1, at 10 a.m. 30th instant, in the following order :-

15th Coy. A.A.S.C.  
17th Battalion  
18th Battalion  
19th Battalion  
20th Battalion  
5th A.M.G.Coy.  
5th A.L.T.H.Bty.  
Bde. H.Q. and Signal Section.  
22nd A.M.G.Coy.  
5th Field Coy. A.E.  
~~5th Field Amb.~~

4. Cookers, water carts, etc., and baggage with accompanying personnel will move by omnibus train from BAILLEUL west at 5.30 pm 31st instant, detraining at <sup>Bizernes</sup> at 7.30 pm.

5. Dress - Full marching order. Personnel will carry one blanket.

6. The senior combatant officer will command each train.

7. The 4 Lewis Guns and crews for A.A. duties at LA CRECHE DUMP A S c 4 9, supplied by 20th Bn., will be relieved by 12 noon on 29th instant, by similar parties from 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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8. Administrative Instructions are being issued separately.
9. Units will report arrival at destinations to Brigade H.Q.
10. Brigade Headquarters will close at TROIS ROIS Camp at 12 noon 31<sup>st</sup> and reopen on arrival at SAMETTES.  
Reports to DE KENNEBEK until 2.8 p.m.
11. **A C K N O W L E D G E.**

*W. P. MacCallum*

Issued at 4 p.m.  
through Signals

Captain,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution :-

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3	Staff Captain
4	Bde. Sig. Off.
5	Bde. Inf. Off.
6	Bde. T'port Off.
7	Bde. Q.M.
8	17th Bn
9	18th Bn
10	19th Bn
11	20th Bn
12	5th ANG Coy.
13	5th ALTM Bty.
14	32nd ANG Coy.
15	5th Field Coy.
16	5th Field Amb.
17	15th A.A.S.C.
18	2nd Div. Salvago Coy.
19	Area Comdt. D KORTEPYP
20	do LUMBRES sub area
21	6th A.I.Bde.
22	7th A.I.Bde.
23	9th A.I.Bde.
24	11th A.I.Bde.
25	2nd Aust. Div.
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MOVE TABLE " A " - To accompany 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 141

Date	Units	Roach DE KENNEBEK Station Yard	Train No.	Départ DE KENNEBEK	Arrive LUMBRES	Destinations
31st January	Traffic Control	12.15 pm	1	1.53 pm	4.30 pm	NIELLES
	5th A.I.Bdo.H.Q. & Signal Section	12.15 pm	1	do	do	SAMETTES
	5th A.M.G.Coy.	12.22 pm	1	do	do	LART
	19th Battalion	12.27 pm	1	do	do	SENINGHEI
	17th Battalion	12.33 pm	1	do	do	COULOMBY
	5th Field Coy. A.E.	12.38 pm	1	do	do	Motor lorries will meet at LUMBRES at 4.30 pm and transport to 7th Bdo. Area.
	5th A.L.T.H.Bty.	12.45 pm	2	2.8 pm	5.10 pm	LART
	20th Battalion	12.48 pm	2	do	do	BAYENGHEI
	18th Battalion	12.53 pm	2	do	do	AFFRINGUES and SENINGHEI
	22nd A.M.G.Coy.	12.57 pm	2	do	do	SAMETTES
	2nd Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.	1.3 pm	2	do	do	VAL DE LUMBRES
	5th Field Ambulance	1.8 pm	2	do	do	AFFRINGUES

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TABLE "B"To accompany 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 141

Date	Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
30th January	<b>TRANSPORT</b> 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group	KORTEPYP AREA	STRAZEELE AREA	Via BAILLEUL	March route - NOT to enter METEREN
31st January	do	STRAZEELE AREA	RENESECURE AREA	Via HAZEBROUCK	March route
1st February	do	RENESECURE AREA	LUMBRES AREA	ARQUES - WIZERNES - LUMBRES	March route.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRETBrigade Headquarters,  
27th January 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 32

(To accompany 5th A.I. Brigade Order No. 141)

1. Billotting -

Billotting parties as under will report to Brigade H.Q. at 8 a.m. 29th instant with 3 days rations; they will then be conveyed to LUMBRES AREA by Motor Lorry and report to Captain R.E. HALE at Bdo. H.Q. SALETTES on arrival.

Guides for personnel will be at LUMBRES STATION, and for transport travelling per omnibus train, at WIZERNES STATION, half an hour before trains are due to arrive.

Billotting Parties -

Battalions	1 Off.	4 o.r.
H.G. Coys.	1 Off.	1 o.r.
T.M. Bty.		1 o.r.
Div. Sal. Coy.		1 o.r.
15th A.A.S.C.		1 o.r.
Fld. Amb.	1 Off.	1 o.r.

The Brigade Transport for the move of Transport by road will detail 1 Officer for the Brigade Group and 1 o.r. per unit of the Group to report to Area Commandants as follows :-

STRAZZELE on morning of 26th instant  
RENESECURE do 31st instant

All units will arrange to have a guide for their transport from 3 p.m. onwards on 1st February, at point where the Railway crosses the ROUTE NATIONALE, in LUMBRES.

2. Railway and Transport Arrangements

Units will entrain as per Table "A" Brigade Order 141.

Two baggage wagons will be attached to each train. Transport will entrain as per Appendix "A".

Major L.G. FUSSELL, M.C., 17th Bn., will be Brigade Entraining Officer at DE KEMMERBEK for Personnel, and Captain R.J. DOWDEN, 20th Bn Brigade Entraining Officer at WEST BAILLEUL for Transport.

Brigade Entraining Officers will report to R.T.Os. and make all arrangements.

Personnel will arrive at entraining stations one hour before time of departure; Transport and loading parties will arrive 3 hours before entraining.

Troops will not enter the station yard until authorised by the R.T.O. On arrival at detraining station the station yard will be cleared in shortest time.

Captain R.J. DOWDEN, will act as detraining Officer at WIZERNES for Omnibus train.

Major W.R.C. ROBERTSON, M.C. 18th Bn., will be detraining Officer for personnel at LUMBRES, and will proceed by first train.

20th Battalion will detail a loading party of 1 Company (including Officers) to report to WEST BAILLEUL STATION 3 hours before time of departure of Omnibus Train, and also act as unloading party.

Entrainment states showing personnel by train, horses and personnel by omnibus train, and horses and personnel by road, will be forwarded to this Office by noon on 28th instant.

Units will each detail an entraining Officer to report to Major L.G. FUSSELL, M.C. at DE KEMMERBEK 1½ hours before train is due to leave.

Captain McFABB, M.C., 18th Bn, will be in charge of the Brigade Group Transport on the line of march.

### 3. Motor Transport

Motor Transport is allotted as under. Lorries will be at Brigade H.Q. at 8 a.m. on 31st instant. Units will send guides to meet lorries at that hour.

5th A.I.B.Co. H.Q. )	1 Lorry
5th A.L.T.M.Bty. )	
5th Field Amb. )	1 Lorry.
5th A.M.G.Coy. )	
Each Bn	2 Lorries

These lorries may be used for the transport of baggage to the personnel trains before proceeding with the 1 blanket per man etc, to the LUMBRES AREA. Each unit will arrange to send by their lorries sufficient dioxies and fuel to provide the *trucks with a* fuel when they reach their destination.

Lorries are to report back to their lines on the evening of 31st instant.

All baggage wagons are to report back to Company lines on morning of 1st February.

All Supply wagons are to report back by night of 1st Febry.

### 4. Echelon -

Mobile Echelon will move complete. As much S.A.A. and Grenades as can be carried will be taken into the LUMBRES AREA for training purposes.

### 5. Supplies -

28th and 29th January. Refilling point will be at LA CREOHE Supply wagons will deliver to Q.M. Stores.

30th January. Rations for train personnel will be delivered to units. Rations will remain on wagons and be entrained on omnibus train with units transport.

Transport proceeding by road on 30th instant will carry unconsumed portion of days rations and rations for 31st on Supply wagons. These rations will be issued to transport personnel on night 30th instant at STRAZELLE

31st January. Train personnel will not draw rations. They will entrain with unconsumed portion of days rations, plus 24 hours reserve on supply wagons, and one days iron ration on the man.

Road transport will be issued with rations at RENESCOURE on night 31st instant.

1st February. Rations for consumption on 2nd by train personnel will be drawn by D.S.O. from DESVRES and delivered to units in LUMBRES AREA.

Supply wagons with road transport will have on them rations for transport for 2nd Febry.

2nd February. Rations for consumption by Brigade Group on 3rd instant will be delivered by D.S.O. at Refilling point, AFFRIGUES. Rations will be issued at 10 a.m. Supply wagons will deliver to units.

3rd February. Et. Seq. - normal.

### 6. Reinforcements

The 2nd Div. Wing of Corps Reinf. Camp will close at CAESTRE on 30th instant and open the same day at DESVRES. Personnel from the Reinf. Camp will move to LUMBRES AREA with their units. The Camp will be handed over to the 5th Aust. Div.

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7. Ordnance -

Will close at ~~Sheet 36~~ B 1 d 2 8 on 28th instant and reopen at NIELLES on 31st instant.

8. Divisional Canteen -

The Div. Canteen Officer will close the Canteen and Officers' Club at EIEPPE on 28th instant and will reopen a Canteen at HENNEVEUX and one at HARLETTES on 29th instant.

9. Baths -

Baths are situated at SENINGHEM. 19th Bn. will detail 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl and 6 men to work the baths. These men are to report to baths on 1st February. Sgt. in Charge will report to Staff Captain at Bde. H.Q. at SALETTES at 10 a.m. on 1st February for instructions. Allotment of baths will be notified later.

10. Area Stores

Will on no account be removed from the area, but will be handed over to relieving units, receipts obtained, and a copy of receipts forwarded to this Office by 2 p.m. on 2nd Febry.

11. Y. M. C. A.

The Y.M.C.A. will have a Coffee Staff at LULIBRES for the troops when detraining.

12. Cinema

The Brigade Cinema and Concert Troupe will be opened at a time and place to be notified later.

13. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*J. J. Johnson*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Captain,  
Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution as for Bde. Ord. No. 151

Add copies to Major Fussell  
Major Robertson  
Capt. Dowdon.  
Capt. R.E. HALE  
Area Comdt. STRAZERLE  
do RENESCURE

## APPENDIX 12

APPENDIX "A"  
\*\*\*\*\*OMNIBUS TRAIN - TRANSPORT AND HORSES

Unit	Vehicles	Axles	Rides	Horses L. & H.D.	Personnel
Bdc. H.Q.			6		Cyclists of all units will proceed by Omnibus Train
Signal Sect.	1	1		1	
4 Battalions	each - 4 Cookers 1 G.S.Wagon (supply) 1 water cart 1 Moss cart 1 Maltese cart	32 8 4 4 4	16	32 8 8 4 4	1 Coy. 20th Bn loading party & off loading party.
5th A.M.G.Coy.	1 water cart 1 limber	3	3	4	
22nd AMG Coy.	1 water cart 1 Moss cart or limber	3	3	4	
5th Fld Coy.	1 water cart 1 moss cart	2	3	3	
5th Fld Arb	1 water cart 1 Moss cart 1 GS Wagon (supply)	4	3	5	
5th ALTM Bty	1 limber	2		2	

SummaryTransport

	Axles	...	67
Horses, Rides-	34	...	Wagons 4
do Draughts-	75	...	Wagons 12
Personnel, Loading party			Wagons 6
do do Cyclists		...	Wagons 3
Available for baggage etc.		...	Wagons 5



## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRETBrigade Headquarters,  
27th January 1918.17th Battalion  
19th Battalion  
23rd A.M.G. Coy.  
5th A.M.G. Coy.  
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5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS.	
No	8/68
Date	

The following reliefs are notified for information :-

January 27th and night 27th/28th :-

171st Inf. Bde. will be relieved in the ARMENTIERES Sector by the 172nd Inf. Brigade.

2/5th S.Lancs. Regt. will relieve 2/7th K.L.R. in the left sector of the line.

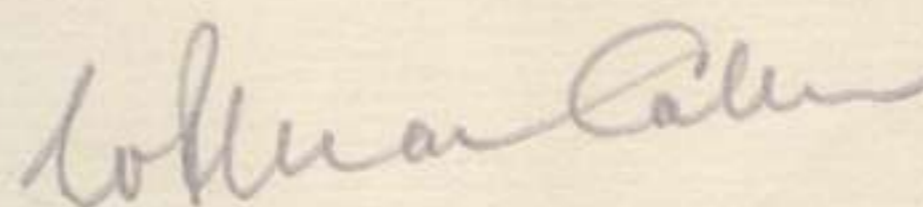
2/4th S.Lancs. Regt. will relieve 2/8th K.L.R. in the right sector of the line.

January 27th and night 27th/28th :-

6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved in the LA BASSEE VILLE Sector by 10th Aust. Inf. Bde.

57th Bn. will relieve 21st Bn. in the right sector of the line.

58th Bn. will relieve 23rd Bn. in the left sector of the line.



Captain,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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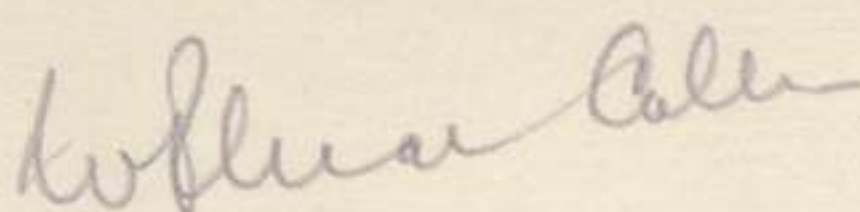
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Brigade Headquarters,  
27th January 1918.

~~17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns~~  
5th AMGCoy., 5th ALTI. Bty.  
School Comdt.  
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1. The Brigade School will reopen in LUMBRES sub-area at the CHATEAU BALEINGHEM on 2nd February.
2. (a) Instructors, Cooks and fatigue men will report at 10 a.m. on 1st February.  
(b) N.C.O. Students will report at 2 p.m. on 2nd February.
3. 48 hours rations will be brought. Thereafter 20th Battalion will arrange to ration the personnel of the school and supply them with water.

Each battalion party of N.C.Os. will bring 2 dixies.



Captain,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bco.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. on 1st January 1918.

No. 17

OPERATIONS.

6,000 rounds were fired by our machine guns on FRELINGHIEU bridge and bridge at C.11.a.45.00. and on road from C.11.d.88.55. to C.12.c.53.50.

PATROLS

A patrol of 1 Officer and 15 c.r. with Lewis Gun went out from C.10.b.9.5. at 7 p.m. and moved to bridge at C.11.a.5.1. and found it impassable owing to its being broken in the middle. An enemy post is suspected on the east side of river near bridge, as they could be heard there. Patrol returned at 1 a.m. through TOOL HOUSE. An i.g. opened fire from C.11.a.3.2. and a T.M. from C.11.a.7.2. Transport was heard in FRELINGHIEU.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 15 c.r. with L.G. went out from C.4.d.9.9. at 10 p.m. and visited WHITE FARM and driftwood at C.5.a.30.35. No trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned along river bank at 12.55 a.m. through C.4.d.8.1.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 15 c.r. went out from C.4.d.8.1. at 5.30 a.m. and moved east to the river, which was found to be running and not frozen. No trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned at 8.15 a.m. through C.5.a.0.1.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 15 c.r. with L.G. went out from TOOL HOUSE at 3.3 a.m. and patrolled north along river to FRELINGHIEU Bridge. The river was found to be running freely. An i.g. was located at C.17.a.17.70. and a post at C.11.c.55.35. (coughing was heard from this point). The FRELINGHIEU Bridge is badly damaged but passable. The patrol returned at 3.30 a.m. through C.10.b.8.8.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 20 c.r. with L.G. went out from U.29.a.6.8. at 4.30 p.m. and moved to U.29.a.5.2. thence to U.29.b.5.3. thence to GOAT FARM, thence north and returned through U.29.b.25.45. at 8.45 p.m. No trace of the enemy was found.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 20 C.Rs with L.G. went out from U.29.c.7.1. at 12 midnight and moved to U.29.c.9.20. thence to U.29.b.45.45. thence to U.29.b.00.70. and to PLANTATION FARM and PAPER HOUSE. T.Ms. were firing on to front line from DEULEMONT. Flares were fired from C.5.b. and d. Patrol returned at 5 a.m. through U.29.c.10.25.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

Quiet during the period. C.3.c. was lightly shelled from east of FRELINGHIEU and 77 mm. shrapnel and 5.9 H.E. fell in NO MANS LAND in U.29.a. C.4.d. C.2.central, C.10.d. and C.10.b. were lightly shelled with 4.2" HE from S.E. of FRELINGHIEU.

ENEMY TRENCH MORTARS

During the period T.M. bombs were fired on C.10.b.3.2. and C.10. central from C.11.a.8.8. and on LE TOUQUET STATION from the LAUNDRY and THE ARCHES in FRELINGHIEU. BARRIENHAU AVENUE and BUTCHERS SHOP were shelled from about C.11.a.60.25. U.29.b. and c. were lightly bombed during the period; direction of T.M. not known.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS

Quiet during the day. At night guns were active from LAUNDRY and FRELINGHIEU at C.11.c.5.6. and C.11.a.6.2.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Movement was again noticed on road from C.6.b.3.6. to FARM du GRANT VERQUIN. At 10 a.m. small parties of 4 or 5 were moving along road. About 80 men were seen, when thick ground mist prevented further observation. This matter was reported to artillery. At 8.50 a.m. a man walked from UNKNOWN FARM along trench to U.29.d.70.54. Here he stopped and appeared to enter a dugout. At 9.15 a.m. two men wearing greatcoats and caps were seen at U.29.h.75.05. who walked to U.29.d.70.54. At 5.40 p.m. what sounded like a train was heard in DEULEMONT.

## 5th A.I. Bde. Intelligence Summary

ENEMY SIGNALLING

Flares were more numerous than previously. At 11.30 p.m. two greens and one red fired from UNKNOWN FARM brought no enemy action.

MISCELLANEOUS

At 11.40 p.m. a searchlight played on PLANTATION FARM; direction of light unknown.

WORK

The following work was carried out during period under review:-

C.10.b.3,6,	8 yds trench deepened and revetted, 15 yds deepened and parapet built up.
C.10.b.1,6,	Revetting, deepening trench, building up parapet.
C.10.a.2,5,	8 yds revetted and parapet built up.
C.1.d.4,1, to C.3, central,	Making out route to deploying line.
C.4, 1, 1, 1,	36 yds trench cleared and repaired and 20 yds parapet built up.
MONMOUTH Tr.)	
U.25.f.3,5,	70 yds parapet built up.
U.29.e.0,3,	40 do
U.29.a.4,5,	Revetting and building dugouts.
U.28.c.5,5,	25 yds trench widened, 50 yds parapet built up.
U.22.c.3,0,	70 yds trench cleared and 40 yds repaired for revetting.
U.29.c.4,8,	to 300 yds double apron fence constructed.
U.28.c.1,6,	
U.23.b, and d,	
U.23.b,	124 coils wire erected,
U.29.c,	
WIRE DRIVE south -	12 yds revetted.
U.23.c,	
WIRE	RESERVE - 2 shelters constructed and 25 yds cleared for revetting.
U.27.d.1,7,	15 yds parapet strengthened.
UNA AVENUE	100 yds duckboards.
NEW SUPPORT,	60 yds revetted.
WIRE SUPPORT	200 yds duckboards cleared.
U.20.c.2,0,	40 yds revetted.

In addition the necessary R.E. material was carried forward and small parties worked on repairing posts and repairing small portions of trenches.

*L. P. Marshall*  
Capt

1st Lt. Brig-General

Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

Intelligence Summary for period ended 3 a.m. 2nd January 1918

No. 18

OPERATIONS

Our artillery was normally active shelling PORT ROUGE, BLUMENT and other enemy positions.

3,000 rounds were fired by our H.Gs. on road from C.11.d. 85.45. to C.13.c.25.00. and bridge at C.6.b.65.65.

PATROLS

A patrol of 1 Off. and 20 s.r. with L.G. went out from C.10.d.1.6. at 5.15 p.m. and moved to within 10 yds of FREELINGHIE bridge. G. fire from C.11.c.5.9. prevented its being examined. Patrol then moved to driftwood at C.5.a.50.55. and found it frozen together but not strong enough to bear the weight of a man. Patrol returned at 9.45 p.m. through WHITE FARM and C.4.b.6.8.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 20 s.r. with L.G. went out from C.4.d.9.9. at 1.30 a.m. and moved to WHITE FARM. Bridge at C.5.a.57.50. was found to be impassable. Bridge at C.11.a.5.5. is in perfect repair and two men walking abreast can cross it. The approach to the west end of the bridge is wired. After the bridge had been examined the patrol was challenged by a German sentry from C.11.a.7.7. L.G. immediately opened from C.11.a.55.25. and C.11.a.8.3. Flares were fired and several bombs. Patrol returned at 5 a.m. through C.10.b.9.5.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 25 s.r. with L.G. went out from U.29.b.1.4. at 9.30 p.m. and moved to Plantation FARM, thence to river at U.29.a.90.15. thence to road at U.29.b.50.55. From here wire was noticed across the road near PORT ROUGE Bridge, and what appeared to be a new trench behind it. From here scouts moved to U.29.b.50.15. PORT ROUGE bridge appears to be badly smashed in centre. There also appears to be a plank running across the river under the bridge. No enemy movement could be seen or heard. The patrol returned at 11.50 p.m. through U.29.c.95.20.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 25 s.r. with L.G. went out from U.29.b.35.50. at 12.30 a.m. and moved to river at U.29.b.7.5. Numerous flares were being fired to the south. A standing patrol was established at U.25.b.75.55. 1 Officer and 10 men reconnoitred the river between U.25.b.7.5. and SCAP FARM. A T.M. was seen firing from about U.25.a.2.2. The party attempted to reach DOLLS HOUSE but L.G. from there prevented it. Patrol returned at 2.30 a.m. through U.29.c.9.5.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

C.2.c. and HILL FARM were lightly shelled with 77 mm. H.E. from s.e. of FREELINGHIE. C.5.a. was shelled with 5.9 HE from east of FREELINGHIE. C.10.a., C.4.d. and b., and C.5.c., GLOUCESTER FARM, SURREY FARM, LE TOUQUES STATION were lightly shelled with 4.2 HE from the direction of FARM de la VACHERIE at C.18.a.5.5. At 4 p.m. a few gas shells fell about C.4.b.2.5. from direction of DURREZ FARM between 2 a.m. and 11.50 a.m. the front system of "D" Battalion and U.29.a. and c. were shelled with 77 mm.

Gas flashes were observed on T.E. of 359 from C.10.c.30.85. and 349 from C.2.d.25.40.

ENEMY TRENCH MORTARS

A few medium T.M. bombs dropped on C.4.b. and c. CARTERS FARM and C.10.c. from SCAP HOUSE and C.11.c. central. U.29.b. was lightly shelled from about U.29.a.7.5.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS

During the night M.Gs. at about C.11.a.65.15., C.11.a.8.7., C.17.a.57.50. and guns from FREELINGHIE CHURCH, the LAUNDRY and DOLLS HOUSE, were active.

ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY

A little above normal. During the morning 10 planes patrolling our lines were driven off by A.A. fire.

ENEMY DEFENCES

A sniper was located at about G.17.a.23.65. (see patrol reports)

ENEMY MOVEMENT

At 9.15 a.m. movement and smoke were seen at G.11.c.80.75. At 11 p.m. and 1.30 a.m. transport and dumping were heard in BRILLINGHAM. Upon our artillery opening nothing more could be heard. During the morning 4 men were seen to leave WHITE FARM and make towards URAL HOUSE.

ENEMY SIGNALING

Occasional white flares were fired during the night from G.11.a. and the LAUNDRY.

MISCELLANEOUS

During the night a searchlight played for a short time on "B" battalion front from about U.29.d. 9.6.

WORKS

The following work was carried out during the period under review :-

- VINEY LAKE ) Trench cleaned and small portions revetted
- G.10.b.2.3. )
- to G.10.b.3.7. ) Cleaning out drain.
- NAPOC AVENUE ) 10 yds parapet built up, trench repaired.
- G.10.b.1.6. )
- JNA AVENUE, G.4.b.5.5. - 15 yds trench cleaned out.
- LONG AVENUE G.10.c.5.9. - Improvement to trench.
- MONMOUTH AVENUE G.4.c.7.5. - do
- G.3.a.1.2. Constructing barricade in old trench to facilitate communication with WHITE FARM.
- G.10.b.3.8. Pumping water from trench.
- U.25.b.2.3. 70 yds parapet built up.
- NEW SUPPORT LINE 25 yds do 37 yds trench cleared, 36 yds revetted, 18 yds excavated, 40 yds fire stop completed.
- EMPIRE ROW, U.29.c.3.4. - 40 yds fire stop completed.
- U.29.c.2.7. 40 yds parapet built up.
- U.31.c.3.5. Preparing trench for revetment.
- EMPIRE DRIVE, South - 30 yds parapet built up.

Fencing -

- NEW SUPPORT LINE 550 yds double apron fence completed.
- G.10.c. 30 coils wire erected.
- G.4.a. and b. 30 do
- G.10.b. 63 do
- G.10.d. 20 do

Major-General,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

SECRET.

No. 19.

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary for period 6 am 2/1/18 - 3/1/18.

OPERATIONS: Our Artillery: Normal firing at UNKNOWN FARM, DEULEMONT and other enemy defences. *At 9 pm. gas shells fired at FRELINGHIEN.*

Our M.G.'s. 6000 rounds were fired on roads from U 24 d 35 32 to U 24 d 7 5 and from C 6 a 95 75 to C 6 b 23 45. At 7 pm fire was concentrated on roads in and around FRELINGHIEN, 15,000 rounds being fired. (18)

Our Patrols: Patrol of 1 Officer 18 o.r. with L.G. went out from C 10 b 9 7 at 5.45 pm and moved east to river thence along river to C 5 a 3 2, thence to WHITE FARM. No trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned at 11.20 pm through C 4 b 4 4.

Patrol of 1 Officer and 18 o.r. with L.G. went out from C 4 b 3 3 at 12 midnight, and moved to C 11 a 3 1. From this point tapping and talking could be heard on opposite side of river. Patrol then moved to C 16 a 8 6 and returned at 5.25 am through C 10 d 15 10. When at about C 16 b 1 9 a M.G. opened from about C 11 a 80 15.

Patrol of 1 Officer 25 o.r. with L.G. went out from U 23 c 9 3 and moved to U 29 b 1 9, thence to ditch at U 30 a 5 8. To the east of this point 2 men were seen on west side of river and were moving to bridge which leads to TRIANGLE FARM. The patrol attempted to move east from this point, but were prevented by M.G. fire from about U 30 a 9 9. The patrol then moved back to U 24 c 2 0 here a track was found leading to MOAT FARM and between U 24 c 2 0 and MOAT FARM a telephone wire was found leading to the Farm, which wire was cut by the patrol. Patrol was here split into 3 parties which were posted on south, east and west sides of MOAT FARM. The wire was followed to within 30 or 40 yards of the farm. Rattling of tin was heard and 8 or 12 men were seen moving N.E. along canal, which runs to the river. Owing to darkness and broken ground the men were lost sight of and could not be followed. The party posted at south side of MOAT FARM reported having seen 5 men moving from U 30 a 3 7 towards river at about U 30 a 7 3. About 5 minutes later a M.G. opened fire from DOLLS HOUSE firing straight into MOAT FARM and at the same time M.G. at U 30 a 9 9 opened fire. Sounds of traffic moving on new metal were heard in DEULEMONT. Patrol returned at 8.45 pm through U 23 c 95 20.

Patrol of 2 Officers and 25 o.r. with L.G. went out from U 29 c 1 3 at 12.30 am and moved to river at U 29 c 4 3, thence to PLANTATION FARM, thence to HEDGE at U 29 b 33, where the main patrol was left and 2 Officers and 2 men searched all houses in PONT ROUGE on the west side of river. None of these houses showed any sign of recent occupation except an old cellar at U 29 b 45 38. PONT ROUGE BRIDGE was examined and was found to be about 9' wide, 8' high and an iron structure. The bridge has collapsed in the centre, leaving a space of about 10' in the bridge. On the east side of the break is what appears to be a pontoon about 4' by 3'. On the north side of bridge is a single raised duckboard track about 3' above the water, with wooden railing about 4' high. It was found to be quite undamaged and judging by the tracks on it, which lead to cellar at U 29 b 45 38 and south along river for 20 yards, the patrol is of the opinion that it has been used by 3 men within the last 24 hours. There is some concertina wire running from U 29 b 5:3 to U 29 b 6 4.

which is a poor obstacle. Another duckboard bridge at U 29 b 70 38 was examined and found to be undamaged and has been used recently. A duckboard continuation of this bridge runs along hedge to about U 29 b 5 6. There is a well-worn track along west side of river between the two bridges. Sounds of stifled coughing and whistling could be heard at about U 29 b 55 25. A searchlight played on NO MAN'S LAND once from about U 29 d 7 6. Patrol returned at 3.45 am through U 29 a 50 75.

ENEMY ARTILLERY: GUNNERS FARM, SURREY FARM, C 2 central, C 9 c and d. were shelled with 4.2 H.E. from SE of FRELINGHIEN. C 10 b and C 9 c with 77mm HE from a T.B. of 90° from C 9 d 25 40. C 10 c, BUTCHERS SHOP, HALFWAY HOUSE, BARKENHAM A., and STATION AV. were shelled with 4.2 HE from TB of 135° from C 4 a 9 9 and 112° from C 10 c 6 8. U 23 c was lightly shelled with gas, U 29 a 7 8 with 8.2., U 29 a 7 6 with 77mm, PETITE HAIE FARM with 5.9. Flashes observed on TB of 103° from U 29 a 58 26 and 47°, 54°, 27° and 78° from U 28 d 84 54.

ENEMY T.M.'s: At 7.30 pm 2 Heavy T.M.s. fired 30 shells into C 4 d from SOAP HOUSE, and T.M. from C 11 a fired 5 shells into C 9 c 9 3. NAPCC AV. was lightly shelled from SOAP HOUSE. This mortar was silenced by our artillery at 8 pm. Light T.M. bombs from FRELINGHIEN fell along parapet between C 10 b 8 8 and C 4 d 75 50. U 28 d 7 4 was bombed several times during the day. Heavy T.M.'s fell in old ruins of PONT ROUGE at 11.15 pm. Front line in U 23 c was fairly heavily shelled with light T.M.'s. Bearings of mortars from U 29 a 58 26 are 95, 97, 102°.

ENEMY M.G.'s: Below normal. During the night guns were active from SOAP HOUSE and from about C 11 a 8 2. This latter gun was silenced by artillery. Occasional bursts came from FRELINGHIEN.

ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY: Below normal. At 11.30 am plane patrolling front system was driven off by A.A. fire. About 1.30 pm a plane appeared BRUNE GAYE. This was also driven off by A.A. fire.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Sniper located at about C 11 c 65 70. (See also Patrol Reports). E

ENEMY MOVEMENT: Traffic was heard in North FRELINGHIEN at 4.30 pm and again between hours of 3 and 5 am. Much wheeled traffic was heard in the earlier part of the night in DEULEMONT and behind enemy lines between DEULEMONT and FRELINGHIEN. At 7.35 am two men wearing black peaked caps were seen at U 30 c 5 4 and little later at U 30 /c 1 8. At 1.45 am a light railway train was heard to east of FRELINGHIEN.

ENEMY SIGNALLING: Occasional white flares were fired during the night. Single reds and whites fired from the LAUNDRY brought no enemy action. At 8.30 am on the left of 'B' Bn front one flare fired, which burst into a cluster of yellows, was immediately repeated North along the line. The result could not be observed. It is believed that no enemy action followed.

MISCELLANEOUS: Searchlights were observed on the following true bearings of 56° from C 9 d 25 40 and 51½° from U 28 d 84 54.

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WORK: The following work was carried out during period under review:-

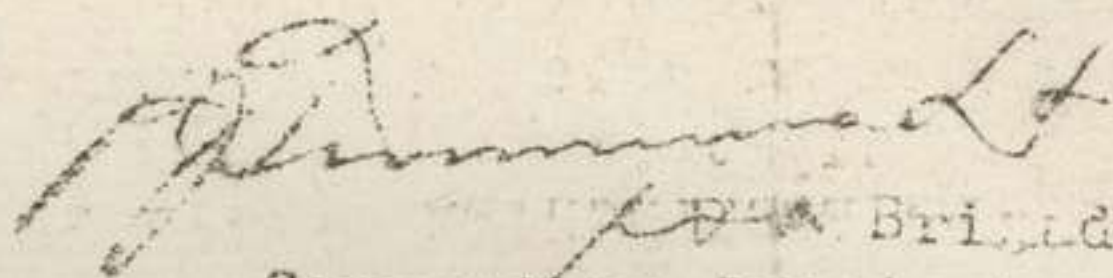
Wireless: UWA SUPPORT

U 28 d 4 0 to	3000	strengthened and repaired.
U 28 b 3 7	35	coils erected.
C 10 d	35	do. do.
C 10 b	7	do. do.
C 10 c	28	do. do.
C 4 b	23	do. do.
C 11 a	35	do. do.
C 4 c		
<u>FRONT LINE</u>		
'B' Bn. U 28 b 1 3	38	coils erected.
	500	double screen fence erected.

Other Work:

VIE. LANE C 10 b 6-6	100	parapet built up. Drain WAPCO Av. cleaned. Clearing trench and minor r v tanks.
LONG AV. C 4 c 7 3	300	firestop constructed and timber salvaged.
C 10 a 4 8		Improving trench.
C 4 a 1 3		Cleaning & improving trench.
C 4 c 7 4	29	trench cleared, 15' parapet built up.
C 9 d 9 8	25	trench cleared, 10' parapet built up.
<u>NEW SUPPORT LINE</u>		
U 28 c 4 5, U 28 c 5 7	500	firestop completed and minor retitting.
U 28 b 7 0	40	parapet built up and thickened 6' prepared for retitting.
<u>UNFIRE SUPPORT</u>		
U 28 b 7 3	300	trench cleared.

In addition, the necessary R.E. material was carried forward and small parties worked on improving, cleaning and draining posts and small portions of trenches.



Brigadier General,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Intelligence Summary for period 6 am 3/1/18 - 6 am 4/1/18.

OPERATIONS: Our Artillery: Activity normal. DEULEMONT, UNKNOWN FARM, FRELINGHIEN and other enemy defences were shelled during the day and night.

Our M.G.'s: Fire was brought to bear on roads from C 11 b 00 30 to C 11 b 31 92 and from C 11 b 32 92 to C 12 a 00 60. Low-flying planes were also engaged. 4,500 rounds in all were fired.

Patrols: Patrol of 1 Off 20 o.r. with L.G. went out from TOOL HOUSE at 5 pm and moved N. along river. When nearing FRELINGHIEN bridge, flares were fired, followed by bursts of M.G. fire from the village. Talking was heard at about C 11 a 6 0. The patrol moved to WHITE FARM and returned at 10.30 pm through C 4 b 3 1. None of the enemy was met.

Patrol of 1 Off 20 o.r. with L.G. went out from WHITE FARM at 1.30 am. Patrol report not yet received.

Patrol of 1 Off and 25 o.r. with L.G. went out from U 29 a 5 8 at 5 pm and moved to hedge at U 29 b 50 65, thence to U 24 c 3 1 and to U 24 c 20 55, and on to MOAT FARM, which was found to be unoccupied. It was too dark to see any new footprints in the farm. It was noticed that new concertina wire, 6 yards long, had been placed around west end of old footbridge at U 23 d 95 30. No trace of the enemy was found. A M.G. fired once from DOLLS HOUSE. Our artillery fired on traffic in DEULEMONT, upon which horses could be heard galloping. Patrol returned at 9 pm through U 23 b 2 3.

Patrol of 2 Officers, 20 o.r. with L.G. went out from U 29 c 25 30 at 12.30 am and moved to U 29 c 4 4, thence to PLANTATION FARM and along river to U 29 a 30 15, thence to U 29 b 5 4, where the main patrol was left, and 2 officers and 3 scouts moved to PONT ROUGE Bridge. Whilst here, a T.M. opened from U 29 d 95 30, and a M.G. fired from DOLLS HOUSE into MOAT FARM. A working party was heard at about U 30 c 2 7. Patrol returned at 3 am through U 23 c 95 20.

ENEMY ARTILLERY: C 10 a 1 2, C 10 c and SURREY FARM were lightly shelled from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN. MOTOR CAR CORNER lightly shelled from a T.B. of 72° from C 9 d 25 40. BARKENHAM ALONG AVENUES, LE TOUQUET STATION and HALF-WAY HOUSE were shelled from 9 am to 5 pm with 4.2 H.E. from a T.B. of 145° from C 4 a 9 9. A 5.9 firing from a T.B. of 112° from C 15 b 20 65 also fired occasionally into the same areas. 77mm battery fired on NAPCO AVENUE and KIWI ST. from east of FRELINGHIEN. U 29 c 5 8, U 29 c 4 7, U 28 d 8 5, U 28 a and U 29 a were shelled with 4.2 H.E. Gun flash observed on T.B. of 112° from C 10 c 6 8, T.B. of 73° from C 9 d 25 40 (guns appear to be firing from behind trees at D 1 c 1 4) T.B. of 78° from C 9 d 25 40 (guns appear to be firing from behind trees at D 1 d 45 30) 79°, 145°, 94½° from U 28 d 84 54, and 104°, 114° and 79° from U 29 a 71 42.

ENEMY T.M.'s: Five M.W. were fired into LE TOUQUET station and 10 into CROWN-PRINCE farm and NAPCO AV. from SCAP HOUSE. U 29 a and U 23 b and c were also bombed. Suspected M.W. position at U 29 d 95 85.

ENEMY M.G.'s: Fire was opened on our planes from wood in C 11 b, C 11 c 85 70 and C 17 a 35 50. Occasional bursts of fire during the night from FRELINGHIEN and COLLS HOUSE.

ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY:

Planes were active during the day but were driven off by A.A. fire. Balloons were observed on T.B. of 85 and 67° from C 9 d 25 40 and 75° and 110° from C 10 c 6 8, 93½ and 150° from U 28 c 10 35, 95 and 67° from U 29 a 71 42.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Enemy O.P. is suspected at C 5 c 7 1 (hedge of trees) The tree appears to have a nest in its branches.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: At 9 am a few men were seen at UNKNOWN FARM C 5 b 50 96. At 7.35 am 8 men were seen walking about U 30 c 2 8 and later at building at U 29 d 9 9, carrying shovels. 5 vocal men were seen leaving trench at U 29 d 7 6 and moving to the rear. Transport was heard in vicinity of DEULEMONT during the day and night. The whistling of a train and the sound of unloading iron were heard east of FRELINGHIEN at 5.40 am. Enemy transport was heard at 5 pm along road from C 11 b 0 3 to C 11 b 4 9. The artillery was notified and the road shelled. Four 2-horse limbers moved along road in direction of C 6 d 4 9, two 2-horse limbers on same road moved towards VERQUIN FARM. Two 2-horse limbers were again seen moving towards C 6 d 4 9. Scattered foot traffic was also seen on this road. At 8 am light railway train moving towards C 6 d 65 90 on line running through D 1 and D 8. 5 men 3 of whom were carrying packs, and the others shovels - moved along road from C 6 c 25 50 to C 12 c 2 6. Smoke from a train moving towards QUECHNY was seen on a T.B. of 71° from C 9 d 25 40.

ENEMY SIGNALLING:

White flares were normal. Chain of light blue stars was fired at intervals during the night. No enemy action followed. During the morning, as our planes crossed the enemy lines, the enemy fired a string of yellow lights.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Smoke was seen coming from dugouts C 5 c 15 10 and C 11 b 20 75. Building at C 11 b 1 6 is a concrete structure, with a hole facing our line. At 8.25 am eight heavy explosions were heard behind enemy lines, on site 'B' Bal along front.

WORKS:

VIEW LANE C 10 b 6 7	30' trench widened and deepened.
LONG AV. C 4 c 8 4	Constructing firestep.
STATION REDCOBT C 9 d 8 5	35' cleaned and parapet built up.
MONUMENT AV. C 4 a 1 3.	45' cleared and revetting trench
C 15 b 2 7	Shelter for 6 men built
C 15 b 3 5	Constructed O.P.
MONUMENT TRENCH	Cleaned and salvaged 35 yds firestep and erected same in LONG AV.
NEW SUPPORT - U 28 c 5 7	50 yds firestep built with salvaged timber 40 yds parapet raised and thickened, 250 yds prepared for revetting
UMPIRE SUPPORT	30 yds parapet raised - Widening and deepening
U 22 d 4 6 - U 23 a 1 7	for revetting. 64 yds cleared and 39 yds
U 22 b 7 0 - U 22 b 7 3	revetted and duckboarded. 30 yds parapet raised and trench widened.

WIRING

U 22 b 8 3 to U 23 a 0 6 250 yds double apron fence erected  
C 10 a - 61 coils erected - C 10 d - 30 coils erected - C 10 b - 50 coils erected  
C 4 c - 64 coils erected, C 4 b 30 coils erected - C 11 a 30 coils erected  
C 9 d 5 coils erected - Front line 'B' Bn 73 coils erected.

In addition the necessary R.E. material was carried forward and small parties worked in clearing and repairing posts and small portions of trench

*Handwritten notes:*  
Bore line  
5.40 am

SECRET

No. 21

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 5th January 1917.

## PRELIMINARY

OPERATIONS:- Our Artillery - Activity normal. U.30.c., DEULMONT, and other enemy defences were shelled. Direct hits were observed on house at U.29.d.3.9.

Machine Guns

3,000 rounds were fired on road from V.19.c.0000. to V.19.c.22.62. and Cross Roads at U.30.b.40.65. and bridge at U.30.b.2.3. 1500 rounds fired at enemy aircraft.

Patrols

A patrol of 1 Off. and 15 c.r. went out from G.10.b.5.7. at 5.50 p.m. and moved to G.11.a.1.9. thence to G.5.a.00.17. Bridges at G.5.a.30.55. and G.5.a.3.5. were found to be impassable. Patrol then moved to WHITE FARM. No trace of the enemy was found. Ground is beginning to thaw thus making low lying ground practically impassable. The patrol returned at 10.45 p.m. through G.4.b.4.4.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 17 c.r. with L.G. went out from G.4.b.3.0. at 12 midnight and moved S.E. to G.5.c.3.9. thence S. to G.11.a.5.9., from here scouts went to the river. The patrol then moved south to G.11.a.2.0. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol returned at 5.10 a.m. through G.10.d.1.1.

A patrol of 2 Officers and 30 c.r. went out from U.29.a.5.8. at 4.45 p.m. and moved to U.29.d.3.4. At this point there is a bridge across the drain which is covered with brushwood and French wire. MOAT FARM was reconnoitred and found to be unoccupied. A searchlight played on NO MANS LAND from URAL HOUSE. It flashed on MOAT FARM for about 60 seconds and 5 M.Gs. opened fire from DOLLS HOUSE, U.30.a.3.2. and U.24.c.7.9. Scouts moved 150 yards east of MOAT FARM and found ground marshy and impassable. The patrol returned at 9.30 p.m. through U.29.b.2.5.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 25 c.r. with L.G. went out from U.29.c.15.85. at 12.30 a.m. and moved to river bank at U.29.c.55.50. thence along river to PONT ROUGE bridge. Bridge at U.29.b.70.58. was found to be in good order. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol moved to MOAT FARM which was unoccupied and returned at 3.30 a.m. through U.29.a.58.45.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

LE TOUQUET STATION, G.9.c.5.5., SCREEN and SMYTH AVS. G.10.b. and G.4.d.5.5. were lightly shelled from S.E. of BR.LINGHEM, 300 rounds of 5.9 HE fell on G.8.c. central, from about D.1.c.4.5. LONG AVENUE and MONMOUTH TRENCH were lightly shelled with 4.2 HE from direction of Fno de la VACHERIE and G.10.a.7.5. by 5.9 HE from a T.B. of 45° from G.15.b.2.8. U.29.c.2.7., G.4.a., U.29.a., U.29.b., U.29.c.5.5., U.29.d. and U.29.e., were lightly shelled during the period. Gun flashes were observed on a T.B. of 77°, 92° and 97° from U.29.a.71.42. and 86½° 71½ and 92½° from U.29.d.84.54., and 73° from G.9.d.25.40. Two 5.9 Hws located at D.1.c.4.5. were reported to artillery and silenced.

Enemy Trench Mortars

Much below normal. WHITE FARM and front line in G.10.b. were lightly bombed from direction of SOAP HOUSE.

Enemy Machine Guns

Much below normal. A M.G. was located at G.11.c.8.7. (see also patrol reports).

Enemy Aircraft

Planes were active during the day and were continually being driven off by anti-aircraft fire. At 6.5 a.m. a plane flew across our lines. At the same time chain flares of 10 white stars each were fired from enemy trenches. A balloon was observed on a T.B. of 75° from G.4.b.10.35.

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Enemy Movement.

During the morning men were seen moving and working at UNKNOWN PAR. At 9 p.m. 10 men were seen pushing what appeared to be a truck at U.20.c.2.5. and to disappear behind house at U.50.c.1.8. At 9.20 a.m. 9 men left house at U.50.c.1.8. and entered trench at U.20.c.9.7. Movement of single men was noticed about 0.3.a.6.5.

Enemy Signalling.

There were very few flares fired during the period.

Miscellaneous

Visibility low.

WORK.

The following work was carried out during the period.

Wiring U.25.a.03. to U.25.a.15.80, 2 double apron wire fences 150<sup>m</sup> long.

Front line		
U.3. bn - 0.4.a.	} 71 coils erected,	
0.10.d. & 0.11.a.)		20 do 45 coils erected.
MONMOUTH Trench		
0.4.c.7.5.	22 do	
0.10.a. & 0.4.d.	50 do	
VIEN LANE		widening trench
LONG AVENUE		40 yards firestop erected
0.4.c.3.1.		
SUFFOLK AVENUE	30	do
U.23.c.2.2.		
STATION ROAD		45 yds parapet built and 45 yds trench cleared.
0.9.d.0.7.		
MONMOUTH AVENUE		40 yds parapet built up and 40 yds X 3' X 3' excav.
0.4.c.5.9.		15 yds revetted and 30 yds duckboarded
CARLEISS Av.		87 yds revetted
MAIN SUPPORT		50 yds firestop erected.
U.23.c.7.9. and U.24.c.3.6.		45 yds parapet raised and thickened, 55 yds revetted
U.27.c.7.8.		and 275 yds prepared for revetment.
		14 yds deepened, widened and revetted. 50 yds cleared
UMPIRE SUPPORT		and 48 yds revetted.
U.23.b.7.0.		13 yds trench cleared and parapet raised.
U.23.b.7.5.		10 yds deepened widened and revetted.
U.23.b.7.1.		200 yds cleared for revetment
U.23.a.1.7.		23 yds trench cleared and 13 yds revetted.
U.23.d.4.3.		
<u>Subsidiary Line</u>		
0.5.c.4.1.		5 gas proof shelters fitted on dugouts.

In addition the necessary E.M., material was carried forward and small parties worked on clearing and improving posts and small portions of trenches.

*W. P. MacCallum Capt*  
Brigadier General.

Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary for period 6 am 5/1/18 - 6 am 6/1/18.

OPERATIONS: Our Artillery: Normal. URAL HOUSE, PONT ROUGE bridge, G 5 d 2 3 and FRILINGHILL shelled with 4.5 and 18-pdrs. Guns of heavier calibre shelled the back areas.

Mortars: Fired about 15 rounds into URAL HOUSE and PONT ROUGE bridge.

Guns: 6,000 rounds were fired on roads from G 11 d 38 45 to G 12 c 27 00, and G 11 f 32 02 to G 12 a 30 60.

Patrols: Patrol of 1 offr and 20 c.r. went out from G 4 b 2 0 at 4.45 pm and moved to a point about G 5 c 2 3 thence south and returned at 11 pm through G 10 d 1 5. No transport was heard in FRILINGHILL and no trace of the enemy was found.

Patrol of 1 Officer and 20 c.r. with L.G. went out from G 10 d 1 8 at 12 midnight and moved to a point about G 11 a 1 7. Here the patrol stayed an hour. No traffic was heard in FRILINGHILL and no trace of the enemy found. Occasional bursts of L.G. fire came from about G 5 c 3 8, as the patrol moved north to WHITE FAR. The patrol returned at 6 am through G 4 b 2 0.

Patrol of 1 Off 15 c.r. with L.G. went out from U 25 b 20 25 at 5 pm and moved to hedge at U 25 f 7 5, thence along hedge to duckboard track at U 23 d 65 55 thence to COAT FAR. No trace of the enemy was found, nor was there any L.G. fire. Sounds of heavy traffic were heard in DURMENT. Patrol returned at 8.50 pm through U 23 c 6 1.

Patrol of 1 Officer and 15 c.r. with L.G. went out from U 29 c 15 77 at 12 midnight and moved to river at U 29 c 4 4, thence to PONT ROUGE BRIDGE. All houses in PONT ROUGE were searched and found unoccupied. Patrol then moved to COAT FAR; whilst here a flare was fired from the direction of DURMENT. Patrol moved to U 24 c 00 60 but could not find any trace of the enemy. The ground is beginning to thaw and the marshes are becoming rapidly impassable. Patrol returned at 3.30 am through U 23 c 65 20.

ENEMY SHELLING:

Between 10 am and 11.45 am G 10 a and LES TOUQUET station were lightly shelled with 4.2 H.E. from S.E. of FRILINGHILL, and LONG, MAPC and 3 BARLESS MORTARS from a T.B. of 92° from G 10 c 6 0. At 7 pm WIDOWS HOUSE was lightly shelled with 3.9 H.E. from a T.B. of 73° from G 9 d 25 40. At 1.30 pm the tramline in G 9 d was damaged by 4.2 H.E. from direction of NEULE KAMBICHS. G 10 c was lightly shelled with 3.9 H.E. from a T.B. of 108° from G 10 c 6 8. U 29 c 6 8, G 4 b 8 5, U 28 d 9 4, U 28 b, and U 22 d were also lightly shelled from S.E. of DURMENT.

ENEMY T.F.'s: At 10.15 am 5 men from the direction of the SOAP HOUSE fell on KING STREET. U 29 a 4 4, U 23 a, U 29 c 2 8, G 4 b 8 5, were bombed from T.B. of 27°, 21°, 35°, and 176° from U 29 a 71 42. There is a suspected T.F. position at U 29 d 9 7.

ENEMY L.G.'s: Between 6 am and 10 pm a L.G. at G 5 a 33 30 fired occasional bursts on tramway running through G 4 a. Occasional bursts during the night came from the ARGHES, DIE WOVES and SOAP HOUSE.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Much below normal. At 3.40 am 2 enemy planes crossed our line and flew over the back areas.

ENEMY MOVEMENT: At 2.30 am 20 men were seen working at DURMENT FAR. At intervals during the day, movement and smoke were noticed in old buildings at G 11 c 8 7. At 9.15 am and 12.20 pm movement was noticed at URING FARM. At 3 pm men were seen moving in old building about G 11 c 6 8. Artillery fire was brought to bear on this point. About 6 a.m. a couple of men were seen at about G 11 c 6 8. During the day and night wheeled traffic was heard in DURMENT. At 7.40 am 3 men were seen pushing a truck at about U 29 d 9 9. At 8.5 a.m. one man left house at U 30 c 1 7 and rode a bicycle in a southerly direction. During the day small parties were seen moving in trench from U 29 d 85 95 to U 29 d 0 6.

SIGFALLING: Occasional white flares only, were fired during the night.

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MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility low.  
WORK: The following work was carried out during the  
 period :-

STATION ROAD, G 10 c 0 7.	35 <sup>x</sup> trench cleared.
NORTH AV. G 4 a 1 5, G 4 c 7 4 and G 4 c 3 9.	180 <sup>x</sup> trench cleared. 18 <sup>x</sup> parapet built up.
SUBSIDIARY LINES, G 15 a 4 9. G 10 d 95 85 G 10 f 70 75 G 10 f 60 85 G 4 c 7 3 G 4 c 10 65 G 10 a 5 5 G 4 c 8 6	Six dugouts made gas-proof. 25 <sup>x</sup> of old trench cleared. 50 <sup>x</sup> of GULLISS AV. renovated. 30 <sup>x</sup> of trench dug 5' x 2½'. 20 <sup>x</sup> of trench revetted. 65 <sup>x</sup> firestep erected. 40 <sup>x</sup> trench cleared. 45 <sup>x</sup> parapet built up.
NEW SUPPORT, U 28 a 7 0 U 28 c 6 8	125 <sup>x</sup> firestep built with salvaged material. 150 <sup>x</sup> parapet built up. 110 <sup>x</sup> prepared for revetting and 35 <sup>x</sup> revetted.
UPPER SUPPORT U 23 b 7 0 U 23 a 1 7	87 <sup>x</sup> trench cleared. 18 <sup>x</sup> widened, 57 <sup>x</sup> revetted. 200 <sup>x</sup> widened and deepened.

Wiring:

G 9 a	...	20 coils wire erected
G 10 b	...	40 do. do.
G 10 d	...	58 do. do.
G 4 b	...	30 do. do.
front line "B" Battalion	...	35 do. do.

In addition, the necessary R.L. material was carried forward and  
 small parties worked on improving posts and small portions of  
 trenches.

*10/10/1918*  
*C.M.*

10/10/18  
 Brigadier General,  
 Commanding 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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No. 23.

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary for period 6 am 6/1/18 - 6 am 7/1/18.

OPERATIONS: Our Artillery: DEULEMONT, FRELINGHIEN and rear enemy defences were shelled during the period.

Our M.G's: 6,000 rounds were fired during the night on road from C 6 a 95 75 to C 6 b 23 45 and bridge at C 6 b 65 65.

Patrols: Patrol of 1 Off 20 c.r. with L.G. went out from C 10 d 1 8 at 5.15 pm and moved to C 10 b 8 4, thence to C 11 a 45 00. From here voices were heard at C 11 a 55 15. Sentries at C 11 a 55 15 and C 11 a 55 35 could be heard stamping their feet and coughing. Rattle of rifles was also heard. There is a small trench or well constructed drain from C 11 a 45 2 to C 11 a 40 35. The bridge at C 11 a 5 5 is broken off within 10 yards of west side of river. Patrol moved north along river and examined driftwood at C 5 a 30 35 which was found to be impassable. The patrol then moved to WHITE FARM and returned at 11.30 pm through C 4 d 8 9.

Patrol of 1 Off 20 c.r. with L.G. went out from C 4 d 8 9 at 2 am and attempted to visit WHITE FARM. This was found impossible owing to bad state of the ground. Patrol, hearing bombing to the south, turned and moved in that direction and visited all posts as far as Post C 10 1. It was then found that what appeared to be Mills bombs were being thrown south of TOOL HOUSE. Patrol returned through C 16 a 8 4 at 6.35 am. No trace of the enemy was found.

Patrol of 2 Officers and 20 c.r. with L.G. went out from U 23 b 2 1 at 5 pm and moved to U 23 b 6 4, thence to MOAT FARM, which was searched. The ground is rapidly thawing and in places almost impassable. No traffic was heard in DEULEMONT, nor was there any sign of enemy movement. Two bursts of M.G. fire came from direction of DEULEMONT. Patrol returned at 9 pm through U 23 c 90 15.

Patrol of 1 Officer 20 c.r. with L.G. went out from U 29 c 10 34 at 12 midnight and moved to PAPER HOUSE and PLANTATION FARM, thence to PONT ROUGE. All houses were examined and found to be unoccupied. Patrol then moved to MOAT FARM. No traffic was heard in DEULEMONT and no trace of the enemy found. Patrol returned at 4 am through U 23 c 60 02.

ENEMY ARTILLERY: Between 9 and 11.40 am C 9 a was shelled with 4.2 from SE of FRELINGHIEN and C 8 b with 5.9 HE from a T.B. of 73° from C 9 a 25 40. At 11.45 am, 12.15 pm and 2.50 pm 5.9 H.E. was directed at our batteries from a T.B. of 81° from C 10 c 60 85. At 2.5 pm a few 4.2 H.E. fell on HOREKAU AV. from direction of FARM de la VACHERIE. A few shells were fired into the BRICKFIELD and CARELESS AV. by 77mm firing from TB of 102° from C 10 c 60 85 and 136° from C 4 a 95 45. At 4 pm a 77mm battery fired on WHITE FARM and C 3 d from direction of UNKNOWN FARM. At 3.30 am a 5.9 gun fired 8 shells in the vicinity of LE TOUQUET station from a T.B. of 102° from C 10 c 60 85. U 29 a, U 28 c, U 29 c 6 9, UMPIRE SUPPORT, UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH, and U 23 d 7 1, were shelled with H.E. from a T.B. of 77° and 99° from U 29 a 71 42, and 69, 35 and 60½° from U 28 d 85 54.



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Enemy Trench Mortars

At 3.50 pm a light trench mortar was active firing on C 4 d and C 10 b from direction of BOAR HOUSE. Mortars from U 29 d 9 9 fired several times during the day on U 29 b 1 6. Mortar from a T.B. of 90° from U 29 a 71 43 fired on U 29 a 6 6. Flashes were observed on a T.B. of 157 and 155° from U 29 a 71 43. There is suspected position at U 35 C 5 b 00 00.

Enemy Machine Guns

Guns from C 11 a 3 C 11 c 55 60, C 11 c 7 8, C 11 a 6 2, C 11 c 35 30 and C 17 a 60 95 were active during the day firing on our planes. Occasional bursts during the night came from BRILLINGHLEN THE LAUNDRY and DOLLS HOUSE.

Enemy Aircraft

Much better normal. One plane crossed our lines at 2-30 pm but was driven off by A.A. fire.

Enemy Movement

About 1-45 pm 2 men were seen walking about buildings at C 11 c 7 9. Enemy movement was noticed on roof of house about C 11 c 65 30. Enemy transport was heard at 5-35 pm near DURIEZ FARM. At 7-40 am 4 men were seen to leave trench at U 29 b 8 1 and disappear into house at U 29 d 9 9 (men were seen moving at this point every morning)

Enemy Signalling

At 3-55 am a white flare came from vicinity of UNKNOWN FARM and travelled very low and fast in northerly direction. No other flares were fired.

Miscellaneous

Searchlight were seen on a T.B. of 76½° 115½° from U 28 d 84 54. Visibility low.

WORK The following work was carried out during the period under review :-

LONG AV. C 15 a 8 1	16 <sup>x</sup> new strong point dug, work camouflaged.
STATION REDOUBT C 9 a 9 6	35 <sup>x</sup> trench cleared.
MONMOUTH AV. C 4 c 3 9	68 <sup>x</sup> parapet built up and thickened.
C 4 c 8 4 & C 4 a 1 3	150 <sup>x</sup> trench cleared. Cleaning and relaying duckboards.
C 4 d 9 3 to C 10 b 8 6	50 <sup>x</sup> duckboards cleaned & replaced.
C 10 b 9 5	10 <sup>x</sup> x 5' x 3' dug in rear of post C 10/6.
KENT AV. C 4 c	70 <sup>x</sup> duckboard laid.
LYS FARM C 15 d 0 6	16 <sup>x</sup> x 5' x 2½' dug connecting with gun position.
NEW SUPPORT U 28 a 7 0	128 <sup>x</sup> parapet built up & thickened.
U 28 a 6 1	5 <sup>x</sup> cleared, 20 <sup>x</sup> firestep erected.
DNA SUPPORT	8 dugouts made gas-proof.
EMPIRE SUPPORT	12 <sup>x</sup> widened & deepened.
U 29 b 7 0	80 <sup>x</sup> revetted.
U 23 a 1 7	301 <sup>x</sup> trench cleared.

Wiring: C 10 b 8 3 - 25<sup>x</sup> steel wire trench dug along embankment to C 10 c  
 C 10 a 1 2 to C 10 a 3 5 2 rows of 200<sup>x</sup> double apron fence erected.  
 LONG AV. C 10 a 5 2 to C 10 a 5 6 25 coils wire erected.  
 C 4 d 9 3 to C 10 b 8 8 60 do. do.  
 C 10 b 9 0 33 do. do.  
 Front Line 'B' Bn. 48 do. do. to strengthen existing wire.

In addition, the necessary R.E. material was carried forward and small parties worked on improving posts and small portions of trenches.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

No. 24

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY for period ended 3 a.m. 8th January 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery was active during the period shelling U.50.a. and b., DEULLENT, LAURENT, C.5.d.2.5., FRLLINGHLEN and the rear of enemy lines.

Machine Guns. 3,000 rounds were fired on bridges at C.11.e.45.90. and C.11.a.45.05. and on road from C.11.e.2.4. to C.11.d.2.2. 500 rounds were fired at enemy aircraft.

Patrols. A patrol of 1 Off. and 15 o.r. with L.C. left C.4.b. 45.15. at 4.45 p.m. and moved to WHITE FARM thence south to C.5.a.3.2. thence to C.5.c.4.4. and to C.5.e.7.0. The patrol visited posts C.10.5. and C.10.4. No traffic was heard nor was any sign of the enemy found. The patrol returned at 11 p.m. through C.10.d.80.84.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 15 o.r. with L.C. went out from C.10.d.1.5. at 12 midnight and moved to C.11.e.2.0. thence north towards HIT FARM, ~~being to darkness this post could not be found.~~ Post C.4.5. was visited. No movement was heard nor was any trace of the enemy found. The ground was found to be frozen and all marshes passable. The patrol returned at 3 a.m. through C.10.b.3.1.

A patrol of 1 Off. 20 o.r. with L.C. went out from U.29.a. 50.75. at 7 p.m. and moved to hedge at U.24.d.7.5. through HOAT FARM thence to U.25.d.80.55. At this point there is a sleeper track 7 feet wide and well laid leading E.N.E. along ditch towards the river. Trees have fallen across it in places there are also a few shell holes in it. The patrol moved along track as far as U.24.c.00.35. and found that the marsh alongside the bridge at this point is very thick and impassable. No trace of the enemy was found and only one burst of M.G. fire was noticed from DOLLS HOUSE. The patrol returned at 3 p.m. through U.25.b.20.27.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 20 o.r. with L.C. went out from U.29.a. 36.45. at 12.30 a.m. and moved to U.25.d.70.05. thence towards HOAT FARM. When nearing the farm 2 men were heard coughing which was followed by whispering from east side of HOAT. The farm was searched but no trace of the enemy found. 5 new stick bombs were found at U.24.d.2.3. 10 minutes after coughing was heard. There is a well worn path leading along south side of the hoat towards the river. The patrol moved to U.24.c.15.35. thence south. When at U.29.b.9.9. several bursts of H.C. fire came from about URAL HOUSE. All houses in PONT ROUGE were examined but no trace of the enemy found. The patrol moved to PLANTATION FARM and returned at 4 a.m. through U.25.c.15.85. No traffic was heard in DEULLENT.

Enemy Artillery. Between 9.15 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. 50 4.2" HE were fired into C.14.b. and d. from S.E. of FRLLINGHLEN. At 1.15 p.m. NAPOO AVENUE and front line in C.10.b. and C.4.d. was shelled with 77 mm. HE, the same gun fired on C.10.d.2.8. and GROWN PRINCE FARM about 5.25 p.m. T.B. of this gun are 94° from C.10.c.3.8. and 141° from C.5.e.15.85. At 7.50 p.m. CULLERS FARM was lightly shelled with 77 mm. from S.E. of FRLLINGHLEN and at 1.15 a.m. 2 77 mm. shells fell in C.10.a. from a T.B. of 95° from C.1.d.25.40. About 5.30 p.m. C.4.b.6.5. and our new work at C.5.a.15.80. were shelled with 5.9" HE, 4.2" HE and 77 mm HE from S.E. of FRLLINGHLEN. At 9 p.m. a gun on a T.B. of 77° from C.10.c.7.0. shelled LE ROUQUET STATION and NORTH BLOCK. The areas U.29.b., U.29.a., U.29.c., U.28.c., U.26.d., C.5.a.3.2., C.5.a.4.5. were shelled from the following T.B. 72, 135, 55°, 41½, 54, 38½, degrees from U.26.d.24.54. Between 3.30 and 5.15 p.m. the shelling on "B" in front was very erratic. The batteries were apparently ranging.

Enemy Trench Mortars A light T.M. from C.11.a.35.75. fired on our front line posts at C.10.d. at 1.40 p.m. and 3.25 p.m. A Heavy T.M. from about C.17.a.45.50. fired on C.10.d.9.C. and front line of "B" Bn. about 5.15 p.m. HALF WAI HOUSE was fired on by mortar at C.11.c.9.5. At 5.5 p.m., 7.40 p.m. 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. LE TOUQUET Station, C.9.c. were lightly shelled from DURIEZ FARM. Trench mortar from U.28.d.9.9. occasionally fired on front line posts of "B" Bn.

Enemy M.C.'s. M.C. from FRELLINGHLEN, C.17.a.55.50., and C.11.a.65.55. were active against our planes. Occasional bursts during the period came from FRELLINGHLEN, C.11.c.3.8., C.5.c.7.2., URAL HOUSE and DEULMONT. A M.C. flash was seen on a T.B. of 35° from U.28.d.84.54.

Enemy Aircraft. Below normal. At 3.45 p.m. 5 planes appeared over enemy front. They remained about 5 minutes then circled round and went out of sight.

Enemy Defences. The earth at C.5.b.07.08. appears to be thrown up against a pill box. Smoke was seen issuing from this point. 40' of trench can be seen at C.5.b.04.45. with a sap leading to it along south edge of hedge running from C.5.b.25.25. to C.5.b.04.45. An air telephone line runs into house at U.28.d.9.9.

Enemy Movement At 8.20 a.m. 2 men were seen at C.11.b.1.4. At 12.30 p.m. smoke was seen issuing from old building at C.11.c.60.85. Single men were seen moving during the day at C.5.a.5.8., U.29.d.9.9. and UNINOT FARM.

Enemy Signalling. White flares were occasionally fired during the night. At 10.15 p.m. as a plane crossed enemy lines, he, the enemy, fired three blue rockets and white clusters were fired at intervals.

Miscellaneous. Visibility low.

WORK

During the period the following work was done.

Firing - C.10.a.4.5. to C.10.a.7.8. 200 yds repd and thickened. C.4.b. & d. 35 coils wire erected., C.4.c.7.5., 52 coils erected. C.10.b. & d. 52 coils erected. C.10.a.3.8. to C.10.a.70.95. 72 coils erected. C.10.a.5.7. to C.10.a.60.85. 98 coils to construct extra strong double apron. Front line "B" Bn. 75 coils erected to improve and strengthen existing entanglement.

Other work.

- C.15.a.8.1. Clearing trench and revetting S.P.
- C.9.d.8.8. 25 yds firestop constructed
- C.9.d.9.8. 50 yds parapet STATION REDOUBT raised and thickened
- MONMOUTH AVENUE C.4.c.5.9. 45 yds parapet built up.
- C.4.c.7.3. Clearing duckboards
- C.4.a.5.9. 40 yds firestop completed.
- C.4.d.92.92. Built new block in trench and cleared wire entanglement 20yds 3' X 2 1/2' trench dug to connect Posts C.4.4. with C.C. trench running towards C.5.a.12.85.
- C.3.a.1.2. 1 Dugout 3' X 5' X 7' partially finished. Work camouflaged.
- MONMOUTH TRENCH, C.4.c. 75 yds parapet built up and 180 yds cleared.
- NEW SUPPORT, U.28.c. 50 yds parapet built up,
- U.28.a.7.1. Raised and thickened 117' parapet, 10 yds firestop built up.
- U.22.b.7.0. 60 yds cleared and 53 yds revetted.
- W. PIERRE SUPPORT. 70 yds trench cleared for revetment, 50 yds revetted and duckboarded, cleaning and draining dugouts, 16 traverses cleaned and repaired.
- U.23.b.8.7. Cleaning and constructing dugouts.

In addition the necessary material was carried forward and small parties worked on clearing and improving parts and small portions of trenches.

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APPENDIX 13

SECRET

No. 25.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary for period 3 am 8/1/18 - 6 am 9/1/18.

OPERATIONS: Artillery: During the period UNKNOWN FARM, URAL HOUSE, tower in DEULLENT, PONT ROUGE, DURIEZ FARM and houses at C 11 c 6 9 were shelled.

Our H.G.'s: 3,000 rounds were fired during the night on bridges at U 29 b 57 50 and U 30 b 2 3.

Patrols: Patrol of 1 Off 9 o.r. with L.G. went out from C 10 d 2 3 at 10 pm and moved in N. direction to C 10 d 5 5, thence to river about C 11 c 5 9. No trace of the enemy was found, nor could any transport be heard. Patrol returned at 12.45 am through C 10 b 8 3.

Patrol of 1 Off 20 o.r. with L.G. went out from U 23 c 95 20 at 7 pm and moved to MOAT FARM. Farm was searched and found to be unoccupied. Patrol stayed here for 3 hours, but there was no sign of the enemy. Patrol returned at 9 pm through U 23 d 2 8.

Patrol of 1 Off 20 o.r. with L.G. went out from U 23 c 95 20 at 12.50 am and moved to MOAT FARM, which was unoccupied. Patrol stayed here for 3 hours and returned via PONT ROUGE bridge and PLANTATION FARM, through U 29 c 2 3 at 4 a.m. There was no sign of enemy movement, nor was there any L.G. fire or flares during this time.

Patrol of 1 Off 10 o.r. with L.G. went out from C 4 b 70 95 at 10 pm and visited WHITE FARM. Driftwood at C 5 a 30 35 was examined and it was found impossible to cross the river by it. Patrol moved south to about C 5 c 55 30. No trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned at 1 am through C 10 b 9 9.

Patrol of 1 Off 10 o.r. went out from C 10 b 8 3 at 2 am and moved to C 11 c 55 90. L.G. fire from C 11 c 5 5, C 11 c 6 2, and FRELLINGHAM prevented patrol reaching bridge. Patrol then moved S. along river to about C 15 b 7 7. No enemy patrols were seen. Patrol returned at 5 a.m. through C 16 a 8 5.

Patrol of 1 Off 10 o.r. went out from C 10 b 92 20 at 2 a.m. and moved to about C 5 c 6 5, thence along river to driftwood. Slight L.G. fire from FRELLINGHAM; no trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned at 5 a.m. through C 4 b 40 45.

ENEMY ARTILLERY:

At 10.30 am, 11.50 am, salvos of 77mm were fired on SEVEN TREES AV. from a TB of 123° from C 4 a 95 45, same guns fired on NICHOLSON AV. and SUFFOLK AV. at 2 pm. CIGILL LANE was lightly shelled with 77mm at 12.45 pm from a TB of 84° from C 4 a 95 45. At 4.15 pm and between 8 pm and 9.25 pm, C 4d and C 2 d were lightly shelled with 77mm from a TB of 60° from C 9 d 25 40. Between 6.30 pm and 7.55 pm, C 9 b and GUNLERS FARM were lightly shelled with 77mm from SE of FRELLINGHAM. During the day, UPIRE DRIVE SOUTH was lightly shelled with HE from direction of DEULLENT. A 77mm gun fired several times into U 29 a. Gun flashes were observed on the following T.B.'s from U 28 d 84 54 - 87½, 58½, 70½; and 103½ from C 10 c 60 85.

ENEMY T.H.'s: Between 5 pm and 7.40 pm C 10 a and d., C 9 b and LE TOUQUET station were lightly shelled with heavy and medium T.H.'s from direction of FRELLINGHAM church.

ENEMY H.G.'s: Much below normal. Occasional bursts came from C 11 c 5 5, C 11 c 6 2, LAUREY and DEULLENT.

ENEMY DEFENCES: H.G. located at C 11 c 85 80, and a sniper at C 11 c 8 7. (See also patrol reports).

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Enemy Movement. Between 7.35 a.m. and 11.50 a.m. considerable movement was noticed at UNLICO FARM and in the sap about 20 yds east of it. Men were seen to leave the Farm and return to it some carrying timber and others carrying what appeared to be heavy tins. At 8.20 a.m. 30 men were seen to enter the Farm. This movement was reported to Artillery. At 8.5 a.m. single men were seen moving about DUMIEZ FARM. Movement was noticed about house at U.10.a.1.8. and hedge U.30.c.2.5. during the morning. Hammering was heard at URAL HOUSE during the day. A man was seen walking up and down trench at C.5.b.07.06. Every 15 minutes another man came to him for a couple of minutes. This happened every 2 hours. Movement was also noticed at C.5.b.1.1. and C.5.b.00.09., C.5.b.07.00. and house at U.29.d.9.9. during the morning. At 7.40 a.m. 7 men were seen pulling a handcart loaded with timber to U.30.c.1.7. Here they unloaded. At 8.30 a.m. they returned with another load. They appeared to be coming from house at C.5.a.9.6. 7 men were seen pushing an empty truck at U.10.d.1.2. At 11 a.m. 5 parties of 5 men each were seen to enter GUILLOM FARM, C.2.c. They appeared from behind hedge to east of the Farm. At 11.50 a.m. 4 men walked from T.11 FARM, C.13.a. along road towards Enc du GRAND VERQUIN. Later 2 men walked from the latter place along road towards C.6.d. At 11.35 a.m. a light train was seen moving along line through C.6.b. to D.1.c.

Enemy Signalling. At about 7.10 p.m. 2 green flares each splitting into 2, followed by golden clusters <sup>which</sup> were repeated to the rear and our left flank. They were followed after 5 minutes by artillery and trench mortar fire. Green and Red flares were fired whilst the artillery and T.M.s. were active. Later at 8.30 yellow clusters were again fired which was followed by artillery and T.M. fire. This was repeated at 12.30 a.m. well to the north of our sector.

WORK. The following work was carried out during the period :-

Firing. C.10.a.7.2. to C.4.c.8.5. - 2 rows double apron fence 200<sup>x</sup> C.10.a., C.4.b., C.5.a., C.10.d.. 75 coils erected.

LONG AVENUE, C.10.a. 150 yds 2 rows double apron (75 coils)

C.4.c.02.85. - 22 coils erected. Front line "B" En - 88 coils to strengthen existing wire.

LONG AV. C.13.a.8.1. - 20 yds trench for S.P. cleared.

C.9.d.7.5. - 30 yds new trench widened and deepened. LONG AV. C.13.

b.2.5. - 30 yds firestop erected. MOUTH AV. C.4.c.7.6. - 10 yds cleared, 50 yds firestop erected. C.4.a.5.0. Completing firestop in T heads. C.4.c.4.8. 50 yds parapet built up.

Front Line. C.4.d.95.90. - 5 yds X 1 1/2' X 2 1/2' excavated.

New Support - C.28.c.4.5. 70 yds parapet raised and thickened.

EMPIRE SUPPORT - U.23.b.7.0. - Excavating for steel shelters.

42 yds trench cleared, 85 yds revetted.

U.2 .a.1.7. 130 yds cleared. 90 yds widening and deepening of traverses, 50 yds traverses revetted 100 yds parapet built up.

EMPIRE DRIVE south - U.23.d.4.6. - 20 yds cleared, 25 yds revetted.

In addition the necessary R.S. material was carried forward and small parties worked on improving posts and small portions of trenches.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

No. 26

INTELLIGENCE GULLERY for 24 hours ended 3 a.m. 10th January 1918.

## OPERATIONS.

Our Artillery. FRELINGHIAN, BURLING FARM, LAUNDON, UNKNOWN FARM, SERRIN FARM, DEULMONT and other enemy defences were shelled during the period.

Machines (uns). See end.

Patrols. A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 c.r. left our lines at C.4.b.40,45. at 5 p.m. and moved to WHITE FARM, C.5.a. and then patrolled in a S. direction. Bridge and Driftwood at C.5.a.50,55. were inspected and found to be impassable. Patrol then moved along river bank to C.11.a.4,7. Ground between marsh and front line was patrolled. No signs of the enemy were seen. Patrol returned at 9 p.m. through C.10.b.80,90.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 c.r. went out from C.10.d.2,5. at 5 pm and moved in an E. direction until the river was reached thence along river in a northerly direction to the FRELINGHIAN ROAD at C.11.c.35,90. Ground along river to this point and S. of road was patrolled. Enemy M.Gs. were observed firing from C.11.c.55,55., C.11.c.55,85. and C.11.a.6,2. No sounds of movement could be heard in FRELINGHIAN. Patrol returned at 8.45 pm through C.10.b.8,3. No trace of the enemy was observed.

A number of flares were fired from the direction of DYE WORKS C.11.c.55,55. Owing to the thaw the movement of patrol was difficult and slow.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 c.r. left our lines at 10 pm from C.10.b.9,9. and moved to river at C.11.a.45,50. thence in a N. direction along bank of river to C.5.a.20,35. A H.C. was observed firing from C.5.a.7,6. No signs of the enemy were observed. Patrol returned through C.4.b.70,95. at 2 a.m.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 10 c.r. moved out from C.10.b.8,3. at 12.15 a.m. Patrol leader and 1 i.C.O. moved forward to bridge at C.11.a.5,5. leaving remainder of patrol as covering party. From C.11.a.50,40. a row of French wire about 20 yds long runs northward protecting bridgehead. Trip wires and alarm wire are also laid about 20 yds from bridge. A new  $\frac{3}{4}$ " hemp rope is attached to one of the stakes in barbed wire and runs down to bridge where it is also secured. It appeared to be an alarm signal rope. Between the bank and end of bridge there is a space of about 2 feet. The bridge consists of about 8 piers about 10 feet apart and 15 feet in width with a duckwalk planking 2" 5" wide. The bridge was found to be 25 yards by 2' 3" and could be made 15' wide. It is 2' above water. Flares were fired at intervals of 15 minutes from about C.11.c.70,85. and C.11.c.50,55.

A patrol of 2 Officers and 20 c.r. with L.G. went out from U.25.c.90,15. and moved in direction of MOUNT FARM to lie in wait for the enemy. When within 75 yds of the Farm the leading scouts were fired on from the Farm, one man being wounded. The patrol advanced but when reaching the Farm no trace of the enemy could be found. Patrol returned at 10.50 p.m. through U.25.c.90,15.

A patrol of 2 off. and 20 c.r. with L.G. went out from U.25.c.90,15. at 5 a.m. and moved to MOUNT FARM to lie in wait for the enemy. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol returned at 3.5 a.m. through U.25.a.5,4.

Enemy Shelling- At intervals during the morning C.10.c. was shelled with 77 mm HE and 5,9 HE from east of FRELINGHIAN. From 9 am to 11 am KIVI STREET and C.4.a. was shelled with 77 mm HE from east of FRELINGHIAN. U.28.c., U.29.c., with 4.2 HE from direction of DEULMONT and GUNNERS FARM from direction of east of FRELINGHIAN with 77 mm shrapnel.

French Mortars - BUTCHERS SHOP was shelled with 12 Heavy H.Ws. from about C.11.c. from 2 to 2.50 pm. At 9.10 am U.25.a.8,8. and U.25.d. with heavy T.Hs. from direction of Mortars unknown.

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Enemy Machine Guns - Guns fired on our planes from east of FRELINGHIEN, C.11.b.40.95, and C.11.b.10.55. From 5 pm to 9 pm frequent bursts of fire around LE TOUQUET STATION from direction of FRELINGHIEN Church.

Enemy Movement - Between 7.50 and 8 a.m. 3 men walked from C.5.c.15.10, towards TWIN FARM. At 10.30 a.m. 2 men ran from C.11.c.70.85, to rear of ARCHES in C.11.a. carrying what appeared to be planks of wood. At 10.45 a.m. 1 man followed a minute later by a second, walked from C.11.b.3.9, over open ground and jumped into trench at C.11.b.1.6. At 6.45 a.m. 1 man was seen climbing down from tree at C.5.c.75.40. At 7.50 a.m. a party of 13 men carrying tools came along trench from C.11.b.35.90, going towards DURIEZ FARM. At intervals during the morning single men could be seen moving at C.5.b.07.00, and U.30.c.0.8. Smoke was seen coming from building at U.29.d.9.9.

Enemy Signalling. At 1.35 a.m. when our artillery shelled WARNETON flares were sent up in the following order.- Green, Red, (bursting into 2), Golden showers.

Miscellaneous - At 10.45 a.m. 2 planes appeared to collide and fall behind enemy lines. They could not be identified.

Visibility fair during the morning and poor in the afternoon.

Work: During the period under review the following work was carried out :-

BARKENHAM & LONG AVS. C 9 d 7 5

65<sup>x</sup> firestop erected.  
Trenches cleared. 4<sup>x</sup> trench deepened.

LONG AV. C 15 a 8 2

6<sup>x</sup> revetted, 5<sup>x</sup> earthwork built up round strong point.

MONMOUTH AV. C 4 c 5 8

42<sup>x</sup> parapet built up.

OLD GERLAN TRENCH in C 10 b.

30<sup>x</sup> revetted;

BARKENHAM AV.

16<sup>x</sup> " , 16<sup>x</sup> excavated.

NE. SUPPORT, U 28 c 4 5

26<sup>x</sup> " "

EMPIRE SUPPORT U 22 b 7 0 )

50<sup>x</sup> parapet raised.

U 23 e 1 7 )

128<sup>x</sup> cleared, 114<sup>x</sup> revetted,  
120<sup>x</sup> revetted, 200<sup>x</sup> parapet built up.

U 22 b 7 0

2 shelters made ready for sandbagging.

UNA SUPPORT U 28 b 0 5

Excavations for 3 new dugouts.

EMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH

60<sup>x</sup> widened and deepened.

Wiring:

3 dugouts made gas-proof.

C 4 c 7 1 to C 4 a 8 5

2 rows double apron fence erected, 200<sup>x</sup> long.

U 22 d 0 6 to U 22 d 8 0

100<sup>x</sup> double apron wire fence,

C 4 d, C 10 b & C 0 5 a.

98 coils erected.

LONG AV, C 4 c 7 1

10 " "

MONMOUTH TRENCH, C 4 a.

22 " " to make double apron fence, 120<sup>x</sup> long.

BARKENHAM AV. C 9 d & C 10 c.

65 coils, to erect 130<sup>x</sup> ( 2 rows double apron fence).

FRONT LINE "B" Bn.

12 coils erected to strengthen existing wire.

In addition, the necessary R.E. material was carried forward, and small parties worked on improving posts and small portions of trenches.

*[Signature]*

Brigadier General,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

OUR H.G.'s:

6,000 rounds were fired on roads in  
and behind

Frelinghien and road at  
U.29.c.00.85

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

No. 27

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ended 9 a.m. 11th January 1918.

OPERATIONS - Artillery - Enemy defences were intermittently shelled throughout the period.

Machine Guns - 3,000 rounds were fired on bridges at C.11.c.45.90., C.11.a.45.00., U.29.b.57.50, and U.30.b.25.30 and on road from C.11.b.00.30. to C.11.b.33.93. 1,000 rounds were fired at hostile aircraft.

Patrols - A patrol of 1 Officer 10 c.r. moved out from C.10.b.3.5. at 5.30 p.m. with the intention of examining FRELINGHIEN Bri. gg, but was prevented by our own M.G. fire. Patrol moved along river bank from C.11.c.4.7. to C.11.c.25.10. Flares were observed being fired from C.11.c.50.85. and C.11.c.38.10. Two M.Gs. were observed firing from C.17.a.10.75. and C.11.c.5.5. Enemy searchlight was playing on NO MANS LAND at 8.55 p.m. from direction of C.11.c.7.7. Patrol returned through C.10.d.2.3. at 9 pm.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 c.r. went out from C.10.b.9.5. at 5 pm and moved eastward to river, and then patrolled in a N. direction along river bank and examined driftwood<sup>ed</sup> bridge at C.5.a.50.35. Patrol leader reports that he was able with difficulty to cross about 15 yards of this bridge. WHITE FARM was visited. A good deal of M.G. fire was observed to come from FRELINGHIEN. Two searchlights were observed searching the sky from a little south of SOAP HOUSE. Patrol returned at 9 pm through C.4.b.70.95.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 c.r. went out from C.10.d.2.3. and moved in an easterly direction to the river and thence in a N. direction along river bank to FRELINGHIEN Road, and patrolled ground between north side of road and river. Patrol returned along FRELINGHIEN ROAD entering our line at C.10.d.2.8. Enemy M.G. was seen firing from C.11.c.5.5. and C.11.c.55.35. No traffic heard in village. A patrol of 1 Officer 10 c.r. went out from C.10.d.2.3. at 10 p.m. and moved to about C.11.c.35.30. thence in a N. direction and crossed FRELINGHIEN Road at about C.11.c.25.95. thence to C.11.a.4.2. Enemy M.Gs. were seen firing from C.11.c.55.55. and C.11.c.55.35. No traffic was heard in FRELINGHIEN. Patrol returned at 1.50 a.m. through C.10.d.2.8.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 c.r. went out from C.4.b.40. 45. at 12 midnight and moved to WHITE FARM and thence south along river to C.5.c.5.0. No trace of the enemy was found. The searchlight from the direction of FRELINGHIEN (location not known) occasionally played across NO MANS LAND. The patrol returned at 4 a.m. through C.10.b.82.90.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 20 c.r. with L.G. went out from U.25.c.90.15. at 5 p.m. and moved to ROAT FARM to lie in wait for enemy. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol returned at 12 midnight through U.25.c.90.15.

A patrol of 1 Off. 24 c.r. with L.G. went out from U. .c.10.55. at 10 p.m. and moved to PAPER HOUSE thence through PLANTATION FARM. Ground was very muddy and movement slow. The patrol returned at 2.50 a.m. through U.29.a.6.4. During this period the enemy was exceptionally quiet.

A patrol of 1 Off and 12 c.r. with L.G. went out from U.29.c.5.2. at 11 p.m. and moved to ROAT FARM to lie in wait for enemy. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol returned at 5.30 a.m. through U.25.c.9.2.

Enemy Artillery - Between 9.45 a.m. and 10 pm KIWI STREET, LONG Av. and BARKENHAM Av. were shelled with 4.2 HE from a T.B. of 97° from C.5.c.35.80. (a number of the above shell failed to explode. C.10.b.8.9. and C.4.a., b. c. and d. were lightly shelled with 5.9 HE from direction of CAYLOR FARM (C.5.c.9.1.) C.4.a. and c. with 77 mm from a T.B. of 85° from C.10.c.60.85. and C.10.b., c. & d. with 5.9 HE from a T.B. of 112° from C.10.c.30.85. Between 5.30 pm and 9 pm C.13.a. WIDOWS HOUSE, SURREY FARM, were lightly shelled with 5.2 HE from S.E. of F. LINCOLN, and LE TOUQUET STR. and vicinity of C.10.c.4.7. with 5.9 HE, direction unknown.



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U.23.a. and b., U.27.b. and c. were lightly shelled with 4.2 HE at 8 p.m., 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. At 8.5 am GRANDE HAIE Farm was lightly shelled with 4.2 HE from a T.D. of 73° from U.25.b. 35.40. At 10.50 am 15- 77 mm fell in U.23.a. from NE of DEULLEFONT. At intervals during the day PLOEGSTERE WOOD was lightly shelled with 4.2 HE. Gun flashes were observed on a T.D. of 107° from G.5.c. 35.80. and 70 and 50 degrees from G.9.d. 25.40.

Enemy T.Ms. - Enemy Heavy T.Ms. were located at G.17.a. 30.65. and G.11.c. 7.7. A Light T.M. was located at G.17.a. 30.97. All these were active during the day shelling G.10.c. 13 pineapple bombs fell in vicinity of U.29.a. 7.5. from about U.23.d. 8.9.

Enemy M.Gs. - M.Gs. at the following references were active against our planes - G.11.b. 20.12., G.11.a. 7.3., U.29.b. 7.2., and guns in UMMERON FARM and SCRABEN FARM. Occasional bursts were fired during the night from FR. LIEGHIEU and G.11.c. and G.17.a.

Enemy Aircraft. - Taking into consideration the fair visibility enemy aerial activity was below normal. During the morning 5 planes crossed our lines but were driven off by A.A. fire.

Enemy Movement - At 9.5 a.m. one man was seen moving about the LAUNDRY. At 8 a.m. transport was heard in rear of DURIEZ FARM, half an hour later sounds as of work could be heard at the Farm. A periscope was seen at G.5.c. 8.8. (this is a suspected O.P.) Between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. 5 men were seen working trench at U.29.d. 6.5. At 10.45 a.m. a train was seen north of QUESNOY on a T.D. of 73° from G.9.d. 25.40. The train was travelling north. 12.30 pm 9 men walked from direction of T. IN FARM to G.3.c. 15.10.

Enemy Signalling - Very few Very Lights were fired during night.

Miscellaneous - At 12.40 pm what appeared to be a dump was seen burning on a T.D. of 50° from G.9.a. 25.40. Searchlights were seen at UMMERON FARM, URAL HOUSE, and FR. LIEGHIEU. These occasionally flashed across No Man's Land.

*NO MAN'S LAND*

Wiring - From G.4.c. 8.1. to G.4.c. 8.9. 190 yds double apron fence. G.9.d. 6.5. to G.9.d. 8.4. - 150 yds double apron fence. Trench G.4.c. - 38 coils erected. G.10.b. and G.5.a. - 32 coils. UMPIRE DRIVE south - 24 coils. IDA Post - 10 coils. U.23.a. 7.8. to U.25.b. 8.1. 10 coils. U.25.d. 2.8. to U.25.b. 3.3. 11 coils. U.29.c. 3.9. 25 coils. U.23.d. 8.3. - 10 coils.

Post G.4.5. - 2 dugouts built and excav. made for a third. BARKENHAM Av. 3 yds parapet built up. 45 yds firestop erected. 33 yds by 1' excavated. G.9.d. 7.4. - Deepened and widened trench for revetment. 9 A frames put in position and trench duckboarded. 24 yds parapet built up. G.G.T. G.10.b. 4.3. - 15 yds cleared. LONG Av. G.15.a. 8.1. 3 yds firestop erected, 3 yds revetted. G.15.b. 1.4. - 10 yds S.P. excavated. G.4.d. 9.9. - 10 yds X 2' excavated, 10 yds X 6' excavated. G.4.b. 3.1. - 10 yds X 5' 6" of gap to dugout excavated. VIEW LANE - 24 yds X 4' excavated, 120 yds fire stop erected. UMPIRE SUPPORT - 50 yds revetted and 5 traverses prepared for revetment, 3 excavations for shelters, 200 yds parapet built up. 100 yds trench widened and cleared. Draining and cleaning dugouts.

In addition the usual R.E. material was carried forward and small parties worked on posts and small portions of trenches.

*J. J. ...*  
for Brigadier,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET  
FOI 28

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 12th January 1918.

OPERATIONS - Artillery Fired on C.11.c.8.3. working party reported at C.11.a.60.50. and other enemy defences.

Machine Guns - 3,000 rounds were fired on road at U 30 c 0 8 and 3,000 on bridge at U 30 b 2 3. A working party at C 11 a 30 12 was also engaged.

Patrols - A patrol of 1 Officer and 10 c.r. with L.G. went out from C 4 b 40 45 at 5 p.m. and moved to WHITE FARM, thence S. to about C 11 a 3 9. No trace of the enemy was found. Flares and rifle shots were fired from about C 11 a 8 7. The patrol returned at 10 pm through C 10 b 82 90.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 10 c.r. with L.G. went out from C 10 b 8 3 at 5.40 pm and moved S.E. towards FRELINGHIEN bridge. Owing to the very bad state of the ground the bridge could not be reached. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol returned at 10.50 pm through C 16 a 8 5.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 8 c.r. went out from C 10 b 82 90 at 11 p.m. and moved to about C 5 c 5 2 thence north to a point opposite the LAUNDRY. About 200 yards north of the LAUNDRY the patrol moved for 100 yds through water knee deep. At C 5 a 30 35 it was found that the water was 1 foot over the Driftwood. The patrol visited WHITE FARM and returned through C 4 b 7 8 at 3 am. No trace of the enemy was found.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 10 c.r. went out from C 16 a 8 5 at 1 am and moved N.E. It was found that the MOAT in C 10 d is impassable and owing to the very bad state of the ground FRELINGHIEN bridge could not be reached. Flares were being fired from C.11 c 38 01. The patrol returned at 4 a.m. through C 10 d 2 8.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 18 c.r. went out from U 23 c 95 20 at 5 p.m. and moved to MOAT FARM to lie in wait for the enemy. Owing to the farm being shelled from the direction of U 24 central the patrol withdrew between 9.15 and 10.15 pm. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol returned at 11 p.m. through U.23 c 95 20.

A patrol of 1 Off 20 c.r. with L.G. went out from U 23 c 95 20 at 11 pm and moved to MOAT FARM to lie in wait for the enemy. Between 11 pm and 12 midnight the farm was shelled with 4.2 HE. The patrol moved S.W. and returned through U 29 a 55 35 at 5 am. No trace of the enemy was found.

SHELL OPERATIONS - Artillery - Between 9.15 a.m. and 11.50 a.m. the following areas were shelled.- C 4 d 7 7, with 77 mm from TB of 118° from C 5 c 35 80, C 10 a with 77 mm from TB 78° from C 10 c 45 70, RABOQUE Farm C 4 a with 4.2 HE from a T.B. of 102° from C 4 a 9 9, C 4 d with 77 mm from direction of CEYLON FARM, C 8 c with 4.2 HE from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN, GRANDE HAIE Farm with 4.2 HE from a TB of 82° from U 23 b 2 4, U 22 b 8 1 with 4.2 HE from a TB of 115° from U 23 b 2 4, U 25 a with 4.2 HE from a TB of 132° from U 23 b 2 4, U 29 a with 4.2 HE direction due east. The vicinity of C 4 a 9 1 was shelled with 4.2 HE from direction of UNKNOWN FARM at the following times - 5.30 pm, 6.45 pm, 8.40 pm, 11 pm, and 5.20 am. Two 5.9 HE fell in C 2 c at 8.35 pm from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN.

Trench Mortars - At 2.50 pm Light T.M. fired 8 rounds on posts in C 4 a from C 5 c 70 66. At 2.45 pm heavy T.M. shelled the vicinity of C 4 b 8 8 from C 5 b 65 50. At 10.30 pm a M.V. fired on C 4 b and d from a T.B. of 50½° from C 10 c 45 70. At 11.30 pm a T.M. was located in BREWERY at C 17, a.30 65. A Mortar from U 29 d 8 9 fired 30 rounds in the vicinity of U 29 a 5 8. The mortar was fired on by artillery, the result of which could not be observed on account of darkness. At 3.30 pm light and heavy T.Ms. fired from the direction of DURIEZ FARM on front line posts. At 3.30 and 4.30 pm 20 rounds fell in U 29 a and c from DURIEZ FARM and vicinity of URAL HOUSE.

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Int. Summary. No. 28

Machine Guns - Occasional bursts during the night came from BRIDGE HOUSE, DYE WORKS, FREELINGHLEN CHURCH, LAUNDRY, and SCREEN Farm.

Enemy Aircraft - There were no enemy planes seen during the period.

Enemy Movement - At 8.20 a.m. a trench train was seen travelling east along line in C.3.d. and to return at 8.30 a.m. 9.10 am

4 two horse limbers moved along road in C 6 d towards farm du Grande VERQUIN. 9.55 a.m. smoke from a train moving towards QUESNOY was seen on a TB of 70° from C 9 d 25 40. The above targets were reported to artillery. At 12 pm 2 men were seen pushing a truck at C 11 c 75 10. At 7.55 am 3 men were seen leaving the LAUNDRY

carrying what appeared to be a H.G. At 6.20 pm an enemy working party was seen at C 11 a 6 5 which dispersed when fired on by artillery. Between 7.30 a.m. and 11 am 3 men were seen working in trench at U 29 d 50 25. At 8.40 am 8 men wearing caps and carrying rifles moved along UNCURL TRENCH in U 29 d.

Enemy Signalling - Occasional whites were fired during the night. At 8.55 pm 7 whites were fired from the ARCHES in quick succession, nothing unusual happened.

Miscellaneous - At 7.50 pm and 2.10 am a searchlight played along "A" Bn front line from a point east of the SOAP HOUSE. At 7.35 pm a searchlight from FREELINGHLEN swept NO MANS LAND in front of "B" Bn.

WORK - During the period the following work was carried out :-

Wiring - U.22.d.8.3. to U 22 d 7 4 - 150 yds of 2 rows double apron thickened. MOUTH TRENCH, C 4 c 7 4 - 15 coils wire erected.

BARKENHALL AVENUE - C 9 b and C 10 c-63 coils erected. C 10 b and C 10 d - 13 coils erected. C 4 d and C 5 a - 28 coils erected.

U 22 d 6 5 - 40 coils erected. UNA SUPPORT - 18 coils erected. "B" Bn. front line 40 coils erected.

Post C 4 5 - material for dugouts carried to this post. C 9 d 7 4 23 yds parapet raised and thickened, 33 yds widened and deepened, (New trench). LONG AVENUE, C 15 c 3 9 - 25 yds of parapet of S.P.

raised and thickened, 33 yds widened and deepened, 20 A frames and 8 duckboards put into position, and 12 yds prepared for revetment.

STATION REDOUBT - 10 yds trench cleared, and 10 duckboards laid on bearers. MOUTH AVENUE - 18 yds parapet built up. C 4 d 9 9

20 feet revetted. C 4 b 7 7 - 10 feet revetted, and 8' X 5" excavated.

UNPIRE SUPPORT - Building shelters, 200 yds parapet built up, 50 yds traverses revetted, 2 traverses widened and deepened for revetment,

40 yds revetted, 50 yds cleared and widened, 2 dugouts excavated and revetted, 2 old dugouts reconstructed. BORDER AVENUE - Dugout built.

UNA SUPPORT - 2 firebays constructed. BARKENHALL AVENUE 20 yds revetted, 22 yds cleared and 40 yds parapet built up. C 10 d 8 4 -

30 yds of O.G.T. cleared and drained. LONG AVENUE - 10 yds trench

cleared.

In addition the necessary R.M. material was carried forward and small parties worked on improving posts and small portions of trenches.

C. P. MacCallum Capt  
100 Brig-General,

Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

No. 29

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 13th January 1918.

OPERATIONS - Machine Guns - 3,000 rounds were fired on bridge at U.50 b 2 3 and 5,000 rounds on bridge at U 29 b 57 30.

PATROLS - A patrol of 2 Officers and 15 e.r. moved out from G 10 b 8 3 at 5.30 pm with the object of examining footbridge at G 11 a 5 5 but were prevented from doing so by the condition of the ground in G 11 a which is stated to be covered with water. Patrol returned at 9 pm through G 13 a 8 5.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 13 e.r. went out from G 4 b 40 45 and examined Driftwood bridge at G 5 a 30 45 and then moved to WHITE FARM thence along river in a southerly direction. The river has overflowed and flooded the western bank for a width of 50 yds. The whole of the marsh in G 5 c 5 5 is under water. H.C. was observed firing from G 5 e 35 35. No signs of the enemy was seen. Patrol returned through G 4 d 8 2 at 9 pm. A patrol of 1 Officer and 10 p.r. went out through G 10 d 2 3 at 11 pm and moved in a N.E. direction to the FRELINGHIEN Road at G 11 a 15 05 thence N. to hedge at G 11 a 15 23. The patrol returned at 4 am through

G 10 E 9 0. Movement of a train was heard in FRELINGHIEN at 1.15 am. No trace of the enemy was found. Movement was slow on account of the very bad state of the ground.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 e.r. went out from G 10 b 82 90 at 12 m/n and moved E. to the river and then patrolled in a N. direction. No enemy was seen or heard along the river. Traffic could be heard south of FRELINGHIEN and also N.E. of UNKNOWN FARM. Patrol returned through G 4 b 40 45 at 4.30 am.

A patrol of 1 off. and 20 e.r. went out from U 29 c 15 20 at 10 pm and moved to PAPER HOUSE thence to the west side of PLANTATION FARM and thence along road to PONT ROUGE road at U 29 b 20 65 and returned through U 29 a 55 70 at 2 am. No enemy was seen. Patrol was fired on by H.Gs. from direction of DEULLECONT. Enemy Flares were fairly active.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 13 e.r. went out from U 29 a 50 15 at 5 pm and moved to HOAT FARM to lie in wait for the enemy. No trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned at 11.50 pm through U 23 c 85 15.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 13 e.r. went out from U.23.c.85.15 at 10.45 pm to HOAT FARM to await the enemy. No trace of the enemy was found. Voices were heard in the vicinity of PONT ROUGE bridge and on our H.Gs. opening up sounds of voices ceased. A L.T.H. fired every ½ hour until 2.50 a.m. on U 23 d 2 5: position of T.H. appears to be U 24 c 7 9. The ground is still very muddy. Patrol returned at 4.45 am through U 23 c 85 15.

ENEMY OPERATIONS - Artillery - Between 9 a.m. and 12 noon the following areas were shelled.- SURREY FARM and LE TOUQUET STATION with 4.2 HE from N.E. of FRELINGHIEN. G 4 d 75 72 with 77 mm HE from TB of 115° from G 5 c 35 60. U 29 a 4 3 with 77 mm HE from east of CESSPIT HOUSE. U 17 d with 4.2 HE from TB of 74° from U 23 b 2 4. GRANDE HAIE Farm with 4.2 HE from TB of 74° from U 23 b 2 4. Between 12 noon and 7 pm - WIDOWS HOUSE, SURREY FARM, G 9 d and G 10 c with 4.2 HE from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN. BUTCHERS SHOP, BARLUMHAI AVENUE, SURREY FARM, WIDOWS HOUSE, with 5.9 HE from TB of 82° from G 10 c 6 8. During the afternoon 165 shells, 4.2 and 77 mm fell round GRAND HAIE FARM from T.B. of 82° from U 23 b 2 4.

Trench Mortars - 9.45 am front line posts in G 10 b were fired on by T.H. from about G 11 a 75 30. At 12.45 pm small T.H. fired 50 rounds on our front line posts in G 4 d from G 5 c 75 40. At 10 a.m. U 29 d was fired on by H.W. from direction of UNKNOWN FARM. Position suspected at U 29 d 50 17. A few pineapple bombs were fired with each shot.

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Int. Summary No. 29 (contd)

Machine Guns - Were active against our planes during the day from DURIEZ FARM, LAUNDRY, URAL HOUSE, and FRELINGHIEN. During the night occasional bursts came from FRELINGHIEN Church and SOAP HOUSE.

Aircraft - Only one plane over our lines during the day. Balloons were observed behind houses at D 9 a and on TB of 80° from C 10 c 45 70 and TB of 63° from C 3 b 60 03.

Movement - At 7.40 a.m. 3 men were seen leaving window in LAUNDRY. At 10.30 am 8 men were seen working for 15 minutes at C 12 c 2 9. Red Cross flag was seen flying from Pill box at C 12 d 75 45. At 10.20 am 2 men were seen at C 11 b 45 20, carrying what appeared to be S.A.A. boxes. At 7.15 am movement was seen in Tower in DEULEMONT (U 24 c 75 85). Between 8 and 9 am 2 horse limbers were seen moving along road in U 6 d towards Fme Du GRANDE VERQUIN. 8.20 am a train was seen moving north on a TB of 70° from C 9 d 25 40. 9 am to 10.30 am parties varying from 5 to 10 men were seen in single file moving along road in C 6 d towards Fme du GRANDE VERQUIN. 12 noon a party of 12 men moved along road from C 12 a 2 6 to C 6 c 15 10. At 12.45 pm, 1.25 pm and 2.15 pm trains on TB of 70° from C 9 d 25 40 were seen moving towards QUESNOY. At 2.30 pm and 2.45 pm trains were seen leaving QUESNOY and travelling in northerly direction. All movement of trains and on road in C 6 d reported to artillery. At 9.15 am 7 men carrying shovels left SCREENED FARM and moved N. for 100 yds. Here they disappeared.

Miscellaneous. Visibility good.

W O R K - Wiring. - C 4 d and C 5 a - 35 coils wire erected.

C 10 d - 3 coils erected. U 29 a 7 8 to U 25.b. 34. - 35 coils erected. ULPIRE SUPPORT (U 22 b) 44 coils erected. U 28 d 45 90 to U 29 a 5 2 - 56 coils erected.

Other work. - C 4 b 7 5 - Excavating for dugouts. C 10 b 4 5 13 yds O.G.T. excavated and 30 yds drain cleared. HOREKAU Av. 6 yds trench cleared. New Trench, C 9 d 7 4 - 22 yds trench widened, 14 yds duckboarded, 36 yds parapet built up. C 9 d 6 2 14 yds trench widened. C 9 d 6 2 - 24 yds parapet built up. LONG Av, C 4 a 8 3 - Clearing trench. Strong Point C 15 c 8 9 - building up parapet. LONG Av, C 15 b 1 4 - 8 yds T head d'boarded. C 15 a 8 2 - 10 yds revetted. New Post,

C 4 b 9 4 - 12 yds X 3 feet X 3'6" excavated and work camouflaged. BARKENHAM Av. 20 yds revetted. NAPOC Av., HOREKAU Av., BARKENHAM Av., VIER LANE, Trench draining. VIER LANE - 15 yds trench drained, CARELESS Av. 34 yds widened, ULPIRE SUPPORT 40 yds trench cleared, 40 yds revetted, 2 excavations for shelters complete, 100 yds parapet raised and thickened, 25 yds revetted, and 40 yds widened and deepened. ULPIRE DRIVE SOUTH, - Cleaning trench and draining pill boxes, draining and repairing 2 old dugouts. AYR STREET - 10 yds revetted. UNA Av. - 2 yds revetted. UNA SUPPORT - 2 firebays built.

In addition the necessary R.E. material was carried forward and small parties worked on improving posts and small portions of trenches.

*G. P. MacCallum Capt*

*for* Brig-General,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

No. 31

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 3 a.m. 15th January 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS - Artillery -

Shelled FRELINGHIEN, THE LAUNDRY, URAL HOUSE. During the afternoon direct hits were observed on O.P. at C.11 b 2 6, and FRELINGHIEN Chateau.

Trench Mortars - In conjunction with artillery shoot was carried out at 2.50 pm. N.W. position at U 30 a 15 19 was seen to be hit but no damage done (This position appears to be of concrete). URAL HOUSE, UNKNOWN FARM, and suspected M.G. position at U 29 d 80 99 also received direct hits. Good bursts from Stokes 5" were observed in FRELINGHIEN. Enemy retaliation nil.

Machine Guns - See end.

Patrols - A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 c.r. with L.G. went out from C 13 a 8 5 at 8 pm and moved to about C 10 d 7 0. Thence north to about C 11 a 25 00. The river could not be reached owing to bad state of ground. M.G. was located at C 17 a 08 78. The patrol returned at 11 pm through C 10 b 9 0.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 c.r. went out from C 4 b 40 45 at 5.30 pm and moved to WHITE FARM, thence to Driftwood bridge C 5 a 30 35. Here it was found that the water was 1 foot over the Driftwood. The patrol moved south to about C 5 c 15 00. Opposite the LAUNDRY the marshy ground is flooded, the water being 2 to 3 feet deep at the edge. Traffic was heard in FRELINGHIEN. The patrol returned at 10 pm through C 10 b 82 90.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 c.r. went out from C 10 b 9 0 at 11 pm and moved to C 11 a 2 1 thence south past the west side of Moat in C 10 d to C 10 d 9 0 and returned through C 13 a 8 5. No trace of the enemy was found. An active M.G. was located at C 11 c 45 35.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 c.r. went out from C 10 b 82 90 at 1 am and moved to about C 5 c 2 0 thence north. The only point where the river could be reached was the vicinity of the Driftwood bridge C 5 c 30 35. No trace of the enemy was found and no movement heard. The patrol moved to WHITE FARM and returned through C 4 b 40 45 at 5 am.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 15 c.r. went out from U 23 c 95 20 at 6 pm and moved to MOAT FARM to await the enemy. Voices were heard at about U 30 a 9 9. Scouts were sent to PONT ROUGE bridge but no trace of the enemy was found. The patrol returned at 10 pm through U 29 a 6 3.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 15 c.r. went out from U 23 c 57 05 at 6 pm and moved to U 23 d 0 4 thence to MOAT FARM and U 23 d 72 20. It is suspected that the enemy crosses the river at DOLLS HOUSE. The patrol moved north to about U 24 c 25 50 thence west to MOAT FARM. Owing to the bad state of the ground a close examination could not be made of this suspected approach. The patrol returned at 10 pm through U 23 c 57 05.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 15 c.r. with Lewis Gun went out from U 29 a 50 75 at 11 pm and moved to MOAT FARM. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol returned at 3.15 am through U 29 a 50 75. Owing to the clearness of the night objects 200 yds away could be seen.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 15 c.r. with L.G. went out from U 29 a 65 35 at 11 pm and moved to MOAT FARM to await the enemy. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol returned at 3 a.m. through U 29 a 65 35.

ENEMY OPERATIONS - Artillery.

During the morning the following areas were shelled. C 3 c 3 5 with 77mm from E. of FRELINGHIEN.

DESPIERRE FARM with 77mm from direction of SCREENED FARM.

UNA SUPPORT with 4.2 HE from east of PONT ROUGE.

During the afternoon -

KIVI STREET with 4.2 HE from East of FRELINGHIEN.

U 29 a with 77mm from direction of SCREENED FARM.

PLGEGSTERT WOOD with 4.2 HE from direction of SCREENED FARM.

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During the night -

DESPIERRE FARM with 4.2 HE from E. of DURIEZ FARM.  
 U 26 d with shrapnel from E. of PONT ROUGE.  
 C 15 b with 4.2 HE from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN.  
 C 9 d with 77mm from TB of 66° from C 9 d 25 40.  
 C 4 central with 77mm from TB of 85° from do.

ENEMY TRENCH MORTARS:

During the morning the following areas were shelled -

KIWI STREET from direction of SCREENED FARM.

WHITE FARM do. do.

Posts in C 10 d from building at C 11 c 37 05.

C 13 b & C 10 a with Heavy T.M. from C 17 a.

U 28 d 8 8 from direction of UNKNOWN FARM & URAL HOUSE.

U 23 c 9 6 (10 pineapples) from DEULEMONT.

Post C. 16. 4 (Minerwerfer) from C 11 c 8 3.

During the afternoon -

POND HOUSE fired on from C 11 a 6 4.

C 10 b 8 7 from C 11 a 55 34.

Between 4.30 and 5 pm, 17 heavy H.W. fell in vicinity of BUTCHERS SHOP and C 9 d 6 2; firing came from FRELINGHIEN.

ENEMY M.G.'s:

Below normal. Occasional bursts came from C 5 c 70 65, C 11 c 46 35, C 17 a 08 78, THE LAUNDRY & DEULEMONT.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT:

Below normal. At 3.25 pm a red-bodied plane crossed our lines, but was driven off by A.A. fire.

ENEMY MOVEMENT:

At 7.10 a.m. 4 men were seen walking along track about C 5 c 9 8 in easterly direction, carrying what appeared to be sandbags.

At 9.30 a.m. movement was noticed about DURIEZ FARM.

At 10.30 a.m. 2 men were seen carrying a piece of timber 6' x 6' to C 11 b 35 90, from C 11 b 2 6.

ENEMY SIGNALLING:

An occasional WHITE flare was fired during the night. A golden cluster was fired from SOAP HOUSE at 12.25 p.m. but nothing unusual happened.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At 7 a.m. hammering was heard in FRELINGHIEN, and at intervals of 12 minutes, sounds as of the unloading of iron. This was again heard at 9 a.m.

Sound as if wire was being unrolled was heard in vicinity of URAL HOUSE at 7.35 p.m.

A searchlight swept NO MANS LAND at 11.15 p.m. from about URAL HOUSE.

WORK:

During the period the following work was carried out -

Wiring:

C 9 d & C 10 c	50	coils wire erected.
U 29 c	45	do.
U 23 c & d.	24	do.
EMPIRE SUPPORT		
U 22 b.	41	do.

Other Work:

FRONT LINE, C 4 b 7 3.	12 <sup>x</sup>	widened & deepened & excavations made for 2 dugouts.
VIEW LANE		Deepened drain from VIEW LANE to CARELESS AV.
BARKENHAM AV.		Drained 150 yds flooded trench.
Now Trench - C 9 d 7 4;	19	yds widened and deepened, 20 yds revetted.
C 9 d 6 2;	64	yds parapet raised and thickened.
C 10 c 3 6		Excavated 9' X 3' X 5½' for new Coy. H.Q.
HAREKAU		Trench Cleared.
LONG AVENUE C 15 c 8 9		Improving H.G. position.
C 15 b 1 4		8 yds revetted and 9 yds parapet improved.
Posts - C 4 6 & C 4 4		Revetting.
Post C 5 1		Building blocks

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Now Post C 10 to 30 25	E reeking shelter and clearing trench.
do BRICKFIELD	Sandbagging and constructing cupola.
Sep from HAREKAU to )	
BARKENHAM AVENUE	Excavating 45 yds by 4' by 3'
NAPOC AVENUE	Draining trench
CARTERS SWITCH, C.10.0.	3 dugouts 9' by 9' by 5' prepared
BARKENHAM AVENUE	68 yds revetted, 20 yds trench widened
LONG AVENUE	30 yds parapet built up.
STATION AVENUE	30 yds parapet improved
EMPIRE SUPPORT	70 yds revetted, 50 yds cleared, 4 steel shelters erected and 2 excavations for dugouts completed. 50 yds parapet raised and thickened.
UNA SUPPORT	9 yds revetted.
WIDOWS HOUSE	4 gas proof frames fitted.
	2 dugouts made gas proof.

In addition the usual R.E. material was carried forward and small parties worked on improving posts and small portions of trenches.

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MACHINE GUNS -

8,000 rounds were fired on bridge at 0 11 o 45 90 and 0 11 o 45 00. M.Gs. also engaged enemy aircraft.



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary for period 6 am 15/1/18 - 6 a.m. 18/1/18.

OPERATIONS:

Our T.M.'s: Stokes mortar at C 4 d 35 49 fired on active T.M. at C 3 c 75 45. Two direct hits were observed.

Our L.G.'s: 2,000 rounds were fired on bridges at C 11 c 45 30 and C 11 a 45 00. 4,500 rounds were fired on road from C 11 c 85 40 to C 11 d 25 25.

Patrols: Patrol of 1 Officer 10 c.r. with L.G. went out from C 4 d 8 2 at 5 pm and moved N.E. to Driftwood bridge which is still 1' under water. Patrol visited WHITE FARM and returned through C 4 b 40 45 at 9 p.m. No trace of the enemy was found.

Patrol of 1 Officer 10 c.r. went out from C 10 d 2 8 at 5.30 p.m. and attempted to examine bridge at FREELINGHIE. Owing to very bad state of the ground this could not be done. No trace of the enemy was found. Patrol reached a point about C 10 d 5 8 and returned through C 13 a 8 5 at 8.30 p.m.

Patrol of 1 Officer 10 c.r. went out from C 4 b 7 9 at 11 p.m. and visited WHITE FARM. Patrol then moved south to about C 5 a 1 2. No trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned at 1 am through C 10 b 82 90.

Patrol of 1 Officer 10 c.r. went out from C 13 a 8 5 at 1 a.m. and attempted to examine FREELINGHIE BRIDGE. Owing to the bad state of the ground this was found impossible. Patrol returned at 5 a.m. through C 13 a 8 5.

Patrol of 1 Officer and 15 c.r. went out from U 25 c 85 15 at 11 p.m. and moved to COAT FARM. No trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned at 2.30 a.m. through U 25 c 85 15. Three other patrols went out during the night at different times and patrolled to COAT FARM. No trace of the enemy was found.

ENEMY ARTILLERY:

During the morning the following areas were shelled.

C 10 c 6 8	with 4.2 HE from TB 94°	from C 4 b 45 15.
C 10 c 6 8	" 5.9 HE from TB 113½°	" "
C 3 c 8 5	" 77mm from TB 97°	" "
KIKI ST.	" " from 136°	from C 3 c 35 80.
C 9 d 5 4	" 5.9 HE from S.E. of FREELINGHIE.	
C 9 d 3 2	" 4.2 HE " "	
C 9 d central	" " " "	
C 15 b	" 77mm " "	
DISPIERRE FARM	" " " "	
U 29 a	" " from SE of UNKNOWN FARM.	

During the afternoon -

C 10 c 6 8 and	
WHITE FARM	with 4.2 HE from S.E. of FREELINGHIE.
GRAND HILL FARM	5.9 HE from S.E. of D. ULLMONT.
U 29 a	shrapnel " "

All the above shelling was very light.

ENEMY TRENCH MORTARS:

At 9.30 a.m. light T.M. fired on C 4 b from concrete structure at DURIE FARM.

At 3.55 pm L.W. fired 15 shots from LAUNDRY on C 4 d 8 4.

ENEMY L.G.'s: Occasional bursts during the night came from FREELINGHIE, LAUNDRY and URAL HOUSE.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Sniper located in ruins of FREELINGHIE church.

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ENEMY MOVEMENT: Movement of parties varying in strength from 6 to 40 men was again seen on road in C 6 d. Four trucks were seen being pushed by men along line in D 1 c towards DEULE. Trains were seen moving towards QUESNOY on a T.B. of 70° from C 9 d 25 40 at 9.50 and 10.25 a.m. A small party of men was seen working at junction of road and trackline at C 6 b 35 15. At 12.15 am a train moved to BRICKFIELD in D 8 a and 10 minutes later returned to QUESNOY. At 1.45 pm and 2.30 pm trains moved from COMINES to QUESNOY. During the day movement was noticed around TWIN FARMS and DURIEZ FARM. All the above targets were reported to the artillery.

ENEMY SIGNALLING: Between 5.30 and 6 pm 15 white flares were fired from the eastern outskirts of FRELINGHIEN.

MISCELLANEOUS: Smoke from a small fire was seen at C 5 central. The weather being changeable there were times when visibility was good, but for the greater part of the day, visibility was low.

WORK: During the period the following work was carried out -

NEW POST, BRICKFIELD	Excavating for dugouts.
VIEUX LANE	20 <sup>x</sup> widened and deepened.
NEW TRENCH off BARKENHAM AV.	40 <sup>x</sup> of parapet built up.
LONG AV.	Draining. 300 <sup>x</sup> of duckwalks taken up and reset
KIWI STREET	Cleaned and drained.
IDA SUPPORT	Repairing cupolas.
UMA SUPPORT	4 <sup>x</sup> cleared and revetted. General draining.
UMPIRE SUPPORT.	12 <sup>x</sup> cleared, 20 <sup>x</sup> revetted.
UMPIRE DRIVE & UMPIRE AV.	300 <sup>x</sup> trench patrolled and repaired where necessary.
UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH.	Draining.
CHESHIRE AV.	100 <sup>x</sup> trench drained.

In addition the necessary R.E. material was carried forward, and trenches and posts cleaned, drained and improved where necessary.

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ENEMY MOVEMENT:

At 0.45 a.m. a small motor car was seen moving along road in C 12 a toward FARM du GRANDE BERQUIN.

At 10.30 a.m. a train was seen moving on a T.D. of 70° from C 9 d 25 40 towards QUESNOY.

At 12.45 p.m. movement was seen about UNIFORM FARM.

At 10.30 a.m. smoke seen coming from dugout at C 11 c 5 8.

Harrowing was heard at C 11 c 6 7 during the morning.

At 2.30 p.m. transport was heard in rear of FRELLINGHIEN.

At 3.30 a.m. 5 men wearing peaked caps ran from SCREENED FARM to UNIFORM FARM.

At 12 noon 2 men were seen at GESSPIE HOUSE. They appeared to be revetting.

ENEMY SIGNALLING:

An occasional white flare was fired during the night.

MISCELLANEOUS:

During the morning a report was heard and 2 columns of smoke were seen at C 11 c 8 7.

WORKS:

Following work was carried out during the period :-

NEW POST C 4 b 9 4	-	Improving dugouts.
NEW TRENCH off BARKENHA AV.	-	78 <sup>x</sup> widened and deepened. 30 <sup>x</sup> revetted
BUTCHERS SHOP	-	Building new trench.
LONG AV. C 15 b 2 8	-	12 <sup>x</sup> parapet raised and thickened.
C 15 a 9 1	-	Building strong point.
NEW TRENCH, C 9 d.	-	30 <sup>x</sup> revetted. 15 <sup>x</sup> prepared for revetting. 50 <sup>x</sup> parapet built up.
NAPCO AV.	-	Widening 24 <sup>x</sup> of drain.
UPIR SUPPORT	-	14 <sup>x</sup> cleared, 28 <sup>x</sup> revetted. 4 steel shelters completed. Making preparations for 5 shelters. 100 <sup>x</sup> parapet raised & thickened. 20 <sup>x</sup> excavated and cleaned. 2 dugouts completed, 4 incomplete.
UNA SUPPORT	-	6 <sup>x</sup> widened and revetted.
"B" Bn. FRONT.	-	10 coils wire erected.

In addition men were employed cleaning and draining front line posts and portions of trench which had fallen in.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary for period 6 am 16/1/18 - 6 am 17/1/18.

OPERATIONS:

Our Artillery: Shelled roads east of FRELINGHIEN and other enemy forward and rear defences.

Our M. Guns: 1,000 rounds were fired on bridge at U 29 b 57 30 and 1,000 rounds on road at U 30 c 00 90.

Our Patrols: our patrols, each commanded by an officer, went out from 'A' Battalion front at different times during the night and found all ground in front of our posts in C 10 b and d. to be flooded. Ground around WHITE FARM, though very muddy, is passable. No trace of the enemy was found.

Patrol of 1 Officer and 15 o.r. went out from U 29 c 12 35 at 6 pm and moved to PLANTATION FARM. The flood waters are within 20 yards of the farm. Patrol moved through PONT ROUGE and patrolled north. It was found impossible to enter MOAT FARM on account of its being surrounded by water. Patrol returned at 9.30 pm through U 23 c 90 15.

Patrol of 1 Officer 15 o.r. went out from U 23 b 40 45 at 11 pm and moved to within 50 yards of MOAT FARM. It was found impossible to reach the farm on account of it being flooded. Patrol returned at 2.30 am through U 23 c 90 15.

'B' Battalion patrols did not find any trace of the enemy.

ENEMY ARTILLERY: During the morning the following areas were lightly shelled :-

C 3 c 8 5	with 77mm from East of FRELINGHIEN.
GUNNERS FARM	do. do.
C 16 b	4.2 HE from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN.
C 10 a	do. do.
C 4 d	77 mm from TB of 66° from C 9 d 25 40.
WHITE FARM	77 mm from TB of 66° from C 9 d 25 40.
U 29 a	shrapnel from east of URAL HOUSE.

During the afternoon -

U 29 c 8 8 shrapnel and 77mm from E. of URAL HOUSE.

Enemy shelling during the period was much below normal.

ENEMY T.M.'s: During the morning T.M.'s were inactive.

Between 2 pm and 8 pm 7 heavy T.M.s fell in C 10 b; firing came from DURIEZ FARM. A few light trench mortars fell around KIWI STREET from C 5 d 34 94. U 23 b was shelled with M.W. from direction of MICART FARM, U 24 a 1/9. 40 pineapple bombs fell in NO MAN'S LAND and U 29 a - direction of T.M. unknown.

ENEMY M.G.'s: Occasional bursts during the night came from C 11 c 7 7, FRELINGHIEN CHATEAU and DEULEMONT. Firing was below normal.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Nil.

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Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 18th January 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Occasionally fired on DEULEMONT, FRELINGHIEN and other enemy defences.

Machine Guns - 3,250 rounds were fired on roads from C 11 d 85 40 to C 12 c 10 40 and from C 11 b 6 5 to C 11 b 33 93.

Patrols - A patrol of 1 Off. and 12 o.r. went out from U 29 c 1 5 at 8 pm and moved to PAPER HOUSE, thence to PLANTATION FARM. The ground in front of the farms and to the north of PLANTATION FARM as far as U 29 a 55 10 is under water. No enemy movement was seen or heard. The patrol returned at 10 pm through PETIT HAIE FARM.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 o.r. went out from U 23 a 2 7 at 10.15 pm and moved to river about U 23 b 5 2. Thence along waters edge to U 23 d 70 55 and to U 23 d 45 35. MOAT FARM was visited and found to be partly under water and unoccupied. All ground east of the farm is under water and impassable. The patrol returned through U 23 c 95 20 at 12 m/n.

A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 10 o.r. went out U 23 d 15 85 at 3 am and moved to river about U 23 b 5 2 and to U 23 d 6 5, thence to road at about U 23 d 4 2 and along road to MOAT, through water knee deep. No trace of the enemy was found. Several bursts of M.G. fire came from direction of DOLLS HOUSE. The patrol visited KATHERINE POST and returned through U 23 c 65 05 at 5 am.

The flooded state of the ground in front of "A" Bn. prevented any patrols going out.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Much below normal. Between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m. BUTCHERS SHOP, NORTH HOOK and BARKENHAM AVENUE were lightly shelled with 4.2 HE from a T.B. of 85° from C 10 c 6 8. Between 12 noon and 12.45 pm LE TOUQUET STATION was lightly shelled with 4.2 HE from a TB of 97° from C 10 c 6 8.

C 9 d was shelled at intervals during the morning with 4.2 HE from a TB of 90° from C 9 d 25 40.

During the afternoon 12 - 5.9 HE fell about U 26 b 95 30. Gun flash was observed on a TB of 46½° from U 28 d 34 54.

Trench Mortars - Two M.W. were observed firing from C 11 c 5 4 and C 11 c 8 3 on the 171st Bde. front. Post C 16 1, (C 16 a 8 5) was lightly shelled by light mortar from FRELINGHIEN. 10 medium shells fell in C 10 d at 4.15 pm coming from C 11 c.

Machine Guns - Occasional bursts during the night came from LAUNDRY, C 5 c 72 50, the ARCHES, C 11 a 55 22 and C 11 c 55 78, FRELINGHIEN CHURCH and CHATEAU and DOLLS HOUSE.

Enemy Defences - During the morning sniping came from C 11 c 7 8 and from east of the LAUNDRY (exact location unknown).

Movement - During the morning movement was noticed about UNKNOWN, SCREENED, and DURIEZ FARMS. Between 7.30 and 9 a.m. 20 men wearing caps were seen working in pairs on trench at U 30 a 04 05. At 9.15 am 6 men were seen digging up log from ruins near URAL HOUSE. At 9.20 am these men moved from URAL HOUSE to CESSPIT HOUSE carrying shovels.

Signalling - A red flare, bursting into 2 GREENS fired from about URAL HOUSE brought no enemy action. Occasional whites were fired throughout the night.

Miscellaneous - Slight rain and snow falling throughout the day made visibility low. There was a very thick ground mist during the afternoon.

WORKS

During the period the following work was carried out -

- VIEW LANE 20 yds new drain excavated
- BARKENHAM Av. Excavating for dugouts
- KIWI STREET 250 yds drain cleared out
- UNA SUPPORT 30 yds duckboards raised and repaired.
- UMPIRE SUPPORT Temporary bridge constructed across WARNAVE RIVER.
- UMPIRE SUPPORT 9 yds parapet raised and thickened.
- UMPIRE SUPPORT 40 yds revotted and parapet improved.

In addition R.E. material was carried forward. All trenches and drains in both battalion areas were patrolled and drained. Men on posts worked on draining, pumping out dugouts and improving broken trenches.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

No. 85

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 19th January 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Shelled wood in C.S.d., CEYLON FARM, SCREENED FARM, DEULLENT, FRELINGHIEN, and enemy rear defences.

Machine Guns - 1,200 rounds were fired on bridge at U.30.a.7.9. and 1,000 fired on road from C 6 a 9 9 to C 6 b 4 5.

Trench Mortars - At 3.15 p.m. enemy T.M. at C 5 c 7 5 and M.G. at C 5 c 7 8 were fired on, 20 good bursts were observed. Enemy retaliation nil.

Patrols - A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 c.r. went out from U 29 c 1 3 at 6 pm and moved to PAPER HOUSE and to PLANTATION FARM. The river is now within a couple of yards of the hedge running from PAPER HOUSE to PLANTATION FARM. From here the patrol went to U 29 c 50 95 and along road to PONT ROUGE bridge. All the low ground between PLANTATION FARM and PONT ROUGE bridge is under water. The water is flowing over PONT ROUGE bridge. The patrol moved back to U 20 b 20 65 thence to GOAT FARM which is still partly under water and unoccupied. The patrol returned at 9.30 pm through U 29 a 35 45. No enemy movement was seen or heard.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 c.r. went out from U 23 b 25 30 at 10 pm and moved to waters edge at U 23 b 50 38 thence to U 23 d 60 50. On account of the water being about 3 feet deep between U 23 d 6 5 and U 23 d 6 3, the patrol moved back to U 23 c 90 15 thence to GOAT FARM which was unoccupied. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol returned at 12.30 am through U 23 c 9 3. The flooded state of the ground in front of 'A' Bn. prevented any patrols going out.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

Artillery - During the morning the following areas were shelled -

MONMOUTH TRENCH and SUFFOLK Av.

with 77 mm from direction of DURIEZ FARM

HALF WAY HOUSE)

& C 10 c 6 8 ) with 77 mm from east of FRELINGHIEN

C 3 c 8 5 and )

MONMOUTH TRENCH) with 77 mm from east of DURIEZ FARM

BUTCHERS SHOP with 77 mm from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN

HOREKAU Av. and)

HALF WAY HOUSE ) with 4.2 HE from DURIEZ FARM

During the afternoon -

C 10 a with 77 mm from TB of 66° from C 9 d 25 40

LE TOUQUET STATION with 77 mm from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN

KIWI STREET, SECIL LANE - with 77 mm from direction of DURIEZ FARM.

Other areas shelled during the period are -

U 29 c 2 5, U 29 c 0 3, U 28 d, U 29 a, and C 5 a 0 6. Flashes were observed on TBs. of 39, 34½, 46½, from U 28 d 04 54.

Trench Mortars - Below normal. During the period 20 Heavy TMs. fell in U 29 a direction of Mortar unknown. A heavy Mortar from about C 17 a 4 8 occasionally fired on TOOL HOUSE and posts in C 10 d. At 4.15 p.m. a medium TM from C 11 c fired 2 shells on LE TOUQUET STATION.

Machine Guns - Guns from C 11 c 8 7, C 11 b 1 4, C 11 a 8 2, DURIEZ FARM (C 5 b 15 11) ARCHES (C 11 a 6 2), FRELINGHIEN CHURCH and C 11 c 0 5 were active. Occasional bursts during the night came from FRELINGHIEN, LAUNDRY, SOAP HOUSE and DOLLS HOUSE.

Defences - During the morning an enemy sniper was active at O 17 a 2 3.

Two new girders about 20 foot in length and freshly thrown up earth was seen at O 5 b 07 04.

Movement - Between 9 a.m. and 9.30 am two parties of men, one 12 men and the other 20 men were seen working at TWIN FARM (O 12 a). At 10.45 am about 50 men in single file moved from D 1 c 05 50 along road to D 1 c 15 15. At 1.50 pm one man left dugout at G 6 c 15 15 and appeared to follow telephone line to CEYLON FARM.

Train Movement - Trains were seen moving into QUESNOY at 2.30 pm, 5, and 3.50 pm. These trains travelled from the north.

A train left QUESNOY at 11 am and travelled north.

All the above targets were reported to the artillery.

At intervals during the day movement of single men was noticed about UNKNOWN FARM. At 2.30 pm movement was noticed in buildings at O 11 a 65 20. Movement of single men was seen about U 29 d 2 7 and U 30 d 2 7. A sentry, wearing cap was located at O 5 b 07 08 observing with field glasses. At intervals, as many as three men came to this point and observed at the same time. All wore caps.

Miscellaneous - At 12.15 pm smoke was seen coming from house at O 11 c 55 20. Chopping was heard at intervals during the day behind SOAP HOUSE. Smoke was seen at O 5 b 07 08. Visibility good.

WORK - During the period the following work was done -

BARNENHAM and HAREKAL Aves.	} Clearing and deeping drains and building up parapet.
LONG AVE.	
VIEW LANE	30 yds old drain widened and deepened. 20 yds new drain dug.
UNA SUPPORT	50 yds duckboards raised, repaired and relaid.
UMPIRE SUPPORT	Clearing ground for shelters, and repairing revetments.
LOCPHOLE FARM	Building bunks.
UMPIRE RESERVE	R.A.P. made gas-proof.
CONVENT LANE	7 shelters made gas-proof
WIDOW HOUSE and SUBSIDIARY LINE	13 gas proof doors and 19 windows fitted in dugouts.

In addition R.E. material was carried forward, trenches and drains patrolled and draining carried out where necessary. Men on posts worked on draining, cleaning and improving.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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No. 36

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 20th January 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery - During the period our artillery shelled L'OS A MOELLE (C.12.b.), Junction of road and tramline at C 6 b 3 2, FRELINGHIEN, DURIEZ FARM, DEULEMONT and other enemy rear defences.

Machine Guns - 1500 rounds were fired on bridge at C 6 b 6 6 and 1500 rounds on road at U 29 b 57 30.

Patrols - A patrol of 1 off. and 10 o.s.r. went out from U 29 a 35 45 at 8 pm and moved along PONT ROUGE road to about U 29 b 4 4. All houses were examined and found unoccupied. The patrol returned via PLANTATION FARM and PAPER HOUSE at 9 pm through U 29 c 1 3. The river at PLANTATION FARM is about 400 yds wide and running strongly.

A patrol of 1 off. and 10 o.s.r. went out from U 23 c 95 20 at 10 pm and moved to MOAT FARM which is still under water. The patrol moved along waters edge to U 23 b 5 4. The waters edge follows contour 15 in U 23 b and d. Traffic was heard in DEULEMONT. The ground between our front line and waters edge is quite passable. The patrol returned at 12.30 am. through U 23 b 25 30.

A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 10 o.s.r. went out from U 29 a 35 45 at 1 am and moved along PONT ROUGE Road to about U 29 b 4 4. PLANTATION FARM and PAPER HOUSE were visited. The river at PLANTATION FARM was estimated to be about 400 yds wide and running strongly. Patrol returned at 3.30 am through U 29 c 1 3.

The flooded state of river prevented patrols leaving "A" Bn front.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery - During the morning the following areas were lightly shelled -

C 3 c with 77 mm from direction DURIEZ FARM  
 BARKENHAM Av. )  
 HALF WAL HOUSE ) with 4.2 HE from TB of 128° from C 4 a 95 45  
 CARTERS FARM )  
 BUTCHERS SHOP ) with 77 mm from east of FRELINGHIEN  
 WHITE FARM with 4.2 HE from SE of FRELINGHIEN

During the afternoon -

KIWI STREET )  
 UNA SUPPORT ) with 77 mm from direction of DURIEZ FARM  
 FLAX ALLEY )  
 BARKENHAM Av. with 4.2 HE from a TB of 128° from C 4 a 95 45

During the period U 28 a., U 29 a. and c. Le GIEER DUMP, (U 27 b) CUSTOM HOUSE (U 29 b), and PLANTATION FARM were lightly shelled. T.Bs. of 27, 64, 55, 61, 65, 57 and 52 from U 28 d 84 54 - Gun flashes observed from. Flashes also observed from T.Bs. of 97, 100, 107, 79, and 90 degrees from U 29 c 23 97.

Trench Mortars - A heavy T.M. was observed firing from THE VATS (C 17 a) on the front of the Brigade on our right. Between 3.50 and 4.30 pm the vicinity of TOOL HOUSE was lightly shelled with Heavy and Medium T.Ms. from C 11 c. At 11.20 pm C 10 d was lightly shelled by H.T.M. from C 11 c.

Machine Guns - M.G. from the following locations fired on our planes. DURIEZ FARM, ARCHES (C 11 a 6 2) CHURCH (C 11 a 65 70), C 11 b 1 4, C 11 a 8 2, C 11 c 85 65, C 3 c 7 5 and C 11 c 55 85. Occasional bursts during the night came from FRELINGHIEN, LAUNDRY and DEULEMONT.

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Aircraft - Considering the good visibility enemy aircraft activity was below normal. Three E.A. crossed our lines during the morning but were driven off by A.A. fire.

Defences - A new piece of trench, length unknown, and a pill box are visible at U 29 d 6 7. House at U 29 d 63 62 is a suspected O.P.

Movement - At 8 am 3 two-horse limbers left DEULE MANSIONS and moved along road in D 1 c. and d. Motor Lorry moved along same road travelling towards DEULE at the same time. At 8.50 am two loaded motor lorries left DEULE MANSIONS and moved along road towards FARM DU GRANDE VERQUIN. During the morning two parties of 14 men were seen on road in C 6 d moving towards FARM DE GRAND VERQUIN. At 12.30 pm 2 men carrying what appeared to be bags of rations entered suspected O.P. at C 11 b 20 56. A train left QUESNOY at 11.45am and moved north. Trains coming from north entered QUESNOY at 12.45 pm and 3.50 pm. All the above targets were reported to artillery.

During the day movement was again noticed round UNKNOWN and SCREENED FARMS. Small parties of 2 and 3 moved throughout the day about URAL HOUSE. A small party was seen working behind cover at about C 5 b 1 1. Movement was noticed throughout the day at about U 29 d 99 85.

Dumps - A dump is suspected at U 30 c 4 5. Each day small parties of men have been seen carrying material to this point. The dump appears to be camouflaged with small branches of trees.

Miscellaneous. - During the morning smoke was seen coming from THE VATS. Visibility good.

WORK - During the period the following work was carried out -

VIEW LANE	40 yds now drain widened and deepened.
MONMOUTH TRENCH	16 gas proof door frames fitted, 4 dugouts sandbagged.
KIWI STREET	Revetting trench where fallen in.
BARKENHAM and HAREKAU AVs.	Building S.A.A. Dumps.
LONG AVENUE	Cleaning dugouts.
VIEW LANE	200 yds trench cleared and 100 yds duckboards relaid
UNA SUPPORT	18 yds duckboards raised and repaired.
ULPIRE SUPPORT	Building shelters - 5 completed.

In addition R.E. material was carried forward, trenches and drains were patrolled and where necessary cleared, drained and repaired. Posts were drained, repaired and improved.

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Brig-General,  
 Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

## Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 21st January 1918

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery - Normally active. FARM DU GRAND VERQUIN, FRELINGHIEN, DEULEMONT, SCREENED and UNKNOWN FARMS, and enemy rear defences were shelled during the period.

Machine Guns - 7,000 rounds were fired on road and dugouts at C 11 d 35 52 and 5,000 rounds on houses at C 11 d 35 05.

Patrols - A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 o.r. went out from U 23 c 95 20 at 9 pm. MOAT FARM was visited. From the Farm patrol moved along waters edge to U 23 b 5 4. No trace of the enemy was found nor was any traffic heard. The water was found to have receded about 10 yds. Patrol returned at 9 pm through U 23 b 20 25.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 o.r. went out from U 29 c 1 3 at 10 pm and moved to waters edge at PAPER HOUSE thence along waters edge at PONT ROUGE, and moved along PONT ROUGE Road to about U 29 b 15 70, thence to MOAT FARM which is surrounded by water. No trace of the enemy was found. Patrol returned at 1 am through U 29 a 50 75.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 o.r. went out at 1 am from U 23 c 95 20 and moved to MOAT FARM thence along waters edge to about U 25 b 5 3. No trace of the enemy was found. The patrol returned at 5.30 am through U 23 b 20 25.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery - Above normal. During the morning the following areas were shelled -

LONG and NAPOO Av. with 77 mm from TB of 109° from C 10 c 6 7.  
C 10 b 35 20 and

LE TOUQUET STN. with 77 mm from direction SCREENED FARM  
KIWI STREET do do east of FRELINGHIEN  
HALF WAY HOUSE with 4.2 HE from TB of 119° from C 10 c 6 7  
C 4 d with 77 mm from east of FRELINGHIEN  
LE BIZET with 4.2 HE from SE of FRELINGHIEN  
BUTCHERS SHOP with 4.2 HE do

During the afternoon -

HALF WAY HOUSE with 4.2 HE from TB 120° from C 10 c 6 7  
NON-SOUTH TRENCH with 77 mm from SCREENED FARM  
C 10 c with 4.2 HE from TB of 97° from C 10 c 6 7  
C 9 d with 5.9 HE from TWIN FARMS  
C 3 c with 77 mm from SE of FRELINGHIEN  
C 14 a and b with 4.2 HE from TB 100° from C 9 d 25 40

In addition the following areas were shelled during the period - U 23 b and d., U 29 d., LANCASTIRE SUPPORT FARM, UMPIRE AVENUE and PLANTATION FARM.

Gun flashes were observed on the following TBs. 78, 127, 102 degrees from U 29 c 23 97., 135, 142, 89, 78, 147, degrees from U 28 d 84 54.

Trench Mortars - During the morning a M.M. from about C 11 c 9 5 fired on C 10 b 25 20. At the same time a light mortar from THE VATS fired on C 10 b 25 20 and POND HOUSE. Between 2.30 and 9.15 pm WIDOWS HOUSE, BUTCHERS SHOP, C 16 a., TOOL HOUSE and C 10 b., were lightly shelled by medium and L.T.Ms. from C 11 c., and BARKHAM AVENUE from C 11 d 35 05.

During the day U 23 b, U 29 a 4 2, and U 23 b and d., were lightly bombed - direction unknown.

Machine Guns - M.Gs. at the following locations were active against our planes - C 17 a 20 75, C 11 c 87 50, C 11 c 8 3, C 11 c 7 9, and C 11 a 85 30. About 4.30 pm M.G. fire was brought to bear on KIWI STREET from C 5 c 70 55. The trench can be infiltrated from this point. During the night occasional bursts along the front line and on roads and tracks came from FRELINGHIEN, and about C 5 d 3 5 and DEULEMONT.

Aerial activity - At 11.30 am 5 enemy planes crossed our lines but were immediately driven off by A A fire.

MOVEMENT - An occasional man was seen to move from dugouts in vicinity of U 6 c 15 15 to road in G 12 a.

During the day movement was noticed at G 5 d 2 8 and G 11 d 7 2. Small parties of men not wearing equipment continually passed U 30 c 10 74 throughout the day. A sentry was seen at G 5 b 07 08 and an observer using field glasses at U 29 d 03 62. Men were seen to continually pass along road in U 30 a leading to QUESNOY throughout the day.

Signalling - About 8 pm several white flares apparently fired from a rifle came from about WIGART FARM. They shot up a considerable height and remained alight for about 30 seconds.

Miscellaneous - During the 24 hours the river has fallen very slightly with the result that our trench system has improved. Visibility good.

WORK - During the period the following work was carried out -

VIEW LANE	All drain cleared
HAREKAU AVENUE	70 yds cleared and drained
CARTERS SWITCH & G 10 d	Drained and cleared dugouts, installed Strombus horn.
SMYTH AVENUE	10 yds cleared and repaired
LONG AVENUE	60 yds revotted, 320 yds drained and repaired where necessary.
KIWI STREET	90 yds drained and repaired.
UMPIRE AVENUE	210 yds cleared and d'boarded.

In addition R.E. material was carried forward and trenches patrolled, repaired and drained where necessary.

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Brig-General,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRETNo. 38

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 22nd January 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Working party near FRELINGHIEN Church, road in C 6 d, C 5 b 00 05, UNKNOWN FARM and enemy rear defences were shelled during the period.

Machine Guns - 1500 rounds were fired at each of the following targets - House at C 5 d 3 9., Road from C 11 d 35 40 to C 12 c 25 00., Roads from C 11 b 10 35 to C 11 b 33 93 and C 11 b 3 9 to C 12 a 10 65.

Patrols - The flooded state of the ground prevented any patrols moving out from 'A' Bn. front.

A patrol of 2 Off. and 5 o.r. went out from U 29 c 05 30 at 10 pm and moved to waters edge at U 29 c 4 3, thence to PLANTATION FARM, thence across road to about U 29 b 30 45. The waters edge runs through U 29 c 4 3, U 29 c 43 45, U 29 c 60 85, U 29 c 50 98, and U 29 b 5 3. From U 29 b 50 45 the patrol moved to PONT ROUGE bridge and found the main bridge to be partially submerged and the duckwalk bridge completely under water. It would be impossible to cross the river at this point at present. Duckboard bridge at U 29 b 7 4 is partially under water and is washed away in the centre. A M.G. opened fire on the patrol from U 29 b 65 20. The patrol moved MOAT FARM from which the water has now receded. The patrol returned at 1 am through U 23 c 6 1.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 o.r. went out from U 23 c 95 20 at 1 am and moved to MOAT FARM which was found to be unoccupied. No trace of the enemy was found. M.Gs. were active from the vicinity of PONT ROUGE bridge and DOLLS HOUSE. The patrol returned at 3.30 am through U 23 b 20 25.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery - During the morning the following areas were shelled -  
 KIWI STREET with 77 mm from DURIEZ FARM  
 NORTH BLOCK with 4.2 HE from SE of FRELINGHIEN  
 UNA SUPPORT Gas (4 shells) from direction DURIEZ FARM  
 LONG AVENUE with 4.2 HE from TB 118° from C 10 c 6 7

Between 1.30 and 4.30 pm MONMOUTH TRENCH with 4.2 HE from direction of TWIN FARMS.

C 10 d 8 3 & C 9 b. with 77 mm from SE of FRELINGHIEN

BARKENHAM Av. )  
 LE TOUQUET STN. ) with 5.9 HE from TB 78° from C 10 b 8 3

Between 8 pm and 10 pm -

LE BIZET with 4.2 HE from SE of FRELINGHIEN

C 9 b with 77 mm do

In addition the following areas were shelled throughout the period U 28 d, U 29 c, UMPIRE DRIVE, LANGASHIRE FARM,

Gun flashes were observed on EBs of 94, 92, 39, 77, 49, degrees from U 28 d 04 54., and 92, 87, and 107 degrees from U 29 c 23 97.

Trench Mortars - At 9.15 am a medium T.M. from LAUNDRY fired on C 10 d and C 10 b. A heavy Mortar at C 11 c 9 5 was active during the day firing on the front of the Brigade on our right. U 29 a central was shelled throughout the day (suspected position of Mortar U 29 b 7 2).

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Machine Guns - Guns at the following positions were active against our planes :- C 11 c 9 5, C 11 c 85 90, C 17 a 55 50, and C 11 b 15 40.

During the day occasional bursts came from C 11 c 55 85, C 17 a 1 8, C 11 c 80 75, and C 11 a 75 25. Occasional bursts during the night came from C 11 a 3 0, C 11 a 7 4, C 5 c 75 45, U 29 b 65 20 and DOLLS HOUSE.

Aircraft - One E.A. patrolled our lines during the morning for about 1/2 an hour.

Defences.- Snipers were located at C 17 a 40 75 and FRELINGHIEN Church.

Movement - At 8.50 am a motor lorry carrying men left DEULE MANSIONS and moved towards FARM DU GRAND VERQUIN. At 9.30 am a trench tram with 3 trucks moved along line in C 6 d towards DEULE MANSIONS and returned at 9.35 am. At 9 a.m. a party of about 100 men moved along road in C 6 d towards FARM DU GRAND VERQUIN. (Reported to Artillery). 9.30 am a working party of about 20 men at C 6 d 48 56 was effectively shelled by the artillery.

Trains - Trains coming from the north arrived at QUESNOY at 3.25 pm and 3.35 pm and to leave QUESNOY and travel north at 9.25 am and 3.45 pm.

During the morning movement was noticed about UNKNOWN FARM. Men were seen working at what appeared to be a pill box at C 5 b 1 1. Men were seen to continually pass U 30 c 00 30 and U 30 c 10 74.

Signalling - At 9 pm a number of red flares were fired and about the same time double greens were fired from DEULE MANSIONS. There was no apparent enemy action.

Miscellaneous.- A large fire was observed burning on a TB of 94° from U 23 d 84 54 which burnt for an hour. (7 till 8 pm)  
Visibility good.

WORK - During the period the following work was carried out -

LONG AVENUE	20 yds d'boards cleaned and relaid. Repairing parapot.
CECIL LANE	Cleaning duckboards and revotting
PRIDHAM AVENUE	Revotting (5 A frames and 30 sandbag used)
FLAX ALLEY	Cleaning and repairing
IDA POST	Cleaning 30 yds of sap to post.
KIWI STREET	Repairing and draining 50 yds trench.
STATION AVENUE	Rebuilding parapot.
UMPIRE SUPPORT	10 yds cleared, 8 yds revotting. 1 dugout position excavated.

15 Gas blinds put in dugouts and one frame put in.  
FRONT LINE 'B' Bn 60 yds revotting and cleaned, 60 yds parapot built up.

In addition R.E. material was carried forward, trenches patrolled repaired and cleaned where necessary.

*W. P. MacCallum* *Cap*

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Brig-General,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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No. 39

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 33rd January 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Fairly active. Road about Los a MOSELLE houses at 0 8 c 24 45 were shelled and several direct hits observed. Wood at 0 5 d 1 9, DERIEZ FARM, SCREENED FARM and FRELINGHIEN effectively shelled throughout the day.

Machine Guns - 1500 rounds were fired on each of the following targets -

Road junction at U 30 b 55 60, Houses at U 30 a 20 05, Bridge at U 30 b 20 30, and road at U 30 c 00 05.

Patrols - The flooded state of the river prevented patrols leaving 'A' Bn Front.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 o.r. went out from U 23 c 95 20 at 6 pm and moved to waters edge at U 23 d 6 4 and thence along waters edge which is just below the 15 metre contour to U 23 b 60 85. Patrol returned along the waters edge and visited MOAT FARM which was found to be surrounded by water and unoccupied. The bank of the MOAT on the western side is clear of water. Patrol then visited PONT ROUGE and investigated old buildings at U 29 b 25 60 and old dump at cross roads (U 29 b 20 65). In building at U 29 b 25 60 were found German papers (forwarded under separate cover). Patrol returned along road to U 23 c 95 20 at 9 pm.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 o.r. went out from U 29 a 50 75 at 10 pm and moved to about U 29 a 6 1 and followed waters edge to about U 29 b 00 30, thence along road to within 40 yds of PONT ROUGE bridge. M.G. from about U 29 b 70 30 which was playing down the road made sks approach to the bridge impossible. The river has fallen about 15 inches since the previous night and is now well below the 15 meter contour. The river is running strongly at the bridge. The patrol then moved to PLANTATION FARM and from there sounds of work as of dropping of timber were heard in the vicinity of U 29 d 50 20. Patrol returned at 12.45 am through U 29 c 05 35.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

Artillery During the morning the following areas were shelled -
0 10 c 90 85 with 77 mm from TB of 84° from 0 10 c 90 85
0 7 d with 77 mm from TB of 110° from do
0 4 b 7 9 with 4.2 HE from east of SCREENED FARM
0 4 b 7 9 do direction TWIN FARMS
0 4 b do from about TB 100° from 0 9 d 25 40
0 2 central do do 73° do

Between 5 and 8 pm LE DIZET with 4.2 HE from TB 50° do

In addition the following areas were shelled - U.29 c, U 29 a, LANCASHIRE SUPPORT FARM, FLOEGSTEERT WOOD. EMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH, U 28 b, and MOAT FARM.

Flashes were observed on the following TBs. - 87, from U 29 a 35 33, and 64, 85 and 86 degrees from U 28 d 34 34, and 73 and 74 degrees from 0 9 d 25 40.

Trench Mortars - During the period enemy TMs. were active. The following areas were shelled - At 8 a.m. 12 Mws. on 0 4 b - position of mortar unknown. At 9 am 10 Mws. on 0 4 d - position of mortar unknown. After the 10 rounds were fired a premature burst was observed upon which firing ceased. At 2.15 pm 3 Mws. on HALF WAY HOUSE, from 0 11 c 70 75, at 3.55 pm 10 pineapples on 0 10 a from 0 17 a 2 7. At 3.30 pm 3 HEM bombs on BUTCHERS SHOP from 0 11 c 9 5. This mortar was silenced by artillery. At 6.10 pm 15 Medium TM bombs on WIDOWS HOUSE from 0 11 c. Throughout the day U 29 a was bombed by heavy TM from URAL HOUSE. There is a suspected TM at U 50 a 22 25.

Machine Guns - During the morning MGs. at 0 11 b 1 4 was active against our planes. During the night occasional bursts came from 0 11 c 30 55, 0 17 a 2 6, 0 11 c 20 45, 0 11 d 40 35, 0 17 a 4 5, and vicinity of PONT ROUGE BRIDGE.

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Aircraft - Above normal. At intervals throughout the day planes patrolled our lines in twos and threes. All were engaged by A.A. fire and driven off.

Movement - At 9.20 a.m. a small hooded car moved along road from DEULIE and stopped at O 6 d 4 1 and returned 3 minutes later.

Between 9 and 11.15 am there was continuous movement of small parties on road in O 6 d towards FARM DU GRAND VERQUIN. About 80 men in all.

At 11.30 a.m. 10 men left DEULIE MANSIONS and walked along tram line towards D 1 e.

Occasionally men were seen about TWIN FARMS and dugout at O 6 c 15 15.

All the above targets were reported to the artillery.

Movement was again noticed about DURIEZ and SCREENED FARMS.

At intervals throughout the day movement of single men was seen at U 29 d 45 15, O 5 b 15 10, O 5 b 30 35, U 30 c 2 6, O 5 b 1 1, U 30 a 2 1 and U 20 b 7 3.

Throughout the day men were seen observing from U 29 d 33 62.

Signalling - An occasional white flare was fired throughout the night. Flashes from A.A. guns were observed on TEs. of 85 and 30 degrees from O 9 d 25 40.

Miscellaneous - Visibility good.

WORK - The following work was done during the period -

TIWI STREET	Cleaning and deepening trench and drains
LONG AVENUE	40 yds trench cleaned drained and duckboarded
MONMOUTH TRENCH	Cleaning and pumping out 2 flooded dugouts, 70 yds d'boards raised cleaned and relaid.
CARELESS AVENUE	Cleared and drained 60 yds trench, excavated 40 yds new trench.
UNA TRENCH	200 yds duckboards raised cleaned and relaid.
HARNIANS AVENUE	50 yds do do do
FRONT LINE 'B' Dn	180 yds parapet built up 50 yds revotted
EMPIRE SUPPORT	Erecting shelters

Wiring

O 10 o 45 coils wire erected to make 2 rows double apron fence 150 yds long.

Gas-proofing

20 gas-proof windows, 23 blanket doors, and 1 gas proof frame were fitted.

In addition R.E. material was carried forward, trenches and drains were patrolled, drained and repaired where necessary.

*W. P. L. ...*  
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Brig-General,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
23rd. January, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO.189.MOVEMENT.

The three Brigade Groups, Second Australian Division, will move to LOCRE, RAVELSBERG and KORTEPYF Areas respectively in accordance with Order No. 159 issued by General Staff.

BILLETING.

Officers will report to Area Commandants in advance to make arrangements for billeting of troops prior to their arrival.

MOBILE ECHELON

Units will move with full Mobile Echelon.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Relief of traffic control will be arranged between A.P.Ms. concerned.

TRENCH AND  
AREA STORES  
GUM BOOTS

All Trench and Area Stores, Gumboots etc., will be handed over on relief and receipts obtained in duplicate. One copy to be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters.

AREA  
COMMANDANTS.

The Area Commandants of NIEPPE, PLOEGSTEERT and CATACOMBS Areas will rejoin their Units on the 26th. instant.

BATHS

Personnel attached to RED LODGE Baths will rejoin their Units on the afternoon of the 26th. instant.

DUTIES

Instructions will be issued separately as to relief of present working parties.

ORDNANCE

Will remain at present location until the 28th. instant.

CANTEEN and  
OFFICERS CLUB

Will close at NIEPPE on the 27th. instant. Instructions regarding the location allotted in the new area will be advised later.

DIV. HORSE  
REST FARM

Will close on the 25th. instant when personnel will return to their Units.

*Imadmanant*

Lieut-Colonel,  
A.A. & V.M.G.  
2nd. Aust. Div.

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## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
24th. January, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 190.

The Second Australian Division will move to the LUMBRES AREA in accordance with Orders issued by General Staff No. 159.

BILLETING. Billeting parties will report in advance to the Area Commandants under arrangements to be made by Brigades. Lorries to convey billeting parties have been detailed in Appendix 'D'. Details of Brigade grouping for billeting purposes are set out in Appendix 'C'.

The Brigade Billeting Areas are :-

7th. Brigade	HENNEVEUX AREA
6th. Brigade	LOTTINGHEM AREA
5th. Brigade	LUMBRES AREA.

A Divisional representative will be at NIELLES from NOON the 28th. instant.

RAILWAY  
ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR EACH  
BRIGADE  
GROUP

Two personnel trains each accommodating 2200 all ranks, and provided with two baggage wagons, and one Omnibus Train comprising 17 flat trucks accommodating 67 axles and 30 covered trucks for horses, personnel and baggage. The distribution of transport to be carried on the omnibus train is set out in Appendix 'B'

Railhead for personnel trains - DE KENNEBEK

Railhead for Transport - BAILLEUL WEST

Brigade grouping for purpose of entraining is set out in Appendix 'E' - Train timings in accordance with Appendix 'A'

Brigades will appoint an Officer to take charge of the entraining who will report to the R.T.O. and make all arrangements

Steps will be taken to ensure troops arriving at entraining station in ample time :-

Personnel one hour before departure time

Transport and loading parties three hours before departure time.

Troops will not enter the station yards until authorised by the R.T.O. On arrival at detraining station the station yard will be cleared in shortest possible time. The necessary detraining Officers and unloading parties for transport will be told off for this purpose.

TRANSPORT

Transport other than that mentioned in Appendix 'B' will proceed by road. The Brigade Transport Officer being in charge of transport moving with Brigade Groups

The Second Australian Divisional Supply Column and 2nd. Aust. Ammunition Sub-Park, less portion required for supply and baggage purposes by Second Australian Divisional Artillery, will move by road to LUMBRES Area and be at the disposal of the Division for transport of baggage and supplies.

The 2nd. Aust. D.S.C. and Ammunition Sub-Park will be parked on the road between MENNEVILLE and DESVRES and billets will be allotted by the Area Commandant DESVRES on application.

ECHELON

Full echelon will be carried.

SUPPLIES

A forecast of supply arrangements for the move is set out in Appendix 'F'.

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REINFORCEMENTS

The Second Divisional Wing of Corps Reinforcement Camp will close at CAESTRE on the 30th instant and open the same day at DESVRES. Personnel from the Reinforcement Camp will move to LUMBRES Area with their Units. The Camp will be handed over to the 5th. Australian Division.

ORDNANCE

Will close at Sheet 36, B.1.d.2.8. on the 28th. instant, and re-open at NILLIES on the 31st. instant.

CANTEEN

The Divisional Canteen Officer will close the Canteen and Officers' Club at NIEPPE on the 28th. instant, and will re-open a canteen at HENNEVEUX and one at HARLETTES on the 29th instant.

BATHS

Baths exist at the following villages :-

HENNEVEUX  
ESCOEUILLES  
SELLES  
BAYENGHEM.

Arrangements will be made by Brigades to staff these baths in their area and proceed with the bathing of the men. An additional three sets of showers are available, and it is proposed to allot one to each Brigade Area. Brigades will notify Divisional Headquarters as soon after arrival as possible site selected.

LAUNDRY

It is expected supplies of clean clothing will commence to arrive on the 31st instant when arrangements will be made to allot same to Brigades.

AREA STORES

Will on no account be removed from the area but will be handed over to relieving Units.

FODEN LORRY

In the case of the Second and Fifth Divisions, Foden Lorries will not accompany Divisions but will be exchanged; The 5th. Australian Division leaving their foden lorry at DESVRES and this Division's foden lorry will report to <sup>TRAP OUTRE</sup> Laundry to be taken over by Fifth Australian Division.

POLICE AND TRAFFIC CONTROL

Traffic Control Posts are to be relieved by Third Australian Division on 30th instant.

M.M.P. will be attached to the marching personnel of Infantry Brigade Groups under arrangements to be made by A.P.M. with Brigades concerned.

DUTIES

The following party is to be relieved by the Third Australian Division on the 28th instant- 100 Other Ranks working under 184th. Tunnelling Company on dugouts in the Divisional Area, supplied by 7th. A.I. Bde.

Separate instructions will be issued regarding relief of other Divisional parties.

*Col James G. Gair*  
for  
Lieut-Colonel,  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
2nd. Aust. Div.

- OMNIBUS TRAIN - TRANSPORT and HORSES

Comprises 17 flat trucks - 67 Axles and 30 covered wagons for Horses and personnel

Unit	Vehicles	Axles	Horses		Personnel
			Rides	L & H.D.	
Bde. H.Q.	---		6		Cyclists of all Units will proceed by Omnibus Train
4 Battalions	each (4 Cookers 1 G.S. Wagon (Supply) 1 Water Cart 1 Mess Cart)	32 8 4 4	16	32 8 8 4	1 Coy. as loading and off loading party
M.G. Company	(1 Water Cart 1 Mess Cart or Limber)	3	3	4	<u>Summary -</u> <u>Transport</u> Axles    65 Horses - Rides 35 Wagons 4 - Draughts 73 " 12 Personnel -Loading Party" 6 "            Cyclists            3 Available for baggage etc 5
Field Coy.	(1 Water Cart 1 Mess Cart)	2	3	3	
Field Ambulance	(1 Water Cart 1 Mess Cart 1 G.S. Wagon (Supply))	4	3	5	
Pioneer Bn.	(2 Cookers 1 Water Cart 1 Mess Cart 1 Wagon (Supply))	4 1 1 2	4	4 2 1 2	

APPENDIX

APPENDIX 'A'

TABLE OF TRAIN TIMINGS

PERSONNEL TRAIN      OMNIBUS TRAIN

De KENNEBEK	Dep.	13.18	14.08	
BAILLEUL	"			17.30
WIZERNES	Arr			19.30 x
LUMBRES	"	x 16.30	x 17.10	x Transport detrain 31.1.18
LOTTINGHEM	"	ø 17.38	ø 18.18	x Personnel detrain 31.1.18
DESVRES	"			ø Personnel detrain 29 & 30.1.18. © 21.40 © Transport detrain 29th & 30.1.18.

Notes: 1. & 2. H.H.I.

Available for reference etc

Personnel - Loading Party

- Dismounted 23.1.18

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Personnel - Arden 23.1.18

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ALLOTMENT OF MOTOR TRANSPORT

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Date	Unit	No. Lorries	Duty	To
Jan 27	7th. Bde. H.Q.	2	Billeting Parties	HENNEVEUX AREA
Jan 28	5th. -do-	1	Cinema	LUMBRES -do-
	Y.M.C.A.	3	Baggage	HENNEVEUX -do-
	17th. A.A.S.C.	1	Supply personnel	-do-
	D.H.Q.	2	Baggage	NIELLES
Jan 29	6th. Bde. H.Q.	1	Billeting Parties	LOTTINGHEM -do-
	5th. -do-	1	-do-	LUMBRES -do-
	Div. Sig. Coy.	3	Equipment	MERRIS -do-
	7th. Brigade (including Ingrs)	10	Baggage	HENNEVEUX -do-
	2nd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.	1	Baggage	-do-
	D.H.Q.	5	-do-	MERRIS -do-
	16th. A.A.S.C.	1	Personnel	LOTTINGHEM -do-
Jan 30	Div. Train H.Q.	1	Baggage	NIELLES
	6th. Bde. (including Ingrs)	10	-do-	LOTTINGHEM -do-
	2nd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.	1	-do-	HENNEVEUX
	Reinforcement Camp	2	-do-	DESVRES
Jan 31	D.H.Q.	5	-do-	NIELLES
	2nd. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.	3	-do-	-do-
	5th. Bde. (including Ingrs.)	10	-do-	LUMBRES AREA

APPENDIX 16

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GROUP ARRANGEMENTS FOR BILLETING.HENNEVEUX AREA

B.H.Q. 4 Battalions 7th. Aust. Inf. Brigade, Machine Gun Company, Trench Mortar Battery, C.R.E. 3 Field Companies, Engineers, 1 Field Ambulance, 2nd. Aust. Pioneer Battalion, 1 Company A.A.S.C.

LOTTINGHEM

B.H.Q. 4 Battalions 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade, Machine Gun Company, Trench Mortar Battery, 1 Field Ambulance, 1 Company A.A.S.C.

LUMBRES

B.H.Q. 4 Battalions 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade, Machine Gun Company, Trench Mortar Battery, 22nd. Aust. M. G. Company, 1 Field Ambulance, Salvage Company, 1 Company A.A.S.C.

NIELLES

Divisional Headquarters, 2nd. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy, Div. Train Headquarters, Mobile Veterinary Section.

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APPENDIX 'E'

GROUP ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENTRAINING

Entraining Strength  
(all ranks)  
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7th. BRIGADE GROUP

B.H.Q., 4 Bns. 7th. Brigade M.G. Company & T.M. Battery	3482
Field Coy., Engineers	158
Field Ambulance	190
Pioneer Bn ( 2 Coys)	<u>420</u>
	4250

6th. BRIGADE GROUP

B.H.Q., 4 Bns. 6th. Brigade M.G. Company & T.M. Battery.	3521
Field Coy., Engineers	206
Field Ambulance	218
Pioneer Bn. (2 Coys).	<u>420</u>
	4365

5th. BRIGADE GROUP

B.H.Q., 4 Bns. 5th. Brigade M.G. Company & T.M. Battery.	3348
Field Coy., Engineers	176
Field Ambulance	200
22nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.	150
Salvage Coy.	61
Traffic Control	<u>42</u>
	<u>4007</u>

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SUPPLY FORECAST FOR

MOVE TO LUMBRES AREA

APPENDIX "F"

Date	7th A.I. Brigade Group		6th A.I.
	TRANSPORT	PERSONNEL	TRANSPORT
Jan. 27th	Rations will be drawn by Train Wagons and refilled at LOCRE	Rations will be drawn by Train Wagons and refilled at LOCRE	Normal
Jan. 28th	Rations drawn from Railhead will be dumped at STRAZEELE for personnel and horses proceeding by road	Rations drawn by D.S.C. and refilled at LOCRE into Supply Wagons for men and horses proceeding by train.	Rations drawn by Train Wagons and refilled at LA CRECHE.
Jan. 29th	Supply Wagons refill from Dump STRAZEELE	Personnel and horses entrain with unconsumed portion of days ration plus 24 hours reserve and Iron ration. Ration for consumption 31st will be drawn from DESVRES by D.S.C. and delivered to units in HENNEVEUX. AREA.	Rations drawn from Railhead will be dumped at STRAZEELE for personnel and horses proceeding by road.
30th Jan.	Supply wagons draw from R.S.O. EBBLINGHEM	D.S.C. draw from DESVRES and deliver to units.	Supply wagons refill from Dump STRAZEELE.
31st Jan.	Normal	Normal	Supply wagons draw from R.S.O. EBBLINGHEM.
1st Feb.	Normal	Normal	Normal
Feb. 2nd	Normal	Normal	Normal

Brigade Group	5th A.I. Brigade Group	
	PERSONNEL	TRANSPORT
Normal	Normal	Normal
Rations drawn by Train wagons and refilled at LA CRECHE	Normal	Normal
Rations drawn from Railhead by Train Wagons and refilled at LA CRECHE	Rations drawn by Train Wagons and refilled at LA CRECHE.	Rations drawn by Train Wagons and refilled at LA CRECHE
Personnel and horses entrain with unconsumed portion of days ration plus 24 hours reserve & one days iron ration. Ration for consumption 1st Feb. will be drawn by D.S.C. from DESVRES and delivered to unit in LOTTINGHEM Area	Rations drawn from Railhead will be dumped at STRAZEELE for personnel and horses proceeding by road	Rations drawn from Railhead by Train Wagons and refilled at LA CRECHE.
D.S.C. draw from DESVRES and deliver to units.	Supply Wagons refill from STRAZEELE Dump.	Personnel and horses entrain with unconsumed portion of days ration plus 24 hours reserve and one days Iron Ration. Rations for consumption 1st Feb. will be drawn by D.S.C. from DESVRES & delivered to units in LUMBRES Area.
Normal	Supply wagons draw from R.S.O. EBBLINGHEM	D.S.C. draw from DESVRES and deliver to units.
Normal	Normal	Normal

APPENDIX 16

DATE	DESCRIPTION	PERSONNEL	STATION	DETAILS
1918	Personnel and horses -	Normal	Normal	Personnel drawn from...
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