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WAR DIARY

OF

5th A. M. G. Coy.

FOR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PENZANCE LINES	APRIL 1 st		Lt. DICKINSON and 2 OR. proceeded to METERAN to secure billets for the Company.	Ref. Maps FRANCE SHEET 28SW
	2 nd	6:00 AM	The Company left PENZANCE LINES and embarked at KEMEL arriving in METERAN at 11:30 AM.	AMIENS 1/100,000
METERAN.	3 rd		The whole Company including transport left METERAN and entrained at CASTEL for AMIENS at 2:30 A.M. detraining at 6:30 P.M.	
Allonville.			Company moved to billets in ALLONVILLE arriving at 9:15 P.M.	FRANCE SHEET 62D SW 1/20,000 & 1/40,000
	4 th	1:00 PM	Lt. D.S. GIBSON and 1 OR. proceeded in advance to DAOURS to secure billets.	
		2:00 PM	The Company less Lt. DICKINSON, WRIGHT, COLEMAN and 43 ORs left Allonville at 2:00 PM enroute for DAOURS move complete at 5:0 PM	
DAOURS.		10:00 PM	Nos 1 and 2 Sections under Lt. BIRKS and Lt. HICKMAN respectively moved with 18 th Batta into close supports.	
BANGY TRONVILLE		11:00 PM	The rest of the Coy moved to BLANGY TRONVILLE where they will remain in reserve.	
	5 th	4:30 PM	5 th A.I. Bde Operation Order No received.	

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BLANCY TRONVILLE	APRIL 5 th	5.30PM	Nos 12 4 & 3 Sections were attached to 17 th 18 th 19 th & 20 th Battn. respectively which moved to the front line of posts taking over from the 9 th A.I. Bde and 53 rd & 54 th Inf. Bdes. in the following order. 20 th 19 th 18 th & 17 th Battn.	Ref Maps. FRANCE SHEET 62D SW 1/20,000.
GENTELLES	6 th	10PM	No information to hand regarding positions of Vickers guns. No 4 Sec. not being required at present is held in reserve at GENTELLES. Company H.Qrs. established in GENTELLES at U7C 1743. Reports to hand give the following information. A counterattack was in progress on the right when guns arrived and positions could not be located so 2 guns of No 3 Sec were placed in positions at U22 b 4098 and U21 b 9840 the remaining 2 being held in reserve at DOMART. At 8.0 AM. an unwounded German wandered into our lines and was taken prisoner by LT J.S. COOLAHAN M.C. (of No 3 Sec) who handed same over to 20 th Battn. On the left No 1 Section's guns under LT E.N. BIRKS were placed	

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GENTELLES	6 th		in positions at 036d 7076; P31d 9890; P31b2020 and P31b 3550. No reports to hand of No2 Sec. LT HICKMAN	REF MAP FRANCE
		10:00PM	From 5:0 P.M. to 8:0 P.M. an enemy bombardment was constantly kept up on the whole of our forward area. Casualties to hand Killed:- Sgt V.G. THOMPSON, M.M. WOUNDED:- LT E.N. BIRKS and 2 ORs	SHEET 62 ^D 1/40000
	7 th	6AM	During the operations at 5:0AM our machine guns constantly fired on small parties entering the Southern side of Bois de HANGARD wood causing many casualties. Enemy machine guns and snipers were busy. Casualties in No3 Sec. LT J.S. COOLAHAN, M.C. and 2 ORs wounded.	
	8 th		Enemy aircraft were again busy over our lines. 500+ were fired at low flying machines. 2 more guns have been placed in positions at U6C 3070 & U6C 70.80. These guns are to cover approaches to Bois de HANGARD wood. Casualties 3 ORs wounded 2 ORs evacuated sick.	

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GENTELLES.	APRIL 8 th	11:00 AM	Operation Order No 156 of 5 th A.I. Bde received.	MAP REF.
		3:00 PM	5 th A.I. Bde. Order No 156 postponed indefinitely.	FRANCE
	9 th		6000 rs were fired on to road passing through D 18 a & C and other approaches to Bois DE HANGARD WOOD in this vicinity. Our 8 guns on the left of sector were relieved by 6 guns of "D" Coy 58 th M.G. Batten. Relief complete by 11:45 P.M. A suspicious looking person dressed in British uniform who stated that he belonged to the Canadian Railway Corps was arrested and passed on to Brigade for further identification.	SHEET 62 ^D 1/40,000
	10 th		Casualties 1 OR wounded (No 3 Sec) During the night 10 guns of the 58 th M.G. Batten were relieved by 10 guns of the 5 th Aust M.G. Coy relief complete by 10:30 P.M. The two guns on the right of sector were relieved at a later hour owing to a severe enemy bombardment. When within 200 yds of the position a shell landed only a few feet away from the gun teams.	

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GENTELLES			<p>Causing 5 Casualties. Killed 2 ORs. Wounded 3 ORs. 2 horses were also killed and 1 wounded.</p> <p>The disposition of guns are as follows: - No 1 Sec. LT CRAIDLAND U10b9785; U10b9095; U11a2080; U11a2892. Sec. HQ's U10b9785.</p> <p>No 2 Sec LT LANGWORTHY U9c7546; U9c8540; U9d2031; U9d2042. Sec HQ's U8b3095. No 3 Sec. LT CARMICHAEL U22b6076; U22b6494; U22a3232; U22c3392. Sec HQ's U22b2898. No 4 Sec (2 guns) LT LANE U28d1030; U28d0247. Sec HQ's U28d1030.</p>	<p>REF MAP. FRANCE. SHEET 62D 1/40,000</p>
	11 th		<p>Owing to patrols and work being carried out in front of M.L. position no indirect fire was done. Enemy activity below normal. Casualties No 3 Section 1 OR. Wounded.</p>	
	12 th		<p>Enemy aircraft were active throughout the day 500 yds being fired at same. At 7 PM enemy artillery became very active GENTELLES; CACHY and the vicinity of U27d received special attention.</p>	
	13 th		<p>3000 yds were fired at intervals during the night on LANCERWOOD U18b.</p>	

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GENTELLES.	APRIL		<p>From 5.0 PM to 7.0 PM, 750 +rs were fired at intervals on to road in rear of HANGARD U29b and U30a. During the counter attack on HANGARD two guns of the 5th Aust. M.G. Coy advanced with the ESSEX troops taking up their positions at U29a 6030 & U29a 6040.</p>	<p>REF MAP FRANCE SHEET 62^D S.W. 1/20,000</p>
			<p>At 4.45 PM. an aeroplane of the P.E. 8 type flying in the direction of BOVES dropped 6 bombs in rear of our line at U20b2070.</p>	<p>SHEET 62^D 1/40,000</p>
			<p>An enemy aeroplane was driven down and destroyed this morning (no time stated) in U.12.d. Casualties No 3 Sec. 1 OR. Trench Sect.</p>	
			<p>Operation Order No. 6 issued.</p>	
			<p>The personnel of No 3. Sec. were relieved by composite gun teams under LT WRIGHT.</p>	
			<p>3000 +rs. were fired during the night on LANCER WOOD U18b while the operation on CEMETRY COPSE was in progress (night 14/15) artillery retaliation was experienced on the night. One of our machine guns in that sector was destroyed by shell fire.</p>	

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GENTELLES			A German MG. captured on night 10/13 has been sent back from HANGARD.	REF MAP FRANCE
	15 th		During afternoon of 15 th inst enemy artillery actively shelled GENTELLES in vicinity of Coy Hdqrs and Bunkers with guns of heavy calibre, obtaining a direct hit on Coy Hdqrs and causing eight casualties viz: Capt R.A.P. HAMILTON, M.C., Capt R.C. WEBB, M.C., Lieut D.S. GIBSON and five OR, all wounded Coy Hdqrs removed to cellar next door	SHEET 62D 1/40.000.
		9.30 pm.	The two guns under Lt. H. MARTIN SMITH in U. 29. b were withdrawn according to instructions from 5 th A.I. Bde The two guns under Lt. J.L. LANE, at U. 27 d. 48 were re-sighted in new positions at U. 27 d. 45 65	SHEET 62D. SW 1/20000
		5.45 am.	750 rounds were fired along south edge of HANGARD WOOD in U. 23 a and b	
	16 th		In the early part of the afternoon GENTELLES was heavily shelled, and later on shelling was switched on to battery positions (FA) through a long trench. Lt.	

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GENTELLES	16 th		U 7 b and c and U 13 a, continuing until about 6 p.m. Owing to shelling above mentioned, Coy. Hdqrs. and quarters for reserve men were taken up at T. 12 b. 4-8	MAP. REF SHEET 62 nd SW corner
		6 p.m.	One enemy aeroplane brought down in flames at U 10. central. curtain of Coy. Orderly Room papers were destroyed when shell struck Coy. Hdqrs on 15 th inst.	
	17 th		Major H. ORDISH, of 22 nd Aust. Inf. Bty. temporarily took over command of 5 th A.M.B. Coy. vice Capt R.A.P. HAMILTON M.C. wounded on 15 th .	
		5-6 p.m.	Enemy heavily shelled (with gas) southern edge of Bois L'ABBE, in U 1, 2 and 3.	
			Bde Memo 6/122 received	
	18 th	8 p.m.	Enemy shelled in vicinity of T. 12 a. and b, apparently from direction of MARCELCAVE 4000 rounds were fired from our guns during the night on to road at U 18 a. and b.	

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GENTELLES	19 th		boy. Order N ^o 4 issued boy. Order N ^o 6 was not carried out boy. was relieved by "A" and "B" boys. of 58 th Bn. M. G. Corps. relief completed by 10.45 p.m. boy. then proceeded to billets at BOVES in T. 7.	MAP REF. SHEET 62 ^D 40000.
EBART FARM, ACNICOURT.	20 th		boy. moved from BOVES at 9.30 a.m. for BAVELINCOURT, in C. 7. Lieut. J. V. WRIGHT going ahead to arrange for billets. On arrival at BAVELINCOURT, billeting officer reported that there was no accommodation, so boy. moved on to EBART FARM, ACNICOURT, at C. I. C. 4.4 arriving 4.30 p.m.	
	21 st		cleaned and overhauled guns and gear, then packed limbers ready for action. In afternoon men were inspected by Bn. M. O. and as far as possible furnished with new clothing etc.	
	22 nd		Men engaged cleaning and attending to equipment, cleaning clothing and generally smartening up. MAJOR H. ORDISH and LIEUT. H. MARTIN SMITH visited Bn. Hdqrs.	

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AGNICOURT	23 rd		Strength of Coy:- 11 Offs. 175 O.R. Detached:- 1 off. 20 O.R. Total with unit:- 10 Offs. 155 O.R.	
	24 th		The day was fine and fairly warm. Section officers under MAJOR H. ORDISH inspected reconnoitred sector to be taken over, and later on the latter made arrangements with Bn. Commander as to relief to take place on 24 th inst.	
	25 th		Section officers inspected gun positions re. to be taken over from 22 nd A.M.C. Coy. and 38 th Bn. M.G.C. Weather continues fine and warm	
	26 th		Strength of Coy as on 23 rd inst. Weather fine and warm. Coy. Strength:- 11 Offs. 175 O.R. Temporarily detached nucleus Bn. 2 Offs. 19 O.R. Total with unit:- 9 Offs. 156 O.R. Bn. Order N ^o 13 postponed indefinitely Inspection of Box Respirators carried out, and men put through gas drill	

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AGNICOURT.	26 th		Strength of Coy:-	Opps.	O.R.	Attd	Total	Copy letter from French Div. Comms to G.O.C. 509 Bde attached
			temp. detached	11	175	5	191	
				3	23		26	
				8	152	5	165	
			No change in weather.					
			Received instructions from Br. Hdqrs. to effect that relief would take place on night of 27/28 th inst, and Coy. Order 1 ^o 9 issued accordingly.					
HENENCOURT	27 th		Slight alteration made in Coy. Order 1 ^o 9, and Lieut. S.W. COLEMAN, with 19 men and 4 guns took up a position at D 12 a. 75.55. Lieut C.L. CRIDLAND with 19 men and 4 guns, took up a position at D 12 a. 00.05. Lieut H. MARTIN SMITH, with a similar no of men and guns relieved 4 guns of 38 th Bn M.C. Coy. at V. 23 b and V. 24 a. Lieut J.C. CARMICHAEL, with a like command, took up a position in reserve at C. 6 b. 45.10					MAP REF. DERNANCOURT 20000
			Coy Hdqrs at HENENCOURT, V 27 b 55.45					SHEET 62 ^D N.W.
			Batteries under Lieuts CRIDLAND and COLEMAN to place barrage at Langworbis St.					

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			<p>from E 14 c. 20.75 to E 13 d. 9043 and E 14 c. 50.95 to E 14 c. 20.70 respectively should SOS signal go up.</p> <p>Guns under Lieut H. MARTIN SMITH cited for direct fire.</p> <p>All guns in position by 10.30 p.m. and Coy. Hdqrs established</p> <p>Lieut S.W. COLEMAN wounded, otherwise no change in Coy. strength.</p> <p>Weather turned showery towards evening</p> <p>28th Coy. strength:- Lieut J.V. WRIGHT rejoined Coy from nucleus Bn.</p> <p>1 OR detached nucleus Bn. 1 OR evacuated, making</p> <p>strength as follows:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="637 1209 2766 1451"> <tr> <td>10 Mps.</td> <td>174 OR.</td> <td>5 Attd.</td> <td>189 Total</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Temp. detached</td> <td>2</td> <td>24</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>with unit.</td> <td>8</td> <td>150</td> <td>163</td> </tr> </table> <p>Weather misty and observation bad.</p> <p>Lieut. J.V. WRIGHT took over command of battery in place of Lieut. S.W. COLEMAN (wounded)</p> <p>Recd. instructions from Bn. to erect Anti-aircraft guns</p>	10 Mps.	174 OR.	5 Attd.	189 Total	Temp. detached	2	24	26	with unit.	8	150	163	<p>MAP REF</p> <p>HENENCOURT</p> <p>1/20000</p>
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			at V. 23.b D. 12.a. and in vicinity of C. 6.b. 45.10, two guns to be at each position, which instructions were carried out on 29 th inst.	MAP REF HENENCOURT 1/20000
	29 th		One O.R. wounded, making strength of boy (with unit) 8 opps. 155 O.R. light rain fell during the day. About 5 p.m. small ^{enemy} balloon flew overhead from direction of ALBERT, dropping leaflets printed in French. So far no information received as to contents of leaflets.	
		7 p.m.	Recd instructions from Gen. to change over gun positions with 22 nd A.M. & Coy. Owing to lateness of hour, it was decided by boy. Commanders concerned to hand over everything at positions, the personnel of teams only changing. Sections officers of 5 th Coy. took up new positions as follows:- LIEUT. CRIDLAND - V. 24 d. 75.90. LIEUT. WRIGHT - W. 26 a. 1.0 LIEUT. CARMICHAEL with two guns - V. 30. b. 3.2.	

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5th Aust Machine Gun Company

SECRET. Copy No 12.

Company Order No 5.

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Intention

The 2nd & 3rd Bde and 175th Bde will carry out an operation at a time and date to be notified later with a view to advancing the present line to the general line the line being in U. 296 (each side) - U. 24, b - V. 13 central V. 1 central through along our present front line. The attack will be made on a 3 battalion front and consists of two objectives.

1st Objective Red Line U. 23 c. 9. 2 - U. 17 d. 7. 8
 2nd Objective BLUE LINE U. 30 a. 18 - U. 24 b. 6. 0
 V. 13 central - V. 7. d. 0. 2.

Order of attacking battalions will be

Right	20th Battalion
Centre	14th Battalion
Left	18th Battalion

Strong Points

Strong Points will be constructed as follows

No 1 at U. 30 a. 0. 8
 2 at U. 24 d. 0. 7
 3 line U. 23. d. 0. 4 - U. 22 d. 0. 6
 4 U. 24. a. 4. 3
 5 U. 23. b. 7. 1

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On the success signal from Red Line being shown guns will advance as follows

(a) Sub section of No 4 under Lieut Lane from quarry at U. 27 d. 5. 6 to establish positions in S.P. No 1. U. 30 a. 0. 8 Ground to be covered will be valley of LUCE (U. 30).
 (b) Sub section of No 4 under Lieut Martin-Smith will move from position at U. 22 a. 4. c to S.P. No 4. (U. 24 a. 4. 3) Ground to be covered will be remnant through U. 30 a - U. 24 c.
 (c) No 1 section under Lieut Audland will move from position in U. 11 a to vicinity of U. 18. c. 28. Ground to be covered for (a) close defence squares U. 24 + U. 30 a (b) S.O.S purpose remnant U. 19. b. 6. 0 - V. 19. b. 7. 5. 99 Not more than 50% of available ammunition is to be used for S.O.S purposes
 (d) Sub section of No 2 under Lieut Hickman will move from positions in U. 9. d. to vicinity of V. 7. c. 6. 0. 6. 0 Ground to be covered V. 7. d. and V. 13. 6

Reconnaissance

Officers in command of above guns will reconnoitre as far as possible line of approach to their respective positions during 11th inst

Press.

Fighting order. Great coats will be carried rolled in W.P. sheet and strapped in rear of belts. 2 bombs per man will be carried. 2 shovels and 1 pick per gun team.
 2 iron rations will also be carried
 2 sand bags will be carried on each man

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Equipment 6) Guns tripods 1st and Wallets flare pistols and as much
S.A.A in belts ~~with~~ as can be carried will be taken
to new positions
Remainder of belts will be carried from old positions
to new position as soon as possible after completion
of move

Signals 7) S.O.S signal is a parachute bursting in to 3 red
flashes
The following signals will be used to denote success
When Blue line is taken - 2 green very lights
Red line is taken - 2 red very lights

Reports 8) officers in Command of guns advancing will
as soon as possible after taking up new positions
send a report to Coy Hqs stating their approximate
position casualties etc.

Strength 9) Gun teams will consist of 1 N.C.O. & 5 men
per group will be in addition to this quota
from battalions and gun crews to complete these
members will report to groups on the night
before the operation at the usual time for
delivery of rations.

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10) The Ammunition dump is at D 16 C. 6.7
and contains the following
80 000 rounds S.A.A
300 Petrol tins water
In addition there are 50 000 rounds S.A.A
at CACHY 18.8 a 60 55 and 100 000 rounds
on lumber at GENTELLES

Medical Arrangements 11) Battalion R.M.O. will evaluate cases to
send car waiting post U 21. a 59
all walking cases to eastern end of
GENTELLES

12) Acknowledge

R Hamilton
Op S. McCloy

Distribution

- 1 Lt Col Pykeman
- 2 " Lane
- 3 " Smith
- 4 " Cradland
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5th Aust Mt. Coy Order No 5.

Appendix "A"

In preparation for operation as in above orders, the following reliefs will take place on night previous to operation. This date will be notified later.

- (a) A composite sub section under Lt WRIGHT will relieve the personnel of two forward guns of No 3 Section. All guns and gear will be handed over. On relief these crews will report to Coy H.Q.s. One guide for these two teams will be sent to Coy H.Q.s. at 6 P.M. on night of relief.
- (b) A sub section of No 4. will relieve the two rear guns of No 3 Sec. Tripods S.A.A. and belt boxes will be handed over. One guide will be at Coy H.Q.s at 6 P.M.
- (c) On relief these two teams will relieve the two rear guns of No 2 Sec. in V9C. Tripods belt boxes & S.A.A. will be taken over at these positions.

One man per team will remain at position during the night allowing No 2. Sec to sleep in dug out. The remainder of team will sleep in cello. at Sec H.Q. U 8 to 30 90 returning to their section at dawn.

The command of these guns will pass over to Lt LANGWORTHY on relief.

Arrangements for guides for this relief will be made mutually between LTS LANGWORTHY & CARMICHAEL. The latter on completion of relief will report to Coy H.Q.

These two teams will be reduced to 1 N.C.O. and 3 men each on completion of relief.

Rations for all these crews will be dumped at Coy H.Q.

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R Hamilton Capt
O.C. 5th Aust. M.G. Coy

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Company Order No 6

Company Order No 5 is cancelled.

The 3rd & 2nd Bde & 1st Bde will carry out an operation on date and at a time to be notified later, with a view to securing the present line to the general line. Cemetery in U.29b (exclusive) - U.24b - V.13, central V.13, thence along our present front line.

The attack will be made on a 3 Battalion front and consist of 2 bounds.

1st Bound - to GREEN LINE U.23c 95 60 to U.12a 45 15.

2nd Bound - to BLUE LINE U.24c 00 - V.19a 04 V.13 central - V.7d 40.

There will be a halt of 15 minutes at GREEN LINE

The BLUE LINE shows the approximate position of final objective.

The actual objective is all ground of tactical value which the protective barrage will permit being occupied.

Order of attacking battalions will be

right - 20th Battalion plus 1 Coy 19th Battalion

centre - 17th Battalion

left - 18th Battalion

(A) Posts and strong points will be as follows.

Strong points at U.29b 8 7, U.24c 9 4 & U.24c 0 6 and U.23b 6 6 (with 2ickers guns).

One company 20th Batt. will establish posts in CEMETERY COPSE (U.29b) and the orchard, and will have 2ickers guns of this Coy attached. This Coy will push out 1 sect. and a Lewis gun, as far as protective barrage permits.

(B) Machine Gun Barrage and S.O.S. barrage from 40 p.m. will be provided by guns of 18th Division.

(C) 2 Guns (Lt. A. Martin-Smith) situated at U.29a 6 2 approx will move forward to strong point at U.29b 8 7 as soon as CEMETERY COPSE is taken. Field of fire to be covered - square U.30. No infantry action in connection with this see para 1. d.

(D) 2 Guns (Lt. Lane) situated in Quarry U.29d 4 7 will move forward, when the success signal for the GREEN LINE is shown about HARTWOOD WOOD to strong point at U.23b 6 6. Ground to be covered will be re-trant through U.30a and U.24c.

(E) No 1 sect of guns (Lt. Rutland) will move forward to vicinity of V.13 a 0.5 as success signal for GREEN LINE is shown.

Ground to be covered ridge U.24b (2 guns) and 11 EAST EAST position (2 guns).

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(continued) D. Lines (Lieut Wickman) will move forward when
 given signal for GREEN LINE is shown to established position
 about V 13.0 1.7 June 4. East.

Remainder

Yokan in command of above guns will re-ignite
 lines of approach to their respective objectives as soon
 as possible.

S.O.S.

* S.O.S signal - parachute bursting into 3 red stars.

Signals

The following signals will be used to denote success
 when Green line has been captured ~~2 green~~
 very lights.

When Blue line has been captured 2 white very lights

Press

Press Battle order - Waterproof sheet.

2 sand bags 2 iron rations & 2 bombs per man. water
 bottles will be carried filled.

Equipment Guns, Tripods, 1st aid wallets, Klau pistols, and as
 much S.A.A. in belts as can be carried will be
 taken to new positions.

Remainder of belts will be carried from old to
 new position as soon as possible after completion of move
 2 throwls & 1 pick per gun team will be carried with
 just only to forward position.

Strength

Gun teams will consist of 1 N.C.O + 5 men One runner
 per gun will be in addition to the quota.

Iron rations, sandbags, bombs etc and men, to
 complete equipment and gun crews will be sent to
 camp, on night previous to operation, at the usual
 time for delivery of rations.

Dump Blue Battle Dump at U.16.C. 67. and contains the
 following 50,000 rounds S.A.A

300 Petrol bins water
 In addition to this 50,000 rounds are held at CAENT
 U.S. a 60.55 and 100,000 rd. SAA at BOEHORSON under
 Lt LERO plus 2 hours forward dump will be established
 at U 18.C. 88 - open at U.20 a.

R.N.Os will evacuate wounded to lod car waiting
 pits U 10 a 2.8, & U.21 a 5.9.
 walking wounded to western end GENTELLES.

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5th Aust In G Coy Order No 6 Appendix 2

Appendix 'A'

In preparation for the operation as in above order. The following reliefs will take place on night previous to operation. This date will be notified later.

- (a) A composite Ant Section under LT. WRIGHT will relieve the personnel of the two forward guns of No 3 Section. All guns and gear will be handed over.
On relief these crews will report to Coy Hqrs. One guide for these two teams will be sent to Coy Hqrs at 6 pm on night of relief.
- (b) The two rear guns of No 3 Section will be withdrawn at 8 pm. Suns, Tripods bell boxes S.A.A. and all trench stores will be brought out to Coy Hqrs. A limber will be provided for this purpose. One guide for this limber to be at Coy Hqrs at 6 pm on night of relief.
- (c) The two rear guns & teams of No 3 Section will relieve the two rear guns of No 2 Section. Tripods bell boxes and S.A.A. will be taken over at these positions. Teams of No 3 Section will be reduced to 1 NCO & 3 MEN per team, remainder to stay at Coy Hqrs.
- (d) The two teams of No 2 Section that are relieved will sleep in the beller at Section Hqrs. V853090. Suns & spare parts will be taken with them.
- (e) The command of these 4 guns (two of No 2 Sect and 2 of No 3 Sect.) will pass over to LT. LANGWORTHY. LT. CARMICHAEL will report to Coy Hqrs on completion of relief.

13.4.18.

R. B. Smith
Capt
OC 5th Aust In G Coy.

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5th AM Coy Order No 7
 Ref map Sheets 102 070000 In the Field 19/4/18
 Reference to 5th AF Bde Order No 4

- 1 The 5th AM Coy will be relieved by "69th" boys of 58th Bn MCC on night of 19/20th April 1918.
- 2 Separate instructions will be issued to Section officers as to times & places for guides to report & the material & equipment which may be exchanged with incoming teams.
- 3 All maps, Bulb Sets, Bombs, Flares & all information about the front & gun positions will be handed over to relieving sections. Receipts to be obtained in duplicate & copies to be forwarded to Coy HQs.
- 4 On completion of relief sections will move independently to billets in BOVES. Guides will be provided by Coy HQs with the Section transport.
- 5 Completion of relief will be notified by runner to Coy HQs.
- 6 Subject to the above instructions the details of relief will be arranged between Section officers concerned.

Issued at 10:30 AM.

H. Oriskany

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Commanding 5th AM Coy

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" A" Coy 58th Bn MCC

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5th Aust. M. G. Coy

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Order No 8

Ref. maps. 1/40000 Sheet 627.

Ref 5th A. I. Bde Order 165

1. The 5th A.M.C. Coy will move to BEHENCOURT in the Aust. Corps Area tomorrow, 20th inst.
2. The 1st Line Transport will march with the Coy.
3. Lieut. J.V. WRIGHT will proceed at 8 am tomorrow to arrange billets for Coy at BEHENCOURT.
4. Movement will be made with personnel leading and transport at 100 yds distance with 75 yds between each 4 vehicles, until 1 mile clear of BOVES. 100 yds distance will be maintained between sections (personnel).
5. Route will be via CLISY BRIDGE at N 14 d - DROURS - PINOUELLES - FRECHENCOURT.
6. Arrangements will be made to provide hot/cold food cooked at midday halt and hot evening meal one hour after conclusion of march.
7. Reports to head of column issued at 5 pm (Sgd) Hordail Maj Comdng 5th A.M.C. Coy

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Ref Maps 620 1/40000

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Ref. 2nd A.M.G. Bn Order No 16

- i - The 5th A.M.G. Coy + 22nd A.M.G. Coy will change over positions in the line on night 29/30 April
- ii Both Companies will retain their present HQ
- iii Separate instructions will be forwarded to all Sect. Offs. & other concerned. Any details not covered by these instructions will be mutually arranged between relieving sections
- iv Completion of relief will be notified by runner to HQ Coy HQ

H. Ordish Major
Comd. 5th A.M.G. Coy.

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Reference 2nd A.M.G. Bn Order No 17

1. The 5th A.M.G. Coy will be relieved in the line by the 4th M.G. Bn on night of 18 May.

2. Arrangements have been made with OC relieving Coy for Det. Offs. Nos. 1 of teams to go into their new positions on night of 18/19 May. Det. Offs. will mutually arrange all details not covered by this Order. The two Sects in the Positions ^(Nos 1 & 2) will have their Tripods & Belt Boxes in addition to all trench stores, charts, maps, & other stores & gear of largest size 5th Lt Bde. (Memo 19/29/18) & the fullest information about the positions. Receipts to be obtained.

3. The 2 Sects in rear positions (Nos 1 & 2) will have over everything as above with exception of Tripods & Belt Boxes. i.e. All gun gear & equipment on these positions will be brought out by these sections.

4. On completion of relief, sections will proceed independent of each other. Each Section will send a Det. of Coy to pick up guides to conduct sections to billets. (BARRAGE WARLEY ROAD to pick up guides to conduct sections to billets.)

5. Completion of relief to be notified by runner to Ado Coy HQ. Receipts in duplicate for all stores & gear handed over.

H. Orlish Major
Comd 5th A.M.G. Coy.

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Appendix 8

From: Colonel Le Bouholoe,

Commanding the Infantry of the 29th (French) Division

TO: Brigadier-General R. SMITH, C.M.G., D.S.O.

G.O.C., 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

My Dear General,

I was extremely sorry at not being able to call on you on the evening of 16th instant, at your Headquarters at Bois de Gontellos, before my departure from the sector. Lieut. TINDALE has already conveyed my regrets on that score. With all my heart I want to thank you for the thorough and cordial co-operation that I personally have met with from you, from the 2nd to 16th of April as also have my men from their brave British comrades. The memory of this will always remain. We came to HANGARD and stopped the Boche. Our two countries will exploit still further what we have done on a small scale, and victory will be ours.

I have submitted Lieut. Tindale's name for a decoration from our Army. The French Croix de Guerre will be a fit reward for this gallant Officer.

Good luck to you and your splendid Brigade.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Colonel Le Bouholoe, Colonel
au 29^{ME} Division.

Commanding Officers-

17th. Battalion
18th. Battalion
19th. Battalion
20th. Battalion
5th. A.M.G. Coy.
5th. A.L.T. Bty.
7th. Aust. Fld. Ambulance
7th. Fld. Coy. A.E.
15th. Coy. A.A.S.C.
3rd. Sect. (S.A.A.) 2nd. Aust. D.A.C.

For your information.

Bde. HdQrs.
26/4/1918.

R. J. Bowen
for Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Captain,