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SAILLY-le-SEC	1/7/18		<p>At 12.30a.m. "C" and "D" Companies relieved "A" and "B" in the Front Line. "A" Company and two platoons of "B" Company moved into Brigade Reserve and the two remaining platoons of "B" Company remained in Battalion Reserve. "D" Company held the RIGHT Sub-sector and "C" Company the LEFT Sub-sector. Relief was completed without casualties.</p> <p>WEATHER was fine and visibility good throughout the day. Our aeroplanes were exceptionally active patrolling and reconnoitring enemy lines and bombing back areas. Enemy in his turn was also active with aircraft - two fights taking place in which two machines were dropped - one for certain belonged to the Boche, the other unknown.</p> <p>CASUALTIES: 1 o/r Killed; 2 o/r Wounded.</p>	
	2nd July 1918		<p>Our artillery was very active firing on enemy communications and had the effect of causing the enemy to lessen his movement.</p> <p>WORKS; Works were carried on as usual. Trench connection our RIGHT post with the 46th Battalion was nearly completed. Carrying parties were supplied as usual.</p> <p>PATROLS: Our patrols were very active during the night and were fired on by the enemy.</p> <p>CASUALTIES: Nil</p>	
	3rd July 1918		<p>During the morning considerable enemy movement was observed in the vicinity of PROYART - trains pulling in and moving out continually.</p> <p>SNIPING: Enemy Snipers were active on the LEFT, causing three casualties.</p> <p>ENEMY working parties were very busy working on trench running parallel to the road in J 30 d during the night.</p> <p>ARTILLERY: Shooting by our artillery was bad, shells falling behind our front line. Working parties were sent home in order to avoid casualties.</p> <p>PATROLS: Patrols were unable to obtain identification.</p> <p>CASUALTIES: 2 o/r Killed, 2 o/r Wounded.</p>	
	4th July 1918		<p>At 3.10a.m. a Brilliant operation was carried out by the troops of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Aust. Divisions on our RIGHT from the SOMME to VILLERS BRETTONEUX. An excellent view was obtained from Battalion Headquarters, Reserve Company Headquarters, and Front Line. All objectives were gained inside an hour and a half, and the men were delighted to see how exceedingly excellently the tanks would work when worked by brave and resourceful soldiers. The barrage was perfect, and in no place was a leak observed. The enemy retaliation on our sector was very light which showed for the time being he must have been taken so much by Surprise that he was practically unable to deal with the situation. Our planes were exceptionally active (Bombing)</p>	

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	5th July 1918		<p>At 2.30a.m. the Battalion was relieved by the 54th Battalion, and moved back into Brigade RESERVE at J 19 c. On moving into new area a hot meal was given to the men and they slept in the open. During the day two platoons of "B" Company went to the baths and also received a clean change of underclothing.</p> <p>At 4p.m. orders were received for the Battalion to move into Support of the 46th and 45th Battalions then holding the front line. At 7p.m. each Company had a hot meal.</p> <p>At 10p.m. Companies moved off from their bivouacs to relieve their opposite numbers. Relief was completed at 1.30a.m. 6/7/18. Disposition of Battalion was as under:-</p> <p>Battalion Headquarters J 25 d 20 50. "B" Company J 32 a 60 00, "C" Company J 34 a 60 40 "D" Company J 33 c 60 50. "A"</p> <p>Cookers were situated as follows:- "B", "C" and "D" Company J 33 c 75 50. Thus enabling Companies to give their men three hot meals daily.</p> <p>"A" Company Cooker situated near Company Headquarters, J 27 a</p> <p>Casualties during relief: 1 Killed 8 o/r wounded.</p>	
VAIRE ur CORBIE	6th July 1918		<p>Day was spent in cleaning up the area which was in a most filthy condition. This will take at least three days. The Pioneers immediately got to work making latrines and grease traps.</p> <p>WORKS: Working party of 6 Officers and 200 o/r was supplied to the Engineers to dig "DIGGERS" Communication Trench.</p> <p>CASUALTIES: Nil</p>	

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VAIRE sur CORBIE	7th July 1918		<p>"D" Company commenced making pupola dugouts in their area.</p> <p>COMFORTS: At this stage the men began to run short of cigarettes and the Comforts Fund once more came to our assistance by supplying a case of Australian Cigarettes which the men enjoyed very much. Cases of cocoa and milk were sent up to the Battalion which enabled us to supply the men coming off and going on working parties with a hot drink of cocoa and milk or coffee and milk. Once more I must say that the work done by the Australian Comforts Fund is magnificent and never have we appealed to them in vain.</p> <p>On the afternoon of the 7th orders were received for us to send one Company up in Support of the 46th Battalion who were going to do an operation in conjunction with the 45th Battalion on the morning of the 8th. "A" Company was in position by 10p.m. Cooker moving with Company to J.27.a.</p> <p>CASUALTIES: Nil</p>	<p><i>W. J. [Signature]</i></p>
	8th July 1918		<p>The barrage opened up at 1.15a.m. and we heard at 7a.m. that all objectives were reached and that the operation had been a complete success. We received very little retaliation on our sector.</p> <p>Casualties: 2 Killed, 1 Wounded.</p>	
	9th July 1918		<p>During the 9th 10th and 11th the Battalion supplied working parties ranging from 240 o/r to 300 o/r from "B", "C" and "D" Companies to work on "DIGGERS" xCommunication Trench. This trench was linked up with the Front Line before the Brigade moved out. "A" Company carried ammunition and wire forward to the 46th Battalion.</p>	
	10th July 1918		<p>Each Company had their men bathed at Battalion Headquarters and all clothing was put through the DELOUSER. On the afternoon of the 11th Orders were received that the 48th Battalion would be relieved by the 35th Bn. C.O. and Coy Commanders visited us and were taken round,</p>	
	11th July 1918		<p>Casualties 9th to 11th --- 8 o/r wounded 11/7/18 Dispositions of the Unit were given and necessary arrangements for guides were made.</p> <p><i>Casualties 8 o/r Wounded.</i></p>	
	12th July 1918		<p>On the 12th the Battalion was relieved by the 35th Bn. The day was spent in thoroughly cleaning the area, in checking trench stores, etc. At about 9.30p.m. Companies from the 35th Battalion began to arrive and by 11.30p.m. the Battalion was relieved and began to move off to its new area in NUCLEUS Wood H 32.</p>	

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VAIRE sur SERBIE	12th July 1918		During out tour of duty in the line 16 single seater latrines, and One 3-seater latrines were erected. Two grease traps were made and placed in position. Summary of casualties during the tour is attached.	
NUCLEUS WOOD	13th July 1918		Between the hours of 2a.m. and 4.30a.m. Companies were moving in to their new camp. Cooks had hot cocoa prepared and after drinking this all the men went to bed till 10a.m. when breakfast was served. At 10a.m. orders were issued to Companies that the Battalion would move to C.25 b (Near FRECHEN COURT) At 4p.m. hot meal was given to Companies and at 5.30 the Battalion moved off. Map show disposition of Battalion attached.	
F RECHEN COURT			At 7.30p.m. Companies marched into new area and hot cocoa was ready and supplied to the men. The accommodation in the area was not sufficient to have all men placed under shelter, but as the night was fine some slept in the open.	
	14th July 1918		The day was spent in cleaning up the area, cleaning equipment and organising Companies as per D.A.G., A.I.F. Circular Memo 21/213 dated 22/6/1918.. Strong representations were made to Brigade that we should be supplied with adequate cover to put over the men, but unfortunately this matter could not be fixed up as there is has been a great demand of late for Trench Shelters.	
	15th July 1918		Hours of parade as laid down in Syllabus of Training (Attached ^o) was carried out. During the afternoon attempts were made to get all the men playing organised games but owing to lack of sporting material this attempt was hardly successful. However, arrangements have been made to send away and obtain sporting material. The Battalion has been promised a Beer Canteen and every one will be pleased when this arrives as a little diversion is always welcomed when the Australian Troops are continually in the Forward Area and are unable to obtain very little pleasure indeed.	
	16th July 1918		On the morning of the 16th it rained heavily and the men were washed out of their billets. It seems a pity that after such a long period in the line and owing to the fact that we ^{are} out for such a short span time the men are unable to obtain sufficient rest on account of inadequate accommodation. If all this discomfort could not be avoided all ranks would take it cheerfully, but no reason can be given to us showing how the Battalion straight from the front line should have to get sleep in the open during heavy rainfall.	

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FRECHENCOURT	17th		Weather was fine and good deal of smartening up work was done. In the afternoon Companies played cricket matches.	
	July 1918		Humpies were built for each bootmaker attached to the Companies and H.Q. Details, so now there is every chance of averaging 30 pairs of boots being repaired daily.	
	18th		The day was fine. The first hour, from 9am - 10am, was spent in smartening up work, and from 10am - 11am Platoon attack exercises were carried out. A Raiding Platoon was formed from Companies, each Company sending 10 men. Lieut. Swan and Lieut. Jones were the Officers placed in charge. All these men are volunteers and there is every sign of their making an exceptionally fine body of raiders. Brigade Canteen was able to get in a supply of beer and sell it to the men at practically cost price. We find that the men appreciate this very much.	
	July 1918			
	19/20th		On the 19th, work was carried out as per Syllabus of Training. On the 20th, 13th Field Company Engineers sent us an Officer and some Sappers to instruct Companies in the methods of setting out Working Parties and Trench Digging, this will undoubtedly prove of great assistance to us when we move forward. The afternoon of the 20th was at Company Commanders disposal and was spent in cleaning up gear and making good deficiencies.	
	July 1918			
	21st		A Voluntary Church Parade was held at 11am, about 200 men attended. In the afternoon "C" Company played "Headquarters" Cricket and defeated them by 8 runs in the first innings.	
	July 1918			
	22nd		Division held a Race Meeting. Battalion proceed from FRECHENCOURT to ALLONVILLE by Route March and had lunch on the ground. The Race Meeting was a huge success and reminded one very much of a Country Meeting in Australia. The Bookmakers showed that max they had lost very little of their cunning through coming to the War. Our Bookmakers, although dropping Seventy Pounds in the First Race, were able to show a profit of Fifteen Pounds on the day. The Battalion left the Sports Ground at 6pm. and reached FRECHENCOURT at 8pm. The Canteen was opened and beer sold to the the men.	
	July 1918			
	23rd		The day was wet and Companies had to work on their own Parade Grounds. In the afternoon it was impossible to carry on with Sports on account of the rain.	
	July 1918			
	24th		Brigade Race Meeting. Race Horses, Draught Horses and Mules. The Battalion went from FRECHENCOURT to ALLONVILLE by train. YMCA. Hits were on the ground, Wet Canteens were open.	
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FRECHENCOURT	24th July 1918		<p>This Meeting was, if possible, a greater success than the Divisional Meeting. Betting on all Races was keen, and, as many favourites landed in the Bookmakers did not clear as large a profit as they expected. At 6pm the Battalion entrained and came home, everyone had thoroughly enjoyed the day's sport.</p>	<p><i>Handwritten signature</i></p>
	25th July 1918		<p>Usual routine was carried out. The specialists are noticed to be very keen in their work and are improving rapidly. The Lewis Gun Class are showing exceptional progress.</p>	
	26th July 1918		<p>The day was wet, but fair amount of training was done. Each Company went to the Baths and obtained a clean change of underclothing. In the afternoon the Band was lent to the 54th Battery, Australians, who were playing another unit cricket.</p>	
	27th July 1918		<p>During the day very heavy rain fell and we were forced to cancel training. However, two tents were erected and every man in the Battalion went through Gas Training, all helmets were tested under lachrymatory gas.</p>	
	28th July 1918		<p>In the morning Church Parades were held, In the afternoon Companies played Cricket.</p>	
	29th July 1918		<p>The Battalion after receiving Orders from Brigade was holding itself in readiness to move itself into a new area. At 10 a.m. the C.O. and I.O. left for Brigade and went to inspect the system of Trenches near LONGEAU. On returning home the C.O. rendered a report to Brigade (Report attached). All preparations were made for leaving out of Officers N.C.O's and men with the Nucleus. Brigade ordered Lieut-Col Perry the C.O. should remain in charge of the Nucleus and see that progressive training of Specialists was carried out. Apart from the authorised number of men to remain at Nucleus Brigade ordered the following men to be left out for Schools:- 20 untrained men who had had no previous instruction in the Lewis Gun to be trained in the use of L.G., 15 men for Signalling School and 10 men for instruction in Scouting and Intelligence. As the Battalion was up to strength this idea is sound.</p>	<p>6</p>

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FRECHENCOURT.	30th July 1918		<p>On receipt of Orders from Brigade the Battalion proceeded to VAUX-en-AMIENOIS for the purpose of witnessing an attack carried out by Tanks and Infantry. Co-operation; the journey was done as follows: Battalion entrained at Frehencourt (Light Railway) at 9-30 a.m. and detrained at PULAINVILLE at 12-30 p.m. and then proceeded by Route March to VAUX-en-AMIENOIS which was reached at 2 o'clock. From 2 o'clock till 2-40 the men had lunch hot tea being prepared on the ground. Dixies were carted by Limber from FRECHENCOURT to VAUX-en-AMIENOIS. At 3 o'clock an Imperial regiment was with the assistance of Australian N.C.O's carried out an attack in conjunction with Tanks (Exercise attached). The members of the Battalion had the exercises explained to them by their Officers and then witnessed the exercise. There was not sufficient time for the Unit, to do the exercise as we had to entrain at 5 p.m. at POULAINVILLE. The Battalion left the Tankodrome at 4 p.m. and reached POULAINVILLE at 5-15 p.m. when it entrained. FRECHENCOURT was reached at 6-30. Companies detrained and marched back to their Company areas where hot meal was ready for the men. Beer Canteen was open for an hour. and was at</p> <p>On arriving back to the Battalion Headquarters Orders were awaiting us from Brigade instructing us that we would have to move from FRECHENCOURT to ST. ACHUEL (Billets) in two stages. (Orders attached)</p>	<p><i>W. J. ...</i></p>
ST. ACHUEL	31st July 1918.		<p>At 4 30 a.m. Reveille was blown, Breakfast was at 5 O'clock and the Battalion marched off at 7 O'clock a.m. The first stage was to Wood in M 24 d this was reached by 9 a.m. At 11-30 lunch was prepared. At 5 p.m. after having a Hot Meal the Battalion fell in and marched to ST ACHUEL which was reached at 7 p.m. Hot Tea was prepared for the Battalion on moving in. The Billets here are good but in a very dirty condition. The Brigade is now lying in reserve to the 4th and 13th Brigades.</p>	

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SAILLY-LE-SEC.	July 1 st to July 4.		<p><u>General Health & Well being of the Troops.</u></p> <p>During this period 2 companies were in front line: remainder were in support & reserve. The general health of troops was good except for a few cases of Influenza & boils. The men were tired however, as 3 weeks in front line undoubtedly have some effect on the men's mental attitude.</p>	SHEET 6217
	July 5-12		<p>During this period Bult^m was in support to 45th Bult^m, which was occupying front line south of Summe opposite Saily-Lauvette. Men had to do fatigues during night, but rested during day. They were able to have regular hot baths at B.H.Q. & also change of underclothing, and this undoubtedly helped to keep the men in good health. I did not have a case of trench fever, so conclude that the hot baths & change of underclothing were the essential factors.</p>	
C19043 SHEET 620.	July 13 to July 31.		<p>Bult^m was cramped under trench shelters in this area. The mornings were devoted to training & the afternoons to sport. Two days were spent at Allenville at Race Meetings arranged by 4th Division and 12th Brigade A.I.F. The men thoroughly appreciated the recreation & I feel certain that by considering the mental state of the men, that the general health of the troops and well being are greatly benefited. Occasionally there is a tendency to</p>	

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			<p>forget that men do become stale and undoubtedly a change from ordinary routine will improve the health of the troops far more than a change in the food etc.</p> <p>(2) <u>Principles of Sanitation in Use.</u> In forward area fly proof latrines with deep pits as far according as to location, were used. Timber was salvaged. In back area these latrines were obtained from 1st Divisional Sanitary Section. In back area it was extremely difficult to obtain material, so incinerators were used by digging 2 pits and connecting two pits by a shaft thus getting necessary ventilated matted rubbish etc. This were very numerous, so particular attention was directed to covering up of all rubbish refuse & horse-manure.</p>	
			<p>(3) <u>Arrangements for Bathing & Change of Underclothing.</u> (1) In forward area hot baths were located at B.I.P. at T25d 26. Baths consisted of 6 large tubs, which were filled with hot water, which had been heated in a coppers. The water came from a tank erected on the Bank of Lammie River about 50 yards away. The engineers had erected a pump, which forced water into tank & the water flowed through pipes to a tap, which was located over coppers.</p>	

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			<p>Underclothing was supplied to men after bath in exchange for dirty underclothing. These arrangements were under control of 12th Brigade H.Q. Russian DRY HEAT DELOUSER was in proximity of Baths, so men were able to have men's clothing disinfected.</p>	
			<p>(2) <u>In Lock area</u> baths were located at BETHENCOURT & BEAUCOURT. These were under administration of adjoining Imperial Corps, so arrangements were made for our Divisional Baths to receive clothing to our Coy, who then issued same to men.</p>	
			<p>(4) <u>Quality of Food & Cooking Facilities</u> Quality of food was good, although rather a short issue of vegetables was noticeable. Austrian Comforts food supplied a fair quantity of pastas in the way of porridge, Tim Puddings etc. The Cookers were always located as far as possible in vicinity of Battalion, and the hot meals were then sent up in Hot food containers to respective companies.</p>	

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			<p><u>Condition of R.A.P.s.</u> (1) At T22 d 42 was a dug-out 14ft long x 8 feet wide x 6 feet dug into side of ravine. Had approach, which was gas proof 10ft long x 4 feet wide x 5 feet high. This entered chamber opened on to main track from forward area. Equipped with 2 chairs, 1 table, 1 form, 2 stretch rests & shelves. There were 3 smaller dug-outs attached to R.A.P., where it was possible to hold 5 patients.</p> <p>(2) At T25 d 50 Was an old trench dug-out, which had 3 chambers. Steps led down from main street about 15 feet into dug-out. At rear of dug-out there was 7 to 8 feet of earth & thickness of logs of wood & bricks above dug-out. It was possible to hold 6 patients in R.A.P.</p> <p>(3) At C19 c 43 Had trench shelter for R.A.P. Attached to R.A.P. was a trench shelter, which could accommodate 6 patients.</p> <p><u>Number of Sick</u>, 3 Officers 244 O.R. treated during month. - Officers 13 O.R. evacuated to Ambulance.</p> <p><u>Number of Wounded</u> Evacuated to Ambulance 26 O.R.</p> <p><u>Prevalent Disease</u> Influenza, Birls, Traumatic abrasions feet, Scabies 12.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Therefore only R.M.O. 48th Bn.</p>	Shut 62 D.

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48TH BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 133.


REFERENCE: SHEET 63 D.

4/7/1918.

1. The 48th Battalion will be relieved in the LEFT sub-sector of the Brigade front tonight, 4/5-7-1918, by the 54th Battalion, and on completion of relief Battalion Headquarters, "C" and "D" Companies will move to J.19. "B" Company's two (3) Forward Platoons will move to gully J.37 a. "A" Company and "B" Company's two rear Platoons will remain in J.37 a.
2. RELIEF COMPLETE: To be notified to Battalion Headquarters in CODE.
3. GUIDES: C's. C. Companies will arrange for guides forward of Company Headquarters. Guides for Company Headquarters will be provided by Battalion Headquarters. Guides to take "C" Company to new area will meet Company at Battalion Headquarters. Guides for "D" Company will meet Company at junction of gully in J.37 c. and VAUX ROAD, i.e. gully where "D" Company lived when in Brigade Reserve.
4. TRENCH STORES ETC. All picks and shovels will be brought out. All trench stores and Reserve Ration Dumps will be handed over and receipts obtained.
5. LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Guns for "C" Company will be picked up at Battalion Headquarters with B.H.Q. and Signalling Gear. Lewis Guns for "D" Company will be picked up at point where guides meet the Company. Picks and shovels will be picked up at Battalion Headquarters by Transport.
6. SUPPLIES. Hot meal will be supplied to Companies after they have moved into new area. Quartermaster will arrange.

NOTE: Picks and shovels from "D" Company will be picked up at same place as Lewis Guns.

In the Field,
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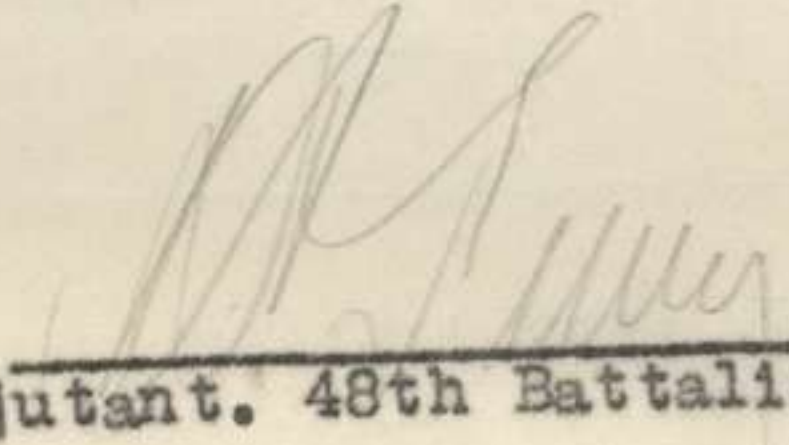
48th Battalion Inter - Company Relief Order.

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REFERENCE SHEET 63 D.

1. On the night 30/6/18 - 1/7/18 D. Company will relieve A. Company in the RIGHT Sub-sector front Line and "C" Company will relieve "B" Company in the LEFT Sub-sector front Line.
2. On completion of relief "A" Coy will occupy positions previously occupied by "D" Coy. "B" Coy will occupy positions previously occupied by "C" Coy.
3. O's. C. Companies will make all arrangements necessary. Relief will not commence until 11 p-m.
4. MOVEMENT. On no account will men move forward of Platoon Headquarters in larger parties than 6 at intervals of 100 yards.
5. PATROLS. The usual covering Patrols will be out throughout the relief.
6. TRENCH STORES. Trench Stores will be handed over and receipts obtained and forwarded to Battalion Headquarters for checking.
7. COMPLETION OF RELIEF. To be notified to Battalion Headquarters by code.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


Adjutant. 48th Battalion. A.I.F. Captain.

39/6/18.

1. File
2. 3.4. War Diary.
5. "A" & "B" Companies.
6. "C" Company.
7. "D" Company.
8. Lieut Swan.
9. C. O.

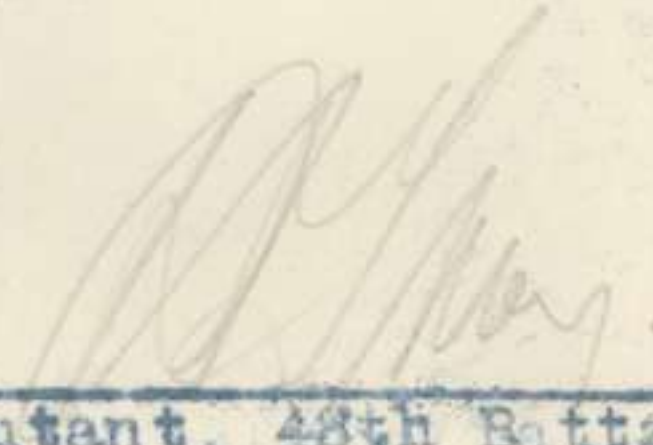
1. The 48th Battalion will take over position of reserve Battalion of the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade. Dispositions as arranged between Commanding Officer and Officers Commanding Companies this afternoon.
2. STARTING POINT. Company Area.
3. T I M E. 10-30 p-m.
4. ORDER OF MARCH. Battalion Headquarters, "B", "A", "C", "D".
5. Each Company will send forward immediately one Officer and the N.C.O., who accompanied Officer Commanding Company this afternoon and 2 other ranks from each platoon - 1 o/r from each platoon will return to BRIDGE OF SIGHS and guide his platoon to Company Area, the second o/r from each platoon will reconnoitre his platoon area and allot it to sections.

Companies will notify Battalion Headquarters when in position.

Arrangements re rations will be notified later.

C.Q.M.S's will remain at Battalion Headquarters new position J 25 d 10.50 tonight.

Acknowledge.


 Captain.
 Adjutant, 48th Battalion. A.I.F.

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| | 1. | File. |
| 2.3. | 4. | War Diary. |
| | 5. | C.O., Adj., H.Qrs. |
| 6.7.8. | 9. | A., B., C., D., |

NOTE. Lewis Guns and paniers will be carried by Companies.

Reference: Sheet 62 D.

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48TH BATTALION Preliminary Orders for relief.

1. The 48th Battalion will be relieved by the 35th Battalion on the night of 12/13/7/18, and on completion of relief will move to NUCLEUS WOOD.

Companies will be relieved by their opposite numbers.

2. TRENCH STORES. List of Trench Stores will be prepared today.

3. GUIDES. Guides from Companies will be as follows:-

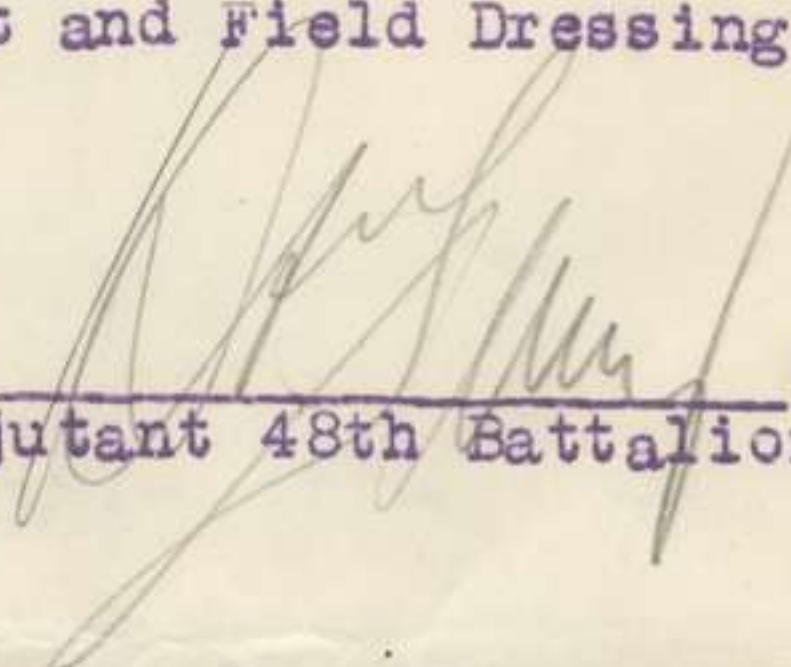
"A" Company	4 Platoon Guides to be at VAUX CHURCH 11 p.m. night 12/13/7/18
"B" Company	3 Guides at VAIRE CEMETERY 11 p.m. 12/13/7/18.
"C & D" "	4 Guides to be at VAIRE CEMETERY 11 p.m; "

"C" Company guides will reconnoitre the road from VAIRE CEMETERY to Battalion Headquarters as all "C" Company of the 35th Battalion will be taking over from Lieut. G/L/SWAN and live in the same area as he is at present. Lieut. G.L.SWAN will make arrangements to accommodate two extra platoons.

4. LEWIS GUNS GUIDES. "B" and "D" Company will send one guide each to report to Battalion Headquarters at 10-30 p.m. PURPOSE:- To guide Lewis Gun Limbers of "B" and "D" Companies via CIRCULAR QUAY to Company area.

5. Each Company will move out of the area complete in S.A.A., Iron Rations, Equipment and Field Dressing.

In the Field.
11/7/1918.


Captain/
Adjutant 48th Battalion. A.I.F.

Distribution.

1	Files.
2	Adjutant.
3	"A" Coy.
4	"B" Coy.
5	"C" Coy.
6	"D" Coy.
7	T Q & Q M
8	H.Q.Rs.
	12th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Reference Sheet 63 D.

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48th BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO 134.

1. The 48th Battalion will be relieved by the 35th Battalion in Brigade Reserve on the night 12/13-7-1918, and on completion of relief will move to NUCLEUS AREA H. 33.

2; TRENCH STORES. To be handed over and lists forwarded to Battalion Headquarters on arrival in new area.

3. GUIDES.

"A" Coy 4 Platoon guides to be at VAUX CHURCH 11 p.m.
 "B" Coy 3 Guides at VAIRE CEMETERY 11 p.m.
 "C" & "D" 4 Guides to be at VAIRE CEMETERY 11 p.m.

"C" Company guides will reconnoitre the road from VAIRE CEMETERY to Battalion Headquarters as all "C" Company of the 35th Battalion will; be taking over from Lieut. G. L. SWAN and live in the same area as he is in at present. Lieut. G. L. SWAN will make necessary arrangements to accommodate two extra platoons.

The intelligence Officer will arrange for 3 guides per Coy. to be at Company Headquarters at 11 p.m. on the 12/13th to guide the Companies to the Nucleus area. The Intelligence Officer will arrange for these guides to go over the ground tomorrow morning.

3. GEAR. Picks and Shovels, all Petrol tins, and the 13 Trench Shelters from "D" Company will be dumped at Battalion Headquarters by 8-30 a.m. tomorrow morning. Cooking gear, and B.O.R. gear will be ready at B.H.Q. by 8 p.m. Signallers gear, A.M.C. gear, remainder of H.Q. gear and Lewis guns for A, B, C, D Coys and H.Q.s will be dumped at PRINCESS BRIDGE (near B.H.Q) on completion of relief. Lieut. W. C. SHELDON will supervise loading. Each company will have two men to go down with guns to new area and guard them.

4. SUPPLIES. Hot meal will be prepared on marching into new Camp. Rations and breakfast will be issued at 10 a.m.

5. DISTANCES. As far as CORBIE Battalion will march in half platoons in file at 50 yards distance. From CORBIE onward Battalion will march in platoons in file at 100 yards distance.

6. Q.M. STORE & REAR B.O.R. Will move during the day under the orders of the Q.M.

7. COMPLETION OF RELIEF. To be wired by the word ADJ.

In the Field.
11/ 7/1918.

[Signature]
Adjutant 48th BATTALION. A.I.F. CAPTAIN.

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	6 to 9	Companies.
	10	Headquarters.
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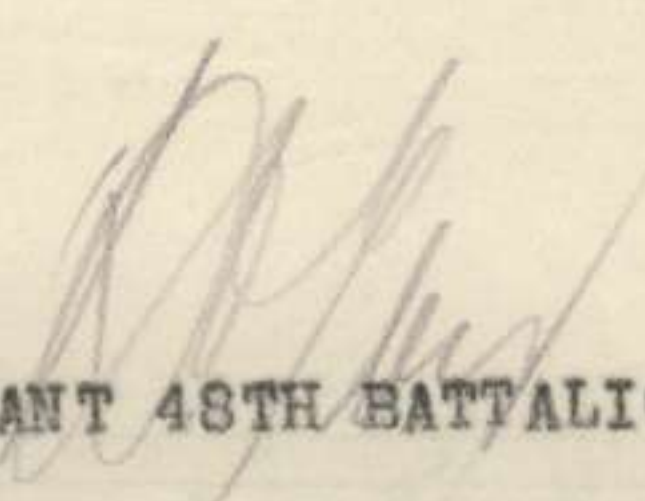
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48th Battalion Operation Order No. 13B

Copy No. 3

1. The 48th Battalion will move to FRECHENCOURT this afternoon 13/7/1918.
2. STARTING POINT. Battalion Headquarters.
3. STARTING TIME. Head of Column will pass Starting Point at 5.30pm.
4. ORDER OF MARCH. Pioneers, Police, Sigs., Band, A.B.C.D. Transport, A.M.C. and rear party of 8 O/R/ from "D" Company.
5. DISTANCES. The following distances will be maintained: 100 Yds. between Companies and 100 Yds. between Unit and Transport.
6. DISCIPLINE. Strict march discipline will be maintained throughout the march.
7. STATES. Marching Out States to be rendered at 4pm. Marching In States on arrival.

In the Field,
13/7/1918.


 CAPT.
 ADJUTANT 48TH BATTALION A. I. F.

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	10	Headquarters
	11	T.O. & Q.M.
	12	C.O.
	13	13th Aust. Inf. Bde:

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48TH BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 136.

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1. The 48TH Battalion will move into ST ACHAEK FACTORY at Billets in H 30 D Cross Roads at H 21 c. Water Point S. B1 A Central. The move will be in two stages the first to ST GING CAMP Wood G 24 d 90 30 and will remain there till 5 p.m. at night. From ST GING CAMP Battalion will move to ST ACHAEK.
2. STARTING POINT. Cross Roads at B 30 b 3 7.
3. TIME. 9⁷ a.m.
4. ORDER OF MARCH. Headquarters, Band, A.R.C.D. Nucleus, Quarter Guard, Lewis Gun Limbers, Mobile Reserve Limbers, Rear Party Police, and A.M.C.
5. REVEILLE. 4-30 a.m.
6. BREAKFAST. 5-00 a.m.
7. DRESS. Fighting Order, overcoats will be neatly rolled and straps attached to belts under Haversack. Oil Sheet under Flap of haversack. Emergency Ration and 24 hour rations will be carried in the Haversack. Mess Tins will be attached to Straps of haversack.
Steel Helmets will be worn
C.O. Nucleus will arrange to take over Prisoners at 9 a.m. tomorrow 31/7/18 from the Quarter Guard.
8. MOVEMENT FROM ST GING CAMP. Evening Meal 4 p.m.
Fall In 4-45 p.m.
Advance 5-00 p.m.
Order of march B.C.D.A. HQ class, Transport, Rear Party, A.M.C.
Bicycle will be detached on Road in H 10 G 15 00.
10. Workshops in St. Achakel will be assigned to HQ and Rear Party respectively.
Bicycles to Lieut. Steerkel M.C. at 7 a.m. 31/7/18; purpose Billeting.

IN THE FIELD.
30/7/1918.

CAPTAIN.
ADJUTANT 48th Battalion A.I.F.
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ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION FOR OPERATION ORDER NO. 136
FOR PERSONNEL MOVING FORWARD.

Officers' Valises will be collected in following Order, commencing "C" Company 5-30 a.m. and finishing at Headquarters at 6 a.m.

Lewis Guns will be collected from Companies between 5-30 a.m. and 6 a.m. Horses will call for Cookers at 6 a.m.

NUCLEUS MOVEMENT. Batmen for Officers remaining at Nucleus Camp will bring their Officers' gear to Battalion Headquarters tomorrow by 9 a.m. This will be called for during the day by the Transport Officer. Batmen will remain behind and guard gear.

DRESS FOR NUCLEUS ON ROUTE MARCH. Marching Order minus Blankets. Blankets of Nucleus will be neatly rolled in Randles of 10 and dumped at Battalion Headquarters by 6 a.m.

Guard guarding Officers Valises will also take charge of Blankets. Battalion Orderly Room gear and Sig gear will be ready by 6 a.m.

In the Field .
30th July 1918.

[Signature] Captain.
Adjutant 48th Battalion A.I.F.

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ATTACK ON TRENCH SYSTEM.

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Preliminary Remarks.

1. Owing to the restricted area available certain allowance must be made for a degree of unreality in the siting of the trench lines distances between systems, and assembly positions of waves.
2. Four Tanks are employed, three in first line, one in second. The attack is a straight-through operation. Two Trench systems, each composed of Firing line and supports, and three strong points, denoted by RED flags are the objects of attack.
3. Platoons of Infantry are organised in three sections, two Rifle sections one Lewis Gun Section (two Guns).
4. Creeping barrage is Shrapnel only with H.E. doing counter battery work. Tanks can travel right up under shrapnel. Creeping barrage is indicated by successive lines of Flags. Barrage lifts:-

ZERO to ZERO plus 4 minutes.	on Front Line.
ZERO plus 4 Minutes	lift 100 Yards.
ZERO " 6 "	" "
ZERO " 9 "	" "
ZERO " 12 "	" "
ZERO " 15 "	" "
ZERO " 18 "	" "
ZERO " 21 "	" "
5. Belt of wire is represented by Tapes on Cork-screw pickets.
6. It is assumed that the flanks are adequately protected by troops operating on either side.
7. Signals employed between Tanks and Infantry:-
 - (a) TANKS TO INFANTRY.
 Green and White Flag denotes -"Come on".
 Red and Yellow Flag denotes -"Out of Action".
 Tri-colour flag denotes -"Coming Back"
 - (b) INFANTRY TO TANKS.
 Helmets raised on Rifles indicates -"Tank assistance required"

No. 27 Phosphorous (Smoke) Grenades fired into the strong point gives direction to tanks.

ATTACK BY ONE COY. IN TWO WAVES, FIRST WAVE CAPTURING TWO TRENCH SYSTEMS WITH STRONG POINTS.

Stages. No.	Description.	Points to note.
1.	Assembly Formation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.- It is just light enough for Tank drivers to see when the barrage falls. The barrage remains on front line for four minutes. 2.- Each wave consists of 2 platoons and is disposed in lines of sections in single file (S. S. 135. Sec. XVI). 3.- The Tanks are in position in the rear under cover.
2.-	Advance of 1st Echelon of Tanks and of 1st Wave.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.- The Tanks cross the wire, each flattening two narrow paths. The Tanks do not cross at distances apart less than 50 yards. (S. S. 204. Sec. IV. Para. 15) 2.- Tanks move along between the wire and trench, then cross the trench. 3.- The Infantry push forward, L.G. sections on the flanks (S. S. 197 Sec. IV. A.) 4.- The sections cover each other by fire to assist in the passage through defiles made in wire. 5.- The sections do not crowd on the tail of the Tank during the passage through the wire but double forward when the tank is clear. 6.- The Infantry step carefully over the crushed wire (S. S. 204. Sec. IV. Para. 15).
3.-	Capturing first line of trench.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.- Tanks zig-zag across the front giving covering fire. 2.- Tanks search for S.P.'s. and deal with them by fire or by crushing. 3.- The Infantry send L.G. sections over parapets to form protective screen while rifle sections clear and mop up the trenches and make steps where necessary.
4.-	Moving on to 2nd trench signalling to Tank for help.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.- Infantry cannot advance in places. Signal with helmet on rifle to attract Tank. Fire a No. 27 grenade at the S.P. holding them up. The Tank deals with the S.P. 2.- The Infantry take immediate advantage of the Tank masking fire of S.P. and make progress. Tank flies green and white signal, "Come on", The Infantry lose no time in taking over the S.P. from the Tank. 3.- In action flag-waving may be impracticable so Infantry must watch closely the action of the Tank, and must themselves judge the moment when the tank has made it practicable for them to advance.

Stages. No.	Description.	Points to note.
5.	First system captured. Second Echelons moving. (Contd.).	3.- Role of 2nd Echelon of Tanks is to assist in mopping up of the area captured, to cover the work of the Infantry, and to replace casualties in the 1st Echelon of Tanks.
6.-	Attack on second objective.	1.- The Infantry must not regard themselves as relieved from responsibility of covering with fire their own advance. It is not advisable to always call on Tanks to help when held up, as this may delay the Tanks and the protection of creeping barrage, may be lost. (S. S. 135. Sec. XV. Para. 10). 2.- Platoons co-operate and give mutual help when necessary.
7.-	Pursuit by fire consolidation reinforcing.	1.- Tanks patrol in front of the captured position during consolidation. 2. The Infantry send out additional protective screen. 3.- Owing to casualties in first wave of Infantry the 2nd wave sends reinforcements. 4.- On completion of consolidation the Tanks withdraw flying the tricolour as signal "Coming back".
	All stages.	1.- If a Tank breaks down in the first echelon it flies red and yellow flag. The Infantry go on without it, as their security depends on their so doing. (S. S. 204. Sec. IV. Para. 14). 2.- The Infantry may at times outstrip the tanks but normally the tanks resume the lead.



48TH BATTALION.31st JULY 1918.QUARTER MASTERS REPORT.for month ending 31st July 1918.

RATIONS. During the past month rations all round have been fair. Meat; bread and Bacon have been exceptionally good, but vegetables such as Potatoes etc.; very light and at times the want of these items was felt very much by the men.

At all times possible the Battalion has endeavoured to supplement the Vegetable ration by purchasing with the Battalion funds, using for the month of July 1000 Francs.

COOKING. This is particularly good ~~and~~ our results during our last tour in the Front line have never been better. The food was cooked and taken forward some distance in Hot Food Containers and arrived at their final destination hot and in good order. It was essential to make two trips each night, the first with hot meat meal dry rations and hot tea at 11 p.m. The second trip hot tea and bacon at 2 p.m. for Breakfast.

Ordance. Clothing etc. The run of clothing from our Divisional D.A.D.O S, has been very good and the Battalion shortages in this respect have all been fulfilled and the clothing is now in a very satisfactory condition. The same remarks also apply in connection with detailed articles which have come forward very soon after our indents have been accepted.

GENERAL. A review of the work done for the whole month shows very satisfactory results.

In the Field.
31st July 1918.

Sgt. T. R. HAMMOND
48th Battalion A.I.F. *Capt*
Q.M.

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48TH BATTALION31ST JULY 1918.TRANSPORT SECTION.Report for Month ending 31st July 1918.

FODDER/ Deficient in quantity and quality.

ANIMALS. Owing to excessive work they have lost condition a little. We have had one casualty through Enemy Aeroplanes, also one casualty ~~xxxx~~ through lameness.

LIMBERS. In good repair, have all been painted and overhauled.

HARNESS. In good repair and supply condition.

FARRIERY. O.K. all animals shod.

PACK TRAIN. During the Battalions tour of Duty in the line Pack Animals were employed with the Divisional Pack Troop Train carrying S.A.A. and other material. One mule received slight wound in off ear but was not evacuated.

(SGD.) J.A.BINGLEY, Lieut.
Transport Officer.
48th Battalion A.I.F.



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To 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

48TH
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BATTN.No. 39/1255/18
Date 29.7.18

The Trench System running through M 30 a & c N 23 b&d is a newly dug line of Trench 3 foot 6 ins deep running through Crops ready for harvesting. The trench has never been occupied and there is no provision for the accommodation of the garrison. If trench shelters could be provided emplacements could be dug suitable for Cupola dugouts and the shelters put up over them, this would afford excellent accommodation. To put the Battalion under Shelters it would need 100 Shelters.

Suitable Transport Lines are situated at M 23 c 5 s.

Cookers could conveniently be installed with their Companies.

The big house at Y Road M 29 d 25 50 is suitable for Battalion Headquarters.

In the Field.
29th July 18.

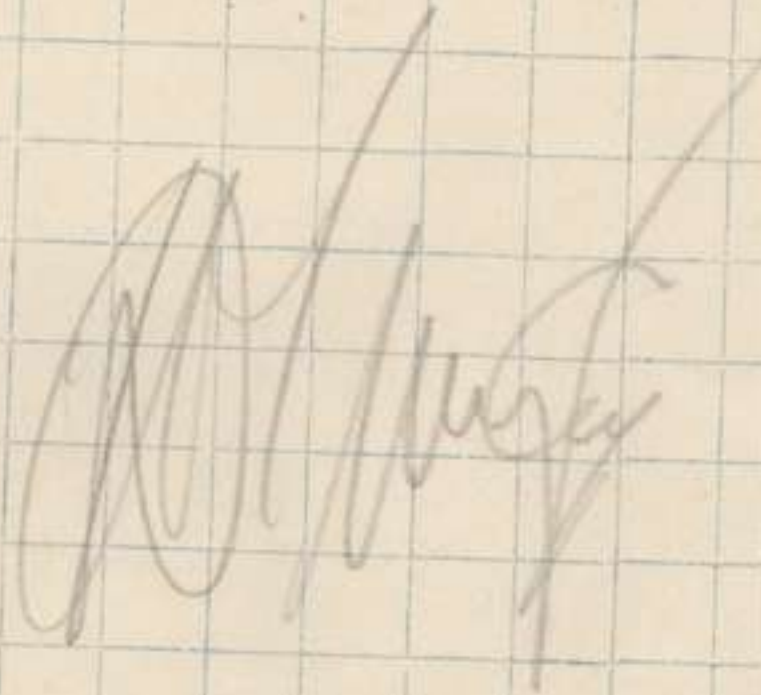
(Sgd) S.L. PERRY Lieut-Col.
Commanding Officer 48th Battalion A.I.F.



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48th Battalion.

31st July '18

BOOTMAKER AND TAILORS SUMMARY.BOOTMAKER.From 15th July. 247 pairs of Boots
repaired.TAILORS.From 15th July. 76 Tunics.
50 Pairs of Breeches have
been repaired.In the Field.
July 31st 1918.

PROPOSED 48TH BATTALION SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD 14th JULY TO 27th JULY 1918.

DATE	TIME	9AM - 12.30PM.	
15/7/18 MONDAY		Company Inspection, cleaning equipment & clothing, Organising and cleaning Billets. Companies to prepare and to reorganise Platoons. Lectures to be given on Saluting, Appearance, Turn out, Billets.	TIME 3pm - 4pm. Organised Sports & Games
16/7/18 TUESDAY		9am - 9.30am. C.O's Inspection. 9.30am - 10am Platoon Drill and Rifled Exercises. 10am - 11am. Gas Drill, Bayonet Fighting. 11am - 12noon Musketry Instruction combined with open order work. 12noon - 12.30pm Instruction in Guards & Sentries.	do.
17/7/18 WEDSDY.		9am - 10am Gas Drill, Musketry Instruction (Fire orders, fire discipline, fire control). 10am-12noon Company Route March. Route not less than 6miles. Companies will notify Battalion Headquarters by 3pm. 16/7/18 the route to be taken. 12 noon - 12.30pm. Foot inspection and treatment.	do.
18/7/18 THURSDAY		9am - 10am Bayonet Fighting & Company Drill. 10am - 11am. Platoon Attack Exercises (Company Commanders will prepare platoon scheme and submit to Battrn. Headquarters by 3pm 17/7/18. 11am - 12.30pm Specialist Training. Gas Drill.	do.
19/7/18 FRIDAY		9am - 10am Musketry Instruction. Close Order Drill. 10am - 11am. Open order work, combined with Gas Alarms and Assault practice. 11am - 12.30pm. Specialist training, Guards and Sentries.	do.
20/7/18 SAT'DAY.		9am - 9.30am C.O's Inspection. 9.30am - 11am. Setting out of Working Parties and Trench digging. 11am - 12 noon Company Drill and Bayonet Fighting. 12noon - 12.30pm. Battalion Drill.	At Company Commanders' disposal
21/7/18 SUNDAY		CHURCH	PYRARD
22/7/18 MONDAY		9am - 10am Close Order Drill. Gas Drill. 10am - 12noon. Company Attack Exercise (Scheme and Exercise will be prepared and issued to Companies later) 12noon - 12.30pm Bayonet Fighting. Rifled Exercises.	Organised Sports & Games
23/7/18 TUESDAY		9am - 10am. Bayonet Fighting, Musketry Instruction combined with Open Order work. 10am - 11am. Platoon Drill, Gas Drill. 11am. - 12.30pm Specialist Training.	do.
24/7/18 WED'SDY.		9am - 12 noon. Company Route March. Route not less than 8 Miles. Companies (will notify Battalion Headquarters by 3pm. 23/7/18 the Route to be taken. 12noon - 12.30pm Foot Inspection and Treatment.	do.
25/7/18 THURSDAY		9am - 10am. Platoon Drill, Rifle Exercises and Gas Drill. 10am - 11am Open Order work. Bayonet Fighting. 11am - 12.30pm. Specialist Training.	do
26/7/18 FRIDAY		9am - 10am. Gas Drill, Guards & Sentries. 10am - 12.30pm. Company Attack and Outpost Scheme. Exercise and Scheme will be issued to Company Commanders later.	do.
27/7/18 SAT'DAY.		9am 9.30am. C.O's Inspection. 9.30 - 11am. Trench Digging, Consolidation, Wiring. 11am - 12 noon; Company Drill. Bayonet Fighting. 12noon - 12.30pm. Battalion Drill.	At Coy. Cdr's. Disposal

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NOTE:

- (1). 10 Minutes "Smoke" will be given at 10 minutes to each clock hour.
- (2). During "Smoke", short lectures will be given by Platoon Commanders and Company Commanders on such subjects as, Saluting, Discipline, Care of Arms, Ammunition and Equipment, Sanitation in Bunkers and Trenches, Care of the Body and Mind for cleanliness. Esprit-de-Corps and pride of unit. Headless exposures in the Front Line. Duties of every man in the trench. Work. Salvage etc. Reporting things of importance, intelligence, acts by patrols, see daily intelligence etc.
- (3). Stretcher bearers will train daily under the R.M.O.
- (4). Lectures for N.C.O.'s will be held each alternate afternoon, and P.O.'s for Officers will be held each evening.

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COMMANDING 48TH BATTALION LIEUT. COL.

In the Field, 11/7/18.

10.00 - 11.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.
11.00 - 12.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.
12.00 - 1.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.
1.00 - 2.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.
2.00 - 3.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.
3.00 - 4.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.
4.00 - 5.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.
5.00 - 6.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.
6.00 - 7.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.
7.00 - 8.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.
8.00 - 9.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.
9.00 - 10.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.
10.00 - 11.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.
11.00 - 12.00	Company Drill, Bayonet Fighting, and Trench Digging.

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PROPOSED SYLLABUS OF TRAINING 48th BATTALION FOR PERIOD 27th JULY TO 31st AUGUST 1918
 DATE TIME 9 A.M. TILL 12 NOON TIME 3 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

DATE	TIME	9 A.M. TILL 12 NOON	12 NOON TILL 3 P.M.	3 P.M. TO 4 P.M.
28/7/18	SUNDAY	C H U R C H		P A R A D E
29/7/18	MONDAY	"A" & "B" Coys 9 till 11 12 Musketry on Range 13 till 12-30 Cleaning Rifles "C" & "D" Coys 9 till 11 12 Wiring Trench digging, and laying out generally 11 a.m. till 12.30 Squad tactics training		3 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. ORGANISED SPORTS & GAMES.
30/7/18	TUESDAY	9 a.m. till 10 a.m. CAS Dr 1 11, Bayonet Fighting and Rifle exercises 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. On arms and Sentries, Platoon Dr 111. 11 a.m. to 12 Noon Company Drill and Open Order Work 12 till 12-30 Musketry instructions.		Do
31/7/18	WEDNESDAY	"B" & "C" Coys 9 a.m. to 12 noon Musketry on range 12 till 11 12.30 cleaning rifles "A" & "D" Coys Wiring Trench Digging laying out work generally till 12.30 Squad & lists for 1.		Do
1/8/18		9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Rifle Exercises Bayonet Fighting 10 to 12 noon Company Dr Three days stack on the ground and in the manner previously arranged; 12 to 12-30 Close Order work.		Do
2/8/18	FRIDAY	9 a.m. till 12 Noon Coy Route March of not less than 8 miles Fighting Dr Coys will notify H.Q. by 3 p.m. 1/8/18 Route to be taken 12 to 12-30 Foot Inspection.		Do
3/8/18		9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Battalion Parade and C.O.'s Inspection 10 to 11 a.m. Company Drill and Open Order 11 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. Specialist training.		Do

- NOTES. (1) 10 Minutes "SMOKE" will be blown at 10 minutes to every hour.
 (2) During Sacko Short Lectures will be given by Platoon Commanders and Company Commanders on such Subjects as Saluting, Discipline, Care of Arms, and equipment, Sanitation in Holes and Trenches, Care of the Body and need for cleanliness, esprit de corps and pride of unit, Needless exposure in the Front Line. Duties of every man in the trench. Work. Salvage etc. Reporting things of importance, intelligence, acts by Patrols, see Daily Intelligence etc.
 (3) Stretcher Bearer's will train daily under the H.Q.O.
 (4) Lectures for N.C.O.'s will be held each alternate afternoon at 4 p.m. For those of Officers will be held each alternate evening at 8 p.m.
 A Lewis Gun Course will commence at 9 a.m. on Monday 29/7/18. C.O.'s Companies will submit by 9 a.m. 29/7/18 The names of 10 Other Ranks to attend this course.

In the Field.
 27/7/1918.

[Signature]
 Commanding Officer 48th Battalion A.I.F. Lieut-Colonel.

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PROPOSED SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR 48TH BATTALION SIGNALERS
FOR PERIOD 15TH JULY - 20TH JULY 1918.

DATE	TIME 9am - 12.30pm.		
15/7/18 MONDAY	GRADING TESTS (Flags, Semaphore, Lamps & Vibrater)		
16/7/18 TUESDAY	9 - 10am MORSE Flag Drill	10 - 11am Vibrater Practice	11 - 12.30pm Lamp Groups & Paras.
17/7/18 WED'SDY.	SEMAPHORE & Miscell. Signals	MORSE Flag Drill & Shutter Practice	Vibrater & Message Rocket
18/7/18 THURSDAY	Lamp Practice	Cable & Joints	Telephone Practice
19/7/18 FRIDAY	Vibrater Practice	Telephone Practice	D.D. Station Work
20/7/18 SAT'DY.	Long Distance Station Work & Tests		

NOTE:

During "Smoke" the work of each preceding hour will be checked and mistakes pointed out.

[Signature]
LIEUT. COL.
COMMANDING 48TH BATTALION A. I. F.

In the Field,
14/7/1918.

48TH BATTALION.31st JULY 1918.SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES.

<u>KILLED IN ACTION</u>		<u>WOUNDED IN ACTION.</u>	
1/7/18	1	1/7/18	4
3/7/18	2	3/7/18	2
4/7/18	-	4/7/18	4
5/7/18	1	5/7/18	9
8/7/18	2	8/7/18	1
11/7/18	-	11/7/18	8
	6		28

Includes 2 o/r detached with Div. Pack Train.

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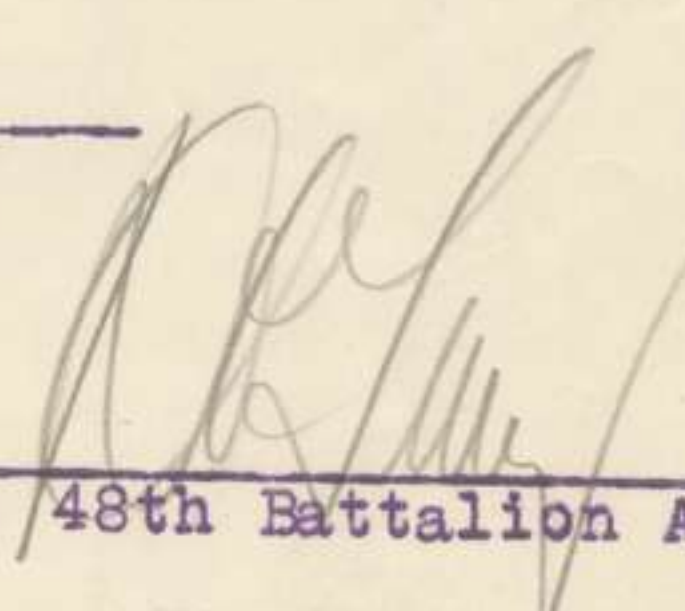
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3/7/18	1	22/7/18	1	
5/7/18	1	23/7/18	1	
10/7/18	1	25/7/18	1	
11/7/18	1	27/7/18	1	
14/7/18	1	29/7/18	1	
15/7/18	2	31/7/18	1	

SUMMARY OF REINFORCEMENTS FOR MONTH.

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.r.</u>		<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.r.</u>
4/7/18		5	19/7/18		1
8/7/18		20	20/7/18		4
13/7/18		12	25/7/18	2	7
17/7/18		7	28/7/18		10
18/7/18		1	29/7/18		4

		<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
Strength of Battalion as at	1/7/18	50	880
" " "	31/7/18	49	868

In the Field.
31st July 1918.


Adjutant 48th Battalion A.I.F., CAPTAIN

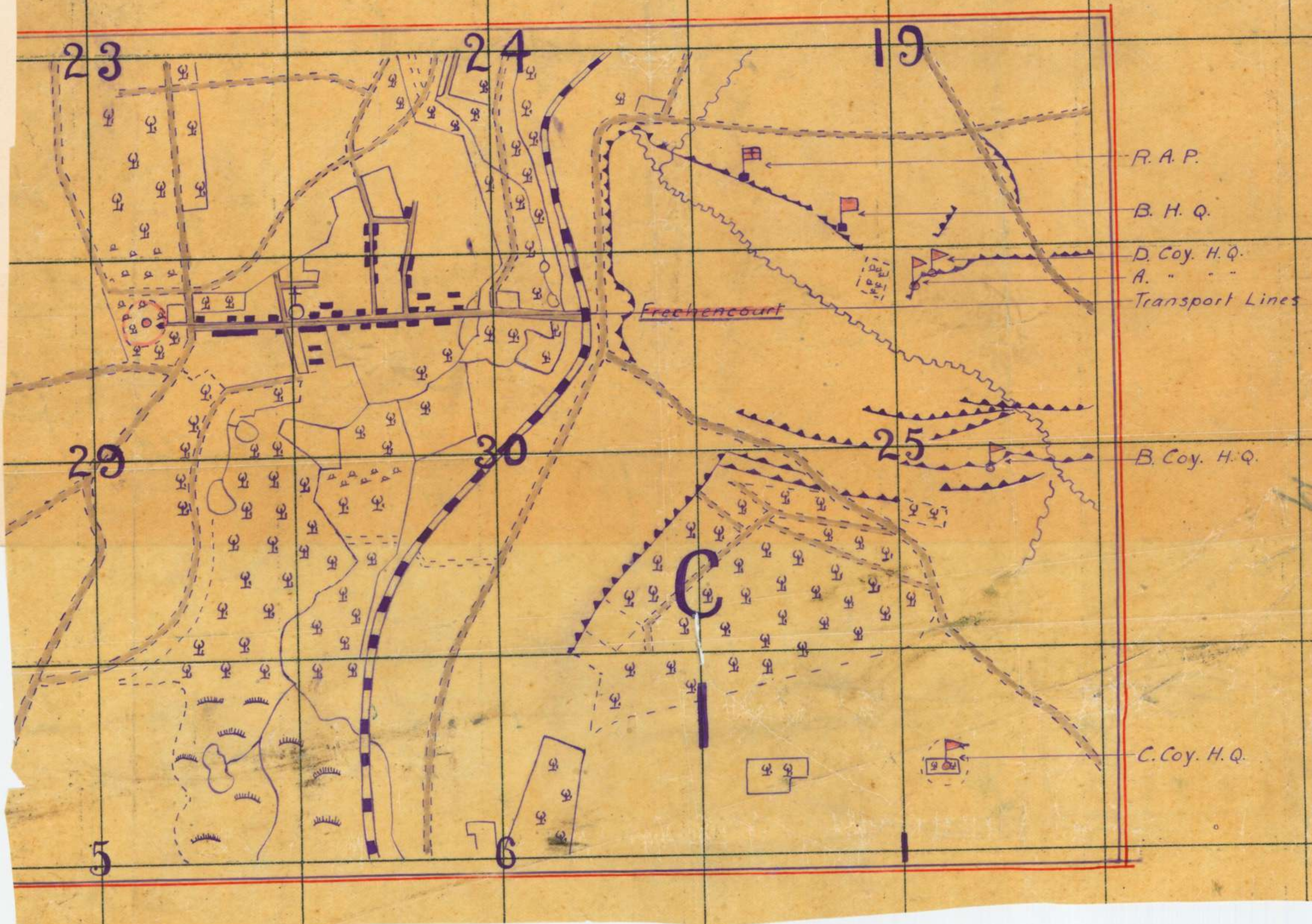
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Plan of Dispositions

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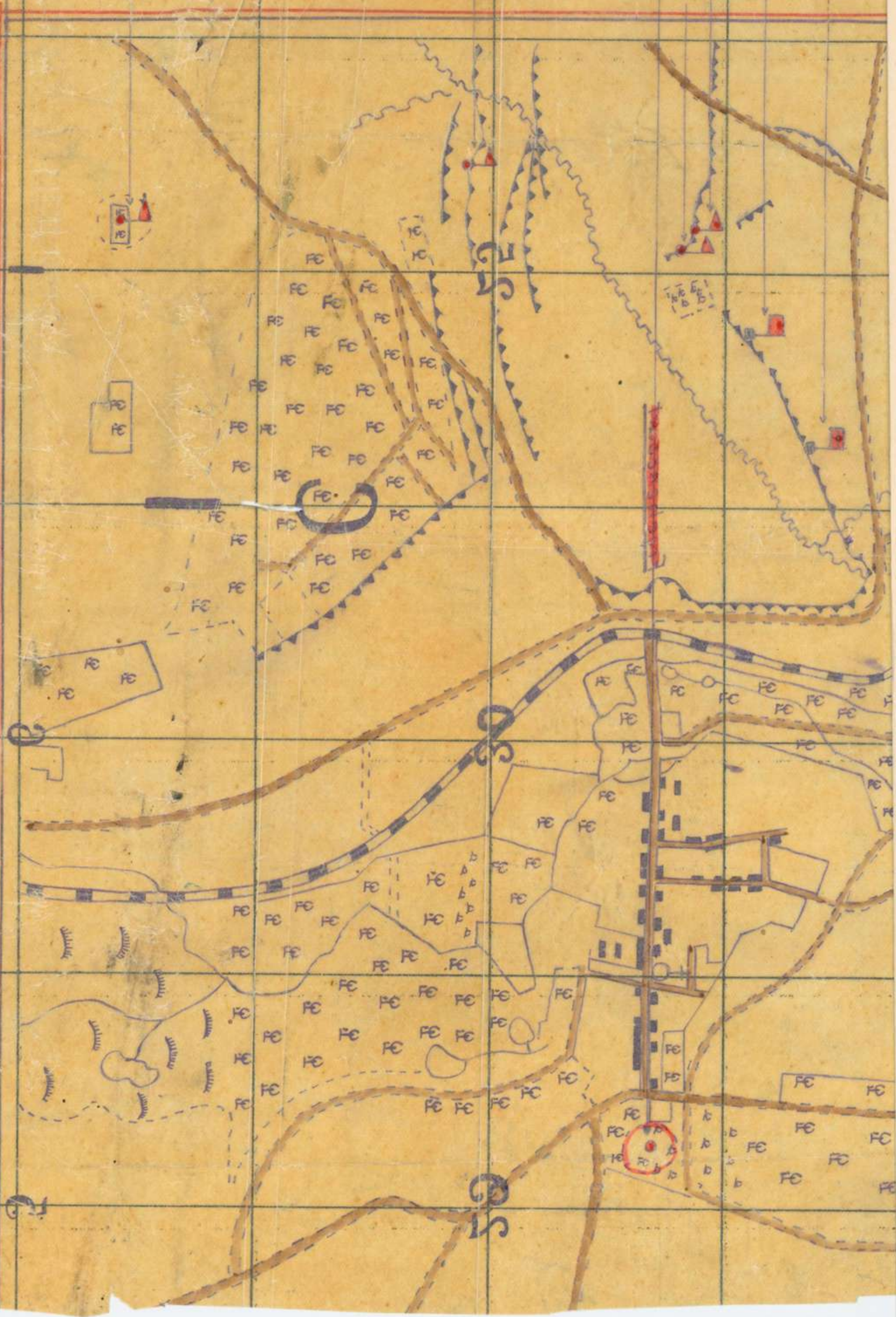
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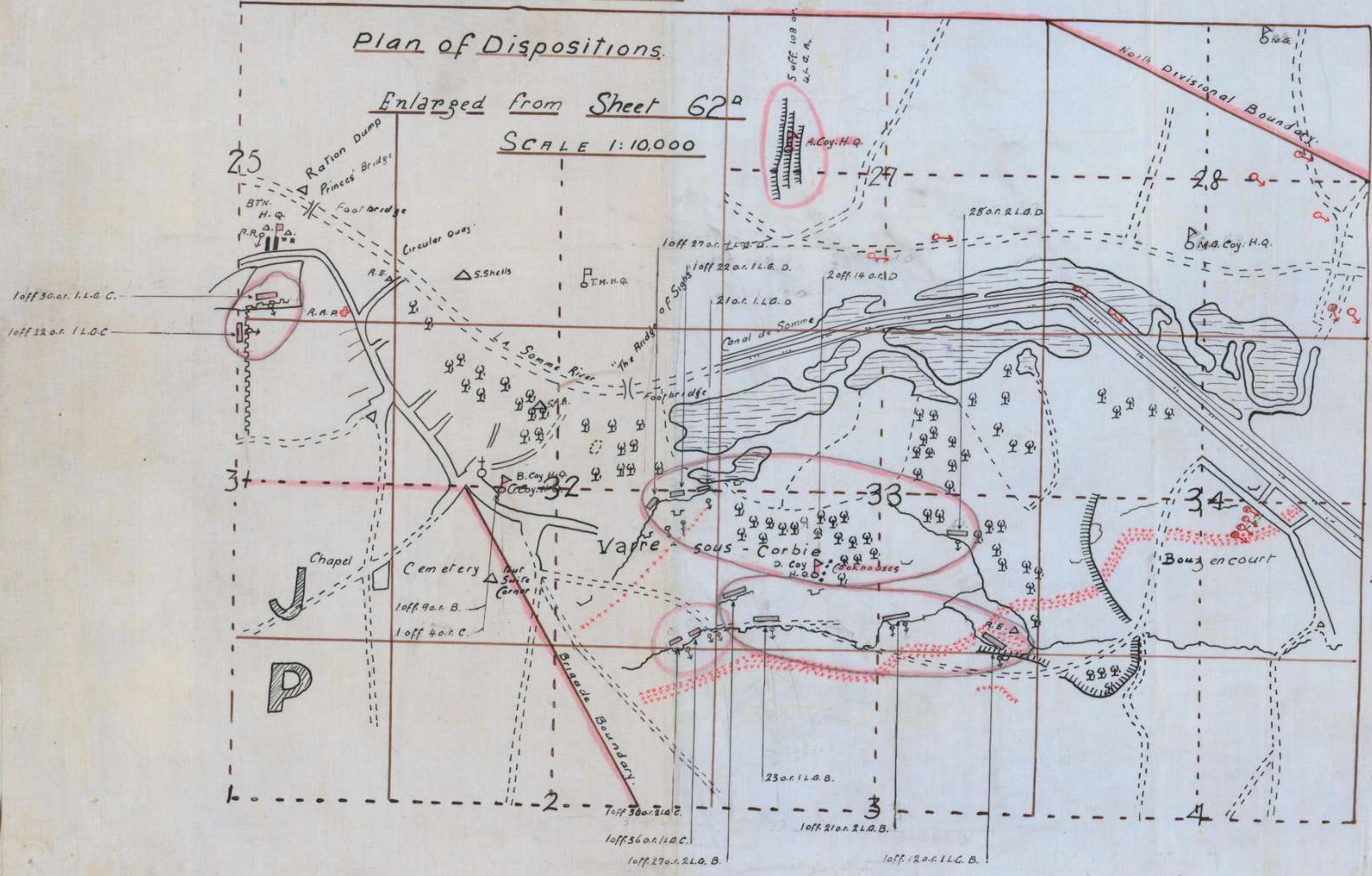


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Plan of Dispositions.

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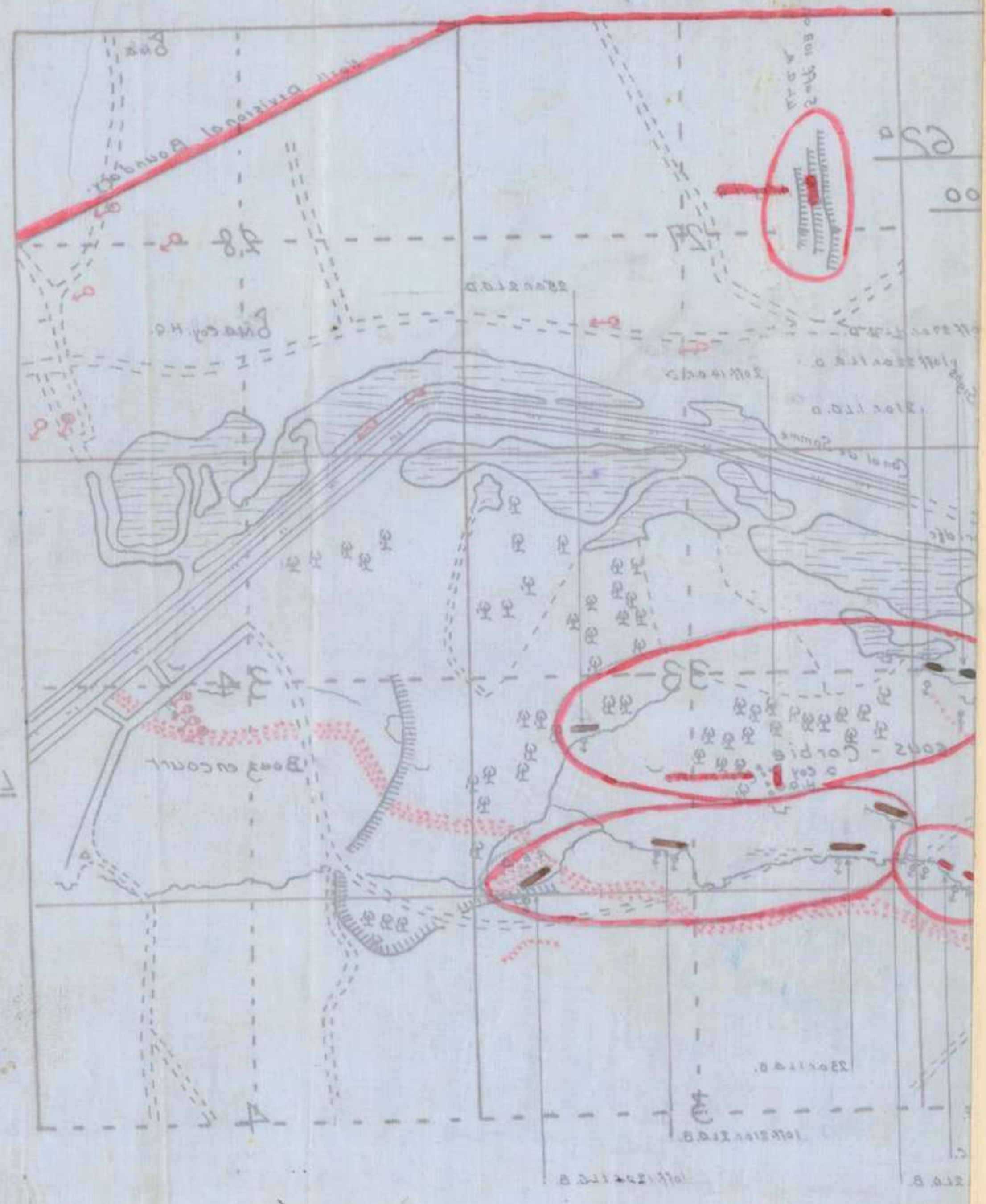
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- Legend**
- B. Coy Platoons - [Solid Rectangle]
 - C. " " " - [Dotted Rectangle]
 - D. " " " - [Dashed Rectangle]
 - B. Coy H. Q. - [Square with 'B']
 - C. Coy " " - [Square with 'C']
 - D. Coy " " - [Square with 'D']
 - R.A.P. - [Cross]
 - Vickers Guns - [Red Circle with 'V']
 - Lewis " " - [Black Circle with 'L']
 - Dumps. - [Triangle]
 - Coy. Boundaries - [Red Circle]

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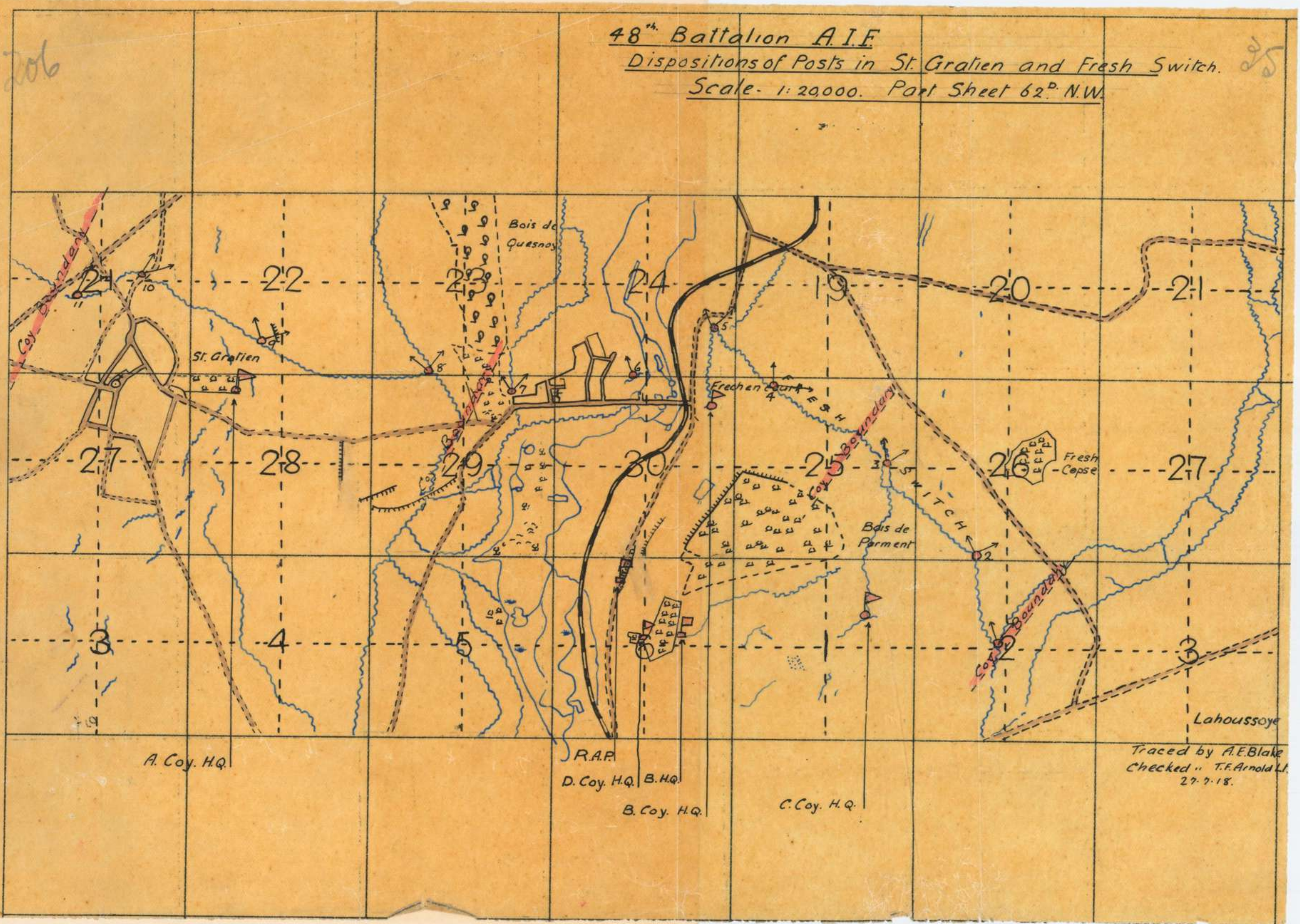
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 - Coy
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 - Vickers Guns
 - Lewis
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 - Coy Boudoirs



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Dispositions of Posts in St. Gratien and Fresh Switch.

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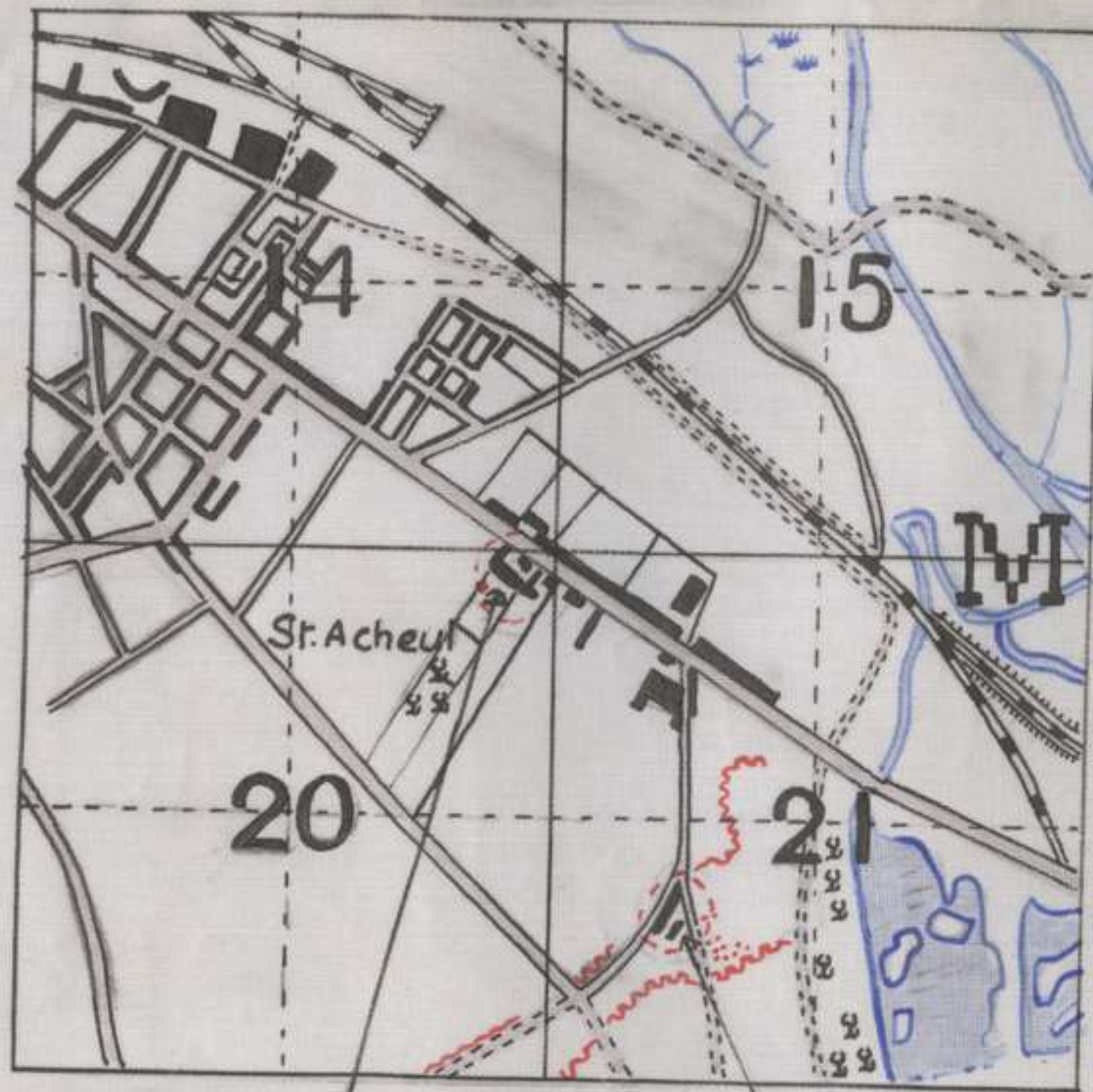
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- B.H.Q.
- R.A.P.
- A. Coy
- Transport Lines
- B. Coy.
- C. Coy.
- D. Coy.

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Checked by T.F. Arnold LT.

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