

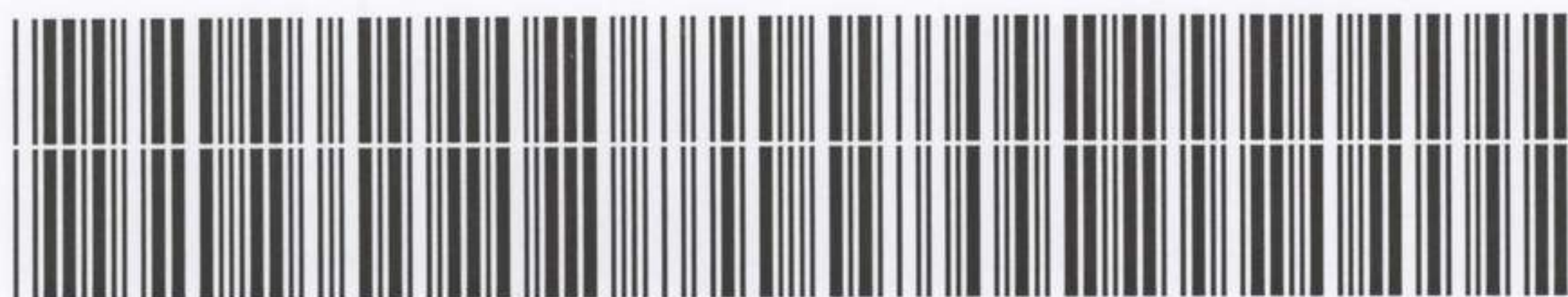
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Commanding 37th. Battalion A.I.F.

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| TRENCHES | 3.2.18 | | operation order attached. one (OR) taken on strength | |
| WARNEFON | | | Intelligence summary no 6 attached. | |
| SECTOR | 4.2.18 | | Observation fair nothing unusual happened | |
| SHEET 28 | | | 3 (OR) rejoined from wounded. 39th Battalion relieved | |
| SW 10000 | | | 37th Battalion in accordance with operation No 83 relief was reported at 9 pm. 37th Battalion, then became "C" Bn, and proceeded to billets at U19B49. | |
| U18B49 | 5.2.18 | | 250 men proceeded to Baths at U18A 90.20 Working parties supplied were as follows, Table of 5/2/18 attached | |
| 28.5W and SE | | | 1 OR taken on strength. Routine order No 287. 5/2/18 attached. | |
| Parks of | 6.2.18 | | Comdg off Lt Col. E.K. KNIGHT proceeded to inspect, Quarter-Master's store and transport lines. Special party previously mentioned was inspected by Comdg off, who was very pleased with the turnout generally. Working parties as per table of 5/2/18 were supplied today. | |

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| U19.B4.9 285W. | FEB 10 | 1918. | <p>Usual working parties were supplied today. Nothing unusual happened during the day. 100 men proceeded to the baths at (U18 a 90.20). At 10pm "Minor Operation" was carried out against enemy trenches, by composite party of 37th and 38th Btws, each Btw supplying 40ft 100 OR. The raid was a great success, 33 prisoners were captured and a normal (224 R1R) identification established. Full report of raid attached - appendix 10.</p> | G.H. |
| | FEB 11 th | | <p>150 men proceeded to baths at (U18 a 90.20). Working parties were supplied as usual today. Advance Party moved into the trenches in accordance with operation order no. 89 and Routine order no. 200, party arrived safely and without incident. Nothing unusual happened during the day.</p> | G.H. |

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| L.I.Q.B.A.9 | FEB 12 th | | <p>Working parties were supplied till 12 noon 11 reinforcements marched in, there were good type and appear to be well trained. 37th Btn relieved 39th Btn in Warneton sector (map attached) without incident in accordance with Operation Order No 84 and Routine Order No 200. Relief was reported complete at 8.50 pm. Capt J. A. Barrabus reported to Bgde HQ to take charge of Brigade U C^o School, consisting of 24 L/pts of selected privates from each Btn. Major ^{J.T.} McCOLL M.C. 2nd Division today reported to this Batta to be attached for experience. Nothing unusual happened.</p> | <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> |
| TRENCHES WARNETON SECTOR SHEET 28. SW. | FEB 13 | | <p>Very quiet day, light rain fell nearly all day, thus rendering going difficult and observations almost impossible, enemy Artillery during the day and night was was very quiet, slight trench mortar activity. Intelligence Summary no 10 attached.</p> | <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> |

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| TRENCHES WARNETON SECTOR SHEET 28.SW 1:10000 | FEB. 14 | 1918 | Routine Order NO 292 attached. 2 O.R.s. casualties (during the night G.S.W.) of 2nd in Command Major C.B. Story visited Brigade H.Q.s. 2 Lieut. ^(Now Lt) G. Anderson reinforcements joined up, also 12 other ranks. Very quiet day nothing unusual happened visibility fair Intelligence Summary No. 11 attached. | |
| Do | FEB 15 | 1918 | Dispositions 37th Bn. attached. (BD 4/2) Special Order 14/2/18 attached. Visibility fair nothing unusual happened during the day. 2 Officers 3 other ranks wounded at night Major C.B. Story again visits Brigade Headquarters to discuss Defence of "La Passe Vile." Coy advance parties moved to forward boys in accordance with 37th Aust Bn memo 15/2/1918. Intelligence Summary No 12 attached. | |
| | FEB 16 | 1918 | Visibility good, very fine day, aeroplane activity slightly increased, 1 O.R. wounded. Inter Coy relief took place in accordance with operation order no. 85 and was reported by 8.35pm. Intelligence Summary No. 13 attached. | |

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| TRENCHES WARNETON SECTOR | FEB 17 1918 | | Observation today very good consequently Artillery on both sides slightly increased. Nothing unusual happened during the day Intelligence Summary No 14 attached | gjt |
| SHEET 28 SW do. | " 18 1918 | | "Provisional Defence Scheme" of La Basse Ville attached. Beautiful day. Slight activity General Sir W Birdwood commdg. Aust Corps, Brigadier ... (C. Davies A.S.O.V.O) and Staff visit the sector, and were escorted around by Lt Col E.K. Knight. Advance parties of 39 th Bn came into the trenches, in accordance with Operation Order No 86. and Routine Order No 294 attached. Intelligence summary P15 attached | gjt |
| do. | 19 1918 | | nothing unusual happened during this period Very quiet day nothing unusual happened. 39 th Battalion relieved the 37 th Battalion in accordance with the above mentioned orders, the relief happened without incident and was completed by 9.15pm. 37 th Bn then moved to billets and became "D" Battalion at "RED LODGE." | gjt |
| | | | (T18D70.37.) | |

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information |
|------------------|----------------------|------|---|
| T. 18. D. 70. 37 | FEB 20 | | Working parties supplied in accordance with syllabus attached. 200 men were bathed at 28. U18 A. 90.20. The C.O. LT COL. E. K. KNIGHT. visits Brigade HQ. Lieut J. Buchemore rejoins from seconded list. The day was dull, light rain fell irregularly during the day. The following officer and other ranks were mentioned in Divisional Orders for conspicuously good work, in connection with Minor Operation carried out on Feb 10 th 1918. LIEUT. N. E. DIXON, 682. Sgt. Stockdale, 1785. Corp. A. R. Callen 6015. L/Cpl. V. R. GRAY 7017. Pte J. J. MANGAY. Routine Order No 295 attached. |
| D. | FEB 21 st | | Same working parties were supplied today, I.O. attends a lecture entitled GERMAN FUZZES ETC. given by Lt Col W. WATSON, C.M.G. Director of the Central Laboratory GHQ, at the Ecole Des Filles Baillout at 3pm. The lecture was very instructive & valuable to all ranks. 300 men were bathed today at above baths. |

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|------------------------|----------------------|------|--|--------------------------------------|
| T18D7037 28.5.11.1. | FEB 23 rd | | Moderate rain fell during the day, working parties were today supplied as usual. Nothing eventful happened during the period. | JH |
| No. | FEB 23 rd | | The Commanding Officer and 2 nd Lt. Col. attend conference 're defences' at Brigade H.Q.s. Working parties were today supplied as usual. Nothing unusual happened. | JH |
| No. | FEB 24 th | | The day was fine. "B" Coy relieved the Neclous Garrison in second zone, supplied by 33 rd Bn, "B" Coy worked in accordance with P 2/197 attached | |
| T26C58-12. | | | 37 th Bn were relieved by 36 th Bn A.I. ? in accordance with operation order No 87, and Routine Order No 296. 37 th Bn were relieved at 6.30pm, and were conveyed by light railway to camp at Canteen Corner 28T26C5812. As advance parties had been sent early to the camp, everything was in order when the troops arrived, which was about 7.30pm. | JH |

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| T26.C58.12 28 SW | FEB 25 18 | | Nothing unusual happened during the day. Working parties were supplied as usual. Commanding officer inspected the Camp, and ordered several improvements to be made. | gjt |
| Do | FEB 26 18 | | The Commanding Officer attends C.O.'s Conference held all day at Divisional HQ's. 100 men proceeded to Palmer Baths. Working parties were supplied as usual. The following other ranks awarded the Military Medal 2564 PTE W R GILLAM. No 2830 PTE J GATES. 59734/cp MR BILSON. Routine order no 297 attached. | gjt |
| Do | 27.2.18 | | Nothing unusual happened. Working parties as usual were supplied 100 men proceeded to baths. | gjt |
| Do | 28.2.18 | | The Commanding Officer held parade of all officers and discussed "Training and general administration". The following Lieut's are promoted Lieutenants:- D. I. JOHNSTONE. J. H. CHAPMAN. A. E. CHALMERS. H. J. WILLIS. as from 27/1/18 and W. ROADNIGHT as from 1/2/18. A.S. 7 list no 299 of 19/2/18 | gjt |

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During the month casualties and evacuations drafts etc were as under :-

| | KILLED | WOUNDED | MISSING | DIED OF WOUNDS | EVACUATED SICK | Rejoined from Hospital drafts | Drafts |
|--------------|--------|---------|---------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| OFFICERS | — | 4 | 2 | — | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| OTHER RANKS. | 2 | 28 | 9 | 2 | 81 | 77 | 27 |

The present strength of the Battalion 49 officers
804 Other ranks.

Shorehouse

Lieut. Col.
Commanding 37th. Battalion A.I.F.

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Intelligence Summary No 4

Period ending 6 am ~~5~~ 2 1918.

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Reference map sheet 28.

Our
Operations
Artillery

Fired on working party at U18a 3.5
at 3 pm. Shoot could not be observed
owing to heavy fog.

Machine
Guns

Few bursts during the night

French
Mortars

Nil

Patrols

Patrols protected inter Company relief
which happened without incident and
was completed at 8 pm.

The sunken tramway running across the
top right hand corner of U17.8 has 2'6"
of water in it, and is from 15 to 20' wide
in front of No 9 post. When about 150'
from railway line is 10 to 12ft wide with
a total depth of 4ft. There are plenty of
shell holes, on our side of the tram
track, that would afford good cover.

M Gun at U11d 9747 fired a few bursts
along the line. Heavy Artillery from Comines
fired 6 rounds into our back area.

Transport could be heard in U12.0.
Harmon between 6 am and 8 pm

M Gun at U18a 20.87 fired a few bursts
about 7 pm. excessive amount of flares
were fired by enemy at this time.

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Patrols
Cond.

②

169 at U18a 73.70 traversed La Basse
ville Rd. between 2 am and 4 am with
short bursts.
There is a gap 30yds wide in front
of 9 U.17 as result of enemy Minenwerfer
fire. This gap is being repaired.
Mine between No 3 U.17 post and 4 U.17
is poor.
Mts at U.18a 2087 active with short
bursts along La Basse ville Rd.

Enemy OperationsArtillery

Very quiet during the period, probably
owing to poor observation.
7.30 am 6 rounds 4.2" from Benlemont
fell near factory U.17.B.

French Mortars

At 12.45 pm 15nds Heavy Minenwerfer from
approx U12D22.52 were directed against
La Basse ville Warneton Rd. ^{U17B} these shells
were delayed action. Enemy was
apparently searching for dugouts.

At 2.30 pm same gun fired 25 rounds
Heavy Minenwerfer, started in rear of
post and traversed to the
factory U.17.B.

At 7.30 am gun at U12C 85.06 fired 2 rds
at factory. Dugout occupied by garrison of
left Coy was blown in. 4 men injured

③

Machine
Guns.

Fired on La Basselle-Warneton road
and road leading to Au Chass Catt
owing to fog these guns could
not be located.

Guns at U.18a 20.87, U.18a 73.70
U.11d 97.42 were active during the
night, also gun at Spinnmills Mill

Miscellaneous

Posts 1.2.3.4 and 5 U.17 have been
improved and men now have a
good dry standing. An endeavour
is being made to duckboard the
between the posts.


The day was exceptionally
quiet owing to very heavy
fog.

Observation Impossible

G. W. Hawley Lt
1037th Bln

Work Report 1/2/18
27th Battalion

| Party No | Strength | Hours worked | Nature of work | Remarks |
|----------|------------------------------|--------------|---|--|
| — | 6 men | 3 hours | Constructing listening post duckboarding No 5 post | — |
| — | 2 " | 1 " | Pumping and cleaning out dugout No 5 post. | — |
| — | ^{NCO} 1 - 10 men | 1 hour | Erecting wire in front No 5 post. | 40 yds of wire erected. |
| — | ^{NCO} 1 - 5 men | 1 hour | Cleaning away debris from damaged dugout U17B | This dugout was blown in by trencher at 7.30 am. |
| — | ^{NCO} 1 - 4 men | 1 hour | 20 yds wire from river to entrance of saps in front of No 4 post. | |
| — | 3 men | 2 hours | Cleaning and improving 106 post. | |


 J. O. Blair
 1037th Bn

37th Battalion

HOST SHELLING.

| Duration. | Direction. | Calibre. | Locality and what area in that locality. | Nature (e.g. barrage destructive, etc). | Results. | Remarks as to effect etc. |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------|
| 7.30am | Duelement | 4.25. 6 rds. | Factory U.17.B. | Destructive | - | - |
| French Mortars. | | | | | | |
| 7.30 9am | U12C.35.06 | Medium 2 rds. | Factory U.17.B | Destructive | Dugout occupied by garrison of left Coy, was blown in and 4 men were injured. | |
| 12.45pm | U12D22.52 approx | Heavy 15 rds. | St Basseville- Karneton Rd. U.17.B | Destructive | These were all delayed action, apparently searching for dugouts. | |
| 2.30pm | do | 35 rds Heavy. | Started near No.8. U.17 post and worked down to factory | Destructive. | - | - |

Appendix

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| Bn. | Patrol Point | Left Time. | Patrol Point | returned Time. | Locality traversed. | Object of Patrol | Patrols report in detail. |
|-----|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------|---|---|---|
| 1 | 9V17 | 5.30pm | 9V17 | 9.15pm | From 9V17 to 1st trench in enemy trench system, 150 yds along trench and back to our own trench at 9V17 then returned by same route to 9V17 | Report on trench system and show on map and sketch of trench from Special Party over the trench | <p>1 The trench system running across the top right hand corner of 9V17 has 2" of water in it in front of 9V17 it is 15 to 20 feet wide and 150 yds from the Railway line from 10 to 12 feet wide with a total depth of about 7 feet</p> <p>2 There are plenty of shell holes on side of the trench which would afford good cover</p> <p>3 MG at 011 d 971.2 very active with short bursts along railway line</p> <p>4 Enemy heavy Artillery fired six rounds from direction of 9V17 towards our trench</p> |

Appendix 18

PATROL REPORT. NIGHT OF 31 JAN / FEB 1918

| 37 ^a Bn. | Patrol Left | | Patrol returned | | Locality traversed. | Object of Patrol | Patrols report in detail. |
|---------------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|--------|--|--|--|
| | Point | Time. | Point | Time. | | | |
| 2 | 4U17 | 5:30p | 5U17 | 8p | 100 yds out NE from 4U17 100 yds NW and back to 5U17 | General Reconnaissance and showing Special Party over the sector | Transport was heard on the WARRETON (U12d) between 6p-8p. MG at U18 a 2087 fired several short bursts about 7p - Evening rather windy as he seemed to be putting up more lights than of late. |
| 3 | 4U17 | 10p | 6U17 | 12:30p | 80 yds outside our wire between the two posts | General Reconnaissance | Absolutely nothing to report. Evening particularly quiet. No sound of any Working Parties heard. |
| 4 | 4U17 | 1:30AM | 6U17 | 4:30AM | 150 yds S of No 9 Post then to 6U17 | General Reconnaissance | MG at U18 a 737 dismissed LA BASSE VILLE RD between 2 AM and 4 AM with short bursts. Gap of 30 yds in wire in front of 9U17 as the result of the enemy's shelling yesterday. |
| 5 | 5U17 | 3AM | 5U17 | 4:30AM | 30 yds back between 5U17-4U17 | Report on wire and General | 1 MG between 3U17-4U17 in front 1 MG from U18 a 2087 active along LA BASSE VILLE RD |

The gap is being repaired to height of 90

W.S. Kelly Lt. Scent. U11 wire

Appendix 1.

Intelligence Summary No. 5

Period ending 6am Febry 2nd 191837th Battalion

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Reference map sheet 2851

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <p>Operations Artillery</p> | <p>Fired on active Mgun at U12C 2315. at 15 p.m. also Mmenwerfer at U18C 8. 70. M. No. 9740 was engaged. Mgun</p> |
| <p>6 Guns</p> | <p>Occasional bursts during the night</p> |
| <p>Patrols</p> | <p>Patrols operating on this front report that our wire in vicinity of U05 U17 post is very poor, this is being attended to. The ground in front of the Spinnery and about 60 yds from the road would afford excellent cover for troops (say 100.) Short bursts from Mgun at U18 a 3.3, very lights were also fired from this point. Enemy could be heard working at U18 a 3.3. 8 Mmenwerfer from right of Warneton Lower fell in La Basse Ville Rd at 7.30 p.m. sunkens tramway, in front of nos U.17. Post has shell holes on both sides that would afford good cover. 6 G very active at U11 d 97.40 artillery were informed and fired on this gun. Guns did not fire again during the night.</p> |



(2)

Ground between Nos 5 and 6 U17 posts is very muddy, cover is very good the shell holes being 3 to 6ft deep. This is the ground previously referred as affording cover for 100 men. MG from spinning mill verachies. Enemy flares of late appear to be of a much poor quality. Ground on both sides of runway (in front No 8 post) affords very good cover shell holes are 2ft to 7ft deep ground very wet in places.

MG at U12C 23 15 very active until stopped by our 18 para. it never fired again during night. Our Artillery fired 15 rds at MG U11D ⁸⁰⁰ 500. Wire from 4. U17 10 3 U17 is thin but good. The ground here is muddy. MG at U18A 30 30 very active with short bursts, spinning mill gun again active. Shell hole cover in front of No 8 post but very little. There is good cover 100yds out from No 4. U17 post. This is high ground, and is dry, and firm. Wire between 4 and 5 U17 posts is fair. Heavy transport like tractor could be heard on road running thro' U13 A+C moving towards Wameton.

Patrols
Contd.

Enemy Operations

Machine Guns

Machine Guns were active during the day, but owing to the fog could not be located.

During the night they were active from U.18 a 30.30. U.H.d 80 40 U.12 C 23.15.

U.H.d 97.40. Spinning Mill.

Guns U.18 a. 33 and Spinning Mill were very active during the night.

Artillery

See Shelling report.

Trench Mortars

" " "

Observation

At 12.30 pm 6 men evacuated trench about U.18 a 15.90 and ran along the parapet for a short distance when fired on by our post, enemy returned fire from Spinnery.

At 5.15 pm 2 men were seen to leave trench at U.18 a 3.5 and run towards Spinnery. When our post fired, men in the Spinnery fired on our post.

Snipers were firing from the Spinnery at intervals during the day, this is not usually manned in the day time, but was on 1.2.1918 probably on account of heavy fog.

Observation

impossible

William Foster

Work Report Febry 2nd 1918
 The 37th Battalion A.F.

| Party No. | Strength | Hours Worked | Nature of work | Remarks |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|---|---------|
| 4 NCOs 34 O.R. | | | Carrying rations from Dead Horse Corner to the Chasseur Cab. 3 trips in 24 hours. | ✓ |
| 1 NCO 5 men | | 3 hrs | Erecting 30 yds wire in front of No 9 U 17 post (destroyed by Munnawerfer) 1. 8. 17. | ✓ |
| 1 NCO 5 men | | 2 hrs | Carrying for. and constructing 20 yds wire for gap No 3 U 17 post. | ✓ |
| 2 Pt 30 OR | | 5 hrs | Clearing duckboarding revetting and improving trenches at Iron Gate. (General.) | ✓ |
| 3 men | | 2 hrs | Cleaning dug out used as Coy HQ. Iron Gate. | ✓ |
| 1 NCO 5 OR | | 3 hrs | repairing No 5 U 17 post, after direct hit from Munnawerfer. | ✓ |
| 2 OR | | 2 hrs | 8 cub ft, saps from C.T. to latrine (ulluno doe) near Coy HQ. U 17 B | ✓ |

G. W. Blair
 J. O. 37th Bn

Feb 2nd 1918

HOSTILE SHELLING.

37th Battalion

| Duration. | Direction. | Calibre. | Locality and what area in that locality. | Nature (e.g. barrage destructive, etc). | Results. | Remarks as to effect etc. |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--|--|---|------------------------------|--|
| 11 am | Senlemont | 4.2 (3 rds) | U 17 A. | Destructive | - | |
| 2 pm | Rachameton | 4.2 (2 rds) | U 17 D A 5 | do | - | |
| 4 to 4.35 pm | do | Shrapnel (5 rds) | U 17 d. | do | - | |
| <u>French Mortars</u> | | | | | | |
| 9.30 to 10.45 am | Ramelon (not observed) | Medium Muenwerfer 5 rds | U 17 C | do | - | |
| 11 am | do | do (1 round) | U 17 B. | do | - | |
| 7.30 pm | | Medium Muenwerfer (U 120 92 35) 1 round. 5 | No 5 U 17 post | do | 1 bay blown in 3 casualties. | These guns were subjected to 18 pm fire at 15 noon |
| 11.30 am to 5.30 pm | | 21 Heavy 12 Medium | (U 17) No 9 post and cellars & vicinity | do | nil. | |
| do | (not known) | 50 pineapples | U 17 B. | do. | do. | |

Appendix 224

PATROL REPORT.

NIGHT OF 1/2 FEB 1918

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| Battn. | Patrol point. | Left Time. | Patrol returned Point. | returned Time. | Locality traversed. | Object of Patrol. | Patrols report in detail. |
|--------|---------------|------------|------------------------|----------------|---|---|---|
| 3 | 5017 | 7 PM | 6017 | 10 PM | 150 yds East 5017, 50 yds NORTH - East to 6017 | Permanently Ground 100 yds out between 5017 + 6017 | Ground in places very muddy loose very good shell holes being 3 ft to 6 ft deep. There is the ground referred to in No. 1 Patrol Report as affording cover for 100 men. MG very active from the SPAN MILL firing, across and down N.M.L. Every place of hole seems to have been of a rough, poorer quality. No sounds and faint coming from enemy lines. Ground of on both sides very good cover as there are plenty of shell holes ranging from 2 to 7 feet deep. Ground very wet in places. MG very active from 1120 to 15 until artillery shot at it when it stopped for the night. At 8 PM our artillery fired 5 rounds at MG at 1112 80 60 |
| 4 | 8017 | 7 30 PM | 9017 | 9 30 PM | 150 yds East from 8017 100 yds north and into 9017 | Permanently Ground very muddy muddy | Ground of on both sides very good cover as there are plenty of shell holes ranging from 2 to 7 feet deep. Ground very wet in places. MG very active from 1120 to 15 until artillery shot at it when it stopped for the night. At 8 PM our artillery fired 5 rounds at MG at 1112 80 60 |

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PATROL REPORT

NIGHT OF 1/2 FEB 1918

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| 37 Battn. | Patrol point. | Left Time. | Patrol Point. | Patrol returned Time. | Locality traversed. | Object of Patrol. | Patrols report in detail. |
|-----------|---------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| 1 | 5017 | 5.45 PM | 5017 | 2.00 AM | along LA RAINE VILLAGE WARREN ROAD foot at 170 yds then off to right in front of and distance from point from 200 yds to 100 yds forward 2 action | Show Patrol Party ground M.M. and locate route of enemy Report on wire | Our wire across road is very poor. This will receive attention. 2. The ground 90 yds in front of SPANNY and about 60 yds from the road would afford splendid cover for troops (say 100). MG fired short bursts from M at 0.18 a 3.3. Very lights were also fired from this point. Enemy could also be heard working at 4.00 a 3.5. M.W. & M.W. fell on the 3.30. M.W. about 7.20 pm from right of main. There are shell holes on both sides of bank. Heavy work would afford good cover. MG may return at 6.00 a 4.30. Fighting was resumed and the skilled position. Should not show any sign during night. |
| 2 | 7017 | 5.45 PM | 7017 | 12.00 PM | Show Patrol Party ground Report on Ground both disappearance travelling line | Show Patrol Party ground Report on Ground both disappearance travelling line | There are shell holes on both sides of bank. Heavy work would afford good cover. MG may return at 6.00 a 4.30. Fighting was resumed and the skilled position. Should not show any sign during night. |

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PATROL REPORT

NIGHT OF 1/2 FEB 1918

37 Battalion

| | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| 5 | 9017 | 9 45pm | 9017 | 1 AM | 50 yds along WARWICKTON RAILWAY | Lower Wire Party | Enemy particularly quiet No sounds heard from enemy lines. |
| 6 | 4017 3017 | 10 15pm 12 35AM | 4017 4017 | 12 30AM 1 15AM | Road along Wire between 305017 | General Remarks Wire | Shell hole caused in front of No 5 Post but very little caused 100 yds out from 4017. It is high ground here and the ground is firm. Wire in front of 405017 broken about a foot. M.W. fallen wire about 7 20pm. Wire from 4017 to 3017 is there but good. The ground here is very wet & muddy. MG at 0180 30 30 very active with short bursts over N.M.L. also SPINNING M.W. saw firing down N.M.L. |
| 7 | 9017 | 1 30AM | 7017 | 4 30AM | General Remarks between the two posts | General Remarks | Enemy very quiet on the sector, not even firing very lights. No sound heard from enemy lines. |

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PATROL REPORT

NIGHT OF 1/2 FEB 1918

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37 pm

8 SU17 1.30 AM SU17 2.30 AM 100 yds out
from SU17
& back

Ground in
Vicinity of
SPINNING

During to captivity of MG out
SPINNING MILL and V18A 2030
Patrol could not operate on
ground. These two hours
been troublesome all night
One Artillery shelled WARNE
between 3 and 3.30 AM
No sounds of enemy heard
Heavy transport like tractors
heard moving along road
moving through V13 a a c
moving towards WARNE

The following MG were reported inactive during the night

V18A 2045 V18A 2087 V12C 20,00 V12E 33.02

W. J. Shield Lieut
Scout Officer

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Appendix 3

37TH AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

No. 3

Date...

SECRET.

37th. BATTALION A. I. F. ORDER NO. 1

Reference Supp. Order No. 1/1918
Dated 1/10/18

INFORMATION (I) The 37th. and 38th. Battalions will relieve the 37th. and 38th. Battalions respectively on the front on night 4th./5th. February 1918.
On completion of relief, Battalions will be disposed as under:-
38th. Battalion will be "A" Battalion
37th. Battalion will be "B" Battalion
37th. Battalion will be "C" Battalion
38th. Battalion will be "D" Battalion

ARRANGEMENTS (II) "A" Company, 37th. Batta. will be relieved by "A" Coy. 38th. Bn.
"B" Company, 37th. Batta. will be relieved by "B" Coy. 38th. Bn.
"C" Company, 37th. Batta. will be relieved by "C" Coy. 38th. Bn.
"D" Company, 37th. Batta. will be relieved by "D" Coy. 38th. Bn.

ARRANGEMENTS (III) Advance Parties, as under, from 38th. Battalion will relieve opposite positions of 37th. Battalion on night 4th./5th. February 1918 :-

GUIDES FOR ADVANCE PARTIES (IV) "A" Company will detail 3 guides to report to 38th. Battalion at 4 p.m. on 4th. inst. for duty as follows :-
(a) One guide to conduct officers and other ranks of Headquarters to Battalion Headquarters.
(b) Two guides to conduct other personnel to ALLIANCE CAMP.
(i) "B" and "C" Companies will each detail four guides, being at the rate of one guide per front line trench line Post to meet incoming personnel at ALLIANCE CAMP at 5.30 p.m. on 4th. inst. and conduct them to their positions.
(ii) "A" Company to detail a N.C.O. to supervise these guides at ALLIANCE CAMP.

GUIDES FOR RELIEF (V) Each Company will detail two guides per Company to report to 38th. Battalion at 4 p.m. on 4th. inst. Guides from "A" and "B" Companies will conduct their parties direct to their respective positions in support and reserves.
Guides from "C" and "D" Companies will conduct their parties (to "C" Company, 38th. Battalion leading) to ALLIANCE CAMP.

37th. BATTALION. A.I.F. ORDER NO. 83. (Contd. 9) 5/2/1918.

GUIDES FOR RELIEF. (a) Contd. "A" and "B" Companies will respectively detail 5 and 4 guides, being at the rate of one per post to meet incoming front line Companies at AN UNASSIGNED CASABET at 5-50 p.m. and conduct them to their positions. "A" Company will detail an Officer to supervise the work of these guides.

REVERSE WORKS, TRENCH STORES, etc. Existing dispositions in line, defence schemes, maps, intelligence, trench stores, dumps, etc., will be handed over to relieving Companies and receipts obtained which must be sent to Battalion Headquarters by 8 p.m. on 2nd inst.

PRECAUTIONS (7) No movement of troops forward of HYDE PARK GRENCH will take place before 8 p.m. In any movement overland, distances of 100 yards will be maintained between Platoons.

PATROLS (8) Scout Officer to push out Patrols to cover relief.

REPORTS (9) Completion of relief to be reported to this Office in Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE

W. J. ...

Lieut. Adjutant, 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION :-

| Copy No. | To | By | Date |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade | runner 207-30 | 5/2/18 |
| 2 | "A" Company | " | " |
| 3 | "B" Company | " | " |
| 4 | "C" Company | " | " |
| 5 | "D" Company | " | " |
| 6 | S.M. & R.O. | " | 6-50 |
| 7 | 37th. Battalion | " | 7-50 |
| 8 | WAR DIARY | | |
| 9 | FILE. | | |

by Lieut. Col. H. G. KNIGHT.

Commanding 37th. Battalion, A. I. F.

37th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Appendix 31

No. 4 Date 11/11/45

RELIEF (1)

This Order will be read in conjunction with Battalion Order No. 33 issued herewith.

BAKING KITS ETC. (2)

All baggage, Officer's kits, cooking utensils, orderly room kit will be stacked at Cookhouse BRAD HORSE CORNER by 12 noon on the 4th. inst. Two batmen per Company and Headquarters will be detailed as a baggage party to load baggage on to motor trucks and offload at FLOREST ROAD (approx. U.19.b.35.50), from this point baggage will be re-handled to CATACONS.

COOKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 4/8/45 (3)

Breakfast (hot meal), midday and evening meal (dry rations) will leave cookhouse at 9-30 a.m. No further carries will be made to Companies. Company cooks will proceed to CATACONS on morning of 4th. inst. and will prepare a hot meal to be made available when men report on completion of relief. Transport Officer will arrange to dump rations for the 4th./5th. at CATACONS.

DUGOUTS ETC. (4)

All dugouts and shelters are to be left in a clean and sanitary condition.

ADVANCE PARTY (5)

One Officer per Company will proceed to take over Company billets at CATACONS on morning of 4th. inst. They will take over all Company Stores (retaining copies of receipts given), supervise cooking arrangements, check and arrange storage for ankle boots, blankets, etc., dumped by the Transport Officer, and prepare for the incoming of their respective Companies.

ANKLE BOOTS KITS ETC. (6)

Ankle boots, blankets, etc. at present at Q.M. Store will be dumped at CATACONS not later than 4 p.m. on the 4th. inst. and will be distributed by Platoons on morning of 5th. Q.M. & T.O. will make the necessary arrangements.

GUMBOOTS (7)

All gumboots will be returned by Companies to R.S.M. at Sunboots store at 12 noon on 5th. inst. Care is to be taken that all boots are returned and receipts obtained for the numbers returned.

BAHS (8)

Allotment of baths for the 5th. will be notified later.

FEET GAMPOR TREATMENT (9)

The Gampor treatment must be continued when out of the line. Co./Co. Companies will furnish a certificate to this Office 24 hours after relief to the effect that every man has applied the treatment.

CANTON (10)

Battalion Canton will be established at WIDE PARK CORNER

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature] Lieut., Adjutant, 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION :-

Intelligence Summary U05 *JMS*

From 6 am 22 18 to 6 am 23 18

37th Battalion



Map Sheet 28

Confidential

Our Operations Fired active to W at U 12 C 95 35 (over
Artillery at 11 25 am ^{several} direct hits were observed
 on barometer U 12 C 02 21.
 Some direct hits on trenches U 12 C 69 40 owing
 to rapidity of shoot and duration observed
 failed to ascertain correct number of hits.
 Working parties at U 11 d 25 40 (2 pm) and
 U 18 a 30 33 (9 pm) were fired on by 18 p.m.
 shoots were reported effective.

Scaves

Post box at U 12 C 60 10 was blown in and
 direct hits obtained on trench in front,
 during this shoot 3 men ran along C.T.
 leading to U 12 D.

Machine Guns

and
Lewis Guns

Several magazines were fired by
 Lewis guns, at enemy aeroplanes during
 the day. Machine guns also fired.
 During the night bursts of fire were
 directed on enemy back areas.

Aeroplanes

Our planes were very active during
 the day and several times passed
 over enemy lines.

(2)

Patrols As per patrol report attached
(casualties was maintained with flares)

Enemy Operations

Artillery

see shelling report (noticeably quiet)

Trench Mortars

do do

Enemy attitude

Enemy were quieter than before
marked decrease in use of flares
exceptionally quiet night

Enemy Defences

(a) Machine Guns

Enemy machine guns were active against
our aircraft, but were not located

light firing guns were active, as follows
Spinning Mill, U18a 30 60 U11d 9740

(U18a 20 97 easily distinguished by the
flame)

The following guns did not fire U12c 3302

U12c 20 00 U18a 20 45 U18a 33

Movement

At 1pm 3 men seen going from dug-
out U18d 10 80 into Spinning Mill
hammering was heard here at 3.30pm
but no movement observed.

③

Movement could.

Two men were seen for a few minutes at 3pm, carrying something on their shoulders, they disappeared into trench at U13B 02 25.

At 4 15am one man was seen to move about for a few. into and then enter pill box at U12C 50 20. 4 men were seen here at 11pm, apparently changing over as two men disappeared down C.T leading towards Tower the remaining 2 men then looked towards our line, through what appeared to be field glasses one man then moved into trench in front of pill box and other remained at the spot for 2 hrs then moved in pill box.

At 5 15pm one man was observed at U11d 90 40.

Defences

There is a screen at about 1200 approx 12ft long and 8 high.

Light Railway train was heard moving N.E. from W. direction at an exact time not ascertained.

(4)

Aeroplanes

Chemical aeroplanes heard also active during the day. At 5pm enemy plane flying at low altitude, fired on front line garrison in U 17 Banna. Was engaged and driven off by rifle and MG fire.

Signals

Loud squalling between Spinning Mill and Warnton Tower between 5.30 & 5.45pm

Works

Working party heard at U 11 d 8.5.40 2pm dispersed by Artillery fire.

Party at U 18 a 30 30 was fired on by our Artillery 9pm.

Hammering heard Spinning mill 3pm.

Heard baling out trench at U 18 a 30 40

37th Battalion
R.A.F.

Work Return

Period ending 31 Dec 1917.

| Party No | Strength | Hours worked | Nature | Remarks |
|----------|------------------------|--------------|---|---------|
| — | 4 N.C.O's 34 O.R.s. | — | barriering rations from Dead Horse Corner to the Chase Ct. strips in 24 hours. | — |
| — | 1 N.C.O 10 men | 2 | barriering duckboards from Racine Dump to La Basse Ville | — |
| | 10 O.R.s | 4 | Duckboarding rivetting and improving trench at Iron Gate. | |
| | 1 N.C.O 6 men | 2 hrs | bleaching out strips of C.T. | |
| | 1 N.C.O 6 men | 2 hrs | Laid 33 yds duckboards from 1104 U17 post to 1105 U17 post and levelled existing ones | |
| | 1 N.C.O 3 men | 1 hr | Deepened and sand bagged listening post in front of 1104 post. | |
| | 2 men | 1 hour | Deepened trench in 1104 post to 4 feet. | |
| | 10/26 OR | 5 hrs | pumping out cellar at La Basse Ville Str | |

W. J. Hall
10 37th Str

37th Battalion

HOSTILE SHELLING.

Febry 2nd 1918.

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| Duration. | Direction. | Calibre. | Locality and what area in that locality. | Nature (e.g. barrage destructive, etc). | Results. | Remarks as to effect etc. |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--|----------|---------------------------|
| 11 am | Senlemont | 4.2. (6Ads) | Sugar Refinery | Shoot. | | |
| 11.10 am | do | 775. (few rounds) | GRANDE HALEFEM. | shoot. | | |
| <u>TRENCH MORTARS.</u> | | | | | | |
| 10 am | U.12.C. 95.35 | Medium Munitions (4) | La Basse Me Rd U.17.D. | This munitions was silenced by our arty after having fired 4 rounds. | | |
| 12 noon to 4 pm | appeared to come from approx U.12.C. 25.50 | Pineapples (50.) | No 9. U.17 post. | | | |
| 4.45 am | Unknown | Medium 50 | Front line | This appeared to be practice barrage, as first few shots fell in Enemy's front line, but on being lengthened, fell in vicinity of our posts. | | |
| do | do | Pineapples 30 | between No 6 and 9 post U.17 | | | |

Appendix 5, 37

PATROL REPORT

Night 2/3 Feb 1918

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| 37 th Bn | Patrol left Point | Time | Patrol returned Point | Time | Locality traversed | Object of Patrol | Patrol report in detail |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|--|---|--|
| 1 | 5017 | 5.45pm | 5017 | 8.30pm | 100 yds out from 5017 | Show of Party over the sector. Observe for Position of MG | <p>Showed Party over the sector, giving all information as to cover, ground, formation and the prominent objects.</p> <p>1 pm MG's from SPINNING MILLS and U 80 opened together and the fire crossed at right angles over N.M.L. After first 15 minutes everything became quiet not even flames went up.</p> <p>Two 4mm seen walking on front line Parapet towards the River about 8 pm Working Party was heard about U 18 a 30. 30 and Artillery informed.</p> <p>Unusually of barbed wire could be heard about 7.30 pm but this was I think about his support line near RIVER LYS.</p> |
| 2 | 8017 | 5.50pm | 9017 | 7.45pm | about 150 yds East from 8017 The North to WARNE TON RAILWAY and on to 9017 | Show of Party over the sector. | <p>1. MG at U 11 d 97 40 active between 6 pm + 6.30 pm</p> <p>2. MG at U 18 a 20 87 could easily be distinguished by the flame. It seemed to have been a lighter MG than the others. It fired between 6.15 and 6.30 pm across the sector north of LABAN VILLE ROAD</p> <p>Enemy Working Party heard working on trench between U 11 d 87 36 and U 12 c 25 15. Artillery were notified & fired 20 rounds</p> |

Appendix

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— PATROL REPORT —

Night 23 Feb 1958

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| Stn | Patrol Point | left time | Patrol returned Point | time | Locality traversed | Object of Patrol | Patrol report in detail |
|-----|--|-----------|-----------------------|---------|--|--|--|
| 3 | 6U17 | 8.30pm | 6U17 | 11.30pm | LA BASSE VILLE - WARINGTON RD | Investigate SPINNY WIRE | <p>Due to our Machine gun and Artillery fire Patrol could not reach SPINNY there were three short bursts of our Artillery which exploded in rear of them while several shot went into the SPINNY MG at SPINNING MILL active during this period, down NML</p> <p>Particularly quiet period - no movements being heard</p> |
| 4 | 6U17 | 8.30pm | 6U17 | 11.30pm | Along Railway to Amherst Drains etc. SE about 200yds | Locating MG Positions & Ground Reconnaissance | <p>Enemy very inactive during the period No sounds whatever heard and no MG fired on this sector.</p> |
| 5 | 6U17 | 11.30pm | 5U17 | 1.30 AM | Along Wire after blowing out about 30yds from 6U17 | Examination of wire and location of MG's south of LA BASSE VILLE - WARINGTON RD. | <p>One burst about 1 AM from MG at U18A 30 60 Enemy Artillery from COMBES DIRECTION active on back areas</p> <p>Wire between 6U17 & 5U17 very poor with two gaps one in front of 6U17 and the other 20 yds towards 5U17</p> <p>Only sounds heard being enemy baling out his trench about U18A 30 60 with a ton</p> |
| 6 | <p>Listening Post established, owing to brightness of the moon enemy lines between 2.50 AM and 5 AM</p> <p>Camp signalling between SPINNING MILL and WARINGTON TOWER between 5.30 and 5.45 pm</p> <p>The following MG's did not fire U18A 20 45, U18A 33, U18A 20 00, U18A 33 02</p> <p align="right">W.S. Philp Hunt Squad Officer.</p> | | | | | | |

| No. of Party. | Coy | Composition | Where to report. | When to report. | To whom to report. | Tools required. | If rations | Gumboots | Remarks. |
|---------------|-----|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| 018 | A | 1 OFF 3 NCO 24 men | Racine Dump | 4-30 p.m. | Sgt. Neilson of "A" Coy 3rd. Australian Pioneer Battalion. | As arranged at rendez-vous | No | Yes | Work till 11-30 p.m. |
| 020 | B | 1 OFF 2 NCO 30 men | Racine Dump | 8-50 a.m. | Lieut. Snellgrove or Rep. No. 4 Section 10th. Field Company. | do. | Holiday meal | Yes | Work to 3-30 p.m. |
| 023 | C | 1 OFF 2 NCO 30 men | Racine Dump | 6-30 a.m. | Capt. Rose or rep. "A" Coy., 3rd. Aust. Pioneer Batta. | do. | No. | Yes | Work till 1 p.m. |
| 025 | A | 1 OFF 3 NCO 30 men | do. | do. | do. | do. | No. | Yes. | Work till 1 p.m. |
| 026 | B | 1 OFF 2 NCO 16 men | do. | 6-00 p.m. | Lieut. Snellgrove or rep. No. 4 section, 10th. Field Company | do. | No. | Yes. | Work till 11-30 p.m. |
| 027 | C | 1 OFF | do. | 5-00 p.m. | do. | do. | No. | Yes. | Work till 11-30 p.m. |
| | B | 1 NCO 8 men | | | | | | | |
| | D | 1 NCO 6 men | | | | | | | |
| | A | 14 men | | | | | | | |
| 028 | C | 1 OFF 2 NCO 24 men | do. | 4-30 p.m. | do. | do. | No. | Yes. | Work till 11 p.m. |
| 029 | D | 1 OFF 1 NCO 15 men | do. | 8-30 a.m. | do. | do. | Holiday meal, | Yes. | Work till 3-30 p.m. |
| 030 | B | 1 OFF 2 NCO 16 men | do. | 4-30 p.m. | do. | do. | No. | Yes | Work till 11 p.m. |
| 031 | D | 1 NCO 10 men | do. | 8-30 a.m. | do. | do. | Holiday meal | No. | Work till 6-30 p.m. |
| 032 | C | 1 OFF 2 NCO 33 men | Hyde Park Corner | 8-00 a.m. | Representative of 104th. Tunnelling Company. | do. | Yes. | Yes | Work till |



Officer or N.C.O. in charge of each party will render a report on work done within one hour of return to billets. Parties will fall in on HYDE PARK CORNER half-an-hour prior to above times.

Signature
Adjutant 37th. Battalion A.I.F.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 257.

By Lieut. Col. E. KNOX KNIGHT.

Commanding 37th. Battalion, A. I. F.

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| 37 TH AUSTRALIAN BATTALION. | |
| No. | 7 |
| Date..... | Headquarters February 5/1918. |

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ORDERS
(1)

Attention is directed to the following Orders :-

- | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| A.I.F. ORDERS | 22-25-29/1/1918. |
| G. R. O. | 23-24-25-26-29-31/1/18; 1/2/18. |
| 4th. A.R.O. | 26/1/18 |
| Aust. R.O. | 28-31/1/18. |
| 3rd. D.R.O. | 369-370-371-372. |
| 10th. Bg. R.O. | 155. |

The above Orders can be perused at Battalion Orderly Room.

SCHOOL
REPORTS
(2)

Australian Corps School :-

- | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|---|
| 2645 Cpl. Spencer G.R. | BOMBING. | Very good. This S.C.O. has a fairly good knowledge of Bombing and Grenades and should make an Instructor. Requires plenty of practice and experience. Will turn out a good Intelligence man. Good worker. |
| 2558 Pte. Everingham J.S. | INTELLIGENCE | Good. Attentive good worker |
| 2730 L/Cpl Coonan W.G. | STOKES MORTAR | Fair at detailing. Will make a good S.C.O. |
| 6000 Pte. Chapman A. | LEWIS GUN | Very good. Done well during course. |

Second Army School of Musketry - 2nd. S.C.Os. Course

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| 299 Cpl. Jones G.R. | Good knowledge of Musketry suitable to instruct S.C.Os. |
|---------------------|---|

MEDICAL
INSPECTION
(3)

Officers commanding Companies will arrange for the medical examination of all reinforcements, men returning from leave schools, etc., within 24 hours of their reporting to their units.

POTATOES
COOKING OF
(3)

The Corps Commander has noticed that in many Units cooks are peeling the potato ration, contrary to the instructions contained in S.S. 615. "COOKING IN THE FIELD". Potatoes will always be cooked in their jackets. In view of the necessity for economy in foodstuffs, Officers commanding units will ensure that this method of cooking is adopted forthwith.

37th. BATTALION. A. I. F. ROUTINE ORDER NO. 297. (Contd. 2) 5/2/18

CLEAN UNDERVESTS. It appears that troops do not in all cases receive a change of undervests when changing their underclothing. Corps and Divisions will hold a sufficient stock of clean undervests to ensure that all men receive a complete change of underclothing at the baths. (4A.R.O. 1674.)

(6)

WEARING SMALL BOX RESPIRATORS. There are now only two methods of wearing small box respirators- (a) In the "Alert" position, when closer to the line than two miles, i.e., within the "Alert Zone". (b) Hanging from the left shoulder, the container being on the right side, when beyond the "Alert Zone". (Auth. Bg. R.O. 853.)

(6)

SALVAGE OF PAPER AND CARDBOARD. The following return shows the quantity of cardboard and paper salvaged by Units and returned to Railhead for week ending Friday 25-1-18 :-

(7)

| Unit | Paper lbs. | Cardboard lbs. |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------|
| Brigade Headquarters. | 26 | 4 |
| 37th. Battalion | 78 | 41 |
| 38th. " | 67 | 35 |
| 39th. " | 55 | 28 |
| 40th. " | 116 | - |
| Machine Gun Coy. | 4 | 8 |
| Trench Mortar Batty. | 14 | 4 |
| Totals. | 360 | 118 |

RETURN OF DRIPPINGS. The following return shows the quantity of Drippings returned to Railhead for week ending 25-1-18 :-

(8)

| Unit | Class | Quantity lbs. |
|-----------------------|-------|---------------|
| 37th. Battalion | 2A | 158 |
| 38th. Battalion | 2A | 48 |
| 39th. Battalion | 2A | 50 |
| 40th. Battalion | 2A | 343 |
| Machine Gun Coy. | - | - |
| Trench Mortar Battery | - | - |
| Total. | | 599 |

(Auth. Bg. R.O. 22/1/18.)

Appendix 7

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57th. BATTALION, A.I.F. ROUTINE ORDER NO. 237. (Contd. 2).

LEAVE TO BAILLIE It has been brought to notice that men are visiting BAILLIE without passes and improperly dressed.

(9)

Attention is drawn to the following regulations governing leave to BAILLIE :-

- 1. Leave to BAILLIE will not be granted to more than 5% of any Unit daily.
- 2. Men granted leave will -
 - (a) Be provided with passes signed by the A.P.O.
 - (b) Be properly dressed wearing belts.
 - (c) Be clear of the town by 8-30 p.m.
 - (d) Not enter any saloon or restaurant except between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p.m., and 6 and 8 p.m. (Auth. SO 101/217.)

CHAPLAINS, It has been noted that Chaplains of the A.I.F. are frequently designated in official lists and correspondence by military ranks.

(10)

Under Australian Military Regulation No. 120, Chaplains are classified as under, and are granted relative military rank according to classification, viz :-

- Chaplain, 4th. Class (relative rank of Captain).
- Chaplain, 3rd. Class (relative rank of Major).
- Chaplain, 2nd. Class (relative rank of Lt. Col).
- Chaplain, 1st. Class (relative rank of Colonel).

As Chaplains only wear rank badges to denote their classification and relative military rank, it is incorrect to refer to them as "Captain", "Chaplain-Captain", etc. The correct mode of address is "Chaplain the Rev. (--- Class), ---," and greater care must be taken in this respect in future. (Auth. A.I.F. Order No. 1078.)

ADVERTISEMENT- The following advertisement recently appeared in a London daily newspaper :-

(11)

"Will some patriot give field glasses to candidate for Commission - 'Times', Box N, 22, 'The Times'."

In the A.I.F., binoculars are a first issue on appointment to commissioned rank, as also are all necessary articles of uniform and equipment. In addition, an outfit allowance of £15 is granted to each newly commissioned officer. There is no necessity for the insertion of such advertisements, and, in addition to this, it is most undesirable that candidates for Commissions should endeavor to buy such articles from anyone. Such action can only tend to create a false impression in the mind of the public and is derogatory to the dignity of the A.I.F.

C.Os. will take action to warn all members of the A.I.F. in their units that the insertion by them of advertisements such as the above is forbidden. (Auth. A.I.F. Order No. 1078.)

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(Contd. 3). 8/3/19

7th, BATTALION, A.I.F.

Attention is directed to the following orders reference use of and damage to railway tracks. (4th, Aust. A.C. 15.)

ORDER TO RAILWAY TRACKS. Except in case of urgent military necessity, troops are forbidden to walk on or to utilize railway property or premises for any purpose or to erect buildings on railway premises or otherwise to damage or interfere with embankments, cuttings, bridges, permanent ways, ballast, yards, sidings, signals, or other railway property.

When circumstances permit, an Officer of the Railway Construction Department should be consulted before any works arising from urgent military necessity are carried out on railway property. (Fourth Army Standing Order 200.)

ORDER RAILWAY OFF LOADINGS. Serious damage is caused to the permanent way if light railway trucks are off loaded in a careless manner.

Officers and N.C.O.s in charge of unloading parties will ensure that the material etc, "off-loaded" is dumped not less than 10 feet away from the line. (4th. Army A.C. 1545.)

ORDER TO RAILWAY TRACKS.

Riding or walking along railway tracks in the Second Army Area is forbidden. (A.C. 1545.)

There have been numerous reports of damage to railways caused by troops riding or walking along the lines contrary to the above order, even in inclement weather.

It is therefore taken steps to ensure that the above Army Standing Order is brought to the notice of all ranks, strictly complied with, and that severe disciplinary action is taken against all offenders.

Divisions will take immediate steps to enforce these orders in their areas by the provision of necessary tracks, and detailing signposts, patrols, to prevent trespassing on the LIGHT RAILWAY TRACKS. (A.C. 1545.)

TRUCKS. Handtrucks will not be used on the main light railway systems without authority. (4th. A.C. 1547.)

THE ABOVE ORDERS WILL BE ENFORCED IN SPACES OF ALL UNITS AND
ALL WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAME. A DISCIPLINARY
ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST ALL OFFENDERS WHOSE NAMES ARE
REPORTED.

OFFICERS AND N.C.O.s are reminded that as no facilities exist at present for the payment of allowances to personnel in the field, all officers and other ranks, before proceeding, must be paid in advance for the full period of the course. Cash is always available at Divisional Quartermaster's Office on production of the necessary authority.

(18)

37th BATTALION, A.I.F. ROUTINE ORDER No. 287. (Contd.3.) 5/2/18.

LIGHT
RAILWAYS.
(12).

Attention is directed to the following orders reference use of and damage to railway trucks. (Auth. Aust. R.O.12.)

DAMAGE TO RAILWAY TRUCKS. Except in case of urgent military necessity, troops are forbidden to walk on or to utilise railway property or premises for any purpose or to erect buildings on railway premises or otherwise to damage or interfere with embankments, cuttings, bridges, permanent ways, ballast, yards, sidings, signals, or other Railway property.

When circumstances permit, an Officer of the Railway Constructive Department should be consulted before any works arising from urgent military necessity are carried out on railway property.

(Fourth Army Standing Order 584).

LIGHT RAILWAYS. OFF LOADING. Serious damage is caused to the permanent way if light railway trucks are off loaded in a careless manner.

Officers and N.C.O's in charge of unloading parties will ensure that the material etc., "offloaded" is dumped not less than 10 feet away from the line. (4th Army R.O. 1645).

DAMAGE TO RAILWAY TRUCKS.

Riding or walking along railway tracks in the Second Army Area is forbidden. (A.R.O. 1830)

There have been numerous reports of damage to railways caused by troops riding or walking along the lines contrary to the above order, especially in wet weather.

Units will therefore take steps to ensure that the above Army Routine Order is brought to the notice of all ranks, strictly complied with, and that severe disciplinary action is taken against all offenders. Divisions will take immediate steps to enforce these orders in their areas by the provision of necessary tracks, and detailing piquets, patrols, to prevent trespassing on the LIGHT RAILWAY LINES.

(A.C.R.O.313).

TROLLEYS. Handtrolleys will not be used on the main light railway systems without authority. (4th A.R.O. 1647).

THE ABOVE ORDERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN ORDERS OF ALL UNITS AND READ ON PARADE THREE TIMES. A CERTIFICATE TO THIS EFFECT WILL BE RE-FORWARDED TO THIS OFFICE WHEN THIS HAS BEEN DONE.

PAY OF
OFFICERS &
OTHER RANKS
PROCEEDING
TO SCHOOLS.
(13).

Os/G. Companies are reminded that no facilities exist at schools of instruction for the payment of AUSTRALIAN personnel, all officers and other ranks, before proceeding, must be paid in advance for the full period of the course. Cash is always available at Divisional Paymaster's Office on production of necessary authority.

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37th. BATTALION. A. I. P. ORDER NO. 287 (Contd 4) 5/2/1918

OVERSEAS
SAILORS
AND
SOLDIERS
SCHOLAR-
SHIPS.
(14)

- There are in the naval and military forces now on active service, many officers and men from the Dominions who have -
- (a) Graduated at the Overseas Universities
 - (b) Had their studies on Overseas University interrupted by the call to serve
 - (c) Passed examination of University entrance standard that have not attended a University
 - (d) Had practically no education since leaving school at an early age but have developed considerable character and power of thought and would benefit greatly by a course of study at a University.
 - (e) Attended Technical Schools or been engaged demanding a high standard of technical knowledge,

A number of these men come to England from the fleets at sea and armies in the field suffering from wounds and sickness and after a time spent in hospital those who are unfit for further active service generally return to their own countries. It is believed that many would be glad to avail themselves before returning to their homes of the facilities for special education afforded by BRITISH UNIVERSITIES, and schools of TECHNOLOGY. It has been ascertained that the Universities and Technical schools will welcome such men and provide one year courses of study specially designed for all needs. It is estimated that a scholarship of the annual value of from £150 to £250 varying according to the University, College, or School selected would amply cover all expenses of a scholar including tuition and other fees and cost of living. A scheme is at present under consideration for providing a considerable number of such scholarships. Meanwhile funds have been made available to enable selected men who are now unfit for further service to attend the Universities and Technical Schools.

Each Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of the High Commissioner for the DOMINION to which the candidates belong. - Upon the University, college or school, to which the candidate is proposed agreeing to accept him. The scholarships will be paid in quarterly instalments, the first on beginning residence at the residential UNIVERSITY, College or School, or on the date appointed for the commencement of attendance at a non-residential University, college or school, and thereafter terminally provided that the University, College, or school, to which any scholar may belong be satisfied with his work and conduct. Should a scholar fail to give satisfaction to his University, college, or school, his scholarship may be returned.

The Naval or Military status of a scholar will be determined by the conditions described by the authorities of the Dominion to which he belongs, e.g., he may be :-

- (1) A retired Officer or discharged man
- (2) An officer or man still serving and
 - (a) on leave and in receipt of pay or
 - (b) on leave without pay.

It is to be clearly understood that normal University and college conditions shall prevail in regard to all scholars irrespective of naval or military rank or status, i.e. :-

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5th. BATTALION. A.I.F. ORDER NO. 23.

SCHOLARSHIPS. (contd) (14)

The scholar shall
(1) Be subject to the ordinary rules of discipline.
(2) follow a course of study approved by the college, or school of which he is a member.
Forms of application for scholarships may be had and any other information desired can be obtained by members of A.I.F. on application to

D.A.A.G. (b)
Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,
120, Horseferry Road,
London, S.W. 1

All correspondence other than from patients in hospitals on this subject will be sent through Commanding Officers. When application forms are submitted to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., they should be in duplicate and should be accompanied by:-

- (1) A medical certificate (Form II on the form) that the soldier is unfit for further service, and is fit to undergo the proposed course.
 - (2) A statement from the A.M.S., MEDICAL, of the applicant's medical classification.
 - (3) A recommendation on a separate sheet from the applicant's Commanding Officer (in the case of A.I.F. Depots in the U.K. from the Headquarters of that command).
- Members selected will be granted 12 months' leave without pay to attend their course.

ESTATES BRANCH A.I.F. (15)

It is notified to all concerned that an Estates Branch has been established at Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., 120 Horseferry Road, Westminster, London, S.W. 1. This branch undertakes particularly the following work:-
(1) Obtains wills from members of the A.I.F., holds them in safe custody and takes all action thereon when necessary.
(2) Deals with the estates of members of this force whose next of kin or legatees are in the United Kingdom and prepares necessary documents.
(3) Protects assets of deceased soldiers.
(4) Gives advice and assistance on any legal questions to any members of the force requiring same affecting their personal affairs and property, including the preparation of Powers of Attorney, Land Transfers, and other legal documents.
Any member of the Australian Imperial Force requiring information from time to time should attend personally or communicate with the Officer i/c Estates Branch at above address.
See also A.I.F. Order 233, dated 7th. Sept 1917.

37th BATTALION. A.I.F. ORDER NO. 283.)Contd. (6) KENNEDY 5/2/18

CHEVRONS FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE. (18)

With reference to the Army Order of 20/12/17, published in A.I.F. Order No. 105e, dated 4th. January 1918, republished in Bn. R. O. 281 ~~xxxx~~ para. 7 dated 12/1/18 :-

(1) Unit Commanders will determine the class and numbers of chevrons to which an individual is entitled and will submit indents on the Order Book Officer concerned accordingly
(2) The date of embarkation of each individual from Australia is shown on page 1 of the Soldier's Paybook being the first entry under the heading "Commencing Date of each rate". The number and class of chevrons to which each officer or man is entitled can except in the case of men who have returned to Australia since original embarkation be readily determined from this and the application of paras. (3), (4), (5) of the above Bn. R. O.

The first chevron (red if embarkation took place in 1914 or blue if it took place on or after 1st. January 1915) is due on date of embarkation. Additional blue chevrons are due for each successive aggregate period of twelve months service outside of Australia less any deductions incurred under the Army Order.

(3) The chevrons to which an individual who returned to Australia since original embarkation is entitled will be determined provisionally by G. Os. and issues will be made accordingly but each of these cases will be referred by the G.O. direct to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London for verification. Any necessary adjustment will be made after verification by Administrative Headquarters.

(4) Similarly when doubt exists as to the period of A.W.L. in prison or detention, in hospital due to avoidable causes, should be excluded when calculating the twelve months periods required to qualify for additional chevrons. The chevrons will be issued provisionally by the G.O. as he may determine from the information in his possession and he will refer the cases to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. for verification. After verification, the necessary adjustment will be made by the G.O.

(5) - a - In cases where individuals are entitled to calculate the ~~whole~~ whole of their service since embarkation from Australia without deduction towards the grant of chevrons no entry will be made in the paybook, the date of embarkation shown therein being sufficient indication.

(5) - b - In other cases where deduction of any periods is necessary an entry will be made after necessary verification from Administrative Headquarters A.I.F. at the top of page 1 of the Paybook will be signed by an Officer showing the number and class of chevrons to which the man was entitled on the day of qualification for the last additional, e.g., if a man embarked from Australia on 21/10/14 and served continuously beyond the limits of the Commonwealth since then but during the period served a sentence of four months' imprisonment his qualifying service on 21/10/18 would be 59 months less four months = 55 months. He would therefore be entitled to one red chevron on embarkation in 1914 and two additional blue chevrons. The second blue chevron was due on 21/2/17 (taking into account above-mentioned deduction) and the entry would be :-

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"Entitled one Red and two blue chevrons as at 31/3/1917.

Signature of Officer.

(6) Only chevrons being issued all ranks will be warned that the wilful irregular wearing of chevrons is an offence punishable by Court Martial. (Arth. A.I.F. Order 1089.)

(7) Companies will submit ~~maintainances~~ by the 20th. inst. NOMINAL ROLLS up to and including the 31st. January 1918 in accordance with the attached pro-formas, all such cases as come under para. (5) a - and - b - above will be shown on separate rolls.

(8) Companies will include rolls of all Officers and other ranks on their strength who are detached on various duties.

(9) Further rolls will be rendered by Companies by 4th. day of each month made up to the last day of the preceding month.

DESERPTION
(17)

The undermentioned men having been A.W.L. from 31st. October 1917 to 8th. December 1917 are struck off the strength of the Battalion as deserters :-

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|----------|------|----------|-------|
| No. 1923 | Pte. | BOWLANDS | H. T. |
| No. 1560 | Pte | BOYLE | J. |
| No. 1871 | Pte | WILLIAMS | H. G. |

CRIMES &
PUNISHMENTS.
(18)

The following proceedings of Battalion Orderly Room held by the Commanding Officer on the dates mentioned are here promulgated and will be read out on the day they appear in Orders -

(a) 31/1/18, No. 3769, Pte Hodge G.
Offence. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he hesitated to obey the order of a superior officer. 20/1/1918.

Punishment Awarded. 14 days F.P.No. 2.

(b) 31/1/18, No. 3717 Pte. ELLICK W.R.
Offence. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he hesitated to obey the order of a superior officer. 20/1/18.

Punishment Awarded. 14 days F.P.No. 2.

(c) 28/1/18. Pte. MORGAN W.G. No. 3048.
Offence. Contravention of D.R.O. 1370 in that he was not carrying a P.H. or small box respirator 28/1/18.

Punishment Awarded. Admonished.

(d) 28/1/18. No. 644. Pte. Murphy J.J.
Offence. Contravention of D.R.O. 1370 in that he was not carrying a P.H. or small box respirator on 28/1/18.

Punishment Awarded. Admonished.

(e) 30/1/18. No. 653. Pte. O'TOOLE G.
Offence. AWL in that he was absent from parade from 12-45 p.m., 27/1/18 till 4 p.m. 27/1/18.

Punishment Awarded. Forfeits one days' pay.

(f) 30/1/18. Pte. GRIGOLEIT H. No. 3280.
Offence. A.W.L. in that he was absent from parade from 12-45 p.m. till 2 p.m. 27/1/18.

Punishment Awarded. Forfeits one days' pay.

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THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY ORDER NO. 207 (contd) 21/1/17.

(14)
(Contd.)

Signature of Officer.
(2) On chevrons being issued all ranks will be warned that the wilful irregular wearing of chevrons is an offence punishable by Court-martial. (Auth. A.I.F. Order 1089.)

POSTAL SERVICE PARCELS (17)

(19)

In continuation of A.I.F. Orders Nos. 431, 738, and 808, it is notified that all persons handling parcels sent by post are responsible for the parcels while under their control until delivered to the addressee. They will be liable to disciplinary action in connection with any losses of or damage to parcels caused through neglect while in their custody. An acquittance must be obtained from all persons accepting delivery and the signatures of addressee will be obtained for all posted parcels handed over by the Army Postal Service for delivery within units. The obtaining of such signatures may, however, be dispensed with when necessary owing to military exigencies at the discretion of an officer of the Australian Base Postal Service.

Postal parcels undeliverable within a unit will be returned to the Army Postal Service without delay and a receipt will be obtained from the Army Postal official who accepts delivery. Units served through Army and Field Post Offices other than Australian will obtain such receipts on the inwards parcel list received by them and at the end of each month will return these lists to the Officer Commanding, Australian Base Post Office, London.

The decision regarding compensation payable by the Postal Service for parcels lost or damaged rests with the Director of Army Postal Services, A.I.F., who may order the payment of full compensation allowed by postal regulations or such part thereof as he may consider advisable. Undeliverable postal parcels are not now returned to Australia, but, under War Precautions Regulations 44 (a) the contents except those of sentimental value which are returned to the senders, are handed over by the Australian Base Post Office to the Australian Consulate and amongst other matters of the Australian Imperial Force Overseas. Postal parcels are only classed as undeliverable after every effort has been made to deliver them to the addressee, and in the case of war killed or missing after the official report has been received. Attention is directed to A.I.F. Order 608 regarding compensation for the loss of registered mail. (Auth A.I.F. Order 1089.)

S. Reseltine Lieut.

A/Adjutant, 37th. Battalion,

A.I.F.

Company, 37th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS & OTHER RANKS entitled to CHEVRONS - A.I.F. Order Nos. 1055 and 1089 - up to and including the 31st. January 1918, vide Bn. R.O. 287, para. 7 (5a).

| No. | Rank | Surname | :Initials | : | (Date of embar- | :Total service | :Chevrns, entitled | |
|-----|------|---------|-----------|---|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
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Company, 37th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS & OTHER RANKS entitled to Chevrons (A.I.F. Order Nos. ~~XXXX~~ 1053 and 1089) up to and including the 31st. January 1918, vide Bn. R.O. 287, para. 7 (5b.)

| No. | Rank | Name Surname | Initials | Date of 1st. Emb. from Australia | Total Services since 1st. Embar-kation | Less Periods | | | | | Total Mos days | Total qualifying service in months. | Chevrns entitled to, Nos. thereof | | |
|-----|------|--------------|----------|----------------------------------|--|--|-----|-------------|-------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|--|
| | | | | | | Service in Australia since 1st. Em-markation | AWL | Deten-tion. | F.P.in com-pound. | Hospital from sickness due to avoidable causes | | | Red | Blue | |
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Appendix 7.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 299.

By Lieut. Col. E. KNOX KNIGHT.

Commanding 37th. Battalion, A.I.F. Battrn, Hdqrs.
Feby. 8/1918.

ORDERS (1) Attention is directed to the following Orders :-

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| A. I. F. Orders | 1/2/18 |
| G. R. O. | 2/2/18 |
| 4th. A. R. O. | |
| Aust. R. O. | 3/2/18 |
| 3rd. Div. R. O. | 373 |
| 10th. Inf. Bg. | 156. |

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| 37 TH AUSTRALIAN BATTALION. | |
| No..... | 8 |
| Date..... | |

The above orders can be perused at Battalion Orderly Room

CRIMES & PUNISHMENTS. (2) The following proceedings of Battalion Orderly Room held ~~on~~ by the Commanding Officer on 30/1/1918 are here promulgated and will be read out in orders on the day that they appear :-

(a) No. 730, Pte. HALFPENNY, G.
 Offence. A.W.L. in that he was absent from parade 12-45 p.m. 27/1/1918 till 8 p.m. 27/1/1918.
 Punishment Awarded. Forfeits one days' pay.
 Total Forfeiture. Five Shillings. (One days' pay.)

(b) No. 534. Pte. FIELDER, T.L.
 Offence. A.W.L. from 7-50 a.m. 23/1/1918 till apprehended at 8-45 p.m. 23/1/1918 in London.
 Punishment Awarded. Forfeits three days' pay.
 Total Forfeiture. Five days' pay £1-15-0.

VERMIN INFECTED CLOTHES AND BLANKETS (3) Any man found to be suffering from vermin will be at once sent for a bath and change of ~~skates~~ underclothing. All outer garments (tunic, breeches, and puttees,) of such man must be ironed at the baths or by unit arrangements.
 All blankets for men so affected will be sent to Divisional Rest station, Pont d'Achelles (10th. Aust. Field Ambulance) *where* ~~which~~ they will be exchanged for clean disinfected blankets. The outer garments of all personnel will be ironed under unit arrangements with irons issued for the purpose once a month. (Auth. D.R.O. 1728.)

PARCELS BY POST (4) The attention of members of the A.I.F. is drawn to the fact that the British Postal Authorities refuse to carry by post parcels from the United Kingdom to France if they exceed 7lbs. in weight. Parcels exceeding 7 lbs. in weight posted from Australia to members of the A.I.F. in France then addressed c/o a civilian address in the U. K. cannot therefore be re-directed and sent on by British post to France as one Parcel. Members of the A.I.F. should instruct their relatives and friends in Australia to address all mail direct to the soldier if the regimental number, rank, name, initials and permanent Australian Unit is stated, the Australian Army Postal Service - with the assistance of their Re-direction Department - will

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PARCELS ultimately deliver all mail to the soldier even though several
BY POST changes in location have taken place.
(contd) (A.I.F. Orders 1/2/1918.)
(4)

DISCIPLINE IN TRAINS. (5) The Senior Officer travelling by troop train is the Officer Commanding Train and he is personally responsible should he fail to maintain discipline and for any loss of Government property damage to the train, or to the property of inhabitants, caused by the troops under his command. When a train conducting Officer is appointed for duty with a train, he will act as Staff Officer to the Officer Commanding Train, and will assist him in carrying out the standing Orders contained in S.S. 554. If the Train Conducting Officer is the Senior Officer on the train, he will perform the duties of both Officers, commanding train and Staff Officer. The Officer Commanding train will detail such officers as may be necessary to assist the train conducting officer in carrying out these orders. On trains where Military Police are detailed for duty, the T.C.O. will, under orders of the O/C train, be responsible for the safe custody of all government stores that are issued for use on the train. He will take steps to note the names of the N.C.Os. or senior soldiers who are placed in charge of each vehicle or compartment, in accordance with para. 7 of ~~S.S. 554~~ S.S. 554, and will ensure that they wear the special armbands provided (red band with letters Train N.C.O. inscribed on them). The duties of these N.C.Os. are to assist the T.C.O. in carrying out the train orders laid down in S.S. 554., and, in particular, to check any man damaging or attempting to damage the rolling stock. These N.C.Os. will remain on duty until relieved of their duties by the T.C.O. Should it be found in any particular compartment that wilful damage has been done, and the N.C.O. in charge of the carriage has failed to report the man responsible for this damage, or is unable to parade the man when called upon to do so, the N.C.O. in charge will be detained, and disciplinary action for this neglect of duty will be taken by the Base or Railhead Commander. All ranks are to be warned that everything has been done to make the leave trains comfortable, and any damage done to these trains is practically impossible to repair during the winter, and that every care should be taken to prevent damage, otherwise their comrades will suffer the greatest hardships and discomfort. On arrival of the train at base or railhead, the train conducting Officer will report to the railway Transport Officer whether there has been any complaints against the conduct of the troops on the journey, and will hand in the reports on A.F. W. 3706, if any, after they have been signed by the Officer Commanding Train. Train Conducting Officers will wear red armbands with the letters T.C.O. inscribed on them. (Auth. R.M. G.R.O. 3244.)

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37th BATTALION. A. I. F. ORDER NO. 289. (Contd. 3) 9/2/1918.

PAY.
FURLOUGH
ADVANCES
(6)

Reference A. I. F. Order 288 as amended by A.I.F. Order 1081.

The attention of all C.Os. is drawn to the necessity of observing the procedure outlined in above Order before granting leave to men without funds. The Chief Paymaster, London, advises that applications are received daily from men arriving there on leave without funds available either on their paybooks or from outside sources, and not in possession of the prescribed form of application for an advance, duly recommended by an Australian Paymaster.

Commanding Officers are responsible for ensuring that no N.C.O. or man is allowed to proceed on leave unless in possession of sufficient funds under one of the following heads:-

- (a) Available in paybook, this may be ascertained from an inspection of the book.
- (b) In his possession at time of departure.
- (c) To be advanced under A.I.F. Order No. 288 as amended by 1081 on approval of Divisional Paymaster.
- (d) Available from an outside source after departure from Unit. In these cases the soldier must make a written statement showing from whom the money will be obtained, how much is available, and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ must produce evidence to the satisfaction of his C.O. in support of his statement. He should be warned that an Overdraft will not be granted him by Chief Paymaster, and the statement endorsed by C.O. "satisfactory evidence of availability of funds from an outside source submitted to me and N.C.O. or man (as case may be) warned that an Overdraft will not be granted sent to Divisional Paymaster immediately a man proceeds on leave.

"Sufficient funds" when used above means at least £7.
(Auth. Aust. R. O. 20.)

HONORS
AND
AWARDS.
(7)

The Field Marshal Commanding in Chief has, under authority by/ HIS MAJESTY THE KING, awarded the Belgian CROIX DE GUERRE ~~XXXX~~ to the following N. C. O. and other rank :-

| | | | |
|-----|------|------|---------------|
| No. | 578 | Sgt. | G. H. GRAY |
| | 1897 | Pte. | H. G. HOLWELL |

The Army, Corps, Divisional, Brigade, and Battalion Commanders desire their congratulations to be conveyed to the recipients and to express admiration for the meritorious nature of the work done by the above N.C.O. and other rank.
(Auth. Bg. R. O. 855.)

RUM
UNAUTHO-
~~XXXX~~
RISED
ISSUE.
(8)

It has come to notice that some Units are in the habit of supplying crews of trains on the Corps Light Railways ~~XXXX~~ with rum when they deliver traffic at unloading points. C.Os. Units will take such steps as may be necessary to put a stop to this practise.

57th. BATTALION. A.I.F. ORDER NO. 289. (Contd 4) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 2/2/18

DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY. All troops must be warned against damage to the property to civilians. A number of complaints have been received of troops destroying buildings and parts of buildings for fire-wood. Commanding officers must take efficient steps to

(9) prevent this, and in the event of any offender being caught, he will be tried by FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL under Sect. 6 (f).

(Auth. Bg. R. O. 531.)

~~XXXXXX~~ The following return shows the quantity of cardboard and paper salvaged by Units and returned to Railhead for week ending Friday 1/3/1918 :-

SALVAGE OF PAPER & CARDBOARD (10)

| Unit | Paper lbs. | Cardboard lbs. |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Brigade Headquarters | 30 | 15 |
| 57th. Battalion | -- | -- |
| 38th. Battalion | 10½ | 45 |
| 39th. Battalion | 38 | 63 |
| 40th. Battalion | 141 | 58 |
| 10th. Machine Gun Co. | 8 | 5 |
| 10th. A.L.F.M. Battery | 12 | 7 |
| | <u>237½</u> | <u>187½</u> |

RETURN OF DRIPPING (11) The following return shows the quantity of Dripping returned to Railhead for week ending 1/2/1918 :-

| Unit | Class | Quantity lbs |
|-----------------|-------|--------------|
| 57th. Battalion | RA | 60 |
| 39th. Battalion | RA | 33 |
| | | <u>93</u> |

S. J. ...

Lieut.,

A/Adjutant, 57th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Appendix 9

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 200.

By Lieut. Col. E. KNOX KNIGHT.

Commanding 37th. Battalion, A. I. F.

Battalion Headquarters,
February 9/1918.

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| 37TH AUSTRALIAN BATTALION. | |
| No. | 9 |
| Date. | 9 |

ORDERS
(1)

Attention is drawn to the following Orders :-

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| A.I.F. Orders | ----- |
| S.R.O. | 20/1/18; 4/2/18; 5/2/18. |
| 4 A.R.O. | 4/2/18 |
| AUSE. R.O. | ----- |
| Srd. Div. R.O. | 374 |
| 10th. Bg. R.O. | ----- |

The above Orders can be perused at Battalion Orderly Room.

RESULTS
(-)

X CORPS GAS SCHOOL. Course 7.

S/Lieut. A. SIBSON. Examination Written and Oral - Very good. Drill - Excellent. Remarks - Excellent.

L/Cpl. F.H. DAY. Examination Written and Oral - Excellent. Drill - Good. Remarks - Good. Suitable for Coy. Gas S.C.C.

The Entry :- "Passed X Corps Anti-Gas School" with date of this certificate, 27/1/1918, should be entered on page 14 of this S.C.C. Pay Book in accordance with S.S. 534, page 8.

MEASLES PROCEED- Attention has been drawn to the fact that leave men are still arriving on leave riving in England from this country in an insanitary condition. IN A VERMIN- Orders exist in all Armies that S.C.Cs. and men proceeding on OUS CONDITION leave should be given a bath, change of underclothing, and a certificate that they are free from vermin before they leave their Unit. It is most important that these instructions should be carried out with particular care and that the certificate should never be given to a man unless he has been inspected and found to be free from vermin. Steps will be taken immediately to bring this matter to the notice of all concerned with a view to ensuring that no such case occur in future. XX (Auth. S.R.O. 3324.)

LEAVE
(4)

Owing to an outbreak of measles, Horley (Yorks) is placed of bounds to troops proceeding on leave. (Auth. S.R.O. 3316.)

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37th. BATTALION. A.I.F. ORDER NO. 290. (contd 2) 9/2/1918.
~~NEWSPAPER~~

FIRST AID
 INSTRUCTIONS
 AS REGARDS
 PREVENTION
 & FIGHTING
 OF FIRES.

(5)

The continual occurrence of fire is causing much avoidable waste at a time when rigid economy in the consumption of stores of all kind and in the money, man-power, and freight which the manufacture of these stores entails is of paramount importance.

The first object to be aimed at is to prevent the occurrence of fires. and this is frequently a matter of discipline. The chief precautions to be adopted are outlined in G.R.O. 2717 which lays it down that any failure to observe these precautions will be regarded as a breach of discipline for which the COMMANDING OFFICER will be held responsible. ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFS of formations are responsible for seeing that all Commanding Officers within their formation adopt adequate precautions according to the needs of the particular locality and on the lines laid down in this G.R.O. They will make frequent inspections with this end in view.

The second object to be aimed at is to ensure that when a fire does break out it is dealt with promptly and effectively. The following steps are necessary to ensure this.

- (a) First Aid fire appliances (bucket extinguishers etc.) must be kept on the spot.
- (b) Men must be drilled beforehand in the proper use of these appliances and any that may be provided specially for special places.
- (c) An Officer must be specially detailed as Firemaster to take charge of the Fire Piquet and all other men available and to direct operations as soon as the alarm is given.
- (d) "Alarms" should be rehearsed at frequent intervals and always at the first opportunity of taking over new billets or camp.

A scale of "first-aid" appliances for various types of quarters, tents, and hutments, is appended and demands may be submitted on ORDNANCE OFFICERS concerned to complete to this scale.

When an increased scale of issue is considered necessary on account of local conditions, application should be made to higher authority through the usual channels. Buckets should, as far as possible, be made up locally out of 4 gallon petrol tins, biscuit tins, etc. In all large Depots, camps, and towns, Local Fire Committee should be formed. These Committees should review the existing means of combating fires in these localities and where they consider them inadequate, they should submit recommendations for increased facilities to the Headquarters of the Army or L. of G. Army and L. of G. Headquarters will also form Fire Committees who will deal with the recommendation submitted by the local fire committees, settle all these that they can, and forward those that require special attention to the Quartermaster-General, G.H.Q. with their remarks. (Auth. G. R. O. 3269).

Scale of First Aid Fire Appliances "Appendix" - see next page.

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APPENDIX.
Scale of First Aid Fire Appliances.

| I | II | III | IV |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Item. | Buckets, fire | In addition to II Extincteurs (E), Pumps, fire, hand, Mark 88. (P) | Remarks. |
| <u>Hospitals -</u> | | | |
| Wards in Mar- quees (a) | 5 (i) | 1 P. | (i) (a) and (b) are alternative. |
| or (b) | 2 | 2 E. | |
| Stores or other large Tents fitted with stoves (a) | 5 | 1 P | (ii) Or as necessary To hand outside storehouses distant 200 yards or more from a guardroom or other place where help is available. |
| (b) | 2 | 2 E | |
| Ambulance trains | | Extincteurs as required. | |
| <u>Hospital</u> | | | |
| Wards Huts | | | |
| (a) | 10 per 60' hut | 2 P | |
| (b) | 3 per 60' hut | 2 E | |
| <u>Hospital Store</u> | | | |
| Huts (a) | 5 per hut | 1 P | |
| (b) | 4 (ii) | 2 E | |
| Single sol- dier's qrs. | 4 per 60' hut | | |
| | 4 per 12 Nissen huts (small) | | |
| Officers' Qrs. | 1 per 2 Officers | <u>Scale of equivalents.</u> | |
| Cookhouse | 4 | (a) 3 fire buckets w/c pump - 1 Ext. | |
| Drying room | 1 per 20' section | (b) 1 pump & 3 fire buckets | (iii) Open stables & brick sheds no provision. |
| Guard room | 4 | - 2 Extincteurs. | |
| Orderly room | 4 | (c) For small installations a suitable unit is 1 pump and 3-5 fire buckets. | |
| Q.M. Store | 4 (ii) | | |
| Officers' mess | 4 | | |
| Kitchen, Off mess, rooms, &c. | 6 | | |
| Dining Room for 500 500 men | 3 six | | |
| Sgt. mess kitchen | 4 | | (iv) In Supply or Ordnance Stores Depots, R. E. Stores etc. |
| Messroom | 4 | | |
| Readingroom | 4 | | |
| Stables closed Depots | 3 (iii) | | |
| | As required (iv) | | |

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COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF OFFICERS' Kit.
 XXX
 (6)

Some doubt appears to exist as to the precise circumstances in which compensation for Officers' Kit is admissible to the full extent shown in A.C.I. 482 of 1917. The Appendix to this A.C.I. indicates the various articles for which compensation is admissible. The number against each represents the maximum necessary for an Officer in the Field and if he carries any article in excess of this number, he does so at his own risk and is not entitled to compensation for it. Compensation for the full number of articles prescribed is only admissible in certain circumstances, and any article of kit which an officer was wearing at the time the loss occurred must be taken into account in assessing compensation admissible. (Auth. G.R.O. 3333.)

BICYCLES & LOSS.
 (7)

The loss of bicycles is very frequent. The soldier to whom a bicycle is issued is responsible for its safety. A man on duty by himself, who has occasion to leave his bicycle, must make every endeavour to place it under the charge of some responsible person or in a place of security. It is recognised that in certain circumstances the rider may be compelled to leave his machine unattended to carry out his duties. Cyclists, however, are responsible that they do not leave their bicycles unattended, unless the nature of the duty on which they are employed at the time is such that no other course is open to them. They will otherwise be held responsible in the event of loss. (Auth. 4 A.R.O. 1695).

LEAVE TRAINS
 (8)

Blankets are on no account to be removed from leave trains. These are provided for the comfort of all ranks, and any man who removes blankets causes unnecessary hardship to his comrades. Severe disciplinary action will be taken ~~in~~ in all cases where this order is disobeyed. (Auth. 4 A.R.O. 1696.)

S. S. S. S.

Lieut.,

A/Adjutant, 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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Appendix 10

wire at "B" thence to move
~~to~~ to "B" and establish
block there, also to en-
gage any hostile machine
Guns firing across river
and to cover withdrawal of
our own troops from enemy's
line

No. 3 Party.

Spinney Storming Party

1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet Man
2 Bombers - 4

To clear Spinney.

No. 4 Party - Right Flank
Storming Party.

1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet Man,
1 Bomber, 1 Carrier,
1 ~~Demolition~~ Demolition
Man - 5

To rush M.G. emplacement
at "B" and thence storm
North along enemy front
line to "A" junctioning
with No. 1 Party at "A"

No. 5 Party

Left Flank Storming and
Blocking Party.

1 N.C.O., 2 Bayonet Men,
2 Bombers, 1 Carriers, - 7
1 Demolition Man

To storm enemy's front line
North from "A" to "C" and
effecting a junction with
No. 12 Party at "C" thence
storming East along War-
neton Road to "D" clearing
ditch and possible em-
placement.

No. 6 Party

Right Second Line Storming
and Blocking Party.

1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet Man, 2
Bombers, 2 Grenadiers - 6

To storm enemy's second line
from point "E" south to "F"
and establish a block there.

No. 7 Party

Right C.T. and 2nd. line
Storming Party.

Lieut. W. G. H. CROWE
3 N.C.Os., 5 Bayonet Men,
5 Bombers, 1 Grenadier, 1 Car-
rier, 1 Runner, 1 Demolition
Man 1 18

MINOR OPERATION.

Night - February 10/11th. 1918.

Reference Maps 28 1/40000
 Bas Warneton 1/10000
 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Special Plan 1/5000.

 37TH
 AUSTRALIAN
 BATTALION.

 Appendix No. 10
 Date

Information was received on 21/1/1918 that the 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade would carry out a Minor Operation against Enemy Trenches between

U.18.a.28.55 - U.18.a.70.55
 U.12.c.50.25 - U.12.c.10.15

After conference of Commanding Officers of 37th. and 38th. Battalions at Brigade Headquarters, instructions were received to the effect that, The party would consist of 9 Officers and 200 other ranks under the command of Captain F. E. FAIRWEATHER, M.C., this party to be made up by 37th. and 38th. Battalions, each supplying 4 Officers, 100 other ranks.

Allocation of 37th. Battalion party was as per Nominal ~~Roll~~ Roll attached. The above mentioned Officers and men left Battalion Billets at NEUVE EGLISE at 1-30 p.m. on 23rd. inst and moved to concentration Camp at (28.T.26.d.2.3) in accordance with BM/400/64 and PWP 100.

TRAINING. Training was immediately commenced and vigorously carried out, each party being trained in accordance with its allotted task (Syllabus of training attached). Much attention was paid to the training by Higher Authorities, consequently visits were frequent, and system of training met with their approval.

The Composition and Duties of the 37th. Battalion quota was as under-

RIGHT ASSAULTING TEAM.

| | <u>Officers</u> | <u>Total</u> O/R. |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| O.C. Lieut W. HUNTER 2 Runners, 2 Signal- lers, 10 Stretcher Bearers with 8 Stret- chers | 1 | 14 |
| <u>No. 1 Party</u> | | |
| Wire and Parapet Party | | |
| Lieut. N. E. DIXON 1 N.C.O., 4 Scouts and Wire Cutters, 2 Bombers, 2 Bayonet Men, 2 Run- ners, 2 Tape men | 1 | 13 |

To effect an entry into the enemy's trenches at "A" and cover the passage of the remaining parties through the enemy's wire, then to act as Parapet men and Reserve Stretcher Bearers.

No. 2 Party

Right Covering Party

1 N.C.O., 2 Lewis Gun-
ners, 1 Grenadier, 1
Bomber and 1 Bayonet
Man

To cover Right Flank in No
Man's Land and the entry of
No. A Party through the enemy's

Approach (contd.)

Party entrained at CONNAUGHT SIDING (28.) at 5-30 p.m. and proceeded by Light Railway, detraining at RACINE DUMP (U.20.b.4.6.) at 6-30 p.m. where 2nd. Lieut. W. ROADKNIGHT, 37th. Battalion, was in charge of detrainment and subsequent entrainment. The Party then moved forward by VANCOUVER TRACK to AU CHASSEUR CABARET thence overland to FACTORY by taped overland route, thence into No Man's Land and formed up on jumping off tapes previously laid by scouts. Assembly was reported all correct and everything quiet at 9-48 p.m.

Artillery programme, scheme of wire cutting, and particulars of diversion on flanks, as per 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 88.

EXECUTION. The whole of the programme, as planned, was carried out in its entirety.

The action of the Artillery and Infantry synchronised precisely at Zero Hour which was fixed for 10 p.m. During the Advance across No Man's Land, it was found that a number of the enemy, to escape our barrage, had moved forward into shell holes; at least 30 of these were killed and some taken prisoners. The Right Assaulting Team met strong opposition at the outset, but although several parties had to fight their way to their final objectives the Party reported "All In" at 10.6 p.m. (2 prisoners).

Several dugouts in the enemy's Second Line, South of the Warneton Road, were bombed with phosphorus and Stokes Bombs and demolition charges.

The Left Assaulting Team met practically no opposition in the Front Line, but strong resistance in the Second Line. They also bombed a number of dugouts in and near the Second Line and report that three of them were definitely demolished.

In addition, two others were found to have been ~~demolished~~ demolished by our Artillery.

Of the prisoners taken, several parties totalling 12 in all attempted to escape while being taken across No Man's Land and had to be dealt with.

A conservative estimate of the number of enemy killed by revolver, bomb, and bayonet by the Infantry - apart from those (apparently numerous) which had become casualties from our Artillery fire before our Assault had reached the enemy's position - is a total of 102. This figure is arrived at by careful interrogation of each of the 26 storming parties. Two minutes after the time fixed for withdrawal, a strong counter attack developed along Warneton Road but this was repulsed by rifle fire and the withdrawal of our troops, without molestation, was thereby covered. The enemy put up a thoroughly good fight and their morale is considered to have been good. There was no disposition readily to surrender.

So far as is known, the whole garrison within the territory penetrated by us was disposed of by capture or otherwise. There is good reason to believe that the Company Commander, who, according to prisoners, occupied a dugout near the Front Line Post North of Warneton Road, was killed.

Simultaneously with the actual assault on the frontage under attack, a special party of Infantry (drawn from the raiders) carried out a "dummy" attack with the use of silhouette figures on a Front about 400 yards North of the real objective. This is believed to have had the result of further dislocating and dispersing the enemy Artillery re-action.

Our Infantry are enthusiastic as to the accuracy and punctuality of our Divisional Artillery action; that the action of our Heavy Artillery was also effectual was evidenced by the fact that the enemy's Artillery Action was feeble, scattered, and ineffective.

Officers O.R.

To storm Right Communication Trench from "A" East to "E" thence dividing into two parties, one under Lieut. Crowe storming to "G" thence to pillbox at "H" leaving a Blocking Party of 1 N.C.O. and 3 o/r at G¹ thence to "I". The other party under a N.C.O. storming along 2nd. line to "I" thence effecting a junction with No. 13 Party at "J".

No. 8 Party.

Right Covering Party.

- 1 N.C.O., 2 Lewis Gunners,
- 2 Bombers, 1 Grenadier,
- 1 Bayonet Man

7

To establish a position in vicinity of F¹ protecting Right Flank from counter attack and to engage any hostile Machine Guns on right Flank of river.

Total Right Assaulting Team

3

80

Scouting and Intelligence

2/Lieut. D. I. JOHNSTON

1

4

80

RECONNAISSANCE. All Officers and selected N.C.Os. and men of this Battalion, in Raiding Party, nightly made a thorough reconnaissance of overland routes up to Front Line and approach routes to assembly position No Man's Land was nightly examined and the best position chosen and taped as "jumping off" line. Appropriate arrangements were made for approach march and withdrawal by overland routes (not known communication trenches); for special signalling communication, both by wire, and by wireless, for evacuation of wounded, for custody and interrogations of prisoners, and for rapid transmission of information. Patrols consisting of Officers and Scouts went out to ascertain the effect of wire cutting shoot and reported that clear, practicable lanes had been cut in enemy's wire at the point of entry.

"Z" Day and Zero Hour.

10th. February was chosen as "Z" day and Zero Hour 10 p.m., vide BM/151/17 and B.M./151/22 attached.

LIASION. Lieut. M. R. Stokes and Lieut T. H. Urquhart (37th. Battalion) were detailed to act as Liasion Officers at R.A.P. (La Basse Ville) and A.D.S. at Dead Horse Corner (28.U.21.a.25.90) respectively.

APPROACH. On "Z" day at 5 p.m., the Raiding Party assembled ~~at~~ in order of parties as laid down in 10th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Special Party Order No. 2 fully equipped in every particular in accordance with 10th. A.I.B. Special Party Order No. 2. Above order was ~~be~~ preserved throughout the approach to the Front Line.

PRISONERS. 33 Prisoners (228 R.I.R. normal) were taken.
 3 Machine Guns
 1 "Pineapple" Mortar and a considerable quantity
 of smaller booty.

| <u>CASUALTIES.</u> | Officers & Ranks | |
|--------------------|------------------|----|
| Wounded | 2 | 15 |
| Died of Wounds | - | 2 |
| Killed | - | 2 |
| Missing | 2 | 9 |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total. | 4 | 28 |
| | <hr/> | |

Stumbricht

 Lieut. Colonel,
 Commanding 37th. Battalion, A. I. F.

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37th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
January 21/1918.

To Co. C. Companies,

Re ESSENTIAL PARTY IN CONNECTION WITH FORTHCOMING MINE OPERATION.

Captain F. G. FAIRBANKS, M.C., has been selected to command the party.

The 37th. & 38th. Battalions will each supply 4 officers and 100 men including a proportion of M.S.Cs., Scouts, Signallers, etc.

Companies will be required to supply the undermentioned personnel to be prepared to move fully equipped on WEDNESDAY, 23rd. Inst.

| | Off | Syts. | Cpls. | L/Spl. | Cooks | tery | L. Runners | Scouts | QMS | Battmen | Ptes. |
|-------|-----|-------|-------|--------|-------|------|------------|--------|-----|---------|-------|
| A | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 17 |
| B | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 17 |
| C | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 17 |
| D | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 18 |
| Total | - | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 68 |

SCOUTS. will be selected from those detached from Companies to Headquarters. Co. C. Company will confer with Lt. Philip in the selection.

C.M.S. O/S "A" Company will detail Corporal G. R. JONES to fill this position.

LOUIS RUNNERS. O/S "B", & "C" Companies will each send one Louis runner with their quota.

MESSIAH. should be men who would be able to fill the position of a runner.

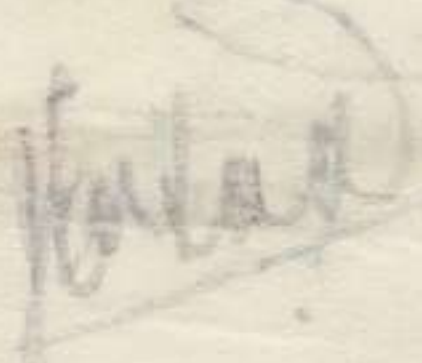
Full nominal rolls will be prepared and submitted to this Office by 4 P.M. on 22nd. Inst.

ADVANCED PARTY. consisting of one officer, (Lieut. B. E. HINDS ^{NEY}), O/S "A" Company with batman, two cooks, ("B" & "C" Companies), sanitary man ("D" Company), and C.M.S. ("A" Company) will report fully equipped at Battalion Headquarters to-morrow 22nd. Inst. at 1 P.M. sharp.

Companies will arrange to drop the undermentioned cooking utensils at Battalion Headquarters not later than 12-15 a.m. to-morrow 22nd. Inst.

- "A" Company One large Kettle and One Fryer
- "B" Company "
- "C" Company "
- "D" Company "

Officers will be selected by the Commanding Officer and will be detailed later.


 Adjutant,
 37th. Battalion,
 A. I. F.

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57th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
January 22/1918.

15 Co. C, Companies.

RE SPECIAL PARTY.

Companies will send their quota fully equipped to report at Battalion Headquarters at 10-15 a.m. to-morrow, 23rd. inst.

PARADE. A large portion of day's ration will be carried.This party will NOT go on Morning Parade.

The undermentioned Officers have been selected to form part of special party, they will parade with their Company quota at above place and time.

| | |
|------------------|--|
| From "A" Company | Lieut. Nixon (at present in Special Coy) |
| " " | " E. Baxter |
| " " | " S/ " E. L. Johnston |
| " " | " " W. J. S. Coome |

Roll kits will be taken and checked at Battalion Headquarters not later than 10 a.m.

Co. B, "C" and "D" Companies will not send Corporal Knight or Private Taylor with the party of which they form part but will allow them to report to Lieut. Birrell on Parade Ground at 9 a.m. They will remain with their Companies until the run-of-war competition is settled.

Lieut.

Adjutant, 57th. Battalion, A. I. F.

PMP 100.

Battalion, Headquarters,
January 23/1918.

NOMINAL ROLL OF SPECIAL PARTY.

"A" Company.

| Reg. No. | Rank | Name | Specialist Training. |
|----------|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Lieut. | Lieut. | DIXON H. E. | |
| 212 | Sgt. | BRETT H. L. | |
| 1785 | Cpl. | ALLEN A. C. R. | |
| 2699 | L/Cpl. | NEWTON F. | |
| 3088 | Pte. | GILES A. F. | LEWIS GUNNER |
| 6134 | " | JEFFREYS, B. G. | SCOUT |
| 3162 | " | WISHART O. R. | |
| 3180 | " | JESSOP G. E. | |
| 3527 | " | PARSONS A. C. | |
| 2115 | " | MITCHELL P. E. | |
| 6786 | " | HOOD O. R. | |
| 2555 | " | DOUST A. G. | |
| 2325 | " | XXXXXXXXXX GOW N. R. | |
| 748 | " | CLARK A. E. | |
| 1867 | " | HULGRAVE H. A. | |
| 5417 | " | LEDWIDGE J. G. | |
| 6090 | " | TUCKER J. R. W. | |
| 2137 | " | REDDEN W. J. | |
| 2643 | " | SINCLAIR V. O. | |
| 3547 | " | ALLISON K. | |
| 6459 | " | BARBER R. | |
| 2320 | " | ELDER J. | |
| 21914 | " | CRONE M. J. | |
| 299 | <i>Cpl</i> | JONES C. R. | a/c. Q. M. S. |
| 367 | <i>Pte</i> | O'BRIEN L. M. | COOK |
| 408 | " | SHIMMELLS S. W. | BATMAN |

"B" Company

| | | | |
|-------------|--------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Lieut. | Lieut. | HUNTER W. | |
| 682 | Sgt. | STOCKDALE R. | |
| 817 | Cpl. | KNIGHT A. J. | |
| 6018 | L/Cpl. | GRAY V. R. | |
| 2650 | Pte. | GATES J. | SCOUT |
| 2732 | " | XXXXX BAKER T. | LEWIS GUNNER |
| 654 | " | XXXXX COX G. | BATMAN |
| 2779 | " | CURNOW J. | |
| 2806 | " | DAY J. W. L. | |
| 5123 | " | POLLMEAN H. M. | |
| 2133 | " | ROBBINS H. W. | |
| 2827 | " | FOGGIE F. J. | |
| 691 | " | SHEEHAN H. F. | |
| 1862 | " | KING G. J. <i>erac sick 5-2-18</i> | |
| 2845 | " | WALKER A. H. | |
| 6026 | " | HAYNES J. | |
| (2855) 2855 | " | SHAW A. M. | |
| 6052 | " | HINDY H. R. | |
| 6656 | " | SAMPSON S. R. | |
| 2053 | " | CRANSTON A. H. | |
| 2910 | " | DEAN W. J. <i>erac sick 5-2-18</i> | |
| 6867 | " | RYAN W. | |
| 679 | " | NOONAN T. J. | |
| 2778 | " | BRAYFIELD H. W. | |

NOMINAL ROLL OF SPECIAL PARTY - contd. 2.

"G" Company.

| | | | |
|-------|----------|--|--------------|
| | 2/Lieut. | JOHNSTON D. I. | |
| 3492 | Sgt. | WEAVER P. F. W. | |
| 1042 | Cpl. | GILBERT S. | |
| 1004 | L/Cpl | STEWART C. | |
| 6008 | Pte. | WHITE E. E. | COOK |
| 3140 | " | ROWE A. E. | LEWIS GUNNER |
| 2897 | " | PHILLIPS A. S. | LEWIS GUNNER |
| 6963 | " | XXXX GASSIDY W. | SCOUT |
| 3108 | " | McINNIS D. | BATMAN |
| 31133 | " | BRUCE W. G. | |
| 3457 | " | RENNER L. J. | |
| 31142 | " | KELSEY H. S. | |
| 2806 | " | WILLIAMS T. R. | |
| 3181 | " | XXXXXXXXXX ARHELL G. | |
| 643 | " | JOHNSON J. D. | |
| 2582 | " | FRASA J. H. | |
| 049 | " | MCCOY C. | |
| 3085 | " | JENKINS S. T. | |
| 3134 | " | SELL J. H. | |
| 683 | " | TIPPETT H. H. | |
| 632 | " | GIDDENS C. | |
| 2862 | " | MEIKLE G. S. | |
| 2891 | " | POWELL H. A. | |
| 3143 | " | DICKMAN W. J. — <i>Proc Sects 5-2-18</i> | |
| 2309 | " | DRAPER T. E. | |

"D" Company.

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| | Lieut. | CROWE W. G. H. | |
| 1266 | Sgt. | RISELEY W. T. | |
| 1214 | Cpl. | JORDAN R. F. | |
| 5973 | L/Cpl. | BILSON W. R. | |
| 1915 | Pte. | SLATER G. | SANITARY MAN |
| 684 | " | WATTS D. | LEWIS GUNNER |
| 3184 | " | TAYLOR J. H. | LEWIS GUNNER |
| 2850 | " | KENNY J. R. | SCOUT |
| 2893 | " | PRESHNER M. | BATMAN |
| 2564 | " | GILLAN W. R. | |
| 7017 | " | HARGAN J. J. | |
| 1261 | " | XXXXXXXXXX RANKIN J. | |
| 1902 | " | BRADLEY R. | |
| 1791 | " | BALFOUR R. R. | |
| 3064 | " | GARNER R. | |
| 2842 | " | HEALEY T. | |
| 675 | " | MORGAN W. | |
| 686 | " | GREED G. A. | |
| 630 | " | GALEY T. | |
| 2523 | " | GOYNE C. H. | |
| 2 68 | " | MOH IS A. | |
| 6074 | " | SMITH E. | |
| 2137 | " | ROBERTS W. | |
| 1310 | " | WILLIAMS W. H. | |
| 2823 | " | FARRHILL J. | |

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Lieut.,

23/1/18.

Adjutant, 37th. Battalion, A. I. F.

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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SPECIAL PARTY

ORDER No. 1.

28th January 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS :- Sheet 28 1/40,000
BAS WAHNETON Part of Sheet 28 1/10,000
WAHNETON Part of Sheet 23 1/10,000 Ed. 2 B.
Trench Plan 10th A.I.Bde 1/5,000.

INTENTION 1. On 'Z' DAY at ZERO HOUR the 10th A.I. Brigade Special Party will raid enemy's trenches between the following points :-

U.18.a.28.55 - U.18.a.70.85
U.12.c.50.25 - U.12.c.10.15

'Z' DAY and ZERO HOUR will be notified later.

OBJECT 2. The objects of the raid are as follows:-

- (i) To kill or capture as many of the enemy as possible.
- (ii) To damage and destroy his defensive system.
- (iii) To capture and destroy material.
- (iv) To obtain identification of enemy's troops.
- (v) To capture documents.
- (vi) To lower the enemy's morale.
- (vii) To raise our own morale.

ARTILLERY PROGRAMME 3. Artillery programme and scheme of wire cutting will be notified later.

Machine Guns will assist with a barrage along a line from U.12.d.45.15 to U.12.c.95.75.

Light Trench Mortars will co-operate by firing on SPLINING MILL U.18.c.95.85, and WICART FARI U.18.c.23.10, using some smoke to make screen along active parts of enemy front line between above 2 positions.

CHINESE ATTACK 4. A diversion in the form of a Chinese Attack has been arranged to take place opposite the enemy's trenches NORRH of the Road in U.11.d. Details of the attack are in the hands of Lieut. E.M. BARKER.

APPROACH 5. On 'Z' DAY at a time to be notified later the 10th A.I. Brigade Special Party will assemble at ROMNEY CAMP fully equipped in every particular in accordance with 10th A.I. Brigade Special Party Order No.2, less bridges and mats which will be sent by the Light Railway to AU CHASSEUR CABARET and picked up there.

The party will fall in in order of parties as laid down in para.10 hereof and will preserve that order throughout the approach to our front line.

COMPOSITION OF PARTIES (Cont'd)

10.

RIGHT ASSAULTING TEAM (Cont'd)

Officers

O. R.

| | | | |
|---|---|------------|--------------|
| <u>No. 1 PARTY</u> Wire and Parapet Party. | Lieut. N. E. DIXON 1 N.C.O., 4 Scouts & Wire cutters, 2 Bombers, 2 Bayonet men, 2 Runners, 2 Tape men. | 1 1 | 14 13 |
|---|---|------------|--------------|

To effect an entry into the enemy's trenches at "A" and cover the passage of the remaining parties through the enemy's wire, then to act as parapet men and Reserve Stretcher Bearers.

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|---|--|---|---|
| <u>No. 2 PARTY</u> Right Covering Party. | 1 N.C.O., 2 Lewis Gunners, 1 Grenadier, 1 Bomber, 1 Bayonet man. | - | 9 |
|---|--|---|---|

To cover the right flank in NO MAN'S LAND and the entry of No. 4 Party through the enemy's wire at "B", thence to move to "B" and establish a block there; also to engage any hostile machine guns firing across river and to cover withdrawal of our own troops from enemy's line.

| | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| <u>No. 3 PARTY</u> SPINNEY Storming Party. To clear SPINNEY. | 1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet man, 2 Bombers. | - | 4 |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|

| | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| <u>No. 4 PARTY</u> Right Flank Storming Party. | 1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet man, 1 Bomber, 1 Carrier, 1 Demolition man. | - | 5 |
|--|---|---|---|

To rush M.G. emplacement at "B", and thence storm North along enemy front line to "A" junctioning with No. 1 Party at "A".

| | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| <u>No. 5 PARTY</u> Left Flank Storming and Blocking Party. | 1 N.C.O., 2 Bayonet men, 2 Bombers, 1 Carrier, 1 Demolition man. | - | 7 |
|--|--|---|---|

To storm enemy's front line NORTH from "A" to "C" and effecting a junction with No. 12 Party at "C" thence storming EAST along WARETON ROAD to "D" clearing ditch and possible emplacement.

| | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| <u>No. 6 PARTY</u> Right End Line storming and Blocking Party. | 1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet man, 2 Bombers, 2 Grenadiers | - | 6 |
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To storm enemy's second line from Point "E" SOUTH to "F" and establish a block there.

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RIGHT ASSAULTING TEAM (Cont'd)

Officers 2 O.R. 55

No. 7 PARTY Lieut. J. G. H. CROWE
Right C.T. 3 H.C.Os, 5 Bayonet men,
 and 2nd Line 5 Bombers, 1 Grenadier,
 Storming 1 Carrier, 1 Runner,
 Party. 2 Demolition men. 1 18

To storm Right Communication Trench from "A" EAST to "B", thence dividing into two parties, one under Lieut. CROWE storming to "G" thence to PILEBOX at "H", leaving a Blocking Party of 1 H.C.O. and 3 O.R. at "G", thence to "I"; the other party under a H.C.O. storming along 2nd Line to "I", thence effecting a junction with No. 13 Party at "J".

No. 8 PARTY 1 H.C.O., 2 Lewis Gunners,
Right Cover- 2 Bombers, 1 Grenadier,
ing Party. 1 Bayonet man. - 7

To establish a position in vicinity of "F¹" protecting RIGHT FLANK from counter attack and to engage any hostile machine guns on right bank of river.

TOTAL RIGHT ASSAULTING TEAM 3 30

LEFT ASSAULTING TEAM.

O.C. - 2nd Lieut. E. J. H. SCHLITZ.
 2 Signallers, 2 Runners,
 10 Stretcher Bearers with
 8 stretchers. 1 14

No. 9 PARTY 2nd Lt. A. J. B. CHURCHILL
Wire and 1 H.C.O., 4 Scouts and
Parapet Wire Cutters, 2 Bombers,
Party. 2 Bayonet men, 2 Runners,
 2 Tape men. 1 13

To effect an entry into enemy's trench at "K" and cover the passage of the remaining parties through enemy's wire, then to act as parapet men and reserve stretcher bearers.

No. 10 PARTY. 1 H.C.O., 2 Lewis Gunners,
Left Cover- 1 Grenadier, 1 Bomber,
ing Party. 1 Bayonet man. -

To cover the left flank in NO MAN'S LAND and the entry through the enemy's wire also to engage hostile machine guns and cover withdrawal.

No. 11 PARTY 1 H.C.O., 1 Bayonet man,
Left Front 2 Bombers, 1 Grenadier,
Line Storming 1 Carrier. - 6
 & Blocking
 Party.

To storm enemy front Line NORTH from "K" to "L" and establish a block at "L".

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COMPOSITION OF PARTIES (Cont'd)

10.

LEFT ASSAULTING PARTY (Cont'd) Officers

O. R.

No.12 PARTY 1 N.C.O., 2 Bayonet men,
Right Front 2 Bombers.
Line storming Party.

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To storm enemy's front line SOUTH from "E" to "C" and junction with No. 5 Party at "C".

No.13 PARTY 1 N.C.O., 2 Bayonet men,
Left C.T. 2 Bombers, 1 Carrier,
Storming 2 Demolition men,
Party. 1 spare man.

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To storm and clean up left communication trench from "K" to "J" and pill boxes in C.T. and junction with No. 7 Party at "J".

No.14 PARTY 2ndLt. F. J. EASON
Pillbox (1 N.C.O., 2 Bayonet
Storming & (a) men, 2 Bombers, 1
Clearing (carrier, 1 Demolition
Party. (man, 1 Runner.

1 8

(b) (1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet
man, 1 bomber, 1 demolition man.

- 4

To storm and clean up C.T. from "J" to "M".

(a) Party cleans up pillboxes on NORTH side of road at "M".

(b) Party cleans up pillbox on SOUTH side of road at "M".

No.15 PARTY 1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet man,
Left 2nd Line 2 Bombers, 1 Grenadier.
Storming and Blocking Party.

- 5

To storm 2nd Line NORTH from "J" to "M" and establish a block at "M", then to assist No.14 Party with pillboxes.

No.16 PARTY 1 N.C.O., 1 Bayonet man,
Right Front 2 Bombers, 2 Lewis
Line Storming Gunners, 1 Grenadier
ing Party.

- 7

To take up a position in vicinity of "N" to cover left rear from counter attack and also engage hostile machine guns.

TOTAL LEFT ASSAULTING TEAM

3 77

SPECIAL PARTY 2ndLt. E. M. BARKER
1 N.C.O., 10 men.

1 11

To operate Chinese Attack.

SCOUT & INTELLIGENCE 2ndLt. D. I. JOHNSON

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COMPOSITION OF PARTIES 10. (Cont'd)

SUMMARY.

Officers O. R.

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|---|----|
| H.Q. Raid Party | ... | ... | 1 | 11 |
| Right Assaulting Team | ... | ... | 3 | 80 |
| Left | " | " | 3 | 77 |
| Special Party | ... | ... | 1 | 11 |
| Scout & Intelligence Officer | | | 1 | - |

TOTAL ASSAULTING TROOPS 9 179

PARAPET PARTIES

11. The leading parties of each team must devote their entire energy to effecting an entrance into the enemy's trenches, and secure the entry by breaking down any initial local resistance. While making such an entry they will be covered by the leading storming and blocking parties and by the Lewis Guns of the flanking parties in NO MAN'S LAND.

DELAYS

12. Should any delay occur in the passage of the enemy's wire all ranks not otherwise engaged will lie down and take such cover as is afforded by the ground till the advance can be continued.

WITHDRAWAL

13. Withdrawal will take place at ZERO PLUS 30. The withdrawal of parties from the enemy's line will be covered by the parapet parties and the Lewis Guns in NO MAN'S LAND - Parties numbered 1 & 2 and 9 & 10.

COMMUNICATION 14.

Communication will be by telephone lines from H.Q., O.C. RAID across NO MAN'S LAND to H.Qs., O's.C. ASSAULT. Should these fail communication will be by runner. Communication must be maintained at all costs and frequent reports sent to O.C. RAID. Too much emphasis cannot be laid on this point.

H.Q. of O.C. RAID will be at pillbox at U.17.b.75.45
 H.Q. of O's C. ASSAULT will be at a convenient position in enemy's parapet near points of entry.

When the withdrawal from enemy's line is complete O's.C. ASSAULT will report personally to O.C. RAID.

MEDICAL

15. The Regimental Aid Post for the raid will be situated at U.17.d.32.90 in ULTIMO DRIVE - 20 yards NORTH of junction of this trench with LA BASSE VILLE-WARNETON ROAD. The evacuation of wounded will be by 2 OVERLAND ROUTES to THE FACTORY, thence by OVERLAND ROUTE to AU CHASSEUR CABARET thence by VANCOUVER TRACK tramline, using special stretcher trucks. As CANPAC DUMP evacuation will be arranged by 11th Field Ambulance.

STRETCHER BEARERS

16. In addition to stretcher bearers included in raiding party, the C.Os 37th and 38th Battalions will provide 8 bearers each to carry back from R.A.P. to tramline and push trollies from there to CANPAC DUMP.

RETURN

17. On returning to our line all troops will evacuate as speedily as possible by taped OVERLAND ROUTE to THE FACTORY thence leading due WEST to VANCOUVER TRACK in vicinity of AU CHASSEUR CABARET thence by VANCOUVER TRACK to RACINE DUMP where they will be conveyed by steam train to CONNAUGHT SIDING.

An officer detailed by 37th Batta. will supervise untraining at RACINE.

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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SPECIAL PARTY

ORDER No. 2

28th January 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS :- Sheet 28.
BAS WANNETON Part of Sheet 28 1/10,000
WANNETON " " " 28 1/10,000 Ed.2 B
Trench Plan 10th A.I.Bde. 1/5,000.

DRESS

1. The dress, arms and equipment to be worn and carried by all members of 10th A.I. Brigade Special Party will be as under:-

Dress (a) ALL RANKS.

Imperial pattern tunic and breeches, puttees, leather boots, steel helmet, warm underclothing

(b) All faces will be blackened.

(c) No letters, papers or documents, except as hereinafter provided will be carried by any members of the Special Party and no colours, identity discs, badges or other marks whatsoever which would lead to the identity of the troops concerned are to be worn on any part of the person or uniform at all except.-

(i) All members of the Right Assaulting Team will wear a white band (12" X 2") around the right upper arm.

(ii) All members of the Left Assaulting Team will wear a white band (12" X 2") around the left upper arm.

(iii) All runners will wear in addition a white band (8" X 1 1/2") around the right cuff.

(iv) All stretcher bearers will wear a white band (12" X 2") on right forearm with letters "S.B." thereon in red.

(d) All ranks will wear greatcoats until reaching RACINE DUMP, where they will be dumped and be available for their owners on returning.

Equipment labels will be issued showing the man's number, name, Company, and Battalion, before leaving ROLNEY CAMP. ALL RANKS must securely attach this label to the greatcoat by tying the string through the top button hole.

(e) Special identification discs bearing a number and letters only will be tied by cord round neck of each member of raiding party.

Before leaving billet each member will be given the special disc and a linen triplicate in exchange for his own two discs. The duplicate of the special disc will be securely tied to the man's two ordinary discs and left in billets. On returning from the raid the original 2 ordinary discs will be returned to the owners in return for the special disc worn during the operation. The triplicate will be handed in at checking point as detailed in para.16. order No.1.

ARMS

2.

(a) OFFICERS and No.1 of each Lewis Gun Team will carry revolver fully loaded and 12 spare rounds of ammunition in trousers pocket.

(b) BOMBERS will carry a knobkerry and 12 Mills grenades each.

(c) GRENADIERS will carry rifle with bayonet fixed and special cup attachment, 50 rounds S.A.A., 25 rounds of special blank ammunition, 10 rifle grenades and 5 spare rounds each.

ARMS
(Cont'd)

2.

(d) CARRIERS will carry rifle and bayonet, 50 rounds S.A.A. and 12 Mills Grenades each.

(e) DEMOLITION MEN, will carry rifle and bayonet, 50 rounds S.A.A. and demolition charge and two 'P' bombs each.

(f) RUNNERS will carry rifle and bayonet and 50 rounds of S.A.A.

(g) SPECIAL PARTY. All other ranks will carry rifle and bayonet with 50 rounds S.A.A.

(h) LEADS GUNNERS. In addition to the arms mentioned in sub para (a) above, the No.1 of each gun team (i.e. Parties No.2, 8, 10, and 16) will carry the gun and 1 full magazine.

The N.C.O. in charge and No.2 will each have 2 full magazines in a haversack carried "anzac" fashion in addition to a rifle and bayonet and 50 rounds S.A.A.

(i) SIGNALERS & LEADSMEN, SCOUTS & TAPMEN will each carry a rifle and 50 rounds of S.A.A.

(j) SPARE MEN will each carry rifle and bayonet, 50 rounds S.A.A., 1 Stokes shell and 1 'P' bomb.

(k) STRETCHER BEARERS will carry 1 knobkerry each.

(l) In addition to the above all ranks except those mentioned in sub para.2 (a), (b) and (c) hereof will carry 2 Mills grenades, one in each upper pocket of the tunic.

In each case where a rifle and bayonet is ordered to be carried the bayonet will be fixed on the rifle and painted and the magazine will contain 5 cartridges, cut-offs to be open and safety catches back.

EQUIPMENT 3.

(a) Small Box Respirators will be worn by ALL RANKS in the "ALERT" position.

(b) Each officer will carry 1 electric torch, Army message book (with no identifying marks) and a luminous watch.

(c) The leading bayonet man of each party will carry an electric torch strapped on to the barrel of his rifle, in a convenient position for switching on or off with the left hand. Any other torches in possession of members of the party should be carried.

(d) The scouts of No.1 and 9 Parties will each carry 1 pair of wiring gloves and 1 pair of large wire cutters each.

All Officers and N.C.Os should carry 1 pair of small wire cutters each.

(e) Two scouts of Parties No.1 and 9 will each carry 1 straw mat and the remainder of these parties two more straw mats between them.

(f) Demolition men and carriers will each carry two empty sandbags for the purpose of collecting and bringing back captured documents &c.

(g) Stretcher Bearers will work in teams of two and each team will be equipped with electric torch, stretcher and such bandages and other stores as the Medical Officer may consider necessary.

(h) ALL RANKS will carry First Field Dressing.

4.

On return to our lines all surplus stores will be left at a dump to be established at THE FACTORY.

5.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

F. B. FAIRWEATHER Captain
O.C. 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Party.

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ORDER No. 3

28th January 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS :- Sheet 28 1/40,000
 BAS WARNETON Part of Sheet 28 1/10,000
 WARNETON " " " 28 1/10,000 Ed. 2 A
 Trench Plan 10th A.I. Bde 1/5,000

- INTENTION 1. As laid down in para. 4 of 10th A.I. Brigade Special Party Order No. 1 a CHINESE ATTACK will be arranged to take place in conjunction with the main operation on 'Z' NIGHT.
- 'Z' NIGHT and ZERO HOUR will be notified later.
- LOCALITY 2. This attack will take place NORTH of the main attack on a front of 75 yards from U.l.l.d. 65.75 to U.l.l.d. 65.90.
- OBJECTS 3. The objects of the diversion are as follows:-
- (i) To deceive the enemy as to our actual intentions.
 - (ii) To draw fire.
 - (iii) To induce the enemy to put down his S.O.S. in wrong locality.
 - (iv) To avoid casualties.
 - (v) To lower the enemy's morale.
- ARTILLERY ACTION 4. Enemy's wire will be cut, and our barrage will extend along his front line system, opposite this locality. Exact Artillery programme will be notified later.
- COMPOSITION OF PARTIES 5. 2nd Lieut. E. M. BARKER is detailed to supervise the attack and he will have with him a party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men to assist. This party will include 2 stretcher bearers.
- SPECIAL STORES. 6. Special camouflage figures will be used and a supply of these has now been secured from Special R.E. Works Park, WIMBERGUX.
- TRAINING 7. The training of the CHINESE ATTACK Party in the use of the figures and a careful reconnaissance of NO MAN'S LAND in vicinity of Locality laid down in Para. 2 hereof will be commenced forthwith.
- PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS. 8. On 'Z' MINUS 1 NIGHT 2nd Lieut. E.M. BARKER, with so many of his Party as he may consider necessary, will proceed from ROMNEY CAMP by wheeled transport to CANPAC DUMP thence by WARNETON TRACK to junction of WARNETON TRACK with EGMONT AVENUE. He will take with him 30 special figures and such other appliances as are necessary to ensure their proper working. These will be left at or near junction of WARNETON TRACK and EGMONT AVENUE and carefully camouflaged. The party will then proceed by overland route to our Front Line in vicinity of U.l.l.d. 30.90 thence into NO MAN'S LAND and prepare or improve such positions as may be required to ensure the reasonable safety of the men operating the figures, and a proper working of the figures on 'Z' NIGHT.
- APPROACH 9. On 'Z' NIGHT, at a time to be notified later CHINESE ATTACK Party will assemble at ROMNEY CAMP and proceed by route laid down in Para. 8 above and pick up figures at junction of WARNETON TRACK and EGMONT AVENUE. The party will then proceed by overland route to our front line in vicinity of U.l.l.d. 30.90 and

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9. (cont'd) thence across NO MAN'S LAND to locality laid down in para. 2 hereof. The party will then commence laying the figures. The figures will be irregularly spaced and echeloned over the front as laid down in para. 2 hereof.

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CAUTION

10. absolute silence must be maintained and no smoking or lights of any description permitted under any circumstances after leaving CAMPAC DUMP on both 'Z' MINUS ONE and 'Z' NIGHTS. It is highly important that the enemy's suspicions be not aroused until desired.

DETAILS OF ATTACK

11. C.O. 40th Battalion A.I.F. will supply covering patrols on 'Z' MINUS ONE and 'Z' NIGHTS.

12. At ZERO MINUS 20 MINUTES figures and operators will be in position and covering patrol will withdraw.

13. At ZERO MINUS 3 MINUTES two figures will be raised for TEN SECONDS. This should attract the enemy's attention.

14. At ZERO HOUR ALL figures will be raised and will then be lowered and raised at irregular and uncertain intervals. At least 50% of the figures must always be upright

15. At ZERO PLUS 20 MINUTES all figures will be lowered, and operators will return to a safe position in our own lines.

WITHDRAWAL

16. At ZERO PLUS 1 HOUR or so soon as enemy's fire permits 2nd Lieut. BARKER will arrange for salvage of all figures from NO MAN'S LAND. The party will be checked at EGMONT DUMP and will withdraw by WARWICKTON TRACK.

EVACUATION

17. Evacuation of wounded will be overland route to EGMONT AVENUE thence by EGMONT AVENUE, UMFUL LANE, and DOUVE RIVER DUCKBOARDS to R.A.P. at U.10.a.20.60, thence via DUCKBOARD TRACK, MESSINES ROAD to HYDE PARK Advanced Dressing Station, where 11th Field Ambulance will arrange evacuation. C.O. 40th Battalion will arrange for 4 stretcher bearers to be at disposal of 2nd Lieut. BARKER to assist in evacuation of wounded to R.A.P.

REPORT

18. At ZERO PLUS 20 MINUTES or so soon thereafter as possible 2nd Lieut. BARKER will report to O.C. RAID by telephone from nearest signal office.

ARMS & EQUIPMENT

19. Arms and equipment will be as laid down in 10th A.I.Bde. Special Party Order No. 2.

SPECIAL

20. Attention is directed to 10th A.I.Bde. Special Party Order No. 1, paras. 19, 20, 22.

21. ACKNOWLEDGE.

F. B. FIRMATHER Captain
O.C. 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Party.

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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 68

7th February 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS :- Sheet 28 1/40,000
 BAS WARWENTON 1/10,000
 10th A.I. Bde Special Plan 1/5,000

INTENTION

1. On 'Z' DAY and at ZERO HOUR, both of which will be notified later, a party drawn from 37th and 38th Battalions, under Captain F. E. FAIRWEATHER M.C., 38th Battalion, will raid enemy trenches between the following points:-

U.18.a.28.55 - U.18.a.70.85

U.12.c.50.25 - U.12.c.10.15.

This raid will be supported by simultaneous diversions in form of a CHINESE ATTACK by 37th and 38th Party between U.11.d.65.75 and U.11.d.65.90; there will also be a demonstration by Division on our left, at the same hour.

OBJECTS OF RAID

2.

Objects of the raid are,

- (a) To kill and capture enemy.
 (b) To destroy material and defences.
 (c) To obtain identifications and other information.

INFANTRY ACTION

3.

Details of infantry action, equipment, &c., are contained in 10th Australian Infantry Brigade Special Party Orders Nos 1, 2, and 3 of 28th January 1918.

WIRE CUTTING

4.

Wire will be cut on Z MINUS 1 DAY and 'Z' DAY in places opposite our front, as under:-

- (a) U.18.a.25.30 to U.18.a.20.70 and round S. end of SPINNEY
 (b) U.18.a.10.90 to U.11.d.98.14.
 (c) U.11.d.84.45 to U.11.d.80.99
 (d) In front of enemy second line from U.18.a.62.74 to U.18.a.91.50, and also from U.12.c.46.02 to U.12.c.35.21

The cutting will be observed by both Artillery and raiding Officers. The latter will report to O.C. RAID whether there are sufficient gaps cut. If necessary O.C. RAID will arrange with C.O. Left Group to repeat the cutting on afternoon of 'Z' DAY. In any case the gap opposite left Battalion front will be widened on 'Z' DAY afternoon as it is desired to give enemy the impression that raid will take place there.

The wire cutting on each day will be covered by a bombardment covering a wide area, and Division on our North has agreed to cut wire in several places simultaneously with our shoots.

During wire cutting "A" and "B" Battalions will clear their front lines in certain localities to be notified. A separate memo will be issued to cover this action.

ARTILLERY
ACTION

5. ^{6th} The 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery, assisted by Army Brigade will bombard enemy trenches &c., during Z MINUS ONE and Z DAYS and during progress of raid. Tasks are as set out on attached map, Appendix 2.

Howitzers and Heavy Artillery targets are as shown in Artillery Order 43. 6" and 9.45 Mortars are allotted targets as shown on Map.

As many heavies as possible have been allotted to counter battery work.

From ZERO to ZERO PLUS 4 MINUTES artillery bombards E.F.L. PHASE 1.

" ZERO PLUS 4 to ZERO PLUS 8 MINUTES - enemy second line, and forms portion of box barrage. PHASE 2.

" ZERO PLUS 8 to ZERO PLUS 45 MINUTES - box barrage. PHASE 3.

At ZERO PLUS 30 withdrawal of Infantry commences.

" ZERO PLUS 45 MINUTES - 18 pdrs. and 4.5 Hows. cease fire.

" ZERO PLUS 60 MINUTES - counter battery ceases.

Details of Artillery Action are contained in 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 43

MACHINE
GUNS

6. 10th Australian Machine Gun Coy. will barrage with 10 guns in rear of trenches raided as shown on attached map, Appendix 2. 2 Guns will fire on bridge over IYS at U.18.a.99.59 and 1 gun will enfilade road at about U.12.d.50.80.

Time Table for M.G. fire as under .-

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| ZERO PLUS 3 to ZERO PLUS 10 | - FIRE |
| ZERO PLUS 10 to ZERO PLUS 13 | - CEASE |
| ZERO PLUS 13 to ZERO PLUS 20 | - FIRE |
| ZERO PLUS 20 to ZERO PLUS 25 | - CEASE |
| ZERO PLUS 25 to ZERO PLUS 30 | - FIRE |
| ZERO PLUS 30 to ZERO PLUS 35 | - CEASE |
| ZERO PLUS 35 to ZERO PLUS 40 | - FIRE |

Cease firing at ZERO PLUS 40.

TRENCH
MORTARS

7. The 9th, 10th and 11th Aus. Light Trench Mortar Batteries under Captain R.C.N. ANDERSON, 10th A.L. T.M. Battery, will cover the raid by fire on enemy trenches and Machine Gun and Trench Mortar emplacements according to attached map, Appendix 2.

Both H.E. and Smoke will be used.

Lieut. A. S. VARLEY, 9th A.L. T.M. Battery will assist in supervision of employment of Smoke.

Rate of fire of Light Trench Mortars.-

SMOKE 8 rounds rapid, then $1\frac{1}{2}$ rds. per gun per minute. till ZERO PLUS 45.

TRENCH MORTARS (Cont'd)

7.

Rate of fire (Cont'd)

- 8 rds. per gun per minute from ZERO to ZERO PLUS 4
- 5 rds. per gun per min. from ZERO PLUS 4 to ZERO PLUS 45.
- 8 guns of 9th A.L.T.M. Battery will fire H.E. on enemy front line from U.11.d.84.40 to U.11.b.78.30
- 2 guns 10th A.L.T.M. Battery fire H.E. at rapid rate on Machine Gun at U.18.a.30.33 from ZERO TO ZERO PLUS 1, then switch at ZERO PLUS 4 on to SPINNING MILL.
- 4 guns 10th A.L.T.M. Battery place smoke screen along E.F.L. from WICART to SPINNING MILL.
- 2 guns 10th A.L.T.M. Battery on SPINNING MILL with H.E. from ZERO to ZERO PLUS 45
- 2 guns 11th A.L.T.M. Battery fire H.E. SPINNING MILL.
- 4 guns " " " " H.E. on WICART F.M.C.
- 2 guns " " " " H.E. on T. M. emplacements at U.18.c.55.54.

Captain R.C.N. ANDERSON will issue detailed orders to all concerned

SIGNAL COMMUNICATION

8.

Communication from O.C. RAID to O.C. ASSAULT (RIGHT and LEFT) will be by telephone and runners. From O.C. RAID to Brigade Headquarters will be by wire - 2 routes - and Power Buzzer and Amplifier as in Appendix 1 attached.

Should all these means fail runners kept in reserve at Hqs O.C. RAID will be used.

S.O.S.

9.

The S.O.S. Signal will be inoperative on the 10th Infantry Brigade Front from ZERO MINUS 30 MINUTES to ZERO PLUS 60 MINUTES. This applies to M.G. as well as to Artillery.

BRIGADE HEAD-QUARTERS

10.

Advanced Brigade Headquarters during the raid will be situated at U.20.a.50.65.

PRISONERS

11.

Prisoners who may be captured will be deprived by searchers of any papers or documents they may have and will be sent back under escort to Advanced Brigade Headquarters where they will be interrogated by Lieut. J.J. HERBERTSON (attached 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade). Care will be taken that prisoners do not converse among themselves on the way.

REPORTS

12.

Progress of raid will be reported by wire to Advanced Brigade Headquarters. O.C. RAID will submit a written report of the raid to Brigade Headquarters by Noon on Z PLUS 1 DAY.

SYNCHRONIZATION

13.

Raiders watches will be checked at Brigade Headquarters at 6 p.m. on 'Z' DAY. A Staff Officer has been detailed by 3rd Australian Division to visit Artillery and Infantry Brigade Headquarters concerned during the late afternoon of 'Z' DAY to synchronise watches.

**ASSISTANCE
OF BRIGADE
UNITS.**

C.O. Right Battalion will arrange to have all approach routes kept clear of traffic from ZERO MINUS 3 HOURS to ZERO PLUS 1½ HOURS.

C.O.'s "A" and "B" Battalions will arrange for Lewis Guns to fire on gaps in enemy wire during night 'Z' MINUS 1, and on 'Z' NIGHT till covering patrols of raiders are in position. Details to be arranged direct with O.C. RAIDERS.

C.O. "B" Battalion will give such assistance in the way of covering patrols, stretcher bearers, as may be asked for by O.C. RAID to assist CHINESE ATTACK Party.

C.Os 37th and 38th Battalions will provide 8 stretcher bearers each to assist in the carrying. These will report to O.C. RAID at Raiders' Camp at 10 a. m. on 'Z' DAY.

Instructions re clearing certain parts of our front line will be issued under separate memo.

15.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. Lambie Captain
Brigade Major
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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| 2 | Brigade Major | |
| 3 | Staff Captain | |
| 4) | | |
| 5) | 3rd Aust. Division by D.R. at 9 a. m. on 8/2/'18. | |
| 6) | | |
| 7 | O.C. RAID. |) |
| 8 | 37th Battn |) |
| 9 | 38th Battn |) |
| 10 | 39th Battn |) |
| 11 | 40th Battn |) |
| 12 | 10th A.M.G.Coy. |) |
| 13 | 10th A.L.T.M. Battery |) |
| 14 | 8th Aus. Inf. Bde. |) |
| 15 | 9th Aus. Inf. Bde. |) |
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| 17 | Left Group Arty. |) |
| 18 | 10th F.Coy. Engrs. |) |
| 19 | 11th Fld. Amb. |) |
| 20 | C. R. A. |) |
| 21 | C. R. E. |) |
| 22 | Bde. Sig. Officer. |) |
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- By Runner at 8 a. m. on 8/2/'18.
- By D. R. at 9 a. m. 8/2/'18.

S E C R E T

Appendix 10

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SPECIAL PARTY.

Order No 89

8th. Feby. 1918.

INTENTION
(1)

The 9th. Aust. M.G. Coy. will temporarily relieve the 10th. Aust. M. G. Co. in WARNETON sector, relief to be complete by 4 p.m. on the 10th. inst., the 9th. A.M.G. Co. coming under orders 10th. A.I.B.

RELIEF
(2)

On night of the 9th./10th. February, the 9th. Aust. M. G. Coy. will relieve such guns of the 10th. A.M.G.Coy. as cannot be relieved in daylight. The personnel of 10th. Aust., M. G. Coy. so relieved will withdraw to the CATACOMBS

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On afternoon of 10th. February, the remaining guns of the 10th. Aust. M. G. Co. will be relieved by the 9th. Aust. M. G. Co. relief will be completed by 4 p.m.

The 13 guns of the 10th. A. M. G. Coy. cooperating in the raid on 'Z' night will take up their battle positions and must be in position at Zero minus one hour.

At Zero minus one hour or on receipt of message from this Office whichever is earlier the 10th. Aust. M. G. Co. will return to their normal S.O.S. positions and will relieve the 9th. Aust. M. G. Co. who will withdraw to their camp at 5.20.d.20.90.

DETAILS
(3)

Subject to provisions of this order, details to be arranged mutually between Os./C. 9th. and 10th. Aust. M. G. Co.

REPORTS
(4)

Reports of completion of relief from both before and after Zero to be wired in code to this office

(5)

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd.) P. ~~LAMBLEN~~ ^{LAMBLE}, Captain
Brigade Major,
10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Appendix 10

84

SECRET.

Brigade Headquarters,
8th. February 1918.

C.Os. 37th. & 38th. Battalions

Ref. 10th. Aust. Inf. Bg. Order No. 88 para. 14, will you please arrange for 8 Stretcher Bearers each who are being supplied by your Battalion to be at your Headquarters at 4 p.m. on 'Z' day where they will be called for by Sgt. BRETT,

They will not be required to report to O.C. Raid at 10 a.m. on 'Z' day.

(Sgd.) P. LAMBLE, Captain
Brigade Major

10th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET.

Brigade Headquarters
8th. February 1918.

Reference 10th. Aust. Inf. Bg. Order No. 88 of 7th. inst. and Special Party Orders of January 28th., "Z" day will be the 10th. inst.

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

(Sgd.) P. LAMBLE, Captain
Brigade Major,

10th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET.

Brigade Headquarters,
9th. February 1918

Reference 10th. Aust. Inf. Bg. Order No. 88 ZERO HOUR for the operation will be 10 p.m.

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

(Sgd.) P. LAMBLE, Captain
Brigade Major,
10th. Australian Inf. Brigade

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SECRET

Bg. Hdqrs.
10th. Feby. 1918

C.Os. & 9th. M.G.Co.

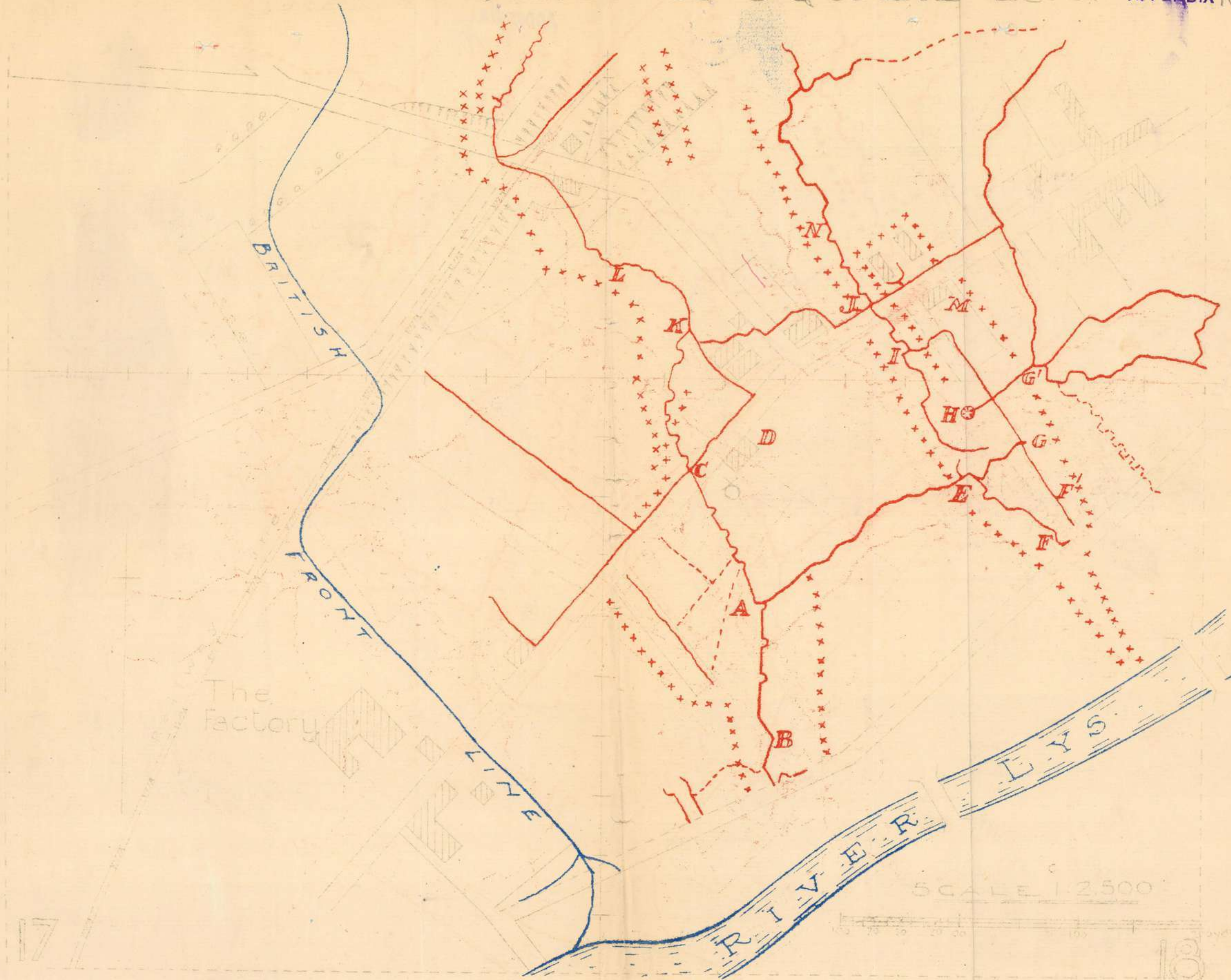
At ZERO plus 5 hours and ZERO plus 5 hours and 45 minutes on 'Z' day, all 18 pdrs. and 4.5" Hows. will open on the scheme for one (1) minute.

RATE OF FIRE - 4 rounds per Gun per minute for 18 pdrs. and 2 trounds per minute for 4.5" Hows.

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

(Sgd.) P. LAMBLE, Capt.
Brigade Major,
10th. Aust. Inf. Bg.

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Appendix 10.

SPECIAL ORDER.

By Lieut. Col. E. KNOX KNIGHT.

Commanding 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Battalion Headquarters,
February 11/1918.

The following Special Order by Major General Sir J. Monash, K.C.B., V.D., Commanding 3rd. Australian Division is published for information :-

"Please convey to Captain FAIRWEATHER and the raiding party my heartiest congratulations upon their fine success which has been due as much to the valour and determination of the assaulting troops as to the splendid co-operation of the Corps and Divisional Artillery and Trench Mortars and to the highly efficient work of the staffs and services throughout.

Congratulations received from Flank Divisions.

Corps Commander wishes his warmest congratulations to be promulgated to this Division.

Following also received from General RAWLINSON begins - Please convey to Third Australian Division my warm thanks and congratulations on very successful raid last night.

It was well arranged and very gallantly carried out and reflects great credit on all ranks engaged both in the Infantry and Artillery.

(Signed) General MONASH.

Added - 10th. Brigade repeated C.R.A., 9th. and 11th. Brigades.

Third Australian Division.

(Sgd.) ROBT. E. JACKSON, Lieut-Colonel

A.A. & Q.M.G., Third Australian Division.

S. S. Seltni

Lieut.,

A/Adjutant, 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Appendix 10

SPECIAL ORDER,

By Lieut. Col. E. KNOX KNIGHT.

Commanding 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Battalion Headquarters,
February 14/1918.

The following Special Order by General Sir W. R. BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., G.I.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., Commanding Australian Corps is forwarded for information :-

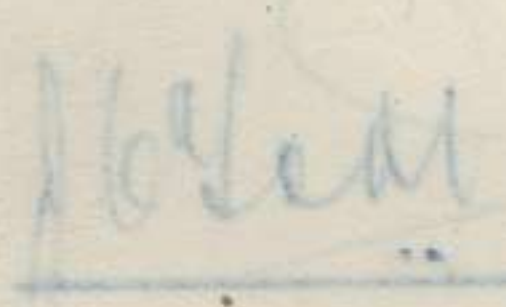
1. The Corps Commander desires to announce and record his appreciation of the operation carried out on the night 10/11th. February by the 3rd. Australian Division.
2. The operation consisted of a raid, carried out by a special party under Capt. FAIRWEATHER, M.C., drawn from the 37th. & 38th. Battalions, 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade. It was completely successful and resulted in the capture of 33 prisoners, 3 machine guns, and one mortar and caused the enemy 190 estimated casualties.
3. The success of the raid was due to the presence of three conditions essential to all military success -

- (i) Through preparations
- (ii) Efficient co-operations of all arms.
- (iii) The dash, gallantry and determination of the men.

4. General BIRDWOOD congratulates and thanks all the officers, N.C.O.s. and men concerned.

Such operations, carried to a successful issue, enhance the morale and esprit de corps of the units from which the men come and establish for them valuable traditions. Conversely, the effect on the enemy reduces his morale and steadily lowers his fighting efficiency.

(Sgd.) G. H. B. WHITE, B.S. G.S.
Australian Corps.


Lieut.,
Adjutant, 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

11.

SUBJECT. 37th. BATTALION, A.I.F. ORDER NO. 84. OPER. NO. 

Reference Maps - Sheet 28 1/40000
 Bas Waverton 1/10000
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INFORMATION (a) The 37th. and 38th. Battalions will relieve the 39th. and 40th. Battalions ^{respectively} on the WARRINGTON front on night 12/13th. February 1918.
 (1)
 (b) Upon completion of relief, Battalions will be disposed as follows -
 37th. Battalion becomes "A" Battalion
 38th. Battalion becomes "B" Battalion
 40th. Battalion becomes "C" Battalion
 39th. Battalion becomes "D" Battalion

INTENTION (2) The 37th. Battalion will relieve the 39th. Battalion on the night of 12/13th. inst. as follows -
 "A" Company will relieve "B" Coy. 39th. Battalion
 "C" Company will relieve "D" Coy. 39th. Battalion
 "D" Company will relieve "A" Coy. 39th. Battalion
 "B" Company will relieve "C" Coy. 39th. Battalion

ADVANCE PARTIES (3) Advance Parties, as under, will relieve corresponding numbers on the night 11/12th. inst. -

37TH AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.
 No. 
 Date 

LEWIS GUN OFFICER
 SCOUTING & SNIPING OFFICER
 SIGNALLING OFFICER
 BATTALION GAS H.C.O.
 NOS. 1 & 2 OF LEWIS GUN TEAMS
 30% SCOUTS, SNIPERS, and SIGNALLING.
 1 OFFICER, 1 BARMAN, & 1 H.C.O. PER COMPANY.

GUIDES (4) Guides from the 39th. Battalion will report to Companies at 4-30 p.m. on 11th. inst. for ADVANCE PARTY and at the same time on 12th. inst. for REMAINDER.

AD VANCEMENT (5) (a) Companies will move in the following order - "C", "A", "D", "B".
 (b) No movement of troops forward of HIDE PARK CORNER will take place before 5-30 p.m.
 (c) In any movement overland, distances of 100 yards between Platoons will be preserved.
 (d) An Officer will march at the head and a H.C.O. at the rear of each Platoon.

TRENCH STORES (6) All Trench Stores, Defence Schemes, Maps, Intelligence, Maps, etc., will be taken over and copies of receipts sent to Battalion Headquarters by 9 a.m. 13th. instant.

PATROLS (7) Patrols of 39th. Battalion will cover relief.

Appendix / 1

37th. BATTALION, A.I.F. ORDER NO. 84. (Contd 2). 19/8/1918.

LA BASSEE On the 11th. inst., Second in Command will confer with Second VILLE in Command 39th. Battalion at LA BASSEE VILLE works & defences DEFENCES, and will assume responsibility of that work and defence from completion of relief.

(3)

REPORTS Completion of relief to be notified by wire (in code) to (9) Battalion Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

S. Swinton Lieut.,
C/Adjutant, 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION 1-

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| Copy No. 1 | - 10th. Aust. Inf. Bg. by runner at | Bg. |
| 2 | - "A" Company | 37th." |
| 3 | - "B" " | " " |
| 4 | - "C" " | " " |
| 5 | - "D" " | " " |
| 6 | - O./S. R. HQ. Details | " " |
| 7 | - 39th. Battalion | 39th." |
| 8 | - File | |
| 9 | - War Diary. | |
| 10 | - Q.M. & T.O. | |

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 201.

By Lieut. Col. E. RICH-KIGHT,
Commanding 37th. Battalion, A. I. F.

COPT NO. *119*

Headquarters, 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.
February 10/1918.

RELIEF ORDER This Order will be read in conjunction with Battalion Order No. 84.

- (1) **ROUTINE** Reveille 7-00 a.m.
- ORDER** Breakfast 7-30 a.m.
- NO. 12/3/10** Mid. Parade 8-00 a.m.
- (2) **ORDER** Midday Meal 12 noon
- Parade on Coy.)
- Parade Grounds) 5 p.m.

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| 37TH AUSTRALIAN BATTALION. | |
| No. <i>12</i> | |
| D. to | |

ORDER All ranks fighting order

(3) **BAGGAGE KIT NO. (4)** All packs, hats, and ankle boots, (clearly marked with owner's No., Rank, Name, & Company,) will be dumped by Platoons at **HEAD BARRACKS** not later than *9.15* a.m. on 10th. inst. Hats and boots will not be put in packs but tied in bundles by themselves. Surplus kits, mess gear, etc., **NOT MARKED IN LINE** will be clearly marked and dumped as above. **QUARTERMASTER** to make necessary arrangements for storage. Receipts to be obtained for hats and boots handed in. Officer's Valises, Cooking Utensils, etc., **MARKED IN LINE** will be clearly marked and dumped at **HEAD BARRACKS** at *2.15 p.m.* on 10th. inst. **TRANSPORT OFFICER** will provide necessary transport to convey articles "NOT MARKED IN LINE" to G. S. Store and those "MARKED IN LINE" to **HEAD BARRACKS**. Co./S. Companies will furnish two men per Company to guard baggage until it is removed by transport.

ORDER (5) Anboots will be loaned to every man not already in possession of same. Requisitions to be submitted to this Office by noon 11th. inst. Boots will be loaned by a/S.S. at 1 p.m. same day.

- ORDER** (6) **10/10th.**
- (a) Evening meal for 10th. will be carried by all ranks.
 - (b) Hot soup for two front line Companies will be prepared and will be carried forward by a party from the Reserve Company leaving Cookhouse at 11 p.m.
 - (c) Breakfast for front line and support Companies (not meal 10th.) will leave the cookhouse at 8-30 a.m. Reserve Company providing carry g parties.
 - (d) Midday meal will be carried forward with the breakfast.
 - (e) Evening meal will leave cookhouse at 4-30 p.m.
 - (f) Similar arrangements will be made for following days.

ORDER (7) Cooks will proceed to **HEAD BARRACKS** as soon as possible after midday meal on 10th. One cook per Company to be sent on at 9 a.m. to take over fires from 30th. Battalion.

ROUTINE ORDER No. 291.

By Lieut. Col. E. KNOX KNIGHT.
Commanding 37th Battalion, A.I.F.

COPY NO.

Headquarters, 37th Battalion, A.I.F.
 February 10/1918.

RELIEF
 ORDER.
 (1)

This Order will be read in conjunction with Battalion Order No.84.

| | | |
|----------|------------------|-----------|
| ROUTINE | Reveille . | 7-00 a.m. |
| FOR | Breakfast. | 7.30 a.m. |
| 12/2/18. | Sick Parade. | 9.00 a.m. |
| (2) | Midday Meal. | 12 noon. |
| | Parade on Coy.) | |
| | Parade Grounds)* | 5 p.m. |

DRESS.
 (3)

All ranks fighting order.

BAGGAGE
 KIT & C.
 (4)

All packs, hats, and ankle boots, (clearly marked with owner's No., Rank, Name, & Company,) will be dumped by Platoons at HYDE PARK CORNER not later than 9.15 a.m. on 12th inst. Hats and boots will not be put in packs but tied in bundles by themselves. Surplus kits, mess gear, etc., NOT WANTED IN LINE will be clearly marked and dumped as above. QUARTERMASTER to make necessary arrangements for storage. Receipts to be obtained for hats and boots handed in. Officers Valises, Cooking Utensils, etc., WANTED IN LINE will be clearly marked and dumped at HYDE PARK CORNER at 2.15 p.m. on 12th inst. TRANSPORT OFFICER will provide necessary transport to convey articles "NOT WANTED IN LINE" to Q.M.Store and those "WANTED IN LINE" to DEAD HORSE CORNER. Os/C. Companies will furnish two men per Company to guard baggage until it is removed by Transport.

GUMBOOTS.
 (5)

Gumboots will be issued to every man not already in possession of same. Requisitions to be submitted to this Office by noon 11th. inst. Boots will be issued by a/ R.S.M. at 1 p.m. same day.

RATIONS.
 12/13th.
 (6)

(a) Evening meal for 12th will be carried by all ranks.
 (b) Hot soup for two front line Companies will be prepared and will be carried forward by a party from the Reserve Company leaving Cookhouse at 11 p.m.
 (c) Breakfast for front line and support Companies (hot meal 13th) will leave the cookhouse at 3.30 a.m. Reserve Company providing carrying parties.
 (d) Midday meal will be carried forward with the breakfast.
 (e) Evening meal will leave cookhouse at 4.30 p.m.
 (f) Similar arrangements will be made for following days.

COOKS.
 (7)

Cooks will proceed to DEAD HORSE CORNER as soon as possible after midday meal on 12th. One cook per Company to be sent on at 9 a.m. to take over fires from 30th Battalion.

Appendix 12.

39th. BATTALION. A.I.F. ORDER NO. 201. (Contd. 2) 10/2/1918

- RAVING GUARD** (8) Support Company will relieve Ration Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men at IRON GATE reporting at 2 a.m. 18th. inst.
-
- FEET** (9) Every N.C.O.'s, and men's feet to be washed in hot water and GARDON TREATMENT applied before moving out. Certificate to be rendered by noon 18th. inst. that this has been done.
-
- VACATION OF QUARTERS** (10) All billets, offices, latrines, cookhouses, etc., and grounds in the vicinity of the billets are to be left scrupulously clean and in a sanitary condition. The Squad i/c of the Battalion and N.C.O. will inspect all billets etc, prior to the Battalion moving off and a certificate, bearing both signatures, will be furnished to this Office.
-
- R.A.P.** (11) R. A. P. is situated at ~~THE~~ S.E.S.S.
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- SANITATION** (12) Latrine accommodation is to be improved by all garrisons and latrines plainly marked. Small pieces of trench must not be used. As many box seats as possible are to be put in. Excreta must be buried each night at least 10 yards from post and locality marked. A regular supply of creosol or chloride of lime must be maintained in the line and wherever men are located. All refuse to be buried and localities marked.
-
- RESERVE** (13) Forward Companies will salvage their areas back to Support. Support Company - the area between its Headquarters and Battalion Headquarters. Reserve Company from Battalion Headquarters to its own Headquarters.
-
- FOOT WASH** (14) The utmost attention must be paid to prevention of trench foot and supplies of powder and soap sent to the line and used twice daily under direct supervision of an Officer. Foot washing troughs are installed in the Support and Reserve Lines.
-
- SOCKS** (15) All ranks will move into the line with four pairs of clean socks in their possession. Co.C. Companies to render a certificate to this effect by 10 noon 18th. inst. Socks must be changed daily and sent back to the Quartermaster - clean socks being sent up in exchange.

S. Heseltine. Lieut.,

DISTRIBUTION - C/Adjutant, 39th. Battalion, A.I.F.

As for S.O. 54.

39th BATTALION, A.I.F. ORDER No. 291. (Contd.2) 10/2/1918.

RATION
GUARD.
(8)

Support Company will relieve Ration Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men at IRON GATE reporting at 2 a.m. 12th inst.

FEET.
(9)

Every N.C.O.'s and man's feet to be washed in hot water and CAMPHOR TREATMENT applied before moving out. Certificate to be rendered by noon 12th. inst. that this has been done.

VACATION
OF
QUARTERS.
(10).

All billets, offices, latrines, cookhouses, etc., and grounds in the vicinity of the billets are to be left scrupulously clean and in a sanitary condition. The Second i/c of the Battalion and R.M.O. will inspect all billets etc. prior to the Battalion moving off and a certificate, bearing both signatures, will be furnished to this office.

R.A.P.
(11).

R.A.P. is situated at U.18.a.6.2.

SANITATION.
(12).

Latrine accommodation is to be improved by all garrisons and latrines plainly marked. Small pieces of trench must not be used. As many box seats as possible are to be put in. Excreta must be buried each night at least 10 yards from post and locality marked. A regular supply of cresol or chloride of lime must be maintained in the line and wherever men are located. All refuse to be buried and localities marked.

SALVAGE.
(13).

Forward Companies will salvage their areas back to support. Support Company - the area between its Headquarters and Battalion Headquarters. Reserve Company from Battalion Headquarters to its own Headquarters.

TRENCH
FEET.
(14)

The utmost attention must be paid to prevention of Trench Feet and supplies of powder and soap sent to the line and used twice daily under direct supervision of an Officer. Foot washing troughs are installed in the Support and Reserve Lines.

SOCKS.
(15).

All Ranks will move into the line with four pairs of clean socks in their possession. Os.C. Companies to render a certificate to this effect by 12 noon 12th inst. Socks must be changed daily and sent back to the Quartermaster - clean socks being sent up in exchange.

(Sgd). S. HESELTINE. Lieut.,
A/Adjutant, 37th Battalion, A.I.F.

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