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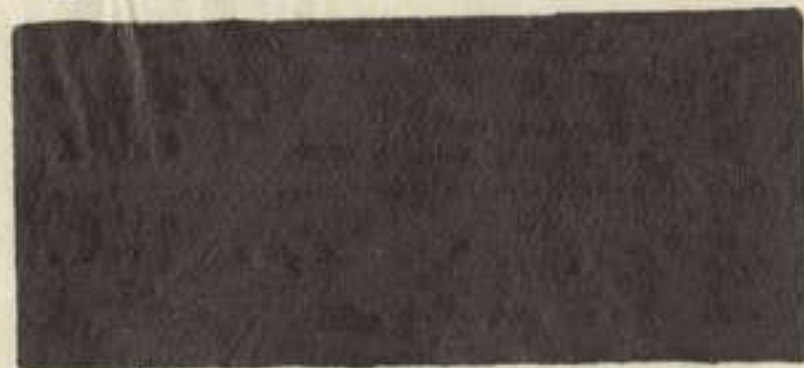


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TRENCHES Reference 62D NE 1/20000 Hdgrs. J.11.a. 60.80	1st. May 1918		<p>The day was quiet with the exception of light enemy harassing fire on the usual places.- TREUX village and MARETTE WOOD.</p> <p>Aerial activity was normal as the day was dull.</p> <p>In continuation of reconnaissance made the previous night, we advanced our line by constructing seven posts at the following points - J.6.b.29.75, J.6.b.30.29, J.6.b.50.12, J.6.d.31.91, J.6.d.40.80, J.6.d.32.48, J.6.d.40.21.</p> <p>The digging parties were under Engineer supervision, special sappers being allotted to each party. The a/c.o. personally assisted in the siting of posts. Each party was protected by a strong covering party of selected scouts under supervision of Scout Officer, Lieut. W. S. PHILEP, M.C.</p> <p>Our artillery supported the operation by light harassing fire which conformed to the programme of previous evenings. This fire was to deaden the sound made by digging parties also to lead the enemy to believe that things were as usual. The parties were compelled to cease work by 3 a.m. in order to return under cover of darkness.</p> <p>The posts were garrisoned by "B" and "C" Companies who placed 1 n.c.o. and 6 men in each post. Sketch of posts attached.</p> <p>The whole operation was carried out without incident and no casualties were caused.</p> <p>The reason that posts were advanced was to deny the enemy the dead ground as a forming up place prior to a raid or an attack, also to obtain touch with the enemy.</p>	<p><i>GAH</i></p>
	2nd. May 1918		<p>Enemy apparently did not notice the posts dug the previous night.</p> <p>The day passed without anything worthy of note.</p> <p>We connected up our line by constructing a series of posts on the right, at following points J.6.d.45.00, J.12.b.70.90, J.12.b.45.70, J.12.b.45.50, J.12.b.45.48, J.12.b.45.40, J.12.b.45.00</p> <p>As the previous night was dark and in order to avoid confusion, the posts were taped out with white tape by a party of two engineers Officers at 7-30 p.m. (not dusk). This party was covered by a strong patrol under control of the Scout Officer. The party succeeded in siting and taping the positions without being fired on by the enemy. Digging parties were protected by strong covering parties, the same as the previous night. The operation was not supported by artillery fire. The parties again withdrew at 3 a.m., the posts then being garrisoned by 1 n.c.o. and 6 men. The operation was conducted without incident or casualties. This now makes 13 forward posts dug and garrisoned by this Battalion. The posts were wired as far as material would allow.</p>	<p><i>GAH</i></p>

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TRENCHES Reference 62D NE 1/20000 Hdgrs. J.l.l.a. 60.80	3rd. May 1918		<p>The day was quiet and there was nothing worthy of note regarding enemy activity. All available men were employed extending the posts laterally and wiring up to 12-30 p.m. Work then ceased on the left, on account of minor operation mentioned below. An urgent memo. was received from Brigade Headquarters at 4 p.m. to the effect that identification was urgently required. The a/C.O., Major C. B. STORY, decided, in order to obtain identification, that small post at K.l.a.35.22 would be raided. The party chosen consisted of Lieut. W. S. PHILIP, M.C., 2 n.c.os. and 15 other ranks with Lewis Gun. Zero hour was 1-30 a.m. The artillery at 1 a.m. fired a burst of three rounds per gun on the objective. From 1-30 a.m. to 1-50 a.m. 16/18 pounders fired two rounds per gun per minute on known machine gun posts, etc., and formed a box barrage around the post not actually firing on the post. 6" Howitzers engaged hostile batteries in K.3.b. and K.3.d. Our party lay up at K.l.a.15.25. Five minutes after the opening of our artillery fire at 1-30 a.m., enemy commenced firing VERY LIGHTS and opened heavy Machine Gun fire from posts at K.l.a.45.70 and K.l.a.45.20. The patrol rushed the post in two parties. One of the enemy, north of the objective, fired steadily on at close range but our covering Lewis Gun beat him down. Two of the enemy in the post-raided threw bombs and fired rifles at our patrol, two of our party being wounded. The two occupants were captured ^{captured} although they offered stubborn resistance. One of the prisoners was wounded by an enemy bomb which burst near him. Our party withdrew and came under machine gun fire from three guns located in the VILLE Cemetery. Our artillery fire throughout was reported to be very accurate. Identification - 5th. Company, 357 I.R., 199th. Division. This Division was new, having arrived into the line and taken over about 10 p.m. the same night.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>GA</i></p>
	4th. May 1918		<p>Enemy shelling was today somewhat increased. The day was fine consequently aeroplane activity was above normal. This Battalion was relieved by "C" Battalion (39th. Battalion) in accordance with Relief Order No. 79 attached. During the relief enemy retaliated heavily to our harassing fire but the relief was reported complete at 12-50 p.m. and without casualties. 37th. Battalion moved back and became "C" Battalion occupying system of trenches D.23. and 28, J.4 and 10 with Battalion Headquarters at the Chateau, MERICOURT.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>GA</i></p>
			<p>Routine Order No. 313 attached.</p>	

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	May 5th 1918		<p>The day was spent improving the present trench system, wiring and constructing shelters. As many men as possible were bathed, 50 men from "B" Company who are unable to leave their trenches in the daytime were bathed at night, each man receiving a clean change of under-clothing.</p> <p>Lieut. W. S. PHILIP, M.C., reported to Brigade Headquarters to take over duties of Brigade Intelligence Officer.</p>	
	May 6th. 1918		<p>"C" Battalion.</p> <p>Enemy artillery increased during the day, much gas being used by the enemy.</p> <p>Major W. F. H. ROBERTSON, ^{of "C" Coy} was wounded.</p> <p>The enemy evidently thought that we had were going to attack as all possible concentration areas were subjected to intermittent fire of H.E. and gas.</p> <p>Two officers and sixty other ranks were detailed to assist "A" Battalion in moving their three right posts forward in order to conform to the movements of the right brigade. - vide, Operation Order No. 30 attached.</p> <p>The night was extremely dark and steady rain fell consequently the operation was not proceeded with, our men returned to the trenches at 12 midnight.</p> <p>The remainder of "B" Company were bathed during the hours of darkness.</p> <p>Routine Order No. 314 attached.</p>	
	May 7th 1918		<p>The Commanding Officer and several officers of the 23rd. Battalion (2nd. Division) visited Battalion Headquarters ^{for information} prior to taking over from us. Two officers and sixty other ranks were again supplied to "A" Battalion to assist in the advancement of their posts in accordance with operations Order No. 31 attached.</p> <p>These men dug and wired several posts and subsequently garrisoned same.</p> <p>Enemy artillery was very active but caused only two casualties to our men during the operation.</p> <p>As many men as possible were bathed during the day.</p>	

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	May 8th. 1918		<p>Several XXXXXX officers from 23rd. Battalion visited Battalion Headquarters to-day for information. The day was extremely quiet. The remainder of the men in the Battalion were bathed. The C.O. was called to Brigade Headquarters at 4 p.m. to attend a conference. The advanced parties of the 23rd. Battalion arrived into the trenches at 10 p.m.</p>	<p><i>GRA</i></p>
	May 9th. 1918		<p>The day was fine. As a result, aerial activity was above normal. 37th. Battalion were relieved by 23rd. Battalion (2nd. Division) as per Relief Order No. 82 attached. The relief was completed by 11-30 p.m. The battalion marched by Companies to ALLONVILLE (62D 1/40000) stopping at FRANVILLERS en route where hot coffee etc. was provided for the men. The last Company arrived at ALLONVILLE at 5 a.m. 10/5/1918. The billets provided were good and the men were given breakfast and went to bed as they were tired after their fourteen mile march. After arriving at ALLONVILLE, we took over from the 17th. Battalion, 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade, (2nd. Division).</p>	<p><i>GRA</i></p>
ALLONVILLE Hqdrs. 62D N.W. G.I.d. 70.40	May 10th. 1918		<p>The men after having had a good sleep proceeded to clean and arrange their billets. The day was spent indefinitely allotting billets, obtaining straw, and other comforts for the men.</p>	<p><i>GRA</i></p>
	May 11th. 1918		<p>The day was a nice warm day. MUSTER PARADE was held by companies during which the men's shortages were ascertained and steps taken to complete shortages as far as possible. Shortage of ^{under} clothing had previously been a great trouble but to-day 300 new complete sets were obtained by the Quartermaster and men were immediately issued with them. The Officers Mess and Sergeants Mess were re-established.</p>	<p><i>GRA</i></p>

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ALLONVILLE	May 12th 1918		<p>A Combined CHURCH SERVICE of the Brigade was held at ALLONVILLE (62D - G.12.c.2.3.) commencing at 11 a.m. Bishop Long officiated. After this parade, the ARMY CORRS COMMANDER presented Medals and Ribbons to members of the Third Australian Division. Recipients from this Battalion were as under :-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>D.C.M.</u> No. 393</td> <td>CSM I. ROSING</td> <td>No. 674</td> <td>Sgt. D. C. ROBERTSON</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>M.S.M.</u> No. 1666</td> <td>RQMS J. S. STEVENSON</td> <td>No. 1697</td> <td>Pte. H. G. HOLWELL</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>CROIX de GUERRE</u></td> <td></td> <td>No. 39</td> <td>Cpl. F. G. RAYNOR</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>M.M.</u> No. 56</td> <td>CSM J. ROBISON</td> <td>2127</td> <td>L.Cpl. E. OTTOSEN</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Cpl. J. C. HILL</td> <td>3500</td> <td>Pte. R. J. CULL</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>L.CPL J.R. LAWLESS</td> <td>11470</td> <td>Pte. H. L. SERCOMBE</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1137 Pte. J. AMBROSE</td> <td>1025</td> <td>Pte. H. D. YOUNG</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>735 Pte. T. W. KINGSCOTT</td> <td>6084</td> <td>Pte. C. SUTTON</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2564 Pte. W. R. GILLAM</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Both above parades were under the command of Lieut. Colonel E. KNOX KNIGHT, the Battalion being commanded by Captain W. J. SYMONS, V.C. The men were allowed the remainder of the day to arrange equipment etc. for training commencing the following day. P 5/69, P 5/64, and Battalion Routine Order No. 315 attached.</p>	<u>D.C.M.</u> No. 393	CSM I. ROSING	No. 674	Sgt. D. C. ROBERTSON	<u>M.S.M.</u> No. 1666	RQMS J. S. STEVENSON	No. 1697	Pte. H. G. HOLWELL	<u>CROIX de GUERRE</u>		No. 39	Cpl. F. G. RAYNOR	<u>M.M.</u> No. 56	CSM J. ROBISON	2127	L.Cpl. E. OTTOSEN		Cpl. J. C. HILL	3500	Pte. R. J. CULL		L.CPL J.R. LAWLESS	11470	Pte. H. L. SERCOMBE		1137 Pte. J. AMBROSE	1025	Pte. H. D. YOUNG		735 Pte. T. W. KINGSCOTT	6084	Pte. C. SUTTON		2564 Pte. W. R. GILLAM			
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	May 13th 1918		<p>Lieut. C. J. ASHMEAD returned from Fourth Army Gas School. Training was carried out as per attached syllabus and Instructions. (P 5/85). The parade ground used by this Battalion is at G.17.b. and G.18.a. This xxxxx ground is immediately behind the battalion billets. The afternoon was devoted to organised games. During the afternoon "A" Company played "B" Company football. Although light rain fell, thus making the ground very slippery, the game was quite good and exciting, but resulted in an easy win for the former. An N.C.Os. school under capable instruction of Lieut. E. D. WOOD has been established. N.C.Os. are trained during the morning and are lectured by selected officers in the evenings. The Quartermaster to-day obtained one ton of straw for the comfort of the men. Several of the billets at present contain old straw which has been in them for some considerable time period.</p>																																					

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	May 14th. 1918		<p>To-day was much finer than the previous day. Training was carried out as per Syllabus, special attention being paid to short route marches taken by Companies. The men showed a marked improvement with the assistance of the band.</p> <p>Intelligence Officer attended a series of lectures given at Third Divisional Headquarters on the present system of warfare on this front, and the ways and methods of improving Intelligence Reports.</p> <p>In the afternoon, a four mile paper chase was held. The men thoroughly enjoyed the run which resulted in a win for</p>							
	May 15th. 1918		<p>To-day was a very hot day.</p> <p>Training was carried out as per Syllabus.</p> <p>50% of officers and N.C.Os. from each company reconnoitred the defences which we occupy in the event of a "stand-to". These defences are many and extend over a large area.</p> <p>In the afternoon, 37th. Battalion played 39th. Battalion football. As the afternoon was beautiful, the game proved very exciting. The final scores being 37th. Bn. 39th. Bn.</p> <p>The 37th. Battalion team was captained by Lieut. F. R. KENLEY.</p> <p>The following officers re-joined the battalion :-</p> <table> <tr> <td>Lieut. C. V. KELLWAY</td> <td>(from wounded)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. M. R. STOKES</td> <td>(from wounded)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/Lt. A. J. STEWART</td> <td>(from Cadet Battalion)</td> </tr> </table>	Lieut. C. V. KELLWAY	(from wounded)	Lieut. M. R. STOKES	(from wounded)	2/Lt. A. J. STEWART	(from Cadet Battalion)	
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	May 16th. 1918		<p>Lieut. WILKINSON rejoined from Lewis Gun School and 2/Lieut. ORBUCK rejoined from Hospital.</p> <p>Training was carried out as per Syllabus. The day was again fine and the afternoon was devoted to Organised Games as per programme P 5/97.</p> <p>The remaining officers and n.c.os. reconnoitred the defences which we occupy in the event of a "stand to".</p>							

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	May 17th. 1918		At 2-15 p.m., the Tenth Infantry Brigade less 40th. Battalion and plus Tenth Machine Gun Company and Tenth Field Ambulance was inspected by the Commander-in-Chief (Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig) who was pleased to express his admiration on the steadiness and discipline of the troops. The Brigade after being inspected marched past in column of platoons. A rehearsal of the above parade was held at 10 a.m.	<i>JA</i>
	May 18th. 1918		<p>The Brigade Transport competition was held this morning at the Aerodrome, ALLONVILLE. The prize of 100 francs for best battalion turnout, and 50 francs for the best limber was won by the 38th. Battalion.</p> <p>At 2-30 p.m., 37th. Battalion played 40th. Battalion football for Brigade Competition. The game proved very exciting. After a hard contest, the game was won by the 40th. Battalion with 4 four points in the difference.</p> <p>At 6 p.m., "The Bandicoots" gave a special show to 37th. Battalion.</p>	<i>JA</i>
	May 19th. 1918		<p>Battalion Church Parade was held to-day at which the Regimental Chaplain E. GOLLER officiated at 10 a.m.</p> <p>The men had half-holiday.</p> <p>Lieut. N. G. McNicol visited 14th. Brigade and obtained information regarding defences that we contemplate taking over in the near future.</p>	<i>JA</i>

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ALLONVILLE	May 20th. 1918		<p>ROUTINE ORDER No. 317 attached. TRAINING was carried out during the morning in accordance with special Syllabus of Training P5/161 attached. The afternoon was devoted to organised games. A CRICKET MATCH between "C" and "D" Companies was held during the afternoon, the game resulted in a close finish; "C" Company won.</p>	
	May 21st. 1918		<p>ADVANCE PARTIES consisting of one officer and four other ranks per Company proceeded as Advance Party to take over trenches from 15th. Battalion, 4th. Infantry Brigade, 4th. Australian Division, 2000 yards south of BLANGY TRONVILLE. Battalion carried out TRAINING as per Syllabus for 20/5/1918. Afternoon being devoted to SPORTS, GAMES, ETC. Lieut. J. A. MUCHEMORE moved to establish billets etc. for "B" ECHELON at LAMOTTE BREBIERE.</p>	
	May 22nd. 1918		<p>Battalion left ALLONVILLE to relieve 15th. Battalion at 6-45 a.m. in accordance with Relief Order No. 80 and Routine Order No. 318 attached. Personnel in accordance with P 5/165 moved to LAMOTTE BREBIERE as Battalion "B" ECHELON under the command of Major C. B. STORY. The RELIEF was completed at 12 noon. The remainder of the day was spent in improving accommodation in the TRENCHES, which we now garrison. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS is situated at 62 D N.34.d.4.3. SKETCH of the Trenches now occupied by the Battalion attached.</p>	



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62 D N.34.d.4.3.	May 23rd. 1918		<p>At 10 a.m. this morning, working party consisting of four officers and 100 other ranks were supplied to the Engineers for work in Ninth Brigade Sector O.23.c., the party ceased work at 2 p.m.</p> <p>Remainder of the Battalion proceeded by platoons to BATH in the SOMME RIVER N.21.</p> <p>38 REINFORCEMENTS of good type joined up the Battalion to-day.</p> <p>50% of Officers and n.c.os. RECONNOITRED THE FORWARD POSITIONS of the Divisional front - all approach routes, Headquarters, and tactical points were noted.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer held a CONFERENCE of all officers at 7 p.m. The situation was discussed and orders were issued that the mornings would be devoted to TRAINING, SPECIALISING IN LEWIS GUN TRAINING, and ANTI AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.</p> <p>The afternoons to be devoted to games and SPORTS, for this purpose footballs and cricket material were obtained.</p>	
62 D N.34.d. 4.3.	May 24th. 1918		<p>The day was dull. LIGHT RAIN fell at irregular intervals. during the day.</p> <p>LEWIS GUN TRAINING was carried out during the morning.</p> <p>Battalion proceeded to the SOMME RIVER by platoons. Men go to the river chiefly for WASHING PURPOSES as water is unobtainable for washing in the immediate vicinity.</p> <p>The afternoon was devoted to FOOTBALL and CRICKET.</p> <p>The remainder of the Battalion Officers and n.c.os. RECONNOITRED the forward positions, approach routes, headquarters, etc. to-day.</p> <p>Lieut. L. J. ORBUCK was evacuated sick to-day.</p> <p>A WORKING PARTY consisting of four officers and 200 other ranks were supplied to Ninth Brigade for work on VILLERS SWITCH O.23.c. The party left at 7 p.m. and returned at 12 midnight.</p>	

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62 D N.34.d. 4.3.	May 25th. 1918.		<p>The day was nice and fine. LEWIS GUN TRAINING was carried out but men who were on working parties were allowed to rest. SPORTS as for yesterday were again indulged in. The COMMANDING OFFICER and ADJUTANT accompanied by the MEDICAL OFFICER visited the forward areas and RECONNOITRED VILLERS BRETONNEUX and all approach routes and interviewed the headquarters of all line battalions. WORKING PARTY consisting of same strength as yesterday was supplied. The party left at 4 p.m. and returned at 10 p.m. The usual sport was again indulged during the afternoon. Nine men rejoined the Battalion from Hospital. Enemy heavily GASSED the forward areas during the night but no casualties were caused to our working party.</p>	<p><i>JH</i></p>
62 D N.34.d. 4.3.	May 26th. 1918		<p>The battalion proceeded by platoons to the river for purpose of BATHING etc. WORKING PARTY consisting of four officers and 200 other ranks were again supplied for work on VILLERS SWITCH. The party left at 4 p.m. and returned at 10 p.m. At 10-45 p.m. word was received from Brigade Headquarters to the effect that an ENEMY ATTACK was expected early in the morning on high ground north east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX also that the battalion would "STAND TO", and await orders to move to Pioneer Switch 0.16 and 17 and pass under control of the Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade for purpose of counter-attacking. An officer was immediately sent to Ninth Brigade Headquarters to arrange for guides and further details. The companies were warned. The order to MOVE was received at 11-50 p.m. The battalion moved by platoons at 300 yards intervals commencing at 12-7 a.m. GUIDES were picked up at Ninth Brigade Headquarters. All officers and n.c.os. were familiar with the route having previously reconnoitred it, and worked in the vicinity on preceding nights. Enemy shelled the area with gas shells and H.E. Hostile aircraft were also very active, bombing the back areas. Notwithstanding this the Battalion reached the position and reported all correct in Pioneer Switch with Battalion Headquarters at 0.22.a.75.75 at 2-50 a.m. without casualties. In reply to our counter preparations shoot at 3-15 a.m. enemy heavily retaliated on our area with gas and H.E. but only two minor casualties were caused. (Continued sheet 10).</p>	<p><i>JH</i></p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	May 26th. 1918 (contd.)		As nothing eventuated, orders were received at 5-40 a.m. to the effect that the Battalion would return to its old position. This was carried out by platoons at 300 yards interval commencing at 6 a.m. The battalion returned to the old position at 8 a.m. without further casualties. A hot meal was provided for the men on return, after which the men were allowed to rest.	GPH
62 D N.34.d. 4.3.	May 27th. 1918		The CORPS COMMANDER presented DECORATIONS which had been awarded to members of the THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION at Sheet 62 D-18.a.9.3. at 10-30 a.m. Nominal roll of RECIPIENTS attached. No working parties were supplied to-day. The men were allowed to rest. Routine Order No. 319 attached.	GPH

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
N.34.d. 4.3.	May 28th. 1918		<p>The G.O.C., 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade, visited the battalion this morning. Bathing was carried out by platoons during the day. Working party consisting of the same strength as for previous nights was again supplied for work in O.23.c. Orders were received from Brigade Headquarters that the Battalion was to be prepared to move 45 minutes after receiving notification in the event of an enemy attack.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>
	May 29th. 1918		<p>The battalion marched by platoons at regular intervals to the SOMME RIVER for a swim. This was very enjoyable as the day was hot. Working Party of same strength was again supplied to Ninth Brigade for work in O.23.c.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>
	May 30th. 1918		<p>Men again proceeded to the SOMME RIVER for a swim. At 3-30 p.m., all Officers met for the purpose of bidding farewell to the Adjutant, Lieut. J. C. TODD, M.C., on the occasion of his departure to England. This task was ably carried out by Captain W. J. SYMONS, V.C., in the absence of the Commanding Officer who was indisposed. The usual Working Party was supplied to-day. Captain B. G. TOWL reported to Brigade Headquarters to take over the position of C.I. of Brigade Junior N.C.Os. school. Special Routine Order by Sir John Monash, K.C.B., V.D. on occasion of his departure from Third Aust. Division to take over duties of Corps Commander, Aust. Corps attached.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>
	May 31st. 1918		<p>The battalion paraded as usual for a swim in the SOMME RIVER. At 11 a.m., a hostile aeroplane with two occupants crashed in T.4.a.3.1. A Guard was immediately furnished by this Battalion. Personnel from battalion paraded as students for Brigade N.C.Os. and Signal School at 12 noon. The usual working party was supplied to-day. This party commenced work at 6 p.m. and finished at midnight.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices	
			<u>Officers</u>	<u>other ranks</u>		
			EVACUATED WOUNDED	3	72	
			WOUNDED	1	13	
			DIED OF WOUNDS	-	--	
			KILLED	-	--	
			TRANSFERRED OUT	-	5	
			DRAFTS IN	2	79	
			REJOINED HOSPITAL	4	58	
			PRESENT STRENGTH	49	883	

W. W. Wright

Lieut. Colonel,

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

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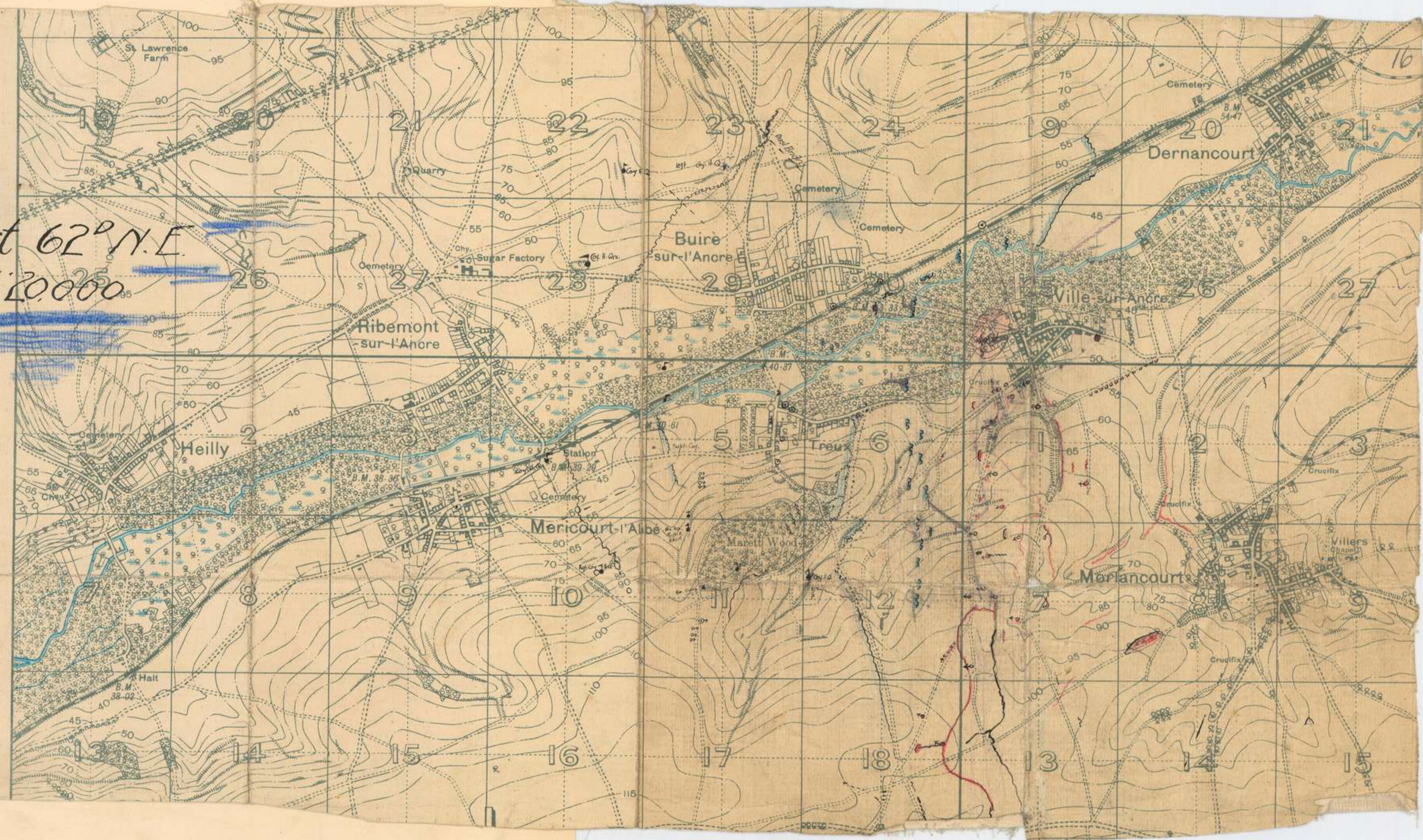
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37TH. BATTALION. ORDER NO. 79.

APPENDIX 2

3rd. May 1918.

- INFORMATION (1) The 37th. Battalion will be relieved by 39th. Battalion, A.I.F., on night 4th./5th. May 1918. 37th. Battalion becoming "C" Battalion in support.
- INTENTION (2)
- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| "C" Company 39th. Battn. | will relieve | "A" Coy. 37th. Battn. |
| "D" " | " | "B" " |
| "A" " | " | "C" " |
| "B" " | " | "D" " |
| "A" Company 37th. Battn. | will relieve | "C" Coy. 39th. Battn. |
| "B" " | " | "A" " |
| "C" " | " | "D" " |
| "D" " | " | "B" " |
- TRENCH MAPS ETC. (3) Trench maps, air photos, work schemes, dumps, etc. will be handed over and taken over and receipts exchanged. Copy of receipts to be forwarded to this office by 8 a.m. 5th. inst.
- PATROLS (4) Scout Officer will arrange for patrols to be out to cover relief, etc., - they will be withdrawn till relieved by patrols of the 39th. Battn.
- PRECAUTIONS (5) Precautions to be taken to minimize casualties from enemy shelling. No movement of troops to take place before 9 p.m.
- DISPOSITION (6) Disposition Reports will be sent to this office by 8 a.m. 5th. inst.
- REPORTS (7) Completion of relief in front line to be wired to this office by the word "RABBIT" and notification of occupation of new billets sections by word "PARROT".

ACKNOWLEDGE.


 _____ Lieut.,
 Adjutant, 37th. Battn. A.I.F.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. **APPENDIX**

By Lieut. Colonel E. KNOX KNIGHT.

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

Battalion Headquarters,
May 4/1918.

ORDERS

Attention is directed to the following Orders :-

G.R.O.	25-27-28-29-30/4/1918.
4th. A.R.O.	28-29-30/4/1918.
A.S.R.O.	26/4/1918.
3rd. Div. R.O.	409-410.
10th. Bg. R.O.	170.

The above Orders may be perused at Battalion Orderly Room.

LAUDATORY
(2)

The following wire received from Australian Corps is promulgated for the information of all ranks -

"Following from Military Secretary begins aas Please ask
"General BIRDWOOD to inform all ranks of the Australian
"Corps that the Field Marshal is fully aware of the gallant
"conduct and magnificent achievement of the Australians and
"wishes to thank them. aas The splendid service of the
"1st. Australian Division in the North has not escaped his
"notice and the Field Marshal desires to include them in
"this expression of his appreciation. aas ends."

(D.R.O. 1876.)


The following copy of a cablegram which has been received
by the G.O.C., A.I.F., from the Minister of Defence,
Melbourne, is promulgated for the information of all ranks -

"Will be glad if following message to troops can be pro-
"mulgated begins - Australian people proud of what Field
"Marshal HAIG says of you - well done Australians -
"Senator Pearce."

(Bg. R.O. 591.)

LEAVE
(3)

Delay at London Railway Stations. Stamps of Y.M.C.A.,
Church Army, Salvation Army, or other huts, rest-houses,
or institutes which bear a date subsequent to April 30th.
1918, will not be recognised as proof that a soldier has
reported himself at a London Railway Station.
Stamps of RAILWAY TRANSPORT OFFICERS only will be accepted
after that date.


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

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ROUTINE ORDER NO.

APPENDIX

By Lieut. Colonel E. KNOX KNIGHT.

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

Battalion Headquarters,
May 6/1918.

ORDERS Attention is directed to the following Orders :-

(1)

A.I.F. ORDERS	30/4/1918	
G.R.O.	2/5/1918	3/5/1918
AUSTA. G.R.O.	30/4/1918	
3rd. DIV. R. O.	No. 411	

The above Orders may be perused at Battalion Orderly Room.

HONORS & AWARDS.

(2)

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the following Awards to the undermentioned Officers, in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field. (A.I.F. List No. 325 dated 30/4/1918).
Awarded the Military Cross.

Extract from "London Gazette" supplement No. 30643 dated 23rd. April 1918 -

Lieut. William HUNTER -

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy's trenches, although wounded on the way across "No Man's Land", he continued to command his party and to direct operations from the enemy's front line. He refused to leave the enemy's parapet until satisfied that his party had withdrawn and then personally assisted to bring in the wounded. He displayed splendid courage and determination.

Lieut. Donald Ivan JOHNSTONE -

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst acting as scout officer of a party raiding the enemy trenches, he led the party along the routes, which he had previously prepared, without experiencing the slightest difficulty. On returning to our lines and hearing that a wounded man had been left out in No Man's Land he at once went out to bring him in. On the way he encountered an enemy patrol of eight men. He attacked this patrol, put it to flight, and succeeded in rescuing the wounded man. His courage and devotion to duty were most marked.

Extract from the "London Gazette" supplement No. 30645 dated 23rd. April 1918.

With reference to the awards conferred as announced in the London Gazette dated 17th. December, 1917, the following are the statements of service for which the decorations were conferred -

Awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

Captain William Henry COLLINS, A.A.M.C., attached 37th. Battn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Finding that his regimental stretcher-bearers were unable to find a regimental aid-post which he had established in a German pill-box, he personally led the first party of them through an intense artillery and machine-gun fire barrage. Although knocked down by a bursting shell, he immediately resumed the dressing of the wounded. Although, owing to casualties, he had only two men to help him, he courageously persevered with his work and himself helped to excavate a dugout for the wounded under heavy shell fire, during which several of the wounded were killed. He remained on duty for sixty hours and refused to leave his post till the last wounded man had been evacuated. By his constant cheerfulness under the most adverse conditions, and by his utter disregard for his own safety he kept up the spirits of the

HONOR & AWARDS.
(2)
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wounded and stimulated his surviving helpers to their utmost effort.
Awarded the Military Cross.

Lieut. Sydney Henry BIRRELL -

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the brigade forward signal station. In spite of the enemy barrage all the lines were laid. Owing to casualties among trained men he had personally to supervise the laying ~~work~~ and maintenance of all communications. He succeeded in maintaining them throughout the attack.

Lieut. Leo Paul LITTLE -

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in successfully reconnoitering and preparing the approach route and assembly line for an assault under heavy shell fire. When carrying parties in the forward area were becoming disorganised he reorganised them and put the whole scheme on a satisfactory footing.

Lieut. Robert James SMITH -

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Single-handed, he rushed an enemy machine-gun which was in action, and with his revolver shot the crew. Later, he again, single-handed, attacked a "pill-box" with the bayonet and captured the occupants. He also led three separate attacks on dugouts, the occupants of which his party killed or took prisoners.

Extract from "London Gazette" Supplement No. 30651 dated 25th. April 1918 -

With reference to the awards conferred as announced in the "London Gazette" dated 19/1/1918, the following are the statements of service for which the decorations were conferred.

Capt. Ferdinand Charles HEBERLE.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He gathered together a number of men and formed a strong point. He worked one of the Lewis Guns himself and held on in spite of many casualties, and although himself wounded, until ordered to withdraw to the new line. He brought his men back to the billeting area, and only on the following day reported himself wounded.

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS.
(3)

To be Adjutant
Lieut. J. G. TODD, M.C. 10/3/1918

To be Assistant Adjutant
Lieut. S. H. HESSELLINE 10/3/1918

(A.I.F. List No. 324 - 30/4/1918.

- SALVAGE AND CARE OF S.A.A. (3)
1. Attention is directed to the great waste of S.A.A. which takes place in the Corps Area.
 2. Efforts are being made to interest the men in the saving of S.A.A. instead of relying on salvage parties for the latter method is not nearly as satisfactory as the former.
 3. It should be pointed out to all ranks from time to time that the cost of production of S.A.A. is increasing, and what is more important, it is becoming increasingly difficult to get the metal and explosive material so that every round saved is a great help to the cause.
 4. Each round of ammunition should be looked upon as a precious production that will kill a German. Many ladies of the Empire are encouraged to work hard at the manufacture of S.A.A. by the belief that each bullet will find a German bullet and that would be greatly discouraged if they got to know of the wastage that occurs from carelessness at the front.
 5. Shipping, railway, motor and horse transport are of the greatest importance at this time, and it is to be regretted

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S.A.A.
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that space, power, haulage, wear and tear, and labour, should be wasted by the lack of care of ammunition which is too often shown.

6. Boxes and bags, marked Salvage S.A.A., are to be placed in billets, on tracks and communication, trenches, etc., so that all rounds picked up may be collected. All ranks are to be taught that ammunition which is discovered is not necessarily unserviceable, even if it has been under water, and that rusted or muddy ammunition should be cleaned and used.

7. At frequent intervals a portion of parades is to be devoted to ammunition cleaning, and platoon commanders will frequently check the number of rounds each man is carrying. The pockets of the equipment will also be cleaned and inspected at frequent intervals, special attention being paid to the catches, which must open freely, yet must be firm enough to keep closed when a man is running. Very stiff catches should be oiled if necessary so that the equipment will not be damaged by fierce tugging to open the pockets, for damaged pockets lead to the loss of far too many charges of S.A.A.

8. The necessity for buttoning up pockets and before movement is to be impressed on the men at all parades. Men are often seen going about with pockets open; Officers and N.C.Os. will take special care to prevent this.

(S.R.O. 123 - 30/4/1918.)



Lieut.,

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

"A" & "Q" Notes - week ending 27/4/1918.

The following items refer to the 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Total Strength	Officers	49,	other ranks	821
Actually with unit	"	47,	"	727
Value of Stores returned to Salvage by Units				£ 443 17 8
Return of Paper and Cardboard			paper	194 lbs
			cardboard	114 lbs.
Return of Fat despatched to Base			Class "A"	336 lbs.

37th. Battalion; Order No. 90.

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Reference Map 830 BE 1/20,000.

5/5/1918.

INFORMATION
(1) 37th. Battalion will advance its line of posts on night 5/7th. May to a line from approximately K.7.a.4.1. to H.7.a.05.85 to conform to left flank of 9th. Bde.

INTENTION
(2) "G" Company will provide two officers and 60 other ranks to dig and wire posts on above line.

GUIDES
(3) Guides of 37th. Battalion under Lieut. PRITCHETT will meet above detail at PINE DUMP at 9-15 p.m. 5th. Inst.

TOOLS
(4) 50% picks and shovels to be carried and as much wire and pickets as possible will be carried forward from PINE DUMP. Tools to be previously obtained from KELLY DUMP.

POSTS
(5) The posts are to be sited and taped by 10th. Field Coy. Engineers.

GARRISON
(6) "G" Battalion garrison will be maintained from J.4.c.70.75 to J.10.b.50.35 by four platoons from "J" Battalion. They will report to Capt. GARROBUS at "A" Company H.Q. (J.4.c.70.75.) at 9 p.m. 5th. Inst. who will send two of the platoons with guides to "J" Coy. H.Q. These platoons will be under the command of Cts. A and F Companies 37th. Battalion respectively. These platoons will be relieved immediately on return of the working party.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

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

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37TH. BATTALION. ORDER NO. 81.

Map Reference - Sheet 62D NE 1/20000.

7/5/1918.


INFORMATION 39th. Battalion will advance its line of posts on night 7/8th.
 (1) May to a line approximately from ~~K.7.a.05.85~~ K.7.a.05.85 to K.7.a.4.1. to conform to left flank of 9th. Brigade.

INTENTION "D" Company 37th. Battalion will provide two officers and
 (2) 60 other ranks to dig and wire posts on above line.

GUIDES Guides of 39th. Battalion under Lieut. PRENTICE will meet the
 (3) working party at PINE DUMP at 8-30 p.m. 7th. inst.

TOOLS 50% picks and shovels to be carried. As much wire and as
 (4) many iron pickets to be carried forward from PINE DUMP ~~at~~ ~~8-30 p.m.~~ as possible. Picks and shovels to be drawn from KELLY DUMP.

POSTS The posts are to be sited and taped by 10th. Field Company
 (5) Engineers.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


 Lieut. & Adjutant,

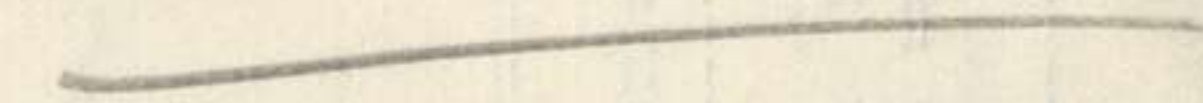
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37th. Battalion Order No. 82.

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9th. May 1918.

- INFORMATION**
(1) Tenth Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved by Sixth Australian Infantry Brigade on night 9/10th. May. Reliefs will be completed by 4 a.m. 10th. inst.
- INTENTION**
(2) The 25th Battalion, A.I.F., will relieve 37th. Battalion on night 9/10th. May 1918.
- ADVANCED PARTIES.**
(3) Advanced parties of the 25th Battalion moved into the line on night ~~8/9th~~ 8/9th. May 1918.
- GUIDES**
(4) Guides at the rate of one officer per company and two men per platoon will report at Battalion Headquarters at 8 p.m. and 1 n.c.o. and 1 man per company at 6-30 p.m. at same place.
- DEFENCE SCHEMES STORES &c.**
(5) Defence schemes, trench maps, airphotos, dumps, trench stores, 1/5000 and 1/10000 maps to be handed over and receipts to be taken, copies of which will be forwarded to this office by 5 p.m. on 10th. inst.
- RELIEF**
(6) On relief, Companies will move independently to billets at ALLENVILLE via HEILLY, LA HOUSSEME, PONT NOYELLES, QUERRIEU. Movement s. of AMIENS - ALBERT road to be in parties not larger than one platoon at 100 yards interval.
- BILLETING PARTIES**
(7) Billeting parties have been sent on from "B" Echelon.
- TRENCHES**
(8) Billets, trenches, dugouts, etc. must be ~~well~~ inspected before being vacated and handed over in clean condition.
- BRIDGEGUARDS etc.** (7) "B" Echelon will arrange for relief of Bridge guards, nucleus garrisons near HEILLY, and personnel with Town Majors with 25th Battalion.
- REPORTS**
(3) Completion of relief to be wired to this office by word "YOUNG". Arrival at billets to be wired to Battalion Headquarters ALLENVILLE by word "JACKSON".

ACKNOWLEDGE.


Lieut. & Adjutant,

37th. Battalion, A. I. F.

Distribution :-

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APPENDIX 8
37th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
 May 11/1918.

Os./C. Coy. & Sqds.

Order (for information)

The Army Corps Commander will present Medals and Ribbons to members of the Division at a parade to be held on the ground at the Aerodrome, ALLONVILLE, (sheet 888 - G.I.S.C.S.S.) to-morrow, 12th. inst.

A combined ^{SERVICE} Church Parade of the Brigade will be held at the above mentioned place to commence at 11 a.m. and finish at 11-30 a.m.

Presentation of medals will then commence at 11-30 a.m.

Companies will parade under Company arrangements and be ready to move from billets at 10-30 a.m.

DRUMS. Officers - Australian Hats, Tunics, Sam Brown belts and small box respirators.

O/Banks - Drill Order (without rifles) and small box resp.

Note - Small box respirators will be worn over the left shoulder with the respirator hanging at the RIGHT side.

Greatcoats will not be worn unless otherwise ordered.

MARKERS. One m.c.o. per company will report to R.S.M. at Battalion Headquarters at 10-15 a.m.

BANDS will be massed under Bandmaster KOLACHLAK, 37th. Battalion.

Lieut.-Colonel C. W. DAVIS, D.S.O., V.D., will be in command of the parade.

Recipients as mentioned hereunder will parade at Battalion Headquarters at 8-25 a.m. - the Battalion Orderly Officer will then take charge of the party reporting to Lieut. F. R. MARSH, R.C., on the ground at 8-45 a.m.

Recipients will be divided into two classes.

(a) those to whom a medal will be presented as per list -

No. 398	C.S.M. I. BOSING	D.C.M.
674	Sgt. D. G. ROBINSON	D.C.M.
1888	RQMS J. S. STEVENSON	M.S.M.
80	OSM J. ROBINSON	M.M.
1088	Pte R. D. YOUNG	M.M.
8584	Pte W. R. GILLAN	M.M.
8084	Pte G. SUTTON	M.M.

(b) those who have been awarded a decoration and have not been presented with a medal or ribbon, and who are not already included in (a)

59	Cpl. F. G. BAYNOR	M.M.
87	Cpl. J. G. HILL	M.M.
8127	Lieut. E. OTTOSEN	M.M.
87	L. Cpl. J. W. LANSLEY	M.M.
5500	Pte R. J. GULL	M.M.
1187	Pte J. ANDROSE	M.M.
11470	Pte W. L. MORGAN	M.M.
788	Pte T. W. KINGSCOTT	M.M.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH PARADE. Mass at 9-30 a.m. in village church ALLONVILLE. Dress - service dress, web belts, box respirators.

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

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Battalion Headquarters,
May 11/1918.

Gs. A. Coys. Hqs. Padre.

COMBINED CHURCH PARADE AND PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

The following are alterations to instructions already issued

- (1) All troops (except recipients) will carry rifles. The overhauling of "C" and "D" Companies rifles will be postponed till a later date.
- (2) Companies will parade ready to move from billets at 9-30 a.m. instead of 10-30 a.m.
- (3) Markers 1 n.c.o. per company will report to P.S.M. at B.H.Q. at 9 a.m.
- (4) Recipients will parade at B.H.Q. at 7-35 a.m. instead of 8-35 a.m. The Battalion Orderly officer will report with this party to Lieut. Martin on the ground at 8-15 a.m.
- (5) Band must be on the ground at 9-30 a.m.
- (6) Padre (Chaplain A. R. COLLIER) and Chaplains from 36th. and 39th. Battalions will be on the ground at 9-15 a.m. prepared to conduct service in the event of Bishop Long being unable to attend.


Lieut.,
Adjutant,

37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

P 5/14.

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

Battalion Headquarters,
 May 12/1918.

ORDERS
 (1)

Attention is directed to the following orders :-

A.I.F. ORDERS	3/5/1918
G.R.O.	4-3-4-3/5/1918
A.R.O.	2-5-4-8/5/1918
D.R.O.	412-413-414.
B.R.O.	171

The above orders may be perused at Battalion Orderly Room.

LAUDATORY
 (2)

No. 415 portion of para. 1888, of D.R.O. No. 415 of 7th. Inst. is republished for information -
 "The Divisional Commander has much pleasure in highly commending the undermentioned Officer and other ranks -

Lieut. W. S. PHILIP, D.C.

No. 743, Capt. HAYWARD P.S.
 2415 Pte McGRATH P.

for excellent services rendered and the display of great courage on night 8/5th. May 1918 in connection with the raid on an enemy post in the vicinity of VILLE-AUR-AMORE, in which 8 prisoners were captured.

The Brigade Commander desires his congratulations to be conveyed to the above officer, D.C., and private.

The Commanding Officer also desires his congratulations to be conveyed to the above and to express admiration of the meritorious work done by the above officer and other ranks.

PROMOTIONS
 (3)

To be Lieutenants - A.I.F. List No. 324 dated 30/4/1918.

2nd Lieut. W. S. PHILIP	12/3/1918
2nd Lieut. W. S. W. GROWER	12/3/1918
2nd Lieut. E. S. WILKINSON	24/2/1918

CRIMES AND
 PUNISHMENT.
 (3)

The following proceedings of Orderly Room held by the Commanding Officer on 6th. May 1918 are here promulgated and will be read out on parade on the day that they appear in orders -

No. 2152, Private SMITH S. In the Field 5/5/18
 Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he on the night of 5/5/1918 used indecent language to an N.C.O.
 Forfeiture 2 days' pay @ 5/- = 10/-.

LIGHTS
 (5)

Portion of 4 AHO 1944 - 27/4/18 is republished for information LIGHTS. A number of lights shown in the army area are likely to serve as guides to hostile aircraft. For the safety of the troops, and civilian inhabitants, and of factories, railways, etc., engaged on work for the Allies, it is essential that such lights shall cease to be shown. All lights, will, therefore, be extinguished or completely shaded one hour after sunset.
 This order is to be promulgated to all ranks who will assist the police and gendarmes both by themselves complying with the order themselves and by bringing to notice any infringement of the Order. Company commanders will ensure that this order is carried out by periodical inspections of billets occupied by troops under their command.

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NO. 10000

By Lieut. Colonel J. J. ...

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

Lieut. Adjutant,

37th. Battalion, A. I. F.

The following extracts from "A" and "Q" Notes for week ending 4/5/18

(1)

The following extracts from "A" and "Q" Notes for week ending 4/5/18 apply to this Battalion :-

Strength of Unit (actually present)	44 off.	714 o/ranks
(total strength)	47 off.	912 o/ranks

Stores returned to Salvage \$ 237/-/11.

Paper and Cardboard despatched to Base paper 112 lbs. cardboard 16 lbs.

Return of fat despatched to Base 106 lbs.

Australian Comforts Fund - Distribution to units of 10th. Brigade for April 18th.

Footballs	8	Biscuits	17 cases	Cocoa	26 cases
cigarettes	8	cases	3 cases	Meat	26 cases
socks	8	"	4 cases	tobacco	4 cases
Total	168	cases	17	cases	56

Y.M.C.A. during period 2/19th. April 1918, the Y.M.C.A. with this Brigade has made the following free distribution principally to men going to and coming from the line and baths.

3000 hot drinks, 4 bundles reading material, 5000 writing paper, 2500 envelopes

The following has been forwarded to the C.O. of the 4 battalions for distribution amongst officers and o/ranks -

17 gross matches, 2000 cigarettes, 12 bundles magazines, pictorials, 17000 sheets writing paper, 2000 envelopes, 5000 postcards.

As supplies continue to arrive, free distribution on a more extensive scale will be made.

(2)

The following is a list of the supplies which are being distributed to the units of the 10th. Brigade. It is essential that all units should be supplied with these supplies as they are necessary for the maintenance of the health and morale of the troops. The supplies are being distributed on a more extensive scale than in the past and it is hoped that this will result in a more efficient and healthy fighting force.

57th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

for week ending 19/5/18.

Date	9 a.m. to 9-15	9-35 to 9-45	Coys.	9-45 to 11 a.m.	11-45/ 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 12	2 p.m. - 4-30
MONDAY 13/5/18	PLATOON INSPECTIONS	COMPANY INSPECTIONS SETTING UP MAILS	A B C D	GAS BAYONET FIGHTING LEWIS GUN MUSKETYRE INSTR.	DITTO	ROUTE MARCH	ORGANISED GAMES
TUESDAY 14/5/18	DITTO	DITTO	A B C D	LEWIS GUN MUSKETYRE INSTR. GAS BAYONET FIGHTING MUSKETYRE INSTR.	DITTO	DITTO	DITTO
WEDNESDAY 15/5/18	DITTO	DITTO	A B C D	LEWIS GUN BAYONET FIGHTING GAS	ROUTE	MARCH	HALF HOLIDAY
THURSDAY 16/5/18	DITTO	DITTO	A B C D	BAYONET FIGHTING GAS MUSKETYRE LEWIS GUN	DITTO	DITTO	ORGANISED GAMES
FRIDAY 17/5/18	DITTO	DITTO		ROUTE	MARCH		DITTO
SATURDAY 18/5/18	DITTO	DITTO	A B C D	LEWIS GUN LEWIS GUN MUSKETYRE INSTR. MUSKETYRE INSTR.	DITTO	MUSK. INSTR. DITTO LEWIS GUN DITTO	HALF HOLIDAY
SUNDAY 19/5/18	SILLERS INSPECTION	AND		BATTALION CHURCH PARADE			HALF HOLIDAY

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Lieut. & Adjutant,

57th. Battalion.

Batt. Adm. 18/5/18.

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Battalion Headquarters,
May 13/1918.

Co. / Coys., Regts.

Instructions to be used in conjunction with attached syllabus of
Training ending 16/5/1918.

(a) All Companies, platoons, and sections must in the first place be properly organized, after which the principle that all companies, platoons, and sections are to be trained by and under the supervision of their own officers and non commissioned officers is as far as possible to be strictly adhered to.

Specialist officers and N.C.O.s. will be detailed to assist in the various subjects.

(b) The daily setting up drill should be accompanied by the closest attention to detail. Close supervision should be carried out regarding dress, equipment, soldierly bearing, and smartness. All N.C.O.s. must be taught to correct at once any deficiency in these respects discovered in the men.

(c) LEWIS GUN TRAINING. Regular gun teams (including A.A. teams) must be brought up to strength immediately. Every man in the Company must be instructed in mechanics, loading, and firing of the Lewis Gun.

When companies are detailed for this subject, LEWIS GUNS will be brought on parade.

Lewis gun officer will confer with Company Commanders and arrange additional instruction to teams.

Lewis gun officer will also arrange special instruction be given to anti-aircraft teams.

(d) AMMUNITION. Companies exercising in this subject must arrange to have their QUARTERMASTER all available stores and return same then furnished with. Special attention should be given to rapid loading, (200 rounds), adjusting sights, and aiming.

(e) GAZ. All men must be trained not only in the use of the box respirator but to march and fight whilst wearing same. The training will be combined with other work, i.e., at a given signal (30s. on bugle) all gas respirators will be adjusted and will be kept on until "ALL CLEAR" (40s.) on bugle is sounded.

Battalion gas N.C.O. will be available to assist companies in this subject.

(f) ROUTE MARCH. will be short and will be carried out by companies. The route to be followed will be forwarded to this office by 6 p.m. on the day previous to the march.

DRILL. Drill order.

100 Yards intervals between platoons must be observed through the march

Not class of instruction.

(g) ALL N.C.O.s. (except S.S.S., S.C.M.S., Spl. Clerks, Battalion and Company Orderly *Barclay* and N.C.O.s. employed at C.I. Store and Battalion Orderly Room) will parade DAILY at 11 a.m. on Battalion parade ground and will be excluded from Route march. Lieut. WOOD will conduct a school drawing from the N.C.O.s. such instructors as are necessary. Lectures will be delivered nightly, time-table to be issued by Lieut. WOOD.

Lieut.,

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

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(h) Battalion Parade ground is situated on ground east of billets in A.18.a. Parades will be under Company arrangements, a portion of the ground will be allotted to each Company. *as per attached sketch*

(i) ORGANISED GAMES. - Programme will be issued later.

(j) DRESS. For all parades - DRILL ORDER with rifle unless otherwise ordered.

(k) SIGNALERS. At 9-18 on daily all Headquarters and Company Signallers will parade under Lieut. MACKAY on general parade ground. Continuous training in their special arm will be carried out and will exclude them from Company training.

(l) BATHS. Baths are situated at approximately G.5.cent. (in village of SANDONETTE). The following allotment is made for tomorrow 18th.

"A" Coy.	to arrive baths	9 a.m.
"B" Coy.	"	10-15
"C"	"	11-30
"D"	"	3-00 p.m.
RQDs.	"	5-15 p.m.

From 8 p.m. till 9 p.m., the baths will be reserved for officers. Companies will move ~~to~~ baths as a complete unit. Proper march discipline will be observed.

Dress. Drill order with rifles, cap and ~~towel~~ to be carried. There will be no change of clothing available at the Baths.

(m) STRETCHER BEARERS. will parade and carry on the training with their respective companies.

(n) BUNNERS. will be exempt from Company parades, carrying out practice under Sergeant DUGGINS.

(o) Inter-Battalion Football matches will take place on Wednesday afternoon. Lieut. F. R. KENLEY will report as the Battalion representative at a meeting at Brigade Headquarters SANDONETTE at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

Lieut. & Adjutant,

87th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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By Lieut. Col. E. KNOX KNIGHT:

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

Battalion Headquarters,
May 14/1918.

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

- G.R.O. 9-10-11/5/1918
- 4th. A.R.O. 8-9-10/11/5/1918
- AUST. C.R.O. 6/5/1918
- DIV. R.O. 415
- BG. R.O. 172-173.

The above orders may be perused at Battalion Orderly Room.

FIELD GENERAL (Promulgation of Sentence).
COURT MARTIAL (2) The following proceedings of a Field General Court Martial assembled in the field on the third day of May 1918 are promulgated and will be read out on order parade on the day that they appear in orders.

(a) The accused No. 2216, Private R. W. TAYLOR, 37th. Battalion, A.I.F., a soldier of the Australian Imperial Force on Active Service within the meaning of the Army Act is charged with :-

CHARGE A.A. Sec. 12(1) WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

FINDING GUILTY

SENTENCE FIVE YEARS P.S. BUT COMMUTED TO TWO YEARS I.H.L.

(b) The accused No. 6831, Private J. TAGG, 37th. Battn. A.I.F., a soldier of the Australian Imperial Force on Active Service within the meaning of the Army Act is charged with -

CHARGE A.A. Sec. 12 (1) WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

FINDING GUILTY

SENTENCE SEVEN YEARS P.S. BUT COMMUTED TO TWO YEARS I.H.L.

(c) The accused No. 6769, Private G. HODGE, 37th. Battn. A.I.F., a soldier of the Australian Imperial Force on Active Service within the meaning of the Army Act is charged with :-

CHARGE A.A. Sec. 12 (1) WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

FINDING GUILTY

SENTENCE SEVEN YEARS P.S. BUT COMMUTED TO TWO YEARS I.H.L.

(d) The accused No. 2035, Private S. T. GALLAGHER, 37th. Battalion, A.I.F., a soldier of the Australian Imperial Force on Active Service within the meaning of the Army Act, is charged with :-

CHARGE A.A. Sec 12(1) WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

FINDING GUILTY

(d) Contd.

FINDING

GUILTY

SENTENCE

SEVEN YEARS P.S. BUT COMMUTED TO TWO YEARS I.H.L.

(e) The accused No. 467, Private T. STANGER, 37th. Batta. A.I.F., a soldier of the Australian Imperial Force on Active Service within the meaning of the Army Act is charged with :-

CHARGE
A.A. Sec. (12)1a

WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE
DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

FINDING

GUILTY

SENTENCE

FIVE YEARS P.S. BUT COMMUTED TO TWO YEARS I.H.L.

(f) The accused No. 3279, Private H. C. BRYER, 37th. Battalion, A.I.F., attached 10th. Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery, a soldier of the Australian Imperial Force on Active Service within the meaning of the Army Act is charged with :-

CHARGE
A.A. Sec. 15(1a)

WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE.

FINDING

GUILTY

SENTENCE

NINETY DAYS F.P. NO.1.


The aforesaid Findings and Sentences of the Court have been confirmed by Brigadier-General W. RAMSAY MC NICOLL C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

PROMOTIONS
(3)

To be C.Q.M.S. dated 19/3/1918
No. 1255, Temp. C.Q.M.S. PEATE, George.
To be Temporary C.Q.M.S. dated 2/5/1918
No. 536, L.Corporal BURNS, William Sydney.

THEFTS FROM PRISONERS OF WAR.
(4)

With reference to G.R.O. 3823, republished in Battalion Routine Order No. 311, para. 5, delete last two paras. from "Private Papers" to the end, and substitute :-
"Official letters, documents, and maps should be collected at the earliest possible opportunity. Private papers, letters, and documents will only be removed under the authorized supervision of a General Staff or an Intelligence Officer (Corps) or of an Officer of the Provost Branch of the Staff.
THIS ORDER WILL BE PROMULGATED AT FREQUENT INTERVALS SO THAT REINFORCEMENTS MAY BE MADE AWARE OF IT.


Lieut. A. Adjutant,

37th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

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Battalion Headquarters,
May 14/1918.

PROGRAMME OF ORGANISED GAMES.

2 p.m. each afternoon.

Tuesday
14/5/18

MESSAGE RELAY RACE
Platoon Teams.

Wednesday
15/5/18

FOOTBALL MATCH
Battalion Competition - 37th. V 39th.

Thursday
16/5/18

Half-Company Series.

- (1) Cricket Match
- (2) Football Match
- (3) Basket Ball
- (4) Base ball (alternative - hand ball).

Friday
17/5/18

Platoon Series

- (1) Tug-of-war (gas helmets)
- (2) Bayonet Tilting "
- (3) Duck stone
- (4) Bomb ball
- (5) Ring pass ball.
- (6) File pass ball.
- (7) Grenade Joust.
- (8) Boat race

Monday
20/5/18

Platoon Series

- (1) Circular Skip
- (2) Platoon Relay Race
- (3) Tent Pitching
- (4) Odd man out.
- (5) Handball.

Tuesday
21/5/18

Cross-Country Run.

A series of EVENING GAMES will be arranged by Chaplain COLLIER in the Y.M.C.A. Four men to represent each platoon each evening competitions are held.

Lieut. & Adjutant,

37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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6/8/41

SAFETY, Reception, A.I.I.C.
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6/8/41

A series of training camps will be arranged by the Adjutant in the

6/8/41

Division - Training Camp

- (2) Hand rifle
- (4) Odd man out
- (3) Tent pitching
- (3) Divisional relay race
- (1) Divisional ship

6/8/41

Divisional Camp

- (3) Post race
- (1) Grenade throw
- (3) Mile race
- (3) Hand rifle
- (4) Bomb race
- (3) Duck game
- (3) Hand rifle
- (1) Hand rifle (see helmet)

6/8/41

Divisional Camp

- (4) Race relay (alternating hand rifle)
- (2) Hand rifle
- (3) Hand rifle
- (1) Divisional relay

6/8/41

Hand rifle

6/8/41

Divisional Camp

6/8/41

Divisional Camp

S.P.M. each afternoon

PROGRAMME OF OPERATIONAL TRAINING

for 1st/1st Div
Battalion Headquarters

SAFETY, RECEPTION, BATTALION

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37TH. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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Battalion Headquarters,
May 17/1918.

Os./C. Coys. & Hqds.
Transport Officer
Quartermaster

(1) The COMMANDER-in-CHIEF will inspect the Brigade less the 40th. Battalion and plus the Tenth Machine Gun Company and Tenth Field Ambulance at a parade to be held at the old AERODROME - ALLOUVILLE at 2-15 p.m. 17th. inst.

(2) Battalion First Line Transport will be on parade, less Cookers, water carts, and spare animals. All vehicles will be empty but covers must be on wagons.

(3) Dress. Officers	Step collar tunic Sam Browne Hat Small Box respirator
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Other ranks	Drill Order with rifles small box respirator
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Special attention will be paid to the following

- (a) Small Box Respirators to be worn hanging from the left shoulder with the respirator on the right side. Strap of the respirator to be under the collar.
- (b) Fitting of equipment.
- (c) Color patches.
- (d) Polishing of bayonets.

(4) Mounted officers will be mounted.

(5) Medical Officer and Quartermaster will be on parade.

(6) Signallers, pioneers, and stretcher-bearers will be in ranks.

(7) All platoons will be equalised in size before leaving their private parade grounds.

(8) The march past will be in COLUMN OF PLATOONS.

(9) One n.c.o. per company will report to the Regimental Sergeant Major at BHQ at 12-45 p.m. and must have the number of files in each platoon.

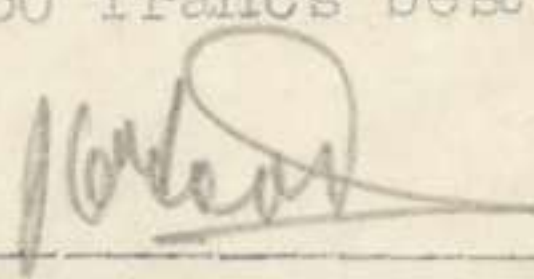
(10) Companies and Transport will parade on general parade ground at 1-30 p.m.

(11) Troops will be warned when passing the saluting base to turn their head and eyes smartly to the right and look the Inspecting Officer full in the face. Officers are also warned not to turn round when giving the command "EYES RIGHT". but will look straight to the front.

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- (1) A rehearsal of the above will be held on the ground at 10 a.m.
- (2) One n.c.o. per company will report to R.S.M. at B.H.Q. at 8-45 a.m.
- (3) Companies and Transport will parade on General Parade Ground at 9-15 a.m. (Training for the 17th. as per Syllabus will be cancelled.)

(4) BRIGADE TRANSPORT COMPETITION will be held on Saturday 18th. inst. at the AERODROME - ALLOUVILLE. Complete Unit Transport will parade. Prizes 100 francs - best Battalion turnout; 50 francs best limber. Transport Officer to arrange accordingly.


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

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37TH AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
May 19/1918.

O.C. Coys. & Hqds.
Lieut. MC DOUGALL
Sgt. WHITELAW
ARMORER SERGEANT.


Syllabus of Training for 30th. inst.

Coy	9 a.m. 9-15	9-15 9-45	9-45 10-45	11 - 12noon	2 p.m. to 4-30 p.m.
"A"	PLATOON COMMANDERS INSPECTION	COMPANY COMMANDERS INSPECTION	LEWIS GUN	BOMBING INST. NONE	ORGANISED GAMES
"B"	DITTO	DITTO	BOMBING	LEWIS GUN	DITTO
"C"	RANGE	PRACTICES		BAYONET FIGHTING	DITTO
"D"	PLATOON COMMANDERS INSPECTIONS	COMPANY COMMANDERS INSPECTIONS	BAYONET FIGHTING	RANGE PRACTICES	DITTO. NONE.

RANGE PRACTICES. "C" Company must be on range ready to commence firing at 9 a.m. sharp. Lieut. Mc DOUGALL will arrange stores etc. and control practices.

BOMBING. Battalion Bombing N.C.O. will be available to give instruction to Companies.

ARMORER SERGEANT. Armorer Sergeant will report to O.C. "D" Company by 8-45 a.m. and will overhaul all rifles.
At 11 a.m. he will report to "C" Company.



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

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Battalion Headquarters,
 May 19/1918.

Os./G. Coy., Hqds.

"A" and "G" Notes.

Week ending 11th. May 1918.

The following are the items relating to this Battalion. -

<u>Strength of Units.</u>	Officers	N.G.Os.
Actually with Unit	44	755
Total Strength	48	833

Value of Stores returned to Salvage.

2 874-18-5.

Return of Paper and Cardboard despatched to Base.

Paper	1434 lbs.
Cardboard	532 lbs.

Return of Fat Despatched to Base.

Class "A" 100 lbs.

The following free distribution of comforts was made by Y.M.C.A. to units of 10th. Brigade during week ending 11th. May 1918 -

Cocoa	} representing 1750 hot drinks.
Condensed Milk	
Cigarettes	1000
Oranges	330
Matches	16 gross boxes
Coffee	1/2 case
Biscuits	777 packets

All cigarettes, matches, and foodstuffs were forwarded to H.Q. forward for distribution to all in the line together with all available writing and reading material. The bulk of cocoa and milk was sent forward to two battalions in response to requests. The remainder was distributed in the shape of hot drinks at Y.M.C.A., HELLYER.



Lieut.,

Adjutant,

37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. **APPENDIX.**

By Lieut. Colonel E. KNOX KNIGHT.

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

Battalion Headquarters,
May 19/1918.

ORDERS

Attention is directed to the following orders :-

(1)

A.I.F. Orders	7-10-14/5/1918
G.R.O.	12-14-15-16/5/1918
4th. A.R.O.	11-12-13-14-15-16-17/5/1918
AUST. C. R. O.	12/5/1918
3rd. DIV. R.O.	417-418.

The above orders may be perused at Battalion Orderly Room.

SCHOOL REPORTS

The undermentioned officers and other ranks passed courses at schools and on dates mentioned :-

(2)

G.H.Q.

Lewis Gun Lieut. P. WILKINSON

SECOND ARMY SCHOOLS.

Musketry 20/3/18 Lieut. R. K. MC DOUGALL

Central School of Instruction 9/2/18 - 16/3/18

Sgt. G. M. C. HILL

Signal School 11/4/18 Cpl. J. VEITCH

School of Scouting, Observation and Sniping 28/2/18 - 17/3/18

Cpl. C. A. W. QUINN

AUSTRALIAN CORPS SCHOOLS.

Intelligence 11-30/3/18 Lieut. G. F. HAIN

8th. Infantry Course 11/3/18 - 26/3/18

2/Lt. J. C. ANDERSON

Sgt. W. WALL

Bombing 15-27/3/1918. Sgt. A. SCOTT

X CORPS SCHOOLS.

Bombing ending 12/3/18 L. Cpl. P. J. MC INTYRE

Gas (Aust. Corps) Lieut. E. A. CHALMERS

4/3/18-9/3/18

L. Cpl. G. F. SYMONS

" " L. Cpl. A. D. MC LACHLAN

" " Ev. Cpl. J. N. DONOVAN

CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS

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

(3)

CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS 12/5/1918

No. 2257, Private COATES W.
 (3) Date and Place of Offence In the Field 11/5/18
 (Contd.) Offence A.W.L. in that he absented himself from billets in ALLONVILLE from 9 a.m. 11/5/18 till 5 p.m. 11/5/18
 Punishment awarded Forfeits 1 days pay
 Total Forfeiture 2 days pay @ 5/- = 10/-

No. 2037, Private BRYER J.
 Date and place of offence In the field 11/5/1918
 Offence A.W.L. in that he absented himself from billets in ALLONVILLE from 9 a.m. 11/5/18 till 11 a.m. 12/5/18
 Punishment awarded Forfeits 2 days pay
 Total Forfeiture 4 days pay @ 5/- = £1-0-0

No. 817, Private BOLTON J. H. L.
 Date & Place of Offence In the Field 11/5/18
 Offence A.W.L. in that he absented himself from billets in ALLONVILLE from 9 a.m. 11/5/18 till 11 a.m. 12/5/18
 Punishment awarded Forfeits 2 days pay
 Total forfeiture 4 days pay @ 5/- = £1-0-0

14/5/1918
 No. 597, Private CALDWELL, G.J.
 Place & Date of Offence London 2/4/1918
 Offence A.W.L. (overstaying English leave) from 7-30 a.m. 2/4/18 until surrendering himself into the custody of the Aust. Admin. H.Q. Guard at 11 a.m. 3/4/1918.
 Punishment awarded Forfeits 5 days pay
 Total Forfeiture 5 days pay @ 5/- = £1-5-0

No. 238, Private BANTON T. F.
 Date and Place of Offence In the Field 13/5/18
 Offence Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at ALLONVILLE at about 10-45 p.m. on 13/5/18 created a disturbance in the billets.
 Punishment awarded Forfeits 7 days pay.
 Total Forfeiture 7 days pay @ 5/- = £1-15-0

15/5/18 (Orderly Room held by Major G. B. STORY).
 No. 2424, Private WORTHINGTON J.
 Date & Place of Offence In the Field 13/5/18
 Offence WOAS (1) creating a disturbance in billets after lights out 13/5/18 (2) drunkenness
 Punishment awarded Forfeits 21 days pay.
 Forfeiture 21 days pay @ 5/- = £5-5-0

16/5/1918 (Orderly Room held by Capt. W. J. SYMONS, V.C.)
 No. 2403, Private TALENT E. F.
 Date & Place of offence In the Field 15/5/18
 Offence A.W.L. from tattoo roll call at 9 p.m. 15/5/18 until he reported to Sgt. Cousins at 7-45 a.m. 16/5/18
 Punishment awarded 3 days C.B.
 Forfeiture R.W. 1 days pay = 5/-

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

The following proceedings of orderly room held by the commanding officer on the date mentioned are here promulgated and will be read out on parade on the day that they appear in orders: (2)

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Battalion Headquarters,

May 20/1918.

Cs./C. Coys. A. Hqds.
 Lieut. HUGHMORSE
 Sgt. WHITELAW

Syllabus of Training 21st. inst.

Coy.	9-00 - 9-15 a.m.	9-15 - 9-45	9-45 - 10-45	11 a.m. - 12	2-4 ³⁰ p.m.
"A"	PLATOON COMMANDERS INSPECTION	COMPANY COMMANDERS INSPECTION	MUSKETEY INSTRUCTION	COMPANY DRILL	ORGA- NISED GAMES
"B"	DITTO	DITTO	DITTO	DITTO	DITTO
"C"	DITTO	DITTO	BOMBING	DITTO	DITTO
"D"	DITTO	DITTO	BAYONET FIGHTING	BOMBING	DITTO

BATHS. The undermentioned allotment is made.

An officer will accompany each party.

Press :- Drill Order (without rifles), towel and soap to be carried.


"A" Company	50 men -	to arrive at Baths, GARDONETTE at	10 a.m.
"B" "	50 men -	"	10 a.m.
"C" "	50 men -	"	9 a.m.
"D" "	50 men -	"	9 a.m.

LEWIS GUNS.

Regular LEWIS GUN teams of "A" and "B" Companies will report at the range at 9 a.m. with guns and ten loaded magazines per team. *Leave*
 "C" and "D" Companies will report as above at 8 p.m.

H.C.Os.

ALL H.C.Os. will parade under Lieut. WOOD on general Parade Ground at 11 a.m.


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

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Battalion Headquarters,
May 29/1918.

Os./C. Coys. & Hqs.

Re Relief.

Probably

In all ~~companies~~ "B" Echelon will be formed as on previous tours in the line.

Company Commanders will please select personnel as under to be held in readiness to leave the Battalion at a short notice. It would be advisable to have them march as one party when the Battalion moves off, so that when orders are received, they may drop out without causing delay on the march.

Officers and C.S.Ms. will be selected by the Commanding Officer and will be notified to Companies.

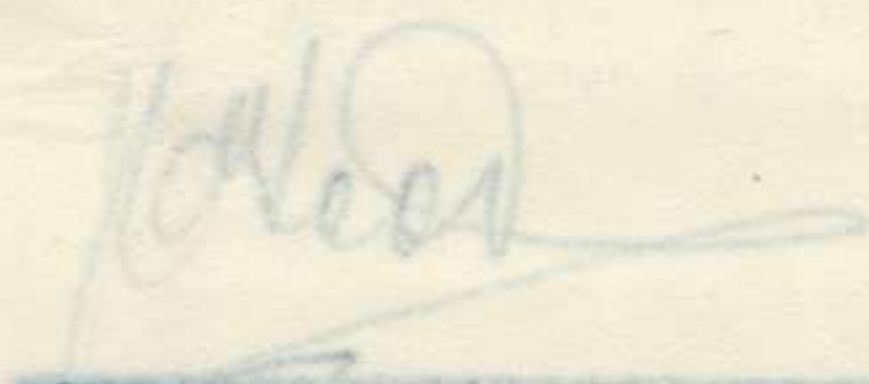
(a) H.Q. Coys. and Riflemen.

Each Company - 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal, 1 Lance Corporal
Each Platoon - 3 privates.

Company Commanders must use their own discretion as regards these men.

(b) Specialists :-

Lewis Gunners	2 men per gun team.
Scouts	} 33 per per cont.
Snipers	
Signallers	
Runners	


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

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37TH. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
May 20/1918.

Co./Co. Coys.,

No Relief.

ADVANCE PARTIES.

of 1 Officer and 4 other ranks per Company
will move into new positions to-morrow, 21st. inst., reporting at
Battalion Headquarters at 10 a.m. to-morrow when they will be
given full instructions.

Dress :-

Fighting Order.
Blanket rolled in
W. P. Sheet
36 hours rations will be carried.

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"B" SCHELON.

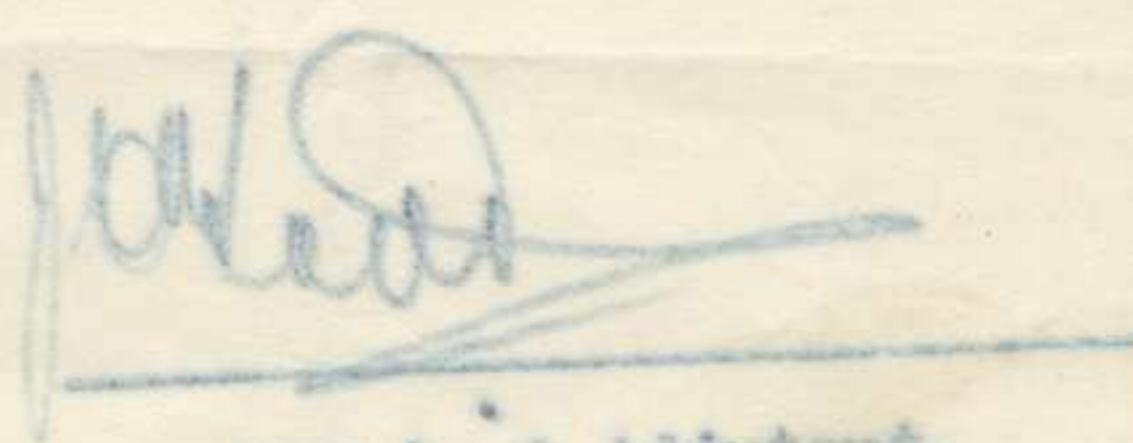
In ad-dition, one H.C.O. per Company (to be taken from "B"
Schelon) will report to Battalion Headquarters at 10 a.m.

They will proceed to new area as Advance Party to "B" Echelon.

Lieut. J. A. MUGHMORE will be in charge of this party.

DRESS :-

as above.



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

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Battalion Headquarters,
May 21/1918.

57th. Aust. Inf. Brigade
Co./C. Companies & Sign.
Quartermaster.

"B" Squadron.

In continuation of my P O/110 of 20/5/1918, re allocation of n.c.o.s. and specialists to form part of "B" Squadron, the unmentioned officers and warrant officers will be affected :-

	Officers for duty in the line.	Officers to form part of "B" Squadron.
R. Co.	Commanding Officer Lieut. J. G. BOON Lieut. S. H. HESPELANS Lieut. G. P. HAIN Lieut. H. G. HAYCOCK Lieut. H. HAYCOCK	Major G. B. HONE Lieut. S. W. WOOD Lieut. J. A. HUGHES
"A" Coy.	Capt. P. G. SOLE Lieut. H. HODGKINSON Lieut. H. E. HORN S/Lt. H. J. G. HORN	Capt. J. A. GIBSON Lieut. G. H. HILL Lieut. H. E. HODGKINSON Lieut. H. P. HORN Lieut. G. J. HORN
"C" Coy.	Capt. W. L. ALLEN Lieut. P. A. HORN Lieut. P. HORN S/Lt. J. G. HORN Lieut. W. HORN	Capt. P. G. HORN Lieut. H. J. HORN Lieut. W. H. GLACK Lieut. H. HORN
(Form Major - Major HODGKINSON)		
"D" Coy.	Capt. P. H. G. COOPER Lieut. G. HORN Lieut. L. J. HORN Lieut. H. J. G. HORN	Major H. H. W. HORN Lieut. A. H. HORN (Command Off) Lieut. H. J. HORN Lieut. L. HORN Lieut. J. H. HORN (o./c.o.) Lieut. H. J. HORN
"E" Coy.	Capt. H. J. HORN, V.L. Lieut. G. V. HORN Lieut. J. HORN Lieut. H. HORN	Lieut. P. L. HORN Lieut. A. H. HORN Lieut. A. J. HORN

WARRANT OFFICERS

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| R.S.M. HODGKINSON | C.S.M. HORN |
| C.S.M. HODGKINSON | C.S.M. HORN |
| C. S. H. HORN | C.S.M. HORN |
| C.S.M. HODGKINSON * | C.S.M. HORN |
- * to be temporarily attached to "B" Company.

Capt. H. G. HORN, R.C., will act as c./c. "B" Squadron.
General Rolls of n.c.o.s. and specialists will be furnished to this office by 3 p.m. this day.

[Signature]
Adjutant,
57th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Map Reference - Sheet 62 D 1/40000.

21/5/18.

- INFORMATION**
(1) Tenth Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade in the reserve area on morning of 22nd. May 1918.
- INTENTION**
(2) 37th. Battalion will proceed by Route March and take over Reserve Trenches in vicinity of H.34 on morning of 22nd. May 1918.
- ADVANCE PARTIES**
(3) Advance parties of one officer and four other ranks per Company will move into new positions on 21st. May.
- GUIDES**
(4) Guides from the Advance Parties will be met at crossroads in H.30.c. to guide companies into new positions.
- MOVEMENT**
(5) March will be carried out by platoons at 300 yards distances with 500 yards between Companies and 1000 yards between Battalions.
300 yards between transport and Battalion.
- DEFENCE SCHEMES AND TRENCH STORES.**
(6) Defence schemes of the new area will be taken over on arrival. Trench stores will be taken over and receipts in triplicate passed.
- "B" Echelon**
(7) "B" Echelon personnel will proceed with the Battalion to cross roads in H.1.d. where guides will be met to conduct parties to Transport Lines at H.7.b.
- A.A. LIGHT GUNS**
(8) One anti-aircraft gun and six filled magazines will be carried by each Company.
- BATTALION H.Q.**
(9) Battalion Headquarters will be situated at Pt. BLANK CABARET.
- REPORTS**
(10) Reports on completion of relief to be sent to Battalion Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Distribution :-

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|------------|--------------------|
| Copy No. 1 | - "A" Company |
| 2 | "B" Company |
| 3 | "C" Company |
| 4 | "D" Company |
| 5 | H.Q. Details |
| 6 | 10th. A.I. Brigade |
| 7 | Quartermaster |
| 8 | Transport Officer |
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37TH. BATTALION. A.I.F.

Copy No.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 319.

By Lieut. Colonel B. KNOX KNIGHT

APPENDIX 3

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

Battalion Headquarters,

May 21/1918.

Map Ref. - Sheet 62 B 1/40000.

To be read in conjunction with Battalion Order No. 90 issued herewith.

DUTY for	Reveille	5	a.m.
2/5/1918	Breakfast	6-30	a.m.
(1)	Sick Parade	6-45	a.m.
	Parade	6-50	a.m.

ORDER of MARCH (2)	Headquarter A	} Note - "B" Echelon personnel will be formed up in rear of respective companies on general parade ground at 6-30 a.m.
	"A" Company	
	"B" Company	
	"C" Company Band	
	"D" Company	
	"E" Echelon	

DRESS (3)	All ranks - marching order.
	Water bottles to be filled.
BLANKETS & VALISES (4)	Blankets will be rolled in water-proof sheets in bundles of ten and dumped at Quartermasters store by 6-30 a.m. Officers' Valises will be dumped as above.

RESERVE RATION TIME (5)	"D" Company will supply a guard of one n.c.o. and three men to take charge of No. 1 ration dump located at H.34.d.9.7. The contents of this dump must be checked by an officer of "D" Company and receipts given only for the actual contents. Duplicate and triplicate copies of receipts to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters after relief.
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POSITIONS (6)	(a) Transport lines will be located in gully running approx. N.12.d.9.2. to N.7.c.3.5. Transport officer will select new lines in this vicinity. (b) Q.M. Store will be situated at Transport lines.
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LETS (7)	Billets, cook-houses, and latrines will be left in a clean and sanitary condition. The Battalion Second in command and Medical Officer will inspect billets prior to the Battalion moving off. A certificate to this effect will be furnished to Battn. Headquarters.
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ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Distribution :-

- Copy No. 1 - "A" Company
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- 3 - "C" Company
- 4 - "D" Company
- 5 - HQs.
- 6 - 10th. A.I. Brigade
- 7 - QUARTERMASTER
- 8 -

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 519

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By
 Lieut. Colonel E. KNOX KNIGHT
 Commanding 57th Battalion, A. I. F.

Battn. Hdqrs.,
 20/5/1918.

ORDERS
 (1)

Attention is directed to the following orders :-

A.I.F. ORDERS	17/5/1918
G.R.O.	17-20-21-22/5/1918
FOURTH A.I.C.	
INF. G.R.O.	18-20/5/1918
3rd. B.R.O.	430-433
10th. B.R.O.	174

The above orders may be perused at Battalion Orderly Room.

CRIMES AND
 PUNISHMENTS
 (2)

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

May 18/1918.

No. 3876, Private GREENFIELD E.
 Date and Place of Offence Field, 18/5/1918
 Offence 30AS (1) Drunkenness
 (2) Resisting arrest
 (3) Being in Poulainville without a pass.
 Punishment awarded Forfeits 28 days' pay.
 Total Forfeiture 28 days @ 5/- = 14-0-0.

No. 1807, Private WALKER H.S.
 Date and Place of Offence London, 17/5/1918.
 Offence A.S.L. Failing to report to the S.R.C. Victoria Station at 7-30 a.m. 17/5/1918 until 7-30 a.m. 18/5/1918
 Punishment awarded Forfeits one days pay
 Total Forfeiture 3 days @ 5/- = 15/-

No. 2887, Private ROSE F.J.
 Date and Place of Offence In the field, 18/5/1918
 Offence A.S.L. from tattoo rollcall 9-50 p.m. 18/5/1918 till midnight 18/5/1918
 Punishment awarded Forfeits one days pay.
 Total Forfeiture One days pay 5/-

May 20/1918.

No. 80, Corporal RAYNER (A.S.), F.S.
 Date and Place of Offence Field 18/5/1918
 Offence Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at ALLOCKVILLE on 18/5/18 willfully made a false statement to an officer.
 Punishment awarded Severely reprimanded.

GRAVES
 STORES
 (3)

It is reported that official Crosses and Graves Registration Tabs are being removed from cemeteries. These stores are not to be removed except on authority of Divisional Burial Officer.

(G.R.O. 1918).

Under authority delegated to him, the COMPS COMMANDER has awarded the following decorations to the undermentioned other ranks :-

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 745	Sgt. HAZARD	P.O.
8015	Pte. HOBBS	P.O.

The Corps, Divisional, Brigade, and Battalion Commanders desire their congratulations to be conveyed to the recipient and to express admiration of the meritorious nature of the work done by the above other ranks.

List. A Adjutant,
27th. Battalion, A.I.F.

NOTICES.

The following entries to from Tenth Infantry Brigade "A" and "C" notes refer to this Battalion :-

Week ending 12/8/1918.

<u>Strength of unit</u>	
Actually with unit	88 Officers, 900 other ranks
Total strength	988
<u>Stores returned to Salvage.</u>	nil.
<u>Paper and Cardboard despatched to Base.</u>	
Paper	48 lbs.
Cardboard	23 lbs.
<u>Fat despatched to Base.</u>	
Class "A"	150 lbs.

To soldiers all of whom
with families and other
- that is all of all of
- 1918-1919 as well
as of families with a
- 1918-1919

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APPENDIX 26

SPECIAL ROUTINE ORDER NO. 511

By

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

Battalion Headquarters,
May 25/1918.

Extract from Divisional Routine Order No. 422, para. 1912, dated 25/5/18

The undermentioned ~~names~~ men of the 37th. Battalion, A.I.F. did not take part in operations which were carried out by Third Australian Division whilst holding "C" Divisional Area, for either of the following reasons :-

"A" - Men serving sentences of Imprisonment or Penal Servitude.

No.	8204	Pte	LACY	G.
	1179	Pte	DEPONTREAU	G. A.
	8304	Pte	MIDDLETON	J. H.
	8102	Pte	GAYMAN	J. G.
	1290	Pte	FALCON	G. T. V.
	2797	Pte	COUCH	L.
	2207	Pte	HOCKLEY	L.
	1942	Pte	EDGAR	G. G.
	2235	Pte	WALKER	A. H.

"B" - Men undergoing Field Punishment in a Field Punishment Company.

	5433	Pte	LYNCH	J.
	2220	Pte	CURRAN	J. H.
	2800	Pte	ROSE	A. H. V.
	220	Pte	DAVIS	V.
	2227	Pte	HARRIS	L. L.

"C" - Men illegally absent and were subsequently convicted of desertion or absence without leave in consequence of such illegal absence :-

	2009	Pte	PRESTON	H.
	227	Pte	PICKETT	G. H.
	2221	Pte	TAYLOR	H. W.
	2709	Pte	HUGHES	G.
	2221	Pte	SAID	J.
	2225	Pte	GALLAGHER	G. T.
	427	Pte	SWANSON	T.
	2272	Pte	SMITH	G. G.
	2277	Pte	BENNETT	J. H.

THIS ORDER WILL BE READ OUT TO ALL RANGS ON PARADE
AT THE FIRST CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY.

J. Knox Knight
Adjutant,

37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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Army Form C2123A (France).
(In books of 100.)

"C" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Prefix Mo Code LAUWMM No. of Message 21
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Received 27 at 5.18 .m.

From via to 27.5.18

By SKD by

Service Instructions

Handed in at Mo Office 5.18 .m. Received 5.18 .m.

To 3. B. J. O.

*Sender's number Bto 46 Day of month 27 In reply to number AAA

Rejoin your Bde area
Move after 6am by
platoons, 200yard area
address 309 or rehto
D. B. T.!

From via

Place and Time *This line should be erased if not required.

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SPECIAL ORDER

by

Major-General Sir JOHN MONASH, K.C.B., V.D.

Commanding, Third Australian Division. -

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TO ALL RANKS OF THE THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION:-

As I am about to take up other duties, the time has come when I must relinquish the command of the Division. -

Closely associated with you as I have been, since the days of your first assembly and War Training in ENGLAND, and, later, throughout all your magnificent work during the past nineteen months in the war zone, it is naturally a severe wrench for me to part from you. -

I find it quite impossible to give adequate expression to my feelings of gratitude towards all ranks for the splendid and loyal support which you all have, at all times, accorded to me. - I am deeply indebted to my staff, to all Commanders and to the Officers and troops of all Arms and Services for a wholehearted co-operation upon which, more than upon any other factor, the success of the Division has depended. -

It is my earnest hope, and also my sincere conviction, that the fine spirit and the high efficiency of the Division will be maintained under the leadership of my successor, Brigadier-General GELLIBRAND; and if the men of the Division feel, as I trust they do, an obligation to perpetuate for my sake the traditions built up by them during the period of my command, they can do so in no better way than by rendering to him a service as thorough and a support as loyal, as I have been privileged to enjoy at their hands. -

In formally wishing the Division good-bye and good-luck, I wish simply, but none the less sincerely, to thank each and all of you, for all that you have done. -

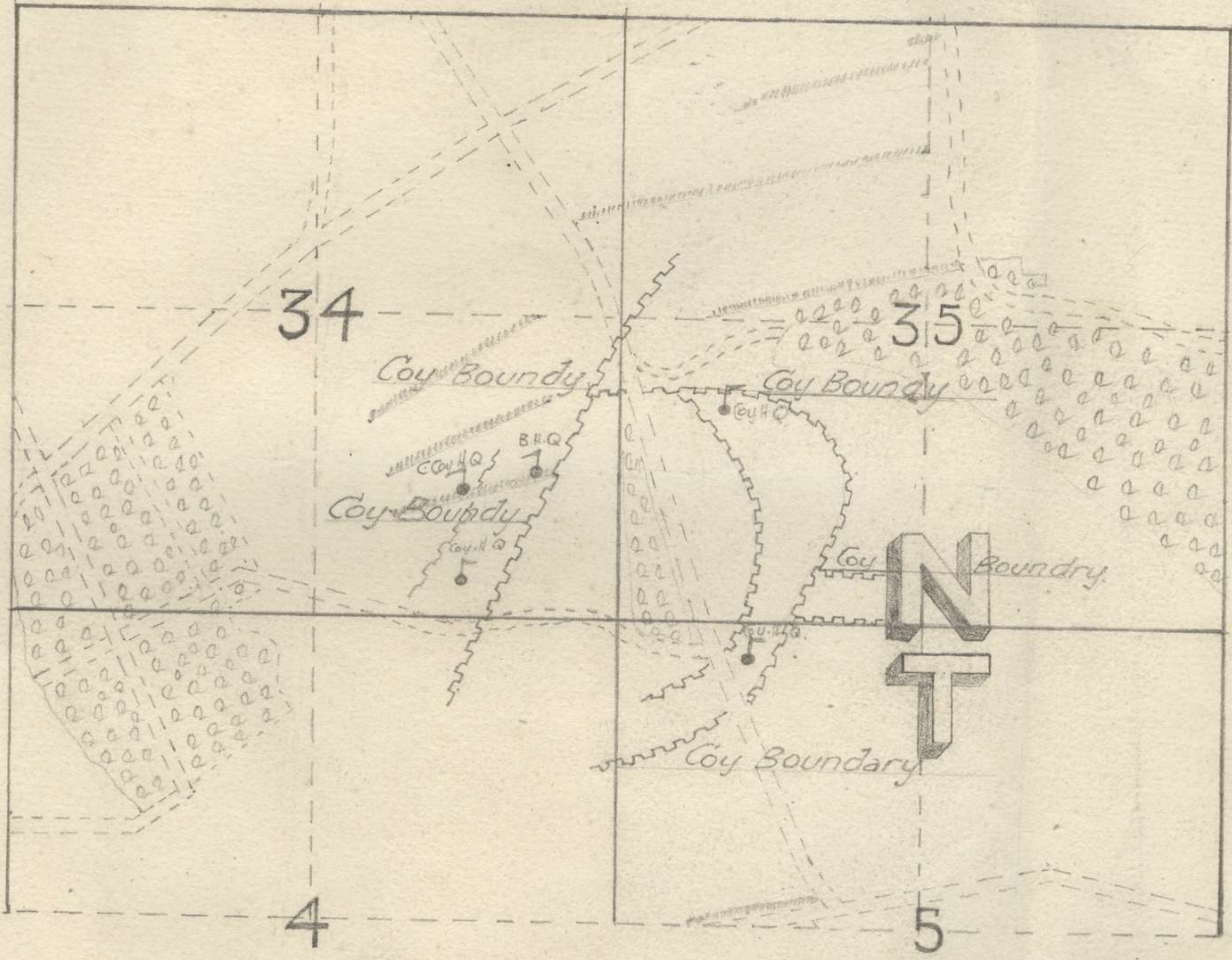
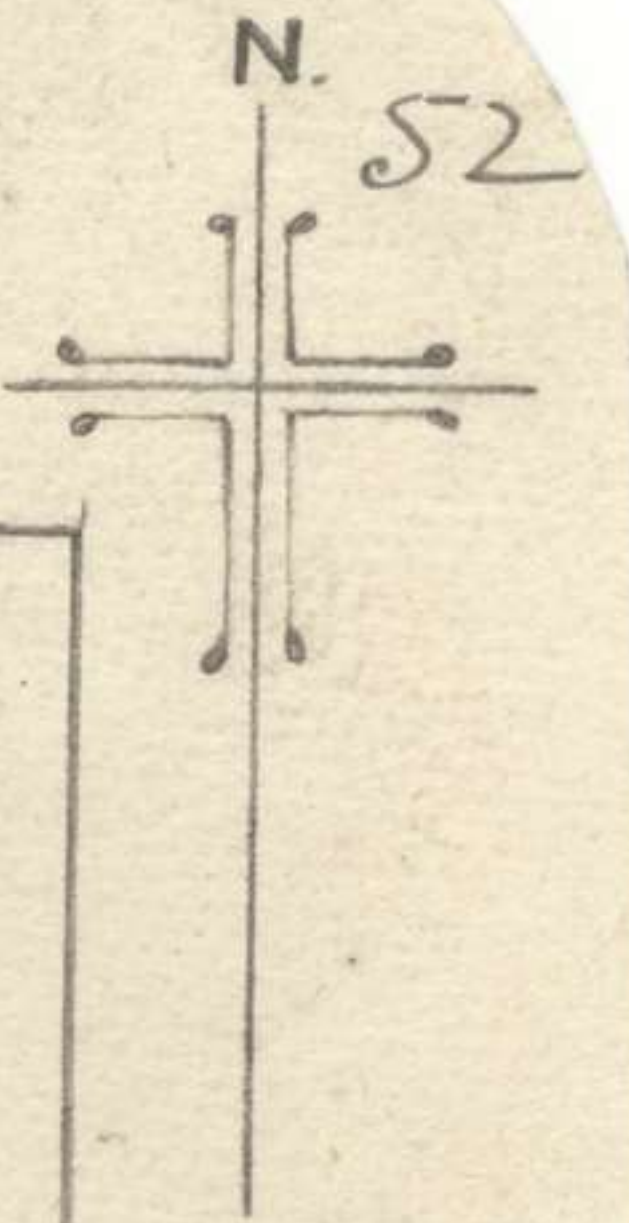
Divisional Headquarters,
30th. May 1918. -

John Monash
Major-General. -

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DISPOSITIONS OF 37th BN FROM 21-5-18
— TO 31-5-18 —



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