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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
62D N.34	Jne 1st. 1918		<p>The Battalion bathed by Platoons at the SOMME RIVER 62 D N.16. 43 reinforcements of good type joined up the Battalion to-day. These men were addressed by the Commanding Officer. Working party consisting of four (4) officers and two hundred (200) other ranks were supplied to the 9th. Brigade for work in O.23.d. This party commenced work at 4-30 p.m. and ceased at 10 p.m.</p>	<i>gjt</i>
62 D N.34	Jne 2nd. 1918		<p>Bathing in the Somme River was repeated again to-day. Information was received to the effect that the Tenth Brigade would relieve 11th. Brigade, 37th. Battalion to take over from 43rd. Battalion in Villers Bretonneux Sector. The Commanding Officer, accompanied by the Adjutant and Intelligence Officer visited the 43rd. Battalion in the line. No working parties were supplied to-day. Advance Parties in accordance with Operation Order No. 91 moved into the line. Personnel from "B" Echelon changed over to-day. The Divisional Commander and G.O.C., 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade, visited the Battalion this morning.</p>	<i>gjt</i>
62 D O.28.c.30. 50.	Jne 3rd. 1918		<p>Several Officers reconnoitred 43rd. Battalion sector to-day. The day was spent in preparing for the relief. The 37th. Battalion relieved the 43rd. Battalion in accordance with Relief Order No. 91 attached. Relief was complete at 1-21 a.m. The Battalion now holds sector from 62 D, O.36.central extending south to 62 D, U.5.central with the Third Regiment Zouaves on our right. During the morning, enemy heavily shelled Villers Bretonneux, - notwithstanding the heavy shell fire we had only three casualties. American Officer and two privates are attached to the Battalion for experience. Battalion Headquarters is situated at O.28.c.30.50.</p>	<i>gjt</i>

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62 D O.28.c. 80.50.	Jne 4th. 1918		<p>The day was very dull, thus rendering observation extremely difficult. Enemy artillery was active on Villers Bretonneux during the morning. The Commanding Officer and Second in Command visit the front line and discuss dispositions with Company Commanders. The G.O.C., 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade, visited the Battalion this afternoon. During the night, enemy artillery fire was lighter than previous night. Only one casualty was reported.</p>	<i>GJA</i>
	June 5th. 1918		<p>To-day was warm and observation good. Normal enemy movement was observed. The Commanding Officer, Lieut. Colonel E. KNOX KNIGHT, to-day proceeded to England on 14 days' leave. Major C.B. STORY is now in command of the Battalion. The usual enemy shelling happened during the day otherwise everything was calm. Battalion Routine Order No. 322 attached.</p>	<i>GJA</i>
	June 6th. 1918		<p>The American Officer and two other ranks returned to their unit to-day and were replaced by two other ranks (scouts). Enemy artillery carried out the usual intermittent shelling during the day and night. At 1 a.m. the Third Regiment Zouaves on our right carried out a successful raid on our right. We co-operated at the above time with Light Stokes Mortars on known M.G. positions. The raid was very successful - three (3) prisoners 108th. Div. (Normal) being captured and Third Regiment Zouaves suffered no casualties. During the retaliation for above raid, we suffered three (3) casualties.</p>	<i>GJA</i>
	June 7th. 1918		<p>Enemy artillery was below normal to-day. A few rounds being fired on Villers Bretonneux. During the night, men were employed as usual improving the trench system and constructing additional dugouts. The night was quiet.</p>	<i>GJA</i>

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62 D O.28.c. 80.50	June 8th. 1918		<p>The day was fine and observation was good. Only normal movement was observed. Enemy aircraft were more than usually active over our lines during the day. During the night, enemy artillery became exceedingly active. Commencing at 11-45 p.m., enemy heavily barraged our forward system, all tracks, Bn.H.Q., etc. This barrage of H.E., sprapnel, yellow and blue cross gas continued until 1-30 a.m. after which heavy harassing fire was directed against out tracks, etc. This fire became heavy for a few minutes at 4-a.m. We had only three casualties. Routine Order No. 323 attached.</p>	<p>GA</p>
62 D O.28.c. 80.50	June 9th. 1918		<p>Enemy was very quiet to-day. Word was received that enemy had attacked <del>XXX</del> in region of MONTDIDIER and that the shoot on our positions last night was in conjunction with above advance. The night was calm up to 11 p.m. after which enemy put down a barrage corresponding to the previous night but not so heavy. This barrage only lasted for a few minutes. The usual improving work was done during the night. Advance parties of the 39th. Battalion came into the trenches in accordance with Relief order No. 92. The night was calm only one casualty being reported.</p>	<p>GA</p>
62 D O.28.c. 80.50.	June 10th. 1918		<p>Nothing eventful happened during the day. Observation was good. Several enemy parties were fired on by Artillery. At 9-45 p.m., in conjunction with our advance in vicinity of Morlancourt, our Artillery bombarded enemy trenches etc. opposite this front. The shoot lasted about 10 minutes. The 37th. Battalion was relieved by the 39th. Battalion. Relief happened without incident and was completed at 2-10 a.m. The 37th. Battalion, then moved to "C" Battalion positions with Battalion Headquarters at 62 D, O.28.c.80.20. Sketch of dispositions attached.</p>	<p>GA</p>

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62 D O.26.c. 90.30	June 11th. 1918		<p>The usual working parties in accordance with Working Party Table attached were supplied to-day. The day was quiet, no hostile artillery action.</p> <p>At 2 a.m., a party consisting of 2nd./Lieut. A. STEWART, No. 6089, Sergeant ST. CLAIR S.J., and other ranks lay up outside our wire for the purpose of raiding the enemy trenches at O.36.d.48.35. Before the party was able to move from the assembly position, our own barrage came down and inflicted severe casualties. The enterprise, therefore, had to be abandoned.</p> <p><u>Casualties :-</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2/nd. Lieut. A. STEWART</td> <td>Wounded.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6089 Sgt. ST. CLAIR</td> <td>S.J. Killed in action.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>776a Pte WYETT</td> <td>K.L. Wounded (since died of wounds).</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3440 Pte GEORGE</td> <td>R.L. Wounded ( " " " ).</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6933 1/2 Pte HAZLEMAN</td> <td>F.A. Wounded</td> </tr> <tr> <td>475 Pte WALTERS</td> <td>G. Wounded</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2510 Pte POWELL</td> <td>W.A. Wounded</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2456 Pte MC KAY</td> <td>S.W. Wounded</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3439 Pte YOUNG</td> <td>N.A. Wounded</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2323 Pte GASON</td> <td>E. Wounded</td> </tr> <tr> <td>774a Pte HENDERSON</td> <td>J.W. Wounded.</td> </tr> </table>	2/nd. Lieut. A. STEWART	Wounded.	6089 Sgt. ST. CLAIR	S.J. Killed in action.	776a Pte WYETT	K.L. Wounded (since died of wounds).	3440 Pte GEORGE	R.L. Wounded ( " " " ).	6933 1/2 Pte HAZLEMAN	F.A. Wounded	475 Pte WALTERS	G. Wounded	2510 Pte POWELL	W.A. Wounded	2456 Pte MC KAY	S.W. Wounded	3439 Pte YOUNG	N.A. Wounded	2323 Pte GASON	E. Wounded	774a Pte HENDERSON	J.W. Wounded.	
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62 D O.25.c. 90.30	June 12th. 1918		<p>The same working parties were supplied with the exception of a slight alteration to the night parties. Hostile artillery fire was normal. There was nothing worthy of note to-day. Routine Order No. 324 attached.</p>																							
62 D O.26.c. 90.30	June 13th. 1918		<p>Special party was to-day detailed to report for t raining under Major C. B. STORY for raid on enemy trenches in the near future. (Nominal roll attached). Major W. F. H. ROBERTSON now is temporarily in command of the battalion. Usual working parties were supplied, to-day.</p> <p>Defence Scheme "C" battalion attached - P 6/76 attached.</p>																							

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62 D O.26.c. 90.30.	June 14th. 1918		Men were marched to the SOMME RIVER for a swim to-day. At 10-30 a.m., enemy shelled Battalion Headquarters and vicinity with High Velocity 13 c.m. gun. but no damage was done. Personnel from "B" Echelon reported to the unit to replace those detailed for Special Party on 13th. inst. The same working parties were supplied to-day.	<i>gms</i>
62 D O.26.c. 90.30.	June 15th. 1918		The day was quiet with the exception of shelling in vicinity of Battalion Headquarters during the morning. Several men were wounded but none belonging to this unit. The usual working parties were supplied to-day. Seven casualties, including one died of wounds, were caused during the night by enemy shell fire.	<i>gms</i>
62 D O.26.c. 90.30.	June 16th. 1918		Nothing worthy of note happened to-day. The working parties were unchanged to-day. Advance parties moved into the trenches in accordance with Relief Order No. 93. Routine Order No. 325 attached.	<i>gms</i>
62 D O.26.c. 90.30.	June 17th. 1918		Nothing startling happened during the day. Commencing at 9-30 p.m., 37th. Battalion relieved 39th. Battalion in VILLERS BRETONNEUX Sector. Relief took place without casualties and was reported complete at 12-30 a.m. Report On ENEMY RAID on Right Battalion front night of 17th./18th. June 1918. ===== Villers-Brettonneux. The enemy attempted to raid the right coy. of right battalion at U.5.b.33.42 from direction of MONUMENT WOOD. A heavy barrage of 77 mms. opened on front line U.5.b. at 1-30 a.m. covering from U.5.central to U.5.b.40.60. A few rounds falling north of railway. The barrage lifted five minutes after zero - 1.30 a.m. to about 100 yards in rear of the front line. The eastern end of the town, particularly the Railway Station was subjected to heavy bombardment of 4.2s. and 5.9s. The shelling ceased at 1-55 a.m. The enemy was first observed by men in the front line. The enemy were then lying along our wire cutting	<i>gms</i>

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	June 17th contd.		<p>Report on <u>ENEMY RAID</u> 17th./18th. June 1918 (contd.)</p> <p>At. The V.Gs. at U.5.b.50.38. and U.5.b.68.70 and B.G. in the post at U.5.b.33.42 opened fire dispersing the party. One n.c.o. and four wounded were brought into our lines and 2 dead can be seen lying in N.M.L. The n.c.o. and one man have since died at the R.A.P. Identification - 97th. Regt. 108th. Div. (normal). Our casualties - 3 killed, 2 wounded, slight damage to the trenches in places. Prisoners said the party consisted of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) 2 Officers and 40 men.</li> <li>(b) had been told that English had been occupying the trenches.</li> <li>(c) Germans were not going to attack here.</li> <li>(d) He came from Russian front last December.</li> </ul> <p>All the prisoners expressed surprise at running against Australians. Two Golden Rain lights were fired by the enemy from MONUMENT WOOD after the operation - no resulting action observed. Telephonic Communication was completely cut until repaired at 4 a.m. Communication was maintained by power buzzer, lucas lamps, and runners. (Signed) W.F.H.ROBERTSON, Major for Commanding Officer 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.</p>	
62 D O.23.c. 80.50	June 18th. 1918		<p>During the day, light intermittent artillery fire on village and O.34.b - 6 - d. Nothing worthy of note happened. The night was calm - only <del>one</del> <sup>one</sup> casualty was reported. Five dead Germans were buried in no man's land during the night.</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
62 D. O.26.c. 80.50	June 19th. 1918.		Artillery fire was normal during the day. Slight rain fell during the morning, consequently observation was difficult but improved during the afternoon. The night was quiet. Routine Order No. 325 attached.	<i>ggh</i>
	June 20th. 1918		Four American officers and 8 n.c.os. were attached to this battalion for experience. Enemy carried out usual harassing fire during the day. Officers of 41st. Battalion who are relieving this battalion reconnoitred our positions to-day.	<i>ggh</i>
	June 21st. 1918		<p>During the day, artillery fire was normal, only a few rounds fell on VILLERS BRETONNEUX. 20 reinforcements of good type joined the unit to-day. Advance parties of 41st. Battalion moved into trenches. Under Major C. B. STORY</p> <p>At 2 a.m., a party of 37th. Battalion, carried out a minor operation on the HANGAR post at P.35.c.85.20. Party was divided into two. The right party of four n.c.os. and 40 other ranks under Lieut. C.J.ASHMEAD - the left party of 3 n.c.os. and 27 other ranks under Lieut. J. KERSHAW. At ZERO hour minus one minute, a detachment of the left party consisting of 1 n.c.o. and 6 other ranks threw bombs from the north of the road towards the HANGAR which had the effect of drawing machine gun and rifle fire on them, thus attracting attention while a fighting patrol of Lieut. ASHMEAD's party consisting of 1 officer and 12 other ranks with a stripped Lewis Gun got to within ten yards of the enemy post without being observed. At this point, enemy fired two burst of machine gun at the patrol without inflicting any casualties. Patrol under Lieut. ASHMEAD then rushed the HANGAR and the enemy fled in all directions. Lewis Gunner fired three magazines into them while retreating and inflicted casualties. Patrol chased the enemy, killed several and took seven prisoners. Except in a few cases not much resistance was offered - the attack being a complete surprise. The HANGAR was thoroughly searched and found to be a mass of ruins with shallow trench and rifle pits on its east side. There was no sign of any deep dugouts. A light machine gun and its crew were captured near the s.w. corner of the HANGAR. Enemy garrison was estimated at 40 of which 10 were killed and others wounded. Our casualties were one wounded. There was no need to call on support of either party so that the number actually used were 5 Officers, 18 other ranks of whom one third created a diversion. There was no artillery</p> <p>Ident. 137 I.R. 108th. Div. (normal.)</p>	<i>ggh</i>

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62 D O.23.c. 80.50.	June 22nd 1918		<p>The day was quiet, usual intermittent shelling commencing at 10 p.m. The 41st. Battn. relieved 37th. Battalion in VILLERS BRETONNEUX sector. Relief was complete at 12-30 a.m. and without casualties. 37th. Battalion moved to trench system in N.23. with headquarters in N.23.a.90.10. The last coy. arrived in this area at 2-10 a.m. Relief Order No. 325 attached. The Commanding Officer returned from English leave.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>
62 D N.23.a. 90.10.	June 23rd. 1918		<p>Two companies of the battalion were given hot baths and change of underclothing at the baths situated in N.23.a. The following working parties were supplied by the 37th. Battalion to-day. - 6 Off. 12 n.c.os. and 300 other ranks - burying cable in O.25.b. Tools were carried from N.23.a. Major C. B. STORY was appointed Brigade Works Officer. A guard consisting of three <del>officers</del> n.c.os. and 9 other ranks was detailed for duty at Div. H.Q. A Company was detached to 182nd. Tunnelling Coy. for work in forward area.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>
	June 24th. 1918		<p>The remainder of the battalion were given hot baths at N.23.a. to-day. Working party supplied to-day was as follows - 4 off., 8 n.c.os., 200 other ranks - cable burying in O.25.b. Nothing unusual happened to-day.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>
N.23.a. 90.10	June 25th. 1918		<p>Working party, as for the 24th. inst., was supplied again to-day. At 2 p.m., Lieut. Muchemore and 1 n.c.o. per Coy. proceeded to ALLONVILLE, 62 D., to take over billets from 25th. Battalion, 7th. Brigade, 2nd. Division. All blankets were fumigated to-day.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

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N.23.a. 90.10.	June 26th. 1918		The morning was spent in preparing for the move to ALLONVILLE. Advance parties of the 28th. Battalion arrived and took over stores, shelters, etc. At 12-30 p.m., the 37th. Battalion was relieved by 28th. Battalion, 7th. Bde., 2nd. Div. Commencing at 1 p.m., 37th. battalion (less "A" Company) proceeded by route march via BLANGY TRONVILLE, GLISY, LAMOTTE-BREBIERE, Pt. CAMON, to ALLONVILLE, arriving there at 5 p.m. The battalion billeted at 62 D, G.12.a.	<i>gga</i>
62 D G.12.a.	June 27th. 1918.		The morning was devoted to kit inspections by coys. and Lewis Gun training. Commencing at 1 p.m., all men were given a hot bath at CARDONETTE baths. Lieut. J. A. MUCHMORE and 1 n.c.o. per coy. proceeded to QUERRIEU as advance party to take over stores etc., from 22nd. Battalion, 6th. Bde., 2nd. Div. Capt. J. A. CLAREBOROUGH joined from 2nd Training Bde., England and Second Lieut. A.E. AYERS from cadet battalion to-day. Routine Order No. 328 attached.	<i>gga</i>
62 D G.12.a.	June 28th. 1918		At 7-45 a.m., the battalion moved to QUERRIEU and took over billets from 22nd Battalion with Headquarters at 62 D, H.11.d.10.10. (Sketch of Dispositions attached). The Coys. are scattered - consequently communication is difficult. The remainder of the day was spent in constructing and repairing shelters, cleaning equipment, etc. P 6/122 attached.	<i>gga</i>
H.11.d. 10.10	June 29th. 1918		Training as per syllabus attached was carried out to-day. All shortages, as far as possible, were supplied by the Q.M. to-day. Training is carried out by coys. as it is not possible to have a battalion parade owing to the distance between companies.	<i>gga</i>

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62 D H.I.I.d. 10.10	June 30th. 1918.		<p>Half battalion church parades were held at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. respectively after which training as per syllabus was carried out by companies.</p> <p>In order that purchases of clothing etc. from ordnance may be made, two officers were granted leave of absence to visit ABBEVILLE to-day.</p> <p>Battalion Routine Order No. 329 attached.</p>	<p>99A</p>

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			<p>REVIEW OF WORK OF TRANSPORT SECTION - June 1918.</p> <p>During the month, the Transport Section has been working under difficulties both as regards roads and tracks and distances to be travelled.</p> <p>Whilst in the line, rations and water were delivered from LAMOTTE BREBIERE to the right of VILLERS BRETONNEUX, a distance of ten miles from the wagon lines, so that each wagon on this trip alone covered thirty miles, leaving their lines at 8 p.m. and returning between 1 and 2 a.m. and five wagons being required each night a total distance of 100 miles had to be covered by these alone.</p> <p>The roads were continually shelled so the section was fortunate in having so few casualties. On several occasions, whilst delivering to the two companies on the right, the drivers came under machine-gun as well as shell fire; and on one night the shelling was so heavy that the carrying party had to take cover until the shoot was over, during which time the drivers had to remain on the road with their animals.</p> <p>The roads in this sector were in places only rough tracks, so badly pitted with shell holes that a guide had to go out to lead the wagons and even then it was impossible to get through without the wheels on one side or the other running into the holes.</p> <p>No. 19, Driver E. A. L. VOLKMAN, was badly wounded in the back on the night of the 20th. at Suicide Corner on the main VILLERS BRETONNEUX road. One of his horses was killed, the other wounded and a spoke in the wheel of his limber broken, the brakesman was untouched. No. 7003, Private A. G. R. FRASER was with Driver VOLKMAN and he has been commended in Brigade Routine Order No. 181, para. 613 for bravery displayed by him on this occasion - June 20/1918.</p> <p>Private Fraser, after delivering the rations to his company, was returning with the limber to the transport lines when the enemy opened a heavy bombardment on the road and the driver of the limber and both horses were wounded. Regardless of his own safety, Private Fraser placed the wounded driver in the limber and conducted him to the Dressing Station, guiding the horses safely through the shelled area.</p> <p>On the 26th. inst., the battalion moved from BLANGY TRONVILLE and LAMOTTE BREBIERE to ALLONVILLE, when the wagons did either three or four trips each covering at least 42 kilos. Besides moving the Transport Echelon, it took 20 G.S. limbered wagons, 2 G.S. wagons, and 1 motor to remove the battalion stores (minus blankets of men).</p> <p>The animals were very hollow and tucked up the following day and the majority of them were rested.</p>	

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			<p>Review of work of Transport Section - June 1918 (contd.)</p> <p>On the 28th. inst., the battalion moved from ALLONVILLE to QUERRIEU and LA HOUSOYE and besides the first line transport, 14 G.S. limbered wagons loads and 5 G.S. wagon loads were moved. Owing to the <sup>distance</sup> being shorter, the move was completed by mid-day, water and rations being delivered during the afternoon.</p> <p>No. 746, Private KEILLY, W., was evacuated with tonsillitis on the 29th.</p> <p>Orders have been received to prepare for a Brigade Competition so that the section is now hard at work on wagons and harness.</p> <p>In addition to distribution of rations, the wagons had to collect wood and coal, cart clothing for exchange, collect stores from D.A.D.O.S., take and collect prisoners from POULAINVILLE supply wagons for collection of vegetables and canteen stores, so that in all a total average of over 150 miles was covered each day.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
			<p>Review of work of Quartermaster - June 1918.</p> <p><u>RATIONS.</u> Rations were received and issued according to ration scale - G.R.O. 1235 &amp; Amend. 458 lbs. of Australian rabbits were issued on 14/6/1918 in lieu of fresh meat. 325 lbs. Australian frozen sausages were issued on 25/6/1918.</p> <p><u>CLOTHING &amp; NECESSARIES.</u> Issues were below normal.</p> <p><u>CLOTHING, UNDER, FROM BATHS.</u> 2000 shirts, 2600 underpants, 2350 socks were issued in exchange during the month.</p> <p><u>AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND.</u> During the month, 3 cases of cigarettes, 3 bags sugar, 11 bags &amp; 11 cases oatmeal, 24 packets of playing cards, 3 parcels newspapers and magazines, 3 cases Tommy refills, 10 cases coffee and milk, 1 case curry powder, 8 boxes assorted cakes, and 17 cases of sundries from the 10th. Brigade Comforts Fund, <sup>were received</sup> from the Australian Comforts Fund and distributed amongst the companies and headquarters pro rata.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>

ORIGINAL

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

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AUSTRALIAN  
Army Form C. 2118. 1011.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>S u m m a r y     f o r     J u n e     1 9 1 8 .</u>				
<u>Officers            other ranks</u>				
			KILLED	-            6
			WOUNDED	1            45
			MISSING	-            +
			<del>DEED OF WOUNDS</del>	-            7
			EVACUATED    SICK	1            61
			REJOINED FROM HOSPITAL	2            76
			DRAFTS	3            59
=====				
			PRESENT STRENGTH	48            872
 <i>Shuntbrigitt</i> ----- Lieut. Col. Commanding 37th. Battalion A.I.F.				

*Gen  
B.A.*

# WAR DIARY

OF

## 37th. Battalion A.I.F.

FOR

~~JUNE~~

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1918.

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37th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

APPENDIX

Order No. 91

June 2/1918.

Reference Map - Sheet 62 D S.W. 1/20,000.

INFORMATION (1) The Tenth Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the Eleventh Australian Infantry Brigade on the right of "A" Divisional Sector on nights of 3rd./4th. and 4th./5th inst. On completion of relief, Battalion will be disposed as follows :-

37th. Battalion will be "A" Battalion  
 38th. Battalion will be "B" Battalion  
 39th. Battalion will be "C" Battalion  
 40th. Battalion will be "D" Battalion

INTENTION (2) The 37th. Battalion will relieve 43rd. Battalion A.I.F. on night 3rd./4th. ~~June~~ 1918.  
 "A" Company plus one platoon "D" Coy. will relieve "A" Company 43rd. Battalion on right.  
 "B" Coy. will relieve "C" Coy. 43rd. Battalion on left.  
 "D" Coy. ~~will~~ less one platoon will relieve "B" Company 43rd. Battalion in support.  
 "C" Company will take up a position as Reserve Company in trenches in O.34.b.

ADVANCE PARTIES (3) Advance parties as previously detailed will move into the line on night 2nd./3rd. June 1918.

MOVEMENT (4) Companies will move in following order "A", "B", "D", "C", H.Q. Details. Movement to be in file 100 yards between platoons. No. movement of troops forward of N. & S. line through MONASTERY du BOIS L'ABBE is to take place on any night before 10 p.m.

GUIDES (5) Guides at the rate of one per company and headquarters will be met at CLOCK FACE (N.32.a.75.40) who will lead companies to a suitable place where they will be met by guides for each platoon or posts of less than a platoon.

ROUTE (6) The main VILLERS-BRETONNEUX - LONGUEAU road is to be avoided by troops.

DETAILS (7) "B" Echelon, Orderly Room, Quartermasters Store, and Transport will remain in present location.

LIAISON (8) Close liaison will be maintained with the French Regiment on the right by a composite (International) post consisting of one Lewis Gun section furnished by right ("A") Coy.

DISPOSITION STATES (9) Disposition states accompanied by a sketch must be forwarded to this office by 7 a.m., 4th. inst.

STORES MAPS ETC. (10) All dumps, maps, stores, air photos, etc. will be taken over and receipts passed, copy of which is to be forwarded to reach this office by 7 a.m., 4th. inst.

R.A.P. (11) R.A.P. is situated at O.35.c.30.80.

REPORTS (12) Reports of completion of relief to be wired to this office by the word "PARIS".

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

*M. S. L. T. M.* Lieut.,  
 A/Adjutant, 37th. Battn.

Distribution :-

No. 1	"A" Coy.	No. 5	10th. Bde.
No. 2	"B" Coy.	No. 6	43rd. Bn.
No. 3	"C" Coy.	No. 7	War Diary
No. 4	"D" Coy.	No. 8	File.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 321.

By

APPENDIX 2

Lieut. Colonel E. KNOX KNIGHT.

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

Battn. Hdqrs.  
2/6/18.

- (1) This order to be read in conjunction with Battalion Order No. 91 of 2nd. June 1918.
- (2) Companies will fall in on their own ground in time to move off in turn.  

Dress - Fighting Order with blanket and w.p. sheet.  
24 hours rations to be carried.
- (3) Packs, valises, etc., not required in line, will be dumped at R.A.P. by 9-30 <sup>a.m.</sup> 3rd. inst.  
Officers, valises, etc., required in the line, to be dumped at same place by 8-30 p.m.
- (4) Evening meal on 3rd. inst. will be at 5 p.m.  
24 hours rations for 4th. inst. to be carried on the man.  
Water bottles to be filled before starting.  
Rations for succeeding days will be brought up ready cooked by limbers and will be dumped as under, carrying parties being sent from companies to meet them at 11 p.m.  
"A" and "D" Companies at 0.35.o.90.40.  
"B" and "C" Companies at 0.35.a.40.00.  
Headquarters at Battn. Hdqrs.
- (5) Tools. All tools on issue to companies to be returned to R.S.M. at R.A.P. at 9 a.m. 3rd. inst.
- (6) Daily states and returns to reach this office by 6 a.m. daily.
- (7) Dugouts, trenches, cooks' lines to be left in a clean and sanitary condition. A verificate to be furnished to this effect by 8 a.m., 4th. inst.

*W. H. ...*

Lieut. & A/Adjutant,

37th. Battalion, A. I. F.

ROUTINE ORDER

APPENDIX. 3

Lieut. Colonel R. KOOK

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

Headquarters,  
2000 2/1013.

ORDERS  
(1)

Attention is directed to the following orders :-

A.I.F. ORDERS	31/5/1918
G.P.O.	No. 181-182-183-184
A.R.C.	29 - 31/5/1918
G.R.C.	1/5/1918
D.R.C.	427
Bg. R.C.	173

The above orders may be perused at Battalion orderly room.

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS  
(2)

To be Lieutenants :-	14th. May 1918.
2nd. Lieut. (Hon. Lieut)	J. S. ANDERSON
2nd. Lieut.	L. GREGG
2nd. Lieut.	A. J. HIRSON

Seconded for duty as Intelligence Officer 10th. Brigade.

Lieut. W. S. PHILIP 11th. May 1918.

(A.I.F. List. 338 dated 23/5/1918.)

FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL  
(3)

(Promulgation of Sentence.)

The following proceedings of a Field General Court Martial assembled in the field on the thirty first day of May 1918 are promulgated and will be read out in orders at the days that they appear in orders.

(a) The Accused No. 3483, Private J. HUGH, 57th. 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. 9 (1).

WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE DISOBEYING IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO SHOW A WILFUL DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN PERSONALLY BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER IN THE EXECUTION OF HIS OFFICE.

FINDING

GUILTY

SENTENCE

SIXTY DAYS F.P. NO. 1

(b) The accused No. 3483, Private P. SHILKESY, 57th. 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. 9 (1).

WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE DISOBEYING IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO SHOW A WILFUL DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN PERSONALLY BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER IN THE EXECUTION OF HIS OFFICE.

FINDING

Not guilty of charge as stated but guilty of when on Active Service disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer.

SENTENCE

FOURTEEN DAYS F. P. No. 2.

The above findings and sentences of the Court have been confirmed by Magistrate General W. Henry Helliwell, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 10th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

*W. Helliwell* Lieut.,  
 Adjutant, 37th Battalion, A.I.F.

NOTES.

CASH ACCOUNTS. for month of May 1918.

Dr.	TRADING ACCOUNT.		By SALES	Gr.
To STOCK 1/5/1918 on hand	501.75			4584.35
Handbrought	800.00	1301.75		
PURCHASES	47312.20		STOCK 31/5/1918 on hand	4588.85
Handbrought	140.00	47452.20	Handbrought	270.00
GROSS PROFIT to P. & L.		3042.25		
	Dr.	51502.25	Cr.	51502.25

By GROSS PROFIT from P. & L. A/c.		To SUNDRY EXPENSES	
	3042.25	By GROSS PROFIT from Trading account	3042.25
		By SUNDRY EXPENSES written off	150.00
		NET PROFIT to APPROP.	2892.25
	Dr.	5062.25	Cr.

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT.		ACCOUNT.	
To BALANCE + (Profit for April paid to P.F.K. 1/5/1918).	2900.00	By BALANCE of a/c + Profit for Apl.	514.00
		PROFIT & LOSS A/c	2876.05
	Dr.	2900.00	Cr.

BALANCE		SHRST.	
Liabilities		Assets.	
"Trust" CAPITAL 1/5/18	2000.00	CASH	5412.15
New Capital from Div. Paid 8/5/1918	2000.00	4000.00	SUNDRY DEBITORS
			256.40
SUNDRY CREDITORS (since paid)	1348.20	STOCK as Trading a/c.	4588.85
P. & L. APPROP. A/c	2892.25	SUNDRY a/c.	
	2892.25	Stock in transit	90.75
	Dr.	8334.15	Cr.

L. J. ROBERTSON, Lieut. } Hon.  
 C. V. KILLPATRICK, Lieut. } Auditors.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 325.

APPENDIX 4

By  
Lieut. Colonel R. HUGH SMITH  
Commanding 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Battn. Hdqrs.  
6/8/1918.

ORDERS  
(1)

Attention is directed to the following orders :-

- S.R.O. Nos. 125-128.
- D.R.O. No. 430.

The above orders may be perused at Battalion Orderly Room.

FIELD  
GENERAL  
COURT  
MARTIAL  
(2)

(Promulgation of Sentence). - Reg. R.O. 180 para. 611.  
The following proceedings of a Field General Court Martial assembled in the Field on the fourth day of June 1918 are promulgated and will be read out on Parade on the day that they appear in Orders.

(a) The accused No. 685, Private J. WELSH, 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 VIEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE, DERIVING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

FINDING NOT GUILTY OF DERIVATION BUT GUILTY OF A.V.L.

SENTENCE SIXTY DAYS P.P. NO. 2.

(b) The accused No. 818, Private A. BISHOP, 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 VIEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE DERIVING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

FINDING NOT GUILTY OF DERIVATION BUT GUILTY OF A.V.L.

SENTENCE SIXTY DAYS P.P. NO. 2.

(c) The accused, No. 7103, Private T. J. DE SMITH, 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 VIEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE DERIVING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

FINDING NOT GUILTY OF DERIVATION BUT GUILTY OF A.V.L.

SENTENCE FORTY DAYS P.P. NO. 2.

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

DEEDS AND  
PUNISHMENTS.  
(3)

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

37th. BATTALION. A.I.F. R.O. NO. 323. (contd. 2) 3/3/18

OFFENCES 3/3/1918 -

AND PUNISHMENT. No. 2824 - Private A. B. BAKER - "C" Company. Date and Place of Offence. Field 3/3/1918. (S) Offence W.O.A.S. absenting himself without leave (contd.) from 9 p.m. 3/3/1918 until reporting at "B" Echelon at 10-30 p.m. 4/3/1918.

Punishment awarded. Forfeits 5 days' pay  
R.N. 3 days' pay  
Total 7 days pay @ 5/- = £1-15-0.

3/3/1918  
No. 6815 - Private HUGH H. - "D" Company. Date and Place of Offence. Field - 3/3/1918. Offence Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline (a) late on parade 3/3/18 (b) insubordination to a n.c.o. 3/3/1918.

Punishment awarded. Forfeits 4 days' pay  
Total 4 days' pay @ 5/- = £1-0-0.

3/3/1918  
No. 1330, Private G. S. SANDFORD - "D" Company. Date and Place of Offence. Field 1/3/1918. Offence Hesitating to obey a n.c.o. Punishment awarded. Admonished.

*Edw. Sturt*

Lieut. & Adjutant,

37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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Reference Map 62 D S.W. 1/20000

9th. June 1918.

INFORMATION (1) Inter-Battalion relief will take place on night of 10th./11th. June and 11th./12th. June. 39th. Battalion will relieve 37th. Battalion on night 10th./11th. June and will become "A" Battalion. The 37th. Battalion will become "C" Battalion.

INTENTION (2)

(a)	"A" Coy. 39th.	will relieve	"A" Coy. 37th. Bn.	on right
	"B" " " " " " "		B " " " "	left
	"D" " " " " " "		D " " " "	support
	"C" " " " " " "		C " " " "	reserve
(b)	"A" " 37th.	" " " " " "	D " 39th.	right
	"C" " " " " " "		A " " " "	centre
	"D" " " " " " "		B " " " "	left
	"B" " " " " " "		C " " " "	reserve

ADVANCE PARTIES (3) Advance parties of One Officer, 1 n.c.o. and 1 batman per Company and H.Q. details, ~~one guide per platoon per company~~ - one guide per platoon - Nos. 1 Lewis Gun Teams - and 20% of Signallers, Scouts, and Snipers will relieve opposite numbers on night 9th./10th. June. Lewis Guns will not go out with Advanced Parties.

GUIDES (4) One guide per platoon and H.Q. details will move out with Advance Party to guide 39th. Battalion in.

PATROLS (5) Scout Officer will arrange for patrol to cover relief. They will not withdraw until relieved by patrol of 39th. Battn.

PRECAUTIONS (6) Precautions to minimise casualties from enemy shelling must be taken and no movement of troops must take place before 9 p.m.

DISPOSITION REPORTS (7) Disposition reports with sketch to be sent to this Office by 9 a.m. 11th. inst.

STORES (8) All trench stores, maps, air-photos, etc., to be taken over and receipts passed, copies of which are to be forwarded to reach this office by 9 a.m. 11th. inst.

R.A.P. (9) R.A.P. at B.H.Q. (0.26.c.90.30).

REPORTS (10) Reports of completion of relief in front line to be notified to this office by word "GOULBURN" and of arrival in new position by word "MONGOOSE".

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Deselme* Lieut.,  
Adjutant, 37th. Battn., A.I.F

DISTRIBUTION :-

- 1 "A" Coy
- 2 "B"
- 3 "C"
- 4 "D"
- 5 39th. Bn.
- 6 10th. Bde.
- 7 File
- 8 War Diary.

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 Routine Order No. 325.A

By

APPENDIX. 6

Lieut. Colonel E. KNOX KNIGHT.

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

Battalion Headquarters,  
 June 9/1918.

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- (1) This order is to be read in conjunction with Battalion Order No. 92 of 9/6/1918.
- (2) 39th. Battalion will relieve 37th. Battalion on night 10/11th. inst.
- (3) Officers valises, etc., to be dumped at Bn.H.Q. by 7 p.m. 10th. inst. care being taken that men carrying same move by routes that are not exposed to enemy observation.
- (4) Evening meal 10th. inst. will be consumed after relief is completed.  
 Cookers will be brought up to the following locations and all cooking done there :-
- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| "C" & "D" Coy. | O.53.a.75.20. |
| "A" & "B" Coy. | CLOCKFACE     |
- "D" Coy. rations will be carried by limber from cookers to company at 11 p.m. and 1-30 a.m. daily.
- (5) Dugouts, trenches, etc., to be thoroughly cleansed and refuse removed from vicinity before relief. An officer is to be detailed to inspect same and report to be rendered to this effect to reach this office by 9 a.m. 11th. inst.
- (6) A canteen will be established at Bn.H.Q. and the present system of supply will be discontinued.
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*J. Meselton*

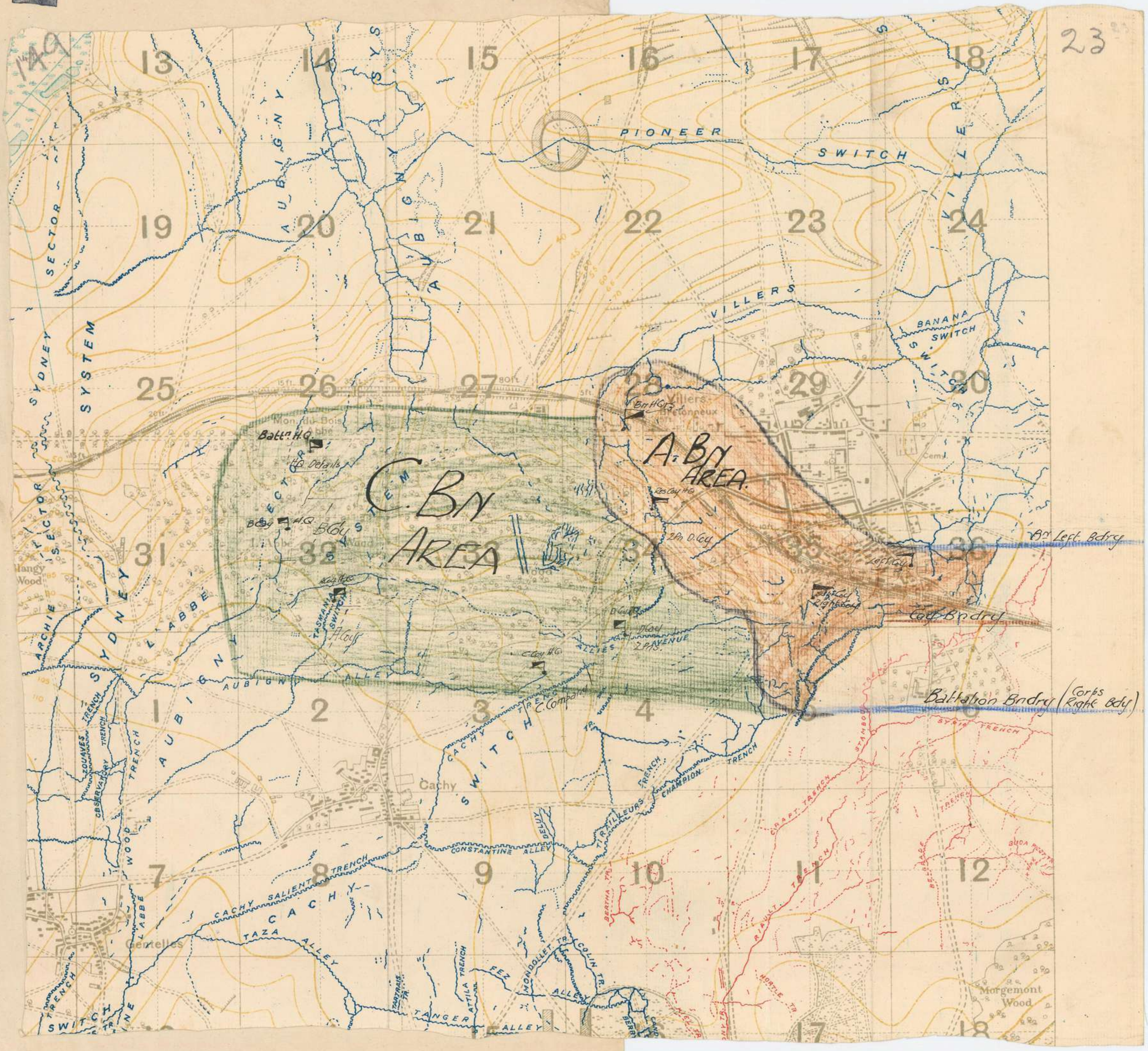
Lieut.,

Adjutant, 37th. Battalion,

A. I. F.



APPENDIX 7



57th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
June 11/1918.

Os./Co. Coys.

The following is WORKING PARTY TABLE for parties to be supplied daily until further notice commencing to-morrow :-

Coy.	No. of men	Nature of Work	rendez-vous	Hours reporting.	Remarks.
D	12	Timber cutting	Monastery	8 a.m.	
C	10	trench improving and patrolling "A" Battalion.	O.55.a.5.0.	8 a.m.	Report to Sapper at Bridge O.55.a.5.0
A	30	Dugout	Monastery	8 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
G	8	Dugout	O.54.c.50.05	8 p.m. (8 a.m.)	
G	8	Dugout	O.54.c.50.05	1 p.m.	
C	3	"	O.34.a.9.3	8 am	
B	2 off. 45 o/r	Connecting support line.	O.55.d.7 .8	10 p.m.	See note re Officers.
D	8	Dugout	U.4.a.30.70	8 a.m.	
C	8	Dugout	do.	2 p.m.	
D	8	Dugout	do.	10 p.m.	
A	8	Dugout	U.5.c.60.90	8 a.m.	
G	8	Dugout	do.	2 p.m.	
A	8	Dugout	do.	10 p.m.	
D	10	Dugout	U.4.b.00.08	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	

"A" and "D" Companies will supply one officer on alternate days nights to be at "B" Company's disposal for its party.

REPORTS. Working Party reports will be submitted daily by Companies concerned giving full particulars of hours worked, work done, etc., by morning run.

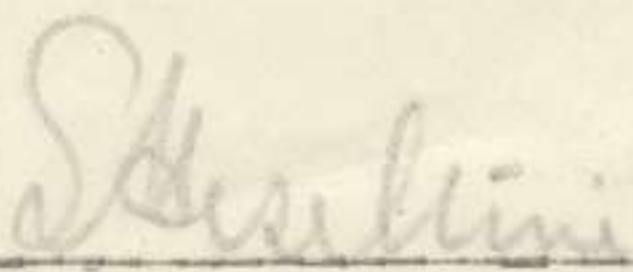
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57th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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37th. BATTALION A.I.F. Special Order. APPENDIX 9.

Ref. Map 62 D S.W. 1/20000.

- INFORMATION Identification of enemy units opposite our front is required.  
(1)
- INTENTION To raid enemy post at O.36.d.48.35 on night of 11th./12th.  
(2) June to secure prisoners.
- STRENGTH 2/Lieut. STEWART A., Sgt. StCLAIR, S.J., ten men and two  
(3) stretcher bearers, each from "B" and "C" Companies. "B"  
Coy. to include a Lewis gun team of three men.
- DRESS Fighting Order, scouts to carry revolvers. Each man to carry  
(4) two bombs except bombers who will carry six.
- ASSEMBLY Party will assemble at O.36.d.15.50 at ZERO MINUS ONE HOUR.  
(5)
- ASSAULT At ZERO PLUS THREE, party will rush enemy posts at O.36.d.48.35  
(6)
- ARTILLERY From ZERO to ZERO PLUS THREE MINUTES eighteen pounders will  
(7) barrage enemy front line, along U.6.a.50.85 - O.36.a.20.00 -  
O.36.d.57.27 - O.36.d.51.27 - O.36.d.70.55 - O.36.d.95.95 -  
and support line along U.6.b.33.88 - O.36.d.50.08 - O.36.d.78.10  
- O.36.d.74.24. - O.36.d.86.46.  
At ZERO PLUS THREE MINUTES, the two barrage lines will lift  
150 yards between the following points.  
(a) From front line between O.36.d.20.00 and O.36.d.70.55.  
(b) From support line between U.6.b.33.88 and O.36.d.86.46.  
Barrage to continue until ZERO PLUS THIRTY MINUTES.
- TRENCH From ZERO to ZERO PLUS TWENTY MINUTES, the Tenth A.L.T.M. Battery  
(8) MORTARS will maintain a steady fire on targets as under :-  
(a) Enemy C.T. from O.36.d.31.07 to O.36.d.50.00  
(b) M.G. position at O.36.d.70.70.
- WIRE CUTTING Enemy wire at O.36.d.4.4. will be cut by scouts of raiding party  
(9) Their left flank being covered by scouts of 39th. Battalion.
- PROTECTION 39th. Battalion will furnish a Lewis Gun to take up position  
(10) on railway line about 50 yards in front of front line to  
silence enemy posts at O.36.d.45.21.
- COMMUNICATIONS Signal Officer 37th. Battalion will establish telephone  
(11) communication between front line trench at O.36.d.15.50. and  
39th. Battalion Headquarters.
- LIAISON Lieut. R. J. SMITH, M.C., 37th. Battalion, will act as Liaison  
(12) Officer in front line.  
39th BATTN
- ZERO HOUR ZERO HOUR will be two (2) a.m.  
(13)
- REPORTS Reports to 39th. Battalion Headquarters.  
(14)



Lieut. &amp; A/Adjutant

37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Battalion Headquarters,

June 11/1918

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 324.

By

Lieut. Colonel E. KNOX KNIGHT

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

Battalion Headquarters,  
June 12/1918.

ORDERS  
(1)

Attention is directed to the following Orders :-

A.I.F. ORDERS	4 - 7/6/1918.
G.R.O.	Nos. 127-128-129.
4th. A.R.O.	4 - 8/6/1918.
Aust. C.R.O.	8/6/1918
3rd. D.R.O.	431-432-433-434.

The above Orders may be perused at Battalion Orderly Room.

HONORS AND  
REWARDS  
(2)

Extract from "The London Gazette" Supplement No. 30716 dated 3rd. June 1918 - (A.I.F. List No. 340 of 4/6/1918).

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following awards for valuable services rendered in France and Belgium :-

Awarded the Military Cross.

Lieut. Norman Gordon McNICOL - 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

MENTIONED IN  
DESPATCHES  
(3)

Extract from despatch received by the Secretary of State for War from Field-Marshal Sir Douglas HAIG, K.T., etc., Commander in Chief of the British Armies in France, of Officers and other ranks deserving special mention for distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty. ("The London Gazette" Supplement No. 30691, dated 20/5/1918 :-

Major C. B. STORY, 37th. Battn.  
Lieut. J. C. TODD, M.C. 37th. Battn.

Capt. W. H. COLLINS, D.S.O., - A.A.M.C.  
att. 37th. Bn.

The Commanding Officer desires his congratulations to be conveyed to the above Officers and to express his admiration of the meritorious nature of the work done.

SCHOOL  
REPORTS  
(4)

The undermentioned officer and n.c.o. attended and passed courses at AUSTRALIAN CORPS GAS SCHOOL.

Lieut. C.J. ASHMEAD	6/5/18-11/5/18	Excellent.
1118 Sgt. R.L. GLOVER	12/5/18-18/5/18	Very good.

PASSES  
(5)

Attention is directed to Corps Routine Order No. 459b of 4/11/17 which is republished and will be communicated to all ranks.

"ALL RANKS riding motor cycles or bicycles will be provided with a pass entitling them to use a bicycle or motor cycle, signed by C.O., and stating name of the Officer or other rank and the number of the bicycle or motor cycle.

On the fter 12/6/1918, all traffic posts and M.M.P. will be empowered to stop all cycles and detain any, the rider of which is not in possession of a pass.

BOUNDS  
(6)

The FRENCH area is out of bounds to all troops other than those on duty or belonging to units granted special permission to be quartered in the area. No leave will be granted to visit the French area. Instructions are to be given to all troops about breaking bounds and strict steps are to be taken to prevent men wandering out of the corps Area.

INDULGENCE Attention is directed to A.I.F. Orders dated 4/6/1918 :-  
PASSAGES Passages to and from Australia for the Wives and Dependents  
FREE of Australia. - containing form of application and parti-  
(7) culars on this subject which have been circulated for informa-  
tion.

*S. S. S. S. S.* Lieut.,

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

NOTICES.

LOST. on 8/6/1918 - SMALL WRISTLET WATCH, Luminous dial, minute hand,  
damaged, metal protector: Reward 40 francs.  
Finder please return to O./C. "G" Company.

The following extracts from "A" and "Q" notes for week ending 1/6/18  
refer to this Battalion.

Actually with Unit 47 Officers 832 other ranks  
Total Strength 48 883 "  
Stores returned to Salvage. 1624-16-2

Paper & Cardboard despatched to Base. 159 lbs. paper 29 lbs. cardboard.

Fat despatched to Base. 90 lbs. Glass "A".

Solder despatched to Base. 66 lbs.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMFORTS to Units of Tenth Brigade by Australian Comforts  
Fund during month of May 1918.

Cocoa	49 pkgs.	Milk	6 pkgs.
Sugar	7 pkgs	Oatmeal	16 pkgs.
Chocolate	8 pkgs	Cigarettes	9 pkgs
Towels	50	Footballs	2

Total - 95 pkgs., 50 towels, 2 footballs.

The Commanding Officer desires his congratulations to be  
conveyed to the above Officers and to express his admiration  
of the meritorious nature of the work done.

The undersigned Officer and N.C.O. attended and passed  
courses at AUSTRALIAN CORPS GAS SCHOOL.

Excellent 2/5-12/18/18  
Very Good 12/5-12/18/18

Attention is directed to Corps Routine Order No. 450 of  
4/11/18 which is reprinted and will be communicated to all  
ranks.

"ALL RANKS riding motor cycles or bicycles will be provided  
with a pass entitling them to use a bicycle or motor cycle,  
signed by O.C., and stating name of the Officer or other rank  
and the number of the bicycle or motor cycle.

On the 12/6/1918, all traffic posts and N.M.P. will be  
empowered to stop all cycles and obtain any, the rider of which  
is not in possession of a pass.

The French area is out of bounds to all troops other than  
those on duty or belonging to units granted special permission  
to be quartered in the area. No leave will be granted to  
visit the French area. Instructions are to be given to all  
troops about passing bounds and strict steps are to be taken  
to prevent any wandering out of the Corps Area.

57th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Secret.

Battalion Headquarters,  
June 13/1918.

Os./C. Coys.

Defence Scheme - Ref. Map 62 D 1/40,000.

"C" Battalion, 10th. Inf. Bg.

- (1) BOUNDARIES. The Southern Brigade Boundary is the East and West grid line through U.3.central, U.4.central, U.5.central. The Northern Brigade Boundary runs as follows :-  
P.25.central, O.30 central, O.29 central, to railway crossing at O.28.d.3.4. thence W. along the VILLERS-BRETONNEUX-AMIENS Road, latter being common to both Brigades.  
The Inter-battalion boundary is the East and West Grid-line O.33.central, O.36 central.
- (2) The present front line East of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX is the main line of resistance - and will be regained if temporarily lost.
- (3) DISPOSITIONS. "C" Battalion is the Right Support Battalion :-  
One Company from CLOCK FACE in O.32.a. to O.32.c. Central (92)  
One company with 2 platoons in trench from O.32.c.95.55 to U.2.a.75.92  
2 Platoons U.3.a.45.30 to U.3.a.99.30.  
One Company U.3.b.35.20 to U.4.a.55.67  
One Coy. with 2 Platoons in trench at U.4.a.60.70 to O.34.c.85.10  
2 Platoons in trench at O.34.b.15.25 to O.34.b.15.70
- (4) ACTION IN ATTACK. "C" Battalion will hold a right defensive flank of the Brigade from the north south grid line between U.4 & U.5 to road running through U.4.a.40.00 along AUBIGNY SWITCH to U.2 Central. Dispositions as follows :-  
"B" Company from N.S. grid line between U.4 and U.5 to road running through U.4.a.40.00 road inclusive.  
"A" Coy. from U.4.a.40.00 road exclusive to approx. U.3.a.60.00.  
"D" Coy. from U.3.a.60.00 to U.2.central.  
"C" Coy. in Reserve - Reserve Coy. may be used either to  
(a) reinforce flank or maintain touch with the troops on our right.  
(b) attached to "D" Battalion for the purpose of counter-attack and will make the necessary reconnaissance for this purpose.  
Reconnaissance of above positions to be made by all concerned at once
- (5) MACHINE GUNS. Officers of "C" Battalion must be in close liaison with section commanders of all guns 1500 yards west of front line, so that they may know what covering fire they may expect in the event of counter attacking.
- (6) INTER-NATIONAL POSTS. "C" Battalion will maintain two inter-~~national~~ ~~posts~~ national posts with the French :-  
One in CACHY LINE at U.3.b.57.10 ("A" coy.)  
One in AUBIGNY LINE at U.1.a.95.33 ("C" Coy.)
- (7) NUCLEUS GARRISONS. In the event of "C" Company (reserve) moving forward for any purpose, they will inform the Commanders of the Coy. of the Reserve Brigades now quartered in AUBIGNY SYSTEM, who will be responsible for providing Nucleus garrisons in the AUBIGNY SYSTEM throughout the Divisional Area. All troops garrisoned in the CACHY LINE or East of it will, if they move forward, to reinforce or counter-attack, leave behind a nucleus garrison of one section per platoon.
- (8) LIAISON. An Officer from Bn.H.Q. with two runners will remain with "A" Bn. to act as Liaison Officer. Should the enemy attack, an Officer from Bn.H.Q. with one runner will immediately report to MOTOR WAGON RELAY POST at O.27.d.8.9. and will with the M.Os. approval, question the wounded and forward all information together with a statement as to its reliability to A & B BNs. & Bg. H.Q.
- (9) COMMUNICATIONS. Phone, visual, runner, & any other means available

Adjutant 57th. Battalion A.I.F.

37th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
June 15/1918.

Os./G. Companies.

MEDALS won by the members of this Battalion at the ANZAC DAY Sports Meeting held at the Second Training Battalion, A.I.F., will be distributed at 11a.m. to-morrow, 16th. inst. at Battalion Headquarters.

Will you please arrange for those in your Company to be paraded under a n.c.o. at the above time :-

<u>GOLD MEDALS</u>		Pte	MARKS	M.J.	
	3337	Pte	REES	W.T.	
<u>SILVER MEDALS</u>		Pte	BEEBE	G.E.	"B"
	3431	Pte	BELL	A.E.	A
	3444	Pte	COX	S.P.	A
		Pte	GRACE	W.J.	
	3307	Pte	GRACE	W.	B
	3343	Pte	MARSHALL	C.	A
	3344	Pte	MUNRO	B.D.	A
	3339	Pte	MURRAY	S.A.	A
	2255	Pte	MC CRACKEN	J.N.	D
	3352	Pte	MC LEAN	D. K.	D
	3449	Pte	NEILSON	H.P.	B
	3257	Pte	ARMSTRONG	E.W.	D
<u>BRONZE MEDALS</u>					
	3422	Pte	BOLTON	J.E.	B
	3259	Pte	BUTLER	W.T.	A
		Pte	GONLON	B.J.	
	3430	Pte	GULLEN	W.E.	A
	3299	Pte	FITZPATRICK	J.	A
	3303	Pte	GODDARD	G.	B
	3426	Pte	HARKNESS	R.E.	A
	3356	Pte	MC INNES	J.C.	A
	3449	Pte	NEILSON	H.P.	B
	3360	Pte	OLVER	R.L.	B
	3377	Pte	REES	W.T.	D
	3391	Pte	SCHUTE	D.E.	B
	3402	Pte	TWYFORD	L.E.	B
	3301	Pte	FLEISHER	F.	B

*[Handwritten Signature]*

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

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37th. Battalion, A.I.F., Order No. 93.

APPENDIX 13

Ref. Map 62D S.W. 1/20000.

Battn. Hdqrs.  
16/6/1918.

- INFORMATION** (1) Inter-Battalion relief will take place on nights 17th./18th. and 18/19th. June 1918. ~~37th.~~  
37th. Battalion will relieve 39th. Battalion in front line on night 17/18th. inst. and become "A" Battalion. 39th. Battalion becoming "C" Battalion.
- INTENTION** (2) (a) "A" Coy. 37th. will relieve "B" Coy. 39th. in reserve  
"B" Coy. 37th. Bn. " " "A" Company in support.  
"C" Coy. 37th. will relieve "D" Coy. 39th. on right.  
"D" Coy. 37th. will relieve "C" Coy. 39th. on left.
- ADVANCE PARTIES** (3) Advanced parties of one officer, 1 n.c.o. and one batman per Company, Nos. 1 of Lewis Guns, and 20% signallers scouts runners snipers and observers, will move in on night of 16/17th. inst. They will meet guides at 39th. Battalion Headquarters at 10 p.m. on 16th. inst..  
Lewis guns will not be taken with advanced party.
- GUIDES** (4) Guides for 39th. Battalion at rate of one per platoon will assemble at these headquarters at 8 p.m. 17th. inst. Guides from 39th. Bn. will report to Companies at 8-45 p.m. 17th. inst.
- PATROLS** (5) Relief will be covered by scouts of 39th. Battalion who will not be withdrawn till relieved by scouts of the ~~37th.~~ 37th. Battalion. Scout Officer to arrange.
- PRECAUTIONS** (6) Precautions to minimise casualties from enemy shelling must be taken and no movement of troops will take place before a time which will be notified later.
- DISPOSITION REPORTS** (7) Disposition reports with sketch to be sent to this Office by 9 a.m. 18th. inst. A.A. L.G. positions to be shown on sketch.
- STORES** (8) All Trench Stores, dumps, maps, defence schemes, air photos, etc., to be handed over and receipts passed copies of which will be sent to reach this office by 9 a.m. 18th. inst.  
Each Company will leave a responsible n.c.o. behind to hand over to 39th. Battalion. This n.c.o. to report to B.H.Q. as soon as he has completed the hand-over.
- REPORTS** (9) ~~on completion of relief,~~ Reports on completion of relief to be wired to this Office by word "SHAMROCK"

DISTRIBUTION :-ACKNOWLEDGE.

Copy No. 1 - "A" Coy.  
2 - "B" Coy.  
3 - "C" Coy.  
4 - "D" Coy.  
5 - 10th. Bde.  
6 - 39th. Battn.  
7 - File  
8 - War Diary  
9 - Quartermaster  
10 - O/C HQDs.

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



37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Routine Order No. 325.

APPENDIX. 14.

By Lieut. Colonel E. KNOX KNIGHT, Commanding.

Headquarters  
June 16/1918

Ref. 1

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- REFERENCE (1) This order is to be read in conjunction with Battalion Order No. 93 of 16th. inst.
- MOVE (2) 37th. Battalion will relieve 39th. Battalion A.I.F. in front line on night 17th./18th. inst.
- KITS ETC (3) Officers' Valises, etc., to be dumped at B.H.Q. by 6 p.m. 17th. inst.
- COOKING ARRANGEMENTS (4) Hot midday meal 17th. inst. at 12 noon, evening meal same date 6 p.m. Cookers will move back to Q.M. Store at 1 p.m. and will prepare hot meal which will be brought up in limbers with rations and water for 18th. inst. and dumped at 12 midnight 17/18th. inst. at undermentioned places  
     "G" and "B" Coys at 0.35.c.90.40  
     "A" and "D" Coys. at 0.35.a.40.00
- Companies to arrange for carrying parties. From and including 18th. inst. "A" coy. and H.Q.Ds. rations will be dumped at B.H.Q. at 7 p.m. Other Companies at above dumps at 11 p.m. ~~Coke~~ will be supplied daily to all companies for boiling tea.
- STATES (5) Daily states and returns to reach this office at 6 a.m. daily.
- SANITATION (6) Dugouts, trenches, cooks lines, etc., to be left in a clean and sanitary condition. A certificate to this effect to be furnished to reach this office by 8 a.m. 18th. inst.
- CANTEEN (7) Canteen arrangements will be the same as previously when in front line. Orders and cash takings to be sent back by ration limbers daily.
- LIAISON (8) Os./C. "A" and "C" Companies will arrange that the officer or n.c.o. in their international posts is a French speaker. Name of the officer to be forwarded to this office as soon as possible.
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*S. M. Selton*

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

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By

APPENDIX 15.

Lieut.-Colonel E. KNOX KNIGHT.

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

Battalion Headquarters  
June 19/1918.

ORDERS  
(1)

Attention is directed to the following orders :-

A.I.F. ORDERS	11/6/1918 - 14/6/1918
G.R.O.	130 - 131 - 132 -133 -134 - 135.
A. R. O.	13/6/1918
AUST. CORPS R.O.	11/6/1918
3rd. DIV. R. O.	No. 435.

The above Orders may be perused at Battalion Orderly Room.

SWIMMING  
ACCIDENTS  
(2)

Several accidents have recently occurred through men unable to swim, or poor swimmers, bathing in deep water.

Immediate steps will be taken in all companies to ensure that only men who are able to swim bathe in deep water, and that when men are bathing a small rescue party of good swimmers is available to help any men who get into difficulties, and that an Officer or n.c.o. able to take charge of the situation in case of emergency is always present.

APPOINTMENTS  
(3)

To be Adjutant (A.I.F. List No. 344 - 14/6/1918).

Lieut. S. H. HESSELTINE 1st. June 1918.

SCHOOLS  
(4)

The undermentioned other ranks passed courses at schools on dates stated :-

<u>Australian Corps Lewis Gun School</u>	- 2nd course - 8/6/1918.
No. 96 L.Cpl DYSON R.	Very good.
<u>Fourth Army School of Cookery</u>	- 7/5/1918 - 29/5/1918.
No. 584 Pte FIELDER T.L.	Very good.

*S. H. HesseLTine*

Lieut.,

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

N o t i c e s.

The following extracts from "A" and "Q" Notes refer to this Battalion:-

Actually with Unit	43 Officers	820 other ranks
Total Strength	47 "	860 " "
Stores returned to Salvage.	£ 530 - 14 - 6.	
Paper & Cardboard despatched to Base.	196 lbs paper - 154 lbs cardboard	
Fat despatched to Base.	100 lbs - Class "A".	

37th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

APPENDIX. 16.

Order No. 94.

Battalion Headquarters,  
 June 20/1918.

INFORMATION (1) 37th. Battalion will be relieved by 41st. Battalion A.I.F. on night 22nd. June - 37th. Battalion becoming "C" Battn. Reserve Brigade at N.23.a.

INTENTION (2) "D" Coy. 41st. Bn. will relieve "C" Coy. 37th. Battalion  
 "B" " " " "D" " " "  
 "C" " " " "A" & "B" Coy. 37th. Battn.

Companies will take over from relieving companies of 41st. Battalion.

DETAIL (3) (a) Advance parties relieved night of 21/22nd. June  
 (b) guides will be furnished for coys. by their own advanced parties to be at N.30.d.90.25 at 11 p.m. 22nd. June.  
 (c) patrols will cover relief till replaced by those of 41st. battalion.

REPORTS (4) By code word "Ayr".

*S. Desultore*

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

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 326.

APPENDIX. 17.

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

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Battalion Headquarters  
June 23rd. 1918.

ORDERS  
(1)

Attention is directed to the following Orders :-  
A.I.F. ORDERS 18/6/1918  
G.R.O. 133-137-138-139-140.  
4th. A.R.O. 16/6/1918 - 19/6/1918  
AUST. CORPS R.O. 18/6/1918  
3rd. DIV. R.O. No. 437.  
The above Orders may be perused at Battn. Ord. Room.

SCHOOL REPORTS  
(2)

Report on personnel attending Sixth Course at Aust. Corps Gas School dated 19/6/1918 :-  
L./Cpl. E. A. COTTRELL Very good.

HONORS & AWARDS.  
(3)

Extract from "The London Gazette" Supplement No. 30750 dated 17/6/1918 (A.I.F. List 18/6/1918). His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL to the undermentioned non-commissioned Officers ~~XXXXXX~~ in recognition of valuable services rendered with the forces in FRANCE during the present War.  
7. C.O.M.S. RIDDIHOUGH J.J.  
29 Sgt. PARTRIDGE R.L.  
1190 Cpl. (E/Sgt) FOWDEN G.L.  
The Commanding Officer desires his congratulations to be conveyed to the above n.c.os. and to express his admiration of the meritorious nature of the work done.

*J. Reselini* Lieut.,  
Adjutant, 37th. Battn., A.I.F.

Notices.

With Unit 38 Off. 802 o/r. Total Strength 44 Off. 847 o/r.  
Stores returned to Salvage £ 380-4-0.  
Paper & Cardboard despatched. 185 lbs. paper, 37 lbs. c.b  
Fat despatched to Base. 150 lbs. Class "A".

37th. Australian Infantry Battalion.  
=====Order No. 95.  
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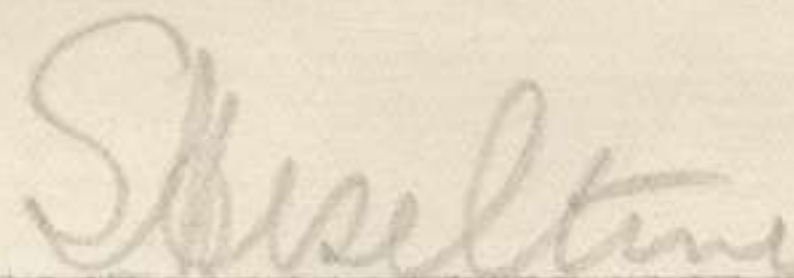
APPENDIX 18.

Battalion Headquarters,  
June 25th. 1918.

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INFORMATION (1)	10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved by 7th. Aust. Inf. Bde. on 26th. inst.
INTENTION (2)	37th. Battalion will march to ALLONVILLE on 26th. inst. from thence to LA HOUSOYE on 28th. inst.
ADVANCE PARTIES (3)	Lieut. MUCHEMORE and one n.c.o. per company and H.Q. will proceed to ALLONVILLE on 25th. inst. and to LA HOUSOYE ON 27th. inst. to take over all stores, defence schemes, etc.
GUIDES (4)	Guides from Advanced party will meet coys. at G.17.b.50.70 on 26th. inst. and at I.7.b.00.25 on 28th. inst.
ROUTE (5)	26th. inst. - GLISY, LAMOTTE, PETIT CAMON. 28th. inst. - QUERRIEU, PONT NOVELEES.
MOVEMENT (6)	200 yards between platoons & 500 yards between coys.
"B" ECHELON (7)	will join battalion near wood in N.7.
WORKING PARTY (8)	The party from "A" Coy. working with 108th. Tunnelling Co. will join Battalion at LA HOUSOYE on 28th. June.
A.A. LEWIS GUNS (9)	One A.A. L.G. with 2 filled magazines will be carried by each Coy.

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Lieut. &amp; Adjutant,

37th. Battalion, A. I. F.

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APPENDIX. 19.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 327.  
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By

Lieut. Colonel E. KNOX KNIGHT.

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

Battalion Headquarters,  
June 25th. 1918.

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To be read in conjunction with Battalion Order No. 95 issued.

ROUTINE FOR	Breakfast	6-30 a.m.
26/6/18.	Sick Parade	8-00 a.m.
(1)	Midday meal	11-00 a.m.
	Coys. fall in at	12-45 p.m.

Evening meal on arrival at ALLONVILLE.

ORDER OF	H.Q. Details
MARCH	"B" Company.
(2)	"C" Company.
	"D" Company.
	"B" Echelon.

Headquarters detailes move at 1 p.m, companies following in above order.

"B" ECHELON (3) will report to their respective companies on arrival at destination.

DRESS (4)	ALL RANKS	FIGHTING ORDER
	Water bottles to be filled.	

VALISES (5) To be dumped at R.A.P. by 10 a.m. 26th. inst.

BLANKETS (6) Blankets rolled in bundles of ten and clearly labelled and dumped as above.

PACKS (7) Will be brought up to coys. by Transport by 8 a.m 26th. inst.

BILLETS &C. (8) Trenches, dugouts, etc. will be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Battn. Second in Command and Medical Officer will inspect these prior to moving off.

"A" COY. (9) "A" Coy. will be attached to "C" Coy. for rations and quarters during the move.

LEWIS GUNS (10) L.G. Limbers will be at Coy. H.Q. at 12 noon 26th. inst. to pick up guns.

DISTRIBUTION :-

*S. Deselaine*

Lieut.,

as for Bn. Order No. 95. Adjutant, 37th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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# APPENDIX 20

37th. Battalion, A.I.F., Routine Order No. 328.

by Lieut. Colonel M. KNOX KNIGHT, Commanding 37th. Bn.

Battalion Headquarters,  
June 27th. 1918.

To be read in conjunction with Bn. Order No. 95.

ROUTINE  
for  
28/6/18  
(1)

- Reveille . . . 5 a.m.
- Breakfast . . . 5-50 a.m.
- Sick Parade . . . 6-00 a.m.
- Parade . . . 7-30 a.m.
- Mid-day meal 12-00 noon

Bn. will fall in on parade ground E. of Bn. H.Q.  
One marker per Coy. and H.Q. Details to report to  
R.S.M. at Canteen at 7-10 p.m.  
Dress marching Order. . . Water bottles to be filled.

VALISES  
(3)

To be dumped at Canteen by 6 a.m., 28th. inst.  
Blankets rolled in bundles of ten and clearly  
marked.

BLANKETS  
B (3)

BIVOUACS  
(5)

&C. All Bivouacs and camping areas to be left in a  
clean and sanitary condition. R.M.O. and Bn.  
Second in Command will inspect them before leaving.

GUIDES  
(4)

Will meet Companies at H.17.a.00.20. and not as in  
Bn. Order No. 95.

TRENCH  
STORES  
(5)

All trench shelters etc. to be handed over to  
incoming battalion. In the event of no advance  
party arriving to take over stores, each Coy. & H.Qs. will  
leave a responsible n.c.o. behind to take charge of  
stores and hand them over, rejoining Bn. on completion.

## Distribution.

- Copy no 1. "A" Coy
- 2. "B" "
- 3. "C" "
- 4. "D" "
- 5. H.Q. Details
- 6. Q.M.
- 7. T.O.
- 8. Second in command.
- 9. War Diary.
- 10. File.

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

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APPENDIX 21

37th. AUSTRALIAN. BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,  
June 28th. 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

Reference Battn. Order No. 95 - 25/6/1918.

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- LOCATION (1) Bn. H.Q. H.11.d.2.1 Transport H.17.c.4.3.  
R.A.P. H.11.d.2.1. D.A.D.O.S. G. 6.c.6.4.  
Div. Salvage Officer - - - - G.32.d.2.3.  
Div. Clothing Store ALLONVILLE Chateau.  
Div. Baths Officer - - - - E.11.b.5.4.  
Aust. Comforts Fund - - - - G.56.c.8.6.
- SUPPLIES (2) Railhead - POULAINVILLE. Bde. Refilling Point H.7.a.5.2.  
Supplies will be delivered to Q.M.Store from Bde. Refilling Point by wagons of Train Company.
- WATER POINTS (3) Men. H.17.b.9.2. Horses H.17.c.8.5.  
All water must be chlorinated at source of supply.
- BATHS (4) At QUERRIEU (capacity 100 per hour). Allotment will be issued later.
- DISCIPLINE (5) The following instructions are to be strictly adhered to -  
(a) The French area is "OUT OF BOUNDS" to all troops except those ON DUTY who will be in possession of a pass signed by the Adjutant, and bearing the impression of the Unit's stamp.  
(b) The French area is bounded on the East by the Line of the road RUBEMPRE - RAINNEVILLE - AMIENS, and on the West by the road HALLOY - VIGNACOURT - LA CHAUSSEE - PICQUIGNY.  
(c) No man is to leave his unit billeting area without a pass signed by the Adjutant, and bearing the impression of the Unit's stamp.  
(d) Strict roll-call to be held at 9-30 p.m.. This must be carried out Strictly by the Officer-of-the-Day. O.C. - HQDs. & Coy. Commanders will detail Coy. Orderly Officers daily. Tattoo reports to be forwarded to Bn.H.Q. by 10 p.m. each night.
- ROUTINE (6)
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|-----------------|------------|
| Reveille        | 6-30 a.m.  |
| Breakfast       | 7-00 a.m.  |
| Parade          | 9-00 a.m.  |
| Dinner          | 1-00 p.m.  |
| Organised games | 2-00 p.m.  |
| Tea             | 5-00 p.m.  |
| Retreat         | 8-00 p.m.  |
| First Post      | 9-00 p.m.  |
| Last Post       | 9-30 p.m.  |
| Lights Out      | 10-00 p.m. |
- TRAINING GROUNDS (7) Rifle Range I.13.a.  
Live Bombing Range I.13.a., I.2.a.  
Coy. Training Grounds (I.13.a., I.14.a., C.28.d. (2 Coy.)
- DISCIPLINE (5) ~~The following will be added to~~ para. (5)  
contd. (e) The following Towns and villages are out of bounds :-  
AMIENS ARGOEUVES POULAINVILLE  
RAINNEVILLE AILLY-sur-SOMME RUBEMPRE  
PIERREGOT  
(f) Small box respirators must be carried by ALL RANKS in this area. They will be worn with the strap over the left shoulder with the Respirator hanging at the right side.  
(g) All n.c.os. and men must wear web belts when away from their billets.  
(h) Coy. & Platoon Commanders will be held personally responsible that the men under their command comply with the instructions contained in paras. (f) and (g).

ACKNOWLEDGE

S. Hestline Lieut.,  
Adjutant, 37th. Battn., A.I.F.



37th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

## SYLLABUS of TRAINING.

for week ending Friday July 5/1918.

Date	9-9.15 a.m.	9-15 / 9-45 a.m.	9-45 / 10-45 a.m.	10-45/11	11 a.m. 12 a.m.	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday June 29th.	PLATOON INSPECTION.	COY. INSPECTION & CLOSE ORDER DRILL	KIT INSPECTION & BAYONET FIGHTING IN GAS MASKS.	SMOKO	KIT INSPECTION LEWIS GUN TRAINING	HALF HOLIDAY. ORGANISED GAMES & SPORTS.
Sunday 30th. June	CHURCH PARADE	& BILLET INSPECTION.		-----	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr. Rifle Exer. $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. P.T.	HALF HOLIDAY.
Monday 1st. July	PLATOON INSPECTION	COY. INSPECTION & CLOSE ORDER DRILL.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. L.G. training $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. Aiming & Firing Pos.	SMOKO	ROUTE MARCH MARCHING ORDER	ORGANISED GAMES.
Tuesday 2nd. July	DITTO	DITTO	$\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. L.G. TRAINING $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. AIMING & FIRING POS.	SMOKO	$\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. LEWIS GUN $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. P.T. & B.F.	DITTO
Wednesday 3rd. July.	DITTO	DITTO	$\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. L.G. TRAINING $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. P.T. & B.F.	SMOKO	$\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. L.G. TRAINING $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. FIRING POS. Adapted to cover.	DITTO
Thursday 4th. July	DITTO	DITTO	$\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. L.G. TRAINING $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. FIRING POS. Adapted to cover.	SMOKO	ROUTE MARCH MARCHING ORDER	ORGANISED GAMES.
Friday 5th. July	DITTO	DITTO	$\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. L.G. TRAINING $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. RIFLE GRENADES	SMOKO	$\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. L.G. TRAINING $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. RIFLE GREN.	DITTO

RIFLE RANGE at I.13.a. will be allotted to Coy. for L.G. firing for more advanced men as follows -

"A" Coy. 3rd. Jly. 11-12, "B" Coy. 4th. Jly., 9-45/10-45, "C" Coy. 5th. Jly. 9-45/10-45, "D" Coy. 5th. Jly. 11-12 noon.  
Rifle Grenades work on 5th. July - "A" and "B" will use range at I.13.b. and "C" and "D" Coy. range at I.2.a.

Remarks.

- (1) Scouts, Snipers, and Observers, will receive their specialist training from 11 a.m. - 12 noon, daily.
- (2) Gas drill must be combined with other training for at least half-an-hour daily.
- (3) All training except firing and rifle grenade work will be carried out on Coy. parade grounds, i.e.,  
"A" - I.13.c., "B" - I.14.a. - "C" & "D" - C.26.d.
- (4) Coy. Commanders will submit proposed routes for marches on 1st. & 4th. July to this office by 12 noon, 30th. inst.

Battalion Headquarters,  
June 28/1918.

S. Nesbitt.

Lieut.,

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

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Battalion Headquarters,  
June 29th. 1918.

Os./C. Coys. )  
O./C. H.Q. Details. )  
Scout Officer ) for information.  
Intelligence Officer )

Scouts - Snipers - Observers.

In order that Training of the above specialists may be effectively carried out, they will be camped at Battalion Headquarters while the Battalion is in this locality.

Os./C. Coys. will, therefore, arrange for them to report to Lieut. McNICOL at 6 p.m. to-morrow, 30th. inst.

They will parade in FULL MARCHING ORDER. Blankets may be sent down by ration limbers.

Os./C. H.Q. details to arrange for billets and to ration them as from 1st. July.

"A" Coy. will require to detail two men as observers and "C" Coy. one man to complete establishment.

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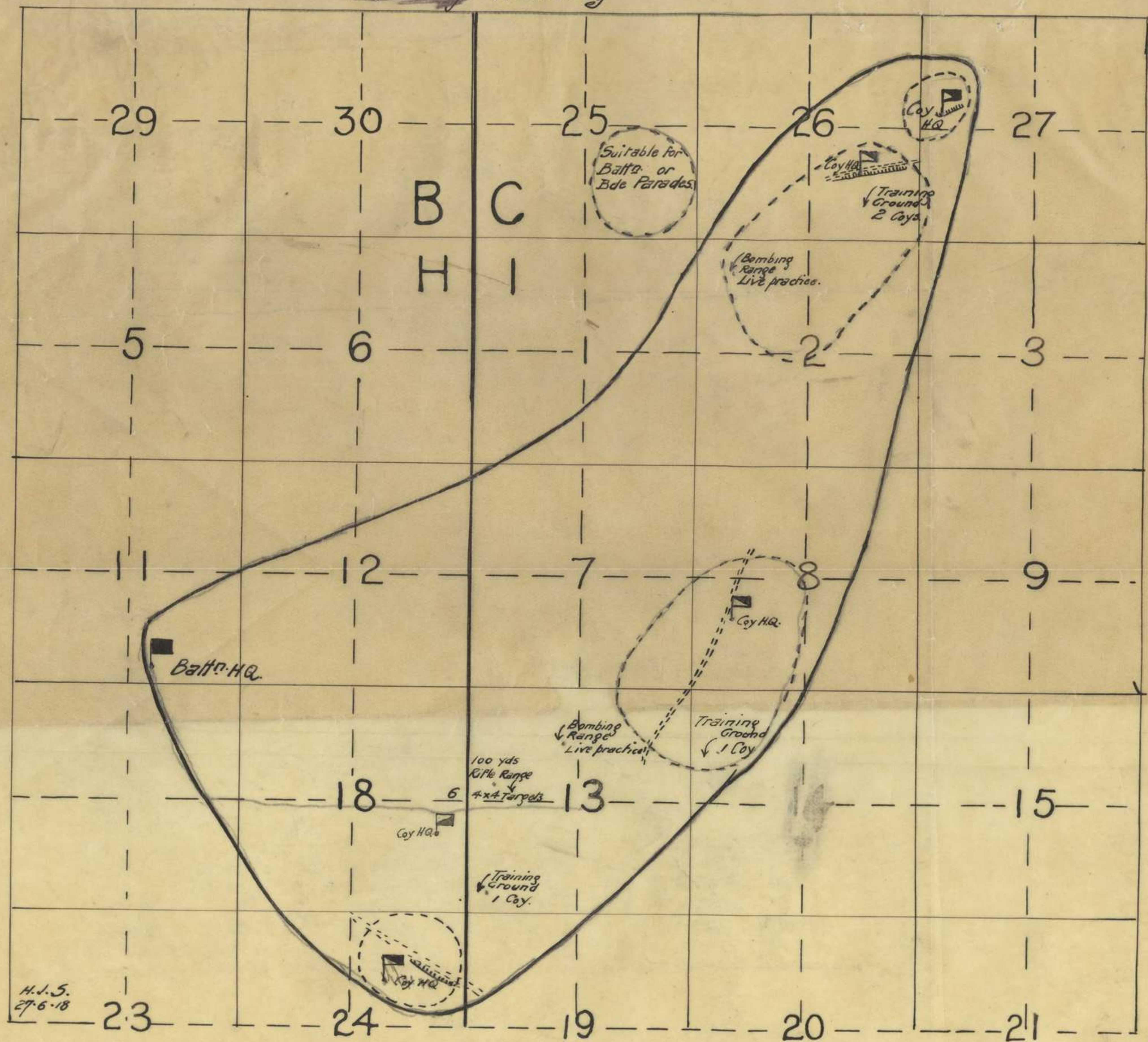
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By

Lieut. Colonel E. KNOX KNIGHT.

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

Battalion Headquarters,  
 June 30/1918.

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

A.I.F. ORDERS	31-25/8/1918
G.H.Q. G.R.O.	141-142-143-144-145
4th. A.R.O.	17-26/6/1918.
AUST. G.R.O.	22/6/1918
3rd. D.R.O.	438 - 439
10th. B.R.O.	No. 181.

The above orders may be perused at Battalion Orderly Room.

LAUDATORY (2)

The Brigade Commander has much pleasure in highly commending the undermentioned man for bravery displayed by him on the 20th. June 1918 near VILLERS BRETONNEUX -

No. 7003 Pte. A. G. R. FRASER

Private FRASER after delivering the rations to his Coy. was returning with the limber to the Transport Lines when the enemy opened a heavy bombardment on the road and the driver of the limber and both horses were wounded. Regardless of his own safety, Private FRASER placed the wounded driver in the limber and conducted him to the Dressing Station, guiding the horses safely through the shelled area.

The COMMANDING OFFICER desires his commendation also conveyed to the above other rank and to express admiration of the meritorious nature of the work done.

POSTAL (3)

Complaints regarding non-delivery of or delay to mail items by the Army Postal Services must be rendered officially to the D.A.P.S., A.I.F., Admin. H.Q. London, through the C.O. of the soldier's Unit.

Each Complaint is made the subject of careful enquiry by the Postal Investigation Section. When complaints of delay in delivery are made, it is essential that ALL ENVELOPES BE RETURNED. The circulation of each item can then be thoroughly investigated and the cause of such delay, if any, be eliminated.

*S. H. Williams*

Lieut.,

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

Notices.

It is advised that in accordance with a recent French Law, small silver coins (2 francs, 1 franc, and 0.50 centimes) bearing the face of NAPOLEON III with a laurel wreath shall cease to be currency for civilians, and will be refused by French Government Offices on and after 1st. August 1918.

POSTAL. Members of the A.I.F. are advised that mails from Australia are placed on board steamers travelling by various routes. It sometimes happens that mail posted in Australia after the preceding mail has closed and been despatched may arrive in London before such preceding mail. If two mails arrive simultaneously, such letters are "grouped" before delivery and economic in circulation results. The receipt of letters of varying Australian dates in one covering envelope does not necessarily mean that delay has occurred at the Base P.O.

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...the certificate will be obtained from the Registrar of Companies, London, to whom application should be made.

In regard to all other matters, reference should be made to the Registrar of Companies, London, to whom application should be made.

The following extracts from the above order relate to this Battalion:-

LABORATORY... The above order may be referred to for details of the provisions...

...the Army Postal Service... The circulation of such letters can then be thoroughly investigated and the cause of such...

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