

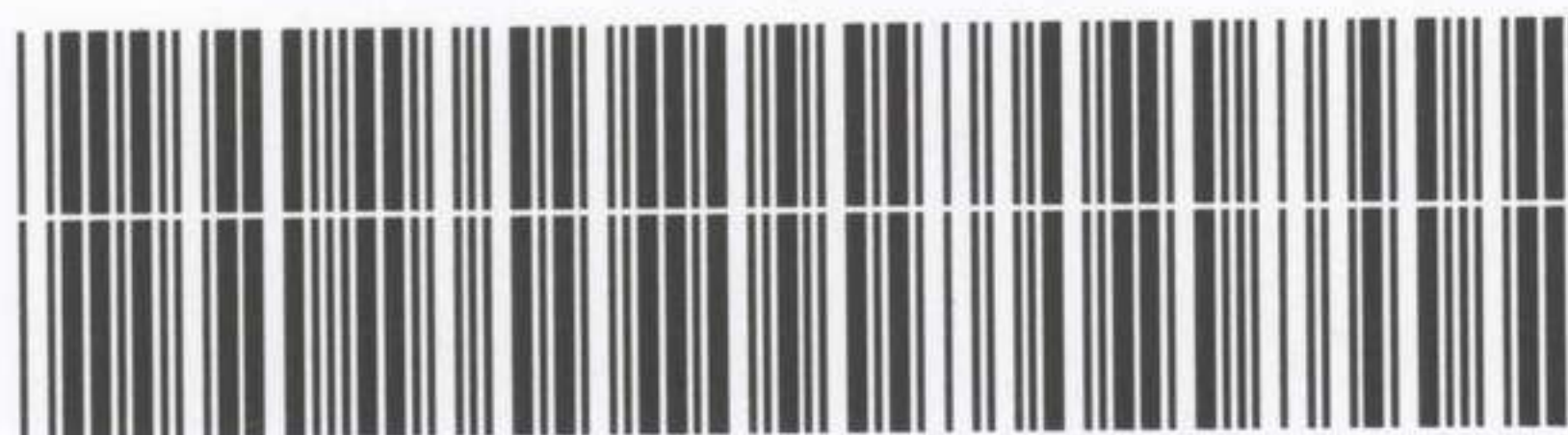
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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25th Aust. M/Gun Coy.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CALAIS SHEET. 13 B.5. FLORINETHUN	1/1/18		Co. resting & training. Nothing further of interest to report.	UB Capt.
	2/1/18		" " 5 Officers proceeded to Machine Gun School, Camieres to see a demonstration of Barrage Fire by students of school. Demonstration showed clearly the wonderful effect of M/Guns when properly handled.	UB Capt.
	3/1/18		Co. still resting & training. G.S.O. 1 & 2. 5th Aust. Division visited unit reference training. 1 Officer & 1 O. Rank rejoined unit from M/Gun School, Camieres.	UB Capt.
	4/1/18		Co. training	
	5/1/18		" " 3 O. Ranks proceeded to Corps Gas School, Bailleul.	Nothing further of interest to report.
	6/1/18		" " 1 O. Rank " " Machine Gun School, Camieres.	
	7/1/18		" " " " " " " " " " " "	
	8/1/18		" " Very heavy fall of snow. 1 O. Rank evacuated sick.	
	9/1/18		The morning was spent in receiving instruction in the throwing & technical handling of the Mills' Bomb. Instructors were provided by Divisional Bombing Staff. 1 O. Rank marched in from Hospital. Winter was present once again with all her attendant miseries in train in the nature of a heavy fall of snow.	UB Capt.

UB Capt.
A.L. 25th M.G.C.

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MACHINE GUN
COMPANY.

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25th Aust. M/Gun Coy.

Place	Date	Hour	No. Date	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CALAIS SHEET 13.	10/1/18			Coy. training. 1. O. Rank evacuated	Nothing further of interest to report. MB Capt.
B. 5.	11/1/18			" " " "	
FLORINETHUN	12/1/18			" " 1. O. Rank evacuated & 1. O. Rank rejoined unit.	
	13/1/18			" " 3. N.C.O's rejoined unit from Corps Gas School, BAILEUL.	
	14/1/18			" " 1. O. Rank rejoined from hospital	
	15/1/18			Ref. CALAIS SHEET 13. 5. Coy. route march all day. Route. S.P. CONDETTE VIA HESDIGNEUL, PONT de BRIQUES, to HARDELOT PLAGE, rendez-vousing at the last mentioned place for hot lunch; returning to billets at Condetle direct. Weather conditions were very unfavourable, heavy rain fell throughout the march. 2. Officers & 3. O. Ranks proceeded to PARIS on 8 days leave & 1 O. Rank to the U.K. on leave.	MB Capt.
	16/1/18			The day was spent in live bomb throwing, 3 live bombs per man were thrown.	MB Capt.
	17/1/18			Unit was visited by the Divisional Gas Officer who lectured them on that important subject, gas. Duration of lecture 2 hours. The improved tactics of the enemy were discussed at length & much valuable knowledge was gained thereby. 7 Re-inforcements marched in ex M/Gun Base, Camieres.	MB Capt.

MB Capt.
of 25th M.P. Co.

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25th Aust. M/Gun Coy

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CALAIS SHEET. 13 B. 5.	18/1/18		Coy. training. Received orders from 5 th D.H.Q. reference movement to another area.	MB Capt.
FLORINETHUN do.	19/1/18		Preparation for move, packing limbers, M/Gun gear, etc. I. O. Rank evacuated.	MB Capt.
CALAIS SHEET. 13 C. 5.	20/1/18		Coy. route marched to new area quoted in margin, arriving 11.30 A.M. without incident. Ref. H I. O. Rank evacuated.	Ref. Movement Order No. 1. Appendix No. 1. MB Capt.
QUESTRECQUES.	21/1/18		Coy. settling down in new billets. I. O. Rank evacuated. I. O. Rank to Corps Gas School, BAILEUL.	MB Capt.
	22/1/18		'A & C' Sections plus H.Q. details proceeded to SAMER for purpose of hot bath & clean change of clothing.	MB Capt.
	23/1/18		'B & D' Sections plus Transport Section proceeded also to SAMER purpose of bathing, etc.	MB Capt.
	24/1/18		Coy. training. Training consisted of preparation of guns for range the following day, also filling of belts & preparation of stoppages. I. O. Rank evacuated.	MB Capt.
	25/1/18		The morning was spent on the range. Work consisted of a Stoppage Competition with ball ammunition. All the units guns were firing simultaneously (16). Results were highly satisfactory & proved that time spent in training, & specializing in this subject were justified.	MB Capt.

As above.

MB Capt.
25th M.G. Co.

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COMPANY.

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25th Aust. M/Gun Coy.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CHALIS SHEET. 13 C. 5. QUESTRECQUES	26/1/18		The morning was spent as follows: - Full Muster Parade for Personnel & Transport Inspection by O.C. Transport preparing for move to new area. Football match was played against the 8th Aust. Field Ambulance, 25th Aust. M/Gun Coy won, 3 goals to nothing. O.C. paraded Pte Milton G. to D.H.Q. re an appeal against his decision; decision upheld. 1. N.C.O. proceeded to Corps Gas School, BAILEUX.	MB Capt.
As above	27/1/18		Transport moved out at 7.0 A.M. by march route to Kemmel (Sheet 28). 1 Officer 2 O. Ranks proceeded to Kemmel as an advance party. Q.M.S. Francis H.A. proceeded to England for purpose of joining an O.T.C. 1 O. Rank proceeded to U.K. on leave. 1 O. Rank rejoined unit from Gas School & 1 O. Rank rejoined from hospital.	Ref Movement Order No 2. Marked Appendix No 2. MB Capt.
	28/1/18		1 Officer & 17 O. Ranks left for KEMMEL at 5.0 P.M. as reconnaissance party. 3 O. Ranks proceeded to Paris on leave. 1 O. Rank evacuated. 2/Lt. J.E.P. Herlihy marched in ex O.T.C. England, taken on strength.	MB Capt.
SHEET. 28 B+F. N. 21. 6. 1. 4.	29/1/18		Unit entrained at SAMER STATION at 7.30 A.M. for KEMMEL, arrived DAYLIGHT CORNER at 12.45 P.M. marched 2 miles to KEMMEL CAMP. Journey without incident. 1 Officer 17 O. Ranks proceeded to line as reconnaissance party.	Ref. Movement Order No 3. marked appendix No 3. MB Capt. Lt. 25th M.S.B.

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25th Aust. M/Gun Coy.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SHEET 28 B & F. N. 21. b. 1. 4	30/1/18		Coy. settling down in new camp, preparation of guns for line in afternoon. Transport arrived at noon after 4 days march by road. Journey was completed without incident. Unit relieved the 21 st Aust. M/Gun Coy's 14 guns engaged on S.O.S. work, as per map attached. The relief was complete, without incident, at 8.0 pm. 9 reinforcements marched in to M/Gun Base, Camieres.	Ref. Map marked appendix N ^o 4 also Operation Order N ^o 1 ^a marked appendix N ^o 5. MB Capt.
As above.	31/1/18		As per intelligence summary attached. Remainder of Coy. in reserve at KEMMEL CAMP. Weather very cold & bleak, heavy frost & fog.	Ref. Intelligence Summary N ^o 1 marked appendix N ^o 6 MB Capt.
Al Benf. Capt. A. 25 th M. G. Co				

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WAR DIARY

OF

25th Aust. M/Cun Coy.

FOR

January 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject. |
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| 1. | Movement Order N ^o 1 ^a for move from Condette to Questrecques |
| 2. | Movement Order N ^o 2 ^a for Transport move from Questrecques to Kemmel. |
| 3. | Movement Order N ^o 3 ^a for Personnel move from Questrecques to Kemmel |
| 4. | Wylschaete Trench Map showing disposition of guns, ground covered by barrage & <u>switch targets</u> . |
| 5. | Operation Order N ^o 1 ^a for relief of 21 st Aust. M/Cun Coy. on B.O.S. line. |
| 6. | <u>Intelligence Summary</u> N ^o 1. |

Movement Order No 1^A

In the field.

274 By Capt H. J. Berry Command 25th Aust M/Gun Coy.

19.1.18.

Ref Map Calais 100000.

- 1 The Coy will proceed by March Route on the 20.1.18 to QUESTRECQUES.
- 2 Parade 8.30 AM. on road outside 'D' and 'C' Section Commanders' Billeto.
- 3 Dress Full Marching Order.
Mid-day meal to be carried.
Water Bottles filled..
- 4 Routine. Breakfast all ranks 7.0 AM.
Cook's cart will report to Officers' Mess at 7.45 AM. and then to Pte Yeend at C. H. Q. Pick up Cook's gear and etc and proceed direct to QUESTRECQUES reporting on arrival to Lt. R. A. Smyth.
T.O. will detail 1 limber complete to report to Officers' Billeto to pick up Officers' baggage, commencing with Lt Rooney at 7.30 AM. On completion will form column at 8.30 AM.
On arrival in new area T.O. will arrange for 3 limbers to be unloaded and immediately report back to Q.M.S. Francis to collect Q.M.S. stores, Canteen etc.
O.C's of Sections will arrange to carry all Sections cooking gear and etc on Section limbers. Hand 'B' Sections S.A.A. limbers will report to their respective Billeto at 7.30 AM for this purpose.
Palliasse, latrine seats, Hessian and etc will be carried by Sections to new area.
Billeto, camps and bivouacs will be left in a scrupulously clean condition. Particular attention will be paid to all latrines, cookhouses, stables, and manure dumps.

19. 1. 18.

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Everything possible to salvage within the vicinity of Billets is to be salvaged without delay. Salvage of every nature including underclothing, tunics, equipment, rifles, empty S. A. A, and any other ammunition boxes will be returned to Q.M.S. Store.

T.O. will arrange that any surplus ammunition, gear and etc is carried by dividing same up on Section ladders.

Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and carried on Sections' ladders.

Al Ben Capt.

O.C. 25th Aust M/Gun Coy.

1/ Movement Order N^o 2^A

Appendix 2

APPENDIX. 2
In the field. 9

27th By Capt H. S. Berry Command^g 25th Aust M/Gen Coy.

26.1.18.

Ref Calais Sheet 100000. Hazebrouck 5^A.

1/ In accordance with instructions received from 5th Aust D. H. Q. our unit Transport will move by march route on the 27th inst to the 1st Aust Div Area.

Staging as under.

The following will not accompany you.

- 1 Water Cart.
 - 1 Cooks' Cart
 - 1 Limber G. S.
 - 2 Riding horses
- and necessary personnel and transport.

2/ Staging Areas.

27th/28th

ELNES

Reporting on arrival to Capt C.H. Grievs MC.
28th A. S. C.

28th/29th

RENESECURE.

29th/30th

STRAZEELE

30th/31st

KEMMEL

3/ Supply Position for move.

27.1.18.

Unconsumed portion on man and horse, one day on supply waggon. Ration issued this night at ELNES for consumption 29th.

28.1.18.

Unconsumed portion on man and horse, one day on supply waggow. Ration issued at RENESCURE for consumption 30th.

29.1.18.

Unconsumed portion on man and horse, one day on supply waggow. Ration issued at STRAZEELE for consumption 31st.

30.1.18.

Unconsumed portion on man and horse, one day on supply waggow. No issue this day.

2. 27.431. 1. 18.

Unconsumed portion on man and horse, two days rations will be drawn from S. O. 14th Bde. New area.

1. 2. 18.

Position normal.

5. Transport proceeding by Road.

12 Limbers.

1 G.S. Waggow.

48 horses.

includes 6 Hacks.

6. Personnel proceeding by Road.

20 Drivers

1 " G.S.

1 Storeman

1 Cook.

1 Officer

1 Sgt

2 Grooms

1 Billeting N.C.O.

12 Brakesmen

{ includes 1 batman

{ 1 Farrier

{ 1 Saddler

Total. 40

7. Detail.

Sgt Wright is detailed as Billeting N.C.O for trip, he will take one cycle and report in full M.O. to C. H. Q. 24th inst 4.0 A.M.

Brakesmen.

A. Section 2

B. " 3

C. " 2

D. " 2

Report as above.

8. Route.WIRWIGNES.DESVRESSENLECQUESWISMESELNES.

All ranks will proceed fully armed and equipped. Drivers packs only will be carried on limbers.

Strictest march discipline will be observed.

Faults found by the Div Commandr. on the march down, re. whips, shoeing, saluting, etc. to receive special attention.

M. Buel. Capt.

O.C. 25th Aust M/Gun Coy.

1/ Movement Order 3^A.274 By Capt H. Berry Command 25th Aust M/Gun Coy.

28.1.18.

Ref Map Calais 100000 and Hazebrouck 5^A.

1. In accordance with instructions received from H. Q. 5th Aust Div. the unit will proceed to 1st Aust Div area (Kemmel) on the 29th inst.

2. Routine. Breakfast 4.15 A.M.

Parade 5.35 A.M. on road alongside C.H.Q.

Dress. Full marching order less 1 blanket. Water-Bottles filled. Unconsumed portion of day's rations to be carried on person.

3. Billets will be left in a scrupulously clean condition. Section Commanders will examine same prior to leaving and report if not in order. Section cooking gear to be handed in to C.H.Q. by 4.45 A.M.

4. Motor lorry has been allotted and will carry following:-

Officers' Valises	Cooking Gear
Officers Mess Gear	Postal "
Sgts " "	A.M.C. "
Q.M. " "	Artificers "
Ord Room "	Canteen "
Signalling "	Shoemakers "

and 1 blanket per man rolled in 10's and labelled distinctly.

These stores will be loaded to-night.

Lorry will depart for New Area 5.0 A.M. 29th inst.

Personnel accompanying lorry.

C.S.M. Q.M.S. O.R. Clerk 2 Cooks.

Canteen man Pte Smart O.C.'s Batman.

Lorry will call at officers' Mess for valises and Mess Gear etc which must be ready by 4.45 A.M.

2. Movement Order N^o 3^A.
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5 Transport will entrain at DESVRES. plus 3 cycles, which are to be labelled. Cpl Shannon will accompany this party and be in charge. and also detail 2 signallers.

Move off. 4.30 A.M. Route WIRWIGNES.

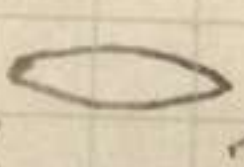
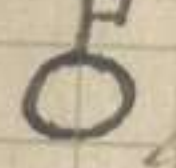
Report on arrival to Entraining Officer 14 Bde.
Detrain at Beilleul and proceed to Kemmel.
N.C.O. in charge will receive detailed orders from
O.C.

M. Bunt. Capt.
O.C. 25th Aust M/Gun Coy.

Ref No C.17-13.

3/2/18.

Explanatory Note to accompany
Appendix No 4 "Wytchaele Trench Map"

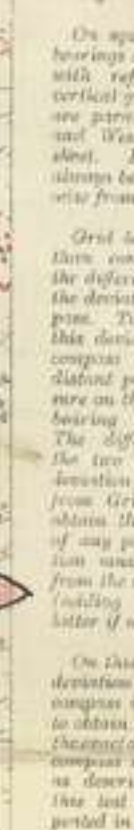
1. Cones shaped thus  represent switch targets which unit might be called upon to engage.
2. Tri-coloured oblong represents ground which would be covered by barrage on receipt of an S.O.S. in case of the enemy attack.
3.  Conventional sign shown thus represents various Coy. & Battery H.Q.s.
4. Order of battle.

'A' Section	= E Battery	4 Guns
'B' "	= F "	4 "
C & D "	= G "	6 "

Total number of guns engaged in S.O.S.
 = 14.

Width of front covered by barrage
 approximately 500 yds.

M. B. Smith Capt.
 O.C. 25th Aust. M/G. Coy.



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SHEET 28.

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NW		NE	
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1	2	1	2
SW		SE	
3	4	3	4

GLOSSARY.

Abbaye, Abbr - Abbey.
 Abrevoir, Ab - Watering place.
 Abri de douaniers - Customs-shelter.
 Acier - Steel works.
 Aiguilles - Pointe (Ry.)
 Allée - Alley, Narrow road.
 Ancien - no. Anc - Old.
 Aqueduc - Aqueduct.
 Arbre - Tree.
 " éventail - fan-shaped.
 " décharné - bare.
 " fourchu - forked.
 " isolé - isolated.
 " penché - leaning.
 Arbres - Small tree.
 Arc - Arch.
 Ardennais, Ard - Slate quarry.
 Arrêt - Halt.
 Asile - Asylum.
 " des aliénés - Lunatic asylum.
 " d' charité - Charity.
 " de pauvres - Poorhouse.
 Auberge, Aub - Inn.
 Anne - Alder-tree.
 Bac - Ferry.
 " à traîne - Barge.
 Bains - Baths.
 Place aux baines - Bathing place.
 Balise - Beacon.
 Banc de sable - Sand-bank.
 " vase - Mud-bank.
 Baraque - Hut.
 Barrage - Dam.
 Barrière - Gate, Stile.
 (Machine à) Bascule - Weigh-bridge.
 Bassin - Dock, Pond.
 " d'éclouage - Tidal dock.

Bassin de radoub - Dry dock.
 Bateau phare - Light-ship.
 Blanchisserie - Laundry.
 B.M. (borne millaire) - Mile stone.
 B° (borne kilométrique) - Kilometer.
 Boulonnerie - Bolt Factory.
 Fab' de boutons - Button.
 Bouie - Buoy.
 Brasserie, Brass - Brewery.
 Briqueterie, Brig - Brickfield.
 Brise-lames - Breakwater.
 Bureau de poste - Post office.
 " de douane - Customs house.
 Butte - But, Mound.
 Cabane - Hut.
 Cabaret, Cab - Inn.
 Câble sous-marin - Submarine cable.
 Calvaire, Cal - Calvary.
 Canal de dessèchement - Drainage canal.
 Canal d'irrigation - Irrigation canal.
 Fab' de caoutchouc - Rubber factory.
 Carrière, Carr - Quarry.
 " de gravier - Gravel-pit.
 Casernes - Barracks.
 Champ de courses - Race course.
 " de manœuvres - Drill ground.
 " tir - Rifle range.
 Chantier - Building yard.
 " d' Alder-tree - Ship yard.
 Chantier de construction - Ship-way.
 Chapelle, Ch - Chapel.
 Charbonnage - Colliery.
 Châteaux d'eau - Water tower.
 Chaussée - Highway.
 Chemin de fer - Railway.
 Cheminée, Ch - Chimney.
 Chêne - Oak tree.
 Cimetières, Cim - Cemetery.
 Clôcher - Belfry.
 Clouterie - Nail factory.
 Colombier - Dove-cot.

Coron - Workmen's dwelling.
 Cost - aux / dises - Goods yard.
 Couvent - Convent.
 Croix - Cross.
 Darse - Inner dock.
 Démoli - e - Destroyed.
 Déversoir - Weir.
 Digues - Dyke, causeway.
 Distillerie, Dist - Distillery.
 Douane - Customs-house.
 Bureau de douane - Customs warehouse.
 Entrepôt de douane - Dynamite magazine.
 Dynamite - Dynamite factory.
 Ecluse - Sluice, Lock.
 Ecluse, Ecl - Sluice.
 Ecole - School.
 Ecurie - Stable.
 Eglise - Church.
 Emallerie - Enamel works.
 Embarcadere, Emb - Landing-place.
 Estaminet, Estam - Inn.
 Etang - Pond.
 Fabrique, Fab - Factory.
 Fab' de produits chimiques - Chemical works.
 Fab' de faïence - Pottery.
 Faïence, Faï - Pottery.
 Ferme, Fer - Farm.
 Filature, Fil - Spinning mill.
 Fonderie, Fond - Foundry.
 Fontaine, Font - Spring, fountain.
 Forêt - Forest.
 Forne de radoub - Dry dock.
 Forge - Smithy.
 Fosse - Mine, Pit.
 Fossé - Ditch.
 Four - Kiln.
 " à chaux - Lime-kiln.

Four à coke - Coke oven.
 Ganterie - Glove Factory.
 Gare - Station.
 Garenne - Warren.
 Garnison - Garrison.
 Gasomètre - Gasometer.
 Glacière - Ice factory.
 Grue - Crane.
 Gué - Ford.
 Guérite - Sentry-box, Turret.
 " à signaux - Signal-box (Ry.).
 Halle - Hall.
 Hangar - Shed, Hangar.
 Hôpital - Hospital.
 Hôtel-de-Ville - Town hall.
 Houillère - Colliery.
 Huilerie - Oil factory.
 Imprimerie, Imp - Printing works.
 Jetée - Pier.
 Laminerie - Rolling mill.
 Ligne - de haute - High water mark.
 Laisse - de marée - Low water mark.
 " de basse marée - Low water mark.
 Maison Forestière - Forester's house.
 Malterie - Malt-house.
 Marbrerie - Marble works.
 Marais - Marsh.
 Marais salant - Salt marsh.
 Marché - Market.
 Mare - Pool.
 Meule - Rick.
 Minière - Mine.
 Monastère - Monastery.
 Moulin, M - Mill.
 " à vapeur - Steam mill.
 Mur - Wall.
 " crénelé - Loop-holed wall.

Nacelle - Ferry.
 Orme - Elm.
 Orphelinat - Orphanage.
 Ouvrages - Fort.
 " hydrauliques - Water works.
 Papeterie - Paper-mill.
 Parc - Park, yard.
 " aérostique - Aviation ground.
 " à charbon - Coal yard.
 " à pétrole - Petrol store.
 Passage à niveau P.N. - Level-crossing.
 Passerelle, Pass - Foot-bridge.
 Pépinière - Nursery garden.
 Peuplier - Poplar tree.
 Phare - Light-house.
 Piler, Pil - Post.
 Plaine d'exercice - Drill ground.
 Pompe - Pump.
 Ponçonn - Calvert.
 Pont - Bridge.
 " levé - Drawbridge.
 Poste - Post station.
 Station - Post station.
 Poteau 1^{er} - Post.
 Poterie - Pottery.
 Poudrière, Poud - Powder magazine.
 Poudre à poudre - Powder supply.
 Prise d'eau - Pit-head, Shaft, Well.
 Puits - Artesian well.
 " artésien - Artesian well.
 " d'égout - Ventilating shaft.
 " de sondage - Boring.
 Quai - Quay, Platform.
 " aux bestiaux - Cattle platform.
 " des machines - Goods platform.
 Raccordement - Junction.
 Raffinerie - Refinery.
 " de sucre - Sugar refinery.
 Râperie - Beet-root factory.

Rambai - Embankment.
 Rampe - aux Machines - Engine-shed.
 Réserve, Ré - Reserve.
 Route cavalière - Bridle road.
 Rubanerie - Ribbon Factory.
 Ruine - Ruin.
 Ruines - Ruins.
 Ruine - e - Ruin.
 Sablière - Sand-pit.
 Sablonnière, Sablon - Fir tree.
 Sapin - Fir tree.
 Sable - Willow tree.
 Sauterie - Saw-works.
 Scierie, Sc - Saw-mill.
 Sondage - Boring.
 Souterrain - Spring.
 Sucrerie, Suc - Sugar factory.
 Tannerie - Tannery.
 Tir à la cible - Rifle range.
 Tissage - Weaving mill.
 Tillerie - Rolling mill.
 Tombeau - Tomb.
 Tour - Tower.
 Tourbière - Peat-bog, Peat-bed.
 Tourne - Small tower.
 Tuilerie - Tile works.
 Usine à gaz - Gas works.
 " électrique - Electricity works.
 " d'électricité - Electricity works.
 " métallurgique - Metal works.
 " à agglomération - Briquette factory.
 Verrerie, Verr - Glass works.
 Viaduc - Viaduct.
 Vivier - Fish Pond.
 Voie de chargement - Siding.
 " de déchargement - Siding.
 " d'évacuation - Siding.
 " de formation - Siding.
 " manœuvre - Siding.
 Zinguerie - Zinc works.

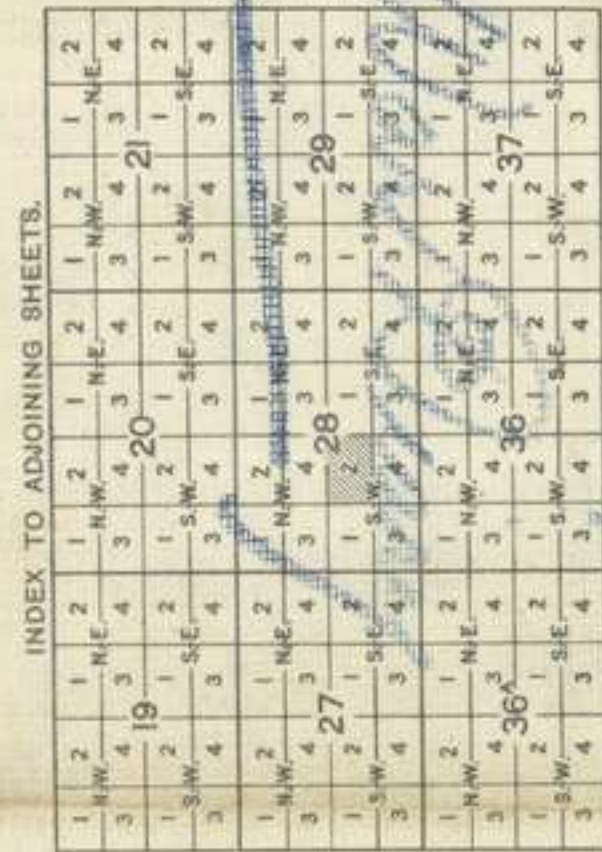
TRENCH MAP.

WYTSCHAETE.

28 S.W. 2.

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APPENDIX

By Capt S S Berry Command 25th Bus M/Gun Coy 15

Ref. Sheet 28 HOUTHEM French Map. ^{30. 1. 18}

- 1 In accordance with orders received, the 25th M/G Coy will relieve the 21st M/G Coy in S.O.S. line on the night of the 30th inst.
- 2 No movement of troops east of Messines Dytchaete ridge will take place before 5 pm
- 3 Batt. Commander will take care that in moving in that they do not clash with the Infantry and cause congestion. 100x distances will be kept between Batteries
- 4 All Defence Schemes, orders, maps, etc., relevant to sector occupied will be taken or handed over and receipts obtained
- 5 Completion of Units, will be notified to 6 M/G Coy by the code word "Consistent." by telephone
- 6 Reserve Rations
The greatest care must be taken in the taking over of General purpose & supporting Point Rations. Battery Commander will post 1 sentry over these rations
- 7 Batteries will take over any solidified alcohol held by relieving Unit. A further supply will be issued as soon as same is available also any French ~~Point~~ Foot powder and soap.
- 8 Positions of Ammunition Dumps.
Brigade Clarke Dump O. 15. A. 14.
ON RAET WOOD O. 14 C. 4. 4.
Battalion O. 20 B 21 — Rose Dump O. 10. C. 25. 25

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9.Medical Arrangements

R. A. P's

RAVINE 0.10. C. 25

VERNE ROAD 0.21 central

CABIN HILL 0.33 B 1.9

Relief Bearer Post

CABARET CORNER

0.15 A. 9. 1.

ONRAET FARM

0.14. C 5.8

WHIZZ BANG

0.22 C. 30

LUMM FARM

0.26 28

10. Evacuation of wounded.

From RAVINE RAP by light railway trolleys

11. Great care must be taken in taking over all gear, stores etc. these must all be checked and duplicate receipts taken and forwarded to C. H. B. by first runner next morning

12. Organization and Distribution of ~~element~~ Guns.

14 Guns will be in the line

4 from A Section

4 " B "

3 " C "

3 " D "

Total 14

They will be divided into 3 Batteries:-

Left Batt. Delboske Farm 6 Guns C & D Sect.

Central " Bug " 4 " B "

Right " Mahben " 4 " A "

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13. Personell going into line
Officers

OC 8	2/Lt Herlihy	at C H Q
	2/Lt D R Norman	
	2/Lt De Ross	at Dellcke Farm
	2/Lt Blackwood	at Bug Farm
	Lt Night	at Mahben Farm

3 men per gun including Gun Commr
1 Sgt & 1 Cpl per Batt.
1 batman per officer

2 Runners per Battery

OC's A, B & C Sect. will detail 1 Runner
to report to Sig Cpl 2 pm today ready
to move off and will remain at C H Q
3 Sigs. will be detailed

14. 24 hours rations per man. will be
drawn. OC's Sect. will furnish nominal
roll prior to moving off of personell going
into line. Tripods, Belts and Base Plates
will be handed over in situatons, all
other necessary gun gear will be taken
Batterys will be formed up ready to move
off at 4.30 pm After inspection by
2nd in Command, will move off
independently arriving at positions
by 6.0 pm

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25th Aust M/Gun Coy

274 25th Australian Machine Gun Coy.Intelligence Summary N^o 1Period from 6.0 P.M. 30.1.18 to 6.0 AM 1.2.18.1 Disposition

Coy Head Quarters	O. 20 to 40.30 (LEA COUSE).
E Battery H.Q.	O. 21 to 45.85 (MAHIEU FARM.)
F " H.Q.	O. 16 to 65.90 (BUG FARM.).
G " H.Q.	O. 10 to 35.40 (DELSKE FARM.)
E " Position	O. 21 to 70.10
F " "	O. 16. C. 65.90
G " "	O. 10 to 45.50.

2 Casualties.

Nil

3 Rounds Expended.

Nil

4 Operations. Relieved 21st Aust M/Gun Coy on the S.O.S. line on the night of the 30th inst. The relief was complete and without incident by 4.45 P.M.

5 Identification.

Nil.

6 Enemy Shelling. Very quiet throughout the day. A few gas shells fell in the vicinity of Denny's Farm during the night 31st inst.

7 Enemy attitude

On the whole extremely quiet.

8 Enemy defences.

Owing to the very heavy fog observation was impossible.

9 Hostile aerial activity.

One hostile plane only was observed throughout the period.

10 Movement & organization in & behind enemy lines.

Impossible to observe.

11 Arms & Equipment.

Nil report.

12 Miscellaneous.Our planes were active during the morning of 31st inst. Throughout day visibility very bad making observation impossible.

L. B. B. Capt.

O.C. 25th Aust M/Gun Coy.