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WAR DIARY

OF

25TH Aust. M/Gun Coy.

FOR

May 1918.

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Signature of Officer Commanding

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25th Aust. M.G. Coy. Army Form C. 2118.
May 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Shelb 62 nd FRANCE	H. 35. C. 36. 05.	1/5/18	<p>The situation & disposition of the Company on this date remains as chronicled in the closing days of last month's diary, - sixiers guns being engaged in offensive and defensive work. Owing to the enforced physical inactivity of the men during their terms in the Line, a per-centage relief each night has been arranged, which is found to have a beneficial effect on the health of the men. The usual nightly relief of 1 Officer & 17 Privates took place to-night & was completed without incident or casualty. On reporting to Rear Coy. the relieved personnel are invariably supplied with a hot meal, & their billets, - the men are temporarily under canvas - are snug & comfortable.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary No 1 (marked App. No 1) attached.</p>	
As above	1/5/18		<p>The personnel in the Line are engaged as stated above. The remainder of the Company at Rear Coy. are busily engaged in making their shelters bomb-proof, in consequence of the</p>	

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O.C. 25th AMG. Coy.

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Sheet 62 ^{II} FRANCE.			<u>Continued.</u>	
H. 35. C. 35. 05	2/5/18		advent of warmer weather, generally improving the sanitary conditions of the camp. No 427. Pte. J.H. Richardson marched out for passage overseas to attend an O.T.C. England with a view to qualifying for a Commission in the Indian Army. The usual relief of the personnel in the Line one for it, was successfully carried out. Intelligence Summary No 2 (marked App. No 2) attached.	
As above	2/5/18		The situation & disposition of the Company remains the same, the personnel at Rear H.Q. are still engaged on the works mentioned above. Everything is quiet & there is little of interest to report. Intelligence Summary No 3 (marked App. No 3) attached.	
As above	4/5/18		General improvement of the camp being carried out. Everything is quiet. Intelligence Summary No 4. (marked App. No 4.) attached.	

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Sheet 62 ^{II} . FRANCE. H.35. c.35.05.	5/5/18		Nothing of interest to report. The usual nightly relief completed successfully without incident. One of Ranks evacuated to hospital, sick. Intelligence Summary No 5 (marked App. No 5) attached.	
As above	6/5/18 7/5/18		Situation & Disposition of the Company unchanged. Nothing else to report. Intelligence Summary No 6 (marked App. No 6) attached. Intelligence Summary No 7 (marked App. No 7) attached. Relief Orders. (marked App. No 8.) attached.	
As above O8. 640.50	8/5/18		Rear Co. & personnel who are resting moved from H.35. c.35.05. last evening, at 7.30 p.m. and arrived at new location O8. 640.50 at 8.45 p.m. One Officer and 11 of Ranks - composed as follows: 5 Casuals & 6 Reinforcements - marched in and are taken on strength. The physique of the men is good & they are very suited for Machine Gun work. One of Ranks evacuated sick. Inter-company relief	

Arthur Barker Capt.
O.C. 25th Aus. M/Gun Coy

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 62 nd FRANCE			<u>Continued.</u>	
Og. & 40.50	8/5/18		took place last night, this Company being relieved by the 14 th Aus. M/Gun Coy. The relief was completed without incident or casualty by 12.30 A.M. this morning. Preparation had been made beforehand & the men went straight to clean & comfortable billets.	
As above.	9/5/18		Short parades & necessary fatigues only, are being done by the Company today. A thorough re-organisation of the Company is being carried out while the personnel is out for the rest. Matters pertaining to forward operations had required such close attention that necessary adjustments to inner organisation had had to be deferred, but these are now receiving immediate attention. Arrangements have been made for a Company bathing parade & a clean change of clothes. A battery of 9.2 ^s is being installed in the immediate vicinity. One Rank wounded in R. Forearm by a M/Gun bullet fired from an aeroplane - possibly a friendly plane directing artillery.	
				J. Arthur Barker Capt. O.C. 25 th Aus. M/Gun Coy.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 62 ^D FRANCE	08. 6 40.50	10/5/18	<p>Morning and afternoon parades & syllabus of Training commenced. Special Gas and Anti-Aircraft Lectures given by Section Officers. Bathing parade carried out. All gun gear and limbers are being thoroughly overhauled & cleaned, & any necessary repairs receiving immediate attention. The morale & enthusiasm of the troops is excellent, with the exception of a mild form of Influenza the health generally, is good.</p>	
As above	11/5/18		<p>The company generally, employed as above. Sixteen of ^{of} Ranks appointed Drivers to replace gas casualties. One of ^{of} Ranks evacuated sick.</p>	
As above	12/5/18		<p>The situation & disposition of the company remains the same. The Transport personnel, who are still situate H34. d.g. 4, engaged in general cleaning of harness, Gear etc. improvements to horse lines & camp. The horses are in excellent health & condition.</p>	
			<p>Arthur Barker Capt. O.C. 25th Aus. M/ Gun Coy.</p>	

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Sheet 62 nd FRANCE. Og. 6. 40.50	13/5/18		There is considerable artillery activity from guns in our immediate vicinity, & the enemy is shelling the area between Og. d. 5.5 & 010 c. 8.7	
As above	14/5/18		One of Rant's marched in from hospital. <u>5th Aus. Mfg. Batta Order No 9.</u> (marked App. No 8 ^a) attached	
As above	14/5/18		The company employed in belt filling. Mobile establishment of S.A.A. is to be carried in belts in future. Preparing for Inter-company Relief. See Movement Order No 10 ^a . <u>Movement Order No 10^a</u> (marked App. No 9.) attached.	
As above	15/5/18		A portion of the company, manning sixteen guns, moved into the Line, relieving the 15 th Aus. M/Gun Coy. The relief was complete without incident or casualty by 12.30 A.M. Forward B.P. is situated at Ob. 6. 6.5. One of Rant's evacuated sick.	
				<p data-bbox="2160 1612 2781 1703">Walter Barker Capt.</p> <p data-bbox="2191 1703 2781 1784"><u>Ob. 55th Aus. M/Gun Coy</u></p>

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Sheet 62 ^{II} FRANCE	O.S. 640.50.	16/5/18	The situation and disposition of the company remains as reported yesterday. One of Rant's marched in from hospital some man evacuated sick. Intelligence Summary No 8 (marked App. No 10) attached.	
As above	17/5/18		Situation & disposition unchanged. The personnel in the line commenced "barrassing fire" on the village of HAMEL. A system of S.O.S has been allotted, & the sketch accompanying the CONFIDENTIAL ORIGINAL show this company's S.O.S. target. One of Rant's marched in from hospital. Intelligence Summary No 9. (marked App. No 11) attached. S.O.S. Sketch. (marked App. No 12)	
As above	18/5/18		Company employed as previously reported. A new Special S.O.S. has been adopted as per sketch accompanying CONFIDENTIAL ORIGINAL. Barrassing fire as mentioned above is still being carried out. Intelligence Summary No 10. (marked App. No 13) attached. S.O.S. Sketch. (marked App. No 14)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 62 nd FRANCE H35. C2.3.	21/5/18		Situation & disposition of company as reported yesterday. For about half an hour the enemy shelled along the Canal in vicinity of Forts B.C. Very little material damage done, but one infantryman was killed. Lieut Elridge evacuated to hospital with French Fever. Intelligence Summary No 13 (marked App. No 18) attached.	
As above	22/5/18		The company situated & engaged as previously recorded. A relief of sixteen Companies was completed without casualty. Three Companies marched in as reinforcements & have been taken on strength. Intelligence Summary No 14 (marked App. No 19) attached.	
As above	23/5/18 24/5/18		Nothing of interest to report. Nothing of interest to report. A Relief of 2 Officers & 16 Companies carried out. Intelligence Summary No 15. (marked App. No 20) attached Intelligence Summary No 16. (marked App. No 21)	

J. Arthur Barker Capt.
O.C. 25th Aus. Machine Coy.

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Sheet 62 II. FRANCE				
H35. C2. 3.	28/5/18		With the exception that the enemy still continues to shell back areas	
	29/5/18		there is nothing else to report.	
			Intelligence Summary No 20. (marked App. No 25) attached.	
			Intelligence Summary No 21 (marked App. No 26) "	
As above	30/5/18		Situation & disposition of company unchanged.	
			Two Officers & 8 OFRanks (casuals) & 2 OFRanks (Reinforcements) marched	
			in over taken on strength. One OFRank evacuated wounded.	
			Intelligence Summary No 22 (marked App. No 27) attached.	
As above	31/5/18		The situation & disposition of the company remains the same.	
			The disposition of the company's guns & their tasks are shown in the	
			accompanying sketch. One Officer evacuated to hospital sick.	
			Intelligence Summary No 23 (marked App. No 28) attached.	
			Disposition & S.O.S. Sketch (marked App. No 29) "	

Latham Parker Capt
O.C. 25th Aus. Inf. Coy.

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OF

25th Austr. Inf. Coy.

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No. 1.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6.a.m. 1.5.18. to 6.a.m. 2.5.18.

Disposition.

The re disposition of Vickers Machine Guns was effected last night without casualties. The

following are the Gun Position locations.

- F 1 P 19 b 50 40 F 2 P 13 d 65 80
- F 3 P 14 a 20 86 F 4 P 8 c 70 90
- F 5 P 8 a 80 50 F 6 P 2 d 50 15
- S 7 P 7 c 70 40 S 8 P 7 c 85 50
- S 9 P 7 d 30 70 S 10 P 7 80 10
- R 11 O 24 b 10 35 R 12 O 24 b 40 90
- R 13 O 18 d 75 45 R 14 O 18 b 90 20
- R 15 O 18 b 90 80 R 16 P 1 c 50 20
- C.H.Q. O 12 b 90 40
- Reserve Section H.Q. O 18 a 30 20
- "A" Section O 24 b 15 98
- "B" Section O 18 b 90 40
- "C" Section P 8 a 1 5
- "D" Section P 7 a 3 1

Casualties.

Nil.

Rounds Expended.

Nil.

Identifications.

Nil.

Artillery.

Hostile Artillery was more active during period. Bursts of Fire were applied to roads and low ground at irregular intervals. About 10 5.9" shells were fired into P 1. Many very light H.E. were fired over the Sector apparently at no particular target. Own Artillery were also very active and enemy defences were again subjected to heavy fire.

Machine Guns.

Hostile guns continued to harrass flat ground in the vicinity of Support lines during the night.

Aerial Activity.

Nil.

Visibility.

Bad owing to mists.

Miscellaneous.

Redisposition of Guns was completed at 2.a.m.

L Phillips

Lieut.

for O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

No. 2.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6.a.m.2.5.18. to 6.a.m.3.5.18.

Disposition. Unchanged.

Casualties. Nil.

Rounds Expended. 5000

Operations. The following Targets in the vicinity of Bois-de-Vaire were engaged and searched during the night.
P I4 d 60 25 to P I5 c 65 45
P 2I a 25 00 to P 2I d 2 7
P 2I a 4 9 to P 2I a 25 00
P I4 b 90 15 to P I5 a 6 2
P I4 b 95 27 to P I5 a 70 19

Artillery. Our Artillery did considerable shooting during period at usual Targets.
Enemy Artillery was very quiet during whole period.

Aerial Activity. Fairly quiet. E.A. flew over our lines at 9.p.m.
E.A. were very active over their own lines and to the rear.

Visibility. Bad during the morning but improved in the afternoon.

Miscellaneous. Enemy Transport was distinctly heard and sounded as if at approx. P 9 c 6 8 and consisted of several vehicles This movement was heard at 10.p.m.

Hostile M.G.'s. Harrassing fire was again applied to our Tracks and Trenches. Particular attention being paid to vicinity of Guns S7,8,9,

Work Completed Forward Signal Lines Right Flank as per rough sketch forwarded 2.3.18. were completed. Wire was salved for this Work.

E. Phillips Lieut.
for O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

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No. 3.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6.a.m. 3.5.18. to 6.a.m. 4.5.18.

Disposition. Unchanged.

Casualties. Nil.

Operations. 5000 rounds were fired on the following Targets.
 Road from P I4 d 50 25 to P I5 c 65 45
 do do P 2I a 4 9 to P 2I a 25 00
 do do P 2I a 25 00 to P 2I d 2 7
 do do P I5 b 90 15 to P I5 a 6 2
 P I4 b 95 27

Artillery. Enemy very quiet in our Sector. He dropped 6 4.2" about P 7 d 3 7. In the afternoon in the vicinity of O 28 central he put over quite a large number of 5.9" and 4.2". During the period he shelled Villers-Brettoneaux very heavily. Our own Artillery were also much quieter than usual. Between 2.53.p.m. and 3.30.p.m. they dropped 6 60 pdrs short in the vicinity of O 18 d.

Aerial Activity. An Enemy Plane was hovering over our Line at 10.30.a.m. At 4.45.p.m. a Patrol was driven back by our A.A.Guns. About 7.p.m. a large fighting patrol of Triplanes met a large patrol of our own just over Villers-Brettoneau about 5 minutes fighting ensued and then each turned toward their own lines. Our own planes were busy all day over Enemy lines reconnoitring.

Machine Guns. During the night enemy machine guns were very busy harrassing tracks in our Sector.

Visibility. Very clear and good for observation.

Attitude. Rather passive but alert.

Movement and Organisation. Nil.

Works done. Nil.

Miscellaneous. During the period 4 propaganda Balloons came over our Line. 3 Observation Balloons ~~were~~ were up on his side all day. Men on F1, F2, F3, and S10 were relieved at 9.30.p.m. and Lt. Eldridge relieved Lt. de Ross. Relief O.K.

L. Phillips

Lieut.
for O.C. 25th. Australian M&G. Co.

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No. 5.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 5.5.18. to 6 a.m. 6.5.18.

Disposition. As before.
 Casualties. Nil.
 Rounds Expended. 5000.
 Operations. The following Targets were engaged.
 Road from P I4 b 71 I5 to P I5 a 30 45
 do do P 21 a 35 73 to P 21 a 3 0
 do do P 21 a 10 05 to P 21 d 07 74
 do do P I5 c 0 4 to P I5 c 43 30
 do do P I5 a 67 I7 to P I5 c 30 45

Artillery. Enemy exceedingly quiet along whole Sector.
 Our Artillery carried out usual strafes on Bois-de-Vaire and also started a fire which burnt all day in Hamel.

Aerial Activity. Nothing startling happened in the Air on either side.
 At 4.p.m. two Enemy planes were over our lines.
 Day no good for aerial work.

Observation. Very dull and raining part of the day and night.
 Not too good for observation.

Enemy Attitude. Very quiet.

Machine Guns. Also exceedingly quiet.

Miscellaneous. Men in positions R I4, I5 and F2,3, were relieved.
 Lieut. Tufnell M.C. relieved Lieut. Garling.

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Lieut.
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No. 6.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6.a.m. 6.5.18. to 6.a.m. 7.5.18.

Disposition. As before.

Casualties. Nil.

Rounds Expended. 5000.

Operations. During the hours of darkness the following Targets were engaged.
 Road from P I4 b 71 15 to P I5 a 30 45
 do do P 21 a 35 73 to P 21 a 3 0
 do do P 21 a 10 05 to P 21 a 07 74
 Area do P I5 c 0 4 to P I5 c 43 30
 Road do P I5 a 67 17 to P I5 c 30 45

Artillery. Enemy exceedingly quiet. 3 4.2" landed in the vicinity of P I c 5 2 about noon. 6 4.2" were directed at Cross Roads in P 2 c 6 7. Half a dozen light shrapnel fell in the vicinity of O I8 a 3 2 at 6.p.m. Our own Artillery were as usual very active with strafes on Bois-de-Vaire and seemed to strike a dump about 11.30.p.m. in this wood.

Aerial Activity. Very little aerial activity. At 4.30.p.m. half a dozen of his planes were hovering over our lines but did not come too far back. A couple of our planes were patrolling our line most of the day.

Visibility. Very clear and good for observation most of the day.

Attitude. He seems too quiet with his Artillery and Machine Guns.

Works done. Emergency emplacements were made for FI, 2, 3,
 Map References F1 P I9 b 5 4
 F2 P I3 a 6 7
 F3 P I4 a 15 90

Miscellaneous. Men on R 11, 12, 13 and F I were relieved last night. During the day 2 Observation Balloons were up on his side.

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Phillips

Lieut.
for O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

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No. 7.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 10 p.m. 15.8.18 to 6 a.m. 16.5.18.

Opp 10/17

Location. 0 6 b 5 3.

Casualties. Nil.

Ammunition Expended. Nil.

Operations. Inter-Company relief was effected without casualties and was complete at 11.45 p.m.

Enemy Artillery. Rather quiet during period. 6 77's were fired on T Road P. 1 a 58 65 at 10 p.m.

Own Artillery. Very Active.

Aerial Activity. Enemy were over our lines at frequent intervals and flew well to rear. One E.A. flew along front line at low altitude at 5 a.m. and was fired on heavily by M.G.'s without effect.

Own Aircraft were active from 4 a.m.

Work Done. Nil.

Miscellaneous. Nil.

Movement Observed. Nil.

J. Arthur Barker Captain.
 O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

RELIEF ORDER25th Australian Machine Gun Company

The Company will be Relieved in night 7/8th by 14th Aust M/G Company and will move to AUBIGNY and will become Divisional Reserve.

The Company will keep eight gun limbers packed and parked at AUBIGNY, ready to move at an hours notice. Horses will remain at present transport lines.

Transport

The following transport will be required and at times and places shown.

8 Gun Limbers packed - minus guns, tripods and 14 belts per gun, will report to AUBIGNY O8.B.4.5. by 8 p m 7th May

Company Orderly Room gear and Company Cooker will accompany this transport.

Horses will there be unhooked and will return, harnessed, to Transport Lines.

1 Limber complete to CHALKPIT 11 p m.

1 " " to RESERVE Section

H Q (old 14 th Coy H Q) 10 p m

These limbers will unload in AUBIGNY and will return to

Transport lines.

Personnel

All personnel, with exception of transport and C Q M S staff will proceed by March route to AUBIGNY under Lt Rooney, and will arrive at 8 p m.

Officer from 15th Company will guide to Billets.

Guard

A Guard of 274 O's and 6 O R's will be mounted at 8.15 p m and will perform duty of Quarter Guard.

This Guard will be fully armed (Rifle and Bayonet).

As all Officers of Company will be billeted at AUBIGNY.

O/C Rear will arrange that Officers kits for Officers at Aubigny will be forwarded with transport.

Rations

No Rations will be forwarded to the line.

All Rations for all except Transport will come to AUBIGNY and be distributed by C Q M S.

Evening meal for men in line will be arranged for eleven p m (Tea and stew).

J. Arthur Barber Capt.

O/C 25th Aust M/Gun Coy

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5th. Australian Machine Gun Battalion Order No.9.

Ref. Map 62 D
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Headquarters.
13th. May 1918.

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1. The 25th. Machine Gun Company will relieve the 15th. Machine Gun Company in the Centre Sector of the Divisional Front on the 15/16th May.
2. The 15th. Machine Gun Company on relief will move to Aubigny and remain in Divisional Reserve. While in Reserve this Company will keep eight Gun Limbers packed and parked at Aubigny ready to move at ab hours notice. Horses will remain at present Transport Lines.
One officer will be specially detailed to report to Headquarters, Reserve Brigade, for Liason duty, should the Company be placed under the orders of the G.O.C. Reserve Brigade. Location of Reserve Brigade Headquarters N 21 a 9 3.
3. O.C. 15th. Machine Gun Company will be responsible that a reconnaissance of the Aubigny Line is carried out prior to the Company moving into Reserve.
4. O.C. 25th. Machine Gun Co. will be responsible ~~with~~ for liason with 8th Infantry Brigade and Battalion Commanders in the Line, as soon as the Sector has been taken over.
5. No movement will take place forward of the Cross Roads O.10.d.80.95. before dusk. Movement forward of that point will be by Gun Teams with 100 yards distance.
6. Maps, Air Photos, and any information specially relating to the sector will be handed over to relief, together with Company Dumps of S.A.A etc
7. Subject to the terms of this order, details of relief will be arranged Between Company Commanders concerned, who will be responsible for the usual precautions against shelling and enemy aircraft.
8. 25th Machine Gun Company will notify Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters, 8th Infantry Brigade, of completion of relief, by cod word "LUCY".
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sgd R. Marsden Major.
C.O. 5th Aust, M.G.Bn.

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Movement Order No. 10 a.

14.5.18.

25th. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Reference Map 62 D:1/40000

SECRET.

Copy No. 9

1. The 25th. Aust.M.G.Co. will relieve the 15th. Aust.M.G.Co. in the Centre Sector of the Divisional Front on the night 15/16.5.18.

2. Sections are allocated to Section Sectors as follows:-
"A" Section Right Sector
"B" Section Centre Sector
"D" Section Left Sector
"C" Section Reserve

3. The following is detail of Guns to be taken over by Sections:-

"A" Section	Gun No.	Location	Coordinates
	Gun No.10	do	P 2 b 10 60
	Gun No.11	do	P 2 b 45 00
	Gun No.12	do	J 31 d 70 25
	Gun No.13	do	J 31 d 73 15
	Section H.Q.	do	J 32 e 30 98
"B" Section	Gun No.5	do	J 33 c 70 30
	Gun No.6	do	J 33 c 45 26
	Gun No.7	do	J 33 d 10 70
	Gun No.8	do	J 33 c 80 60
	Gun No.9	do	J 32 d 90 20
	Section H.Q.	do	J 33 c 80 70
"D" Section	Gun No.1	do	J 34 a 10 20
	Gun No.2	do	J 34 c 30 98
	Gun No.3	do	J 33 b 95 80
	Gun No.4	do	J 33 b 40 54
	Section H.Q.	do	J 33 b 95 80
"C" Section	Gun No.14	do	J 31 c 10 50
(Reserve)	Gun No.15	do	P 1 a 77 38
	Gun No.16	do	P 1 a 80 30
	Section H.Q. at Adv. H.Q.		

4. Guns and Gear. The following Gear will be found at each Gun Position under exchange from 15th. Aust. M.G.Co.

- 1 Tripod complete (Dials and Arc)
- 16 Belts.
- 1 Box Bombs.
- 4000 rounds Bulk S.A.A. (at least)
- 1 Tin Water

Balance of necessary Gear will be taken forward under Section Commanders arrangements.

5. Section Personnel. The following Personnel will be required per Section.

- 1 Officer
- 19 Other Ranks (4 per Team : 1 Runner : 2 Cooks)

6. One Team "C" Section with Gun and Gear will be attached to "B" Section for Duty and Discipline.

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7.

Sections will move from Aubigny at 8.30 p.m. with an interval of 200 yards between Sections and in the following order.

A. B. D. C.

- (a) No movement forward of O 10 d 80 95 (Cross Roads), will take place before Dusk.
- (b) Beyond that point, Gun Teams will move at 100 yards interval.

8, Guides. For Left and Centre Sections, guides will be at the Ration Point Vaire J 32 c 30 98 at 9.30 p.m.
Right Section Guides will be on Hamelet-Vaire Road at J 31 d 5 3 at 9.30 p.m.
Reserve Section guides at Advanced C.H.Q. Hamelet O 6 b 3 5.

9. Transport. The following are the Transport arrangements.
Two Limbers complete will be loaded at Aubigny as follows.
No.1. Front Half Guns, Gear and Rations of Left Section
Rear Half Guns, Gear and Rations of Centre Section
Destination Vaire J 32 c 30 98 at 9.30 p.m.
No.2. Front Half Guns, Gear and Rations of Right Section
Destination J 31 d 5 3 at 9.30 p.m.
Rear Half (to be detached at Hamelet) at O 6 b 7 1
Guns, Gear and Rations of Reserve Section and Adv. C.H.Q. to arrive at 9.20 p.m.

10. Ration Points are, Right, Centre and Left Sections Vaire J 32 c 30 98
C.H.Q. and Reserve O 6 b 5 3.
In future Rations will be timed to arrive at above Points at 9.30 and 9.45 p.m. respectively, situation permitting.

11. Section Commanders will be responsible for provision of two hot meals daily. Separate Section Cookhouses are available in Vaire for Right, Centre and Left Sections and improvised Food Containers will be received at Vaire from the 15th. Aust. M.G.Co.
Reserve Section Cookhouse is at C.H.Q. Hamelet.

12. Section Commanders will hand written report of completion of Relief to outgoing Officer who will bring same to Adv. C.H.Q.

Please Acknowledge.

Distribution.

- Copy No.1 "A" Section
- " No.2 "B" Section
- " No.3 "C" Section
- " No.4 "D" Section
- " No.5 Battalion H.Q.
- " No.6 15th. M.G.Co. (for information)
- " No.7 War Diary
- " No.8 File

L. Arthur Barker Captain.
O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

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No. 8.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 16.5.18. to 6a.m.17.5.18.

Disposition. Unchanged.

Casualties. Nil.

Ammunition Expended. Nil.

Artillery. Own Artillery were active as usual and Enemy Defences were shelled at intervals.
Hostile Artillery was quiet. 5 Rounds 5.9 fell in Vaire at about midnight, 12 rounds 77 in Hamelet.

Aerial Activity. Both sides were active during period and two E.A. were brought down, one in German Lines and one to left of Corbie.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.G's were fairly quiet on Sector.
Slight harrassing of Tracks was carried out during night.
Own Machine Guns were quiet

Enemy Attitude. Defensive.

Movement in and behind Enemy Lines. Nil.

Visibility. Good in daytime, thick ground mist during night.

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W. Arthur Barker Captain.
O.C. 25th. Australian M.G. Co.

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No. 9.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 17.5.18. to 6 a.m. 18.5.18.

Disposition. Unchanged.

Ammunition Expended. : 10000 rounds.

Casualties. Nil.

Operations. The following Targets were subjected to harrassing fire during the night

- Cross Roads P 9 c 50 35
- Street Hamel P 10 a 25 75
- Road Corner P 9 b: 15 65
- Track (Aero Photo) P 9 b 0 2 to P 9 b 2 4
- Trench Track (Aero Photo) P 9 c 70 80

Artillery. Enemy Artillery very quiet on Sector

Machine Guns. Enemy M.G's unusually quiet.

Enemy Attitude. Still very alert.

Aerial Activity. Hostile planes very quiet.
Own machines were over Enemy lines on numerous occasions.

J. Arthur Baker Captain.
O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

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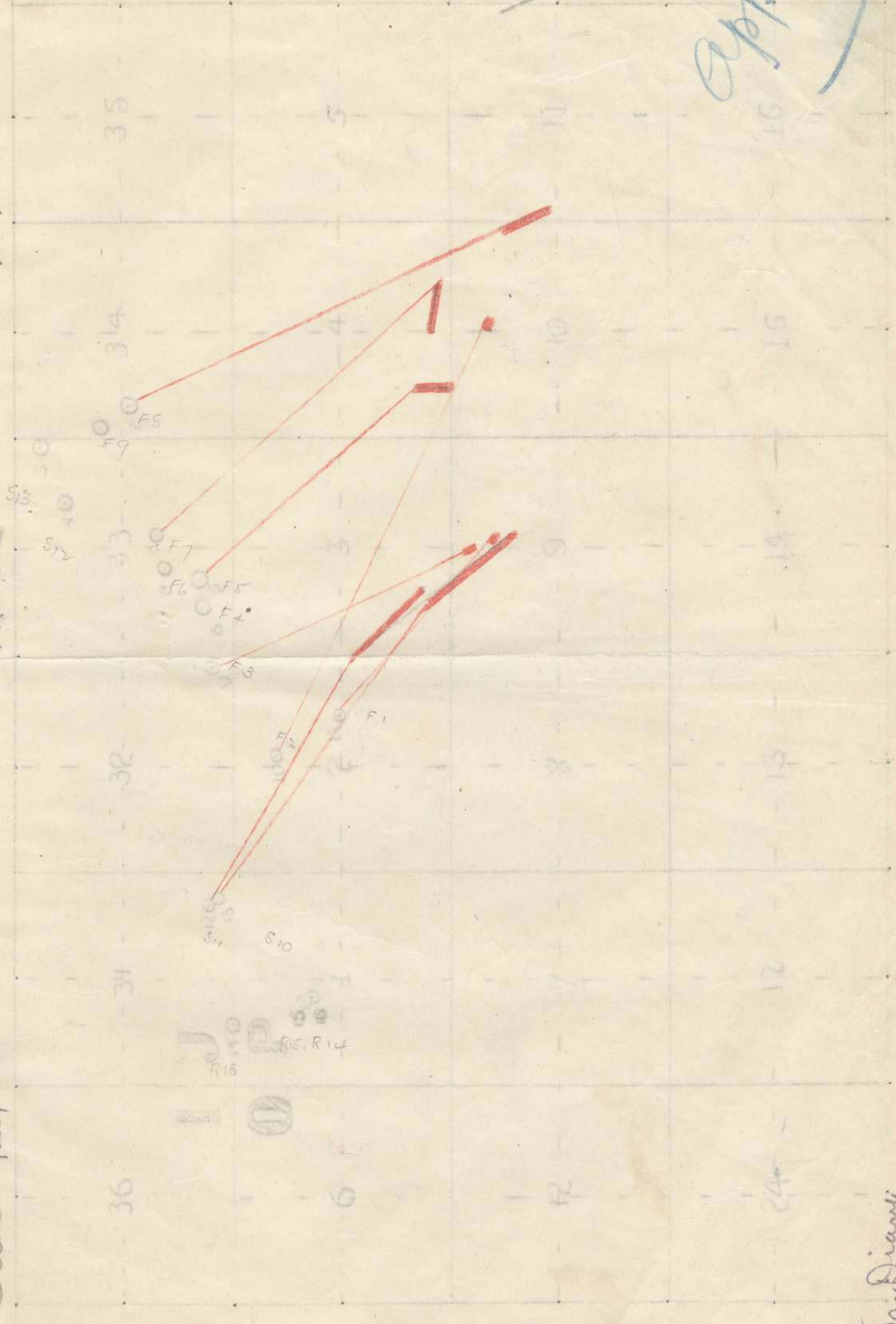
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Rough Sketch Dispositions of "S.O.S" TARGETS

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Intelligence Summary.

Period from B. a. m. 18.5.18. to 6 a. m. 19.5.18.

Disposition. Unchanged.

Casualties. Nil.

Ammunition Expended. 10000 rounds

Operations. Harrassing fire was carried out. The following Target were engaged.

Cross roads	P 4: c 50 35
Street Hamel	P 10. a 25 75
Road Corner	P 9 b 15 65
Track	P 9 b 0 2 to P 9 b 2 4
Trench Track	P 9: c 70 80 to P 9 b 0 2

Enemy Attitude. Still very quiet but very alert.

Artillery. Enemy Artillery were not very active. 12 77's fell on about P 1 a 79 34 at 9 a. m. 6 77's fell in Hamel

Movement and Organisation etc. A hostile sniper was located at P 9 a 1 2.

Visibility. Good.

Miscellaneous. New S.O.S. was put into effect last night.

H. Arthur Barker
 Captain.
 O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

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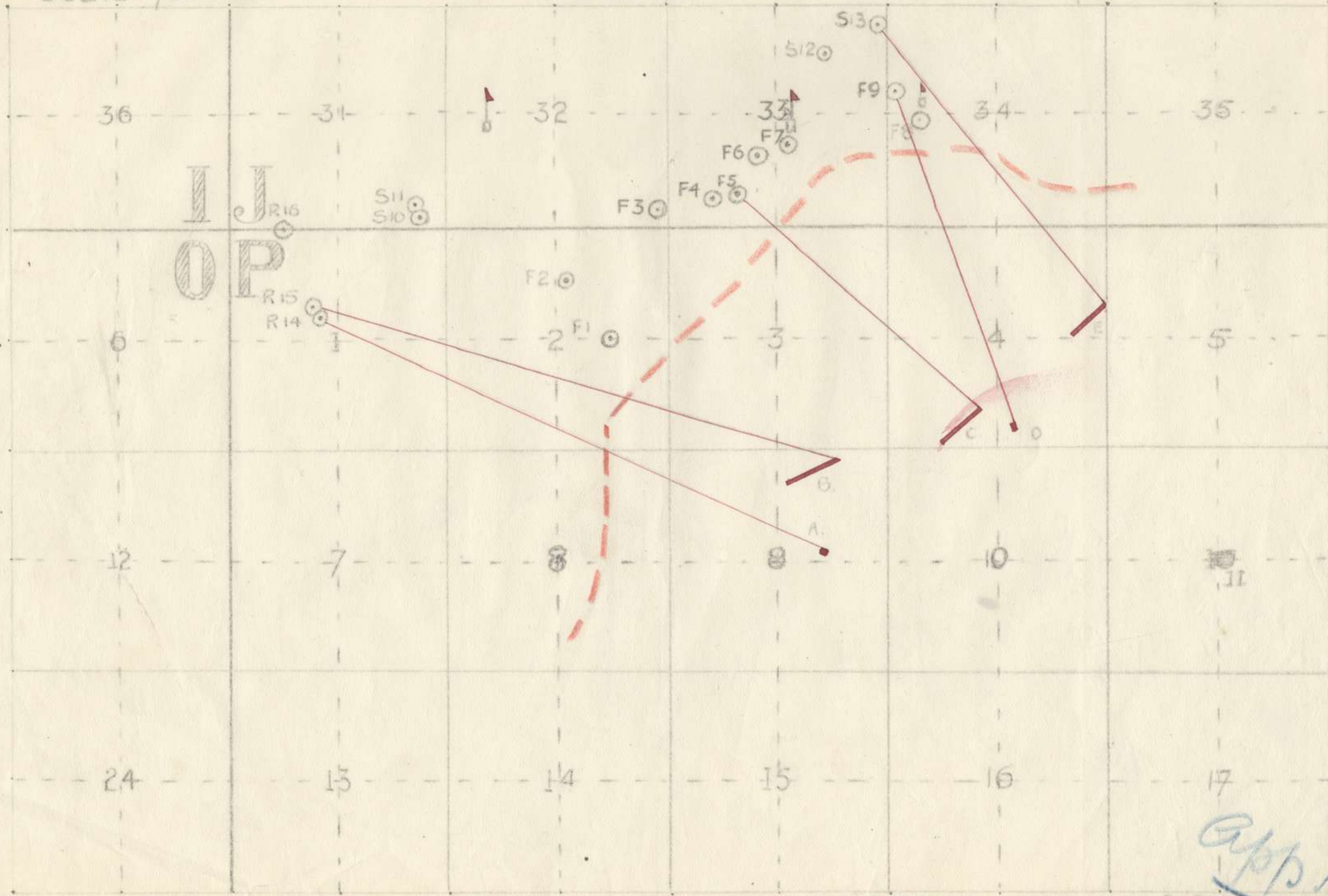
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ROUGH SKETCH S.O.S. 25th M.G. Coy.



GUNS.
S.O.S. A
R14.

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R15.
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S11.
S10.

C.
F5.
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F7.

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F9.

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No. 11.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 19.5.18. to 6 a.m. 20.5.18.

Disposition. Unchanged.

Casualties. Nil.

Ammunition Expended. : 10450 rounds

Operations. Harrassing fire was continued on the Following Targets.

Cross Roads	P 4 c 50 35
Street	P 10 a 25 75
Road	P 9 b 15.65
Track	P 9 b 0 2 to P 9 b 2 4
Trench Track	P 9 c 70 80 to P 9 b 0 2

Sniper's Post at P 9 a 1 2 (14th. Brigade Intelligence Summary No. 43) was engaged by three Guns at the following times 11.30 p.m., 2.37 a.m., 5 a.m., 450 rounds being fired. This was arranged in conjunction with Newton Stokes Mortars

Artillery. Own Artillery were again very active. Hostile Artillery was a little more active than usual and scattered shelling took place without effect.

Aerial Activity. Much activity eventuated during period and many large Bombs were dropped by our Planes in Enemy Territory. Enemy M.G's and A.A. fire was heavy. One friendly Plane was forced to descend in our lines. Two Machines were observed to come down in flames but it is not known whose they were.

Movement Observed. Nil.

Visibility. Very Good.

Miscellaneous. Enemy M.G's continued to sweep our tracks at irregular intervals during night.

H. Arthur Barker Captain.
O.C. 25th. Australian M.G. Co.

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No. 12.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 20.5.18. to 6 a.m. 21.5.18.

Disposition. Unchanged.

Casualties. Nil.

Ammunition Exp. 5000 rounds.

Operations. Harrassing fire was continued on approaches to Hamel and tracks in vicinity.

Artillery. Both Artilleries were active. Enemy showed slight increase although shelling is still scattered.

40 5.9 fell in J 34 d
12 5.9 fell in Lagoon J 33 b
Heavy Shrapnel over J 28 c and d between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.
4 small H.V fell in J 32 c 70 20

Own Artillery was very active during period and Enemy defences were heavily shelled.

Aerial Activity. Our Planes were constantly over Enemy lines and Bombing and Machine Gunning of his defences resulted. Hostile Planes. Low flying planes were persistent at times and two flew over our front system for two hours in the evening. Registration and observing of 5.9 Battery was evidently controlled from the Air.

Machine Guns. Our machine Guns harrassed the usual Targets. Enemy Gun flash was observed from J 34 a 4 0 on Magnetic Bearing of 166 degrees, approximate position P 4 b 40 50 One Machine Gun seemed to be firing from P 9 a 00 50

Movement in and behind E. Line. Two Men were seen by Infantry Post to leave Trench at P 9 a 10 20 at 5 a.m.

Visibility. Good.

B. Arthur Barker Captain.
O.C. 25th. Australian M.G. Co.

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25th. Australian Machine Gun Company.

Operation Order No. 11.

May 20th. 1918.

Reference Map France Sheet

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- 1 With reference to 14th. Australian Brigade Order No. 141. certain Guns of 25th. Aust. M.G.Co. will assist by fire during Projector Gas Attack on Bois-deeVaire and Bois-de-Hamel.
2. Date. Date will be night of 23/24.5.18..
3. Time Zero plus ~~20~~⁵ minutes. Time Zero will be notified later.
4. O's C "A" and "C" Sections will make necessary arrangements as per Table "B" issued under this Office on the 20th. inst.
5. O's C "A" and "C" Sections, 25th. Aust. M.G.Co. will ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 4.30 p.m. to.

- Copy No. 1 5th. Aust. M.G. Battalion.
- " No. 2 14th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.
- " No. 3 53rd. Battalion.
- " No. 4 "A" Section 25th. Aust. M.G.Co.
- " No. 5 "C" Section 25th. Aust. M.G.Co.
- " No. 6 War Diary
- " No. 7 File.

Barth Baker Captain.
 O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

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No. 13.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 21.5.18. to 6 a.m. 22.5.18.

Location. Unchanged.

Dispositions. The following change is notified. Gun No. F 9 has been moved from J 34 a 08 16 to J 34 c 40 32.

Ammunition Exp. 5250 rounds.

Identifications. Nil.

Casualties. Lieut. Eldridge G. was evacuated at 11 p.m. 21.5.18. by M.O. 53rd. Battalion and is suffering from Trench Fever.

Artillery. Own Artillery was again very active and Enemy defences were heavily shelled at intervals. Enemy shelling was about normal. The following points were shelled, J 34 d and c by 5.9 and Medium Minenwerfer, a few rounds being fired at intervals of about 1 Hour. Small H.V. Shells were fired on to P 2 a 8 7 and vicinity. Shrapnel about 10 rounds.

Operations. Approaches and Tracks in the vicinity of Hamel were again harrassed during night and 5000 rounds expended.

Machine Guns. Enemy Machine Guns and A.A. Machine Guns were busy during period. One M.G. was observed doing A.A. firing and was locate by several cross bearings to be at P 11 a 26. This Gun apparently fires A.A. during day and on BOUZEN-COURT Road at night. Another M.G. Post is reported to be at approx. P 8 b 70 60.

Aerial Activity. Enemy Planes were not very active, two hostile machines patrolled over our line at 7 p.m. for half an hour. One hostile Aeroplane was forced to descend in the German lines by one of our Scouts. Our own machines were again very active.

Movement and Organ- 3 Men noticed at P 8 b 20 60. Enemy stretcher isation behind E. bearers were seen to be busy at Bois-de-Accroche at 5 a.m. Line. 21.5.18.

Miscellaneous. Enemy attitude still defensive. He is much more alert and is generally more active than he was a week ago. Work Report is attached.

Harold Park Captain.
of 28th M.G. Coy

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No. 14

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 22.5.18. to 6 a.m. 23.5.18.

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Locations. Unchanged.

Dispositions. Gun No. F 9 . The location of this Gun has been checked again and the final result is J 34: c 30 58.

Casualties. Nil.

Ammunition Expd. 5000 rounds.

Operations. Tracks in the vicinity of Hamel were again swept with M.G. fire during the night, 5000 rounds being expended.

Artillery. Enemy shelling was very consistent in front Area, during night about 60 4.2" instantaneous fused shells and several Gas shells were fired into about J 28 c. About 20 4.2" H.E. arrived in Hamlet and vicinity between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Own Artillery seemed very active on Hamel, Bois-de-Vaire and rear of Bois-de-Accroche.

Machine Guns Enemy M.G.'s were fairly quiet during period. Heavy M.G. fire was turned on Art. Obs. friendly planes when over enemy lines.

Artillery (Contd). The following hostile shelling also took place. A small calibre Gun fired at intervals on BOUZENCOURT Road and TOUT SUITE Corner VAIRE. About 30 4.2" were fired on Vaire between 4 a.m. and 4.35 a.m. this morning 23.5.18.

Aerial Activity. Artillery observation and reconnaissance by our planes also Bombing at night. Fairly heavy A.A. fire was directed against them. Enemy were rather quieter in the Air Six fighting Planes patrolled our lines between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at a high altitude. At 6 a.m. 22.5.18. an Enemy plane was forced down in his own lines by one of our fighting Scouts. A British plane dropped 3 Bombs 200 yards behind our own lines near BOUZENCOURT 12.30 a.m. 22/23rd.

Movement Observed. Nil.

Miscellaneous. Owing to more offensive attitude of Enemy it is considered probable that he has effected a relief during the last 48 hours. His Artillery action also suggests a change in personnel.

Visibility. Good.

Arthur Barker Captain.
O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

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No. 15.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 23.5.18. to 6 a.m. 24.5.18.

Location. Unchanged.

Casualties. Nil.

Operations. Harrassing fire was continued on vicinity of Hamel and approaches and also Tracks and Area between Hamel and Bois-de-Vaire. Acting on information received from Battalion Intelligence Officer: 1000 rounds were fired into P:10 d Road.

Artillery. Own very active. Hostile very quiet during whole period.

Aerial Activity. Enemy fairly quiet. Nothing of further interest to report.

Movement observed. Nil.

Visibility. Good

Miscellaneous. Portion of Bomb dropped in our Lines by Plane on morning 23rd. inst. is forwarded herewith. We were unable to find any pieces of the Body of the Bomb.

Arthur Parker Captain.
O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

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No. 16.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 24.4.18 to 6 a.m. 25.5.18.

Location. Unchanged.

Casualties. Nil.

Ammunition Expd. 5500 Rounds.

Work Done. Nil.

Operations. In conjunction with Gas Projector Attack 1000 rounds were fired on Tracks and Roads in Bois-de-Vaire and Bois-de-Hamel at P. 14 b and d. Harrassing fire was continued on Tracks in vicinity of Hamel and Bois-de-Vaire

Artillery. Own Artillery fairly active. Enemy Artillery quiet. 8 H.E. 4.2" were fired into Hamlet at 10.30.p.m. and four similar ones at 4.30.p.m.

Machine Guns. Enemy Machine Guns lightly swept forward Tracks during the night.

Movement observed. Nil.

Visibility. Bad.

Arthur Barker Captain.
O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

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No. 17.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 25.5.18. to 6 a.m. 26.5.18.

Locationl Unchanged.

Disposition. Unchanged.

Casualties. Nil.

Ammunition Expd. 5000 rounds.

Operations. Harrassing fire on Roads and Tracks in vicinity of Hamek was continued, 5000 rounds being expended.

Artillery. Own Artillery normal.
Hostile Artillery. Several small shells were fired into J 34 c and d during day about 2 p.m. 40 77's were fired into J 33 c and d, at from 9 p.m. to 10.30.p.m. the same target received 50 rounds 4.2"

Machine Guns. Enemy Machine Guns. Harrassing our Tracks from Front as far back as Vaire Cemetery was again actively done. Slight increase in this fire is reported

Aerial Activity. Our Planes patrolled at intervals as usual and Enemy Machines were seen over our lines at between 3 p.m. till 4.30.p.m. Machine Gun fire from Planes was directed into our Trenches.

Visibility. Good.

Miscellaneous. Nil.

Work Done. Nil.

H. Arthur Barker Captain
O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

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App No 23

No. 18.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m 26.5.18. to 6 a.m. 27.5.18.

Casualties. Nil.

Ammunition Expd. 5000 rounds.

Dispositions. Unchanged.

Work Done. Nil.

Operations. Harrassing fire was maintained on Areas in vicinity west of Hamel and in addition two special harrassing shoots were carried out on Snipers Post at P 9 a: 1 2 during night.

Artillery. Own Artillery normal.
Hostile. Increased activity was shown by Enemy shell- ing Vaire with 4.2"s and 5.9"s and some heavier between 9 p.m. and 11.45 p.m. Canal between Vaire and Hamel also received attantion. Between 1.a.m. and 2 a.m. 6 H.E. 5.9"s fell in Hamel.

Aerial Activity. Own Activity normal.
Hostile planes dropped 8 Bombs in the vicinity of Vaire

Machine Guns. Enemy harrassing fire has somewhat increased of: late and sweeping of Tracks in all forward Areas is now of nightly occurrence.

Visibility. Good.

Miscellaneous. Nil.

Kathur Barber Captain.
O.C. 25th. Australian Machine Gun Co.

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No. 19. Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 27.5.18. to 6 a.m. 28.5.18.

Casualties. Nil.

Disposition. Unchanged.

Location. Unchanged.

Ammunition Expd. 7600 rounds.

Operations. Harrassing fire on Roads and Tracks in vicinity of Hamel 5000 rounds being expended. 2600 rounds were expended on Copse at P 14 central. This operation was in conjunction with 14th. Infantry Brigade shoot and in co-operation with Medium Trench Mortar Batteries and Artillery.

Artillery. Our Artillery was rather quieter than usual although a fair amount of fire was placed on Enemy points of importance. Hostile Artillery about normal. 4 5.9"s were fired on Road at J 32 c.

Machine Guns. Enemy Machine Guns were active on all forward tracks and these were harrassed during night. Bullets were falling on street in Vaire from Tout Suite Corner to Cross Roads at Vaire Church. This gun appears to fire from direction of Road running through P 5 b and d.

Work Done. Nil.

Aerial Activity. British planes were again active and crossed Enemy lines on several occasions. Hostile planes patrolled Enemy lines during morning and night and crossed our lines to back Areas during night.

Movement Observed. Nil.

Miscellaneous. Nosecap forwarded herewith is from a shell fired into Vaire by the Enemy. It bears British marks. An 18 pdr. Battery dropped 4 shells short and into J 34 c 2 3.

Arthur Barker Captain
 O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

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No. 20.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 28.5.18. to 6 a.m. 29.5.18.

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Disposition. Unchanged.

Location. Unchanged.

Casualties. Nil.

Rounds Expended. 5070

Work Done. Nil.

Operations. Harrassing fire on selected targets in vicinity of Hamel was again carried out.

Artillery. Own Artillery action seemed normal, much shelling by our Heavies was apparently done on Enemy rear positions. During night Bois-de-Vaire was engaged at intervals. Hostile Artillery was very active during whole period and a great amount of heavy shell was fired into our Rear. Hamlet received 12 rounds 5.9"H.E. during afternoon. Vaire was also shelled by 5.9" Battery during afternoon and night

Aerial Activity. Both sides maintained an increased activity and our planes were over enemy lines on many occasions both day and night. Hostile formations were also over our lines especially between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. evidently on reconnaisance as little fight was shown. During night hostile planes dropped 30 Bombs in neighbourhood of Canal from Bouzencourt to Vaire.

Machine Guns. Hostile guns were not quite so active although our front Areas received a fair amount of fire during night. Long range harrassing fire seems to be now in operation on the part of the enemy as definite bursts of fire have been reported on our Reserve line near Hamlet and vicinity

Visibility. Good.

Movement observed. Nil.

J. Arthur Barker
 Captain.
 O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

27th No. 21.

Intelligence Summary.

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Period from 6 a.m. 29.5.18. to 6 a.m. 30.5.18.

Location. Unchanged.

Disposition. Unchanged.

Casualties. One other Rank wounded.

Ammunition Expd. 5000 rounds.

Work Done. Nil.

Operations. During night harrassing fire was applied to Roads and Trench tracks in vicinity of Hamel, rounds thus fired 5000.

Artillery. Own Artillery very active as usual and enemy defences near Bois-de-Vaire and Hamel were heavily shelled. Hostile Artillery shelled Corbie, Hamlet, Vaire and Canal bank, 5.9"s and 4.2"s being used.

Machine Guns. Hostile guns were active but fire was very high and almost ineffective.

Aerial Activity. Normal. Our own planes continue to drop Bombs behind our own lines in vicinity of Wood near Bouzencourt.

Movement Observed. Nil.

Miscellaneous. Nil.

Visibility. Good.

H. Arthur Banker Captain.
O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.



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No. 22.

Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 30.5.18. to 6 a.m. 31.5.18.

Location. Unchanged.

Disposition. Unchanged.

Casualties. Nil.

Ammunition Expd. 6600 rounds.

Work Done. Nil.

Operations. Harrassing fire on Tracks in vicinity of Hamel was again carried out, 3500 rounds were expended. In co-operation with Gas Projectors and Heavy Trench Mortars 2500 rounds were fired into central Copse (P.14 central)

Artillery. Our own Artillery were active and usual targets in front Area were engaged. Hostile Artillery shelled Hamlet and Vaire with 5.9"s lightly. Vaire also received 5.2"s and 77s. The Road between Vaire and Hamlet was searched with 77s H.E. at about midnight, this has not been done before.

Aerial Activity. Own planes were again active. Enemy planes were not as active as normally. Much night flying was done by both sides.

Visibility. Good.

Movement Observed. Nil.

Miscellaneous. Enemy during past few days has fired many shrapnel shells which seem to be British 18 pdrs. Two metal parts of one of these are forwarded.

J. Arthur Darter Captain.
O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

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Intelligence Summary.

Period from 6 a.m. 31.5.18. to 6 a.m. 1.6.18.

Location. Unchanged.

Dispositions. Unchanged.

Casualties. Nil.

Ammunition Expd. 5000 rounds.

Work Done. Nil.

Operations. Harrassing fire on Tracks and Roads near Hamel was repeat-
during night. A hostile party in rear of Hamel
was engaged at 5 a.m this morning and stretcher bearers xxx
were seen to come out.

Artillery. Our Artillery was again active.
Enemy Artillery was fairly quiet during day but fired
during night. Road Hamel-Gricifix received XX
77's.

Aerial Activity. Hostile planes were busy during night and one dozen Bombs
were dropped in Wood between Vaire and Bouzencourt.
3 Bombs were dropped on Road Vaire-Hamelet near Hamelet
at 11.30 p.m.
Our Planes were busy during night.

Movement. With exception of small party engaged (as before Mentioned)
no movement was observed.

Visibility. Very Good.

Miscellaneous. Artillery Target was communicated by Phone, Western Half of
P.16 a (roadway) has working Gangs at Dawn.

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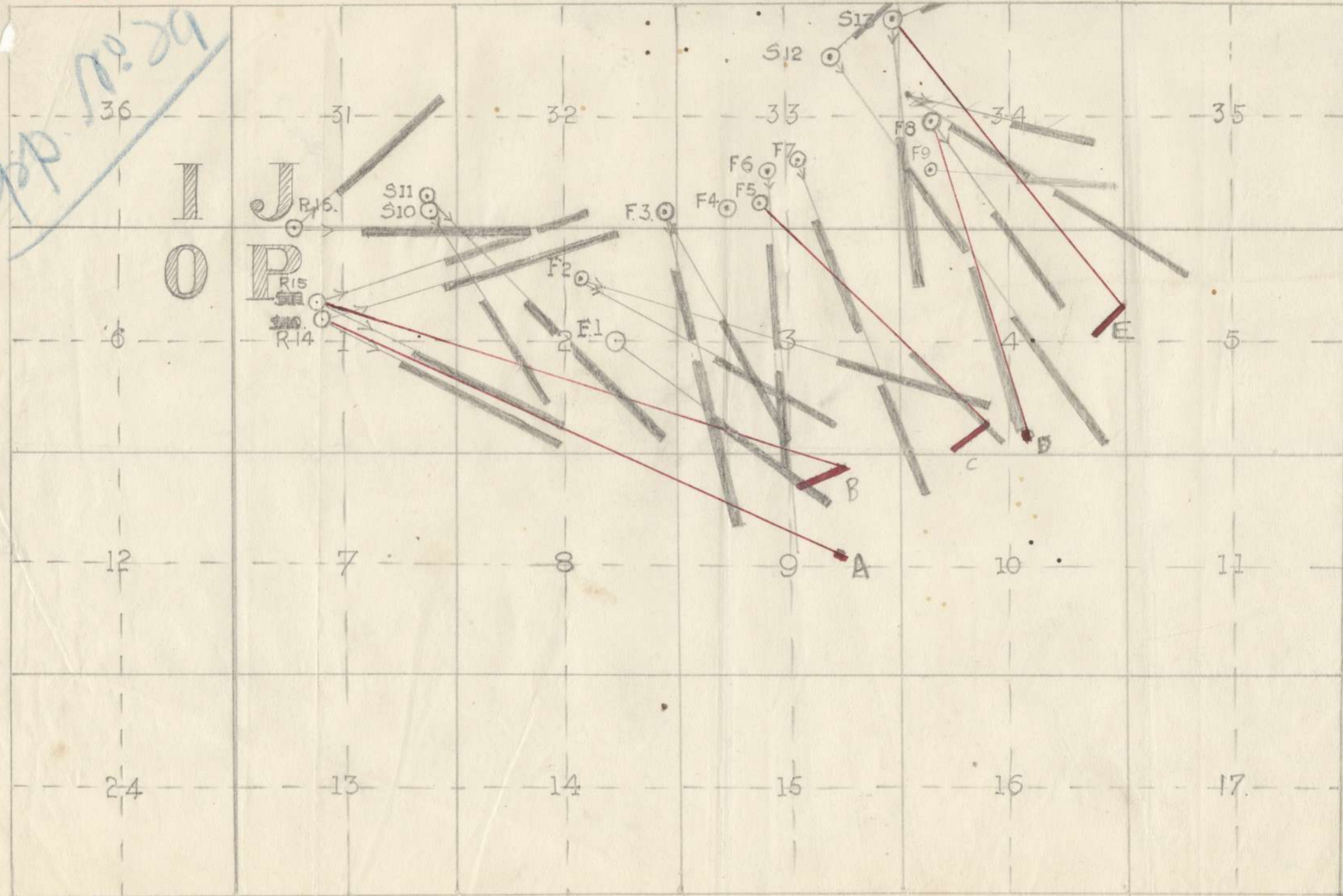
Arthur Barker (Captain)
O.C. 25th. Australian M.G.Co.

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ROUGH
 SKETCH.
 M.G. DISPNS.
 25TH A.M.G. Coy.
 21.5.18.

LOCATION.
 C.H.Q.
 HAMELET.
 O.G.b. 7.5.

LEGEND.
 S.O.S.
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25TH Aust. M.G. Coy. 20.5.18.

APPENDIX. 29.4.18