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OF

49th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION. A.I.F.

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From 1/9/18 To 17/9/18
From 18/9/18 To 30/9/18
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The 49th Bn.*

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Place	Date	Hour	Reference Sheet AMIENS. Sheet 17. 1/100000. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RIVERY. (Suburb of AMIENS)	1 Sep 1918	x	Weather cloudy but cool.	
		9.45 a.m.	C. of E. Parade under Padre BLACKWOOD.MC in Hospice Ground.	
		10 a.m.	R.C. Parade in Hospice Chappel	
		11 a.m.	O.P.D. Service in the Y.M.C.A. Tent (Public School Ground. Meeting of the Sports Committee held at B.O.R.	
			<u>GENERAL</u> 1. Notes on Training for the forthcoming week. Classes of instruction for N.C.O's to be held in Musketry, physical Training, Bayonet Fighting and Gas also classes for Coy. Signallers and runners. 2. Cricket and football matches, inter-Company, played in the afternoon. 3. Y.M.C.A. established in the grounds of the Public School RIVERY.	
	2/9/18		Weather, dull cloudy and threatening.	
		9 a.m.	Battalion Parade	
		9.30 am to Noon	Coy, instruction in Musketry and Platoon drill.	
		3.30 pm to 5 pm.	Sports - Cricket and football matches in the playing of which keen interest was displayed.	
	3/9/18	-	Weather fine and bracing.	
	9 am, 9.30 am. to 12 Noon	Battalion Parade. Coy Training xxxx carried on including Advanced Guard work.		
	2 pm.	Battalion Athletic Sports. Very successful meeting.		

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RIVER S.	4/9/18	8.am. to 12noon 1.pm. to 5.pm.	<p>Weather fine and warm.</p> <p>"A" and "B" Coys, Musketry Practice on CITADEL Range.</p> <p>"C" and "D" Coys " " " " "</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> Sports (Cricket and football as usual in the afternoon.</p> <p>2. Concert in the evening arranged by Padre BLACKWOOD, greatly enjoyed by the men.</p> <p>3. Notice received that the G.O.C. Division intended holding general inspection on 6/9/18</p> <p>4. Bathing facilities taken advantage of by the men both at the hot water baths HOSPICE Grounds and swimming baths. Clean changes of clothing being available at the former.</p>	
	5/9/18	9.am. to 12noon 5.pm. 9.10pm 10.pm. 11.30pm.	<p>Weather Slight rain in the morning, clear and fine in the afternoon.</p> <p>Troops occupied in a general clean up of equipment.</p> <p>Verbal message received for the Battalion to be prepared to move forward on the afternoon of 6/9/18.</p> <p>Brigade message B.204 received.</p> <p>Message R.207 issued cancelling parade for the following day, and making arrangements for the projected move.</p> <p>Verbal message received from Brigade that the Battalion would move to the forward Area by Motor Busses at 9.30.am. 6/9/18. Company Commanders and Q.M. were informed and the necessary preparations made</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u>, I.C. of training visited the Battalion.</p>	<p>Appendix 1</p>

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Rivery.	6/9/18		Weather fine and very warm.		
		12.25am	Brigade message B.207 received		
		12.35am	Brigade message B.206 received.		
		6.15.am	Brigade Order No.146 received-instructions as to embussing for the move		
		8.am	Nucleus paraded at Bn. Headquarters in charge of Major Fortescue.DSO.MC. and given instructions to proceed to CORBIE on the following day.		
		8.45.am	Billeting parties in charge of Lieut A.G. ROWELL left for Brigade.		
		9.25.am	Battalion moved to the starting point M.3.c.8.9.		
		11.10.am	Battalion Transport moved off		
		11.30am	Troops embussed and moved off to the forward area via DAOURS,FOUILLOY,VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, WARFUSSEE,ABANCOURT.		
		3.30pm	Troops debussed at HERBECOURT-BIACHES Rd.,north of FLAUCOURT and rested for 30 minutes.		
Biaches. (near PERONNE)		4.15pm	Battalion moved off and after a march of about 4 kilos arrived at the Billeting position of the SOMME Canal (BIACHES AREA at 5.30.pm.). BILLETING POSITIONS All Companies Billeted on the banks of the Canal at H.30.b. and I.25.a. Battalion HQrs at I.25.a. + 9.		
		7.pm.	Bde notified the Battalion was in position at 6.pm.		
		8.30pm	C.O. saw Coy.Commanders. Instructions issued re lights and training operations GENERAL. Men in detention accompanied the Bn. to the forward area. 2. Prior to embussing ,men issued with 48 hours rations. 3. L.Guns ,20 Magazines per gum and telephone gear carried on the busses. 4. 2. G.S. Waggon for Baggage and a lorry for Cooks Gear allotted to Bn. 5. After being billeted many men bathed in the SOMME Canal		

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BIACHES AREA.	6/9/18		<p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>6. About 8.p.m. men served with a hot meal.</p> <p>7. Orders issued not to drink unboiled water in the vicinity.</p>							
	7/9/18		<p>Weather fine, warm and pleasant.</p> <p>9-am. Parade of all Companies and training operations carried on.</p> <p>3.p.m. Bde.message B.214 received warning that group would move to the vicinity of CARTIGNY the following morning-Coys warned accordingly at 4.p.m.</p> <p>4.30pm.Transport arrived -Location I.19.c.2.2.</p> <p>5.15pm.Coys notified that packs and surplus gear would be dumped before leaving.</p> <p>6.p.m. Conference of Commanding Officers at Bde.Headquarters.</p> <p>10.p.m. Bn. Order No.20 issued giving instructions for the projected move</p> <p>11.p.m. Bde.Order B.147 received instructions re forward move to CARTIGNY AREA</p>			Appendix 2				
"	8/9/18		<p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>1. All Transports to be Brigaded and to move under of T.O. of the 51st Battalion.</p> <p>Weather, cool, raining later.</p> <p>7.am. All packs and with surplus clothing dumped at Bde Headquarters.</p> <p>9.30am.Billeting parties met Bde I.9. at cross roads (P.8.a.central) as arranged.</p> <p>9.40am.Coys formed up.</p> <p>10.am. Bn moved along the canal bank via S.E. outskirts of PERONNE -FLAMICOURT Station, arriving CARTIGNY at 1.p.m.</p> <p>2.p.m. Bn reported to Bde that position taken up outsidez village CARTIGNY.</p> <p><u>DISPOSITIONS</u> Bn. Headquarters</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">P.9.c.3.1.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">"A" Company P.9.c.4.3.</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">"B" Company P.15.a.5.9.</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">"C" and "D" Coys. P.15.a.4.9.</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">Transport line. P.9.c.1.9.</td> </tr> </table>			"A" Company P.9.c.4.3.	"B" Company P.15.a.5.9.	"C" and "D" Coys. P.15.a.4.9.	Transport line. P.9.c.1.9.	
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BIAS. <i>Cartigny Area.</i>	8/9/18	4-15pm.	C.O. saw all Coy Commanders. <u>GENERAL</u> 1.	During the march to the CARTIGNY Area some very heavy showers fell. 2. Voluntary Church Service held before leaving BIACHES.	
	9/9/18	8-15am.	Weather , cool, light showers. Verbal warning received that Bn would move at 11.am. Coys warned accordingly. Time subsequently altered to 1.30, p.m.		
		9.10am.	Brigade message B.220 received notifying that Bde Group would relieve the 14th Bde Group in Support Area centre Division.		
		11.am.	F.G.C.M. held at Bde Headquarters.		
		11.17am.	Bde message B. 223 received , notifying that Bn would move at 1.30.pm. Coy Commanders warned to be formed up at 1.25.pm.		
		1.30pm.	Bn moved to new position. <u>DISPOSITIONS</u> - <u>BATTALION HEADQUARTERS</u> P.16. central.		
			<u>"A" Company</u> H.Qrs P.16.b.9.2.	<u>"C" Company</u> H.Qrs P.10.d.5.1.	
			<u>"B" Company</u> H.Qrs P.16.b.6.8.	<u>TRANSPORT LINES.</u> P.9.c.1.9.	
			<u>"D" Company</u> H.Qrs P.11.c.2.2.		
		1.35pm.	Bde Order No.148 received re move to BOUVINCOURT Area relieving 14th Aust Inf.Bde.		
		2.30pm.	Bde notified that Bn was in position having moved from former position at 1.30.pm.		
		6.pm.	G.O.C. saw C.O's at Bde Headquarters.		
		11.30pm.	Bde message No.B.149 received stating that the 4th Aust.Division was relieving the 5th Aust.Division in the line, between 9th and 11th September. The 13th Bde to relieve the 8th Bde on the 10th September, and during the night 10th-11th September, 49th Bn. moving to take over Support Headquarters (Q.9.c.8.3.) relieving the 32nd Bn and part of the 30th Bn.		
			<u>GENERAL.</u> 1. During the night of 9th 10th September rain fell very heavily causing the roads to be in a very muddy condition. 2. Boot-makers working on repairs. Supply of new boots available.		

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BIAS.	9-9-18.		<p><u>GENERAL</u></p> <p>3. After arrival at the new area day spent in preparing position and inspecting respirators.</p> <p>4. 13th F.Ambt withdrawn from group and placed under orders A.D.M.S.</p>			
Hancourt.	10/9/18.		<p>Weather, raining, heavily at times, throughout the day.</p> <p>9.30am. Divisional dump Guard (3 N.C.O & 4 men) left for P.27.d.4.4.</p> <p>10.am. C.O. & Coy Commanders with I.O. and Signal Officer left to reconnoitre Q.9. area returning 1.pm.</p> <p>10.10.am, Coys warned to be in readiness to move at 2.pm.</p> <p>11.am. Billeting N.C.O's left for new area.</p> <p>2.pm. Bn, passed starting point cross roads P.12.b.4.4., moving to Q.9. Area, taking over from the 32nd Bn.</p> <p>Message R.136 issued.</p> <p>Relief of 32nd and part 30th Bns complete.</p> <p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q.9.c.8.3.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>"A" COMPANY</u></p> <p>From old trench Q.16.b.4.9.-Q.10.b.9.6.</p> <p><u>"C" COMPANY</u></p> <p>Q.10.c. and Q.16.a.& b.</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>"B" COMPANY.</u></p> <p>(1 PLATOON) Q.16.b.3.4.</p> <p>(3. ") Q.16.d.9.6.-Q.23.a.5.3.</p> <p><u>"D" COMPANY</u></p> <p>Q.27.a.9.3. - Q.22.c.6.3.</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TRANSPORT</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.9.c.1.9.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>1. Men spent remainder of day preparing bivouacs, settling down comfortably.</p> <p>2. Occasional shelling over front and a little bombing during night.</p> <p>3. Working party of 1. Officer 36 Other Ranks supplied to Bde.</p> <p>4. Trench stores taken over as follows:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">3,000 S.A.A.- 13.S.O.S.- 110.36's (Grenades) 17(23's Grenades) -36 Very Lights.</p> <p>5. Cookers and L.Gun Limbers accompanied Bn.</p>	<p><u>"A" COMPANY</u></p> <p>From old trench Q.16.b.4.9.-Q.10.b.9.6.</p> <p><u>"C" COMPANY</u></p> <p>Q.10.c. and Q.16.a.& b.</p>	<p><u>"B" COMPANY.</u></p> <p>(1 PLATOON) Q.16.b.3.4.</p> <p>(3. ") Q.16.d.9.6.-Q.23.a.5.3.</p> <p><u>"D" COMPANY</u></p> <p>Q.27.a.9.3. - Q.22.c.6.3.</p>	Appendix 3.
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SOYECOURT Area.	11/9/18	2.p.m. 9.p.m. 11.p.m.	Weather, raining, Showery at intervals.	C.O. and O's/C "B" & "C" Coys went forward to reconnoitre 50th Bn position at SOYECOURT. "B" & "C" Coys moved up and occupied positions vacated by 2. Coys of the 50th Bn, these having moved forward. "Relief complete", notified to Bde. <u>DISPOSITIONS</u> "B" Coy - Q.18.c.1.0. to Q.18.a.5.2. Coy H.Qrs Q.18.c.1.8. "C" Coy - Q.24.c.4.6. to Q.18.c.1.0. Coy H.Qrs Q.24.a.1.6.	
"	12/9/18	10.am. 2.p.m. 6.p.m.	Weather, overcast, showery.	1. Working party of one Officer and 28 O/Rs supplied to Bde. 2. Ammunition received from Bde as follows:- 47,000. S.A.A. - 250 Grenades No.23. - 500 Grenades No.36. - 100 Grenades No.27. 12. S.O.S Signals. - 258 flares. 150 Very lights. <u>NOTE</u> - These were issued and carried forward on the man.	
			Bde message B.237 received.	"A" & "D" Coys moved forward and occupied line vacated by 50th and part of 51st Bns. <u>DISPOSITIONS:-</u> <u>BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.</u> Q.24.a.3.3. "A" Coy R.7.c.1.0. - R.19.a.2.1. Coy H.Qrs Q.18.b.3.5. "B" Coy Q.12.d.7.6. - R.1.c.3.2. " " R.7.a.1.6. "C" Coy Q.24.c.4.6. - Q.18.c.1.0. " " Q.18.c.1.0. "D" Coy Q.30.c.5.5. - R.19.a.2.1. " " Q.24.d.2.5.	
			Bde notified that Bn was in position.		

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E SOYCOURT Area.	12/9/18	7. pm. 7.30pm. 12 M/N	62C. 1/20,000.	"B" Coy shelled. (H.E. and Gas)- several casualties. New code calls came into operation. <u>GENERAL:-</u> 1. Men issued with pay. 2. Cookers in position with Coys. 3. Y.M.C.A. established near Bn. Headquarters. 4. S.A.A., Bombs, and Very lights issued. 5. "B" Coy instructed to evacuate through 49th Bn R.A.P. ¹⁵ of 45th and 51st Bns.	
HANCOURT Area.	13/9/18	8. am. to 3pm. 8. pm. 8.30pm. 8.35pm. 9.10pm.		Weather, showery and cool. C.O. and Coy Commanders reconnoitred the positions of 50th and 51st Bns with a view to possible reinforcing. S.O.S. put up in front. Heavy artillery action by the enemy. Word received that enemy attack appeared to be preparing Verbal instructions sent to "B" Coy to be prepared to assist the front line Coys which it was supporting. Confirmed by message R.151. - Coy ordered to "Stand To" O/C "B" Coy reported that No.5 Platoon sent to reinforce 50th Bn as result of counter attack by the enemy. This platoon remained in position occupied until Bn took over from 50th Bn. <u>GENERAL-</u> 100 pairs of socks per Coy and some comforts issued.	Appendix 4.
"	14/9/18.	8. am. 7.30pm. 8. pm.		Weather, fine with a cool breeze. C.O., Bn Officers & forward parties moved forward to reconnoitre with a view to relief of 50th and part of right flank of 2nd A.I. Bde. Returned by 4. pm. Report received from O/C "B" Coy re enemy fire etc - Message A.8 received issued re relieving 50th Bn. - Bde order No.150 received, instructing 49th Bn to relieve 50th Bn and also to extend to the left relieving troops of 2nd Bn. Battalion. Moved at dusk and relieved 50th Bn and section of 1st Division. Message A.9 issued to "A" Coy re moving further forward than previously instructed.	" 5(Orig) " 6 " 7
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<p>HANCOURT Area. Jeancourt Area.</p>	<p>14/9/18.</p>	<p>11.55pm.</p>	<p>Bde informed that relief of the 50th Bn complete.</p> <p><u>DISPOSITIONS :-</u></p> <p><u>BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.</u> R.2.c.3.2.</p> <p><u>"A" COMPANY.</u> L.32.c.15.45. - L.32.c.10.05. (2 platoons) R.2.a.15.75. - R.2.a.2.4. (" ") R.1.a.90.45. Coy H.Qrs)</p> <p><u>"B" COMPANY</u></p> <p>(1 Platoon) R.2.b.9.9. - L.32.b.20.40. (2 ") L.32.b.50.50. = L.32.c.85.10. (1 ") L.32.d.00.80. - L.32.c.90.20. Coy H.Qrs. - L.32.c.95.90.</p> <p><u>"C" COMPANY</u></p> <p>(1 Platoon) R.3.a.0.5. - R.3.c.6.3. (" ") R.3.c.3.5. - R.3.c.1.6. (" ") R.3.a.5.8. - R.3.a.4.3. (" ") R.3.a.4.3. - R.3.d.4.0. Coy H.Qrs - R.2.c.85.85.</p> <p><u>"D" COMPANY.</u></p> <p>(1 Platoon) R.8.b.05.75. - R.8.b.5.5. (" ") R.2.c.9.2. - R.8.b.05.75. (2 ") R.2.b.8.7. - R.2.c.9.2. Coy H.Qrs. - R. 2.c.35.15.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. During the night heavy shelling on left of the line. Casualties light. 2. Ammunition dump at R.8.a.7.2. 3. Cookers remained at present position. Meals to be taken forward in food containers, each Coy to carry forward their own dry rations 	

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JEANCOURT Area.	15/9/18	8.30am.	Weather, fine, cool. C.O. met O/C "C" Coy and I.O. at Coy Headquarters with platoon Commanders to observe ways of advance to new line to be established.	Append. 8. " 9. " 10. " 11.													
		12.30pm.	Message R.163 issued.- G.O.C. Bde visited Bn Headquarters, information received that 51st Bn had advanced their right flank forward during the morning to conform with British advance on right of 51st Bn.														
		1pm.	C.O. visited Headquarters 51st Bn, result of conference with C.O. 51st Bn, it was decided to advance the right flank of the 49th Bn. (No 9. Platoon)														
		2.30pm.	Message A.12 issued to "C" Coy ordering right platoon to advance .-														
		2.40pm.	Message A.11 re rations issued. -														
		3.30pm.	Forward movement by No.9 Platoon completed and result in capture of 22 prisoners (IR) and 2 M.Guns.														
		8pm.	"B" & "C" Coys advanced and established new line. Enemy suffered heavy losses in Killed and wounded. 9 M.Guns captured and 8 prisoners taken. Previous to this advance enemy put down a heavy barrage (H.E. mixed with Gas). The attack was carried out with troops wearing box-respirators. <u>DISPOSITION OF LINE WHEN ESTABLISHED:-</u> <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>"C" Company-</td> <td>R.3.d.central</td> <td>to</td> <td>L.33.c.8.7.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"B" Company-</td> <td>L.33.c.8.7.</td> <td>to</td> <td>L.27.c.40.50.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"A" Company-</td> <td colspan="3">Support to "B" Company.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"D" Company-</td> <td colspan="3">Support to "C" Company.</td> </tr> </table>		"C" Company-	R.3.d.central	to	L.33.c.8.7.	"B" Company-	L.33.c.8.7.	to	L.27.c.40.50.	"A" Company-	Support to "B" Company.			"D" Company-
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"B" Company-	L.33.c.8.7.	to	L.27.c.40.50.														
"A" Company-	Support to "B" Company.																
"D" Company-	Support to "C" Company.																
<u>GENERAL.</u>			VERQUIER														
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At 12.5.am. O/C "B" Coy reported village of Le VERQUIER was on fire. Patrols to be pushed out and touch obtained with the enemy. 2. 750 Bombs sent by Bde. to Bn.dump. 3. During the day Bn Commanders of 13th 15th & 16th Bns and representatives of the 48th Bn arrived to make arrangements for the relief. 4. Support Coys supplied carrying parties for meals from cookers. Rations taken to 2 dumps, 1 near "D" Coy and 1 near "A" Coy. 																	

*W.L. Itzell
T/G. 49th Bn.
14. Col.*

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Place	Date	Hour	Reference Sheet 620. S.E. & N.E. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Jeancourt Ared.	16/9/18.		Weather, very warm.	
		2.am.	Bde informed new line established. Dispositions as shown previous day.	
		10.am.	Company Commanders instructed re relief on the night of the 16th 17th inst.	
		6.15pm.	Message No.16 issued -	Append. 12.
		7.pm.	Bde Order No.151 received.	
		12.M/N	Message No.A.17 issued, Coys to move independently to vicinity of Q.15.c. Bn H.Qrs to be established at Q.15.c.3.7.	" 13.
			Brig.Genl LEANE G.O.C. 12th Bde and Lieut-Col DRAKE-BROCKMAN T/G.O.C. 4th A.I. Bde opened their respective Bde Headquarters in dug-outs occupied by Bn Headquarters.	
			<u>GENERAL.</u>	
			1. During the hours from 2.am. to 4.pm. heavy shelling by the enemy.	
			2. Enemy very active in the air during the night.	
			17/9/18. Weather, clear and fine.	
		12.15.am.	Relief of the Bn. by the 4th Bde and part of the 12th Bde Complete. Bde informed accordingly.	
		4.am.	Bn in position in Q.15.c.3.7. (see note at foot of Disposition Sketch No. 20 for 10.9.18)	
		5.pm.	Echelon of tools completed by Bde.	
		9.45pm.		
		10.45.pm.	Bde instructions No.2 received	
		11.pm.	Party left to take over the 46th Bn Headquarters as instructed by Bde message No.313.	
			<u>GENERAL.</u>	
			1. Lieut-Col J.L. WHITHAM. CMG. DSO. ^{returned} assumed Command of the Bn as from midnight 17/18 Sept.	
			2. Major Genl. MACLAGAN and Brig Genl HERRING visited Bn Headquarters in morning.	
			3. Shortly after Bn commenced to move in the early morning, heavy thunderstorms were experienced making it very uncomfortable for the troops, especially as, on arrival at bivouacs, they were found to be occupied. No shelter was available.	
			4. Day spent in preparing shelters.	

W.L.H. cel
T/c. 42nd Bn.
T.H. cel.

[Signature]

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Soyecourt Ared.	18/9/18.	18.	Weather, dull, fine and warm later. Brigade in Div ^{nt} Reserve for the attack on forward system of HINDENBURG Line. (4 th and 12 th A.I. Bdes attacking).	Disposition Sketch No. 23
		8.30 am.	Bn moved forward and occupied positions as instructed; forward Battalion of Reserve Bde in rear of 12 th A.I. Bde on right.	
		10. am.	Bde informed that Bn was in position with Headquarters at Q.24.a.5.3. Reconnaissance carried out in the forward area by the C.O., Senior Major and Bn Officers, with a view to moving up to occupy position in Railway line, east of VENDELLES and S.W. of LE VERQUIER.	
		6.15. pm.	Coys warned that Bn moving forward tonight.	
		6.30 pm.	Coys warned that Bn moving to old positions in railway line.	
			NOTE:- Both above messages issued cancelled, and Battalion did not move. 50 th and 51 st Battalions moved forward instead.	
		11. pm.	I.O. and Party left to reconnoitre forward area ^{to} the objectives (first and second lines) captured by 12 th A.I. Bde in morning of 15/9/18.	
			<u>GENERAL.</u> 1. Day spent preparing shelters and salvaging. 2. Bde forwarded wire from Division re enemy mining of roads; this information repeated to Companies. 3. Orders received from Bde to reduce nucleus to 55 O/Rs exclusive of the Band. 4. S.A.A. to complete an extra 100 rounds per man and 2 bombs per man issued. 5. L.Gun Limbers and teams remained with Coys.	Append. 14.
	19/9/18.	4.30 pm.	Weather, fine and warm. Orders issued to salvage all petrol tins.	
			<u>GENERAL.</u> 1. Bn Transport moved to position Q.28.d.3.5. (above chalk/ pit). 2. Clean socks issued to the Bn.	
	20/9/18.	9. am.	Weather, cool and showery. Senior Major and Coy Commanders went forward to reconnoitre red and blue lines with view to prospective relief. Visited Headquarters of 13th 45th & 48th Bns. Returned 3. pm.	
		9.12 pm.	Bde message B.43 received, notifying that Bde moving to BOVELLES on 21st Inst. - notified to all concerned.	
		9.20 pm.	Bde message No. B.43 received (warning to move)	
		11 pm.	Bde message B. 46 received.	
			<u>GENERAL.</u> 1. Coys employed in salvaging Rifles, equipment, petrol tins etc. 2. Men bathed at baths at Q.13.d.7.7.	Whitham

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Place	Date	Hour	Reference Map Sheet 620 ^{N.E.} S.E.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Soyecourt Tincourt Ared.	21/9/18		Weather, fine, cool breeze.	8. am. Personnel for special leave (1914) to AUSTRALIA, left to proceed to DIV'N Reinf. Wing en route, 8.25am. Bde message S.C. 350 received notified that Transport moved to TINCOURT Area. 9.40am. Bde message No. B.48 received. 10.30am. Billeting party left for TINCOURT. 12noon. Bn, moved from position and with Transport marched to TINCOURT, reaching new area at 3.15pm, where the troops billeted in trenches.	
TINCOURT Area			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>LOCATIONS.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Battalion Headquarters J. 11.d.5.4.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>COMPANIES.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">From J.11.d.29.10. to J.6.c.8.2.</p> <p>8.45pm. Bde message B.56 received instructing that Bde group complete with Transport would move to the vicinity of BIACHES the following morning. Orders to be issued at 6. pm am.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Paw</i></p>
			<p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Troops supplied with trench shelters, good trenches. Men comfortable for the night. 2. Guides met the Bn 2 Bde message No. Q.14/20 received instructing one Officer to report to Bde canteen bulk store at P.4.c.3.2. CARTIGNY at 7.45am 22/9/18, to proceed by lorry to BOVELLES CHATEAU in order to reconnoitre unit billeting areas. A further billeting party to report to Staff Captain at pack dump at 9.30am same day. 3 All trench shelters to be dumped at Bde Transport lines at 8.am 22/9/18 to be transported by Bde Transport to Area Commandant's Office at TINCOURT. 		
BIACHES Area (West of PERONNE)	Sunday 22/9/18.		<p>Weather, fine and warm. - wet afternoon and night, and very cold also.</p> <p>6.55am. Message R.219 issued .-</p> <p>7.45am. Billeting Officer left for BOVELLES to reconnoitre billeting area.</p> <p>9.30am. Further billeting party reported to the Staff Captain at pack dump BIACHES .</p> <p>9.55am. Bn formed up at bend of road at J.17.d.1.6. and at 10am moved off-200 yards interval between Coys. 51st and 50th Battalions were ahead and 13th Field Ambulance followed Ag Bn, route through PERONNE.</p> <p>12.45pm. Bn arrived at BIACHES. Troops located in trenches. Bde notified that position taken up.</p> <p>5.30pm. Conference of C.O's at Bde Headquarters.</p>		<p>Append. 15 14.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Paw</i></p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Reference Map Sheet 62C. S.W.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIACHES.	22/9/18	10.45pm.		Order No. R.134 issued instructing I.O. and billeting parties from each Coy to report at 8.30am 23/9/18. - <u>GENERAL.</u> 1. From 5pm and throughout the evening heavy rain fell - troops safely under cover. 2. Nucleus joined Battalion,	Append. 16. <i>Raw</i>
"	23/9/18	10.45am. 12.20pm. 5pm.		Weather, cloudy and threatening. Coys instructed to take up new positions ^{near BIACHES.} 200 yards ahead , Companies moved as directed. Move completed. Companies reported all clear of late bivouac area which was then taken over by 4 th A.I. Bde C.O. saw all Coy Commanders and 2nd in Command at Bn Headquarters. 5.50pm Bn message issued <u>GENERAL.</u> Warning to move, 6.30pm next day. - - - - - 1 Troops spent the day in general cleaning up of area. 2. Bn casualty packs sorted, personal belongings checked and remainder of packs sent to salvage. 3 Voluntary Church Service held during the morning.	17 <i>Raw</i>
"	24/9/18.	6.30am 10.15am 3.20pm. 6pm.		Weather, fine. 3.40am Bn message B.23 issued to Coys. Instructions re move to ^{Bo} BOVELLES Area - Bn moved to embussing point. arrived 7 am. Delay occurred in assembling the busses and number supplied for 4 th Aust. Division was insufficient Troops embussed and moved via VILLERS BRETONNEUX, LONGEAM, to new area - BOVELLES. Troops debussed at FERRIERES and marched to CLAIRY - Saulchoix, arriving at the latter place at 5.30pm, and settled down into billets; accommodation poor as village barns were full of hay recently harvested and also Bde notified that Bn was in position, a number of French and Belgian refugees are billeted in this village.	18
CLAIRY-SAULCHOIX (about 5 miles S.W. of AMIENS)	25/9/18.			Weather, fine and bright. <u>GENERAL</u> Troops spent the day in settling down into the new billets, cleaning equipment, clothing etc. C.O. held meeting of all officers in village Schoolroom, 2.30pm; discussed intentions and proposals for work, recreation & rest whilst out of the line.	
CLAIRY.	26/9/18.	10.am.		Weather, fine. G.O.C. saw all Bn Commanders at BOVELLES CHATEAU; training arrangements discussed. <u>GENERAL.</u> 1. Training of troops carried out under Company arrangements. 2. Shortages in equipment and deficiencies in clothing made up. 3. Organised sports held at 2.30pm, 2 Officers & 6 O/rs went to 2nd American Corps ^{24/9/18.} to act as members of "AUSTRALIAN mission", instructing and advising American units prior to and during the attack on HINDENBURG Line	<i>Raw</i> <i>J. Whitham</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Reference Map Sheet 228 .AMDENS. 17. 1/100,000 Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CLAIRY.	26/9/18		<p><u>GENERAL.</u> (continued) ^{completed}</p> <p>4. Memo from Bde received that straw available for billeting.</p> <p>5. During the day "C" Coy moved to new billets at Farm House at V.5.a.5.9. (HQ of Coy and 3 platoons moved there on 25th instant) no accommodation available in CLAIRY village.)</p> <p>6. Communion service held at public school room at 7.15 am.</p>	
"	27/9/18.	10.am, 2.30pm.	<p>Weather dull .</p> <p>Bn parade. Platoon demonstration - Attack on a strong point use of smoke and platoons weapons.</p> <p>Sports -football match "A" Coy versus "B" Coy . Other organised sports.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>1. Large gifts of cigarettes to hand for distribution to troops-the denation of a branch of the AMERICAN Army in FRANCE. It is anticipated to last over a period of 6 weeks, at the rate of 3 pkts per week per man. Comforts fund distribution also today.</p> <p>2. At 6.30pm. a lecture on "JERUSALEM" and "the Holy Land" given in the public school by Padre BLACKWOOD MC.</p>	<p><i>John</i></p> <p><i>John</i></p>
"	28/9/18.		<p>Weather , raining throughout the day.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>1. Bath parades held as follows at Bde Baths BOUVELLES.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Headquarters 8am to 9.30am.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">"A" Company 9.30am- 12 noon.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">"B" " 1.pm. - 3.pm.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">"D", Q.M's Staff & Transport. -3.pm. - 5.pm.</p> <p>2. Bicycles returned for overhaul and repair.</p> <p>3. Sports as usual in the afternoon.</p>	
"	29/9/18.	11am.	<p>Weather, fine and bright during the day, raining during the evening.</p> <p>Bn Church parade (except "C" company.). Other services held.</p> <p><u>CHURCH OF ENGLAND.</u> Holy Communion 7.15 am. and 10.45.am. Evensong at 6.30.pm.</p> <p><u>ROMAN CATHOLIC.</u> . Service in the church at CLAIRY at 10.30.am.</p> <p><u>NOTE:-</u> Church parades for "C" Company at 9.30.am.</p>	<p><i>Whitham</i></p>
		7.15 2.22pm.	<p>Bde message received directing "C" Coy to vacate billets at farm house V.5.a.1.9; - This being in 12th Avst. Inf B'de area and required for their Signal School. Move of Company commenced 5pm. billets being found in CLAIRY; move completed on following morning by 10 o'clock.</p>	

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29/9/18. CLAIRY	29/9/18		<p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>1. Personnel for the Brigade signal school left for Aerodrome BOVELLES under <u>Lieut</u> A.A. CLARKE MM. at 5.p.m.</p> <p>2 Personnel for 2nd cours Divisional School left for CHATEAU FOURDRINOY at 10.am.</p>	
	30/9/18		<p>Weather, dull, slight showers,</p> <p>9.am. to 9.30am, Bn Parade.</p> <p>9.30am. to 11.am. Platoon training, physical training and bayonet fighting.</p> <p>11.am. to 12noon Coy training, Artillery formations</p> <p>2.pm. to 3.pm. Specialist training.</p> <p>3.pm. to 4.pm. Organised recreation</p>	
			<p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>1. Syllabus of training issued for week ending for week ending 5/10/18 -</p> <p>2. Literary+debating society at 6.30 pm in village school.</p>	19
			<p><u>DISPOSITION SKETCHES. SHEWING POSITION OF BN.ON:-</u></p> <p>(a) 10/9/19 - - - - -</p> <p>(b) 14/9/18 - - - - -</p> <p>(c) 15/9/18 - - - - -</p> <p>(d) 18/9/18 - - - - -</p>	20 21 22. 23. 24
			<p>QUARTER MASTERS' REPORT. - - - - -</p> <p>LIST OF CASUALTIES FOR THE MONTH - - - - -</p>	25.

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WAR DIARY APPENDIX.

OF

49th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

FOR

SEPTEMBER

1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.	
1.	Message R.207	issued 5-9-18
2.	Bn. Order No.20	" 7-9-18
3.	Message	
3.	Message R.136	" 10-9-18
4.	Message R.151	" 13-9-18
5.	Coy. Report "B"	" 14-9-18
6.	Message A.8.	Relief Order - 14-9-18
7.	Message A.9	Issued "
8.	Message R.163	" 15-9-18
9.	Message A.12	" "
10.	" A.11	" "
11.	" A.14	" "
12.	" A.16	Ref. Relief 16-9-18
13.	" A.17	Issued "
14.	Copy of Wire from 4th A.Div.	18-9-18
15.	Message R.219	Issued 22-9-18
16.	" R.134	" "
17.	" R.144	" 23-9-18
18.	" D.23	" 24-9-18
19.	Syllabus of Training	28-9-18 (For W/E 5-9-18)
20.	Sketch showing disposition on	10-9-18 also on 17.9.18-
21.	Map "	" 14-9-18
22.	" "	" 15-9-18
23.	" "	" 18-9-18 1/2 21.9.18.
24.	quartermaster's report	
25.	List of casualties for Month	

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APPENDIX

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	R. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent		Service.	Date.....
		At.....m.		DR	From.....
		To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....
		By.....			
TO	All boys				over
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.		AAA	
R.207.	5/9/18				
Parades for 6 th cancelled and troops to be cleared from billets before 9 am and morning to be spent cleaning billets and approaches and Advance Party of 100 CO. per Coy to report to Lt ROWELL at BDR at 8.4 am (Coy to warn Lt Rowell). and Lewis Guns, 20 Mags per gun, telephones and fuses and will be carried in the buses and Nominal Rolls of the plous to be at BDR by 10 am (this personnel will accompany the Pn and Pn will move in afternoon. Time will be notified later.					
From	Pn				
Place	Cady 4970				
Time					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.			(Z)	10 pm	
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name				
* This line should be erased if not required.					
Order No. 1625 Wt. W3253/ P 511 27/2 H. & K. Ltd. (E. 2634).					

ORDER NO 20

Lieut-col. W.L. ARRELL BY T/Commanding 7th. September 1918.

Ref. sheet 62c 1/40000.

1. The Battalion will move on 8th. inst. to cartigny Area.
2. starting time - 9-45 am.
3. starting point - B.O.R. companies to be ~~formed~~ ^{formed.} up by 9-40 am. opposite Bivouacs, and to report when ready.
4. Order of march.
Headquarters, A, B, C, & D. Coys. (transport will not accompany the Bn).
5. A pack pump will be formed where Bde. Headquarters is now situated. packs will be dumped by coys. as under and will be taken charge of by L/cpl. Wilson "B" coy. until Bde. dump officer takes ~~charge~~ over, when this H.C.O. will represent the Battalion.

Headquarters	at	6-45 am.
"A" coy.	"	7 am.
"B" coy.	"	7-15 am.
"C" coy.	"	7-30 am.
"D" coy.	"	7-45 am.

officers' valises will be collected by limbers and taken to dump at 8 am.

6. dress:- fighting order; greatcoats will be carried between braces & haversack, groundsheet under flap of haversack (on no account will blankets or felt hats be carried).
shaving gear must be carried.
7. Lewis gun limbers will be packed by 8-30 am.
8. billeting H.C.O.'s will report to Lt. Rowall at B.O.R. at 8-15 am with bicycles.
9. coy. commanders will be mounted and will wear mounted equipment.
10. officers may take a blanket, which will be rolled by coys. and handed to R.Q.M.S. by 8 am.
11. sick parade, R.A.P. - 6 am.

Adjutant, 49th. Battalion A.I.F. captain.

TO			
all boys			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
R.136	10/9/18		
The	Platoon	will	release
the	30 th	and	32nd
Platoons	today	in	accordance
with	verbal	arrangements	and
instructions	issued	by	CO.
to	Coy	clerk	aaa
Boys	will	pass	starting
point	(Cross	Roads	at
P12 b.44)	as	under	accompani
by	Booker	and	Lewis
Gun	Lumber	-	
D Coy	2.30 pm		
C "	2.50 pm		
B "	3.50 pm		
A "	3.15 pm		
From	AAA	3.25 pm	
Place			
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)	
Censor.		Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name	
* This line should be erased if not required.			
Order No. 1625. Wt. W3253/ P 511. 27/2. H. & K., Ltd. (E. 2634).			

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TO	B Coy		
Sender's Number	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* R.151.	13		
Confirming verbal instructions your Coy will prepare to assist Bn which you are supporting as a maintain touch with units on left and right as you will receive orders when to move A. J. P.			
From			
Place			
Time	8:30 pm.		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)	
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		
* This line should be erased if not required.			
(3198.) Wt. W 12952/M1294. 375,000 Pads. 1/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 818.)			



10/60.B.2. (5)Situation

Coy in position as per last
return 5.30 p.m.

Patrol to left. Support B^m 300
yds in rear of front line at
5 p.m. 13/9/15

Road R.I. central to railway line swept
with m.g. fire all night

Shelling light, mainly along light railway

Gas 50% of shelling

Reconnaissance of forward area
being carried out.

8 p.m.
14/9/15.

Long
B. Coy

B Card
1000

1000
1000

Check for
1000
1000

1000
1000

1000
1000

A.S.

Coy

Appendix 6
SABO 30d no., 14/9/18.

C/O all Coy.

Relief Order

1. The Bn will relieve SAWI Bn in the line tonight, 14-15/9/18.
2. Details of Relief will be as per verbal instructions issued to Coy. Comd.
3. Comd. will take over as under: -
 - (a) Right Front Coy - C Coy.
 - (b) Left Front Coy - B Coy.
 - (c) Night Support Coy - D Coy.
 - (d) Left Support Coy - A Coy.
4. Bn. Hdqrs. & R.A.P. will be established at R2C32.
5. Ammunition Dump - R8A72.
6. Cookers will, for the present remain where they now are. Meals will be taken forward ~~by~~ in pod carts. 'A' Coys dry rations will be delivered to Cooker on 15th, all other Coys being dumped at R8A72. All Coys. will carry forward their own dry rations. Meals & tea of front line Coys will be taken forward by their support Coys. Coy's of the former will notify this Office without delay of the strength of the party required.
7. Y.M.C.A. are established near R24d29. Hot cocoa may be obtained if Petrol Sincore sent to

Issued to ABCB
Coy at 7.30pm

D.I. 11

A9

Appendix 7

SAQO Edgwa

14/9/18.
8pm

O/S.

A Coy.

Your Coy. will occupy a system of trenches from L31678 to R2097 tonight.

Instructions for lining Railway Bank are cancelled.

This will necessitate moving further forward than previously ordered.

Report when on line.

Signal Station will be established where already ordered until forward station is prepared.

Edgwa
A Coy.

APPENDIX 9.

"A" Form. MESSAGES AND SIGN

Prefix	Code	m	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at	m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Service.	Date
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;">8</div>			Sent		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		From
			At	m.		By	
			To				
			By				

TO: All Coys

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* R.163.	15/9/18		

Reported our troops occupy
 MAISONNAISSEY and front line
 Coys will report at
 once on possibility of
 moving forward without loss

From: [Signature]
 Place: [Signature]
 Time: 12.10 pm

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 (3198.) Wt. W 12952/M1294. 375,000 Pads. 1/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 818.)

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2000 2000

15/9/18

7.30 pm

O/C. ⁶ Moy

issued at 2.30 pm

Confirming verbal instructions
 your Right Platoon will conform
 to advance of ^{in Right} Bn, as it is carried out,
 maintaining touch with that Bn.

The Platoon in R3a (under Lt.
 Mosley) will furnish supporting fire
 to assist advance of both Right
 Bn & your Right Platoon.

Finn
 Capt.
 Adj.

A.II
 of Coy. ~~App~~ ~~10~~ ~~10~~ 2400 lodgers, 15/9/15.
 The following are the arrangements
 for Rations tonight 15/16:-
 "A Coy. - Delivered Rations to Cooker. Coy arrngts.
 for carrying forward.
 "B Coy. - Dry Rations to R 8a 72. Coy arrngts for carrying
 bread & tea will be carried to Coy lodgers by A
 Coy. A guide will report to ofc A Coy
 at 6pm. He guide party to Cooker &
 back to Coy lodgers. 25 men reqd.
 Another guide will report to A Coy at 2am
 to take a party of 15 to Cooker & get Bacon
 & sea.
 "C Coy. - The same arrangements as for B
 Coy. B Coy to supply carrying parties.
 "D Coy. - Dry Rations to R 8a 72. Coy
 arrngts for carrying and drawing
 meals from Cooker.
 It is imperative that all food containers
 and Petrol tins be returned to Cooker before
 daylight as the supply is limited and Cooker
 will be returning to spot lines at daylight
 16th.
 On night of 16th, if situation is
 unchanged, Rations and tea will be delivered
 to R 8a 72 unless Coy can make other
 arrangements and notify this office in ample
 time.
 issued 24/9/15

~~App~~ ~~Secret~~ ~~Appendix~~
 14 SAGO Hdqrs.
 15/1/18.
 Coy Coy.
 0/6, 1/10

The line will be advanced tonight at a time to be notified later.

The following line will be occupied:-

"C" Coy.:- Joining 5th. Pn. at R3d. cen, thence to L.33.C.8.6.

"B" Coy.:- From L.33.C.8.6 to L.27.C.14.7 joining with 1st. Aus. Div.

2/4th Coys. will support "C" & "B" Coys. respectively and conform to movements of those Coys.

Issued at 7.30 pm

[Signature]
 [Signature]
 [Signature]

Coys notified by phone that operation to be carried out 23/1/18

- 915
 Secret. 12 5400
 10/9/41
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- 76, D Coys
 Ref. Relief.
1. Petrol Tins. These will be returned
 to Ration Dump (where they
 were dumped last night)
 either before or bet dusk. They
 will be collected by Kimber. Any
 tins not dumped will be
 carried out.
 2. Lewis Tins & Magazines will be carried
 out.
 3. On relief the Ptn will move to Beach
 Area. D Coy will supply an Officer
 and each Coy. a billeting party to report
 to B Coy's Officer at C Coy's tank traps
 (Quarry & Zia O.) at 1.30 pm. D Coy's
 Officer will report here for instructions.
 It is suggested that each Coy. send
 a guide per platoon in addition to the
 M.C.O. All the guides will be at
 Quarry & Zia O. & will wait there for
 their platoons unless other instructions
 as to a meeting place are sent them by
 their respective Coy Cdrs.
 4. Coys will report by call words - "O.K."
 before leaving present Ptn. and will
 send a report when in new position.
 Ptn HQ will remain as at present until the
 comm. boats

A.7 Appendix 13 5000 bags
10/9/18

Coy. Cdrs.

7pm

1. Upon relief tonight Coys will move independently to the vicinity of Q15C.
2. Pon Hodge & RHP will be established at Q15C07.
3. All SAA, Bombs etc will be retained and collected and made into Coy dumps on D² line.
4. Covering parties will be furnished until relief of front line is complete.

Paul
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Seen -

A

B

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
18th. September, 1918.

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O. C. 49 Battalion.

Following wire from Division forwarded for
your information and guidance :-

" Reliable prisoner stated road M.21.b.20.1. mined AAA
This confirmed by photograph which shows traffic has been
kept off this stretch of road AAA Several gaps made in
belt of wire running south east from M.21.c.45.95. also mined AAA
Prisoner thinks mining general in area AAA Gaps in wire and
roads off which traffic has obviously been diverted should be
avoided AAA"

Wham

Captain.

A/Brigade Major, 13th. AUST. INF. BDE.

*Repeated to
Coy G*

19/9/18

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A.m.		DR	
To		By	
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	
TO { All Corp			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
K219	25/9/8		
Starting point altered road Corp formed of point	point to at will up route at	has bend 517d16 therefore in at 9.55	been of aaa be Column that am. aaa
When 200x maintained	between	is will Corp	resumed be
		A Corp	
		B Corp	
		C Corp	
		D Corp	
From	Place	Time	
		6.55am	

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HODSDON (16)			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number	AAA
K 134	22/9/18		
Lt W. HODSDON will report to Bn Hd Qrs			
at 8.30 AM tomorrow aaaa			
Coys will detail 1 Sgt. 6 men to report			
to Lt Col Hodsdon B OK at 8.30 AM aaaa			
Hd Qrs will supply 1 NCO and 4 men			
to report same hour aaaa full marching			
order to be taken aaaa Parties will remain			
in the new area and take charge of all			
material in the area.			
From	Sgt.		
Place			
Time	10.45 PM		
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of Mr. Cops. J. Hays 17

Sender's Number. R.144 Day of Month. 23 In reply to Number AAA

<u>Cops</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>be</u>	<u>prepared</u>
<u>to</u>	<u>move</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>crossing</u>
<u>point</u>	<u>at</u>	<u>6.30 a.m.</u>	<u>tomorrow</u>
<u>can</u>	<u>be done</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>be done</u>
<u>by</u>	<u>6.30 a.m.</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>road side</u>
<u>in</u>	<u>front</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>Mr. Hays</u>
<u>and</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>the</u>	

From Mr. Hays Place Mr. Hays Time 8.50 p.m.

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authorized to telegraph in his name



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By		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....
TO	All boys 2M TO		
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
D 23	24/9/18		
The Battalion will move to BOVELLES area by busses at 7 AM 24/9/18			
Starting point for approach march to embarking point CROSS ROADS H25.d.05 at 6.45 AM			
Order of March HQ Coy D. C. B. A Coys			
Debussing point will be notified later.			
Lt A Clarke will act as BN Embussing Officer and Coys will detail INCO per Coy to report to LT CLARKE at 6 AM with embussing state.			
From			
Place			
Time			



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TO

(3)

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

D.23.

Transport will move under orders of
LT W HODSDON passing CROSS ROADS
H 29 d 29 at 10.10 AM.

From

Place

Time

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TO

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Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

D.23

Baggage Waggon will report to Bn HQ at
abt 16 AM

Boys will arrange to have valises and
spare gear in the Dump at 6 AM

Bn Dump is situated on road in front of
Bn HQ area

Boys will detail loading party of 1 NCO
& 4 men to report to LT ER HOEKING
Bn DUMP at 6 AM.

Cooking "phantomas" and Lewis Guns will
be taken in Busses with Cooks

From

Place

Time

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 5th OCTOBER 1918.

Date.	9.a.m. to 9.30.a.m.	9.30.a.m. to 11.0.a.m.	11.0.am to 12.noon.	2.pm. to 3.0.pm.	3.pm to 4.pm.
MONDAY 30th sept	Battalion Drill	platoon Training Smartening up drill Physical Training and B.F.	coy. training Artillery formation	special- ists training	organised Recreat- ion
TUESDAY 1st Oct.	Battalion Drill	platoon training Advanced Guard Formation, patrols and S couts.	coy. training Flagged attack 1st stages of attack.	-do-	-do-
WED. 2nd Oct.	R O U T E M A R C H? Battalion. (Less Transport) (Route will be notified) 6 miles.			-do-	-do-
THURS. 3rd Oct.	Battalion Drill	platoon training Close order drill physical training and B.F. Gas training Musketry.	coy. training Flagged attack 2nd stages of attack.	-do-	-do-
FRIDAY 4th Oct.	Battalion Drill.	platoon Training Attack of Strong point.	coy. Training Advance guard Formations.	-do-	-do-
SAT 5th Oct.	ROUTE MARCH, BATTALION WITH TRANSPORT (Less Cookers) (8 Miles) route to be notified.				-do-

NOTE - specialists training on afternoons will include the training of every man as a L. Gunner, Signaller, Bomber or Scout. In addition, on one day of each week the L. Gunners of a Coy. will be trained by the L.G.O. between the hours of 11.0.a.m. and 12.0.noon. "A" Coy. on Monday "B" Coy. on Tuesday "C" Thursday "D" Coy. Friday. Scouts and Signallers will report daily to their respective specialists officers at the conclusion of platoon training (At 11.0.am) Special Training for officers, during first week, 2 tactical schemes (without troops) to be set by Bn. Headquarters. Short lectures will be given to all officers at times to be arranged. classes for N.C.O.s. will be held daily between 2.0.p.m. and 3.0.p.m.

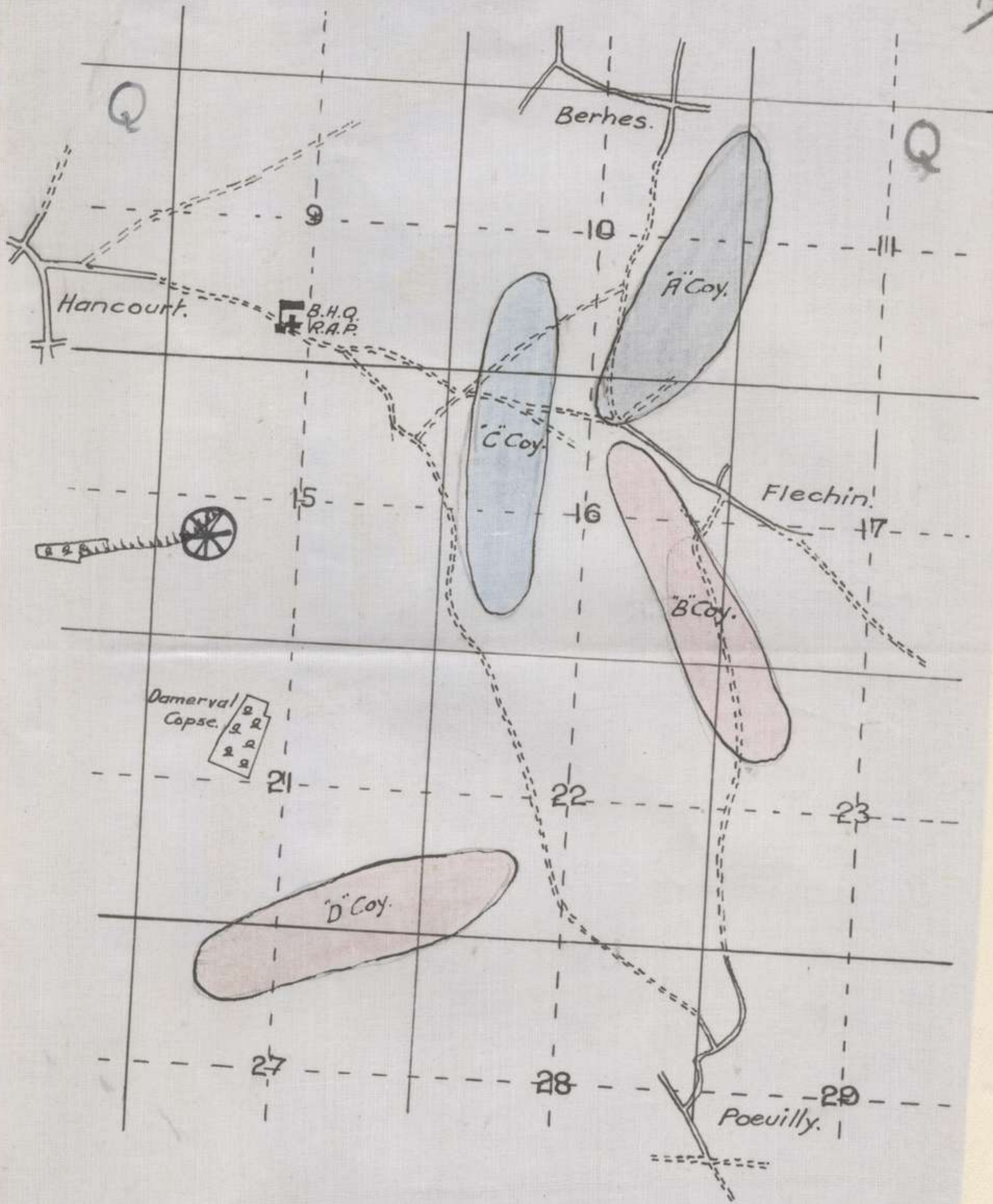
All the above training, as verbally explained to Coy Commanders, is to be of very elementary nature, - i.e. the Coy Training (attack & formations) actually to be simple sections or platoon demonstrations.

(Sgd) J.L. WHITHAM,
Lieut-Col.,
Commanding 49th Battalion, A.I.F.

Batt Drill each morning to merely consist of the Battⁿ forming up, a few simple rifle exercises to ascertain steadiness of men on parade, then Companies march off to training areas. J.L.W.

Dispositions 49th Battn. 10.9.18.
Scale: 1 in 20,000.

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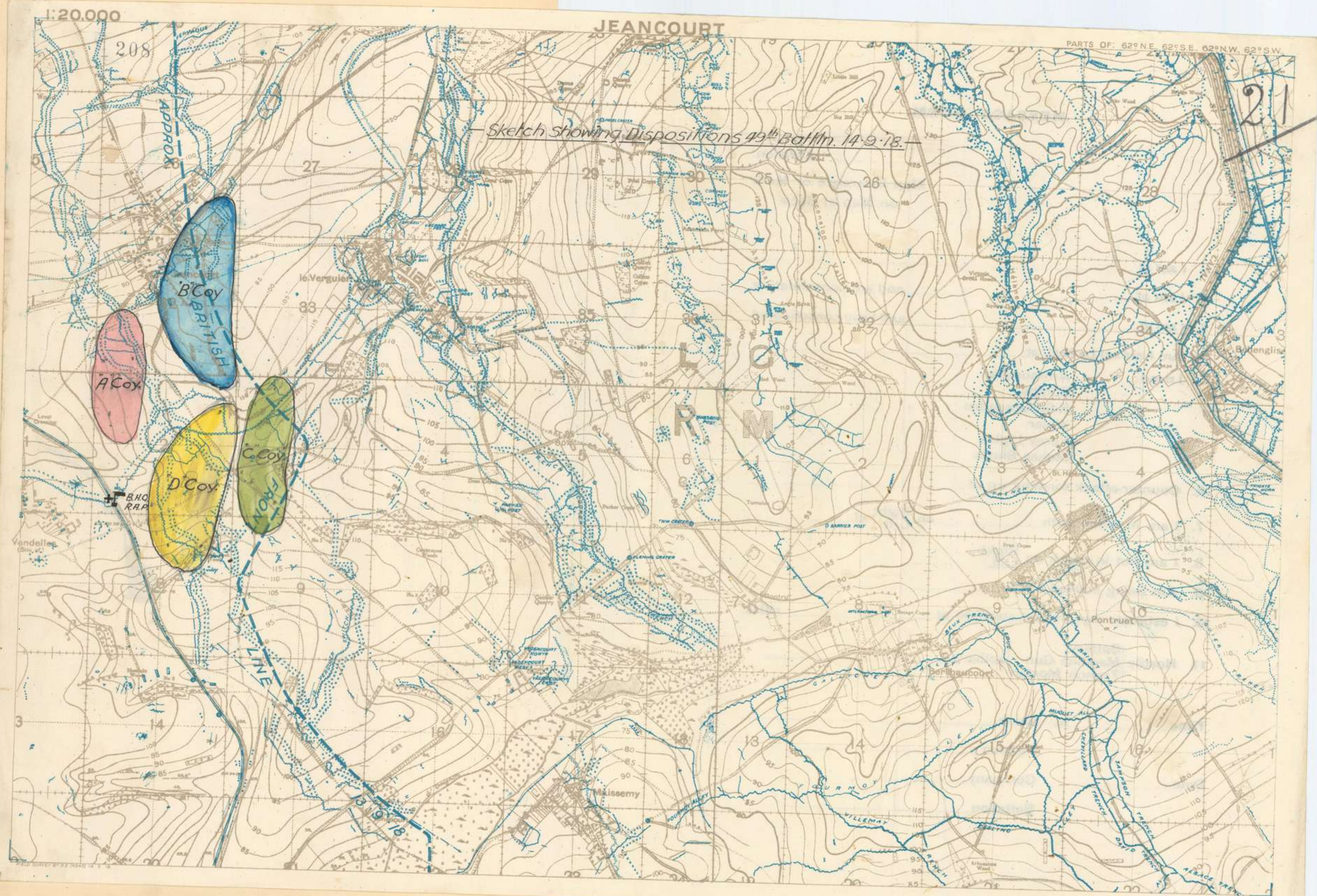
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Note. 4A/BN also bivouacked on 17.9.18 on spot marked ⊗ in Q 15 C. - vide entry in Diary on 17.9.18.

J.W.

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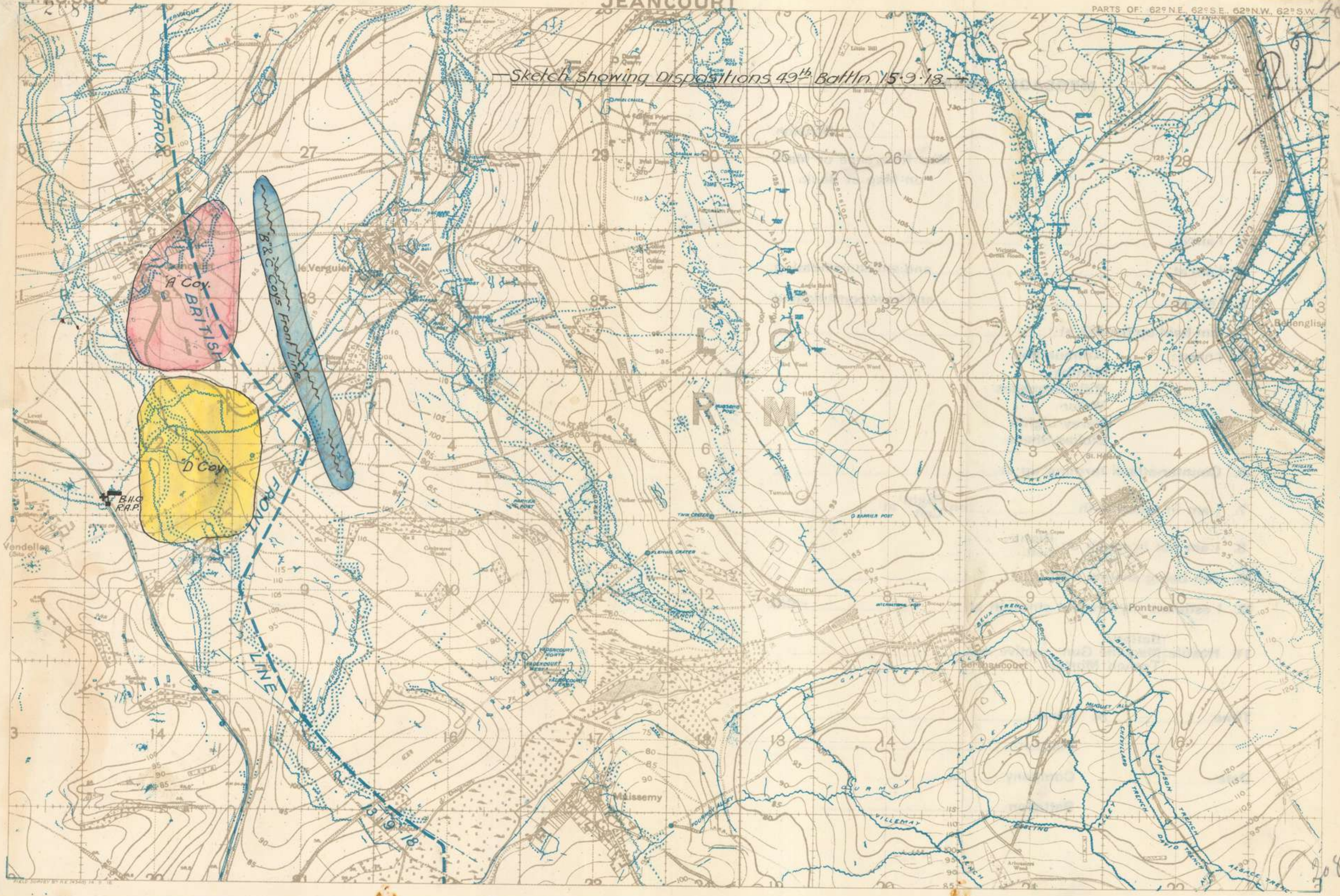
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Sketch Showing Dispositions 49th Batt'n. 15-9-18



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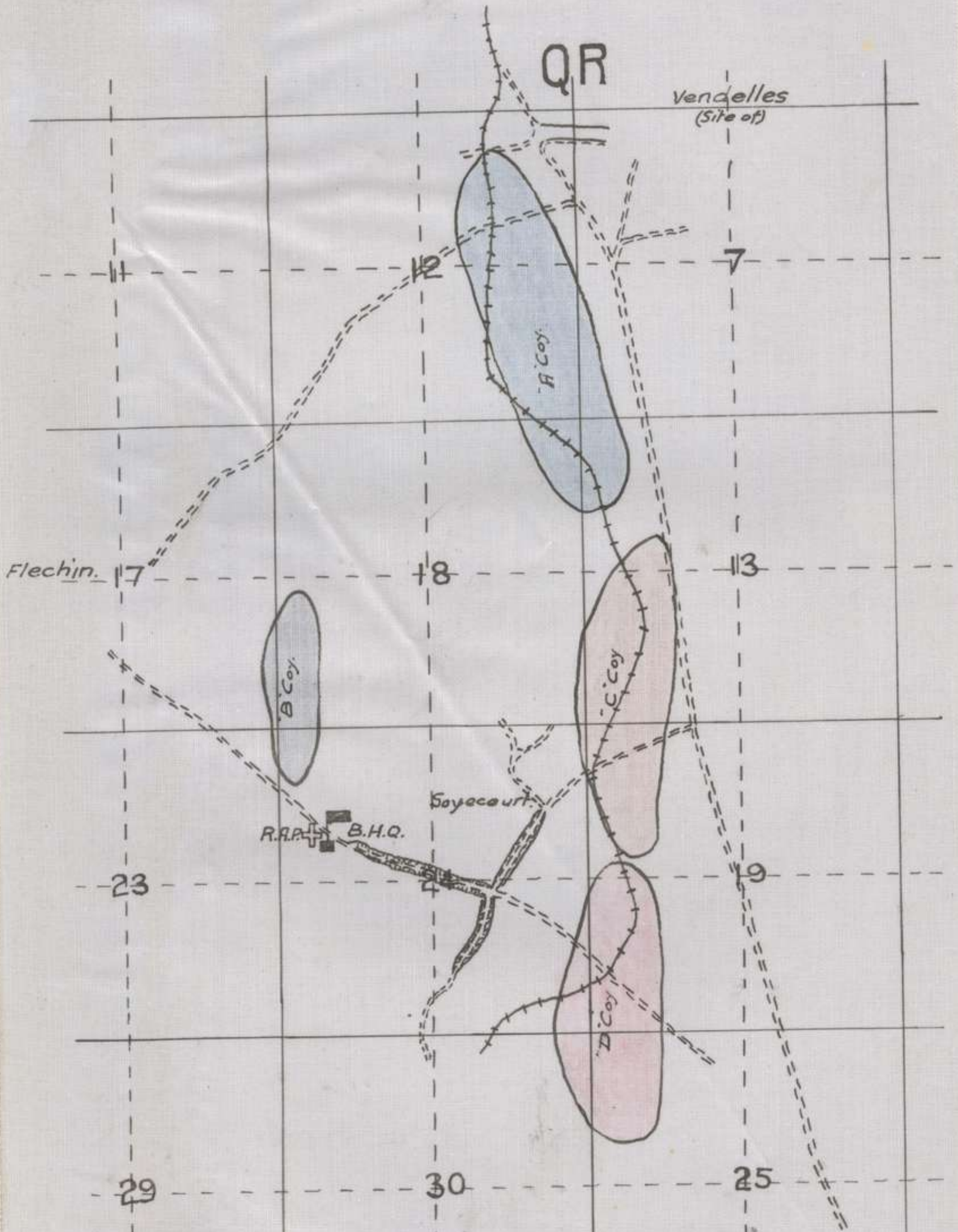
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Dispositions of 49th Bn as of 9^{AM} 18.9.18 Hill
 Scale:- 1m 20.000
 12 noon on 21/9/18

J.W.

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Note On 18/9/18, at daybreak, 4th and 1st Aust Divns took part in attack by FOURTH Army on forward system of HINDENBURG Line N.W. of ST QUENTINE. 13th A.I. Bde in reserve to 4th Aust. Divn, and 49th Bn forward battalion of 13th Bde, occupied above positions 3 hours after attack commenced. *J.W.* moving from bivouac at Q18C at 5 AM

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SEPTEMBER 1918.

DATE.	SICK.	DIED	W.I.A.	K.I.A.	D.O.W.	REMARKS				
sept.	Off:O/Rs:	Off:O/Rs:	Off:O/Rs:	Off:O/Rs:	Off:O/Rs:					
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5	-	1	1			Detached A.A.S.C.				
6	-	-			1	"				
7	-	2	3			Accidentally				
8	1	1								
9	-	1								
10	-	2								
11	-	1								
12	-	1								
13	-	7	5							
14	-	2	12	2						
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16	-	-	19	1	1					
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25	-	-								
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29	-	2								
30	-	4								
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SUMMARY

Sick 45
 Died 1
 W.I.A. 62 (Includes 5 Accidentally injured)
 K.I.A. 9
 D.O.W. 2

TOTAL 119.

*J. L. Witham Lt-Cor
 Comd 49th Bn AIF*

30/9/1918