

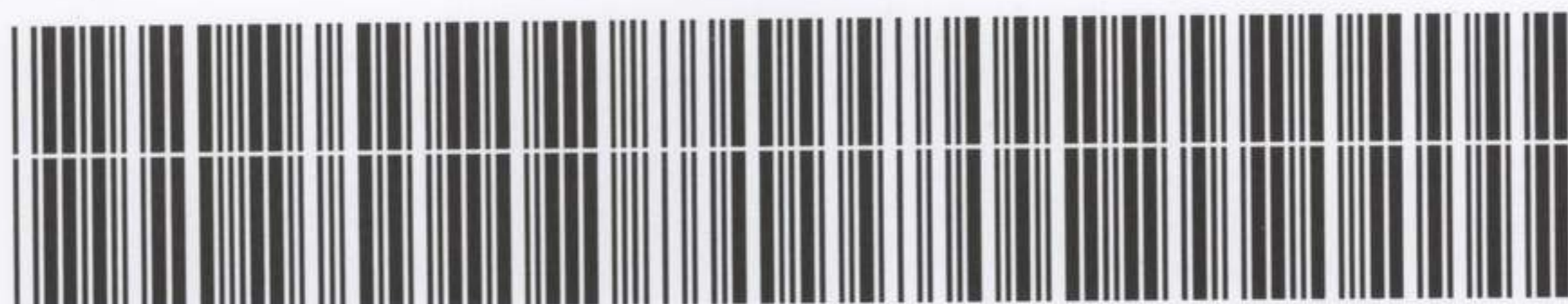
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OF  
44<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

FOR

MAY 1918.

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Signature of Officer Commanding

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<p>L.A. Houssoye Sheet 62D ON AMIENS TO ALBERT ROAD</p>	<p>15<sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.</p>		<p>The Battalion spent the day in cleaning up arms, clothing and equipment and "A" company was employed during the morning on cable burying in the vicinity</p> <p><u>Baths</u>:- Full advantage was taken of a bathing allotment at the baths situated near HEILLY</p> <p><u>Training</u>:- Arrangements for training during our period out of the line are being made and a syllabus drawn up.</p> <p><u>Entertainments</u>:- The "COO-EES" (3<sup>rd</sup> Aust. Divisional Pierrot Troupe) gave a free concert at 6 p.m., the first of a series of daily concerts. These are held in a convenient, disused aeroplane hangar at the North end of the village.</p> <p>The Battalion Band. played for an hour at 7 p.m.</p> <p><u>Weather</u>:- Dull and cold but remained dry.</p> <p><u>Canteen</u>:- The Battalion canteen has been opened in the village with a limited supply of chocolate, Tinned foods, Biscuits, bigarattes &amp; Tobacco and was literally stormed by eager buyers</p>	

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">L.A. Houssoye.</p>	<p>1st MAY 1918 (cont'd)</p>		<p>Seven Reinforcements arrived. They are trained signallers from the Training Battalion</p> <p>Transport Lines and Q.M. Store are situated in a sunken road NW of LA Houssoye (Ref 623-1424500).</p>	<p>FBK.</p>

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<p>LA. HOUSSEY. Sheet 62D.</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 1918</p>		<p>The day broke fine and continued so throughout the day, this change being extremely welcome after the unsettled conditions of the preceding week.</p> <p><u>Training</u> was commenced at 8.30 a.m. in accordance with Syllabus, which included Recreational Training during the afternoon.</p> <p><u>Baths</u> - situated at PONT NOYELLES and also near HEILLY. A proportion of the Battalion was marched to these at intervals during the day.</p> <p><u>Working Parties</u>. A few small working parties were supplied to various tasks in the vicinity.</p> <p><u>Congratulatory</u>. The Divisional Commander. (Maj. Gen. Sir J. Monash) called on the b.O. and congratulated the Batta on the excellent work of the past month.</p>	

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LA HOUSSOYE (Sheet 62D)	31st MAY 1918.		<p>Men were up early this morning when all blankets were rolled in bundles and loaded on limbers. These were taken to the Field Ambulance at PONT. NOYELLES for fumigation. They were returned in the afternoon and redistributed.</p> <p><u>Training.</u> was carried out as on yesterday. A class for the training of Scouts Snipers and Observers consisting of 70, was commenced under the Scout officer and Intelligence Officer. This work is becoming extremely important in the type of warfare with which we are now engaged.</p> <p>Special Training in Anti-Aircraft Lewis Gun work was carried out by the Lewis Gun Officer. The use of these guns against low flying planes has been giving excellent results and few enemy planes venture to fly low over the forward areas now.</p> <p><u>Reading Room.</u> The Chaplain (bapt. Phillips) has opened a reading and writing room which is much appreciated by, and taken full advantage of by the men.</p> <p><u>Weather.</u> Today has been bright and warm with a slight ground haze. The aircraft of both sides have been very active and numerous fights have occurred during the day.</p> <p><u>Entertainments.</u> The Battr. Band assisted at the evening performance of the "COO-EES".</p> <p><u>Conference.</u> A conference of C.O.s + Adjts was held by G.O.C. Brigade. at Bde. HQ. in FRECHENCOURT.</p>	

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">LA. HOUSSOYE (Sheet 620.)</p>	<p>4<sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.</p>		<p><u>Weather.</u> Rain fell during the early hours of the morning but conditions improved later when dawn broke and the sun appeared.</p> <p>There was considerable artillery activity in the forward area throughout the night</p> <p>Owing to the possibility of an enemy attack from the direction of ALBERT the reconnaissance of the positions to which the Battalion would move in that eventuality (in the BRESLE locality) had to be carried out. This was done by the C.O. and adjt.</p>	<p>(436)</p>

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LA Houssoye (Sheet 62D)	5 <sup>th</sup> MAY. 1918.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Rain fell during the morning up to 9.30 a.m. and again in the evening. Very unsettled &amp; bloudy.</p> <p>A further reconnaissance of the Positions in D13-19-23 (Sheet 62D) was carried out by b.O. and Adjut and one boy commander.</p> <p>Relief of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion in T13d which was to take place tonight is postponed for 24 hours on account of weather conditions.</p> <p>A lecture to all Officers &amp; N.C.O's on "Tanks" and their co-operation with Infantry" was given by a Tank Officer who is stationed in the vicinity. The lecture was extremely interesting and instructive and was very much appreciated because few opportunities of liaison with 'Tanks' have been available in the past. Our lads are very keen to have these grotesque yet deadly monsters co-operating with them in action and the 'Tank' personnel are equally keen to operate with us.</p>	

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LAHOUSOYE Sheet 62D	6 <sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.	10 AM.	<p>A conference of Coy. commanders and Specialist Officers was held by the b.O. at Batt<sup>n</sup> H.Q. to discuss: ① the relief. ② action in case of enemy attack. ③ new establishment. ④ General matters</p> <p><u>Weather.</u> Heavy rain fell during the morning. Weather cleared about 10 AM. A few bombs were dropped at the West end of the village about 4 am but did no damage.</p>	
J13D 4.6. Sheet 62D.		8 p.m.	<p><u>Relief:</u> Commencing at 8 pm. the Battalion marched out by Platoons at intervals of 100 yards. The route taken was: from LAHOUSOYE along the ALBERT-AMENS road to cross roads at 14699 - thence to cross roads in I11a - thence to J13d via HEILLY. Heavy rain commenced at about 9.30 pm. making the roads and tracks very slippery. Rain continued throughout the night which made everyone very uncomfortable, the accommodation being as before, excavations in the banks and terraces, covered with tarpaulins, ground sheets etc.</p> <p>The relief of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Bn. was completed at midnight with no great difficulties apart from the fact that the inky darkness and rain made it a slow process. The Battalion acts as Divisional Reserve for counter attack under orders of G.O.B. 9<sup>th</sup> Brigade who hold the sector in front. We may be called on to operate on any part of the divisional front which extends from J24 to D23 (North of BUIRE) and are required to move at one hour notice.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">An attack in the vicinity of ALBERT is expected shortly</p>	Operation Order No 80.

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<p>J 13 D 4.5 Sheet 62 D</p>	<p>7<sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.</p>		<p>The Battalion stood to arms from 3.15 AM to 4.30 AM this morning in anticipation of enemy counter attack resultant on a minor operation by the 9<sup>th</sup> Bde in which our line was advanced about 900 yards on a front of 2500 yards on the night 5/6<sup>th</sup> inst. No action however took place.</p> <p>The Battalion spent the day improving their shelters and on salvage work; the weather having cleared up somewhat towards midday.</p> <p><u>banteen</u>. The Battalion banteen has been opened in a dugout here.</p> <p><u>Awards</u>. The Military Medal has been awarded to the following men of the Signal Section:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">No 2394</td> <td>Private</td> <td>POVEY</td> <td>Alfred Bertie</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">" 5745</td> <td>"</td> <td>McMULLEN</td> <td>Barry.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">" 2640</td> <td>"</td> <td>WALKER</td> <td>B. G. (Wounded).</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Tanks</u>. Three of the latest pattern fighting tanks have arrived and are stationed in close proximity to the Batt<sup>y</sup>. They will operate with us in the event of any enemy action necessitating a counter-attack or other forward move by us.</p>	No 2394	Private	POVEY	Alfred Bertie	" 5745	"	McMULLEN	Barry.	" 2640	"	WALKER	B. G. (Wounded).	<p>Narratives of Recommendation appended.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">CBK.</p>
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J 13 d 4.5.	8 <sup>th</sup> MAY. 1918.	3.30 A.M. 5 A.M. 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.	<p>Battalion "stood to" till 5.0 AM.</p> <p>Owing to the obscurity of the situation after a further attack by the 9<sup>th</sup> Bde and the necessity for garrisoning the old front line, orders were received from G.O.C. to move two companies forward to this line. In accordance with this 'B' &amp; 'D' boys moved forward - D boy on the right, holding our old front line from J 23 d 5.2 to J 23 b 9.9 (1000' approx) - 'B' boy on the left, holding our old front line from J 18 b 6 to J 12 c (1000' approx).</p> <p><u>Working Parties.</u> 4 Platoons were employed improving the "Bridgehead Line" near MERICOURT L'Obbe.</p> <p>The evening was calm and clear and the situation generally quiet apart from our artillery activity doing harassing shoots.</p> <p>'B' Echelon. Remained in LA HOUSSEYE.</p> <p>The Batt<sup>y</sup> Band was lent to 108<sup>th</sup> Battery F. ART. to provide music at their sports.</p>	

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J13d 4.5 <u>Sheet 62D</u>	9 <sup>th</sup> MAY 1918	3.30 AM to 5 AM	<p>Stand to.</p> <p>Weather shows a great improvement, today being an almost ideal summer day. Planes are very active and the sky is dotted at intervals with observation balloons.</p> <p>The surrounding country today looks extremely pretty in its spring garment of green, with HEILLY set in the valley.</p> <p>6 pm. An advance party of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division arrived to reconnoitre our positions prior to the relief of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division tomorrow night.</p> <p>10 pm. The following message was received from 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. H.Q.:-</p> <p>"Whole of 44<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>a</sup> is placed under tactical command of 9<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde from receipt of message until Bde. relief is completed and 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde will be prepared to move one Btn. to J13 at one hours notice if ordered by Divisional Hqrs and.</p>	

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J 13d 45	10 <sup>th</sup> MAY 1918	3:30 A.M.  7 p.m.	<p>Three enemy bombing planes flew over our lines and dropped bombs on HEILLY.</p> <p>The 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion arrived and relieved the two companies in J 13d. These boys then proceeded by route march to billets in PONT NOYELLES. Batt<sup>n</sup> Hdqrs remained until the other two boys (B &amp; D) were relieved by another Batt<sup>n</sup>. and then went to PONT NOYELLES. Relief was complete at 4 AM.</p> <p>The weather was fine throughout.</p>	

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PONT NOYELLES Sheet 62D.	11 <sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.		Battalion rested today Weather fine & dry. Nothing further to report.	

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<p>PONT NOYELLES Sheet b2D.</p>	<p>12<sup>th</sup> MAY. 1918.</p>		<p>A Church Parade was held at ALLONVILLE at 10 A.M. after which Ribbons and Medals were presented to a number of Officers &amp; men of the Brigade by the Corps Commander (Gen. Sir W<sup>m</sup> Birdwood.) The Bishop of Bathurst <del>delivered</del> delivered an address prior to the ceremony.</p> <p>Weather. The day was fine up to midday when it rained for two hours. Four shells fell in the vicinity during the day.</p>	<p>Details of Parade appended</p> <p>CBK 21</p>

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PONT. NOYELLES. Sheet 62D.	13 <sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.	4am	<p>A few bombs were dropped in the village and vicinity this morning. We had no casualties.</p> <p>Lewis Gun Training was carried out during the forenoon and Route marches &amp; Recreation in the afternoon</p> <p>A parade and inspection of Transport + cooks within the Brigade was held by Brig. Gen. J.H. Bannan. The Battalion once again topped the list</p> <p><u>Weather.</u> Today was dull and misty with a steady drizzling rain throughout the day.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">CSK Lieut</p>



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PONT. NOYELLES. Sheet 621.	14 <sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.		<p>Training was carried out during the forenoon as usual. Excellent swimming facilities in the shape of a Pond near the river at QUERRIEU were taken full advantage of during the afternoons. The day was cloudy but warm. The b.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> in command and M.O. dined with Brig. Gen. J.H. Bannan at Bd<sup>g</sup> Hqrs. tonight.</p>	
	15 <sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.		<p>A practice parade for a Brigade ceremonial competition was held today <del>at</del> <del>the</del> <del>place</del>. 2/Lieuts Scarr A &amp; Stewart W. arrived from cadet Batt<sup>2</sup> England. Weather. Bright &amp; sunny.</p>	

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FONT-NOYELLES. Sheet 62D.	16 <sup>th</sup> MAY 1918		<p>The morning was spent in cleaning arms equipment and in practice for ceremonial parade, the competitive nature of which makes the men take a great deal of interest in the drill.</p> <p>At 1.30pm the Battalion was reviewed by Brig. Gen J H Bannan and carried out several ceremonial movements for which points were given. The 44<sup>th</sup> Bn won the competition by 5 points followed by 43<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 41<sup>st</sup> Bn. 42<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Brigadier expressed great satisfaction with the steadiness <del>and</del>, bearing and appearance of the Battalion.</p> <p>The day was warm and bright and the glitter of polished brass, and shining bayonets coupled with the steady manoeuvring from formation to formation looked very well.</p> <p>After the parade the men spent the remainder of the day swimming. A few High Velocity shells fell on the outskirts of the village during the afternoon.</p>	<p>EBK Lt.</p>

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<p>PONT. NOYELLES Sheet Bn.</p>	<p>17<sup>th</sup> MAY 1918</p>		<p>At 12.30 pm the Battalion marched to ALLONVILLE where the 11<sup>th</sup> Bde and some Divisional Hq. details were inspected by the G. in C. Sir D. Haig. Each Battalion was inspected and subsequently marched past with its transport. The Bn. returned to Pont Noyelles at 6 pm</p>	
	<p>18<sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.</p>		<p>Training as usual during the morning with swimming during the afternoon. Weather very warm, a thunderstorm lasting an hour at 5 pm helped to cool the atmosphere and lay the dust. The night was clear and bright.</p>	<p>gsk J.T.</p> <p>gsk J.T.</p>

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<p>PONT NOYELLES (Sheet 621)</p>	<p>19<sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.</p>	<p>3:45 AM</p>	<p>A hostile plane flew over the village and dropped 10 bombs none of which did a great deal of damage. We had no casualties.                      Church Parade was held at 10 am under the shady trees in the grounds of the chateau.                      Batches of prisoners captured during the fight for VILLE-SUR-ANCRE passed through here this morning.                      Several shells fell east of the village in the afternoon.                      Weather hot and clear with practically no wind.</p>	<p>CRJg.</p>
	<p>20<sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.</p>		<p>Enemy shelled the East end of the village a good deal during the morning. At noon companies assembled ready to march to VILLERS-BRETONNEUX to relieve the 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion in that sector. The route taken was via Querrieu to Bussy thence to wood in N10c. (SW of VECQUEMONT) where we halted and rested in the shade for an hour, the day being very hot. From there we moved across the Somme to Blangy-Tronville to N23c (1000 yds East of the village) and rested till 8.30 pm. A meal was prepared and then the Battalion proceeded by sections at 100' interval to Villers-Bretonneux and the line immediately east of the town. The relief was completed without interruption at midnight.</p>	<p>CRJg.</p>

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<p>VILLERS-BRETENNEUX (Sheet 62 D.)</p>	<p>21<sup>st</sup> MAY 1918.</p>		<p>Disposition of Battalion: 'A' boy in front line on right from Railway in O3bd to O3bcentral. 'D' boy in front line on left from O3b central to main road in P25d. 'B' boy in support on right. 'C' boy support on left. Battalion Hqrs is in a tunnelled dugout in a chalk quarry west of the town at O28c804.</p> <p>The defence of the town is in the hands of 1 boy Pioneer Bn.</p> <p>B Echelon and Transport lines are in the vicinity of LAMOTTE-BREBIERE on the SOMME.</p> <p>The 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion is on our immediate right and the <del>45<sup>th</sup> Bn</del> on our left. The French (3<sup>rd</sup> Louaves) are on the right of the Brigade.</p> <p>The weather continues to be excellent, bright and warm with practically no wind.</p> <p>Trenches - The trenches are for the most part shallow and badly dug and will require a considerable amount of work. Communication forward is also inadequate. These works are being immediately proceeded with.</p> <p>Our artillery is very active but draws little retaliation. The enemy is very quiet and appears to be devoting his energy in construction of his defences.</p> <p>Booting is done in the railway embankment in O2yd and <sup>the food</sup> taken to the East end of the town by limber twice nightly where it is then taken forward by ration carriers to the front and support lines</p>	

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<p>VILLERS BRETONNEUX.</p>	<p>21<sup>st</sup> MAY 1918 PAGE 2.</p>		<p>Tonight under instructions from Bde Hqs. the Battalion side-slipped to the left as follows. From the Railway to O36 central was taken over by 41<sup>st</sup> B<sup>n</sup> and the line from the main road in P25c to P25 central was taken over from the 45<sup>th</sup> Battalion. This move was carried out without incident. Reconnaissance Patrols operated on the Batt<sup>n</sup> front from 9pm to 4am but bright moonlight <del>from</del> impedes operations to a considerable extent.</p>	

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<p>VILLERS-BRETONNEUX.</p>	<p>22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 1918.</p>		<p>Three American Officers joined the Battalion today to be attached for experience. They are Lieut's. J. F. Moor., F. O. Gillette, J. M. Nixon. They display a very keen interest in all that goes on. The Battalion canteen has been established in a house in the west end of the town. Tonight our line was pushed forward from 200 to 300 yds in advance of the present front line by 'A' + 'D' boys. A series of posts were dug which will later be connected laterally to form a new line. No opposition was met with although the operation was carried out in bright moonlight. The 41<sup>st</sup> Bn. cooperated by also establishing posts forward. The 45<sup>th</sup> Bn on our left has been relieved by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 9<sup>th</sup> Bde. Weather remains fine hot.</p>	<p>all of 13<sup>th</sup> Regt National Guard</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CBK 21</p>

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VILLERS-BRETENNEUX.	23 <sup>rd</sup> MAY 1918.		<p>A company of 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion relieved the Pioneer boy in the town defences today. This 42<sup>nd</sup> boy comes under command of CO 44<sup>th</sup> Bn.                      General Birdwood visited Battle Hqs today                      Work was continued on the new line of posts.                      Two of the enemy who were seen approaching one of our posts were fired on. One was shot and the other taken prisoner. He belonged to the 137<sup>th</sup> Infy. Regt.</p>	
	24 <sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.		<p>Today has been dull and cold with rain at intervals.                      2/Lts. Attey N.V and McFarty D.R. arrived from Badet Battalion England.                      Today has been generally quiet throughout.</p>	



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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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VILLERS. BRETONNEUX

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	25 <sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.		<p>Apart from some shelling by our artillery the day was quiet. Two strong Points were established and garrisoned each by one Platoon as follows. One at about 030 central by 'C' Coy. and one at cross roads 036a.</p> <p>At about 9pm the enemy artillery livened up and strafed 028 and 0344 with 10.5cm H.E. in series of 12 every 10 minutes till 8pm.</p> <p>At 8pm a heavy bombardment of these areas with Mustard Gas started. This lasted till 11pm when his artillery slackened off and continued to send a few Gas &amp; HE mixed at intervals. Our Support lines and the town were also heavily</p>	
	26 <sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.		<p>At 4 am the Gas shelling recommenced although not so heavily and lasted till noon. We had very few casualties and these were slight. Our artillery replied heavily on each occasion as also did the French batteries on the right.</p> <p>Weather. Dull with a NE wind.</p> <p>Enemy planes dropped 6 bombs near Bn. Hq. in the evening.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>VILLERS - RETONNEUX</p>	<p>27<sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.</p>		<p>At 3am the enemy again bombarded the area from the Support line through the town to 028 + 034 with gas and H.E. On this occasion Phosgene was used in addition to Mustard gas. Our batteries replied heavily with apparent good results since the enemy shelling decreased considerably after the first hour and only continued lightly and spasmodically until 6am.</p> <p>The Battalion less 2 boys (B Coy which remained in support and C Coy which occupied the town defences) was relieved by the 4<sup>th</sup> Bn which had been reorganised into 3 boys on account of gas casualties received whilst in support in rear.</p> <p>A boy 444<sup>th</sup> moved into the CACHY switch in 034 and D Coy to the AUBIGNY line in 026 btd. Battn. Hqs moved to Mon. du BOIS L'ABBE at 026 d 04. One boy of Pioneer Battn is attached to us and occupies the Villers switch in 028 arc.</p> <p>The relief was complete at midnight.</p> <p>Enemy artillery shows a considerable increase especially about dusk.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">                     (Ref Sheet)                      MONASTERY DU BOIS L'ABBE (621)                      NEAR VILLERS BRETONNEUX. O28                 </p>	<p>28<sup>th</sup> MAY</p>	<p>1918.</p>	<p>Weather remains bright, warm and dry. Battalion Hqrs is situated at the West end of a very pretty wood in the Monastery (so called) which has so far not been greatly damaged by shell fire. Many of the Zouaves are to be seen wandering round and exchanging greetings with our boys, each in his own particular manner, neither understanding but everyone satisfied. The aircraft of both sides has been very active and many exciting fights ensued. Our artillery have been extremely active, doing counter preparation shoots since early morning. 16<sup>th</sup> Coy 44<sup>th</sup> Bn was relieved in the town defences by the Pioneer Coy; and took up a position in trenches in O28 etc.</p>	
	<p>29<sup>th</sup> MAY 1918</p>		<p>Nothing to report.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">MONASTERY DU BOIS. L'ABBE.</p>	<p>30<sup>th</sup> MAY 1918.</p>		<p>Weather, very warm and clear, sky cloudless; wind N. + NE. Bosche shelled Ozbb. very heavily all day trying to hit a battery in that vicinity which necessitated two platoons of D Coy finding a new home. This they did in the railway cutting nearby.</p>	
	<p>31<sup>st</sup> MAY 1918.</p>		<p>Weather as yesterday. Nothing to report.</p>	

## WAR DIARY

OF

44<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

FOR

May 1918

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BY

LIEUT-COLONEL J.P.CLARK.

COMMANDING "ARMOUR" BATTALION A.I.F.

2-5-18.

ORDER NO. 656.

Part 1.

1. BOUNDS.

G.R.O. 3876.

By order of the Army Council all Maisons Tolerees are in France are placed out of Bounds to His Majesty's Military, Naval and Air Forces.

B.R.O. 45.

The French Area bounded on the East by road from AMIENS to RU Benpre, and on the West by road to LA CHAUSSEE to VIGNACOURT including villages of VIGNACOURT, RAINVILLE and PIERREGOT is out of Bounds to all troops of the Aust. Corps except those on duty.

No passes will be issued for men to visit this area.

2. LAUDATORY.

D.R.O. 409/1872.

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

"Will be glad if the following message to troops can be promulgated.: -Begins, Australian people proud of what Field-Marshal Haig says of you, well done Australians." "Senator Pearce."

D.R.O. 410/1876.

The following wire received from Aust. Corps is promulgated for the information of all ranks :-

"Following from Military Secretary begins :-Please ask General Birdwood to inform all ranks of the Aust. Corps. that the Field-Marshal is fully aware of the gallant conduct and magnificent achievements of the Australians and wishes to thank them, the splendid service of the first Australian Division in the North has not escaped his notice and the Field-Marshal desires to include them in this expression of his appreciation."

3. STRENGTH.

Evacuated Sick, struck off strength. 2-5-18.

No. 2520 Pte. A. J. Hanley. "B" Coy. No. 945 Pte. E. A. Byers "H.Q."  
No. 3312 " W. T. Moss. "B" Coy. No. 3670 " E. H. W. Hogan. "B" Coy.  
No. 110 " H. Stewart. "H.Q." No. 119 Pte A. Bennett. "A" Coy.  
No. 881. Dvr. E. A. Sticken. "H.Q."

4. TRANSFER.

No. 3438 Pte. J. Manguy transferred from "D" to "C" Coy. dated 2-5-18.

5. ROUTINE.

Coy. Commanders and R.S.M. will arrange to select one man per Coy. and H.Q. Details who, is a Tailor by trade to report to the Second in Command at Billet 17 at 9 a.m. to-morrow. Members of the Battalion Pierrot Troupe will report to the Second in Command at Billet 17 at 9 a.m. to-morrow, under Drum-Major Donaldson.

Attention is drawn to instructions already issued re stacking of Blankets for fumigation to-morrow, these must be stacked by 7 a.m. sharp, ~~Duty~~

Duty Coy. for 3-5-18 "B" Coy.

Sick Parade. is held daily at 8 a.m. at the A.M.C. Hut.

BY  
LIEUT-COLONEL J.P. CLARK.

2-5-18.

COMMANDING "ARMOUR" BATTALION A.I.F.

----- Part Two. -----

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No. 3655	Pte. Francis C.	To Hospital Sick	29-4-18.	"C" Coy.
No. 2185	Pte. Holland R.A.	"D" Coy	"	29-4-18.
No. 155	Pte. Teasdale J.	"A" Coy.	"	27-4-18.
No. 842	Pte. Fixter J.R.	"H.Q"	"	29-4-18.
No. 2217	L/Cpl. Morley W.	"H.Q"	"	29-4-18.

DETACHMENTS.

No. 7580 Pte. Nuttall. W.C. "B" Coy. Detached to A.I.B.D. "Under Age." 28-4-18. and struck off Bn Strgth.

DETACHMENT. (DUTY.)

No. 3134 Pte. Squance W.T. "D" Coy. Detached for duty at 11yh. Inf Bde. H.Q. as Runner. dated 27-4-18.  
Lieut. I.R. GIBBS. "B" Coy. Detached for duty with 3rd. Aust. Div. for duty as A.P.M. BONNAY. dated 30-4-18.

WOUNDS. No. 3103. Pte McQueen. J.A. "B" Coy. Wdd in Action 30-4-18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

No. 537	Pte. Jeffrey S.H.	"H.Q." Rejoined Bn ex Sick.	28-4-18.)	
No. 1938	Pte. Hayes J.J.	"B" Coy. "b"	" 28-4-18.)	Not struck
No. 7444	Pte. Manners. C.B.	"D" Coy. "	" 28-4-18.)	off strength.
No. 3781	Pte. Illingworth. J.	"C" Coy. "	" 29-4-18.)	
No. 2840	Pte. Kilgallon. J.	"B" Coy. "	" 29-4-18.)	
No. 3654	Pte. Fulcher J.	"A" Coy. Rejoined Bn ex Sick	24-3-18.	
No. 164	Pte. Ashman. W.W.	"A" Coy. "	" " 25-4-18.	
No. 893	Cpl. Blick P.S.	"D" Coy. "n"	" Wdd. 28-4-18.	
No. 2233	Pte Patterson. T.W.	"D" Coy.	" " 28-4-18.	
No. 3037	Pte Chrisp W.J.	"H.Q"	"Duty England. 26-4-18.	

----- Part One. (Contd.) -----

6. COURT OF INQUIRY.

The undermentioned Officers will constitute a Court Of Inquiry to inquire into the cases of Missing Personnel of this Bn, at Bn.Hqrs. at 10 a.m. 3-5-18.:-

PRESIDENT.

Captain J.H. Foxworthy.

MEMBERS.

Lieut. A.L. Smith.

Lieut. A.B. Bone.

Proceedings to reach Bn.Hqrs. by 10 a.m. 4-5-18.

This cancels Board constituted in B.O. 655 of 28-4-18.

7. COURT OF INQUIRY.

The undermentioned Officers will constitute a Court Of Inquiry to inquire into and report upon the Illegal absence of the following men :-

No. 790 L/Cpl. Wilson. G.D.J.

No. 826 Pte. Wachman S.D.

No. 990. Pte. Higham J.

To be held at Bn.Hqrs. at 11 am. 3-5-18.

PRESIDENT.

Captain J.H. Foxworthy.

MEMBERS.

Lieut. A.L. Smith.

Lieut. A.B. Bone.

Board proceedings to reach Bn.Hqrs. by 10 a.m. 4-5-18.

This cancels Board constituted in B.O. 655 28-4-18

A/Adjutant, "Armour" Battalion, A.I.F. (Sgd.) C.I. Files. Captal



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BY  
LIEUT-COLONEL J.P. CLARK.

Order No. 657. COMMANDING "ARMOUR" BATTALION A.I.F.

3-5-18.

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-----Part One-----

1. ESCAPED PRISONERS OF WAR.

Instructions have been received that all Military Prisoners of War of whatever rank who have effected their escape from enemy custody will be despatched to LONDON. In the event of any British Prisoners coming into our lines, their names will be reported to Brigade Hqrs. without delay.

2. ROUTINE. Duty Coy. for 4-5-18 - "C" Coy.

----- Part Two. -----

SECONDING.

Lieut. A. N. Birks. Seconded as Gas Officer 11th. Inf. Brigade. 26-3-18.  
Capt. C. Longmore. " Wounded 30-3-18.  
Capt. H. G. Bremner (M.C.) " 30-3-18.  
Lieut. W. R. Maddeford. (M.C.) " 6-4-18. (A.I.F. List 322 of 23-4-18.)  
Lieut. S. Y. Garnsworthy. " 30-3-18.  
Lieut. A. J. Proud. " 28-3-18.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No. 407. Pte White. C. "B" Coy. to Hospital Sick 1-5-18.

WOUNDS.

No. 2572 Pte Gregan J. T. "A" Coy. Wounded in Action (At duty.) 12-4-18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

No. 699 Sgt. Green L. R. "C" Coy. ex Wdd. 2-5-18.  
No. 2808 Pte Davison W. J. "A" Coy. ex Sick 2-5-18.

REINFORCEMENT.

Nil

REVERSION.

No 445 T/Sgt. Gillett F. Reverts to LANCE-SERGEANT 1-5-18 on return of Permanent N.C.O. (P.B. No. 115410)  
No. 226 T/Cpl. Vaudrey R. W. J. reverts to LANCE-CORPORAL 1-5-18 on return of permanent N.C.O. (P.B. No. 115532.)

----- Part One. (Contd.) -----

3. STRENGTH. Evacuated Sick Struck off strength. 3-5-18.

No. 387 Pte. Mercer E. G. "Hqrs."  
No. 7 C. Q. M. S. McKenzie. "Hqrs."  
No. 155 Pte. Teasdale J. "A" Coy.

(Sgd.) G. L. BILES. Captain.  
A/Adjutant "Armour" Battalion. A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDERS.

APPENDIX / 32

BY  
LIEUT-COLONEL J.P. CLARK.

Order No. 658.

COMMANDING ARMOUR BATTALION A.I.F.

4-5-18.

----- Part One. -----

1 ROUTINE. Duty Coy. for 5-5-18 - "D" Coy.

2 CHURCH PARADE.

Battalion Church Parade will be held on Bn. Parade Ground at 10 a.m. to-morrow 5-5-18.  
Chaplain Phillips. "Armour" Bn Band.

R.C. Parade.

R.C. Church Parade will be held near R.C. Church LA HOUSOYE 9 a.m. to-morrow 5-5-18.  
Parade will fall in in front of Bn.H.Q. under R.S.M. at 8-45am. and marched to parade under Senior Officer present.

3 LECTURE.

A Lecture to all Officers of the Bn by a Tank Officer on "The employment of Tanks." will be given at 2 p.m. to-morrow 5-5-18 at "C" Coy Officers' Billets.

4 TRANSFERS. The undermentioned are Transfers from H.Q. to Coys as shown dated 4-5-18. :-

No. 1913	C.Q.M.S.	Taylor A.J.R.	to "B" Coy.	
No. 5035	C.Q.M.S.	Kelly C.A.	to "C" Coy.	
No. 680	C.Q.M.S.	McKellar J.E.	to "D" Coy.	
No. 3113	Pte.	Parker R.T.	to "A" Coy.	Stretcher Bearer.
No. 2303	Pte.	Bertram W.C.	to "B" Coy.	"
No. 2679	Pte.	Mills W.J.	to "C" Coy.	"
No. 2588	Pte.	Harris G.W.	to "C" Coy.	"
No. 2829	Pte.	Grover H.J.	to "D" Coy.	"
No. 991	Pte.	Sims G.	to "D" Coy.	"
No. 64	Pte.	Rafferty T.	to "A" Coy.	Cook.
No. 104	Pte.	Newton G.	to "A" Coy.	"
No. 80	Pte.	Cronin J.	to "A" Coy.	"
No. 117	Pte.	Armstrong A.E.	to "A" Coy.	"
No. 254	Pte.	Brown W.J.	to "B" Coy.	"
No. 301	Pte.	Maru A.	to "B" Coy.	"
No. 300	Pte.	Hilton R.	to "B" Coy.	"
No. 619	Pte.	Adams W.W.	to "C" Coy.	"
No. 475	L/Cpl.	Cox F.G.	to "C" Coy.	"
No. 607	Pte.	Pomeroy A.	to "C" Coy.	"
No. 2678	Pte.	Cuckson B.C.	to "C" Coy.	"
No. 775	Pte.	Bennie R.C.	to "D" Coy.	"
No. 2357	Pte.	Lawrence S.A.	to "D" Coy.	"
No. 158	Pte.	Weeks W.J.	to "A" Coy.	
No. 436	Pte.	Beal G.	to "B" Coy.	
No. 578	Pte.	Everett W.H.	to "C" Coy.	
No. 1698	Pte.	Traynor J.P.	to "D" Coy.	
No. 156	Pte.	O'Brien J.	Transferred to H.Q. Sanitary Sect from "A" Coy. dated 4-5-18.	

----- Part Two. -----

4-5-18.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No. 1158 Pte. Dicks A.E. "C" Coy. to Hospital Sick. 1-5-18.  
No. 2441 Pte. Shaw L. "D" Coy. " " 30-4-18.  
No. 3636 Pte. Chandler H. "B" Coy. "B" Coy. " 4-5-18.

4-5-18

PROCEEDED TO ENGLAND.

No. 353 Pte. Crellin E.H. HQ. proceeded to England for return to Australia."

DETACHMENT.

No. 442 Pte. Lydiate S.H. "B" Coy. Proceeded to A.I.B.D. "Under Age." and struck off strength 4-5-18.

(Sgd.) C.L. Biles. Captain.  
A/Adjutant "Armour" Bn. A.I.F.

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BY  
COLONEL  
LIEUTENANT COMMANDING J.P. CLARK.  
COMMANDING ARMOUR BATTALION.A.I.F.

Order No 659

5.5.18

----- Part One -----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 6.5.18 "A"Company.

2. HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.  
Lieut.C.H.Balme Admitted Hospital Sick 28.4.18.

REJOINED BATTALION.  
Lieut.C.H.Balme Rejoined Bn ex Sick 4.5.18.

(Sgd) C.L.Biles.  
Captain.  
A/ADJUTANT ARMOUR BATTALION A.I.F.

BY

LIEUT. COLONEL J.P. CLARK.

COMMANDING "ARMOUR" BATTALION. A.I.F.

Order 660.

7-5-18.

Part 1.

I. HONOURS AND AWARDS.

(A.I.F. List 325 of 30-4-18.)

With reference to the awards conferred as announced in the London Gazette of 17-12-17., the following are the statements of service for which the decorations were conferred. (See A.I.F. List 274.)

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Major M.H. a'Beckett. 44th. Battalion.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a battalion which relieved the attacking troops. He personally carried out a valuable reconnaissance under most dangerous conditions, clearing up an obscure situation and then established a very strong system of posts as a front line of defence. He set a splendid example of courage and resource.

AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

Lieut. H.G. Bremner. 44th. Battalion.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his Company.

He personally rushed a shell-hole, shooting one of the enemy and bayoneting another.

His Company being held up by four enemy M.G.'s. he displayed great skill in dealing with them.

He personally searched dug-outs sending maps and information back.

Lieut. W.R. Maddeford. 44th. Battalion.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Platoon.

During the advance he rushed the door of a dug-out and with his runner took forty three prisoners.

When his Coy. Commander and two other Officers became casualties he took command of the Company and supervised the consolidation.

London Gazette dated 17-4-18. (See A.I.F. List 279.)

AWARDED DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No. 16 Sgt. J.R. Butler. 44th. Battalion.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has frequently shown great coolness and determination under difficult conditions.

More than once he saved an awkward situation by taking charge, under heavy fire and controlling men of his own and other Units by his example and leadership.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS.AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.  
(9280 S.M. (WOII) H.M. Cook. 44th Battalion.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

When in charge of a strong point he drove off, single handed, a hostile patrol 20 strong and prevented them from locating the position of his post.

On another occasion he took part in an important raid and has always set a splendid example of coolness under heavy fire.

2. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength 7.5.18.

No 58 Dvr. T.D. Noonan HQ. No 2873 Pte Periera. G. HQ.  
No 842 PTE Fixter. J.R. HQ. No 2217 L/Cpl Morley. W. HQ.  
No 3655 Pte Francis. C. C. Coy No 2815 Pte Holland. R.A. D Coy,

3. TRANSFERS.

(BN)

No. 1698	Pte. J.P. Traynor.	"D" Coy to H.Q.	Storeman.	7-5-18.
No. 254	Pte. W. J. Brown.	"B" Coy to H.Q.	(Fat Detail)	7-5-18.
No. 3410	Pte. B.A. Rogers.	"D" Coy to "A" Coy.	Batman.	7-5-18.
No. 483	Pte. S.W. Davies.	"A" Coy to "D" Coy.	Batman.	7-5-18.
No. 3092	Pte. A.B. Luff.	"D" Coy to H.Q.	Barber.	7-5-18.
No. 5117	Pte. T.O. Inglis.	"C" Coy to H.Q.	Water Detail	7-5-18.
No. 2395	Pte. W.P. Price.	"D" Coy to H.Q.	Water Detail.	7-5-18.
No. 3654	Pte. J. Fulcher.	"A" Coy to H.Q.	Water Detail.	7-5-18.
No. 592	Pte. T.P. Laird.	"C" Coy to H.Q.	Pioneers.	7-5-18.
No. 3037	Pte. W. J. Chrispe.	H.Q. to "A" Coy.		7-5-18.
No. 2906	Pte. W.O. Wilson.	"C" Coy to H.Q.	Police.	7-5-18.
No. 150	Pte. T. Stoltze.	"A" Coy to H.Q.	Scouts.	7-5-18.
No. 2680	Pte. W. Atkins.	"B" Coy to H.Q.	"	7-5-18.
No. 2379	Pte. D. McBride.	"B" Coy to H.Q.	"	7.5.18.
No. 2766	Pte. R. J. K. Ewing.	"C" Coy to H.Q.	"	7-5-18.
No. 3747	Pte. R. G. Langdon.	"C" Coy to H.Q.	"	7-5-18.
No. 876	Pte. W. E. G. Dodds.	"D" Coy to H.Q.	Scouts.	7-5-18.
No. 5701	Pte. G. C. Fraser.	"D" Coy to H.Q.	"	7-5-18.
No. 749	B/Cpl. G. W. Williams	A Coy to H.Q.	Intell.	7-5-18.
No. 7480	Pte. J. Hall.	"A" Coy to H.Q.	"	7-5-18.
No. 266	Pte. R. H. Clark	"B" Coy to H.Q.	"	7-5-18.
No. 4860	Pte. J. L. McKenna.	"B" Coy to H.Q.	"	7-5-18.
No. 5194	Pte. G. Sowerbutts.	"C" Coy to H.Q.	"	7-5-18.
No. 2875	Pte. A. M. Pooley.	"C" Coy to H.Q.	"	7-5-18.
No. 224.	L/Cpl. B. Peters.	"A" Coy to H.Q.	(Catrr.)	7-5-18.
No. 2789	Pte. H. S. Browne.	"B" Coy to H.Q.	(Clerks.)	7-5-18.

4. RETURN OF COTTON BANDOLIERS. (50 ROUNDS.) G.R.O. 3903.

Attention is called to the necessity of salvaging and returning to Base all Cotton Bandoliers that are fit for use again. Unless a large portion of these bandoliers are returned the output of charger pack (Bandolier) S.A.A. will be seriously affected. It is recognised that in mobile and semi-mobile warfare the proportion of cotton bandoliers that can be returned will be small, but in trench warfare it should be possible to return at least 75% of the numbers issued and every endeavour must be made to do so.

5. NO. 35 GRENADES (G.R.O. 3908)

Tops of the detonator holders for No. 35 Grenade are now coming into supply are painted red in order to distinguish them from the Transit Plugs. He-6

6. NO. 6 ARMOUR PIERCING. S.A.A. (G.R.O. 3909)

Cartridges with a new type of Armour piercing bullets are now coming into supply. Instead of the usual "P" marked on the base of the cartridge and the boxes, the letter "W" appears. The words "Armour Piercing" are also marked in large type on the labels on the boxes, except in a few earlier issues where these words are omitted.

7. LEAVE TO ITALY. (G.R.O. 3923)

G.R.O. 3234 (As amended by G.R.O. 2456) will be amended to read as follows:-

On and after Feby 1st 1918, all Officers and O.R. visit-  
-ing Italy on leave will be required to be in possession of  
Identify certificates.

To enable them to be issued the following instructions  
information will be included in all applications for leave w  
when submitted to General Headquarters:-

The christian names, Year of birth, Colour of hair,  
Colour of eyes, Shape of nose, Colour of beard or moustache  
if any, Complexion, Special marks, Dates between leave are requ  
required.

An impression of left thumb print taken by means of any  
stamp pad will be attached to the application if possible  
a photograph not exceeding 2' by 2' should be sent.

All applications must reach General Headquarters at  
least one week before the person applying desires to proceed  
on leave in order that Headquarters L of C. Italy may be  
advised in advance.

It will invariably be carried when in Italy and must be  
produced and submitted for examination when ever required.

At the conclusion of leave itb will be returned without if  
fail to the Adjutant General. G.H.Q. direct by the O.C. of  
Unit in which the holder is serving.

This certificate is provided as a means of identification  
only and is not a pass enabling the holder to travel.

----- Part Two -----

7.5.18.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No 1056	Pte Kenny P.	"C" Coy to Hospital sick	3.5.18.
No 849	" Treasure.F.H.	"D" Coy " "	4.5.18.
No 180	" Gilbert W.J.	"H.Q. " "	4.5.18.
No 2561	Cpl Davies R.C.	"H.Q. " "	6.5.18.
No 106	L/Cpl O'Brien O.H.	"B" " "	6.5.18.

ACCIDENTAL INJURY.

No 58 Dvr Noonan.T.D. HQ injured accidentally (sprained  
ankle 24 .4.18.

TRANSFERS.

No 2072	Pte Clark.J.	) Transferred to 42nd Battn.A.I.F. from 44th Bn dated 7.5.18.
No 2188	" McDonald R.LG.	
No 2130	" McPherson. J.	
No 3076	" Howie A.	

PROMOTIONS.

No 661 Cpl Wate Tait .T. Promoted SERGEANT 28.2.18.vice No888  
Sgt Laing.L.C. to 10 th Training Bn  
and supernumery (PB No )

No 467 Sergeant McLarty.D.R. (MM) ) Promoted 2nd Lieuts in A.I.F.  
No 458 " Scarr. H. (MM) ) and posted General Inf Reinf  
No 5038 EDP Sgt Stewart.W. ) dated 1.5.18. (A.I.F.List  
326 of 3.4.18)

Part Two.

PROMOTION. (TEMPORARY)

No 2050 L/Cpl Broadbridge.C.H. Promoted T/CORPORAL dated 8.3.18. vice  
No 802 Sgt McCarthy.F.J. evac sick 7.3.18.  
(PB No )

DETACHMENT.

Lieut Adam.J. Detached for duty with Iith A.L.T.M.Battery, dated  
3.5.18.

STRENGTH.

No 4751 Pte Chisholm.D.V. "A" Coy. Taken on strength of 44th Bn.A.I.F.  
from Iith Infantry Brigade H.Q. dated 6.5.18.

SECONDDING.

Lieut Kerr.W. Seconded for duty with Over-seas Training Brg  
dated 30.1.18. (Auth A.I.F.List 324 of 30.4.18 )

REJOINED BATTALION.

No 575 L/Cpl Doust.G.E. "C" Rejoined Bn from Training Bn England  
5.5.18.  
No 225 L/Cpl Smith.E.H. "A" Rejoined Bn from ex detachment Iith Bdge  
H.Q. 6.5.18.

No 344 Pte Lee.W.H.	"B" Rejoined Bn ex Sick	5.5.18.
988 " Allan.R	D "	5.5.18.
3043 " Cutis.H.S.	A "	5.5.18.
908. " McIlwaine.T.R.	D "	5.5.18.
2312 " Copeman.C.E.	A " WdA	5.5.18.
2675 L/Cpl Joyce.R.H.	B "	5.5.18
541 Pte Mansfield R.C.	C "	5.5.18
2348 " Hackett.F.J.	A "	5.5.18.
274 " Luff .F.	B "	5.5.18
388 L/Cpl Gunning.A L	B " T.B.	5.5.18
1158 Pte Dicks A.E.	C " Sick	6.5.18.(not off stg)

REINFORCEMENTS.

No 3581 Pte Jensen.F.B.	"A" Coy )
3501 " Hollings J.	A " )
3344 " Richards W.C.	C " ) Taken on strength of 44th Bn
3050 " Davies.J.H.	C " ) from reinforcements dated 5.5.18
3634 " Maloney. C	C " )

REVERSION.

No 246 L/Cpl Sale.J.W.T. Reverts to PRIVATE 6.5.18. at own request

(SGD) C.L.Biles.  
Captain  
A/ADJUTANT ARMOUR BATTALION A.I.F.

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.P. CLARK.

COMMANDING ARMOUR BATTALION. A.I.F.

Order No 661

10.5.18.

----- Part One --

1. CLOSING OF ESTAMINETS. (G.R.O. 1693)

Until further notice Estaminets in Army and G.H.Q. areas will be closed to British Troops except between the hours of 10.30am to 1.30pm. and 5.30 to 9 pm. In the L of C. area the hours during which troops may enter Estaminets will remain as at present from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (G.R.O.s 1661 and 1693 are cancelled.)

2. PROTECTION AGAINST BOMBS.

Portion of Fourth Army Routine Order No. 1944 is published for information.

(a) Lights. A number of lights shown in the Army Area are likely to serve as guides to hostile aircraft. The safety of troops and civilian inhabitants and of factories, railways etc., engaged on work for the railways, it is essential that such lights shall cease to be shown. All lights will therefore be extinguished or completely shaded one hour after sunset. This order is to be repeated in orders of all formations down to Units and all ranks will assist the police both by complying with the order themselves and bringing to notice any infringements of the order.

O.C's Units will ensure that this order is carried out by inspection of billets occupied by troops under their command.

3. STRENGTH.

Evacuated Sick, strength off Strength, dated 10-5-18.

No. 2411 Pte L. Shaw. "D" Coy. No 407 Pte C. White "B" Coy.  
" 1056 Pte. T. Kenny "C" Coy.

4. TRANSFERS.

(B.N.)

Capt. E.C. Adams transferred from "A" Coy to "D" Coy. 10-5-18.  
Lieut. M.H. Otto. " " Hqrs. " "A" Coy. 10-5-18.  
Lieut. Lintott. C.D.W. (M.C.) transferred from "C" Coy to Hqrs. 10-5-18.

5. ROUTINE.

Orderly Officer for 11-5-18 Lieut. K. Sheridan.

----- Part 2. -----

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No. 7442	Pte. Moore D.R.	"A" Coy.	To Hospital Sick.	8-5-18.
No. 83	" Knight. C.	"A" "	" "	7-5-18.
No. 7489	" Jones. E.A.	"D" "	" "	7-5-18.
No. 2258	" Disson. L.H.	"D" "	" "	7-5-18.
No. 378	" Trotter. R.	"B" "	" "	8-5-18.
No. 2553	" Clark. A.W.	"C" "	" "	9-5-18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

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Part 2.REJOINED BATTALION.

Lieut. K. Sheridan. "H.Q." Rejoined ex Sick 5-5-18.

No. 556 Pte. J. F. Lyons. "D" Rejoined Bn ex Wounded 24-3-18.

Lieut. L. Paton. "C" " " " Detachment. 8-5-18.

No. 2823 Pte A. H. Gale. "H.Q." )

No. 855 " P. Cassisy. "B" Coy )

No. 1688 " J. Lahiff. "C" Coy )

" " " 8-5-18.

HONOURS AND AWARDS.

No. 2745 Pte. B. McMullen. )

No. 2394 " R. B. Povey. )

No. 2640 " C. G. Walker. )

Awarded MILITARY MEDAL.

(Auth. D.R.O. 412/1884 of 6-5-18 and Aust Corps  
R.O. 94/276 of 3-5-18.)

PROMOTION. (TEMPORARY.)

No. 138 L/Sgt. H. A. Johnson. Promoted T/Sgt. dated 28-4-18 vice No. 7 C.Q.M.S.  
McKenzie D. evacuated Sick 27-4-18.

(Sgd.) G. L. Biles. Capt.  
A/Adjt. "Armour" Battalion. AIF.

BATTALION ORDER APPENDIX

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.P. CLARK.

COMMANDING "ARMOUR" BATTALION A.I.F.

Order No 662.

II.5.18

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I. ROUTINE.

Duty Company for 12.5.18. B Company.
Duty Company will supply:-
(a) Battalion Orderly Officer.
(b) Officers Patrol for PONT NOYELLES from 2pmt to 9p

Company Orderly Sergeant will furnish Orderly Officer with a Tattoo Report each night for their Respective Companies.

2. BATTALION ALARM POST.

In case of Alarm or hostile shelling Troops will fall in on Battalion Post which is situated (Sheet 62D I/400000 about 200 yards South Of Incinerator in H.I8.a. in Fighting Order.

3. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND RIBBONS.

References to instructions issued today with regard to presentation of Medals and Ribbons by CO Corps Commander tomorrow SUNDAY 12th inst, the following amended instructions are issued.
Church Parade will now be held at 10am instead of 10.30
Recipients will now parade on Parade Ground at ALLONVILLE AT 8.30am instead of 9am.
Recipients of this Battalion will parade at Battalion H.Q. at 7.30am instead of 8am under Lieut A.B. BONE
Special attention to be paid to altered time of parading men at Battalion Headquarters.

4. CHURCH PARADES. SUNDAY 12 inst.

Table with columns: Time, Place, Battalion Parade Padre, Band. Row: 9.30am, Chateay Grounds, Sexton, 44th Battn

Companies will fall in on Battalion Parade Ground at 9am and march from there to parade at Chateau Grounds under Senior Officers present.
Markers from each Coy and H.Q. Details will report to R.S.M. at 8.55am on Battalion Parade Ground.
Dress:- Belt and side arms. S.B.R.

Table with columns: Time, R.C. Church Parade Place, Padre. Row: 9am, R.C. Church PONT NOYELLES, Woods.

Parade will fall in opposite Battalion headquarters at 8.40am and march to Church under Senior Officer present.

5. SICK PARADE.

Sick Parade will be held as shewn.
Sundays:- 9.30am Week days 8am at Battalion A.M.C. Hut

6. STRENGTH.

Evacuated Sick struck off strength. II.5.18.
No 3636 Pte Chandler.H. B coy.

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Part 2.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No. 255 Cpl. W.T. Sullivan. "B" Coy. )  
 No. 2281 Pte. A.R. Potter. "A" Coy. ) To Hospital Sick. 10-5-18.  
 No. 3268 " F. Cant. "A" Coy. )

DETACHMENTS.

No. 423 Pte. H.V. Smith. )  
 No. 435 " P. Fleming. ) Detached for duty 3/rd. Div. Train. 10-5-18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

No. 388 L/Cpl. A.L. Gunning. Rejoined Bn. ex Training Bn. England 5-5-18.  
 No. 210. Pte D.C. Swainston. "A" Coy. Rejoined Bn ex Sick. 9-5-18.  
 No. 653 " G. Robson. "C" Coy. " " " Wdd. 9-5-18.

(Sgd.) C.L. Biles. Captain.  
 A/Adjt. "Armour" Battalion. AIF.

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APPENDIX 42

BATTALION ORDERS

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.P. CLARK.

COMMANDING ARMOUR BATTALION. A.I.F.

Order No 663

12.5.18.

----- Part One -----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 13.5.18. "C" Company.
2. BOX RESPIRATORS.  
Men whose Box Respirators have not been tested in Gas will report to Battalion Gas N.C.O. on Battalion Parade Ground at 9.30 am. on 13th inst, and march to Brigade Headquarters.
3. RESERVE STRETCHER BEARERS.  
4 Reserve Stretcher Bearers per Company will parade to R.M.O. at 9am in addition to those already mentioned in Syllabus of Training.
4. RESULTS OF SCHOOLS. No 3 A.A. Lewis Gun School.

No 922 Pte Comben C.T.	Result.	Good.	Good Instructor.
922 L/Cpl Fraser. A.	"	Good.	
760 Sgt Jones.T.C.	"	Good.	Good Instructor.
604 Pte Northway.A.J.	"	Good.	
5. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength. 12.5.18.  
No 7459 Pte Treasure. F.H. D Coy. No 180 Pte Gilbert, W.J. H.Q.
6. BOUNDS. All ranks must be warned that no one is allowed outside the Brigade Area without a written pass from his C.O.

----- Part Two -----

12.5.18.

TRANSFER TO GENERAL LIST.

Lieut Col. W.O. Mansbridge. D.S.O.

Ceased to be seconded with 11th Div T.B. and transferred to General List: 7.11.17. (Auth A.I.F. List 327. 7.5.18.)

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

No 2329 Pte Fry. R.G.	To Hospital	Sick	9.5.18.
1820 Cpl Francis. H.S.	"	"	9.5.18.
2388 Pte Parker. H.P.	"	"	9.5.18.
3293 Pte Halliday A.J.	"	"	9.5.18.

DETACHMENT.

Lieut R.F. Darling.

Detached for duty as TOWN MAJOR BONNAY. 12.5.18

PROCEEDED TO ENGLAND.

Lieut C.H. Balms. ) Proceeded to England to report to Administrative  
Lieut I.R. Gibbs. ( Headquarters London, 12.5.18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

Lieut I.R. Gibbs.

Rejoined Battn ex detachment. 12.5.18.

No 2854 Pte Lucke. F.

"B" Rejoined Bn ex Sick 10.5.18.

Rejoined Battalion, contd.

No 2328 Pte Frame. J.	"A"	Rejoined Bn ex Sick	10.5.18.
343a Pte Smith. D. W. B.	C	"	10.5.18.
No 255 Cpl W. T. Sullivan.	B	Rejoined Bn ex Sick	11.5.18. (Not struck off strength)
No 2145 Pte H. C. Scales.	A	Rejoined Bn Ex Wdd	10.5.18.

PROMOTIONS.

No 1837 T/Sgt Henderson. C. A.	Promoted SERGEANT. 12.5.18. vice No 22 Sgt Jones . T. P. evac sick 8.2.18. (PB NO 93203)
No 148 T/Cpl Stamp. A. G.	Promoted CORPORAL. 4.5.18. vice No 1837 T/Sgt Henderson. C. A. promoted 12.5.18. (PB NO 116014)

REVERSIONS.

No 546 T/Cpl PAdgett. J.	Reverts to L/Cpl 4.5.18. on return of permanent N.C.O. (PB NO 116247)
No 384 Cpl Simpson. W.	Reverts to L/Cpl at own request 11.5.18 (PB NO )

(SGD) C. L. Biles.  
 Captain.  
 A/Adjutant ARMOUR BATTALION A. I. F.

BATTALION ORDERS.

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.P. CLARK.COMMANDING ARMOUR BATTALION. A.I.F.Order No 664.13.5.18.

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 14.5.18. "C" Company.  
Duty Company will supply daily a fatigue party of 4 other ranks to report at 8.30am to Town Major's Office PONT NEVE NOYELLES.  
Men so detailed will carry shovels.
2. SHORTS. It is forbidden for any soldier of this Battalion to cut breeches to make them into shorts.  
It is also forbidden for any soldier to wear shorts.
3. IRON RATIONS.  
In future steps will be taken to charge any man arriving from the Base without IRON RATIONS with the cost of replacing same, unless a certificate is given by the G.O. O.C. Train or Conducting Officer to clear him of the charge of neglect or of consuming the rations.
4. BATHS. Attention is drawn to memo re Baths allotment for 14.5.18. issued to Companies today.  
Clean clothing will be available, at the Baths.
5. TRANSFERS. No 3331 Pte Pickering. J. is transferred from A to D coy. dated 13.5.18.
6. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength 13.5.18.  
No 2561 Cpl Davies. R.C. HQ No 106 L/Cpl O'Brien R.H. B CO

----- Part Two ----

REJOINED BATTALION.

No	Rank	Name	Company	Rejoined BN	Wdd	Date
No 238	Sgt	Pugh. R.T.	"D" Coy	Rejoined BN	x Wdd	10.5.18.
818	Pte	Tonkin. N.S.	"H"	DO	do	"
681	"	Moyle. E.H.	"D"	do	do	"
3071	"	Harris. A.J.	"B"	do	do	"
3055	"	Fitzgerald. A.	"C"	do	do	"
668	"	Renton. H.M.	"C"	do	do	"
3087	E	Kelly. P.	"C"	do	do	"
2681	"	Mottram. C.J.	"D"	do	do	"
2335	"	Godfrey. E.C.	"A"	do	Sick do	"
2151	"	Lonsdale. W.	"D"	do	do	"
2100	"	Hodkinson. O.W.	"B"	do	do	"
2236	"	Robinson. S.W.	"B"	do	do	"

INJURY (ACCIDENTAL)

No 2576 Pte Hansen A. "C" Accidentally Injured (Sprained Ankle)  
10.5.18.

BY

LIEUT COLONEL J.P. CLARK.

COMMANDING ARMOUR BATTALION. A.I.F.

Order No 665

14.5.18.

## -----Part One -----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 15.5.18. "A" Company.
2. LAUDATORY. The following is a text of a message received from the Division Commander.  
 "The Field Marshall Commanding in Chief paid a special visit to the Division a couple of days ago in order personally to express to me his thanks for the valuable and decisive services rendered by the Division, from the date of its arrival in this theatre of war on March 27th up to and inclusive of the offensive operations of May the 6th and 7th.  
 "The Commander in Chief desires me to convey to all ranks services and departments his keen appreciation and gratitude for the work they have done.
3. KILLING OF GAME. (A.R.O. 1996.)
  - (a) G.R.O. 1297 is republished as cases still occur of Officers and other ranks killing game, it is notified for information that the hunting, shooting or killing of game (which includes hares and rabbits) by net, snares or other methods is strictly prohibited.
  - (b) The dangerous practice of shooting at game is still persisted in throughout the Army area and casualties have been caused both to soldiers and civilians.
  - (c) From this date severe disciplinary action will be taken against any one disobeying this order.
4. GRZING OF HORSES AND MULES. (A.R.O. 2007)  
 Full advantage is not being taken of the grazing in the Army area.  
 Corps will arrange to allot grazing areas in the evacuated areas to Divisions and Divisions in turn will allot areas to Units.  
 In inhabited areas every advantage is to be taken of roadside grazing, and Commanding Officers will be held responsible that all animals not actually on the march are grazed for at least one hour per day.  
 Animals must not however be allowed to graze on crops. The services of horse advisers will be utilized for the supervision of grazing arrangements.  
 When it is possible to cast horses loose to graze mounted patrols will be detailed on a scale of 6 per 100 horses. Their duty will be to prevent straying and to round up stragglers.
5. LOOTING. Attention is drawn to copy of letter from O.C. French Mission attached to Australian Corps and a letter of appeal by the Divisional Commander, issued with this order. The G.O.C. Brigade directs that these two letters be read out to all troops in the Brigade at least once per month.
6. BOX RESPIRATOR HAVERSACKS-WASHING OF. (G.R.O. 3981)  
 It has brought to notice that in some Units Box Respirator Haversacks are cleaned by scrubbing with water. This treatment diminishes the water resisting power of the fabric and will be discontinued.

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The Haversacks should be dried when opportunity offers, and the mud can then be readily brushed off.

7. BATHS.

Baths are allotted for Wednesday 15th inst as follows:-

A Company	40 O.R.	2pm to 2.25pm.
B Company	40 O.R.	2.25pm to 2.50pm.
C Company	40 O.R.	2.50pm to 3.15pm.
D Company	40 O.R.	3.15pm to 3.35pm.
H.Q.Details	40 O.R.	3.35pm. to 4pm.

PONT NOYELLES Baths.

Parties will be sent at the rate of 25 every quarter of an hour.

An Officer must accompany each party if possible.

Clean clothes will be provided at the Baths.

Times must be strictly adhered to.

8. STRENGTH.

Evacuated sick struck off strength. I4.5.18.

No 83 Pte "night. G. A.Coy No 7489 Pte Jones.E.A. "D? Co  
 No 3318 Pte Disson L.H. D.Coy.No 2576 Pte Hansen.A.  
 He "B" Coy. No 2388 Pte Parker H.P. "HQ" No 7482 Pte  
 Moore.D.R. "A" Coy. No 378 Pte Trotter.R. "B" Coy.

9. TRANSFERS.

The following transfers takes effect from I4.5.18.

No 685 Pte Baynes H.D "D" Coy to HQ Police  
 No 855 Pte Cassidy.P D Coy To HQ Police.  
 No 396 Pte Bell T. A Coy to H.Q.Band.  
 No 5744 Pte LING.W. D COY to H.Q.Band.  
 No 3282 Pte East.C.G. B Coy to H.Q.Band.  
 No 2524 Pte Hetherington W.A. aCoy to H.Q.Band.  
 No 2615 Pte Oateh R.B. A COY to H.Q.Band.  
 No 3126 Pte Tidmarsh.S.G. D COY to H.Q.Band.  
 No 3368 Pte Webb F. B Coy to H.Q.Band.  
 No 158 Pte Weeks W.J. A Coy H.Q.Storeman (QM's.)  
 No 578 PteEverett.W.H. C COY to H.Q.Storeman (QM's)  
 No 654 Pte Simberg.A. C Coy to H.Q.Tailor.  
 No 616 Pte Smith.H.S. C COY to H.Q.Tailor.  
 No 3754 Pte Thompson,C. A Coy to H.Q.Shoemaker.  
 No 589 Pte Rutter.W. C Coy to H.Q.Shoemaker.  
 No 7568 Pte Fannon.P. C Coy to H.Q.Transport.  
 No 1938 Pte Hayes J.J. B Coy to H.Q.Transport.  
 No 360I Pte Lynch.M. D COY to H.Q.Transport.  
 No 168I Pte OLson.G.A. C Coy to H.Q.Transport.  
 No 679 Pte Peters.L.S. D Coy to H.Q.Transport.  
 No 983 Pte Phelan J.J. B Coy to H.Q.Transport.  
 No 472 Pte Connelly.F. C Coy to H.Q.Transport.  
 No 648 Pte Outram A. Coy to H.Q.Transport.  
 No 3077.Pte Hunter.G.I. D Coy to H.Q.Runners  
 No 69I Pte Nissen.L.R. D Coy to H.Q.Runners. Batmen  
 No 306 Pte Leivers.H. B Coy to H.Q.Batmen.  
 No 705 Pte Donovan.F.S.D Coyt to H.Q.Runners  
 No 2672 Pte Priest.L.W. C Coy to H.Q.Batmen.  
 No 359I Sgt.Yeates.A. C Coy to B coy.

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TRANSFER.

No 99 Pte Martin.JJ. "C" Taken on strength of 44th Battn from IIth Inf Brigade H.Q. I2.5.18.



Transfer contd.

No 2834 Pte Hughes.G.A. "HQ" Transferred from the 44th Battn A.I.F. to 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Brigade H.q. 12.5.18.

DETACHMENT.

No 246 Pte Sale. J.W.T. Detached for duty with 3rd Divisional Train 11.5.18.  
 No 542 Pte Barr.J.B. Detached for duty with 11th Inf Brigade H.Q. 12.5.18.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No 3715 Pte Stewart.S.W. To Hospital Sick. 12.5.18.  
 No 276 Pte Davies.P.W.G. " " 13.5.18.  
 No 3518 Pte Doye.W.H. " " 14.5.18.  
 No 397 L/Cpl Gillon.W.E. " " 14.5.8  
 No 3255 Pte Aitkin.D. " " 14.5.18.  
 No 2898 Pte Draffin.R.C. " " 14.5.18.  
 No 884 Drv Crews.H. " " 14.5.18.

APPOINTMENTS

No 219 Pte Walters.A.W. Appointed LANCE CORPORAL. 14.5.18, to complete establishment.

No 2783 Pte Balme.E.F. (PB No 208480) )  
 No 115 Pte Whitton.R. (PB No 120974) )  
 No 365 Pte Hammond.G.H. (PB No 115556) ) Appointed DRIVERS 14/5/18  
 No 6145 Pte Larter.H.W. (PB No 207134) ) to complete establishment.  
 No 1929 Pte Monksfield.C.A. (PB No 115472) ) under A.I.F. Order 785  
 No 1929 Pte Headland.J.H. (PB No 115557) ) with amendments.  
 No 796 Pte Reilly.P.J. (PB NO 115500) )

ILLEGAL ABSENTEES.

No 826 Pte Wachman.S.D. "HQ" Declared Illegal Absentee by Court of Enquiry held in the Field 3.5.18.  
 No 990 Pte Higham.J. "DS" Declared Illegal Absentee by Court of Enquiry held in the Field 3.5.18.  
 (~~Struck off strength from that date.~~)  
*held in the field 3.5.18*

(sgd) C.L. Biles.

Captain.

Adjutant, Armour Battalion. A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDERS.

BY  
LIEUTANT COLONEL J.P. CLARK.

COMMANDING ARMOUR BATTALION? A.I.F.

Order No 666.

15.5.18.

----- Part One. -----

1. CEREMONIAL PARADE.

A Ceremonial Parade will be held tomorrow 16th inst, at 1.30pm on ground at approx H.10.b.2.2. Companies will march independently to parade ground.

2. ROUTINE.

Duty Company for 16.5.18. B Company.

3. TRANSFERS.

Lieut McGrath. E.E. is transferred from HQ to A Coy dated 15.5.18.

----- Part Two -----

TRANSFER.

No 6857 Pte Walker. A.R. Transferred to 42nd Battn, A.I.F. from 44th Bn dated 15.5.18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

Lieut DARLING. R.F. Rejoined Bn ex detachment 14.5.18.

REVERSION.

No 2346 T/Cpl Hughes. C.E. Reverts to LANCE CORPORAL dated 11.5.18. on absorption of permanent N.C.O. (PB 115816)

(Sgd) G.L. Biles.

Captain.

A/Adjutant ARMOUR BATTALION A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDERS.

BY

LIEUT-COLONEL J.P. CLARK.Order No. 667.COMMANDING "ARMOUR" BATTALION A.I.F.16-5-18.

---Part One.---

1. ROUTINE. Duty Coy for 16-5-18 "C" Coy.2. INSPECTION BY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

There will be a parade of the Brigade Group at 3 p.m. 17-5-18. at a place to be notified later for an inspection by the Commander-in-Chief.

Commanding Officer, 2nd. IN Command and Adjutants of the Bns. will be the only mounted Officers.

Dress: -Officers. Lapel Collar Tunics, Sam Brown Belts, Hats, no canes, Mounted Officers only will wear Gloves.

3. RESULT OF CEREMONIAL PARADE. 16-5-18.

Armour.	186 Points.
Admiral.	181 "
Aerial.	169 "
Anvil.	165 "
Possible Points.	250.

4. BOARD OF INQUIRY.

The undermentioned Officers will constitute a Court Of Inquiry to inquire into and report upon the alleged illegal absence of:-

No. 3620 Pte Bailey G.

No. 7526 " Owens G.

PRESIDENT.

Capt. J.H. Foxworthy.

MEMBERS.

Lieut. R.F. Darling.

Lieut. A.N. Schroter.

Time and place to be appointed by the President.

5. RESULTS OF SCHOOLS.Aust. Corps Stokes Mortar School.

No. 3034 Pte Byleveld. Result - V.G. Pass.

Aust. Corps Bombing School.

No. 2032 Sgt. Parker A. Result - Qual. Bn. Bombing Sgt.

Aust. Corps Intelligence Course. 11-3-18 to 30-3-18.

No. 922 L/Cpl. Fraser A. Result - Fair Report. Good progress.

Aust. Corps Infantry School. 11-3-18 to 26-3-18.

Lieut. R.G.D. Andrews. (M.M.) Result - Good Pass. Good report.

No. 632 Cpl. Dowsett L.S. Result - Good Pass. Good report.

Aust. Corps Gas School. 1st. Course.

No. 2670 L/Cpl. Ferguson E.J. Result 85% Good Pass.

Course 4-3-18 to 9-3-18

No. 5714 L/Cpl. Horton A.J. Result 90% Good Pass.

Course 17-3-18 to 23-3-18.

No. 797 L/Cpl. Lindsay P. Result 90% Good Pass.

2nd Army Sig. School. Asst. Instructors' Course.

No. 1629 Cpl. Boland A.Q. Result - Distinguished.

2nd Army Infantry School. 9-2-18 to 16-3-18.

Capt. H.L. Fowler. Result - Good Pass. Good report.

No. 6999 Sgt. Green L.R. Result - Good Pass. Very Good report

2nd Army School of Musketry. 26-2-18 to 19-3-18.

Lieut. C.J. Piper. Result - Qual. Coy Musketry Instr.

No. 166E Sgt. Ingvarson. J.E.V.K. Result - Qual. Musketry Instructor.

2nd Army School of Scouting. 28-2-18 to 17-3-18.

No. 3629 Pte. Charles E. Result - Good report. Good Sniper.

10th Corps Bombing School. Course ending 12-3-18.

No. 227 L/Sgt. Dorrizzi E.J. Result - 2nd. Class Instr.

No. 546 L/Cpl. Padgett J. Result - 2nd. Class Instr.

5. RESULTS OF SCHOOLS (CONTD.)

4th. Army School of Musketry. 28-2-18. to 20-3-18.

Lieut. A.N. Schroter. Result - ~~Very~~ Good report. Very Good progress.

6. STRENGTH. Evacuated Sick Struck off strength. 16-5-18.

No. 2329 Pte. G. Fry. "D" Coy. No. 1820 Cpl. Francis H.S. "B" Coy. He  
 No. 2553 Pte Clark A.W. "C" Coy. No. 2281 Pte. Potter A.R. "A" Coy.  
 No 3268 Pte Cant F. "A" Coy.

----- Part Two. ----- 16-5-18.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No. 3435 Pte Holloway H.W. "C" Coy.	To Hospital Sick	14-5-18.
No. 5201 Pte Smith A.T. "HQ"	"	"
No. 2153 Pte Suckling J.R. "A" Coy.	"	15-5-18.
No. 3627 Pte Cockmen E. "A" Coy.	"	15-5-18.
No. 1913 A Pte. Trimble R. "HQ"	"	15-5-18.
No. 563 L/Cpl. Williams M.E. "A" Coy.	"	15-5-18.
No. 7440 Pte. Ford J.H. "D" Coy.	"	16-5-18.
	"	16-5-18.

STRENGTH.

Lieut. W. Stewart "HQ" Taken on Strength from Reinf. dated 15-5-18. (Late No. 5038 L/Sgt. 44th Bn.)  
 Lieut. Scarr H. (M.M.) "HQ" Taken on Strength from Reinf. dated 15-5-18. (Late No. 458 Sgt. 44th Bn.)

REJOINED BN.

No. 627 Pte Cherry R.G. "C" Coy. Rejoined Bn. ex Detachment to A.P.M. 3rd. Aust. Division 16-5-18.  
 No. 2038 Pte Thomson E.M. "D" Coy. Rejoined Bn. ex detachment to A.P.M. 3rd. Aust. Division 16-5-18.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

No. 3253 Pte Anderson F. Died of Wounds at 11th. Field Ambulance in the Field 25-4-18. Previously promulgated Wounded in Action. 24-4-18.  
 No. 2298 Pte Blake. R.S. Died of Wounds at 3rd. Aust. Aux. Hospital. Dartford KENT. 5-5-18. previously promulgated Wounded in Action. 30-3-18.

(Sgd.) C.L. BILES. Captain  
 A/Adjutant "Armour" Battalion. A.I.F.

ADDENDUM TO PARA 2. INSPECTION BY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The Dress for Other Ranks will be :-  
 Hats and Drill Order.

(Sgd.) C.L. BILES. Captain  
 A/Adjutant "Armour" Battalion. A.I.F.

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.P. CLARK.

COMMANDING ARMOUR BATTALION. A.I.F.

Order No 668.

17.5.18.

----- Part One -----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 18.5.18. D Coy.
2. MARCH DISCIPLINE AND TRAFFIC CONTROL. (A.R.O.2039)  
Attention is drawn to above A.R.O. a copy of which is issued to each Officer of the Battalion with these Orders.
3. RESULTS OF SCHOOLS.  
Australian Corps Gas School 10.3.18 to 16.3.18.  
Lieut I.R.Gibbs. Result :- 90% Very Good pass.  
266 L/Cpl Vaudrey R.W.J Result :- 95% Very Good pass.
4. APPRECIATION. The following is a copy of a letter addressed to C.O'S 42nd and 44th Battalions:  
"The following letter from C.E. Australian Corps is repeated for your information:-  
Your Division kindly provided a working party of 100 men for work on PONT-NOYELLES - FRANVILLIERS pipe line. The Water Supply Office has informed me that this party has reported regularly, done excellent work, and provided in every respect an ideal working party. Will you please accept my thanks for the excellent arrangements made and assistance rendered to supply of water to a portion of the Corps area which so badly needs a supply."
5. BLANKETS. All blankets will be aired tomorrow and every day on which the weather permits.  
They are to be out of the billets before 9am.
6. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength. 17.5.18.  
No 884 dvr Crews H. HQ "o 2898 Pte Draffin R.C. HQ.  
No 3255 Pte Aitkin.D. "B" No 397 L/Cpl Gillon W.E. "B"  
No 3518 Pte Dove W.H. "C" No 5201 Pte Smith A.T. HQ.  
No 2153 Pte Suckling L.R. "A" No 3627 Pte Cockman E. "A"  
No 3292 Pte Halliday A.J. "B"

----- Part Two -----

17.5.18.

HOSPITALS ADMISSIONS.

No 2045 Pte Allen W.J.	TO Hospital Sick	16.5.18
2161 L/Cpl Treeby.H.C.	"	" 17.5.18.
2094 Pte Gilbert A.B.	"	" 17.5.18.
1940 Pte Hughes J.M.	"	" 17.5.18.

PROMOTION (TEMPORARY)

No 3591 Sgt Yeates A.	Promoted TEMPORARY C.S.M. W.O.LL. dated 11.5.18
	vice No 280 C.S.M. W.O.LL Burns.J. evac wounded
	15.4.18. (PB No ) Auth 3rd D.R.O. 417/1900
	16.5.18.

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REJOINED BATTALION.

No 3671 Pte Henderson.R.G.	"C"	Rejoined Bn x sick	19.3.18.
3715 Pte Stewart.S.W.	"B"	do do	14.5.18 (Not off strength)

No 2402 Pte Raymond.W.	"A"	Rejoined Bn x Sick	14.5.18
6841 Pte Scott.G.W.	"C"	" "	14.5.18.
2367 Pte Massey .AP.W.	"B"	" "	14.5.18.
3527 Pte Jeffs.H.E.	"ED"	" "	14.5.18.
975 Pte Wlikinson.N.C.	"HQ"	" "	14.5.18.
2551 Pte Crew.L.A.	"B"	" Wdd	14.5.18.

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~~REPLACEMENT.~~  
DETACHMENT.

No 6751 Pte Dolton.L.A.	Detached to 3rd DIV Signal Company ( 11th Bde Section) for duty dated 1.4.18.
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TRANSFERS

(Bn)	Lieut SHERIDAN.K.	Transferred from HQ to B Coy dated	17.5.18
	2Lieut SCARR.H. (MM)	do do to D Coy dated	17.5.18
	2Lieut STEWART.W.	do do to A Coy dated	17.5.18
	Lieut SMITH.A.L.	do do to C COY dated	17.5.18

(Sgd) C.L.Biles.

Captain.

A/ADJUTANT ARMOUR BATTALION A.I.F.

NOTICE.

CHURCH NOTICE.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in Battalion Reading room on SUNDAY morning at 7am.

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.P. CLARK.  
 COMMANDING ARMOUR BATTALION. A.I.F.

18.5.18

Orders No 669

----- Part one -----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 19.5.18 A coy.
2. ENSORSHIP. Attention is drawn to censorship orders to Troops in the Field. Instances have lately occurred of Officers franking envelopes bearing civilian business addresses, etc.
3. RESULTS OF SCHOOLS.

Brigade 4th A.A. Lewis Gun School 13th to 16th May 1918	
No 255 Cpl Sullivan. W.T.	Result: -Very keen. V.G. Instr.
No 5758 L/Cpl McComish. L.	Result: -Very keen. Assit Instr
No 585 Pte Hoft. C.L.	Result: -V.G. Knowledge. Asst In
No 77 Pte Comben. H.L.	Result: -Waldeek. Knowledge Fair.
No 545 Pte Waldoek. H.J.	Result: -Keen Good knowledge.

4. CHURCH PARADE. Battalion Church Parade Sunday 1915.18.  
 Chateau Grounds. 10.15am Reb. S.O. Phillips  
 Dress: - Waist belt and side arms. S.B. Respirator.  
 Markers from each Company and H.Q. Details report to Regimental Sergeant Major on Chateau Ground at 10am.

5. BOARD OF ENQUIRY. (CORRIGENDUM)  
 Reference Board of Enquiry constituted in B.O. 667 sub-para 4 names of President and Members to be present amended to read,

PRESIDENT.  
 Lieut. R.F. Darling.  
 MEMBERS.  
 Lieut E.G.H. McKenzie.  
 Lieut A.N. Schroter.

Proceedings to reach Battalion Headquarters by noon on Monday 20th.

6. TRANSFERS. The undermentioned transfers take effect dated 18.5.18.  
 No 818 Tonkin. N.S. HQ to D Coy. No 343a Pte Smith. D.W.B. C Coy to HQ Band. No 629 Pte DeVries W. HQ to C Coy.  
 No 3314 Pte McInnes. E.J.R. D Coy to HQ Intelligence.  
 No 3331 Pte Pickering. J. A Coy to HQ Intelligence. No 1924 Pte Woods. V.G. D Coy to HQ Intell. No 3010 Pte Lightfoot H.A. A Coy to HQ Intell. No 570 Pte Hartley. J. A Coy to HQ Intell.
7. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength. dated 18.5.18.  
 No 7504 Pte Lawrence. W.J. A Coy. No 2161 L/Cpl Treeby. H.G. A Coy. No 21652615 Pte Oaten. R.B. HQ band.

----- Part two -----

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.  
 Capt. Foxworthy. J.H. A Coy Admitted Hospital 17.5.18.  
 No 7504 Pte Lawrence. W.J. A Coy " " 17.5.18.

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HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (CONTD)

No 2615 Pte Oaten.R.B.	HQ	Admitted to Hospital.	17.5.18.
No3087 Pte Kelly .P.	C Coy	"	17.5.18.
No 3295. Pte Holst. C.L.	C Coy	"	17.5.18.

(Sgd) C.L.Biles.  
 Captain.  
 ADJUTANT ARMOUR BATTALION.A.I.F.



BATTALION ORDERSBYLIEUTENANT COLONEL. J. P. CLARK.COMMANDING ARMOUR BATTALION. A. I. F.Order No 67019.5.18.---Part One---1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 20.5.18. B Company.2. GAS ZONES. A. R. O. 2046.

The following are the gas zones in the Army area:-  
Alert zone, From front line westward to the line  
BOIS l'ABBE- AUBIGNY- LA NEUVILLE- BONNAY-HEILLY-  
BRESLE- HENENCOURT all inclusive.

Ready zone:- From alert zone westward to the line  
FORT MANIOR FARM- GLISY- BUSSY LES DAOURS- LA HOUSOYE  
FRANKVILLIERS-BAIZIEUX-WARLOY all inclusive.

Cautionary zone:- From ready zone westwards to the  
line RUBEMPRE- AMEINS ROAD-AMBINS-RIVER CELLE.

Horses protection against Gas.A. R. O. 2047

Horses in areas which are liable to be gas shelled  
should not be kept in stables or buildings which  
only intensify the effects of the Gas.

3. STEEL HELMETS. A. R. O. 2046

Steel helmets will be worn in the Gas alert zone always.

4. STRENGTH.Evacuated sick struck off strength. 19.5.18.

No 276 Pte Davies. P.W.G. B Coy. No 3295 Pte Holst. C.L.  
C Coy. No 1913 Pte Trimble. R. HQ. 563 L/Cpl Williams. M.E.  
C Coy. No 2045 Pte Allen. W.J. A Coy.

5. SCHOOLS RESULTS OF.4th Army Lewis Gun School.

No 332 Cpl McQueen. R.A.C. Result:- Class 1A. Specially  
recommended expert instructor.

---Part 2---REVERSION.

No 16161 T/Cpl Donaldson. C.D.A.  
(PB No 174193)

Reverts to L/CORPORAL 19.5.18. on  
absorption of permanent grade N.C.O.

No 332 T/Sgt McQueen. R.A.C.  
(PB No 115484)

Reverts to CORPORAL 18.5.18. on  
being taken on strength from Australian  
Corps Schools.REJOINED BATTALION.

No 3435 Pte Holloway. H.W. "C"

Rejoined Bn x sick 17.5.18. (Not off sgth)

STRENGTH.

No 332 Cpl McQueen. R.A.C. "B"

Taken on strength of 44th B attalion  
from Australian Corps Schools 18.5.18.KILLED IN ACTION.

No 3659 Pte Gordon. C. "C"

Killed in Action 28.3.18. previously  
promulgated wounded in action. 28.3.18.

sig, C.L. Biles,  
Captain.

ADJUTANT ARMOUR BATTALION.  
A. I. F.

44th Battalion. A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDERS.

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.P.CLARK.COMMANDING ARMOUR BATTALION. A. I. F.Order No 671.21.5.18.----- Part One -----1. FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL.

No 790 L/Cpl Wilson. G.D.J. was tried by F.G.C.M. in the Field 17.5.18. on the charge of "When on Active Service deserting His Majesty's Service".

Finding Not Guilty of Charge but Guilty Of Absence Without Leave. Award. 28 days No 2. F.P.

Confirmed by Brigadier General W. Ramsay McNicoll. G.O.C. 10 th Inf Bde. 19.5.18.

2. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength. 21.5.18.

No 7562 Pte Owens. G. D Coy. No 3620 Pte Bailey. G. "A" Coy.

No 2094 Pte Gilbert. A.B. D. Coy No 1940 Pte Hughes. J.M. D. Coy.

No 4818 Cpl Gargett. J.W. DCOy. No 2517. L/Cpl Scott. J.H. A. Coy.

No 7493 Pte Kelly. T.P. B. Coy. No 7534 Pte Read. E.H. A. Coy.

----- Part Two -----HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No 7562 Pte Owens G.	N.Y?D.	Gas.	15.5.18.
No 3620 " Bailey. G.	N.Y.D.	Gas.	15.5.18.
No 4818 Cpl Gargett. H.W.		Sick.	19.5.18.
No 2145 Pte Scales. H.C.		Sick.	20.5.18.
No 2517. L/Cpl Scott. J.H.		do	20.5.18.
No 1828 Pte Gilmer. C.		do	20.5.18.
No 7493 " Kelly. J.T?P.		do	19.5.18.
No 2773 L/CPL Moore. J.LM.		do	20.5.18.
No 7534 Pte Read. E.H.		do	19.5.18.
No 3029 " Blaize. S.		do	20.5.18.

DETACHMENT.

No 3435. Pte Holoway. H.W. "C" Detached to Australian Inf Base Depot. 20.5.18. "PB" ( Struck off strength.)

TRANSFER TO ENGLAND.

No 450 C.S.M. (Woll) Phillips. R. R. (D.C.M.) "C" Proceeded to Cadet Battalion England 19.5.18. and to be borne supernumerary to establishment of Armour Battn England.

No 3600 Pte Knowles. H.B. "A" Proceeded to Cadet Battn Englan 19.5.18.

WOUNDS.

No 2560 Pte Davidson. H. "A" Wounded in Action. 20.5.18.  
S.I.W.

No 2572 Pte Gregan. J.T. "A" Wounded 20.5.18. (S.I.W.)

Sgd C.L. Biles.

Captain.

ADJUTANT ARMOUR BATTALION. A.I.F.

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>SECRET.</u>			<p><u>"ARMOUR" BATTALION, A.I.F.</u> <u>BATTALION ORDER. N<sup>o</sup></u></p>	<p>21<sup>st</sup> May 1918. COPY N<sup>o</sup> 9.</p>
			<p>① On the night 21/22nd. May 1918, the 9th. Australian Inf. Brigade are relieving the 12th. Australian Infantry Brigade from the East-West grid line O, 23 central, O, 24 cent. to the East-West grid line O, 29 central, O, 30 central.</p> <p>② The 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade will on night 21/22nd. May side-slip North to the East-West grid line O, 29 central, O, 30 central, the Right flank remaining as at present.</p> <p>③ The 44th. Battalion will be relieved of that part of the front between the East-West grid line O, 35 central, O, 36 central which will be taken over by the 41st Bn. The East-West grid line O, 35 central O, 36 central will become the inter-Batt<sup>y</sup> boundary.</p> <p>④ The 44th. Bn. will take over from the 12th. Aust. Inf. Bde. (45th. Bn.) up to the grid line O, 29 cent., O, 30 cent., which line will become the Bn. and Bde. Northern Boundary.</p> <p>⑤ The Boundary between "A" and "D" Coys in the front line, and "B" &amp; "C" Coys. in Support line will be an imaginary line drawn from the front line at O, 36, b, 9.9 to the Support line at O, 36, a, 9.9 as indicated.</p> <p>Completion of move will be notified to Bn. Hqrs. by sending on wire the words - "ACKNOWLEDGED" followed by Coy. Code Name.</p>	
			<p><u>Distribution</u> -</p> <p>Copy N<sup>o</sup> 1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>File Coy. A Coy. B Coy. C Coy. D Coy.</p> <p>Copy N<sup>o</sup> 6 7 8 9</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> Bde, 41<sup>st</sup> Bn. 45<sup>th</sup> Bn. War Diary.</p> <p>A5834 W. W. 4973/M687 750,000 8/16 D. D. &amp; I. Ltd. Form C. 2118/13.</p>	<p>(Sgd) C. Lintott, Lieut, Adjt., "Armour" Bn., A.I.F.</p>

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BY  
 LIEUTENANT COLONEL. J.P. CLARK.  
 COMMANDING ARMOUR BATTALION. A.I. F.

Order No 672.

24.5.18.

----- Part One -----

LAUDATORY. The following is a copy of a letter received by the G.O.C. of this Division from Major General R.L. Mullens Commanding 1st Cavalry Division dated 10.4.18.

I was hoping to have come to see you, when the battle allowed, to thank you, your Brigade, R.A. and your Brigades who were alongside my own Division for your most valuable and encouraging support and assistance especially on the 30th March, when we had a hard fight to keep the Bosch out of our position.

I was very much struck by the courtesy of your Officers in coming to see me personally, and for your own and their keen desire to do everything in their power to help. As you know we have a curious collection of Units to deal with, and was a very real relief to know that you had your stouthearted fellows on my left flank and later on my right flank, and that all worry was therefore eliminated as to the safety of my flanks.

Your order for the placing of your Heavy Guns and Batteries so as to cover our front was a real assistance, and incidentally they killed a lot of Huns and was much appreciated by us all.

Will you convey to all concerned my own appreciation and that of all ranks of the 1st Cavalry Division.

It is a pleasure and an honour to be fighting alongside troops who displayed such magnificent moral.

I only hope we may have the chance of co-operating with you again and under more favorable circumstances. We have been kept on the move and very busy trying to refit at the same time, and left your area for the moment, or I should certainly have been myself to tender you our thanks and congratulations.

2. RESULTS OF SCHOOLS.

Brigade A.A. Lewis Gun School. 18th to 22nd May 1918.		Result.	
No 5781	L/Cpl Seery. F.	"	Fair knowledge.
No 2996	Pte Thorn. F.W.	"	V.G. knowledge. Keen.
No 116	Cpl Aylett. J.E.	"	V.G. Very keen Instruct.
No 7492	Pte Kelly. E.R.	"	V Fair. Keen.

3. HONOURS AND REWARDS.

London Gazette. supplement No 30664 dated 1.5.18.  
DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No 815. Sergeant WATSON. J.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of the left flank party of a reconnoitring patrol he rushed towards a ruined building in which the enemy had been observed and succeeded in capturing one of the enemy. Whilst returning to our lines with his prisoner a second party of the enemy was encountered which was successfully attacked and thanks to his coolness, gallantry and resource in the handling of his party no casualties were suffered, and the object of the patrol was accomplished that of securing an identification.

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Part One.

4. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength, dated 24.5.18.  
 No 1828 Pte Gilmer C. A Coy No 2145 Pte Scales H.S. A Coy  
 No 7440 Pte Ford. J.H. D Coy NO 3087 Pte Kelly P. C Coy  
 No 2773 L/Cpl Moore J.L.M. B COY. No 3029 Pte Blaize. S. HQ.

## Part Two -----

24.5.18.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No 5644 Pte Wilson. A. Sick 21.5.18.  
 No 3558 Pte Sullivan. J.L. " 21.5.18.  
 No 2103 Pte Housley. A. " 21.5.18.  
 No 3336 Pte Page. J.E. " 22.5.18.  
 No 790 Pte Wilson. G.D. J. " 22.5.18.

DETACHMENT?

No 3740 Pte Boyce. A.H. "B" Detached for duty as Runner to 11th A.I. Brigade. 22.5.18.

STRENGTH.

No 2892 Pte Sutherland. R. "D" Taken on strength of 44th Bn from Aus Corps Signal Coy. dated 20.5.18  
 No 1781 Pte Murray. J.K. "A" Taken on strength of 44th Bn from 870th Coy 3rd Div Train dated 24.5.18.

TRANSFER.

No 295 Cpl Capel. J.P. "B" Transferred to 11th A.L.T.M. Battery 22.5.18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

2nd Lieut McLarty. D.R. (MM) "HQ" Rejoined Battalion from Cadet Bn England 18.5.18. (Late 467 Sergt 44th Bn)

Lieut F.A. Leeds.	"D"	Rejoined Battalion	x Sick
5755 Sgt McClure. D.T.	"A"	"	"
No 123 Cpl Connolly. M.	"A"	"	"
No 136 Dvr Green. F.	"HQ"	"	"
No 32 Pte Beeston. G.H.	"B"	"	"
No 328 Pte Gill. W.	"B"	"	"
No 2742 Pte Wise. J.H.	"B"	"	"
No 86. Pte Green. A.	"A"	"	"
No 2043 Cpl Walmsley. G.O.H.	"D"	"	xWdd.
No 138A L/Cpl Swift. T.	"A"	"	"
No 2065 Pte Cook. E.W.	"A"	"	"
No 2600 Pte Law. W.	"A"	"	"
No 3095 Pte Marshall. W.	"A"	"	"

WOUNDS.

No 966 L/Cpl Minchin. S. "HQ" Wounded in Action 23.5.18.  
 No 3061 Pte Swainston. T.C. "D" do do 22.5.18.  
 No 210 Pte Swainston. T.C. "A" do do 21.5.18.

WOUNDS. (ACCIDENTAL)

No 2996. Pte Thorn. F.W. " Wounded accidentally (At duty) 22.5.18

Sgd. C.L. Biles. Captain.  
 A/Adjutant Armour Battalion. A.I.F.

## BATTALION ORDERS.

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.P. CLARK.

COMMANDING ARMOUR BATTALION. A.I.F.

Order. No 673.

29.5.18.

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## )++--- Part One -----

## 1. SALVAGE + JAM CARTONS. D.R.O. @20/9191

As a process has now been discovered by which the wax and pulp contained in the CARTON containers in which jam is issued can be recovered and used again, these will now be collected and returned to Base. They will be bundled separately from Paper and Cardboard and the packages will be clearly labelled "JAM CARTONS" and with the name of the Unit. The filled sacks of Cartons will be disposed of in the same manner as salvaged paper and cardboard.

## 2. EMPTY AMMUNITION BOXES. S.A.A. G.R.O. 4076.

Attention is called to G.R.O. No 3343 dated 7.2.18.

The numbers of S.A.A. Boxes that are being returned from the front is still unsatisfactory.

It is essential that every effort should be made to salvage and return these boxes to Base in order to avoid curtailment of supply of S.A.A.

## 3. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength. 29.5.18.

No 491 L/cpl White. C.E.	C Coy.	No 785 Pte Hoft. C.L.	D Coy.
No 1896 Pte Clark. N.T.	C Coy.	No 1859a Pte Jones. F.	D Coy.
No 7452 Pte Bird. S.	C Coy.	No 3528 Pte Johnson. H.A.	C Coy.
No 653 Pte Robson. G.	C Coy.	No 656 Pte Smith. V.	C Coy.
No 5644 Pte Wilson. A.	D Coy.	No 3558 Pte Sullivan. J.L.	D Coy.
No 2103 Pte Housley. A.	C Coy.	No 3336 Pte Page J.E.	B Coy.
No 790 Pte Wilson. G.D.J.	D Coy.		

## ----- Part Two -----

## HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No 491 L/Cpl White. C.E.	To Hospital Sick.	22.5.18.
No 785 Pte Hoft. C.L.	" "	22.5.18.
No 1896 Pte Clark. N.T.	" "	22.5.18.
No 3528 Pte Johnson. H.A.	" "	17.5.18.
No 656 Pte Smith. V.	" "	25.5.18.
No 3276 Pte Dornan. J.D.	" "	25.5.18.
No 4751 Pte Chisholm. D.V.	" "	25.5.18.
No 653 Pte Robson. G.	" "	25.5.18.
No 1859a Jones. A.	" "	25.5.18.
No 7452 Pte Bird. S.	" "	25.5.18.
No 409 Pte Jones. W.J.	" "	26.5.18.
No 462 Pte Sgt Mills. J.E.	" "	26.5.18.
No 117 Pte Armstrong. A.E.	" "	27.5.18.
No 80 Pte Cronin. J.	" "	27.5.18.

## WOUNDS.

No 2302 Pte Chatt. A.G.	B Coy	Wounded in action.	25.5.18.
No 2542 Pte Braysher. H.	A Coy	" "	24.5.18.
No 3591 T/CSM. Yeates. A.	B Coy	" "	25.5.18.
No 13 C.S.M. Ion. S.L.	A Coy.	" "	25.5.18. ( At duty )
No 2391 Pte Pike. J.	B Coy	" "	25.5.18. ( Gas )
No 3740 Pte Boyce. A.H.	B Coy	" "	25.5.18. ( Gas ) whilst
attached to 11th Infantry Brigade.			
No 855 Pte Cassidy. P.	HQ	Wounded in action.	25.5.18. ( Gas )
No 2766 Pte Ewing. R. J. L.	HQ	" "	25.5.18. ( Gas )
No 876 Pte Dods. W. E. G.	HQ	" "	25.5.18. ( Gas )
No 5035 Pte CQMS Kelly. C. A.	C Coy	" "	25.5.18. ( Gas )
No 2678 Pte Cuckson. E. C.	C Coy	" "	25.5.18. ( Gas )
No 607 Pte Pomeroy. A.	C COY	" "	25.5.18. ( Gas )
No 668 Pte Renton. A. M.	C Coy	" "	25.5.18. ( Gas )
No 869 Pte Everington. H.	HQ	" "	25.5.18. ( Gas )

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WOUNDS.

No 3538 Pte Mouton.D.	D Coy	Wounded in action	27.5.18.
No 3428 Pte Wilson.W.L.	D Coy	" "	25.5.18.
Capt E.C.Adams	D Coy	" "	27.5.18 (At duty)

HOSPITAL-INJURY.

ACCIDENTAL INJURY.

No 2380 T/Cpl MacLean.H.K.	A Coy	Accidentally Injured (Head)	25.5.18
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REVERSIONS.

No 2380 T/CPL MacLean.H.K.	Reverts to PRIVATE.26.5.18 on evacuation injured (PB No 261185)
No 3591 T/CSM Yeates.A.	Reverts to SERGEANT 25.5.18 on evacuation Wounded (PB No 273895)

REJOINED BATTALION.

Lieut C.H.S.Pole.	HQ	Rejoined Bn x Trg Bn England	25.5.18.
No 5562 Pte Gould.A.S.	"B"	"	Sick.
No 2122 Pte Lee.J.	"D"	"	"
No 7 CQMS McKenzie.D.	"A"	"	"
No 2349 Pte Hollwig.H.A.	"A"	"	"
No 2142 Pte Quinn.A.E.	"B"	"	"
No 934 Dvr Williams.C.H.	"HQ"	"	"
No 2200 Pte Little A.W.C	"D"	"	"
No 7442 Pte Moore.D.R.	"A"	"	"
No 3358 Pte Disson.L.H.	"D"	"	"
No 1820 Cpl Francis.H.S.	"D"	"	"
No 842 Pte Fixter.J.R.	"HQ"	"	"

REINFORCEMENT.

No 3429 Pte McLeod.A	"C"	Taken on strength from Reinforcements.	25.5.18
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HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No 3596 Pte Patrick.L.W.	"A"	To Hospital Sick	29.5.18.
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Sgd C.L.Biles. Captain.  
A/ADJUTANT ARMOUR BATTALION. A.I.F.





## -----Part Two-----

REVERSIONS.

No 2439 T/Sergt White.J. Reverts to CORPORAL. 29.5.18 on return of permanent N.C.O. (PB No 116098)  
 No 143 T/Cpl McLachlan.W.M. Reverts to LANCE CORPORAL 29.5.18 on return of permanent N.C.O. (PB No 115980 )  
 No 78 T/Cpl Corney.J. Reverts to LANCE CORPORAL 29.5.18 on return of permanent N.C.O. (PB No 115884)

PROMOTIONS (TEMPORARY)

No 197 T/Cpl McKay.N.D. (PB No 115977) To be T/CORPORAL 29.5.18 vice 128 Cpl Gibson promoted and ceased to be T/Cpl vice No 2439 Cpl White.J. from above date.  
 No 138 T/Sergt Johnson.H.A. (PB No 115949) To be T/SERGEANT 29.5.18 vice 892 Sgt Bingley C.L. evacuated wounded and ceased to be T/Sgt vice C.Q.M.S. McKenzie from above date 18.4.18  
 No 2380 T/Cpl MacLean.K.K. To be T/CORPORAL 18.4.18 vice 912 Sgt Rutherford R.H. wounded in action 28.3.18 and ceased to be T/Cpl vice 504 Sgt Robotham W. from that date.

TRANSFERS.

Lieut Pole.C.H.S.	Transferred from HQ to C Coy 31.5.18.				
Lieut Leeds.F.A.	do	do	do	D Coy	do
Lieut Attey.N.V.	do	do	do	A Coy	do
Lieut McLarty.D.R.(MM)	do	do	do	C Coy	do

Sgd C.L. Biles. Captain.  
 Adjutant Armour Battalion.A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VILLERS -	20/5/18	9 p.m.	<u>Operations</u> -	
BRETONNEUX.	21/5/18	5 a.m.	<u>Artillery</u> - Our guns were active during the night and early morning. No results could be observed.	
			<u>M.G.</u> - None reported.	
			<u>T.M.</u> - do. do.	
			<u>Aircraft</u> - Two RE.8. patrolling the lines from daylight onwards.	
			<u>Patrols</u> - Two patrols operated on the Batt <sup>m</sup> Sector from midnight to 3 a.m. All reported quiet. No enemy seen or encountered.	
			<u>Identification</u> - Nil.	
			<u>Enemy Attitude</u> - Quiet.	
			<u>Hostile Aircraft</u> - At 10.10 p.m. an enemy plane dropped about 8 bombs in the vicinity of Bn. H. Co. No damage. 4.30 a.m. An enemy plane hovered over our lines for a few minutes then turned when our A.A. Lewis Guns opened.	
			<u>Movement</u> - Nothing observed.	
			<u>Miscellaneous</u> - <u>Lights</u> - Enemy fired a number of very bright white parachute lights and also Very Lights bursting into white clusters during our artillery 'strafe'.	
			'Hostile Shelling' Report attached.	

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VILLERS - BRETONNEUX	21/5/18	5 a.m.	<p><u>Operations.</u> -</p> <p><u>Artillery.</u> - Our artillery was very active during the period on enemy forward system. MONUMENT WOOD was shelled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with Shrapnel and H.E.</p> <p>at 6 p.m. and again at 12.20 a.m. several shots from our artillery fell behind our lines (details already reported by wire).</p> <p><u>M.G.</u> - None reported.</p> <p><u>T.M.</u> - do. do.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u> - Our RE 8's. patrolled the lines during the day.</p> <p><u>Patrols.</u> - 6 patrols covered the Batt<sup>m</sup> front between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. Ruined House (approx.) P.25, d.44 and Hangars I,25,c were examined and found to be unoccupied.</p> <p>M.G.'s. active from P,25,d,9.0 (approx.) and O,36,d,2.4. Working parties heard at the latter place were silenced by Rifle Grenades.</p> <p><u>Identification.</u> - nil.</p> <p><u>Enemy Attitude.</u> - Quiet.</p> <p><u>Hostile Aircraft.</u> - Were observed flying over our lines. - 1 plane at 5.15 a.m. and two at 4.30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Movement.</u> - None observed.</p>	
	22/5/18	5 a.m.		

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VILLERS - BRETONNEUX	Period 22/5/18 to 23/5/18	5 a.m.  5 a.m.	<p><u>Operations</u> -</p> <p><u>Artillery</u> - Our artillery was very active during the period. 5.30 a.m. - 30 rds. 18 pds. shrapnel were fired along railway in O,36,d. 7.30 a.m. - 10 rds. H.E. on Cross Roads at P,31,c,9-7.</p> <p><u>M.G.</u> - None reported.</p> <p><u>T.M.</u> - do. do.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u> - Two RE.8's. patrolled our lines all day. They were fired on occasionally by hostile A-A.</p> <p><u>Patrols</u> - Six patrols operated on the Watt<sup>m</sup> sector between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. Whilst working near Hangars patrol was fired on by a sniper. Immediately the sniper fired, three M.G.'s. opened on patrol, - one from right, one from left, and one from front. About 20 rds. of 10.5 cm. were then fired in the vicinity of the patrol. At 2 a.m. the Hangars were searched but found unoccupied. Patrol then worked along the front searching ground.</p> <p><u>Identification</u> - Nil.</p> <p><u>Enemy Attitude</u> - Quiet.</p> <p><u>Hostile Aircraft</u> - None observed.</p> <p><u>Movement</u> - Enemy seen working behind house O,36,d,8-b were dispersed by brds from our artillery. Enemy gun firing from V,3,a,3-5.</p> <p>A Post was pushed out to approx. P,25,a,6-10. This is in connection with a scheme of the advance of our line between P,25,c,8-14 and O,36,b,7-0, the work of which was greatly impeded by the brightness of the night. This will be continued tonight.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VILLERS - BRETONNEUX	Period 22/5/18 to 24/5/18	5 p.m. 5 a.m.	<p><u>Operations -</u></p> <p><u>Artillery</u> :- 5.10 p.m. - 6.0 p.m. - 50 shrapnel and H.E. on MONUMENT WOOD.                      5.40 " - 5.50 " - 10 rds. H.E. on P,31, central.                      6.25 " - 6.55 " - 24 rds on house at O,36,d,9.8.                      7.5 " " " 5 rds H.E. on V,1,a,9.8.                      7.10 " " " 16 rds. Gas on P,31 central.                      7.15 " - 8.0 p.m. - Registration by 4.5's on house O,36,d,9.8 - 38 rounds.                      8.0 " " " MONUMENT WOOD shelled with 12 rds. shrapnel.                      Our guns were very active during the hours of darkness.                      4.35 a.m. - U,b,a was shelled with H.E. and Gas.                      11.30 " - (Practice shoot on S.O.S. lines) Our artillery shelled top of Ridge in P,31,a and d.                      12.0 p.m. 20 rds. 18 pdr. H.E &amp; Shrapnel on O,36,d,0.3 and O,36,d,9.8.                      12.25 " 25 rds. 4.5" on V,1,a,5.9.                      House at O,36,d,9.8 and Huts at P,31,a,4.7 were shelled intermittently, many direct hits being obtained.                      None reported.</p> <p><u>M.G.</u> :-  <u>T.M.</u> :- 11.0 p.m. 23/5/18 - Our 3" Stokes fired 12 rounds on Huts P,31,a,4.7.  <u>Aircraft</u> :- Our RE.8's were active during the hours of daylight patrolling the front lines.  <u>Patrols</u> :- 6 Patrols operated on the Batt<sup>m</sup> front between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. Huts at P,31,a,4.7 were examined and found unoccupied. A working party was seen at House O,36,d,9.8. M.G. fired from right corner of house. A Lewis Gun fired on the working party who dispersed and ran over crest of ridge.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VILLERS - BRETONNEUX	22/5/18 to 24/5/18	5 p.m. to 5 a.m. (continued)	<p><u>Identification.</u> - 137<sup>th</sup> I.R. (Prisoner).</p> <p><u>Enemy Attitude.</u> - Quiet except for M.G. Sniping at night.</p> <p><u>Hostile Aircraft.</u> - 5 planes flew over VILLERS - BRETONNEUX at 8.15 a.m.</p> <p><u>Movement.</u> - None observed.</p> <p><u>Miscellaneous.</u> - Left Coy. fired 66 Rifle Grenades at suspicious places in the vicinity of Hangars between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. Two enemy observation balloons were up opposite our front during the day.</p> <p>12.45 p.m. A large cloud of white smoke seen in direction of Bois de VAIRE. An attempt to destroy the crops growing in O.36, b 7 d in front of our line with 108 fuze was not successful.</p> <p>A party which went out to dig an advanced post last night (23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>) came in contact with an enemy patrol lying in the wheat. The patrol scattered on the approach of our party and a M.G. opened from a flank. The 3" Stokes fired 50 rounds on the spot to which the enemy appeared to have run.</p> <p>Enemy M.G. located at P, 31, b, 1.7.</p> <p><u>Prisoner.</u> - At 11.30 p.m. two enemy approached our left advanced post. One was shot and the other taken prisoner. He refused to give any information when questioned. Identification 137 I.R.</p> <p>Our artillery reported shooting short behind our front line in P, 25, c and in vicinity of advanced post P, 25, c, b5.10.</p>	

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VILLERS - BRETONNEUX.	Period 24/5/18 to 25/5/18	4 p.m. to 8 a.m.	<p><u>Operations</u> -</p> <p><u>Artillery</u> :- Our artillery was active from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on enemy front and back areas.</p> <p><u>M.G.'s</u> :- None reported.</p> <p><u>T.M.</u> :- 27 rounds were fired by 3" Stokes on enemy M.G. position near the 3rd. Hangar with apparent good results. M.G. has not fired since.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u> :- None observed.</p> <p><u>Patrols</u> :- 6 Patrols operated on the Batt<sup>ry</sup> sector between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. They report all quiet. No enemy seen. Houses at P, 25, c, 8.5 were searched and found unoccupied.</p> <p><u>Identification</u> :- Nil.</p> <p><u>Enemy Attitude</u> :- Quiet.</p> <p><u>Hostile Aircraft</u> :- None observed.</p> <p><u>Enemy Defences</u> -</p> <p><u>M.G.'s</u> :- Active during hours of darkness. Reported firing both RED &amp; WHITE Tracer bullets. Enemy M.G. located at P, 25, d, 40.33.</p> <p><u>Work</u> :- Suspected Strong Point at O, 36, d, 8.7.</p> <p><u>Movement</u> :- None observed.</p> <p><u>Miscellaneous</u> - Nil.</p>	

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VILLERS - BRETONNEUX.	Period 25/5/18	4 p.m.	<p><u>SHELLING REPORTS.</u> - 3.45 p.m. " Situation normal. About 100 five nine's from MARCELCHEVE into O,28,a since 10 a.m. 3.30 p.m. - 4.59's into O,34,a from direction HAMEL."</p>	
	26/5/18	8 a.m.	<p>8.15 p.m. " Valley south of main road in Q28,c is being shell-ed with 10.5 cm gas shells. Number and nature not ascertained at present. Apparently a counter-battery shoot."</p>	
			<p>11.15 p.m. " Situation quietened down."</p>	
			<p>11.40 p.m. " Gas shelling commenced 7.45 p.m. practically ceased 11 p.m. About 6,000 rds. Mostly 'Yellow Cross'. Wind S.W. 4 m.p.hr. Undulating ground."</p>	
			<p><u>Operations.</u> -  <u>Artillery</u> :- Our artillery was active from midnight onwards becoming violent at 2.30 a.m.  <u>M.G.'s</u> :- None reported.  <u>I.M.</u> :- 4.30 p.m. Our 6" Newtons carried out a shoot (about 50 rds) on ORCHARD, P,31,c, 5.6.  <u>Aircraft</u> :- Active during the period. Were fired on by M.G.'s from MONUMENT WOOD</p>	



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VILLERS - BRETONNEUX.	Period 25/5/18	4 p.m. to	<p><u>Patrols.</u> - 6 Patrols operated on our Batt<sup>m</sup> front from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. 2 enemy were seen on road about P, 31, c, 9.9. They were fired on by our patrol and one was seen to drop. Further investigation impossible on account of brightness of night and proximity of enemy strong point from which Very Lights were fired at patrol. M.G.s. were active from P, 31, c, 9.8.</p> <p><u>Identification.</u> - Nil.</p> <p><u>Enemy Attitude.</u> - Considerable increase in hostile shelling (mainly gas). Otherwise no change.</p> <p><u>Hostile Aircraft.</u> - 6.15 p.m. - One enemy plane flew over our lines. 8.30 - Ditto. flying low.</p> <p><u>Enemy Defences.</u> -  <u>M.G.s.</u> :- Normal activity.  <u>Work</u> :- Enemy working on Strong Point at P, 31, c, 9.8 and vicinity. New earth observed there.</p> <p><u>Movement.</u> - There is much movement at above Strong Point at night.</p> <p><u>Miscellaneous.</u> - Black flag seen on parapet at O, 36, d, 7.4.</p>	
	26/5/18	8 a.m. (continued)		

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VILLERS - BRETONNEUX.	Period 26 May to 27 May	4 p.m. 8 a.m.	<u>SHELLING REPORTS</u>	
			26/5/18. - 4 a.m. - 6 a.m. Gas shelling. "Yellow Cross" and Phosgene. Wind 3 to 5 m.p.hr.	
			3.45 p.m. - "Situation normal." Gas shelling continued this morning until 12 noon at rate of one per minute on O,34,a. 40 H.V., rate 4 per minute, from 12.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. on O,28,c from direction WARFUSÉE - ABANCOURT. During early morning shelling 5 direct hits on houses at O,36,a,5.5. "Light Support Coy. Agns."	
			27/5/18 3.40 a.m. "Enemy shelling with Phosgene and H.F. on O,28,c and O,34,a. Situation in front, normal. misty."	

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VILLERS - BRETONNEUX	Period. 26 May 4 p.m. to 27 May 8 a.m. (cont.)		<p><u>Artillery</u> - Activity normal throughout the period excepting a heavy shoot at 3.15 a.m.</p> <p><u>M.G.'s</u> - None reported.</p> <p><u>T.M.'s</u> - From 10.30 p.m. the 6" Newtons carried out a programme shoot of 5 to 10 rds. about every half hour till 4 a.m. on ORCHARD and vicinity (P, 31, a, 0.0). Patrols report shooting erratic.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u> - Normal activity.</p> <p><u>Patrols</u> - 6 Patrols operated on the Batt<sup>m</sup> sector from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Bombs were thrown and M.G.'s fired at patrols from an enemy post in 3rd. Hangar (I, 25, c) Movement on left of road was fired on by our patrols but no result observed.</p> <p><u>Identification</u> - Nil.</p> <p><u>ENEMY ATTITUDE</u> - —</p> <p><u>Hostile Aircraft</u> - At 11 p.m. several enemy planes dropped bombs in O, 28, c. Enemy A.-A. were very active against our planes during the night.</p> <p><u>ENEMY DEFENCES</u> - —</p> <p><u>Work</u> - —</p> <p><u>Movement</u> - —</p> <p><u>Miscellaneous</u> - —</p>

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VILLERS - BRETONNEUX.	27 May - 4 p.m. to 28 May - 8 a.m.	Period.	<p><u>Operations.</u> -</p> <p><u>Artillery.</u> :- Our artillery was very active all night and early morning.</p> <p><u>M.G.</u> :- Nil.</p> <p><u>T.M.</u> :- Nil.</p> <p><u>Aircraft.</u> :- None observed.</p> <p><u>Patrols.</u> :- 2 Patrols operated from 10 p.m. to midnight covering the relief by 42nd Battn. No enemy seen.</p> <p><u>Identification.</u> - Nil.</p> <p><u>Enemy Attitude.</u> - Quiet apart from increased artillery activity.</p> <p><u>Hostile Aircraft.</u> - Enemy bombing planes were active on back areas between 10 p.m. and 12 midnight.</p>	

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VILLERS - BRETONNEUX	28 May	4 p.m.	<p><u>Operations.</u> -</p> <p><u>Artillery</u> :- Our artillery was very active during the hours of darkness.</p>	
	29 May	8 a.m.	<p><u>Hostile Shelling.</u> - Nothing near our Hqs. Enemy shelled batteries in Wood at intervals.</p>	
			<p><u>Hostile Aircraft.</u> - At 1.30 p.m. 6 enemy aircraft came over and were met by some of ours. A fight ensued and the enemy were driven off. Enemy aircraft were active about 12 midnight dropping bombs (6) in the vicinity of the MONASTERY.</p>	

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			<p>This is apparently a shoot on batteries as the result of a reconnaissance by a plane this morning at 8 a.m.</p>															
			<p><u>Aircraft.</u> - Very active. - Several enemy planes have attempted to make reconnaissances but were driven back by our Scouts, - P.A., &amp; P.A.L. Co.</p>															

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VILLERS - BRETONNEUX	Period 31 May	8 a.m.	<u>Hostile Shelling.</u>	
	to		7.35 - 9 a.m. 33 rds. 59 H.E. & Shrap. on N 35 c & d.	
	31 May	4 p.m.	9.30 a.m. 5. 59 0, 21, b from MARCELCAYE.	
			<u>Hostile Aircraft.</u>	
			Planes have been active during the day flying high. They were engaged by our A.A. guns and scouts and driven off in every case.	

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44<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Patrols for night 21/22<sup>nd</sup> May 1918

No	Patrol Leaves		Patrol Returns		Object	Details
	Place	Time	Place	Time		
1	P25c63	9 pm	036635	11 pm	Reconce.	2 HQ Scouts - 3 men D Coy
2	036635	11 pm	P25c63	1 am	"	" " " "
3	P25c63	1 am	036635	3 am	"	1 officer (Lt Davies) - 2 HQ Scouts 8 men D Coy
4	036d04	9 pm	036624	11 pm	"	2 HQ Scouts + 3 men A Coy
5	036624	11 pm	036d04	1 am	"	" " " "
6	036d04	1 am	036624	3 am	"	" " " "

Patrol leader's report to be sent to Bn. HQ at 4 am

Password - BLACKBOY

W. Kilgourff  
Co.

44<sup>th</sup> Bn.

Patrols for Night 22/23<sup>rd</sup> MAY

No	Patrol Leaves		Patrol Returns		Object	Details
	Place	Time	Place	Time		
1	P25central	9 pm	P25c00	11 pm	Reconce.	2 HQ Scouts + 3 men D Coy
2	P25c00	11 pm	P25central	7 am	"	" " " "
3	P25central	1 am	P25c00	3 am	"	" " " "
4	P25c00	9 pm	P36600	11 pm	Reconce. + covering Patrols	2 HQ Scouts + 3 men A Coy
5	P36600	11 pm	P25c00	1 am		" " " "
6	P25c00	1 am	P36600	3 am		" " " "

The Scout officer (Lt Davies) will operate with patrol no 4 + 5 + 6.

Password - CLAREMONT

W. Kilgourff  
Co.

44<sup>th</sup> Pm.

Patrols for Night.

23/24<sup>th</sup> May 1918.

No.	Patrol	Leaves Time Place.	Patrol	Returns Time Place	Object.	Details.
1		9 pm. P25 Central	11 pm. P25 Coo.	Reconce	1 NCO + 4 men	D Coy.
2		11 pm. P25 Coo.	1 am. P25 Central	covering	1 NCO + 4 men	D Coy.
3		1 am. P25 Central	3 am. P25 Coo.	Patrols.	1 Off (Lt Davies) 2 HQ Scouts and 3 men	D Coy.
4		9 pm. P25 Coo.	11 pm. O36 600.	"	1 NCO + 4 men.	F Coy.
5		11 pm. O36 600.	1 am. P25 Coo.	"	2 HQ Scouts + 3 men.	A Coy.
6		1 am. P25 Coo.	3 am. O36 600	"	2 HQ Scouts + 3 men.	A Coy.

Password :- "MIDLAND."

Patrol Leaders will come to Balm. Hqs. and report immediately they return.

B. Kilgour

44<sup>th</sup> Pm.

Patrols for Night:

24/25<sup>th</sup> May 1918.

No.	Patrol	Leaves Time Place	Patrol	Returns Time Place	Object.	Details.
1		P25 central 10 pm	P25 Coo 12 pm	Reconce	2 HQ Scouts + 3 men	D Coy
2		P25 Coo 12 pm	P25 central 2 am	"	1 NCO + 4 men	D Coy.
3		P25 central 2 am.	P25 Coo 4 am	"	1 Off (Lt Davies) 1 HQ Scout 3 men	D Coy
4		P25 Coo 10 pm	O36 600 12 pm	"	2 HQ Scouts + 3 men	A Coy.
5		O36 600 12 pm	P25 Coo 2 am	"	1 NCO + 4 men	A Coy
6		<del>O36 600</del> P25 Coo 2 am	O36 600 4 am	"	2 HQ Scouts + 3 men	A Coy.

Password - CLAREMONT.

Patrol Leaders will report to Pm. Hqs immediately they return.

B. Kilgour

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44<sup>th</sup> Bn.Patrols for Night. 25/26<sup>th</sup> May 1918.

No.	Patrol Leaves		Patrol Returns		Object	Details
	Place	Time	Place	Time		
1	P25 Central.	10 pm	P25000.	12 pm	Reconce.	2 HQ Scouts + 3 men " D Coy.
2	P25000.	12 pm	P25 Central.	2 am	"	1 NCO + 4 men D Coy.
3	P25 Central.	2 am	P25000.	4 am	"	1 off (Lt Davies) 2 HQ Scouts + 3 men. D Coy.
4	P25000.	10 pm	O36600.	12 pm	"	1 off (Lt Davies) 2 HQ Scouts + 3 men. A Coy.
5	O36600.	12 pm	P25000.	2 am	"	1 NCO + 4 men A Coy.
6	P25000.	2 am	O36600.	4 am	"	1 NCO + 4 men A Coy.

Patrol Leaders will report to Bn. Hqs immediately on return.  
 Password — "GIN GIN."

B. Kilgour Lt  
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44<sup>th</sup> Bn.Patrols for night 27/28<sup>th</sup> May 1918.

No.	Patrol Leaves		Patrol Returns		Object	Details
	Place	Time	Place	Time		
1	P25 Central	10 pm	P25000	12 pm	Reconce	2 HQ Scouts - 3 men D Coy
2	P25000	12 pm	P25 Central	2 am	"	1 off (Lt Davies) - 4 men D Coy
3	P25 Central	2 am	P25000	4 am	"	1 NCO + 4 men D Coy
4	P25000	10 pm	O36600	12 pm	"	2 HQ Scouts - 3 men A Coy
5	O36600	12 pm	P25000	2 am	"	1 NCO + 4 men A Coy
6	P25000	2 am	O36600	4 am	"	2 HQ Scouts + 3 men A Coy

Patrol Leaders will report to Bn. Hqs immediately on return

Password — "COTTESLOE"

B. Kilgour Lt



44<sup>th</sup> Bn.

Patrols for night 27/28<sup>th</sup> May 1918.

No.	Patrol Place	Leaves Time	Patrol Returns Place	Returns Time	Object.	Details.
1	P25 Central	10 pm.	P25 Coo.	12 pm.	Reconnoiter Establish listening Post.	2 HQ Scouts - 3 men "A" Coy.
2	P25 Coo.	10 pm.	P25 Central	12 pm.		10ff (Lt. Davies) - 4 men D Coy.

Patrol Leaders will report to Pm Hqs. immediately on return.

Password. - "BELLEVUE"

CR Davies Lt.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Commanding Officers Appendix</u></p> <p><u>Discipline:</u> The discipline of the Battalion during the month has been very good.</p> <p><u>clothing and Equipment</u> } A quantity of new Australian pattern hats, tunics and breeches has been received into the P.M. Store and is being issued to those in need of same. No difficulty has been found with the supply of boots, all requirements being satisfied</p> <p><u>cooking and Feeding</u> } This has again been very good. Two hot meals have been supplied to the troops in the line during the hours of darkness often under extremely difficult conditions owing to heavy enemy shelling. This reflects very great credit on boy P.M. Sgts, cooks and drivers of ration limbers and cookers, who have all done their job in an exemplary manner.</p> <p><u>Works.</u> } Since the Battalion came into the VILLERS BRETONNEUX sector, the works policy has been well maintained. Two new C.T's have been sited, dug and wiring practically completed from support to front line in O 30 and 36. Besides the usual improvements of a newly handed over front line. a series of posts, 9 in number, were pushed out within a few</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(contd.)</p>	

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			<p>----- few -----</p> <p>nights of the Battalion taking over the line, thus advancing our line in the centre to a distance of over 300 yards, also shortening the line. This work was carried out under difficult moonlight conditions and actually without <sup>any</sup> casualties being sustained while these posts were being dug.</p> <p><u>General.</u> The Battalion came out to rest at LA HOUSOYE as part of the Divisional Reserve Brigade on the 30<sup>th</sup> April/1<sup>st</sup> May, the time of the officers being taken up in reconnoitring flank lines from TREUX through BRESLE. On the 6<sup>th</sup> the Batt<sup>n</sup> relieved the 43<sup>rd</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> in J13 c+d and became 'D' Batt<sup>n</sup> attached to 9<sup>th</sup> Bde and Divisional Reserve. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, owing to the 9<sup>th</sup> Bde pushing its line forward, 'B' &amp; 'D' boys of this Batt<sup>n</sup> went forward to garrison the old main line of Resistance in J18-23 (Sheet 621)</p> <p>The Batt<sup>n</sup> was relieved on that sector being taken over by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Division on the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>, and again went into rest at PONT NOYELLES</p> <p>Whilst at PONT NOYELLES, a Bde. Transport competition and a Batt<sup>n</sup> ceremonial competition were held, the Batt<sup>n</sup> coming 1<sup>st</sup> for vehicles and 1<sup>st</sup> for Mess bart in the Transport competition and 1<sup>st</sup> in the ceremonial competition.</p> <p>The Batt<sup>n</sup> came into the VILLERS-BRETONNEUX sector on 20/21<sup>st</sup> May</p>	

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			MAY 1918 "A" COMPANY - APPENDIX	
	1 <sup>st</sup>		Found the billets in a very dirty condition, so time was spent in cleaning up. The weather conditions still remain very bad. Meals well cooked and issued to time. Packs issued; find that they have been salvaged and socks taken out.	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Fairly fine day spent in cleaning mud off clothes etc. Colour patches issued by Q.M.	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Fine day. Each platoon carries on with its respective syllabus of training. Coy. blankets sent to Pont Noyelles for fumigation.	
	4 <sup>th</sup>		100 men are sent on a working party, digging a trench for water pipes. In afternoon Coy. is paid.	
	5 <sup>th</sup>		Rained heavily during the night. Church parade is held in the morning. Expected to move up to the line in the evening, but this is not done.	
	6 <sup>th</sup>		Meals good. Coy preparing to move into the line at 6.30 p.m., but this was postponed until 8 p.m. owing to good visibility. Relief Admiral Battalion (43rd) and the relief is completed by 10 p.m. Raining hard and continuously throughout night. Gas Guard supplied by Nos. 1 and 3 platoons. (Men for "B" Echelon - 3 Officers, 25 O/R.)	
	7 <sup>th</sup>		Stand to 3.30 a.m. to 4.30 a.m. Rain clears off about 10 a.m., and remainder of the day is spent in preparing dugouts, rifle inspection, and gas drill. Batt's canteen opens 6 p.m.	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Meals good. Nos. 2 & 3 platoons supply a working party for digging trenches near Marett Wood. An inspection of rifles and mens' feet is held with Nos. 1 & 1/2 platoons.	
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Breakfast at 5 a.m. in readiness to move to front line, but order is cancelled. Visibility good. An enemy machine attempted to come across our territory but was driven off by "Archies" and Lewis Guns. All troops issued with clean change, by Q.M., of socks.	

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			<u>A Coy Appendix - cont.</u>	
	10 <sup>th</sup>		Meals good. Aeroplanes came over our lines at dawn and dropped bombs close to railway line. Platoon parades and preparation for relief. Relief by 25 <sup>th</sup> Bn. completed by 6 p.m. Coy. march to	POINT
	11 <sup>th</sup>		NOYELLES, a distance of about 7 kms. Accommodation very cramped owing to return of refugees. Fine day spent in generally cleaning up. Inspection of rifles, gas helmets, and kit inspection in the afternoon for shortages.	
	12 <sup>th</sup>		Slight drizzling rain through the night. A few shells dropped on the outskirts of the town in early morning. Church parade for Coy. 4 men paraded to ALLONVILLE, a distance of 6 kms. where they were pre-	
	13 <sup>th</sup>		sented with medals and ribbons by General BIRDWOOD. Platoon parades till about 11 a.m. Men then return to billets for indoor training owing to the	
	14 <sup>th</sup>		drizzling rain which keeps on continuously. Inspection of Coy. cooks by the G.O.C. in the afternoon. Fine day. 100 men parade from 8 to 9 a.m. for bath and new change of underclothes. 1 officer, 3 N.C.O.'s and 18 O/R's. selected from Nos 2 and 4 plns. to be trained as a raiding party. Demonstration in the uses of smoke by Capt. Stables. Cleaning and polishing of equipment in preparation for inspection by G.O.C. on the following day, this, however, is postponed for 24 hours.	
	15 <sup>th</sup>		Platoon parades as per syllabus in morning. Afternoon half holiday. Pay day.	
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Fine. Morning spent in rehearsing ceremonial drill. In the afternoon the Battalion is inspected by the Brigadier, who expressed himself as being very pleased with the general turnout and bearing of the men, in which respects they excelled the other battalions in the Brigade.	
	17 <sup>th</sup>		Fine. Inspection of the Brigade by <u>S.M. Sir Douglas Haig</u> at ALLONVILLE, a distance of about 7 kms. from billets. A few bombs were dropped on the outskirts of the town by enemy planes about 10	
	18 <sup>th</sup>		Swimming parade in the morning for Coy. Afternoon holiday.	
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Church parade in the morning. Coy. stand to in readiness to move into the line. Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections, 1 officer, and 3 signallers, move up on motor lorries as advance guard.	
			Issue of tobacco and cigarettes.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<u>"A" Coy Appendix - Cont.</u>	
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Move from billets at 12.30 p.m. en route to VILLERS-DRETONNEUX via QUERRIEU and BLANGY-TRONVILLE, a distance of about 12 kiloms. Spell about 4 kms. behind line till dusk before moving up to relieve the 16th Bn. Guides met on outskirts of village and relief completed by midnight.	
			Disposition - A Coy. - Right forward company. Men for B Echelon - 1 off., 199R.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		No movement allowed during the day. Tea at 11 p.m., breakfast 3 a.m. Meals nearly cold owing to long distance of carrying. Our posts all move to the left 150 yards.	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Quiet during the day. B Coy. carrying rations for A Coy. Cocoa supplied by Y.M.C.A. Canteen at Coy. H.Q.	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Quiet. In evening Coy. H.Q. moved 200' to the left, to the cellars of some houses which had been joined up. After cleaning out, this proved to be a pretty comfortable H.Q.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>		Quiet. Line advanced 250', platoon and section posts being dug.	
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Enemy sends over numerous gas shells in the afternoon but the bulk of them fell in the town & rear.	
	26 <sup>th</sup>		About 11 p.m., Coy. is withdrawn from outposts whilst our T.M. Batteries shell the enemy trenches.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Quiet. Preparing for relief by Anvil Bn. (42 <sup>nd</sup> ) which was completed about 2 a.m. Move to reserve line, a distance of about 2 kms.	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		Day spent in straightening up dugouts & making same habitable. About 6 p.m. Coy. receives orders to move to new position. 16 men remain as nucleus garrison.	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Arrive at new position at 6.30 a.m. Sleep during the day. In evening, working party supplied to dig C.T. to front line. Stand to from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. Cookhouse moves to new position owing to hostile shelling.	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		Pay at 8.30 a.m. Move up near front line on a working party completing C.T. Stand to from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. Hot tea provided at 2 a.m.	
	31 <sup>st</sup>		Quiet. Working party on C.T. from 10 p.m. till 1 p.m.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>'B' COY - APPENDIX.</u></p> <p>From 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May, B Coy. were billeted at LAHOUSOYE, during which period training was carried out, - Signallers, Scouts, and other specialists receiving special instruction. Working parties were also supplied for various tasks during our stay there.</p> <p>On the night 6/7<sup>th</sup> May, the Coy. moved from LAHOUSOYE to Reserve position in T13. They rested here until early morning of the 8<sup>th</sup>, when, together with D Coy., we moved up to take over the old front line in Reserve to the 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion. From the 8<sup>th</sup> to midnight of the 10<sup>th</sup>, the Coy. was in this position, there being little shelling on our part of the line during the tour.</p> <p>On the night 10/11<sup>th</sup>, the Coy. moved out from the trenches via T13, where we halted for about an hour and had a refreshing drink of hot tea. From T13 we moved off to PONT NOYELLES via LAHOUSOYE, arriving at PONT NOYELLES at 5 a.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Coy. were comfortably billeted, - two platoons and officers in the school and two platoons and Coy. H.Q. in an adjoining billet. We remained in PONT NOYELLES from the 11<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May, the period being taken up in training; the Battalion carried off the Brigade competition after a very even contest, the next Battalion being but a few points behind.</p> <p>The Division was reviewed by Sir Douglas HAIG on the 17<sup>th</sup> May and he expressed himself as being very pleased with their appearance. The review was held at ALLONVILLE, some 4 Kiloms. from PONT NOYELLES.</p> <p>On the 21<sup>st</sup>, at 12.30 p.m., the Battalion moved from their billets in PONT NOYELLES to the VILLERS-BRETONNEUX sector via BLANGY-TRONVILLE, taking over there from the 16<sup>th</sup> Div., 4<sup>th</sup> Div. From that time to 31<sup>st</sup> May, the Coy. has been holding the First Support Line in front of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX. It has been comparatively quiet on the front and Support Lines, but the enemy has been very active shelling the village and further back.</p> <p>From 8-10 p.m. on the night of the 26<sup>th</sup>, the Boche put over a heavy Gas shell bombardment and again from 2 to 4 a.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Only 1 casualty - very slight - occurred in this Coy. During the period in the line up to 31<sup>st</sup> May, the casualties sustained were killed 1 O/R, wounded 5 O/R. The Coy. are still in the line and are in good spirits, the food supply having been very good.</p>	

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			<p>————— <u>"C" COMPANY. - APPENDIX.</u> —————</p> <p>This month has been, perhaps, the least strenuous of any, since our arrival on the SOMME. From the first to the sixth we were in LA HOUSSOYE and engaged on light working parties, while from the sixth to the ninth we were in Reserve to the 9th Brigade. On this latter date, we were relieved by a battalion of the 2nd. Division and marched to PONT NOVELLES, where we were billeted during our divisional rest. We put in this period at Training and Ceremonial, being reviewed by the Brigadier and Sir Douglas HAIG.</p> <p>On the 20th. we took over the Support Line east of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX from the 16th. Bn. A quiet seven days followed and though several men were evacuated with Trench Fever, no other casualties occurred. At the end of the tour our company moved into the village and later on to a position on the north of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX.</p> <p>The weather throughout the month has been excellent and the splendid opportunities for swimming have been availed of to the full.</p>	

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<p>— <u>'D' COMPANY. - APPENDIX.</u> —</p> <p><u>MAY - 1918.</u></p>				
1st.			On the evening of this date, Coy. were relieved by 9th Bde. and billeted in <u>Lahoussoye</u> . During our stay here numerous working parties were supplied to various tasks.	
6th.			On this night, the Company took over from "D" Coy, 42nd Bn., at Brick Kiln Hill near the 'Flying Fox' (J.13). Rained hard.	
8th.			Early in the morning, the Coy. received orders to report immediately to 9th Bde.; 33rd Bn. In 10 minutes the Coy. were on the move, and reported to 33rd B.H.Q. Officers made a reconnaissance of old front line which we had to garrison. We occupied this line during the morning in <u>daylight</u> . A 'dud' 5.9" fell through a dugout held by men of 15 Platoon.	
10/11th.			On this night we were relieved by the 19th Bn., and much difficulty was incurred in effecting the relief owing to the pitch blackness of night. Breakfast was served out at the Cookers at the 'Flying Fox' (J.13).	
16th.			At 4 a.m. the Coy. set off by platoons at 100 paces interval for PONT NOYELLES, arriving there at 8 a.m. Brigade inspection.	
17th.			Divisional Review by Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig at ALLONVILLE. The balance of the stay at PONT NOYELLES was given to smartening drill and to cleaning up equipment whilst returning from Brigadier's Inspection on the 16th., a H.E. shell from a Boche H.V. gun exploded 25 yds. from the last two platoons in QUERRIEU. No casualties or confusion resulted.	
20th.			In afternoon, Coy. passed starting point in PONT NOYELLES en route to BLANDY TRONVILLE, where we relieved part of 50th Bn. At night the Coy left vicinity of BLANDY TRONVILLE and relieved "D" Coy 16th Bn. in front line in front of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, this being the second occasion that we have	

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			<u>'D' Coy - Appendix (cont.)</u>	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		relieved the 16th, - a W.A. Battalion, - the last time being at WARNETON.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		On this night we 'sideslipped' and took over the Coy. front of the right Coy of the 45th Bn., having 1 platoon South and the other three North of the main AMIENS road. Much activity on our side with Rifle Grenades and Bombs during our stay in this sector.	
	22/23 <sup>rd</sup>		Commenced to dig new front line by putting in a post 100' in advance of 13 Platoon post - right of AMIENS Road. Prior to the digging party going out, a patrol which was making a reconnaissance received a warm reception with 4 2's and M.G. fire. 1 O/R. wounded.	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	11 p.m.	L.A. team (Pvt. W. Baxter) of 13 Pln. in charge) in newly dug portion captured 1 Boche and killed one. - Both enemy belonged to 134 <sup>th</sup> I.R. Good work was done during the succeeding hour in deepening and widening trenches and making listening posts and saps.	
	27/28 <sup>th</sup>		On this night we were relieved by 'D' Coy, 42nd Bn., and took up positions vacated by them.	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		14 and 16 Platoons were shelled by enemy 8" guns, and the posts had to be evacuated. No casualties were sustained, but a good proportion of kit, etc, was buried. Fortunately for these 2 platoons, the majority were away at a swimming parade. Working parties were supplied each night since the relief to the vicinity of the front line - wrong; also improvements to CHAREMONT C.T.	

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ROUTINE.

Trench Warfare has once again been resumed, and enabling the general routine to run its normal course. "B" Echelon at the beginning of the month was established at LA-HOUSSEY from where it moved to PONT-NOYELLES and was joined by the Battalion on coming into the reserve area. Towards the latter portion of the month on the Battalion again going into the line, "B" Echelon was established near BLANGY-TRONVILLE where the usual reliefs were provided to the Companies in the line. These reliefs enabled the men to have a complete spell and were refitted with uniform and boots repaired where necessary. Owing to the close proximity of the Canal men were able to enjoy ~~sw~~ swimming during the hot weather.

SPORTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

A swimming carnival of men of "B" Echelons of the Brigade was carried out for small money prizes, donated by the Officers. This was very keenly contested, and resulted in this Battalion winning 110 francs out of a possible 190 francs. Two Concert Parties gave entertainments to the men and received great applause from the audience. The Band now under Bandmaster (Sergt) L.R. Greene and the Battalion Pierrot Troupe gave a concert to the 4th Divisional Ammunition Column, which was highly appreciated.

COMMUNICATION.

It was not possible to establish Signal communication between "B" Echelon and the Battalion, communication was carried out by Runners provided by the Signal personnel.

SCHOOLS.

Schools have now been resumed, and the following personnel attended Schools during the month from the Battalion:-  
Australian Corps Gas School. 4th Army Cookery School.  
 3 Other Ranks. 1 Other Rank.  
Corps Lewis Gun School Officers Cadet Bn. England.  
 1.N.C.O. CSM (WOLL) Phillips. R.R. (DCM)  
 Pte H.W. Knowles.

LEAVE

Leave was reopened at the end of the month, with an allotment of one per week. Lieut C.J. Piper was granted special leave to England.

CANTEEN.

Stocks have been more easily obtained, and the men were able to make purchases both in the line and at "B" Echelon.

FAT

The weight of first class Fat returned to rail-head for the month was 2827 pounds.

SALVAGE.

The Salvage credited to the Battalion for the month amounted to £5155.0.7.

STRENGTH.

The average effective strength of the Battalion for the month was:-

41 Officers and 845 Other Ranks.

The reconciliation for the month shows as follows:-

Nature.	Off	O.R.
Killed		4
Wounded		17
Gassed		12
Evac Sick	1	79
Transferred from Unit		13
To Training Bn		1
Rejoined x Sick and Wounded	3	73
Transfers to Bn		6
Reinforcements		7
Officers from Cadet Battalion.	4.	

DISCIPLINE.

Courts Martial. (A.W.O.L.) 1.O.R.  
 C.O's Awards. (A.W.O.L.) 5.O.R.

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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MEDICAL OFFICER'S APPENDIX.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY - 1918.</u></p> <p>During the first few days of the month the Battalion were in rest billets some little distance from the line. During this spell we encountered for the first time the summer fever characteristic of the country. It is our typical influenza but named "summer fever" by the French. After a few days, during which time our Rest Post was well patronised, we went into supports and were very successful insofar as our casualties were slight.</p> <p>Later we spent eight days in a very pretty spot - PONT NOYELLES - and were engaged in training - recreational and otherwise. During this period more stretcher bearers were trained in stretcher exercises and first aid. The weather during our stay out of the line was perfect and did much to invigorate the men.</p> <p>After a very enjoyable rest we took over a new sector of the line and although there was considerable shelling by the enemy by Gas, etc., our casualties were slight.</p> <p><u>AID POSTS.</u> - During the early days of the month our Aid Posts consisted of excavations in banks, sandbagged and built up, and fitted up very satisfactorily.</p>	

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			<u>M.O's. APPENDIX - cont<sup>d</sup></u>	
			<p><u>Aid Posts (cont.)</u> - In later operations the Aid Posts were excellent cellars and here opportunities arose for retaining cases, especially cases of SIGHT GAS and P.V.O. If this could always be managed it would be a means of saving man-power for the line. Unfortunately conditions do not admit of this.</p> <p><u>Stretcher Bearers.</u> - No casualties occurred amongst the stretcher bearers and an opportunity arose for the employment of wheels to some distance in advance of the R.A.P., thus minimising the work of bearers.</p> <p><u>A.M.C. Personnel.</u> - During early days of month the personnel were daily engaged in the Rest Post and on water duties. Later some were engaged at the R.A.P. and others in attendance on the water carts.</p>	

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SIGNALLING OFFICER'S APPENDIX.

MAY - 1918.

During the first part of the month training was carried out. The 'T' Popham Signalling panel was issued to battalions and tests were carried out with it. Three small schemes were carried out in co-operation with the Australian Air Squadron. The result was very satisfactory; messages from the ground to the plane were sent in a very short time.

In the VILLERS - BRETONNEUX sector we had our first experience with message dogs. These were used from both Bn. H.Q. and Coy. H.Qs. with splendid results. One message which had to be carried a distance of 2000 yds. reached its destination in 10 minutes.

Message rockets were also used in this sector with good results, and two tests were carried out with this means of communication.

Pigeons were used, and our pigeons were dispatched each evening with messages, - generally a situation report or an acknowledgement.

In this sector, although numerous routes to different stations were laid, we experienced much trouble with lines, and great difficulty in maintaining them.

A buried route from Rear Brigade to Bn. H.Q. is under construction. When finished it will relieve us of a great deal of line work.

The only casualties to the Signalling Section up-to-date in this Sector are

- 1 - O/R Wounded.
- 1 - O/R Sick.

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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Signalling Officers Appendix - Cont.</u></p> <p>Linesmen and Runners are deserving of all the praise possible for their work in this sector. I wish specially to mention the following for good work -</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No 968. - Sgt. C. Palmer.          " 962. - Cpl. R. Cochrane.          " 3453. - Pte. C.W.L. Price.          " 5745. - " B. McMullen.</p> <p>and Runners Gliddon, Beaufay, Allom, Hunter.</p>	
			<p>R. Hughan. 2/Lt.          Signal Officer          A 9th Bn.</p>	

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<p>— <u>LEWIS GUN OFFICER'S APPENDIX.</u> —  <u>MAY - 1918.</u></p>				
<u>Dispositions.</u>			<p>During the month the Battalion spent eighteen days in the forward area, seven of which were in the front line.                      The dispositions were - 10 guns in the front line and 10 in support.                      The Anti-Aircraft Guns were continually manned and 600 rounds were fired at low flying enemy aircraft.</p>	
<u>Training.</u>			<p>While on rest the Battalion was given 1½ hours' instruction <sup>daily</sup> on the gun and every man has a fair working knowledge of the weapon. Each man will be given a course of Range Practices as soon as opportunity offers and with a little extra instruction the whole battalion will be efficient Lewis Gunners.                      8 N.C.O's. were also trained in the use of the Forward Area A.-A. Sight.</p>	
<u>Establishment.</u>			<p>The complement is at present 20 and 4 for use as A.-A. guns. This leaves a deficiency of 12 on establishment. It is anticipated that these latter guns will come to hand shortly.</p>	
<p>E Rogers Lieut                      Lewis Gun Officer                      44th Bn. A.I.F.                      12 98</p>				

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Place	Date	Hour		
			<u>SCOUT OFFICER'S APPENDIX.</u>	
			<p><u>Training.</u> - During the early part of the month 32 men from companies were given a short course of instruction in Scouting, Map Reading, and general Intelligence. The battalion scouts were given a short course of Lewis Gun training.</p> <p><u>Active Work.</u> - The battalion was in the line for seven days and as the previous unit did not know the enemy's dispositions, we had to work forward steadily and get that knowledge ourselves. Scouting was made very difficult owing to it being moonlight. One night was spent covering the working party who were digging the advanced line. The enemy machine Guns were very active and on many occasions forced the patrol to lie up for often an hour at a stretch.</p>	
			<p>CR Davis. Lt. Scout Officer 44<sup>TH</sup> Batt</p>	

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<u>MAY 1918</u>				
<u>TRANSPORT OFFICER'S APPENDIX.</u>				
<u>Work</u>			The work for the month has been similar to previous months in this area. Salvage, carried on particularly in the VILLERS - BRETONNEUX sector, has absorbed all available vehicles every night. Hot meals for the troops in the front line have been taken forward twice nightly. This work was rendered difficult and dangerous on account of hostile shelling of the roads and the village but on every occasion the meals were safely delivered to the forward dump.	
<u>Lines</u>			Animals have been out in the open for the month and at the lines taken over at PONT NOYELLES & LAMOTTE, we have had to construct bomb-proof shelters.	
<u>Forage</u>			We have been able to supplement the issue by green feed cut from forward areas and carted back by ration limbers. The animals certainly show an improvement in consequence.	
<u>Grazing</u>			Brigade has notified us from time to time of areas that have been made available for this purpose and full use has been made of them.	
<u>Water</u>			This has been plentiful, for on each occasion since we left LA HOUSSOYE, the lines have been situated close to a river.	
<u>Casualties</u>			<p><u>Men</u> 1 Driver wounded,</p> <p><u>Animals</u> 2 Mules killed, 1 Mule wounded and destroyed,</p> <p>Evacuated sick. - Hides, 1. Mules, 2.</p>	
<u>Remounts</u>			Several have been taken on strength during the month. Speaking generally their condition has been poor on arrival but a good class of animal.	

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Transport Officer's Appendix - (cont.)

Miscellaneous -

An inspection by Brig.-Gen. CANNAN was carried out at QUERRIEU during our stay at PONT NOYELLES. The 44th Battalion topped the list for the best vehicles and the best turned out Officers' mess cart.

The Transport also paraded with the Battalion at the inspection of the 3rd. Division by Sir D. HAID, held at ALLONVILLE.

Four new cookers have been obtained to replace old ones which had become past repair, after being in constant use for eighteen months.

Great credit is due to Sgt. GELLARD, Dis. FORCAS, COUZENS, WATKINS, HAMMOND (wdd) for their work during the latter part of the month in the VILLERS-BRETONNEUX sector. In spite of the heavy H.E. and Gas shelling on the night 23/24th., they succeeded in getting through the village, both in the evening and in the early morning, without losing either their horses or any portion of their loads, which consisted of hot meals for the men in the line.

A chaffcutter has been purchased during the month, and is proving itself of very great value.

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44<sup>th</sup> Battalion.26th. April 1918.COPY OF RECOMMENDATION.Nº. 2640 - Pte. WALKER, CYRIL GEORGE.

On the 21<sup>st</sup>. April, 1918, Nº. 2640, Pte. WALKER, C.G., a Battalion runner, was carrying a message from a Battalion in the front line to the left Battalion in the front line. He received a gun shot wound in the leg when some distance from left Bn. Headquarters. Although wounded and bleeding freely he persevered and with great difficulty delivered his message to left Battalion Headquarters, when he collapsed. He was evacuated by left Battalion.

He showed great courage and determination in carrying on after being wounded which showed great devotion to duty and a splendid example to his comrades.

(Sgd.) J. P. Clark, Lt.-col,  
C.O., "Armour" Bn



44<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

26<sup>th</sup> April 1918

COPY OF RECOMMENDATION.

No. 2394. - Pte. POVEY, ALFRED BERTIE.

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No. 2394, Pte. POVEY, A.B., with an assistant went out immediately the line became disconnected, working on to where the bombardment was at its fiercest for 4½ hours often in gas with respirators adjusted repairing the numerous breaks.

Everything in their power was done to effect these repairs under most difficult and dangerous conditions, thus showing disregard of danger and devotion to duty.

This man has previously been mentioned in despatches for the good work performed.

(Sgd.) J. P. Clark, Lt.-Col.,  
C.O., "Armour" Bn.

44<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

COPY OF RECOMMENDATION.

26<sup>th</sup> April 1918.

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(Sgd.) J. P. Clark, Lt.-Col.,  
C.O., "Armour" Bn.

Battalion headquarters.  
21.5.18.

Order. No 1.

1. ORGANISATION.

C.O .	Major T.A.Ferguson.	41st Battalion.
Second in Command.	Major W.J.Kinnish.	43rd Battalion.
Adjutant.	Lieut A.N.Schroter.	44th Battalion.
Signal Officer.	Lieut H.M.Parrington.	43rd Battalion.
Intelligence Officer.	Lieut M.J.Anketell.	44th Battalion.

2. H.Q. DETAILS.

H.Q. Details required will be supplied by 41st Battalion.

3. ORGANISATION. "B" ECHELON.

"B" Echelon will be organised as each Battalion in 1 Company of 3 platoons.

H.Q. Personnel as above will continue to serve with their Units until such time as the Battalion is called upon to move. In the event of the Battalion being called upon to move an Officer from each Unit will report to COMPOSITE BATTALION H.Q. at M.18.b.

4.

4. TRAINING.

Battalion Commanders will be responsible for the training of their Battalion Details & four hours per day will be devoted for this purpose.

Sgd. A.N.SCHROTER. Lieut.  
ADJUTANT 11th BRIGADE COMPOSITE BATTN.AIF.

By

Major General Sir John Manash. K.C.B. V.D.  
Commanding Third Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters.  
20th May. 1918.

ADMINISTRATION.

1909. LAUDATORY. The following translation of a letter received by the Divisional Commander from Mr CHARLES HOURDEQUIN? late of RIBEMONT? is promulgated for information:-

" Before leaving the SOMME and the devastated region of RIBEMONT  
" in which town I was owner of Spinning Mills, I feel it my duty to  
" tender to you my thanks for the help, as devout as it was assiduous  
" rendered by your Division in the salvage and the removal of my ~~sto~~  
" stores of wool. Thanks to this help I was able to save practic-  
"-ally the whole of my goods representing in value about two millions  
" of francs, and ~~ter~~ thereby to avoid an irreparable disaster, - not  
" only to myself, but to my country,

" I desire to tender to you as Commander of the Third Australian  
" Division my most sincere and warmest thanks, and will ask you to  
" convey same to your gallant Officers and soldiers; as also to the  
" Members of the French Mission, Messrs Baron DE GAIL and Interpreter  
" PETIT? GIRAUD, and MONTALAND, who united their efforts to those  
" of your valiant troops. All deserve recognition which I trust  
" will soon be accorded them. I am particularly indebted to the  
"-Commander of the Third Machine Gun Battalion for the great care  
" which he took in the preservation of my dwelling house".

Sgd ROBERT. E. JACKSON. Lieut Colonel

A.A. & C.M.G Third Australian Division.

Headquarters.  
17th May 1918.

C.O.  
41st Battalion.  
42nd Battalion.  
43rd Battalion.  
44th Battalion.  
11th M.G. Coy.  
11th T.M. Batty.  
11th Field Coy.  
11th Field Ambulance.  
870th Coy. A.S.C.

COMPLIMENTARY.

At conclusion of to-day's Ceremonial the Field Marshal, Sir. D. Haig  
Commander -in- Chief British Armies in France, expressed himself as follows

" I am deeply grateful for the very important part played by  
" this Brigade, being the first formed Unit to establish a  
" firm defence on the high ground between ANCRE and SOMME on  
" 27th March.  
"  
" The subsequent offensive defensive maintained by the Brigade  
" up to 1st May was a very fine performance, and the fact that  
" the Brigade can perform so well at a Ceremonial parade so  
" closely following a long period in the line is a fine tribute  
" to the sterling qualities of its members and also to the  
" resource and enterprise of its leaders.  
" Australian troops have today shown that their performance at  
" a Ceremonial parade is on as high a plane as their fighting  
" qualities.  
" The 'turn out' of animals, vehicles, and harness is also  
" most creditable and the drivers are to be congratulated for  
" their effort.  
" Our enemy is a strong and determined foe and it will require  
" all our energy and resources to defeat him, but a continuance  
" ~~of the determination~~ at all times shown by members of the  
" of the determination  
" Third Australian Division will do much to secure our final  
" superiority over the enemy."

The Commander-in-Chief was particularly impressed with  
the physique and also the good marching of the Brigade.

Sgd. C.H. CANNAN.  
Brigadier General.  
Commanding 11th Inf Bde. A.I.F.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters.  
16th May 1918

C.O.  
 41st Battalion.  
 42nd Battalion.  
 43rd Battalion.  
 44th Battalion.  
 11th Machine Gun Coy.  
 11th Trench Mortar Batty.  
 Brigade Signal Section.  
 11th Field Coy Engineers.  
 "C" Sub Section S.A.A. Section 3rd D.A.G.  
 870th Coy A.S.C.

INSPECTION BY COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

There will be a Parade of the Brigade Group at 3.p.m 17th instant, at a place to be notified later, for inspection by the Commander in Chief.

As many as possible will attend and a state showing the numbers of Officers and Other Ranks expected to be on parade will be forwarded to reach these Headquarters by 10 a.m. 17th inst.

Commanding Officers, Seconds in Command and Adjutants of Battalions will be the only mounted Officers.

<u>Dress</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>	Hats and Fighting Order.
	<u>Officers.</u>	Lapel Collar Tunics. Sam Browne Belts. Hats. No canes. Mounted Officers only will wear gloves.

Sgd. G.A.VASEY. Major.  
 Brigade Major 11th Infantry Brigade.A.I.F.

IIth AUSTRALIAN INFANTARY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters.  
10th May 1918.O.C.  
41st Bn.  
42nd Bn.  
43rd Bn.  
44th Bn.PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

1. Reference this Office 100/308 of 9th inst, re presentation of Medals on Sunday 12th inst, by Corps Commander, which will take place at the Aerodome ALLONVILLE (Sheet 62D. C.12.c.2.3. )
2. 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will arrange a combined service Church parade.
3. Church service will commence at 10.30am and finish at 11am. Presentation will then commence at 11am.
4. Recipients from Units will be paraded under an Officer (not himself a recipient) at the Parade ground at 9am. Officers who are recipients will report to the D.A.A.G. 3rd Australian Division on the ground at 9am. Recipients of the IIth Australian Trench Mortar Battery will parade with 43rd Battalion.
5. Recipients will be divided into two classes.
  - (A) Those to whom a Medal will be presented.
  - (B) Those who have been awarded a decoration and have not been presented with a Ribbon or Medal.
6. All Commanding Officers will, and as many Senior officers as possible should be present.
7. Dress:- Khaki clothing with hats, belts will be worn. S.B.R.'s will be carried.

Dress for Officers.  
Officers will wear open fronted jackets, Sam Browne Belts, puttees and will carry gloves; S.B.R.'s will be carried. No sticks.
8. 41st Battn will detail an Officer as per para 4 who will be in charge of the recipients.  
Name of this Officer to be forwarded this Office by 6pm 10/5/18.
9. Gratecoats will NOT be worn unless otherwise notified.

(Sgd) J.M.Gard.

Staff Captain IIth Inf Brigade, A.I.F.  
Captain.

Battalion Headquarters.  
II.5.I8.Presentation Of Medals And Ribbons.

Reference attached instructions from IIth Inf Brigade. re above.

The undermentioned are members of this Battalion who are to be presented with MEDALS or RIBBONS.

(a) MEDALS.

No 1663 Pte Jennings.S.C. (MM)  
 No 190 Cpl (now Sgt) Jones.A. (MM).  
 No 143 L/Cpl (now T/cpl) McLachlan M.M. (MM)  
 No 1913 Pte (now A/Cpl) Trimble.R. (MM)  
 No 13 C.S.M.(WOII) Ion.S.R. (D.U.M.)  
 No 2434 Pte Wellstead.A. (MM)

(b) RIBBONS.

Major.M.H.a'Beckett. (D.S.O.)  
 No 3667 Pte Hicks H. (MM)  
 No 597 Pte Mountain.C. (MM)  
 No 672 Pte Peters.L.S. (Belgian Croix de Guerre.)  
 No 150 Pte Stolze.T. (Belgian Croix de Guerre.)  
 No 367 Sgt Quayle.W.N. (MM)  
 No 6494 Pte Sowerbutts.C. (MM)  
 No 3745 Pte M<sup>g</sup> Mullen B. (MM)  
 No 2396 Pte Povey.A.R. (MM)

Recipients will parade at Battalion Headquarters at 8 am. on Sunday 12th inst, SHARP, under Lieut .B.Bone who will take charge of parade and hand recipients over to Officer as per para.4. of instructions attached.

Company Commanders and R.S.M. for H.Q. Details will please ensure that men are paraded dressed as per instructions. Men must be turned out as well as possible, and C.O. desires Company Commanders to pay special attention to this.

Ribbons of decorations of which men are to be presented will NOT be worn.

This Office to be advised immediately of any man who appear on the list who for any reason are not available.

Captain.  
 Adjutant.44th Battalion.A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No.1.	O.C.	A Coy.	Copy No 6.	Lieut A.B.Bone.
Copy No 2.	O.C.	B.Coy.	Copy.No 7.	Major M.H.a'Beckett
Copy No.3.	O.C.	C.Coy.		(for information)
Copy No 4.	O.C.	D.Coy.	Copy No 8	file.
Copy No 5.	R.S.M.			



"A R M O U R" B A T T A L I O N.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 80.

6-5-18.

Reference Map.-62D 1/40000.

- RELIEF. The 44th. Bn less "B" Echelon, will relieve 43rd Bn. at J 13 on the night 6/7th. May. 43rd Bn will take over Billets occupied by "Armour".
- ADVANCE PARTY. An advance party as arranged will be detailed to report to Capt. Rockliff M.C. at J 13.
- ROUTE. Cross roads I.4.b. - I.11.a.1.6. along track to HEILLY thence to J 13.
- ORDER OF MARCH. The Bn will move from present position in the following order :-By Platoons at 100 x distance, commencing at 6-30 p.m.
- HQ. Details.  
 "A" Coy  
 "B" Coy  
 "C" Coy  
 "D" Coy
- PACKS, VALISES, SHOVELS, ETC., These will be stacked in front of Bn and Coy Hqs. ready for transport by 4 p.m. Felt Hats will be placed in the packs.
- "B" ECHELON. A parade of all "B" Echelon will be held on ground opposite Billet No 17 at 4 p.m. Nominal Roll to accompany Coy Details.
- COOKERS. Cookers will be ready to move at 6 p.m.
- BILLETS. Billets must be left in a clean and sanitary condition. A certificate to this effect will be rendered to B.H.Q. immediately they are evacuated.
- ORDERS. Completion of Relief to be reported to B.H.Q.
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution.

Copy No 1. C.O.  
 2 2nd. i/c.  
 3 O.C. "A" Coy.  
 4 O.C. "B" Coy.  
 5 O.C. "C" Coy.  
 6 O.C. "D" Coy.  
 7 Q.M.  
 8 T.O.  
 9 S.O.  
 10 L.G.O.  
 11 R.S.M.  
 12 11th. Inf Bde.  
 13 File.  
 14/16 W.D.

C.L. Biles. Captain.  
 A/Adjutant "Armour" Battalion. A.I.F.

1. INFORMATION. The 11th. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 13th. Inf. Brigade Area on the 20th. May 1918.  
The 11th. Brigade will relieve 4th. Inf. Brigade on Right Sector Bde. Area on night 20/21st. May 1918.
2. INTENTION. The 44th. Bn will relieve the 50th. Bn on 20th. May.  
The 44th. Bn will relieve the 16th. Bn on night 20/21st. May.
3. DISPOSITIONS. "A" Coy. Right Forward Coy.  
"D" Coy. Left Forward Coy.  
"B" Coy. Right Support Coy.  
"C" Coy. Left Support Coy.
4. ROUTE. Via QUERRIEU-BUSSY-BLANGY-TRONVILLE and relieve 50th. Bn move at 8-30 p.m. and relieve 16th. Bn.
5. ORDER OF MARCH. "D" Coy.  
"B" Coy.  
"C" Coy.  
"A" Coy.  
H.Q. Details.  
  
Platoons at 100yds. interval.
6. TIME. Battalion pass the starting point cross roads PONT-NOYELLES at 12-30 p.m.
7. TRANSPORT. Transport and Q.M. Store are at approx. M. 18. taking over from 52nd. Battn.
8. COOKERS. Cookers will accompany the Battalion.
9. TRENCH STORES ETC. List of Trench and Area Stores taken over in new Area will be forwarded to Bn Hqrs. 24 hours after relief. Picks, Shovels, Tents, Shelters, will be taken over.
10. "B" ECHELON. "B" Echelon will move with the Bn and be located at Q.M.'s. Store, they will come under the tactical command of Major Ferguson of 41st. Bn who will organise them as a composite Bn.
11. GUIDES. Night of relief. Guides will meet the incoming party at ABBEY TRENCH East of WHITE CHATEAU.
12. BILLETS. Billets will be left in a clean and sanitary condition, and a certificate to this effect forwarded to Bn Hqrs.
13. RELIEF. Completion of relief will be notified to Bn Hqrs. by wire using the code CANNING Etc., O.K.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE. G.L. BILES. Captain.  
Adjutant "Armour" Battalion. A.I.F.
- ADDENDUM. Immediately on entering Companies will commence rendering the Special Parade State. as hithertofore.  
  
G.L. BILES. Captain.  
Adjutant "Armour" Battalion. A.I.F.
- DISTRIBUTION.  
Copy No. 1 Copy No. 2 O.C. "A" Coy. No. 3 O.C. "B" Coy. No. 4 O.C. "C" Coy. No. 5 O.C. "D" Coy. No. 6 R.S.M. No. 7 T.O. No. 8 Q.M. No. 9 Brigade. No. 10 to 12 War Diary. No. 13 Sig Officer No. 14 L.G. Officer. 15 Asst. Adjutant.

Copy No 10 ZOPO Battalion A.S.F.  
Operation Order No 84.

26.5.18.

Reference map b2D S.W. 1/20000.

1. Relief. On night 27/28<sup>th</sup> May, ZOWO Pn. will relieve ZOPO Pn. less B+C Coys who will pass under the control of ZOWO Pn. and remain in the forward area as indicated under.
2. Move. On relief ZOPO will move to the area at present occupied by ZOWO Pn. "B" Coy will be employed as reserve Coy. to ZOWO Pn and be located in approx. its present position. "C" Coy ZOPO Pn will be employed in the defences of VILLERS BRETONNEUX in the Keeps.
3. Guides & Reconnaissances:- 1 officer & 4 ORs from each A & D Coys will reconnoitre the positions occupied by ZOWO Pn and report to ZOPO Pn Hqrs at 9 pm. on 27<sup>th</sup> May to guide platoons to their respective positions. 1 officer & 4 men ORs of "C" Coy ZOPO will reconnoitre the defences of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.
4. Trench Stores:- All trench stores will be handed over and receipts signed in duplicate will be forwarded to Pn Hqrs by 9 am. on 28<sup>th</sup> May '18.
5. Completion of relief will be reported to Pn Hqrs in code.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution

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| 1 File       | 6 O.C. B. Label.     | <u>Adjut. ZOPO Pn. A.S.F.</u> |
| 2 O.C. A Coy | 7 ZOWO Pn.           |                               |
| 3 . "B" .    | 8 Right Pn. left Pn. |                               |
| 4 . "C" .    | 9 VUDO.              |                               |
| 5 . "D" .    | 10-12 War diary.     |                               |



WORKS REPORT

for

Period 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY. - 30<sup>th</sup> MAY, 1918.Particulars  
of Work.

cut a new C.T. from O, 30, d, 30-60 to P, 25, c, 35-70. -  
Length 650', width 3'6", depth 3'6".

Deepened and widened C.T. from P, 25, c, 35-70 to  
P, 25, c, 80-70.

cut a new C.T. - O, 30, c, 85-25 in direction of P, 36, b, 90-80.  
250' completed; depth 3'6", width 3'6"

Deepened and widened front and support line and  
generally improved. Constructed nine posts forward  
of original front line, same being extended each  
night.

The front and support lines show vast improve-  
ments.

C.T. cut from O, 36, a, 70-20 to RIGHT SUPPORT COY. H.  
Q - O, 36, a, 60-30. 190', width 2'6", depth 3'6".

PERSONNEL  
SUPPLIED

By 42 <sup>nd</sup> Bn.:	-	75	O/R.	2	Officers	22/5/18.
do.	do.	45	do.	2	do.	23/5/18.
do.	do.	55	do.	2	do.	24/5/18.

By 44<sup>th</sup> Bn.:

LEFT SUPPORT COY.  
(A COY.)

3 Officers, 60 O/R. - each night  
on 80' C.T., Sd. of  
AMIENS RD. - 2 hrs.

RIGHT SUPPORT COY. 1 officer, 15 O/R. - 24/5/18.

"D" COY. 2 do. 100 do. - 3 hrs. each night  
deepening & improving  
400' CLAREMONT C.T. &  
wiring 100' N. of CMT. C.T.

RATION CARRY-  
ING PARTIES.  
WIRING.

The two support boys, each supply 1 N.C.O. and 20 O/R  
to carry to front line companies.

No wiring had been done. Commenced wiring in  
front of posts in new front line on night of 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Work in front and support lines done by garrison.

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SPECIAL ORDER

by

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

Commanding, Third Australian Division. -

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TO ALL RANKS OF THE THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION:-

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

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

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

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

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

*John Monash*  
Major-General. -

Divisional Headquarters,  
30th. May 1918. -



H.Q. OFFICERS.  
44 B<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH. 1918



OFFICERS. 44. B<sup>TH</sup> MARCH. 1918.



H.Q. OFF  
 44<sup>th</sup>  
 MARCH

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Officers  
 44<sup>th</sup>  
 MARCH 1918

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*BATT<sup>n</sup>*



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BAND. + H.Q. DETAILS.  
 HQ BTN. MARCH. 1918.



A. Coy. HQ BTN  
 MARCH. 1918.





Band & H.Q. Details

44<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

MARCH 1918

A boy

44<sup>th</sup>

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