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SH. 62 ^D 20,000 I, 9, a. W. of HAMEL.	1 st . Aug. 1918.		<p>About 2 p.m. the Bn. marched from billets near DAOURS to take over the line immediately E. of HAMEL, relieving one Coy., 40th Bn., with two Coys., 44th Bn. The Bn. frontage was from P. 16, b, 35.80 to P. 10, b, 95.15, (approx. 1000 yds.) The inter-Coy. boundary was the road through P. 10, d.</p> <p>Flank Units. - Right, 40th Bn., Left, 3rd Pioneer Bn.</p> <p>Relief was complete at 12, midnight.</p> <p>Dispositions of 44th Bn. - Right Front Coy, - 'A' Coy. Left Front Coy, - 'C' " Support Coy, - 'B' " (in old Boche front line, P. 19, b) Reserve Coy, - 'D' " (in old British front line, P. 8, b)</p> <p>About 50 gas shells were fired into HAMEL about midnight, - 31st July/1st Aug.</p> <p>Towards evening, 'K' & 'L' Coys. of the 131st U.S.A. Regt. marched up to be attached to 44th Bn. for line experience. These troops were split up throughout the Bn.</p> <p>Weather: - Sunny, warm, and dry.</p> <p>Trenches. - These were part of an old French defensive system which we had previously captured on the 4th of July. They were wide and shallow resembling sunken roads rather than trenches in most cases and much open to capture sniping from ACCROCHE WOOD.</p>	

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	1st. Aug. 1918 (cont.)		<p><u>Work</u>:- Boys were employed during the night in deepening and improving the trench system.</p> <p><u>Patrols</u>:- Active in advance of our position during the hours of darkness.</p> <p><u>B.H.Q.</u>:- Dug in in a bank at P.9. a. 44.</p>	
P.9. a. 44.	2nd. Aug. 1918.		<p>Heavy rain fell during the early morning but the day was fine until 6 p.m. when a violent thunderstorm occurred lasting two hours.</p> <p>During the night, 'D' Coy. relieved the Coy. of 3rd. Pion. Bn. on our left in the front line from P.10, b. 95.15 to P.11, a. 5.5.</p> <p>Cooking Arrangements. - The cookers were situated in HAMELET from whence hot food was carried up to the line twice during each night.</p> <p>Work was continued on the trench system, the chalky nature of which proved very hard digging but particularly bad parts were rendered appreciably safer from sniping.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary appended.</p> <p>Patrol Reports appended.</p>	

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SH. 62 ^D / 40000 P. 9, a, 4-4	3 rd Aug. 1918.		<p>The day was quiet with the exception of light harassing fire over the area.</p> <p>The attached American troops returned to their units at dusk, and another detachment took their place.</p>	
	4 th Aug. 1918.		<p>Tonight the Bn. was relieved as follows -</p> <p>'A' Coy. by a Coy. of 37th Bn.</p> <p>'C' 'D' & 'B' Coys. by four Coys. 40th Bn.</p> <p>The attached Americans moved out with the Bn. and on reaching HAMELET they rested, had a meal, and then marched out to rejoin their Regt. at LA NEUVILLE.</p> <p>The Bn. was billeted in and in the vicinity of HAMELET, in cellars, and dug into banks.</p>	<p>CBH 23</p>

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HAMELET.	5 th Aug. 1918.	10 a.m.	<p>Conference of Officers was held to discuss details of the forthcoming operations to take place E. of HAMELET. Order of attack decided on was as follows: -</p> <p>Right, 'D' Coy. Centre, 'C' Coy. Support, 'B' Coy. Left, 'A' Coy.</p> <p>Weather - Dull & misty with some rain, which greatly favoured the tremendous concentration of troops, guns, and stores of all kinds which were being brought into the area.</p>	
	6 ^d . Aug. 1918.	4.15 - 6.0 a.m.	<p>('X' Coy.)</p> <p>700 to 800 gas shells fell in and in vicinity of the village causing a few casualties, mostly slight.</p> <p>CORBIE & vicinity was also bombarded during the day with heavy long range shells.</p> <p>A Conference of Officers for further discussion of the coming attack was held at 9 a.m. at Bn. H.Qs.</p> <p>Weather continued dull and foggy.</p>	

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<p>HAMELET. (SH. 62^D $\frac{1}{20,000}$)</p>	<p>7th. Aug. 1918.</p>		<p>('Y' DAY) Further preparations for the attack were carried out and all stores and rations issued. Commencing at midnight, the Bn. moved up to the Assembly Point and formed up on a tape line which had been laid by an advance party. This tape line coincided roughly with the front line. Patrols protected the assembly and in addition cut gaps in the wire.</p>	
<p>Regout in FRONT LINE P. 10, 6, 95-15. (Bn. H. Q.)</p>	<p>8th. Aug. 1918.</p>	<p>4.20 a.m.</p>	<p>('Z' DAY) The Bn. was formed up in sections in artillery formation with some 70 yds. between each section and all ready to start at 3 a.m. At 4.10 a.m. the enemy shelled the front line lightly but no casualties were sustained. Our artillery barrage opened and at the end of three minutes the infantry commenced to move forward. Enemy retaliation was practically nil. By this time an extremely heavy fog had settled over the country and that combined with the smoke and dust of the barrage rendered all observation impossible and the maintenance of direction very difficult, and it was only excellent leadership and the initiative of the men which enabled all to keep approximate direction.</p>	<p>57</p>

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P. 10, b, 95-15 (B. H. Q.)	8 th Aug. 1918. (cont.)		<p>'C' Coy. of the 13th. Tank Bn. operated with us and rendered valuable service in mopping up machine gun nests, which, owing to the fog were difficult to locate until the men were right on top of them.</p> <p>Machine Guns contributed to the barrage from zero till zero plus 45 minutes when they then moved up to new selected positions to cover a further advance.</p> <p>The whole attack was pressed home according to plan and the enemy surrendered in large numbers being completely surprised and bewildered by the suddenness of the attack, by the determination of the attackers, and by their inability to see our men through the dense fog which was thickened by the smoke and dust of the barrage.</p> <p>Some hard fighting took place in the enemy's strong points protected by machine gun nests but the men were not to be denied, and these were quickly disposed of, and the garrisons either killed or made prisoners.</p> <p>Owing to the density of the fog, the advance was slower than was anticipated, but with the assistance of the Tanks, the troops quickly mopped up the woods and defences in the area.</p> <p>At half-past seven information came through that the GREEN line running S. thro' CERISTY-GAILLY had been reached and consolidation begun. Success signals and visual work were not used on this occasion owing to the fog which did not clear completely until 10am when the sun was shining brightly and smiling at the swift defeat of the Hun.</p>	

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P. 10, b, 95-15. (Bn. H.Q.)	5 th AUG., 1918. (cont.)		<p>By this time the troops who had continued the advance from the GREEN line, were digging in well ahead and gathering in many prisoners and much material. The troops north of the river, however, had met with very stubborn resistance at MALARD WOOD, with the result that enemy guns were able to fire into the most advanced troops south of the river from the direction of CHIPILLY and the high ground in the vicinity.</p> <p>at 8 a.m. B.H.Q. moved forward to P. 18, a. 4.3.</p> <p>During the next two hours, the 4th Australian Division passed through our troops and continued the advance.</p> <p>The remainder of the day was spent in consolidation of the line we had taken. Some enfilade fire was experienced from batteries from MALARD WOOD on the other side of the SOMME, but these were later silenced by our artillery after it moved forward.</p>	

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P. 18, b, 43. (B.H.Q.) SH. 62 ^D $\frac{1}{40,000}$	9 th AUG. 1918.		Day was spent in reorganisation and in further consolidation, and was quiet as regards enemy artillery, etc.	
P. 18, b, 43. SH. 62 ^D $\frac{1}{40,000}$	10 th AUG. 1918.		Quiet day. Weather very bright and sunny.	
Q. 23, a. SH. 62 ^D $\frac{1}{40,000}$ (cont.)	10 th AUG. 1918. (cont.)		<p>at 9 p.m. Bn. moved up to Q. 23, a, central, S.E. of MORCOURT, and there relieved the 15th. Bn.</p> <p>Bn. was instructed to take over part of the line in Q. 30, remaining as garrison there while the 9th & 10th Bdes. did a night operation in the vicinity of PROYART but owing to the area being somewhat congested, the order was cancelled and the Bn. remained in the valley Q. 23, a.</p> <p>During the night enemy bombing planes were exceedingly active dropping bombs on roads and valleys.</p> <p>We sustained the following casualties. - wounded: - Lt. J. S. Everett and 8 O/ranks.</p>	<p>CPK S</p>

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Q, 23, a. (SH. 62 ^D $\frac{1}{40,000}$)	11 th . AUG. 1918.		Bn. was employed in digging a series of defence posts for occupation if necessary in Q, 23, 29, and 17. 'B' Coy. occupied a line of posts between 34 th . and 42 nd . Bn. near MORGAN WOOD.	
Q, 23, a. (SH. 62 ^D $\frac{1}{40,000}$)	12 th . AUG. 1918.		Subsequent to operations. by the 42 nd . Bn. N. of PROYART, 'C' Coy. was employed to carry S.A.A. to that Bn. in R. 9, & 15, whilst 'A' & 'B' Coys. moved up to garrison a line in R. 13, a & c in support. Later, the Bn. was relieved by part of the 17 th . Division and moved back to the valley in P. 16, & 17. where they occupied old German trenches and dugouts. B.H.Q. was established at P. 17, b, 2.3.	
P. 17, b, 2.3. (SH. 62 ^D $\frac{1}{40,000}$)	13 th . AUG. 1918.		Bn. rested and reorganised. Weather. - Fine.	

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P. 17, b, 2.3 (SH. 62 ⁰ $\frac{1}{40000}$)	14 th AUG. 1918.	9.50 p.m.	<p>Preparations for a move to a billeting area near GUILLAUCOURT were made but this move was subsequently cancelled.</p> <p>12 bombs were dropped by enemy aircraft into the valley, but caused no casualties and did no damage.</p>	
P. 17, b, 2.3 (SH. 62 ⁰ $\frac{1}{40000}$)	15 th AUG. 1918.		<p>Bn. rested.</p> <p>Weather excellent; very warm.</p>	
P. 17, b, 2.3 (SH. 62 ⁰ $\frac{1}{40000}$)	16 th AUG. 1918.		<p>Bn. rested.</p> <p>Weather colder and cloudy.</p>	
P. 17, b, 2.3 (SH. 62 ⁰ $\frac{1}{40,000}$)	17 th AUG. 1918.		<p>Reconnaissance by officers was made of the VAUVILLERS area in anticipation of a probable move there. Subsequently cancelled.</p>	

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P. 17, b, 23. (SH. 62 ^D $\frac{1}{40000}$)	18 th AUG. 1918.		<p>Reconnaissance by officers of the CHAULNES area, in anticipation of a probable move to that area.</p> <p>Later, orders were received that the Bn. would take over the line W. of BRAY but this was cancelled and Bn. is to be part of Reserve B'de. and bivouac in K, 34, N. of CHIPILLY.</p>	
K, 34, d. (SH. 62 ^D $\frac{1}{40,000}$)	19 th AUG. 1918.		<p>The Bn. moved out at 2.45 p.m. and marched via CERISY and CHIPILLY to K, 34, d where they dug into banks.</p> <p>Weather fine during the day changing to rain at night.</p> <p>Enemy fired about 50 rounds high explosive and gas into the valley during the night.</p>	
K, 34, d (SH. 62 ^D $\frac{1}{40000}$)	20 th AUG. 1918.		<p>Bn. rested. nothing to report.</p>	
	21 st AUG. 1918.		<p>The following officers arrived from ENGLAND. — 2/Lt. CARTER, HEARTY, DWYER, CLAYTON, HATTON.</p> <p>A conference of Coy. Commanders was held to discuss the probable action of the Bn. on the next day following on an operation near BRAY by the 9th. B'de. in which we would consolidate their line of exploitation if they were successful.</p>	<p>CPK JS</p>

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K, 34, d. (SH. 62 nd , $\frac{1}{40,000}$)	22 nd AUG., 1918.		<p>Bn. breakfasted at 4.30 a.m. at billets K, 34, central and at 6pm. the head of the column moved off through GRESSAIRE WOOD to the assembly line, L, 13, central to L, 13, d, 2.0. The Bn. was ordered to be in position there at 7.30 a.m. ready to move forward on orders from Bde. Hqs. at which place the C.O. and Adjutant were in attendance.</p> <p>The approach march was completed without casualties but the deployment was rendered very difficult owing to very heavy enemy shelling along the assembly position. Casualties at this point were 1 Officer, 3 O/ranks killed, 1 Officer, 15 O/ranks, wounded.</p> <p>Dispositions here were - Rt. front - 'B' Coy. Rt. Support - 'A' Coy. Left front - 'C' Coy. Left Support - 'D' Coy.</p> <p>The assembly was complete at 7.20 a.m. The Bn. with the 4th Bn. on the left was to consolidate the line reached by exploitation by the 9th Bde. The 9th Bde. however, did not exploit E. of the GREEN line, therefore this Battalion was not required to move forward, but dug in where they were assembled. Bn. H.Qs. and R.A.P. were dug in at L, 19, a, 1.6.</p> <p>During the remainder of the day the enemy heavily shelled L, 13 and L, 19, at frequent intervals but the men were well dug in and few casualties were sustained.</p>	

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K, 34, d. (SH. 62 ^D / 40000)	22 ^d Aug. 1918. (cont.)		<p>At 1 p.m. a large squadron of enemy planes protected by another squadron higher up, flew low over our lines dropping bombs and machine gunning the area.</p> <p>at 7.30 p.m. owing to the withdrawal of the 3rd. CORPS troops on our left from their GREEN line it became necessary to form a defensive flank facing N.E. from L, 14, d, 3.7. to L, 7, c, 5.2.</p> <p>This was done with 3 Coys. (B, C, & D) in front and 'A' Coy. in close support and did not entail much movement from previous positions. One section 11th. M.G. Coy. and 1 section T.M.'s. attached to the Bn. were placed in positions for defence.</p> <p>The R.A.P. moved to the sunken road in L, 13, b.</p> <p>Food was brought up at dusk by limbers and delivered to Coys.</p> <p>Enemy planes were again active throughout the night.</p>	

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L, 13, a, 4 b. (SH. 62 nd 1/40000)	23 rd AUG, 1918.		<p>At about 10 a.m. an enemy plane was brought down at our rear Bn. H.Q. at K, 34, d and the pilot and observer captured.</p> <p>At 11 a.m. a conference of Bn. Commanders and Adjutants at Bde. H.Q. was called to discuss an operation for the taking of BRAY and exploitation of the high ground east of the town.</p> <p>All details were arranged but at 6 p.m. this operation was cancelled as far as 11th. Bde. was concerned, it being decided that 10th. Bde. would carry out the attack on BRAY at 1 a.m. on the 24th. in conjunction with the re-establishment of the GREEN line by 3rd. CORPS on the left. 11th. Bde. would then probably attack the high ground east of BRAY.</p> <p>At 8 p.m. to enable this Bn. to obtain some rest which had been impossible owing to heavy shelling the four Coy. were moved to banks in K, 24, c & d and Bn. H.Q. established at K, 24, d, 5-7 in a bank on the road there.</p>	

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L. 13, a, 4-6. (Stt. 62 ^d $\frac{1}{40000}$)	24 th AUG. 1918.		<p>Between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. during the attack on BRAY the enemy heavily shell ed our area but only two casualties were sustained.</p> <p>At 4 10 p.m. orders were received by the C.O. that the 11th Bde. would attack the ridge E. of BRAY (L5, -11, -7 -18 -23 -24) on the morning of the 25th. The objective was communicated to Coy. Commanders who were taken forward by Capt. LONGMORE for the purpose of general reconnaissance of routes in the area. Meanwhile the C.O. and Adjutant attended a Bn. Commanders' Conference at Bde. H.Q. At 6.30 p.m. the C.O. returned, met Coy. Commanders and further discussed the scheme.</p> <p>The Bn. was right attacking Bn. of the Bde. - 43rd. Bn. being on the left with 37th. Bn. on the right.</p> <p>At 10.30 p.m. the Bn. commenced the approach march to the assembly position, L.10, a, 0-4 to L.10, d, 0-2. Bn. H.Q. moved to L.13, a, 4-6 (dugout).</p>	

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L. 10, d, 1-7
(SH. 62^D / 40000)

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Boys were assembled in a position of readiness at 1 a.m. Close liason was effected with both flanks.

At 2.30 a.m. the creeping artillery and M.G. barrage opened on a line 300 yds. E. of the assembly line. The usual fireworks display by the enemy was on this occasion conspicuous by its absence. Enemy artillery retaliation was feeble and scattered.

At about 3 a.m. a dense fog settled like a pall over the whole area which made the keeping of direction very difficult it being impossible to distinguish anything more than 30 yds. away.

Our Corp. reached their objective at 4 a.m. and commenced to dig in. Success signals consisting of GREEN Very Lights had been previously arranged but although fired, could not be seen owing to the fog. Practically no opposition was met with and only 3 prisoners were taken during the advance. From them it was ascertained that the enemy in anticipation of our attack had withdrawn his main force at 11 p.m. the previous night leaving only small posts containing a few men on the front.

According to plan, 42nd Bn. troops passed through our troops on the final objective and proceeded to exploit and mop up the area to the E. of that line for about 1000 yds. through CEYLON WOOD, returning one hour later.

Capt M. LEWIS with Lt. R. O'CARROLL and Sgt. Gillet of the 44th Bn. went forward to reconnoitre beyond the wood and from some dugouts in the wood.

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L, 10, d, 1-7. (SH. 62 ^{D.1} / ₄₀₀₀₀)	25 th AUG. 1918 (cont.)		<p>which had apparently been passed over by the exploiting troops took 37 prisoners. The fog lifted at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. B. H. Q. moved to L, 10, d, 1-7. At 11.30 a.m. instructions for a further advance by the 43rd & 44th Bns. in conjunction with the 10th Bde. on our right to 'A', 'B', 'C', & 'D' lines were received. This operation was to take place at 1 p.m., 'A' line being the objective of 44th Bn. Bn. H. Q. moved to L, 11, c, 9-9. This advance was postponed till 3 p.m. Subsequently a wire was received at B. H. Q. at 8 p.m. ordering the Bn. to advance to 'A' Line at 8 p.m. A conference of Coy. Commanders had been held during the morning and details arranged to avoid any delay on receipt of orders to move. Information was quickly sent to Coys. who at this time were having a hot meal which had just arrived. Arrangements, including flank cooperation, were quickly made and the line moved forward at 9 p.m. 'A' Line was reached about 10.30 p.m.</p>	
G, 1, b, 5-1 (SH. 62 ^{D.1} / ₄₀₀₀₀)	26 th AUG. 1918.		<p>In the early morning the Bn. was ordered to move forward from 'A' to 'C' line, a distance of about 1200 yds., the flanks cooperating. Orders to this effect were sent to Coy. Commanders, Capt. LONGMORE acting as second in command going forward to superintend the jumping off. The Bn. went forward in cooperation with the 39th Bn. on the right and the 42nd Bn. on the left at 1 p.m. This advance being in broad daylight and over country over which the enemy had excellent observation, the enemy was able to bring direct M.G. and Open Sight Artillery fire to bear on the advancing troops. It was</p>	<p>BT H</p>

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carried out by splitting boys into small parties preceded by scouts and taking every advantage of the great amount of natural cover afforded and making point to point by successive bounds.

The attacking dispositions were -

Right to left - 'D', 'A', 'C' boys with 'B' boy in support.

By 1.50 p.m. the Right boy had reached 'C' Line but the left had slowed down to conform to the 43rd Bn. who were being held up by M.G. fire

at 2.30 p.m. the whole of 'C' Line on the Bn. front was in our possession and consolidation commenced.

Our left flank had to be swung back slightly owing to the 43rd Bn. not coming forward to 'B' line.

Dispositions were then made as follows -

In 'C' Line - Right - 'D' boy. Left - 'A' boy.

" 'B' " - " - 'B' boy. " - 'C' boy.

B.H.Q. - G, 1, b, 51.

The enemy was apparently relying solely on M.G. defences and heavy artillery fire and withdrew before our troops. No prisoners were captured.

One 7.7 cm. Field Gun and 2 M.G.'s. were captured; also a sledge with one of the M.G.'s. (No 296)

At 8 p.m. a further advance was ordered to a line G, 4, central to G, 27, d, 23 in conjunction with the 41st Bn. on our left and the 37th Bn. on the right.

This was to be the main line of resistance.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
L, G, C, 9.7 (SH. 62 ^{D 1} / ₄₀₀₀₀)	27 th AUG, 1918.		<p>At 1 a.m. the Bn. advanced and captured the line with 'B' & 'C' boys who moved through 'A' & 'D' boys, these latter remaining in 'C' line.</p> <p>Success Signals consisting of 4 White Very Lights for the Right boy, and 2 Phosphorous Bombs for the left boy were used. These were observed at 1.30 a.m. for the Left boy and 1.40 a.m. for the Right boy.</p> <p>At about 4 a.m. information was received that the 41st. on our left and the 174th. Bde. on our left would advance under an artillery barrage at 4.45 a.m. our troops remaining in their line. One Coy. 42nd. Bn. arrived at B.H.Q. at 4.10 a.m. and moved up to occupy that part of 'C' Line vacated by 41st. Bn. and coming under command of the C.O., 44th. Bn.</p> <p>During the day the 7.7 cm. Field Gun which we captured intact during our advance on the 26th. was turned and laid eastwards in the direction of CURLE which at that time was held by the enemy. An artillery officer who happened to be passing gave a lightning course of instruction on firing the piece to an eager crowd of our men and they soon got rid of 1000 rounds of ammunition which they had discovered, much to their enjoyment. This gun was subsequently dragged out by an artillery limber lent to us for that purpose.</p> <p>During the afternoon the 34th. Bn. moved up to the valley in A, 1, b, where they rested and had a hot meal prior to relieving our Bn. At 8 p.m. they moved up to take over the line and our troops moved out at 9.30 p.m. to the valley in A, 1, b, where a hot meal awaited them. They then marched to billets in trenches and banks in L, G.</p> <p>Bn. H.Q. was established in L, G, 9.7.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
L, 9, c, 9.7 (SH. 62 ^D / 40000)	28 th AUG, 1918.		Bn. resting. Bathing parties make their way to the River SOMME.	
G, 3, c, 2.8 (SH. 62 ^D / 40000)	29 th AUG, 1918.		At 9 a.m. a wire was received from Bde. with instructions to be prepared to move at midday. At 11 a.m. the order was confirmed and the Bn. ordered to move at noon to bivouac in G. 1, d, & G. 2, c. & d. This move was completed by 3 p.m. At 4.15 p.m. the C.O. returned from a Conference at Bde. H.Q.'s. and ordered a further move forward to the vicinity of 'L' COPSE in banks in G. 3, a & c. Bn. H.Q. was established at G. 3, c, 2.8. This move was completed at 5.15 p.m.	
			At 8.30 p.m. we received orders to anticipate a move forward by daylight on the 30 th . 44 th Bn. are acting as support to 43 rd Bn. and as such are ordered to keep touch with them in their operation. A mounted officer was sent to attend at Bde. H.Q.'s. for further orders. At 9.30 p.m. Bn. received orders to be prepared to move at 2.45 a.m. A forward reconnaissance of routes and H.Q.'s. was carried out immediately. Weather. Heavy rain fell about 11.30 p.m. continuing to 2 a.m.	00

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
A, 3, c, 28 (SH. 62 ^D / 40000)	30 th AUG. 1918.		<p>At 2 a.m. the order to move was postponed till 7 a.m., but at 3 a.m. a fresh order was received to be prepared to move shortly after 5.45 a.m. at 11.45 a.m. orders were received that the Bn. would move at 2 p.m. No move however took place today.</p>	
A, 3, c, 28 (SH. 62 ^D / 40000)	31 st AUG. 1918.		<p>At 1 p.m. Bn. moved forward to a Staging Area, H.1, and H.2. 4.30 p.m. A Conference of C.Os. and Adjutants. was held at Bde. H.Qrs. at H.3, b, central. The Bn. in the meantime rested in Quarries in H.1, c & d. Prior to moving forward to B.30, a hot meal was served and the Bn. moved up at 8.40 p.m. arriving at B.30, b at 12 midnight, and accommodating themselves in dugouts there. 4th Bn. is Reserve Bn. to the Bde. relieving 9th Bde. and operating N. of ALLAINES (SH. 62^c)</p>	

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WAR DIARY

OF

44th BATTALION

FOR

AUGUST 1918.

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BY

MAJOR W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)
 Order No. 710. COMMANDING 44TH BATTALION A.I.F.

5-8-18.

1. LEAVE. D.R.O. 449/2008.

1. PARIS PAY OFFICE. From 29-7-18 the address of the Paymaster Paris will be:-

Hotel D'Iene, Place D'Iene, PARIS.
 which address is readily reached by Metropolitan (underground) Railway or Street Car.

2. COMMONWEALTH BANK PAY WARRANTS. Commonwealth Bank payment Warrants will not, under any circumstances, be cashed at the A.I.F. Pay Office PARIS. Prior to proceeding to PARIS on leave all ranks should be informed that holders of these Warrants must cash same before leaving or have the amount credited to Pay Ledger Account by the Div. P.M. and on presenting Paybook in PARIS must produce the official receipt to support the entry.

The foregoing information will be communicated to all ranks by Company Commanders before immediately they submit their names for PARIS leave.

2. STRENGTH. Evacuated Sick struck off strength 5-8-18.

2684 Pte Moschetti B.F.C Coy. No 2341 Pte Hackett W.C Coy.
 3127 Pte Shakeshaft W.A Coy. No 2273 Sgt Betts L.A. A Coy.
 975 Pte Wilkinson NCS. HQ. No 1959 Pte Hayes JJ. HQ.
 3594 Pte Hetherington R. D Coy.

Part Two.ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

5781 T/Sgt. Seery F.	1-8-18.)	
827 Pte Ramsden J.	1-8-18.)	
3575 Pte Game W.J.	1-8-18.)	
3025 Pte Beaufoy J.E.	2-8-18))	To Hospital Sick.
2600 Pte Law W.	2-8-18.)	
932 Dvr Tozer T.E.	3-8-18.)	
3658 Pte Gallant W.A.	3-8-18.)	
2152 Pte Dixon. T.C.	4-8-18.)	

WOUNDS.

150 Pte Stoltze. T.	A Coy.	Wounded in Action	2-8-18.
3762 Pte McKail A.O.	C Coy.	do do do	2-8-18.
1098 Pte Stow D.J.	C Coy.	do do do	2-8-18.
881 Pte Sticken E.A.	D Coy.	do do do	4-8-18.
2310 Pte Cook C.H.G.	D Coy.	do do do	4-8-18.
7457 Pte Bartlett J.	D Coy.	do do do	4-8-18.
555 L/Cpl. Reilly M.D.	B Coy.	do do do	4-8-18.

DETACHMENT.

No 7496 Pte Keily. J. C Coy. Detached for duty with 11th. ALTMB. 2-8-18

REVERSION.

5781 T/Sgt. Seery F. D Coy. Reverts to CORPORAL 1-8-18. on evacuation Sick.
 (P.B. No 115747)

REJOINED BATTALION.

No 3360 Pte Treacy C.J.	A Coy.	Rejoined Bn. x Sick	31-7-18 (Det. Div Wing not S.O.S.)
No 3749 Pte Smith W.J.	C Coy.	do do do	30-7-18.
No 155 Pte Teasdale J.	A Coy.	do do do	29-7-18.
No 2630 Pte Lukehurst G.B	Coy.	do do do	29-7-18.
No. 3722 Pte Turnbull R.	B Coy.	do do do	29-7-18.
No 684 Pte Fisher D.	D Coy.	do do do	1-8-18.
No 499 Dvr McArthur H.A.	HQ.	do do do	1-8-18.
No 7496 Pte Keily J.	C Coy.	do do do	2-8-18.
No 3760 Pte McManus B.	C Coy.	do do do	2-8-18.
No 2829 Pte Grover A.J.	D Coy.	do do do	1-8-18

REJOINED BATTALION.*

Lieut C. J. PIPER.	A Coy.	Rejoined Bn	x Sick	31-7-18.
No. 945 Pte Byers E.A.	D Coy.	do	Wdd.	29-7-18.
No. 5736 Pte Kern A.T.	A Coy.	do	do	29-7-18.
No. 3307 Pte Lamey T.A.	C Coy.	do	do	29-7-18.
No. 93 Pte Bryant R.F.	HQ.	do	Det'ment	29-7-18.
No. 129 Pte Goodisson S.M.	A Coy.	do	do	4-8-18.
Lieut. C. D. W. LINTOTT. (MC)	HQ.	do	do	4-8-18.
No. 2766 Pte Ewing R. J. L.	C Coy.	do	do	4-8-18.
No. 2379 Pte McBride D.	B Coy.	do	do	4-8-18.
No. 202 Pte O'Neill F. C.	A Coy.	do	do	4-8-18.
No. 764 Pte McGow. T.	B Coy.	do	do	4-8-18.
No. 2767 Pte T/Cpl. Tierney C. P.	C Coy.	do	do	4-8-18.
No. 1963 Cpl. Mullally F.	D Coy.	do	do	4-8-18.
No. 778 Pte Young R. W.	HQ.	do	do	4-8-18.

PROMOTION.

2522 T/Sgt. Bryant R. D. Promoted 2/Lt. 1-8-18. and posted to Genl. Inf. Reinf. A.I.F. List 362 30-7-18.

PROMOTION. (TEMPORARY)

Capt. W. H. ROCKLIFF. (MC.) Granted T/Rank MAJOR 17-7-18. (A.I.F. List 361 26-7-18.)

SECONDED LIST.

Lieut. G. A. COOPER.	Placed on Regtl. seconded list (Inval)	23-4-18.
	(A.I.F. List 361 26-7-18.)	
Capt J. H. Foxworthy	17-5-18. (Inval))
Lieut. L. Pavy.	19-4-18. (Acc Wdd.))
Lieut. K. Sheridan.	4-7-18. (Wdd.)	) Placed on Regtl. seconded List
Lieut. F. A. Leeds.	4-7-18. (Wdd)	) for reasons stated.
Lieut. M. H. J. Otto.	20-6-18. (Inval.)	) A.I.F. List 361 26-7-18.
Lieut. E. E. McGrath.	4-7-18. (Wdd))
Lieut. R. F. Darling.	20-6-18. (Wdd))

SUPERNUMERARY.

Major R. W. Everett.	13-6-18.)
Capt. H. G. Bremner. (MC.)	30-6-18.	) Placed on Supernumerary List.
Lieut. W. R. Maddeford. (MC.)	6-7-18.	) A.I.F. List 361 26-7-18.
Lieut. L. Whittingham.	10-5-18.)
Lieut. A. J. Proud.	28-6-18.)

C. L. BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th. Battalion. A. I. F.

APPENDIX

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BY

LIEUT-COLONEL J.P. CLARK. D.S.O.

COMMANDING 44th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

Order No. 711.

10-8-18.

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

1. STRENGTH. Evacuated Sick struck off Strength
 5781 T/Sgt. Seery F. "D" 827 Pte Ramsden J. "D" 3025 Pte Beaufoy
 JE. "HQ" 2600 Pte Law W. "A" 932 Dvr. Tozer T. E. "HQ" 3658 Pte.
 Gallant W. A. "B" 2152 Pte Dixon T. C. "A" 2439 Cpl. White J. "A"
 2606 Pte Marsh A. C. "A" 613 Pte Spencer E. H. "HQ" 3010 Pte
 Lightfoot H. A. "HQ" 3528 Pte Harrison S. "A" 7584 Pte Wood C.
 "B" 3589 Pte Whittlestone F. W. "B" 3374 Pte Wilson T "B"
 7504 Pte Laurence W. J. "A" 2888 Pte Stott F. J. "B"

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

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

	To Hospital Sick.	
2439 Cpl. White J.		1-8-18.
2606 Pte Marsh A. C.	do	1-8-18.
613 Pte Spencer E. H.	do	26-7-18.
3010 Pte Lightfoot H. A.	do	8-8-18.
3523 Pte Harrison S.	do	7-8-18.
7584 Pte Wood C.	do	7-8-18.
3589 Pte Whittlestone F. W.	do	7-8-18.
3374 Pte Wilson T.	do	7-8-18.
7504 Pte Laurence W. J.	do	7-8-18.
2888 Pte Stott F. J.	do	7-8-18.
511 Pte Steel J.	do	4-8-18. (ex leave U.K.)
656 Pte Smith V.	do	9-8-18.
2117 Pte King R. H.	do	8-8-18.
3399 Pte Finney J. S.	do	8-8-18.
7442 Pte Moore D. R.	do	8-8-18.

KILLED IN ACTION.

136 Pte Clare S. M.	"A" Killed in Action	8-8-18;
2918 Pte Bower L. H.	"A" do	8-8-18.
3054 Pte Fulcher J.	"D" do	8-8-18.
212 B/cpl. Stott J.	"A" do	8-8-18.
653 Pte Robson G.	"C" do	8-8-18.
2118 Pte Lynch R.	"C" do	8-8-18.
3592a Pte Grant H. I.	"C" do	8-8-18.
986 Pte Hitchcock J. T.	"C" do	8-8-18.
3278 Pte Duckham H.	"B" do	4-7-18. previously promulgated "Wounded in Action" 4-7-18.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

638 Pte Lawson F. W.	"C" Died of Wounds at Advanced Dressing Station (Main) 8-8-18.
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ACCIDENTALLY INJURED.

2349 Pte Hellwig H. A.	"A" Accidentally injured	8-8-18.
3575 Pte Game W. J.	"B" do	30-7-18.
	(Previously promulgated "To Hospital Sick")	
705 Pte Donovan F. S.	"D" Accidentally injured	8-8-18.

REVERSION.

363 T/Sgt. Mills A. J. (P. B. 115470)	"B" Reverts to LANCE SERGEANT	9-8-18. on evacuation wounded.
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WOUNDS.

Lieutenant A. L. SMITH.	"C" Wounded in Action.	8-8-18.
2nd. Lieut. E. E. JONES.	"B" do	8-8-18.
2415 Pte Small J. B.	"A" do	6-8-18.
5733 Pte Kelly C.	"A" do	6-8-18.
358 Pte Toby R. T. F.	"B" do	7-8-18.
129 Pte Goodisson S. M.	"A" do	8-8-18.
2591 Pte Jarvis G.	"A" do	8-8-18.
547 Sgt. Poland. W. F.	"C" do	8-8-18.
3720 Pte Spaich J.	"D" do	8-8-18.
2852 Pte Maycock H. R.	"B" do	8-8-18.
2093 L/Cpl. Griffiths J. E. "A"	do	8-8-18.
3090 Pte Livings E. A.	"A" do	8-8-18.
3640 Pte Costello M. J.	"A" do	8-8-18.
3592 Sgt Sanders R. A.	"C" do	8-8-18.
2889 L/Cpl. Spargo H. C.	"C" do	8-8-18.
590 CSM. Roots S.	"C" do	8-8-18.
3359 Pte Smith I. H. J.	"C" do	8-8-18.
363 T/Sgt. Mills A. J.	"B" do	8-8-18.

WOUNDS.

3605a	Pte Watson J.H.	"D"	Wounded in Action	8-8-18.
2866	Pte O'Donohue P.	"C"	do	8-8-18.
2065	Pte Cook E.W.	"A"	do	8-8-18.
238	Sgt Pugh R.T.	"D"	do	8-8-18.
275	CQMS. Murphy H.A.	"B"	Wounded-Gas.	6-8-18.

AMENDMENT TO APPOINTMENT.

1662 Pte Ion.T. "A" Reference B.O.697 of 17-7-18. showing this soldier appointed LANCE CORPORAL 15-7-18. amend date of appointment to read 20-7-18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

Captain R. SKINNER. (M.C.)	Rejoined Battalion	5-8-18.	) ex Training
451 Sgt. Marshall G.S.	"C"	do	8-8-18.) Battalion.
43 Cpl. Edwards D.A.	"A"	do	8-8-18.) ENGLAND.
755 Cpl. Pringle G.H.N.	"D"	do	8-8-18.)
(Last three named detached at Div. Wing.)			
409 Pte Graham J.A.	"B")	
3131 Pte Smith T.J.	"D"	) Rejoined Battalion ex Wounded	5-8-18.
1721 Pte Stevens S.	"B")	
797 L/Cpl. Lindsay P.	"D"	do do do	Sick. 5-8-18.
3596 Pte Patrick E.W.	"A")	
2873 Pte Pereira G.	"HQ"	) Rejoined Bn ex Sick	6-8-18.
3327 Pte O'Loughlin J.	"D"	) (Detached Div. Wing.)	
3128 Pte Shannon G.	"A"	Rejoined Bn ex Injured.	6-8-18. (Div. Wing.)
587 L/Cpl. Mountain S.	"C"	do do do	4-8-18.
397 L/Cpl. Gillen W.E.	"B"	do do	Sick)
2348 Pte Hackett F.J.	"A"	do do	do)
2149 Pte Cooper J.W.	"D"	do do	do) Dated 8-8-18.
3312 Pte Moss W.T.	"B"	do do	Wdd.) (Detached Div. Wing.)
2879 Pte Ray W.	"D"	do do	do)
2167 Pte Williams A.	"A"	do do	do)
2123 Pte Lee F.	"D"	do do	do)
3267 Pte Coff W.M.	"B"	do do	do)

E. ROGERS. Lieut.
for Captain. ADJUTANT 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.

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Order No. 712.

BY
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COMMANDING 44th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

APPENDIX.

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14-8-18.

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

1. COMPULSORY VACCINATION AND INOCULATION.

With reference to the above, the following new Australian Military Regulation has been approved by the Governor-General of Australia in Council on 20th. March 1918, (Statutory Rules No. 72) gazetted 21-3-18 to come into operation forthwith:-

"493A (1) Any member of the permanent forces while on War Service may be required to undergo such medical and dental treatment as may be deemed necessary by a Medical Officer to cure or remove or to prevent or reduce the likelihood of any disease or infirmity which affects or is likely to affect the efficiency of such member in the carrying out of his duties.

(2) For the purpose of sub-regulation (1) of this regulation, medical treatment shall include vaccination, and inoculation, and dental treatment shall include the extraction and filling of teeth."

(The A.I.F. comes within the definition of Permanent Forces within the meaning of Section 31 of the Defence Act).

This regulation will be promulgated to all ranks.

2. SCHOOLS RESULTS OF.

11th. Aus. Inf. Bde. N.C.O. School No. 3 - July 1918.

2769	L/Cpl. Mercer A.H.	91%
363	T/Sgt. Mills A.J.	86%
2161	L/Cpl. Treeby H.C.	81%
5758	L/Cpl. McComish L.	78%
988	L/Cpl. Allan R.	77%
2308	L/Cpl. Christie J.D.E.	74%
2546	L/Cpl. Billings S.	64%
597	L/Cpl. Mountain S.	Evacuated.

3. STRENGTH. Evacuated Sick struck off Strength.

7442	Pte Moore D.R.	"A" Coy.
511	Pte Steel J.	"C" Coy.
3399	Pte Finney J.S.	"C" Coy.

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

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

5732	Pte Kuser W.	To Hospital Sick.	10-8-18.
61	Pte O'Sullivan P.	do	10-8-18.
641	Pte Moller A.S.	do	10-8-18.
892	Sgt. Bingley C.L.	do	11-8-18.
2947	Pte Adshead J.L.	do	11-8-18.
507	Pte Swaffer J.W.	do	12-8-18.
396	Pte Bell T.	do	13-8-18.
7518	Pte Neil H.Mc.	do	13-8-18.
301	Pte Maru A.	do	13-8-18.
74	Cpl. Bishop A.T.	do	13-8-18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

2872	Pte Pacy L.P.	"C"	Rejoined Bn ex Sick 9-8-18. (Det. Div. Wing.)
6490	Pte Chapman. J.E.	"A"	do do Detention ex A.W.O.L. 13-8-18. (prev. S.O.S. Illegal Absentee.)

WOUNDED -AT DUTY.

2nd. Lieut. D.E. MITCHINSON.	Wounded.-At Duty.	10-8-18.
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WOUNDS.

Lieut. J.S. EVERETT	"B"	Wounded in Action.	10-8-18.
367 CSM. Quayle	"B"	do	10-8-18.
328 Pte Gill W.	"B"	do	10-8-18.
2370 Pte Meharry G.	"B"	do	10-8-18.
2861 Pte McLuney J.	"B"	do	10-8-18.
2440 Pte Bertram W.C.	"B"	do	10-8-18.
7555 Pte Wolfe R.T.	"B"	do	10-8-18.
5798 Pte Bolger R.	"D"	do	10-8-18.
684 Pte Fisher D.	"D"	do	10-8-18.
576 Cpl. DUNGEY. H.G.	"C"	do	10-8-18.

*C.L. Biles - Capt
Adj. 44th Bn. A.I.F.*

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COMMANDING 44th.BATTALION.A.I.F.

APPENDIX / 28

Order No.713.

17-8-18.

1. COURT OF ENQUIRY.

The undermentioned Officers will constitute a board of enquiry to enquire into the loss of 1 Horse on charge to the 44th.Bn.on the 13-8-18.

President.

Captain J.H.Foxworthy.

Members.

Lieut.C.H.S.Pole.

Lieut.D.R.McLarty.(MM)

Court will assemble at a time and place to be appointed by the President.

Proceedings will be forwarded to B.H.Q. on completion.

2. PHOTOGRAPHY.G.R.O.4775

No Officer, Soldier or other person subject to Military Law is permitted to be in possession of a camera or to take photographs unless he has been issued with the necessary permit by the Adjutant-General.

Any Officer, Soldier or other person subject to Military Law who disobeys this order will be placed in arrest.

This order to be promulgated to all ranks and to all reinforcements joining the Unit.

3. STRENGTH. Evacuated Sick struck off Strength.

656 Pte Smith V.C Coy.2117 Pte King R.H.A Coy.5372 Pte Kuser W.F A Coy.61 Pte O'Sullivan P.A Coy.641 Pte Moller AS.C Coy.892 Sgt BingleyCL.A Coy.2947 Pte Adshead JL.A Coy.507 Pte SwafferJW.C Coy 396 Pte Bell T.HQ.7518 Pte Neil H.B Coy.301 Pte O'Mara A.B Coy. 74 Cpl.Bishop AT.A Coy.104 Pte Newton G.A Coy.3383 Pte Dinning R. A Coy.3715 Pte Stewart B Coy.3336 Pte Page JE.B Coy.3355 Pte Sharpe JB. B Coy.3532 Pte McCarthy A.B Coy.578 Pte Everett WH.C C Coy.1668 Pte Lahiff J.C Coy. 2046 Pte Anning HA.HQ.3070 Pte Lynam AC.A Coy.2879 Pte Ray W.D Coy.7500 Pte Lane CA.HQ.

----Part Two.----

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

104 Pte Newton G.	3383 Pte Dinning R.)
3715 Pte Stewart SW.	3355 Pte Sharpe JB.)
3532 Pte McCarthy A.	3336 Pte Page JE.	)To Hospital sick 14-8-18
578 Pte Everett WH.	1668 Pte Lahiff J.)
2879 Pte Ray W.	372 Dvr Edwards HH.)
2046 Pte Anning HA.	3070 Pte Lynam AC.	)To Hospital sick 10-8-18
7500 Pte Lane CA.		)To Hospital sick 11-8-18
2593 Pte Jones KD.	3726 Pte Wright JW.)
2380 Pte McLean HK.		)To Hospital sick 16-8-18

REJOINED BATTALION.

3743 Pte Tucker E.T.	A Coy.	Rejoined Bn	ex Sick	13-8-18.
2638 Pte Vine CH.	C Coy.	do	do	16-8-18.
2295 Pte Breadmore DS.	D Coy.	do	do	13-8-18.
106 Bt/cpl.O'Brien RH.	B Coy.	do	do	13-8-18.
3022 Pte Attwell F.	D Coy.	do	Wdd.	13-8-18.
7588 Pte O'Mara J.	C Coy.	do	do	13-8-18.
3019 Pte Bowman A.	D Coy.	do	do	13-8-18.

C.L.BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th.Battalion A.I.F.

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BATTALION ORDERS

BY

LIEUT-COLONEL J.P. CLARK, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 44th BATTALION, A.I.F.

18-8-18.

Order No. 714.

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

Nil

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

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

No 248 L/Cpl. Curo P.J.

To Hospital Sick 18-8-18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

No. 785 Pte Hoft C.L.
 No. 181 Pte Gay R.H.
 No. 3627 Pte Cockman E.J.
 No. 10 Pte Standen H.
 Lieut. A. J. PROUD.

D Coy. Rejoined ex Sick 15-8-18.
 A Coy. do do 15-8-18.
 A Coy. do do 15-8-18.
 B Coy. do do 15-8-18.
 B Coy. do Wdd. 17-8-18.

DETACHMENT.

Lieut. A. J. MUNRO.

D Coy. Proceeded to ENGLAND for training as ~~Pile~~
 Pilot in A.F.C. 12-8-18. (S.O.S.)
 C Coy. Detached for duty with 11th. A.L.T.M.B.
 16-8-18.

PROMOTIONS (TEMPORARY)

632 L/Sgt. Dowsett L.S.
 (P.B. 262194)
 755 Cpl. Pringle GHN.
 (P.B. 115994)
 271 Cpl. Adam JH.D.
 (P.B. 115351)
 445 L/Sgt. Gillett F.
 (P.B. 115410)
 1794 L/Cpl. Baird J.S.
 (P.B. 186911)
 2052 L/Cpl. Broxton RW.
 (P.B. 115550)
 1711 L/Cpl. Urry CH.
 (P.B. 115531)

Promoted T/SERGEANT 15-8-18. vice 547 Sgt Poland
 WF. Wounded in Action 8-8-18.
 Promoted T/SERGEANT 18-8-18. vice 238 Sgt Pugh RT
 wounded in Action 8-8-18. CQMS.
 Promoted T/SERGEANT 8-8-18. vice 275 Sgt Murphy
 HA. evac. Gassed 7-8-18.
 Promoted T/SERGEANT 15-8-18. vice 311 Sgt.
 Campbell EA. evac. Wounded 4-7-18.
 Promoted T/CORPORAL 15-8-18. vice 1820 Cpl.
 Francis HS. evac wounded 7-7-18.
 Promoted T/CORPORAL 15-8-18. vice 3591 Sgt.
 Yeates A evac Wounded
 Promoted T/CORPORAL 15-8-18. vice 271 Cpl. Adam
 JHD. promoted.

APPOINTMENT.

198 Pte McClymont HJR.
 1826 Pte Gillam JC.

) Appointed LANCE CORPORAL 18-8-18. to complete
) establishment.

C.L. BILES. Captain.
 Adjutant 44th. Battalion A.I.F.

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BATTALION ORDERS.

BY

LIEUT-COLONEL J.P. CLARK.D.S.O.
COMMANDING 44th.BATTALION.A.I.F.Order No.71520-8-18.
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1. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength.
No 2593 Pte Jones K.D. "B" Coy. 3276 Pte Wright J.W.D Coy
No.2380 Pte McLean K. A Coy.

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

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

2171 Pte Watson M.S. To Hospital Sick 20-8-18. ex Corps School.
3022 Pte Attwell F. do do 16-8-18.

STRENGTH.

2156 Pte Smallman J.H. "B" Coy Taken on Strength on transfer from
41st.Battalion.19-8-18.
974 Pte Purcell W.C. "HQ" Taken on Strength on transfer from
23rd.Battalion.18-8-18.

EMBARKED TO AUSTRALIA.Lieut.G.S.WEST.Embarked to Australia (Other reasons)
Auth.A.I.F.List368.13-8-18.APPOINTMENTS TERMINATED
IN AUSTRALIA.Major C.H.LAMB.(M.C.)Appointment terminated in A.I.F. ~~List~~
14-2-18.(Auth.A.I.F.List368.13-8-18.)Lieut R.P.CORKHILL.(D.C.M.)Appointment in A.I.F.terminated 23-1-18.
(Auth.A.I.F.List 368 13-8-18.)PROMOTIONS.(TEMPORARY.)43 Cpl.Edwards D.A.
(P.B.115897)Promoted T/SERGEANT 20-8-18.vice 892
Sgt Bingley C.L.evac.sick 11-8-18.1826 L/Cpl.Gillam J.C.
(P.B.116063)Promoted T/CORPORAL 20-8-18.vice 43 Cpl.
Edwards D.A.promoted (Tempy)2769 L/Cpl.Mercer A.H.
(P.B.208427)Promoted T/CORPORAL 20-8-18.vice 2439
Cpl.White J.evac Sick 1-8-18.225 L/Cpl.smith E.H.
(P.B.259702)Promoted T/CORPORAL 20-8-18.vice 74 Cpl.
Bishop A.T.evac.Sick 13-8-18.

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

2 TRANSFERS. The undermentioned transfers take effect date 20-8-18.

3037 Pte Chrisp W.J. from D Coy to A Coy.

945 Pte Byers E.A. from D Coy to HQ.

2044 Pte Dearm C.H. from HQ to D Coy.

654a Pte Simberg A. from HQ to C Coy.

C.L.BILES Captain.
Adjutant 44th.Battalion.A.I.F.

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BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.P. CLARK. D.S.O.
 COMMANDING 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.

ORDER NO. 716

23.8.18.

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

STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength. 23.8.18.
 248 L/Cpl Curo. P.J. "B" 139 Pte Mitchell. G. "B" 372 Dvr Edwards
 H.H. "HQ" 3022 Pte Attewell. F. "D" 106 L/Cpl O'Brien. R.H. "B"

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

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

L/1
 139 Pte Mitchell. G. 19.8.18. To Hospital sick.
 2328 Pte Frame. J. 14.8.18. To Hospital sick whilst on leave
 106 L/Cpl O'Brien. R.H. 19.8.18.)
 2848 Pte McGregor. J. 22.8.18.)
 410 Pte Cockburn. W.S.D. 22.8.18.) To Hospital sick.
 2872 Pte Pacy. L.P. 19.8.18.)

REJOINED BATTALION.

1879 Cpl Martin. H. "C" Rejoined Bn x sick 19.8.18.
 2805 Pte Coyle. J.H. "C" do Wdd 19.8.18.
 2516 Cpl Skewes. N.L. "D" do Wdd 19.8.18.
 2911 Pte Erroll. H. "A" do sick 19.8.18.
 5781 Cpl Seery. F. "D" do do 21.8.18.

STRENGTH.

2/Lt Carter. L. "A")
 2/Lt Clayton. F. "D")
 2/Lt Hearty. H. "B") Taken on strength x Reinforcements 19.8.18.
 2/Lt Dwyer. J.P. "C")
 2/Lt Hatton. L. "D")

Capt Germon. S.L. (AAMC) Taken on strength from 9th Field Ambulance as R.M.O
 19.8.18. (Auth A.D.M.S. M 56/323 of 17.8.18.)

DETACHMENT.

//3360 Pte Treacy. C.J. "A" Attached for duty with 3rd Div H.Q. 21.8.18.
 (Auth 11th Bde 21/29 of 21.8.18.)

TRANSFERS.

Capt Kenihan. R.L. (MC) (AAMC) Transferred to 9th Aust Field Ambulance 19.8.18
 (Auth A.D.M.S. m 56/323 of 17.8.18.)
 384 L/Cpl Simpson. W. "HQ" Transferred to Aust Army Postal Corps. 10.8.18
 (Auth A.A.P.C. 7664 of 7.8.18.)

ATTACHMENTS.

384 L/Cpl Simpson. W. Attached for duty as Postal Orderly from AAPC
 10.8.18.

PROMOTION.

2826 T/Cpl Gilbert. J.A. Promoted CORPORAL 21.8.18. vice 2561 Cpl
 (PB No 208505) Davies. RC. evac sick over three months.

PROMOTION (TEMPORARY)

1700 T/Cpl Turtle. R. Promoted T/CORPORAL 15.8.18 vice 632 L/Sgt
 (PB No 116302) Dowsett. LS. promoted and ceased to be T/Cpl
 vice 626 L/Sgt Currie. J. from that date.

REVERSION.

519a T/Cpl Purnell. W.J. Reverts to Lance Corporal 22.8.18 on evac
 (PB No 31029) wounded.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

3389 L/Cpl Spargo. H.C. Died of wounds 13.8.18. No 3 Can Gen Hospital
 (Prev promulgated Wounded in Action)
 3686 Pte Mellor. G.J. Died of wounds 22.8.18. K.24.c.3.4.)10th AFA
 (Prev promulgated Wounded in Action)
 3359 Pte Smith. I.H.J. Died of Wounds 8.8.18. at M.D.S.
 (Prev promulgated Wounded in Action)

KILLED IN ACTION.

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Lieut ROGER.A.	"B"	Killed in Action.	22.8.18.
330 Pte Stanton.H.	"B"	do do	22.8.18.
3376 Pte Hutchinson.L.	"C"	do do	22.8.18.
978 Pte Krug.D.	"A"	do do	23.8.18.

WOUNDS.

888 Pte Clare.A.M.	"A"	Wounded in Action.	19.8.18.
5562 Pte Gould.A.S.	"B"	do do	20.8.18.
2802 Pte Chatt.A.G.	"B"	do do	20.8.18.
164 Pte Ashman.G.W.	"A"	do do	22.8.18.
390 Pte Kilner.W.	"B"	do do	22.8.18.
3603 Pte Austin.SAH.	"B"	do do	22.8.18.
500 Sgt McDaniells.TJ.	"C"	do do	22.8.18.
1638 Cpl Davies.FW. (DCM)	"C"	do do	22.8.18.
2546 L/Cpl Billings.J.	"C"	do do	22.8.18.
3671 Pte Henderson.R.C.	"C"	do do	22.8.18.
5192 Pte Smith.H.W.	"C"	do do	22.8.18.
654a Pte Simberg.A.	"C"	do do	22.8.18.
158 Pte Weeks.W.J.	"A"	do do	22.8.18.
155 Pte Teasdale.J.	"A"	do do	22.8.18.
2109 Pte Hargreaves.G.O.	"A"	do do	22.8.18.
2150 Pte Cunneen.W.	"D"	do do	22.8.18.
519 T/Cpl Purnell.W.J.	"C"	do do	22.8.18.
2/Lt Carter.L.	"A"	do do	22.8.18.

WOUNDS (ACIDENTAL)

676 Pte Cooper.A.	"D"	Wounded accidentally.	22.8.18.
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Sgd. E.C.Rogers. Lieut.
for Captain.
Adjutant 44th Battalion.A.I.F.

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No. 717

BY
LIEUT-COLONEL J.P. CLARK. D.S.O.
Commanding 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.

26-8-18.

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

1. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength.
2171 Pte Watson M.S. 2848 Pte McGregor J. "B"
2872 Pte Pacy L.P. "D" 1666 Pte Kelleher E.J. "HQ"
3131 Pte Smith T.J. "D" 750 Pte Moss C.H. "D"

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

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

1666 Pte Kelleher E.J.	To Hospital Sick	21-8-18.
3131 Pte Smith T.J.	do	22-8-18.
750 Pte Moss C.H.	do	22-8-18.
3042 Pte Curnow V	do	23-8-18.
2909 Pte Wilkinson A.H.	do	23-8-18.
329 Pte Crooks F.	do	23-8-18.
3335 Pte Pope H.C.	do	23-8-18.
2856 Pte Moorhouse F.	do	25-8-18.
Lieut. A.J. PROUD.	do	25-8-18.

DETACHMENT.

757 Pte Gordon A. "D" Detached to A.I.B.D. for family reasons 24-8-18.
(11th. Inf. Bde. 2/20
(of the 21-8-18.)

REVERSIONS.

1617 T/Sgt Lees J. Reverts to LANCE SERGEANT 24-8-18. on evacuating wdd.
(P.B. 265008)

DIED OF WOUNDS.

2546 L/Cpl. Billings J. "C" Died of wounds at 53rd. C.C.S. 22-8-18. (prev. promulgated wounded in action.)

KILLED IN ACTION.

2670 L/Cpl. Fergusson. E.J. "D" Killed in action 25-8-18.

WOUNDS.

2099 Pte Holwill W.T.	"B"	Wounded in action	22-8-18.
7452 Pte Bird S.	"C"	do	22-8-18.
1655 Pte Howitt N.W.	"B"	do	23-8-18.
3289 Pte Harding E	"B"	do	23-8-18.
272 Pte Hart A	"B"	do	23-8-18.
1864 Pte Eames W.J.	"B"	do	23-8-18.
1617 Pte T/Sgt. Less J.	"D"	do	24-8-18.
3528 Pte Johnson H.A.	"C"	do	23-8-18.
565 Pte Westley W.	"C"	do	23-8-18.
5745 Pte McMullen B. (MM)	"HQ"	do	24-8-18.
7527 Pte O'Mara F.	"HQ"	do	24-8-18.
Lieut. C.D.W. LINTOTT. (MC)	"HQ"	do	24-8-18.
846 L/Cpl. Spruce E.W.	"D"	do	24-8-18.
3137 Pte Tichbon. S.J.	"D"	do	24-8-18.
798 Pte Gregg R.	"D"	do	25-8-18.
5201 Pte Smith A.T.	"C"	do	24-8-18.
2284 Pte Allsopp A.H.	"C"	do	24-8-18.
2838 Pte Jack A.F.	"C"	do	24-8-18.
202 Pte O'Neill F.C.	"A"	do	24-8-18.
5748 Pte May E.C.A.	"B"	do	24-8-18.
946 Sgt. White R.	"C"	do	25-8-18.

C.L. BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.

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No. 718.

BY
LIEUT-COLONEL J.P. CLARK. D.S.O.
Commanding 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.

27-8-18
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-----Part One-----

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

2123 Pte Lee F.	To Hospital sick.	26-8-18.
2572 Pte Gregan J.T.	do	26-8-18.
198 B/Cpl. McLymont H.B.R.	do	26-8-18.
776 L/Cpl. Maloney J.T.	do	25-8-18.
2602 Cpl. Maher W.J.	do	26-8-18.
2052 T/Cpl. Broxton. R.W.	do	26-8-18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

349 Pte Cockburn W.S.D. "B" Rejoined Bn. ex sick 22-8-18. (Not S.O.S.)

PRISONERS OF WAR.

3663 Pte Gordon W.U.	) Previously reported "Missing in Action"
7560 Pte Workman J.A.	) 4-7-18 now reported Prisoners of War in
3408 Pte Galt W.	) hands of enemy.

PROMOTIONS.

2nd. Lieut. N.V. ATTEY	Promoted LIEUTENANT 1-7-18. (A.I.F. List 373 of 23-8-18.)
461 CQMS. A.G. McDermott	Promoted 2nd. Lieutenant 20-8-18. (A.I.F. List 371 of 20-8-18.)

KILLED IN ACTION.

3055 Pte Fitzgerald A	"C" Killed in Action	26-8-18.
2122 Pte Lee J.	"D" do	26-8-18.

WOUNDS.

420 Pte Outred A.E.	"D" Wounded in Action	26-8-18.
2120 T/Cpl. Little J.	"D" do	26-8-18.
451 Sgt. Marshall G.S.	"C" do	26-8-18.
2352 Pte Jones F.R.	"A" do	24-8-18.
2815 Pte Emerson A	"A" do	25-8-18.
43 T/sgt. Edwards D.A.	"A" do	26-8-18.
2162a Pte Treeby E.R.	"A" do	26-8-18.
2402 Pte Raymond W	"A" do	26-8-18.
2808 Pte Davidson W.J.	"A" do	26-8-18.
190 Sgt. Jones A.	"A" do	26-8-18.
209 Pte Rogers W.J.	"A" do	26-8-18.
5760 Pte McManus B.	"C" do	25-8-18.
3429 Pte McLeod A.	"C" do	25-8-18.
2295 Pte Breadmore D.S.	"D" do	25-8-18.
2307 Pte Charman E.E.	"D" do	25-8-18.
2210 Pte Mathews J.W.	"D" do	27-8-18.
2156 Pte Smallman J.H.	"B" do	27-8-18.

WOUNDS ACCIDENTAL.

876 Pte Dods W.E.G.	"D" Wounded accidentally	25-8-18.
444 Pte Hanney J.	"B" do	24-8-18.
313 Pte Fannon B.	"B" do	24-8-18.

WOUNDED- AT DUTY.

2170a Cpl. Walker L.W.	"HQ" Wounded- At duty.	24-8-18.
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E.C. ROGERS. Lieut.
for Adjutant 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.

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REJOINED BATTALION.

Major.M.H.a'Beckett.	DSO.	Rejoined Bn x detachment	25.8.18.
691 Pte Nissen.L.R.		do do	25.8.18.
436 Pte Beal.G.	"B"	Rejoined Bn x sick.	26.8.18.
3580 Pte Johnstone.W.	"A"	" "	26.8.18.
2815 Pte Oaten.R.B.	"HQ"	" "	26.8.18.
3329 Pte Pearson.H.V.	"C"	" "	26.8.18.
892 sgt Bingley.C.L.	"A"	" "	26.8.18.
3602 Pte Dunsmure.C.	"D"	" Wndd	26.8.18.
2837 Pte Holm.R.C.	"D"	" sick	26.8.18.
600 Pte MacIntosh.E.	"C"	" "	26.8.18.
3322 Pte Massey.J.F.	"B"	" "	26.8.18.
2853 Pte Mitchell.E.	"C"	" "	26.8.18.
3773 Pte Lambert.C.E.	"C"	" "	26.8.18.
3539 Pte Neall.R.J.	"B"	" "	26.8.18.
3136 Pte Thomas A.	"D"	" "	26.8.18.
2233 Pte Paterson.T.W.	"D"	" "	29.8.18.
3147 Pte West.A.E.	"B"	" "	29.8.18.
2855 Pte Moore.J.	"D"	" "	29.8.18.
7572 Pte Hayes.E.I.	"B"	" "	29.8.18.

CORRIGENDUM HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

2829 Pte Grover.A.J.) Delete entry showing these soldiers admitted
 2085 Pte Evenson.C.H.) to Hospital in B.O. No 718.

Sgd. C.L.Biles. Captain.
 Adjutant 44th Battalion.A.I.F.

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BATTALION ORDERS

BY

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No. 719.

Commanding 44th. Battalion A.I.F.

30-8-18.

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

1. TRANSFERS. The undermentioned transfers take effect from 30-8-18.
 3578 Pte Hanrahan W. "A" Coy. to H.Q. Batman
 2050 Pte Bolitho G. "A" Coy. to H.Q. Band.
 858 W.O.1. Sweeney C.H. HQ. to "D" Coy.
 2/Lt. H.P. Groom HQ. to "D" Coy. 2/Ltd. E. Mitchinson HQ. to "B" Coy.

2. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength 30-8-18.
 410 Pte Standen H.B. Coy. 3042 Pte Curnow V.C. Coy.
 3335 Pte Pope H.D. Coy. 2856 Pte Moorhouse F.HQ.
 2909 Pte Wilkinson A.H.B. Coy. 329 Pte Crooks F.B. Coy.

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

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

7474 Pte Fryer-Smith R.	26-8-18)	
7450 Pte Sands A.V.	29-8-18.)	To Hospital Sick.
3759 Pte Harris E.J.	26-8-18.)	
3313 Pte Murphy D.	26-8-18.)	

WOUNDS.

2/Lt. D.R. McLarty.	"C"	Wounded in Action.	27-8-18.
599 T/CSM. Macauley D.	"C"	do	27-8-18.
2404 Pte Scott J.	"HQ"	do	26-8-18.
597 L/Cpl. Mountain G.	"C"	do	27-8-18.
2679 Pte Mills W.J.	"C"	do	27-8-18.
2085 Pte Evenson C.H.	"D"	do	26-8-18.
2788 Pte Bennigan T.J.	"D"	do	26-8-18.
303 Pte Williams A.V.	"D"	do	26-8-18.
2666 Pte Clark R.H.	"HQ"	do	26-8-18.
3604 Pte Nelson G.F.	"D"	do	26-8-18.

ACCIDENTAL INJURY.

508 T/Cpl. Swingler G.H. "C" Accidentally injured 26-8-18. (Prev. promulgated wounded in Action.)

MISSING-IN-ACTION-PROMOTION (TEMPORARY)

599 Sgt. Macauley D. (P.B. 116209)	Promoted T/CSM (W.O. 11) 9-8-18. vice 590 CSM. Roots G Wounded 8-8-18. (Auth 3rd. DRO. 453/2016 of 24-8-18.)
6 Sgt. Mayne. W.E. (P.B. 174280)	Promoted T/CSM. (W.O. 11) 11-8-18. vice 367 CSM. Quayle WH. Wounded 10-8-18. (Auth. 3rd. DRO. 453/2016 of 24-8-18.)

STRENGTH.

2/Lt. B.D. Bryant HQ. Taken on strength ex General Reinf's. Inf. 26-8-18.
(Late 2522 T/Sgt. 44th. Bn Det. 3rd. Div. Wing.)

DIED OF WOUNDS.)

798 Pte Gregg R. "D" Died of wounds 55th. C.C.S. 26-8-18. (Prev. promulgated
Wounded in Action.)

REVERSIONS.

599 T/CSM (W.O. 11) Macauley D. (P.B. 116209)	Reverts to SERGEANT on evacuation wounded 27-8-18.
508 T/Cpl. Swingler G.H. (P.B. 116293)	Reverts to LANCE CORPORAL on evacuation injured 26-8-18.
43 T/Sgt Edwards D.A. (P.B. No.)	Reverts to CORPORAL on evacuation wounded 26-8-18.
2120 T/Cpl. Little J. (P.B. 115812)	Reverts to LANCE CORPORAL on evacuation we wounded 26-8-18.

DETACHMENTS.

Lieut. C.R. DAVIES. (MM)	"HQ"	Detached for duty with O'Seas Trg Brigade ENGLAND 28-8-18. (S.O.S.)
2037 Cpl. May H.W.)	"A"	Detached for duty with Training Battalion ENGLAND 28-8-18.
1615 Sgt. Donaldson CDA.	"D"	Detached for duty with 3rd. Aust. Division HQ. (for duty as staging officer- 28-8-18.
Lieut. R.B. O'CARROLL (MM)		Detached for duty with 11th. Inf. Brigade HQ. (Runner) 27-8-18.
359 Pte Patrick L.W.		Detached for duty with 11th. Field ambulance. 20-8-18.

806 Pte Jones L.

AUGUST - 1918.

All the necessary preparations for the projected attack by the Australians and Canadians south of the River SOMME having been made during the early days of August as the result of daily conferences, the 44th. Battalion moved up on the night of the 7/8th August to take up its position on the tape in front of the trench system which it had helped to capture on the 4th. July, East of HAMEL. The routes had been well marked, wet and dry weather tracks, and the times for passing various points on the approach march had been carefully worked out so that the troops would not be on the tapes any great length of time before the barrage opened.

The enemy's artillery was very busy North of the river all night and the S.O.S. was put up by our troops there about 9 o'clock on the night of the 7th. It was impossible for our guns to answer this signal to the full advantage as many of them were so well forward, ready for the barrage next morning, that to fire would have been fatal and would have revealed the coming attack. Nevertheless the enemy was kept off by those manning the trenches and the preparations for our attack were carried on.

At 5 minutes past four on the morning of the 8th., light harassing artillery fire together with much aeroplane activity was provided to cover the approach of the Tanks to the assault.

A heavy fog made observation impossible, and at 24 minutes past four, when the troops commenced their advance, one of the greatest difficulties was to maintain direction over the valleys and hills, and also to keep touch on the flanks.

Two minutes before our barrage came down on the enemy defences, the enemy did a little shelling with gas and explosives, but immediately our artillery opened at twenty minutes past four, the enemy's guns were silenced. The smoke barrage previously arranged opened and made progress slightly more difficult owing to the fog, but the latter was a friend in another way, in that it was responsible for the lightness of our casualties.

Excellent leadership, however, added to the initiative of our troops, enabled all to keep direction.

The Battalion advanced to a position pre-arranged, 200x East of the GAILLY-WARFUSEE Road which point was well marked by the steep re-entrant LONG GULLY and by the cross-roads and the village of GAILLY. The Stokes Mortars, - a terror to "Fritz" - which were attached to the battalion moved forward with the troops which leap-frogged through us, thus forming with the other Mortars a formidable defence of the GREEN Line, - the Brigade objective. Machine guns supplied a magnificent barrage fire for 45 minutes to cover the advance, and then moved up to cover the GREEN Line in new selected positions.

The whole attack was pressed home according to plan and the enemy surrendered in large numbers being completely surprised and bewildered by the suddenness of the attack, by the determination of the attackers, and by their inability to see our men through the dense fog which was thickened by the smoke and dust of our barrage.

Some hard fighting took place in the enemy's strong point protected by machine gun nests but our men were not to be denied, and were quickly disposed of, and the garrisons were either killed or made prisoners.

Owing to the density of the fog the advance was slower than was expected, but with the assistance of the Tanks the troops quickly mopped up the woods and defences in the area.

At half past seven information came through that The GREEN Line running south through CERISY-GAILLY had been reached and consolidation begun. Success signals and visual work were not used on this occasion owing to the fog which did not clear completely until 10 a.m. when the sun was shining brightly and smiling at the swift defeat of the Hun.

By this time the troops who had continued the advance from the GREEN Line, were digging in well ahead and gathering in many prisoners and much material. The troops North of the river however, had met with very stubborn resistance at MALLARD WOOD, with the result that enemy guns were able to fire into the most advanced troops south of the river from the direction of CHIPILLY and the high ground in the vicinity.

Immediately information was received concerning the taking of the first objective, the artillery moved forward to pre-arranged positions ready to assist in a continuation of the attack, and were forced at first to engage in a lively duel with the enemy guns North of the river.

Our planes working in large numbers completely controlled and dominated the air during the operation, but the fog limited their assistance until 9 o'clock.

Before the morning was very far advanced, the roads leading to the newly-won positions were blocked with traffic moving up in the wake of the attacking waves of infantry. Whilst our transport was moving forward, the enemy was dragging out his wheeled traffic, - at least, as much of it as did not fall into our hands. The swiftness of the operation quite overwhelmed him as the captures in men and material show.

At night the enemy carried out a great deal of ~~bomb~~ bombing and continued so on succeeding nights when the men were resting. The mere fact of the initial success being exploited by other troops was sufficient to keep up the spirits and moral of the men who did not have to submit to a heavy enemy artillery fire whilst they carried out the consolidation.

22nd. - 27th. August 1918.

At half past four on the morning of the 22nd. August the Battalion breakfasted about a thousand yards East of MALLARD WOOD prior to moving up for its second big operation in the advance towards PERONNE.

The head of the column moved off at six o'clock through GRESSAIRE WOOD to the assembly line along the road running south from the BRAY-CORBIE Road to ETINHEM where they were due at 7-7-30 a.m., the C.O. and Adjutant having gone forward earlier to reconnoitre the position. This approach march was completed without casualties, but the deployment was rendered very difficult owing to the very heavy enemy shelling right along the assembly position, and our numbers were depleted slightly as a result of the fire. Despite the persistence of the enemy's gunners, however, the assembly was complete at twenty minutes past seven.

No further advance was made during the day, and the men spent the day in digging on the assembly line for cover and protection from shell fire, which came at frequent intervals afterwards, but caused few casualties.

At mid-day a large squadron of enemy planes, protected by another squadron flying much higher, flew low over our lines dropping bombs and machine-gunning the whole area, but little damage was caused.

Owing to a retirement by the troops on the left in

the evening from the GREEN Line, the Battalion found it necessary to form a defensive flank of some 18000 yards facing North-East to the North of the BRAY-CORBIE Road, but this did not entail much movement from the assembly positions and there was little difficulty in preparing the new defences and in moving up the Regimental Aid Post. Food was brought up at dusk by limbers and delivered to the Companies.

As on previous nights, enemy planes were active bombing the front throughout the hours of darkness.

On the morning of the 23rd. August an enemy plane was brought down near the river at Rear Battalion Headquarters and both pilot and observer captured.

A conference of Battalion Commanders and Adjutants was called at 11 a.m. at Brigade Headquarters to discuss an operation for the taking of BRAY and the exploitation of the high ground East of the town. Everything was arranged but at six p.m. the operation was ~~skipped~~ allotted to a neighbouring Brigade, our work being to attack the high ground East of BRAY. Therefore at eight o'clock the Battalion moved back to banks a thousand yards East of GRESSAIRE WOOD to give the men some rest after the heavy shelling which they had been under during the previous 24 hours.

Between one and four o'clock on the morning of the 24th. during the morning attack on BRAY, the enemy heavily shelled our area but we only sustained two casualties.

Following upon the receipt of orders in the afternoon saying that the Brigade would attack the ridge East of BRAY on the morning of the 25th. Company Commanders made a reconnaissance of routes in the area, conferences were held, and the duties of the Companies explained. The Battalion was right attacking Battalion of the Brigade, a neighbouring Australian Brigade being on the Right of us.

The approach march was commenced at half past ten that evening to the assembly position just North of BRAY and the Companies were assembled along the line by one a.m. next morning, close liaison having been effected with both flanks.

At 2-30 a.m. on the 25th. the creeping artillery and M.G. barrage opened on a line 300 yds. East of the assembly line. The usual fireworks display by the enemy was on this occasion conspicuous by its absence and enemy artillery retaliation was feeble and scattered.

At about 3 a.m. a dense fog settled like a pall over the whole area making the task of keeping direction very difficult, for it was impossible to distinguish anything more than 30 yds away.

Our Companies reached their objective at 4 a.m. and commenced to dig in. Success signals consisting of Green Very light had been previously arranged upon but although fired could not be seen owing to the fog. Practically no opposition was met with and only three prisoners were taken during the advance. From them it was ascertained that the enemy, in anticipation of our attack, had withdrawn his main force at 11 p.m. the previous night leaving only small posts containing a few men on the front.

According to plan, the troops of a Battalion from our own Brigade passed through us on the final objective and proceeded to exploit and mop up the area to the East of that line for about 1000 yds. through CEYLON WOOD returning one hour later.

Two Officers and a sergeant from our own Battalion went forward later to reconnoitre beyond the wood and from some dugouts in the wood which had apparently been passed over, by the exploiting troops took thirty seven prisoners.

By 10 a.m. the fog had lifted and Battalion Hqrs. was able to move forward some 3000 yds. to the West of CEYLON WOOD.

Instructions were received during the day for a further advance which eventually took place at 9 p.m. immediately after a hot meal had been served out to the men. The advance to "A" line was completed by 10 p.m. quite successfully.

Further orders were received in the early hours of the 26th. for an advance to "G" line, a distance of about 1200 yds., the flanks co-operating.

In broad daylight the Battalion advanced with the flanking troops, over country across which the enemy had excellent observation and where he was able to bring direct machine gun and open sight artillery fire to bear on the advancing troops. The advance was carried out by splitting the Companies into small parties preceded by scouts and taking every advantage of a great amount of natural cover afforded, the various points being reached by successive bounds. "G" line was reached and consolidation was commenced by 2-30 p.m. although vigorous machine gun fire had been encountered on the left flank. The

The enemy was apparently relying solely upon machine gun defences and heavy artillery fire to hold up our advance and withdrew his troops fighting this kind of rearguard action. No prisoners were taken but a field gun and two machine guns were captured.

Our main line of resistance at one o'clock next morning was further advanced to a North and South line 2000 yds. East of SUZANNE, some 7 miles West of PERONNE. Two Companies were responsible for this advance and signalled their success on the right by four white very lights and on the left by two phosphorus bombs before 2 o'clock on the morning of the 27th.

During the morning the troops on our left advanced behind an artillery barrage, our Battalion remaining in the line just consolidated. In the afternoon, several of our troops made merry sport with the field gun which they had captured 24 hours before, this they turned Eastwards in the direction of CURLU and after receiving a lightening course of instruction from a passing artillery Officer soon got rid of a 1000 rounds of ammunition which they discovered nearby much to their delight. The gun was subsequently dragged out by an artillery limber lent to us for that purpose.

On relief by troops of another Brigade of Australians, the Battalion moved back to trenches North of BRAY where they were able to obtain a good rest and a hot meal after their strenuous time during the advance.

As the troops ahead of us advanced so the Battalion moved forward by stages to be in close reserve should their help be required. I

In the operations by the Brigade after the relief of the other Australian troops in the line, our Battalion was in reserve except one Company, which during the mopping up of the new positions took 81 prisoners and 31 machine guns. The Battalion held the line with English troops on the 2nd. and 3rd. September and received great assistance from a squadron of the 13th. Aust. Light Horse which patrolled the area in front of ALLAINES and south of MOISLAINES.

A rest of some 30 hours duration was obtained by withdrawing to a quarry, North of HEM HEM, but a further rest was made impracticable by the enemy who was rapidly retreating, leaving dense columns of black smoke pouring upwards on the horizon, from the villages, dumps, and hutments, set on fire by him in his rage at our advance.

September 5th.- 9th.

A conference was held at Brigade Headquarters at Noon on September 5th. and by 2 o'clock the Battalion was on the road to PERONNE, with the rest of the Brigade, A.S.C., Transport, Artillery, and Medical Corps packing the route to the forward area. The Battalion took its place in the column at 4 in the afternoon and marched via CLERY-SUR-SOMME to the vicinity of MONT ST. QUENTIN where the men rested till early next morning.

After a hot meal, the Battalion less one company acting as liaison between the two forward Brigades moved forward and sweeping on through PERONNE, DOINGT, BUIRE and COURCELLES, succeeded in reaching a line running North and South through what remained of the village of BUIRE before the vanguard met with any serious resistance. All the villages passed through showed signs of the enemy's destructive fires and the railway line gave ample proof of the Bosche desire to leave nothing of use to the advancing troops. Although the permanent way had been little damaged the rails had been blown up every few yards, particularly at the joints, all the bridges had been completely wrecked and all the telegraph posts cut down.

During the forenoon enemy planes in flights of from 8 to 12 machines made repeated attacks on traffic and troops by dropping small bombs and machine-gunning all targets presenting themselves. The cockers were brought up however, and hot meals supplied to the troops whose appetites had been sharpened by the morning's work and by the brightness and freshness of the day.

Under cover of darkness the Battalion moved up to the relief of the forward troops, and together with another Battalion from the same Brigade and a Squadron of the 13th. Light Horse, took up the vanguard position ready to advance to a position ~~run~~ running North and South 2000 yds East of ROISEL. This was known as the BLUE line whilst an intermediate RED line was chosen upon 1000 yds East of TINCOURT.

At 6-30 a.m. our troops had captured and passed through the RED line meeting with very slight resistance and this mostly from rifles and Machine guns.

Progress to the BLUE line was made somewhat more slowly on account of increasing resistance from machine guns and heavy artillery fire. Considerable resistance was encountered from machine guns and from artillery fire firing from over open sights in ROISEL and the vicinity, but this was dealt with by field and heavy artillery and ROISEL was captured at 10-5 a.m. About this time many enemy transports and troops were seen retiring from the villages in front of us and provided good targets for the artillery. By 12 minutes past ten the infantry were reported as advancing on both sides of ROISEL with parties of Light Horse preceding them to reconnoitre. A halt was made for some time after which the advance was continued slowly and the BLUE line captured at 7-20 p.m. Hot meals followed immediately in rear of the advance and were served out to the men at 8 o'clock.

During the night the front was heavily shelled with shells of all calibre and many mustard gas shoots were made on us. Our casualties were very light indeed and early next morning other Australian troops moved up to relieve us. The Battalion moved back into reserve in the main guard to a position 2000 yds North of HANCOURT so that should necessity arise they could take up and defend a position on the high ground on the North. Battalion Headquarters was located in MADAME WOOD just south of BOUCLY. Heavy rain fell during the day.

At 9 am. next morning 9th. September the Battalion marched DOINGT taking over the billets of the relieving ~~troops~~ troops which consisted of Nissen Huts, semi-demolished houses and dugouts, the troops soon made themselves comfortable.

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44th Bn

Patrols for night 2/3 Aug 18

No	leaves		Returns		Object	Details
	Place	Time	Place	Time		
1	P1000.7	10 PM	P1614.9	12 AM	Exam - Local Examin & Post	C Coy 10ff 60K
2	P1664.8	12 AM	P1000.7	2 AM	Exam - Suspected & Post at P1047	H Coy 10ff 60K
3	P1000.7	2 AM	P1664.8	4 AM	Exam & Local - Examin & Post	C Coy 10ff 60K
4	P1145.4	12 AM	P1000.7	2 AM	Exam - C.F. and Rifle Pts in P114	D Coy 10ff 80K (Lt Evans)
5	P1000.7	2 AM	P1145.4	4 AM	ditto	D Coy 10ff 60K

Password GEE LONG

CR Evans Lt

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44th BnPatrols for night 3/4 Aug 1916

No	Leaves		Returns		Object	Details
	Place	Time	Place	Time		
1.	P11 A54 L of D Coy.	10 PM	P10 D0.7	1 AM	Recon & Locate Enemy Posts	D Coy 10ff 6 OR
2.	P10 D0.7 R of D Coy.	1 AM	P11 A54	4 AM	ditto	D Coy INCO + 6 OR
3.	P10 D0.7 (L of C Coy)	10 PM	P16-64.8	12 PM	Special Recon to find out whether any enemy in valley in front of Coy Sector	C Coy 10ff LT McLARTY + 10 OR
4.	P16 B4.8 R of A Coy.	12 PM	P10 D0.7	2 AM	Special Patrol to mop up Post at P16 690 95	A Coy 10ff 12 OR
5.	P10 D0.7 L of C Coy.	2 AM	P16 64.8	4 AM	Recon	A Coy INCO + 6 OR

Password BUNBURY.

CR Davis Lt.

44th BⁿPatrols for night 4/5 Aug. 1918

No	Leaves		Returns		Object	Details
	Place	Time	Place	Time		
1	P1669.8 (R of A Coy)	10 PM	P10083	12 PM	Covering patrol for reliefs	A Coy INCO 60R.
2.	P10083 (R of C Coy)	10 PM	P11C28/LAM		ditto	C Coy INCO 60R.
3.	P11C2.8 (R of D Coy)	10 PM	P11A44	1 AM	ditto	D Coy INCO 60R.

Patrolling will then be taken over by incoming
Relief.

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OR Harris Lt.

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Operation Order No 1. 4th Bn.
 Ref Map. Sheet 62 D NE 1/20000.
 1. The ~~11th~~ 11th Brigade will capture the GREEN LINE as indicated on attached map. on 25th August.
 2. The 4th Bn with 23rd on the left & 30th Bn on the right will capture the GREEN LINE as indicated on 25th August.
 3. The Battalion will move from its present position to the assembly position as follows

C Coy	10.30 pm.
B "	10.40 "
D "	10.50 "
A " Hdqrs.	11 - "

3. The position of Companies on the ~~assembly~~ jumping off position will be as follows.

B Coy	on the right
E	Left
A	in rear of B Coy
D	" " " " " "
C	" " " " " "

4. The Bn front will be patrolled by Bn scouts under Lt Hunt (MC) up to 2.30 am 25th August.
 5. Zero hour is 2.30 am 25th August.

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6. Artillery start line as indicated on attached plan.
 From Artillery will bombard from Zero to Zero plus 4 minutes.
 From Zero plus 4" artillery will lift 100 yds every 4 minutes.
 A protective barrage will be put down about 500' in front of the captured line for 15 minutes after the capture of that line. 50% of that Artillery will then march to a depth of 1000'. Artillery will cease 30 minutes after capture of the GREEN LINE.

7. Green very lights will be fired as success signal on capture of Green line.

8. Final dispositions will be as follows.

B Coy on the right
 C - in the Centre
 D - on the left
 A - in support.

9. About 1/2 hour after capture of the Green line portion of 42 Bn will pass through 41 Bn and exploit to a depth of approx 1000'. They will return at approx 1 hour later.

10. Assembly to be complete by Zero minus 15 minutes.
 11. Contact aeroplanes will fly at daylight
 12. Reports to B.B.G.

21/8/18

G. Poleslapp
 adj.

Battalion Headquarters,
6th August.18.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 1.

1. DUMPS. A Battalion Dump will be formed at P.10.d.6.8. containing the following supplies:-
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| S.A.A. RIFLE. | 15000 rounds. | S.A.A.M.G. | 10,000 rounds. |
| GRENADES No 23. | 200 | GRENADES No 36. | 300 |
| STOKES 3" | 250 | SANDBAGS. | 250 |
| CAMOUFLAGE (ty) | | LIME CHLORIDE. | 1 cask. |
| WIRE COILS | 200 | PICKETS LONG | 250 |
| PICKETS SHORT | 500 | POST.L.G.,A.A. | 2 |
| RATIONS P.M. | 200 | RATIONS (Biscuits) | 200 |
| RATIONS T & S | 180 | WATER TINS | 150 |
2. WATER. 1 Water Cart will move forward to P.16.a.central at ZERO plus 6 hours.
Wells will be established by Tunnelling Coy and marked.
Approx 90 extra water bottles will be available for each Company. These must be returned after the operation.
3. TRANSPORT. Transport and Q.M. Store will move to P.10.d.6.8.
A Veterinary Aid Post will be established in FOUILLOY.
Every horse must carry a water bucket.
4. MEDICAL. The Battalion R.A.P. will be at ~~xxxxxxx~~ P.10.c.3.1.
Advance Dressing Station at O.15.a.5.7.
Walking Wounded Dressing Station at O.10.a.9.7.
5. RETURNS. The estimated casualties will be forwarded to Battalion H.Q. as early as possible, this will be followed by the casualty return.
6. PRISONERS. All prisoners will be sent to Battalion Headquarters, Officers being separated from other ranks.
7. SALVAGE. "B" Company will detail one platoon on salvage in Area P.12 b.c and d. Q.7.a and c and formed into dumps.
8. BURIALS. Salvage Platoon will also be employed on Burials in area above from ZERO plus 4 hours onwards.
Burial returns to be sent B.H. daily...
9. RATIONS. 24 Hours rations will be carried on the man.

W. P. Miles
.....Captain.
ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION.
A.I.F.

Headquarters,
6.8.18GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS NO.1

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Reference Map . . . 62D, S.E. 1/20,000

1 APPROACH MARCH

The approach March will be carried out on "Y/Z" night, using "C" Track. The starting point will be where the track meets the SOMME at I.36.d.0.0. Time of passing starting point will be zero minus 4 hours. If the weather is wet and the going bad this time will be increased by 33 thirty three and one third per cent. Trench Mortar personnel will move with the Battalion.

2 BARRAGE MAPS3 ASSEMBLY

Barrage maps showing Tape Line have been issued to Coys. The Battalion will be formed up on forming up line by zero minus one hour.

4 DISPOSITIONS

The disposition of Companies in attack will be as follows: - "A" Coy. on right front, "C" Company in centre, "D" Coy. on left front and "B" Coy. in reserve. "A" Coy. will form up on the front P.16.a.90.55 to P.10.d.50.40. "C" Coy. will form up on front P.10.a.50.40 to P.11.a.20.20. "D" Coy. will form up on front P.11.a.20.20 to P.5.c.80.00. "B" Coy. will form up as close as possible behind "A" and "C" Companies.

5 HALT LINE

The 44th. Battalion Halt Line will be through P.8.a.9.1, P.12.d.7.0 and Q.7.b.0.5. At this point 41st. Battalion will leapfrog through 44th. Bn., the latter to follow the former at a distance of about 500 yards, and eventually to consolidate a line running along the reverse slope of the ridge in Q.14, across the valley in Q.6.c and up the spur in Q.8.a and Q.8.c (Support Line)

6 PATROLS

On "Y/Z" night the Battalion will take over the patrolling of the 44th. Battalion front from ~~zero minus four hours~~. These patrols will be responsible for cutting gaps in our wire.

10 pm

Patrols of 1 PCO and 6 other ranks including Coy. and Battalion scouts will report to Lieut. Lintott at Battalion H.Q. on "Y" day.. Wire cutters are to be in possession of these scouts.

7 RANKS

Three sections of "C" Company 13th. Tank Battalion, are allotted to 44th. Battalion front. "A", "C", and "D" Companies will each detail one other rank to report to Battalion H.Q. at 10 a.m on the 7th. inst. These men will be used for observation in the tanks and will be responsible for off-loading Battalion Lewis Gun Magazines and S.A.A.

8 SIGNALS

Red very lights will be fired by or on the authority of an officer to denote that the 41st. Bn. has successfully passed through 44th. Bn. At zero plus 150 minutes aeroplanes will drop smoke bombs to cover the advance of the 4th. Australian Division.

9 INFORMATION

No delay should elapse in getting information to Bn.H.Q. All information whether positive or negative is valuable and helps to the success of the operation. A Bn. Report Centre will be established at P18a H.5

for the transmission of all messages. Runners should be thoroughly conversant with the position of the Report Centre and B.H.Q.

10 ACKNOWLEDGE

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

1. INTENTION.

The 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade, as part of the 3rd. Aust. Division, will attack and capture portion of the enemy defences opposite the Divl. front and consolidate a line known as the GREEN line.

2. INFORMATION.

(a) The 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade are attacking on our Right their Left Battalion being the 35th Battalion. The 42nd. Battalion are attacking on our Left.

After capture of the Green line the 4th. Aust. Inf. Brigade will pass through the 11th Brigade and capture the RED line.

(b) The 202 R.I.R., 43 Reserve Division and the 55th I.R. 13th Division are holding an out-post position opposite the front to be attacked by this Brigade.

3. THE ADVANCE.

The 44th Battalion will advance from the taped line of assembly at ZERO plus 3 minutes and mop up within the Right Battalion area up to the safety limits of the Field Artillery barrage during the halt from ZERO plus 63 to ZERO plus 67.

The Battalion will then re-organise and prepare to continue the advance. At ZERO plus 87 the Battalion will move forward in support of the 41st Battalion and will consolidate the support line as already indicated. If necessary the 44th Battalion will assist the 41st Battalion in the capture of the GREEN line. The 41st Battalion, plus one Company of the 43rd Battalion will, during the barrage, from ZERO plus 63 to ZERO plus 67 pass through the 44th. Battalion.

Officers and N.C.O's are responsible that in holding back at ZERO plus 63 they also tell the 41st Battalion that it is time for them to pass through.

4. ARTILLERY ACTION. (a) The Infantry advance to the GREEN line will be covered by an advancing Field Artillery barrage.

(b) This barrage will open 200 yards East of the taped line of assembly. The time table of lifts and the taped line are shown on the barrage map.

(c) The protective barrage of the GREEN line will be maintained until ZERO plus 240 minutes when all barrage fire will cease.

(d) As each gun arrives on the protective barrage line three rounds of smoke will be fired in quick succession - this smoke will therefore commence from our Left.

(e) Heavy artillery is being used on counter-battery work chiefly.

5. ACTION OF TANKS.

Three sections (9 Tanks) will operate firstly, with 44th Battalion and then with the 41st. for the capture of the GREEN line. All these tanks will remain East of the GREEN line for a period of not less than 15 minutes, after which they will withdraw to Q 13.

They will later move forward with the 4th Division.

6. MACHINE GUNS.

During the advance to the GREEN line these guns will fire on opportunity targets and be prepared to assist in the formation of a defensive flank if necessary.

7. LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

Two Trench Mortars are allotted to the 44th Battalion and will follow the 44th Battalion when the latter passes through the former. ^{41st}

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8. REPORTS. The place (Map location) as well as the time of writing, must be put on all reports.
9. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES. Watches will be synchronised at BHQ. at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.
10. COMMUNICATION. Visual, Pigeons, Runners, Message Rockets, Ground Flares. All pigeons and 50% of the message rockets in the possession of the Battalion at ZERO plus 4 hours, will be handed over to the troops of 4th. Division as they pass through on the GREEN line. The use of pigeons and message rockets will only be used in case of urgent necessity.
11. AIRCRAFT. Low-flying Aeroplanes engaging ground targets will precede the Infantry.

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

SECRET.44th. BATTALION. A. I. F.

Battalion Headquarters.

7-8-18.BATTLE INSTRUCTION NO. 2.Approach March Assembly.

1. The Battalion will use "C" Track in the approach march on "Y/Z" night.
2. The Battalion will pass the starting point O.6.d.6.7. (This cancels starting point mentioned in General Instruction No. 1) at zero minus 4 hours 20 minutes and will halt at zero minus 3 hours 30 minutes to zero 3 hours 15 minutes.
3. Order of March "A" "C" "D" and "B" Coys. H'qrs Details. Section in file at 20 paces distance. Lieut. E. C. Rogers will be at starting point to regulate traffic. This Officer will report to Brigade by means of the code word "MOTH" when the whole of his battalion has passed the starting point.
4. Completion of Assembly will be notified to B.H.Q. by Runner.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. L. BELES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th. Battalion. A. I. F.

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44 Battalion
 Operation Order No 1.
 Ref Map 62 D.NE - 1/20000.

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B "	10.40 "
D "	10.50 "
A. Hdqrs	11. "
3. The position of Companies on the jumping off position will be as follows.

B Coy	on the right
C "	left
A "	in rear of B Coy
D "	to Coy
4. The Battalion front will be patrolled by the scouts under Lt (uncl) Hmc) up to 2.30 am 25th Aug.
5. Zero hour is 2.30 am. 25th Aug.
6. Artillery start line as indicated on attached plan.

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- 6 Artillery will bombard from zero to zero plus 4 minutes. From zero plus 4' artillery will lift 100 yds every 4'. A protective barrage will be put down about 500' in front of capture line for 15 mins after the capture of that line. 50% of that artillery will then search to a depth of 1000'. Artillery will cease 30 mins after capture of the Greenline.
 - 7 Green very lights will be fired as success signals on capture of Greenline.
 - 8 Final Objective dispositions will be as follows:

R	Bay on the right
C	in the center
L	on the left
A	in support.
 - 9 About 1/2 hour after capture of the Greenline paratroops will pass thro' 44' Bn & go to a depth of approx 1000'. They will return at approx 1 hour later.
 - 10 Assembly to be complete by zero minus 45'
 - 11 Contact aeroplanes will fly at daylight.
 - 12 Reports to RHO.
- L. G. R. H. S. Cap
adj.

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SECRET. 44th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION. Copy No.....⁸

Battalion Headquarters.
22.8.18.

OPERATION ORDER NO 100.

N^o 4

Reference Map 62D.N.E. 1/20,000.

1. INFORMATION.

At 4.45am on the 22nd August.1918 the 111 Corps will advance in an E.N.E. direction, 3rd Australian Division protecting the Right Flank of the 111 Corps during the advance.

^{+ 14/12/18} The 47th Division is the Right Division of the 111 Corps who is employing the ~~1st~~ 1st Brigade ~~xxxxxxx~~ for the first objective 142nd Brigade for the second objective and the 140th Brigade to exploit the initial success.

The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade plus 1 squadron 13th Light Horse will operate on the front of the 3rd Australian Division and will advance at the same hour as the 111 Corps to the first and second objective and may continue the advance to the limits of ~~xxxxxxx~~ the ~~exploitation~~ exploitation.

For this purpose the 9th Brigade are using the 35th Battalion on the Right and the 33rd Battalion on the Left for the advance to the first and second objective, and the 34th Battalion plus one Squadron of the 13th Light Horse for the ~~exploitation~~ exploitation. The 3rd Pioneer Battalion are holding the present front line on the ~~WINEHEM~~ Spur and will advance their line in conformity to the 9th Brigade to the general line Réver SOMME L.20.b.6.1. to L.15.c.4.6.

The British line held ^{by} the 5th Australian Division south of the SOMME runs as follows:- ~~xxxxxxx~~ R.3.a.7.3. - R.3.a.central-R.3.d.8.4.- R.3.d.9.0- R.9.b.3.7.- R.9.d.4.0. - R.15.d.6.0.

2. INTENTION.

The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will if the exploitation by the 9th Brigade has been successful relieve that Brigade in the southern portion of the Divisional front.

3. DISTRIBUTION.

The 44th and 43rd Battalions will be front line Battalions on the Right and Left respectively, and will take over from the 9th Brigade the main defensive line which will be protected by a line of Posts not more than 300 or less than 150 yards in front of it. These Battalions will be disposed to a depth of between 750 and 1100 yards.

42nd Battalion (support Battalion) will be in vicinity of L.14 and L.20, 41st Battalion (Reserve Battalion) in K.18. M.13. K.24 and L.19. The 42nd Battalion less one Company and the 41st Battalion will be available for Counter-attack under orders of the G.O.C. Brigade.

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4. DISPOSITIONS.

On taking over from the 9th Brigade the Battalion will be disposed as follows:- "B" Company on the Right "C" Company on the Left. "A" Company Right support, "D" Coy Left support.

5. BOUNDARIES.

Boundaries will be as shown on the attached Map.

6. ARTILLERY.

The 7th Aust F.A. Brigade are covering the exploitation by the 9th Brigade and will support the consolidation of this Battalion

7. MACHINE GUNS.

One Section of the 11th Machine Gun Company will accompany this Battalion and will cover the consolidation being sighted for the close defence of the main line of resistance.

8. LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

Two mortars of the 11th L.T.M. Battery will be attached to this Battln.

9. ASSEMBLY.

The Battalion will assemble with the leading troops of "B" and "C" Coys 200 yards West of the N.W.S.E. road through L.13 central. The Battalion to be assembled in this position and ~~maxx~~ ready to move at 7.30am on 22nd August.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. B. ...

Captain.

ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No One Piel - 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 6/8 War Diary - No 9 Brigade H.Q. - 10. C.O.

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2020 Bn
27th Aug 18.

Operations Order No 2.

1. 44 Bn plus one Coy 42 Bn will be relieved by 2020 Bn on night 27th Aug 18. On relief 44 Bn will move to L8 + L9. One Coy 42 Bn attached will rejoin its Battalion after reporting to BHO.
2. Lewis gun gear, picks, shovels will be dumped in valley. Foot of BHO enroute to new position. 2 men per company to act as guard over gear + coy. lumber.
3. Route, suggested route from BHO LHC. 6.4. L9.d. where guides will be found.
4. Hotmeal will arrive about 7.30 am. Cookers will remain at present BHO where companies will assemble after relief + have evening meal.
5. Completion of relief will be reported to BHO immediately on completion.

Asd of Piles Captain
adj.

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7/Barbary 5

44th Battalion
InstructionsDODD Rm
27 AugO. G.
All Cap.

1. The 58th Division under artillery will capture MARI COURT + the old British front line EAST of that village + exploit 800 yds further East. Barrage to open at H. 55 am. This morning.
2. 11th Brigade will co-operate by capturing + mopping up the area QUARRY A 28. a thence South of FARGNAY WOOD to A. 29 Central FARGNAY Mill inclusive, thence River SOMME exclusive forming a defensive flank facing NNE & along the line QUARRY A 28. a to FARGNAY MILL inclusive.
3. 41st Battalion will attack.
4. 147th Brigade are operating on the NORTH of this Brigade. M.G. covering fire also provided.

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5. One Coy 42nd Bn will take up position vacated by 41st Bn will be under 44th Bn. C. O. 44th Bn will be responsible for the defence of the line through G. 4. A27. C. 1 from 4.30 on 27th inst.

6 Dispositions.

(a) Right Front Coy. - B Coy. will occupy from the River SOMME at G. 4. a. 9.1 to about G. 4. a. 2.7.
 (b) ~~Left~~ Front Coy. - 7. C Coy. from G. 4. a. 2.7 to A 7. d. 5.3.

(c) Left Front Coy. - 6 Coy 42nd Bn from A 7. d. 5.3 to A 27. C. 3

(d) Right Support Coy. - D Coy 44th Bn.

(e) Left Support Coy. - A Coy 44th Bn.

Companies will have each two platoons in front line + one in support
 3. Lincs Companies will arrange for a joint post or inter-lace

4. T. M. will be available for a defensive line

H. Piles

Captain
 Act 50 30 B

Battalion Headquarters.
31.8.18.INSTRUCTION NO 1.INFORMATION

9th Brigade have been ordered to take high ground in C.21 and C 27 and 10th Brigade to make good ground East of RANCOURT -FEUILLAUCOURT Road, when this is done 11th Infantry Brigade are to continue ~~the~~ operations to C.9.central along grid line to C.12 central.

Second Australian Division are making good the general line I.27.central. to ALLAINES.

RECONNIASSIANCE.

The 44th Battalion will reconnoitre in H 1 and 2 for staging and select Battalion Headquarters as far East as possible, Brigade Headquarters will probably be in Earth Works COPSE. Reconnaissance party will also find out locations of 10th Brigade and Battalions of 10th Brigade and report centre between 9th and 10th Brigade and advise 11th Brigade Headquarters by 1pm

C.L.Biles. Captain.
ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION.A.I.F.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.AUGUST - 1918.A. IN AN OFFENSIVE.1. Regimental Aid Post Construction:-

During the advance this was a difficulty and the position had to be changed on an average every second day (sometimes two or even three times per day)

The country topographically was excellent there being a great many steep banks giving excellent protection from enemy fire. Very often suitable dugouts either fully or half completed were found. There was always plenty of building material available in the shape of timber and corrugated iron. The Bn. Pioneers were always available to assist in R.A.P. construction and use was made also of prisoners of war.

The weather was fine throughout, and whenever the Bn. were stationed in a position for the daytime only, no R.A.P. was built, but dressings carried out in the open under cover of a suitable bank. This was entirely satisfactory on account of the clemency of the weather. Throughout the offensive R.A.P. construction presented no difficulties.

2. Distance from the Front Line -

At the beginning of the offensive a distance was kept behind the Bn. varying generally from 500 to 1500 yds. according to the cover afforded by the natural topography.

3. Conditions as regards Shelling -

On five or six occasions this was fairly violent as the enemy appeared to be using up all his ammunition before withdrawing his guns. On one occasion we fell into an enemy barrage, 500 shells falling within 100 sq. yds. in 1 1/2 hrs. As a result one of our stretcher bearers was killed one severely wounded and 4 others wounded. Enemy shelling was never entirely absent, thus accounting for eleven of the stretcher bearers (A.M.C.) attached to the Bn. for the advance.

4. Evacuations from the Front Line -

This difficulty was surmounted as follows -

- (a) Advertisement of position of R.A.P. by conspicuous flags, etc.
- (b) Immediate notice of all removals of R.A.P. by runners to Coy. H.Q. with instructions to notify Coy. S.B's. at once.
- (c) Understanding with S.B's. of probable position of R.A.P. before moving into position.

No difficulty was experienced with evacuations from the line to the R.A.P. - casualties were not very severe.

There was no difficulty with evacuations from the R.A.P. back wards to the Motor Loading Posts.

5. Distance & the Condition of Carry. -

Line to R.A.P. - Conditions of carry good.

R.A.P. to Motor Loading Post generally from 500 to 2000 yds. Conditions of carry good but seldom suitable for wheeled stretchers. Only on one occasion was wheeled stretcher carrying reported.

6. Special Difficulties. -

The greatest difficulty was to keep in touch with the nearest motor loading post. This was done by keeping close contact with the Officer or N.C.O. in charge especially when a move was contemplated.

Another difficulty was to show ambulance stretcher bearers the route of evacuation from a new position just occupied to a new motor loading post. This had to be done by map.

The difficulty of length of carry of A.M.C. S.B's. was overcome by setting a relay where possible. If a suitable position could not be found for a relay, a movable relay scheme was entirely successful - 6 bearers per stretcher.

The indication of the route to the R.A.P. was carried out as noted above. - 4(a).

The last difficulty was the matter of medical supplies which was overcome by loading ourselves up like beasts of burden, carrying as much as possible, and reinforcing our supplies as quickly as possible from the nearest Motor Loading Post.

7. Use of Combatants & Prisoners of War. -

Every time prisoners of war were available, and this corresponded to the times when we had numerous casualties, the greatest use was made to do several stretcher carries from the R.A.P. to the M.L. Post. They also did one carry from the line to the R.A.P. Their overcoats were commandeered and used as blankets.

On one occasion they were available to dig & construct an R.A.P.

8. Co-operation of Field Ambulances.

Close contact was kept right throughout with the nearest M.L. Post and by this route excellent contact was maintained always with Field Ambulances.

9. Details of Supplies, Comforts, Dressings.

As many supplies and dressings were carried by the A.M.C. Detail of the Bn., close contact was maintained with M.L. Posts and the supplies reinforced.

A quantity of dressings was found in German dugouts and material was handed to the R.A.P. by Red Cross Prisoners.

Not much use could be made of comforts because: -

(a) When most needed there was such a rush of work that no one could be spared to attend to comforts.

(b) The wounded preferred cold water to hot drinks under the prevailing weather conditions.

B. GENERAL MEDICAL MATTERS.1. Conditions as regards fitness. -

Towards the end of the advance the men were just able to carry on, were thoroughly tired out, and not physically fit.

There was not sufficient preservation of physical fitness owing to:-

(a) When the men were spelled they had to march back and in returning to the line again re-cover this distance. It would have been much better if they stood their ground and rested till ordered forward again.

(b) On being spelled they frequently changed their position and had to dig in or make new dug-outs almost daily, so while being spelled they were not really rested.

(c) On going into the line again they had to do long route marches and were tired on arriving in the line, consequently their efficiency was considerably reduced. This could have been remedied by providing motor transport for some of the distance at least.

2. General Health -

Excellent.

3. Food, Clothing, Cooking, Washing, Boots.

Excellent. Every available opportunity was seized to wash the men, to give them clean underclothes and to change boots.

4. Reports on Special Inspections, Marches, etc.

Immediately on coming out of the line, a special inspection was made of the men during a bathing parade of the whole Battalion.

15 cases of Scabies were discovered. With constant and systematic treatment for 8 or 9 days all but one has been discharged.

30 cases of minor feet troubles - corns, etc. These were all treated immediately and all but one has been discharged.

Nearly all the officers and men, almost without exception were infested with vermin. This has been practically obliterated by baths and changes of clothing.

C. DETAILS OF WORK OF WATER & SANITARY DETAILS

Excellent. The water was always tested.

The Sanitary Details carried out their duties with their accustomed energy.

Patrols for night

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	Place	Time	Place	Time		

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44th Bn

Patrols for night

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Recd from 44 Bn
 (34) presence of War
 11 Art Bn

~~25/8/15~~

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Have reached objective. Casualties approx five (5) Not in touch on left

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From Pa Place 23/1/18 Time

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44th Bn
26/1/18
26/1/18 Consolidating on objective approx
Am in touch with
with 43 left a 17 Coy
on night. D Coy & B
Coy have changed
places. 39th are in
touch with D Coy.
No opposition
Coordinates in daylight.
R. Palmer.

44th Bn

No Leave Place

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44th Bⁿ Patrols for night

44th Bⁿ D8 27.8.18

Working here with sketch showing dispositions of Company. Dec was made prior to advice being received by me of operations on morning of 27.8.18. ^{Reference} In sequence to posts: positions were detailed to platoons having due regard at the time to two trenches and the road running from enemy to my line. For this morning I was to coach with 1 Coy on my left and 3rd BN on my right. 3rd have moved one company leaving gap on my right of about 400'. Elements from Lt Station forwarded here with

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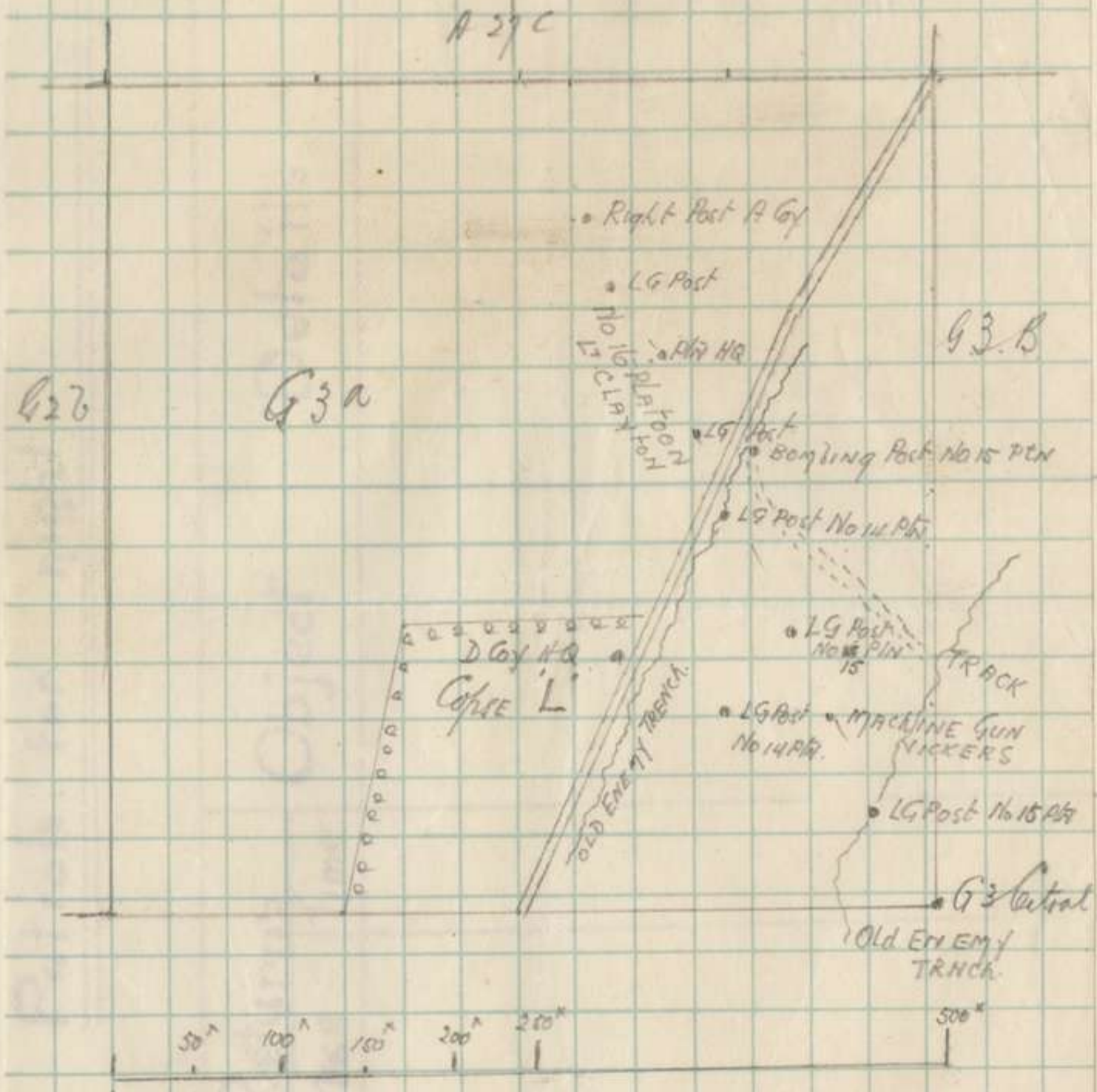
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D Coy

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Dispositions D Coy 26.8.18 (Night)
J. J. Snowdon Lt Col

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Ref. Map: -

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

Date:

TIME.

NUMBER OF SHELLS

CALIBRE.

AREA SHELLED.

RO

E, Etc.

44th Batt. A.I.F.
Ch 15 Eighth. aaa

My dispositions now are
1 platoon at Q.14 c 66
1 " " Q.14 a 23.
1 " " Q.13 d 97.
Boy H Qno in bank at Q.13 b 44
My signallers are trying to get in touch with camp.
Everything quiet. Artillery intermittently coming from direction CHIPILLY on Q.14 a x d

Q.13 b 44
12.50 pm

Chongmore Cliff
e/c A boy

44th Battn.

S.I. 8th

Progress - Good.
as soon as clear.
Opposition - Very slight.
Casualties - Killed - NIL.

Wdd. 4
Not yet reported 11
Location - Q.8 C central N-S
TANKS - O.K. Q.14 a 5.9 - 5.5

8 - AM. G. Coy. A. Smith

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44th P.M.

D2

8-8-18

Am in position at haching place but am not in touch P.A.A. Am sending for 41st P.M. to come up

7
From D6 44th P.M. Line 5-18th M
Place 15-18th M

by the words of
ok to go left

44th P.M.

Ch 12

Eighth

aaa

Have reached my objective ^{Kate, Thin Wood} with a mixed crowd. aaa. Am reorganising & digging in. aaa. One of our guns firing between Kate & Thin woods firing very short (4 or 5 inch gun). Dutz plane flew over very low two minutes ago. aaa. In touch with 35th on right, and C & D on left. aaa. I will send full particulars of line as soon as possible. aaa. Everything OK for 4th. Des to hop through casualties unknown. I think small. but everyone is mixed.

Map. Ref Thin Wood P.13.d

7.20. m

Chongmor Capt
C/O A Coy

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B

B Coy
25.8.18.

Adjutant,
Armour
Narrative of Events

The barrage fell punctually at 2.30 a.m., and there were not more than 6 or 7 shots on my Company Sector. The 4 minutes bombardment for 100^x enabled us to take things very comfortably, and there was practically no enemy artillery or M.G. retaliation, we walked up slowly most of the time. Owing to the heavy mist we were enabled to dig in comfortably, and Boech did not shell until about 10 a.m. (when mist cleared). He used 5.9s. After mopping up dugout through Ceylon Wood, there did not appear to be more enemy within 1,000 yards. The Company did not have a

No	Leaves
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single casualty during the advance, and the morale of the men is very high.

M. Lewis, Capt.
O/C 'B' Coy.

44th Bⁿ Patrols for night

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Datem. Received.....

TO		all Coys	
* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
	26		
<p>GOC orders pass on at once and H3 Bn are to go with you. Communicate to H3^a Coy on our flank if possible.</p> <p>Noted H ball ⁴⁴ Ball</p>			
FROM	Camp on at Gilbert		
PLACE & TIME			

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TO { all Coy

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Brvt. 26
London Regt. definitely state that their troops occupy sunken road A22a to A27c. You will advance at once to line "C". Our artillery will fire on Copse L up to 9.30am

From 44th Bn
Place of Poles
Time 9.30am

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TO { All Coy

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Our main line resistance must now be A26 C central Copse N. G2 central G2 d 2.2 with prepared line at A26 Central, A27 a 5.0 Copse K Copse L G3 central 200 yds to hold 750 yds this frontage and balance G3 on each Bn have two Coys on main line resistance a/c/a. Patrols must operate EASTWARD to river SOMME and report situation Coys disposed D Coy right support A Coy left support on C line B Coy right support C Coy left support on B line. disposed in depth

From 44th Bn
Place of Poles
Time 9.30am

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No. leaves

Retrons

Chart

Of Coy. 26.8.18.

The time for start of operation is now 1.30 pm this afternoon (at request of 43rd Batt)

Harassing fire will be directed at that time on points mentioned in conference 10th Bde are pushing out now

11.55 am

~~10.55 am~~ Chongmore call

A ~~1st~~ Bde,
B ~~1st~~ Bde

C ~~1st~~ Bde
D ~~1st~~ Bde

P. Russel

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TO: All Corps

Sender's Number: 1025 Day of Month: 26 In reply to Number: AAA

In advancing the three forward Coys will each feel forward by the use of patrols

Amended Bde Southern Boundary
Coyce V in G2c to G3 central
to G4 central rax wood
iseltine to 11 Bde

From: ~~11 Bde~~
Place:
Time:

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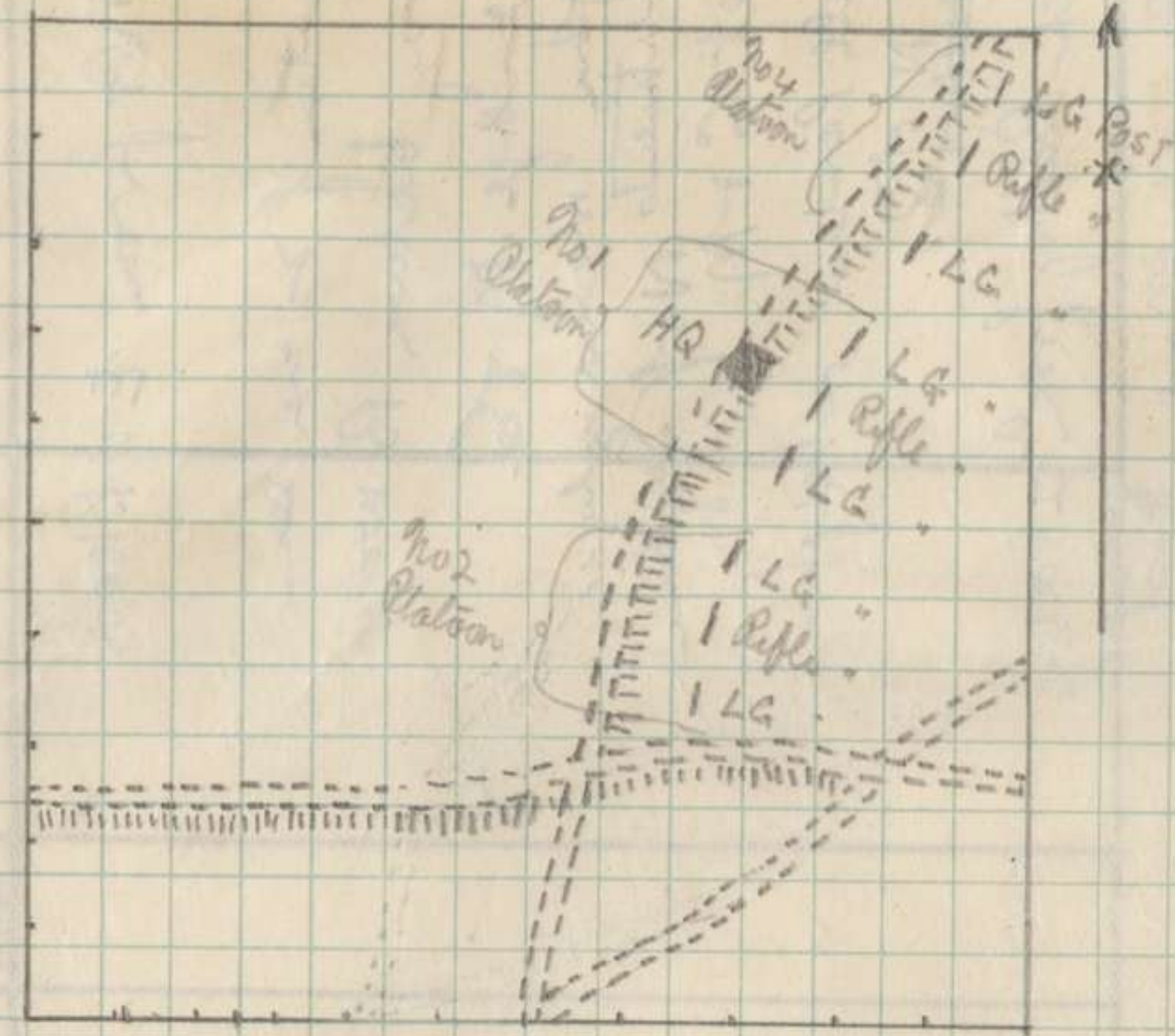
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Enlargement of Square L. II. c.



Disposition of a Coy. 44th Batt.

at the pole Lt.
O.L. to boy

Passwd

44th Bⁿ

P. I. I. C.

20 H.H. 4th Pl
D 4

Reference of our K II of 25th
 Calculate coordinates of posts as follows

Perquet line.	L 112 60.40	L.G. Post	} 15 Platoon
	L 112 35.40	Rifle post	
	L 112 10.50	L.G. Post	
Subpost line	L 112 62.20	L.G. Post	} 16 Platoon
	L 112 55.20	Rifle Post	
	L 112 40.20	Rifle Post	} 14 Platoon
	L 112 25.25	L.G. Post	
	L 112 15.30	Rifle post	
	L 112 10.35	L.G. Post	
	L 112 70.05	Coy HQ	
	L 112 50.10	Coy HQ	

Plan here with -

1
 from 20 by H.H. 4th Pl
 Place L 112 70.05
 Area 5th Pl
 J. J. Smith
 Cash

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44th Bⁿ

Patrols for night

Details

Object

Returns

leaves

No

Place Time

44th Batt. Twentyfourth AAA

Have reached objective and digging in

No casualties, except 202 Lt O'Neill who was wounded and his not yet reported

4:15 am Lt Platoon Sgt. A Coy

cannot now give location, on account of fog

5:30

Patrols for night

44th Bⁿ

CO. 44th

Jan 25

Approximately on objective Digging in

In touch on night with B Coy who is in touch with 39th

D Coy on left who have a small gap between them & 39th

Will fix that up today

Casualties two (Lewis Gun) & Lewis Gun missing

cannot give definite coordinates on account of fog

5:25 pm. Reformer

No opposition, two prisoners 42nd have gone through but are not back yet.

Reformer are

No

To H.H. Pl. 23

25/8/18

Disposition report -

I have one platoon No 15 forming present line approx 100' in front of Company line which is as per attached plan. Nos 14 & 16 are in main line of defence which consists of section posts some are being made of old trench system previously existing. Coy P.O. is dug in on defensive line (section post) in rear (about 70' of main defence line). He was shown on map is of no use now for defensive purposes.

From D. H. Pl. 42 Pl.

Time 5.45 am

Place L 11 37 J.A. Smartly (S)

L.O. 44

S.

Dispositions herewith. Enemy is shelling my night + walking my rear L 11 a. with H.E. with 4.2. 4.2nd report wood all cleared. Some prisoners came in to B. Coy 9.17 am. R. R. R.

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C.O.

41/42/43/44th Battalions.
11th M.G. Coy.
11th A.L.T.M. Battery.
11th Field Coy.

FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS.1. GENERAL IDEA.

- (a) BAPAUME is the objective of the next offensive.
- (b) On the 21st inst 3rd ARMY will attack from ALBERT to ARRAS in an East by South direction.
- (c) On 22nd inst the 4th ARMY using the 111 Corps will attack in an E N E direction .
- (d) On 23rd inst the 4th ARMY employing 1st Australian Division will attack south of the SOMME in E.S.E. direction with a view to assisting the French in a further advance .

2. ROLE OF 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

The 3rd Australian Division will act as Liaison force between the 111 Corps and the Australian Corps and on 22nd inst will advance in conformity with the 111 ~~Corps~~ Corps throwing back ~~an~~ a defensive Right Flank on to the SOMME.

3. ACTION OF 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

At the Zero hour of the 3rd Corps the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will advance under an Artillery Barrage to a line 200 yards West of L.15.a.4.3. - L.8.b.4.2. After a short halt the advance of the 9th Brigade under the Artillery Barrage will be continued 200 yards West of L.15.b.65) *No a line*
80. ~~to~~ - L.10.c.2.4. - L.4.c.45.70.
From this line the advance will be continued under open warfare conditions at about ZERO plus 4 hours by the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade who rate and length of advance will be absolutely dependent on that of the 47th Division who will be operating on our Left Flank.

4. BOUNDARIES.

The Northern boundary of the Division is the line K.17 central - L.8. central - L 5.a.4.9. thence N.E. along the road in F.29 and F 24; (inclusive to 3rd Australian Division)
The Southern boundary is the SOMME exclusive, but it is the ~~xxxx~~ intention to only operate against and capture the high ground as far South as the general line L.15.a.0.2. L 16.0.9. thence along the road to L 11.c.9.3. the right flank of the 11th Infantry Brigade resting on the wood in L.11.d. and L.17.b. From this point the right flank of the Division will be formed, probably by the 9th Inf Brigade to the SOMME ~~at~~ at approx L.16.d.0.0. after our securing a forward objective 41st and 44th Battalion meantime protecting their own right flanks.

5. ACTION OF 11th BRIGADE.

The 44th Battalion will attack on the Right and the 43rd Battalion on the Left.
The 41st and 42nd Battalions will follow in support on the Right and Left respectively.
The 11th Light Trench Mortar Battery is at present under the orders of the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade, but will be available to accompany Battalions / Two Mortars to each Battalion.

The advance will, from the Brigade point of view be carried out as a series of Bounds from one line of resistance to another.

The first line will be the final halting line of the 9th Brigade, and the second line along L.16.d.0.0.- L.17.a.0.0. - L.17.b.3.9.- L.11.b.55.00 - L.5.d.5.5. thence in a N.N.E. direction to right Flank of 47th Division.

It is not considered that a third line of resistance will be necessary and under any circumstances it will not be garrisoned till the situation in ~~the~~ front and on the Flanks is perfectly clear.

These lines of resistance will be garrisoned by the support Battln who will be responsible for their Flank protection westwards of ~~the~~ these lines.

The 43rd and 44th Battalions will be responsible for Flank protection East of these lines in succession and as taken up by support Battalions.

6. ARTILLERY AND MACHINE GUNS.

It is not known what Artillery and M.G.'s will be available to support the advance. If a Company of M.G.'s is employed they will be distributed one section to each Battalion.

7. TANKS.

No Tanks will be operating with the Brigade though they will be with the 47th ~~Division~~ Division.

8. LEFT FLANK BRIGADES.

First the 141st then 142nd Brigade, at first halt, are doing the advance up to the limits of the Artillery barrage, then the 140th Brigade leap-frog through ~~the do the~~ ^{to} exploiting.

9. BRIGADE COMMAND POST.

A Brigade Command Post to which all reports will be sent will be established at approx L.13.a.6.2.

10. REMARKS.

The above is based on a conversation with the Div Commander and is therefore liable to minor amendments.

A conference of the following will be held at Brigade H.Q. at 2pm tomorrow to discuss this matter.

C.O's Battalions will have formulated ideas of their plans of action.

C.O's and Adjutants.

O.C. 11th M.G. Coy.

O.C. 11th Field. Coy.

O.C. 11th T.M. Btry (if engaged with 9th Bde any Officer)

sig. G.A. Vasey.
Major.

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Brigade Major 11th Australian Inf Brigade

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Intelligence Summary 44th Bn
 Period from 3rd to 4th - 8-18.

Our Operations

(a) Artillery. - Was active throughout the period.

At 7:38 am 18 pdr fired 8rd
 by request on movement in
 rear of Accroche Wood with
 good results - dispersing
 the enemy party.

(b) Patrols - see special report attached

(c) M.G.s - ?

(d) T.M.s. - at 5:10 pm 6" T.M. fired on
 dugout at edge of Accroche
 Wood - shooting was good.

At 5:25 pm 6" T.M. fired on
 previously located M.G. position
 P1727040 - Ahilson's C.T.

(e) Snipers - Active - no hits reported.

(f) Aircraft - Very active throughout the
~~period~~ day. Bombs were
 dropped on and M.G.s fired
 at Accroche Wood & vicinity
 at 2:40 pm - 2 pm - 6:50 pm

7 pm & 7:10 pm

R.F.S. patrolling line at
 4:30 am.

Identification - Mil.

Enemy Defenses
of New Works

(b) Wire

(c) Posts

(d) M. Crs. - Suspected Pryls etc.

e. T. Ms.

Enemy Aircraft - 9.10am two planes
patrolled his lines for
 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

12.10pm - one enemy plane
downed off by our AA.

6pm - 4 planes flying
high crossed the line. They
were engaged by AA.

Enemy Attitude - Artillery - M.C. & Lights
below normal. Pro brd
were not fired on between

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1 am to 4 am (this is unusual)

Movement - 6:30 am. 3 men head of fence near Wood moved into wood.

7:50 am 5 men ditto - full equipment.

9 men seen working on what appears to be a cable bury NE corner of Wood.

7:15 am - men moving into wood in twos & threes at 100' intervals

Men seen at P17 d b1.

8:10 am - 3 men moved into Wood leading a dog.

12:50 pm - 4 men entered Wood - they appeared to be examining lines.

3:40 pm - 2 men moved into wood and two left by same track - no equipment - 5 minutes later 2 more left by same track

3:50 - 4 men entered Wood.

6:40 pm - 1 enemy wearing "shorts" entered wood.

9 pm - 3 men with a dog entered Wood.

~~Noted that the movement was going east from the road.~~

Continuous movement on road K316259 apparently working on dugouts on side of road.

4+

Movement: (cont'd) -
 Continuous movement in Quarry K316403C
 all day.
 8:20 pm - 6 men entered + two left
 Tailors Wood - carrying equipment

Miscellaneous - Gun flashes from P1069505
 TB 143° - 158° - 123°

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Ref. Map:

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

AA-15

Date..

12 August 1918.

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TIME.	NUMBER OF SHELLS	LIBRE.	AREA SHELLLED.	FROM DIRECTION: OF	OBSERVED FROM.	REMARKS, DAMAGE, Etc.
6.35 am	15	10.5	Left of Hamel	cerisy	Pqd 4040	
8.10 am	4	77.	" " "	"	"	
5 pm	7	13 cm	Valley Pq Crd	"	"	
5.30 pm	6	13 cm	" " "	"	"	NIL
7.45 pm	40	77 cm	P10 d (suppt line)	TB 109°	"	
8.20 pm	25	77	P16a	"	"	One every 2 or 3 minutes for about 2 hours.
8.30 pm	22	77	P10 d	"	"	
8.55	16	10.5	Pqd	"	"	
9.15 to	68	10.5	Pqc	TB 115°	"	
9.40.				TB 144°	"	
11.45 pm	20	10.5	Left of Hamel	?	"	
5.10 am	?	77a	P10 d (FLY SH line) ACT	TB 111°	"	
10 pm - 4 minute brisk heavy bombardment of J35 - P415						?

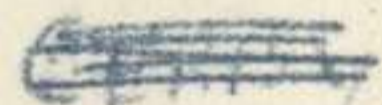
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Map: **62D SE**

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

Date: **24/31 August 1918**

TIME.	NUMBER OF SHELLS	CALIBRE.	AREA SHELLED.	FROM DIRECTION: OF	OBSERVED FROM.	REMARKS, DAMAGE Etc.
9am.	6	15cm	P10b/4060	Cerisy.	P9a-44.	157
11.30am	12	10.5cm	P10d 8040	"	"	
12.15 pm	10	10.5	P10d 2080	"	"	
12.25 pm	50	10.5	P9c 8030	"	"	
12.45 pm	50	10.5	P9c 5010	"	"	
2-2.20 pm	15	10.5	Pcrd.	"	"	
5.45 am.	10	77 mm	} F.L. P10 d	HAZELWOOD	"	
	10	10.5 cm		"	P10d 8.8	slight damage to trench 3 Casuals killed
9pm-11.30pm	50	10.5 cm	P9b		P9c 44	-
11.30 pm-5am	60	10.5	P11a re	KATE WOOD W/ REUSEE	FL P10b.	-
3am	?	Shrapnel.	Road running South East through P3e	?	P9a 44	Burst near ration. limbo

Harassing fire (10.5 cm approx) was scattered over P10b rd (First line) at intervals during the night

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Ref. Map: - 620 SE

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT. 44th Bn

Date.

3/4-8-18

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TIME.	NUMBER OF SHELLS	CALIBRE.	AREA SHELLED.	FROM DIRECTION: OF	OBSERVED FROM.	REMARKS, DAMAGE, Etc.
6.35 am	7	77.	FL. Piob	T.B 81°	Piob 9505.	HE.
6.45 am to 7.30 am.	14	77	"	TB 92°	"	"
8.10 am	10	?	"	TB 120	"	"
9 am	30	10.5	HAMEL WOOD	TB 140°	"	Shrapnel
9.15 am	6	?	Pqd	"	"	HE
10.55	16	10.5	Pis arb	"	"	Shrapnel
11.10 am	11	10.5	Piob.	"	"	Shrapnel
11.35	20	77	P11 a (FL)	"	"	1 rd per minute
12 am	7	10.5	P11 a (FL)	TB 112°	"	"
12.45 pm	12	10.5	P10 b 8040	"	"	"
12.50	15	10.5	P10 d 5520	TB 109	"	"
3.20-3.30 pm	10	15 cm	P10 b 4080	TB 123°	"	"
7.30 pm	7	77	HAMEL	"	"	"
8.45 pm	6	15 cm	P11 a (FL)	TB 104°	"	"
9.30 pm	10	10.5.	Pqd	TB 108°	"	"
11.15 - 11.45 pm	?	10.5	Piob 7020	TB 104°	"	"
1.30 am	20	10.5.	P11 a (FL)	TB 88°	"	"
3.30 am	20	?	P9 (Supply village)	TB 81	"	"

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large proportion of Blue X Gas

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44th Battalion.

Patrol Reports

3/4-8-18

No.	Leaves		Return		Report in Detail
	Place	Time	Time	Place	
1	Left of Bn Sector P11a 4060	10pm	1-5am	Right of Coy Sector P10d 9930	10ff. 6-oh. Examined Rifle pits + CT to P11c 60 - No sign of enemy - Transport heard in direction of P23b 9950. M.G. fired from (opposite) P11b 5025. Enemy very quiet - few very lights.
2	P11a 4.6	2am.	4:15am	P11c 0070	INCO 16 Patrolled valley and searched potholes etc - No sign of enemy activity.
3	P10d 83	10pm	12pm	P11c 0070	10ff + 10. Valley thoroughly searched to a distance of 500 yds from our line. No sign of enemy posts or M.Gs. in hollow. M.Gs fired from crest line opposite.
No. 4.	P16b 4.8	12pm	2am	P10d 0.7	10ff. 14 oh. - Suspected post at P16 9095 where previous movement had been seen and from where patrol was fired on was rushed but no strong enemy found. There are numerous shell holes at the end of a well worn track but no definite post.
5.	P10d 07	2am	4am	P16b 4.8.	INCO 16 - Everything very quiet - few flares and practically no M.G activity - No enemy were seen or heard.

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Intelligence Summary
 Period ban 1st to ban 2/8/18. 4th Bn

1. Our Operations

a. Artillery - Active on rear areas during the day - At 10.15 - 11.40 pm and 1 am Harassing shoots of 2 minute duration were carried out on enemy forward zone

(b) Patrols - 3 Patrols each 1 officer and 6 others operated on the Ban front.

(1) 10 pm to 12 pm - Route on map - No enemy seen or heard

(2) 12 pm to 2 am - Worked down valley from left of sector about 500' out and thence along the front, laying up at 3 points. No enemy seen but Horse transport heard on road

WARFUSEE - GAILLY (P236)

(3) 2 am - 4 am - Worked out to P166 5.8 (approx) & thence to P116 2.8. One enemy seen about P166 9.7 - he disappeared in the crops - There appears to be a post here as there is a well worn track leading to this point. Talking

- R
- heard from approx (P11C31).
- (c) Machine Guns. - NIL. reported
- (d) Trench Mortars - Fired into ACCROCKE
Wood at about 6pm (ids
unknown) and again between
12pm & 2am (5 rounds)
- (e) Snipers - Active but no definite
hits claimed - Made some
boscha double in accrocke wood
- (f) Aircraft. - Out planes were very
active throughout the
day - at 7.30am they MG
trenches in P17a.
12.30pm - 4 bombs on P17a
2.45pm - 5 " " "

Identification - Nil

Enemy Defences -

(a) New Works - None observed.

(b) Wire - " "

(c) Posts - See Patrols

(d) M.Gs - Very quiet on this sector
except against our planes.

(e) T.Ms - None Reported

Enemy Aircraft -

Inactive on the line -
at 4.30pm 4 planes flew over
and fired 4 of our balloons
They were engaged heavily

3.

by AA and MGRs - One plane appeared to get into difficulties and flew home very low and very "groggily" apparently hit. He succeeded in regarding his lines.
Description - Overlapping top wings - Fuselage painted Grey brown - wings painted with coloured squares

Enemy Attitude - Quiet except for a few snipers. Artillery more active than on previous period.

Movement - Continuous traffic from bank - K25b 7550 along to wood K25d and disappearing at K31b 5060.
Dog seen running down hill in P11c & disappeared near P11c 61 (Looks like a dugout)

Miscellaneous - 10:5pm - during enemy stroke on North of River! Several double Greens and Single Red lights were fired
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J.D.

Intelligence Summary 44th Bn
 Period from 2nd to 3rd 8/18.

1 Our Operations.

- (a) Artillery. Normally active throughout the period.
- (b) Patrols - 5 Patrols each 1 off to others operated on Backfront between 10pm & 4am
- Light as of man lighting a match seen at P11doo. M.Gs active from ridge P11-17 but none from valley or ACCROCHE WOOD. Occasional very light from ACCROCHE WOOD. Enemy post (probably 8-10 men) located at P11b9005. Patrol was fired on with rifles and bombs from this post. Trenches & rifle pits in P11a & c were examined. No sign of enemy. Sounds of talking & digging heard from P11d 4.4 (approx.) whilst patrol was lying up. Listening in old C.T. 1a whistle was blown near the above working party. About 40 or so 77mm were fired in direction and vicinity of patrol immediately

afterwards.

- (c) M.Gs - None reported
 (d) T.Ms - Movement in ACEROCHE Wood engaged - one hit
 One enemy moved from MG position P17a7040 - one hit
 Total - 2 hits claimed
 (f) Aircraft - ~~None~~ - bom-plane flew over ACEROCHE Wood - One whistle blast & ~~MGs~~ ^{of road}
 Identification - Nil

Enemy Defences

- a. New Works - None observed
 b. Wire - " "
 c. Posts - - at P16b9095 (patrol route)
 d. M.Gs - One observed firing from Trench P17a7040 - Firing over F.L and also at aircraft
 AA MGs at P16b888 and
 e. T.Ms - None.

Enemy Aircraft. - None observed.
 Enemy Attitude - Normal - Slight MG activity during night.

Movement. - Parties of 2-6 men moving in and out of ACEROCHE

3.

wood from dawn to 10 am - Engaged
with L.G rifle fire - one man seen
to fall - All wearing full packs -
8.40 am - 18 pdrs fired with good result.
dispersing them - After this shoot they
used tracks further south.

4.15 pm - 4 men carried out a stretcher
case from the wood.

Movement in small parties from X road
P24a o.b to trench P17c3.1. Above
movement occurs each morning between
5 am & 10 am.

2.15 pm - 4 men in trench K25D8520

2.20 - 3 men at K25d 6020.

~~Myself~~ - ~~with~~ ~~with~~ ~~with~~ ~~with~~

9 pm - further movement in small
parties (2's & 3's) between P17a55
and ACEROEHE WOOD.

4.30 am - ditto returning
from wood

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The following translation of a German document, although labelled "Strategems and Traps which the enemy possibly employs" - gives an excellent indication of the kind of traps likely to be encountered in territory newly won from the enemy :-

Army G.S.2.
Iv.No.9365

A.H.Q.
7th March 1918

Strategems and Traps which the enemy possibly employs.

I - IN DUGOUTS.

(a) A long curved branch, laid against the entrance to a dugout, looking as if it were meant to hide the entrance, causing anyone entering to drag it away. It is fastened to a string which is attached to a prepared "live" charge inside the dugout, which explodes after the lapse of several minutes.

(b) A book lying on a table is attached by means of a string running down the leg of the table to an explosive charge, which detonates when the book is lifted.

(c) Charges are laid in abandoned coal heaps.

(d) Charges may be hidden in stovepipes, which are connected to the grate by a fuse and explode on a fire being lighted.

(e) A sandbag hinders entrance to a dugout; if dragged aside it causes a combined charge of about a dozen steel hand-grenades to explode in the immediate vicinity (fuse attachment with "pull-away" arrangement).

(f) A step-board with badly hammered nail, which is placed above a detonator already connected to a charge. Any disturbance of the nail causes an explosion.

(g) An invisible thread, connected to an explosive, stretched across the entrance to a dugout.

(h) In dugouts existing common telephone wires connected to mines which explode on disturbance of the wires.

(i) The pulling away of a spade stuck into the walls of a dugout or jammed between two boards causes, by means of a fuse, the explosion of a mine.

(j) The removal of scrub (twigs) which hide the entrance to a dugout, the opening of a door or of a stove, causes the explosion of a charge or hand-grenades.

(k) Various articles which have been left behind, such as tools, bits of metal, fragments of shell, helmets, identity discs, artificial flowers and souvenirs of all kinds, cause fatal misfortune, as strings connect them to prepared charges.

(l) An apparently inoffensive stovepipe may cause the explosion of a mine when one attempts to put it in its proper place; an old chair is employed to similar purpose.

(m) A window-weight fastened to a string at the entrance to a dugout falls upon a box of detonators, causing detonation of a charge if the string is broken.

(n) A loose step disturbs a nail which is in position over the detonator of a charge.

II - IN THE TRENCHES.

(a) A wire fastened to buried hand-grenades causes these to explode when the wire is pulled.

(b) New or old boards, lying on the firestep, may hide instantaneous mines.

(c) Barbed wire in entanglements is sometimes connected to hand-grenades.

(d) Other hand-grenades are strewn about the ground or hidden in the undergrowth.

(e) Articles of clothing or equipment are connected to hand-grenades.

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(a) A path leads from the side of the road into a mine gallery which is not timbered, and which only has a very thin roof. A 15 or 20 cm. shell, sustained by supporting beams, is so arranged that the point of the fuse almost touches the roof; transport passing overhead causes the pin to drop and the shell to explode.

(b) An instantaneous mine, capable of supporting the weight of a man, is left lying on the road; the weight of loaded transport, however, causes it to detonate - a box full of explosives answers the same purpose; they are sunk in a few cm. deep.

IV - IN WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS.

Wire entanglements, cleverly camouflaged with brushwood, are difficult to recognise. They check the advance and permit of the establishment of traps.

V - BUILDINGS.

An undamaged house in the midst of ruined buildings is especially dangerous; here infernal machines may be laid; frequently small mines may be found under loose boards, under floors and behind the wainscoting (panelling).

VI - STABLES.

Sometimes hand-grenades may be found hidden under the cobbles or tiles of the floor, covered with straw; the slightest disturbance causes an explosion. Fodder, hay and straw are always suspicious.

VII - POISONED FOODSTUFFS.

The enemy may possibly leave damaged foodstuffs behind - the troops are to be warned not to touch them.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

As it requires a certain time to prepare these traps, they may be suspected in places and localities which the enemy has evacuated voluntarily; they may also occur in cases where the enemy, following an attack, has been caused to evacuate or has been expelled by a rapid advance.

Mistrust is advised until such time as experts have made the necessary examination.

Too obvious or too well equipped dugouts - dugouts under roads or in their vicinity, single houses which by a miracle have remained undamaged - all work of recent date - newly dug trenches - articles of equipment which have remained in good condition amidst other shabby things - newly turned up earth - pieces of metal - walls of dugouts or galleries which create an impression of newness - souvenirs thought particularly much of by soldiers, such as rifles, bayonets, fragments of shell, cartridges, identity discs, which have been dropped in conspicuous or easily visible places - articles fastened to floors or walls - weapons, spades or hand-grenades - mine timber out of its original or proper place - in trenches, dugouts and saps articles of common use, such as (particularly) boards on the firestep which appear to have been newly prepared and newly laid duckboards.

Even by blowing up blocked entrances to dugouts no absolute safety is ensured; for in the remaining undamaged entrances or in the still intact parts of the dugout, mines may be concealed.

Horse lines must be thoroughly disinfected and can only be brought into use after the existing fodder and straw has been burned in accordance with measures of precaution.

Water-points must be marked with a board reading "Water not to be taken from here" until the water has been tested by an expert - the test will show whether the water is pure or not.

Roads must be carefully searched for mine galleries and anything in the nature of mines; a sharp ear must be kept in buildings and underground passages (vaults, cellars, etc) for the sounds of clockwork of infernal machines.

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(Signed)

NOTES ON THE COUNTRY
IN THE ENEMY'S OCCUPATION

BETWEEN THE RIVER SOMME AND THE AMIENS RAILWAY



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C O N T E N T S

1. Topographical and Enemy's Defences
2. Order of Battle and Enemy's Dispositions.
3. Attitude of the Enemy.
4. Strength of Enemy's Forces.
5. Short History of Divisions opposite the Corps Front.

APPENDIX:- Map showing Enemy's Order of Battle and Dispositions.

1st August, 1918

General Staff, "I",
Australian Corps.

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1. TOPOGRAPHICAL and ENEMY'S DEFENCES

The general character of the country lying between the River SOMME and the AMIENS main line, is that of a high watershed between the SIVRE, SOMME and LOUE, with deep indentations in the shape of long ravines running north and south from the river valleys. The country is dominated by the AMIENS - ST. QUENTIN Road, which roughly bisects the area under review. The most important ravines in the enemy's country from west to east are: (a) that terminating at LA MOTTE; (b) that originating at MORCOURT; (c) that originating at CHOIGNOLLES, which penetrates well over the main road.

In assessing the value of this area for defence, due note must be taken of the great importance of these valleys from a tactical point of view for the concealment of batteries, and still more as possible assembly positions for counter-attack troops. The enemy has apparently not exploited to the full the facilities offered him and his defence system is in a fluid state. His forward line consists of the old British BAMEL line, except for the last 1,500 yards adjacent to the SOMME itself, where there is no continuous line.

No attempt at the construction of rear lines is apparent, and the MORCOURT - PARBONNIERES line, consisting of an old double system of trenches does not show any signs of work. It is evident that the support and reserve troops are located in small shelters and mined dug-outs in the open country. There is very little wire anywhere.

There are no forward ammunition dumps, other than possible shell-hole dumps, of which there are a certain number scattered about the country. The advanced rail-head is at GULLAUCOURT, where supply and ammunition dumps are located.

To sum up, the enemy's defences are of a temporary and improvised nature in this area, and would not in themselves afford much assistance to defending troops.

2. ORDER OF BATTLE and ENEMY'S DISPOSITIONS

202nd R.I.R.

43rd Reserve Division

This division holds the SOMME sector and has one regiment south of the river. The 202nd R.I.R. has been badly shattered by our recent operations and is now very reduced in strength. It holds the line with one battalion, the other two probably being in support. The relief of the 43rd Res. Divn. must be considered imminent and it is likely that in its present weak state it is supported by a regiment of the 108th Divn., located in the M ORCOURT area. This division came into the line on June 22/23rd, relieving the 24th Res. Divn.

55th I.R.
13th I.R.
15th I.R.

13th Division

This division holds the WARFUSEE sector, all regiments having uniformly one battalion in the line, one in support and one in reserve. The division was severely handled on July 4th. All regiments suffered severely and the fighting efficiency of the division was much impaired. The relief of this division must also be considered likely in view of its reduced efficiency.

152nd I.R.
18th I.R.
148th I.R.

41st Division

The 41st Divn. holds the line opposite VILLERS-BREPOINNEUX. Both the 18th and 148th I.R.'s hold the line with one battalion, the other two being respectively in support and reserve. The 152nd I.R. on the other hand, has two battalions in the line, the other being in reserve. This division came into the line on July 8/9th, relieving the 108th Divn. There are rumours of the division going out, as it has suffered considerably in its present sector.

3. ATTITUDE OF THE ENEMY

The attitude of the enemy in this area is hard to determine and appears to be purely defensive. Recent prisoners' statements indeed point to a definite policy, the object of which is to avoid provocation and aggression and make this sector a quiet one. This is conceivable, considering the state of the divisions holding the line. The attitude of the front

line troops is quite passive, patrolling activity is negligible and minor enterprises and raids almost unknown. A certain amount of purely defensive work and wiring is in progress, but the whole policy of work is so haphazard as to lead to the conclusion that it must be dictated entirely by local considerations and not by a general plan. It seems reasonable to conclude that, although the enemy is purely on the defensive in this area, no organised plan for the preparation of defences appears to exist.

4. STRENGTH OF ENEMY'S FORCES

There are probably 7 battalions in the line between the SOMME and the railway, equivalent roughly to 2,030 rifles, 140 light machine guns, and 84 heavy machine guns. A further 14 battalions are in reserve, totalling approximately 4,060 rifles, 280 light machine guns, and 168 heavy machine guns. In all, therefore, there are 21 battalions probably available, i.e. 6,090 rifles, 420 light machine guns, and 252 heavy machine guns.

Four divisions are probably in reserve in the 2nd German Army; 2 are known to be east of the HINDENBURG Line, one is in the MORCOURT area, the fourth at VILLERS-CARBONNEL. The divisions have been resting over a month and have probably been brought up to strength with drafts. Assuming that for defensive purposes, they could put 120 rifles per company into the line, these divisions would muster 17,280 rifles, 720 light machine guns, and 288 heavy machine guns.

The number of guns in position between the SOMME and HANGARD WOOD is estimated as follows:

77mm. guns	148	
10.5cm. Hows.	44	
10cm. Guns	44	
15cm. Hows.	56	
21cm. Hows.	16	
<u>TOTAL</u>	192	Field Guns and Hows.
	116	Heavies
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	308	

5. SHORT HISTORY OF DIVISIONS OPPOSITE THE CORP S FRONT43rd Reserve Division

Engagements. The 43rd Res. Divn. was first engaged in October 1914, in the 1st Battle of YPRES. Part of the division remained in BELGIUM, proceeding to SERBIA about July, 1915. The remainder of the division was seriously engaged in the fighting about SOUBREZ during the French offensive. One regiment lost 26 officers and 1,520 men during the fighting. About the beginning of July, elements of the division took part in the Mackensen offensive in POLAND, and one regiment during 4 months lost 63 officers and 3,511 men.

After a short spell in SERBIA, the division returned to the Western Front, and was heavily engaged in the VERDUN fighting in February and March, 1916. It took part in the German counter-offensive in Russia in June. In 1917 the 43rd Res. Divn. took part in the fighting on the CHEMIN DES DAMES (July and August, 1917) and suffered severe losses. After another tour in Russia, it returned to the Western Front and took part in the LYS advance, receding in the line near FESTUBERT till the end of April. It went into rest near CAMBRAI and trained for 3 weeks and came into the line in the MOULANCOURT sector about the 21st inst.

Quality. The 43rd Res. Divn. has always been considered a good fighting unit. It is drawn from the depots of Guard Regiment and consequently contains "human material" of good quality. In the end of 1917 it was used as a special counter-attack division. Owing, however, to its many engagements and heavy losses, it has frequently been reconstituted.

13th Division

Engagements. The 13th Divn. took part in the early fighting in 1914 and from October, 1914 to March, 1915 held continuously almost the same sector in the FAUQUISSART - CAMBAIN area. The 13th Divn. was engaged at NEUVE CHAPELLE and FESTUBERT and incurred heavy losses. During 1916, it took part in the fighting at VERDUN and was engaged at CIERY in September of that year, where it is said to have lost a third of its effectives. After this it returned to

PWP.



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GERMAN HAND-GRANADE TRAP.

The following is translation of a document - captured from the enemy during the recent operations - describing a German Hand-Granade Trap.

As several of these traps have been seen in the territory recently occupied by the enemy, troops should exercise care during salvage operations.

Description.

The Hand-Granade Trap consists of an ordinary grey-brown sailcloth nosebag, which is unsewn at the top; size about 8" x 7". The base consists of two wooden boards, of which the top one is fixed and carries in a hollow a Mill's Hand Grenade, with lever and pin on the underside. The lower board is only made fast on one side and has a hollow in the centre which allows the grenade and lever a certain amount of play.

To the pin is attached a cord, which is brought down between the two boards and is then fastened to a post (of wire entanglement or similar). Above the top board in the nosebag is placed from 3-4 1/2 lbs of explosive and above this are placed two cartridge drums of a Lewis Gun.

Action.

On picking up or pulling away the sack, the cord from the post to the pin causes the latter to be withdrawn and the lever to fly back, upon which the grenade becomes live and detonates. This causes the explosive to detonate and the explosive effect is augmented by the two drums of cartridges.

To render harmless.

The troops are to be instructed as to the nature of this trap.

When one is found, cut the cord - then lock the pin by bending back the ends.

Complete destruction is easiest - ensured by throwing into water or burying.

To Corp
 Note & initial JPB
 Please communicate
 to all ranks JPB

Toted
 A Coy [unclear]
 B Coy [unclear]
 C Coy [unclear]
 D Coy [unclear]

AUSTRALIAN CORPS

Corps Headquarters,

August 7, 1918.

To the Soldiers of the Australian Army Corps.-

For the first time in the history of this Corps all five Australian Divisions will tomorrow engage in the largest and most important battle operation ever undertaken by the Corps.-

They will be supported by an exceptionally powerful Artillery, and by Tanks and Aeroplanes on a scale never previously attempted.- The full resources of our sister Dominion, the Canadian Corps, will also operate on our right, while two British Divisions will guard our left flank.

The many successful offensives which the Brigades and Battalions of this Corps have so brilliantly executed during the past four months have been but the prelude to, and the preparation for, this greatest and culminating effort.-

Because of the completeness of our plans and dispositions, of the magnitude of the operations, of the number of troops employed, and of the depth to which we intend to overrun the enemy's positions, this battle will be one of the most memorable of the whole war; and there can be no doubt that, by capturing our objectives, we shall inflict blows upon the enemy which will make him stagger, and will bring the end appreciably nearer.-

I entertain no sort of doubt that every Australian soldier will worthily rise to so great an occasion, and that every man, imbued with the spirit of victory, will, in spite of every difficulty that may confront him, be animated by no other resolve than a grim determination to see through, to a clean finish, whatever his task may be.-

The work to be done tomorrow will perhaps make heavy demands upon the endurance and staying powers of many of you; but I am confident that, in spite of excitement, fatigue, and physical strain, every man will carry on to the utmost of his powers until his goal is won; for the sake of AUSTRALIA, the Empire, and our cause.

I earnestly wish every soldier of the Corps the best of good fortune and a glorious and decisive victory, the story of which will re-echo throughout the world, and will live forever in the history of our home land.-

John Monash

Lieut.-General,
Commanding Australian Corps.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

10th. August, 1918.

*Distributed
to Units*

The following from Australian Corps is forwarded
for information :-

"Wire received from General BIRDWOOD begins aaa
First class, evidently everything as completely
satisfactory as I felt sure it would be with all
the excellent arrangements made aaa Will you please
convey my heartiest and sincerest congratulations
to divisional generals and all concerned aaa I
only wish every man could realise my feeling for
him aaa Will inform MELBOURNE when I have more
details aaa ends."

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G.O.,
 41st. Battalion.
 42nd. Battalion.
 43rd. Battalion.
 44th. Battalion.
11th. F.M. Battery.

[Handwritten scribble]



The G.O.C. wishes to express his appreciation of the good work carried out by Units of this Brigade during the past few months in salvaging the quantity of valuable stores sent to the Base and placed to the credit of the Brigade.

He would like his appreciation of this work to be conveyed not only to the men who do the actual salvaging, but also to the personnel of the Quartermaster's department and transport who are primarily responsible for the removal and listing of these stores.

As there still appear to be quite a lot of stores, equipment, etc., in our present area he wishes every Unit to endeavour to continue the good work.

17/8/18.
 (R.B.)

*Copies to
 [Handwritten signature]*

A/Staff Captain, 11th. Aust. Inf.

[Handwritten signature]

Captain.
 Brigade.

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Australian Corps.

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I desire to express officially to all ranks of the Australian Corps my sincere appreciation of their splendid victory over the enemy on August 8th and the succeeding days.

The task that was allotted to them depended largely for its success on the element of surprise. The care that was taken prior to August 8th to camouflage the arrival of the Canadian Corps interfered to some extent with the Australian Corps' dispositions. In spite of this and other difficulties, the assembly of the Corps, the distribution of the tanks, and the disposition of a large force of heavy and field artillery, were accomplished by night without attracting attention.

From zero onwards everything went according to programme and without a hitch. It was no ordinary feat to win all the objectives allotted, to effect a penetration of 10 miles into the hostile position, and to reach the most distant objective half an hour before scheduled time.

The three points which I desire specially to eulogize are (1) the splendid gallantry and drive of the infantry, (2) the thoroughness and precision of the Staff work of the Corps, Divisions, and Brigades, and (3) the skill and rapidity with which the mobile artillery were brought forward in close support of the infantry for the attack of the more distant objectives.

I offer my heartiest congratulations and warm thanks to all ranks of the Australian Corps, though I feel that whatever words I may use all Australians realize that "Victory is her own reward". It was a splendid performance and as fine a feat of arms as any that even this war can produce.

B. Rawlins

H.Q., Fourth Army,
13th August, 1918.

General,
Commanding Fourth Army.

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S E C R E T.

C.O.,
41st. Battalion.
42nd. Battalion.
43rd. Battalion.
44th. Battalion.

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1. The attached Map shows marked in Green and Yellow the final line which the Army Commander wishes to establish immediately North of the SOMME.
2. This line will probably be established in three stages.
 - (a) The 10th. Brigade will capture BRAY on night 23/24th. August.
 - (b). Later, the 11th. Brigade operating in the Northern Brigade Sector and using 44th. Battalion on Right and 43rd. Battalion on Left capture the Yellow and Green Line from Divisional Northern Boundary South to the copse in L.11.d. throwing back along the Brown Line.
 - (c) Later, (probably following immediately behind 44th. Battalion) the 41st. Battalion will pass through the 44th. Battalion and establish the GREEN and Yellow Line from the copse in L.11.d. to the River in G.13.d.The 10th. Brigade will co-operate in this by cleaning up the area South of the Brigade boundary to the SOMME.
3. After reaching the final objective it is proposed to cease all artillery fire so as to allow of exploitation through CEYLON Wood towards SUZANNE.
4. The final objective immediately South of the SOMME includes Hill 90 in L.35.d.
5. The other lines shown on the attached Map are proposed lines of consolidation.

It will be noticed that they include two Switch Lines on the Northern Flank for our protection in case of a Northern flank failure.
6. Areas for consolidation when the final objective is gained are shown on the attached plan.
7. The proposed final S.O.S. Line is the Western and Southern Edges of the shaded barrage area shown on the attached Map.
8. The above is put forward merely as a forecast so as to allow of a definite train of thought for C.Os. and is therefore liable to alteration.

23/8/18.
(R.B.)

J. H. Cannon
Major.
Brigade Major, 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

C.O.,
 41st. Battalion.
 42nd. Battalion.
 43rd. Battalion.
 44th. Battalion.

Reference B.M. 191.

1. Divisional Boundary remains SOMME Canal South.
 Northern Boundary Line running L.3.d.O.C., L.5. Central,
 A.27. Central, A.28. Central, A.29. Central, thence to River.
 Inter Brigade Boundary - Cross Road L.9.d.9.2., thence
 Cross Road L.11.d.6.4., thence due East on that general alignment.
2. 10th. Brigade operating on the Right.
 11th. Brigade on the Left.
 9th. Brigade in reserve.

The objective and dispositions will be as per my B.M.191
 of the 23rd., with the following exceptions:-

43rd. Battalion on the Left will have a frontage of 500 yards.
 44th. Battalion on the Right will have the balance of the
 Brigade frontage, approximately 750 yards.

41st. Battalion will be Reserve Battalion in area L.8.b.,
 L.8.d., L.9.a., b., c. and d., and will also entrench for advance in
 a North-North-Easterly direction.

4 Machine Guns of the 11th. Machine Gun Coy. will follow
 each 43rd. and 44th. Battalions.

It is also hoped to secure the other 8 Machine Guns of the
 11th. M.G. Coy., 4 to be placed in L.11.a* to fire North-North-East
 and 4 in L.4.b. to fire East-North-East.

It is anticipated that two Coys. of the 42nd. Battalion,
 half an hour after timed arrival of 43rd. and 44th. Battalions on
 their objective will be required to exploit the success for a dis-
 tance of 1000 to 1500 yards beyond the final objective, either
 for the purpose of establishing an advanced picquet line or merely
 for the purpose of destroying any enemy guns or personnel subse-
 quently returning to the West of the objective of the objective
 of the 43rd. and 44th. Battalions.

During this period which should take approximately one hour
 there will be no artillery fire except Heavies shooting into
 G.9.c., G.9.a., G.3.c., G.3.a., G.2.B., A.26.a., b., c. and d.,
 A.19.b. and d.

It is understood that a Brigade of 47th. will be co-operating
 on the Left. No details are yet available. C.Os. 41st., 42nd.
 and 43rd. Battalions will be required to establish liaison with the
 Battalions operating on that flank.

C.Os. 42nd. and 44th. Battalions will also arrange necessary
 liaison with flank Battalions of the 10th. Brigade.

Reconnaissance to give effect to the above will be carried
 out immediately.

B.H.Q. and R.A.P. of 39th. Battalion are now situated at
 K.18.a.5.0.

For the operation, R.A.P. of 37th. and 39th. Battalions will be
 at L.14.a.3.2.

B.H.Q. of 37th. Battalion 500 yards East of L.14.a.3.2.

B.H.Q. and R.A.P. of 40th. Battalion L.19.b.5.5.

B.H.Q. and R.A.P. of 38th. Battalion, L.8.a. Central. (Out of
 their area and would be available to any of our C.Os.)

39th. Battalion will operate on the Right.

37th. Battalion will operate on the Left.

35th. Battalion in Support- Right Flank.

h. Battalion in Reserve.