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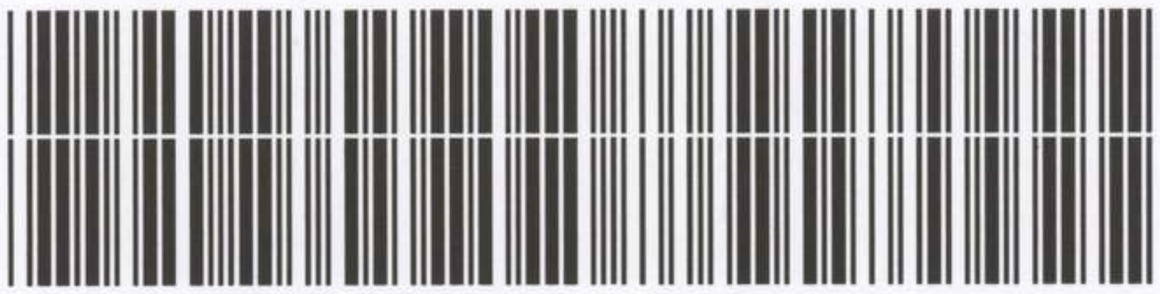

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57th Battalion. A.I.F. (1)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Biefvillers	1.6.17	8.30 AM	Fine weather - Battalion Route march with 1st Line Transport. Route Biefvillers - Bihucourt	
			G 22 A - Grevillers. Battalion passed the Starting Point H 4 b 9 9 at 8.30 am. Halted at 8.50 am	
			for 10 minutes and again at 9.50 am. Returned to Starting Point at 10.27 am	
			No men fell out during the march and after the feet were examined only a	
			few cases of bad feet were examined by the M.O.	
		3 pm	The G.O.C 15th Inf Bde inspected the Battalion Transport at 3 pm at a point 400 yards	
			south of Bde HQs. The inspection was very satisfactory, but improvement	
			required re the brass ware. Games were carried out during afternoon	
		7.15 pm	Brigade Major gave a lecture on 'Company in Attack' to all Company Officers.	
			Company Commanders lectured to Companies at 6.15 pm	
	2.6.17	8.15 AM	Battalion Parade at 8.15 am. 80 Lewis Gunners practised on the Range and 12 men	
			from each Company with the Bn Bombers carried out Rifle Grenade Practice	
			at Brigade under Capt Keen. The remainder of the Bn carried out Artillery	
			Formation for one hour and Bayonet fighting also Gas drill as per	
		1.30 pm	Syllabus. The Battalion was put through the Divn Baths at Barastre	
			and all the Bn blankets were fumigated and returned clean.	

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57th Battalion AIF (2)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Biefvillers	3.6.17	9.30 AM	Beautiful weather. Church Parade. C of E + OPD at 9.30 am on 57th Bn Parade ground.	
			also the 59th Bn paraded with the 57th Bn. Chaplain - McEvoy 57th Bn.	
			Holy Communion was held at 10.15 am in the Y.M.C.A. Tent.	
			R.C. Parade was held in the Y.M.C.A. Tent at 9.30 AM.	
		11 AM	G.O.C 15th Inf Bde inspected the Battalion lines at 11 am and the inspection	
			proved very satisfactory for the 57th Bn.	
			Two Company football matches were played during the afternoon also a	
			game of Soccer against the 60th Bn Scores 57th Bn 3 goals 60th nil.	
			Remforcements taken on the strength. 66 ORs	
	4.6.17.	7.50 AM	Battalion Route march with 1st Line of Transport. Route GREVILLERS - G.22.A - G.10.C.	
			BIHUCOURT. The Battalion arrived at the Starting Point at 7.50 am and halted for	
			10 minutes and passed the Starting Point H19b99 at 8 am. There was a	
			great improvement on the last Route march and the step right through	
			the Column was good. The weather was very hot, but no men	
			fell out during the march. A lecture on 'Barrages' was given by the	
			Brigade Major in the Y.M.C.A. Tent at 2.15 pm. all Company officers	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Biefvillers	4.6.17		very present and at 6.15 pm Company Commanders gave the same lecture to their Companies. Inter Company Cricket matches were carried out during afternoon.	
	5.6.17	8.15 AM	Battalion work on Sector. Three Companies on completing trenches and wire entanglements one Company filling all the old German works and shell holes in the Bn area. All Specialists started training. 1 Officer + 16 ORs marched in from Bécourt Camp Lieut. Dickmeon	
		2.15 pm	Lecture by Brigade Major on messages + Reports. At 6.15 pm Company Commanders delivered same lecture to their Companies.	
		3 pm	Brigade Major with Major Artcheson + 2nd Command. Company Commanders went over the ground and the B.M. explained to Bn Officers the Scheme for the Tactical Scheme of "advanced guard Company in attack on tactical points", to be carried out on the 6th inst	
	6.6.17	8.15 AM	The Battalion carried out at tactical schemes on "advance guard Company in attack on tactical points". The scheme was carried out on the following ground Reference 57c NW Squares. H13b - G24 + H32. Two Companies moved out at 8.15 am The weather was very warm. Scheme as per attached appendix 1	Capt appendix 1

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Biefvillers			attached appendix No II is a sketch showing the developments of the successive	appendix II
			and independent attacks at the time of withdrawal of the enemy.	
			afternoon as sports were carried out.	
	7.6.17	8.15 AM	Warm fine weather. Battalion Parade at 8.15 am, with the exception of those attending	
			the Brigade School. Lewis Gunners practiced at range and elementary work with the gun.	
			Bombers at Brigade Course. Other Specialists as per syllabus. Battalion carried out	
			elementary musketry. Afternoon Company Cricket matches.	
	8.6.17.	7.20 AM	a beautiful day 57th 58th Bns & 15th M G Coy Route march. Route GREVILLERS. H31 D0.1	
			M11 b 6.4 Return via MISTY WAY and H 26 D Started in the above order at 7.20 AM.	
		3pm.	with 10 minute intervals. 1st Line Transport accompanied column. at 3pm G.O.C	
			15th Bde inspected Battalion Transport at a point 400 yds South of Bde HQs.	
			Our turn out was much improved on that the previous week and everything	
			was most satisfactory. Afternoon Inter Company Cricket matches.	
	9.6.17	8.15 AM	Battalion Parade at 8.15 am. All specialists carried out their training.	
			Battalion at work on Reserve Line trenches. Completing trenches & drainage.	
			N.C.O's at Brigade School. Semi-finals of Company Cricket matches. Boxing bouts at	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Biefvillers		7.30 pm	58th Bn Stadium at 7.30 pm	
			Battalion Strength Total Eff Strength	
			Officers ORs	
			37 949	
			Offrs ORs	
			Field Amb 4 29	
			Detached out of area 11 115	
			Brigade Details 2 30	
			With Unit 20 775	
			Total 37 949	
	10.6.17	9.30 AM	Brigade Church Parades. C of E. at 58th Bn Parade Ground OPDs at 57th Bn ground	
			both at 9.30 am Communion in Y.M.C.A Tent at 10.15 am	
			RCs parade at 9.30 am in YMCA Tent.	
		11 AM	G.O.C 15th Inf Bde inspected Battalion lines and reported that they were good	
	11.6.17		work put off on account of very heavy rain. At 10.45 am Battalion started	
			work again and carried out close order drill till 12.15 pm	
			Lieut. Col JC Stewart D.S.O. C.O. 57th Bn returned from England after being present	
			at the Investiture on the 2nd June 1917.	
			Lieut Col. JC. Stewart. D.S.O. 57th Bn assumes Command of the 15th Inf Bde A.I.F.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Biefvillers			during the absence of Brig-General HE ELLIOTT CMG from 12th inst	
			afternoon combined games + boxing at stadium at 7.30 pm	
	12.6.17	8.15 AM	Fine weather. Work. Two Companies on drainage of RESERVE LINE Trenches	
			Two Companies. Close order Drill + elementary musketry.	
		10.30 AM	Camp inspected by G.O.C. IV CORPS.	
			lines reported as good. At 2.15 pm Lecture by Brigade major on	
		4 pm	Company Final matches "C" Coy won the inter company premiership.	
			Officers played 60th Bn officers. Result. 57th Bn 52 60th 41 won by 11 on 1st innig	
	13.6.17	8.15 AM	Battalion carried out fire practice on 50 yds Range at 8.15 am. all except Bn	
			Specialists attended the range. Final day for N.C.O's at Brigade School	
		2.30 pm	held at Biefvillers. Battalion transport moved off proceeding to RUBEMPRE	
			as per attached Battalion Order No 30 appendix III. appendix IV Bde order	appendix III appendix IV
		1.30 pm	Battalion were bathed at BAPAUME BATHS at 1.30 pm and issued with new	
			clean under clothes also socks which contained some tobacco + cigarettes.	
			Battalion held a marching out parade at 5 pm and lines were throughly	
		7.30 pm	cleaned. At 7.30 pm. Final meeting of the Stadium which was a great success.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Biefvillers.	14.6.17.	9.30 AM	Fine warm weather. Battalion Parade held at 9.30 am. Lines and camp area throughly cleaned. Battalion moved off at 10.30 am to entrain at BAPAUME proceeding to PUCHEVILLERS as per attached appendix No V. attached Battalion order No 31. appendix VI. Departed from BAPAUME at 12 noon and arrived at PUCHEVILLERS at 2.25 pm. marched to CONTAY arriving at 4.55 pm. The Battalion marched into Billets all present and correct. Owing to the blankets being carried for the first time for a few weeks and the weather being so hot, the men tired quickly, but only three men fell back as far as the rear guard. The men were all made comfortable for the night. The billets were good and quiet a change after the tents at BIEFVILLERS.	appendix V appendix VI
CONTAY.	15.6.17.	8.15 am.	All Companies held a parade and cleaned up their billets. all the old dirty straw etc in most cases was taken out of the billets. Specialists held their parades	
	16.6.17.	8.15 am.	Company parades carrying out close order drill. owing to the parade areas not being chosen, they were not able to carry out Company drill. Kit inspection was held during the afternoon and companies cleaned their equipment. at 5 pm Company cricket matches were held on recreation ground.	
	17.6.17.	9 am.	Church Parades were held as follows:- C of E + OPD at 9 am on the 58th Bn parade ground. R.C. at 9 am at CONTAY. Church.	
	18.6.17.	6.30 am.	Battalion Route march as per syllabus attached (appendix VII). Route TOUTENCOURT and HERISSART. Head of Column to pass Starting Point V21 D8.7 at 6.30 am. Two Companies were put through the CONTAY baths in the morning and two during the afternoon. Sports were carried out during the afternoon. H.Q. boys played Cricket. Evening lecture by Company Commanders. Obs Fire discipline exercise.	appendix VII.
	19.6.17	8.15 am	The Battalion carried out musketry + Bayonet fighting on H.Q. areas. C. Coy had the Range first, followed by D Coy. The Range is only a small 25 yds range and it was in a very bad condition. There are nine targets and the Battalions have their own each day. The Bayonet course is not near completed. The other three Companies carried out squad bayonet fighting for 1½ hours. Remainder of parade was close order drill. At 7.30 am the stadium was opened. Several good bouts were fought. The 58th Bn band played selections during the evening. night lecture on wood fighting given to the Companies.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CONTAY	20.6.17.	8.15 AM.	Battalion carried out on D area ground work through woods, Patrols etc Companies practised the scouts going through + chiefly going round the flanks of the woods. All specialists carried out their syllabus + Lewis Gunners on the 25 yds range Some very excellent firing was carried out by B Coy men. afternoon sports as usual. 57th Bn played 15th M.G Coy.	
	"	4 p.m.	Night lecture on Patrols given to the Companies by the Company Officers Boxing as usual	
	21.6.17.	8.15 AM	Musketry and Bayonet fighting "D" Coy carried out Range Practice. Other Companies Bayonet fighting + close order drill. The School of Equitation and Driving commenced All the mounted officers of the Battalion paraded at 8.30 am. on parade ground. T30 a. The instructor went through the elementary points of mounting + dismounting etc, also riding at various paces. Syllabus attached (Appendix VIII)	Appendix VIII.
			Night lecture on Wood Fighting.	
	22.6.17	8.15 a.m.	Companies moved out at 8.15 am to H area ground and carried out observations, verbal + written reports. This was done very satisfactorily Men were posted at different positions + distance + judging distance and	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CONTAY	23.6.17		identifying targets was carried out Results right through were very good	
		8.30am	Officers at riding school Further instruction in turning ordering	
			without the irons. Boxing at stadium getting ready for the	
			Bde finals.	
	23.6.17		The Battalion held a complete kit inspection after which	
			the Companies carried out platoon drill on A area	
			for 3½ hours Company sports & cricket matches.	
			"C" Company preparing for the Brigade Field Firing Scheme	
			to be held on Monday 25th inst at THIEPVAL	
			Boxing at 7.30 pm as usual	
	24.6.17	6.30 pm	The two Companies chosen to represent the Battalion	
			in the Field Firing Scheme move out to WELLINGTON	
			HUTS under the command of Major Aitchison.	
			Attached appendix is sketch of ground on which	
			the scheme is to be held on Appendix IX	Appendix IX

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CONTAY.	25.6.17	6.30 am	Battalion Route March less two Companies who were at THIEPVAL carry out Firing Scheme	
			ROUTE TOUTENCOURT - PUCHEVILLERS - HERISSART. Head of Column passed starting Point	
			CONTAY Church U27 a 2.6 at 6.30 am 1st line of transport did not go out.	
			herewith attached Syllabus for week 25th inst to 30th inst. appendix. XI	appendix XI
		9 am	Officers attended Riding School at 9 am. Transport drivers at 2.30 pm	
			Bn. Effective Strength Total Eff. Strength.	

Officers	ORs.
34	969

	Officers	ORs
Field amb.	3	28
Detached at Corps	8	88
Brigade Details		36
With Unit	23	817
Total	34	969

			Finals for Bde Boxing were held. 57th Bn won the heavy weights.
	26.6.17	8.15 am	H+B Companies carried out their training re Assault at Arms. H Company doing Company drill also one bayonet team of 1 NCO + 9 men. practice on course at B area. B Company had one platoon practicing the platoon Obstacle event. as laid down on Syllabus of Assault at Arms. afternoon B Coy went to Baths.
	~~26.6.17~~		Officers Riding as usual.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CONTAY	27.6.17	8.15 AM	The Rifle Range was allotted to B Coy. they carried out grouping and application practices. "A" Coy practising Company drill as per Assault at Arms Syllabus. The two Companies who were at THIEPVAL at the Field Firing Scheme returned to CONTAY at 12.15 pm. "C" Coy came first out of the four Companies of the CONTAY portion of the Brigade. at 9 am Officers Riding School. Riding without irons and jumps. Inter-company cricket match H.Q.B. Officers 57th Bn v. Officers 15th M.G. Coy. 57th Bn. 1st innings 71. match put off on account of rain.	
	28.6.17	8.15 AM	Bn carried out Assault at Arms practices. The Each Company team of Bayonet fighters had practice over course. H. Company Company drill.	
		9 am	Officers Riding School. Transport drivers owing to inspection of transport for the 29th inst was put off. afternoon sports. Boxing at 7.30 pm at Athenaeum.	
	29.6.17	8.15 a.m.	Fine weather. C & D Coys carried out assault at arms. "C" Coy range practice preparing for finale of Field Firing Scheme. "C" Coy are to represent the 15th Inf Bde for this practice. Remainder of Bn. Route march. Route HERISSART. PUCHEVILLERS. TOUTENCOURT. Starting Point CONTAY church. Head of	
		3 pm	Column to pass at 6.30 am. Dress. Fighting order. At 3 pm Battalion Transport	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CONTAY			was inspected by the G.O.C. 15th Inf Bde at 57th Bn transport lines. The transport turned out very well and everything was most satisfactory.	
		4pm	at 4 pm in the YMCA Billet the Brigadier gave a lecture on 'advanced guards' to all the Officers of the CONTAY portion of the Bde.	
	30.6.17	8.15AM.	Three Companies of Battalion carried out the work as per syllabus. "C" Coy training for Keen event at THIEPVAL for July 2nd. Company Bayonets teams practice. Officers Riding school at 9 am. at 4pm lecture at YMCA Billet on ~~the use of~~ ~~duties of pigeons by~~ Pigeon duties by A.D. Signals.	

Battalion Strength. Total eff. Strength.

Officers	ORs.
33	1009

	Officers	ORs.
Field Amb.	2	32
Detached out of area.	8	88
Bde Details		38
with unit.	23	851
	33	1009.

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APPENDIX I.

A tactical exercise embracing each of two companies as advance Guards in attack against successive enemy Rearguard posts was carried out on the morning of 6th June 1917 by A + B Coys 57th Bn. The movement being over squares H 13 b - G 24 - and H 32 from a starting point H 14 C 5-0. Reference Map 57c N.W. The attached sketch shows the development of the successive and independent attacks at the time of withdrawal of the enemy.

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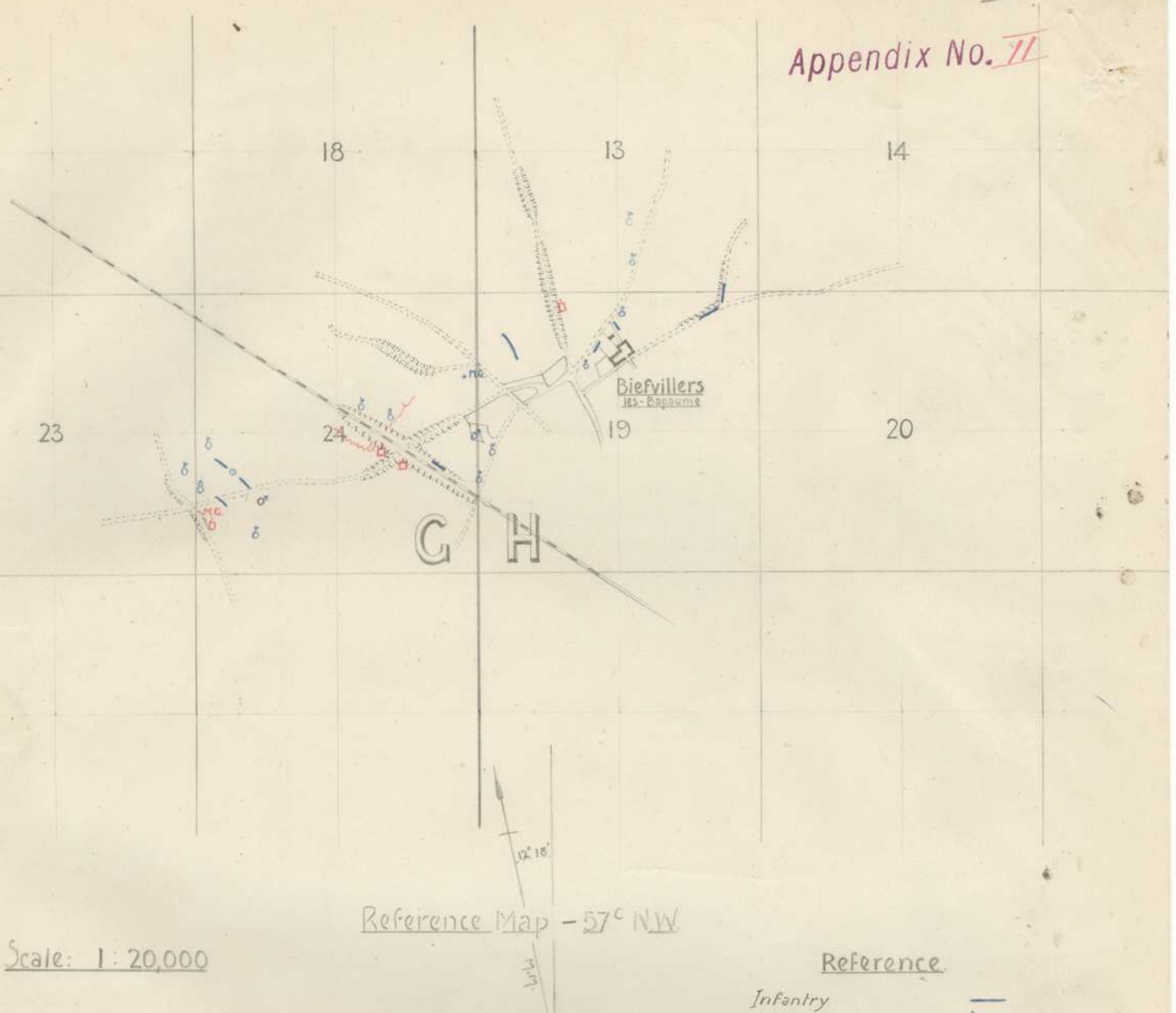

Reference Map – 57c NW.

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Reference

Infantry	——
Scouts	♂
Rifle Grenadiers	♂
Lewis Gun	♂
Stokes	⊙
Trenches	~~~~
Enemy Posts	MG

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Appendix No. III

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57th Bn. A.I.F.
13.6.17

Battalion order No 30

Ref. Map. Albert 1/40000
Lens 1/100000

1. It is anticipated that the Brigade will concentrate at RUBEMPRE on 14th June 1917
2. Transport will make the journey in two stages as under:-
   1st Stage. 13.6.17
   57th Bn will pass the Starting Point Road junction at H27 C 1.9 & follow the BAPAUME. ALBERT ROAD. Halting place for the night will be the GARDENS CAMP 1½ miles NE ALBERT
   2nd Stage 14/6/17
   Times, orders, starting point & route will be arranged by O.C Column

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(O.C. 29th AASC)

3. No SAA or grenades will be carried but full loads must be carried on all vehicles.
4. All animals will accompany the Transport Column
5. Strict march Discipline will be observed. Halts will be made each hour for 10 minutes preceding the clock hour
6. All Company boxes will be stacked outside Bn HQs by 12 noon 13/6/17
7. Officers valises will be placed at head of Officers lines by 12.15pm 13/6/17
8. Sufficient drivers to provide evening meal + breakfast will be kept back by each Company.

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15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order 106

12th June 1917

Reference - ALBERT 1/40,000
LENS 1/100000.

1. It is anticipated that the Brigade will concentrate at RUBEMPRE on 14th June.

2. The transports will make the journey in two stages as under:-

1st Stage - 13th June. Pass the starting point - road junction at H.27.C 1-9 at times shown and follow the BAPAUME-ALBERT Road. Halting place for the night will be the GARDENS CAMP situated on left hand side of road 1½ miles N.E of ALBERT.

2.30 pm	57th Battalion
2.35	58th "
2.40	59th "
2.45	60th "
2.50 pm	15th M G Coy
	15th Bde HQ
	15 ALT M B.

2nd Stage 14th June will be arranged by O.C Column, who will provide for an early start.

Times, order, starting points and routes

3. Captain KERR M.C 60th Battalion will command the column, and will arrange for the Camping accomodation on 13th June

4 No. S.A.A or hand grenades will be carried, but full loads must be carried on all vehicles. Absolute necessities will be carried on June 14th under special arrangements.

5. Baggage wagons will report to Units at 12 noon on 13th June.

6. Men will carry their blankets

7. All animals will accompany the transport Column

8. The strictest march discipline will be observed. Halts will be made each hour for 10 minutes preceding the clock hour.

(sgd) Geo F Wieck Major
Brigade Major 15th Aust Inf Brigade.

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2 58th "
3 59th "
4 60th "
5 15th M G Coy
6 15th A.L.T.M.B
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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 107

Reference. LENS - 1/100,000

1. The 15th Infantry Brigade will concentrate in the SENLIS Area on 14th June, after relief by 5th Infantry Brigade. 1st Line Transports has already proceeded and will reach the new area before noon on 14th June.

2. Units will move by rail from BAPAUME to PUCHEVILLERS and will be billetted as under:-

Brigade H Qrs	RUBEMPRE
59th Battalion	do
60 Battalion	do
57th Battalion	CONTAY
58th Battalion	do
15th M.G. Coy	do
15th ALTMD	do.

3. Moves will be made in accordance with Time Table issued herewith.

4. All S.A.A, Grenades, tents, shelters, etc. will be handed over to incoming Units and receipts obtained. Certificates and receipts will be forwarded to reach Brigade H Qrs by 9 am 15th June.

5. One motor lorry will report to Units at 10 am as under:-

1 -	Brigade H.Q.
1	Each Battalion
1	15th M.G. Coy & 15th ALTMD.

6. (a) Each train will consist of 2 officers coaches, 35 covered trucks and 1 brake van.
(b) No baggage of any kind will be entrained and no personnel will be allowed on the brake van (or on the roofs of trucks.)
(c) Troops will reach the Station one hour prior to time of departure of train.
(d) O.C Trains will nominate their own entraining officers who should report to the RTO one hour before the arrival of troops.

7. Brigade H Qrs will close at H.20 at 1 pm and will reopen at RUBEMPRE at 6 pm.

8. After arrival in the SENLIS area the 15th Brigade will draw supplies from CONTAY through the 29th A.S.C.

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No 1. 57th Battalion
2 58 "
3 59 "
4 60 "
5 15th M.G. Coy
6 15th ALTMB
7 15 Bde Sig Section
8 War Diary
9 Bde HQ File

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TIME TABLE

Issued with 15th Infantry Brigade Order 107

Train No.	Troops on Train	Times Depart.	Arrive	O.C. Train	Remarks
1.	57th Battalion 58th Battalion (less 2 Coys)	BAPAUME 12-00	PUCHEVILLERS 14-46	Major RITCHISON	a) Each of these trains are bringing forward the Units of the following Brigade. b) Units should report to O.C. Train as soon as possible each number of officers & O.R. they have entrained.
2.	59th Battalion 2 Coys 58 Battalion Brigade HQ	14-00	16-46	Lt Col MASON	
3.	60 Battalion 15 M.G. Coy 15 A.L.T.M.B.	19-00	22-46	Lt Col MARSHALL.	

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57th Bn.

14. 6. 17.

Battalion Order No 31

Ref Map. LENS. 1/100000

1. The Battalion will move to CONTAY on the 14th inst. entraining at BAPAUME at 12 noon for PUCHEVILLERS.
2. all portions of camp area must be handed over perfectly clean. Company Commanders will be responsible for their own Company sections.
3. All baggage to be stacked outside Battalion orderly Room at 9.45 am
4. Lieut. A.E. Keys. 57th Bn will be entraining officer for No 1 Train and will report to R.T.O at 10 am

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5. Battalion will move off from Battalion Parade Ground at 10.30 a.m. Dress. Marching Order with blanket. water bottles filled & balance 24 hrs rations

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a/ Adjt.
57th. Battalion A.I.F.

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15th AUSTRALIAN. INFANTRY BRIGADE

Programme of Work Week Ending 23/6/1917

DATE	Forenoon Parade (8.15 am to 12.15 pm)		Night Lecture 20 minutes
18th	57th Bn	Route March via TOUTENCOURT and HERRISSART. Start 6.30 am at U.21 D 8-2	Fire Discipline Exercises
	58th Bn	Musketry, Bayonet Fighting.	Grounds A & B
	59th Bn	Musketry, Bayonet Fighting	Grounds A B C & D
	60th Bn	Route March via TALMAS & VILLERS BOCAGE Start 6.30 am at T.13 A 8.1.	
19th	57th Bn	As for 58th Bn on 18th	
	58th Bn	As for 57th Bn on 18th	Wood Fighting
	59th Bn	As for 60th Bn on 18th	
	60th Bn	~~Work through woods, Patrols Ground~~ As for 59th Bn on 18th	
20th	57th Bn	Work through woods, Patrols Ground D	
	58th Bn	Musketry, Bayonet Fighting, &c. Grounds A & B	Patrols
	59th Bn	Musketry, Bayonet Fighting &c. Grounds A.B.C.	
	60th Bn	Work through woods, Patrols Ground D	
21st	57th Bn	Musketry, Bayonet Fighting &c. Grounds A & B	Wood Fighting
	58th Bn	Work Through Woods Patrols Ground D	
	59th Bn	Work through woods, Patrols Grounds D	
	60th Bn	Musketry Bayonet Fighting &c. Grounds A B & C	
22nd	ALL UNITS	Observation verbal & written reports. Men posted in groups of four in good place for observations. Men sent out to represent enemy movements. 57th & 59th Bn work East 58th & 60th Bn work to West (2½ hrs)	
	11.30 pm	Night route march	
	57th Bn	to WARLOY & RETURN	
	58th Bn	to TOUTENCOURT. Return	
	59th Bn	to LE VAL de MAISON and Return	
	60th Bn	to MOLLIENS and return	
	15th M.G. Coys	to BEAUCOURT and return.	
	15th ALTMB		
23rd	Kit Inspection. Close order drill under Platoon Commanders - 2½ hrs		

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15 AUSTRALIAN. INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Schedule of Equitation and Driving

DATE	TIME	DETAIL
21st.	8.30 am	59 Bn. Mounted officers, riding drill
	9 am	60 Bn do
	9.30 am	59th & 60th Bns. Elements of Driving (59 Bn turn out one limber)
	2.30 pm	57th & M G Coy. Mounted officers, riding drill.
	3 pm	58 Bn do
	3.30 pm	Units at CONTAY. Elements of Driving (57th Bn turn out one limber)
22nd.	8.30 am	57th Bn & M.G. Coy. Mounted officers, riding drill.
	9 am	58th Bn
	9.30 am	Units at CONTAY. Driving Drill (58 Bn turn out one limber)
	2.30 pm	59th Bn. Mounted officers, riding drill.
	3 pm	60 Bn do
	3.30 pm	59th & 60th Bns. Driving Drill (60th Bn turn out one limber)
23rd		As for 21st. 57th & 59th Bns each turn out 3 limbers for demonstration of correct distances etc
25th		As for 22nd, 58th, 60 Bns each turn out 3 limbers for demonstration of correct distances etc.
26th		As for 21st. All available transport to be turned out.
27th		As for 22nd. All available transport to be turned out.
28th		As for 26th
29th		As for 27th.

NOTE - 1. All available Mounted officers will attend riding drill.

2. 50% of drivers will attend on alternate dates. Care to be taken that no driver misses his turn.

3. AT RUBEMPRE the parade ground will be the TRANSPORT LINES.
AT CONTAY the C.O. 58th Bn will choose a site & notify all concerned.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

SKETCH

SHOWING

TARGETS IN THIEPVAL DISTRICT

REF MAP: SHEET 57 D S E

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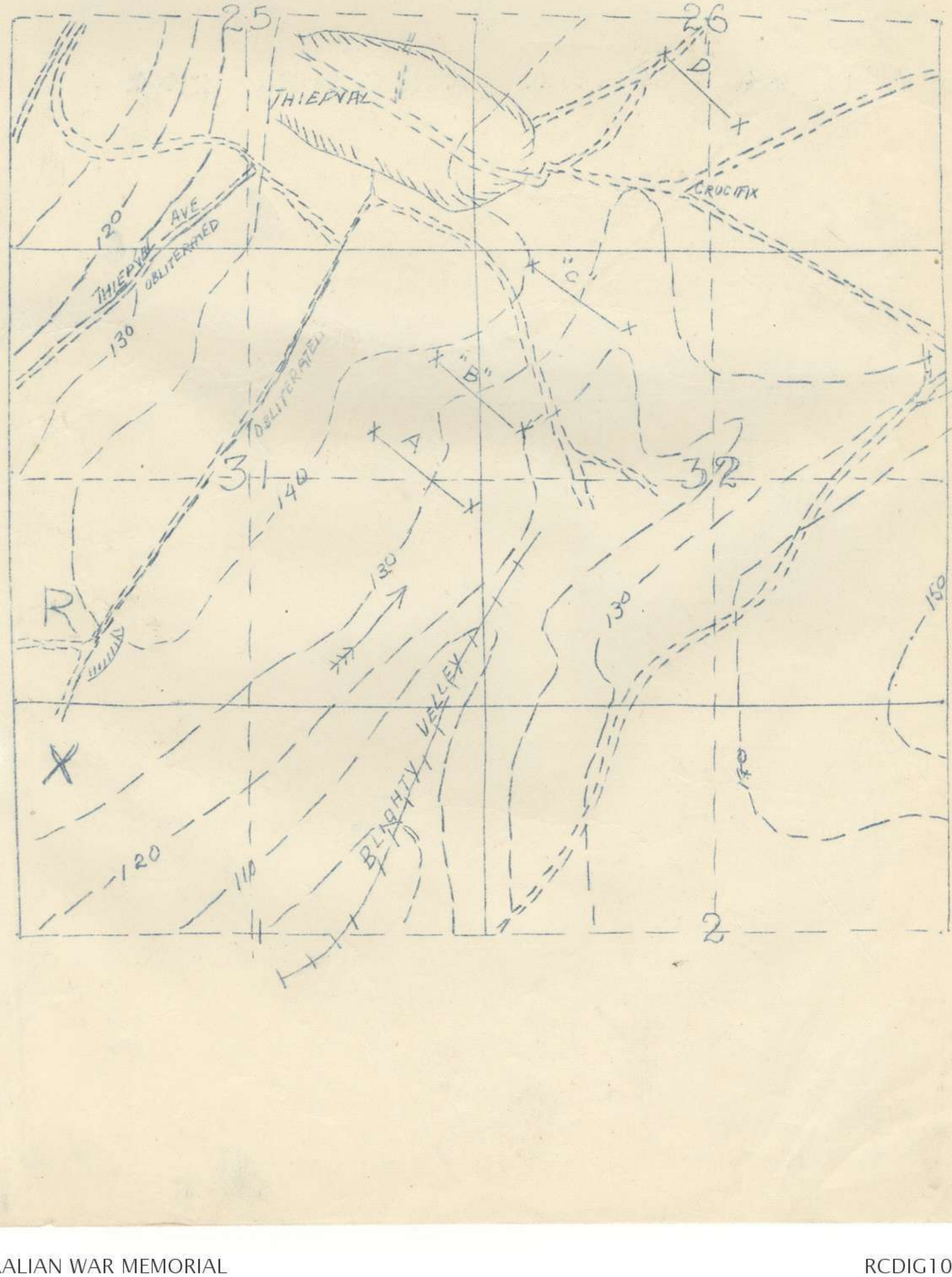

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRISADE

Programme of Work for Week ending 30th June 1917

DATE	Forenoon Parade (8.15am - 12.15pm)	Evening Lecture
25th	57th Bn Route March - TOUTENCOURT, PUCHEVILLERS, HERISSART. Start. 6.30am U 27 A 2.6. 58th Bn Training for Assault at Arms 59th Bn Route March. PUCHEVILLERS. TALMAS. Start 6.30am T.13.B.9.8. 60th Bn Training for Assault at arms 15th M.G. Coy x 15th A.L.T.M.B. Route March as for 57th Bn. at 6.15am. (8 Companies are at THIEPVAL carrying out a Full Firing Scheme	Use of rifle grenades during under attacks
26th	57th Bn. As for 58th Bn on 25th 58th Bn As for 57th Bn on 25th 59th Bn As for 60th Bn on 25th 60th Bn As for 59th Bn on 25th (8 Companies are at THIEPVAL carrying out a Full Firing Scheme)	Use of Lewis Gun during under attacks.
27th	ALL BATTALIONS Practice for Assault at Arms RUBEMPRE rifle range allotted 59th Bn CONTAY " " " 57th Bn (4 Companies are en route from THIEPVAL.)	Cover from view and its value.
28th	ALL BATTALIONS As for 27th June RUBEMPRE rifle range allotted 60th Bn CONTAY do 58th Bn	The importance of keeping connection when on the march
29th	Companies returned from THIEPVAL practice Assault at arms. Other Companies of all Battalions carry out Route Marches as for 25th inst. reversing the route. Starting Times. 57th & 59th Bns 6.15am 58th & 60th Bns 6.30am	Responsibility of protecting flanks and detachments.
30th	Judging Distance. Observation. Discription of ground & Targets (Ground to be selected and plans worked out by Company Commanders. Schemes, with sketches to reach Brigade HQ by noon 29th June	—

NOTE. Owing to the riding School syllabus 1st Line Transport will not parade march on 25th & 26th June.
On 2nd July it is proposed to hold a Brigade Route March

22.6.17

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