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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRONT LINE WYTSCHAETE SECTOR	1.12.17		<p> <i>Fine weather.</i> Herewith Diet Sheet of food supplied to the Battalion for the month of November. See appendix No 1. 2nd day in the line. Our artillery was active during the night of the 30th Nov. In the early morning our artillery heavily shelled certain Strong Points. No retaliation from the enemy on our sector. Our patrols during the night 30th Nov 1st Dec reported no enemy movement but that NO MAN'S LAND was very wet and sloppy. Owing to all the shell holes being filled with water and the noise it make when moving along, the patrols found it very difficult to approach their objectives. Enemy shelling has increased during the past 24 hours RAVINE WOOD and GREEN WOOD were shelled very heavily with 77 mm from the direction of HOUTHEN. No casualties during the 24 hours. The enemy was generally quiet all along our front. Herewith Dispositions of the Battalion Front line shell hole Posts. </p>	<p> Appendix 1. </p>
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			No 14 Post. Ref. O 17 A 95.65	
			15 " " O 11 D 10.25	
			16 " " O 11 D 2.8	
			17 " " O 11 B 4.1	
			18 " " O 11 B 8.3	
			19 " " O 11 B 9.4	
			<p>Requet line along the high ground general line. O 11 C 8-3 to O 11 B 2-5</p> <p>Support line. A series of five (5) Strong Points running along the high ground on the general line - ROSE WOOD O 16 A 9-8 - RAVINE DEFENCES O 10 D 3-5 - DELBSKE FARM O 10 B 4-5.</p> <p>Reserve line a series of strong points in course of construction on a general line PHEASANT WOOD O 9 B 2-8 - DENYS WOOD O 9 D 6.2 - GOUDEZEUNE FARM O 15 B 1-4.</p> <p>BATTALION HQS at O 14 A 3-1.</p> <p>Communication is very good.</p>	

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			<i>Fine weather</i>	
FRONT LINE	2.12.17		<p>Enemy shelling very quiet during the night and early morning. Our patrols were very active during the night 1/2 Dec and patrolled the whole front. Two special patrols went out to report on the condition of wire and defence of the following enemy strong points THE TWINS and THE GIANT. Owing to the conditions of NO MAN'S LAND the patrols were unable to get right up to these points. Our artillery were firing intermittently during the whole day/night on certain targets and roads of communication. Enemy shelling was very quiet all day. Two hostile planes came over our lines but were soon driven back. Working parties under the supervision of the 15th Field Coy Engineers were supplied.</p> <p>2 NCO + 35 men on No 7 Strong Point Front line. 2 NCO + 30 " " " 5 " " Support line 2 NCO + 30 " " " 2 " " " " 1 NCO + 10 " " " Olive SHP.</p>	
			The work is being pushed on quickly.	<i>B. Capt</i>

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			<p>The Strong Points are 50% complete at present, being well drained and duckboarded. The sleeping accommodation for the garrison is very good and 50% of the front line shell hole posts retire to good positions during the day. All posts have two rows of wire in front and the wiring of the intervals between posts is being pushed on at once. Plenty of hot food is sent up to these posts at night. There are no cases of bad feet reported to date. Received Bde order No 134 see appendix 2, re bombardment of the Heavy Artillery on the following points, to be carried out on the 4th inst from 8am to 4pm. No 1 FLY BUILDINGS No 2 WAM FARM No 3 BEEK FARM. The Strong Points not being opposite our front we were not required to withdraw our shell hole posts.</p>	<p>appendix 2.</p>
	3.12.17.		<p>Fine weather, but very cold. Everything was very quiet on the Battalion sector. Our artillery was firing at intervals during the day & night. We erected a sock drying shed at Bn HQ for all wet socks from</p>	<p>OBatt</p>

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			Fine weather, but very cold & frosty night and a little snow fell.	
FRONT LINE	4.12.17		<p>Made out the Defence scheme of the Battalion sector. see appendix 5</p> <p>also received Company Commanders defence scheme. see appendices 6, 7, 8 & 9. The Front line company is called "The Front Line Coy".</p> <p>The Company in the RAVINE is the Support Company. The Company in ROSE WOOD is called the No 1 Reserve Company. The Company in the DENYS WOOD is called No 2 Reserve Coy. The Battalion Defence shows all the dispositions of Coys & the description of all strong points etc. also shows where each company will man in event of attack. The Company schemes also give a clear description of the S.P.^s & the disposition of the Company.</p>	<p>appendix 5</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p>
		8am	<p>Everything was very quiet on our sector up to 8am. Enemy M.G fire was very active during the night and early morning. Our Heavy Artillery opened fire on the following enemy strong points 1. Fly Buildings 2. WAM Farm 3. BECK FARM at 8am till 4pm. The Heavies concentrated only on these points all the time. These points not being opposite our front we did not</p>	<p>at 8am</p>

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			<p>with draw our front line posts. The enemy did not retaliate on our sector everything was quiet with the exception of a few 5.9 on the WYTSCHHETE RIDGE. about 6pm Received orders from Brigade that we had to withdraw our front shell hole posts for the bombardment. on the morning of the 5th met on THE TWINS & THE GIANT. Issued Bn order No 89 re the withdrawal of posts see appendix 10 sent out the following. patrol. 1 officer + 4 ORs to reconnoitre and obtain full particulars of the wire at THE TWINS and THE GIANT. Owing to the patrol being observed by the enemy and fired on by M.G. they were unable to get closer than 75 yds to THE TWINS. Saw enemy working parties also detected a M.G. position. The following working parties were supplied by the Bn</p> <p>2 NCO + 55 men on S.P 1-0-11 5 NCO + 50 " " " 5-0-10 2 NCO + 50 " " " 2-0-10 1 NCO + 10 " " OLIVE S.H.P.</p>	<p>appendix 10</p>
			<p>Salvage parties as usual returning sawage to ROSE DUMP.</p>	<p>Capl</p>

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			Fine weather cold & frosty.	
	5.12.17		<p>Enemy shelling very quiet during the night and morning. The enemy Heavy Artillery opened up a bombardment at 9 am on the following enemy S.P's. THE TWINS + THE GIANT. This brought retaliation on our sector. Enemy shelled ROSE WOOD and DUMP about 100 5.9 shells during the morning. No casualties during the shelling. Enemy aircraft was very active all day over our lines. At 12 noon Lt General BIRDWOOD, GENERAL HOBBS Div Comdr and Lt Col I.C. STEWART, acting Brigadier of the 15th Luf Bde visited our Bn HQ in ONRHET FARM. I submitted to Brigade a summary of work done by the Battalion since coming into the sector, see</p>	
		6pm.	<p>appendix 11. Sent out special officers patrols to obtain information re damage done to the TWINS + THE GIANT during our bombardment. Working parties were supplied as usual. Received Secret Bde order see appendix 12 re Heavy Artillery and Field Artillery bombarding several enemy strong points on the 6th Div. None of our posts were to be withdrawn.</p>	<p>appendix 11. appendix 12.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Fine weather, very cold & frosty.</p>	
	6.12.17		<p>The heavy field artillery carried out in conjunction a bombardment from 8 am to 4 pm on the following enemy strong points.</p> <p>LULY FARM, RIFLE FARM, FLY BUILDINGS. The shooting was very accurate and many direct hits were noticed, but damaged appeared to be slight.</p> <p>Our artillery fired intermittently during the day & night on enemy tracks and approaches. Work done in the Battalion sector is being pushed on quickly, and the strong points in the frequent support line are nearing completion. They are being well drained & duckboarded. The wiring in the shell hole line is being strengthened and the gaps wired in. Enemy shelling during the night & day was not so active as in the preceding 24 hours. Our patrols reported NO MANS LAND to be frozen hard and very difficult to traverse.</p> <p>Received from Brigade Secret order see appendix 13 to carry out appendix 13 a dummy raid on RIFLE FARM. The hostile strong point was opposite the 60th Bn sector.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Fine weather. with a few slight showers during the day.	
	7-12-17		<p>Our artillery continued the usual activity & gave particular attention to the following hostile strong points. Fly BUILDINGS, BECK FARM and RIFLE FARM. Intermittent fire was carried out all the day & night. Our patrols were very active during the night. Sent out a fighting patrol for the purpose of locating any enemy patrol or post. No enemy patrols were encountered, a thorough search of NO MANS LAND was made all night long. Companies worked during the day collecting salvage & returning same to Rose Dump where it was returned to Bde Dump. Small working parties on the communication trenches, and putting up camouflage in front of Rose Dump. Enemy shelling has been below normal throughout the 24 hours. A few gas shells were put over. No casualties. The dummy raid for tonight was postponed. Enemy identification nil.</p> <p>The usual working parties supplied to the engineers on completing the strong points. Owing to the enemy having detected a strong</p>	
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			<p>point in the support line, no work was carried out tonight. An inter-company relief of the front line was carried out and completed at 7pm. "A" Coy relieved "C" Coy. The relief went off without a hitch and no casualties.</p> <p>8.12.17 Fine cold weather.</p> <p>Owing to the Temp Commanding Officer Major R.M.C. FITCHISON having met with a slight accident, he was evacuated to hospital to have same X-rayed. CAPT. W.H.L. McDONALD OC "A" Coy took Temp Command.</p> <p>Our patrols were again active. Sent out two strong patrols to obtain the fullest particulars concerning the enemy strong points THE TWINS & THE GIANT. Owing to the ground being so wet & the noise of the men walking through the water, they were unable to get right up to these points. One patrol was challenged, but got away without a casualty. The enemy shelled the RAVINE & ROSE WOOD during the day with 5.9" & 97mm. Working parties also salvage were supplied. Received secret order at 1pm re dummy raid.</p>	

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			which was to be carried out at 6.15 pm today.	
		6.15 pm	The artillery carried out a scheme on RIFLE FARM.	
		6.15 pm to 6.20 pm	all guns concentrated on the farm	
		6.20 pm - 6.30	a Box barrage formed round the farm.	
		6.30 pm - 6.35 pm	all guns switched back again on the farm.	
		6.35 pm	Artillery ceased fire	
			This was done to harass the enemy. At 8.35 pm - 8.40 pm all the guns concentrated on the farm again. Intention to catch the enemy working on the damage done by the first stage of the scheme.	
			The enemy did not retaliate in any sector. Several gas shells were put over during the night near Bu HQ at ONTRACT. WOOD.	
			We commenced the defensive wiring on the support line during the night. 600 yds being completed. of single French wire.	
			All working parties were supplied to the engineers.	

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			<p>Showery weather.</p> <p>Lt Col I.C. STEWART. DSO returned to the Battalion after being in temp command of the 15th Inf Bde during the absence on leave and sick leave of Brig gen H.E. ELLIOTT. C.M.G. DSO.</p> <p>Our patrols were very active during the night, but no enemy were seen. NO MANS LAND is a present like a lake & is very hard to traverse. Our artillery were again active, still paying attention to enemy's strong points. Enemy shelling was normal and only a few shells fell on our sector during the day.</p> <p>Supply party of 22 ORs to engineers for carrying wire material for the night's job on the support line. 700 yds of wire completed during the night. The wiring on the CORPS line was carried out during the day time.</p> <p>The following promotions came out in AIF orders.</p> <p>To be Captains. Lieut B. Peacock. a/c. Keys. E. Corney RA. Salmon M.C.</p>	

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			Time weather	
	10.12.17		Our artillery were very active in counter-battery work and on enemy defences. Our patrols reported no man's land to be very quiet. The enemy showed increased activity in both artillery and infantry during the night hours. Working parties from the nucleus were sent up to push on the wiring on the support & Reserve lines. Every available man was put on to this job. Continued the camouflage at Rose Wood Dump. Received Brigade order No 135. see appendix 14 re The Relief of the Division and the Brigade relief on the 14 th inst.	appendix 14.
	11.12.17		Time weather. Our artillery again active. Patrols still unable to encounter any enemy patrol a post. Enemy normal during the day both in Artillery & Infantry. Working parties working on strong points & wiring.	J. D. Clark

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			<i>Fine weather.</i>	
	<i>12/17</i>		<i>The usual artillery fire during day and night. Enemy shelling normal. Sent out a strong patrol from GREEN WOODS to obtain full particulars re GREEN FARM. This patrol went right up to the wire in front of post, but received Machine Gun fire on several occasions. The patrol reported back and upon information it was found impossible to raid this point.</i>	
			<i>Received from Bde order no 136. re the Bde when relieved was moving to the PARENTY AREA NEAR BOULOGNE for a rest.</i>	
			<i>see appendix no 15</i>	<i>appendix 15</i>
			<i>Received Transport order. appendix 16.</i>	<i>16</i>
			<i>Received addendum no 1 to Bde order no 136. see appendix 17</i>	<i>17</i>
			<i>Administrative instructions to accompany no 136. see appendix 18</i>	<i>18</i>
			<i>Made up full particulars of the Battalion sector to handover for information of the incoming unit. Sent one copy to Bde. see appendix 19</i>	<i>19</i>

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			<p>fine weather</p> <p>all the work was pushed on during the night and all the wiring on the support, Reserve + Corps lines was completed.</p> <p>Each line of wire was double row of French wire + barbed apion a special party was put on wiring the duckboards from CLARKE DUMP to THE RAVINE. this was completed except 50yds.</p> <p>a summary of the work done in the sector was forwarded to Bde HQ.</p> <p>Issued Bn order No 90 to all Coys re Relief during 14th inst see appendix 30.</p>	
			<p>advance party of the incoming Battalion arrived at Bn HQ at 7pm 4 officers + 120 Co. They reported to their respective Coy which they were taking over.</p>	<p>appendix 30.</p>
	14.12.17		<p>fine weather. Our patrols were very active during the night but no enemy encountered or any movement noticed. Our artillery was again active.</p> <p>Re relief we received no word what time we were going</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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			<p>Our guides meet the 7th Battalion at ESTAMINET CORNER at 3.30 pm. The Relief went off very well, except for heavy shelling in Rose wood. When the incoming company arrived to take over from "C" Coy in Rose wood we had the following casualties. 1 killed & 1 wounded. Our total casualties for the 15 days tour in this sector was 2 ORs killed. 1 OR wounded. We also had two men attached to the 15 A.I.T.M.B who were killed. Making total of 4 killed 1 wounded. The relief was completed at 8.30 pm. Owing to the LIASION Post, the relief took some time to complete. We had no casualties coming out. The Battalion moved back to ROSSIGNOL CAMP where a hot meal was served.</p>	
			<p>Issued Bn order NO 91. re move to PARENTY AREA on the 15th inst. See appendix 51.</p>	<p>appendix 51</p>
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			Fine weather.	
ROSSIGNOL CAMP KEMMEL AREA	15.12.17		<p>The Battalion passed the ^{Bde.} starting point X road Kemmel at 9.40 am and proceeded to the unloading station at DE KENNEBEEK. arrived there about 10.30 am. The transport less the cookers, mess cart & one water cart, went by road on the 14th inst. arrived at DESVRES about 9.50 pm. after a very slow trip. Billeted in DESVRES on the night 15/16 inst. The accommodation was good but rather crowded.</p>	
	16.12.17		<p>Fine weather.</p> <p>The Battalion moved out of DESVRES and passed the Bde S.P. at 10.5 am. & proceeded to our billeting area at DOUDEAUVILLE. The Battalion was distributed over a large area. Bn HQ & details at DOUDEAUVILLE. "C" Coy at GRANDVAL. 1/2 mile away transport at HOPKQ. A Coy. at SEQUEOIES. B Coy at DALLE each about 3 to 4 miles away. D Coy at HERMIEZ. about 1/2 miles from Bn HQ. The billeting accommodation for the men is not as good as we have had before. Batoons are very scattered.</p>	

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			<p>Snow fell during the afternoon which made things very uncomfortable as some of the billets were not too good.</p>	
	17.11.17		<p>Cold & continued to snow.</p> <p>The battalion carried out reorganisation & general cleaning up. All equipment cleaned & shortage lists taken.</p> <p>The transport which left Kemmel by train arrived at 2.30 pm. The billets for the transport was fair all animals were put undercover.</p>	
	18.11.17		<p>Very cold weather. Coy & specialists carried out reorganisation etc again.</p> <p>Lt. W. J. McElroy arrived back from Hospital.</p> <p>Making preparations for Xmas & organising sports for the coming Divisional meeting.</p> <p>All the men having a good time snowballing during the afternoon together with other winter sports.</p>	

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			Further snow fell very cold	
	19.12.17		The Companies carried out setting up drill, physical training, also Route march for one hour Dress Drill order. Owing to the ground being covered with snow & being very cold, it is difficult to carry out the work. The following Reinforcement officers joined up. Lt. A.T. Bartlett. " W.B. Carnegie " C.H. Griffith " R.A. McFarlane They were all from the 9/57 th Bn. Reinfo.	
	20.12.17		weather still cold Parade setting up drill, physical training etc Route march for one hour. The Band played selection at HQ during the afternoon. The army photographer came round and took six photos	

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			of the Battalion. One of Bn officers & one of HQs details & one of each Company	
		7pm	A Divisional Conference was held at Swin at 2 pm. C.O. attended & all subjects were discussed re the last trip in the line & the forthcoming sports & training of the Division	
	21.12.17		Fine weather. but cold. Companies carried out Platoon Training, setting up Drill, physical drill specialists under specialists officers. Route march Leave to Bouloere was opened for the Brigade and 90 men of D Coy went by motor lorries, leaving here at 12 noon and returning at 8 pm.	
			Lt. I. S. COTTON joined up from the Cadet Battalion and was posted to "H" Coy.	
	22.12.17		Fine. Lt Col. J. Stewart DSO & Capt. W. H. McDonald attended a C.C.M. at 8 th Bde HQs at DESVRES. at 10 am. Companies carried out Platoon Training & physical drill	

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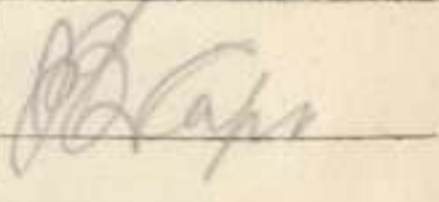
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			Fine but very cold + snowing	
	23.12.17		The following companies carried out the ordinary drill. Church parades as follows. Coye - OPD ^s parade was held in the YMCA tent for Bn HQ's details etc Coy. R.C ^s parade at 10.30 am at Parish Church Doudeauville. also at LACRES for A+B Coy. D Coy RC attended parade at Church PARENTY All companies carried out games during the afternoon.	
	24.12.17		Fine weather. This day was a holiday. All Coy carried out games. Preparing for Xmas. The Bn had the use of baths. food were issued with clean cloths.	
	25.12.17		Fine weather but very cold. All the companies marched into Bn HQ's for Xmas dinner which was held outside of the YMCA tents, owing to the snow having thawed during the night, it was impossible to hold the dinner inside the tents.	

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			<p>Caravan sheets were laid out on the ground near the YMCA with forms. At 1 pm when all the men were in position, the Colonel wished the Battalion a merry Xmas. and a Happy New Year. The Band played selections during the dinner. Everything was a great success & the men had a very good meal. Plenty to eat & drink. The men thoroughly enjoyed themselves & the day will be one well remembered by all the Battalion. All the troops were marched back to their company billets after receiving a small writing pad each from the YMCA.</p>	
			<p>The Officers of the Battalion held their Xmas dinner at 7 pm in the school room at Douvreville. We had 4ns visitors & the dinner was a great success.</p>	

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	26.12.17		<p>Fine weather & a fresh fall of snow, which was very heavy. The Companies had a holiday, and games were carried out.</p> <p>90 men of C Coy went to Bouloune by train at 12 noon all the men had a very very good time for Xmas and are in the very best of spirits.</p>	
	27.12.17		<p>Fine, cold weather.</p> <p>The Battalion started work & training as per Bde syllabus of training see appendix 22</p> <p>work Platoon training, section training, musketry & physical training</p> <p>Specialists training. Lewis gunners, signallers & Intelligence as per syllabus.</p> <p>The Bde NCO school commenced on the 26th inst. Lt White & 50 junior NCOs attended same.</p>	<p>appendix 22</p> <p>W. Capt</p>

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			Fine weather	
	28.12.17		The Parade as per Bde syllabus was cancelled. The Bn carried out Platoon training reports during the morning. The men are having plenty of good exercise & enjoying themselves at all the winter games.	
	29.12.17		Companies held a Route march of 8 miles with drill order. Games during the afternoon were carried out.	
	30.12.17		Fine but very cold Church Parades. Holy Communion was held in the YMCA tent at LAURES at 10.45 am for H & B Coys. RC ^s parades were held at DOUBENVILLE, LAURES and PARENTY Organised games during the afternoon	

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			<p>Fine weather</p> <p>The following work was carried out.</p> <p>Platoon training section Bayonet Fighting & musketry.</p> <p>and organised games.</p> <p>Parkes supervised in clearing the roads.</p> <p>Total effective strength.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Officers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">ORs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">In Hospital</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Officers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">ORs</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">40</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1005.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">60.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Detached</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">30.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Bde Details</td> <td style="text-align: center;">34</td> <td style="text-align: center;">904.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">with unit.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">40</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1005.</td> </tr> </table>	Officers	ORs	In Hospital	Officers	ORs	40	1005.		5	60.			Detached	1	30.			Bde Details	34	904.			with unit.	40	1005.	
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John Bhamig Capt
adp
C.O. 57th Battalion.A.I.F.

57th BATTALION DIET SHEET FOR NOVEMBER.1917.

Date	Thursday.	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1. 11. 17. To. 7. 11. 17. A. & B. Coys. H. & D. Coys. Tea Dinner. Breakfast	Ham. Pickles. Tea.	Rissoles & Tea	Bacon.B. Porridge Tea.	Bacon.F. Tea.	Bacon.B. Porridge Tea.	M & V. F. Porridge Tea.	Bacon.B. Porridge Tea.
	Stewed Rabbit.C. Tea.	Stew. Jam Roll Tea.	Stew.C. Rice Tea.	Plain stew. Dundee Pudding. Tea.	Stew Rice C. Tea Light diet.	Stew. Jam Roll Tea.	Stew Rice Tea.
	Dry Hash Bread Jam Tea.	Bread Jam Cheese Tea.	Ham Paste Bread Jam Butter Tea.	Corned Beef Pickles. Jam Bread Tea..	Bread Jam Butter Cheese Tea.	Corned beef. Pickles Jam Bread Cheese Tea.	Bread Jam. Cheese Tea.
1. 11. 17. To. 14. 11. 17. A. & B. Coys. H. & D. Coys. Tea Dinner. Breakfast	Bacon.B. Tea	Bacon. F. Pickles Tea	M. & V. P & B. F. Tea.	Bacon.B. Pickles Porridge Tea.	Bacon. F. Porridge Tea.	Bacon.B. Porridge Tea	M.&Y. F. Porridge Tea
	Bacon, Rabbits. Cabbage Potatoes. Tea.	Stew. Jam Roll Tea	Stew.C. Rice Tea.	Plain stew Dundee Pudding. Tea	Stew.C. Rice Tea	Stew. Dundee Pudding. Tea.	Stew Rice Tea.
	Corned Beef. C. Bread Jam Tea	Bread Jam Cheese Tea.	Ham Paste Bread Jam Butter Tea.	Dry Hash. Bread Jam Tea.	Bread Jam Butter Tea.	Corned Beef. Pickles. Jam Bread Tea.	Bread Jam Cheese Tea.
8. 11. 17. To. 14. 11. 17. A. & B. Coys. H. & D. Coys. Tea Dinner. Breakfast	Bacon. B. Pickles. Tea.	Bacon. F. Tea.	Bacon. F. Porridge Tea.	Bacon. B. Pickles. Tea.	Bacon. B. Tea.	Bacon. F. Tea.	Bacon.B. Pickles. Tea.
	Rabbit.C. Jam Roll. Tea.	Irish Stew Dundee Pudding. Tea.	Stew. C. Rice Tea.	Plain Stew Jam Roll. Tea.	Irish Stew Rice Tea.	Stew.C. Date Pudding. Tea.	RoastBeef Onions. Potatoes Tea.
	Rice Jam Bread Cheese Tea.	Dry Hash Bread Jam Cheese Tea.	Corned Beef Bread Jam Cheese Tea.	Rice Jam Bread Cheese Tea.	Tea Bread Butter Cheese.	Corned Beef Pickles Tea.	Pres.Beef (c) Jam Bread Cheese Tea.
8. 11. 17. To. 14. 11. 17. A. & B. Coys. H. & D. Coys. Tea Dinner. Breakfast	Bacon.B. Pickles. Tea.	Bacon. F. Tea.	M & V. F. Porridge. Tea.	Bacon. B. Pickles. Tea.	Bacon. B. Tea.	Bacon. F. Tea.	Bacon.B. Porridge Tea.
	Rabbits.C. Jam Roll. Tea.	Irish Stew Dundee Pudding Tea.	Stew. C. Rice Tea.	Plain Stew Jam Roll. Tea.	Irish Stew Rice Tea	Stew.C. Date Pudding. Tea.	Stew Rice Tea.
	Rice Jam Bread Jam Cheese Tea.	Dry Hash. Bread Jam Cheese Tea.	Bacon.B. Bread Jam Tea	Rice Jam Bread Cheese Tea	Bread Butter Cheese Tea	Corned beef Pickles Jam Bread Tea.	Cornedbee C. Bread Jam Cheese Tea

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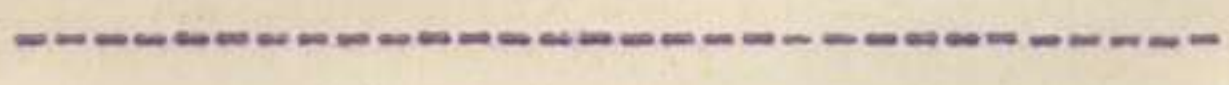
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A. B. Coys. Dinner. Tea	Bacon. B. Pickles. Tea	Bacon. C. Porridge Tea	Ham. Pickles Porridge Tea	Pres. Beef. C. Tea.	Ham. Porridge Tea	Bacon. F. Porridge Tea	M & V.F. Tea.
	Stew Rice Tea	Beef. B. Potatoes Onions. Tea	Stew. C. Biscuit Pudding. Tea	Stew Rice Tea	Mutton. B. Biscuit Pudding. Potatoes Tea.	Stew. Rice Tea	Beef. B. Potatoes Cabbage Tea.
	Dry Hash Bread Jam. Cheese Tea.	Rice & Figs Bread Jam Tea.	Ham Paste Bread Cheese Jam Tea.	Bread Jam Tea Cheese.	Rice Jam Bread Cheese Tea.	Pres. Beef Bread Jam Tea Cheese.	Rice Jam Tea Bread Cheese
C. & D. Coys. Dinner. Tea	Bacon . B. Pickles. Tea.	Bacon.F. Porridge Tea.	Bacon.F. Pickles. Tea	Bacon.B. Tea.	M & V. F. Tea.	Ham Porridge Tea	Bacon.F. Porridge Tea.
	Beef. B. Onions Potatoes Tea	Stew. C. Tea.	Beef. B. Potatoes Onions Tea Biscuit Pudding.	Stew Rice Tea.	Irish Stew Biscuit Pudding Tea.	Beef. B. Cabbage Potatoes Tea	Stew Rice Tea
	Dry Hash. Bread Jam Cheese Tea.	Rice Figs Bread Jam Tea Cheese.	Ham Paste Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Bread Jam Tea Cheese.	Rice Jam Bread Cheese Tea	Pres. Beef. Bread Jam Tea Cheese.	Beef Biscuit Rolls. Bread Jam Tea.
A. B. Coys. Dinner. Tea	Ham Pickles Tea	Rissoles Tea	Bacon. F. Tea	Ham Pickles Tea	Bacon. F. Porridge Tea	M & V. F. Tea	Ham Pickles Tea.
	Irish Stew Rice Tea	Beef.B. Potatoes Beans Tea	Stew. Dundee Pudding Tea	Stew.C. Rice Tea	Stew Raisin Pudding Tea	Stew. Dundee Pudding Tea	Stew.C. Rice Tea
	Beef Biscuit Roll. Bread Jam Tea	Pres. Beef Bread Jam Tea Cheese	Rice Jam Bread Cheese Tea	Veal Loaf Pres. Beef. Bread Jam Cheese Tea.	Rice Bread Jam Tea	Welsh Rarebit Bread Jam Tea	Bread Jam Tea Cheese Tea
C. & D. Coys. Dinner. Tea	Rissoles Tea	Ham Porridge Tea	M & V. F. Tea	Bacon. B. Porridge Tea	Ham Porridge Tea	Ham Pickles Tea	M & V.F. Porridge Tea
	Mutton. B. Potatoes Tea	Plain Stew Rice Tea	Stew Dundee Pudding Tea	Stew. C. Rice Tea	Beef.B. Turnips Raisin Pudding	Stew Dundee Pudding Tea	Stew. Rice Tea
	Rice Jam Bread Tea Cheese	Pres. Beef. Bread Cheese Jam Tea	Rice Bread Jam Tea	Veal Loaf Pres? Beef Bread Jam Tea	Rice Jam Bread Cheese Tea	Welsh Rarebit Bread Jam Tea	Bread Jam Tea Cheese

Date.	Thursday	Friday
29. 11. 17. No. 30. 11. 17. C. D. Coys. Breakfast. Tea. Dinner. Breakfast.	Bacon.F. Tea	Bacon.B. Tea
	Stewed Rabbit Tea	Stew Tea
	Pres Beef. Pickles Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Bread Jam Cheese Tea
29. 11. 17. No. 30. 11. 17. C. D. Coys. Breakfast. Tea. Dinner. Breakfast.	Ham Porridge Tea	Bacon.B. Tea.
	Stewed Rabbits Turnips Tea	Stew Tea
	Pres. Beef Pickles Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Bread Jam Cheese Tea.

Fat returned to 29th A.A.S.C.

From 1.11.17 to 30.11.17. 1339 lbs.

- B. Boiled.
- C. Curried.
- F. Fried.



SECRET.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.134.

Ref.-Sheet 28. S.W.2.

WYTSCHAETE 1/10'000.

2nd December.1917.

1. On the 4th December 1917, from 8.a.m. to 4.0.p.m. the 1st ANZAC CORPS Heavy Artillery are carrying out a bombardment to destroy the following localities :-
1. FLY BUILDINGS.
 2. WAM FARM.
 3. BEEK FARM.
2. (a) Target 1 is being engaged by the 70th Seige Battery (8") and targets 2 and 3 by 6" Howitzer Battery of the 12th H.A.G.; 250 rounds being allotted for each task.
- (b) RIFLE FARM is also being engaged by a heavy trench mortar (9.45") at the same time.
3. The following precautions will be taken during the bombardment:-
- (a) The 59th Battalion will withdraw Nos. 3.0.29 and 4.0.29. posts to Trench 0.29/3 and 0.29/2.
 - (b) The 60th Battalion will withdraw all posts and dispose its front line company as follows :-
 - 2 Platoons in trench 0.23.2.
 - 1 Platoon in S.P.2.0.22.
 - 1 Platoon in OUSE TRENCH.
 - (c) The 58th Battalion will withdraw Nos. 9.0.23., 1.0.17 and 2.0.17. posts and will dispose its front line company as follows:-
 - 1 Platoon in WALL FARM.
 - 1 Platoon under the bank at 0.17.C.2-6.
 - 2 Platoons in and around BUG WOOD.
 - (d) The 15th L.T.M.B. will arrange to withdraw any Mortars that may be necessary.
4. Arrangements will be made direct by 58th Battalion and 60th Battalion with the 15th Machine Gun Company for any extra Vickers Guns required to protect the front.
5. The withdrawal will be complete by dawn on the 4th December and posts will be re-occupied as early as possible after the bombardment.
6. Reports on the bombardment will be sent to Brigade Headquarters by 6.0.p.m. on the 4th December.
7. This order is liable to alteration and the bombardment will not take place unless the visibility is good.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sd/ G. A. Street. Major.
Brigade Major.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 9.10.p.m.

To	Copy. No.	Copies to:-	
57th Battalion.	1	8th A.I. Brigade.	11.
58th Battalion.	2	70th Seige Battery R?A.A.	12
59th Battalion.	3	12th H.A.Group.	13.
60th Battalion.	4	C.R.A. 5th Aust.Div.	14.
15th M.G.Company.	5	HOLLEBEKE GROUP Arty.	15.
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57th Battalion.A.I.F.

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3. 12. 17.

To Headquarters.

15th Infantry Brigade.

WORKING PARTY TABLE.

PERMANENT PARTIES.

N.C.O.	Men.	Rendezvous.	Report to.	Time.	For work on.
2	25	ROSE WOOD DUMP. Ref. O.10.c.3-3.	Engineer.	4.30.p.m.	No 7 S.P. FRONT LINE.
2	20	ROSE WOOD DUMP. Ref. O.10.c.3-3.	do.	5.p.m.	No 3.S.P. SUPPORT LINE.
2	20	Coy. H.Qrs. DENYS WOOD. Ref. O.9.D.8-3.	do.	5.p.m.	No.5. S.P. SUPPORT LINE.
1	10	ROSE WOOD DUMP. Ref. O.10.c.3-3.	do.	5.p.m.	OLIVE COMMUNICATION TRENCH.

John B. Laming
 Captain.
 Adj. 57th Battalion.A.I.F.

Copy No.....

S E C R E T.

Reference 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No 134

1. If the Operation therein detailed has to be postponed the code word "BUCKLEY'S" will be sent to all concerned.
2. If artillery fire is needed on the front of the Sector between BEEK FARM and FLY BUILDINGS, a white flare will be fired towards our own lines.
3. Arrangements have been made that there will be no Artillery fire on the night 4/5th December between the hours of 9.30.p.m. and 12.30.a.m. on the points that have been bombarded during the day in order to allow of patrolling.
4. Bombardments similar to that detailed in the above mentioned order will be carried out on the 5th December against the TWINS O.11.D.9-2. and THE GIANT, O.12.C.4.7. and on the 6th December against KIWI FARM and KINGSLERC. On the latter date wire will be cut between the bombarded points.
5. There will be no withdrawal of Infantry during the bombardment on the 5th December.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sd/ G. A. Street. Major.
Brigade Major.
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 9.p.m. 3/12/17. to all recipients of Brigade Order No 134.

57th Battalion Defence Scheme

(Provisional.)

4.12.17.

Ref. WYTSCHAETE.
1/10,000.

1. Battalion Area.

- (a) The front by the 57th Battalion extends from O.11.D.50-15. where the ROOSEBEEK meets MILITARY ROAD to O.11.B.25-55. Southern side of HOLLEBEKE ROAD.
- (b) Southern Boundary runs from O.11.D.30-15 along the ROOSEBEEK to GOUDEZEUNE FARM inclusive, S.W. to IN DE STERKTE CABARET (inclusive) along south side of road to ESTAMINET CORNER as far as O.14.D.4-6 - line drawn from there through ONRAET WOOD - to South edge of GRAND BOIS at O.13.C.9-7.
- Northern Boundary. from O.11.B.25-55 along HOLLEBEKE ROAD (exclusive) to Road Junction O.10.B.60-55 thence along South side of road to the STABLES (exclusive) thence along South side of road to road junction O.4.C.45-45 - along DAMM STRASSE (inclusive) - CATTEAU FARM (inclusive) - Northern edge of GRAND BOIS O.7.D.45-10.
- (c) TOPOGRAPHY.
On the right flank of the Battalion is the valley of the ROOSEBEEK which is very marshy ground, then northwards the ground rises to the HOLLEBEKE SPUR on the highest part of which are RAVINE and DENYS WOOD. The high ground running from DEB FARM - RAVINE DEFENCES - ROSE WOOD - overlooks the country in front.

2. DESCRIPTION OF DEFENCES.

(a) FRONT SYSTEM.

Outpost Line.

Five shell hole posts numbered from 1-0-11 to 5-0-11. revetted with sandbags and the floor duckboarded. The front of these posts is well wired with French and barbed wire. At present No.4-0-17 Post is held by us, although well out of this sector, the Support Company supplying the garrison. This post is now strongly wired.

(b) FRONT LINE.

Three Strong points on the general line of OSIER & OAK SUPPORT TRENCHES O.11.B.2-5 to O.11.C.8-3 are in course of construction, those at O.11-1 & O.11-2 are garrisoned and nearing completion, and are being connected by a Communication trench.

(c) SUPPORT LINE.

A series of five Strong points numbered from 1 to 5a running along the high ground on the general line ROSE WOOD O.16.A.9-8 - RAVINE DEFENCES O.10.D.3-5 - DELBSKE FARM O.10.B.4-5. The Strong point at ROSE WOOD commands the valley of the ROOSEBEEK. Four of these Strong Points are nearing completion and are garrisoned.

(d) RESERVE LINE.

A series of strong points is in course of construction on a general line PHEASANT WOOD O.9.B.2-3 - DENYS WOOD, O.9.D.6-2 - GOUDEZEUNE FARM O.15.B.1-4.

Communications Trenches.

OLIVE Communication trench is revetted and duckboarded throughout its length from O.10.C.8-7 to Front Line.

3. DISTRIBUTION OF TROOPS.

The sector is held by one Company in the front line system; one at the RAVINE, one at ROSE WOOD and one distributed in DENYS WOOD and GOUDEZEUNE FARM.

The following nomenclature of Companies will be adhered to

- (a) The Company holding the shell hole positions and outpost line will be known as the ~~Support~~ Front Line Company.
- (b) The Company garrisoning the RAVINE DEFENCES will be known as the Support Company; the Company holding ROSE WOOD will be known as No 1 Reserve Company.

Cont'd.

DISTRIBUTION OF TROOPS. Cont'd.

- (c) The Company in DENYS WOOD and GOUDEZEUNE FARM will be called No 2 Reserve Company.
- (d) No 2 Reserve Company forms part of the Brigade Reserve and on no account will be sent forward of the Reserve Line unless the Battalion Commander receives instructions from Brigade Headquarters.

4. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

- (a) Three kinds of attack may be anticipated viz :-
 (1) A Raid.
 (11) A minor attack to capture or destroy some locality accompanied by a bombardment.
 (111) A major operation preceded by a heavy bombardment.
- (b) In the event of attack the Support Company in the RAVINE will man the RAVINE Strong Points Nos S.P.2-0-10 with 1 platoon S.P.3-0-10 with 2 platoons and at DELBSKE FARM S.P.No.4-0-10 with 1 platoon. No 1 Reserve Company in ROSE WOOD will garrison S.P.No.1-0-10 RAVINE and S.P.No.3-0-16 ROSE WOOD. No 2 Reserve Company will occupy the Strong Points in Reserve Line at PHEASANT WOOD, DENYS WOOD, GOUDEZEUNE FARM. The working party at ENGLEBRIEN FARM will be placed at the disposal of the Company Commander of No 2 Reserve Company.
- (c) As regards (11) should the enemy succeed in breaking through a portion of our front system, the Company Commander of the Support in the RAVINE will immediately deliver a counter-attack, leaving one platoon to man S.P.No.4-0-10 at DELBSKE FARM. The No 1 Reserve Company in ROSE WOOD will, in the event of the enemy penetrating to the RAVINE, at once counter-attack on his flank leaving a garrison in S.P.No.1-0-10 RAVINE and S.P.No.3-0-16 ROSE WOOD. Battalion Headquarters will move forward to the Reserve Company's Headquarters in case of attack.
- (d) As regards (111) there will in all probability be ample time for Commander to make suitable dispositions.
- (e) Working parties in the RAVINE and forward of it will have their rifles with them, and in case of attack, will report to O.C. Company in RAVINE or act in conjunction with the troops in their vicinity.
- (f) It is essential that all Officers and Senior N.C.O's know what part of the Sector they are to proceed to in case of attack, and also know the routes to the positions allotted them, both by day and night.

N.B. This order is not to be taken forward of Advanced Battalion Headquarters.

Majot.
Temp.C.O.57th Battalion.A.I.F.

FRONT LINE COMPANY.DEFENCE SCHEME.

Ref. WYTSCHAETE. 1/10,000.

1. Company Frontage.

The front extends from O.11.D.50-15 where the ROOSEBEEK meets the Military Road to O.11.B.25-55 southern side of HOLLEBEKE ROAD. approx. 900 yards.

2. Description of Defences.

The front line consists of five (5) shell hole posts and a Piquet Line.

(A) Shell Hole Posts.

The posts are numbered from 1-0-11 to 5-0-11 and are revetted with sandbags and duckboarded. Two rows of wire in front of each post.

Ref. No. 1-0-11	-	O.11.D.15-35.
2-0-11.		O.11.D.30-80.
3-0-11.		O.11.B.40-10.
4-0-11.		O.11.B.80-25.
5-0-11.		O.11.B.90-30.

(B) Piquet Lines.

The Line consists of four (4) Strong Points Nos O-11-1. O-11-2 - FORRET FARM - and S.P.No.1-0-11. On the general line OSIER and OAK Support Trenches. O-11.B.2-5 to O.11.C.8-3. The Strong Points are in course of construction. Those at O-11-1 & O-11-2 are garrisoned and nearing completion; and are being connected by a Communication Trench. There are three (3) bays in each S.P. well revetted and duckboarded.

3. Distribution of Company.

(A) Shell hole posts.

Each post is garrisoned by 1 N.C.O. & 8 men with one Lewis Gun.

(B) Piquet Line.

S.P. No. O-11-1 is garrisoned by 1 Sgt. & 14 men.

" O-11-2 " " " 1 " 16 "

FORRET FARM " " " 1 Off. & 46 O.Rks. (Adv. Coy HQ)

S.P. No 1-0-11 is not yet garrisoned.

(C) Company Headquarters. Ref. O.11.C.0-6.

4. Action in case of Attack.

(i) Shell hole posts to hold out at all costs. If enemy penetrates, Strong Point Commanders to immediately counter-attack.

(ii) S.P.No. O-11-1 holds trench running back towards S.P.No. O-11-2 and keeps in touch with this point.

(iii) S.P.No. O-11-2 mans trench and breastwork running down towards FORRET FARM.

(iv) FORRET FARM S.P.No. O-11-4. Garrison to man breastwork and trench in vicinity. If attack develops Officer in charge fires S.O.S. and informs Coy H.Qrs. by phone which is passed to Bn.H.Qrs.

Strong Point Commanders must keep constant touch with Strong Points on their flanks.

5.

All working parties forward of Coy.H.Qrs. will report to Strong Point Commander nearest in their vicinity.

Capt.
O.C. Front Line Coy.

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appendix No 7

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SUPPORT COMPANY.

DEFENCE SCHEME. (Provisional.)

Ref. WYTSCHAETE. 1/10,000.

1. Description of Defences.

Support Line defences consist of Strong Points

No. 2-0-10 at C.10.D.1-5.

3-0-10 C.10.D.3-5.

4-0-10 C.10.B.4-4. DELBSKE FARM.

The S.P.'s are duckboarded, fire stopped and have strongly revetted parapets.

Communication Trenches.

The entrance to S.P.No.2-0-10. is from the RAVINE S.P.3-0-10., has three entrances from the RAVINE; OLIVE Trench being the right and left; besides leading to this Strong Point is also the Communication Trench to DELBSKE FARM S.P. All Communication trenches are duckboarded.

2. Disposition of Company in event of attack.

Three kinds of attack may be anticipated;

(I) A Raid.

(II) A minor attack to capture or destroy some locality.

(III) A major operation preceded by a heavy bombardment.

In the event of attack the Support Company will man the Strong Points immediately.

No. A. Platoon will man S.P.No.2-0-10.

B. " " " South end of S.P. 3-0-10.

C. " " " North " " "

D. " " " S.P. 4-0-10. DELBSKE FARM.

As regard (II) should the enemy succeed in breaking through a portion of our Riquet Line, the Garrison in S.P. 4-0-10 DELBSKE FARM will remain in S.P.; remaining three platoons will be led over the open to counter-attack front line positions.

No. A. Platoon on right.

B. " " centre.

C. " " left.

Platoon Commanders will not move forward until they receive orders from Coy Commander.

Company Headquarters will remain in present position C.10.D.6-1.

Captain.
O. C. Support Company.

No 1 RESERVE COMPANY.

DEFENCE SCHEME. (Provisional.)

Ref. WITSCHAMTB. 1/10,000.

1. Company Area.

The Front held by No 1 Reserve Company extends from O.16.C.95-55 to O.10.D.45-35. ROOZEBERG to VERHAEST FARM.

2. Description of Defences.

Two Strong Points No 3-0-16 ROSE WOOD and No 1-0-10 Ravine., both points are revetted with sandbags & duckboarded. Wiring in front of S.P. is not yet complete.

3. Present Dispositions.

S.P.No. 3-0-16.	- 2 Platoons.	Nos. A & B Platoons.
ROSE WOOD.	- 2 "	Nos C & D " in Reserve
		in dugouts & pill boxes.

4. Dispositions in case of Attack.

In the event of attack by the enemy C Platoon in N.W. corner of ROSE WOOD will at once proceed to man No 1-0-10 S.P. RAVINE via duckboards to road at O.10.C.45-00 and along road to VERHAEST FARM. D. Platoon will remain in Reserve in present position in ROSE WOOD.

In the event of enemy penetrating to RAVINE Defences the Reserve Platoon (D) and Left platoon of garrison of S.P.No.3-0-16 will proceed to counter-attack on his flank, under 2nd in Command of Company.

Captain.
O.C.No.1. Reserve Company.

No 2 RESERVE COMPANY.
LEFT BATTALION.
DEFENCE SCHEME.

Ref. WYTSCHAETE. 1/10,000.

(1). Description of Reserve Line.

A series of Strong Points in course of construction on a general line PHEASANT WOOD - O.9.B.2-3. - DENYS WOOD - O.9.D.6-8 - GOUDEZEUNE FARM O.15.B.1-4. as under :-

S.P.No.4-0-15. at O.15.B.05-50.

Revetted dry, duckboarded continuous trench from tramline on left to road on right where road passes farm. Wired and in good condition.

S.P.No.1-0-9. at O.9.D.8-2.

A new trench of three 24 feet bays with two 12' x 12' traverses already half revetted and duckboarded. In order to cope with drainage, duckboards are only one foot below the ground level.

S.P.No.2-0-9. at O.9.D.8-8.

N.E. Corner of DENYS WOOD, an old WICKER revetted trench, in bad state of repair. Dry generally and could be occupied and easily improved. Good field of fire.

S.P.No.3-0-9. at O.9.B.5-1.

Part of an old trench destroyed in places, requires revetting again. Tolerably dry.

S.P.No.4-0-9 at O.9.B.3-4.

Old trench "part of blue line" revetting destroyed. Generally out of repair and has from one to two feet of water along whole length. Approximately from DAMM STRASSE to PHEASANT WOOD, 30 yards in front of row of large trees.

(II). Present Distribution of Company.

Coy Headquarters and two (2) platoons in DENYS WOOD in Pill Boxes and Shelters. Two (2) platoons in GOUDEZEUNE FARM AREA.

(III) Disposition in case of Attack on Battalion Sector.

No. A. Platoon.

This platoon (at present situated at GOUDEZEUNE CORNER) will occupy S.P.No.4-0-15.

No. B. Platoon.

(a) Two sections (11 & 12) will proceed immediately to S.P.No. 1-0-9. using tramline from present location (GOUDEZEUNE CORNER) to point nearest the above S.P.

(b) Two sections (9 & 10) will proceed immediately to S.P.No. 2-0-9. using tramline to WEST side of DENYS WOOD; thence along duckboards along WEST side, to duckboards passing Coy Headquarters. Here pass along road on left to N.E. corner of WOOD.

No. C. Platoon.

(Less 1 Section Aeroplane) Three (3) Sections will proceed
(Guard at 106th Battery.) immediately to S.P.No.3-0-9.

No. D. Platoon.

This platoon will proceed at once to S.P.No.4-0-9.

Working Party from ENGLEBRIEN FARM.

This party will be held as a Reserve at Company Headquarters.

Company Headquarters.

Will remove to Pill Box opposite side of duckboards (30 yards from present H.Q.) O.9.D.50-55. Company Runners & Signallers to report to Coy H.Qrs. immediately on alarm.

All Garrison Commanders report by runner to Coy H.Qrs as soon as garrisons are in position.

Routes.

Platoon routes shown in RED on attached sketch.

Ammunition & Water.

Dumps at Company Headquarters O.9.D.50-55.

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APPENDIX. 9

The Company is part of the Brigade Reserve and will not move forward unless Special Orders are received from Battalion Commander.

Captain.
O.C. No. 2. Reserve Company.

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Sq. O. 9.15

T.N.

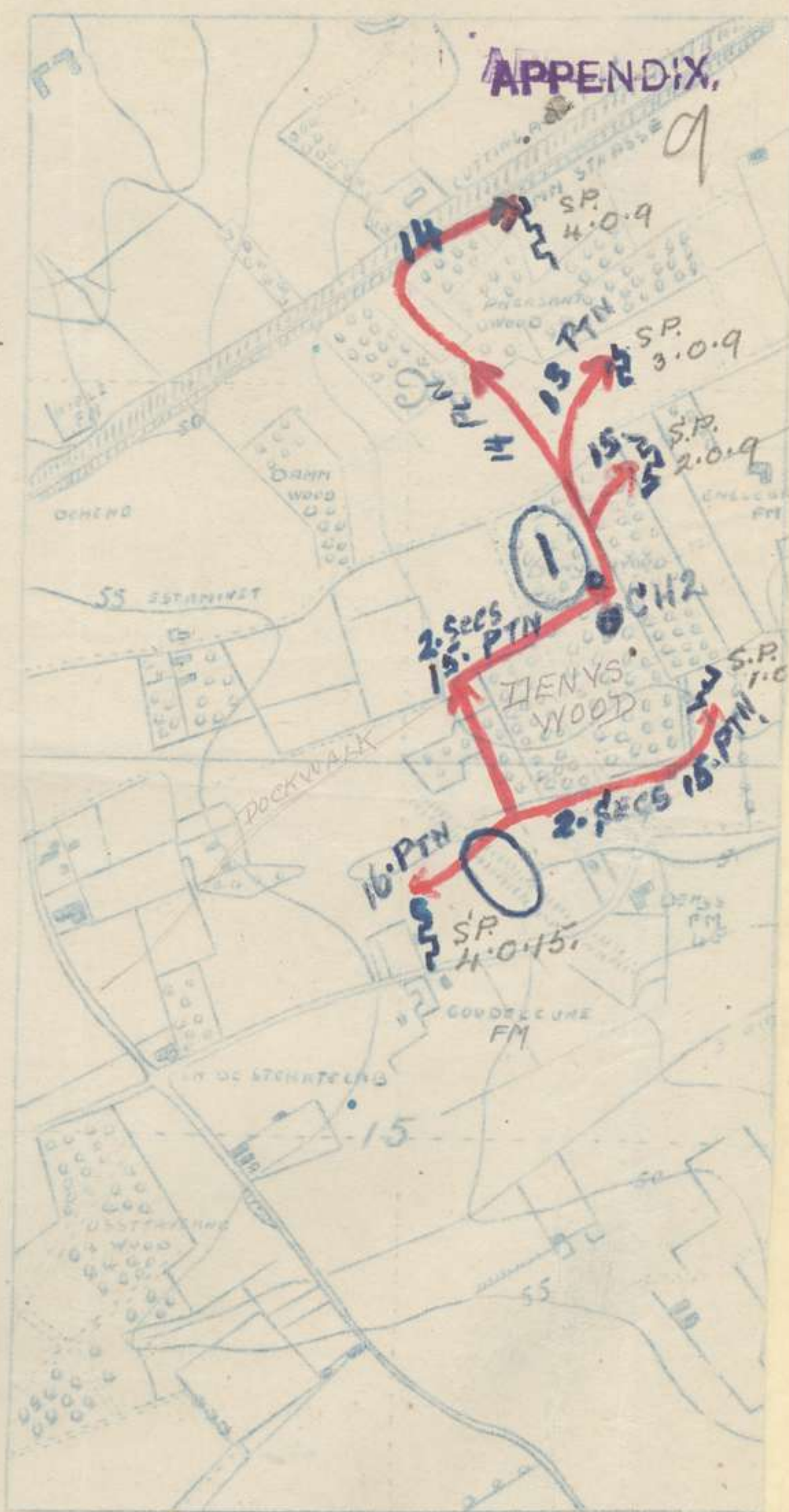


① Location of 13 + 14 Platoons.

○ Location of 15 + 16 Platoons.

Platoon Routes to S.P.'s in RED.

*J. S. Duffy Capt.
O.C. 2nd Reserve Coy.*



Copy No....

S E C R E T.57th Battalion Order No 89.

5.12.17.

Ref. WYTSCHAETE.
1/10,000.

1. On the 5th December 1917 from 8.a.m. to 4.p.m. the 1st ANZAC Corps Heavy Artillery are carrying out a bombardment to destroy the following localities, THE TWINS and THE GHIANT.
2. The following precautions will be taken during the bombardment. C. Company will withdraw posts No 15 - 16 - 17 - 18 & 19 and garrison of FORRET FARM and ELEPHANT to Strong Points Nos 5 & 6. Balance who cannot be accommodated there with safety will be withdrawn to RAVINE DEFENCES under mutual arrangements with O.C. Support Company.
3. O.C. No.1. Reserve Company will withdraw the garrison of No 14 Post to Pill Box in occupation of the Post by day.
4. Arrangements have been made with 25th M.G. Coy. to cover the front from which the garrison has been withdrawn.
5. The withdrawal must be complete by dawn 5th December and Posts will be reoccupied as early as possible after the bombardment.
6. If the operation detailed has to be postponed the code word "BUCKLEY'S" will be sent.
7. If Artillery fire is needed on the front of our sector, a white flare will be fired towards our own lines from line Company's Headquarters.
8. Arrangements have been made that there will be no Artillery fire on the night 5/6th Dec. between the hours of 9.30.p.m. and 12.30.a.m. on the points that have been bombarded during the day.
9. O.C. Support Company will arrange to have bombarded points patrolled by an Officers Patrol on the night 5/6th Dec.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sd/ John. B. Laing. Captain.
Adj. 57th Battalion. A.I.F.

Issued at 12.30.a.m.

No	1	O.C. A. Coy.
	2	" B. "
	3	" C. "
	4	" D. "
	5	Adv. Bn. H. Qrs.
	6	O.C. 25th M.G. Coy.
	7-9	War Diary.
	10.	File.

57th Battalion.A.I.F.

5.12.17.

WORKS REPORT.

Summary of work done for the period 8.p.m. 29.11.17. to
12. noon 5.12.17.

Reference WYTSCHAETE. 1/10,000.

The following work has been done since taking over from 56th Bn.
at 7.30.p.m. 29.11.17.

1. Front Line System.
 - (a) Shell Hole Posts.
No 4. O-17. Put out 2 rows of French wire in front & round flanks of post.
Improved drainage of same. This post is complete and in very good order.
 - (b) No 1. O-11.
Built accommodation for 6 more garrison. Strengthened wire. ^{50yds} and
Laid three new duckboards on floor.
 - (c) No 3. O-11.
Excavated 4 cubic yards of earth and strengthened parapet/
Filled gap of 15 yards of wire. General drainage etc.
 - (d) No 3. O-11.
Relaid two coils of wire in front of post & strengthened same.
Drainage and latrines.
 - (e) No 4. O-11.
The wire is complete in front of post. Put out strong double wire across road at O.11.B.7-3 to strengthen rear of post.
Relaid 25 duckboards to FORRET FARM. Enlarged garrison accommodation.
 - (f) No 5. O-11.
Wire complete. Enlarged garrison accommodation. Drainage and general improvements.
2. Oaks Support Line & Strong Points.
 - (a) No O.11/1. Ref. O.11.C.75-30.
This S.P. is in good order. 50 bags filled and revetted where falling in in one place. Drainage, general improvements; this not yet complete.
 - (b) No O.11/2. Ref. O.11.C.8-4. In good order and condition.
Relaid 8 duckboards. Drainage.

Forret Farm.
Built a trench for garrison 12 feet in rear of pill box, 15 feet long, 4 feet deep. floor duckboarded and duckboarded to pill box. 25 yards duckboards & relaid to Elephant.
General improvements and drainage.

Elephant. General improvements and 10 duckboards laid from Oak Support sap to same.

No O. 11/5. S.P.
We Strengthening and making parapet & traverses 22 yds of building done 6 hurdles.
250 cubic yards earth excavated and used 800 sandbags in revetting same. Laid 25 duckboards to S.P. from sap. Used 7 "A" frames in revetting. Clearing and fixing "A" frames, iron and duckboard in communication trench leading from S.P. 24 yds to FORRET FARM.
Draining and general improvements to Communication trench.

Olive Sap to Support Line.
Excavated and cleared out places blown in.

Goy. H.Qrs. Ref.O.11.C.0-6.
Laid duckboards from Olive Sap to pill box. General improvements & latrines etc.

Support Line.

 - (a) S.P. No 1. O-10. Ref. O.10.D.1-3. VERHAEST FARM.
Excavated 100 cubic yards of earth. Fixed and completed 21 "A" frames in same and 6 hurdles.

Digging drains from S.P. and also Communication Trench.
15 sheets of corrugated iron used digging out fire bay and M.G. position.

No 0. 11/5. S.P. DELBSKE FARM. Ref. O.10.B.4-4.

This S.P. has been pushed on with. Filled and laid 1400 sand bags in thickening parapet & revetting. Also traverses & parados.

Completed one (1) fire bay with fire steps. 24 feet.
Earth excavated 60 cubic yards. General improvement to drainage & floor of S.P.

Communication.

Olive Communication Trench.

150 yards of right bank of trench built up and general improvements to duckboards.

Duck Walks.

All in good order.

1. Laid 40 yards from Olive sap to line Coy.H.Qrs. at O.11.C.O-6. making double duckboards.
2. From S.P. No 0. 11/5. to Ferret Farm relaid 24 yards.
3. General improvements to broken boards.

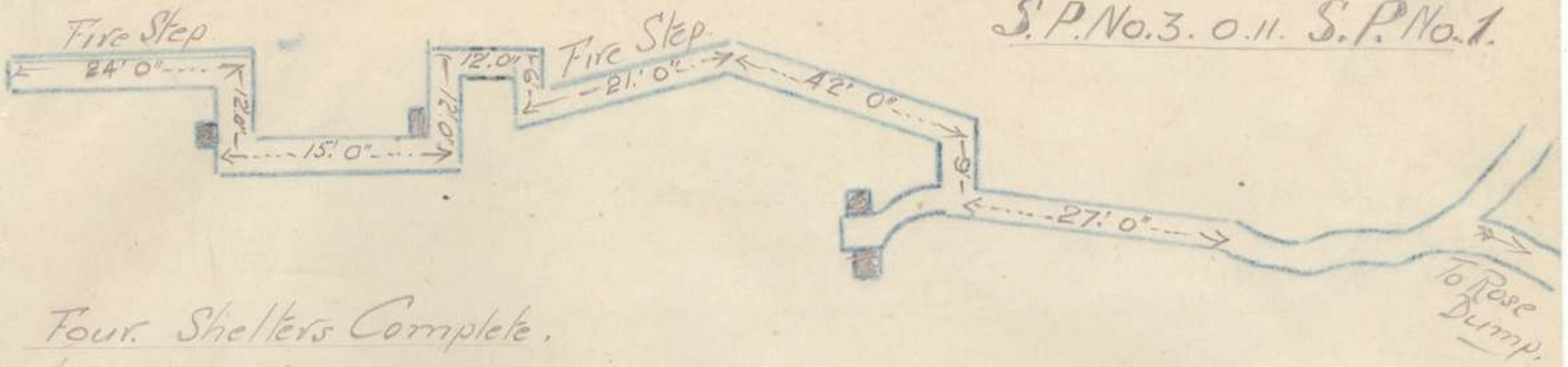
Tramway : All in good order.

Position of Dump.	As per map.
" " H.Qrs.	" " "

Drying Sheds.

1 at Battalion Headquarters.

Major.
Temp.C.O.57th Battalion.A.I.F.



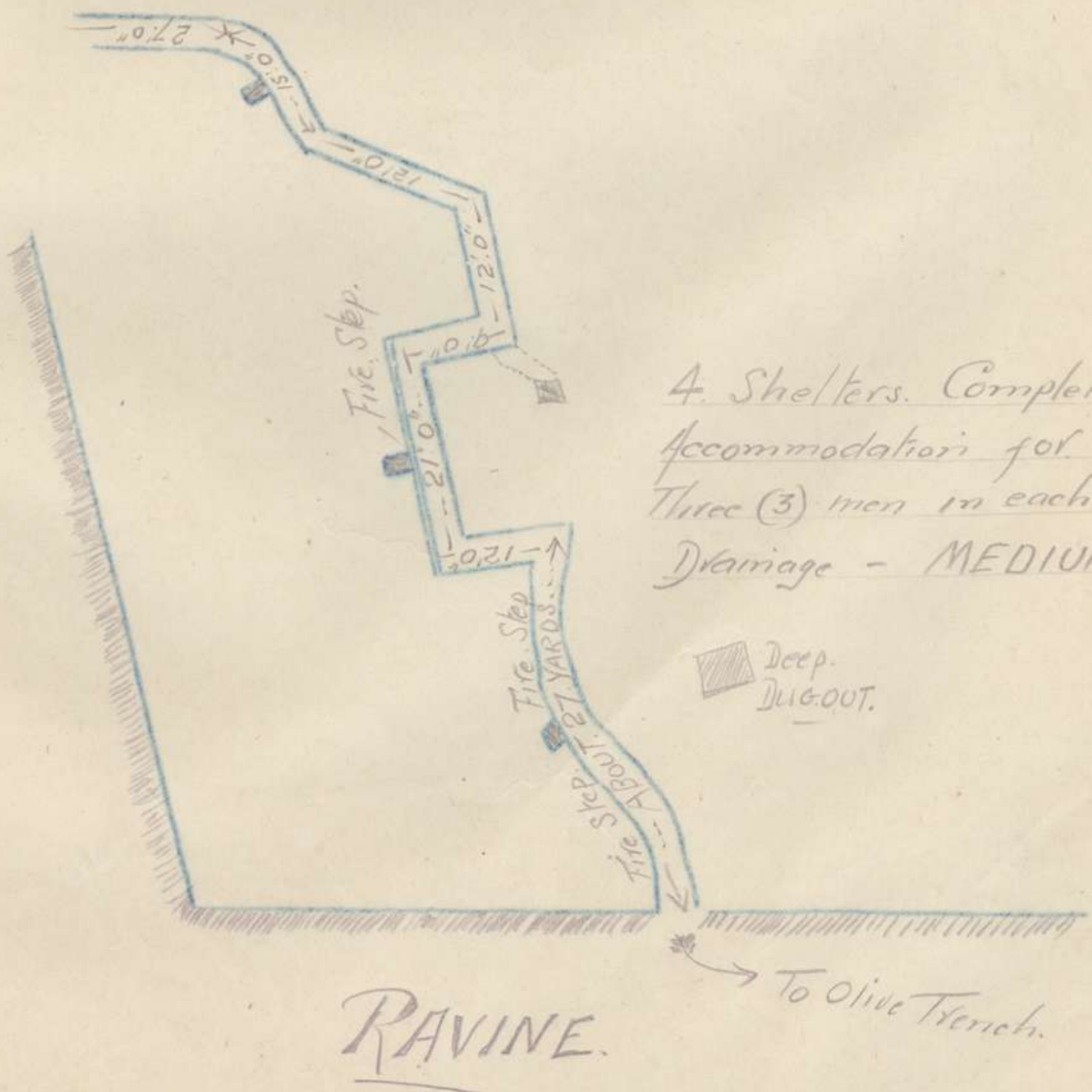
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Four Shelters Complete,
 Accommodation for 3 men in each.
 Drainage = MEDIUM.

S.P. No. 2. 1.0.10.



S.P. No. 3.



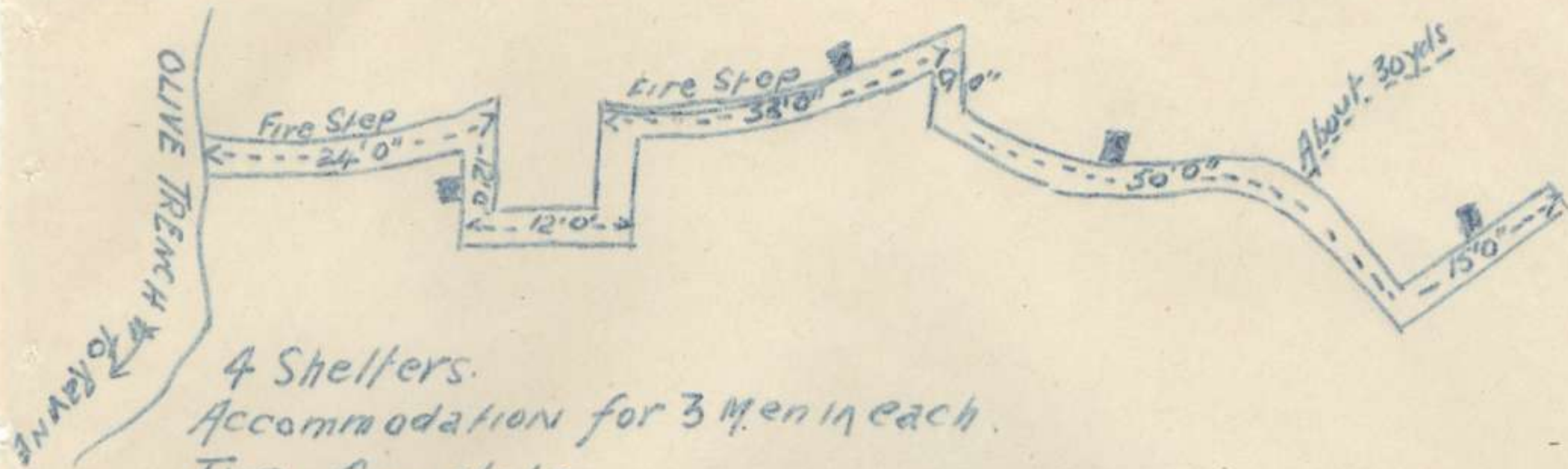
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 Three (3) men in each.
 Drainage - MEDIUM.

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RAVINE.

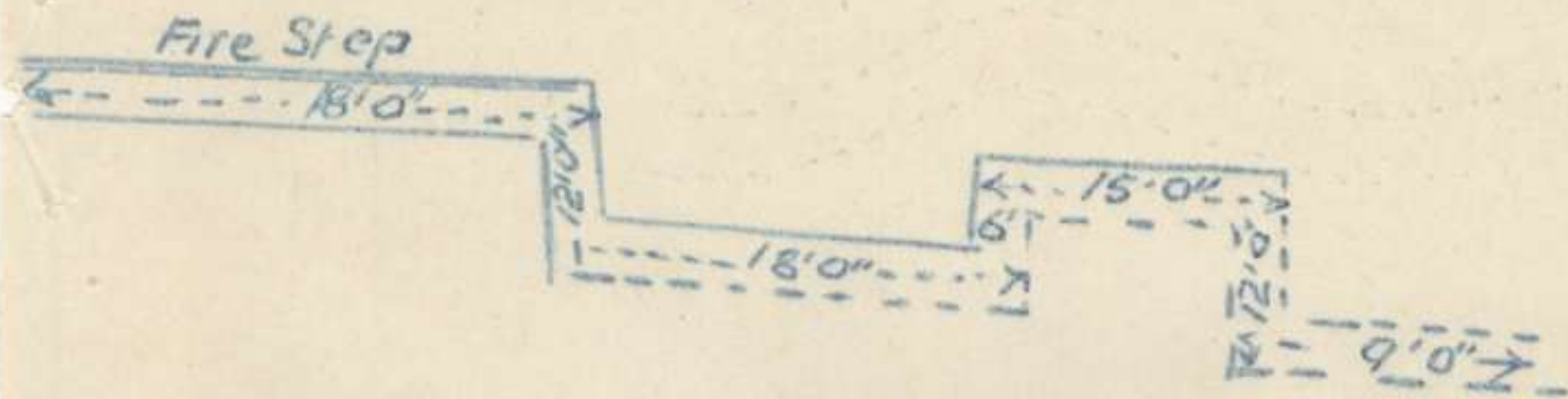
To Olive Trench.

S.P. No. 4 2 0.10.



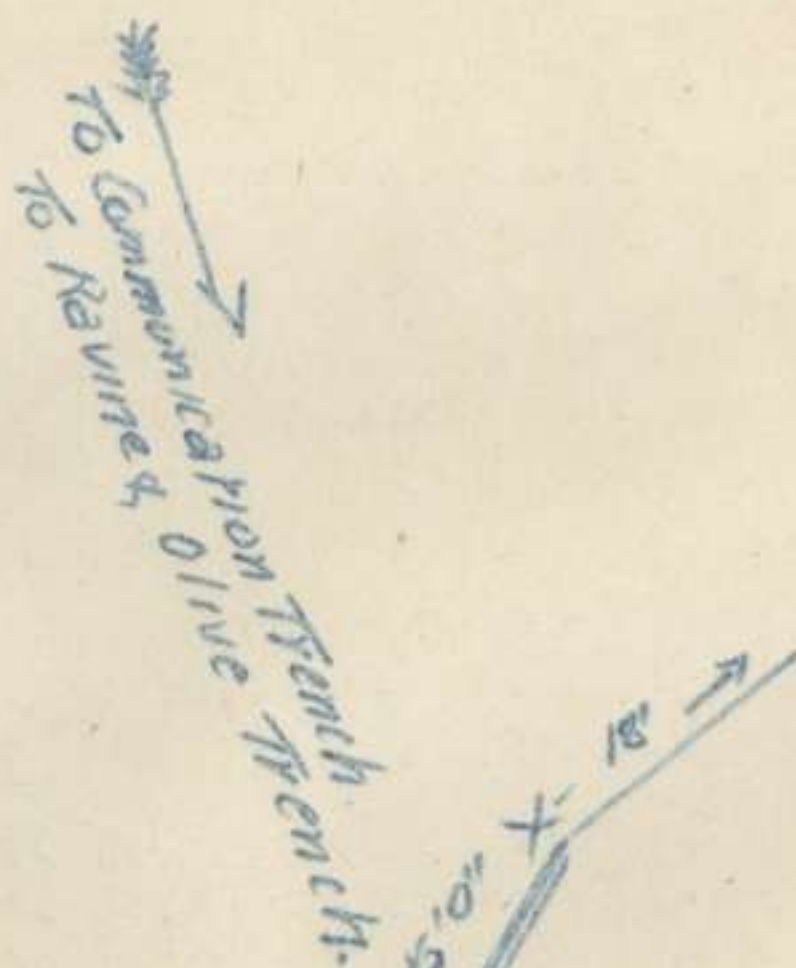
4 Shelters.
 Accommodation for 3 Men in each.
 Two Complete
 Two 50% Complete
 Drainage - Dry.

S.P. No 5 0 11/1

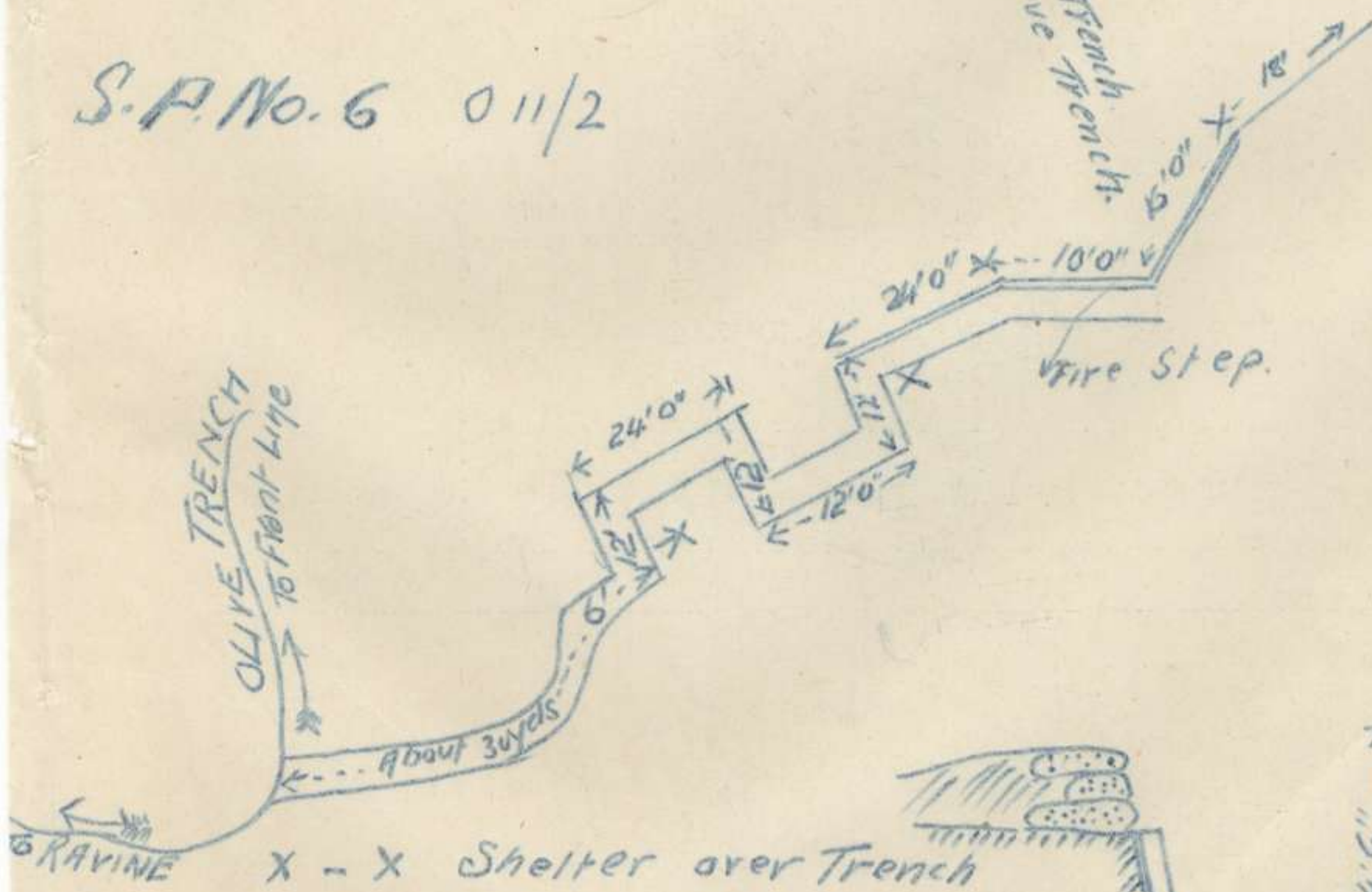


DRAINAGE WET

No Shelters.

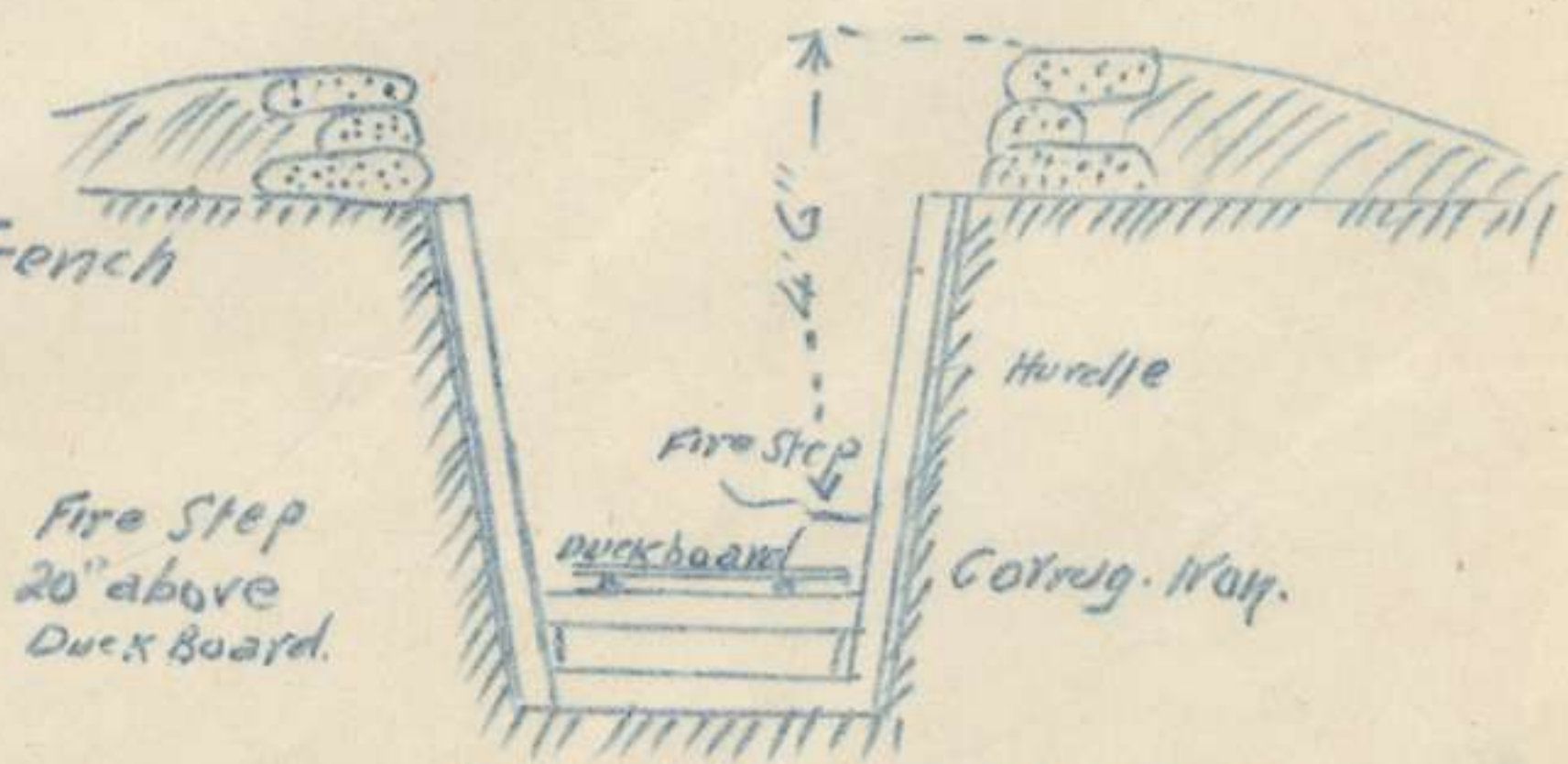


S.P. No. 6 0 11/2



X - X Shelter over Trench

DRAINAGE DRY



Fire Step
20" above
Duck Board.

SECTION THROUGH
FIRE BAY

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S E C R E T.

Headquarters.
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
5th December.1917.

57th Battalion.
58th Battalion.
59th Battalion.
60th Battalion.
15th M.G.Company.
15th L.T.M.B.
25th M.G.Company.

1. The Heavy Artillery in conjunction with the Field Artillery are bombarding the following positions tomorrow 6th December between 8.0.a.m. and 4.0.p.m.:-
 1. JULY FARM.
 2. RIFLE FARM.
 3. FLY BUILDINGS.
2. The 57th and 59th Battalions will not withdraw any posts but it will be necessary for the 60th Battalion to withdraw all posts and the 58th Battalion all except Post 3.0.17.
3. The withdrawal will be complete by dawn on 6th December and posts will be reoccupied as soon as possible after the bombardment.
4. Battalion Commanders concerned will arrange direct for any extra Machine Gun Protection they may require.
5. A White flare fired towards our own lines will be the signal for Artillery Support.
6. Reports on the bombardment will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible after the bombardment.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Sd/ G. A. Street. Major.
Brigade Major.
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copies to :-

5th Australian Division.
C.R.A.
Hollebeke Group Artillery.
Oosttaerne Group Artillery.
112th Infantry Brigade.
War Diary. (3)
8th A.I.Bde.

appendix No 13

S E C R E T.

S.G.22/50.

Headquarters.
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
6th December.1917.

60th Battalion.

It is proposed to carry out a dummy raid on RIFLE FARM on the night 7th/8th December. The dummy raid will take the form of a line of Artillery fire along the front of the farm, then change to a box barrage round the FARM for a few minutes and finally switch back on to the FARM itself.

Will you please let me know by wire if you have any objection to this. The dummy raid will not entail any withdrawal on the part of the garrison. Full details as to times etc. will be forwarded later.

Sd/ G. A. Street. Major.
Brigade Major.
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copies to :-

- 57th Battalion.
- 58th Battalion.
- 59th Battalion.
- 15th L.T.M.B.
- 15th M.G.Company.
- 25th M.G.Company.

S E C R E T.

15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRUGADE ORDER NO.135.

Ref:- BELGIUM.
Sheet 28. 1/10,000.
CALAIS.
Sheet 13. 1/100,000.

10th December.1917.

1. The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) is being relieved by the 1st Australian Division (less Artillery) between the 13th and 17th December, 1917.
2. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade (plus 25th Machine Gun Company) is being relieved by the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade (plus 21st Machine Gun Company) during the 14th and night 14th / 15th December in the left sector of the Divisional Front.
3. Reliefs will take place in accordance with attached table, all detail not providede for in this order being mutually arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
4. All maps, trench stores, aeroplane photographs, defence schemes etc. will be handed over on relief and receipts exchanged. Copies of the receipts will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible after relief.
5. The completion of reliefs will be reported in code to Brigade Headquarters.
6. Special Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
7. The Command of the Sector will pass to the B.G.C. 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade on the completion of relief, when Brigade Headquarters will close at REGENT DUGOUTS and reopen at KEMMEL CHATEAU.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sd/ G. A/ Street. Major.
Brigade.Major.
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 9.p.m.

To	Copy No.	Copies to.	
57th Battalion.	1	112th Infantry Brigade.	12
58th Battalion.	2	Oosttaverne Group Artillery.	13
59th Battalion.	3	Hollebeke Group Artillery.	14
60th Battalion.	4	29th A.A.S.C.	15
15th M.G.Company.	5	15th Field Coy.A.E.	16
15th L.T.M.B.	6	15th Field Ambulance.	17
25th M.G.Company.	7	Area Commdt.KEMMEL.	18
No.4.Signal Section.	8	B.G.C. 15th A.I.Brigade.	19
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T A B L E.

TO ACCOMPANY 15th A.I. BRIGADE ORDER No. 135.

DATE.	UNIT.	FROM.	TO.	TO BE RELIEVED BY.	REMARKS.
14th and night 14th/15th December.	59th Battalion.	LINE RIGHT.	LINDENHOEK CAMP.	5th Battalion.	(a) No movement of troops East of the MESSINES - WYTSCHAETE RIDGE before 4.30.p.m.
-ditto-	60th Battalion.	LINE RIGHT CENTRE.	RAMILLES CAMP.	6th Battalion.	(b) Incoming Units will be warned against unnecessary movement in areas under observation by the enemy.
-ditto-	58th Battalion.	LINE LEFT CENTRE.	KEMMEL.	8th Battalion.	
-ditto-	57th Battalion.	LINE LEFT.	ROSSIGNOL CAMP.	7th Battalion.	
-ditto-	15th M.G.Coy.	LINE	LA POLKA FARM.	2nd M.G.Coy.	(c) As much of the relief as possible to be completed during daylight.
-ditto-	15th L.T.M.B.	LINE	KEMMEL VILLAGE.	2nd L.T.M.B.	
-ditto-	25th M.G.Coy.	LINE.	KEMMEL CAMP.	21st M.G.Coy.	

APPENDIX 114

15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.136.

Ref:- BELGIUM
Sheet 28 1/40,000.
CALAIS.
Sheet 13 1/100,000.

11th December.1917.

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1. (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group is moving to the PARENTY Area on the 14th and 15th December 1917.
(b) For the purposes of this move, the group is to consist of 15th Brigade Headquarters - 57th - 58th - 59th - 60th Battalions - 15th and 25th Machine Gun Companies - 15th L.T.M.B. - 15th Field Company A.E. - 15th Field Ambulance and the 32nd Bn. of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
 2. (a) All Transport (less that shewn in attached Table "A") will move by road in accordance with attached table "B".
(b) All personnel and the transport shewn in attached Table "A" will move by rail in accordance with attached Table "C".
 3. The following transport will report to Units on the 14th December from the D.A.C. :-

15th Brigade Headquarters.	One G.S. Wagon.
Each M.G.Company.	-ditto-
15th L.T.M.B.	-ditto-
15th Field Company A.E.	-ditto-
15th Field Ambulance.	-ditto-
Each Battalion.	Two G.S.Wagons.
 4. (a) As the Transport shewn in attached Table "A" will not reach Units until the day after arrival in the new area, all necessary cooking utensils will be carried on the train or in motor lorries which will report to Units on the 15th December at an hour to be notified later. These lorries will proceed direct to the billeting areas.
(b) Second blankets and all necessary baggage will be stacked at the station on the morning of departure and loaded on to the personnel trains.
(c) Motor lorries will meet trains on arrival to convey the above mentioned stores etc. to the billeting areas.
 5. (a) The Transport train (vide attached Table "A") will leave BAILLEUL Station at 6.0.p.m. and arrive at WIZERNES at 8.0.p.m. on the 15th December.
(b) Personnel and transport proceeding by this train will be billeted during the night 15th/16th December at WIZERNES under arrangements to be communicated ~~separately~~.
 6. Supply arrangements will be as under :-
 - (a) For troops moving by rail :-
 - 14th December - Issue at dump 11.a.m.
 - 15th December.- No issue.
 - 16th December - Double issue at BEAUCORRY for consumption on 17th and 18th December except for 32nd Battalion, 15th Field Company and 15th Field Ambulance who will draw from SAMER.
 - (b) For troops moving by road:-
 - 14th December - No issue.
 - 15th December - Refill at RENESCURE Church for consumption on 16th.
 - 16th December - Refill at THIEMBRONNE for consumption on 17th and 18th.
 - 17th December. Draw Rations for consumption on 19th December from BEAUCORRY except 15th Field Company and 15th Field Ambulance who will draw from SAMER.
 7. Railhead will move to SAMER on the 15th December.

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8. The Divisional Reinforcement Wing closes at CAESTRE on the 14th December and reopens at SAMER on the same day.
9. Brigade Headquarters will close at KEMMEL CHATEAU at 9.0.a.m. on the 15th December and reopen at PARENTY on arrival.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sd/ G. A. Street. Major.
Brigade Major.
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 9.0.p.m.

To.	Copy No.
57th Battalion.	1
58th Battalion.	2
59th Battalion.	3
60th Battalion.	4
15th Machine Gun Company.	5
25th Machine Gun Company.	6
15th L.T.M.B.	7
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32nd Battalion.	9
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TABLE "A"

TO ACCOMPANY 15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.136.

TRANSPORT TRAIN.

- A. The transport train will consist of :-
30 Covered Vans for personnel and horses.
13 Flat trucks for vehicles (carrying in all 68 axles.).
- B. The following personnel and transport will be carried on this train :-
All Cookers.
One water cart per Unit.
All mess carts.
3 Riding Horses and one baggage wagon Brigade Headquarters
2 Riding Horses per Unit.
- C. Two days rations will be carried for personnel and animals travelling by this train.

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T A B L E " B " .

TO ACCOMPANY 15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.136.

DATE.	FROM.	TO.	ROUTES.	REPORT FOR BILLET TO:	REMARKS.
DECEMBER 14th.	KEMMEL AREA.	STRAZELLE AREA.	At discretion of Senior Transport Officer.	Area Commandant STRAZELLE.	(a) The times of moving off from each area will be notified direct to all concerned by the Senior Transport Officer (Captain MATHESON 29th A.A.S.C.
15th	STRAZELLE AREA.	RENESECURE AREA.	WALLON CAPPEL.	Area Commandant RENESCURE.	
16th	RENESECURE AREA.	THIEMBRONNE AREA.	ARQUES.	Area Commandant THIEMBRONNE.	
17th	THIEMBRONNE AREA	Respective Billeting Areas.	At discretion of Senior Transport Officer.		

(b) When Transport is Brigaded 100 yds distance will be kept between each Unit Transport.

(c) One N.C.O. and 3 men of the M.M.P. are moving with the column and are at the disposal of the Senior Transport Officer. They will be rationed by Brigade Headquarters.

(d) A billeting party of one Officer and 4 N.C.O.s with one Interpreter (to be detailed by ~~Brigade~~ Headquarters) will be detailed by Senior Transport Officer to move in advance of the column and arrange billeting. They will be provided with bicycles.

(e) All billets will be vacated by 10.a;m; each day.

(f) The strictest march discipline must be observed throughout.

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TABLE " C "

TO ACCOMPANY 15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.136.

DATE.	UNIT.	STATION.		STATION.		REMARKS.
		ENTRAINING.	DETRAINING.	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL.	
DECEMBER	15th Bde.H.Qrs.	DE KENNEBEK.	DESVRES	12 noon	5.0.p.m.	(a) All troops must be !at the entraining !station one and a half !hours prior to the time !of departure of the !train. (b)Unit entraining !Officers will meet Capt !A.E.KEYS.57th Battn; !at the entraining !station half an hour !before the arrival of !the troops.Entrainment !states to be brought, (c)Each train accomo- !dates 2,200 all ranks
15th.	57th Battalion.	"	"	"	"	
"	58th Battalion.	"	"	"	"	
"	15th M.G.Company.	"	"	"	"	
"	15th D.T.M.B.	"	"	"	"	
"	15th Field Coy.A.E.	"	"	"	"	
"	15th Field Ambulance.	"	"	"	"	
"	25th M.G.Company.	"	"	"	"	
"	59th Battalion;	"	"	1.0.p.m.	6.0.p.m.	
"	60th Battalion.	"	"	"	"	
"	32nd Battalion. (8th A.I.Bde.)	"	"	"	"	

and has in addition two baggage
trains.

(d) The following distances will
be observed on the march :-

Between Companies	100 yards;
Units & Transport.	100 "
Battalions.	500 "

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S E C R E T.

15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE TRANSPORT GROUP ORDER NO. I.

by
CAPTAIN H. MATHESON. SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICER.

Ref.:- HAZEBROUCH. 5A.

CALAIS. 13 1/100,000.

12th December 1917.

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1. (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Transport Group will move to the STRAZEELE AREA on the 14th inst. by march route via BAILLEUL and METERIN.
(b) For the purpose of this move the Group will consist of :-
29th A. A. S. C.
15th Machine Gun Company.
25th Machine Gun Company & 15th L.T.M. Battery.
57th, 58th, 59th and 60th Battalions.
1 Battalion 8th Brigade 1st Line Transport.
15th Field Engineers.
15th Field Ambulance.
 2. March Table attached.
 3. The strictest march discipline must be observed.
 4. When Transport is Brigaded 50 yards distance will be kept between each Unit Transport, and 25 yards distance between every sixth vehicle.
 5. The usual precautions will be taken against observation by enemy aircraft.
 6. Halts will be made at 10 minutes before the clock hour, water and feed up at noon.
 7. Immediately on arrival at Billets one orderly per Unit will report to senior transport Officer of Column.
 8. Supplies on the march as follows :-
14th inst? Unconsumed portion on man or transport.
For 15th inst. on G.S. Wagons. No issue from dump this day.
15th inst. Unconsumed portion on man or transport, refill at RENESCURE Church for consumption on 16th inst.
16th inst. Unconsumed portion on man or transport, refill at THIEMBRONNE for consumption on 17th inst.
17th inst. Draw rations for consumption on 18th and 19th from Supply Dump BEAUCORRY except 15th Field Engineers and 15th Field Ambulance who will draw from Supply Dump SAMER.
 9. For the move Lieut. BERGLUND 29th A.A.S.C. will be orderly OFFICER.
 - 10/ Each O.C. Transport will hand to Senior Officer at starting point, a marching out state.

Sd/ H. MATHESON. Captain.
O.C. 29th A.A.S.C.

Issued to all recipients of Brigade Order No.136.

TABLE "A"

UNIT.	DATE.	STARTING POINT	TIME	TO	ROUTE.
5th Bde. H. Qrs.	14/12/17.	DRANOUTRE CHURCH.	8.55.a.m.	STRAZELLE	BAILLEUL and METERIN.
9th A.A.S.C.	"	"	9.5. a.m.	"	"
5th M.G.Coy.) 5th L.T.M.B.)	"	"	9.10.a.m.	"	"
7th Battalion.	"	"	9.15?a.m.	"	"
8th Battalion.	"	"	9.20.a.m.	"	"
9th Battalion.	"	"	9.25.a.m.	"	"
10th Battalion.	"	"	9.30.a.m.	"	"
Bn. 8th Bde 1st Line T'pt.	"	"	9.35.a.m.	"	"
5th Field Coy. A.E.	"	"	9.40.a.m.	"	"
5th Field Amb.	"	"	9.47.a.m.	"	"

Administrative Instructions.

to accompany

15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No 136.

dated 11.12.17.

12.12.17.

1. Advance parties from units comprising the 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will report to the R.T.O. BAILLEUL at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow; 13th inst. and will travel by train R.B.L.40 to SAMER, reaching there about 5 hours later.

2. Advance parties will consist of :-

	<u>Off.</u>	<u>Others.</u>
Brigade H.Qrs.	-	1
Each Battalion.	1	1 N.C.O. per Co.
Machine Gun Co's.	1	1 N.C.O.
L.T.M.B.	-	1 N.C.O.
Field Amb.	1	1 N.C.O.
Field Co.	1	1 N.C.O.
A.A.S.C.	-	1

3. Arrangements will be made for this party to be met and accommodated for night in SAMER. Officers will take their valises by train from BAILLEUL.

4. Advance parties will meet Staff Captain at RAILWAY STATION, SAMER at 10 a.m. on 14th inst. The senior of each unit party will produce correct ration state (personnel and animals) of his unit.

5. Bicycles will be taken.

6. Units will move out with echelons full.

7. All baggage and Supply wagons will report to transport lines on afternoon of 14th inst.

8. Advance parties will meet units on arrival of trains at DESVRES and will guide to billeting areas.

Sd/ H. R. Gollan. Captain.
Staff.Capt.
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all
Recipients of Brigade Order 136.

DETAILS OF LEFT BATTALION SECTOR

57th Battalion, A.I.F.

12.12.17.

for information of incoming Unit.PICQUET LINE.OSIER TRENCH.POST. O-11-1.

This post is about 45 yards in length, traversed and duck-boarded, and is in a dry condition throughout. The post terminates about 80 yards from road at O.11.C.85-30.

The wire entanglements are now fairly strong, have two belts across the front from road to connection with wire in front of O-11-2.

The trench is about 6 feet deep and 3 feet wide and affords a good field of fire.

POST. O-11-2.

About 50 yards in length, duckboarded and traversed and is in a good and dry condition. (Can be approached with care in daylight.) Post is connected with O-11-1 but trench in fair condition and under repair (being deepened, widened, and duckboarded - about 50 yards of trench to complete.)

The post trench is about 6 feet deep and 3 feet wide and offers a good field of fire. Wire entanglements consist of two fairly strong fences along the front of post for about 200 yards. Olive Communication trench leads into the left of the post.

OAK SUPPORT.POST. O-11-3.

This trench is continuous, duckboarded, but not traversed throughout. At present it serves as a communication trench towards FORRET FARM but is not complete, finishing about 200 yards from the FARM, from where the trench proceeds on duckboards in trench (1 ft. deep)

Wire in front of trench is fairly strong but on left fairly weak.

The trench generally is only about 3 feet 6 inches deep and 2 feet 6 inches wide - parapet not very strong, but could easily be manned in case of attack and affords a commanding field of fire. Trench in dry condition.

FORRET FARM.POST O-11-4.

This post consists of two strong dug-outs, i.e.; FORRET FARM & ELEPHANT (being about 30 yards apart.)

Post cannot be approached in daylight on account of the shallowness of the communication trenches first post O-11-3 and strong point 1-0-11.

The garrisons are kept in the dug-outs by day but would man a series of small breastwork defenses in front of post in event of attack.

Post is well protected by three strong belts of wire and is in a dry condition.

STRONG POINT 1-0-11.

This strong point is now completed being 40 yards in length 4 feet deep, & 3 feet wide but parapet could be strengthened. Post is traversed and duckboarded and in a fairly dry condition.

A communication trench towards FORRET FARM is under construction and requires only 40 yards to complete. Trench is only about 3 ft deep in places but is duckboarded & traversed throughout completed length. (Ought to be completed in 2 nights.)

SHELL HOLE POSTS.POST 4-0-17.

This post is not in our Battalion area, but at present is

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SHELL HOLE POSTS.

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POST 4-0-17. Cont'd.

manned by us as a liason post with right Battalion. The trench is about 40 yards in length and is traversed and duckboarded also in a dry condition.

Post is strongly wired having two strong belts in front & flanks - it affords a good field of fire and is only occupied at night.

The post cannot be approached from our present front line - it being necessary to approach the post from the RAVINE, owing to the heavy marshy ground in vicinity of ROOZEBEEK 0,17.B.159 to 0.11.D.1-1. & then along stream.

POST 1-0-11.

This post is only a night post. It is about 10 yards long, is duckboarded and in a dry condition. Three rows of thin wire out in front of post from ROOZEBEEK to, about 35 yards on left rear flank of post (approx: 125 yards). Post has a good field of fire. Post being 3 feet 6 inches deep & 2 feet 6 inches wide.

POST 2-0-11.

This post is also a night post but two men remain in post through out the day. Post is about 10 yards in length, 4 feet deep and 3 feet wide. It is duckboarded and in a dry condition. Affords a good field of fire and is protected by two rows of fairly strong wire about 25 yards in front of post.

POST 3-0-11.

This post is a night post, about 8 yards long, 3 feet deep, & 2 feet 6 inches wide. Post is duckboarded & fairly dry and affords a good field of fire. Three rows of wire along front and would offer stout resistance.

POST 4-0-11.

This post is built amidst old ruins and consists of a fairly strong breastwork of concrete slabs & sandbags, about 15 yards long and 4 feet high. It is duckboarded and in a dry condition. Post is not occupied during the day. It has a good field of fire and is protected by three belts of wire about 30 yards out in front & flanks of post.

POST 5-0-11.

This post is also built amidst old ruins and is very similar to post 4-0-11 being about 18 yards long, 4 feet deep, duckboarded and dry.

Offers commanding field of fire and is strongly protected with three belts of wire about 25 yards in front, meeting joining Units wire.

SUPPORT LINE DEFENCES.RAVINE DEFENCES.~~STRONG POINT 4-0-10 (0.10.B.45-45.)~~

~~This strong point is a completed trench about 40 yards long, 6 feet deep & 3 feet wide~~

STRONG POST 3-0-16. (ROSE WOOD).

This post is about 60 yards in length, 6 feet deep & 3 feet in width. It is duckboarded, traversed, and in a dry condition. Has a good field of fire & strongly wired.

STRONG POINT. 1-0-10. (0.10.D.15-15.)

This strong point is about 40 yards long, revetted & duckboarded in one (1) fire bay. Three bays excavated & M.G. position. Communication trench from RAVINE, about 40 yards, is duckboarded and revetted. It commands ROOZEBEEK VALLEY and GREEN WOOD but is in receipt of concentrated enemy shelling.

Trench is about 4 feet 6 inches deep & three feet wide and

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STRONG POINT 1-0-10. Cont'd.

protected by three belts of wire across VALLEY. (Only manned in case of attack.)

STRONG POINT 2-0-10. (O.10.D.1-4.)

This post commands ROOSEBROOK VALLEY. It is traversed, duckboarded and is in a dry condition. About 45 yards long, 6 feet deep & 3 feet wide. Only manned in case of attack. It is connected by sap to RAVINE.

STRONG POINT 3-0-10. (O.10.D.2-7.)

This position consists of two posts each about 30 yds long. One on either side of OLIVE TRENCH. Both posts are duckboarded, traversed and in a dry condition and are about 6 feet deep & three feet wide. Posts are approached by sap from RAVINE but are only occupied in case of attack.

The strong point has an extensive field of fire and is well protected by the RAVINE wire defences.

STRONG POINT 4-0-10. (O.10.B.45-55.)

This strong point is a completed trench about 40 yards long, 6 feet deep & 3 feet wide. It is duckboarded and in a dry condition. Communication trench from RAVINE to same is not completed, requiring a further 80 yards of sap.

Post is not occupied by men unless in case of attack. It affords a commanding field of fire & is well covered by the RAVINE wire defences.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Strong Points along Support defences are in good order and condition - Shelters for men have been erected into traverses &c., but some are not occupied.

One Company lives in RAVINE - all men in fairly strong but dry dug-outs.

ROSE WOOD Company occupies dug-outs & old trench system around the wood but all men in dry shelters.

Coy. H. Grs.

RAVINE COY.	O.10.D.1-6.
ROSE WOOD.	O.16.A.8-9.

<u>Adv. BN. H. Grs.</u>	(RAVINE.)	O.10.D.1-5.
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RESERVE LINE DEFENCES.STRONG POINT. 4-0-15. (O.16.B.05-50.)

This trench is about 150 yards long and 4 feet deep, traversed and duckboarded. Three rows of wire about 50 yards in front of post. Fairly dry.

STRONGPOINT. 1-0-9. (O.9.D.65-20.)

This post is also under construction. About thirty yards of trench cleared 1 ft. 6 inches deep being traversed and duckboarded. Two rows of wire erected in front of post. At present could not be occupied.

STRONG POINT. 2-0-9. (O.9.D.5-9.)

This post is around North-East corner of DEBYS WOOD but is not completed. About 30 yards dug out about 1 ft. 6 inches deep & duckboarded. Cannot be occupied at present.

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STRONG POINT. 3-0-9. (O.S.B. 6-1.)

This strong point is hardly completed, being now 3 feet deep, 2 feet 6 inches wide, revetted for about 30 yards, duck-boarded & fairly dry (drainage not completed.).

STRONG POINT. 4-0-9. (O.S.B. 25-40.)

This strong point is under construction and is 50% complete.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Reserve Coy in DENYS WOOD has two platoons at Coy H.Qrs and two platoons at S.P. 4-0-15. Men in dry shelters.

Coy. H.Qrs. at O.S.D. 55-45.

COMMUNICATION TRENCHES.OLIVE TRENCH.

From Western edge of RAVINE WOOD, good dry sap, duckboarded throughout and revetted up to RAVINE, forward of this to junction of posts O-11-2 & O-11-3. The trench is in good order and affords good cover but requires building up in many places as the breastworks are only 4 feet high & in one stretch of 30 yards only 3 feet. Sap is duckboarded, revetted and generally in dry condition. Trench near HOPB FARM is through low ground & about two inches of water above duckboards exists for about ten yards.

DUCKBOARD TRACKS.

Main track from CLARKE DUNE to OLIVE SAP in RAVINE WOOD in good order, re-wired within last two days. Track from OLIVE SAP to ROBE WOOD in good order; no wire.

WIRE.PICQUET LINE.

Fair. A large amount of wire laid out without any system. New wire has been recently put out and this should be strengthened.

SUPPORT LINE.

Continuous double apron; French belt laced with barbed.

RESERVE LINE.

Continuous as in Support line but laid out with a view to tactical use.

CORPS LINE.

Double plain French wire, no barbed.

ACCOMMODATION.

There are numerous pill boxes and concrete structures over the area, many of which could be reclaimed. List attached hereto. In the RAVINE there are a number of tunnels let into the banks which could be reclaimed. Support and Reserve Companies are under good cover, a large proportion under concrete, remainder under good splinterproofs and all dry.

HEADQUARTERS.BATTALION.

Sufficient for all H.Qrs. Staff in ONRAE WOOD in concrete pill boxes and shelters.

ADVANCED BN. H. QRS.

In RAVINE. Good headquarters, under concrete? Suitable for Battalion Headquarters.

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HEADQUARTERS. Cont'd.PICQUET LINE H.QRS.

Fill box off OLIVE SAP. Good.

SUPPORT COMPANY.

Dug-out RAVINE. Good.

RESERVE No.1. ROSE WOOD.

Fill box. Fair.

RESERVE No.2. DENYS WOOD.

Good concrete structure with spring inside. Excellent.

DEEP DUGOUTS.

One in the RAVINE nearing completion (2/3 days work) to provide accommodation for Bn.H.Qrs. and 200 men.
Deep dugout in RAVINE (German) at present occupied by 60/70 of 177th Tunnelling Coy, will be vacant on completion of large dugout.

SHELLED AREAS.

All saps and duckboards receive a good deal of attention. RAVINE WOOD - DENYS WOOD - ROSE WOOD - and the region of the DAMM STRASSE are particularly unhealthy. Forward of DENYS WOOD line is under enemy observation and he is very quick to pick up targets on any exposure on our part.

TACTICAL.

The sector is on the Southern slope of the HOLLERBEEK SPUR running down to the ROOZEBEEK which, in the vicinity of our PICQUET LINE is practically impassable. The line of posts coincides with the contours of the ground, the observation from the PICQUET LINE is only fair. The Support line which is the line of resistance gives a good field of fire particularly on the right which sweeps the valley of the ROOZEBEEK. The line of resistance of the Corps on the left coincides with our PICQUET LINE which will make a rather hopeless position in the event of a heavy enemy attack. The attention of Corps has been drawn to this. The wiring I consider is at present safe but would like to see it strengthened particularly between the posts of the PICQUET LINE.
The ground in front of the sector is very heavy and patrols report that they sink to the knees, shell holes are full of water level with the surface.

ENEMY LINE.

Very little is known of the enemy line. He has heavy wire all along his front, his strong points with several belts. The TWINS D.11.9-3 and the GIANT 12.6.3-8 contain M.G.s and are heavily wired. Both these places are concrete structures and have been bombarded by the heavies both guns and mortars and sk although many direct hits have been observed no apparent damage is observable. The enemy uses these points as bases and pushes out M.G.posts after dark, never two nights in same position.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Infantry. Practically no infantry activity has been observed. Our patrols have had undisputed possession of No Man's Land and any enemy patrol encountered has been of small strength and made off on our approach. Artillery has not responded very freely to any of our bombardments but has been content with retaliating on saps with 5.9's. Our 6" Newton appear to annoy him considerably and on 11th inst. he retaliated with 8" on the RAVINE. He shells the duckboards and ROSE Dump railway consistently with 5.9, 7.7, and 4.35 at irregular intervals day and night. His gas bombardments have been only moderate on this sector and confined mainly to vicinity of Bn.H.Qrs. and batteries in rear and then always at night.

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ADMINISTRATION.

Rations are brought up by limber to ROSE Dump at dusk and distributed from there.

Cooking. For PICQUET LINE and Support Company is done in Ravine. Hot food for Picquet Line being sent up at dusk; midnight and 3 a.m. parties being supplied by the Support Coy. This Company also takes hot food at these times to the Liaison Post in GREEN WOOD. No 1 Reserve in ROSE WOOD and No 2 Reserve in DENYS WOOD and GOUDEZEUNE FARM draw rations at ROSE Dump and cook for themselves. Shell hole posts also have Tommy Cookers and rest of Picquet Line have primus stoves.

Water Supply. There are good springs in RAVINE and the Company H.Q.s in DENYS WOOD both tested and passed as fit for drinking.

GUM BOOTS & SOCKS.

Gum boots are only drawn by the men in shell hole posts and the carrying Company in the RAVINE. Drying Sheds are in the RAVINE for both socks and gum boots but although in the last hot food party a special man is detailed to collect wet socks he has had none so far. There are also good drying sheds at DENYS WOOD and a large one just completed at Bn.H.Q.s in ONRAET WOOD.

Q.M.Store and Transport are situated in KEMMEL, and arrangement which has been found satisfactory.

Nucleus has been at IRISH HOUSE and CHINESE WALL, at disposal of Bn.Commander and used for carrying and for work in rear of the Support Line.

SALVAGE.

The sector is fairly clean but on the extreme left towards the DAMM STRASSE there is still a fair amount to be collected.

DUMPS.Engineers Material.

CLARKE DUMP.	Ref.	O.15.A.25-35.
ROSE WOOD DUMP.		O.10.C.35-35.

Dumps. Ammunition.

ROSE WOOD DUMP.	S.A.A.	47,000	rounds.
	Mills Grenades.	135	boxes.
	Mills Rifle "	26	"
	Hales " "	23	"
	Stokes Shells	110	shells.

Ammunition dumps at all Company Headquarters.

Bn. H.Q.s.Dump. ONRAET FARM O.14.A.3-1.

S.A.A. 1000 rounds.

Mills Grenades. 468.

RESERVE RATIONS.

500 Reserve Rations at FORRET FARM. Ref.O.11.B.4-1.

RESERVE WATER.

50 Petrol tins at Bn.H.Q.s. ONRAET FARM. Ref.O.14.A.3-1.

AID POSTS.

R.A.P. at Adv.Bn.H.Q.s. RAVINE. Ref.O.10.D.1-6.

Good accommodation.

SICK STATION.

GRAND BOIS Old Bde.H.Q.s. Accommodation good.

COMMUNICATION.

As per sketch attached.

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SUGGESTIONS.

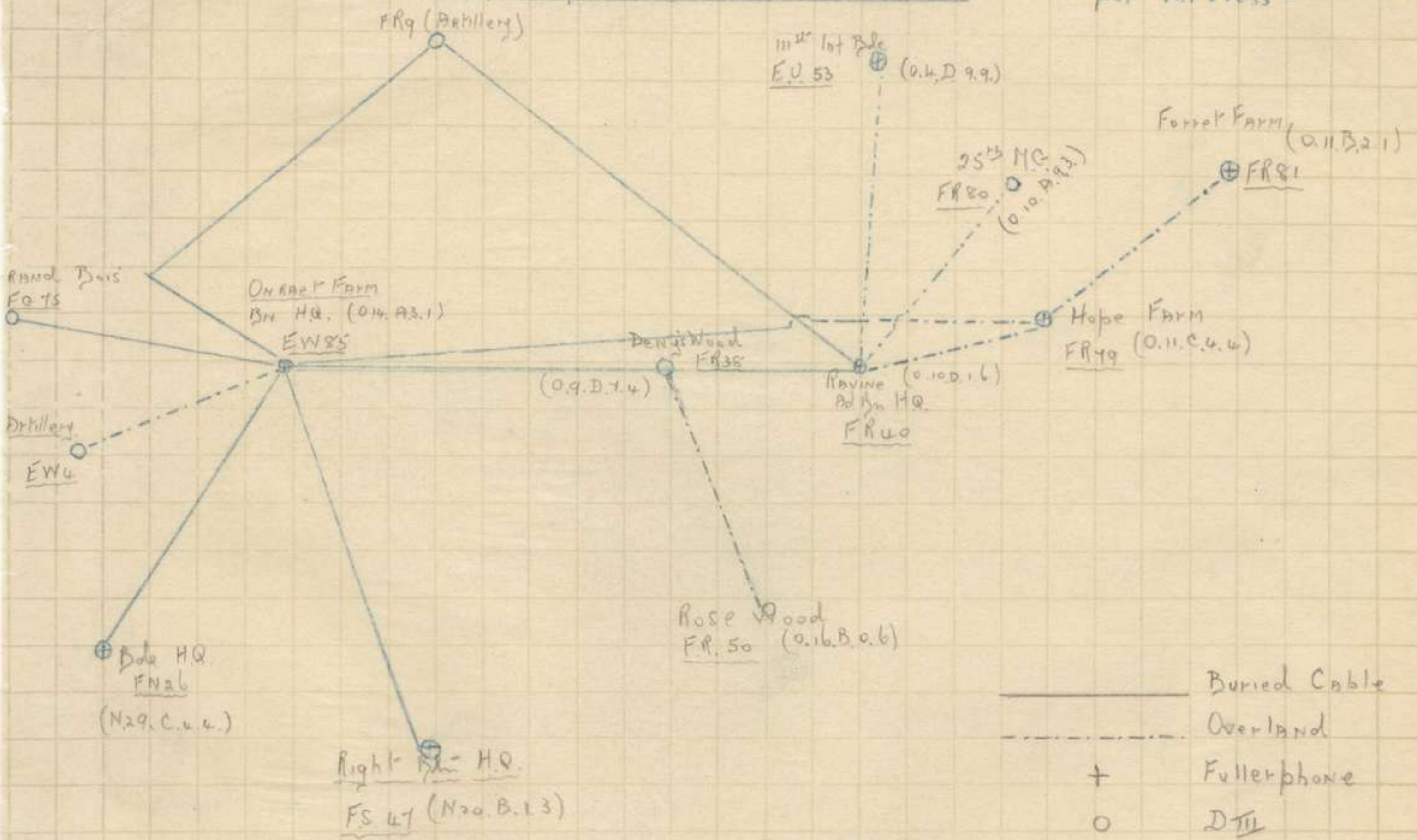
There is a valley running from DEBLSKE FARM to FORRET FARM I have had in view the development of this as an extra communication to the PICQUET Line. In view of the position disclosed by the defence scheme of the Brigade on our left, I consider that the working of this should be put in hand at once, or the alternative seems to me to help the Battalion on our left to wire the gap between DEBLSKE FARM and OAK Support.

Lieut. Col.
C.O. 57th Battalion. A.I.F.

57th Battalion Communications

APPENDIX 19

Power Buzzer also here to FN26 per Wireless



S E C R E T.

57th BATTALION ORDER NO 90.

Ref. Belgium.
Sheet 28. 1/10,000.

13.12.17.

1. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade (plus 25th Machine Gun Company) is being relieved by the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade (plus 21st Machine Gun Company) during the 14th and night 14/15th Dec. in the left sector of the Divisional Front.
2. The 57th Battalion is being relieved by the 7th Battalion during the 14th inst. and night 14/15th Dec.
3. Companies will move independently when relieved to ROSSIGNOL CAMP.
4. All maps, trench stores, aeroplane photographs, defence schemes etc. will be handed over on relief and receipts exchanged. Duplicate copies of these receipts will be forwarded to Bn.H.Qrs. as soon as possible after relief.
When handing over Ammunition Dump, the name of dump and map location must be quoted on the receipt.
All receipts must be legibly made out. Rank, name and unit must be stated of both the handing over & receiving Officer.
5. Officer in charge of gum boot store will not leave his store until ~~the~~ boots taken over by him have been accounted for and receipt obtained. Care must be taken to see that all gum boots are returned from the front line Company.
6. All Lewis Guns will be dumped at ROSE WOOD Dump and handed over to Sgt. Davey. A G.S.Wagon will be at the dump at 8.p.m. to pick up the guns.
7. All signal equipment will also be dumped at ROSE WOOD Dump & be sent back by wagon.
8. Orders re cooking utensils will be issued later.
9. Company Commanders will report in code to Adv.Bn.H.Qrs. when relieved. Lieut.Doutreband will report same to Bn.H.Qrs.
10. Acknowledge.

Capt. & Adjt.
57th Battalion. A.I.F.

Issued at 10.p.m.

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| No. 1 | C.O. |
| 2 | O.C. A. Company. |
| 3 | " B. " |
| 4 | " C. " |
| 5 | " D. " |
| 6 | Lieut.Doutreband. |
| 7 | Q. M. |
| 8 | M.O. |
| 9 | Q.M.S. RAVINE. |
| 10-12 | War Diary. |
| 13 | File. |

S E C R E T

Copy No.....

57th. BATTALION. ORDER NO.91.

Ref. Belgium
Sheet 28 1/40,000
Calais
Sheet 13 1/10,000

14th Dec. 1917.

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1. The 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade is moving to the PARENTY AREA on the 14th. and 15th. Dec. 1917.
 2. The 57th. Battalion is moving to DOUDEAUVILLE. Ref. 5.D.10.4. on the 15th. inst.,
 3. The 57th. Battalion will entrain at DE KENNEBEK at 10.30 am on the 15th. inst., and detrain at DESVRES at 5 pm 15th. inst.,
 4. The column will pass the Starting Point Ref. N.21.D.9-9 at 9.35 am 15th. inst., in the following order:-
Battalion Headquarters.
A. Company.
B. "
C. "
D. "
 5. Transport as per Special Order.
 6. The following distances will be maintained during the march:-
100 yards between Companies.
500 " " Battalions.
 7. DRESS. Full Marching Order. One blanket to be carried. Felt hats to be worn. Sheep skins and steel helmets under the straps of the pack. Water bottles filled. Unconsumed portion of days ration to be carried.
 8. BAGGAGE. The second blanket will be rolled in bundles of 10 and stacked on ground in rear of Officers huts at 7.a.m. All valises and stationery boxes same places by 7.30 am. All signal and Lewis Gun stores must be returned to Q.M. Store on night 14th. inst.,
 9. Lieut. Staley will be entraining Officer for the Battalion and will report to Capt. A.E. Keys, Brigade Representative at DE KENNEBEK Station at 10 am 15th. inst., Entraining state to be taken.
 10. Reports to Head of Column.

(SGD). John. B. Laing. Capt. & Adjt.
57th. Battalion A.I.F.

Issued to

No 1	A. Coy.
2	B. "
3	C. "
4	D. "
5	Q.M.
6	Lewis Gun Officer.
7	Signal Officer.
8	M.O.
9	Transport Officer.
10-12	War Diary.
13.	File.

Headquarters.
15th Australian Inf. Brigade.
24th December 1917.

57th Battalion.
58th Battalion.
59th Battalion.
60th Battalion.

The following programme of work will be adhered to for the period ending 5th January 1918.

- 27th December. - Platoon and Section Training, Musketry, Physical Training and Bayonet Fighting.
- 28th December. - Presentation of Medal Ribbons by G.O.C. A.I.F. (Details later).
- 29th December. - Route Marches by Companies (not less than 8 miles).
- 30th December. - Church Parades.
- 31st December. - As for 27th December.
- 1st & 2nd January. Holidays.
- 3rd January. Platoon Training - Musketry - Physical Training and Bayonet Fighting.
- 4th January. Route Marches by Companies. (not less than 8 miles).
- 5th January. Company and Platoon Training.

In addition 10 minutes Gas Drill will be carried out daily and lectures for Officers will be delivered under Battalion arrangements to Officers in the afternoons or evenings. The Brigade N.O.C.'s and Intelligence School will start on 27th inst. (Details later). Hours of work 8.30.a.m. - 12.30.p.m.

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Sd/ G. A. Street. Major.
Brigade Major.
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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57th Battalion Diet Sheet for December 1917.

Appendix 23
Sheet 1.

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday;
1.12.17 to 7.12.17. Breakfast. Dinner Tea	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Cocoa.	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Cocoa.	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Cocoa.
	Stew & Cocoa.	Boiled Beef & Bacon. Veg. Soup.	Soup - Stew Rice & Tea.	Stew Bread & Milk. & Cocoa.	Boiled beef Soup & Tea.	Stew Rice & Tea.	Stew Rice & Tea.
	Bread & Milk Bread - Jam & Tea.	Rice Cheese Bread Jam Butter.	Bread & Milk Jam Cheese Bread & Tea	Bread Jam Soup Cheese & Tea.	Bread Jam Rice Cheese & Tea	Bread Jam Bread & Milk & Cheese.	Bread Jam Cheese & Cocoa
7.12.17 to 7.12.17 Breakfast Dinner Tea	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Cocoa	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Tea	Bacon B. & Cocoa.	Bacon B. & Tea
	Stew & Cocoa.	Stew & Tea	Boiled Beef Turnips & Tea	Stew Rice & Tea	Stew Rice & Tea	Boiled Beef Veg. Soup.	Stew, Bread, Milk & Tea.
	Bread & Milk. Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Bread Jam Cheese Corned Beef & Tea	Bread Jam Cheese Soup Rice Tea	Bread Jam Butter Tea Cheese	Bread Jam M & V's Cheese Tea	Bread Jam Cheese Tea Bread & Milk	Bread Jam Rice Raisins Cheese Tea

A & B Company.

C. & D. Company.

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	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday.
	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Cocoa.	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Cocoa.	Bacon B. & Cocoa.
	Stew Rice & Tea	Boiled Beef Veg. Soup.	Stew Bread & Milk.	Stew Rice & Tea	Boiled Beef & Tea.	Stew Rice & Tea.	Soup. Cold Beef & Tea.
	Corned Beef Pickles Jam Bread Tea.	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	M & V's. Bread Jam & Tea.	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea.	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea.	Bread & Milk Cocoa Jam Cheese & Tea	Bread Jam Corned Beef Cheese & Tea.
	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Cocoa.	Bacon B. & Tea	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Tea.	Bacon B. & Tea
	Stew Rice & Tea	Boiled Beef Soup & Tea	Stew Rice & Tea	Stew Rice & Tea	Boiled Beef Soup & Tea	Stew Rice & Tea.	Stew Stewed Fruit & Rice.
	Corned Beef Pickles Jam Cheese Tea	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Bread Milk Jam Cheese Tea	Bread Jam Butter & Jam - Cheese Tea	Bread Milk Bread Jam & Tea	Bread Jam Pres. Beef Cheese Tea	Soup Tea M & V's. Jam Bread.

8.12.17 to 14.12.17
 Dinner Breakfast
 Tea Dinner Breakfast Tea

A. & B. Coys.
 C. & D. Coys.

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Sheet 3.

		Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
15.12.17 - 21.12.17.	Breakfast	Bacon & Tea	Bacon B. & Tea	Maconochies F. Porridge & Tea	Bacon F. & Tea	Bacon B. Porridge & Tea.	Bacon F. & Tea	Bacon F. Porridge & Tea.	A & B Coys.
	Dinner	Stew & Tea	Stew Jam Roll & Tea.	Stew Rice & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew Rice & Tea.	Stew Dundee Pudding.	Stew Rice & Tea	
	Tea	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Bread Jam Cheese Veal Loaf & Tea	Corned Beef Bread Jam & Tea.	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Ham Pickles Bread Jam & Tea.	
15.12.17 - 21.12.17	Breakfast	Bacon & Tea	Bacon F. & Tea	Bacon F. & Tea	M & V's Porridge Tea.	Bacon F. Porridge & Tea	Bacon F. Tea	Bacon F. Porridge Tea.	C. & D. Coys.
	Dinner	Stew & Tea	Stew Tea Jam Roll	Stew Rice & Tea	Stew Rice & Tea	Stew Rice & Tea	Stew Dundee Pudding & Tea.	Stew Rice & Tea.	
	Tea	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Bread Jam & Tea	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Bread Jam Corned Beef & Tea	Bread Jam Veal Loaf & Tea	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Bread Jam Corned Beef Tea	

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	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
22.12.17 to 28.12.17.	Breakfast	Bacon F. Porridge & Tea	M & V's & Tea	Bacon F.F. Porridge Tea	Ham Pickles Tea	Bacon B. Porridge Tea	Bacon & Tea	Bacon B. Pickles & Tea
	Dinner	Stew Rice Tea	Stew Rice Tea	Boiled Beef Carrots Soup Raisin Pudding Tea	Fish Soup. Curry & Rice; Roast Beef Baked (Potatoes Turnips Carrots Plum Pud. Sauce, Stewed Apples Wine Custard, Beer & nuts.	Stew Rice Tea	Stew Rice Tea	Stew Jam Roll & Tea
	Tea	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Bread Jam Cheese, C. Beef. & Tea	Bread Jam Corned Beef Cheese & Tea	Salmon Jam Butter & Tea	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Bread Jam M & V's & Tea	Rice Jam Bread Cheese & Tea
22.12.17 to 28.12.17	Breakfast	Bacon. F. Porridge & Tea	Bacon F. & Tea	M & V's F. Porridge Tea.	Ham Pickles Tea.	Bacon B. Porridge Tea	Bacon F. & Tea	Bacon B Pickles & Tea
	Dinner	Stew Rice Tea	Stew Rice Tea	Soup Boiled Beef Carrots Tea Raisin Pudding.	(Soup. Fish, Curry & Rice. Roast Beef Baked Potatoes Turnips Carrots Plum Pud. Sauce Stewed Apples Wine Custard Beer & Nuts.	Stew Rice Tea	Stew Rice Tea	Stew Jam Roll & Tea
	Tea	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Bread Jam Corned Beef Cheese Tea	Bread Jam Salmon Butter & Tea	Bread Ham Cheese Tea	Bread Jam M & V's & Tea	Rice Jam Bread Jam Cheese Tea

A & B Coys.

C & D Coys.

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		Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
29.12.17 to 31.12.17	Breakfast	Bacon B. Porridge & Tea	Bacon B. Pickles & Tea	Bacon F. Porridge & Tea	A & B Coys.
	Dinner	Stew Rice Tea	Stew Rice Tea	Irish Stew & Tea	
29.12.17 to 31.12.17	Tea	Corned Beef Bread Jam Cheese Tea	M & V's Jam Bread Butter Tea	Corned Beef Bread Jam Cheese Tea	
	Breakfast	Bacon B. Porridge Tea	Bacon B. Porridge Tea	Bacon F. Bread F. & Tea	C & D Coys.
29.12.17 to 31.12.17	Dinner	Stew Rice Tea	Stew Rice Tea	Irish Stew & Tea	
	Tea	Corned Beef Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Veal Loaf Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Corned Beef Bread Jam Cheese Tea	

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DRIPPING ----- RETURN.

57th Battalion.A.I.F.

December 1917.

Date.	No of Rations drawn.	Dripping saved.			Used for cooking.		Issued in lieu of Butter.	Returned to Railhead.	Cash received.
		1st Class lbs.	2nd Class lbs.	Total lbs.	1st Class lbs.	2nd Class lbs.			
1.12.17.	702	40	4	44			4	40	
2	692	35	8	43		8		35	
3	695	35	8	43		8		35	
4	687	31	12	43		12		31	
5	687	40	3	43		3	10	30	
5	690	32	11	43		11		32	
7	690	42	3	45		3	9	33	
8	736	35	11	46		11	10	25	
9	735	26	19	45		19		26	
10	738	45		45			17	28	
11	750	45		45			17	28	
12	770	48		48			14	34	
13	770	21		21			7	14	
14	829	18	3	21		3	4	14	
15	829	18	3	21		3	4	14	
16	832	62		62	48			14	
17	837	21		21			7	14	
18	840	14	7	21		7		14	
19	844	14	7	21		7		14	
20	859	62		62	48			14	
21	863	14	7	21		7		14	
22	865	15	7	22		7		15	
23	870	33		33			10	23	
24	934	58	55	58	35			23	
25	958	58	55	58	35			23	
26	956	23	7	30		7		23	
27	923	23		23				23	
28	920	26		26				26	
29	927	47		47				47	
30	929	141		141				141	
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