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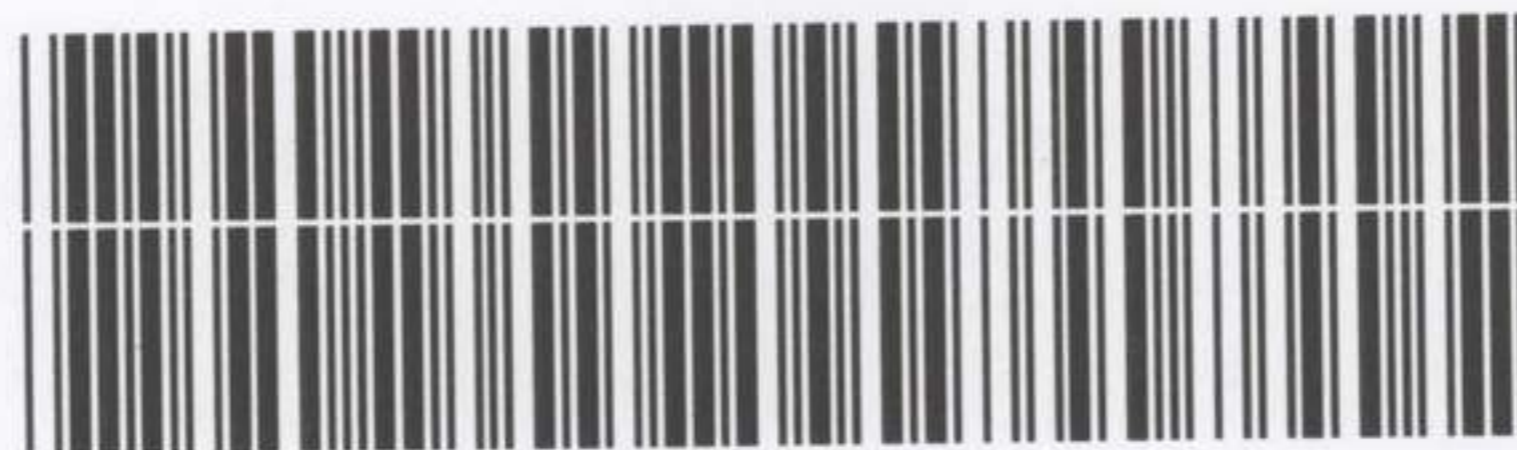
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Sheet 62D 1/40,000 C.21.c.45.25.	1-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Battalion Headquarters, 15th Aust. M.G. Company, and 25th M.G. Company remain disposed as in the concluding days of last month's War Diary.</p> <p>The 8th M.G. Company was relieved by the 14th M.G. Company in the line centre, the 8th M.G. Company taking up Reserve Positions as shown in the Battalion Defence Scheme. App. 6, of last month's War Diary, with Company Headquarters at C.26.b.4.4.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Our guns fired on tasks in support of a minor operation by the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade, and harassing fire was maintained on suitable targets.</p> <p>One gun was blown up during the night but was immediately replaced.</p> <p>Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine. Visibility good.</p>	App.1.
As above.	2-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS</u> Unchanged.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Exceptionally quiet on the whole sector. An enemy relief was suspected and all roads, bridges and tracks were kept under intermittent fire during the night.</p> <p>Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p>Battalion Order No.24 issued re raid by 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade and minor operation in conjunction with major operation by the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade. Map attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine and sunny. Visibility good.</p>	App.2. App.3. App.4.
As above.	3-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> 12 guns of the 8th M.G. Company moved to SAILLY-le-SEC at 3.30 p.m. and came under the command of the C.O. 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion, (Battalion Order No.24) in readiness to assist in Major Operation carried out by the 4th Aust. Division.</p> <p><u>SITUATION</u> Normal during the day but lively during the night, a heavy bombardment taking place on the left of the Divisional Area.</p> <p>Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p><i>D. P. ...</i> C.O., 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.</p>	App.5.

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	3-7-18 (contd.)		<p>Liaison was maintained with the 14th and 15th (line) Brigades.</p> <p>All Companies reported preparations complete for minor operation at 5 p.m. and Battalion reported by wire to Division at 8.30 pm. "All Machine Gun arrangements complete".</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u> Remained fine and sunny. Visibility good.</p>	
C.21.c.45.	25. 4-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged. Battalion Order No.25 issued preparatory to alteration of Southern Divisional Boundary, involving the taking over of four guns from the 12th Aust. M.G. Company.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> At 3.10 a.m. the 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade line was advanced in E.26. and K.2. on a frontage of about 1,500 yards to an average depth of 500 yards. At the same time a successful raid was carried out by the 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade (see Battalion Order No.24) in conjunction with a major operation by the 4th Aust. Division, when the village of HAMEL and the wood beyond fell into our hands.</p> <p>Our guns assisted in all operations by laying down intense barrages on selected spots. At 9 p.m. the enemy counter attacked our new positions in front of VILLE-sur-ANCRE but the attack withered away under the heavy machine gun barrage and artillery fire in reply to our S.O.S. Signal.</p> <p>Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p>Liaison was maintained with the 58th M.G. Battalion, M.G.C. on our left flank.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine but overcast. Visibility poor.</p>	App.6. App.7.
As above.	5-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> On account of the Southern Divisional Boundary being altered, four guns of the 12th M.G. Company were taken over, two by the 8th M.G. Company and two by the 25th M.G. Company. The four Reserve guns of the 8th M.G. Company in ROMA LINE moved forward to the two positions taken over from the 12th M.G. Company and to No.10 and 11 positions vacated by the 25th M.G. Company. See Map. Relief was completed by 11 p.m.</p> <p>The 12 guns of the 8th M.G. Company at SAILLY-le-sec were relieved and returned to their Reserve positions in the Divisional Area.</p>	App.8.

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C.21.c.45.25.	5-7-18.		<u>SITUATION.</u> Enemy artillery was very active, a gas bombardment lasting over one hour (contd.) taking place on the left Company Sector. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.	App.9. <i>[Signature]</i>
As above.	6-7-18.		<u>WEATHER</u> Fine. Visibility fair. <u>DISPOSITIONS</u> Unchanged, <u>SITUATION</u> Quiet. As usual, our machine guns carried out an active harassing fire programme. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached. The C.O. attended a conference of Machine Gun Battalion Commanders held at Corps Head- quarters and put forward points for discussion. 1. The establishment of M.G. Battalion Orderly Room be increased. 2. A reserve of small-box respirators allowed for M.G. Battalions. It is understood approval will be given for both these items to be increased. Liaison was maintained with 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion on our right flank.	App.10. <i>[Signature]</i>
As above.	7-7-18.		<u>WEATHER</u> Fine but cloudy. Visibility fair. <u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged. Line Companies carried out a self contained relief. S.O.S. tasks of Left Group were altered and guns re-numbered. See map. <u>SITUATION.</u> The enemy is still apparently nervous as his artillery carried out scattered shelling of our forward areas throughout the day. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.	App.11. <i>[Signature]</i>
As above.	8-7-18.		<u>WEATHER.</u> Cloudy but fine. Visibility good. <u>DISPOSITIONS</u> Unchanged. <u>SITUATION.</u> Normal. . Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.	App.12. <i>[Signature]</i> App.13. <i>[Signature]</i>

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C.21.c.45.25.	8-7-18.		<u>WEATHER</u> Visibility good after 8 a.m., a thick ground mist preventing observation till that (contd.) time.	
As above.	9-7-18.		<u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Guns of the Right Group were re-organised (see app.11) and new S.O.S. tasks allotted. Battalion Order No.26 issued re relief of 15th M.G. Company by the 8th M.G. Company on the night of the 10th/11th July.	App.14.
			<u>SITUATION.</u> Enemy artillery much more active than usual in response to our artillery activity. Battalion Intelligence Summary Attached.	App.15.
As above.	10-7-18.		<u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and warm. Visibility fair. <u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> 8TH M.G. Company relieved the 15th M.G. Company in the line left, the 15th M.G. Company taking over the Reserve Positions vacated by the 8th M.G. Company, with Company Headquarters at C.21.c.50.20.	
			<u>SITUATION.</u> Artillery activity on both sides, enemy using gas under cover of H.E. shells. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.	App.16.
As above.	11-7-18.		<u>WEATHER.</u> Showery. Visibility poor. <u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.	
			<u>SITUATION.</u> Normal. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached. Liaison was maintained with the line Brigades, (14th and 15th Brigades).	App.17.
			<u>WEATHER.</u> Thunder storms with frequent showers. Visibility poor.	

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C.21.c.45.25.	12-7-18.		<u>DISPOSITIONS</u> Unchanged. <u>SITUATION</u> Early in the morning a raid was carried out by the 57th Battalion, the 8th and 14th M.G. Companies supporting the operation with heavy barrage fire. Battalion Intelligence Summaries attached.	App.18. App.19. <i>[Signature]</i>
As above.	13-7-18.		<u>WEATHER</u> Thunderstorms. Showery in the morning. Visibility fair in the afternoon. <u>DISPOSITIONS</u> Unchanged. <u>SITUATION</u> Normal. Active harassing fire by Machine guns continues to be carried out nightly. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached. Enemy aeroplanes were active and two of our observation balloons destroyed in the neighbourhood of LA HOUSOYE. <u>WEATHER.</u> Fair during the day but showery at night. Visibility fair.	App.20. <i>[Signature]</i>
As above.	14-7-18.		<u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged. The C.O. accompanied by the I.O. carried out an exhaustive reconnaissance of the new gun positions of the Right Group and issued instructions regarding their improvement, so increasing their value as defensive positions. <u>SITUATION.</u> Normal. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached. <u>WEATHER.</u> Dull and cloudy during the morning. Heavy showers in the afternoon and night. Visibility fair.	App.21. <i>[Signature]</i>
As above.	15-7-18.		<u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged. Battalion Order No.27 issued re relief of the 25th M.G. Company by the 15th M.G. Company on the night of the 16th/17th July, 1918. <u>SITUATION.</u> Normal. E.A. were active during the day and brought down one of our observation balloons in flames. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached. Liaison was maintained with the 3rd Aust. M.G. Battalion on our right flank.	App.22. App.23. <i>[Signature]</i>

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C.21.c.45.25.	15-7-18.		<u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and hot, but rained during the night. Visibility good.	
	(Contd.)			
As above.	16-7-18.		<u>DISPOSITIONS</u> The 15th M.G. Company relieved the 25th M.G. Company in the line right without incident, the 25th M.G. Company taking up reserve positions vacated by the 15th Company.	
			<u>SITUATION.</u> Normal. Our planes were active and destroyed an enemy observation balloon. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.	App.24.
As above.	17-7-18.		<u>WEATHER.</u> Dull and overcast. Visibility during afternoon good.	
			<u>DISPOSITIONS</u> Unchanged.	
			<u>SITUATION.</u> Enemy activity increased a little. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.	App.25.
As above.	18-7-18.		<u>WEATHER</u> Unsettled and Sultry. Visibility poor.	
			<u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.	
			<u>SITUATION.</u> At 10.15 p.m. an enemy raiding party attempted to enter our trenches but was repulsed with casualties, none of our men being hurt. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.	App.26.
As above.	19-7-18.		<u>WEATHER.</u> Cloudy but fine in the morning with showers in the afternoon. Visibility fair.	
			<u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.	
			<u>SITUATION</u> Normal. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.	App.27.
			<u>WEATHER</u> Fine in the morning, heavy showers later in the day.	

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C.21.c.45.25.	20-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Uncahnged.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Enemy much quieter than usual. One man of the 15th M.G. Company sniped two Bosche, and casualties claimed were one killed and one wounded. Aeroplanes of both sides were active, five, two of them, enemy planes, being brought down; the remaining three were not identified. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine in the morning, heavy showers in the afternoon and night.</p>	App.28. <i>mf</i>
As above.	21-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Normal. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached. C.O. Held a conference of Company Commanders at TREUX Chateau, J.5.b.25.30. reference operation to take place on the night 28th/29th instant.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine. Cloudy in the morning but clear in the afternoon when visibility was good.</p>	App.29. <i>mf</i>
As above.	22-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Normal. E.A. were active, one machine bring down one of our observation ballons near Pont NOYELLES. Our planes were also active, three enemy balloons being brought down in flames. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine, but allittle rain during the night. Observation good.</p>	App.30. <i>mf</i>
As above.	23-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS</u> Unchanged.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Normal. Our machine guns continue to be active during the night. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Heavy showers during the day. Observation poor.</p>	App.31. <i>mf</i>

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C21c.45.25.	24-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Normal during the day, but very active on our forward system during the night. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached. Liaison was maintained with the 4th Aust. M.G. Company.(Corps Reserve).</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Showery during the afternoon. Visibility fair.</p>	App.32. Hf.
As above.	25-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> The 58th(London) Division on our left raided enemy system at 10 a.m. securing prisoners and material. Heavy shelling and counter battery work by the enemy took place on our sector throughout the remainder of the day. One gun of the 15th M.G. Company sniped a Bosche at K.13.d.7.5. and enemy stretcher bearers carrying a Red Cross flag came out of trench and carried him away. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached. Liaison maintained with the 18th and 14th (Line) Brigades.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Showery during the afternoon. Visibility good between showers.</p>	App.33. Hf.
As above.	26-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> The enemy continued a lively harassing fire on all approaches and roads behind our forward system. Our machine guns carried out an active harassing fire programme as usual during the night. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Dull and showery in the afternoon. Visibility fair.</p>	App.34. Hf.
As above.	27-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> The Northern Divisional Boundary was altered (see Map App.46.). Battalion Order No.28 issued, and 12 guns of the 8th M.G. Company and 4 guns of the 25th M.G. Company North of River ANCRE were relieved by the 58th M.G. Battalion, M.G.C. Relief satisfactorily completed by 12.40.a.m. 28th instant</p>	APP.35 Hf.

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C.21.c.45.25.	27-7-18.		<p><u>SITUATION.</u> Normal. E.A. were active during the night and bombed our Reserve areas. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached.</p> <p>Battalion Order No.29 issued reference operation by the 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade and a supplementary operation by the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade. Machine Gun arrangements completed by 5 p.m.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Showery. Visibility fair.</p>	App.36. App.37. <i>[Signature]</i>
As above.	28-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> For the purposes of the operation, the 15th M.G. Company shifted rearbguns forward to Battery positions in J.24.b., organized an extra section which took up a position in J.24.a. and J.18.d. One Section of the 25th M.G. Company was allotted to the O.C. 15th M.G. Company and took up a position in J.24.b. The 14th M.G. Company removed the Battery consisting of Nos. 13. 14. 15. and 16 guns forward to J.12.c.6.1. and two Sections of the 25th M.G. Company allotted them, were placed in BUNBURY LINE with the left gun at J.12.c.75.85. The Reserve positions vacated by the 25th M.G. Company were taken over by the 8th M.G. Company relieved in the line left on the previous night by the 58th M.G. Battalion, M.G.C.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> Normal.. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached. (see App.36). Operation memorandum issued re re-adjustment of Divisional Boundaries.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Fine. Visibility fair.</p>	App.38. <i>[Signature]</i>
As above.	29-7-18.		<p><u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Unchanged.</p> <p><u>SITUATION.</u> At 12.30 a.m. the 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade attacked and gained all objectives. At 1.25. a.m. the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade South of the 8th Brigade. All Objectives were gained, realising an advance of an average depth of 500 yards on a frontage of 4,000 yards, capturing four officers, 139 other ranks, 36 machine guns, and one minewerfer. Our machine guns carried out a heavy barrage fire on an area behind the final objective. (see map App.39), in co-operation with both advances.</p> <p>Enemy retaliation was weak during the attack, but after 1 a.m. he heavily shelled our forward areas and during the day was active behind our forward system, though very scattered. The new front line also received attention. Gas masks were worn by the teams of the battery position in J.12.c. for 75 minutes, and it is interesting to note that not one casualty occurred through gas.</p> <p>H.B. & L., London, E.C. (A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 53 Forms/C2118/16.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> C.O. 5th Aust. M.G. Bn. Major.</p>	App.39. <i>[Signature]</i> b

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C.21.c.45.25.	29-7-18.	(contd.)	One gun was blown up but was immediately replaced from rear. Battalion Intelligence Summaries attached. An order detailing a Billeting Party was issued foretelling the Battalion move to COISY. Operation Memo was issued re resuming normal dispositions after midnight. Battalion Order No.30 re relief of the remainder of the Battalion was issued.	App.40.41. App.42. App.43. App.44.
As above.	30-7-18.		<u>WEATHER.</u> Fine, but dull during the afternoon. Visibility poor after 4 p.m. <u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> The remaining portion of Battalion Order No.28 (App.35) was carried into effect, and 4 guns of the 8th M.G. Company and 6 guns of the 14th M.G. Company were relieved by the 58th Battalion, M.G.C. by 1.20 a.m. (see App.41). Operation Memo (App.43) was carried into effect after midnight 29th/30th July, and all the guns of the 25th M.G. Company were withdrawn to their Rear Headquarters and later relieved the 8th M.G. Company in Reserve positions, the 8th M.G. Company moving to COISY (Bn Order 30) by route : FRECHENCOURT, ST GRATIEN, RAINEVILLE, COISY, under Company arrangements. <u>SITUATION.</u> A heavy gas concentration was placed on an area affecting mostly J.11.d. and K.17.b. necessitating the wearing of gas masks by the Reserve gun teams for 1½ hours (see App. 41.). Heavily artillery fire was maintained on the Right Sector throughout the day, combined with gas during the night. Battalion Intelligence Summary attached. Map attached shewing new Divisional Boundary, dispositions of guns and new S.O.S. tasks.	App.45. App.46.
As above.	31-7-18.		<u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and warm. Visibility poor. <u>DISPOSITIONS.</u> Remaining guns of the 14th M.G. Company and 4 guns of the 15th M.G. Company were relieved by "C" Company, 18th M.G. Battalion, M.G.C? Relief satisfactorily completed by 3.5 a.m. On relief the 14th M.G. Company moved to their Rear Headquarters, <u>SITUATION.</u> Enemy heavy shelling scattered over the whole area and with strong concentrations of gas (yellow cross and phosgene) during the night. <u>WEATHER.</u> Fine and sunny. Visibility poor due to haze.	

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			<p><u>RESUME (Contd.).</u></p> <p>Consequent upon the departure of Lieut.-Col. Marsden, D.S.O. on 17-7-18 to U.K. Major. A.H. Wright assumed command of the Battalion.</p> <p><u>SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION, ETC.</u></p> <p>Capt. T.C. Montague proceeded to Fourth Army Infantry School at AULT ONIVAL on the 26th July, 1918.</p> <p>Lieut. G.R. Field proceeded to 123rd American M.G. Battalion to assist in the supervision of the Battalion Transport. 26-7-18 and returned on 29-7-18.</p> <p>No. 3188 Sgt. Milburn, J. proceeded to GRANTHAM on 29-7-18 for instructional purposes at M.G.T.D. and No. 2292 C.S.M. Gibb, J. proceeded for similar duties on 27-7-18.</p> <p>No. 248 CQMS Pettman, H.C., No. 325 Cpl. Dower, L.H. and T/Cpl. Wintle, E. proceeded to U.K. on 20-7-18 to join O.T.C. and 8 other ranks proceeded to Corps and Divisional Gas and Signal Schools.</p> <p>The Drill School for Non-Commissioned Officers which begun on the 20th June, 1918 (see last month's War Diary) was concluded at Battalion Headquarters on the 10th July, 1918 with a practical and written examination, the results achieved, showing that the time and labour spent during the course were justified, the men taking a keen interest in all the subjects embraced, thus raising the standard of knowledge of the N.C.O's of the Unit.</p> <p>Owing to the successful issue of this school, another course was entered upon on the 15th July, 1918. the basis of training to be similar to the course just concluded. This course is now in its second week, though owing to active operations, and in view of the coming move, the school has been temporarily closed, but will be immediately re-opened on arrival at our destination.</p> <p>C.S.M.I. Toccock, P. and B.T. Staff was attached to supervise the physical training of the Unit.</p> <p><u>During the period</u></p>	

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			<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u></p> <p>The Battalion has occupied line positions throughout the period, covering a frontage of 7,500 yards, and every night the offensive spirit has been maintained by carrying out active harassing fire programmes. The expenditure of ammunition has been justified, one prisoner stating that our fire "kept their heads down" while another said that "casualties were heavy, mostly caused by machine gun bullets, particularly ricochets".</p> <p>After all operations, infantry units have expressed entire satisfaction with the barrages supplied.</p> <p><u>WORKS.</u></p> <p>During the period alternative positions were constructed in the forward areas and used as occasion demanded. Battle positions were considerably improved, and men's shelters made splinter and weather proof, and where necessary, owing to the inclemency of the weather, duck-boards were placed in the trenches. Wherever possible Champagne emplacements were constructed, so enabling the men to enjoy a certain degree of comfort even in the most adverse conditions.</p> <p><u>DECORATIONS.</u></p> <p>The following N.C.O's and men were awarded decorations as under for services rendered with the forces in France :-</p> <table border="0"><tr><td><u>MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.</u> (Army Routine Order 16-7-18)</td><td><u>CROIX-de-GUERRE (Belgian).</u> (A.I.F. List No.353 of 9-7-18). No.2799 Sgt. ASHTON, E. 3494 Cpl. JOHNSON, J.B.D. 840 Pte. DURKIN, W.F</td></tr></table> <p>No.593 Pte. CALLOWAY, W.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Lieut.-Col. C.O., 5th Aust. M. G. Battalion.</p>	<u>MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.</u> (Army Routine Order 16-7-18)	<u>CROIX-de-GUERRE (Belgian).</u> (A.I.F. List No.353 of 9-7-18). No.2799 Sgt. ASHTON, E. 3494 Cpl. JOHNSON, J.B.D. 840 Pte. DURKIN, W.F	
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			<p><u>RATIONS.</u> See App. 47.</p> <p><u>SICKNESS.</u></p> <p>The sickness during the month was normal: During the earlier portion of the month there were a few cases of "influenza" (P.U.O.) and during the latter part of the month a number of diarrhoea cases, neither epidemics being excessive. Otherwise the general health of the troops was excellent.</p> <p>The Regimental Hospital continues to be run and its value has been proved by the small proportion of evacuations during the influenza epidemic.</p> <p><u>BATHING.</u></p> <p>Advantage has been taken of branches of the Divisional Baths existing at FRANVILLERS and LA-HOUSSEY to give the men every facility of having a hot bath and a change of under-clothing as soon as relieved from the line. The teams in Reserve have availed themselves during the warm weather, of the proximity of the river ANCRE and bathed frequently in their spare time.</p> <p><u>SPORTS.</u></p> <p>The weather during the first part of the month was consistently fine and warm, enabling details at rear Headquarters to indulge in football and cricket matches, thus encouraging the spirit of healthy rivalry between Companies. During the latter part of the month the weather became very showery, consequently very little organised sport was indulged in.</p> <p><u>LEAVE.</u></p> <p>The allotment of leave for the period has been approximately at the rate of one per day, Officers being granted leave in the proportion of one to 13 other ranks, and in addition a certain amount of leave has been granted to places in France.</p>	App. 47

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			<p><u>REST CAMPS.</u></p> <p>During the month one officer and 21 other ranks proceeded to the Fourth Army Rest Camp at EU, FRANCE.</p> <p><u>CANTEEN.</u></p> <p>The canteen has been running during the whole period and has been of great use to the men during the continuous tour of duty in the line. Its operation has been considerably curtailed owing to the small quantities of goods available.</p> <p><u>MORALE.</u></p> <p>Though the time in the line has been strenuous for both officers and men the morale of the Battalion is excellent. This is due to the excellent manner in which Company Commanders have husbanded their command, and frequently carried out self-contained reliefs, enabling the men to spell and bath often enough to keep them in a very contented and happy state.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Lieut.-Col. C.O. 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.</p>	

WAR DIARY

OF

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
 For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 1-7-18.

APPENDIX

OPERATIONS

Inter-Company relief was completed satisfactorily by 11.30 p.m.

Right Company. Harrassing fire was maintained on the following targets throughout the night :-

Cross Roads in	K.8.d.70.40.		
Roads from	K.31.d.40.90.	to	K.31.b.75.35.
" "	K.21.a.60.20.	to	K.21.c.70.60.
" "	K.27.b.20.90.	to	K.27.a.80.00.

Centre Company. During the night the following targets were covered with harrassing fire :

Roads and tracks in K.2.b.
 Track in K.8.a.70.70. to K.8.b.00.65.

Left Company. In support of the minor operation by the Infantry, heavy fire was maintained on a line E.14.c.50.50. through E.14.c.73.00. to E.20.a.90.40. Harassing fire was maintained simultaneously on roads and hedged etc., and two guns covered the enemy raided trench. At intervals during the night harrassing fire was maintained on line E.20.b.70.70. to E.20.b.40.40. and roads, tracks and trench systems.

Ammunition expended - 42,500 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Much quieter than the previous day. At intervals during the day

	50	9.2's	In the vicinity of J 10b and J 5 c.
11a.m.	20	77's	J24 a 80.40.
1a.m.			Front areas received a general bombardment with 4.2's and 5.9's.
2.15 a.m. to 2.45 a.m.	12	77's	J.18.a.
	10	5.9's	K.13.b. and d.
4 a.m.			A lively bombardment south of VILLE SUR ANCRE.

HOSTILE MACHINE GUNS

After the raid Machine guns became very active, firing on our forward areas, and also BUIRE Station and roads, and BRAY - CORBIE Road.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

Active all day behind his own lines. 10 a.m. one E.A. crossed our line but was driven off by A.A. and M.G. Fire. 9 p.m. two E.A. attempted to cross our lines but were driven back by our planes. During the night they were continually crossing our lines, and bombs were dropped in J.12.a. and B. A balloon observed 80° Mag. B. from J.24.b.90.85.

MISCELLANEOUS

Our Planes were active all day and during the evening were using M.G.'s on enemy.

At 2 a.m. our S.O.S. was observed to go up some distance away on our left flank.

One gun was blown out during the night and was immediately replaced.

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No.	5124
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Lieut.
 for Lieut.- Colonel.
 C.O. 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION	
No.	5126
Date.	

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 2-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:- At intervals throughout the night harrassing fire was maintained on the following targets.

Cross Roads	K 8d 70.40.
Road from	K 31 d 40.90. to K 31 b 75.35.
" "	K 26 c 50.70 to K 26 a 60.30.
Cross Roads	K 20 b 25.90.

Centre Company:-

Harrassing fire was carried out during the night on targets as under

Road in	K 9 c.
" "	K 8 d 10.80.
Post at	K 2 c 80.30.
Road Junction	K 2 a.80.40.
Tracks in	K 2 b

Left Company:-

Targets as under were engaged at intervals during the night with harrassing fire.

Quarry.	E. 14 c.
Roads and Approaches to MORLANCOURT.	
Trench and Road Junction.	E 14 c 80.30

In view of suspected enemy relief, Roads Bridges etc. were kept under intermittent fire throughout the night.

Movement of men was seen at K 25 d 20.50. One of our Guns opened fire and the movement stopped

Ammunition Expended 16,700 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Throughout the period the enemy was exceptionally quiet.

At irregular intervals during the day,

30	4.2's in J. 17 c.
1 p.m.	K 1 b and d was subjected to heavy shelling with 4.2's for a period of 10 minutes.
10 p.m.	20 5.9's fell about J 16 a 90.90.
12 midnight.	10 light minenwerfers on our front line in K 1 b and d.
1.10 a.m.	Gas Shells on VILLE - SUR- ANCRE.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

3.30 p.m. a flight of E.2. were patrolling our lines but could not cross on the account of our Fighting Patrols.

7 p.m. increased activity with much air fighting. Two planes were observed to be shot down, one E.A. falling in our lines and the identity of the other is not known.

During the night bombing planes were continually crossing our lines.

MISCELLANEOUS.

An enemy working party was heard digging in K 13 d 80.90.
Our S.O.S. was observed four times some distance on our
left, and was followed by a heavy bombardment.

W. B. Smith Capt ~~Lieut.~~
for Lieut.-Colonel.
C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Battalion.

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 22 APPENDIX

SECRET

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Headquarters,
2-7-18.

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1. On "Z" day at an hour to be notified later, the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade will carry out an attack, and the 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade a raid and a Chinese attack in conjunction with a major operation to be carried out elsewhere.
2. The 5th Australian Machine Gun Battalion will assist in covering the operation, the Left Group supporting the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade as laid down in 5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion Order No. 22 of 26-6-18.
3. The Right Group will cover the raid of the 14th Inf. Brigade and are allotted tasks - shown in red on attached map.
4. For the purposes of this operation the four Reserve Guns in Roma Line are allotted to the Right Group.
5. The 8th Machine Gun Company (less one Section), will come under the command of C.O. 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion from 2 p.m. 3rd July. Separate orders for the move of this Company will be issued later.
6. In addition to tasks allotted to Right Group, points specially selected by Battalion Commanders and O.C. Raiding Parties will be kept under neutralizing fire.
7. Preliminary arrangements regarding removal of guns, ammunition supply, communications, etc., will be complete by 5 p.m. 3rd July, and a report to that effect submitted to Battalion Headquarters by Right and Left Group Commanders.
8. Rate of Fire :-
Zero to plus 15 minutes 150 rounds per minute.
Plus 15 to plus 25 minutes 75 " " "
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

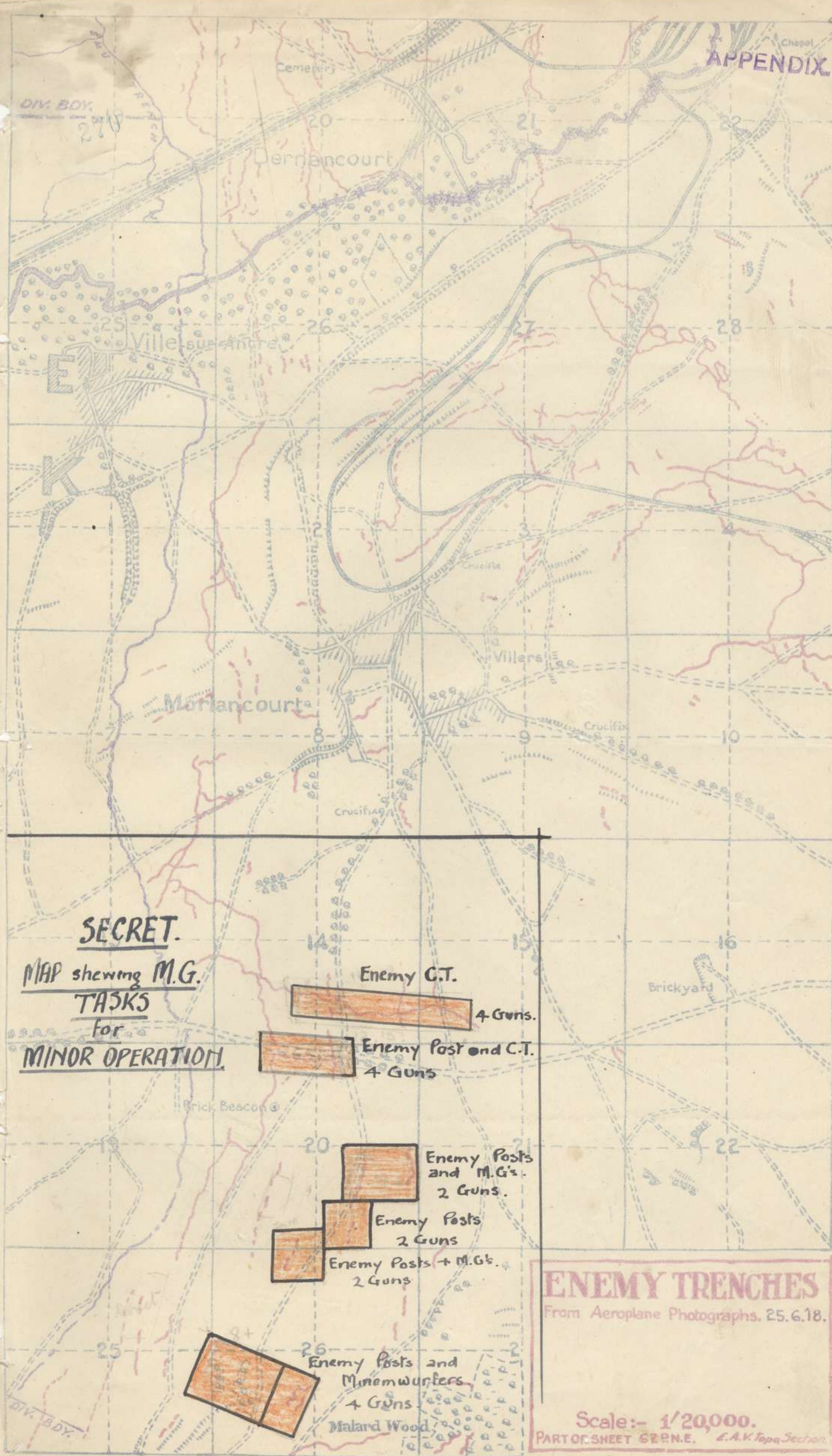
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APPENDIX 5
Headquarters
3-7-18.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
for period of 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 3-7-18.

OPERATIONS

Right Company. Throughout the night harassing fire was brought to bear on :

Cross Roads at K.8.d.70.40.
and K.20.b.20.95,
Road from K.26.c.50.70. to K.26.a.60.40.

Centre Company. At intervals during the night the following targets were harassed with fire.

Roads and tracks in K.3.a. and c.
" " " K.9.a. and c.
Junction of Roads E.26.d.20.70.
Road. K. 8.b.65.55.

Left Company. Targets as under were engaged at intervals throughout the night.

Enemy works E.27.a.
Quarry E.14.c.20.80.
Roads and approaches to DERNANCOURT, E.20.b.80.40.
Roads and Bridges E.20.d.40.40.
Road junction and trench E.14.c.70.45.

Ammunition expended - 17,200 rounds .

IDENTIFICATIONS

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

Very quiet during the day but more lively at night.

9 a.m. 30, 4.2's and 77 m.m. on Sunken Road in K.1.a. and b.
3 p.m. 20 8" J.16.a.
6.25 p.m. 50 4.2's and 77 m.m. repeated on Sunken Road and also in VILLE sur ANCRE.
9 p.m. a very heavy bombardment on the Sector on our left.
10 p.m. a scattered shelling over our forward areas for five minutes mostly 4.2's.
11 p.m. 20 4.2's K.13.c.20.00.
11 p.m. Shelled J.12.a. for 15 minutes with 4.2's.
11 p.m. Two pineapple bombs containing sweet smelling gas were dropped in K.19.b.30.60.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

During the day E.A. pabbolled our lines but did not attempt to cross over.

11 a.m. two planes believed to be hostile, were brought down behind the enemy lines. Otherwise aerial activity very quiet.

MISCELLANEOUS

Enemy Artillery opened a heavy bombardment on the sector on our left at 9 p.m. and repeated it twice during the night. Our S.O.S. was observed on this sector.

10.30.p.m. a large conflagration was noticed in the direction of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and was still burning at 3.30 a.m.

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Date.

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For Lieut.- Colonel.
C. O. 5th Aust. M.G.Bn.

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Headquarters,
4-7-18.Ref. Map. 62P. NE.
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1. The boundary between "B" and "C" Divisions will be adjusted on the night 4th/5th July as follows :--
New Southern Boundary will be a line drawn from West to East along the present boundary to J.22.d.0.0. thence a line through J.30.c.00. to British Front Line.
2. Consequent on the above adjustment of the boundary the four guns of the 8th M.G. Company in the ROMA Line will withdraw from their present positions and take over the following positions from the 12th Aust. M.G. Company on the night of the 5th/6th July.
(a) J.28.b.70.90. (b) J.23.c.1.1.
(c) J.30.c.00.03. (d) J.30.c.15.99.
3. On completion of relief the above guns will come under the control of the Right Group Commander.
4. No movement will take place in forward area before 10.30 p.m.
5. Tasks of guns, Defence Schemes, Maps, Air photos, etc., relating to these positions will be taken over and receipts forwarded to Battalion Headquarters 24 hours after completion of relief.
6. Location of Headquarters 12th M.G. Company is J.22.c.
7. Consistent with the terms of this order all details of relief will be arranged direct between Company Commanders concerned.
8. Completion of relief will be wired through Headquarters, 54th Aust. Infantry Battalion J.22.d.2.5. to Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters, 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion by the code word "SWANK".
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

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APPENDIXINTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 4-7-18.OPERATIONS

From Zero hour to dawn our Machine guns fired on specially selected targets as submitted to Brigades in co-operation with other arms in connection with the minor and major operations which took place on our Corps front.

Fire was distributed on enemy trench systems, posts, tracks, and roads.

Right Company. Targets engaged were -
C.T. K.14.c.90.80. to K.15.c.40.20.
Post and C.T. K.20.a.50.90. to K.20.b.20.90.
Post in K.20.b. and c. and K.26.c.

Centre Company. Engaged targets as under.
Tracks K.3.a. and c. and K.9.a. and c.
Roads at K.8.b.65.55.
Forked Road E.26.d.20.70.

Left Company. Targets engaged were -
E.20.d.0.3. to E.20.d.00.55.
E.20.d.30.30.
E.20.d.00.80.
E.20. Central.
E.20.b.10.20. to E.20.d.30.20.
E.26.d.40.80. to E.27.a.10.40.

Ammunition expended - 87,150 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONSN I L.HOSTILE ARTILLERY

During the day enemy artillery was very quiet. During the operation artillery was confined to forward areas attention being paid to Sunken Road in K.1.b. and d. and also J.12.a.5.5.

No counter battery work whatsoever was participated in.
A.A. Batteries were active against our contact planes.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Very quiet throughout the period.

MISCELLANEOUS

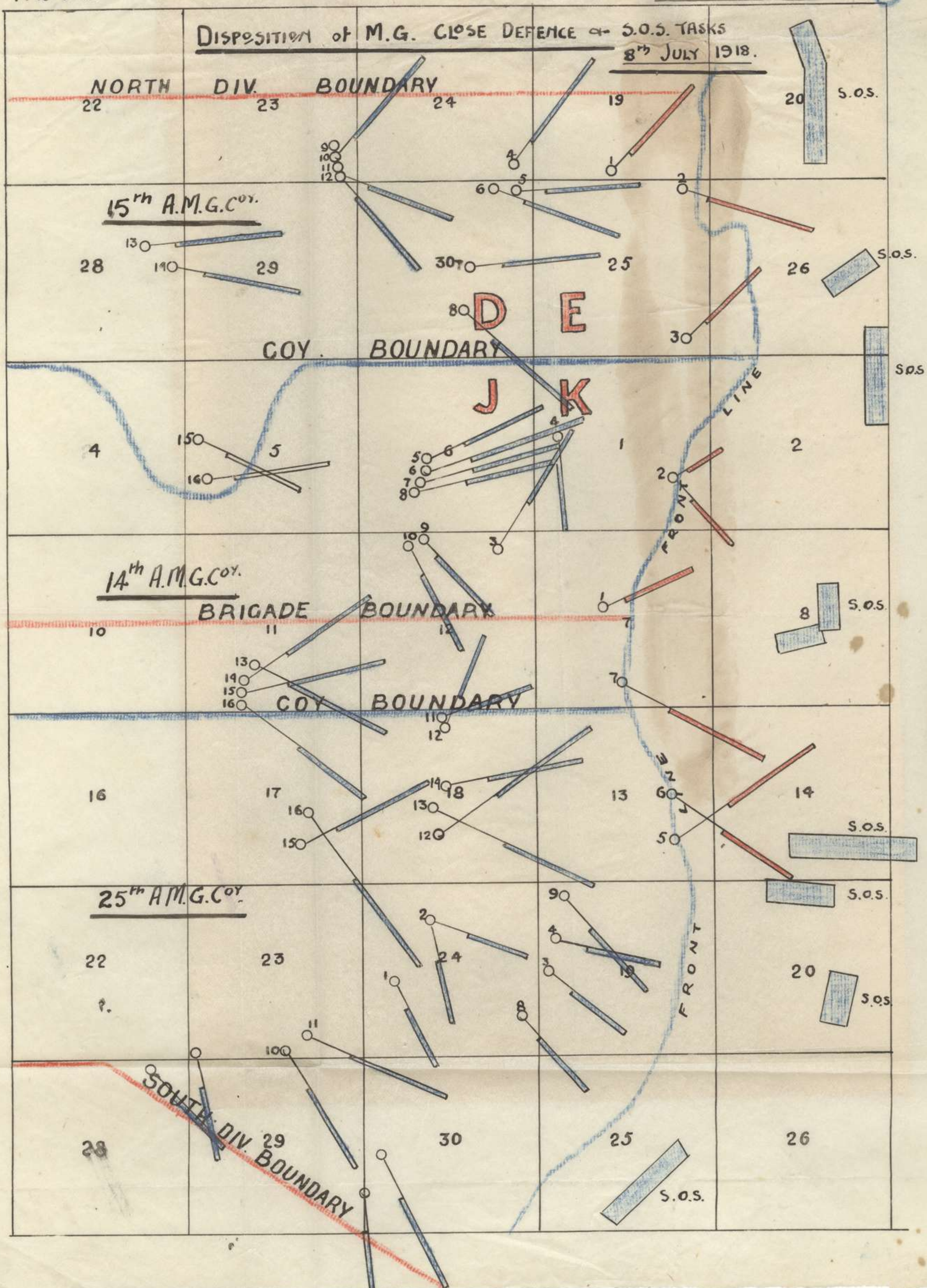
Enemy S.O.S. appears to be Red over Red.
Green over Green was extensively used at a later stage during operations.

At 5 a.m. 10 British tanks and troops were noticed in the vicinity of P.16.d.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
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For Lieut.-Col.
C.O. 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

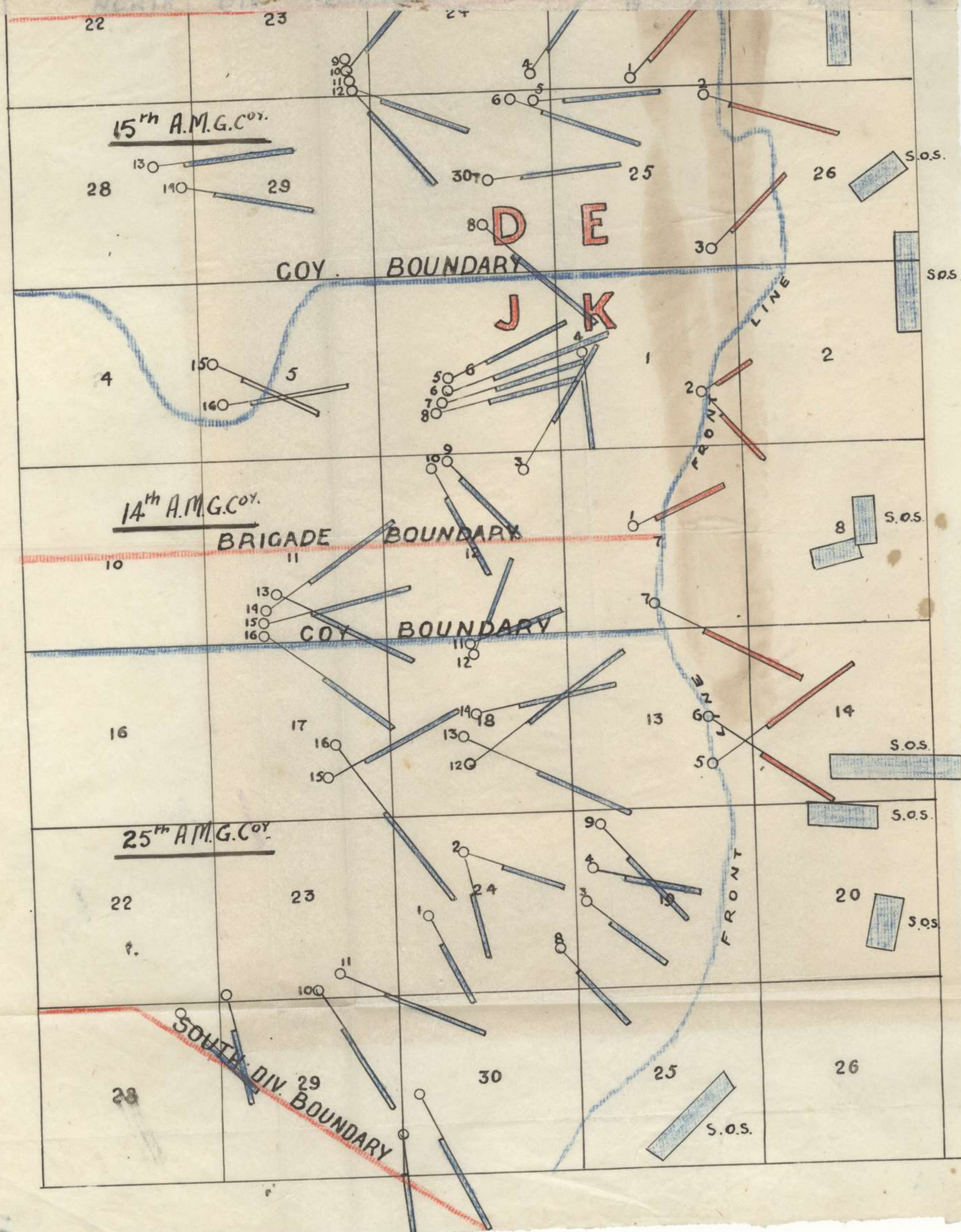
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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION26
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APPENDIXINTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 5-7-18.

OPERATIONS

Right Company. Harassing fire was carried out at intervals during the night on targets as under.

Road from K.14.d.30.20. to K.20.b.40.60.
K.20.b.50.80.
K.20.a.50.80.
K.20.a.80.80.

Centre Company. Throughout the day harassing fire was maintained on enemy concentration points in K.3.B.

At 8.45 p.m. all guns fired on S.O.S.

During the night harassing fire was maintained on roads and tracks in K.8.a. and b., and K.9.c., and K.3.a.

Junction of Roads K.3.c.40.80.

" K.9.a.70.70.

Roads. K.9.c.30.60.

Left Company. On S.O.S. Signal all gun opened on S.O.S. tasks and repeated it about 20 minutes later on the second S.O.S.

Targets were engaged as follows :-

E.20.d.00.30. to E.20.d.00.55.

E.20.d.30.30.,

E.20.d.00.80.,

E.20.central.

Battery fire on E.26.d.40.80. to E.27.a.10.40.

Ammunition expended 48,500 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

Active throughout the day and increased activity at night.

8.30.p.m. Opened a heavy bombardment of Gas shells and H.E. on 15th Brigade Sector lasting over one hour. Repeated between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. E.A. patrolled our lines but did not cross over. During the night bombing planes continually crossed our line and at 1 a.m. dropped bombs in VILLE sur ANCRE and TREUX.

MOVEMENT.

At 3 p.m. considerable movement was noticed on Fourth Divisional Sector. Troops could be seen disembarking from Motor lorries.

This information was phoned to the Adjutant "R" Group Artillery.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our planes were actively bombing enemy back areas all night.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
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Date	

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Lieut.
for Lieut.- Col.
C.O., 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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APPENDIX

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

For period of 24 hours ending 6.a.m. 6-7-18.

OPERATIONS

Right Company. Harassing fire was carried out at intervals during the night on :-

Roads from K.14.d.30.20. to K.20.b.40.60.
K.20.b.50.80. to K.20.b.95.75.
also on K.8.d.71.40.
K.20.a.59.89.
K.20.a.87.87.

Centre Company. During the night harassing fire was maintained on the following targets :-

Possible concentration points in K.3.a. and c.
and K.9.a. and c.

Tracks in K.8.a. and b.

Left Company. At intervals during the night harassing fire was carried out on approaches to DERNANCOURT and on enemy trenches, strongpoints, and communications, etc.

Ammunition expended 19,600 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

Very quiet during the day on the whole sector.

10.5 p.m. enemy shelled our forward area until midnight, K.1.d. and J.12.a. and c. receiving special attention. Shells mostly 4.2's and 5.9's.

Repeated 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. and again at 3 a.m. for half an hour.

HOSTILE MACHINE GUNS

Much more active than usual and fired on cross roads in J.12.a. J.8.c. and on support line in D.24.d.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

4.50 p.m. five planes crossed our line and attacked one of our contact planes which escaped.

5.p.m. one flight of seven and one of eight flew over our lines at SAILLY le SEC and were driven back by M.G. Fire.

6 p.m. one plane patrolled our front line.

7.30 p.m. a flight of 10 planes flew along our front line.

MISCELLANEOUS

Our S.O.S. went up on our right and was followed by a heavy bombardment from our artillery.

Double green flares were extensively used by the enemy.

5th AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	5135
Date.	6/7/18

W. J. Lieut.
for Lieut.- Col.
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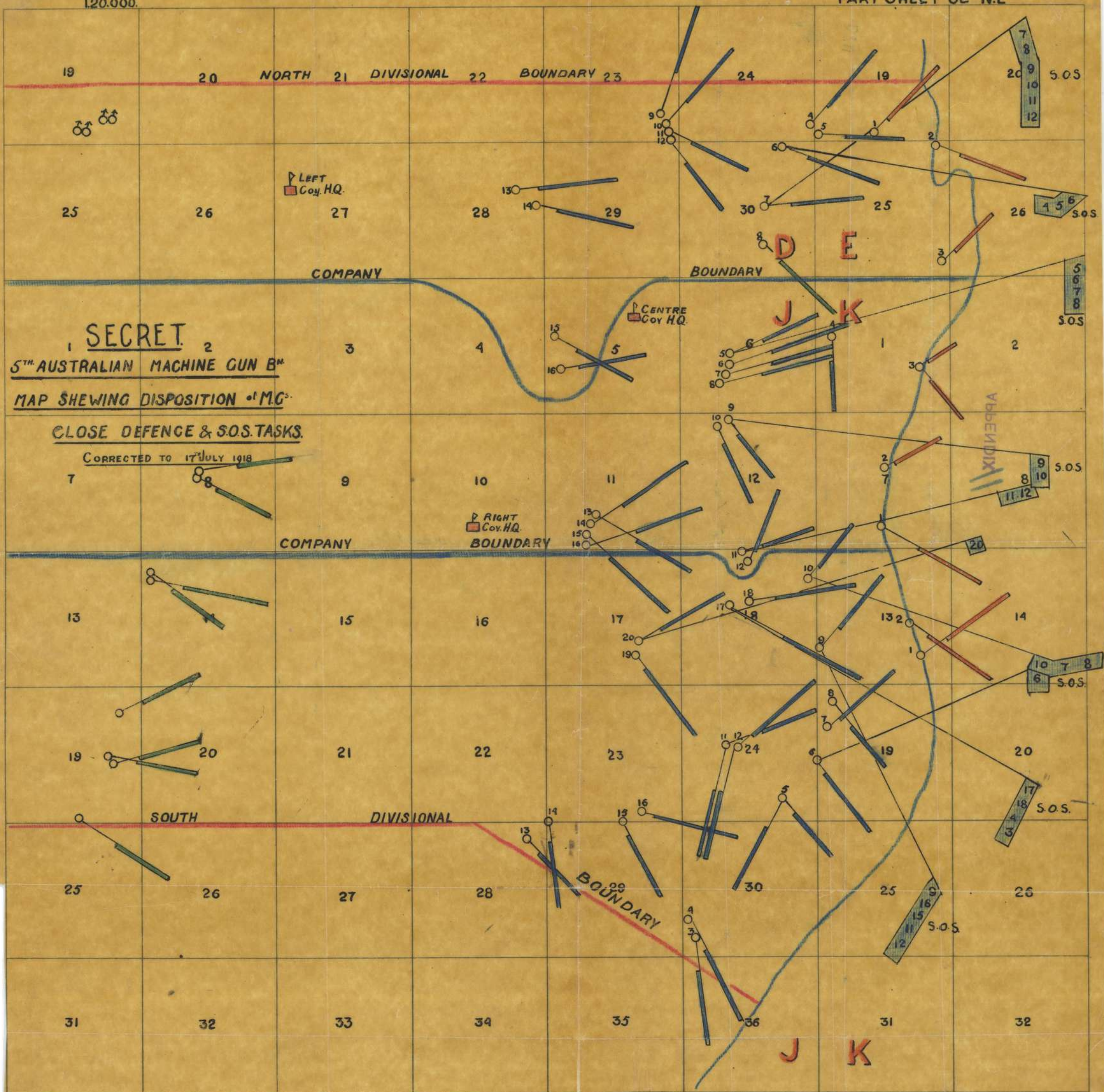
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Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.

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1:20,000.



NOTE.—(1). These traces are intended to facilitate the communication of information as to the position of targets, which have been located on a square map.
 (2). The squares on this trace are 500 yards in length on the 1/10,000 scale, 1,000 yards in length on the 1/20,000 scale, and 2,000 yards in length on the 1/40,000 scale.
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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

Headquarters

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 7-7-18.OPERATIONS

Right Group. Harassing fire was maintained throughout the night on the following targets :-

K.31.d.40.90.	to	K.31.b.75.35.
K.25.d.60.60.	to	K.26.a.10.10.
K.14.d.30.20.	to	K.20.b.40.60.
K.20.b.50.80.	to	K.20.b.95.75.
K. 8.d.70.40.		
K.20.a.59.89.		
K.20.a.87.87.		

Left Group. At intervals during the night harassing fire was brought to bear on the following targets.

Road and Trench	E.14.c.80.30.
Bridges	E.21.c.60.30.
Roads and Bridges	E.20.d.40.40.
and enemy trenches and C.T's, etc.	

Ammunition expended. 23, 500. rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONSN I L.HOSTILE ARTILLERY

Intermittent shelling throughout the day in J.5. and J.6. with 4.2's, and during the afternoon in J.24. and J.30. mostly 4.2's with Gas and Shrapnel at irregular intervals on Trench J.24.a. and c. Cross Roads J.30.b., Trench K.19.c.00.40. to K.19.a.90.75.

2.10 a.m. 10 4.2's K.1.b. and d.

3.10 a.m. A barrage of mostly 5.9's was opened up on our forward system lasting 45 minutes, VILLE-sur-ANCRE receiving special attention.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Owing to poor visibility E.A. were inactive throughout the whole period.

MISCELLANEOUS

Our Artillery was active throughout the period, especially during darkness.

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Lieut.
For Lieut.-Col.
C.O., 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.
No. <u>5141</u>
Date.....

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 8/7/18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company. Harassing fire was carried out at intervals during the night on:

K.20.b.14.85.		K.14.d.80.30.
K.15.c.20.38.		K.20.a.59.89.
K.20.a.87.87.		
K.31.b.30.90.	to	K.25.d.60.60.
K26.c.50.70.	to	K.26.a.60.30.

Centre Company. During the night roads in MORLANCOURT and tracks and Railway Cutting in K.2.b. and K.2.d. were covered with battery fire.

Left Company. At intervals during the night harassing fire was maintained on the following targets:

Tracks and trenches	E.14.c.
Roads, tracks and trenches	E.20.b. and E.21.c.
Bridges and tracks	E.20.d.

and tracks from DERNANCOURT to position left of the Railway line in E.27.d.

Ammunition expended: 25,500 rounds.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Very quiet during the day on the whole sector.

7 p.m. 150 5.9's in support trenches K.19.c. and J.30.b.
 11 p.m. 30 4.2's K.13.d. and c.
 12.20 a.m. to 1.15 a.m. Very heavy bombardment on the right of our sector in consequence of which our support trenches were heavily shelled.
 2.30 a.m. Front line in K.1.b. was heavily shelled with "Pineapples".
 5.30 a.m. Tear Gas shells on E.25.a. and ex c. and D.30.b. and d.

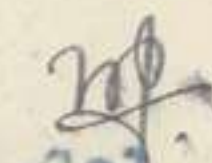
HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Very quiet.

8 p.m. One E.A. patrolled its own line for 10 minutes. During the night bombing planes were heard crossing our lines.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our artillery was very active on our right throughout the whole period.


 Lieut.
 for Lieut.-Col.
 C.O. 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

5th AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	5/142
Date.	

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1. The 8th Machine Gun Company will relieve the 15th Machine Gun Company on the left flank of the Divisional Sector on the night of 10th/11th July, 1918.
2. The 15th M.G. Company on relief will take over the present dispositions of the 8th M.G. Company except that they will retain their present Rear Headquarters.
3. The O.C., 15th M.G. Company will arrange that a reconnaissance of the dispositions of the 8th M.G. Company is made prior to moving into reserve.
4. The O.C., 8th M.G. Company will be responsible that a thorough reconnaissance of the area is made before taking over, and for liaison with the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade, and Battalion Commanders in the line as soon as the Sector has been taken over, and will also assume the duties of Left Group Commander.
5. No movement will take place forward of RIBEMONT before dusk. Movement forward of that point will be by gun teams with 100 yards distance.
6. S.O.S. tasks, Defence Schemes, maps, air photos, and any information specially relating to the Sector will be handed over on relief, together with Company Dumps of S.A.A., etc. Receipts will be exchanged for all stores handed over, and copies forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 9 a.m. 12th instant.
7. Consistent with the terms of this order, all details of relief will be arranged direct between Company Commanders concerned who will be responsible that all precautions are taken against shelling and hostile aircraft.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters, 15th Inf. Brigade by 15th M.G. Company, using the code word "GOLF".
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

ANB
Adjt., 5th Aust. M.G. Bn. Capt.

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5th. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

APPENDIX.

INTALLIGENCE SUMMARY,

for period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 9-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:-

At intervals during the night the following targets were engaged with harrasing fire.

Cross Roads. K 20 b.14.85.
C.T. & Tracks. K 14 d.80.30 to K 15 c.26.58.
Road. K 31 d 40.90.to K 31 b 70.50.
K 25 d.60.60 to K 26 a 10.10.

Centre Company:-

Throughout the night harrasing fire was maintained on roads and tracks in and around MORLANCOURT, and also in K 8 a., K 2 b., K 2 a., and Roads in E 26 d.

Left Company:-

At intervals throughout the night harrasing fire was carried out on

Trenches and Tracks in E 14 c. and E 15 C.
Roads etc. E 20 b. and E 21 c.
E 20 c. and d.
Tracks E 20 b. 90.80.

Ammunition expended 23,500 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Throughout the day J 24 b. and d. and K 19 a. and c. were heavily shelled with 5.9's and in the afternoon 100 5.9's in J 15 a.

2.10 p.m. 30 5.9's J 9 a. and J 10 c.

Repeated at 5.30 p.m.

4 p.m. 6 5.9's J 5 d.

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Road K 24 b. and d. was heavily shelled.

10.15 p.m. to 11 p.m. our front line, supports and C.T.'s were heavily shelled and again at 12.30 a.m. lasting 15 minutes.

Gas was used with H.E. between 9.30 p.m. and 11.30 p.m.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

12.30 p.m. one E.A. flew along our forward system and was engaged with A.A. fire.

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. one E.A. attempted to cross our line on four occasions and each time was driven back with A.A. fire.

5 p.m. one plane flew over our line but was driven back with M.G. fire.

8 p.m. one E.A. flew over our new line in J 30 and fired 5 flares which burst into Red and White lights.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our Artillery carried out a heavy bombardment on the right at 10.30 p.m.

One of our planes dropped 6 bombs in K 31 a. at 6.15 a.m.

A fire was observed at 1 a.m. in the direction of MORLANCOURT.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	5145
Date.	

for Lieut.-Colonel.
C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Bn.
Lieut.,

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for period of 24 hours ending 6.a.m. 10-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:- During the night harrassing fire was carried out at intervals on the following targets.

Tracks and Trench at K.14.d.80.30.
 " " K.15.c.06.38.
 Road from K.31.b.30.90. to K.25.d.60.60.
 K.26.a.50.70. to K.26.a.26.63.

Centre Company:- At intervals throughout the night, harrassing fire was maintained on the following targets.

Track K.8.a.70.70. to K.8.b.00.65.
 Road. K.2.c.90.90. to K.2.c.90.60.
 Road K.2.d.70.30 to K.2.d.95.40.
 Road (and Dug-outs) E.26.c.90.40. to E.26.c.60.10.
 Track K.9.c.40.40 to K.9.c.60.00.

Left Company:- Harrassing fire was carried out at intervals during the night on trenches, Roads and bridges in

E.14.c. E.20.b. E.21.c. and E.20.d.

Ammunition expended:- 19,500 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Very active during the whole period, mixing gas shells with H.E.

12 noon. Salvoes of 4.2's on BRAY - CORBIE Road in J.17.d. During the afternoon J.17.a. and b., and J.18.central recieved considerable attention, mostly 5.9's.
 9.30 p.m. 40 gas shells (not identified) were fired on MERICOURT Railway Station.
 10 p.m. till 12 p.m. 300 gas shells and 4.2 H.E. in J.17.b. and d. and J.18.a. and c.
 3 a.m. 50 5.9's J.18. c. and d.
 3.45 a.m. 70 5.9's on trenches in J.24.c. and d.

HOSTILE M.G.

Were considerably active during the night and fired on Eastern approaches to EUIRE, and on Support trenches.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

At 11.30 a.m. one E.A. flew over our lines and was driven back by A.A. fire.
 6 p.m. Five planes patrolled our front line for about an hour, one flying very low.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our Artillery was very active throughout the whole period on the left Divisional Area

Wm. J. G. J. G. J. G.
 for Lieut.-Colonel.,
 C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Battalion.



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

270 For period of 24 hours ending 6.a.m. 11-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:- Harrassing fire was carried out at intervals during the night on

Trench and Tracks K.14.a.80.30.

Road running through K.15.c.

Centre Company:- At intervals during the night harrassing fire was maintained on the following targets.

Road K.9.c.40.40. to K.9.c.60.00.

Road K.8.c.80.75. to K.8.a.30.90.

Road K.8.b.50.70.

K.2.c.90.90. to K.2.c.90.60

K.2.a.60.00. to K.3.c.00.40. to K.3.c.45.95.

Left Company:- Harrassing fire was maintained on the following targets throughout the night.

Enemy Roads and Tracks in,

K.8.b., K.2.b. and d., and E.26.d.

Ammunition expended, 25,000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

7 a.m. 20 5.9's in vicinity of J 6.a. and c.

Repeated at 8.30 a.m.

12 noon. VILLE-sur-ANCRE was heavily shelled with 4.2's.

5 p.m. 20, 5.9's on Cross Roads J 16.a.

9 p.m. Front line in K 7.c. was heavily shelled.

10 p.m. ERAY - CORBIE Road received considerable attention with gas.

4.2's and 5.9's in the vicinity of J.18.c. and d.

HOSTILE M.G.


Increased activity during the night, especially on Tracks in J.6.c. and Cross Roads in J.12.a.

Hostile Aircraft

At 12.40 p.m. one E.A. crossed our line, and set one of our observation balloons on fire, otherwise inactive.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At midnight a heavy artillery bombardment was heard on our right flank.


Lieut.,
for Lieut.-Colonel.,
C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Battalion.



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 12-7-18.

OPERATIONS

Right Company. Harassing fire was carried out at intervals during the night on the following targets : -

Roads from K.31.d.40.90. to K.31.b.75.35.
K.26.c.50.70. to K.26.a.60.30.
Tracks and trenches in K.14.d.80.30.
K.15.c.26.38.
and Cross Roads in K.20.b.

Centre Company. In conjunction with the minor operation by the left Brigade, neutralising fire was carried out on B.26.d.50.90., road from E.26.d.58.98. to E.26.b.99.23.

During the remainder of the night harassing fire was maintained on :-

Roads from K.9.c.40.40. to K.9.c.60.00.
K.8.c.80.75. to K.8.d.30.90.
K.8.b.30.70.
and K.2.c.90.90. to K.2.c.90.60.
K.2.d.80.00. to K.3.c.00.40. to K.3.c.45.95.

Left Company. In conjunction with the minor operation supporting fire was given as shown on sketch submitted to Brigade concerned.
Barraging from E.20.b.00.15. to E.20.d.00.20.
Concentration on E.20.d.25.45.

Ammunition expended - 61,500 rounds.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

Fairly quiet during the day, E.19.c. and d. and K.25.a. receiving special attention.

11 a.m.	2	5.9's	at K.19.a.10.80.
12 noon	6	5.9's	at J.18.d.00.70.
10.10 p.m.	12	5.9's	at J.24.b.
12.15 a.m.	Opened a scattered bombardment on our front system of trenches, and continued for about one hour.		
3.30 a.m.	6	5.9's	on BUIRE.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

From 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. two planes flew over our lines, and one E.A? flew over our line at 9 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Green flares continue to be used by the enemy and evidently mean "Lengthen Range".

Early this morning a heavy bombardment was heard well over on our right flank.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	5160
Date	

[Signature]
Lieut.
for Lieut.-Col.
C.O. 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 13-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:-

At intervals during the night harrassing fire was distributed on the following targets.

Roads from K 31 b.30.90. to K 25 d.60.60

K 26 c.50.70. to K 26 a.6030.

Trenches and Tracks K 14 d.80.30

Junction of trench and Road K 15 c.26.38.

Centre Company:-

Harrassing fire was maintained on the following targets throughout the night.

Track K 8 a.70.70 to K 8 b.00.65.

Road K 2 c.90.90. to K 2 c.90.60.

Road K 2 a.70.30. to K 2 d.95.45.

Dug-outs in Road E 26 c.90.40. to E 26 c.60.10.

Track K 9 c.40.40. to K 9 c.60.00.

Left Company:-

During the night harrassing fire was carried out on,

Trenches E 20 central & E 20 a.98.90.

Road E 20 b.93.83.

K 2 d.05.10. to K 8 b.22.90.

Crossing at E 15 c.40.20.

Ammunition expended 25,000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Very quiet during the day. J 10 a. and J 30 a. receiving a little attention.

6.30 a.m. 12 5.9's EUIRE Reserve

6.00 p.m. TREUX, BUIRE and VILLE-sur-ANCRE were lightly shelled for 20 minutes.

10 p.m. 12 5.9's J 24 b.

11.10 p.m. A light barrage was placed on our forward system especially on Cross Road at J 6 b.85.15. shells mostly 4.2's and 5.9's.

12.30 p.m. 40 4.2's TREUX Line and MARRETT WOOD was shelled for 30 minutes with 4.2's and 5.9's and Gas Shells.

3.40 a.m. 10 4.2's in K 19 a.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

During the day two planes crossed our lines at a great height and flew back as far as BONNAY. During the night bombing planes crossed our lines and at 12.15 a.m. dropped 5 bombs on W. edge of BUIRE and 3 near BUIRE Reserve.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 11.15 a.m. a heavy column of smoke was observed in the vicinity of DERNANCOURT and 7 p.m. large fire was seen in the direction of SAILLY-LAURETTE.

Lieut.,

for Lieut.-Colonel.,
C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Battalion.5TH
AUSTRALIAN
M.G. BATTALION.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 14-7-18.

OPERATIONS.Right Company:-

At intervals throughout the night, harassing fire was maintained on the following targets.

Cross Roads,	K 8 d.70.40.
Road,	K 9 c.25.70 to K 9 c.35.40.
Road,	K 9 a.04.50.
C.T. and Tracks,	K 15 c.20.37.
BRAY - CORBIE Road,	K 21 b.31.69.
Posts and M.G.	K 20 a.91.84.
Roads and Tracks from	K 26 b.95.26. to K 26 c.99.22.

Centre Company:-

Harassing fire was carried out on targets as under throughout the night.

K 9 c.40.40	to	K 9 c.60.00.
K 8 a.30.90	to	K 8 b.30.90
K 2 c.90.60.		
K 2 a.80.00	to	K 2 a.00.80.

Left Company:-

Throughout the night harassing fire was distributed on the following targets.

Trench,	K 2 b.15.00. to K 2 c.98.90.
Cross Roads,	E 20 b.35.45.
Crossing	E 15 c.40.20.
Road,	E 20 a.30.30.

Firing was carried out during the passage of our limbers carrying Gas projectiles to the forward systems.

Ammunition expended 28,750 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

Very quiet throughout the whole period, J 29, J 35 b., and J 36 a. receiving little attention.
 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 40 4.2's on J 11.
 6 p.m. 3 5.9's J 16 b.
 8.30 p.m. to 8.40 p.m. 20 4.2's K 7 b.
 9.15 p.m. Light barrage of 77's and 4.2's on Roads and Trenches in J 17.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

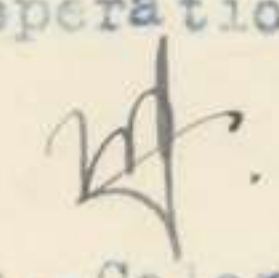
At 2.30 p.m. one plane crossed our line but was driven off with A.A. fire.

At 8.20 p.m. two B.A. flying high crossed our lines, and at 8.50 p.m. shot down two of our Observation Balloons in vicinity of LA MOUSSEY. The planes were engaged with A.A. fire and separated one flying in the direction of MORLANCOURT and the other making towards ALBERT.

At 10.30 a.m. 8 bombs were dropped near TREUX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Gas was discharged as per Brigade operation Orders.


 Lieut.,
 for Lieut.-Colonel,
 C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Battalion.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 15-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:-

Throughout the night harrassing fire was carried out on the following targets.

Road,	K 9 c.25.70 to K 9 c.3540.
"	K 9 a.64.96.
Road Junction,	K 15 b.35.65.
C.T. and Tracks,	K 14 c.80.51.
BRAY-CORRIE Road,	K 21 b.31.69. to K 21 b.50.90.
Posts.	K 20 d.91.84.
Roads and Tracks,	K 26 b.95.26. and K 26 c.62.85.
Road,	K 26 c.99.22.

Centre Company:-

At intervals during the night harrassing fire was distributed on the following targets.

Road,	K 2 c.9.9. to K 2 c.9.6.
Road Junction	K 8 b.3.7.
	K 8 b.65.55.
	K 3 c.70.60.
Road,	K 14 a.8.5. to K 14 b.2.5.
	K 8 c.80.75. to K 8 d.3090.

Left Company:-

Harrassing fire was maintained on the following targets throughout the night.

Trenches,	K 2 b.
"	E 20 b. 6. 6.
Road,	E 21 c. 8. 8.
Roads and Tracks,	K 2 b.15.00. to K 2 c.98.90.

Ammunition expended 30,500 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

At 9.30 a.m.	40	4.2's and 5.9's,	BALLARAT Line
11. a.m.	6	5.9's	MARETT WOOD
4.30 p.m.	20	4.2's and 77's	in J 29 d.
	50	4.2's	MARETT WOOD
5. p.m.	40	77's	BALLARAT Line.
8.45 p.m.	20	4.2's	BENDIGO Switch
9.35 p.m.	40	4.2's	on TREUX

Repeated at 10.25 p.m.

1.30 a.m. VILLE-sur-ANCRE was shelled for 30 minutes.

2.40 a.m. 40 4.2's and 77's in the Caterpillar.

HOSTILE M.G's.

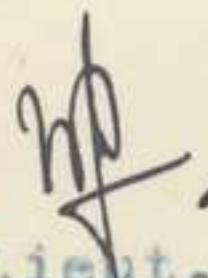
During the night M.G's. were active along Road from K 1 d.10.20. to K 7.d.00.35.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

At 6.20 a.m. 2 E.A. flew over our lines, and at 8 a.m. 3 planes flew back over our lines as far as LA HUESOYE and were engaged by A.A. fire.

MISCELLANEOUS.

N I L.


 Lieut.,
 for Lieut.-Colonel.,
 C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Battalion.

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 27.

Copy No. 10

SECRET

Headquarters,
15th July, 1918.

War Diary

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

1. The 15th Machine Gun Company will relieve the 25th Machine Gun Company on the right of the Divisional Sector on the night 16th/17th July, 1918.
2. The 25th M.G. Company on relief will take over the present dispositions of the 15th M.G. Company with the exception of Rear Headquarters, which will remain unchanged.
3. The O.C. 25th M.G. Company will arrange that a reconnaissance of the dispositions of the 15th M.G. Company is made before moving into reserve.
4. The O.C. 15th M.G. Company will be responsible that a thorough reconnaissance of the area is made before taking over, and for liaison with the 14th Inf. Brigade and Battalion Commanders in the line as soon as the sector has been taken over. He will also assume the duties of Right Group Commander.
5. No movement will take place forward of MERICOURT before dusk. Movement forward of that point will be by gun teams with 100 yds. distance.
6. Defence Schemes, Maps, Air Photos, S.O.S. Tasks, and any information specially relating to the sector will be handed over on relief, together with Company Dumps of S.A.A. etc.
Copies of all receipts will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 9 a.m. 18th instant.
7. Subject to the terms of this order all details of relief will be arranged between Company Commanders concerned who will be responsible that all precautions are taken against shelling and Hostile aircraft.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters, 14th Inf. Brigade by 25th M.G. Company, code word "SOCCER".
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. A. Peters Lieut.
Adjt., 5th Aust. M. G. Bn.

DISTRIBUTION

Issued at 1 p.m. to -
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1. 8th M.G. Coy.
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7. 8th Inf. Bde.
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9. 15th Inf. Bde.
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 16-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:-

During the night the following targets were engaged with harrassing fire.

Cross Roads,	K 8 d.7.4.	
Road,	K 9 a.6.4.	to K 9 a.9.6.
Road Junction,	K 8 c.65.60.	
C.T. and Tracks,	K 15 c.20.37.	
BRAY-CORPSE Road,	K 21 b.31.69.	to K 21.b.5.9.
Trench Posts,	K 26 d.91.84.	
Roads and Tracks,	K 26 b.95.26.	to K 26 c.62.85.

Centre Company:-

At intervals throughout the night, harrassing was carried out on the targets as under.

K 2 c. 9. 9.	to K 2 c. 9. 6.
K 8 b. 3. 7.	
K 8 b.65.95.	
E 26 c. 6. 1.	to E 26 c. 9. 4.
K 9 c.65.95.	
K 14 a. 8. 5.	to K 14 b. 2. 5.

Left Company.

Harrassing fire was distributed on targets as under throughout the night.

Roads and Tracks etc.	E.20.b.
Bridges,	E 20 d. 4. 4. and E 21 c. 2. 3.

Ammunition expended 28,000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY: Quiet during the day, but more active by night.

10. a.m.	20	4.2's on J 5 d. 8. 8.
10.30 a.m.	40	4.2's and 5.9's on VILLE sur ANCRE.
10 to 11 a.m.	20	5.9 shrapnel MARETT WOOD.
11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	12	4.2's K 7 b. 1. 3.
From 10.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m.,		heavy shelling with 4.2's and 5.9's on TREUX; EUIRE receiving attention also.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

9 a.m. to 10. a.m. two E.A. flew high over our lines.
2.40 p.m., one E.A. flew low over HEILLY? EUIRE and TREUX and was eventually driven back by A.A. fire.
At 3.30 p.m. one plane attacked one of our Observation balloons, bringing it down in flames. The occupants landed in parachutes.
4.45 p.m. Two E.A. attempted to cross our lines but were driven off with A.A. fire.

MISCELLANEOUS.

N I L.

Lieut.,
For Lieut.-Colonel.,
C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Battalion.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.
No. <u>5/167</u>
Date.....

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
for period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 17-7-18.

OPERATIONS

Right Company. At intervals during the night harassing fire was carried out on the following targets : -

Roads and tracks in K.31.a.
K.31.b.
K.32.a.
K.21.a. and b.

Centre Company. Harassing fire was carried out on the following targets throughout the night :-

K.8.a.70.70. to K.8.b.00.65.
K.8.b.3.7.
K.8.b.65.55.
K.2.d.40.20. to K.2.c.95.55.
K.9.c.05.95.
K.9.a.00.20. to K.9.a.35.30.

Left Company. Throughout the night harassing fire was maintained on targets as under.

Trench System K.2.a. and b.
K.2.b.15.90. to K.2.c.98.90.
Road. E.20.b.60.60. to E.20.b.35.45.

Ammunition expended 20,250 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

During the day BRAY-CORBIE Road through J.16. and K.13. received some attention with shrapnel and H.E. MARETT WOOD during the afternoon was subject to desultory fire.

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. VILLE sur ANCRE was shelled with 4.2's.
4.20 p.m. 40 4.2's on VILLE sur ANCRE.
10.15 p.m. 20 4.2's in the Caterpillar.
12.20 a.m. 20 77's K.1b.6.5.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

At 6.30 a.m. 2 E.A. flew over our lines but were driven back by E. A. fire.

10.15 a.m. 1 E.A. crossed our line but was driven back by A.A. fire.

At 2.30 a.m. bombs were dropped in the vicinity of MARETT WOOD and TREUX.

At 4 p.m. three of our planes attacked an enemy observation balloon and brought it down in flames.

MISCELLANEOUS

At 6.30 p.m. our Artillery caused two fires to break out in the vicinity of MEAULT.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.
No. 5190
Date.

Lieut.
for Lieut.- Col.
C.O., 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

5th. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

FOR period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 18-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:- At intervals throughout the night harrassing fire was maintained on the following targets.

K 14 c.80.51.
K 32 a.02.81 to K 31 b.80.40
K 31 c.90.58.
K 9 c.45.35.
K 21 a.30.70. to K 21 b.60.95.
K 8 a. 7. 4.

Centre Company:- Harrassing fire was carried out on targets as under throughout the night.

K 8 a. 7. 7. to K 8 b.00.65.
K 8 b. 3. 7.
K 8 c.05.55.
K 2 a. 7.3. to K 2 a.95.40.
K 3 c. 4. 7.
K 8 a. 7.3.
K 9 a. 0. 2. to K 9 a.35.30.

Left Company:- During the night harrassing fire was distributed on targets as follows,

K 2 b.15.00. to K 2 c.98.90.
E 20 b.05.70.
Trenches in E 20 b and d.
E 21 c.80.80.

Ammunition expended, 28,250 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTELLERY.

Consisted of scattered shelling of the forward area, BUIRE and approaches to BUIRE.

5 p.m. 10 4.2's on VILLE sur-ANCRE.
6.30 p.m. 20 77's on Front Line in K 2 a.
8.30 p.m. 20 4.2's " " " " " "
8.30 p.m. 20 4.2's on BENDIGO Switch.
At 7.30 p.m., 10 p.m., and 1.40 a.m. 60 4.2's and 5.9's on VILLE sur ANCRE
1.10 a.m. Enemy started on Minenwerfer shoot on our front line but the shells landed on his own front line.
10 WHITE and 6 ORANGE flares were fired in quick succession and the firing ceased.

HOSTILE M.G.

At night, fired on PRAY-CORBIE Road, tracks leading to front line and over low ground North East of VILLE sur ANCRE.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

At 8 a.m. one E.A. crossed our line but was driven back by A.A. fire, and between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. two machines flew over our line.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Enemy sniping activity has considerably increased.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.
No. 3174
Date

Lieut.,
for Lieut.-Colonel,
C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Battalion.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
for period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 19-7-18.OPERATIONS

Right Company. Throughout the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire :-

K.32.a.02.81.
K.26.c.37.55.
K. 8.c.66. to K.8.d.2.9.
K. 9.c.45.35.
K.20.d.9.9.
K.21.b.35.65.
K.14.c.80.51.
K.14.d.15.45.

Centre Company. Harassing fire was maintained on the following targets at intervals during the night :-

K.8.a.7.7. to K.8.b.00.65.
K.2.c.9.9. to K.2.c.9.6.
K.2.d.7.3. to K.2.d.95.40.
K.8.b.3.7.
K.8.b.65.55.
K.3.c.4.7.
K.2.d.4.2. to K.2.c.95.55.
K.8.d.7.3.
K.9.c.4.4. to K.14.b.2.5.

Left Company. During the night harassing fire was carried out on roads and tracks in E.20.a and b.

E.14.c.
and crossing E.15.c.

Ammunition expended 28,000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

Quiet during the day.

7 a.m. 20 4.2's J.6.a.
7.30 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. front line in E.26.c. was shelled with 4.2's and 5.9's.
19 a.m. 40. 4.2's and 5.9's. VILLE-sur-ANCRE.
10.15 p.m. 5. 5.9's Ennu Support.
10.30 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. TREUX and VILLE-sur-ANCRE were shelled with 5.9's. Several houses in VILLE-sur-ANCRE in flames.
3.30 a.m. 40 light M.W. front line in K.2.a. and K.1.d.

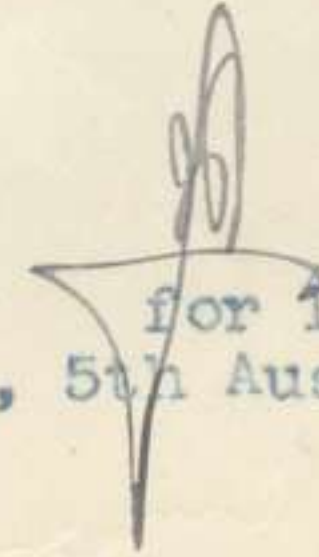
HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

Quiet during the day. Several bombing planes crossed our lines at night and dropped bombs in the vicinity of TREUX-BUIRE.

MISCELLANEOUS

At 10.15 p.m. enemy attempted to raid our front line at K.2.a.0.1. but was repulsed.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.
No. 5177
Date.


Lieut.
for Lieut.- Col.
C.O., 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARYFor period of 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 20-7-18.OPERATIONS

Right Company. Throughout the night harassing fire was maintained on the following targets : -

K.9.a.65.40
K.26.b.99.22. to K.26.b.95.26.
K.8.b.50.04. to K.8.d.70.40
K.31.b.02.57. to K.31.b.3.4.
K.21.b.50.90.

Centre Company. At intervals throughout the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire : -

K.14.a. 8.5. to K.14.b.2.5.
K.9.c.4.4. to K.9.c.6.0.
K.9.a.0.2. to K.9.a.35.30.
K.9.c.05.95. K8
K.8.c.80.75.
K.8.d.3.9.
K.8.d.7.3.
K.3.c.4.7.
K.2.d.7.3. to K.2.d.95.40.

Left Company. Harassing fire was carried out on targets as under throughout the night.

E.15.c.40.20.
K.2.d.05.10. to K.8.b.22.90.
E.21.c.60.35. to E.21.e. 80.25.
E.20.b.05.70.
Trenches in E.14.c. and E.20.a.

Ammunition expended. 28,250 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

Quiet during the day and only shelled at periods throughout the night.

From 10.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. VILLE-sur-ANCRE, the Caterpillar, TREUX, MARETT WOOD, and the low ground between TREUX and BUIRE was shelled with 4.2's and 5.9's.

HOSTILE MACHINE GUNS

Carried out harassing fire on our tracks and roads and on our support trenches.

M.G. Flashes were observed at 53° and 103° Grid. from K.13.b.20.70. about 180 yards distant.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Between 7 a.m. and 12 noon single planes crossed our lines frequently but were engaged with A.A. Fire.

6.30 p.m. two E.A. left cover of clouds over HEMLLY but were engaged with A.A. Fire. and driven back to their own lines.

At 1.30 a.m. bombs were dropped in the vicinity of D.23.b. and d.

MISCELLANEOUS

Three enemy balloons were destroyed during the period.

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For C.O., 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion. Lieut.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	5179
Date.	

5th. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 21-7-18.

OPERATIONS. Right Company:- At periods throughout the night, harassing fire was distributed on the following targets.

K 8 b.50.04.
K 9 c.31.57.
K 26 b.26.05.
K 14 a.85.34.
K 15 c.20.37.
K 9 a. 6. 4.
K 31 b.02.57.
K 31 c.90.58.

A gunner (front line gun) sniped two Huns. Casualties claimed one killed and one wounded.

Centre Company:- Throughout the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire.

K 8 a. 7. 7. to K 8 b.00.65.
K 2 a. 7. 3. to K 2 a.95.40.
K 8 b.65.55.
K 3 c. 4. 7.
K 2 a. 4. 2. to K 2 c. 95.55.

Left Company:- Harassing fire was carried out on targets as under during the night.

E 15 c. 40.20.
K 2 a.05.10 to K 8 b.22.90.
E 21 c.60.35. to E 21 c.80.25.
Trenches in E 14 c. and E 20.a.

Ammunition expended 25,000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Much quieter than usual throughout the period.
Scattered shelling in J 10 a. and J 11 b. at intervals.
7 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. 25. 5.9's in E 25 b.
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Caterpillar in K 1 b. with 4.2's.
8 p.m. MARETT WOOD was lightly shelled with 4.2's, and at 10 p.m. TREUX was shelled.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

At 8 a.m. E.A. flying high crossed our lines, flew over our back areas as far as BONNAY and LA HOUSOYE and were engaged by A.A. fire and driven back.

At 9.30 a.m., two E.A. were brought down by our planes in the enemy lines, and later three other planes were observed brought down not identified.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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Lieut.,
for C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G.Bn.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.
No. <i>5/187</i>
Date

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 22-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:- At intervals throughout the night harassing fire was carried out on targets,

K 14 c.80.51.
K 26 c.57.55.
K 31 b. 8. 4.
K 14 a.85.34.
K 8 a. 7. 4.
K 32 a.02 .81.
K 20 a.91.84.
K 26.c.62.85.

Centre Company:- Harassing fire was maintained on the following targets during the night.

K 8 b. 3. 7.
K 8 a. 7. 7. to K 8 b.00.65.
K 2 a. 4. 2. to K 2 c.95.55.
K 8 a. 7. 3.
K 9 a. 0. 2. to K 9 a.35.30.
K 14 a.8. 5. to K 14 b. 2. 5.

Left Company:- During the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire.

Crossing, E 15 c.40.20.
Road, K 2 a.05.10. to K 8 b. 22.90.
Trench, E 26 a.75.40 to E 27 c.00.50.
E 20 a. 7. 7.
E 20 b. 3. 7.

Ammunition expended 28,000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Quiet during the day. BUIRE and TREUX were shelled with heavy shrapnel at dusk, and at intervals during the night. Our forward areas were shelled at dusk for 15 minutes.

9.45 p.m. 30 4.2's in J 7.
10 to 10.30 p.m. 40 4.2's in Caterpillar K 1 b and d,
and 40 4.2's in VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.

HOSTILE MACHINE GUNS.

Not so active ~~during the night~~, but covered roads and tracks of forward areas at intervals during the night.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

At 3 p.m. two E.A. crossed our line but were driven back with A.A. fire.

During the night bombing planes were active between 11 p.m. and 11.45 p.m. 10 bombs were dropped on K 1 a.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our planes patrolled our lines during the day.
Gas was successfully discharged by us during the night.

Lieut.,
For C.O. J. Aust. M.G. Bn.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.
W 5186
Date

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 23-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:- During the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire.

Tracks

K 20 c.62.85.
K 21 b. 5. 9.
K 20 b.20.05.
K 9 a.65.40
K 15 a.
K 8 b.50.04.
K 8 a.70.40.
K 31 b.70.05.
K 26 c.57.55.
K 31 b. 2. 7. to K 25 a. 9. 5.

Centre Company:- Throughout the night harassing fire was distributed on targets.

K 8 b. 3. 7.
K 8 b.65.55.
K 3 c. 4. 7.
K 8 a. 7. 3.
K 14 a. 8. 5. to K 14 b. 2. 5.
K 9 c.4. 4. to K 9, c.6. 0.
K 9 a. 0. 2. to K 9 a.35.30.

Left Company:- At intervals during the night harassing fire was carried out on

Road

E 20 a. 7. 7.
E 20 b. 3. 7.
E 15 c.40.20.
K 2 a.05.10. to K 8 b.22.90.

Ammunition expended 26,500 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Quiet during the day. RIDEWENT being shelled at 7 a.m.
12 noon 15 4.2's Caterpillar K 1 b and d.
12.20 p.m. 4.2's and 5.9's in VILLE-sur-ANCRE.
10.30 p.m. 20 4.2's in TREUX.
20 4.2's BENDIGO Switch.
11 p.m. 12 5.9's in VILLE - sur-ANCRE
12.30 a.m. 40 4.2's in MARETT WOOD.

HOSTILE M.G.

Active in forward area during the night especially in E 19 c.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

At 6 a.m. 5 E.A. attempted to cross our lines but were driven back by our planes.

At 2.30 p.m. one E.A. flew over our back areas bringing down an Observation Balloon in the vicinity of PONT NOYELLES, in flames, the occupants landing safely with parachutes.

At 5 p.m. 1 plane flew over our back areas but was driven back by A.A. fire.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Three enemy observation balloons were brought down in flames during the period.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.
No. 5187
Date

Lieut.,
for C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G.Bn.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 24-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:- During the night harassing fire was maintained on the following targets,

K 8 a.53.04.
 K 26 c.37.55.
 K 9 c.46.33.
 K 14 c.64.55. to K 14 a.24.42.
 K 31 c. 8. 4.
 K 9 a.63. 40.

Centre Company:- During the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire,

Track, K 8 a. 7. 7. to K 8 a.00.65.
 Road K 2 c. 9. 9. to K 2 c. 9. 6.
 K 2 a. 7. 3. to K 2 a.95.40.
 Cross Roads K 3 a.45.80.
 Road, K 3 a.20.95. to K 3 a.25.50.
 K 8 a. 7. 3.
 K 9 c.05.95.

Left Company:- Harassing fire was carried out on the targets as under throughout the night,

E 20 b.60.00.
 E 20 b.55.45.
 E 21 c.00.35. to E 21 c.00.25.
 E 20 b.30.30.
 E 20 b.70.30.

Ammunition expended, 20,500 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Quiet during the day and active at night on front line trenches and BRAY - CORRIE Road in J 18., PUIRE, TREUX, and VILLE-sur - ANCRE.

12.15 p.m. 10 4.2's on VILLE - sur - ANCRE.
 7.30 p.m. 40 77's and 4.2's K 13 c.
 7.40 p.m. 5 gas shells in MARETT WOOD.
 9. p.m. to 9.30 p.m. 20 5.9's K 13 b.
 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. VILLE-sur-ANCRE and the Caterpillar K 1
 b and a., shelled with 4.2's
 10.30 p.m. 50 4.2's on TREUX
 11.30 p.m. 20 4.2's on TREUX.
 5 a.m. 20 4.2's K 13 a. and c.

HOSTILE M.G.

Active on front line and support trenches and in Valley J 6 a. and on Ridge J 11 c.

M.G.'s were active from the direction of E 19 b.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

N I L.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our planes were active at 7.30 a.m.



Lieut.,
 for C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Bn.

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5th. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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APPENDIXINTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 25-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:- Harassing fire was carried out at intervals during the night.

Tracks in K 9 b and K 9 c.

K 8 a.53.04.

K 14 b.18.00.

K 31 c.3.5.

K 31 b.70.05.

Tracks in

K 31 b. and K 31 a.

Centre Company:- During the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire.

Tracks, K 8 a. 7. 7. to K 8 b.00.65.

K 2 c.9.9. to K 2 c.9.6.

K 2 a.7.3. to K 2 a.95.40.

K 2 a.4.2. to K 2 c.95.55.

K 8 c.80.75. to K 8 d.3.9.

E 26 c.6.1. to E 26 c.9.4.

Concentration K 8 b.65.55. and K 3 c.4.7.

Left Company:- Throughout the night in view of suspected relief harassing fire was carried out on Roads and Tracks in E 20 a. and E 20 b.

E 20 b.43.03.

E 21 c.6.6.

E 20 a.30.80.

E 20 b.4.8.

Ammunition expended 28,000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Normal during the day but more active during the night on the left.

11 a.m. 20 77's in J 11 a.

2 p.m. 7 H.M. shrapnel over MARETT WOOD.

2.30 p.m. 40 4.2's in VILLE-sur-ANCRE.

4 p.m. 50 4.2's and 5.9's in VILLE-sur-ANCRE.

10.15 p.m. 40 4.2's in VILLE-sur-ANCRE.

20 4.2's in TREUX.

From 9 p.m. to 11.45 E 19 c. & d. were shelled intermittently mostly 4.2's.

10.30 p.m. 20 4.2's in J 17 a.

4.30 a.m. 40 4.2's on front Line in K 2. & K 1.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Enemy planes crossed our lines at 5 a.m., 3 p.m. and 3.40 p.m. but were driven back by A.A. fire.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Gas was discharged by us at 1 a.m.



Lieut.,
for C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G.En.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 26-7-18.

No. 5195
Date.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:- Throughout the night harassing fire was maintained on the following targets,

K 31 b.02.57.
K 32 a.02.81.
K 14 c.64.55. to K 14 d.24.42.
K 31 c.90.58.
K 21 a.34.70.

Tracks in K 9 a. and the areas between K 27 a. & K 27 b.
Sniping. One casualty claimed.

Centre Company:- During the night the following targets were engaged with harassing fire.

K 8 a. 7. 7. to K 8 b.00.63.
K 2 c. 9. 9. to K 2 c. 9. 6.
K 2 d. 7. 3. to K 2 a.95.40.
K 8 b. 3. 7.
K 8 b.05.55.
K 3 c. 4. 7.
K 8 a. 7. 3.

Left Company:- Harassing fire was carried out at intervals during the night on the following targets.

Trenches E 20 a. & c.
Road E 20 b.93.63.
Cross Roads E 20 b.55.45.
Road Junction E 21 c. 8. 8.
Trenches E 20 a.75.40. to E 27 c.00.50.

Ammunition expended 28,000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

On the left of the Sector much more active than usual after operation at 10 a.m. on our left flank. During the afternoon counter battery work with heavy calibre shells was indulged in.

8.30 a.m. 40 4.2's in J 7 b.
10 a.m. 40 4.2's and 5.9's in VILLE-sur-ANCRE.
10.15 a.m. to 11 a.m. scattered shelling of forward areas.
11.15 a.m. 40 77's on Front Line in K 2 a.
2 p.m. to 5 p.m. 5.9 shrapnel on MARETT WOOD.
4 p.m. 30 4.2's on Road D 29 c. (near 18 par. battery)
9.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. TREUX and MARETT WOOD were heavily shelled with 77's and 4.2's
10.20 p.m. 20 4.2's J 9 a.
10.30 to 11.30 p.m. 20 4.2's J 11 a.
2.15 a.m. 40 gas shells and H.E. around BUIRE cemetery.
4 a.m. 50 gas shells and H.E. on S. edge of BUIRE.
4.30 a.m. 20 4.2's in J 7 c.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

At 5 a.m. one E.A. flew low over our front line
10.30 a.m. five E.A. attempted to cross our line but were driven back by A.A. fire.
7.30 p.m. 1 plane flew over our lines.

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 1 Gun Right Company sniped one Hun at K 13 a.7.5. Enemy stretcher bearers carrying a Red Cross flag came out of trench and carried him away.

Lieut..
for C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G.Bn.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

APPENDIX.

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 27-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company:- At intervals throughout the night harassing fire was maintained on the following targets.

K 8 b.65.20
K 8 a.53.04.
K 8 a. 1. 9. to K 8 c. 7. 6.
K 20 c. 9. 5.
K 14 b.18.00.
K 26 b.65.00.
K31 c.26.88.
K 20 a.15.15.
K 31 a. 5. 7.

Centre Company:- Harassing fire was brought to bear on the following targets during the night.

K 14 a. 8. 5. to K 14 b. 2. 5.
K 9 c. 4. 4. to K 9 c. 6. 0.
K 9 a. 0. 2. to K 9 a.35.30.
K 8 b. 3. 7.
K 8 b.05.55.
K 3 c. 4. 7.
K 8 a. 7. 3.

Left Company:- Targets as under were engaged at intervals during the night with harassing fire.

Trenches E 14 a. and b.
Cross Roads, E 20 b.60.60.
Roads K 2 a.05.10. to K 8 b.22.90.
E 21 c.60.35. to E 21 c.80.25.

Ammunition expended 30,750 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS

N I L.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

At 8.15 p.m. one E.A. flying high over our lines was driven back by A.A. fire.

4.30 a.m. 2 E.A. flew low over our front line for 5 minutes

5.10 a.m. 6 planes flew high over our lines but were driven back by A.A. fire.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Increased activity during the period.

Between 10 a.m. and 12 noon	50	5.9's	in J 10 c.
10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	30	4.2's	K 1 b and d.
11 a.m. 30	77's	Front Line	K 2 a.
2.30 p.m. & 3.15 p.m.	20	5.9's and 4.2's	in BUIRE.
	20	5.9's	D 33 c. and d.
4.30 p.m.	10	4.2's	K 1 a.
9 p.m.	10	4.2's	J 6 c.
	20	4.2's	D 30 central.
9.15 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.			general bombardment of forward areas.
10 20 p.m.	10	4.2's	in MARETT WOOD
12 midnight to 1 a.m.	20	4.2's and 5.9's	D 23 c. and d.
1.25 a.m.	10	5.9's	K 13 a.
2.10 a.m.	10	4.2's	in VILLE-sur-ANCRE

MISCELLANEOUS.

Each occasion when our planes attempted to cross the enemy lines, enemy A.A. fire was intense.

5th
AUSTRALIAN
M.G. BATTALION;

No. 5198

Date

Lieut.,
for C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Battalion.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER NO.28.

S E C R E T.

Copy No. 10
Headquarters,
27th July, 1918

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

1. The 58th Machine Gun Battalion will relieve the guns of the 5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion North of a line through K.l.d.6.3. on the nights 27th/28th and 29th/30th July.
2. The 12 guns of the 8th Aust. M.G. Company North of ANCRE and 4 guns of 25th Aust. M.G. Company in D.19.d. will be relieved on night 27th/28th July.
3. The remaining 4 guns of 8th Aust. M.G. Company (South of ANCRE) will come under the orders of 14th Aust. M.G. Company.
4. On relief, 8 guns of 8th Aust. M.G. Company will take over the Reserve positions at BONNAY; the other 4 guns and 4 guns of 25th M.G. Company will move to their Rear Headquarters.
5. The remaining 4 guns of the 8th M.G. Company and the 6 guns of the 14th M.G. Company (N. of K.l.d.6.3.) will be relieved on night 29th/30th July.
6. On relief these guns will move to their Rear Headquarters.
7. Defence Schemes, Maps, Photos, and anything relating to the Sector will be handed over on relief, also all Company Dumps of S.A.A. in the relieved area. Copies of receipts will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 9 a.m. 31st instant.
8. Subject to the terms of this order, details will be arranged between Company Commanders concerned.
9. Completion of reliefs will be wired to Battalion Headquarters by code word "DOREEN".
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. A. Arter Lieut.,
a/Adj. 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

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Issued at 10 a.m. to -

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| 3. | 15th " |
| 4. | 25th " |
| 5. | 5th Aust. Division. |
| 6. | 58th M.G. Battalion. |
| 7. | 8th Inf. Bde. (for information) |
| 8. | 14th " " |
| 9. | 15th " " |
| 10. | W.D. ✓ |
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 28-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

12 Guns of the 3th. A.M.G. Coy. and 4 guns of the 25th. A.M.G. Coy. were relieved by the 58th. M.G. BATTALION.

Right Company :- Throughout the night harassing fire was brought to bear on the following targets.

K 21 a. 24.70.
K 14 c. 64.56. to K 14 d. 24.42.
K 27 b. 20.88.
K 21 b. 31.69.
K 26. b. 95.20.
K 9 c. and K 9 a.
K 31 b. 1. 4. to K 31 b. 5. 8.

Tracks in

Centre Company :- Harassing fire was maintained on the following targets at intervals during the night.

K 8 a. 7. 7. to K 8 b. 00.65.
K 2 c. 9.9. to K 2 c. 9.0.
K 2 a. 7.3. to K 2 d. 95.40.
K 8 b. 3.7.
K 8 a. 7.3.

Ammunition expended 20,000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Normal.

2.20 p.m.	20	4.2's	in Caterpillar K 1 b. and d.
5.45 p.m.	10	4.2's	in VILLE-sur-ANCRE.
7.25 p.m.	20	4.2's	K 7 c.
8.40 p.m.	40	4.2's	K 1 d. and K 7 e.
8.45 p.m.	2	T.M.	K 7 c.
11 p.m. to 12 mid.	50	4.2's and 5.9's	in MARETT WOOD.
10.14 p.m.	40	77's	in J 6 d.
10.10 p.m.	Front Line and Supports were subjected to a lively bombardment lasting 10 minutes.		

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

Inactive during the day. Bombing planes were active after midnight, and bombed our back areas, EULRE and TREUX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

N I L.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	5201
Date.	

[Signature]
Lieut.,
for Major,
C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Bn.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No. 29.

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APPENDIX 37

Copy No. 9
Headquarters,
27-7-18.

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

1. (a) On night 28th/29th July, at an hour to be notified later, the 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade will attack and capture enemy system between points K.20.c.0.2. and K.8.a.3.5.
(b) The 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade will carry out a supplementary operation on objectives between J.30.d.9.3. and K.25.b.8.2.
2. (a) The 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion will cover the operation as per attached map.
(b) Guns firing South of K.20.d.3.5. will lift to road running K.31.b. to K.20.d. at Z plus 55 minutes.
3. For the purpose of the operation, two Sections of 25th Company will be allotted to 14th M.G. Company; one Section of 25th M.G. Company will be allotted to 15th M.G. Company, in addition to 4 spare guns.
4. One officer from 14th M.G. Company will be detailed for liaison duty with 32nd Battalion; one officer will be attached from 8th M.G. Company to 14th M.G. Company for liaison duty with 29th Battalion. One officer from 15th M.G. Company will be detailed for liaison duty with 53rd Battalion. C.O.'s position will be at 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade Advanced Headquarters, J.17.b.3.8.
5. Communications will be established under Battalion arrangements.
6. Rates of fire : -

2.(a) Z. to Z. plus 5 minutes.	Rapid.
Z. plus 5 to Z. plus 15 mins.	Medium.
Z. plus 15 to Z. plus 30 mins.	Slow.
2.(b) Z. plus 55 to Z. plus 57 mins.	Rapid.
Z. plus 57 to Z. plus 61 mins.	Medium.
Z. plus 61 to Z. plus 75 mins.	Slow.

Then cease fire and stand by for S.O.S.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

for action
A/Adjt., 5th Aust. M. G. Bn. Lieut.

DISTRIBUTION.

Issued at 7.30 a.m. 28th instant.

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| 2. | 14th " | ✓ |
| 3. | 15th " | ✓ |
| 4. | 25th " | ✓ |
| 5. | 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade. | ✓ |
| 6. | 14th " | ✓ |
| 7. | 5th Aust. Division. | |
| 8. | C.R.A. | |
| 9. | W.D. ✓ | |
| 10. | File. | |

✓ Maps already issued.

SECRET.
Ref. Map 62D. N.E.
1/20,000.

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

Headquarters,
28-3-18.

OPERATION MEMORANDUM

1. In consequence of the re-adjustment of Divisional Boundaries, the following changes in Company Areas are contemplated.

Right Company.

Headquarters at J.16.d.2.7.
South Boundary South Divisional Boundary.
North Boundary North Boundary of Right Brigade. (K.19.d.2.0.
to J.17.c.4.1. the West to J.13.c.4.1.) and to include guns 6, 11,
and 12.

Centre Company.

Headquarters at J.10.c.8.4.
South Boundary North Boundary of Right Company as above.
North Boundary Existing boundary between Right and Centre
Companies, ie. Grid line between J.11. and J.17. and excluding
guns 11 and 12.

Left Company.

Headquarters at J.17.a.8.9.
South Boundary North boundary of Centre Company as above.
North Boundary North Divisional Boundary.

2. Each Company to have 12 guns in position in depth, extra guns to go in approximately on the present rear line of guns.
3. Reserve Sections to be allotted to Bridge Head Defences as follows:-

Right Company.

Four existing positions for right section BONNAY defences.

Centre Company.

Two existing positions in J.14.a. and two new positions.

These sections to occupy camp at present used by BONNAY Reserve Sections.

Left Company.

Two existing positions in J.8.a. and two to be reconnoitred.
Camp to be selected by C.O. Left Company and confirmed by C.O.

4. Reserve Company will be located at Battalion Headquarters.
5. Order of Battle. When the adjustment takes place this will be as follows :-

Right Company	:::	25th M.G. Company.
Centre Company	:::	15th M.G. Company.
Left Company.	:::	14th M.G. Company.
Reserve Company	:::	8th M.G. Company.

6. Company Commanders will make such reconnaissance as will allow this operation to be completed at an early date.

DISTRIBUTION.

8th M.G. Company.
14th M.G. Company.
15th M.G. Company.
25th M.G. Company.
W.D.
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5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.	
No.	1/3/52

Frederick Lieut.
A/Adjt., 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

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ENEMY TRENCHES FROM AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHS

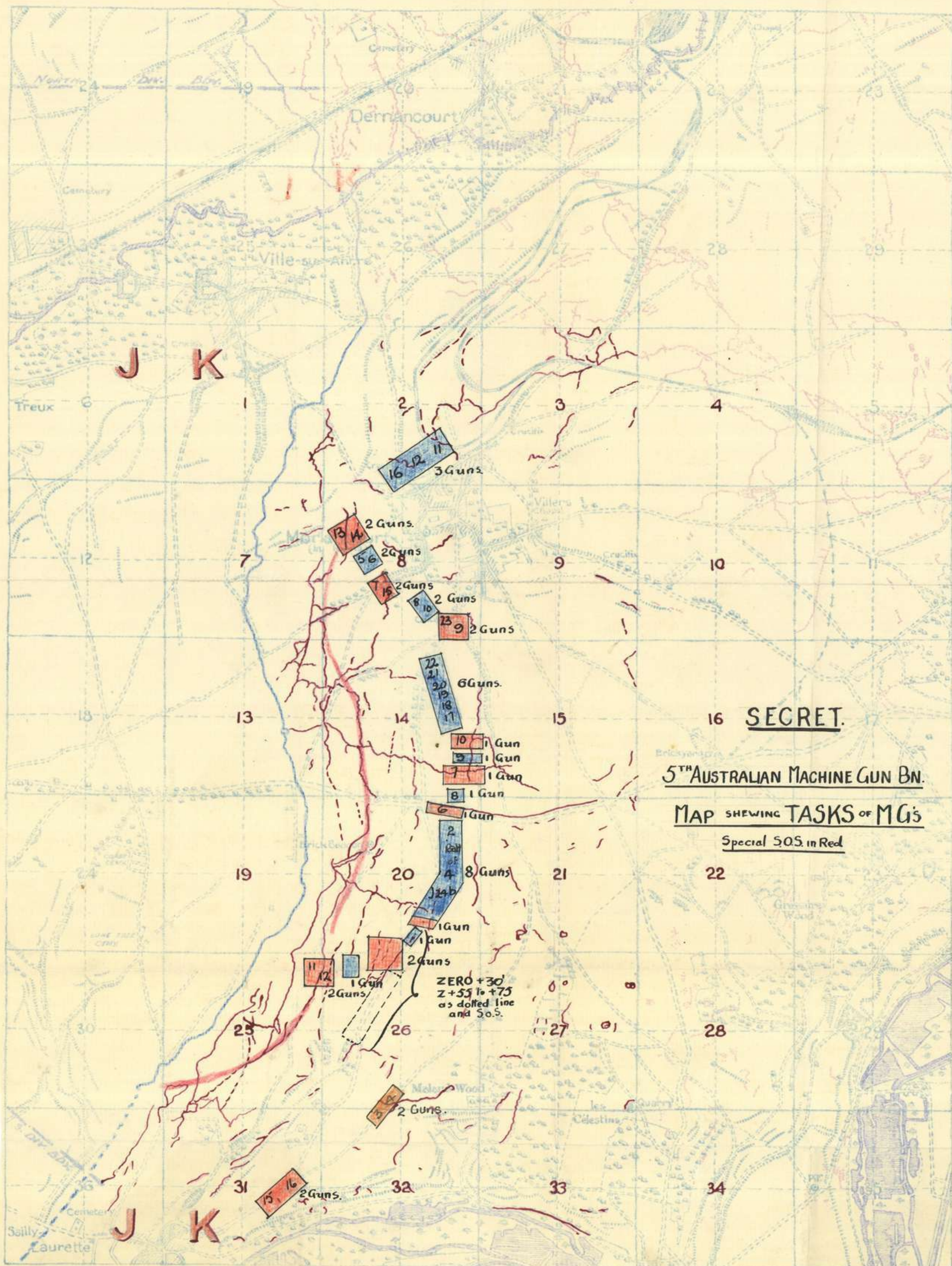
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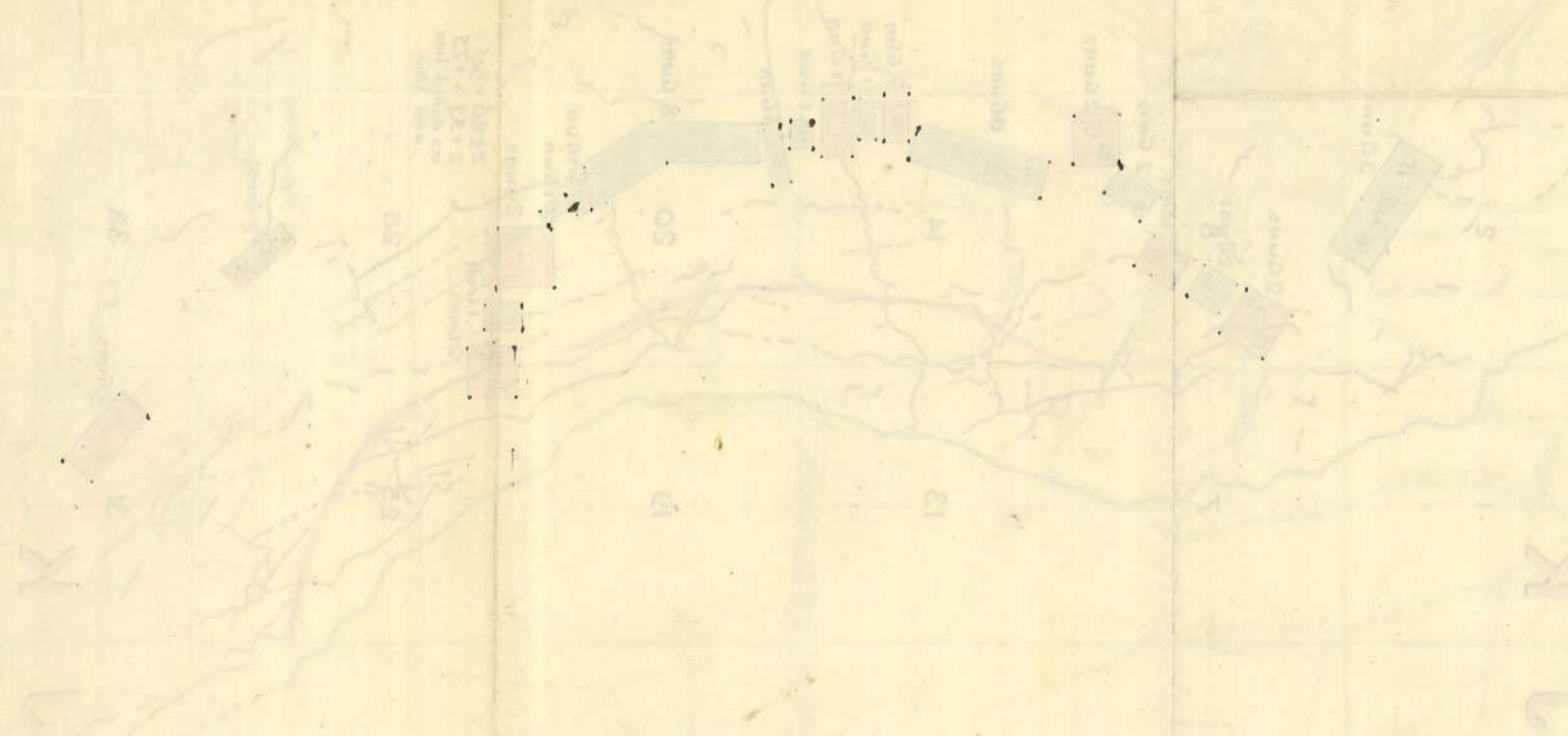
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5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BN.

MAP SHEWING TASKS OF MG's

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 29-7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Right Company :- In conjunction with the operation of the 8th. Aust. Inf. Bde., a barrage was put down commencing from zero hour and continuing until 1.10 a.m., from K 14 d.80.85. to K 20 b.75.70 to K 26 a. 2. 4. as per map issued with Operation Order No. 29.

In co-operation with the advance carried out by the 14th. Brigade a barrage was placed on lines

K 20 b. 4.3. to K 26 central.

K 26 c.75.40. to K 32 a. 5.8.

K 31 b. 7.2. to K 3 d. 3.8.

between 1.25 a.m. and 2.5 a.m.

Centre Company :- Usual harassing fire was carried out till zero hour, when guns were fired on tasks as per map issued with operation Orders.

Ammunition expended 208,500 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Quiet during the day but very active between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 20 5.9's K 7 b.

9.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. 40 4.2's and 5.9's VILLE-sur-ANCRE

During the actual attack enemy artillery retaliation was weak.

From 1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. the following areas were vigorously shelled.

Caterpillar K 1 b. and d.

VILLE-sur-ANCRE.

J 11 d.

J 12 a. and c.

J 17 and J 18 a.

A heavy concentration of Gas Shells was placed on Valley J 17 a. & b. and J 11 c. and d.

HOSTILE M.G.

Inactive.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Single E.A. crossed our lines at 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. and were driven back by A.A. fire.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Gun Teams of Battery in J 12 c. wore their Gas Helmets for 75 minutes.

Lieut.,
for Major,
C.O. 5th. Aust. M. G. Bn.

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.
No. 5206

5th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for the period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 30- 7-18.

OPERATIONS.

Reliefs. 4 guns of the 8th A.M.G.Coy and 6 guns 14th Coy. were relieved by the 58th M.G.Bn. Relief complete by 1.20 a.m.

Right Company. Harrassing fire was brought to bear on the following targets at intervals throughout the night.

C.T.

K 14 d.
K 15 a. 15.50.
K 26 d. 1.1.
K 26 c. 6.1.
K 26 b. 60.05.
K 21 a 3.6.

Information was received of enemy concentration, and fire was distributed from K 31 b 6.2. to K 31 c 7.6.

Centre Company. Throughout the night, the following targets were engaged with harrassing fire.

K 8 d. 7.3.
K 8 d. 7.6.
K 2 d. 0.2. to K 2 d. 2.0.
K 8 b. 3.5.

Ammunition expended 22000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

N I L .

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Active throughout the whole period, though shelling remains scattered, VILLE sur ANCRE, MARETT WOOD, the Caterpillar, and TREUX receiving considerable attention.

At 10.30 p.m. the batteries W. of BUIRE were gassed.

Between 12.30 a.m. and 1 a.m. front and support lines were heavily shelled.

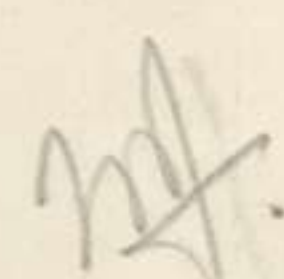
At 2.15 a.m. a heavy gas shell bombardment commenced, J 11 d. and J 17 b. mostly affected.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Inactive, only one plane being seen over our lines.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Gas masks were worn by the Right Gun Teams for 1½ hours. Our planes were active over our lines throughout the period.


Lieut.
for Major.
C.O. 5th AUSTRALIAN M.G.BN.

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION

APPENDIX 42

Headquarters,
29-7-18.BILLETING PARTY

1. A Billeting Party, composed as under, will proceed to COISY on 30th instant to arrange billeting for the Battalion.
2. This party will parade for instructions at Battalion Headquarters at 8 a.m. on 30th instant in full marching order; each Company representative to have a detailed billeting state of his Company.
3. Officers will be mounted on horses and other ranks on Bicycles.
4. Composition.

Headquarters
8th M.G. Coy.
14th M.G. Coy.
15th M.G. Coy.
25th M.G. Coy.

Bn. T.O. and 1 H.C.O.
1 Off. and 1 H.C.O.
1 H.C.O.
1 H.C.O.
1 H.C.O.

J. A. Peters Lieut.
A/Adjt., 5th Aust. M.G. Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

8th M.G. Coy.
14th " ✓
15th "
25th "
W.D. "
File. "

5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.
No. <i>4/172</i>
Date.....

APPENDIX. 43

5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALIONSECRET.Headquarters,
29th July, 1918.Ref. Map. 62D. N.E.
1/20,000.OPERATION MEMO

1. The normal dispositions of the Battalion prior to operation on 29th instant will be resumed during night 29th/30th July, as detailed below.
2. The two Sections of 25th M.G. Company at present with 14th M.G. Company will be withdrawn, and will take over the Reserve Positions at BONHAY.
3. The two Sections of 8th M.G. Company now at BONHAY will be withdrawn to Rear Headquarters.
4. The No.5 Section, 15th M.G. Company, (Lieut. HANNA) will take over from the Section of 25th M.G. Company at positions.
5. The two Sections of 25th M.G. Company now with 15th M.G. Company will be withdrawn to Rear Headquarters.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. W. A. Stevens Lieut.
A/Adjt., 5th Aust. M. G. Bn.

DISTRIBUTION

8th M.G. Company.
14th "
15th "
25th "
W.D.
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5TH AUSTRALIAN M.G. BATTALION.
1/2/18.

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Ref. Map 62D. N.E. 270
1/20,000.

Copy No. 961
Headquarters,
29th July, 1918.

1. (a) The 5th Australian Division will be relieved by the 18th Division in "C" Divisional Sector on the nights of 30th/31st July and 31st July/1st August, 1918.
(b) When relieved, the 5th Aust. Division will be in Corps Reserve.
2. The 18th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps, will relieve the 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion in the line on nights 30th/31st July, and 31st July/1st August, 1918.
3. Reliefs and moves will be in accordance with attached table.
4. Maps, Photos, Defence Schemes, etc., also Company Dumps of S.A.A., Gas Stores, Trench Stores, will be handed over and copies of receipts forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 9 a.m. 1st August.
5. All dug-outs, trenches, cookhouses, etc., will be sprayed with a 5% Creosol Solution before handing over, and a Sanitation Certificate obtained from incoming units; this will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters with receipts.
6. Details of relief will be arranged by Company Commanders concerned.
7. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters by code word "LISMORE" for 30th/31st July relief and "BALLINA" for 31st July/1st August relief.
8. Billetting instructions issued separately.
9. Battalion Headquarters will close at C.21.c.45.25. at 10 a.m. 1st August and re-open at COISY at the same hour.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. W. Arden Lieut.
A/Adjt., 5th Aust. M. G. Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

Issued at 9 a.m.
Copies to :

Copy No. 1.	8th M.G. Company.
2.	14th M.G. Company.
3.	15th M.G. Company.
4.	25th M.G. Company.
5.	5th Aust. Division.
6.	18th Bn. M.G. Corps.
7.	8th Aust. Inf. Bde.
8.	14th Aust. Inf. Bde.
9.	W.D. ✓
10.	File.

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TABLE OF MOVES ::: ISSUED WITH 5TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION ORDER No.30.

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Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	relieved by.	Remarks.
1.	Day, 30th July,	8th M.G. Company.	Rear H.Q.	COISY.	-----	Time of move by Company arrangements.
2.	Night, 30th/31st July.	14th M.G. Company plus 1 sec. 15th Company.	Line	Rear H.Q.	"C" Coy. 18th M.G. Bn. M.G.C.	Time of move by Company arrangements.
3.	Day, 31st July.	14th M.G. Company.	Rear H.Q.	COISY	-----	
4.	Night, 30th/31st July.	25th M.G. Company. 2 Res. Sections.	Line	Rear H.Q.	-----	Time of move by Company arrangements.
5.	Day, 31st July.	25th M.G. Company.	Rear H.Q.	COISY	-----	
6.	Night, 31st July/ 1st August.	15th M.G. Company.	Line	Rear H.Q.	"A" Coy. 18th Bn, MGC.	Time of move by Company arrangements,
7.	Day, 1st August.	15th M.G. Company.	Rear H.Q.	COISY.	-----	

ROUTE : FRECHENCOURT, ST. GRATIEN, RAINEVILLE, COISY.

MARCH DISCIPLINE : A.R.O. 2039 will be strictly adhered to.

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5th. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
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For period of 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 31-7-48.
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OPERATIONS.

RELIEFS.

10 Guns of the 14th. M.G. Company and 4 Guns of the 15th. M.G. Company were relieved by "C" Company of the 18th. Battalion. M.G. Corps.

Relief completed satisfactorily by 3.5 a.m.

Right Company :- At intervals throughout the night harassing fire was distributed on the following targets :-

K 31 a. 5. 2.
K 21 b. 5. 7.
K 15 c. 20. 37.
K 26 c. 20. 05.
K 31 c. 9. 4.
K 20 d. 90. 84.
K 27 a. 7. 4.
K 26 c. 45. 70.

Ammunition expended 8,000 rounds.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Increased activity. Since the operation, heavy shelling has been maintained on the Right of the Sector combined with a Gas Bombardment by night over sunken areas.

ENEMY M.G.

NORMAL. It is noticed that group or Battery fire has been started by enemy guns.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

E.A. patrolled behind their own lines.

MISCELLANEOUS.

One light draught horse was killed by shell fire.

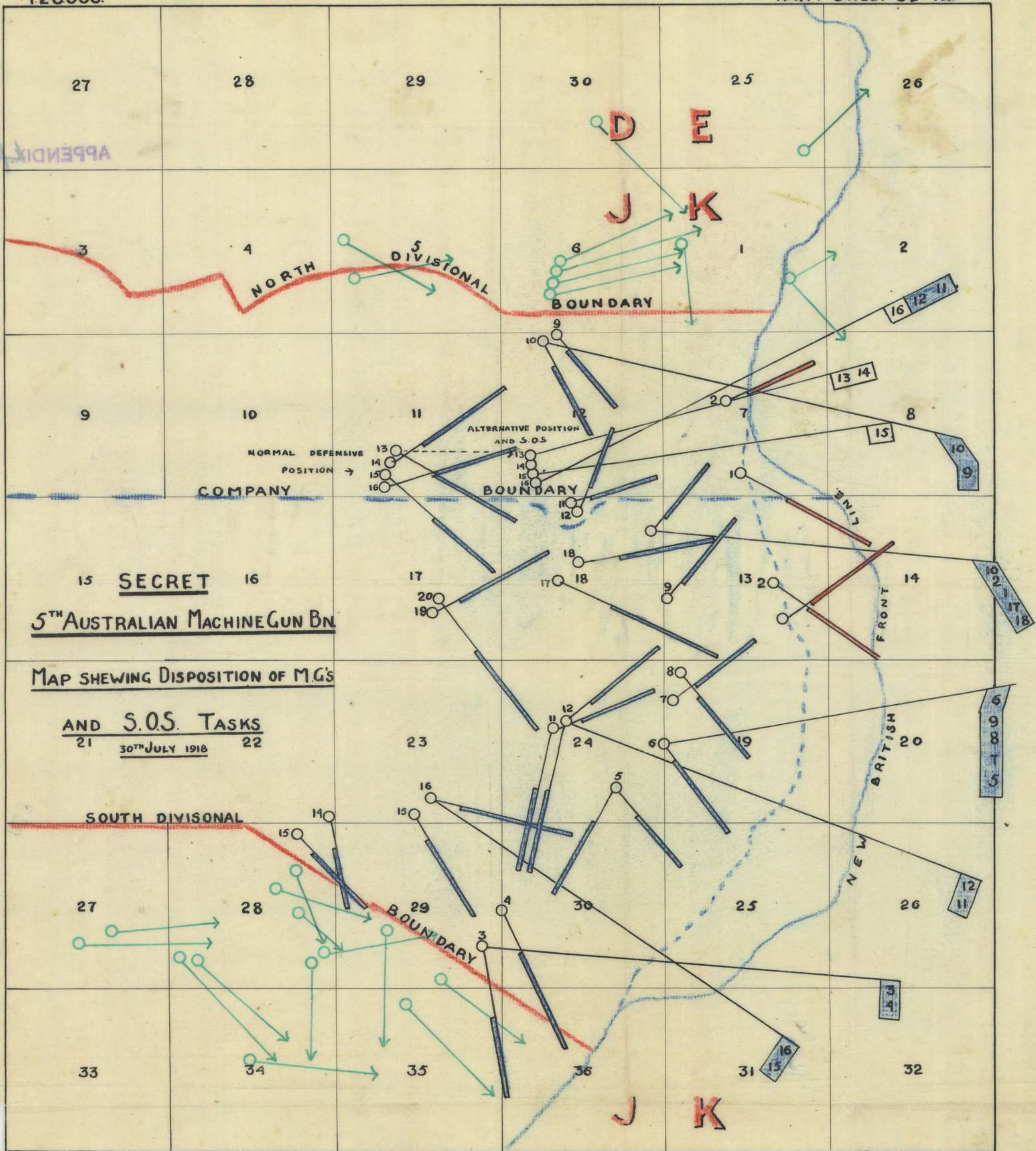


Wm. J. Geater.
Lieut.,
For Major.
C.O. 5th. Aust. M.G. Bn.

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Boots:-

During the month 104 pairs of boots were repaired, and 24 prs. of new boots were fitted with stump soles prior to issue. Forty pairs of new boots were issued.

Tailor:-

In addition to repairing and fitting a number of tunics, and breeches, a number of hats were cleaned and ironed by the tailor. By this means it is hoped to greatly extend the life of the hats.

Guns, Tickers:-

Four guns were drawn from ordnance; — three to replace damaged guns and one issued to the battalion for training purposes.

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5th Aust. M. B. Co.

Quartermaster's Department.

Report for month of July.

Rations:-

Supplies of rations have been good during the month. The meat and bread issues were better than the previous month, as was the vegetable issue, though the latter was still a bit on the light side.

On the recommendation of the R.M.O. an issue of lime juice was obtained ^{as a set off} ~~to~~ ~~the~~ the lack of green vegetables.

Supplies of tinned fruit, curry, milk, cocoa and coffee and milk sent by the Australian Comfort Fund helped greatly in giving a little variety to the diet.

Diet sheets of companies are attached.

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Salvage:- All unserviceable articles were collected and returned after the issue of the new. In addition eleven bags of paper and cardboard, a quantity of jam cartons, and a fair number of large tins were returned.

A solder recovery plant was established and ~~over~~ thirty lbs of solder obtained from bully beef and other tins. This was sent to ordnance.

The fat return for the month was a record for this battalion - 1898 lbs being returned to the supply dump. Dripping was always kept available for the men whenever required.

Aust. Comforts Fund:-

The comforts fund supplies of cigarettes, tobacco and eatables were greatly appreciated by all ~~men~~ ^{men} in the line.

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Transport:-

Two new waddy carts were drawn - making a total of four - one to each company. One of the old waddy carts was sent for repairs to the I.O.M. workshops.

One travelling kitchen was condemned and another one drawn in its place.

Eight new wheels and one ^{new} rear half of a lumbered wagon were drawn.

Collars, breast, collars head, and reins were the chief demands in harness.

Clothing:-

Only a small quantity of clothing was obtained during the period the battalion was in the line, but indents were submitted in time to ensure the refitting of the men when they came out of the line into reserve.

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5TH " A. M. G. B^{NT} "

List of Rations supplied to Advanced Pos
Position

Reserve. Cooking carried on in Reserve Line.
Kneuch's. Boiled & Roast. Meat. Potatoes Tea
Sugar Milk Water. Porridge Preserved Meats
Tommy Cooker's Caudle's

5TH " A. M. G. B^{NT} "

For week ending July 26th 18.

8TH " Company.

	Breakfast.	Dinner.	Tea.
Sat	Porridge Bacon Tea	Curry & Rice Tea	Biscuit Pudding Tea
Sund	Porridge Pessoles Tea	Fresh Meat Stew.	Rice & Tea
Mon	Porridge Bacon Tea	Boiled Meat Potatoes.	Pessoles. Tea.
Tues	Bacon. Tea.	Fresh Meat Stew.	Rice. Tea.
Wed	Porridge Bacon Tea	Curry & Rice.	Biscuit. Pudding.
Thurs	Bacon Tea	Boiled Meat Potatoes.	Tea.
Fridy	Porridge Bacon Tea	Curried Stew.	Rice & Tea.

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5TH A. M. G. B^{NT}For week ending July 26th 18.14TH Company.

	Breakfast.	Dinner	Tea
Sat.	Bacon Tea.	Fresh meatressoles. Pot. tea	Curry & Rice. Tea
Sund	Porridge Ham. Tea.	Boiled Meat: Potatoes Tea.	Tea.
Mon	Bacon Ressoles. Tea	Fresh meat Curry & Rice. Tea.	Rice. Custard. Tea.
Tues	Bacon Tea.	Stew. Potatoes. Tea	Tea.
Wed.	Porridge Bacon. Tea.	Boiled Meat: Potatoes Cabbage ^{Tea}	Cold meat. Tea.
Thurs	Bacon Tea.	Ressoles Potatoes Tea.	Tea.
Frid.	Bacon. Tea.	Boiled Meat - Potatoes Tea	Rice Custard. Tea.

5TH A. M. G. B^{NT}For Week ending July 26th 18.15TH Company.

	Breakfast.	Dinner	Tea.
Sat.	Fried Bacon Tea	Fresh Meat Stew.	Tea.
Sund	M.V. Porridge Tea.	Boiled Meat: Potatoes	Rice & Tea
Mon	Fried Bacon Tea	Boiled Meat Veg. Hash	Tea.
Tues	Mince M.V. Tea	Preserved Meat Stew.	Rice Custard fruit. Tea
Wed	Porridge Bacon Tea.	Boiled Meat Pot Cabbage	Tea.
Thurs	Mince Meat Bacon Tea	Stew.	Rice & Tea.
Frid	Bacon Tea	Boiled Meat: Potatoes	Tea

5TH A.M. G. B^{NT}.

For Huts ending July 26th 18.

25TH Company

	Breakfast.	Dinner.	Tea.
Sat	Pessoles Porridge Bacon Tea	Fresh Meat Stew Tea	Tea
Sund	Hash Bacon Tea	Curry & Rice Tea	Rice & Tea.
Mon	Porridge Pessoles Tea	Preserved Meat Stew Tea.	Tea
Tues	Pessoles Bacon Tea	Boiled Meat Potatoes Tea	Rice & Tea.
Wed	Porridge Bacon Tea	Fresh Meat Stew Tea	Tea
Thurs	Hash Pessoles Tea	Curry & Rice Tea	Rice & Tea
Frid	Porridge Bacon Tea	Fresh Meat Stew.	Tea