

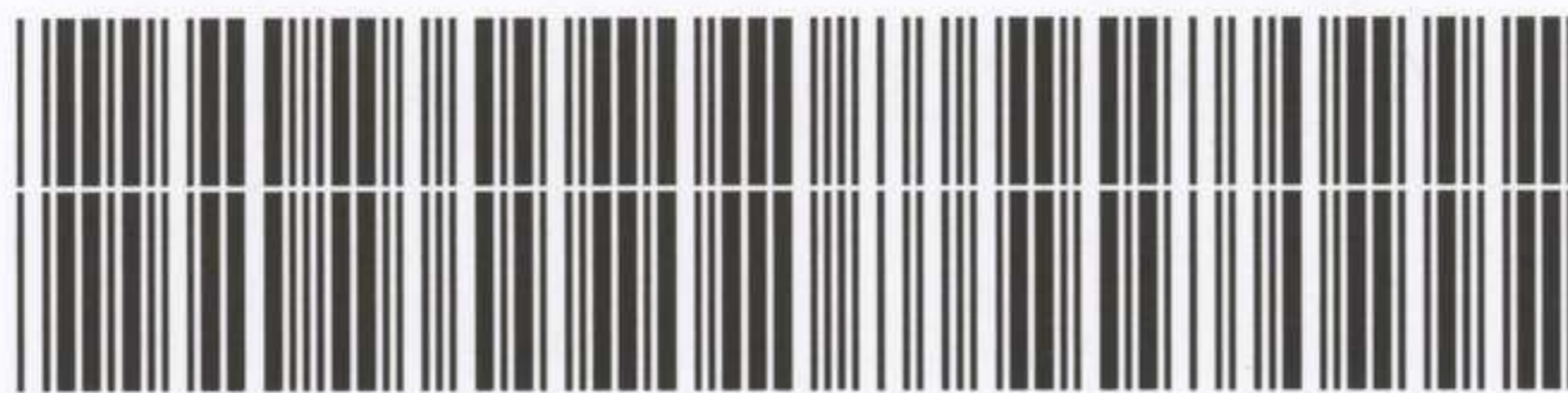
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AUBIGNY LINE DIV RESERVE	1.5.18	8 AM	<p>Fine weather</p> <p>Working parties supplied on the Battalion sector working under the supervision of the 15th Field Coy Engrs. 2 officers + 300 ORs. Digging new strong points. Several men went to the Baths at DROUAS. Conference at Bde HQs. Battalion Commander made a reconnaissance of all the defences of the Reserve line and bridges over the SOMME CANAL.</p>	
ALL MAP REFS. REFER TO SHEET 62D FRANCE 1/40,000-		3 pm	<p>The following officers marched in from Bde nucleus</p> <p>CAPT I. I. SNOWBALL 'C' Coy Commander</p> <p>Lieut. A. MUNTZ Scouts officer + 1.0 understudy.</p> <p>2 Lieut. D. McFARLANE posted to 'D' Coy</p> <p>Enemy shelling during the early morning very active. Casantries 3 ORs. Gas shells were also sent over on our sector. Our artillery were very active, harassing the enemy at intervals during the night.</p>	<p>JB Capt.</p>
	2.5.18		<p>Fine weather warm. Court-martial at Bde HQs. We had 1 case.</p> <p>The following joined up the Battalion from the Bde nucleus 1 officer (Capt W. E. S. EDGAR) + 96 ORs. The men were returned to the Companies. A new nucleus was detailed to move out next day 1 officer + 76 ORs. Lewis R. DOUTREBAND. Battalion 1.0 was detailed. Enemy shelling active, but no damage done on our</p>	<p>JB Capt.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUBIGNY LINE			<p>sector working parties 2 officers + 100 men on taping out and digging new strong points. Received order from Brigade that the Division on our right in conjunction with French were attacking at 2 am 3rd mist. LT Col CA DENEHY D.S.O. transferred from 58th BN assumes command of the 57th BN vice LT Col H.T.C LAYH D.S.O transferred to 60th BN.</p>	JB Capt
	3.5.18.	2am	<p>Very warm fine weather. Our artillery put down a very heavy barrage for the attack carried out by the 4th + 17th Aust Inf Bde. Enemy did not retaliate on our sector. Working parties under Engineers commenced</p>	
		8am	<p>work at 8 am + 5 pm. 2 officers + 100 men each time. C.O and B.M. made a reconnaissance of the sector. 2nd Command showed some Officers of the 6th Aust Inf Bde over our sector. C.O Conference at BN HQ at 1.30 pm all Headquarters officers + Company Commanders attended. The following</p>	
	8.30 am		<p>marched out to Brigade nucleus at 8.30 AM 1 officer + 96 ORs. Received order from Brigade re Brigade school commencing on the 4th mist C.O inspected all candidates for the school.</p>	JB Capt

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			Fine weather	
AUBIGNY LINE	4 5 18		<p>Our artillery very active during the night, harassing fire. Enemy shelling normal. CO + B.M. made a reconnaissance of our sector at 7 am. Several tactical positions were altered and new work started all personnel to attend the 15" Inf Bde school reported to Bn HQ at 9.45 AM and were inspected before moving off.</p> <p>Herewith list of personnel. see appendix No 1.</p> <p> CAPT. E. CORNEY Instructor NO. SGT. HENSEN do. </p> <p>the following officers marched in from the nucleus.</p> <p> CAPT. E. CORNEY from Hospital LIEUT. J. DICKINSON " " " BARTLETT " " " MARXSEN " 15" Training Bn " TOWMEY " Hospital 2nd LIEUT. A. DAVIS " Reinforcement 8/38 Bn transferred to 57 Bn </p>	<p>appendix 1</p>
			<p>D. D. & L., London, E.C. (A7883) Wt. W809/M1672 350,000 4/17 Sch. 52a Forms/C/2118/14</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i> w</p>

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AUBIGNY LINE 013 C 90.96	5/5/18		<p>Weather Raining between 4 and 5 pm. Fine otherwise</p> <p>Working parties totalling 6 officers & 300 others were provided for work on the Aubigny line. The Co accompanied by the Brigade Major inspected the AUBIGNY LINE & found that work of construction was proceeding satisfactorily -</p> <p>Arrivals Capt WHL MACDONALD from Liaison duties 5.45 and Dis. Departures " JH LAING MC to " " " "</p> <p>Arrivals Lieut FB McWHANNELL from 51 Bn.</p> <p>Duties of adjutant taken over by Lt JBM McWhannell -</p>	<p>JBM Lt</p>
Do	6/5/18		<p>Weather fine until 9 pm. Raining 10 pm - midnight.</p> <p>Usual working parties provided for AUBIGNY LINE - One off & 10 men attended Class of instruction in the new No 36 rifle female discharge at Brigade School</p> <p>The Signalling Officer & 5 Signallers received instruction</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>in the new "T" popham signalling panel from the Brigade Signal Office. The Co called Coy Commanders together at 1:30 pm and explained the principles of defence on the fourth army front and particularly the method of operating the AUBIGNY System. Battalion Commanders were called to Brigade HQs at 3 pm. The Brigadier introduced the CO of the 8th Tank Battalion. This officer explained the role tanks would play in a probable counter attack. Cooperation between tanks and infantry was discussed by Battalion and Tank commanders.</p>	JBM Lt
AUBIGNY LINE	7/5/18		<p>Weather: Between midnight & 10 am raining, afterwards fine. Working parties and instructional parties as for yesterday were provided. Coy Comdts reconnoitred approaches towards VILLERS BRETONNEUX with a view to possible counter attack.</p>	9
O 13 C			<p>Done officers per Company</p>	9

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			inspected the tanks & discussed co-operation between tanks & infantry with officers of C Coy 8th Tank Battalion during the day. 10pm Brigade verbally advised that captured prisoners state a German attack on this front will take place at 11pm tonight. Corps are in a state of readiness.	J.P.P. L.H.S.
AUBIGNY LINE O13C 9096	1/5/19		Weather fine - Brigade advised at 12.30am "Resume normal conditions" - Demonstrations in platoon drill were carried out by the Divisional Demonstration Platoon at the Brigade School during the day. The CO & all Coy Commanders were present. At 3pm the 3rd division presented the shield won by C Coy of this Battalion in the Divisional Field Firing Competition at THIEPVAL last Sat. Working parties totalling 4 officers & 200 others worked on the	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>AUBIGNY Line Defences. The CO, accompanied by the I.O. & works officer, inspected work in progress during the morning. Two enemy aeroplanes flying low passed over the battalion area about 4 pm. They were driven back by a Lewis gun fire. One artillery carried out prearranged shoot during the night. Arrivals Lt WKS MITH from Nucleus. Departures: Lt WKS MITH for Nucleus.</p>	<p>JBM Lt.</p>
<p>AUBIGNY LINE O 13 C Sheet 62 D</p>	<p>9/5/18</p>		<p>Weather fine. The work of constructing a deep dugout for use as Bn Hqrs was commenced yesterday. A drying room for drying clothing etc has been established at Bn Hqrs. Working parties as for yesterday were provided today for work on the Aubigny system. The Lewis gun officer has established a class for practical instruction in Lewis gunnery. The men (15 per Coy) are quartered near Bn Hqrs.</p>	

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			<p>They will receive a thorough grounding in the handling & care of the Lewis gun. Firing will be carried out on the Range at N18A. The course will cover a period of 7 days. One officer & 20 NCO's and men attended N° 36 parade. Discharge class of instruction at Bugasi School. 5 Squads received instructions in the use of the 'T' Hophorn Signalling Panel. The CO accompanied the BGC and the B.M. on a tour of the battalion sector of the Aubigny system this morning. The CO and I.O reconnoitred routes & systems in connection with the Bugasi withdrawal scheme. One enemy aeroplane flying very low endeavoured to cross Aubigny system about dusk but was forced to withdraw by a a Lewis gun fire. Instructional Memoranda N° 1 ("D.O.S Signals" appendix N° 2) N° 2 ("Ammunition</p>	<p>APPENDIX N° 2</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Supply in Aubigny line" appendix No. 3) and No. 3 (Various" appendix No. 4) were issued today.	APPENDIX No. 3 APPENDIX
AUBIGNY LINE	10/5/18		Nearby. June: The CO and assistant reconnaissance systems, defences & route in connection with the	APPENDIX No. 4
Q 13 C			Bugasse Retirement Scheme - 'D' Coy was withdrawn from Aubigny front line and accommodated in the reserve line today. Parties as for yesterday were despatched for instruction in the Popham panel the No. 36 Reserve discharge. The Signalling Officer has formed a daily class for instruction in the Lucas daylight signal lamp - Six officers attended lecture at Bugasse School on "Co-operation between Tanks and Infantry" by Major BENNEWITH, 8th Tank Battalion. All available men worked on the	
Sheet 62 6			AUBIGNY defences during the day. Instructional	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			memorandum No. 4 (Nucleus Garrison" appendix No. 5) was issued	APPENDIX No. 5 P. 15 2
AUBIGNY LINE	11/5/18		Weather fine; all men were bathed at the 5th Divisional Baths DAOURS today. a clean change of clothing was secured by all. Absentees to Instructional Memorandum No. 4 (appendix No. 6) was issued today. all available men were employed on construction of AUBIGNY defences. The CO explained to Coy Commanders at 1.30 pm details of the Brigade Retirement Scheme. The battalion scheme in this connection is issued as appendix No. 7. a 500m. round of 8 inch howitzers fell in vicinity of cross roads 014 A during the night. No casualties.	APPENDIX No. 6 APPENDIX No. 7
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Our artillery carried out prearranged shoots & carried preparations during the night. The usual classes of instruction were held during the day.	
AUBIGNY LINE 013 C Sheet 625	12/5/18		Weather: Showery. Both batteries were quiet throughout the day. No work was done on the Aubigny system today and all classes of instruction were cancelled. The men appreciated the rest. The Co rode over the ground covered in the Battalion Retirement Scheme (appendix no 7) with all Company Commanders & the Specialist officers. C of E and RC Church services were held during the morning.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			The weather cleared up between 4 and 6 pm and many enemy balloons came up along the whole front. Our aircraft were active throughout the day between showers.	JBM Lieno
			Departing Major R.M.C. FITCHESON to Nuclens.	
AUBIGNY LINE 0 13 C.	13/5/18		Weather stormy. Enemy artillery was active during the early hours of the morning. H.E and gas shell was largely used on AUBIGNY line and the valley between that line and the FORWARD zone. An enemy aeroplane dropped bombs about 3.30 am between 016 and 015. The work of strengthening the AUBIGNY defenses was proceeded with during the day. New wire was created and existing wire was strengthened. Posts were wired & shelters were improved. Dummy trenches behind tactical wiring were	

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			<p>Constructed. The Lewis gun positions detailed in the battalion retirement scheme for the protection of bros 60 (Appendix 7) were constructed under the supervision of the R.G.O. The normal "T" Popham squaring fence & No 36 female discharge classes of instructions were held at Brigade School. arrived. CAPT. L.W. ELLIOTT from nucleus -</p>	<p>J.P.T.W. Lieut</p>
AUBIGNY LINE	4/5/18		<p>Weather - dull; but no rain. Scattered shelling in 013 a shortly after midnight. The CO accompanied by G.D.'s 2 of 4th & 5th Aust. Divisions & 00 15 Field Coy Aust. Engs Sites an extension for Pioneer Swilds. Work on the AUBIGNY line was proceeded with. Dummy Strong points & bunkers were constructed. C.T's connecting Lps were dug. Duplicate apron fences were erected & the dugout accommodation in the Reserve line was improved.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Enemy shelled Aubigny Estain during early hours of the morning. A little gas shell was used. No casualties resulted. The usual Lewis gun, "T" panel and Rifle Range Discharge Classes were held. Coy Commanders reconnoitred the ground covered in the battalion retirement scheme (appendix 7) with their platoon Commanders & platoon sergeants during the afternoon. At 5 pm, 013 or was subjected to short bombardment by 5.9 battery. No casualties were reported. A practical scheme demonstrating the use of the "T" poplarn signalling panel was carried out by the Bn signaller & an aeroplane from No 3 Squadron and Flying Corps during afternoon. The panel was found to be a more serviceable method of communication between Infantry & aircraft than the shutter hitherto in use. Lecture at Brigade School by CRE 5th Div on "Field Defences" was attended by two officers.</p>	

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			<p>The enemy heavily shelled O 20 B (junction of PIONEER Switch and AUBIGNY line) between 8 pm and 10.30 pm. 5.9 and 8 inch howitzers were used. Counter battery action was requested and hostile shelling ceased at 10.30 pm. No casualties.</p>	<p>J.B. P. H. S. Lt.</p>
AUBIGNY LINE	15/5/18		<p>Weather fine. Local observation. Between 2.50 am and 4.30 am 77 mm Gas & HE shells were sent over on our right Company sector. Great aerial activity through out the day. Enemy planes particularly busy from dawn until 10 am. Many hostile balloons up along whole front. Much counter battery work was carried out during the day. Several batteries in O 13 being heavily engaged; chiefly by 5.9 howitzers. Work on the AUBIGNY line was carried out as usual. All available men were employed. Wire was strengthened: C.T.'s between echeloned posts were</p>	

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			<p>proceeded with a second line of 50g leg trenches was started. The Reserve ^{Coy} Supplies an Engineer's working party of 1 officer and 60 others for work on the reserve line of the forward zone. Enemy ^{aerial} bombers took advantage of the moonlight night and many planes passed over heads on missions to rear areas.</p>	<p>J.P.M. Lt</p>
AUBIGNY LINE	16/5/18		<p>Weather: FINE. Local Summer's Day. Enemy aircraft were not as active as yesterday morning. This is probably accounted for by fact that our own machines were out in greater force earlier than was the case yesterday. Work for the day on the AUBIGNY line consisted construction of 50g leg trenches, digging S.P.s and C.T's. The work of strengthening tactical wiring was also proceeded with. In the early morning (between 3 and 4.30am) our right Coy section was again subjected to a gas dose</p>	

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			<p>of gas & H.E. shelling from 77 batteries. In the afternoon any men who wished to go were marched down to the River SOMME at 0120 for a swim. Sun and water were warm & the men greatly appreciated the parade. Classes of instructions in No 36 Grenade Discharge, Intelligence Bulletin and anti aircraft Lewis Gunnery were held during the day. Between 8 and 10 pm 012 013 and 019 were heavily shelled by 5.9 howitzers. Counter battery action was asked for & shelling ceased 10 pm. At 11 pm our own right Company in AUBIGNY line (B Coy) reported a large German aeroplane was brought down 700 yards in front of their sector. It appears this plane (GOTHA type) was returning over our lines after dropping bombs in back areas. It was flying low and its outline could be only seen against the moon. L/C W. Patten (3914) of B Coy immediately brought his Lewis gun into action & made excellent shooting.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Lieut H. J. DICKINSON, who was observing the shooting, stated that PATTEN'S tracer bullets could plainly be seen to be striking the machine. The pilot was forced to land about 700 yds in front of "B" Coy's sector. Lieut Dickinson immediately set out to take charge of the aeroplane & its occupants but on arrival found that a party from 4th Aust Div. were already in possession. One forward officer had been made prisoner & the other two occupants escaped. All Coys were warned; but no trace could be found of them. The matter was reported to Brigade - Many enemy bombing planes passed over flying in direction of back areas throughout the night.</p>	<p>ABG Lieut</p>
<p>AUBIGNY LINE O 13 C</p>	<p>17/5/18</p>		<p>Weather - fine - Hot summer's day. Aerial activity was not great. Between 9.30 am & 11 am enemy heavily shelled O 13 a with 5.9 and 4.2 howitzers. No casualties.</p>	

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			<p>were courses to members of this unit. The usual classes of instruction in No 36 rifle parade discharges anti aircraft Lewis primary and intelligence duties were held. Working party of 1 officer & 20 men were supplied to 14 fields Coy Engineers in the morning. Work for the day on the AUBIGNY line consisted of digging dummy posts & C.T.'s. Lining up of echeloned posts and strengthening of wire defences. All men were bathed at the 5th Divisional Baths DAOURS during the day. Summer clothing was issued in exchange for winter clothing. 1st Battalion Defence Scheme (Provisional) No 8 was issued at 3pm today (Appendix No 8). The Engineers W.P. mentioned above sustained four casualties whilst working in forward zone (all wounded). Enemy bomb dropping planes were busy throughout the night. No damage or casualties in this area.</p>	APPENDIX

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AUBIGNY LINE	18/5/18		<p>Weather Fine - Warm. Usual classes of instruction in Rifle exercises, Intelligence, Lewis primary, Signalling and anti aircraft Lewis primary were held. Work on the AUBIGNY line consisted of digging CT's between echeloned posts and strengthening wire. After morning aquatic sports were held on the river SOMME in 012D. The whole battalion, with the exception of Line Hqs details & the AUBIGNY line nucleus Garrison, was present. The contests were keenly fought out & the novelty event caused a great deal of amusement. The band of the 4th Pioneer Battalion played throughout the afternoon. Results of the various events are appended in appendix No. 9. The men thoroughly appreciated the carnival. The C.O and adjutant attended lecture on "Administration" by Col J.H. Burche 5 Aust Division at the Bugale School in the afternoon.</p>	APPENDIX No 9

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			<p>Enemy artillery was very quiet throughout the day. Departures: Lieut J.W. STILWELL to A.F.C. on probation. Arrivals: Lieut H. OLVER from 59 Pw to take over duties of Signalling Officer vacated by Stilwell. Lieut F.J. KENEALY from Reinforcements to own ranks rejoined from 5th Australian Divisional Reinforcement Wing. Both our own & enemy bomb dropping aeroplanes were active during the night.</p>	
AUBIGNY LINE	6/17		<p>Weather fine. Hot. Much aerial activity during the two hours preceding dawn. One enemy machine dropped four large bombs near Bar Hqs in 013C at 3.30 am but beyond killing 4 & wounding 15 horses in an English artillery unit, no damage was done. The men were voted during the day. Many bullets in Area 500ME.</p>	

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			<p>Church services as for last Sunday were held. Classes of instructions were not held. Our night Coz line was shelled severely by S.G.s between 4 and 5 pm. No casualties were caused. Enemy aircraft again active during night.</p>	J.B.M.
AUBIGNY LINE O.B.C.	20/5/18		<p>Weather fine; Hot. Enemy shelled O.B.C. in a desultory manner during the morning. Usual classes of instruction in penance exercises, intelligence, and anti aircraft Lewis gunnery were held. Work on the Aubigny line consisted of wiring & the digging of C.T.'s. Arrivals: 2/LIEUT WJ TANNER and 2/Lieut J H FLEMING from Coast Battalions. Clear moonlight night and bombing planes were active.</p>	J.B.M.
Do	21/5/18		<p>Weather fine Hot. Work on the Aubigny line</p>	

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			<p>was continued today & consisted of construction of C.T.'s and reinforcing of wire defences. The usual classes of Rifle grenade discharges, Lewis gunnery & Intelligence were held. The anti aircraft Lewis gunnery classes ceased yesterday. The Lewis gun officer has sporadically trained 150 Lewis gunners in anti aircraft shooting. The forward area anti aircraft light was used. A signal scheme under Brigade arrangements was carried out during the day. It proved of great instructional value to the Battalion signaller. Telephones, Lucas lamps, "Flappers", and flags were used. The Reserve Coy sector was heavily shelled by 4.2 howitzers between 11.30 & 12.30 pm. Many support shells were destroyed, but no casualties were sustained. D13 C was shelled.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>by 4.2 high velocity gun between 8.30 and 9 pm. No damage done. The B. G. visited Bn Hqs between 9 pm & 10 pm. He held a meeting of Coy Commanders & Specialist Officers at 7.15 pm and fully discussed matters of organisation especially regarding NCOs. Particulars of the system are set out in appendix No. 10. Bn Hqs & vicinity again heavily shelled by 4.2's between 9.30 & 10 pm. Planes were busy during night. Many passing over our area proceeding both ways.</p>	APPENDIX No. 10
AUBIGNY LINE	22/5/19		<p>Weather fine & hot. Our artillery was very active during the night - especially between 3 am & 4 am. Artillery quiet through out day. Work on the Aubigny line consisted principally</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>of erection of dugout shelter accommodation in the reserve line - the usual instructional classes were held. Coy Commanders attended a lecture at Brigade School at 5.30pm by Capt Briely A.F.C. on "Co-operation of aircraft with Infantry". The Co, accompanied by the Brigade Major & CO 15 Field Coy inspected Aubigny line defences at 7am. The defences are now almost completed - the work done since last inspection was pronounced satisfactory. The Blangy-Dunville - Aubigny Road running through O 13 & O 8 was shelled intermittently throughout the night by 4.2 howitzers. Our own & enemy aircraft were very active - Bright moonlight night. Statement of work completed on the AUBIGNY System is given in appendix No 11 (Works Policy)</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 11</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AUBIGNY LINE	23 MAY 18	23/5/18	<p>Weather Fine. Dull and windy afternoon. Unfavourable for aircraft. Work on the Aubigny line consisted mainly of protective wiring and construction of dug out accommodation in the Reserve Line. Vicinity of Bar Hqs (O 13 C) shelled about noon by 4 2 howitzers. Two men wounded. The Aubigny system was subjected to scattered shelling during the afternoon. Only about 40 rounds were fired; and no damage was done. The usual instructional classes were held. The night was quiet. A pair 4 2's were placed on the Aubigny - Blangy Tronville road about O 13 B between 9pm & 10pm. The high wind apparently detected enemy plants; but a few of our own could be heard in the early night moving towards enemy territory.</p>	J.P.P. Line
Go	24 MAY 18		Weather Fine but dull; indications of rain.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Strong gusty SW wind - Unfavourable for average Enemy artillery fire - a few shells at intervals of an hour or an hour & a half were placed on the Aubigny - Blancprouville Road. Work on the Aubigny line same as for yesterday - the usual instructional classes were held.	J.P.M. Lieut
AUBIGNY LINE	29/5/18		Weather fine but dull. Gusty winds from SW. The usual instructional classes were held & work on the Aubigny line consisted of construction of C.T.'s & dugout shelters artillery fire was quiet throughout the day. Between 8 & 10 pm enemy shells 027 and 034 with gas shell. No inconvenience was caused (by the gas) on this sector. No aerial movement. Departure Lieut RENA J.A to Corps Gas School.	J.P.M. Co
D.O.	30/5/18		Weather fine but dull. Sunday. Men were rested.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Usual Church services were held. All battalions signallers participated in a signal scheme (as for 21st inst) during the night 25/26. Lucas lamps were the main means of communication & good practice was made by all signallers. At 9 pm about a dozen "whizzbangs" were sent over on to Bloy's sector (night Coy: Aubigny line). One of these landed in the trench and killed 1 & wounded 4 men two of whom later died. Bright moonlight night. Enemy aircraft very active. Many bombs were dropped in this battalion area but no casualties to our troops were caused.</p>	<p>RP Line</p>
AUBIGNY LINE 013 C	27 MAY	18	<p>Weather fine. Hot. Our artillery was very active throughout the night. Prearranged shoots were carried out and a special heavy counter preparation shoot</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>was observed between 3.15 am and 3.30 am a good deal of gas shell was used by the enemy during the night on O 27, O 34 and O 15 - especially in the early morning. O 15 - C was subjected to a fairly severe bombardment by Yellow Cross shell about 3 am. Work on the ambushing line during the day consisted of construction of C.T.'s and dugout shelters. The usual classes of instruction in Lewis gunnery, Intelligence duties, Signalling and Rifle grenades were held. The Battalion HQs dugout was completed yesterday and is now ready for occupation. It is a commodious structure, capable of accommodating 50 people - It has about 40 feet of head cover. A few shells were placed on Centre Coy's sector of ambushing system and also in O 13 B during the day. No damage was done. Between 11.30 pm & midnight</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>a heavy concentration of 4.2 HE'S was fired on junction of PIONEER Switch & AUBIGNY front line (020A). No casualties were caused. Enemy's artillery on battalion's area was more active than usual during the night. Instructional Memorandum No. 7 (Nuclear Garrison) was issued (appendix No. 12)</p>	<p>APPENDIX No. 12 JBM JW</p>
AUBIGNY LINE 013C Sheet 628	28 MAY	18	<p>Weather fine. Aircraft fairly active. Observation good. Enemy artillery maintained scattered but practically continuous fire throughout the night. Some gas shell was used in 014D. At 230am a heavy dose by 5.9 howitzers was put down on junction of Pioneer Switch & Aubigny line (020a). at 2.45 pm about 40 5.9's and 4'2's were placed in 013 and 014. Between that time and 4pm</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			occasional Salvos of 5.9's were placed on O7 and N12. About 9.45 pm a ten minute shoot came down on O13 + O14. mostly 5.9's. a few Yellow X Gas shells were sent over into O13. The CO + 10 officers attended demonstration by French troops of the French 37 mm. gun at Reserve Brigade Rifle Range during afternoon. The gun was pronounced an efficient weapon but not suitable for issue to an Infantry battalion.	JBM Lt
AUBIGNY LINE O13C Sheet 625	29 MAY	18	Weather - Fine - Warm. Work on the AUBIGNY line for the day consisted of erecting dugout shelters in the Reserve line and in digging trenches + creating wire in the Reserve. The usual classes of instruction in Signalling, Lewis Gun and Intelligence duties were held. At the Brigade House at 5.30 pm, the	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>B & C lectures to Junior & aspirant officers on "Hint to Young Officers". Ten junior and 6 aspirant officers from this unit attended the lecture. Students of the Brigade School gave a demonstration of an A.R.A. Competition on the Reserve Brigade Rifle Range at 2:30pm today. The demonstration proved instructive & was witnessed by all officers of the battalion with the exception of one per Company. An armoured car of the 17 Tank Battalion passed along the Blangy - Nouvelli - Aubigny Road about midday & was viewed by all officers & NCOs of the battalion. A competition between teams representing each battalion of the Brigade in the use & tactics of the No 36 Rifle Grenade Discharger was held on the Reserve Bde Rifle Range during the afternoon.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Conditions were as set out in appendix No 13. The competition was won by 57 Bn.</p> <p>Scores were as follows:</p> <p>57 Bn TACTICS 36 HITS 10 GRENADES USED 58 POINTS MINUS 12</p> <p>58 Bn " 40 " 5 " 60 " 15</p> <p>59 Bn " 34 " 5 " 60 " 21</p> <p>60 Bn " 37 " 0 " 58 " 21</p> <p>The composition of the winning team is set out in appendix No 14. Lieut CG FORREST M/C. Bombing officer trained the team.</p> <p>The day was quiet: Very little enemy activity at 9 pm 50 5.95 launched in 07 and 013. Planes were busy at night: but no bombs were dropped in our area.</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 13</p> <p>APPENDIX No 14</p>
AUBIGNY LINE	2/5/18		Weather fine. Men were employed on construction	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>of enroute & wiring reports in AUBIGNY line. The usual Instructional classes were held. At 9.15 am Brigade advised that the battalion would be relieved tomorrow 31st inst. at 3.50 pm our advance billeting party left for ALLONVILLE to take over billets occupied by 13 Bn A.I.F. at 1.30 pm CO called Coy Comdros. together & discussed the march tomorrow & arrangements that will need to be made in advance. At 7.25 pm the Brigade order (130) & march cable reference to relief was received. Battalion order NO 116 was issued at 10.30 pm (appendix NO 15). There was very little enemy activity during the day. The B.G.C. visits Bn Hqs at 10.15 pm.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 16</p>
AUBIGNY LINE	31/5/18		<p>Weather fine - warm. Reveille 5.30 am.</p>	

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ALLONVILLE	(Bills)	G H D 8.5	<p>The battalion moved off from starting point at 7:30am in accordance with Bn order No 116. The weather was rather warm for marching. ALLONVILLE was reached at 10:55am. Four men fell out of column en route. Bn Hqs established at G H D 8.5. The men are comfortably housed in bills in the town. Feet were inspected. Hot midday meal was served at 12:30pm. at 2pm Brigade advised that owing to enemy shelling of the village night 30/31 met heavy casualties inflicted, it was considered advisable all troops should evacuate the village. The 57 Bn would choose suitable site in a wood in the vicinity & move as soon as possible. It was decided to</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bois de MAI H1 A15 25			<p>move to the Bois de MAI - (H1). The battalion moved out from ALLONVILLE at 5-15 pm. Coy sectors were allotted & the men were settled down at 6-30 pm. Bn Hqs was established at H1 A15-25. The woods is an ideal place for a camping ground. The trees give cover from observation from the air & afford shade from the sun. The men built humps for the night from brushwood. It is hoped that divisions will make tents or shelters available tomorrow. The CO addressed all officers at 1-30 pm today at ALLONVILLE and pointed out faults he had noted on the march up from 013 a.</p>	
			<p>The following appendices are attached: Statement of Draining (appendix no. 16)</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 16</p>

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 To Headquarters
 15th Infantry Brigade.

Ref 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. School.

Herewith Nominal Roll of Personnel of this
 Battalion to attend.

	Capt.	E. Corney.	Instructor.
4823	Sgt.	G.L. Henson.	"
3946	"	T.C. Stevens.	School C.Q.M.S.
4647	L/C	A.C. Thomas.	Signaller.
2238	Pte	H.W. Taylor.	Cook.
1949	"	L. McDonald.	Cook.
4468	"	W.J. Davey.	Batman.
3565	Dvr	E.V. Lorimer.	Driver.

Aspirant Officers.

4532	L/Sgt	Lyndon.	H.R.	3180	Sgt	Jones.	H.P.
3646	Sgt	Wilson.	W.E.	3085	"	Drysdale.	R.H.
3118	"	Dow.	W.	3022	L/C	Sheppard.	F.M.
1879	"	Blessley.	W.D.	1348	Cpl	Selby.	K.G.M.

Junior and Aspirant N.C.Os.

1789	L/C	Fletcher.	L.J.	4739	L/C	Brambley.	K.J.
4962	"	Wathan.	S.E.	3850	"	Nelson.	H.H.
2237	"	Nicholson.	W.J.	4613	Pte	Todd.	G.
2652	Pte	Geyer.	L.M.	3123	L/C	McCormack.	H.S.
2174	"	Field.	N.	1962	"	Ryan.	W.J.
3595	L/C	Robinson.	G.A.	6749	Cpl	Jarman.	W.
2688	Pte	Morris.	D.A.	7180	Pte	Priddy.	A.G.
3193	"	Lugton.	J.A.	4915	L/C	Spedding.	H.
3228	"	Prince.	R.	3023	Cpl	Smith.	A.H.
2952	L/C	Atkins.	S.	3115	Pte	Barthelson.	A.M.

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S E C R E T.INSTRUCTIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 1.

" S.O.S. Signals".

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1. Enemy attacks have recently been made under cover of fog with the result that S.O.S. light signals could not be observed and consequently artillery support was not forthcoming.
 2. It has been decided therefore to institute a supplementary or "Fog" System of communicating S.O.S. Signals to Artillery.
 3. (a) Infantry Brigades in the line are selecting suitable points along their fronts and establishing "Bugle alarm posts". They will also establish the necessary "alarm repeating stations" for transmitting the signal to the rear.

(b) The C.R.A. in conjunction with Infantry Brigades in the line is arranging for the necessary artillery stations to pick up the signal from the "alarm repeating stations" and transmit it to the batteries concerned.
 4. No bugle or trumpet call sounds are to be sounded by units or individuals WEST of a North and South line drawn through CORBIE Church. All ranks are to be informed of this.
 5. The ordinary S.O.S. will be "three G's" sounded at intervals until the barrage comes down.
 6. For tank S.O.S. the call will be "Six G's" sounded at intervals.
 7. The Special light signal for an enemy tank attack will be "Green, red, green". This signal will be the one inch Very Light, supplies of which are being issued to Coys. today. These special lights will be carried by Coys. in the event of the Battalion going forward.

Distribution.

Sd. F. B. McWHANNELL. Lieut.
Adj. 57th BATTALION. A. I. F.

Copy each to

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- "B" Company.
- "C" Company.
- "D" Company.



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INSTRUCTIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 2.

"Ammunition Supply in the AUBIGNY Line." 8th May 1918.

1. Arrangements are being made to store S?A.A. in the AUBIGNY Zone and BRIDGE HEAD Defences.
2. Ammunition will be stored approximately 4000 rounds to every 200 yards of front and switch line trenches and Bridge Head Defences in this Zone.
3. Recesses with protection against the weather are already provided for the receptions of this ammunition as under :-

"B" Company	4 Recesses.
"C" Company.	5 Recesses.
"D" Company.	2 Recesses.
"A" Company.	6 Recesses.

A diamond shaped disc will be used to identify the position of all these dumps.

4. Ammunition as stated in para (2) will be issued as soon as available.
5. Once the Ammunition and Discs are placed in position, they will be placed in charge of the Nucleus garrison who will be responsible for them.

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57th BATTALION. A. I. F.S E C R E T.INSTRUCTIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 3." Various "9th MAY 1918.RATIONS. 1.

In the event of the Battalion moving forward, C.Q.M.S's will accompany their Coys. and will select a position as far forward as possible, where rations may be dumped by the Q.M. They will make this position known to at least one man per platoon and these men will act as guides to ration parties. C.Q.M.S's will then return and report location of the position selected for ration dump to the Q.M. and the T.O.

2.

The Q.M. will arrange for a meal and water to be taken forward to the ration dump as soon as practicable after departure of the Battalion. He will advise Bn.H.Qrs of any steps taken.

BLANKETS
PACKS &
VALISES. 1.

In the event of the Battalion moving forward, packs, blankets and officers valises will be stacked in one dump in each Coy. Sector and one man will be detailed to guard each dump, until arrangements are made for their transport to Q.M's Store.

2.

The Q.M. will arrange necessary transport and have all packs, blankets and valises removed to Q.M's Store as soon as he is advised that the Battalion is moving forward.

3.

The Q.M. will ensure that the men detailed as Dump guard, rejoin their Coys. with the first ration party from Q.M's Store.

GENERAL.

Company Commanders must ensure that their Coys. are kept in a state of readiness to move forward at any time. Water bottles must be filled daily. Every man must have an extra bandolier of S.A.A. in his possession which will be carried when the Battalion moves forward.

DESTRUCTION
OF PAPERS &
DOCUMENTS.

In the event of a withdrawal from any position, all documents that cannot be got away, are to be destroyed. Coy. Commanders will at once detail an Officer, whose duty it will be to destroy all Coy. documents in such circumstances.

A quantity of inflammable material is to be kept at hand for use in emergency.

In addition to the above all officers will destroy secret papers and maps carried by them, should the necessity arise.

HOSTILE
ACTIVITY.

In the event of any hostile bombardment or other activity on or near Coy. Sectors, Company Commanders will at once report the nature of the activity to Bn.H.Qrs.

BOMBS.

Bombs will not be issued to Coys. until the Battalion is ordered to move forward. The Bn. Bombing Officer will ensure that the mobile echelon of bombs is at hand ready to be distributed to Coys. at short notices. The Asst. Adjt. will be called upon to supply carrying parties from H.Qrs Details to carry bombs forward to Coys.

ENEMY TANKS.

Enemy tanks are vulnerable if rifle and machine gun fire is directed against M.G. loopholes, as by this means

- (a) Casualties are inflicted on the tank personnel, or
- (b) to avoid becoming casualties the personnel fire without observing or aiming and thus blind firing is naturally not effective.

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RATIONS

In the event of the Battalion moving forward, G.M.S. will accompany their Coy. and will select a position as far forward as possible, where rations may be distributed. The G.M. will make this position known to at least one man per platoon and these men will be guided to the ration parties. G.M.S.'s will return and report location of the position to the G.M. and the T.O.

2.

The G.M. will arrange for a meal and water to be taken forward to the ration dump. War Diaries will be taken to the G.M. and the T.O. steps taken.

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VALISES

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The G.M. will arrange necessary transport and have all packs, blankets and valises removed to G.M.'s Store as soon as he is advised that the Battalion is moving forward.

3.

The G.M. will ensure that the men detailed as Dump guard, rejoin their Coy. with the first ration party from G.M.'s Store.

GENERAL

Company Commanders must ensure that their Coys. are kept in a state of readiness to move forward at any time. Water bottles must be filled daily. Every man must have an extra bandolier of S.A.A. in his possession which will be carried when the Battalion moves forward.

DESTRUCTION
OF PAPERS &
DOCUMENTS

In the event of a withdrawal from any position, all documents that cannot be got away, are to be destroyed. Coy. Commanders will at once detail an Officer, whose duty it will be to destroy all Coy. documents in such circumstances.

A quantity of inflammable material is to be kept at hand for use in emergency. In addition to the above all officers will destroy secret papers and maps carried by them, should the necessity arise.

HOSTILE
ACTIVITY

In the event of any hostile bombardment or other activity on or near Coy. Sectors, Company Commanders will at once report the nature of the activity to Bn. H.Q.s.

BOMBS

Bombs will not be issued to Coys. until the Battalion is ordered to move forward. The Bn. Bombing Officer will ensure that the mobile echelon of bombs is at hand ready to be distributed to Coys. at short notices. The Asst. Adjt. will be called upon to supply carrying parties from H.Q.s. Details to carry bombs forward to Coys.

ENEMY TANKS

Enemy tanks are vulnerable to rifle and machine gun fire if directed against M.G. loopholes, as by this means (a) casualties are inflicted on the tank personnel, or (b) to avoid becoming casualties the personnel fire without observing or aiming and thus blind firing is naturally not effective.



Adj. 57th Battalion. A.I.F. Lieut. B. McWHIRTER

P.T.O.

57th BATTALION. A.I.F.S E C R E T.INSTRUCTIONAL MEMORANDUM NO 4."Nucleus Garrison".10th MAY 1918.

1. In the event of the Battalion moving forward to reinforce the line or to participate in a counter-attack, a Nucleus garrison will be left in the AUBIGNY Line.
2. This Garrison will consist of one Officer and 3 Lewis Gun Sections of one N.C.O. and five men each.
Every member of the Garrison will wear a white band above the elbow on each arm.
Lieut. D. FALCONER "B" Company is appointed Nucleus Garrison Commander: O's/C. A. B & C Companies will each detail one Lewis Gun Section for duty as Nucleus Garrison. These sections will act under orders of the Nucleus Garrison Commander as soon as the Battalion moves forward.
3. The Garrison will be disposed as follows:-

No 1.	O.20.B.5-4
No 2.	O.14.B.15-30
No 3.	O.8.D.6-2.
Garrison H.Qrs.	O.14.C.4-5
4. The Duties of the Nucleus Garrison will be :-
 - (a) To assist incoming troops by acquainting them of every particular of the AUBIGNY Defences as far as this Battalion's Sector is concerned.
 - (b) To take part in the defence of the AUBIGNY Line.
 The Garrison will not move from the AUBIGNY Line until ordered to do so by Bn.H.Qrs.
5. The garrison must be acquainted with :-
 - (a) Number and position of S.A.A. Dumps.
 - (b) Location of gaps in wire defences.
 - (c) Situation of units on both flanks.
 - (d) Boundaries of Coy. Sector.
 - (e) Number and position of echeloned posts.
 - (f) Lines of fire of all posts.
 - (g) Positions of Vickers Machine guns.
 - (h) Situation of dummy, dog-leg trenches.
 - (i) Position from which any part of the dummy, dogleg trenches are enfiladed.
 - (j) Direction of and distance to the SYDNEY System.
6. The Q. M. will arrange to deliver rations for the Nucleus Garrison to Garrison H.Qrs when the Battalion goes forward.

Sd. F.B. McWHANNELL. LIEUT.
Adj. 57th Battalion. A.I.F.

Distribution.

One copy each to:- "A" Company.
"B" Company.
"C" Company.
"D" Company.
Q. M.
War Diary 3/
File.
Nucleus Garrison Commander.



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ADDENDUM TO INSTRUCTIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 4.

"Nucleus Garrison."

11th MAY 1918.

PARA. 4. Add to the duties of the Nucleus Garrison :-

- (c) To stop and reorganise troops who may be forced back temporarily.
- (d) In case of an overwhelming attack to form a rear-guard until troops can get into position on the new line.
- (e) To hold up the enemy until reinforcing troops or troops ordered back to a new line can cross the bridges.
- (f) The Nucleus Garrison will NOT join in any attack or counter-attack launched from their position. This must be carefully explained to his men by the Nucleus Garrison Commander.

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Adj. 57th Battalion. A. I. F.

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RETIREMENT SCHEME.

"I" BATTALION.

LEGEND.

<u>8th</u> A. I. Brigade.	"B" Brigade.
14th -do-	"A" "
15th -do-	"C" "
57th BATTALION,	"I" BATTALION.
58th -do-	"J" "
59th -do-	"K" "
60th -do-	"L" "



Withdrawal from the AUBIGNY LINE.

- 1. On receipt of the order from Bn.H.Qrs "Take Action - Scheme W" A, B and C Coys. will occupy that portion of the AUBIGNY Line already allotted them and will hold on in these positions until relieved by troops of "A" Brigade.
O.C. A Coy. will maintain touch with "A" Brigade on the left and O.C. B. Coy. will maintain touch with "K" Battalion on the right.

When relieved by troops of "A" Brigade, A, B and C Companies will proceed through O.13. Central, and along track North of the road running approximately West through Squares 24 and 23, and occupy the GLISY - BLANGY Switch.

- 2. On receipt of the order from Bn.H.Qrs. "Take action - Scheme W", D. Coy. will occupy that part of PIONEER Switch in rear of the AUBIGNY Line already allotted to it.

The Command of "D" Company then passes to C.O. "K" Battalion (in SYDNEY Line).

When ordered to do so, O.C. "D" Coy. will retire through SYDNEY Line, (or round it, if ordered to do so by C.O. "K" Battalion) as a rearguard in conjunction with the rearguard troops of "A" Brigade on the left.

The Coy. will proceed via track running North of road running approximately West through Squares 24 and 23.

- 3. The withdrawal will normally be made by platoons, or if the fire is heavy, by sections.

Men will receive S.A.A. as they pass a point 300 yards West of Bn.H.Qrs., on the track running approximately West through Squares 24 and 23.

If time and circumstances permit, packs and blankets will be carried by the man. These, therefore, should be kept in a constant state of readiness for attachment to the equipment.



Occupation of GLISY - BLANGY Switch and Rear Defences.

1. Companies having retired from the AUBIGNY Line, they will take up position in the GLISY - BLANGY Switch. This Switch will be divided into three sectors.

LEFT SECTOR. From road running North and South through N.22.C. astride the railway to grid line through N.21. Central.

CENTRE SECTOR. From grid line running through N.21. Central, astride road running through N.21.C. to the road running North and South from N.20.D.7-0 to N.20.D.50-95.

RIGHT SECTOR. From road running North and South from N.20.D.7-0 to N.20.D.50-95 to the right of the GLISY - BLANGY Switch South West of the village of GLISY.

2. When the troops reach the village of BLANGY TRONVILLE, the first Company will take either of the two roads running South through N.22.C. An Officer from H.Qrs will be detailed as guide to direct troops from this point.

The Second Coy. will continue along the road through BLANGY TRONVILLE to the Chateau gates. They will then turn South along the railway which will bring them on to the Centre Sector of the position.

The Third Coy. will follow the same route and after passing the railway arch, will wheel to the right and occupy the right Sector.

The Fourth Coy. will proceed to the rear defences. Four Lewis Gun teams will be detailed to occupy positions marked "A", "B", "C" and "D" on accompanying sketch.

The remainder of the Coy. will cross the canal, half proceeding by bridge No 71, the other half by bridge No 60. They will occupy the defensive positions on the North side of the canal.

3. At this phase Bn.H.Qrs will be situated at the railway arch at N.21.C.9-9.

The Bn. Second in Command will take up his position at the railway arch at N.20. Central.

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Retirement from the GLISY - BLANGY Switch.Last Posts to be vacated.

1. LEFT SECTOR. (a) Lewis Gun Post on railway at N.22.C.5-2.
(b) Section Post on South side of railway in N.22.C.
- CENTRE SECTOR. (a) Lewis Gun Post in copse on grid line through N.21.Central.
(b) Section post astride the road running North East through N.21.C.
- RIGHT SECTOR. (a) Section Post at Cross roads in South Eastern corner of N.20.C.
(b) Lewis Gun Post on right flank of GLISY - BLANGY Switch approximately N.20.C.8-4.

2. A second series of positions will be held in the vicinity of the railway line, to cover the retirement of posts mentioned in (1).

These positions will be indicated on the ground to Company Commanders. Which of these will be held, must depend upon the tactical situation of the moment.

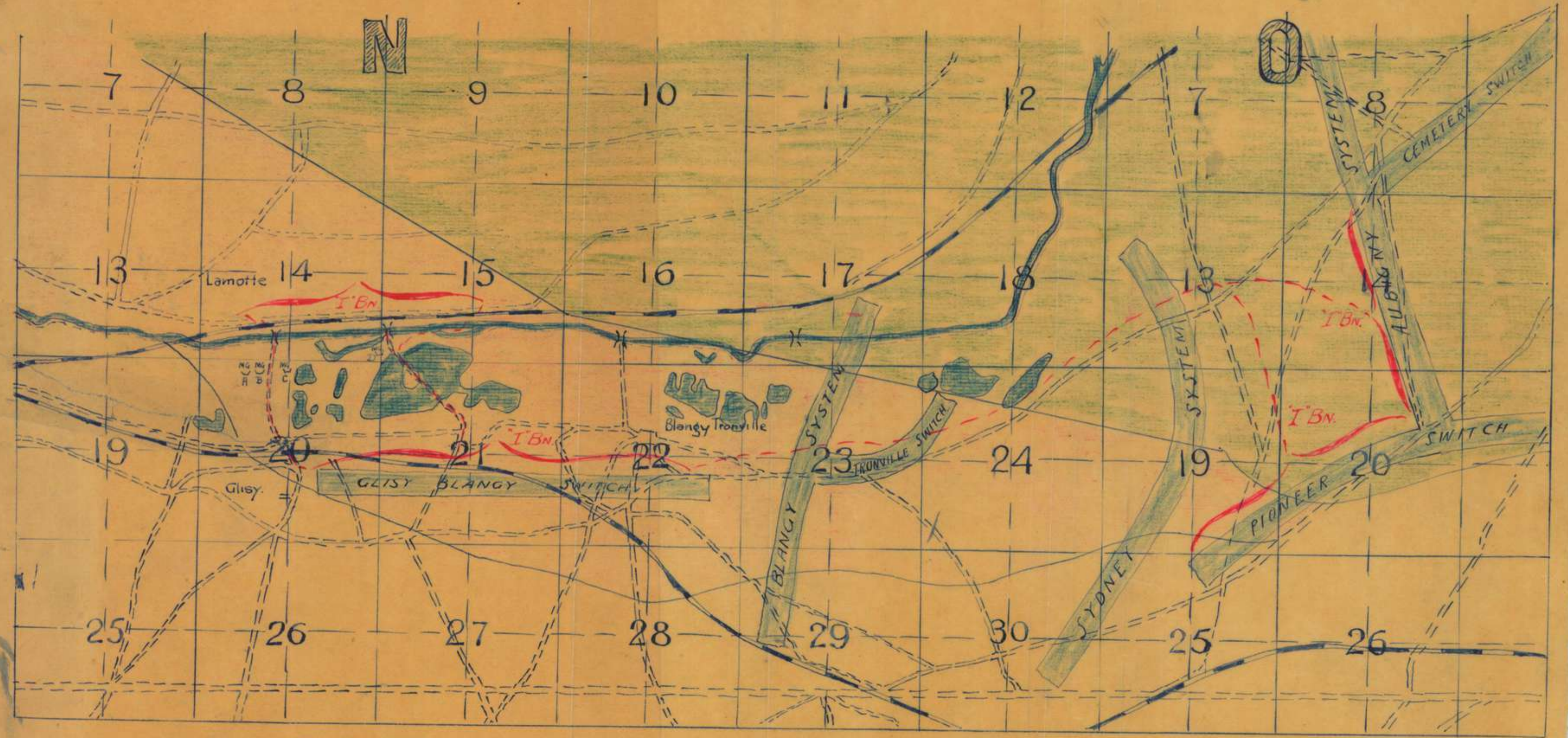


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SECRET.

17th MAY 1918.

DISEASE SCHEME (Provisional).

"I" BATTALION.

"G" (RESERVE) BRIGADE.

"B" DIVISION.

Australian Corps.

(To be handed over on relief.)

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"B" Division.	5th Australian Division.
"A" Brigade.	8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
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DESCRIPTION OF BATTALION AREA.

1. BOUNDARIES.

The frontage held by "I" Battalion extends from the grid line running East and West through O.41. Central on the South to the Northern boundary which runs from cross roads at O.9.C.95-05 along road running North West through O.9.C and O.8.A to grid line running West of O.8. Central. Road through O.9.C. and O.8.A. is inclusive to left Battalion.

2. TOPOGRAPHY.

The front line and support lines of the Aubigny System are on the forward slope of a low ridge with a general North and South direction. This ridge extends eastwards in three small spurs each of which is occupied by forward posts.

The country in front of the system dips to form a valley which divides the Aubigny System from the high ground including the plateau of Villers Bretonneux and the ridge of the Bois l'Abbe.

In rear, to the West, the country is undulating for a distance of 1500 to 2000 yards when it dips abruptly forming a high cliff overlooking the swampy flats of the Somme.



1. The defences of the Second Zone or Aubigny System are divided into three systems :

- (a) Front Line System.
- (b) Support Line System.
- (c) Reserve Line System.

2. Front Line System consists of a continuous trench line with a switch line known as Cemetery Switch leaving the main line at O.14.B.30-55. This switch really becomes the front line.

The front is covered by a continuous belt of protective wire. In front of this are three tactical V's of wire covering the spurs and designed to divert an attacking force into the valleys. Some old lines of wire wrongly sited intersect these V's in some places and have been left as additional obstacles.

Within the tactical V's are several echeloned posts capable of all round defence and completely wired. These posts are connected forward and laterally by Communication trenches.

Machine Gun posts are sited in or near the front line so as to cover with a belt of fire each leg of the tactical V's. The echeloned posts serve to give observation in No Man's Land and to break up an enemy attack before it reaches the main line. The apex of the V is in each case strengthened by additional wiring and a semi-circular cap of wire.

The Apex on the right is named VILLERS Point.

The Apex in the centre is named COPSE Point.

The Apex on the left is named QUARRY Point.

From Apex to Apex a belt of zig-zag wire extends the object of which is to prevent the echeloned posts being surprised. Two lines of shallow dummy posts extend across the area between tactical V's. These are connected up by dummy Communication trenches the object being to deceive the enemy as to where the real defensive system exists. At intervals in the lines of dummy posts listening posts are dug.

Gaps are left in wire at approximately 300 yards intervals to enable traffic to pass through the system. All gaps are provided with the means of closing them if necessary.

3. The Support Line is a continuous trench line about 100 yards in rear of the front line to which it is linked by a series of communication trenches wired and sited so as to serve as fire trenches facing a flank. A continuous belt of protective wire will ultimately run along the front of this trench.
4. The Reserve Line is situated on the reverse slope of the ridge at an average distance of 1000 yards from the front line. Good shelters have been constructed to accommodate a Company. It is intended ultimately to extend the accommodation to provide for a Battalion. This line is intended to give concealment for assembly prior to a counter-attack, and to permit of a counter-attack being launched with the best possible chances of surprise effect.
5. Cemetery Switch affords opportunity for bringing flanking fire to bear on the flank of an enemy advancing on our line further south.
6. Pioneer Switch cuts through the system roughly at right angles at its Southern end and is designed to be occupied in the event of the enemy securing the high ground in which stand VILLERS BRUNOISEUX and the BOIS 1' ANSE.

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The front line System of the Forward Zone is the main line of Resistance and will be defended at all costs and all troops in rear of the Forward Zone are to be organized for prompt offensive action for the maintenance of this System.

The Battalion must be ready to move at 20 minutes notice.

All Headquarter personnel are to be armed and trained to meet attacks.

In every Company a bottle of petrol or other inflammable material is to be kept ready for the purpose of destroying all documents which would be of value to the enemy should these be in danger of capture as the result of an overwhelming attack. An Officer will be specially detailed to see to this. The Assistant Adjutant will make provision for this in the case of Battalion Headquarters.

Every Officer and the senior N.C.O's must be familiar with the approaches to

- (1) Villers Bretonneux.
- (2) O.24.a.Central.
- (3) O.17.c.central.
- (4) O.12.c.central.
- (5) Hamelst.
- (6) Vaire sous Corbie.

The Intelligence Officer will see that his intelligence personnel are all familiar with these routes and know the places least exposed to hostile shelling.

All these routes will be marked and explained to all ranks.

Each of three Companies will detail a Lewis Gun team to form 3 Nucleus garrisons in the front line. These are situated at

O.20.b.60-40.
O.14.b.15630.
O.8.b.60-30.

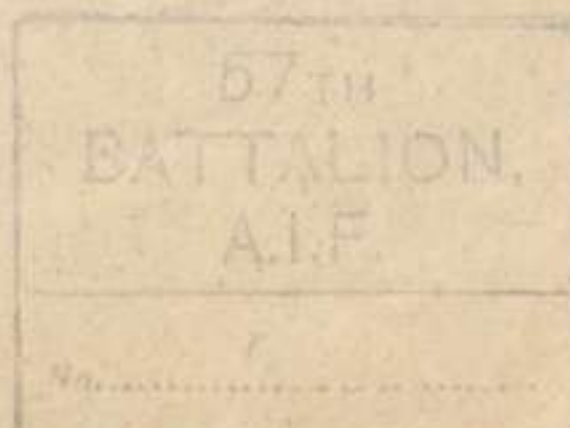
An Officer is appointed as Nucleus Garrison Officer with Headquarters at O.14.C.4-5. The Battalion, less Nucleus garrisons, will occupy the reserve line.

The duties of the Nucleus Garrison will be :-

- (1) To provide guides to indicate to the reinforcing troops the line from which they will jump off for the immediate or deliberate counter attack.
- (2) To stop and reorganise troops who may be forced back temporarily.
- (3) In case of an overwhelming attack to form a rear guard until troops have got into position in the new line.
- (4) To hold up the enemy until reinforcing troops or troops ordered back to a new line can cross the bridges.

It is essential that Nucleus garrisons should:-

- (1) not be changed without reference to Battalion Headquarters.
- (2) be composed of reliable N.C.O's and men.
- (3) have definite written orders as to their action in all circumstances.
- (4) be familiar with the topography of the whole of the country within view.
- (5) know all the details of the defences of their sector.
- (6) not join in any attack or counter-attack launched from their position
- (7) be provided with white armbands to prevent the possibility of



any officer or N.C.O. mistaking them and ordering them forward to any attack or counter-attack.

9. Dispositions of Anti-aircraft Lewis Guns are as follows :-

O.20.B.65-10.
O.20.B.60-30
O.20.B.30-75
O.14.D.10-30
O.16.A.80-90
O.8.C.4-1.
O.13.C.4-3
O.14.C.4-5.

10. In the event of the Battalion being ordered to counter-attack one section (3) tanks will be attached. The tanks will precede the infantry.

11. Liaison. One Officer of "I" Battalion will in the event of the Battalion going into action be despatched to "A" Brigade for liaison with "C" Brigade. Another Officer is also detailed for liaison duty to report to "B" Brigade for orders.



ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

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1. Probable forms of attack. The forms of attack which may be anticipated and which would affect the reserve Brigade are

- (a) Deliberate prepared attack with artillery bombardment.
- (b) An attack without preliminary bombardment.

A general attack may be preceded by an intense bombardment with H.E. and Gas shells. In event of such a bombardment commencing all troops will stand to ready to move, and Officers commanding Companies will at once get into touch with Battalion Headquarters.

A surprise attack may be expected in foggy weather, when special vigilance must be maintained.

2. The enemy will probably use tanks. The special signal giving warning of this has been issued to units.

3. The Battalion must be prepared to move to any part of the Divisional front to reinforce if necessary.

4. The method of employment of the counter-attacking Battalions cannot be entirely foreseen. All ranks must therefore be prepared for all eventualities.

5. Action of Working parties.

- (a) Working Parties East of CACHY - FOUILLOY - CORBIE - BONHAY road will always carry their arms with them.
- (b) Officers and N.C.O's in charge of working parties East of the above mentioned road will always have written instructions as to what to do in case of attack.
- (c) Parties working forward of the Reserve Line System of the forward zone, in the event of a general attack will occupy positions in the Reserve Line System of the Forward Zone. The Commander will report at once to the nearest Headquarters and will send a signal message to the Headquarters of the Reserve Brigade reporting his position.
- (d) Troops will be instructed that, as a general principle in default of orders, detached parties will occupy the nearest defences and will report to and act under the orders of the nearest Company, Battalion or Brigade Commander in order to repel any sudden attack.
- (e) Parties working in rear of the Reserve Line of the forward zone will withdraw at once to their Battalion position of readiness.

6. Action in case of Gas Attack.

- (a) The Standing Orders for Defence against Gas (S.S.193) will be obtained.
- (b) In the event of a hostile Gas Cloud attack on the Divisional Front the message to be sent will be "GAS" followed by the locality, i.e. VILBERS BRETONNEUX or HAMEL as the case may be.
- (c) Gas rattles are only to be used in the case of a Gas Shell bombardment as distinct from a Gas Cloud Attack.

7. Action in case of Withdrawal. The action to be taken in case of a normal withdrawal is detailed in "I" Battalion Retirement Scheme.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

1. SUPPLIES. The Brigade Supply Dump is at DROUPE - Supplies are drawn by 2nd line transport and conveyed to R.A.M.'s Store at B.I.L.S. - Rations are taken by 1st line transport to Company Cookers which are with their respective Companies.

2. AMMUNITION. The Battalion echelon is full and remains at present in a state of readiness at Transport Lines at B.I.L.S. 4-3. In addition S.A.S. Dumps, each containing 4000 rounds, have been established in the AUBIGNY system as under :-

O.20.B.7-7	O.20.B.4-3	O.14.B.8-9.
O.20.B.6-0.	O.14.B.3-3	O.14.B.9-4.
O.20.B.7-0	O.14.B.2-5	O.8.B.2-0
O.20.B.6-3	O.14.B.2-9	O.8.C.6-7
O.20.B.5-6	O.14.C.9-9	O.8.D.7-2
O.20.B.5-3	O.14.B.3-6	

A reserve of 20,000 rounds is held at Battalion Headquarters (O.13.C.7-3).

3. WATER POINT. Water refilling point is at B.3.C.9-6.

4. MEVIGAS. The R.A.P. is at Battalion Headquarters and in addition the R.M.O. maintains a regimental hospital at B.6.C.3-9. All cases for evacuation pass from B.I.S. to Main Dressing Station at the Marie DROUPE via the motor post at O.13.D.2-9.

Chas. A. Duncy. Lt.Col.
C.O. "F" Battalion.

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL HELD IN SOMME CANAL.

18th MAY 1918.

A good afternoon's sport was witnessed by many enthusiastic onlookers this afternoon. Several good swimmers were tried out and all events were keenly contested. Prizes of one guinea for first and half a guinea were given for all events. The results were as under :-

50 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

This event was decided in 4 heats, each heat providing good sport. First in each heat started in the final which resulted as under :-

1st.	2987	Pte	Turner.	A.C.	B. Company.
2nd.	3519	"	Glenister.	P.J.	Headquarters.
3rd	1713	"	Burton.	F.	D. Company.
4th	1971	"	Mutimer.	S.G.	C. Company.

After a good start, Pte. Turner soon got a slight lead which he maintained throughout the race and won by two lengths. The other starters fought out a good race for places.

DIVING EVENT.8 Entries.

Conditions :- One Standing, One Running, and one Fancy dive, all from Spring Board.

Some good exhibitions were witnessed and some dives, particularly the fancy variety, caused a great deal of amusement.

No 2000 L/Cpl Dobinson. W. secured the greatest number of points, followed closely by No 3006 C.S.M. Angus. C.J., only one point separating these two competitors.

100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

This event only brought forward 6 Competitors, so was decided without heats. The result was :

1st.	No 2987	Pte	Turner.	A.C.	B. Company.
2nd.	1971	"	Mutimer.	S.G.	C. Company.
3rd	3006	CSM	Angus.	C.J.	B. Company.

In this race Pte Turner quickly showed out again and led all the way winning with ease by 2 lengths. A very exciting race for places resulted in C.S.M. Angus finishing about half a length behind Mutimer with two others very close up.

PILLOW FIGHTING EVENT ON GREASY POLE.

This event, which caused a great deal of amusement, attracted 16 Competitors. All were very keen, but the pole proved very slippery and made the fights short. The final was left to No 5205 Pte Sparks. G.T. and No 1940 L/C Hood. T.A. and after a good fight Sparks dropped his opponent in the water and won the event.

OFFICERS' CHAMPIONSHIP.50 YARDS.

Only four Officers mounted the board for this event. After being troublesome and breaking several times, all eventually got away well together, but Capt. Beith soon showed his superiority and won by about three lengths from Capt. Elliott who was followed closely by Lt. Levy. Lt. Forrest would have been fourth but stopped half way.

NOVELTY RACE.

Conditions:- Swim fifty yards with lighted cigarette.

This event attracted six Competitors, and afforded a great deal of amusement for the onlookers.

After a few false starts, they all got well away together, but none managed to comply with the conditions. Another start was called, and after a good steady race No 5506 Sgt. D.B. Stack. A.M.C. managed to touch the rope and show a lighted cigarette.

There was no 2nd place, as Sgt Stack was the only competitor to comply with the conditions.

The following Officials very ably fulfilled their various duties.

SECRETARY.

Capt. B. M. Beith. (R.M.O.)

JUDGES.

Lt.Col. C.A. Denehy. D.S.O.
 Capt. W.H.L. McDonald.
 " L.W. Elliott.
 Lieut. H.J. Dickinson.
 " A.T.B. Muntz.
 " C.S.A. Noad. M.C.

STARTER.

Lieut. C.H. Davis. M.C.

C.H. Davis Lieut

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ESTABLISHMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF WARRANT AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.	R.S.M. R.Q.M.S.	Ord.Room Sergt. Ord.Room Clerk. Scout Sergt. Signal Sergt. Transport Sergt. Pioneer Sergt. Sergt. Drummer. Provost Sergt. S.L.C. Instructors. Bombing Instructor. Musketry Instructor. P.T. & B. Instructor. Q.M.S. for H.Q. Sergt. Cook. Shoemaker. Sergt.	Ord.Room L/Sgt.	Scout Corpl. Signal Corpl. Transport Corpl. Gas Corpl. Sanitary Corpl. Off. Mess Corpl. Postal Corpl. Corpl. Tailor.	Signaller L/Cpl. Signaller L/Cpl. Runner L/Cpl. Transport L/Cpl. Pioneer L/Cpl. M.O's Orderly Water Duty L/Cpl. S.B. L/Cpl. Q.M's Clerk. Canteen L/Cpl.
	2. W.O's.	16. Sergts.	1. L/Sgt.	8. Corpls.	10. L/Cpls.
Coy. H.Q.	C.S.M.	C.Q.M.S.		Coy. Clerk. Corpl. Drummer.	Sig. L/Cpl. Intelligence L/Cpl. Gas L/Cpl. S.B. L/Cpl.
Total 4 Coy. H.Q.	4 W.O's.	4 Sgts.	0. L/Sgts.	8. Corpls.	16 L/Cpls.
First Platoon	Each Coy.	2 Sergts.	0. L/Sgts.	2. Corpls.	2. L/Corpls.
Second	" "	2 "	1. "	1. "	1. "
Third	" "	2 "	0. "	1. "	2. "
Fourth	" "	1 "	1. "	2. "	1. "
Total 16 Platoons.		28 Sergts.	3. L/Sgts.	24 Corpls.	24 L/Cpls.
Total for Battalion.	6. W.O's.	48 Sergts.	9. L/Sergts.	40. Corpls.	50. L/Corpls.

NOTE: 1. The Corpl. Drummer is also in charge of a L.G. Team (drummers).



PROGRESS OF WORK
TO
21. 5. 18.

1. Construction of Echeloned Posts.
2. Construction of "Dummy" Posts.
3. Completion of Front, Support and Reserve lines of Aubigny System.
4. Communication Trenches throughout 1, 2 and 3.
5. Tactical wiring in front of firing line and Reserve Line.
6. Protective wiring throughout.

Altogether this unit has completed the following :-

2 Miles 925 yards of trench.
1 Mile 1190 yards of dummy trench.
4 Miles 1020 yards of wiring.

7. Seven artillery tracks through the whole system have been provided, the routes marked with white pegs, and obstacles placed to block most of the gaps in the wire.
8. Bridgehead defences completed.
9. Construction of 17 weatherproof ammunition recesses in the system.
10. Construction in cliff overlooking Somme of deep dugout for Battalion Headquarters.
11. Dugout for reserve rations.
12. Dugout for reserve ammunition.
13. 35 shelters each accommodating 3 men completed in reserve line.
14. 28 shelters partially completed in same line.
15. Felling of 43 trees at Quarry Point.
16. Construction of Latrine trenches and accommodation.

WORK IN HAND AND
CONTEMPLATED.

Works mentioned in order of importance.

1. Strengthening the tactical wire on right leg of "Villers V" and of the protective wiring of front line.
2. Completion of Communication Trenches in "Copse V" ?
3. Completion of obstacles for all gaps in wire.
4. Completion of work of providing accommodation for the Battalion, less Nucleus garrison, in Reserve Line.
5. Provision of latrine accommodation in whole of Reserve line.
6. Provision of bomb blocks wherever a belt of wire crosses a trench.
7. Wiring the Support Trench.
8. Wiring of Communication trenches between reserve, support, and front lines and providing obstacles to block gaps in wire.
9. Completion of tactical and protective wiring of Reserve Line.
10. Construction of listening posts in each of the two "dummy" systems.
11. Drainage scheme throughout the system.
12. Construction and wiring of "Link Trench" joining Pioneer Switch to Aubigny Front Line.
13. Wiring of dummy strong points to simulate the real strong points.

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FILATURE DE LAINES PEIGNÉES & CARDÉES

ROUBAIX (Nord)

PONT-MAUGIS (Ardennes)

DAOURS (Somme)



Lemaire & Dillies

454 to list of Nuclear Garrison Bibles

N°

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Doit

pour vente et livraison des marchandises ci-après payables comptant, expédiées ce jour par

DAOURS (Somme), le 191

Amiens - Imp. Yvert et Tellier.

Nota. - Toutes réclamations doivent être faites dans les 48 heures de la réception de la marchandise.

NOMBRES DE CAISSES OU BALLES	NET	DÉSIGNATION	PRIX	SOMMES

This Article was donated to the Australian War Memorial by Lieut. D. Falconer. 15th A.Fid. Amb. 5/9/1932,

21st MAY 1918.

Add to list of Nucleus Garrison Duties :-

It is the duty of Nucleus Garrisons to preserve the trench systems to which they are allotted. This particularly applies to undercutting of trenches and trench systems.

Any attempts by troops in this Battalion Sector to undercut must be immediately stopped and circumstances reported to Battalion Headquarters.

Acknowledge;

J.B. [Signature]

Lieut.
Adj. 57th Battalion.A.I.F.

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INSTRUCTIONAL MEMORANDUM NO 7

Ref. Sheet 62 D.

26th MAY 1918.

Issued to Nucleus Garrison Officer.

The Nucleus Garrison will be increased by one Section of Lewis Gunners supplied by O.C. "D" Company.

This Section will be used as a Nucleus Garrison for "I" Battalion Bridgehead Defences.

The personnel of the Section must be made thoroughly acquainted with the position of all bridgehead Defences. These defences must be inspected daily by the Nucleus Garrison Officer or be the Bridgehead Defences Section Commander, to ensure that they are not being interfered with.

The garrison for Bridgehead Defences will be located at N.14.C.6-5. It will not be necessary for the personnel to be placed there at once: but they must know where to go to should the Brigade be relieved.

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Sd. F. B. McWHANNELL. LIEUT.
Adj. 57th BATTALION. A. I. F.



No.36 RIFLE GRENADE DISCHARGER
COMPETITION.

The object of the Competition is -

- (a) To promote efficiency in the use of the discharger.
- (b) To train a specially selected team in each Battalion in its use and tactics.
- (c) To set a standard of efficiency in each Battalion.
- (d) To demonstrate the special advantages of the discharger against a defended locality.

COMPOSITION OF TEAMS.

2 N.C.O's and 12 men.

One team from each Battalion will compete.

Dress - Fighting Order.

CONDITIONS.

1. The team will advance from a rear position towards a defended locality about 500 yards in front. The method of advance will be left entirely to Section leaders. Points will be awarded for tactics. It may be assumed that the team is co-operating with a platoon in the attack on the principles as laid down in S.S.143 "The Training and Employment of Platoons".
2. On reaching a Trench, which will be in the line of advance, figures will appear in three shell-holes arranged in echelon and at unknown ranges. The team will at once open fire.
Time allowed - Ten minutes from commencement of the advance.

SCORING

Total points will be awarded as follows:

- (a) Method of attack 50 Points.
- (b) Greatest number of targets hit. 50 Points.

NOTE: To ensure the greatest accuracy with a minimum expenditure of ammunition one point will be deducted for every grenade used.

TROPHY.

The trophy for the winning team will take the form of a Cup and will be presented to the team by Major-General Sir. J. TALBOT. HOBBS. K.C.B., V.D., G.O.C. 5th AUST. Division.



Winning team in 15th Australian Infantry Brigade No 36
 Rifle Grenade Discharger Competition held on 29.5.18.

2930	Sgt.	BROWN.	F.W.
2956	Cpl	TURNER.	W.L.
3076	Pte	DAY.	L.A.
3749	"	COOPER.	D.
2861	"	BURCHETT.	W.
3525	"	GUNDRY.	W.J.
342		CAMERON.	A.
342	"	CAMERON.	A.
3294	"	WALKER.	L.A.
2010	"	PURKIS.	G.A.
2636	"	HODGETTS.	C.J.
3587	"	POLLOCK.	A.
3765	"	DAVIES.	W.D.
3519	"	GLENISTER.	P.J.
3652	"	WALKER.	H.W.

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57th BATTALION ORDER No 116.

Appendix No. 15

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30th MAY 1918.

- BRIGADE RELIEF. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved in the Reserve Brigade Sector by the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade on the 31st inst. The Brigade will be clear of the AUBIGNY SYSTEM before 9.a.m.
- BATTALION RELIEF. The 57th Battalion will be relieved in the right front sector by the 14th Battalion. On relief, the 57th Battalion will proceed by march route to billets at ALLONVILLE. The Advance party has already gone forward. Billets will be allotted to Companies on arrival at ALLONVILLE.
- TRENCH STORES ETC. The Nucleus Garrison Officer will take over all Company trench stores at once and will hand them over to the Battalion of the 13th Brigade which will occupy this sector on the evening of 1st June. Receipts in duplicate will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters as soon as possible after completion. The Nucleus Garrison Officer will obtain from the 14th Battalion, receipt to the effect that the Battalion area was taken over in a clean and sanitary condition.
- GUIDES. The Nucleus Garrison Officer and two men per section of the Nucleus Garrison will meet Companies of 14th Battalion at Battalion Headquarters at 8.a.m. and guide them to their respective sectors. The R.S.M. will indicate their quarters to the Headquarters Details of incoming unit. Capt. W.H.L. McDonald and the R.S.M. will remain at Battalion Headquarters until arrival of incoming unit.
- NUCLEUS GARRISON. The Nucleus Garrison, consisting of one Officer and 25 Other Ranks, will remain in their allotted positions until further orders. They will carry out their duties in accordance with instructions issued in Instructional Memoranda Nos 4, (with addendum) 6 and 7. The Quartermaster will arrange to ration the Garrison until such time as they are ordered to rejoin the battalion. The Garrison personnel will render every assistance to units staging through this battalion's sector.
- VALISES. Company Officers' valises etc. will be stacked ready for removal at each Company Headquarters by 6.a.m. Headquarters Officers valises etc., will be placed ready for loading at Battalion Headquarters at 6.a.m. The Transport Officer will arrange transport.
- TIME. The Signalling Officer will arrange to synchronise watches at 6.a.m. on 21st inst.
- SANITATION. All trenches and shelters must be left in a scrupulously clean condition. Special attention must be paid to cookhouses, stables and latrines. O's/C. Companies will hand to the Adjutant at the Starting Point certificates to the effect that the area vacated by them has been left in this condition.
- OFFICERS' HACKS. Transport Officer will arrange to have Company Commanders' Hacks at Company Headquarters at 6.30.a.m.

P.T.O.

- REARGUARD. Officer Commanding "D" Company will detail 1 Officer, one N.C.O. and 6 men to act in conjunction with Regimental Military Police as rearguard. The Provost Sergeant will report to O. C. Rearguard at Starting Point.
- STARTING POINT. Battalion Headquarters (O.13.C.3-6).
- STARTING TIME. 7.30.a.m.
- ROUTE. O.13.C.3-8 - track at foot of Cliff - O.23.C.2-9 - Bridge 57 - N.16.A.5-5 - N.10.C.4-5 (point 61) - N.7.D.7-8 - N.2.C.2-8 - H.32.C.2-3 - H.25.B.2-8 - ALLONVILLE.
- ORDER OF MARCH. Headquarters
"A" Company.
"B" Company.
"C" Company.
"D" Company
- DISTANCES. Troops will leave the Company Sector by platoons. They will move by the most covered route to the Starting Point. The Battalion will move from the Starting Point by platoons at 25 yards interval. After crossing the bridge platoons will take advantage of any checks to gradually close on the head of their Company, and, if at 8.50.a.m. Companies are not closed up with regulation distances between them, they will continue marching until the proper relative positions are gained. At 8.50.a.m. distances will be as under :-
- | | | | |
|-----|-------|---------|--------------------------|
| 100 | Yards | between | Companies. |
| 500 | " | " | Battalions. |
| 100 | " | " | Battalion and Transport. |
| 25 | " | " | each 6 Vehicles. |
- DRESS. Marching Order. Steel helmets will be secured under support-straps of packs. Felt hats will be worn.
- HALTS. The usual 10 Minutes halts at 10 minutes before each clock hour will be observed.
- DISCIPLINE. Strict attention must be paid to march discipline. On no account will anyone be allowed to fall out of column without the written authority of his Platoon Commander.
- HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. The Adjutant will keep a sharp lookout for hostile aircraft. Should an enemy aeroplane be sighted the column will be halted at the side of the road and ordered to remain steady. The Lewis Gun Officer will arrange for the distribution in depth throughout the column of four anti-aircraft Lewis Guns with necessary ~~terms~~ - ammunition. The packs of two men per gun will be placed correctly labelled ready for loading with Company blankets. These packs will be carried on motor lorries.
- TRANSPORT. The Battalion Transport will join the Battalion at N.10.C.4-5 (point 61) at 8.28.a.m. and will march with the column. Regulation distances will be maintained.
- BLANKETS. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 (short way) securely tied and labelled ready for loading outside Battalion Headquarters and Company Headquarters respectively at 6.a.m. The Transport Officer will arrange for their removal to Q.M.Store at 6.a.m.
- SPECIAL STORES GUARD. The Bombing Officer will detail one N.C.O. and four Headquarters Bombers to act as Special Stores Guard under

the Nucleus Garrison Officer. This guard will remain in their present quarters and will prevent interference by anyone with the Stores enumerated in list handed over by R.S.M. The Nucleus Garrison Officer will hand these stores over to the Battalion of 13th Brigade arriving on 1st June and obtain receipts in duplicate which will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters immediately after completion.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS. Battalion Headquarters will close at O.L.C.3-8 at 7.30.a.m. and reopen at ALLONVILLE on arrival.

REPORTS. Reports to head of column.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

Sd. F. B. McWHANNELL. LIEUT.
Adj. 57th Battalion. A.I.D.

Distribution.

- Copy No 1. War Diary.
- 2 " ✓
- 3 "
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- 5 O.C. "A" Company.
- 6 O.C. "B" "
- 7 O.C. "C" "
- 8 O.C. "D" "
- 9 Q.M. & T.O.
- 10 Nucleus Garrison Officer.
- 11 Adjutant.

Issued at 10.30.p.m.

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57th BATTALION, A. I. F.

STATEMENT OF TRAINING.

Month of May 1918

57th BATTALION, A. I. F.
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LEWIS GUNNERY. 200 Other Ranks.

The Lewis Gun Officer assembled four courses of 7 days each during the month. At each Course 50 men were thoroughly trained in the mechanism of the gun, Stoppages, and Range Practice.

The men were accommodated and rationed at Battalion Headquarters and devoted six hours per day to their training.

SCOUTING AND OBSERVING. 20 Other Ranks.

The Intelligence Officer has had a Class of 20 men (5 per Company) for special training in Scouting and Observing Duties since 15th inst.

These men have received a thorough training as far as they have progressed: but the course is still unfinished.

SIGNALLING. (VISUAL). 42 Other Ranks.

The Signalling Officer held daily Classes of Instruction, principally in the use of the Lucas Daylight Signalling Lamp. All Company and Battalion Signallers went through this "refresher" training and considerably benefited thereby.

SIGNALLING. ("T" POPHAM PANEL). 21 Other Ranks.

All Battalion and some Company Signallers received instruction under Brigade arrangements in the new "T" Popham Signalling Panel for communication between Infantry and Aircraft.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT LEWIS GUNNERS. 150 Other Ranks.

The Lewis Gun Officer trained 150 Lewis Gunners in the use of the forward area Anti-aircraft Sight. The value of this training was emphasised during the month when one of these specially trained gunners brought down a "Gotha" type German Aeroplane.

NO 36 RIFLE GRENADE DISCHARGER. 8 Officers 206 Other Ranks.

8 Officers and 206 Other ranks received instruction in the new No 36 Rifle Grenade Discharger under Brigade arrangements. In addition, the Battalion Bombing Officer has thoroughly trained a Special team of 2 N.C.O's and 12 men in the use and tactics of this Discharger with the object of using them to effectively harrass all known enemy posts when the Battalion is in the line.

This team won the Brigade School competition in the use and tactics of the Discharger held on 29/5/18.

J. P. Samuel
LIEUT.
ADJT. 57th BATTALION, A. I. F.

57th BATTALION. A. I. F.

Officers and Other Ranks whose names have been brought to the notice of higher authority for recognition for services rendered during the month of May 1918.

3914 L/Cpl. W. PATTEN. "B" Company- 57th Battalion -

On the night of 16th/17th May about 11.p.m., in the vicinity of the AUBIGNY line West of VILLERS BRETONNEUX, a number of German "Gotha's" were bombing our trenches and the batteries in the vicinity. 3914 L/Cpl. W. PATTEN was in charge of an anti-aircraft Lewis Gun and noticing, in the moonlight, a German machine flying low over our lines, he engaged it with his Lewis Gun. Capt. L.W. Elliott, his Company Commander, witnessed the occurrence and distinctly saw the tracer bullets strike the plane. As a result, the engines stopped and the machine came to earth about 1000 yards in front of the trench. The machine was very little damaged and the occupants, 3 in number, were apparently unhurt. One of them (an Officer) was captured, the other two made their escape in the darkness.

L/Cpl. Patten's skill and promptness in the handling of his gun deserves recognition.

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STATEMENT OF CASUALTIES DURING THE
MONTH OF MAY 1918.

	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>O.RANKS.</u>
Killed in Action.		3
Died of Wounds.		3
Wounded in Action.		11
Evacuated Sick.		25
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TOTAL.		42.

STATEMENT OF REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED
DURING MONTH OF MAY 1918.

	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>O.RANKS.</u>
Sick and Wounded from England.	1	15
Sick and Wounded from France.		34
Reinforcements.	3	4
Transferred from other Units.	3	6
From Detached Duties.		1
From Prisons and Compound.		2
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TOTAL.	7	62



57th BATTALION. A. I. F.STATEMENT OF BATTALION STRENGTH
DURING MONTH OF MAY 1918.

	WITH UNIT.		FIELD. AMB.		DETACHED.		TOTAL.	
	OFF.	O. RKS.	OFF.	O. RKS.	OFF.	O. RKS.	OFF.	O. RKS.
7th MAY 1918.	31	630	1	7	5	133	37	770
14th MAY 1918.	29	627		10	6	160	35	797
21st MAY 1918.	33	652		6	5	137	38	795
31st MAY 1918.	33	645		4	8	151	41	800

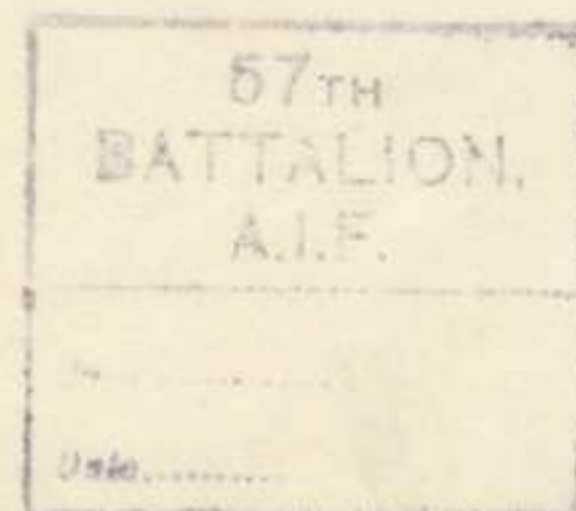
SICK WASTAGE RETURN FOR MONTH
OF MAY 1918.

DATE	TO F. AMB.		FROM F. AMB.		EVACUATED TO C.C.S.	
	OFF.	O. RKS.	OFF.	O. RKS.	OFF.	O. RKS.
1st- 7th		9				13
8th - 15th		7			1	4 (Lt. S. G. Goodall)
16th - 23rd		4				11
24th - 31st		5				4
		25.		N I L.	1	- 32

OFF. O. RKS.

In Field Ambulance on 31st MAY 1918.

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HONORS AND AWARDS AWARDED 57th BATTALION DURING
MONTH OF MAY 1918.

MILITARY CROSS.

(A.I.F.List No 332. 17/5/18.)

Lieut. J. A. FALCONER.
" R. MUTER.

CONGRATULATORY.

(AUST. Corps R.O. No 25. Para.140. 18/5/18.)

The Corps Commander congratulates the following Officers for their gallant actions under the circumstances stated:-

Major. R.M.C.AITCHISON. For his bravery and initiative in re-organising the line after our first objective was gained at VILLERS BRETONNEUX on the morning of the 25th April 1918.

Lieut. C. J. LEVY. For his gallant conduct when in charge of a fighting patrol at VILLERS BRETONNEUX during the period 24th/27th April 1918.

MILITARY MEDAL.

(AUST. Corps R. O. No 23)
(para 126. 6/5/18.)

2756 Pte A. S. NORMINGTON.
2226 " J. C. LOTT.
2747 " L. MONK.
2283 " M. MURPHY.

(Brigade R.O. No 416)
23/5/18.

2592 L/Cpl S. ATKINS.
2447 Sgt H.G. LIDDICUT.
2543 Cpl J.P. FLYNN.
2555 Pte H. AUSTIN.
3914 " W. PATTEN.
2208 L/C C.H. HOPPING.
2997 " H.McD.WRAY.
6681 Dvr. R.W. LEWIS.
2914 Pte A.T. GILES.
1973 " R. SHEPHERD.
3507 " L.J. RYAN.
2866 Sgt W.H. BASKIVILLE.

Cont'd.

CONGRATULATORY.

(AUST. Corps R. O. No 25. Para. 140)
18/5/18.

The Corps Commander congratulates the following Other Ranks for their gallant actions under the circumstances stated :-

No 3415 Pte G. T. JAMES.

For his bravery and devotion to duty in carrying out the duties as runner during the attack on VILLERS BRETONNEUX on the night of 24/25th April 1918.

No 5035	Pte	A.	BAKER.
4988	"	C.W.L.	MAYNARD.
4549	"	J.	MURPHY.
1878	"	M.R.	BLACK.
2494	"	G.A.	SKENE.
2215	"	R.	KNIGHT.

For their bravery and devotion to duty in dressing and carrying the wounded to the Regimental Aid Post during the counter attack on VILLERS BRETONNEUX on the night of 24/25th April 1918.



57th BATTALION. A. I. F.

SUMMARY OF PUNISHMENTS AWARDED DURING MONTH OF MAY 1918.

ADMONISHED.	LESS THAN 7 DAYS F.P. NO. 2.	BETWEEN 8 AND 14 DAYS F.P. No. 2.	BETWEEN 15 AND 28 DAYS F.P. No. 2.
<u>N I L.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>N I L.</u>

F. G. C. M's.

The following were tried by Field General Court Martial during the month of May 1918.

No 3388 Pte. E. EDWARDS. Charged with :-

"Absenting himself without leave from 10.4.18. to 15.4.18."

Date of Trial. 9.5.18. PRESIDENT. Major.R.M.C.Aitchison.
Plea. Guilty. Finding. Guilty.
Sentence. 90 DAYS F.P. No. 2.
Sentence confirmed by Brig.Gen.H.E.Elliott. Cmdg. 15th A.I.Brigade. 9.5.18.

No 2496 Pte A. THOMAS. Charged with :-

1. Deserting His Majesty's Service.
2. Absent without leave.
3. When in confinement escaping.
4. When in lawful custody escaping.

Date of Trial. 9.5.18. PRESIDENT. Major.R.M.C.Aitchison.
Plea. 1. Not Guilty. Finding. Guilty on each charge.
2. Guilty.
3. Guilty.
4. Guilty.
Sentence. 7 Years Penal Servitude. Reserved for higher authority by Brig.Gen.H.E.Elliott. Cmdg. 15th A.I.Brigade 9.5.18.
Sentence confirmed by Major.Gen.J.T.Hobbs. Cmdg. 5th AUST. Division 11.5.18. Authority 4th Army C.M. 6652 21/5/18.

No 2860 Pte G. ARMSTRONG. Charged with :-

1. Absent without leave.
2. Absent without leave.

Date of Trial. 9.5.18. PRESIDENT. Major.R.M.C.Aitchison.
Plea. 1. Guilty. Finding. 1. Guilty.
2. Guilty. 2. Guilty.
Sentence. 4 Months Imprisonment Hard Labour. Reserved for higher authority by Brig.Gen.H.E.Elliott. Cmdg. 15th A.I.Brigade 9.5.18.
Sentence confirmed by Major.Gen.J.T.Hobbs. Cmdg. 5th AUST. Division 11.5.18.
Sentence suspended ,Authority 4th.Army C.M.6666 23.5.18.

Cont'd.

F. G. C. M's. No 1520 Pte CARRINGTON. G. Charged with :-

" Absent without leave ."

Date of Trial. 9. 5. 18. PRESIDENT. Major.R.M.C.Aitchison.
Plea. Guilty. Finding. Guilty.

Sentence. 4 Months I.H.L. Reserved for higher authority
by Brig.Gen.H.E.ELLIOTT. Cmdg. 15th A.I.Brigade.
9.5.18.

Sentence confirmed by Major.Gen. J.T.HOBBS. Cmdg. 5th AUST.
Division 11.5.18.

Sentence suspended. Authority 4th Army C.M. 6667.
23. 5. 18.

No 1785 Pte BROGMUS. D. Charged with :-

" Absent without leave."

Date of Trial. 9. 5. 18. PRESIDENT. Major.R.M.C.Aitchison.
Plea. Guilty. Finding. Guilty.

Sentence. 2 Years I.H.L. Reserved for higher authority
by Brig.Gen.H.E.ELLIOTT. Cmdg. 15th A.I.Brigade.
9.5.18.

Sentence confirmed by Major.Gen.J.T.HOBBS. Cmdg. 5th AUST.
Division. 11.5.18.

Sentence approved. Authority 4th Army C.M.6651. 21. 5. 18.

No 2335 Pte BRAY. J. Charged with :-

" Deserting His Majesty's Service."

Date of Trial. 16.5.18. PRESIDENT. Major. F.V.Trickey.
Plea. Not Guilty. Finding. Not Guilty.

No 2704 Pte WATTS. J. Charged with :-

Date of Trial. 16.5.18. PRESIDENT. Major. F.V.Trickey.
Plea. Not Guilty. Finding. Guilty.

Sentence. 2 Years I.H.L. Reserved for higher authority
by Brig.Gen.H.E.ELLIOTT. Cmdg. 15th A.I.Brigade.
17.5.18.

Sentence confirmed by Brig.Gen.E.TIVEY. T/Cmdg. 5th AUST.
Division. 19.5.18.

No 1318 Pte TRAVERS. E. Charged with :-

"Deserting His majesty's Service."

Date of Trial. 23.5.18. PRESIDENT. Major.J.J.Scannon.
Plea. Not Guilty. Finding. Guilty.

Sentence 10 Years Penal Servitude. Reserved for higher
authority by Brig.Gen.H.E.ELLIOTT. Cmdg. 15th
A.I.Brigade 23.5.18.

Sentence confirmed by Brig.Gen.E.TIVEY. T/Cmdg. 5th AUST.
Division. 25.5.18.



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SALVAGE COLLECTED AND RETURNED
TO D.A.D.O.S.

<u>ARTICLE.</u>		<u>QUANTITY.</u>
Blankets G. S.		87
Helmets Trench.		24
Shoes Horse.	Pairs.	70
Kettles Camp Oval.		7
Rifles S.L.		46
Cases. S.A.A.		20
Cartridges Empty	Bags	3
Stretchers Ambulance.		2
Saddles Complete		2
Jerkins, Leather.		8
Packs, Web.		123
Equipment.	Bags	3
Razors		50
Holdalls		56
Housewives.		64
Cells Electric		18
Wheels G.S.		4
Mincing Machines.		1
Magazines, L.G. .303		67
Cylinders Gas L.G.		17
Barrels, L.G.		10
Rods Piston.		1
Cans Oil.		4
Cartridge Guide Springs.		15
Boxes Carrying Magazines.		15

57TH
BATTALION.
A.I.F.

No.

Date

Quartermaster's Diary for the Month
of May 1918.

- 1.5.18. DAOURS. Drew rations at DAOURS by second line Transport and issued 635. Rations made up in Company lots and taken up by limber. Washed all Petrol tins for hot boxes.
- 2.5.18. DAOURS. Drew rations at Daours by second line Transport and issued 654. Rations made up in Company lots and taken up by limber. No hay ration drawn. Captured German Machine guns and rifles and equipment sent to D.A.D.O.S.
- 3rd. DAOURS. Drew rations at Daours by second line Transport and issued 623. Rations made up in Company lots and taken up by limber. No hay ration drawn. Armourer inspected all Battalion Rifles, and were found to be in good condition, and no unserviceable rifles were found.
- 4th. DAOURS. Drew rations at Daours by second line Transport and issued 622. Rations made up in Company lots and taken up by limber.
- 5th DAOURS. Drew rations at Daours by second line Transport and issued 625. Rations made up in Company lots and taken up by limber. No hay ration drawn.
- 6th DAOURS. Drew rations at Daours by second line Transport and issued 619. Made up in Company lots and taken up by limber. Chloride of Lime for Yellow Cross Gas sent up to Battalion Gas N.C.O.
- 7th DAOURS. Drew rations at Daours by second line Transport and issued 620. Made up in Company lots and taken up by limber.
- 8th DAOURS. Drew rations at Daours by second line Transport and issued 620. Made up in Company lots and taken up by limber.
- 9th DAOURS. Drew rations at Daours by second line Transport and issued 620. Made up in Company lots and taken up by limber. S.A.A. sent up to Companies (56,000).
- 10th. DAOURS. Drew rations as above and made up as above. Drew Iron Rations from Supply Dump and placed in position as a Reserve Ration. (2,000).
- 11th DAOURS. Drew rations as above and made up as above. Issued 622.
- 12th DAOURS. Drew rations as above and made up as above and issued 625. S.A.A., A.P. sent up to Battalion Headquarters 2,500 rounds.
- 13th DAOURS. Drew rations as above and made up as above. Issued 622.
- 14th DAOURS. Drew rations as above and made up as above and issued 617. Catches Butt on Lewis Guns exchanged, and catches Butt with milled thumb heads put on. Catches Butt returned to D.A.D.O.S.
- 15th DAOURS. Drew rations at DAOURS and made up in Company lots and taken up by limber. Issued 619.
- 16th DAOURS. Drew rations and made up as above. Issued 617. 5,000 rounds of S.A.A. sent up to Battalion Headquarters.

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- 17.5.18. DAOURS. Drew rations and made up in Company lots and taken up by limber. Issued 617.
- 18th. DAOURS. Drew rations and made up as above and issued 617.
- 19th DAOURS. Drew rations and made up as above and issued 649. 32 Men marched in.
- 20th DAOURS. Drew rations at BUSSY and made up as above and issued 644.
- 21st DAOURS. Drew rations at dump on ALLONVILLE Road and made up as above. Issued 644.
- 22nd. DAOURS. Drew rations as above and made up as above. Issued 644.
- 23rd. DAOURS. Drew rations as above and issued 644. Made up as above. Vegetables purchased from Regimental Funds and issued to Companies.
- 24th DAOURS. Drew rations at Dump on the ALBERT - AMIENS Road near ALLONVILLE. Made up in Company lots and taken up by limber. Issued 644.
- 25th. DAOURS. Drew rations as above and made up as above. Issued 642. Washed out all Petrol tins.
- 26th DAOURS. Drew rations as above and made up in Company lots and taken up by limber. Issued 637.
- 27th DAOURS. Drew rations as above and made up as above. Issued 634.
- 28th DAOURS. Drew rations as above and made up as above. Issued 635.
- 29th DAOURS. Drew rations and made up as above. Issued 635. Moved from Railway siding to the Quarry.
- 30th The QUARRY. Drew rations and made up as above. Issued 635.
- 31st. THE QUARRY. Drew rations by second line Transport at Dump on the ALBERT - AMIENS Road near ALLONVILLE, and taken to Billets in ALLONVILLE. Stores moved from Quarry by Motor Transport to Allonville 5.30.p.m. Moved out to G.6. Central. Issued rations to Companies. Issued 637.

During the month no difficulty was experienced in giving three hot meals per day to the men. Men were able to be bathed and clothes changed regularly during the Month. Companies showed an improvement in gathering up salvage from all new areas entered and returning it to Quartermaster's Store, with the result that the salvage returned by the Battalion during the month was much more than the corresponding period in the past. 803.50 Frahes were drawn from Regimental Funds and vegetables purchased for the benefit of the men.



To Adjutant.
57th Battalion.

*Transport officers
Diary*

During the month of May, we have done a fair amount of work, which has taken a little condition off the animals. Still they held their own very well, and now look fairly well.

The extra amount of good grazing has helped them along splendidly. We have had a few animals killed and wounded, but now have remounts in their place.

The harness and steel work are in good order, and all repairs well in hand. The limbers are in good order and are now being painted..

The Farrier has the shoeing well in hand, the supply of shoes has been very good.

The health of men and Horses excellent.

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Transport for Month of May 1918.

- 1.5.18. Limbers for rations 4. Carting Engineers material 2. For valises 1. Tools to Companies 1. Water Carts 2, 3 loads each. Packs 2. Hacks 9.
- 2nd. Limbers for rations 4. Carting wire etc. 2. To Battalion Head quarters with valises and extra rations 1. Water carts 2. 3 loads each. Hacks 8.
- 3rd. Limbers for rations 4. To 15th Field Engineers 4. 1 to Canteen and other jobs. Water carts 2 - 3 loads each. Hacks 7. 1 limber to Battalion Headquarters.
- 4th. Limbers for rations 4. For Engineers work 2. To Battalion Headquarters with material from 15th Field Company A.E. 1. To Canteen 1. To Battalion 1. To Brigade School 1. Water carts 2 teams 3 loads each. Hacks 6. One hack evacuated to Mobile. Horses all doing very well.
- 5th. Limbers for rations 4. To Battalion H.Q. 1. At Brigade School 1. Canteen 1. For wood etc. for Companies 1. Water carts 2 teams 3 loads each. Hacks 9.
- 6th. Limbers for rations 4. Canteen 1. Brigade School 1. Other jobs at Battalion 1. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. Hacks 9. 2 riders drawn from remounts, only fair.sorts, low in condition.
- 7th. Limbers for rations 4. For Engineers material to Companies 2. With wood to Battalion 1. G.S.Waggons with straw to Companies 2. 2 loads each. Water carts 2 teams 3 loads each. Hacks 8. One limber at Brigade School.
- 8th. Limbers for rations 3. For Engineers material to 15th Field Coy. A.E. 2. To Battalion H.Q. 1. Canteen 1. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. One limber at Brigade School. Hacks 9.
- 9th. Limbers for rations 3. To 15th A.E. 2. To Battalion H.Q. 1. At Brigade School 1. To Companies with wood 1. One G. S. waggon to Battalion H.Q. with a load of straw. 1 G.S.Limbered waggon to Canteen. Water carts 2 teams, 3 loads each. 3 limbers to the Companies with S.A.A. Hacks 8.

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- 10th. Limbers for rations 3. Brigade School 1. To D. Company to cart out meals 1. For Y.M.C.A. to cart stores 1. Canteen 1. Water carts 2. 3 loads each. Hacks 11. 1 Limber to 15th A.E. for timber. 2 to dump at Aubigny for mining material. 1 to Bn. H.Q. with 20,000 S.A.A.
- 11th Limbers for rations 3. To 15th Field Coy.A.E. 3. To Battalion H.Q. 1. To Companies 2. Water carts 2 teams, 3 loads each. Hacks 9. Sent one horse to 15th A.E. Brigade School 1 limber.
- 12th. Limbers for rations 3. To 15th A.E. 3. To Companies for Lewis Guns 1. To Canteen 1. Brigade School 1. Water carts 2 teams 3 loads each. Hacks 11. Inspected by Lt.Col. Henry. A.D.V.S. Horses doing well, plenty of good grazing. 1 G.S.Waggon with mining material to Battalion H.Q. 2 trips.
- 13th Limbers for rations 3. For Engineers 4 and 1 G.S.Waggon. To Battalion 1. Brigade School 1. To Companies with material 1. Water Carts 2 teams 3 loads each. Hacks 10.
- 14th Limbers for rations 3. To Battalion H.Q. 1. To B. Company with Engineers material 1. To 15th A.E. 3. 1 G.S. Wagon to Battalion with mining sets. Brigade School 1. Town Major DAOURS 1. Water carts 2 teams 3 loads each. Hacks 10.
- 15th Limbers for rations 3. To 15th A.E. 3. To Companies 1. To Town Major DAOURS 1. To Battalion 1. Water carts 2 teams 3 loads each. Hacks 11. Brigade School 1. At D. Company 1. To Companies with wood 1.
- 16th Limbers for rations 3. For Engineers Material 4. Brigade School 1. To Battalion H.Q. with mining material 1. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. 1 limber at D. Company to cart out rations to platoons. Hacks 8.
- 17th Limbers for rations 3. Engineers 4. 1 G.S.Wagon to Battalion H.Q. mining material. 1 limber Brigade School. 1 at D. Company for ration Canteen 1. Comforts Fund 1. Wood to Companies 1. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. Hacks 9. Horses doing well, feed good.
- 18th Limbers for rations 3. To 15th Engineers 4. Y.M.C.A. 1. Brigade School 1. To D. Company for ration duty 1. 1 G.S.Wagon mining material to Battalion H.Q. Water carts 2; 3 loads each. Hacks 10.
- 19th Limbers for rations 3. For Engineers 4. Town Major DAOURS 1. Brigade School 1. Canteen 1. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. 1 G.S.Wagon for vegetables. Hacks 10.
- 20th Limbers for rations 3. For Engineers 15th Coy. 5. Brigade School 1. Canteen 1. Valises for Brigade to Division 1. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. Hacks 8. 1 G.S.Wagon to Battalion with mining material.
- 21st. Limbers for rations 3. For Engineers 1. G.S.Wagon and 1 limber. For Town Major 1. Brigade School 1. Canteen 1. Mail 1. Water carts 2; 3 loads each. Hacks 11. Carting meals at D. Company 1 limber.
- 22nd Limbers for rations 3. Brigade School 1. Canteen 1. With D. Company carting meals 1. 2 G.S.Wagons with 15th Engineers. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. Hacks 9.
- 23rd. Limbers for rations 3. Brigade School 1. Town Major 1. For vegetables 1. Carting timber 1. Carting meals at D Company 1 limber. Water Carts 2, 3 loads each. Hacks 10. 2 Limbers to 15th Engineers for material.
- 24th Limbers for rations 3. Brigade School 1. Carting meals to D. Company 1. Canteen 2. G.S.Wagons 2, 2 trips. 1 limber for wood. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. Hacks 11.
- 25th Limbers for rations 3. For Engineers 3. Brigade School 1. Rations to D. Company 1. To Battalion 1. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. Hacks 9. For potatoes 1 limber.

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- 26th Limbers for rations 3. To Engineers 1. To Town Major 1. Brigade School 1. D. Company to cart meals 1. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. Hacks 10. To Battalion with bombs, straw and wood 2.
- 27th Limbers for rations 4. For carting wire etc. to Companies 2. 1 with straw to B. Company. Moving B. Company's baggage and cooker 1. Brigade School 1. Town Major 1. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. Hacks 10.
- 28th Limbers for rations 4. To 15th Field Engineers 2. To Battalion 1. Brigade School 1. Carting meals to D. Company 1. 2 G.S. Wagons A.S.C. carting dugout material. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. Hacks 10. Canteen 1. limber.
- 29th. Limbers for rations 3. Brigade School. 2. 15th Engineers 4. carting wire etc. Canteen 1 limber. To Battalion H.Qrs. with iron rations 2. Carting meals to D. Company 1. 2 G.S. Wagons working on stores etc. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. Hacks 10.
- 30th Limbers for rations 3. Canteen 1. Brigade School 1. 15th Engineers 3. Mail 1. Carting meals to D. Company 1. To Battalion H.Q. for mobile of tools Bombs etc. 3. Water carts 2, 3 loads each. 1 A.S.C. Wagon on Engineers work. Hacks 9.
- 31st All limbers and horses in use all day, moving from DAOURS to ALLONVILLE.

J. R. McDonald. Lieut.
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D R I P P I N G R E T U R N.Month of May 1918.

DATE.	Number of Rations drawn.	Dripping saved.			Used for Cooking.		Issued in lieu of Butter.	Returned to Railhead.	Cash received P. C.
		1st Class lbs.	2nd Class lbs.	Total lbs.	1st. lbs.	2nd. lbs.			
1.5.18.	624	69		69			20	49	
2.	653	45	20	65		20		45	
3	643	47		47				47	
4	635	70		70				70	
5	635	71		71				71	
6	654	188	20	208		20		188	
7	623	22		22			10	12	
8	622	12		12				12	
9	625	12		12				12	
10	621	11		11				11	
11	620	141		141				141	
12	620	114		114			20	94	
13	625	47	20	67		20		47	
14	622	90		90				90	
15	621	91		91				91	
16	620	47	20	67		20		47	
17	617	67		67			20	47	
18	617	47		47				47	
19	619	67		67				67	
20	617	67		67				67	
21	617	28	20	48		20		28	
22	649	52		52			20	32	
23	644	30		30				30	
24	648	30		30				30	
25	644	13	20	33		20		13	
26	644	15		15				15	
27	643	12		12				12	
28	643	13		13				13	
29	640	14		14				14	
30	637	13		13				13	
31	634	14		14				14	
TOTALS.	19575	1559	120	1679	-	120	90	1469	



DIET SHEET FOR MONTH OF MAY 1918.

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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY.	
1/5/18 to 7/5/18.	BREAKFAST	Bacon Fried	M & V's Fried	M & V's F.	Bacon. M & V's F.	Bacon Fried	Bacon B.	Bacon
		& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea
	DINNER	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Irish Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea
	TEA	Rice, Jam Cheese, Bread & Tea	Biscuit Pudding, Bread Jam Tea	Rice, Bread Jam, Cheese & Tea	Raisin Pudding, Raisin Roll, Rissoles, Bread, Jam Cheese, Tea	Rice, Jam Biscuit Pudding Cheese Tea	M & V's Pudding Bread Jam, Tea.	
1/5/18 to 7/5/18.	BREAKFAST	Bacon, M & Va.	Bacon Fried	Bacon M & V's.	Bacon	Bacon B.	Bacon F.	Rissoles
		& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea
	DINNER	Stew Rice & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Irish Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Irish Stew & Tea
	TEA.	Date Pudding Corned Beef Jam, Cheese Tea	Rissoles Bread, Jam Biscuit Pudding, Tea	Raisin Pudding Plain Pudding Cheese Tea	Rissoles Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Pudding Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Rice Jam Bread Tea	

A and B Companies.

C and D Companies.

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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY.	
8/5/18 to 14/5/18.	BREAKFAST	M & Vs. & Tea	Ham & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Bacon F. & Tea	Bacon F. & Tea	Ham & Tea	A and B Companies.
	DINNER	Curry & Rice & Tea	Irish Stew & Tea	Curried Stew & Tea	Curry & Rice Dry Hash Tea	Irish Stew & Tea	Curry & Rice & Tea	
	TEA	Corned Beef Bread Jam Tea	Rice Fruit Rissoles Jam Bread Cheese Tea	Sultana Roll Bread Jam Tea	Rissoles Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Biscuit Pudding Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Sultana Roll Bread Cheese Tea	
8/5/18 to 14/5/18.	BREAKFAST	Bacon & Tea	Ham & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Bacon B & Tea	Bacon F & Tea	C and D Companies.
	DINNER	Curry & Rice & Tea	Irish Stew & Tea	Plain Stew Bread Jam & Tea	Curry & Rice Dry Hash & Tea	Stew Curried & Tea	Irish Stew & Tea	
	TEA	Corned Beef Rissoles Jam Bread Cheese Tea	Mince Curr- Sultana Roll Bread Jam Tea	Rice Fruit Rissoles Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Jam Roll Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Biscuit Pudding Jam Cheese Tea	Mince Meat Bread Jam Cheese Tea	

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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
15/5/18 to 21/5/18.	BREAKFAST	Bacon & Tea	Hash & Tea	Bacon B & Tea	Bacon F & Tea	Ham & Tea	Bacon & F. Vegetables & Tea
	DINNER	Stew Rice & Tea	Curried Stew & Tea	Boiled Mutton Potatoes & Soup & Tea	Curry Rice & Tea	Boiled Beef Potatoes & Tea	Stew Cabbage & Tea
	TEA	Jam Roll Bread Jam Tea	Rice Jam Rissoles Tea	Dundee Pudding Bread Jam Tea	Date Pudd. Bread Jam Tea	Rissoles Bread Jam Tea	Corned B. Bread Jam Cheese Tea
15/5/18 to 21/5/18.	BREAKFAST	Bacon & Tea	Ham & Tea	Fried B. & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Bacon F & Tea	Bacon & F. Vegetables & Tea
	DINNER	Stew Rice & Tea	Curried Stew & Tea	Mutton Potatoes Jam Roll Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew Cabbage & Tea
	TEA	Dundee Pudding Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Rissoles Bread Jam Tea	Curried Mince Jam Bread Tea Cheese	Rissoles Pudding Jam Bread Tea	Jam Roll Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Corned B. Bread Jam Cheese Tea

A and B Companies.

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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY.		
22/5/18 to 28/5/18.	BREAKFAST	Ham & Tea	Bacon & Tea	M & Vss & Tea	Bacon F. & Tea	Bacon B. & Tea	Bacon F. & Tea	M & Vs. F. & Tea	A and B Companies.
	DINNER	Mince Meat & Tea	Stew & Tea	Dry Hash & Tea	Curry & Rice & Stew Cabbage & Tea	Stew & Tea	Rissoles Boiled Beef & Cabbage Tea & Potatoes	Stew & Boiled Beef & Tea	
	TEA	Rissoles Bread Jam Tea	Jam Roll Bread Jam Tea	Rissoles Date Pudding Bread Jam Tea	Meat Pie Salad Bread Jam Tea	Biscuit Pudding Jam Rissoles Bread Tea	Salad Rice Jam Roll Bread Butter Jam Tea	Jam Roll Rice Bread Jam Tea	
22/5/18 to 28/5/18.	BREAKFAST	Bacon & Tea	Ham Vegetables & Tea	M & Vs F. & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Bacon F. & Tea	Rissoles M & Vs. & Tea	Bacon F. & Tea	C and D Companies.
	DINNER	Curry & Rice & Tea	Stew & Tea	Boiled Meat & Cabbage & Tea	Stew Curried & Tea	Boiled Meat & Cabbage & Potatoes & Tea	Boiled Beef & Potatoes & Stew & Tea	Stew & Boiled Beef & Potatoes & Tea	
	TEA	Rissoles Dundee Pudd. Bread Jam Tea	Meat Pie Bread Jam Salad Tea	Rissoles Date Pudding Bread Jam Tea	Cold Beef Cabbage Rice Jam Tea	Meat Pie Pudding Rissoles Tea Jam Bread.	Salad Meat Pie Rice Bread Bread Jam Tea	Meat Pie Rice Bread Jam Tea	

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		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY.	
29/5/18 to 31/5/18.	BREAKFAST	Bacon B. & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Bacon. & Tea	A and B Companies.
	DINNER	Rissoles Boiled Beef Potatoes Tea	Stew & Tea	Cold Beef & Tea	
	TEA	Pres. Meat Pickles Biscuit Pudd. Bread Jam Tea	Jam Roll Bread Jam & Tea	Stew Bread Jam & Tea	
	BREAKFAST	Bacon B. & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Bacon & Tea	
29/5/18 to 31/5/18.	DINNER	Rissoles Brown Stew Tea	Stew & Tea	Cold Beef & Tea	C and D Companies.
	TEA	Biscuit Pudd. Hash Bread Jam Tea	Jam Roll Bread Jam Tea	Stew Bread Jam Tea	

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Paper collected and returned
to Railhead
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Paper (Bags) 10.
Approximately. 308 lbs.

Cardboard. (Bags) 4
Approximately 183 lbs.

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57th BATTALION, A. I. F.C.O.'s Report on Operations and Training
for month of May 1918.OPERATIONS.

The month of May was perhaps one of the most remarkable, interesting, and useful in the history of the Battalion. Various circumstances, some of them accidental, some deliberately designed, contributed towards this result.

After the Brigade had withdrawn from the successful repulse of the enemy at VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, in April, the 57th Battalion settled down to the task of safeguarding the approach to the SOMME by preparing a formidable position which would enable us to offer a strong resistance should the enemy break through the forward system, and which would serve as a jumping off place from which to launch counter attacks. Hostile shelling was sufficient to emphasize the ever present need of readiness and the necessity for thoroughness and rapidity of construction. At the same time it was not so severe as to prevent continuity of work, careful planning and siting of trenches, and wire. The net result was the completion of a well designed, well constructed defence system, serving the purpose for which it was intended and providing an excellent instructional exercise.

The attack, though expected daily, did not eventuate, but its imminence served as a spur to brain and muscle.

LIVING
CONDITIONS.

The advent of Spring, bringing with it a succession of fine days, had its effect mentally and physically on the troops and the proximity of the Somme, affording ideal bathing facilities, was an advantage the importance of which it would be hard to overestimate. The Divisional Baths also provided facilities for further bathing and supplied summer under-clothing which was much appreciated. The depressing influence of life in cold, wet trenches was a thing of the past and almost forgotten and the men's spirits were high. Various incidents tended to help in this connection; the presentation of the shield won last year by "C" Company at the THIEPVAL Field Firing Competition, the winning of the trophy in the Brigade Competition for Bombing teams, the bringing down of a bomb dropping Gotha by one of the Lewis gunners; all these served to raise the morale and improve the esprit de corps.

CHANGES IN
COMMAND.

Early in the month I assumed command of the Battalion vice Lt. Col. H. T. C. Layh. D. S. O. transferred to command the 60th Battalion. A change in the appointment of Adjutant also occurred; Lieut. F. B. McWhannell, who had proved his worth as Adjutant of the 58th Battalion, took the place of Capt. J. B. Laing, who was attached to Divisional Staff.

CO-OPERATION
AND LIAISON.

An outstanding feature this month has been the efforts towards closer liaison not only between the component units of the Brigade but also between the Infantry and other branches of the Service. The Brigadier himself took the lead and set the example by a judicious interchange of Battalion Officers throughout the Brigade, by bringing together the Commanding Officers of the units of his Command in social functions at his own Headquarters, by getting their personal co-operation and assistance in making a success of the Brigade School, and by encouraging them to get closer touch with other arms. Thus it came about that never before was there such close union within the Brigade and, for the first time, Infantry officers fraternized and exchanged ideas with Artillery, Airmen and Tank Corps; not only Australian but English and French as well
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Instructional exercises were carried out in conjunction with these services, notably an exercise in the use of the Popham Signalling Panel.

The circumstances and surroundings favored this growth of friendly and helpful relationship as representative units of these various services were all grouped in close proximity, all imbued with the one idea, the importance of preventing any further hostile advance in that region.

Chas. Deane LIEUT. COLONEL.
C.O. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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