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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
D27 A 00 35	1-7-18		<p>Weather fine and warm. 58 Bn raised enemy trench opposite their front at 2:15 am. Two prisoners were captured. No retaliation was directed on this mine sector. Advance party from "B" Coy detailed in order 128 left at 2 am. Other advance parties left during morning. Enemy planes were active during the night: but quiet during the day. D21 was shelled intermittently throughout morning & afternoon. Boys moved out from support positions in accordance with instructions laid down in Per</p>	
Sheet 625				
BUIRE			<p>order 128. The night was quiet. Bn HQs moved from D27 A 00 35 to D29 B 2.3 at 11 pm. The new HQs are situated in cellar of old mines house in BUIRE. A party of 7 American soldiers are attached to the battalion for one week and</p>	
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			are being granted special facilities to learn.	J.P.M. Lieut
BUIRE	2 July 18		Weather fine and warm. Relief completed at 1:4 am. No casualties were sustained.	
Dzq B 2.3			The night was quiet. The Battalion is disposed as shown in appendix No 1. Disposition map	APPENDIX
Sheet 62 5			is attached as appendix No 2. The CO and No 1	No 1
			The I.O accompanied by the Asst Asst inspected the whole of the Battalion area & found all	APPENDIX
			dispositions satisfactory. The 12th LONDON REGT is	No 2
			on our right left and the 59 AUST. BATTALION is	
			on our right. Our artillery was active throughout	
			the 24 hours - particularly about dawn. Our	
			light and medium T.M's fires occasionally during	
			the night. Enemy artillery quiet throughout the day &	
			exceedingly quiet during the night. VILLE SUR ANCRE	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>received fully 75% of the shells fired. Enemy M.G active on road at E25 A 8.3 firing throughout the night. Little aerial activity during day: but many of our own and enemy machines heard passing overhead during night. We used the No. 36 Rifle Grenade freely on enemy posts suspected in E26 and E19. A patrol of one officer and others patrolled from the ANCRE river to the Railway (E25 B and E19 D). About 300 yards of enemy anti-aircraft wire was located 200 yards in front of our line in E19 D. Instructions regarding the enlargement of scope for harassing fire were issued to Coy at 7 pm. (appendix No 3)</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 3 H.P.M. Point</p>
<p>BUIRE D29 B 2.3 Sheet 625</p>	<p>3 July 18</p>		<p>Weather fine and warm. Observation poor. To enable left Group artillery to carry out a special harassing shoot on enemy defences and emplacements in his front</p>	

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			<p>line, No Mans Land was cleared of patrols between 2 am and dawn. The shoot was reported successful. The day was quiet. A few mine-sweepers were placed on our front line during the night. A fairly large amount of enemy movement was noted from our O.P's in his rear areas and reported to artillery. Enemy pots in E19D and a wiring party in E20C were engaged with No 36 Rifle Grenades. The wiring party was effectively dispersed. Our patrols were active but failed to report anything of special note. Very little enemy aerial movement was noted either during the day or during the night. Battalion order No 130 relative to operations on Divisional front at 3-10 am on 4th July was issued to Coys at 7 pm. (See appendix No 4)</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 4 JBM/...</p>
BUIRE	D29 B 2.3	4 July 18	<p>Weather fine & warm. Observations good. The enemy was</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>exceedingly quiet while our operations commenced at 3-10 am. Our barrage for the operation detailed in appendix No 4 came down at 3:10 am and commenced to pull off about 4:45 am. The enemy reply was feeble until 3:25 am. He concentrated on front & support lines. Particulars of the operation, as far as it affects this unit are given in the Summary of Messages received and despatched (appendix No 5). Battalion Order No 131 was issued at 5 p.m. (Appendix No 6) at 10.55 pm Brigade advised that the operation detailed in Br order No 131 was cancelled. Very little hostile aerial movement was noted during the day. About midday three enemy planes flew low along his support area. Our machines were over enemy lines in large numbers throughout the day. Many bombs dropped by them were seen to explode. A great deal of</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 5</p> <p>APPENDIX No 6</p>

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			<p>enemy movement in small parties in his rear areas was noted during the day by our Observers & reported to the artillery. We used No. 36 rifle grenades effectively on enemy posts in E 19 D during night.</p> <p>Departures Lieut E.J. MOORE to Base for reclassification. " Lieut H.J. DICKINSON to Hospital shell shock " Lieut W. FLEMMING to Hospital wounded. Arrivals Lieut L.F. MORRIS from 4th Army School. " Lieut CSA NOAD from Brigade liaison duty.</p>	
BOIRE D2932-3 Ref 625	5 JULY 18		<p>Weather fine and warm. During the night 3/4 met one platoon of the support Coy was moved to CAIRNS SWITCH as it was considered the line held by this Coy was rather overcrowded. Enemy artillery was fairly quiet throughout the period.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>The villages of VILLE SUR ANCRE and BUIRE received the bulk of the shelling - Our artillery was exceedingly active especially between 10 and 11 pm when a special counter preparation shoot was carried out. About 20 rounds of gas shell was placed on our reserve Coy area at 12 midnight. A good deal of enemy movement in rear areas was reported to artillery by our observers. Our Superis claim one casualty. Our trench mortars were active during the night - the six inch NEWTONS firing on targets supplied by our patrols. No 36 rockets were used with effect along whole of left Coy front. Casualties were obtained in an enemy post in E 26 A. Our patrols were active. Usual flank liaison was maintained. Three parties of 1 nec & 5 men each with a Lewis gun left our left Coy at 11.30 pm to take up</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Position protecting our working parties. The Centre patrol under Cpl VERNON encountered enemy post in E26 A & was fired on. VERNON retaliated with Mills grenades. Five minutes later the enemy party left the post to attack our patrol. The patrol met them with grenades & Lewis gun & the Germans retired hurriedly, our men claiming several casualties. This patrol was not again molested. Our left patrol, 15 minutes later, was attacked from left flank by an enemy party. The attack was easily repulsed. Order No 132 (appendix No. 7) was issued to Coy at 12 noon. The operation detailed therein took place at 11 pm. No retaliation was directed on our side. Order No 133 (appendix No. 8) was issued at 5:20 pm. The 1st Company relief detailed therein</p>	<p>APPENDIX No. 7 APPENDIX No. 8</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>was completed without casualties at 1:50 am on 6th. Order No. 134 was issued at 9 pm. (Appendix No. 9) The fog was released at 1:45 am. No serious enemy retaliation followed. His unit casualties for the operation carried out by the Brigade on 4th inst were Officers killed, nil; other ranks killed, 4; Officers wounded, 2; other ranks wounded, 18;</p>	Appendix
BUIRE	6 July 18		<p>Weather fine & warm. The relief detailed in order No. 134 was completed at 1.50 am. Casualties nil. "B" Coy, on arrival at reserve line position, were found to be badly shaken & shocked owing to the practically continuous bombardment of their line during 4th and 5th insts. The new dispositions of the right Coy & also the new posts constructed & occupied by the</p>	J.B. P. 5 Lieut
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			<p>left Coy (see appendix No 5) are marked on disposition map (appendix No 2) in GREEN. Our artillery carried out a special counter preparation shoot between 3 and 4 am. The BFC called at Bin Hqs during the morning & suggested that a raid be undertaken by the battalion. The CO has selected a line of enemy posts in E 26 A as a likely spot for the raid. Enemy artillery was fairly active during the 24 hours. The right Coy sector, VILLE SUR ANCRE and BUIRE receiving most attention. Our artillery was very active. Enemy front systems, works and rear areas coming in for a great deal of "shape". Our 6" Newtons and Stokes mortars were active in the early part of the night. Enemy aircraft ventured across our lines several times during the day; but our</p>	

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			<p>Lewis Gun fire drove them back. Our own aeroplanes patrolled & dropped bombs in rear of enemy lines throughout the day. No. 36 Rifle grenades were fired on enemy working parties in E 19 D and on enemy posts in E 19 D & E 26 A. The ground in front of "C" Coy (right Coy) is marshy & impassable on the left but good and covered with a crop 2' 6" to 3' high on the right. The Coy is disposed in a line of posts running from the Battalion's Southern boundary approximately along the line of the road running North & South through E 26 C and a to the ANCRE RIVER. Coy Hqs are at E 26 C 30.35. There are no shelters for the garrison. The field of fire is bad on the left & fair on the right. No movement is possible during the day.</p>	
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D29 B 2.3 BUIRE Sheet 62 8.	7 July 18		<p>Weather fine and warm. Our artillery carried out a special counter preparations shoot between 3.15 and 3.35 am. Between 12 midnight and 1 am enemy placed 60 gas shells on VILLE SUR ANCRE. Our 18 pps fired on enemy front line and targets in rear during the day & during the night. Enemy artillery was active during the period - especially in the early morning. Our 6" Newtons fired on enemy works during the night. Our usual patrol activity was maintained - no encounters with enemy parties took place. No 36 peraves were used along whole of left Company front. Our observers, from the excellent op which we have had constructed at D24 B 6.4, again noted much movement of small enemy parties and transport in rear of his front system. These targets were passed to artillery.</p>	

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			<p>About 3 am, after the explosion of 2 or 4 H.E shells of small calibre in vicinity of Bus Hqs, a slight lachrymatory gas was noticed. It would appear that some new kind of gas is being used in ordinary H.E shells. Battalion order N°136 (inter company relief) was issued at 1 pm.</p> <p>(Appendix N° 10)</p>	<p>APPENDIX N°10.</p> <p>JBM Lieut</p>
<p>BUIRE D29 B 2.3 Sheet 626</p>	8 July 1918		<p>Weather fine and warm. Artillery supporting this battalion supported the movement forward of Australian troops in direction of RIVER SOMME at 12.15 am. A good deal of retaliation was directed on our right company front in consequence. The inter company relief detailed in order 136 was reported complete at 12.48 am. Early this morning 41 men under Lieut KENELEY were withdrawn from A and D Coy & sent</p>	

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to shells in vicinity of the Support Battalion HQs (D27 A) for rest & training in connection with proposed forthcoming raid. Our artillery maintained its activity throughout the 24 hours - Our trench Mortars were inactive - Owing to the relief of our left Company (Appendix 10) patrols were not so active as usual - Our snipers were usually active during the day. The activity of our snipers has caused a marked decrease in enemy movement in the vicinity of his front posts. We heard sounds of enemy parties working in E26 & our No 36 grenades dealt with them. Enemy movement in rear areas was noted and communicated to artillery. A patrol went out from right Coy & reported the ground on the right to be firm but rather shell torn. An enemy low flying aeroplane crossed our

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			lines & penetrated to beyond Bon Hqs on three occasions about 3 to 3:30 pm. Heavy anti aircraft & Lewis Gun fire drove it back on each occasion. Our 18 ps fires in counter preparation on enemy front line 10.15 - 10.25 pm - Provisional Defence Scheme (Appendix No. 11) was issued 11 pm.	APPENDIX No. 11.
BUIRE S29B2.3 Sheet 625	9 July 18		Weather fine except for a shower about 5 pm. Order No 137 regarding relief of right Company Subsector night 10/11 July issued at 5 pm. (Appendix No. 12) An enemy plane flying low was noted in our area about 2:30 pm. Our artillery harassed enemy front and rear areas during the whole of the period under review. Our 6" Newtons fired on suspected enemy works in E20C. No. 36 flamers were used effectively. The Company	APPENDIX No. 12.

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			<p>Commander of our left Company has adopted the principle of firing a couple of No. 36 grenades at the spot from which German flare lights are fired every time a flare is fired. This has proved very effective & along the whole Company front flares are ^{now} very rarely used by the enemy. An enemy medium trench mortar fired about a dozen rounds on our line in E 19 D early in the evening. His machine runners were very active during the night & Super's from his front posts fired at any movement on our side. His activity is not usual. Enemy artillery was normally active. Our patrols from left Company report "No M. Mans hand" free of enemy. Two hostile M. G's were located & reported to artillery.</p>	

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BUIRE D29 B 2.3 Dut 62.5	10 July 18		<p>Weather dull & overcast. A light shower fell about midday. Our Salvage parties are securing a good deal of Salvage of a valuable & useful nature. Yesterday a practically complete X-Ray apparatus of quite considerable value was brought in from the old Casualty Clearing Station in E 19 D and despatched to Q M Store. All Salvaged articles are enumerated in the return "Salvage Collected" appended at end of Volume. Our light and heavy artillery maintained harassing tactics throughout the day & night. Enemy batteries were busier than usual - the increase being particularly noted in the 77's. Our patrol reported enemy working party in E 19 B. The usual action with No 36 Penades was taken. Another party was later located in E 20 C. It was dispersed</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>with No 36 penades. The day was unsuitable for flying. Very little activity was displayed by either our own or hostile aircraft. Three enemy aeroplanes flying at about 3000ft. were driven back from our support area by A.A. fire. Our Hoks & 6 inch Newtons fired on enemy posts in E 20 c. Casualties were inflicted & wounded were seen to be evacuated.</p>	<p>J.P.M. Lieut.</p>
<p>BUIRE D29B2.3 Shut 62.6</p>	<p>11 July 18</p>		<p>Weather fine. No difference was noted in the policy of our artillery. Our M.T.M's were active during the afternoon. Enemy were seen fleeing from posts upon which fire was brought to bear. Enemy field guns were active but his howitzers were quiet during the day & night. The relief of Clog in the</p>	

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			right Company Reels detailed in order No. 137 was completed at 12.10 am this morning. Casualties nil. Our observers were able to report various targets to artillery during the day.	
BUIRE Dzq B 2.3 Sheet 62.6	12 July 18		Weather: about midnight rain fell. Fire from 12.30 am. a party of one officer & 43 other ranks carried out raid against enemy posts in E 20 C at 12.15 am. Full particulars are given in appendix No. 13 - from 12.45 am until 6 am enemy artillery was very inactive. Baths have been established for the use of Corps at Dzq B 20.25. Water is heated on the spot in an old copper and use is made of several wooden tubs salvaged from the village. Water is drawn from a well at Dzq B 20.25. The men come	Appendix No. 13 D.P. 7/18 Linn.

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			<p>Down from the reserve + support Corps in sixes. The influenza epidemic mentioned in Vol. 6 is still prevalent and an average of 5 men per day are sent to transport lines for a few days rest. The R.M.O. has brought to notice the fact that the men are in a run down condition & are affected by nervous complaints. This, he considers, is due to the fact that they have been in, or near, the front system since January last; and he further considers that severe shell fire or continuous exertions will have a very bad effect upon them. Reports were called for from Coy Commanders in his connection. These, together with a copy of a report submitted to the B.G.C. are appended</p>	
			<p>(Appendix No 14) Our artillery was active on</p>	<p>APPENDIX No-14 20</p>

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			<p>enemy's front system during the day & the night. Enemy artillery was not troublesome. We noted movement behind his front area & artillery, when informed, carried out some effective shooting. Hostile machine guns were unusually active from 2 am to 4 am.</p>	
<p>BUIRE D29 B2.3</p>	<p>13 July 18</p>		<p>Weather fine. Clear & overcast in evening. Our field guns were as active as usual & hence carried out shoots in rear areas.</p>	<p>JB 205 206</p>
<p>Sheet 626</p>			<p>Our 36 rifle grenades fired on all known enemy posts during the night. Our aeroplanes were active throughout the day & the burst of many bombs dropped by them was noted. Our patrols were active - but failed to connect with any enemy parties. although one patrol occupied</p>	

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			<p>a forward listening post in E 20 C & waited 70 minutes for the person to return. There was a considerable increase in shelling by enemy howitzers. 4.2's been reported for the first time for several days. A light T.M. fired on our right Coy between 10 & 11.30 pm. Its location was telephoned to artillery & 18 pps effectively silenced it. Enemy snipers firing from high ground in E 13 D caused a good deal of inconvenience. but no casualties. Two enemy aeroplanes in the face of a veritable storm of anti aircraft & Lewis & Vickers gun fire very successfully attacked a line of our observation balloons along the line BONNAY - FRANVILLERS about 9 pm this evening. They fired two of the balloons & made good</p>	

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			<p>their escape - apparently undamaged. Late in the night our artillery fired an enemy ammunition dump in DERNANCOURT. Battalion order No. 140 regarding the mine company relief was issued to Coy at 5 pm (appendix No. 15)</p> <p>Order No. 139 covering the discharge of gas projectiles was issued at 5 pm (appendix No. 16)</p>	<p>APPENDIX No. 15</p> <p>APPENDIX No. 16</p>
<p>BUIRE Dzq B 2.3 Sheet 6 of 5</p>	14 July 18		<p>Weather fine. a few light electric showers during the day. Brigade arrived at 1.20 am that the release of gas as detailed in appendix No. 16 would not take place owing to the unfavourable wind. Circular Memorandum No. 62 containing the detail of students for 6th Course at Brigade School was issued at 6 am. (appendix No. 17) Battalion order No. 141 was</p>	<p>APPENDIX No. 17</p> <p>APPENDIX No. 15 Lieut</p>

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			<p>issued in connexion with intercompany relief of rifle sects, at 7 pm. (appendix no 18). Our artillery was especially active on enemy rear areas during the day: a quite noticeable increase in howitzer shelling was reported. The usual night targets were engaged, our machine guns carried out harassing shoots with our Stokes and 6 inch Newtons fired on selected targets. The usual aerial activity was reported. Company Commanders of front line Companies report that at any and all hours of the day and night the explosion of bombs dropped behind enemy lines by our machines can be heard. Protective, reconnoitring and liaison patrols were active but no signs of human patrols were seen. Enemy shelling was not so active as</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 18</p>

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			<p>Yesterday and Consisted mostly of harassing fire by field guns. The village of TREUX appeared to receive particular attention from the enemy gunners. Hostile minebursts did not fire during the period. An increase in enemy aerial activity was noted.</p>	<p>JBMP Liano</p>
<p>BUIRE Drg B 2.3 Dcc 628</p>	<p>15 July 18</p>		<p>Weather. In the early morning (12.30 am to 2 am) raining - Cloudy but fine afterwards. The sub-company relief detailed in appendix No 15 was reported complete at 12.40 am. The baths established at Bn Hqs are proving of great service. Two Coy's, "A" and "B", have been bathed & have received a clean change of clothing. This clean underclothing is secured from the Divisional Baths by the Quartermaster</p>	

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			<p>is distributed to the men in exchange for soiled clothing. Our howitzers carried out a gas shoot on enemy rear areas at 1 am. An enemy plane, flying low and taking advantage of the clouds, penetrated our a.a. defences notwithstanding very heavy a.a., Lewis gun & Vickers gun fire, succeeded in bringing down one of our observation balloons near BONNAY. The machine recrossed our lines in safety. Aeroplane photographs showing our right line sector, left line sector & Battalion Headquarters are appended (Appendix No 19) our artillery was not as active as usual today. This was probably accounted for by the fact that a "change over" between 2nd & 5th Div artillery was being carried out. Our T.M's were active</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 19</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>firing on targets suppressed by our patrols. Our Machine guns carried our usual harassing fire. No. 36 grenades were used liberally on all known enemy posts. Liaison & Reconnoitering patrols were busy but failed to locate enemy patrols or parties. Protective patrols successfully protected our working parties & our Salvage parties engaged in recovering valuable medical stores from the abandoned CCS in No Mans Land. Enemy artillery was quiet by day; but fairly active from 9 pm to midnight. There was an increase in S.G shells; but a marked decrease in field gun activity. Battle trench mortars fired a score of shells on our front line of the left Company. Enemy planes were more venturesome than usual. Several low flying</p>	

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			<p>machines crossed our line during the day - Considerable movement of transport was noted and reported to artillery by our observers. a dump in MOULANCOURT was fired by our artillery late in the evening.</p>	<p>JBM/PS Lieut</p>
BUIRE	16 July 18		<p>Weather. Raining from 5 to 6 A.M. Fine otherwise. The mtr company relief detailed in appendix 18</p>	
D29 B2.3			<p>was completed at 12:5 am. Our artillery was very active throughout the day & night. The 60ps</p>	
Sheet 626			<p>and 6 inch howitzers particularly, harassed enemy near areas. Our 6" Newtons dealt with targets</p>	
			<p>on railway at E20C. for a couple of hours in the evening. There was a very marked increase</p>	
			<p>in enemy shelling compared with yesterday. 5.9 4.2 and 77 were used. The rear areas in</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>D 29 were harassed during the whole of day hours. A heavy machine gun fired 3 rounds on our left Coy front in the early evening. Enemy planes were active from early in the morning until late in the evening. Our own planes early outnumbered them & many flights were observed to cross his lines & proceed far to rear. All enemy movement in rear area was communicated to artillery as soon as observed & promptly dealt with. A reconnoitering patrol from our right Coy found a deserted enemy Coy HQs about 150 yds out in front of our line. Papers found in this report were forwarded to Brigade HQs for examination.</p>	<p>J.P.W. Lieut</p>
BUIRE	17 July 18		Weather fine and very warm. Battalion order	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>No 143 relative to relief during night 17/18 July was issued at 6 pm yesterday (appendix No 20) the work completed by the battalion during its tour in present position are detailed in appendix No 21. Our dispositions as at handing over the sector to the 3rd Bn are shown in sketch attached as appendix No 22. The various improvements in defensive measures carried out by the battalion will be seen if comparison is made between appendix No 2 and appendix No 22. Communications handed over are shown in appendix No 23. The Battalion Signalling Officer has maintained excellent communication throughout the tour. All Coy's have now been batted at the battis established at D 29 B 20.25. These bating arrangements & the arrangements provided for clear</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 20 APPENDIX No 21 APPENDIX No 22 APPENDIX No 23</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>clothing have been very much appreciated by the men. The relief detailed in appendix No 20 was completed at 1 am. No casualties were sustained. Companies proceeded independently by sections to approx D 27 at 2.7 where the Padre dispensed hot coffee and cigarettes to the men as they passed. Coy formed up in platoons at this point & proceeded via the overland track and the main ANIENS-ALBERT road to the VILLA sector. The QM has a hot meal ready for all ranks on arrival.</p>	
near FRANVILLERS C 29 D 35.70 Sheet 628	18 July 18		<p>Weather fine & warm. a thunderstorm between 6pm & 7pm. The VILLA sector consists of a well constructed line of trenches. Shells are good and all men are comfortably quartered. A party of one officer & 33 other ranks marched out for report</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Construction work with Second Australian tunnelling Coy at ST GRATIEN at 11 am. With reference to the papers secured in German dugout by our patrol on 16th inst. (see entry 16 July) the Divisional General Staff asked today that the congratulations of the Divisional Commander be conveyed to the leader of the patrol (2/Lt. F. J. KENEALY) for the patrol's success in securing very valuable papers. It appears that these papers were enemy Divisional Army orders and were particularly interesting because of the fact that they disclosed the extent of the enemy's casualties from our gas projector attacks. A complete disposition map of the enemy battalion holding the frontage immediately South of the ANCRE River was also among the papers. The men were</p>	

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			<p>rested throughout the day. Shortage in clothing and equipment were taken - a regimental canteen, fully stocked, was opened in an old building on the outskirts of FRANVILLERS at midday. All ranks were paid. The Brigade Commander called on the CO during the afternoon. The trench strength of the battalion on proceeding into the line during night 1/2 July was 24 officers 486 other ranks and the strength on marching out during the night 17/18 July was 21 officers 448 other ranks. Casualties for the tour were: KILLED 6 other ranks. WOUNDED 1 officer (2/Lt. J. H. FLEMMING) and 28 other ranks. SELF INFLICTED WOUNDS 2 other ranks. WOUNDED: REMAINED AT DUTY 1 officer (2/Lt. F. J. KENEALY)</p>	

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VILLA Sector near FRAN VILLERS C29D35.70 Sheet 626	19 July 1918		<p>Weather fine and warm. One officer and 33 other ranks detached with 2nd Australian Snuffling Coy at ST GRATIEN rejoined the unit today. Men were employed on cleaning up equipment and clothing during the day and in improving existing accommodation in the Sector. The CO and Coy Comdts reconnoitred routes to the two forward brigade fronts and also inspected the line which this unit will hold in the event of the division being attacked. Particulars of the Battalion's action in case of attack will be given in the provisional Defence Scheme which will be issued within the next few days. All men were bathed at the FRAN VILLERS baths today. Clean clothing was issued.</p>	

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C29 B 3570 VILLA SOLA near FRANVILLERS Sheet 625	20 July 18		<p>Weather warm and fine. Thunder showers between 3 and 4 pm. Detailed inspections of platoons were carried out at 9 am. All clothing and equipment was checked. Men were busy employed on cleaning up and in constructing sand and bomb weather proof recesses in each Coy section. Signallers, Scouts, Observers, Lewis gunners, Bombers & Stretcher Bearers received instruction in their respective branches. (See Training Mem. No 8 Appendix No 24) Coy Commanders & Specialist Officers attended a meeting at Bn Hqs at 9.30 am. The CO went into various matters & issued instructions regarding training, reconnaissance, and orders. One officer, one NCO & one private from each Coy. Bn Hqs attended a meeting at Bn Hqs at 10.30 am for the purpose of</p>	APPENDIX No 24

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			organising sports within the battalion. A special "Sports" appendix will be attached to the diary at the end of the month in which matters relating to sport will be dealt with in detail. Three officers per Company, the Battalion I.O. and Scouts reconnoitred route & approaches to the Regio Bugara front. The war plays cricket during the afternoon	
C29D 35.70 VILLA Sola near Travellers Sheet 62 6	21 July 1918		Weather fine and warm. Draining in accordance with appendix No. 24 was proceeded with today. At 10.15 am the JOC Division inspected the landing party (see entry 12th inst) and the battalion sector. He was agreeably surprised to find the men so well & fit and so comfortably quartered. He warmly	J.P.S. L.H.S.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Congratulates Lieut KENEALY & his men on the fine effort they made in raiding the enemy posts on 12th inst & sympathised with them for the lack of identification. All banners were disinspected today in the FODEN disinspector. Coy C and RC voluntary Church services were held in Fransvillers during the morning. Company Commanders met at Headquarters at 9:30am and the new (temporary) organisation on the basis of battalion strength of 900 was put into training Mon. No. 9 (Appendix No 25) was issued at 7 pm.</p>	<p>APPENDIX No. 25</p>
<p>C29D 35.70 Sheet 62 B</p>	<p>22 July '18</p>		<p>Weather fine and warm. Training in accordance with training Mon. No. 9 (Appendix 25) was carried</p>	

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			<p>out. Arrangements have been made with the French Mission representative at Brigade Hqs for the cutting of crops in the battalion area. The area for 300 yards in front of the trenches held by the battalion is being cut and the crop used as fodder for horses & mules. Other crops are being cut under arrangements made by the down Major FRANVILLERS. A party from "D" Coy last night proceeded to the abandoned C.C.S. in the No Mans land of our last sector and secured enough old marquees to provide a dozen trench shelters. These additional shelters will have the effect of considerably improving the accommodation within the sector. Several cricket matches were played between Companies during the afternoon & in the evening,</p>	

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			<p>boxing enthusiasts gathered in an old house in FRANVILLERS and witnessed some willing bouts between members of the battalion. at 1:30pm an enemy aeroplane succeeded in penetrating our barrage & set fire to an observation balloon in the direction of BONNAY. A Provisional Battalion Defence Scheme was issued at 9:20pm and distributed to Coys. (appendix 26) Past experience has shown that the various details which go to make up a Battalion Hqs are not efficiently administered when attached to Companies. It is seldom possible for these details to parade with the Coys to which they are attached. The Coy Comdr never comes in contact with them. They are part of his Company on paper only; and in matters of leave, clothing,</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 26</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>rations, pay etc they are frequently overlooked. In order to overcome this difficulty & in order to improve the administration, a Hqs Coy has been formed in accordance with Circular Memor No. 64 attached as appendix 27. By this means the responsibilities of Specialist Officers are increased & the responsibilities of the Company Commanders correspondingly decreased. It is considered that under this organisation it will not be possible for men to so easily gravitate towards Bn Hqs posts at the expense of the Companies.</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 27</p>
C2923570	23 July 18		<p>Weather dull & overcast. Heavy rain between 9 am and 11 am. Showery throughout the day. Company Commanders & Specialist Officers</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>attended CO's Conference at 9.30 am. The Hqs Company organisation (appendix 27) was discussed. The provisional defence scheme was also explained & the necessary reconnaissances ordered. Training in accordance with training Mem. No. 9 was carried out between showers. The RMO lectured to the Battalion Sanitary personnel on "Sanitation" during the afternoon explaining the reasons for very strict & rigid sanitary measures. Crops were cut over the area for 300 Yards in front of our sector. Various int. company cricket matches were played during the afternoon.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i> Hqs</p>
<p>C29 D 3570 Sheet 626</p>	<p>24 July 18</p>		<p>Weather fine and warm. Training accord. ing to training Memorandum No. 9 was carried</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>out during the morning and the cricket matches between Companies were processed with parties of 2 officers & 4 NCOs per Coy were despatched to reconnoitre right front. 11 members of the battalion were tried by J.P.M. for AWOL & desertion. Full particulars are given in appendix "Discipline" at end of volume. The acting Brigadier inspected the battalion area during the morning. All rifles in the battalion have been inspected by the Battalion armorer who reports that they are in first class condition.</p>	
Crg D35.70	25 July 18		<p>Fine weather and warm. Some heavy thunder showers during the afternoon. Usual specialist training was carried out during the evening.</p>	J.P.M. Lieut.
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			<p>an area of 5 acres was cleared of crop. an officer from the Aust. War Record Section called during the day. He placed before the Co the importance of adequate battalion rep- resentation in the Australian National War Museums. The difficulties with which the battalion has to contend, especially in the line, were pointed out to him: but it is realised that special efforts must be made to secure trophies on behalf of the battalion. With this object in view, an NCO has been appointed whose duty it will be, both in the line & out, to gather in anything & everything likely to be of use to the Record Section. It is hoped to considerably increase the contributions from this unit as a consequence. All Coy</p>	

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			<p>carried the Cricket Championships another round ahead during the afternoon. All officers attended the CO's Conference at 7.30 pm this evening. Matters relative to trophies for War Record, Discipline, Sanitation & Organisation were discussed.</p>	<p>200 H.P.W. to</p>
<p>Camp 3570 Sheet 620</p>	<p>26 July 1918</p>		<p>Weather showery all day. At 10 pm verbal order was received from Brigade to the effect that the Battalion would move to ST GRATIEN on 26th. Battalion order No 144 was issued at 10.40 pm (see appendix No 28). The move was commenced at 8 am & all Coy were clear at 3.20 pm. The nucleus formations were relieved at 7 pm. Companies are billeted</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 28</p>

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ST GRATIEN			in the town of ST GRATIEN in fairly good & comfortable billets.	Bills Lien
ST GRATIEN	27 July 1918		Weather - Very heavy showers fell during the day. Billets are weathertight but yards are in the usual filthy state. Straw was purchased during the day for use of all Coys; and the comfort of billets considerably improved thereby. Training in accordance with appendix No. 25 was carried out as far as possible in billets & between showers, in billet yards. The Co's conference at 9.30 am was attended by Coy Commanders. Sanitation & sports were discussed. The Co pointed out that after the VILLA sector was vacated by Coys Friday a salvage party collected quite a considerable amount	

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			<p>of clothing equipment & foodstuffs. The weather was too wet in the afternoon to permit of cricket matches. A report from the RMO covering the insanitary state of bullet yards is appended (Appendix No. 29). The Experimental Canton was opened near BOR at 4 pm today.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO. 29 JAMES Lieut</p>
<p>ST GRATIEN B 27 Sheet 6</p>	<p>28 July 1918</p>		<p>Weather fine. Parasol training was carried out as usual during morning. Co's inspection of billets at 10 am. The RMO reports a great improvement in the state of bullet yards. Disinfectant has been freely used & covers have been removed to clear & dry positions. RC Church parade in Parish Church at 10.30 am. No</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Protestant services were held. Meeting of Sports Representatives at 1.30 pm. all boys & HQs were represented. Sports during the forthcoming period in wet were discussed and arranged. at 2pm received warning order from Brigade that the battalion would move to SALOEUL SW of AMIENS tomorrow. advance party of 1 officer & 5 men left by motor lorry, for purposes of billeting, at 4.30 pm. A special lecture on SANITATION was delivered to all ranks by Platoon Comdr in billets at 2 pm today.</p>	
ST GRATIEN	29 July 18		<p>Weather fine and warm. Brigade order relative to the move to HEM (not SALOEUL as previously advised) was received at 8 am. Battalion order</p>	

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Lieut

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>No 145 was issued at 10.40 am. Marching out parade was held at 12 noon. all men were backed at the Corps Barric near ST GRATIEN by 2 pm. The battalion transport moved off at 12.30 pm & proceeded to the new area by road. at 2.30 pm, Hqs details passed the starting point in accordance with appendix No 30 - QUERRIEU was reached at 3.30 pm. The battalion was disposed in a field in H 17 B and the men rested in the shade of the trees until 4.40 pm when the order to ambus was given. The column left at 5.30 pm. arrived without mishap at HEM at 6.40 pm. Billeting party met Companies here & guided them to their billets. all Coys are very comfortably marked in</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 30</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HEM 2 D 31.85 Ref Que AMIENS 1/100,000			<p>large airy factories. Plenty of room. The men are more comfortable than they have ever been in France. The men SOMME flow past the billets & plenty of food remaining is available. The regimental canteen does had come forward by the transport & the canteen was open, ready for business and with a comprehensive stock, on the arrival of the Battalion. A hot meal was served at 7 pm. The Bgc called at 8.30 pm & inquired after the comfort of the men. A copy of the Regimental Medical Officer's weekly report is appended (appendix No. 31). A special report from the RMO asked for in view of appendix No. 14 to this volume is also appended. (appendix No. 32)</p>	<p>APPENDIX No. 31 APPENDIX No. 32</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HEM	30 July 18		<p>Weather fine & warm. Brigade ordered that no training was to be undertaken today. Platoons were inspected at 8.30 am & the usual daily gas drill was carried out. Men were then dismissed. A large number spent the day in the Canal & river. As many as wish to go were given passes to visit nearby villages. The canteen secured 8 barrels of beer for the men during the morning. This was retailed during the day & was greatly appreciated. Major R. Mc. AITCHISON departed for a four days course at the Camouflage factory at WIMMEREUX and Capt W. H. L. MACDONALD assumed command of the battalion. The CO conferred with all officers at 9.30 am & pointed out faults he had noted.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>during the move from ST. GRATIEN to HEM. Sports were also discussed. The battalion officers & sergeants messes were opened in the evening. Training memorandum No. 11 (see appendix No. 33) was issued & the Co. outlined tomorrow's work to all officers at 7:30 pm.</p>	<p>APPENDIX No. 33</p>
HEM	31 July 18		<p>Weather fine and warm. Training as set out in appendix No. 33 was carried out during the morning. In the afternoon a cricket match between teams from 57 Battalion and 60 Battalion was played on the sports ground in vicinity of Bn Hqs. Scores were first innings 60 Bn 33: 57 Bn 48. Second innings not completed. 57 won by 15 runs. The 5th Divisional Concert party have arranged</p>	<p>J.P.H.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>to play at the Hospice near this battalion's headquarters tonight & succeeding nights unless further notice. admission is free - at the Co's inspection today the billets occupied by 'C' Coy were judged the best kept &</p>	
			<p>best in the battalion. Appendix No 34 is attached for information.</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 34</p>
			<p>The following monthly appendices are attached Movements of all officers in and out of the Battalion during the month (appendix No 35)</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 35</p>
			<p>Recommendations submitted to Higher authority for award during month of July (appendix 36)</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 36</p>
			<p>Statement of Specialist training carried out for month of July (appendix No 37)</p>	<p>APPENDIX No 37</p>

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			Diary of the transport officer (appendix no 50)	APPENDIX NO 50
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<p>Compiled by:</p> <p><i>B.P. Chamberlain</i> Lieut & Adj. Gen.</p>				

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DISPOSITIONS

BATTALION	
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Date - JUL 18	

LEFT BATTALION: LEFT BRIGADE.
 LEFT DIVISION: AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

The Battalion is disposed as follows :-

Battalion Headquarters are situated in the small cellar of a ruined house at D.29.B.2-3. Headquarters Details are quartered in cellars in the vicinity.

Three observation posts are maintained at

D.23.C.05-50.

D.24.B.6-4.

E.25.A.80-95.

R.A.P. is situated in Chalk Pit at D.30.A.9-1.

Vickers Machine Guns are emplaced as under :-

E.19.D.40-35.

E.25.D.7-1.

D.24.A.70-15.

D.30.B.70-85.

D.30.B.5-8.

D.30.D.85-80.

D.30.D.3-6.

D.23.D.80-40 to D.23.D.90-15 (Battery of 4 Guns).

D.28.B.6-4.

D.28.B.95-05.

The 12th London Regiment is on our Left and 59th Australian Battalion on our right.

RIGHT FRONT COMPANY.

Disposed in posts as under :-

No 1 Post. E.25.D.9-1

2 Lewis Guns, 2 N.C.Os. and 13 others.

No 2 Post. E.25.D.90-35.

2 Lewis Guns, 5 N.C.Os. and 12 others.

No 3 Post. E.25.D.9-4.

1 N.C.O. and 4 others.

No 4 Post. E.25.D.7-6

1 Lewis Gun, 1 N.C.O. and 6 others.

No 5 Post. E.25.B.5-2

2 Lewis Guns, 1 Officer and 23 Others.

No 6 Post. E.25.B.6-4

1 Lewis Gun, 2 N.C.Os and 6 others.

Company Headquarters at E.25.D.7-1.

The Company Front is protected by a single concertina obstacle.

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The posts on the left are in dug in swampy ground and are not as dry as could be desired. They are but two feet deep and protected by breastworks. The posts on the right are placed in a continuous trench running from Southern Battalion Boundary to Eastern edge of VILLE SUR ANCRE.

LEFT FRONT COMPANY.

1, 2 and 3 Platoons holding approximately equal frontages from the River to the Railway. No 4 Platoon from RAILWAY inclusive to Left Battalion Boundary. Company Headquarters at E.19.C.8-0.

Each platoon has two Lewis Guns and each platoon frontage is protected by a Listening Post forty yards out and forward of the wire. There is a single belt of wire along the Company front equal to a single Concertina obstacle.

The trench is in good order but requires deepening. The field of fire in many places is not good.

SUPPORT COMPANY.

Disposed in trench running from E.19.D.50-25. to E.25.B.00-45. Company Headquarters at E.25.a.40-75. Each platoon has two Lewis Guns. The trench is in good condition.

RESERVE COMPANY.

Disposed in EMU Support Trench from D.30.B.1-2 to D.24.D.6-1. Company Headquarters at D.30.A.9-2 in Chalk Cliff. One platoon in on South side of BUIRE - DERNANCOURT road. Remaining three platoons on Northern side of this road. All men are quartered in Splinter-proof dugouts. The Field of fire is poor from most parts of the trench. The Company acts as ration carriers to Front line Companies. Each Platoon has 2 Lewis Guns.

J.B. Williams

ADJUT. 57th BATTALION, A.I.F.

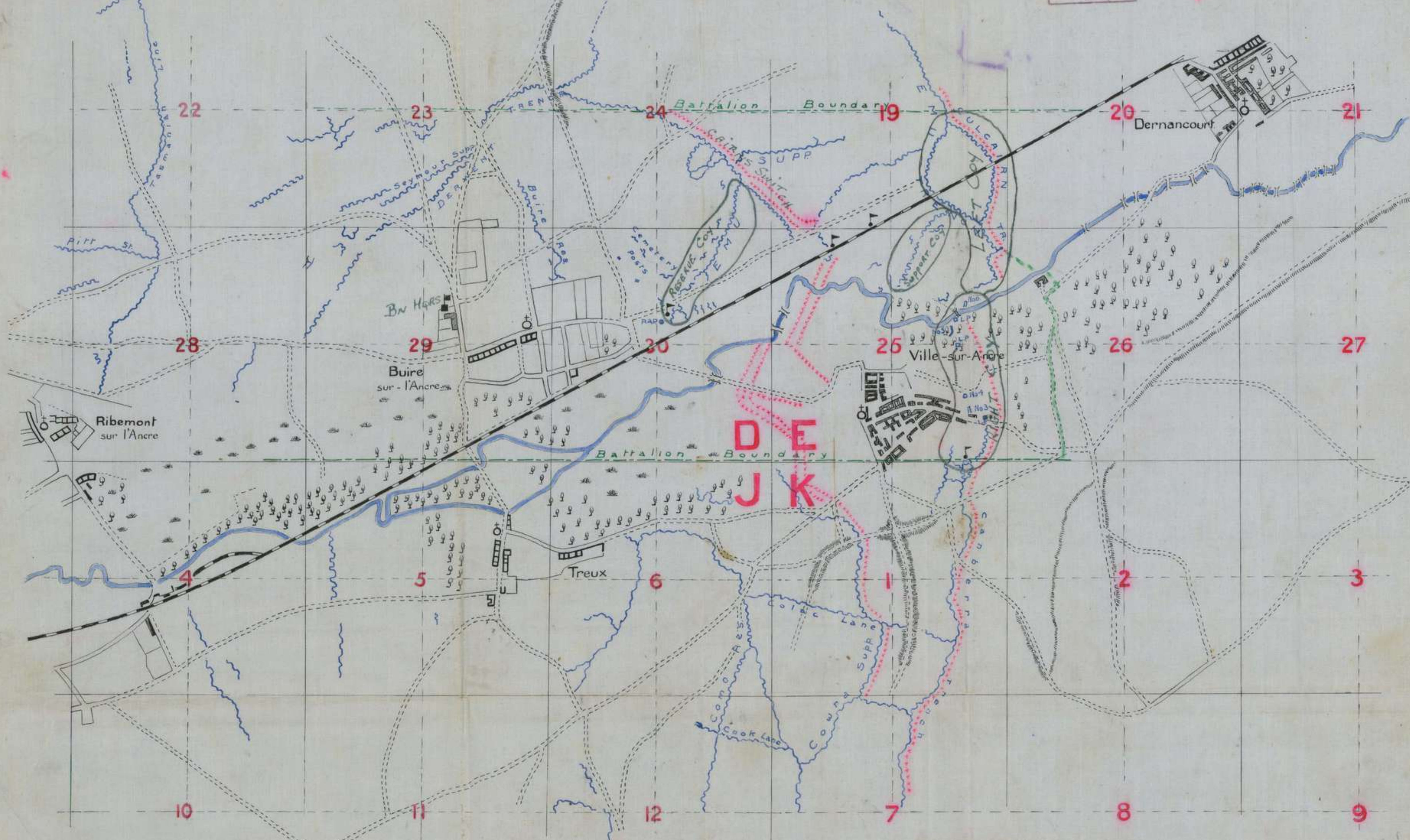
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New line established 4 July 1918
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Ref: Sheet 62 D. N.E.
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2nd JULY 1918.

1. It is intended to enlarge the scope of harassing fire during the hours of darkness to include enemy works, strong points, machine gun and trench mortar positions in his front system.
2. In order that this can be brought about and patrols can still be carried out in safety, the following scheme is to be put into force.
3. The Battalion frontage has been divided into three equal areas of 500 yards, each area being named as under:-

<u>BOB.</u>	<u>North Boundary.</u>	Grid Line through E.19 Central.
	<u>South Boundary.</u>	Grid Line between E;19 and E.25.
<u>BILL.</u>	<u>North Boundary.</u>	Grid Line between E.19 and E.25.
	<u>South Boundary.</u>	Grid Line through E.25 Central.
<u>TED.</u>	<u>North Boundary.</u>	Grid Line through E.25 Central.
	<u>South Boundary.</u>	Grid Line between E.25 and K.1.

4. If at any time it is desired to carry out harassing fire as detailed in Para 1 above, Companies on receipt of the Order BOB, BILL or Ted will clear the area specified of patrols, advising Battalion Headquarters as soon as the area is clear.

A C K N O W L E D G E. Verbally by telephone.

J.P. Fishman

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

Issued at 7.P.M.

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57th BATTALION ORDER NO 130.Ref: 62 D. N.E.
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3rd JULY 1918.

1. On "Z" Day at an hour to be notified later, the 5th AUST. Division will carry out a series of Minor operations against enemy's System opposite the Divisional Front in conjunction with a Major operation to be carried out elsewhere.

The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will carry out a raid and Chinese Attack on enemy front line opposite the Right Brigade Front.

2. On "Z" Day the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will attack and capture that portion of trench now occupied by the enemy between K.2.A.10-20 on the SOUTH and the River ANCRE on the NORTH - (E.26.A.3-6) with the object of improving our observation along the MORLANCOURT Valley. Two Companies 59th Battalion and one Company 58th Battalion will carry out this operation and one Company 60th Battalion and one Platoon 58th Battalion will be made available to repel counter attack if required.

The operation will be supported by Artillery, Trench Mortar and Machine Gun Fire. 8th A.L.T.M.B. will co-operate with 15th A.L.T.M.B. The objective, when gained, will be consolidated in depth.

3. Watches will be synchronised by Runner twice during the 8 hours preceding Zero.
4. Company Commanders will take all necessary precautions against possible enemy retaliation.

ACKNOWLEDGE verbally by telephone.

DESTROY CAREFULLY WHEN READ.

"Z" Day 4 July 1918 ZERO HOUR 3.10 A.M.

Issued by Runner at 7 p.m.

Sd/ F. B. McWHANNELL. LIEUT.
ADJT. 57th BATTALION.A.I.F?

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SUMMARY OF MESSAGES.

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No.	Time	From	To	Senders No.	Text of message.
1	3.30.a.m.	O.S.C. A,B,C, and D.Coys.	Adjutant	Verbal	We are alright.
2	4. a.m.	-do-	Adjutant	"	Enemy shelling very light.
3	4.30.a.m.	O.C. A.Coy.	Adjutant	"	We are being lightly shelled.
4	4.32.a.m.	O.C. D.Coy.	Adjutant	"	We are being severely shelled and have sustained 3 or 4 casualties.
5	4.43.a.m.	C.O. 59th Battalion	Adjutant	Al30	Am having trouble on left flank E.26.A. and C. Will you please arrange to clear up and advise.
6	5.5 a.m. Delayed by Phone in- terruption	Adjutant	C.O. 59th Battalion	Verbal.	Your Al30 not clear. What exactly do you wish us to do?
7	5.8 a.m.	C.O.59th Battalion	Adjutant	Verbal	Situation on the left obscure. Apparently both flanks held up. Want you render what assistance you can on left flank along RIVER ANCRE.
8	5.13.a.m.	Adjutant	O.C. B.Coy.	Al42	Col. Scanlon advises that his left flank is having trouble. You will at once render any assistance possible working along River ANCRE. Advise action taken.
9	5.20.a.m.	Adjutant	O.C. A.Coy.	Verbal.	Get in touch with left of attack and report position to me at once please.
10	5.20.a.m.	Adjutant	O.C. D.Coy.	Al43	Be prepared to move to occupy B Company's Sector at a moments notice. Send an Officer to O.C. B. at once to ascertain what action he is taking with regard to rendering assistance to D Company of 58th Battalion.

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11	5.45.a.m.	O.C. A. Coy	Adjutant	Verbal	<p>! Maintain close liaison with O.C. B Company ! so that you may assist him as far as lays ! in your power. ! Keep me advised of what is doing.</p>
12	5.50.a.m.	Adjutant	Brigade Forward Station	Verbal	<p>! O.C. A. Coy. reports left flank of object- ! ive gained and our troops digging in along ! road.</p>
13	6. a.m.	O.C. A. Coy.	Adjutant	McD.128	<p>! Visited left Company of attack at 5.30a.m. ! Saw Lt. Flintoff who was then already dug in ! on the road. His left flank was a post ! about twenty yards forward of the house. He ! was organised and in good order? Casualties ! very slight. I reconnoitred the house area ! and the left of the stream at that point ! and could see enemy system of posts in ! front of my Company. These are posts dug ! into a large crop area. Suggest this as a ! reason for the distinctness of tracks to ! these posts as shown on air photographs of ! 30/6/18. The right of our line is useless ! now for firing line. Would suggest at once ! three posts at intervals along dotted line ! on photographs with a bridge about ! E.26.A.65-05 (Photograph) Could fix these ! posts tonight if necessary. As the range ! has lengthened on right of my Company I ! have sent withdrawn men into front line ! again. Lt. Flintoff wanted some extra ! bombs so pending his getting some forward ! from his people I sent him over a couple ! of boxes. In the event of enemy counter- ! attack my two lewis guns in position where ! dotted line leaves the trench (photograph)</p>

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No.	Time	From	To	Senders No.	Text of message.
					!cover well the whole flat forward of the ! present left of 58th Battalion front. ! I do not think many enemy ^{were} encountered. ! I found an enemy haversack containing his ! rations, knife, fork, spoon, toothbrush ! and one of our 23 Mills Grenades, at a ! point 100 yards rear of house. The spot ! which received most shelling during oper- ! ation in our sector was the junction of ! EMU TRENCH RIGHT and SAP to front line = ! about 15 direct hits on this spot. ! Shortly after daybreak 5.a.m. about two ! hundred enemy were seen from ravine at ! point grid line between K.81.C. and K.14.A. ! apparently watching the operation. Lack ! of weapons to carry so far prevented their ! inclusion in the operation. Our ! casualties 1 Slightly wounded.
14	6.20.a.m.	O.C. B.Coy.	Adjutant	EKK 31.	!Lieut.Dickinson is moving No 5 Platoon ! along River ANCRE and endeavouring to get ! touch with 58th Battalion Company's left ! flank. Situation there is obscure.
15	7.50.a.m.	O.C. D.Coy.	Adjutant	E.2.	!An Officer of this Company has just return- ! ed from B.Company. O.C. B. Company sent ! Lieut.Dickinson forward. Lieut.Morrison ! from this Company saw Dickinson with O.C. ! B.Company and the position on 58th left ! was O.K. The Bridge between us and B ! Company is blown up - they managed to climb ! across on a fallen tree but this method is ! no good for getting men over. B. Company ! Casualties light, about 6. A. Company 1. ! D.Company 1 Killed 3 Wounded.
16	9.10.a.m.	O.C. B.Coy.	Adjutant	EKK 35	!I have been in touch with the left flank of ! 58th Reserve platoon which rests on the ! River ANCRE. I have put a post of thirteen ! men with two Lewis guns to fill a gap ! between Lt. Flintoft's right and Capt Dawson's ! left.

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No	Time	From	To	Senders No.	Text of message.
					!Line is now completely established and everything appears !to be right. I have withdrawn Nos. 3 and 4. No 5 moved !up to line. These three posts all suffered casualties. !One Lewis Gun has been blown out. Telephone in No 5 Post !completely destroyed. We have sent two S.O.S. Grenades !to Capt. Dawson. This leaves us with only one. Telephone !line back to you has been damaged beyond repair. Linemen !are now endeavouring to run a new line back to you, !avoiding the village. Can you send me another Officer? !I am very short handed. Things are ^{now} fairly quiet. During !the past hour there has been a heavy barrage right !across the low ground from VILLE to the River ANCRE
17	11. a.m.	C.O.	O.C. C.Coy	Verbal.	!Lieut. C.S.A. Noad to report to O.C. B. Company for duty at !once.
18	12. Noon.	C.O.	O.C. B. Coy	A.144	!Your post of 13 men and two Lewis Guns will remain in !new line until such time as Capt Dawson can do without !it.
19	7.15.p.m.	O.C. B. Coy.	Adjutant	EKK 36	!Whole objective has been consolidated. New line is held !by two Companies 59th, one Company 60th, five platoons !of 58th Battalion and two of my Lewis Gun teams. The new !line is very quiet. We have been heavily shelled all day !and are still being bombarded with 8 inch from direction !of MALARD WOOD. The left half of our trench is almost !completely wrecked. Capt. Jennings' Headquarters has !been blown out and at present we have no communication !whatever. My men have been very badly shaken up and are !nearly all affected by shock. Their nerves are completely !gone. At least a dozen have asked to be sent out to the !Doctor. These are all old and tried men who can stand a !good deal. If it can possibly be arranged I would !strongly advise that the Company be relieved. Failing !that I would like permission to send out all the men who !are suffering from shock. They are only in the way and !have a bad effect on the remainder? Personally I am !quite capable of carrying on but the majority of my men !are not.
20	8.30.p.m.	Adjutant	O.C. B. Coy	A.152	!Quite impossible relieve B. Company before night 5/6th !July.

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No	Time	From	To	Senders No.	Text of message.
21	5. p.m.	O.C. "A" Company.	C.O.	Verbal	Suggest that I be permitted to push my right forward by the construction of a line of posts from left of new position to Culcairn Trench about E.25.B.9-8. Please approve.
22	5.15.p.m.	C.O.	O.C. "A" Company.	Verbal	Your suggestion regarding pushing forward of line approved.
23	8.36.p.m.	O.C. A, C, & D. Coys.	Adjutant	Verbal	Enemy opened up heavy bombardment on newly captured position and to rear of it.
24	8.40.p.m.	C.O.	O.C. "A" Company	Verbal	Telephone line to B. Company cut. Endeavour ascertain what is happening there.
25	9. p.m.	O.C. "A" Company	C.O.	Verbal	Bridge over river destroyed. Two volunteers swam across to gain touch with left of 58th Battalion Company. Will advise you as soon as they return.
26	9.50.p.m.	O.C. "A" Company	C.O.	Verbal	Am in touch with left of new position. Lt. Flintoft has suffered heavy casualties. I have sent 1 N.C.O. and 6 men to his assistance. This party had to swim the ANCRE RIVER to gain Lt. Flintoft's position.
27	10.5 .p.m.	O.C. "A" Company	C.O.	Verbal	Bombardment practically ceased. Situation on my right now quiet.
28	11. p.m.	Observation Post.	I.O.	Situation Report.	S.O.S. observed on our right at 8.42.p.m. Our barrage came down at 8.48.p.m. and remained until 10.5.p.m. At 10.p.m., enemy bombardment slackened.
29	2.45.a.m. (5th)	O.C. "C" Company	I.O.	J.I.S.	Enemy shelled reserve line intermittently with 4.2 howitzer during night - now quiet.
30	3.30.a.m.	O.C. "B" Company	C.O.	E.K.K.38	Maintained close touch with D Company 58th Battalion throughout the night. He reports everything right.

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57th BATTALION ORDER NO 131Ref: 62 D. N.E.
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4th JULY 1918.

1. (a) As a supplementary Operation to that detailed in Battalion Order No 130 it is intended to raid and "mop up" the terrace occupied by the enemy from K.2.A.5-3 to K.2.A.75-90.
- (b) This operation will be carried out at 12.50.a.m. on 5/7/18.
2. The 60th Battalion is detailed to carry out this raid with one Company of approximate strength of 2 Officers and 80 Others.
3. Artillery, Trench Mortars and Machine Guns are co-operating.
4. Watches will be synchronised from Battalion Headquarters 3 hours before Zero.
5. Company Commanders will take necessary precautions against possible enemy retaliation.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE verbally by telephone.

sd/

F. B. McWHANNELL. LIEUT.
ADJT. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.NOTE.

Prisoners report that the Bank and Quarry which form the objective for the operation, is not held in any strength. It is intended to patrol this area immediately after night-fall to ascertain if any concentration of enemy force is apparent. If the operation is cancelled, the code word "BEE" will be sent by telephone.

Issued at 5.p.m. by Runner.

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The code word "Bee" received at 10:55pm
and sent out to all recipients of
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266 57TH BATTALION ORDER NO 132.

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5th JULY 1918.

1. Projectors installed at E.7.C.90-35 (Left Brigade Front) will be discharged on the first night that weather conditions permit.
2. Zero hour will be at 11.45.p.m. and "Z" Day will be notified later.
3. The code word "GLASS" will be sent to Companies to signify that the discharge will take place on the day that the code word is sent.
4. The Divisional Artillery and Machine Gun Battalion are co-operating with the discharge.
5. Company Commanders will take all necessary precautions against possible retaliation
6. ACKNOWLEDGE verbally by telephone.

J.P. Williams

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5th JULY 1918.

1. "C" Company, 57th Battalion will relieve "D" Company plus one Platoon 58th Battalion in the newly captured positions in the Battalion right subsector during the night 5th/6th July 1918.
2. O.C. "C" Company will despatch a party of one Officer and 2 N.C.Os as soon as darkness falls to get in touch with O.C. "D" Company 58th Battalion. This party will arrange for guides to meet "C" Company and guide to positions to be occupied. O.C. "C" Company will determine the route to be taken. The Company will move at 11.15.p.m.
3. "D" Company, 58th Battalion, after relief by "C" Company, 57th Battalion, will act in accordance with instructions issued by C.O. 58th Battalion. "B" Company, 57th Battalion will move from present position at 11.45.p.m. in sections at 30 yards. One Officer and two N.C.Os will be despatched to Reserve Company at once to take over all trench stores and duties.
4. "C" Company will consume the first hot meal in the Reserve Line. "B" Company will receive first hot meal after arrival in Reserve Line. O.C. "D" Company will detail a party to carry first hot meal forward to A and D Companies at 10.30.p.m. O.C. "B" Company will report to the Adjutant as quickly as possible whether, in his opinion, his men are able to carry second hot meal forward to Companies at 1.30.a.m.
5. Lists of trench stores taken over must be sent in to Battalion Headquarters by first runner after relief. O.C. "C" Company must carefully report amount of S.A.A. and Bombs in his new area.
O.C. "B" Company will detail a party of 1 Senior N.C.O. and 12 men to carry trench stores in his present position forward to the position to be taken over by "C" Company tonight. This party will report to Reserve Line as soon as the task is completed.
6. O.C. "C" Company will forward to Battalion Headquarters by first runner detailed sketch showing new dispositions.
7. Completion of relief will be telephoned to Battalion Headquarters in code.

ACKNOWLEDGE verbally by telephone.


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Issued by runner at 5.20 P.m.

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4	D. ""
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57th BATTALION ORDER NO L34Ref: 62 D. N.E.
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5th JULY 1918.

1. (a) It is proposed to re-emplace the 200 Gas projectors firing on the DERNANCOURT Sector at E.19.D.45-15 and to discharge them on enemy shelters and dugouts along the road between E.26.B.9-2 and E.27.C.9-9 tonight 5th/6th July.
 - (b) Zero hour will be 1.45.a.m.
 2. The following code words will be used :-

Operation will take place :	BUZ
Operation cancelled :	FIZ
Operation complete :	WOFFLE.
 3. (a) A Special Gas Alert will be maintained by all Companies from 10.30.p.m.
 - (b) The BAB Code will be used for all messages having connection with Gas.
 4. Any noise caused by limbers carrying bombs forward will be covered by Machine Gun and Trench Mortar fire.
 5. The areas in which special precautions are to be taken and the areas to be cleared are shown in sketch attached. (A Company only).
- ACKNOWLEDGE verbally by telephone.

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

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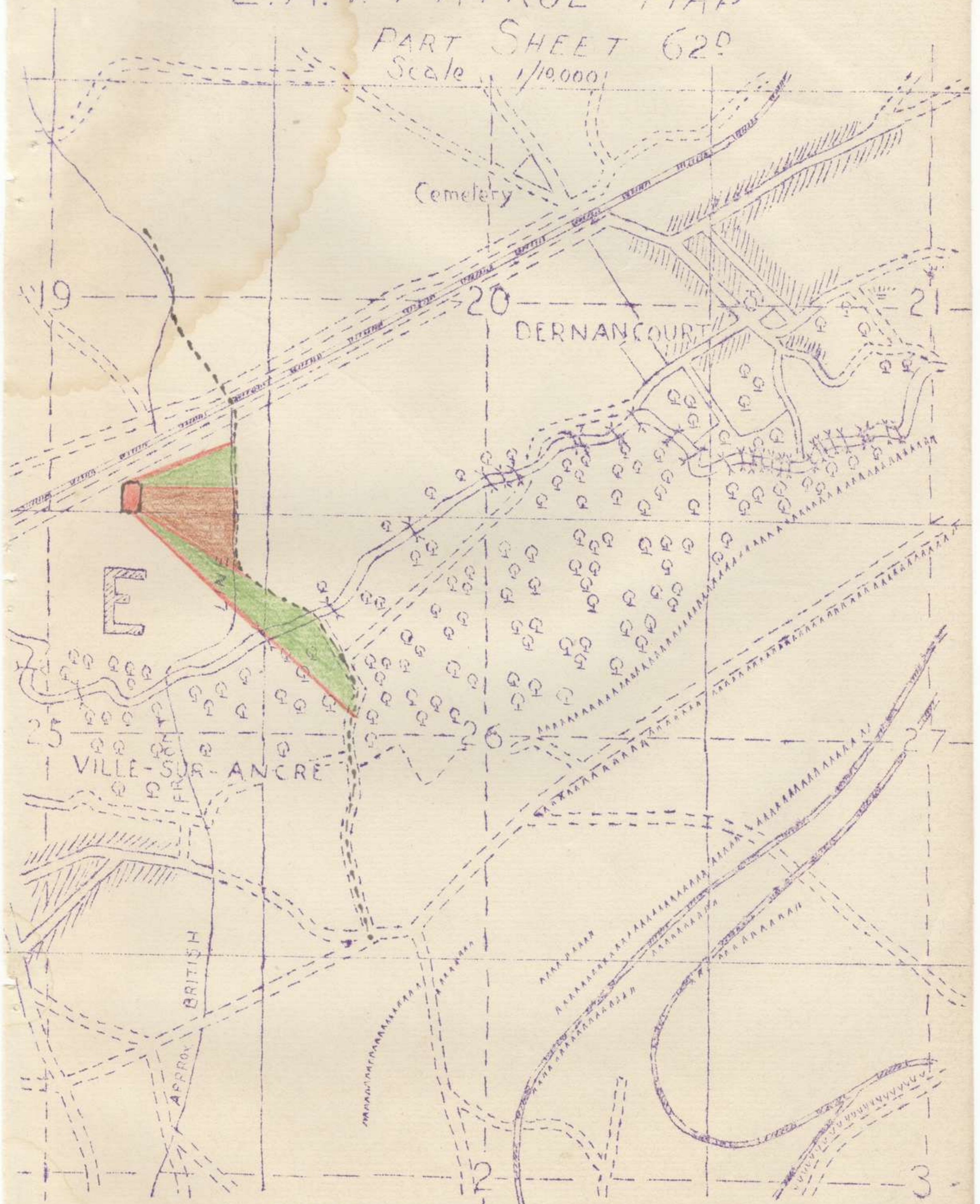


E.A.V. PATROL MAP

PART SHEET 620

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Approx BRITISH FRONT LINE

LEGEND:

- EMPLACEMENT.
- MASKS TO BE WORN IN THIS AREA.
- THIS AREA TO BE CLEARED OF OUR TROOPS.

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7th JULY 1918.

1. "D" Company will relieve "A" Company in the left Subsector of the Battalion Front during the night 7th/8th July 1918.
2. Subject to the terms of this order all details of the relief will be arranged mutually between the Company Commanders concerned.
3. Every precaution will be taken to prevent observation by the enemy. No movement will take place before 10.30.p.m.
4. After relief "A" Company will occupy positions vacated by "D" Company.
5. O.C. Reserve Company will arrange to send the second hot meal forward to "A" and "D" Companies in new positions.
6. Receipts for all trench stores taken over and handed over will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by first runner after relief.
7. Completion of relief will be telephoned to Battalion Headquarters in Code.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE verbally by telephone.

Issued at 1.p.m. by runner.

J.P. Hamill
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LEFT BATTALION.

LEFT BRIGADE.

LEFT DIVISION.

PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME.

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1. BATTALION BOUNDARIES.

NORTH. East and West line through E.19.Central.

SOUTH Grid line between K.2. and E.26.

2. DISPOSITIONS OF BATTALION.

The Front Line is held with 2 Companies the inter-Company boundary being the RIVER ANCRE.

- (a) The Right Front line Company occupies a series of posts on the general line of the road running North and South through E.26.A. & C.
- (b) The Left Front Line Company has 3 platoons in a continuous trench from E.19.D.45-95 to E.19.D.85-00 and 1 platoon disposed in 3 small posts between E.19.D.85-00 and E.26.A.15-60.
- (c) Support Company is disposed with 3 platoons in EMU TRENCH and 1 platoon in CAIRNS SWITCH.
- (d) Reserve Company in EMU SUPPORT TRENCH.

Battalion Headquarters in cellar at D.29.B.20-30.

3. PRINCIPLES OF DEFENCE.

- (a) The Front Line will be held as thinly as is consistent with security and remainder of battalion distributed in depth.
- (b) Active patrolling to retain control of NO MAN'S LAND and to gain information as to the enemy's intentions.
- (c) Troops will not fall back from any one line to another even if their flanks are turned.

4. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

- (a) There will be no withdrawal from the front line but Companies will hold on to the last.
- (b) Should any part of our front line be penetrated by the enemy, an immediate counter attack will be launched. The O.C. Support Company will prepare plans for counter attack to restore our line or any part of the battalion front.
- (c) In the event of the enemy securing a lodgement in the Battalion sector immediately North of our line, a defensive flank facing North will be formed. 3 Platoons of the Support Company will occupy Communication Trench from D.19.D.40-60 to D.19.C.30-10. and 1 Platoon in EMU TRENCH South of the railway. The Reserve Company will occupy CAIRNS SWITCH from D.24.D.80-20 to D.24.D.20-90 with 2 platoons, remaining 2 platoons to be held in reserve in EMU SUPPORT.
- (d) In the event of the enemy penetrating VILLE - SUR - ANCRE or on the South side of the river the Support Company will form a defensive flank along the NORTH Bank of the river from E.25.B.50-50 to E.25.A.20-50.

Reserve Company will detail 1 platoon to garrison breast-work defences guarding the bridge in D.30.D.

Company Commanders will prepare schemes for the defence of their sectors and action for counter attack, copies to be submitted to Battalion Headquarters.

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5. Vickers Machine Guns for the defence of the Sector are emplaced as under :-

- x E.19.D.40-35
- E.25.B.80-90
- E.25.D.70-10
- D.24.D.70-15
- D.30.B.70-85
- D.30.B.50-80
- D.30.D.35-80
- D.30.D.30-60
- D.28.B.60-40
- D.28.B.95-05

Battery of 4 M.Gs D.23.D.80-40 to D.23.D.90-15.

6. 6" Newton Mortars.

Emplacements at

- E.25.C.50-40
- E.25.D.40-40
- E.25.A.30-70
- E.19.D.10-20
- E.19.D.20-25
- D.30.A.90-05

7. 3" Stokes Mortar positions.

8. R.A.P. in Quarry D.30.A.90-00.

T. J. [Signature]
for [Signature]

MAJOR.
T. Commanding 57th Battalion.A.I.F.

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APPENDIX NO I

TO

PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME.

ADMINISTRATIVE

ARRANGEMENTS.

1. AMMUNITION.

Dumps are maintained as under :-

	S.A.A.	BOMBS.
HEADQUARTERS.	15,000	30 Boxes.
LEFT COMPANY.	20,000	80 "
RIGHT "	30,000	100 "
SUPPORT "	20,000	45 "
RESERVE "	70,000	65 "

2. RATIONS.

(a) Cookers are stationed at Transport Lines where all cooking is done. Cooked food and dry rations come forward by first line transport to the Ration Dump at Reserve Company Headquarters. The Reserve Company carry all rations forward to line and Support Companies. Rations are dumped at Ration Dump as under :-

10.30.p.m. First Hot meal and dry rations.

1.30.a.m. Second hot meal.

(b) Water is drawn from well at D.30.A.9-2 and is carried forward by Reserve Company.

(c) Reserve Rations as under are held at Battalion Headquarters :-

600 Iron Rations.
 150 Gallons Water.

3. MEDICAL.

The R.A.P. is at D.30.A.9-1. Wounded are carried to Motor Post at D.29.D.1-9.

4. A Battalion Canteen is established in a cellar in BUIRE near Battalion Headquarters.

5. SALVAGE.

All Companies must keep their areas clear of Salvage. Empty tins, for treatment at the Brigade Solder Kiln, and all salvage paper and cardboard must be sent to the ration dump nightly for removal to Q.M. Store by returning ration limbers.

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APPENDIX NO 2.
TO
PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME.
WORKS POLICY.

1. The order of importance is

- (a) Completion of wiring of CULCAIRN SWITCH and CULCAIRN TRENCH.
- (b) Construction of fire bays and fire steps in CULCAIRN SWITCH.
- (c) Strengthening of wire in front of right Company Sector.
- (d) Strengthening of wire in front of Support line.
- (e) Widening and deepening Communication Trench between CULCAIRN TRENCH and EMU TRENCH.
- (f) Construction of splinter proof shelters in right Company Sector.

The Battalion Works Officer is responsible that all work is properly carried out and that the Works Report is rendered to Brigade Headquarters by first run daily. He will detail the necessary working parties through the Adjutant and he will advise Brigade daily of any parties required outside the Battalion.

J. B. H. Samuel
LIEUT.
ADJT. 57th BATTALION. A. I. F.

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9th JULY 1918.

1. "B" Company will relieve "C" Company in the right Company subsector of the Battalion front during the night 10th/11th inst.
2. "C" Company on relief will occupy the Reserve sector vacated by "B" Company.
3. O.S.C. "B" and "C" Companies will exchange one Officer and two N.C.Os during the night 9th/10th inst. These parties will take over all trench stores and duties, reconnoitre sectors and assist in the speedy relief of the Companies during the night 10th 11th inst.
4. Subject to the terms of this order all details of the relief will be mutually arranged between the Company Commanders concerned.
5. Every precaution against enemy observation will be taken. No movement will take place before 10.15.p.m.
6. Receipts for trenchstores taken over will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by first runner after relief.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE verbally by telephone.

B. J. Hamer

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HISTORY OF

MINOR OPERATION CARRIED

OUT BY

57th BATTALION. A. I. F.

AT 12.15.A.M. 12.7.1918.

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To Headquarters
15th A. I. Brigade.

Reference the B.G.C.'s Conversation regarding the possibility of a raid in front of this Units sector -
The following is forwarded for consideration :

The enemy is holding a series of small posts from E.26.A.40-75 to E.26.A.20-95. Information obtained from aeroplane photographs reveal the fact that these posts are unconnected and have a listening post 25 yards in front at about E.26.A.35-80. Patrols verify the existance of this listening post which on the night of 5th/6th July was held by at least 10 men.

The whole system of posts are dug in a crop area and cannot be observed from our line. They are protected by concertina wire concealed in the crop

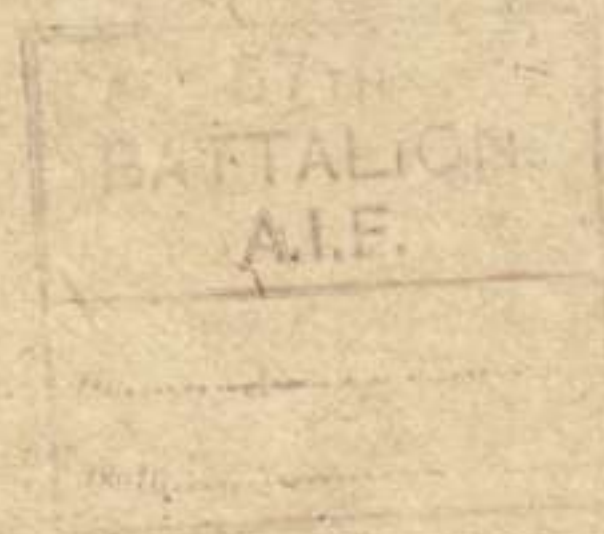
I consider that a raid could be successfully carried out between the points specified and make the following suggestions:

1. The Raiding Party to consist of 1 Officer, 35 Other Ranks and attack from the direction of posts established at E.26.A.00-85 to E.26.A.10-70. This party to be withdrawn from the line to undergo a special course of training in rear.
2. The action of the artillery during the raid will be to form a box barrage around the posts to be raided, engage enemy T.M. and M.G. positions and counter battery work. During the operation artillery will not fire on the posts to be raided.
3. Action of 6" Newton Mortars previous to the operation will be to cut enemy wire in front of the posts to be raided and during the operation to engage selected targets in rear of the enemy front line of posts.
4. 3" Stokes Mortars will at Zero bombard the enemy posts to be raided for a period of 2 minutes and will then lift to the flanks.

Suggested tasks for Artillery, Trench Mortars and Machine Guns will be forwarded later.

Tracing showing posts to be raided herewith.

P.M. Hutchison MAJOR.
T/C.O. 57th BATTALION, A.I.F.



57th BATTALION ORDER NO 135

6th JULY 1918.

1. A minor operation will be undertaken by the Battalion within the next few days. The operation will take the form of a raid on enemy posts in front of left Company Sector.
2. The undermentioned Officer and N.C.Os have been selected to participate:

	Lieut.	F. J. KENEALY.	A. Company.
2930	Sgt.	F. W. Brown.	"
3057	Cpl	H. R. Clutterbuck.	"
4964	L/C	S. E. Wathen.	"
2261	Cpl	R. Stephenson.	D. Company.
4915	L/C	H. Spedding.	"
3. O.C. "A" Company will detail 8 men and O.C. "D" Company will detail 16 men for the operation.
4. Os.C. "A" and "D" Companies will forward to the Adjutant by Special Runner at once nominal roll of men selected.
5. The Officer and N.C.Os. detailed in para. 2 and the men specified in para. 3. above will march out from the line before dawn on the morning of 7th July and proceed to D.27.A.00-35 where they will be accommodated for rest and training until "Z" Day. This party will consume the second hot meal before leaving present positions.
6. Arrangements regarding rationing etc. after dawn 7th inst. will be communicated to the Officer in charge of the party later.

J.B. [Signature]
 LIEUT.
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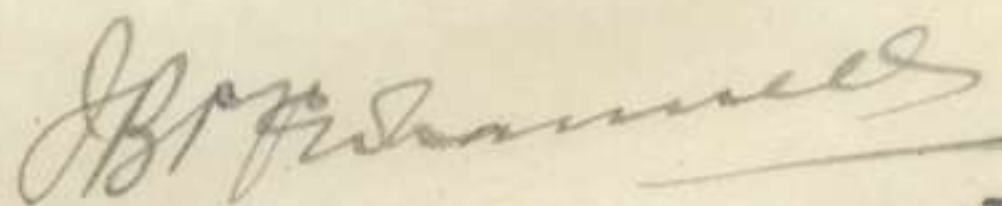
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1. A Raid against enemy posts in E.20.C. and E.26.A. will be carried out by a party of one Officer and 43 Other Ranks from "A" and "D" Companies on "Z" Day at a time to be notified later.
2. The object of the raid will be
 - (a) to kill or capture as many of the enemy as possible.
 - (b) to obtain identification.
 - (c) to inflict damage on the enemy and lower his morale.
3. Capt. W.H.L. McDonald will act as O.C. attack with Headquarters at "D" Company's Headquarters (E.19.C.90-00). Battalion Headquarters will remain at D.29.B.2-3.
4. Artillery, Trench Mortars and Machine Guns are co-operating in accordance with sketch attached shewing tasks.
5. The Battalion Signalling Officer will arrange for the synchronisation of watches twice during the 8 hours preceding Zero.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued at 8 pm by Runner.

DISTRIBUTION.

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2	C.O. 58th Battalion.
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4	File.
5	Adjutant
6	O.C. Assault Party
7	O.C. Attack.
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11	D. "
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266 INSTRUCTIONS ACCOMPANYING57th BATTALION ORDER NO 138COMPOSITION OF PARTIES.

The Raiding Party will be made up as follows :-

Headquarters Party.	1 Officer. 2 Signallers, 2 Stretcher bearers. 1 Runner.
Right Centre Party.	1 N.C.O. and 3.
Left Centre Party	1 N.C.O. and 3
Right Party	2 N.C.Os and 10
Left Party	2 N.C.Os and 16.

Details of party, equipment and duties are shown in Appendix "A" (attached).

APPROACH.

The party will move from D.27.A.00-35 via track running West through D.27, 28 and 29, skirt the village of BUIRE on the North side and proceed along railway line and ravine, past "B" Company Headquarters to CULCAIRN TRENCH. From CULCAIRN Trench the party will take up the lie position in front of our posts in E.19.D. and E.26.A. The party will reach Culcairn Trench at Zero minus 60 minutes, and will be in the LIE POSITION at Zero minus 15 minutes. The Lie position is shown in attached sketch Appendix "B".

METHOD OF ATTACK.

- (a) At Zero hour concentrated Stokes Mortar fire will be brought to bear on enemy wire and posts to be raided. 18 Pounders will form a barrage in rear of enemy posts. Howitzers, 6" Newtons and Machine guns will neutralize known machine gun and Trench mortar positions and adjacent enemy posts.
- (b) At Zero plus 2 Stokes Mortars will lift to the left and form a block 100 yards from left flank of attack. Artillery, 6" Newtons and Machine guns will act as in (a).
- (c) Stokes Mortars, Artillery, 6" Newtons and machine guns will remain as in (b) until Zero plus 30 or until such time as they are no longer required.
- (d) At Zero, plus 2 minutes the party will advance and each party will proceed to carry out its allotted task. The O.C. Assault will take up his position in the centre of the line of posts to be raided.
- (e) The party will remain in the posts until zero plus 10 minutes. At the expiration of that time the O.C. Assault will pass the word "IMSHREE" which will be repeated by everyone until it reaches the flanks.
- (f) Should, however, identifications or prisoners be secured before the expiration of eight minutes, it will be left to the discretion of the O.C. assault to order the withdrawal before that time.
- (g) No one except escort in charge of prisoners will return until the order has been given. Signallers will disconnect their telephone and return with it when ordered to do so by O.C. Assault.
- (h) All ranks are warned that any unnecessary delay in withdrawing, once the signal has been given, may be attended with serious results: but at the same time should any of the party be actively engaged with the enemy they should hold on for a short time to enable

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those parties not pressed to retire first. Should this be necessary an immediate report will be sent to O.C. Assault who will be the last to leave.

- (1) The left flank guard under Cpl. VERNON will cover the retirement of the main party from the left. This party will withdraw as soon as the raiding party is clear.

WITHDRAWAL.

- (a) After leaving the enemy posts the parties will move as quickly as possible back along the tapes to our line.
- (b) O.C. Assault Party will use his discretion as to whether party will return direct to Culcairn Trench or remain in "NO MAN'S LAND" until the retaliation ceases. If he adopts the latter course he will inform O.C. Attack of his intention so that our barrage may be discontinued.
- (c) Prisoners will be taken with all speed to the Headquarters of the O.C. Attack. All captured documents etc. will be brought to Battalion Headquarters.
- (d) The O.C. Attack and O.C. Assault, with N.C.Os in charge of right and left parties will report at Battalion Headquarters.
- (e) As each man passes the Headquarters of "D" Company he will hand his Special raiding party Disc to an Officer whom O.C. Attack will detail from "A" Company for the purpose. The numbers on these discs will be telephoned to Battalion Headquarters as soon as received - and the discs will be forwarded to the Adjutant as soon as possible.
- (f) The R.M.O. will collect the discs from the wounded. O.C. Reserve Company will arrange for their collection and for their despatch to Battalion Headquarters.

EVACUATION OF WOUNDED.

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Bearers will carry as follows:-

- (a) From Assault party to Culcairn Trench.
- (b) From Culcairn Trench to R.A.P.

O.C. "D" Company will arrange for the provision of 4 Stretcher Bearers in Culcairn Trench about E.25.B.9-8.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Battalion Signalling Officer will arrange for the duplication of Communications between Battalion Headquarters and "D" Company Headquarters.

He will also provide a laddered line forward from "D" Company's Headquarters to E.25.B.9-8. This laddered line will be taken forward by Signallers accompanying O.C. Assault.

Should Communication by telephone be completely interrupted runners must be employed and every means taken to get information back in shortest possible time. The garrison of the area must render every assistance within its power. It is of the utmost importance that news of identification be forwarded quickly, and this information must take precedence on telephone circuits. List of code words to be used for the operation is issued as Appendix "C".

GRENADES?

Grenades will be issued at D.27.A.00-35 under the supervision of the Battalion Bombing Officer. This Officer will carefully examine each bomb before issue.

CO-OPERATION OF GARRISON.

- (a) O.C. "D" Company will render the raiding party every assistance possible. He will provide a covering party of 1 N.C.O. and 8 men with one Lewis Gun until the party is safely assembled in the LIE position.

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- (b) Prior to the assault the Lewis Gunners of "D" Company will cover any noise made by assembly of assaulting Party.
- (c) During the raid, Lewis Gun teams will watch for and deal with flank counter attacks. The line of return of the assault party must be WELL CLEARED.
- (d) O.C. "D" Company will make available to O.C. Attack the men necessary for the cutting of a suitable Lie position in the crops in front of posts in E.19.D. and E.26.A.
- (e) 50% of the Garrison of Culcairn Trench will be accommodated in CAIRNS SWITCH during the operation. The right post of the Left Company will contain a garrison of two Lewis Guns and team. The two posts on the left will be vacated during the operation.
- (f) The Left post of the right Company will be vacated during the operation.

DRESS.

All ranks of the party will wear service dress with body armour and steel helmets. A band of white material three inches wide will be worn around each arm above the elbow. This band will be covered by a piece of Khaki Cloth or sand bag loosely tacked on which will be removed before entering the hostile posts.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- (a) The Q.M. will arrange for the issue of armbands, raiding discs and body armour at once. He will also arrange for the provision of a hot meal for the raiding party three and a half hours before Zero hour.
- (b) All faces will be blackened and all bayonets will be blackened or covered with Khaki material before the party leaves D.27.A.
- (c) Box Respirators will be worn at the alert.
- (d) No letters, documents etc. likely to give identification will be carried.

Issued at 8.30 p.m. 9/7/18.

J.B. Williams
LIEUT.
ADJT. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION:-

- 1. O.C. Attack.
- 2 O.C. Assault
- 3 15th A. I. Brigade.
- 4 Adjutant
- 5 File
- 6-8 War Diary
- 9 Spare.



ADDENDUM TO INSTRUCTIONS266 ACCOMPANYING BATTALION ORDER NO 138.CO-OPERATION OF GARRISON.

(G) O.C. "D" Company will make available to O.C. Attack the following personnel and equipment:

- (1) Lewis Gun and team to push out into crops forward of E.19.D.8-2 to cover retirement of Flank Party under Cpl. VERNON.
- (2) Lewis Gun and team and a bombing team of 1 N.C.O. and four bombers to neutralize possible machine gun fire from E.26.A.5-8.

Detailed instructions to the N.C.Os in charge of these parties will be issued by O.C.Attack.

(H) The I.O. will mark out the Lie Position with tapes under direction of O.C. Attack. He will also instruct the Scout accompanying the right party and the scout accompanying the left party in their duties of running out tape to parapets of enemy posts.

(I) The R.M.O. will, if he considers it necessary, establish a bearer relay post between CULCAIRN TRENCH and the R.A.P. He will deal direct with Os.C. "A" and "D" Companies for the Stretcher bearers to man this post.

METHOD OF ATTACK.

Para (e). Add: The O.C. Assault will also blow a series of blasts on a whistle as a Signal to leave the enemy posts.

DISCHARGE OF GAS PROJECTORS.

"Z" Special Company R.E. will co-operate with the operation by discharging Gas projectors on the Northern outskirts of MORLANCOURT, especially the sunken road at K.2.D.9-4. All necessary precautions will be taken by Company Commanders. A Special Gas ALERT will be observed.

J.B. Stammers

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APPENDIX "A"

ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED WITH
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HEADQUARTERS PARTY.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>DESIGNATION.</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT & ARMS.</u>	<u>DUTIES.</u>
Lieut. F.J. KENEALY.	O.C. Assault.) This party will proceed to spot) (Approx. E.26.A.20-96) in centre) of the posts to be raided and) will remain there until the) Signal to return to our own) trench is given.
3223 Pte R.J. RENFREE.	Signaller	Revolver	
3183 " P.V. KERR.	-do-	-do-	
2306 " A. McDONALD.	Runner	Rifle and Bayonet.	
5177 " C. RICARDO.	Stretcher bearer.	-	
3503 " J. RYAN.	-do-	-	

RIGHT CENTRE PARTY.

2261 Cpl R. STEPHENSON.	N.C.O.	Revolver and Wirecutter.) To mop up listening post about) E.26.A.18-90. Pte GOWDY will) escort any prisoners to rear.) This party will then join the) RIGHT Party. Cpl. STEPHENSON) will assist Cpl CLUTTERBUCK in) the mopping up of post at) E.26.A.22-95. Ptes MARRIOTT and) BURROWS will remain on parapet) of post at E.26.A.22-95 and any) prisoners will be passed to) them for escort to rear.
4764 Pte A. MARRIOTT.	Bayonet Man.	Rifle and Bayonet. Wirecutters.	
63 " W. GOWDY.	"	Rifle and Bayonet.	
4753 " A. BURROWS.	Bomber.	Bombs.	

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LEFT CENTRE PARTY.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION.</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT & ARMS.</u>	<u>DUTIES.</u>
4915 L/C H. SPEDDING.	N.C.O.	Revolver and Wirecutters.) To mop up; listening post at E.26.A.14-96. Pte ATKINSON will escort any prisoners to rear. This party will then join LEFT party. L/C SPEDDING will assist Sgt BROWN in the mopping up of post at E.20.C.18-02. Ptes CARELESS and OATEN will remain on parapet of post at E.20.C.18-02 and any prisoners will be passed to them for escort to rear.
4729 Pte E.R. ATKINSON.	Bayonet Man	Rifle and Bayonet.	
4271 " H.E. CARELESS.	-do-	Rifle and Bayonet and wirecutters.	
3214 " L. OATEN.	Bomber	Bombs.	

RIGHT PARTY.

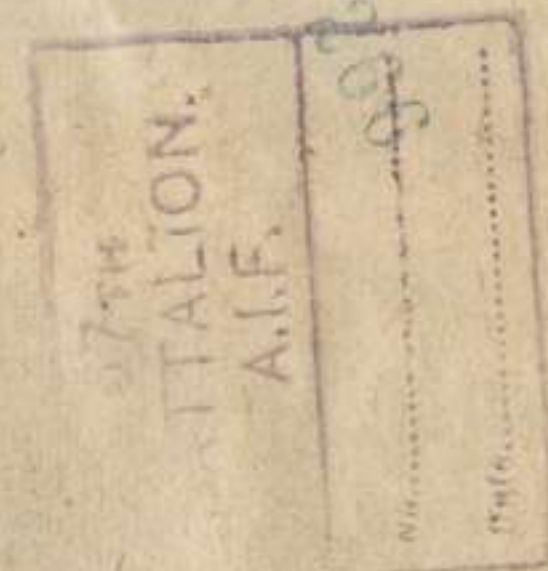
3057 Cpl H.R. CLUTTERBUCK.	N.C.O.	Revolver and Wirecutters.	In charge of party.
4962 L/C W. WATHEN.	"	Rifle and Bayonet.	Assist N.C.O. in charge of Party.
1921 Pte W.E. FOWLER.	Intelligence	Revolver and Wirecutters.	Search all enemy dead and dugouts. Take charge of all papers, discs, pocket books, correspondence etc. (NOTE: Coat tail pockets must be searched).
3353 Pte F. BENEY.	Scout.	Rifle and Bayonet.	To lay out tape from lie position to parapet of post at E.26.A.22-95. He will remain on parapet and make known to returning men the location of guiding tape. He will keep a sharp lookout for any enemy approaching from right and rear.
2227 Pte T.S.F. LADGROVE	Bomber	Bombs) To proceed to enemy post at E.26.A.22-95. Mop up garrison. Hand over all prisoners to Ptes. MARRIOTT and BURROWS who will be
5128 " G. LOUGHREN.	-do-	-do-	

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION.</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT & ARMS.</u>	<u>DUTIES.</u>
2277 Pte J. LAYTON.	Bayonet Man	Rifle and Bayonet.) waiting on parapet to receive them.
3273 " F. TURNBULL.	-do-	-do-	
3363 " J. BYRON.	-do-	-do-	
3531 " J. WILSON.	-do-	-do-	
147 " W.J. DENNISON.	-do-	-do-	
6537, " H. MCGEE	-do-	-do-	



LEFT PARTY.

2930 Sgt F.W. BROWN.	N.C.O.	Revolver and Wirecutters.	In charge of Party.
7180 Pte A.G. PRIDDY.	Intelligence	Revolver and Wirecutters.	Search all enemy dead and dugouts. Take charge of all papers, discs, pocket books, correspondence etc. (NOTE: Coat tail pockets must be searched).
3381 Pte C.L. DAVIES.	Scout	Rifle and Bayonet.	To lay out tape from lie position to parapet of post at E.20.C.18-02. He will remain on parapet and make known to returning men the location of guiding tape. He will assist (from the position detailed above) Cpl VERNON'S party to neutralize possible opposition from post at E.20.C.15-12.
2861 Pte W. BURCHITT.	Bomber	Bombs.) To proceed to enemy post at E.20.C.18-02. Mop up garrison and hand any prisoners to Ptes. CARELESS and OATEN who will be
2637 " C. HODGETTS.	-do-	-do-	
4551 " H. MCKIBBON.	Bayonet Man	Rifle and Bayonet.	

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION.</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT & ARMS.</u>	<u>DUTIES.</u>
2522 Pte W.E. DODD.	Bayonet Man.	Rifle and Bayonet.) waiting on parapet to receive them.
4573 " J. REID.	-do-	-do-	
2023 " H. BAXTER.	-do-	-do-	
3296 " J. WOODHOUSE	-do-	-do-	
4908 " E.W. VICKERS.	-do-	-do-	
3498 " E.F. WERRY.	-do-	-do-	
3144 Cpl J. VERNON.	N.C.O.	Revolver) Take up position on left flank of assaulting party and form a protective flank outwards. This party will neutralize by means of rifle fire and bombs possible opposition by garrison of enemy post at E.20.C.15-12.
2174 Pte N. FIELD.	Rifleman.	Rifle and Bayonet	
3430 " W.T. LEGGATT.	-do-	-do-	
2148 " E.J. CAMERON.	Bomber	Bombs.	
4952 " H. BLEASDALE.	-do-	-do-	
1971 " P. MCKENZIE.	-do-	-do-	

All bayonet and rifle men will carry TWO Mills No 23 Grenades and a bandolier of S.A.A.
 All Bombers will carry TWELVE Mills No 23 Grenades.

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O.C.
39, 40, 41 ASSAULT 42, 43

1 ATKINSON.
2 CARELESS
3 L/C SPEDDING
4 OATEN
5 MARRIOTT
6 GOWDY
7 Cpl STEPHENSON
8 BURROWS
9 LEGGATT
10 CAMERON
11 BLEASDALE
12 MCKENZIE

13 Cpl VERNON
14 FIELD
15 DAVIES
16 WERRY
17 PRIDY
18 Sgt BROWN
19 McKIBBON
20 DODD
21 HODGETTS
22 REID
23 BAXTER

24 VICKERS
25 BIRCHITT
26 WOODHOUSE
27 MCGEE
28 LOUGHREN
29 LAYTON
30 FOWLER
31 TURNBULL
32 Cpl CLUTTERBUCK
33 BYRON
34 WILSON
35 L/C WATHEN
36 DENNISON

37 LADGROVE
38 BENEY
39 RICARDO
40 RYAN
41 McDONALD
42 KERR
43 RENFREE

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MESSAGE.

WORD.

Party is in Lie Position.
Objective Reached.
Prisoners taken.
Party Returning.
Party returned to our own trench.
Casualties:
 Killed.
 Wounded.
Artillery no longer required.

SPREAD.
LONDON.
CLINKERS.
TRACKS.
PARIS.
SIMPLE
SPECIAL.
ARCHIE.

J. B. [Signature]
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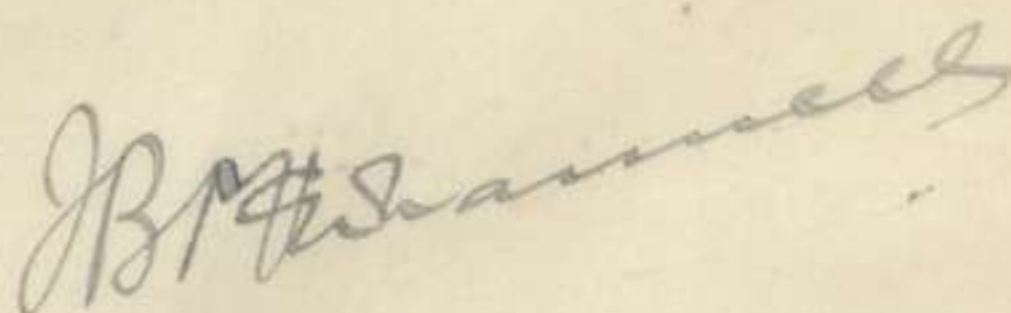
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S E C R E T.REFERENCE BATTALION ORDER NO 138
DATED 9th JULY 1918.11th JULY 1918.

1. Zero Day will be night 11th/12th JULY.
2. Zero hour will be 12.15.a.m.
3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name.</u>	
38140	Pte	ATKINSON.	E.R.
38104	"	CARELESS.	H.E.
38097	L/C	SPEEDING.	H.
38114	Pte	OATEN.	L.
38105	"	MARRIOTT.	A.
38108	"	GOWDY.	W.
38125	Cpl	STEPHENSON.	R.
38130	Pte	BURROWS.	A.
38106	"	LEGGATT.	W.T.
38124	"	CAMERON.	E.J.
38135	"	BLEASDALE.	H.
38137	"	MCKENZIE.	B.
38109	Cpl	VERNON.	J. (Webley No 364745)
38122	Pte	FIELD.	N.
38115	"	DAVIS.	C.L.
38099	"	WERRY.	E.F.
38102	"	PRIDDY.	A.G.
38134	Sgt	BROWN.	F.W. (Webley No 301942)
38111	Pte	MCKIBBON.	J.
38103	"	DODD.	W.E.
38101	"	HODGETTS.	C.
38119	"	REID.	J.
38121	"	BAXTER.	H.
38139	"	VICKERS.	E.W.
38126	"	BURCHETT.	W.
38123	"	WOODHOUSE.	J.
38132	"	MCKEE.	H.
38098	"	LOUGHREN.	G.
38131	"	LAYTON.	J.
38128	"	FOWLER.	W.E. (Webley No 355005)
38133	"	TURNBULL.	F. (Webley No 364475)
38110	Cpl	CLUTTERBUCK.	H.R. (Webley No 196498)
38107	Pte	BYRON.	J.
38112	"	WILSON.	J.
38118	L/C	WATHEN.	W.
38120	Pte	DENNISON.	W.J.
38116	"	BADGROVE.	T.S.F.
38100	"	BENNY.	F.
38127	"	RICARDO.	C.
38113	"	RYAN.	J.
38136	"	MCDONALD.	A.
38138	"	KERR.	P.V.
38129	"	RENFREE.	R.J. (Webley No 236757)
38117	Lieut.	KENEALY.	F.J.

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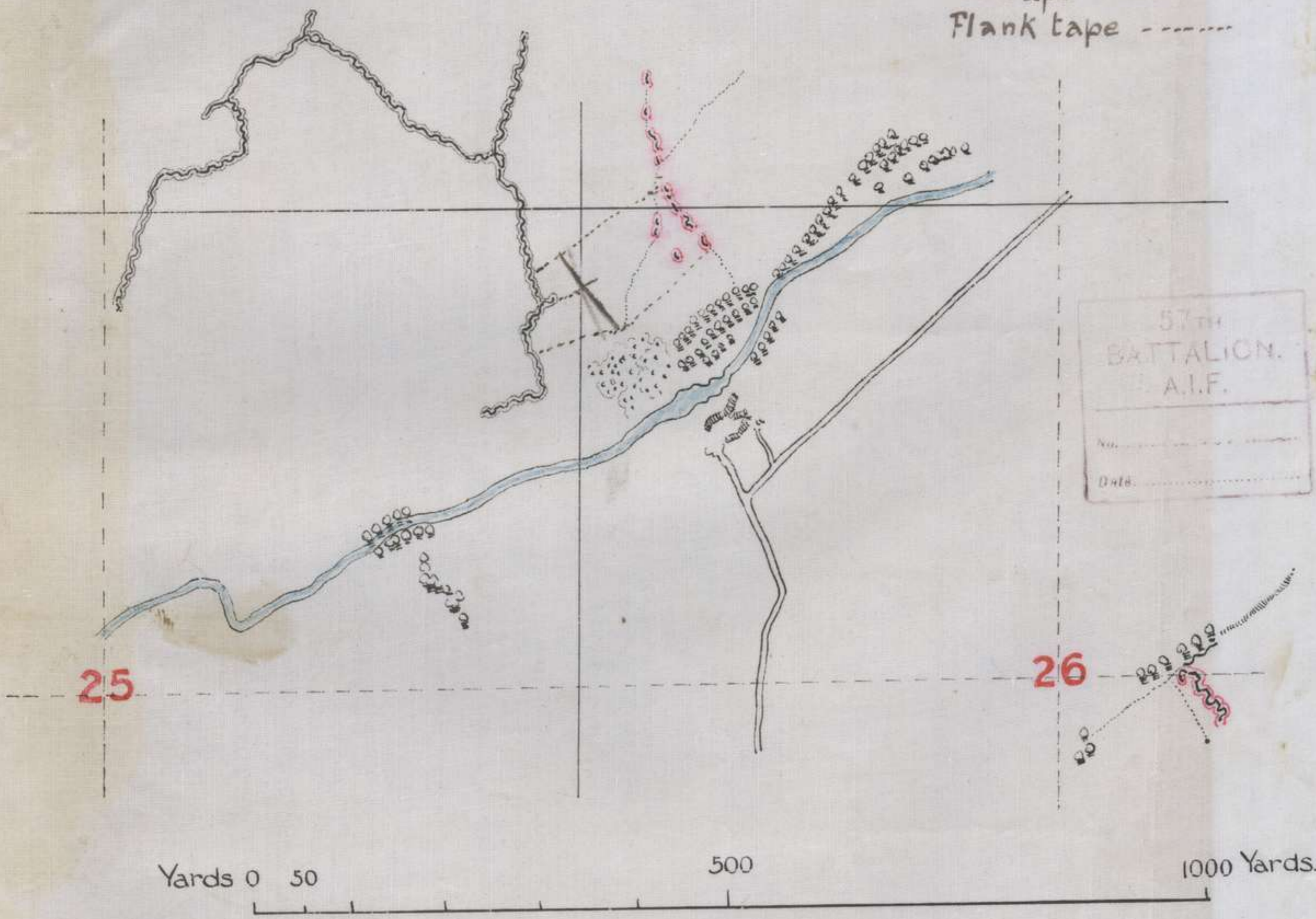
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Sketch shewing lie position.

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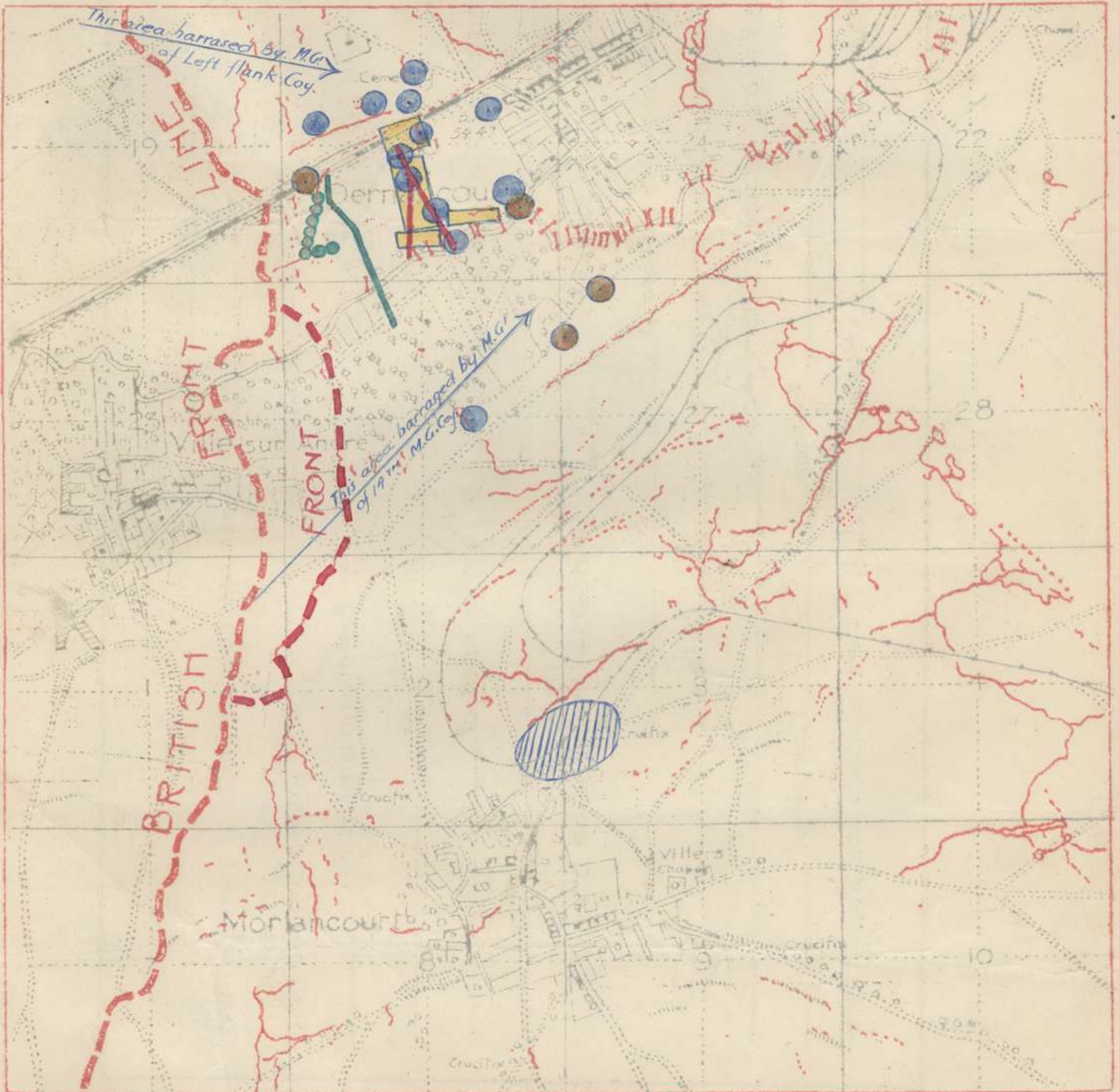
PHASE I. Zero to Zero plus 2.

- (a) Light Trench Mortars bombard posts to be raided.
- (b) 18 prs. form protective barrage and carry out neutralising fire as shown on sketch.
- (c) 6" Newtons, 4.5 Hows. and machine guns maintain neutralising fire on known enemy trenches and positions.

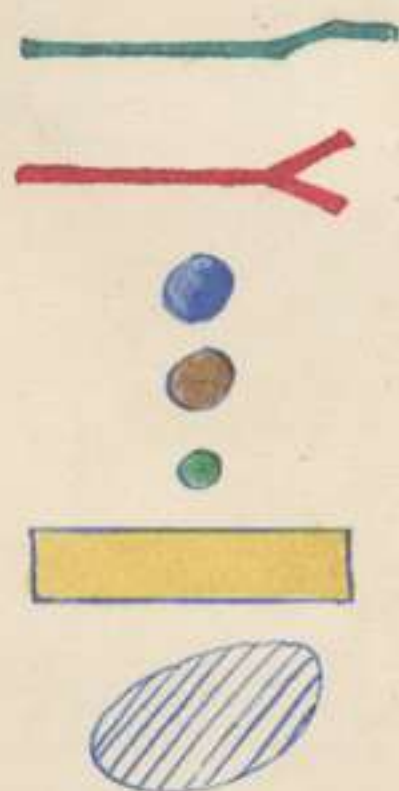
PHASE 2. Zero plus 2 to Zero plus 30 or "cease fire".

- (a) Light Trench Mortars lift to the left and form a block 100 yards from the left flank of the attack.
- (b) 18 prs. 4.5 Hows. 6" Newtons, and Machine Guns continue as for phase I.

MESSAGE MAP



LEGEND.



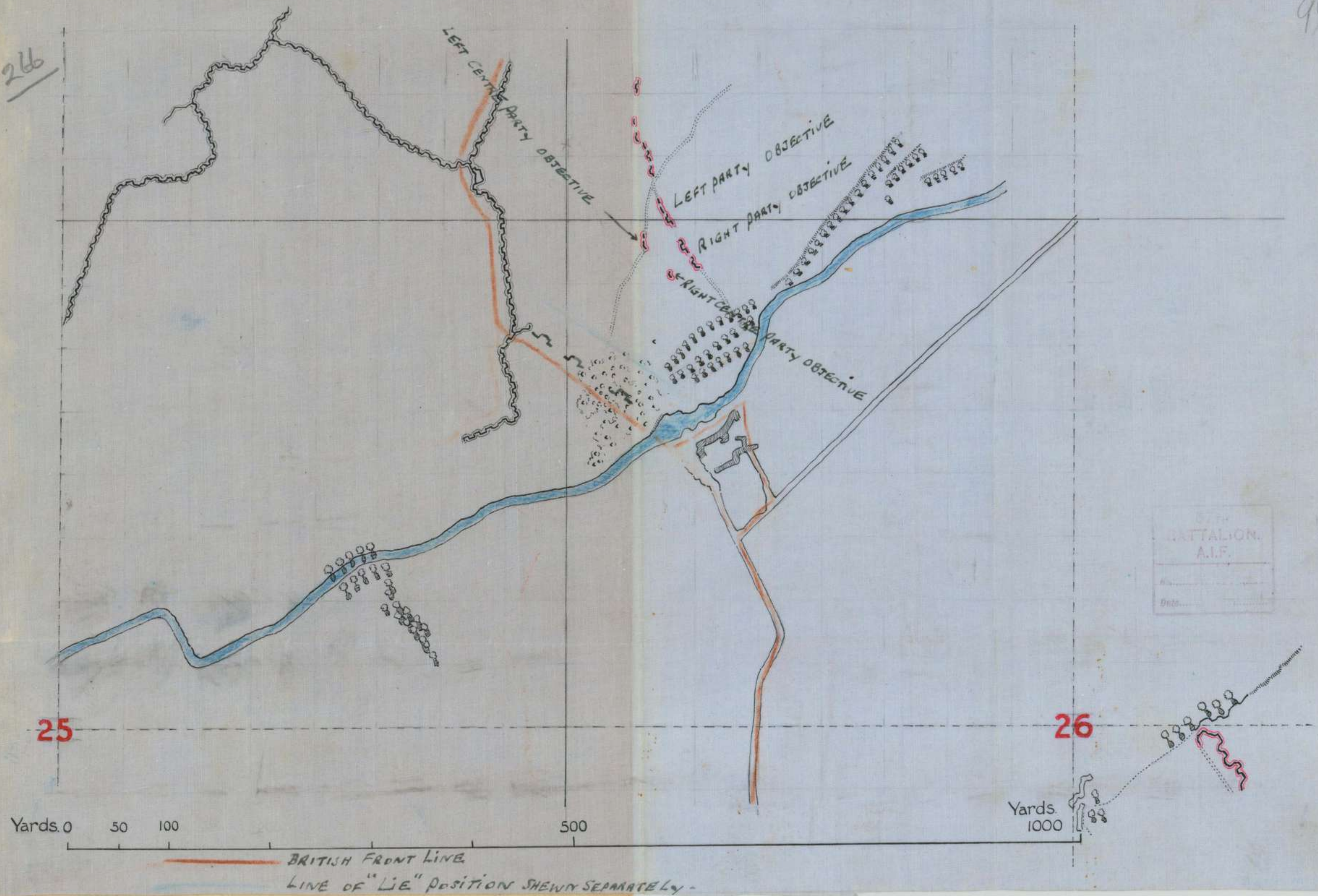
- 18 Pounder Barrage Line.
- 18 Pounder Neutralising Line.
- 4.5 Howitzers.
- M.T.M.'s.
- L.T.M.'s.
- Machine Guns
- Gas Cylinder Target.

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BRITISH FRONT LINE
 LINE OF "LIE" POSITION SHOWN SEPARATELY



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11th/12th JULY 1918

REPORT ON MINOR OPERATION.

A party consisting of 1 Officer, 43 Other Ranks carried out a raid on the enemy posts at E.26.A.20-90 on the night 11th/12th July.

Wire was cut by 6" Newton Mortars on 10th JULY and during the shoot casualties were inflicted on the enemy. 3 wounded left a post one of them being a stretcher case, also 4 enemy ran from another post and disappeared in the crop in rear. Machine guns could not be brought into action on account of these posts not being under observation from our front line and having the crop in rear.

During the night 10th/11th July, Lewis Guns endeavoured to keep open the gaps in the wire, but on the 11th inst. it was necessary to again cut the wire as the enemy had effected repairs during the night.

The tapes were laid and the party was in the Lie Position at 11.55.p.m. The barrage dropped exactly at zero hour 12.15.a.m. and was excellent. At the end of two minutes the 3" Stokes Mortars lifted to posts on the left of the sector to be raided. Both Artillery and Trench Mortars were well directed, and with the exception of a Machine Gun firing from E.19.B., no trouble from Machine Guns or rifle fire was experienced.

No Man's Land is practically all crop, except around the enemy posts.

On the barrage lifting the party advanced and about 12 of the enemy were seen leaving the trench and making for the rear. Bombs were thrown at them, but, on account of the crop, the result could not be ascertained.

The wire was found to be effectively cut, and the posts on being rushed were found to be unoccupied. The posts and ground in the vicinity were searched but no enemy dead or wounded were encountered.

Enemy defences consisted of a series of posts about 4ft 6" deep and 3 ft. wide being connected by little more than a spitlocked trench. There were a few shelters of a poor type consisting for the most part of blankets or waterproof sheets. Both the posts and shelters had been considerably knocked about by our Artillery or Trench Mortar fire. Although a thorough search was made no identification was obtained so the party withdrew at Zero plus 10.

The communications were excellent the lines holding throughout including the one taken over to the enemy position.

At Zero plus 8 the enemy placed a heavy barrage on our front and support lines, this being the first time since we have been in the sector that he has retaliated on the front line.

Our casualties were 1 Killed, 4 Wounded.

Sd/ R. M. C. AITCHISON. MAJOR.
T/C.O. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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Copies of Reports submitted by the Commanding Officer and by Officers Commanding Companies on the state of health of men of 57th Battalion, A.I.F., 12th July 1918.

To B.G.C.
15th A. I. Brigade.

In reference to your enquiry about the condition of the men of this battalion, I desire to make the following report:

- (1) That the present time an epidemic of Influenza is prevalent throughout the battalion and even after a few days rest, when the men return to duty they are in a weak state for some days. A number of men are also affected with minor complaints that are of a nervous order consequent on a run down condition.
- (2) During this tour in the line there has been an alarming increase in the number of men going A.W.L. when the Company has been warned for the front line, and, although the greater proportion of these are old offenders, there are included a number of men who have had long service in the battalion and done excellent work in the past.
- (3) The morale of the men is good and they are quite capable of carrying on for the remainder of the tour, but I wish to point out that, in the near future, the men require a good spell in order to regain their health sufficiently to undergo exceptionally severe shell fire or continuous exertion.

Sd/ R.M.C. AITCHISON. MAJOR.
T/C.O. 57th BATTALION.A.I.F.

To C. O.
57th Battalion.A.I.F.

The men are in good heart. I should say that they would be able to do another tour in the line before going out, but on finishing that they would be badly in need of a spell.

Sd/ W.H.L. McDONALD. Capt.
O.C. "A" Company.

To C.O.
57th Battalion.A.I.F.

I have to make the following report on the condition of the men of my Company. -

The majority of the men of my Company are in a very exhausted state and would be incapable of very great sustained effort, or of standing any exceptionally trying conditions. Within the last ten days fully forty per cent of my men have been attending sick parades and the majority of these have been sent out for a couple of days rest at the Battalion Sick hut. The trouble in most cases appears to be of a nervous order, consequent upon a run-down condition. There is nothing definitely wrong with the men but their nerves are in such a condition that they are unable to stand any exceptionally heavy shelling or strenuous exertion. The Company has certainly had a very trying time during the Brigade's tour of duty in the line. To sum it up shortly I think the men are badly in need of a good rest and thorough re-organisation. Six men from the Company have gone A.W.L. within the past 10 days. This is absolutely without precedent.

SD/ E.K. KEYS. Capt.
O.C. B. COY.

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To C. O.
57th Battalion.A.I.F.

The health of the men of the Company at present is fair although a number of men are suffering from minor complaints - no doubt the result of the Influenza epidemic.

The number of men suffering from "nerves" is larger than usual.

Sd/ Jno. SNOWBALL. Capt.
O.C. "C" Company.

To C. O.
57th Battalion.A.I.F.

About twenty (20) per cent of men in this Company are suffering from Influenza, but their morale is good. The men are quite fit to carry on with front line work, but the number evacuated with Influenza is likely to cut down the Company Strength greatly as time goes on.

Sd/ W.E.S. EDGAR. Capt.
O.C. "D" Company.

To C. O.
57th Battalion. A.I.F.

From R.M.O. 57th Battalion.A.I.F.

The health of the men in the Battalion is fairly good at present except for this epidemic of influenza which has left all those who have been affected with it very weak. This combined with the continued strain of line work is gradually undermining their health.

I would advise that the Battalion, if possible, should be given shorter spells in the line in order to give the men every chance by rest and cleanliness to keep in health. If they are kept in the line for long spells now there is every reason to expect large evacuations with sickness and also a large number of evacuations with nervous instability if they have to undergo a bombardment.

Sd/ G. O. ROBERTSON. Capt.
R.M.O. 57th Battalion.A.I.F.

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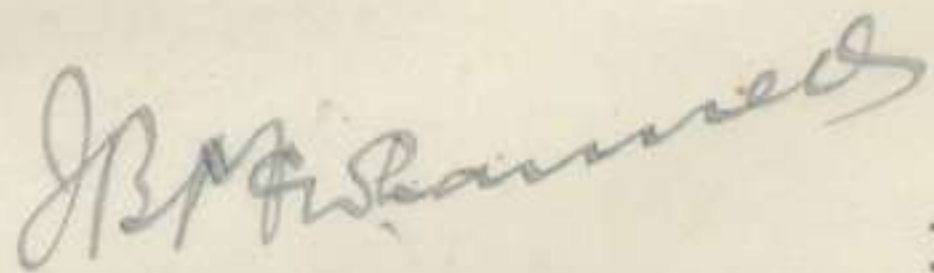
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57th BATTALION ORDER NO 140Ref: 62 D. N.E.
1/20;000.

13th JULY 1918.

1. During the night 13th/14th July it is proposed to project 400 Gas Cylinders on to enemy defences and shelters opposite the Brigade front as follows :-
 - (a) On the Northern outskirts of MORLANCOURT, especially the sunken road at K.2.D.9-4.
 - (b) On enemy activity at and around E.20.A.9-3.
2. Projection (a) is to be fired from 60th Battalion front. Projection (b) is to be fired from 57th Battalion front.
3. The areas to be cleared of troops and the precautionary zones in which Box respirators will be worn (as far as this unit is concerned) are as shewn in sketch attached (B and D Companies only).
4. Company Commanders will take all necessary precautions against possible enemy retaliation.
5. Zero hour will be communicated later.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE. Verbally by telephone.

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Issued at 5 p.m. by runner.

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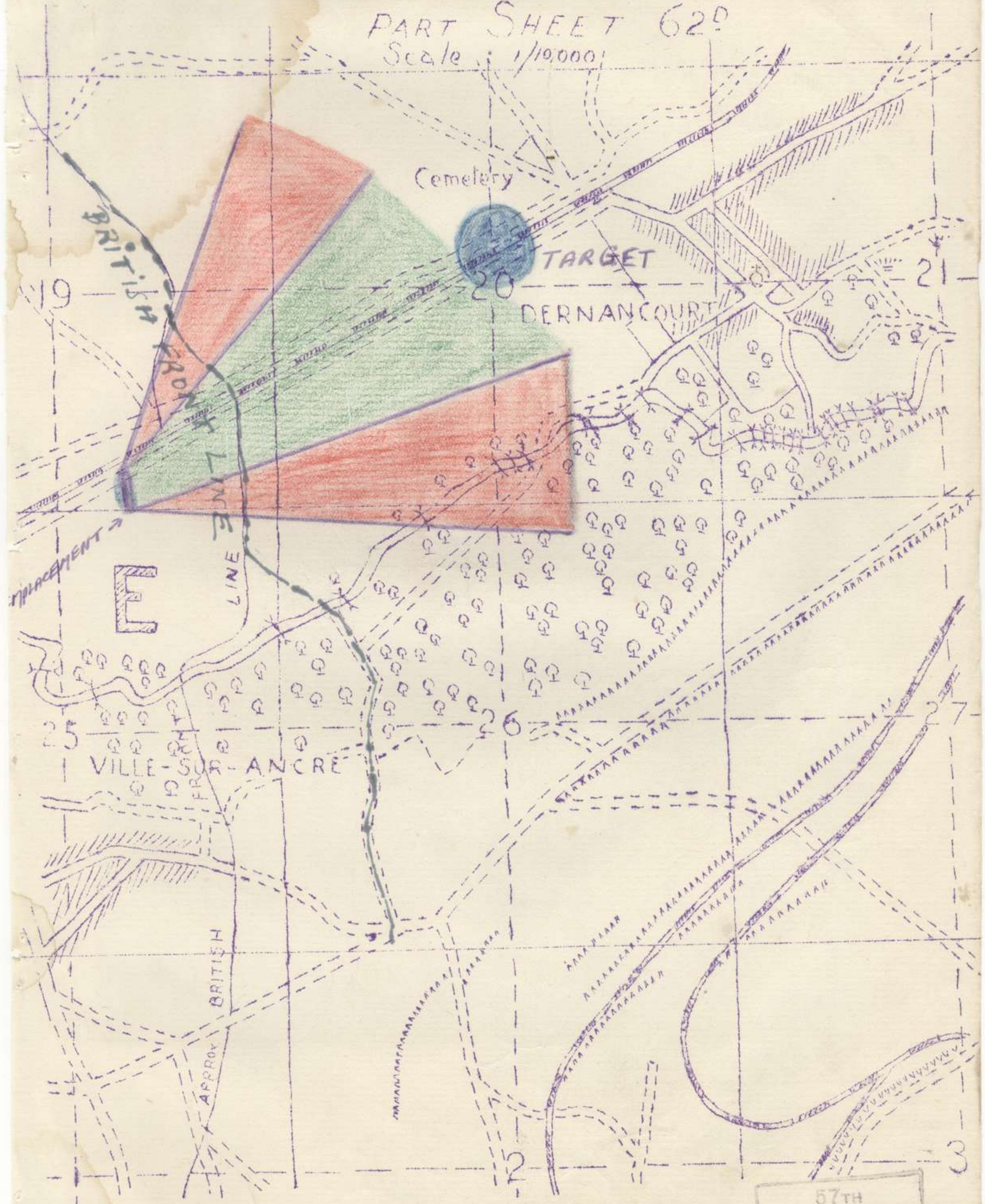
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GREEN AREA ²⁶⁶ To be cleared of our troops

RED AREA Gas marks to be worn

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REFERENCE BATTALION ORDER NO 140

DATED 13th JULY 1918.

13th JULY 1918.

1. Zero hour will be 1.50.a.m. 14th July.
2. All working and ration parties must be clear of Forward Area before 1.40.a.m.
3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J.B. [unclear]

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S E C R E T.

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57th BATTALION, ORDER, NO 139

REF: 62 D. N.E.
1/80,000.

13th JULY 1918.

1. "A" Company will relieve "B" Company in the right Subsector of the Battalion Front during the night 14th/15th July.
2. "B" Company after relief will occupy the Support Subsector vacated by "A" Company.
3. O.S.C. "A" and "B" Companies will exchange one Officer and two N.C.Os during the night 13th/14th July. These parties will take over all Trench Stores and Duties, reconnoitre sectors and assist in the speedy relief of posts during the night 14th/15th inst.
4. Subject to the terms of this order all details of relief will be mutually arranged between Company Commanders concerned.
5. Every precaution against enemy observation will be taken. No movement will take place before 10.15.p.m.
6. Special care must be taken with regard to Trench Stores and Company Commanders must use every endeavour to ensure that all Stores are correctly listed. Receipts for all stores taken over will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by first runner after relief.
7. O.C. "B" Company will make necessary protection arrangements to cover the relief.
8. The first hot meal will be consumed by both "A" and "B" Companies in their present positions. O.C. Reserve Company will arrange to carry the second hot meals for "A" and "B" Companies to their new position.
9. Completion of relief will be telephoned to Battalion Headquarters in code.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE. Verbally by telephone.

Issued by runner at 5 p.m.

J.B. F. Samuel
LIEUT.
ADJUT. 57th BATTALION, A.I.F.

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"C" "	3
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C.O. 60th Battalion.	5
Q.M. & T.O.	6
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The Q.M. will be detailed at the Divisional Barracks during the day of 14th inst. 13th JULY 1918.

BRIGADE SCHOOL.

- The 6th Course, Brigade School is assembling on 15th inst.
- The following N.C.Os and men who attended the 5th Course are continuing in the 6th Course.

-:HOITUBIRTRIG

4473	L/Sgt.	DOWNING.	W.H.
3022	Pte	HODDINOTT.	W.E. "A" Co.
6631	"	SLATTERY.	" T.M. "B" Co.
2272	L/C	VENVILLE	" W.J. "C" Co.
4242	Sgt	BRENNAN.	" J.A. "D" Co.

- The undermentioned man will attend the

OFFICER ASPIRANTS' CLASS.

3273	Pte	TURNBULL.	A.F. "A" Company.
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- The undermentioned N.C.Os and men will attend the

INFANTRY CLASS.

3973	Pte	CURRY.	W.) "A" Company.
2116	Cpl	BLACKLOCK.	W.G.	
1172	L/C	PATTERSON.	H.B.	
3750	"	GRIFFIN.	S.	
3531	Pte	WILSON.	J.G.) "B" Company.
1511	Cpl	BENNETT.	W.W.	
3579	L/C	COLLETT.	P.	
3150	Pte	FRYER.	G.T.	
2648	"	NICHOLSON.	A.McK.) "C" Company.
2405	L/C	FLEMING.	G.H.	
5116	"	JONES.	L.H.	
5103	Pte	HANSFORD.	R.W.	
3415	"	JAMES.	G.T.) (With Nucleus)
5100	L/C	GUILMARTIN.	T.G.C.	
2547	Pte	HOCKING.	R.J.	
63	Pte	GOWDIE.	W.A.) "D" Company.
1549	"	NEWTON.	H.	
2938	"	ELEXEJEW.	A.A.	
727	"	WHITTINGHAM.	E.W.	
4655	"	MORRISON.	W.R.	

The following men will attend the Sniping Class.

2227	Pte	LADGROVE.	T.S.	"A" Company.
4729	"	ATKINSON.	E.R.	"D" Company.

- The N.C.Os and men detailed in paras. 3 and 4 above will report to R.S.M. at Battalion Headquarters at 3.a.m. tomorrow 14th inst. for despatch to Transport Lines. The Q.M. will arrange accommodation and rations.

- The Q.M. will arrange for the despatch to the School of the personnel detailed in paras. 3 and 4 at 10.a.m. 15th inst. Their clothing and equipment must be in good order and complete in every detail. The unexpired portion of the days rations will be carried.
 Dress:- Full Marching Order.

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7. The Q.M. will arrange if possible for the men to be bathed at the Divisional Baths during the day of 14th inst.

14th JULY 1918.

BRIGADE SCHOOL

J.B. Williams

The following N.G.Os and men who attended the 5th Course are continuing in the 5th Course.

DISTRIBUTION:-

- 3. The undermentioned men will attend the
 - File 5
 - Adjutant 7
 - Brigade School 9
 - Brigade School 9
 - Brigade School 9
- 4. The undermentioned N.G.Os and men will attend the

INFANTRY CLASS

"A" Company	W. GURRY	3973 Pte
	W.G. MCKENZIE	3116 Cpl
	H.B. PATTERSON	1178 P/O
	S. GRIMM	3780 "
"B" Company	J.G. WILSON	3331 Pte
	W.W. BARNETT	1311 Cpl
	F. COLLETT	3079 P/O
	G.T. RYAN	2150 Pte
"C" Company (with No. 1)	A. NICHOLSON	1648 "
	G.H. FLEMING	3003 P/O
	L.H. JONES	3116 "
	R.W. HARRISON	3103 Pte
	G.T. JAMES	3215 "
	T.G.G. GUILMARTIN	3100 P/O
"D" Company	R.J. HOOKING	3247 Pte
	W.A. GOWDIE	68 Pte
	H. NEWTON	1543 "
	A.A. MCKENZIE	3238 "
	W.R. MORRISON	4655 "

The following men will attend the Sniping Class.

"A" Company	T.S. LADGROVE	3237 Pte
"D" Company	R.R. ATKINSON	4732 "

5. The N.G.Os and men detailed in paras. 3 and 4 above will report to R.S.M. at Battalion Headquarters at 8.30 a.m. tomorrow 14th inst. for despatch to transport lines. The Q.M. will arrange accommodation and rations.

6. The Q.M. will arrange for the despatch to the School of the personnel detailed in paras. 3 and 4 at 10.30 a.m. 14th inst. Their equipment must be in good order and complete in every detail. The unexpired portion of the gas rations will be carried. Full Marching Order.

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P.T.O.

57th BATTALION ORDER NO 141

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

14th JULY 1918.

1. "C" Company will relieve "D" Company in the left Subsector of the Battalion Front during the night 15th/16th July.
2. "D" Company after relief will occupy the Reserve Subsector vacated by "C" Company.
3. O.S.C. "C" and "D" Companies will exchange one Officer and two N.C.Os during the night 14th/15th July. These parties will take over all Trench Stores and Duties, reconnoitre sectors and assist in the speedy relief of posts during the night 15th/16th July.
4. Subject to the terms of this order all details of relief will be mutually arranged between the Company Commanders concerned.
5. Every precaution against enemy observation will be taken. No movement will take place before 10.15.p.m.
6. Special care must be taken with regard to Trench Stores and Company Commanders must use every endeavour to ensure that all Stores are correctly listed. Receipts for all stores taken over will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by first runner after relief.
7. O.C. "D" Company will make necessary protection arrangements to cover the relief.
8. Ration arrangements as under will obtain during night 15th/16th inst.
 "B" Company will carry the first hot meal and dry rations to "A" Company and "B" Company.
 "C" Company will consume the first hot meal and distribute dry rations in the Reserve Line.
 "D" Company will consume the first hot meal and distribute dry rations after arrival in Reserve Line.
 "B" Company will carry second hot meal to "C" and "B" Companies.
 "D" Company will carry second hot meal to "A" Company.
9. Completion of relief will be telephoned to Battalion Headquarters in code.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE. Verbally by telephons.

J. J. Williams
LIEUT.
ADJT. 57th BATTALION, A.I.F.

Issued by runner at 7 p.m.

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Three Aeroplane Photographs shewing :-

- (a) Right Front Line Sector.
 - (b) Left Front Line Sector.
 - (c) Battalion Headquarters.
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57th BATTALION, ORDER NO 143

Ref: 62 D. N.E.

16th JULY 1918.

1/20,000.

RELIEF.

(a) The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade is relieving the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade in the left Brigade Sector during the night 17th/18th July 1918.

(b) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade on relief is moving into Divisional Reserve.

(c) The 31st Battalion is relieving the 57th Battalion in the left line Subsector during the night 17th/18th July.

ADVANCE PARTIES.

(a) The 31st Battalion is sending into the line during night 16th/17th July a nucleus of Officers and N.C.Os and 50% of Specialists.

(b) Each Company will detail one Senior N.C.O. to report to R.S.M. at Battalion Headquarters during the night 16th/17th inst. These N.C.Os will be accommodated by R.S.M. for the night and will proceed on morning of 17th inst. in charge of Lieut. J.J. MCKENNA to VILLA SECTOR (Headquarters C.29.D.3-7) where the area occupied by 30th Battalion will be taken over. Lieut. MCKENNA and the N.C.Os detailed above will meet their respective Companies on arrival at a point which will be notified later and guide them to their allotted area.

NOTE: The N.C.Os must not move from present positions until they are in possession of their days rations.

GUIDES.

Each Company will despatch one guide per platoon and one from Company Headquarters to report to R.S.M. before 8.p.m. on 17th inst. These guides will guide relieving Companies during night 17th/18th inst. from Battalion Headquarters to the Sectors they will occupy.

TRENCH STORES.

All Trench Stores, Defence Schemes, Aeroplane photographs and papers relating to the Sector will be handed over on relief and the usual receipts obtained. These receipts (in duplicate) will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters within 12 hours of completion of relief.

PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

The usual protective arrangements will be maintained by front line Companies during relief. Strong covering parties will be provided by "A" and "C" Companies until relief of their line is complete. Every precaution will be taken to prevent observation by enemy and to avoid casualties through hostile bombing or artillery fire. No defensive position will be vacated until relief is complete.

COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

Completion of relief must be notified to Battalion Headquarters in code by telephone. No Company Commander will vacate his Sector without having advised completion of relief.

LOCATION AFTER RELIEF.

As soon as relieved, Companies will move independently by sections via the shortest and safest route to VILLA SECTOR (I.5. - C.29.). They will be met by guides at D.20.C. at the point where the overland track joins the main AMIENS road, and guided to the area allotted them.

LEWIS GUNS & BATTALION STORES. (a) Lewis Guns and magazines will be dumped at Ration Dump (Reserve Company Headquarters). One man will be detailed to guard each Company's guns.

(b) Petrol Tins, hotboxes and all other Battalion Stores will be dumped at Reserve Company Headquarters. O.C. Reserve Company will detail a man to guard these stores.

(c) Battalion Office stores and Signalling Equipment will be dumped at B.O.R. The Signalling Officer will detail one man as guard. The Transport Officer will arrange the necessary transport to remove stores and equipment detailed in (a), (b) and (c), above to the VILLA SECTOR.

RATIONS. (a) The Q.M. will arrange to have a hot drink served to the men as they pass a point which will be notified to Company Commanders later.

(b) The Q.M. will arrange for the provision of dry rations and a hot meal for Companies on arrival in the VILLA SECTOR.

PACKS & VALISES. The Q.M. will arrange to have packs and valises delivered to Companies in the VILLA SECTOR early in the morning of 18th inst.

SANITATION. (a) The area being vacated must be left in a scrupulously clean and Sanitary condition. Dugouts and shelters must be sprayed with a 5% solution of Creosol in accordance with Battalion Instructional Memo. No. 11.

(b) Company Commanders will render to reach Battalion Headquarters by 10 a.m. 18th inst. certificates to the effect that (a) has been carried out.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS? Battalion Headquarters will close at D.29.B.2-3 on completion of relief and reopen at C.29.D.3-7 on arrival. Q.M. Store and Transport Lines will remain in present positions.

ACKNOWLEDGE. Each Company will despatch one guide from Company Headquarters to report to R.S.M. before 8 p.m. on 17th inst. These guides will report to Battalion Headquarters during night 17th/18th inst. from Battalion Headquarters to the sectors they will occupy.

ADJUTANT. All trench stores, Defence Schemes, Aeroplane photographs and papers relating to the Sector will be handed over on 17th inst. and the usual receipts obtained. These receipts will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters. Issued at 6 p.m. by Runner.

DISTRIBUTION:-- The usual protective arrangements will be... Copy No 1 O.C. "A" Company. 2 "B" " 3 "C" " 4 "D" " 5 O.M. & T.O. 6 C.O. 31st Battalion. 7-9 War Diary. 10 Adjutant. 11 File. 12 Spare.

As soon as relieved, Companies will move independently by sections via the shortest and safest route to VILLA SECTOR. They will be met by guides at D.S.O.C. at the point where the overland track joins the main AMIENS road, and guided to the areas allotted them.

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Report on work done in Front Line System
from 1st July 1918 to 17th July 1918.

Reference Maps: (1) FRANCE. 62 D. N.E. 1/20,000.

(11) Sketch attached to WAR DIARY for July 1918,
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The battalion took over the line in front of BUIRE and VILLE sur ANCRE on the night 1st/2nd July 1918. Having been in Support on the sector for a fortnight previously and having supplied every night during that time parties for work in the front line, we were well acquainted with the requirements in respect of works.

Difficulty was experienced in obtaining working parties from the rear. This was due to two causes :-

- (a) Employment of men on carrying duties for A.L.T.M. and Stokes Mortar Batteries.
- (b) The occurrence of frequent inter-battalion reliefs - no men being then available for working parties.

TRENCHES.

- (a) CULCAIRN TRENCH: - Three new posts were constructed in a line extending from E.25.b.9-8 to E.26.a.2-7. as protection to a foot bridge thrown across the ANCRE at E.25.b.8-6 by 15th Field Company Engineers. A Fire trench is now being dug running from CULCAIRN TRENCH along the rear of these posts and connected to them by saps.
- (b) EMU TRENCH. When we took over, there was a communication trench connecting EMU TRENCH south of the Railway line with CULCAIRN TRENCH. It was very shallow and afforded little protection to men using it. It has now been cut to a uniform depth of 4 ft. 6 in.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS:

A deep dugout, standard type, is in course of construction at D.29.b.2-4. At first the working party was supplied by 57th Battalion, but a few days after our moving into the line, men were made available by the Left Support Battalion. It is expected that the dugout will be completed in the course of the next few days.

WIRING.

When we took over, many parts of the line were unprotected by wire. Now a continuous belt of concertina wire extends across the whole battalion front.

IMPROVING FIELD OF FIRE.

In front of the Left Company, between the Railway line, and the River ANCRE, crops were growing on the parapet and extending well out into No Man's Land. 5,000 square yards have been cleared.

SALVAGE WORK.

A party of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men has been engaged continuously on salvage work. The Support Company has

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supplied a small party nightly to recover material from old Casualty Clearing Station in E.19.a.& b. The area is being left clear of salvage and much valuable material has been secured from the abandoned C.C.S.

TRENCH SHELTERS:

The housing of the men has received the earnest attention of Company Commanders. Weather-proof shelters were erected immediately we occupied the line and have been improved considerably since.

BATTALION OBSERVATIONPOST.

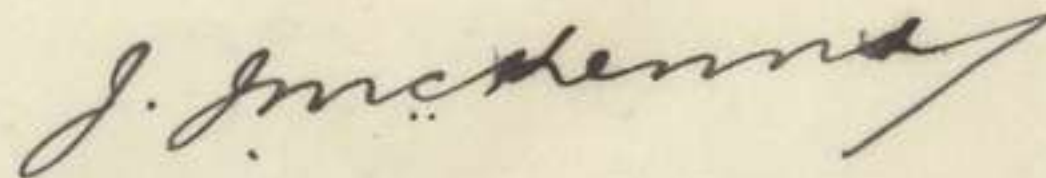
An observation post was constructed at D.24.d.4-9 for the Intelligence personnel. In addition to the O.P. itself, dugout accommodation was provided for 6 men. From this post an excellent view of the enemy's country can be obtained.

GENERAL.

The amount of work done is entirely satisfactory, but much more could have ^{been} accomplished had men been available from the Support Battalion, and much will have to be done before the defences can be considered complete.

Field.

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LIEUT.

Works Officer 57th BATTALION.A.I.F.

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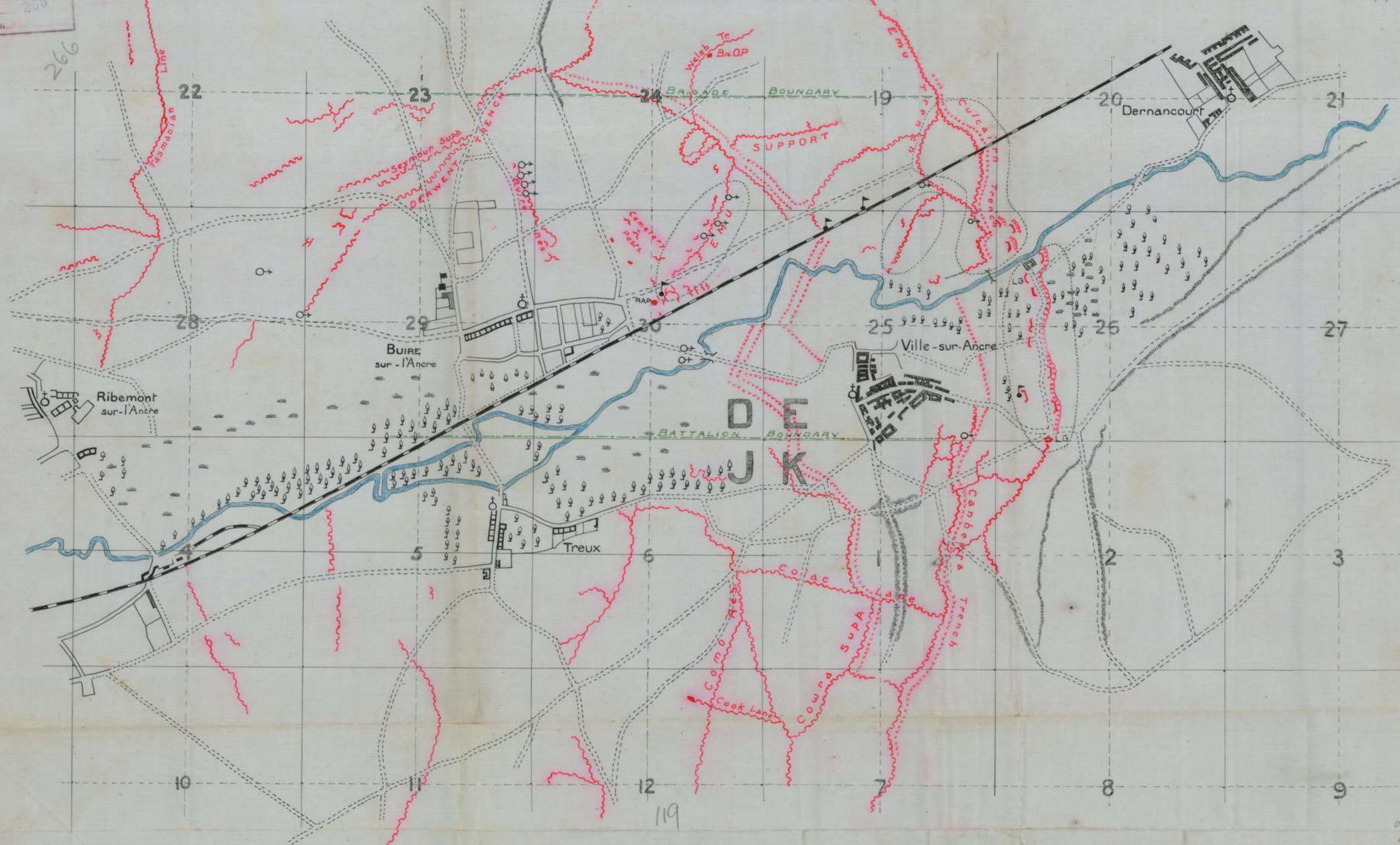
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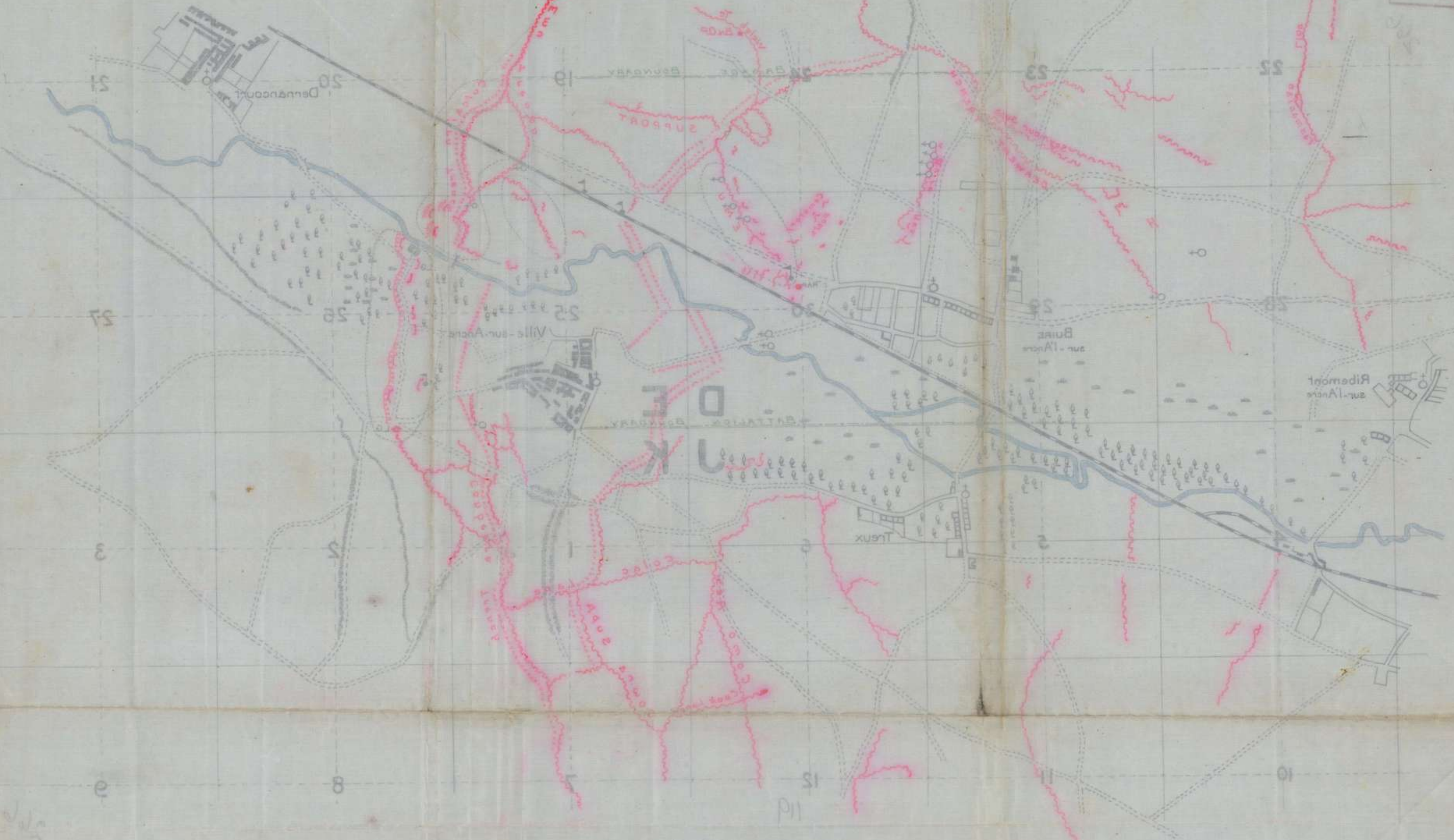
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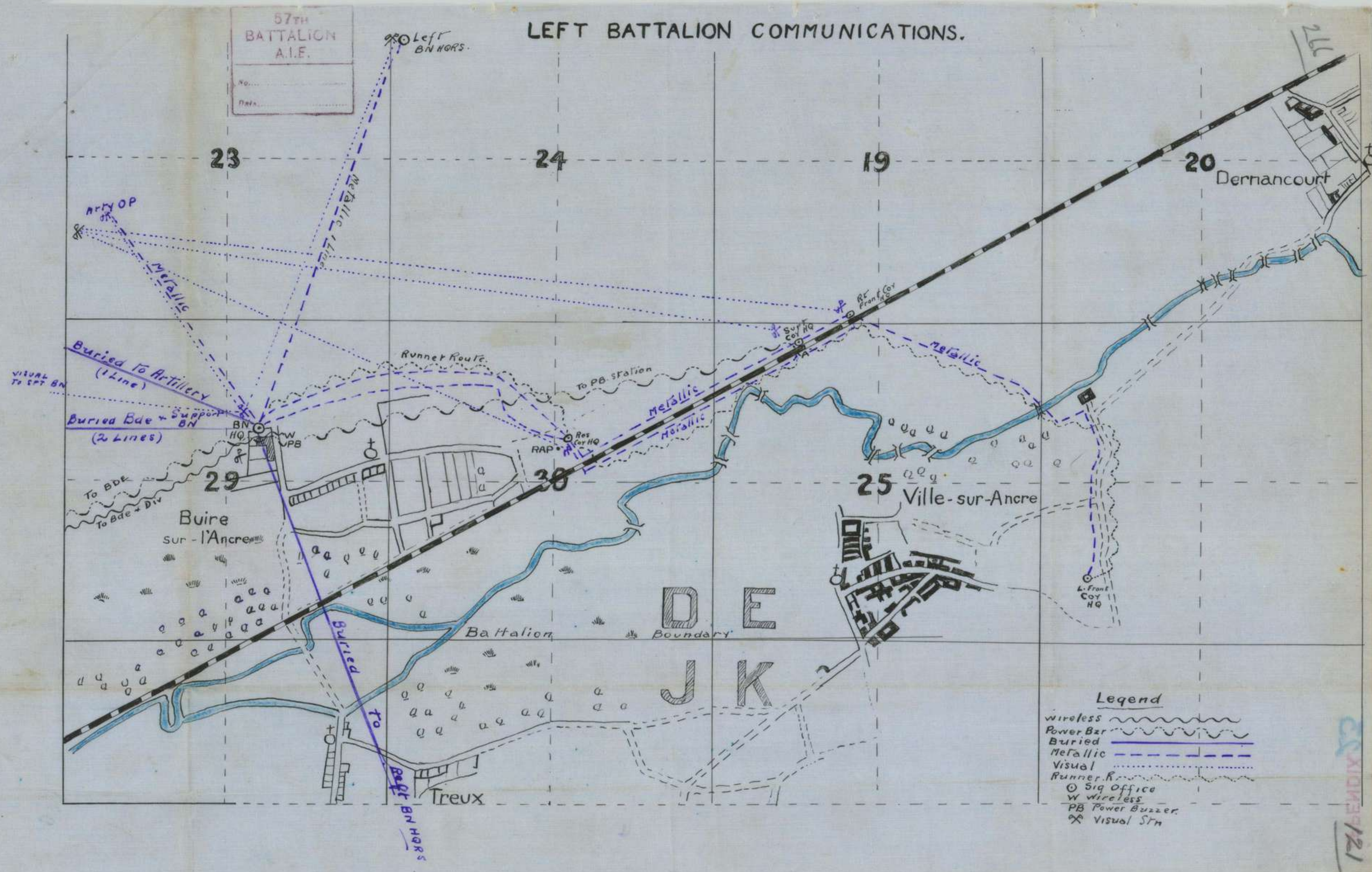
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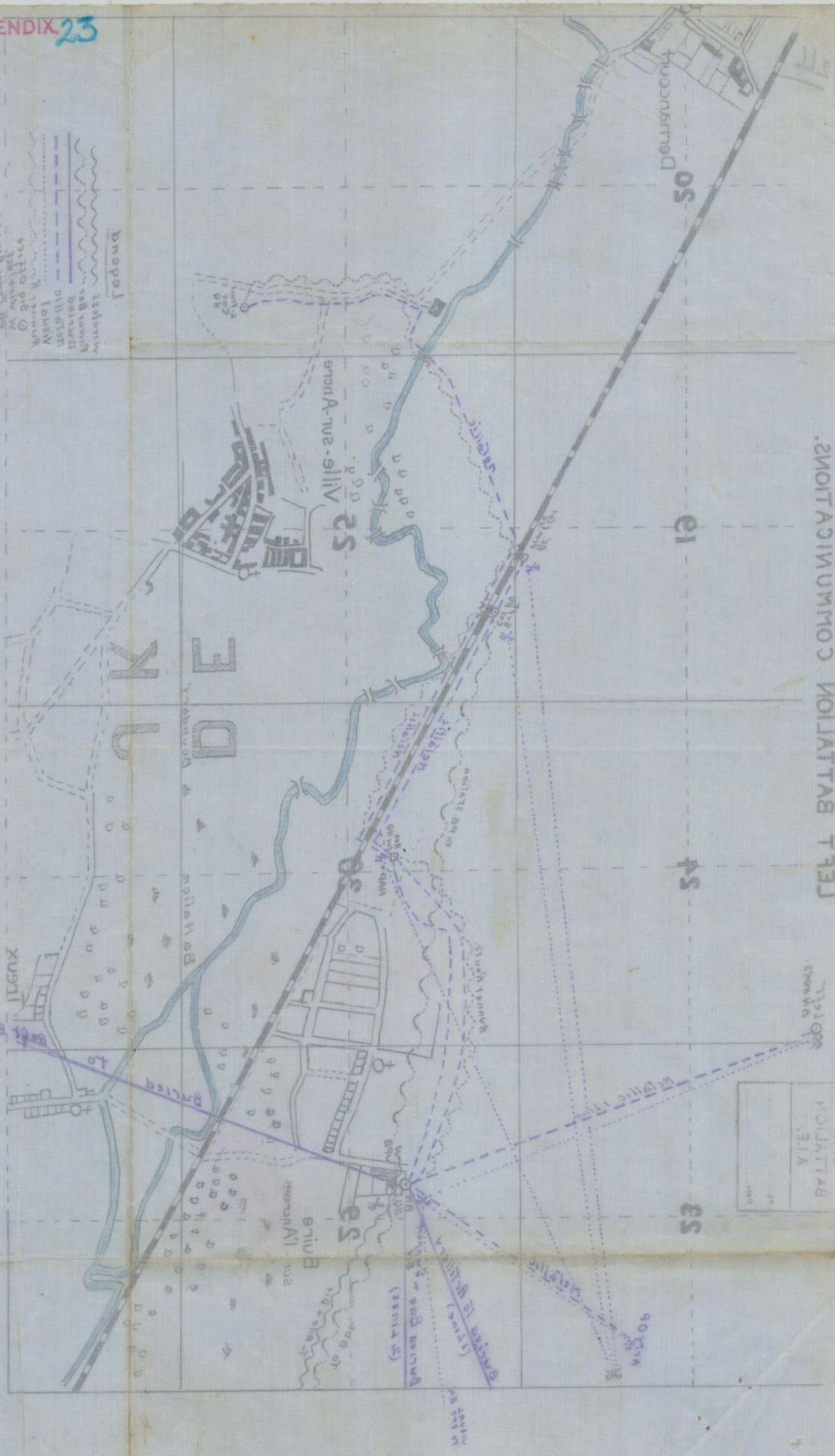


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LOCATIONS.

Brigade Headquarters.	CHATEAU HEILLY.
Support Battalion.	D.27.a.00-35.
Right Battalion H.Q.	J.11.a.5-7.
Left Battalion H.Q. (English)	D.24.a.10-75
Battalion H.Qrs.	D.29.b.2-3.
Battalion O.P.	D.24.b.5-4.
H.Q. Reserve Company.	D.30.a.8-2.
H.Q. Support "	E.25.a.5-8.
H.Q. Right Front "	E.26.c.30-35.
H.Q. Left " "	E.19.c.8-0.

BURIED to Brigade Headquarters
 Support Battalion.
 Right Battalion.
 Artillery Brigade.

METALLIC.

Left Battalion.)
Reserve, Support, Left Front Companies)	2 Lines.
Right Front Company.	1 Line.
Artillery O.P.	1 Line.

VISUAL. May be carried out with Reserve, Support, Left Front Companies from position D.23.c.1-8 and Brigade at HEILLY can also see from this position but as Companies have to take exposed positions in order to raise us and the station used by headquarters is also Artillery O.P. much movement is not advisable.

Support Battalion can be raised from Battalion Headquarters and will transmit to Brigade.
 Visual to Left Battalion (English) also.

RUNNER ROUTE. BUIRE is fairly quiet at present and runners usually take that route but in case of shelling it is advisable to skirt village.

Reserve, Support and Left Front Companies can be reached in daylight but NOT Right Front Company

Runs to Brigade direct 7.30.a.m.

Relay at Support Battalion 1.p.m., 6.p.m., 9.p.m.

WIRELESS STATION. Opposite Battalion Headquarters and works with Brigade and Division.

POWER BUZZER. To Brigade and Support Company (Amplifier only).

H. Oliver. Lt.
S.O. 57 for ass
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57th BATTALION. A.I.F.TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 8.

Training as under will commence tomorrow 20th inst.

1. Detailed Platoon inspections will be held daily at 9.a.m.

These inspections will be carried out IN the trench in the Platoon area. Special attention will be paid to clothing and equipment and all shortages will be indented for at once.

At the conclusion of the inspection men will be employed on cleaning clothing and equipment and in thoroughly cleaning up the Company areas and improving existing accommodation.

2. Specialist Officers will advance the training of their Specialists as far as possible. The Bombing Officer, Signalling Officer and Intelligence Officer will submit to the Adjutant by 9.a.m. tomorrow their proposed training programmes covering period 20th - 22nd July.
3. Each Company will detail 16 men for Lewis Gun Training. These men will report to Lewis Gun Sergeant at B. Company's Cooker at 9.a.m. daily. Company Commanders will each arrange to make available to the Lewis Gun Sergeant two selected instructors. The importance of training of Lewis Gunners is impressed on all Company Commanders: and special care must be taken in the selection of men for this important branch.
4. Stretcher bearers will report to the R.M.O. at the R.A.P. at 9.a.m. daily.

19th JULY 1918.

Sd/ F. B. McWHANNELL. Lieut.
ADJT. 57th BATTALION. A. I. F.

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TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 9

21st JULY 1918.

1. It is to be noted by Company Commanders and Specialist Officers that Specialists will NOT be available for training when the Division moves into Corps Reserve. Therefore the period in Divisional Reserve is to be observed as a period of concentrated Specialist Training. Each Specialist Officer will be granted full opportunity for improving his own particular branch; and he must make full use of this opportunity.
2. Training as under will commence tomorrow 22nd inst.
 Detailed Platoon inspections at 9.a.m. daily.
 These inspections will be carried out IN the trenches in the Platoon areas. Special attention is to be paid to clothing and equipment. All shortages indented for in accordance with instructions issued in Training Memo. No 8 should be noted and any undue delay in supplying these deficiencies must be notified to Battalion Headquarters. Clothing and Equipment should now be clean and free from trench mud.
3. SNIPERS AND OBSERVERS.
 The Battalion Intelligence Officer will form a class of 8 men from each Company. Instruction will be given in Patrolling, Sniping, Scouting and General Intelligence work.
4. SIGNALLERS.
 The Battalion Signalling Officer will hold short refresher courses for all Headquarters and Company Signallers. Special attention will be paid to buzzer board operating. A Brigade Signalling School will commence on the 29th inst. The Signalling Officer will at once select 10 men to attend this School. Men selected must be signallers who will benefit by the course.
5. LEWIS GUNNERS.
 The 16 men per Company receiving instruction will continue as at present under the supervision of Capt. J.I. SNOWBALL. Every effort will be made to train new men as Lewis Gunners: and if time permits and the opportunity arises, attention will be paid to tactics in the case of men who have thoroughly mastered the mechanism and handling of the gun.
6. STRETCHER BEARERS.
 The R.M.O. will arrange to continue classes of instruction in First Aid for all stretcher bearers. All bearers will report to R.A.P. at 9.a.m. daily.
7. BOMBERS.
 The Bombing Officer will arrange for the training of 2 men per Platoon in the use and tactics of the No 36 Rifle Grenade Discharger. Until bombs are available for live practice, he will lecture on the theory and tactics of the Discharger. Men will parade at a spot to be selected by the Bombing Officer at 9.a.m. daily.
8. GUARDS, SENTRIES ETC.
 All duties must be well turned out and thoroughly instructed in their duties before mounting.

9. MARCH DISCIPLINE.

The strictest attention will be paid to march discipline in all movements of formed bodies. Attention is called to para. 5, 6 and 7 Appendix No II to Battalion Standing Orders.

10. GAS.

Every man, whether he be Specialist, Rifleman or Cook; will receive instruction from his Platoon Commander in Anti-gas measures from 12 noon until 12.30.p.m. daily. S.S. 534 will be used in this connexion. The training must be made interesting and the men must be told of the effects of Gas. In the case of Specialists, Specialist Officers will carry out this daily gas training the men being exercised in the performance of their particular specialist duties while wearing the Small Box Respirator.

11. All men not employed on Specialist duties will be employed throughout the morning in cleaning Company Areas, improving existing accommodation and in the cutting of crops as detailed from Battalion Headquarters.

J. B. Williams

LIEUT.

ADJT. 57th BATTALION.A.I.F.



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PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME.

"C" BATTALION

RESERVE BRIGADE

"C" DIVISION.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

22nd JULY 1918

Issued by Runner at 9.25 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION:-

- 1. O.C. Headquarters Company.
- 2 O.C. "A" Company.
- 3 "B" "
- 4 "C" "
- 5 "D" "
- 6 Q.M. & T.O.
- 7 Reserve Brigade.
- 8 File
- 9 Adjutant
- 10-12 War Diary
- 13 "A" Battalion.
- 14 Spare.

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ORGANISATION & PRINCIPLES
OF DEFENCE.

APPENDIX 26-127

1. The Divisional front is held by two Brigades in the line and one Brigade in Divisional Reserve. The Right Brigade has two Battalions in line and two in Support. The left Brigade has three Battalions in line and one in Support.
2. The Divisional Area is divided into three main Zones of Defence: the forward Zone, the second Zone and the third Zone.
3. The Front line System of the forward Zone is the main line of resistance which will be defended at all costs.
4. The Reserve Brigade is disposed in the Second Zone. "C" Battalion is disposed in the VILLA SECTOR of the Franvillers System from I.5.a.4-8 to C.23.D.4-5.
5. "C" Battalion will be prepared to move forward to assist in the maintenance of the forward System at 20 minutes notice at all times.
6. Company Commanders will each detail an Officer whose duty it will be to destroy all Company Documents in the event of an overwhelming attack by the enemy. These officers will be provided with instructions in writing. Specialist Officers will, on receipt of orders from the Adjutant, destroy all documents for which they are responsible.
7. Troops will not fall back from any one line to another. All ground will be defended as long as possible even if flanks are turned. There will be no withdrawal without orders from Battalion Headquarters.
8. WORKING PARTIES.
 - (a) Working Parties will always carry their arms with them.
 - (b) Officers and N.C.O's in charge of Working Parties will always be supplied with written instructions as 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 positions of readiness.



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ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

1. The main forms of attack which may be anticipated and which would affect the Reserve Brigade are :-
 - (a) A deliberate prepared attack with Artillery bombardment on any portion of the Divisional Front.
 - (b) An attack without preparatory bombardment on any portion of the Divisional Front.

2. A general attack may be one in which preliminary artillery preparation gives an indication of the enemy's intentions. This attack would be preceded probably by an intense bombardment with H.E. and Gas Shells. The exact moment of such an attack cannot be foreseen. If the enemy commences a general gas shell bombardment all Companies will at once "Stand to" and each Company Commander will detail a Special Officer observer. Battalion Headquarters must be kept informed of all that is observed. The Officer on duty at Battalion Headquarters will be responsible for questioning forward and Flank Headquarters with regard to any Artillery activity he may hear or observe.

3. The second form of general attack may be an attempt at surprise. Special vigilance will be observed during foggy or bad weather. News of a surprise attack on the front will be at once passed to all units of the Reserve Brigade by the Headquarters Officer on duty.

4. "C" Battalion will be prepared to reinforce or to counter attack on any part of the Divisional Front or on the immediate flanks: or the Battalion may be employed to hold rear lines of Defence. All Officers and all Senior N.C.Os must be acquainted with the area and Defences throughout the Divisional Sector. All routes to the Divisional Front and to sectors on the flanks will be thoroughly reconnoitred as will be ordered from Battalion Headquarters so that a night operation may be undertaken in any direction.

5. "C" Battalion must be prepared for all eventualities as the method of employment of the Reserve Brigade cannot be completely foreseen.

6. On receipt of the order "BATTLE STATIONS" from Battalion Headquarters O.C. "C" Company will at once occupy the ANCRE EXTENSION of the BAIZIEU SYSTEM running from I.18.a.0-5 to J.1.C.7-8. The frontage includes posts lettered J K L M N O P Q S T inclusive and posts numbered 30 to 36 both inclusive = a total of 17 posts., half to be manned by Lewis Gun Sections and half by rifle sections. Headquarters, A, B and D Companies will "Stand to" and await orders.

7. Lieut.C.S.A. NOAD is detailed as Liaison Officer for duty with left line Brigade. He will move at once in receipt of orders from Battalion Headquarters.

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266 ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS
 accompanying
 "C" BATTALION
PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME.

1. AMMUNITION.

S.A.A. is dumped in the Battalion Area as under :-

A. Company	6000	Rounds.
B. "	10000	Rounds.
C. "	8000	Rounds
D. "	8000	Rounds.
Battalion Headquarters.	26000	Rounds.

All ranks are in possession of 120 rounds.
 The Battalion Echelon is full and is held at Transport Lines.

2. SUPPLIES.

Refilling Point is at H.10.C.8-3. Rations are delivered at Q.M. Store C.22.a.8-1 daily by second line Transport and distributed to Companies by first line Transport in the evening.

3. COOKERS.

All cookers are with Companies.

4. WATER.

Water is drawn from FRANVILLERS.

5. SUPPORTING POINT RATIONS.

"C" Battalion is responsible for Supporting Point Ration Dump at C.23.D.1-6 containing 8 Cases Preserved Meat, 12 tins Biscuits and 50 tins water. A Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men is mounted on this dump.

6. TRANSPORT LINES AND Q. M. STORE.

At C.22.a.8-1.

7. BATHS.

At FRANVILLERS.

8. BURIALS.

Cemetery at FRANVILLERS.

9. MEDICAL.

R.A.P. at C.29.D.35-70. Evacuations by Motor Ambulance to A.D.S.

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BATTALION CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO 64

22nd JULY 1918

" ORGANISATION "

1. In order to free Company Commanders of certain responsibilities and in order that the various details comprising Battalion Headquarters should be more thoroughly administered, it has been decided to form a Headquarters Company.

2. The Company will be organised as under :-

Company Headquarters.

- (a) Company Commander. Lieut. J. J. McKENNA.
 C.S.M. R.S.M. J. S. OLD.
 C.Q.M.S. C.Q.M.S. W. CURRIE.
 Clerk Pte. J. H. MURPHY.
- (b) First Platoon. Lieut. J. R. McDONALD.
 Transport Personnel
 Q. M. Store Personnel. (including Storemen, shoemakers,
 canteen, tailors, butchers, batmen, Post Office staff).
- (c) Second Platoon: Lieut. C.G. FORREST. M.C.
 Bandsmen.
 Bombers.
- (d) Third Platoon. Lieut. H. OLVER.
 Runners Signallers
 Pioneers Orderly Room Staff.
 Pay Sergeant.
- (e) Fourth Platoon. Lieut. A. G. STALEY.
 Intelligence Personnel. Lewis Gun Instructors.
 Musketry Instructor P.T. & B.F. Instructors.
 Gas N.C.O. Sanitary Section.
 Headquarters Stretcher bearers. Water Details.
 Headquarters Cooks and batmen. Provost Section.

3. The Intelligence Officer (Lieut.A.T.B.MUNTZ) and the Salvage Officer (Lieut.D.FALCONER) are unattached and their services will be utilised by the O.C. Headquarters Company to replace absent Officers etc. as he may deem expedient. The Adjutant will remain as at present, responsible for the training of all Headquarter Specialists.
4. O.C. Headquarters Company will be responsible for discipline, rations pay, clothing and equipment, billeting, etc., of his Company. He will detail Company duties (as Orderly Officer, Gas Guards, Orderly N.C.Os etc.) daily.
5. Companies will, under separate instructions issued by the Adjutant, "strike off" the Company strength all legitimate Headquarters Details.
6. No Officer, N.C.O. or man will be detached from his Company for any duties whatever except by the order of the Adjutant.

Copies to:-

O.C. Headquarters Company.
 O.C. "A" Company. War Diary (3)
 "B" " Adjutant.
 "C" " File.
 "D" " Spare (4)

J.B. Williams
 LIEUT.
 ADJT. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

S E C R E T.

Copy No

57th BATTALION ORDER NO 144Ref: Sheet 62 D. N.E.
1/40,000.25th JULY 1918.

1. 57th Battalion will move to ST GRATIEN tomorrow 26th inst. The Battalion will be clear of the VILLA Sector by 8.p.m.
2. 59th Battalion is taking over the VILLA Sector. 59th Battalion will not move from present position until 8.30.p.m.
3. Lieut. K.J. Morrison is detailed to remain in charge of a Nucleus garrison of 1 N.C.O. and 1 man per Company and one Officer from "C" Company until relieved by 59th Battalion. This Officer will be responsible for handing over trench stores to incoming Unit. He will report to the Adjutant at 10.a.m. 26th inst. for further instructions.
4. Each Company will detail one N.C.O. and one private as a Nucleus Garrison to acquaint incoming units of all accommodation etc. in the Company Sectors. O.C. "C" Company will in addition detail one Officer who will acquaint a 59th Battalion Officer of the S.Ps to be manned by "C" Company in accordance with para. 6. "Action in case of Attack", "C" Battalion Provisional Defence Scheme. This Officer will report to the Adjutant at 10.a.m. tomorrow 26th inst.
5. Companies will move from present positions to ST GRATIEN in parties of FOUR at FIVE minute intervals. Every precaution must be taken against enemy observation. Men must not move across the open. No Unnecessary movement will be made out of trenches.
6. DRESS. Marching Order.
7. Starting Time 8.a.m.
8. Order of movement.
 - "A" Company.
 - "B" Company.
 - Headquarters
 - "C" Company.
 - "D" Company.
9. Company Commanders will report to the Adjutant immediately their Companies are clear of VILLA Sector.
10. An Officer will accompany the first four of each Company. The Company Commander will remain until his Company is clear of VILLA Sector.
11. Arrangements regarding Valises, Cookers, etc. will be made later. Officers will leave their batmen as guard over valises.
12. Advance parties of one Senior N.C.O. per Company will report to Lieut. J.J. McKenna at Battalion Headquarters at 7.30.a.m. tomorrow 26th inst. These N.C.Os will carry the unexpired portion of the days rations.
13. Guides will meet Companies at B.28.A.3-5. The Officer accompanying the first Company four will collect the Company at this Spot, and march into ST GRATIEN by platoons at 20 paces distance.
14. There must be no loitering en route.

Issued at 10.40.p.m.
to all concerned.

J.B. Finham
LIEUT.
ADJT. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

Report on Sanitary Condition of Billets
for 57th Battalion in St GRATIEN.

To C. O. 57th Battalion. A.I.F.

From R.M.O. 57th Battalion. A.I.F.

The Billets in which the men are placed are fair as regards comfort but the midden heaps or pits which are in the centre of each yard constitute a grave danger. These are excellent spots for flies to breed in and food should be kept carefully covered to avoid infection.

The Cookers are in yards of the same type and should be put in other cleaner positions if such can be obtained and it is here that the greatest precautions are necessary for the protection of food.

The difficulties of guarding against an outbreak of Dysentery are much increased by being placed in such insanitary surroundings.

An adequate supply of disinfectant should be obtained as soon as possible in order that the latrines at billets may be kept well disinfected as with so much foul ground about a certain amount is sure to be carried in on the men's boots.

27. 7. 18.

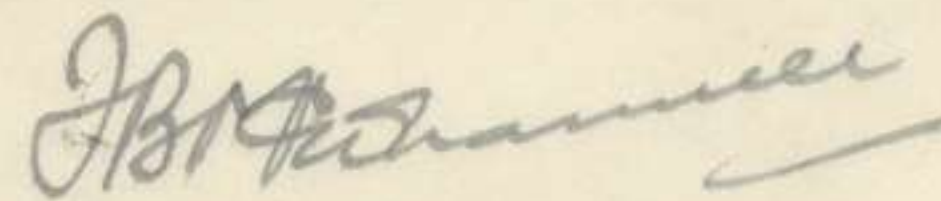
Sd. G. O. Robertson. Capt.
R.M.O. 57th Battalion. A.I.F.

S E C R E T.266
57th BATTALION ORDER NO 145Ref: Sheet
AMIENS 1/100,000.

29th JULY 19;8.

1. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade is being relieved in Divisional Reserve by the 54th Infantry Brigade, on 29th July and is moving by bus to MONTIERES AREA.
2. 57th Battalion will move from present position and proceed by march route to QUERRIEU where the Battalion will embus for HEM. The Advance Party has already gone forward.
3. Transport is moving independently under orders to be issued by Brigade Transport Officer. All Cookers and baggage waggons will be ready to move at 12.15.p.m. Valises and all technical equipment and Office Stores must be placed ready for loading at Battalion Orderly Room at 11.a.m.
4. Companies will assemble on Company Parade grounds at 2.15.p.m. in marching order. Company Commanders will pay particular attention to the turn out and dress of their men. No departure from the Regimental pattern of marching order will be permitted.
5. Companies will pass the Starting Point (the Parish Church) at 2.30.p.m. in the order : Headquarters, "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies.
6. Distances of 100 yards between Companies will be maintained: and the strictest attention will be paid to March Discipline. The usual 10 minute halts at 10 minutes to the Clock hour will be observed.
7. On arrival at the embussing point, all ranks will be told off in parties of 25. Officers will travel with their men.
8. No man will alight from a bus without the permission of his Platoon Commander. All Officers and N.C.Os must maintain the strictest bus discipline en route.
9. Absolutely no baggage will be taken on busses.

Issued at 10.20.a.m.
to all concerned.

LIEUT.
ADJT. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

266 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.WEEKLY HEALTH REPORT.29th JULY 1918.

1. GENERAL HEALTH. Good.
2. PREVAILING DISEASES. Nil.
3. WATER SUPPLY.
Source. Water Point. Location. C.28.D.80-40.
Measures of B. Pdr. One.
4. WATER CARTS. (If cleaned regularly). Yes.
5. FOOD. Quantity. Sufficient. Quality. Good.
6. COOKING and COOKHOUSES. Satisfactory.
No. of Hot meals Daily. Three.
7. LATRINES. Type. Trench System, Box seat. Flyproof. Yes.
Percentage 4.
8. URINALS. Absorption Pits. Satisfactory.
9. DISPOSAL OF MANURE. Stacking. Yes. Burning. -
10. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE. Burning. - Burial. Yes.
11. PERCENTAGE OF TROOPS BATHED. 100.
Received Clean Underclothing 100
Condition of Clothing Good.
12. CONDITION OF MEN RE SCABIES AND LICE. Fairly Good.
13. REINFORCEMENTS, CLASS. -
If inoculations complete. -
14. LOCATION OF R.A.P. Sheet 62 D. C.29.d.20-85.
15. GENERAL REMARKS. The rest in the FRANVILLERS Line made a marked improvement in the men's condition.

Robertson
Capt.
R.M.O. 57th Battalion. A.I.F.

To C.O.
57th Battalion.A.I.F.

From
R.M.O. 57th Battalion.A.I.F.

Re Health of Men.

Since my last report on the health of the men we have been in reserve in the FRANVILLERS line where the men were not under fire, nor were they required to do front line fatigue or drill.

This rest has been of great benefit to the men and their physical condition is greatly improved. Among the weaker men in the Battalion the long continued strain of line work has weakened the resistance to a minimum, such, that I consider they should be kept in the front line for short intervals only in order that they can get enough time of relaxation from strain to keep them fit to do their turn in the line. The Influenza epidemic has ceased and the majority of those who suffered from it have recovered during the time the Battalion was resting in the Reserve line.

We have been singularly free from Dysentery and have not been notified of any case being definitely diagnosed Dysentery up to the present.

G. Robertson
CAPT.

30. 7. 18.

R.M.O. 57th BATTALION.A.I.F.

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TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 10.WEDNESDAY 31st JULY 1918.

- 8.30.a.m. Fall in: Inspection of Companies.
- 8.45.a.m. Ceremonial assembly of Battalion. (Muster Parade).
Inspection by the Commanding Officer.
9. a.m. Battalion Movements etc.
- 9.15.a.m. Gas Training.
- 9.30.a.m. By Platoon Commanders:
- (a) Explanation of the new Platoon organisation.
- (b) Completion of the new organisation.
10. a.m. Lecturette by Platoon Commanders on "The Platoon in Attack".
- 10.15.a.m. Smoke oh.
- 10.30.a.m. Demonstration of the Platoon in attack.
11. a.m. Practice of Platoon in attack.

Each Platoon will go through the practice separately under the direction of Company Commanders. The remaining Platoons will stand by and observe - Points noted will be discussed at completion of exercise.

The C.O. will lecture to all Officers in the MESS at 7.30.p.m. tonight on "Tomorrow's Work". Officers will bring with them a copy of S.S.143 "The Training and Employment of Platoons 1918" and note books.

- 12.20.p.m. Companies will march past Company Commanders and return to billets, dismissing at 12.30.p.m.

J. B. [Signature]

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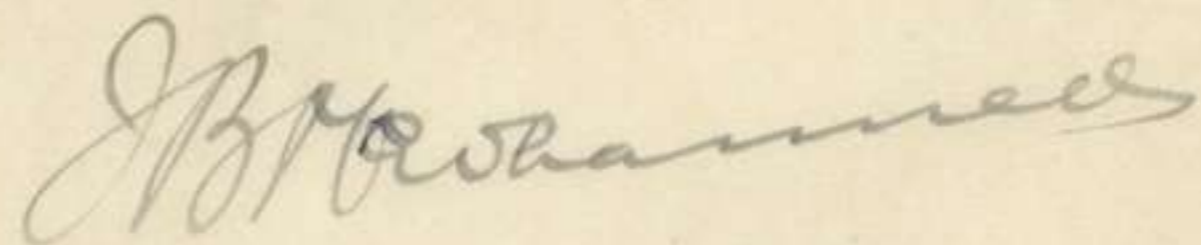
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The attached paragraph was extracted from the Sydney "BULLETIN" dated 25th April, 1918.

24 in the year before the year One, because they would have froze.

"Hamer": The man who gave the military authorities the idea for the containers that take the food to the front line deserves 15 V.C.'s. The weary soldier doing his 13 hours' night shift away out towards No Man's Land now has welcome breaks when stew and tea, porridge and cocoa, coffee and such things arrive hot. The liquid containers are wooden cases which strap to the shoulders of the carriers, the cases being lined, and having inside the petrol-cans that hold the refreshment. The more solid food goes up in similar vehicles. These warm meals make the front line a great deal more like home than it used to be.

The inventor and designer of the "hot-boxes" mentioned above is Captain (Honorary Major) C. B. TAYLOR, M. C. Quartermaster of 57th Battalion. The boxes were tested in December, 1916 when the Division was at rest in the FLESELLES area. They were first used in the line during the tour in January, 1917 in the FLERS- LESBOEUF- GUEUDEECOURT sector.



Lieut. and Adjutant.

57th Battalion.

57th BATTALION. A. I. F.266 MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS DURING
MONTH OF JULY 1918.MARCHED OUT TO SCHOOLS.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>SCHOOL.</u>	<u>DATE OF DEPARTURE.</u>
Lieut. J.S. COTTON.	5th Divisional Signal School.	3. 7. 18.
" C.H. DAVIS. M.C.	Australian Corps School.	8. 7. 18.
" F.O'C. TWOMEY.	" " "	"
" R.D. McFARLANE.	" " "	10. 7. 18.
" A.T. BARTLETT.	4th Army S.O.S. School.	14. 7. 18.
Capt. B. PEACOCK.	Australian Corps Gas School.	"
" E.K. KEYS.	4th Army Infantry School.	26. 7. 18.
Lieut. C.S.A. NOAD. M.C.	Australian Corps School.	27. 7. 18.
2/Lieut. A.M. WILLIAMS.	Australian Corps Gas School.	28. 7. 18.
Lieut. W.A. MONEY. M.C., M.M.	Liaison Course 3rd Squadron, A.F.C.	29. 7. 18.
Major. R.M.C. AITCHISON.	Camouflage Course.	30. 7. 18.

MARCHED IN FROM SCHOOLS.DATE OF
REJOINING.

Lieut. L.F. MORRIS.	4th Army Infantry School.	3. 7. 18.
Capt. L.W. ELLIOTT. D.S.O.	G.H.Q. Lewis Gun School.	2. 7. 18.
Lieut. R.D. McFARLANE.	Australian Corps School.	29. 7. 18.
" J.S. COTTON.	5th Divisional Signal School.	28. 7. 18.

TO 14th TRAINING BATTALION. Ex. 5th DIV. H. QRS.

Capt. J.B. LAING. M.C. 18. 7. 18.

TO HOSPITAL.

Lieut. H.J. DICKINSON. Evacuated N.Y.D.N. 6. 7. 18.

TO A.I.B.D. FOR MEDICAL BOARD . (FOR RECLASSIFICATION.)

Lieut. E.J. MOORE. 5. 7. 18.

REJOINED FROM SECONDED LIST.

Lieut. N.B. WHITE.	From sick. Seconded.	23. 7. 18.
" M.J. MEARA.	From Wounded. Seconded.	4. 7. 18.

CASUALTIES.

2/Lieut. J.H. FLEMING. D.C.M., M.M. Wounded 4. 7. 18.

MARCHED OUT ON LEAVE.

Lieut. A.T.B. MUNTZ.	Leave United Kingdom.	23. 7. 18.
Capt. W.E.S. EDGAR.	Leave Paris.	24. 7. 18.

J.B. Laing

LIEUT.
ADJT. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

RECOMMENDATIONS

submitted to Higher Authority
for award
during the Month of
JULY 1918.

L. McDonald CAPTAIN

amp

Comdg. 57th. Battalion A.I.F.

Date recommendation passed forward.

Brigade	!
Division	!
Corps	!
Army	!

Army Form W. 3121.

15th AUST. INF. Brigade. FIFTH Division. AUSTRALIAN Corps. 8th JULY 1918. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	57th INFANTRY BATTALION <u>A.I.F.</u>	2914	Private ALAN THORPE <u>GILES.</u>	Near VILLE SUR ANCRE in the evening of 5/7/18, during a counter-attack by the enemy on our newly captured position, the only bridge over the RIVER ANCRE connecting our two front line Companies was destroyed by shell fire and all telephone communication was cut. Information of the situation on the right was urgently required. Pte. GILES volunteered to swim across the river with a despatch; and did so under an intense artillery and machine gun barrage, returning through the same barrage with an answer asking for reinforcements. His action was an example of coolness, bravery and devotion to duty which inspired his comrades and enabled help to be sent forward to a threatened portion of our line.			266

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Received Passed
 Brigade
 Division
 Corps
 Army
 Date of Recommendation. 9th JULY 1918.

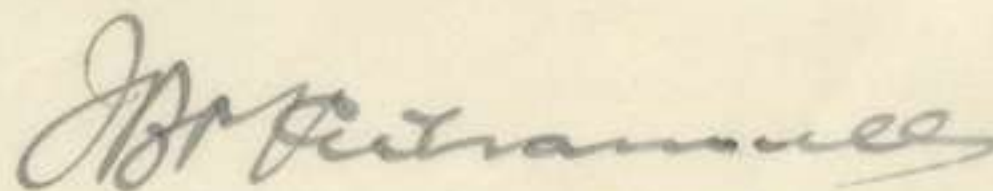
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	57th INFANTRY BATTALION. <u>A.I.F.</u>	3144	Corporal James <u>VERNON.</u>	North East of VILLE SUR ANCRE during the night 4th/5th July Cpl. VERNON was in charge of a Patrol covering a working party engaged in the construction of a line of posts which were being pushed forward in order to conform with the advance made on the immediate right on morning of July 4th. This patrol was attacked by the garrisons of adjacent enemy posts on no less than three occasions. Despite the enemy's superior numbers, VERNON completely repulsed each attack, caused the enemy parties casualties, and enabled our Working Party to complete and occupy the posts under construction before day-break. The courage and leadership of this N.C.O. is of a very high order and is a fine example to the men of his Company.			266

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STATEMENT OF SPECIALIST TRAINING
DURING MONTH OF JULY 1918.

1. The Battalion was in the line (VILLE SUR ANCRE Sector) from 1st to 18th July - In the VILLA Sector of the FRANVILLERS System from 18th July to 25th July. In billets at ST GRATIEN from 26th to 29th July. In billets at HEM 29th to 31st July.
2. SCOUTS AND OBSERVERS.
The Intelligence Section was built up to One N.C.O. and 7 others per Company and Two N.C.Os and 6 Others for Headquarters. New men received elementary training and the older and experienced men received careful instruction in map reading and observation, wording of Intelligence reports and the use of the prismatic compass.
3. LEWIS GUNNERS.
The new organisation of two rifle sections and one double Lewis Gun section per platoon has been satisfactorily launched. Experienced Lewis Gunners were instructed in the tactics of the double section and in range practice. 8 Men per Company received elementary instruction.
4. BOMBERS.
Our recent tour in the line has convinced us of the value of the No 36 Rifle Grenade. A great deal of damage and much annoyance was caused enemy posts by this bomb and practically no use was found for other varieties. The Bombing Officer therefore concentrated on the No 36 and 20 men per Company were thoroughly trained in its use and tactics.
5. STRETCHER BEARERS.
All Battalion Stretcher Bearers received instruction from the R.M.O. in first aid and in bearing.
6. SIGNALLERS.
The Signalling Officer concentrated on telephone operating. The Visual and Buzzer Standard is high throughout the Battalion. But the methods of telephone buzzer board operators were uncouth and clumsy. This has been remedied.



Lieutenant and Adjutant.
57th Battalion.

57th BATTALION. A.I.F.COMMANDING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT.

During the period 1st to 17th JULY the 57th Battalion was the Left Line Battalion on the Divisional Front. The tour was most satisfactory from every point of view.

On the 4th July 2 Companies of the 59th Battalion and 1 Company 58th Battalion successfully attacked the enemy and captured all objectives to a depth of 500 yards on a 1500 yards front including part of the enemy system opposite the right Company front of this Battalion. The left of the attack was at one time held up and assistance was rendered by this Battalion giving covering fire and reinforcing the attacking troops.

On the night of the 11th/12th July a raiding party of 1 Officer and 43 Other Ranks raided the enemy advanced posts on the left of the RIVER ANCRE. The barrage was excellent and all arrangements worked out splendidly and to time. On reaching the objective it was found that the enemy had fled, but our party remained some time searching for enemy dead and wounded, but unfortunately had to return without having secured identification.

During the occupation of the Sector, our patrols were very active and had the control of "NO MAN'S LAND". No 36 Rifle Grenades were freely used on the enemy posts and working parties, good results being obtained.

The 3" Stokes Mortar was effectively used against the enemy defences and was invaluable as a means of dispersing enemy working parties during the hours of darkness.

A great amount of work was done while in the Sector, existing fire trenches and Communication trenches being deepened and improved generally, and others constructed. Our line was advanced slightly by establishing 3 forward posts, and the converting of these into a continuous fire trench was almost completed before leaving the Sector.

A considerable quantity of salvage was collected and returned to the Brigade Salvage Dump. This included valuable X Ray Apparatus and Medical Stores that were recovered from No Man's Land. A complete aeroplane engine was also salvaged and returned.

An epidemic of Influenza was prevalent throughout the Battalion and men were in a weak state for some days after they were considered fit for duty. Troubles of a nervous order were much more pronounced than usual.

The rationing arrangements were excellent. Two hot meals a day were sent forward in hot boxes, arriving in the front line at 10.45.p.m. and 2.15.a.m. Men were also able to supplement their hot rations by means of Tommy Cookers and Cocoa and Milk provided by the Y.M.C.A. and Australian Comforts Fund.

Baths were established in a ruined house in BUIRE and each man was able to have a hot bath and change of underclothing at least once a week.

The Battalion was relieved by the 31st Battalion on the night 17th/18th July and moved back into Brigade Reserve trenches in front of FRANVILLERS.,

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 where reorganisation and Specialist training were carried out. The afternoons were devoted to Sport and Cricket matches were entered into with great enthusiasm.

R M Chisholm

MAJOR.

T/Commanding 57th Battalion.A.I.F.

The Battalion occupied the VILLA Sector of the FRANVILLERS System from 18th to 26th July. During this tour, every effort was concentrated on Specialist Training. Lewis Gunners, Bombers, Signallers, Stretcher bearers and Intelligence Personnel receiving the undivided attention of the respective Specialist Officers and Instructors. The living accommodation provided in the Sector was good and was still further improved by our men who built new shelters and repaired damaged ones.

No Working parties were supplied during the period and the men were able to obtain the thorough rest, that was so much needed. An area of 300 yards in front of our fire trenches was cleared of crop to improve the field of fire: and in addition, a further 10 or 15 acres of crop was harvested under the direction of the French Mission.

Cricket Matches were played daily and a very full stock of Canteen stores was made available to the men.

On 26th inst. the Battalion was relieved in the VILLA Sector by the 59th Battalion and moved to ST GRATIEN. Here the men were billeted in good comfortable billets and given plenty of freedom to visit friends in neighbouring villages. Specialist Training was continued.

On 29th inst. the Battalion moved to QUERRIEU by march route and to the HEM Area by bus from QUERRIEU. The men are billeted in large factories - Weatherproof, Sanitary, clean and airy; quite the best billets the Battalion has occupied in France. Every convenience is available. The river SOMME flows past the billets. A large Canteen has been established. A Concert Hall is within easy reach. Sports and parade grounds are almost next door. Battalion Officers' and Sergeants' Messes have been provided. 20% leave is granted to visit neighbouring villages daily. ~~The Nucleus and the 10th Reinforcements joined up the Battalion on 30th inst.~~

31 July 1918

G. Donald
 CAPTAIN

Donald

Comd. 57th. Battalion A.I.F.

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JULY 1918, 57th Battalion.A.I.F.

The Battalion moved from close Support to the Front Line on night of 1st/2nd JULY and remained in the line till the night of 17th/18th JULY when the Brigade was relieved. While in the Front Line the R.A.P. was situated forward of BUIRE in a shallow Chalk Pit. The R.A.P. was very poor as it was only splinter proof; would only hold one stretcher case and was only fitted with one gas door. When we left, a new R.A.P. deep dugout with proper anti-gas measures and plenty of room was almost completed, the work being done by Infantry working under the direction of the 5th Divisional Engineers. The R.A.P. was about 500 yards in front of Battalion Headquarters.

The carry from the left Front Line Company to the R.A.P. was about 1000 yards. On the right about 1,400 yards. On the two occasions on which there were raids and minor operations the Headquarter Stretcher bearers were used as bearer relays and in this way the wounded came through quickly and we had no congestion at any time as two squads of Ambulance bearers cleared from the R.A.P. to the Ambulance loading post with two wheeled stretchers, a distance of about 400 - 500 yards. The supply of dressings and comforts were quite sufficient and we were especially well off for dressing out of the salvage obtained by the Battalion from the C.C.S. in "NO MAN'S LAND. "

During the time the Battalion was in the line the epidemic of influenza was very severe, it was decreasing when we came out of the line and has now stopped. The total evacuations apart from wounded were 50 and the great majority of these were severe cases of Influenza. As well as these, 86 men mainly milder cases of influenza were treated at the Sick Hut and returned to their Companies during the month.

The Casualties of the Battalion were small but one Company got a very bad shaking in the front line as they were continuously shelled with 8 inch H.E. for over 18 hours.

The Sick Parades were held at night as the men could not leave the line in daytime as they were under observation. The slighter cases who were being sent to the sick Hut went down on the ration limbers.

While in the line when a Company was relieved from the front line they came back and had a bath and clean change of clothing, including uniform, on the next day and their own uniform was cleaned and ironed at the Quartermaster's store, to get rid of lice.

When we were relieved from the line we came back to the rear position near FRANVILLERS and the men had an urgently needed rest and clean up. On the 26th JULY the Battalion moved back from FRANVILLERS to ST GRATIEN. During the advance on 4th July excellent work was done by the Company stretcher bearers who showed a fine spirit in assisting to bring in the wounded of the 58th Battalion.

While in the line the Battalion salvaged a lot of valuable medical stores from part of a C.C.S. in "NO MAN'S LAND". The main items were:

X Ray Tungstan. Tubes.	7
X Ray Plates about	40 Packets.
Accumulators.	3 Boxes
Mercury Interrupter	1
Resistance box and switchboard.	1
Various other parts of X Ray outfit.	

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Fairly large quantities of Drugs, dressings and Dental gear, Stretchers, Tents, gloves and bed cushions.

During the whole stay in the line the men received two hot meals each night. The food has been very satisfactory.

The Sanitary detail have worked well and in every position including the line there have been flyproof latrines except after the Advance on the 4th July where new posts were being established.

Capt. Robertson

CAPT.

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R.M.O. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

QUARTERMASTER'S DIARY FOR MONTH
OF JULY 1918

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JULY.
- 1st. Near FRANVILLERS. Drew rations at 7.a.m. by second line Transport from Dump at H.10.Central. Rations made up as per Ration State and taken forward by limber and issued to Companies before moving to Line. Issued 667 Rations.
- 2nd. Near FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and made up as per ration State and taken forward by limber, and Hot food in hot boxes taken forward by limbers to all Companies. Hot food taken forward at 12.p.m. by limbers. Drew comforts from Comfort Funds, St GRATIEN. Salvage returned to 5th Division Salvage Dump and all unserviceable articles returned to D.A.D.O.S. Issued 672 Rations.
- 3rd Near FRANVILLERS. Drew Rations as above and issued to Companies and Details as per Ration State and taken forward by limbers. Comforts issued per Ration List of 3.7.18. Hot food taken up by ration limbers. Hot food taken up by limbers at 12.p.m. Issued 672 Rations. Drew stores from D.A.D.O.S. and returned all salvage.
- 4th Near FRANVILLERS. Drew Rations at 7.a.m. by second line Transport from Supply Dump at H.10.Central. Rations made up as per Ration State and taken forward by limbers to Companies. Hot food taken forward in hot boxes by Ration limbers leaving at 8.30.p.m. Issued 676 Rations. Hot food in hot boxes taken forward by limbers at 12.p.m.
- 5th Near FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and made up as per Ration State and taken forward by limbers. Hot food taken forward by Ration limbers at 8.30.p.m. Hot food taken forward at 12.p.m. by limbers. Complete change of clothing, (Tunics, Trousers, Shirts, Drawers and Socks) drawn from D.A.D.O.S to give men who got wet a dry change. Issued 656 Rations.
- 6th. Near FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and made up in Company and detail lots as per Ration State and taken forward by Limber. Hot food taken forward by Ration Limber at 8.30.p.m. Hot food taken forward at 12. M/N. by limbers. Issued 639 Rations. Salvage returned to Divisional Salvage Dump.
- 7th Near FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and made up in Company lots as per Ration State and taken forward by Limbers to Companies. Hot food taken forward in hot boxes by Ration Limbers. Hot food taken forward in hotboxes at 12.M/N. Salvage returned by limbers from Companies. Issued 629 Rations.
- 8th Near FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and taken forward by limbers. Hot food in hot boxes taken forward at 8.30.p.m. and 12.M/N. Issued 621 Rations. All salvage returned to Salvage Dump and all unserviceable articles returned to D.A.D.O.S.
- 9th Near FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and taken forward by limbers. Hot food in hot boxes taken forward at 8.30.p.m. and 12.M/N. Issued 619 Rations. Comforts issued to all Companies and Details. Complete change of underclothing sent up to Raiding Parties.
- 10th. Near FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and taken forward by limbers. Rations made up as per Ration State and issued 619 rations. Hot food in hot boxes taken forward at

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- 10th Cont'd. 8.30.p.m. and 12.M/N. All salvage returned to Salvage Dump and all dirty clothing returned to Divisional Baths, ST GRATIEN.
- 11th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations at 7.a.m. by second line Transport at H.10.Central. Rations made up in Company and Detail lots as per Ration State and taken forward by limbers at 8.30.p.m. Hot food in Hot boxes taken forward at 8.30.p.m. and 12.M/N. Issued 617. All salvage returned to D.A.D.O.S. and Divisional Salvage Dump. Tobacco and Cigarettes from Comforts issued to Companies.
- 12th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and made up as per Ration State. Rations taken forward by limber. Hot food in hot boxes taken forward at 8.30.p.m. and 12.M/N. Issued 648 Rations. Salvage returned by limbers from Companies.
- 13th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued 636 Rations. Rations taken forward by limbers. Hot food in Hot boxes taken forward at 8.p.m. and 12.M/N. Drew comforts from Comforts Fund, St GRATIEN. Complete change of underclothing sent forward to "A" Company.
- 14th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued 641 Rations. Rations taken forward by limbers. Hot food taken forward in Hot boxes at 8.p.m. and 12.M/N. Complete change of clothing to B Company. Salvage returned to Divisional Salvage Dump. Comforts issued to all Companies and Details.
- 15th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and made up as per Ration State. Rations taken forward by limbers at 8.30.p.m. Hot food in hot boxes taken forward at 8.30.p.m. and 12.M/N. Salvage returned to returning limbers. All salvage returned by returning limbers, and returned to various Salvage Dumps. Complete change of underclothing sent forward to "D" Company.
- 16th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued as per Ration State and taken forward in limbers to Dump at 8.30.p.m. and 12.M/N. Cigarettes and Tobacco issued to Companies from Comforts. Medical and Dental fittings etc. returned from Battalion to Store. All salvage returned to Salvage Dumps and all unserviceable clothing, boots, tins mess etc. returned to Ordnance.
- 17th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued as per Ration State and taken forward by limbers to new Area in Reserve line in FRANVILLERS. Hot cocoa taken forward to give the men a drink coming out. Cookers taken forward to new position.
- 18th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued as per Ration State and taken forward to Companies by limbers. Packs and valises taken up to Battalion in limbers.
- 19th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued as per Ration State and taken forward in limbers to Companies. Salvage returned by limbers. All Salvage returned to various dumps and all unserviceable clothing etc. returned to D.A.D.O.S.
- 20th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued as per Ration State and taken forward to Companies in limber. All hot boxes washed and cleaned. Pioneers repairing damaged hot boxes.

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- 21st. NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued as per Ration State and taken forward by limbers to Companies. Salvage returned by returning limbers. All petrol tins washed. All salvage returned to Divisional Salvage Dump.
- 22nd. NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and made up in Company and detail lots as per ration State. Drew 2 Kitchen Travelling Bodies from Ordnance to replace two condemned by I.O.M.
- 23rd. NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued as per Ration State and taken forward to Companies and details by limbers. Salvage returned by returning ration, limbers to Q.M. Store. All salvage taken to Divisional Salvage Dump.
- 24th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued as per Ration State and taken forward to Companies in limbers. Salvage returned by limbers. All salvage returned to Divisional Salvage Dump.
- 25th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued to Companies and details as per Ration State and taken forward by limbers to Battalion. Salvage returned by limbers to Q.M. Store. Salvage returned to Divisional Salvage Dump by limbers.
- 26th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued to Companies and Details as per Ration State. Rations taken by limber to St GRATIEN and delivered to Companies. All unserviceable clothing etc. returned to Ordnance.
- 27th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued to Companies as per Ration State. Rations taken by limbers and delivered to Companies at St GRATIEN.
- 28th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Drew rations as above and issued to Companies and Details as per Ration State. Rations taken forward by limber to Companies at St GRATIEN.
- 29th NEAR FRANVILLERS. Marched out to billet in HEM. Store removed by G.S. Waggon and Limber to New Area. Baggage waggon loaded up at St GRATIEN. Drew rations by second line Transport at 7.a.m. H.10. Central and taken to HEM and issued to Companies.
- 30th HEM. Drew rations at 7.a.m. by 1st Line Transport at RENANCOURT. Rations made up in Company and Detail lots as per Ration State and issued to Companies. Drew clothing from Ordnance at G.14.D.5-3.
- 31st HEM. Drew rations at 7.a.m. by 1st Line Transport at RENANCOURT. Rations made up in Company and Detail lots as per Ration State and issued to Companies.

The Battalion was in the line from 1st July to night of 17th. No difficulty was experienced in forwarding Rations (by means of Hot boxes) during the tour, and we had no casualties in delivering them to the ration dump. Clean underclothing was forwarded to the men every ten (10) days and there were no shortages in return of same from Companies. The troops returned from the line with their boots in better repair than usual. I consider the reason was due to the efficient work of the bootmakers prior to going into the line.

The return of Salvage was above the average, a great quantity of Medical stores of considerable value being salvaged from NO MAN'S LAND.

B. B. Taylor
Q.M. 57TH BATTALION. A.I.F. MAJOR.

57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

ARTICLES SALVAGED BY 57th BATTALION.

JULY 1918.

<u>ARTICLE.</u>	<u>QUANTITY.</u>	<u>ARTICLE.</u>	<u>QUANTITY.</u>
Braces, Shoulder Web.	90	Covers, Breech	1
Bottles, Water.	64	Magazines, L.G.	3
Heads, Entrenching Tools.	51	Belts, M.G.	1
Helves. " "	83	Carriers, Magazine L.G.	1
Carriers. " "	81	Buckets, Water Canvas	6
Pouches, Ammunition, Web.	94	Rum Jars.	58
Haversacks, Web.	41	Bandoliers, Cotton, Full.	84
Belts, Waist "	39	Helmets, P.H.	11
Carriers, Water Bottles.	47	Rasps.	1
Waistcoats, Cardigan.	8	Staples, Bags	1
Underpants, Hospital.	63	Cases, Shell.	782
Socks, " Prs.	3	S. A. A.	36,830
Shirts, " Flannel.	84	Cartridges, Blank.	1,600
Trousers. "	1	Clips, Cartridge.	300
Comforters, Cap.	4	Boxes, S.A.A. Empty	9
Tins Mess. D.S.	47	Boxes, Bomb, "	28
Covers, Tins Mess. D.S.	12	Marquees Complete.	2
Blankets, G.S.	1	Bowls, Enamel, Hospital.	13
Sheets, Ground.	17	Towels. "	310
Helmets, Trench.	39	Bed Sheets. "	45
Sheepskins.	4	Sheets, Mattress. "	35
Gloves, Fingerless.	3	Cushions Air, Bed."	14
Kettles, Camp.	1	Gloves Rubber.	35
Lids " "	3	Iodine. lbs.	3
Rifles.	66	Drugs, Various. Cases.	3
Slings, Rifle.	32	Solution Chloride. Bottles.	4
Bayonets.	51	Chloroform "v	6
Scabbards.	46	Measures 20 Ozs.	1
Frogs.	38	" 2 Pint.	1
Fighting Orders, Complete	10	Trays, Rubber.	1
X Ray Outfit.	1	Packets X Ray Slates	39
Packets X Ray Screen	1	Dynamo X Ray, Electric.	1
Plates, X Ray.	2	Developers, X Ray Tins.	22
Reflectors, X Ray	1	Electrical Fittings Boxes	1
Catgut Tubes.	156	Reserve Dressings etc. Boxes.	1

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Quartermaster, 57th B attalion.

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DRIPPING RETURN FOR MONTH OF

JULY 1918.

DATE. 1918	NUMBER OF RATIONS DRAWN.	DRIPPING SAVED.			USED FOR COOKING		ISSUED IN LIEU OF BUTTER.	RETURNED TO RAILHEAD
		1st Class lbs.	2nd Class lbs.	TOTAL.	1st	2nd.		
JULY.								
1st	667	20		20				20
2nd	672	18	20	38		20		18
3rd	671	19		19				19
4th	679	37		37			20	17
5th	671	16		16				16
6th	672	23	20	43		20		23
7th	676	21		21				21
8th	656	24	20	44		20		24
9th	639	17		17				17
10th	629	24		24				24
11th	621	15		15				15
12th	619	12		12				12
13th	619	13		13				13
14th	617	15		15				15
15th	648	14	20	34		20		14
16th	636	32		32				32
17th	641	60		60			20	40
18th	613	48	20	68		20		48
19th	603	43		43				43
20th	608	41		41				41
21st	600	45		45				45
22nd	600	47	20	67		20		47
23rd	603	49		49				49
24th	605	37		37				37
25th	606	57		57				57
26th	606	70		70			20	50
27th	617	63	20	83		20		63
28th	617	59		59				59
29th	637	54		54				54
30th	637	64		64				64
31st	630	53		53				53
TOTALS.	19615	1110	140	1250	-	140	60	1050

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Quartermaster, 57th Battalion.

57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

COMFORTS ISSUED TO BATTALION IN LINE
BY AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND
JULY 1918

CIGARETTES.	Packets	2,083.
TOBACCO.	Ozs.	1,193.
SWEETS.	Packets.	559.
BISCUITS.	Packets	115.
COCOA AND MILK.	Tins.	186

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PAPER AND CARDBOARD RETURNED TO A.A.S.C.

SUPPLY DUMP BY 57th BATTALION

JULY 1918.

	lbs.
WASTE PAPER.	42
CARDBOARD.	103
TIN.	423.

B. B. Taylor

MAJOR.

Q.M. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

DIET SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1918.

1/7/1918 to 7/7/1918.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Breakfast	Rissoles	Porridge	Rissoles	Bacon	Rissoles	Bacon	Bacon B.
	&	&	&	&	&	&	&
	Tea	Tea	Cocoa	Tea	Cocoa	Tea	Tea
Dinner	Stew Pudding & Tea	Stew & Tea	Boiled Beef Bacon & Tea	Stew & Tea	Boiled Beef Bacon & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea
	Meat Roll Rissoles Bread Jam Tea	Boiled bacon Tea Bread Jam Tea	Quaker Oats Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Oatmeal Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Porridge Bread Jam; Cheese Tea	Sultana Roll Bread Jam Tea	Rissoles Bread Jam Cheese Tea
	Tea	Tea	Tea	Tea	Tea	Tea	Tea
Breakfast	Bacon	Hash	Quaker Oats	Bacon	Rissoles	Bacon	Bacon Boiled
	&	&	&	&	&	&	&
	Tea	Tea	Cocoa	Tea	Cocoa	Tea	Tea
Dinner	Boiled Beef Soup & Tea	Stew Pudding & Tea	Boiled Beef Bacon & Tea	Stew & Tea	Boiled Beef Bacon & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea
	Jam Roll Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Rissoles Bread Jam & Tea	Rissoles Bread Jam & Tea	Oatmeal Bread Jam & Tea	Porridge Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Sultana Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Rissoles Bread Jam Cheese Tea
	Tea	Tea	Tea	Tea	Tea	Tea	Tea

"A" and "B" Companies.

"C" and "D" Companies.

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14/7/1918. to 8/7/1918

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY.	
"A" & "B" Companies.	Breakfast	Oatmeal & Tea	Bacon Boiled & Tea	Porridge Bacon & Tea	Boiled Bacon & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Rissoles & Tea	Bacon & Tea
	Dinner	Curry & Rice & Tea	Boiled Beef & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Curry & Tea	Curried Rabbit & Tea	Stew & Tea
	Tea	Ham Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Porridge Rissoles & Coffee	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Rissoles Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Rice Jam Fruit Bread Cheese & Tea	Ham Bread Jam & Tea	Rice Fruit Jam & Coffee
"C" and "D" Companies.	Breakfast	Oatmeal & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Porridge Bacon & Tea	Boiled Beef & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Rissoles & Tea	Bacon & Tea
	Dinner	Curry & Rice & Tea	Boiled Beef & Tea	Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Curry & Tea	Curried Rabbit & Tea	Stew & Tea
	Tea	Ham Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Sultana Roll Rissoles Bread Jam & Coffee	Bread Ham Cheese & Tea	Rissoles Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Rice Fruit Porridge Bread Tea	Ham Bread Jam & Tea	Rice Fruit Bread Jam Cheese & Tea

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Breakfast	Rissoles	Porridge Rissoles	Bacon	Bacon	Bacon	Bacon Porridge	Bacon Rolled Oats
	& Coffee	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea
	Boiled Beef	Stew	Stew	Stew	Rissoles	Stew	Curry Rice
Dinner	Bacon & Tea	& Tea	& Tea	Mince Pie & Tea	& Tea	& Tea	Plain Stew & Tea
	Rice & Fruit Porridge Bread Tea	Bread Jam Cheese & Tea	Pudding Bread Jam & Tea	Ham Sultana Roll & Tea	Stew Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Raisin Roll Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Rissoles Sweet Pudd- ing & Tea
	Rissoles	Bacon	Bacon	Bacon	Bacon Porridge	Bacon	Bacon Rolled Oats
Breakfast	& Coffee	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea
	Boiled Beef	Stew	Stew	Rissoles Curry	Stew	Boiled Beef Rice	Curry Rice
	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	ling & Tea	& Tea	& Tea
Dinner	Porridge	Porridge	Pudding	Stew, Sultana	Rissoles	Raisin	Rissoles
	Rice Fruit Bread Jam Tea	Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Bread Jam & Tea	Roll, Bread	Bread Jam & Tea	Roll, Bread	Rice Bread
	Bread Jam Tea	Tea	Tea	& Tea	Cheese Tea	Jam & Tea	Jam & Tea

"A" and "B" Companies.

"C" and "D" Companies.

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22/7/1918 to 28/7/1918.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY.	
Breakfast	Bacon Porridge & Tea	Bacon M & V's. & Tea	Dry Hash Porridge & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Bacon & Tea	Bacon Porridge & Tea	Rissoles M & Vs.F. & Tea	"A" and "B" Companies.
	Stew & Tea	Curry & Rice & Tea	Curried Stew & Tea	Mince Meat Stew & Tea	Curried Stew & Tea	Stew Boiled Beef Potatoes & Tea	B. Beef Potatoes Curry Rice Tea	
	Meat Roll Rissoles Pudding Tea	Rice & Fruit Rissoles Pudding Tea	Rissoles Mince Meat & Tea	Raisin Roll Bread Jam & Tea	Mince Meat Corned Beef & Tea	Rissoles Bread Butter & Tea	Rissoles Jam Pudd- ing & Tea	
Dinner	Boiled Beef Rice Stew & Tea	Stew Pudding & Tea	Curry & Tea	B. Beef Pudding Stew & Tea	Stew & Tea	Curry Rice Stew & Tea	B. Beef Haricot Beans & Tea	"C" and "D" Companies.
	Meat Pudding Corned Beef Bread Tea	Meat Pudding & Tea	Jam Roll Mince & Tea	Lentil Soup Rissoles & Tea	Corned Beef Pickles & Tea	Rissoles Jam Pudding Meat Pudd- ing Tea	Mince Pudd- ing Biscuit Pudding & Tea	

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY.	
Breakfast	Bacon F.	M & Vs.	Bacon F.	"A" and "B" Companies.
	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	
Dinner	Plain Stew	Stew	Stew Rice	
	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	
Tea	Rissoles Rice Bread & Tea	Boiled Beef Potatoes Jam Roll & Tea	Meat Pudding Biscuit Pudd- ing & Tea	
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Breakfast	M & Vs F	Bacon F	Bacon F	"C" and "D" Companies.
	& Tea	& Tea	& Tea	
Dinner	Plain Stew	Boiled beef Potatoes Jam Roll Tea	Curried Stew Rice & Tea	
	& Tea			
Tea	Rissoles Rice Bread Jam & Tea	Meat Pudding Bread Jam Cheese Tea	Meat Pudding Biscuit Pudd- ing & Tea	

C. B. Taylor. MAJOR.
Q.M. 57th BATTALION. A. I. F.

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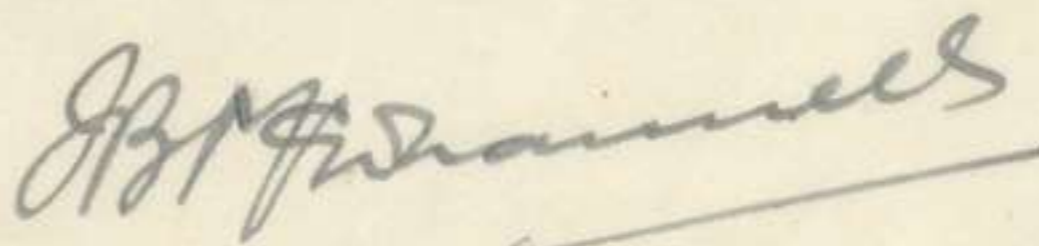
57th BATTALION. A.I.F.STATEMENT OF BATTALION STRENGTH DURING
MONTH OF JULY 1918.

	WITH UNIT.		FIELD AMB.		DETACHED.		TOTAL.	
	OFF.	O.RKS.	OFF.	O.RKS.	OFF.	O.RKS.	OFF.	O.RKS.
7th JULY 1918	26	630	2	19	13	178	41	827
14th JULY 1918	24	634	2	16	15	167	41	817
21st JULY 1918	24	610	1	5	15	197	40	812
31st JULY 1918	20	614	1	10	20	296	41	920

RETURN OF SICK WASTAGE DURING THE
MONTH OF JULY 1918.

	TO FIELD AMB.		FROM FIELD AMB.		EVACUATED.	
	OFF.	O.RKS.	OFF.	O.RKS.	OFF.	O.RKS.
7th JULY 1918	1	28				18
14th JULY 1918		16				19
21st JULY 1918		9			1	20
31st JULY 1918		11		3		3
	1	64		3	1	60

In Field Ambulance. 1. OFF. 10. O.Ranks.


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

MILITARY MEDAL
(Brigade R.O. Para. 525.)

3144 Cpl. J. VERNON.

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL.

(Brigade R.O. Para 525).

2914 Pte A. T. GILES. M.M.

J. J. [Signature] LIEUT.

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STATEMENT OF PUNISHMENTS AWARDED DURING
MONTH OF JULY 1918.

ADMONISHED.	UP TO AND INCLUDING 7 DAYS F.P. NO 2.	FROM 8 DAYS UP TO AND INCLUDING 14 DAYS F.P. NO.2.	FROM 15 DAYS UP TO AND INCLUDING 28 DAYS F.P. NO. 2.
1	-	1	1

F. G. C. Ms.

The following were tried by Field General Court Martial on charges as stated hereunder:-

No 1971 Pte MUTIMER. S.

Charged with:- "Deserting His Majesty's Service".

PRESIDENT. Major. J.J. SCANLON. 59th Bn.

Date of Trial. 11. 7. 18.

Plea. Not Guilty. Finding Guilty.

SENTENCE. 5 Years P.S. Reserved for Higher Authority by Lt.Col.H.T.C. LAYH. T/Comdg. 15th A.I. Brigade 11.7.18.

Finding and Sentence confirmed but sentence commuted to 12 Months I.H.L. by Major Gen. J.T. HOBBS Comdg. 5th AUST. Div. 15.7.18.

No 2248 Pte ROCKETT. W.C.

Charged with :- "Deserting His Majesty's Service."

PRESIDENT. Major. J.J. SCANLON. 59th Bn.

Date of Trial. 11. 7. 18.

Plea. Not Guilty. Finding. Guilty.

SENTENCE. 10 Years P.S. Reserved for Higher Authority by Lt.Col.H.T.C. LAYH. T/Comdg. 15th A.I. Brigade 11.7.18.

Finding and Sentence confirmed but sentence commuted to 2 Years I.H.L. by Major Gen. J.T. HOBBS. Comdg. 5th AUST. Division. 15.7.18.

No 2458 Pte MORLEY. W.A.

Charged with:- "Deserting His Majesty's Service."

PRESIDENT. Major. J. J. SCANLON. 59th Bn.

Date of Trial. 11.7.18.

Plea. Not Guilty. Finding. Guilty.

SENTENCE. 5 Years P.S. Reserved for Higher Authority by Lt.Col.H.T.C. Layh. T/Comdg. 15th A.I. Brigade 11.7.18.

Finding and Sentence confirmed but sentence commuted to 12 Months I.H.L. by Major Gen. J.T. HOBBS. Comdg. 5th AUST. Division. 15.7.18.

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F. G. C. Ms.

266 No 2001 Pte MURPHY. Edward.

Cont'd.

Charged with :-

1. When on Active Service absenting himself without leave from 9.30.p.m. 31.5.18 to 11.6.18.

2. When on Active Service committing an offence against the property of an inhabitant of the Country in which he was serving, in that he, on 10th June 1918, broke into the house of Madam DUBOIS, nee Zoë, Rainville France.

PRESIDENT. Lt.Col. H.T.C. LAYH. 60th Bn.

Date of Trial. 24. 7. 18.

Plea. 1st Charge. Guilty. Finding. Guilty.

2nd. " Not Guilty. Finding Not Guilty.

SENTENCE. 60 Days F.P. No 1.

Finding and Sentence confirmed by Lt.Col. J.E.C.

LORD. T/Comdg. 15th A.I.Brigade 24.7.18.

No 4800 Pte HOLDOM. Leslie. A.

Charged with:- "When on Active Service absenting himself without leave from 5.7.18 to 7.7.18.

PRESIDENT. Lt.Col. H.T.C. LAYH. 60th Bn.

Date of Trial? 24.7.18.

Plea. Guilty. Finding Guilty.

SENTENCE 14 Days F.P. No 2.

Finding and sentence confirmed by Lt.Col. J.E.C

LORD. T/Comdg. 15th A.I.Brigade 24.7.18.

No 3596 Pte ROSS. George.

Charged with:- When on Active Service absenting himself without leave from 5.7.18 to 11.7.18.

PRESIDENT. Lt.Col. H.T.C. LAYH. 60th Bn.

Date of Trial. 24. 7. 18.

Plea. Guilty. Finding. Guilty.

SENTENCE. 14 Days F.P. No 2.

Finding and sentence confirmed by Lt.Col.

J.E.C. LORD. T/Comdg. 15th A.I.Brigade 24.7.18.

No 3606 Pte SHIPPARD. E.L.

Charged with:- When on Active Service absenting himself without leave from 5.7.18 to 7.7.18.

PRESIDENT. Lt.Col. H.T.C. LAYH. 60th Bn.

Date of trial. 24. 7. 18.

Plea. Guilty. Finding. Guilty.

SENTENCE. 14 Days F.P. No 2.

Finding and sentence confirmed by Lt.Col. J.E.C.

LORD. T/Comdg. 15th A.I.Brigade 24.7.18.

No 2960 Pte ARMSTRONG. G.

Charged with:- when on Active Service absenting himself without leave from 26.6.18 to 19.7.18.

PRESIDENT. Lt.Col. H.T.C. LAYH. 60th Bn.

Date of trial. 25. 7. 18.

Plea. Guilty. Finding. Guilty.

SENTENCE. 60 Days F.P. No 1.

Finding and sentence confirmed by Lt.Col. J.E.C

LORD. T.Cmdg. 15th A.I.Brigade 25.7.18.

J.P. Williams

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STATEMENT OF CASUALTIES DURING THE MONTH
OF JULY 1918.

	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>O. RANKS.</u>
Killed in Action.		7
Died of Wounds.		1
Wounded in Action.	1 (2/Lt. J.H. FLEMING. D.C.M. & M.M.)	28
Wounded and Remaining on Duty.	1 (2/Lt. F.J. KENEALY.)	1
Evacuated Sick.	1 (Lt. H.J. DICKINSON.)	64
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	3	101
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STATEMENT OF REINFORCEMENTS ETC. WHO HAVE JOINED
DURING MONTH OF JULY 1918.

	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>O. RANKS.</u>
Sick and Wounded from England.	2 (Lt. M.J. MEARA. Lt. N.B. WHITE.)	15
Sick and Wounded from France.		53
Reinforcements.	2 (2/Lt. A.M. WILLIAMS. 2/Lt. G.G. SELLECK.)	89
Transferred from other Units.		4
From Detached Duties.		34
From Prisons and Compound.		4
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J. B. Hamill

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57th BATTALION.A.I.F.DIARY OF THE TRANSPORT OFFICER
57th BATTALION FOR
MONTH OF JULY 1918.

1918.
JULY.
1st. Limbers for rations 4, Moving Battalion H.Qrs. to new position 2, Canteen 2, Mail 1, 2nd lot of rations 2, Water for details 1, Y.M.C.A. 1, Maltese Cart to R.A.P. Water Carts 2 (2 loads each) Pack Mules 2, Hacks 5. 4 H.D.Teams to move cookers.
- 2nd. Limbers for first rations 4, for 2nd lot 2, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Comforts 1, 600 sets of clothing 1, for petrol tins 1, Coal 1, Water Carts 2 (3 loads each) Hacks 4 Mail 1 G.S.L.
- 3rd Limbers for rations 6, for coal 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, To Brigade S.A.A.Dump 1, Engineers 1; Water Carts 2 (3 loads each) Two limbers detached, one at Brigade School and one at Brigade Bomb dump. Hacks 5.
- 4th Limbers for rations 6. For coal 1, Mail 1, Canteen 1; for sandbags 1, Water Carts 2 (3 loads each) Pack Mules 2, Hacks 4.
- 5th Limbers for rations 4. 1st trip. 2, second trip. Canteen 1, Mail 1, Coal 1, Water carts 2 (3 loads each) 1 G.S.L. to Brigade Bomb Dump. Hacks 5.
- 6th Limbers for rations 6, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Coal 1, Bde. Bomb Dump 1, Gas job 2, Wire from Sugar Factory to H.Qrs. 1, extra suits 1, Water Carts 2 (3 loads each) Hacks 5.
- 7th Limbers for rations 6, Coal 1, Mail 1, Canteen 1, Other jobs 2, Water Cart 1 (5 loads) 1 Cart being painted. Hacks 5.
- 8th Limbers for rations 6, Coal 1, Mail 1, Canteen 1, Comforts 1, Sandbags 1, Water Carts 1 (6 loads) finished painting 1 Water Cart 2.H.D.Horses out of action through slight accident.
- 9th Limbers for rations 6, Coal 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Comforts 1, Engineers 1, Other jobs 1, Water Cart 1 (6 loads) Hacks 5.
- 10th Limbers for rations 6, Raiders 1, Staging Camp 1, Coal 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Water for Details 1, Water Cart 1 (6 loads), Hacks 5. Received one Rider from remounts, only fair class. Cold day hard on animals.
- 11th Limbers for rations 6, Gas job 3, Coal 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Raiders 1, Staging Camp 1, Water Carts 2 (3 loads each) Hacks 5.
- 12th Limbers for rations 6, Coal 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Raiders 2, Store 1, Water Carts 2 (3 loads each) Hacks 5.
- 13th Limbers for rations 6, Gas job 4, Engineers Work to B.Coy.H.Qrs 1, Coal 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Mess Cart to Staging Camp at VAUX Water Carts 2 (3 loads each) and one cart to Battalion H.Qrs. at night. Hacks 4, Comforts Fund 1 G.S.L.
- 14th Limbers for rations 6, Coal and meat 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Water for Details 1, Water Carts 2 (3 loads each) Hacks 5. Still plenty of good grazing .
- 15th Limbers for rations 6, Coal 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Brigade School 1, on the job since School started at DAOURS. Salvage 1, Sand bags 1, Water Carts 2 (3 loads each) 2 Cookers (& teams) to CARDINETTE to be condemned. Hacks 5.

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- 26th Limbers for rations 6, Coal 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Salvage 1, Brigade School with rations for new students 1, Cooker team for cooker to CARDINETTE, Water Carts 2 (3 loads each) Hacks 5. Animal rations good.
- 17th Limbers for rations 4, Shifting Battalion & Stores back to rear position also Lewis Guns 9, Coal 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Maltese Cart for A.M.C. Stores, Mess Cart for H.Q. Mess gear, Limber returned from duty at Brigade School. Water carts 2, (3 loads each) Hacks 5.
- 18th Limbers for rations 4, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Coal and Salvage 1, to St GRATIEN with clothes, packs etc. 2, to 31st Battalion with Brigade stuff 1, 8th Engineers BONNAY, 2, Water Carts 2 (5 loads each) Hacks 5.
- 19th Limbers for rations 4, to Division for packs 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Coal and salvage 1, 8th Engineers BONNAY 2; Brigade Job 1, Water Carts 2 (5 loads each) Hacks 6.
- 20th Limbers for rations 4, Mail 1, Canteen 1, Coal & Salvage 1, 8th Engineers 3, To Companies 1, Water for Transport Lines and Q.M. Store 1, Water Carts 2 (5 loads each) Hacks 6.
- 21st Limbers for rations 4, Mail 1, Canteen 1, Coal 1, Salvage 1, 8th Engineers 2, Carting blankets to Fumigator 3, Water for Transport and Q.M. Store 1, Water Carts 2 (5 loads each) Hacks 7. 2 limbers for S.A.A. Bde Dump, 1 for Bombs.
- 22nd Limbers for rations 4, Canteen 1, Coal and salvage 1, Mail 1, 8th Engineers 2, To FRECHENCOURT with beer barrels 1, Water for Transport and Store 1, Water Carts 2 (5 loads each) Hacks 8. All manes clipped short and dressed with a disinfectant. All head collars also done.
- 23rd Limbers for rations 4, Coal and salvage 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, packs to Staging Camp 1, 8th Engineers 3; 1 Team on Mower cutting crop; Water for Store and transport 1, Water Carts 2, (5 loads each) Hacks 8, Mess Carts for a valise & Kit to Battalion.
- 24th Limbers for rations 4, Canteen & return beer barrels 2, Mail 1, Coal and Salvage 1, 8th Engineers 2, Water for Transport & Store 1, Water Carts 2 (5 loads each) Hacks 6, Animals inspected by Lt. Col. Henry D.S.O., A.D.V.S. Very well satisfied.
- 25th Limbers for rations 4, Coal and salvage 1, Mail 1, Canteen 1, 8th Engineers 2, Water for details 1, Carting Hay 2, 1 team cutting crop, Water Carts 2, 4 Loads each) Hacks 7.
- 26th Limbers for rations 4, Moving the Battalion to St GRATIEN 8, Coal 1, Salvage 1, D.A.D.O.S. 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Water for Transport and Store 1, Mess Cart for H.Qrs. Mess gear, Maltese cart for A.M.C stores. Water Carts 2 (4 loads each) Hacks 11.
- 27th Limbers for rations 4, Coal and salvage 1, Mail 1, Water for details 1, Water Carts 2, (4 loads each) Mess cart shifting valise. Shifting Canteen 2, Rum to Brigade Dump 1, extra mail and rations 1, Hacks 6.
- 28th Limbers for rations 3, Coal and salvage 1, Mail 1, Brigade Officers baggage from Div. Signal School 1, To Vaux 1, Water for Store and Transport 1, Water Carts 2 (4 loads each) Hacks 7. With hot boxes to Brigade School 4 G.S.L. Waggon.

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- 29th Limbers²⁶⁶ for Rations 4, Moving from FRANVILLERS to HEM all vehicles in use, good trip, no hitch, accommodation in new position good.
- 30th Limbers for rations 3, D.A.D.O.S. 1, Canteen 1, Mail 1, Coal 1; Manure 1, Mess Cart valise to AILLY, Hacks 7.
- 31st Limbers for rations 3, Coal 1, Mail 1, Canteen 1, Manure 1, Work on horse lines 2; Hacks 10. All limbers washed and fixed up. Revetting of horse lines completed. New lines very satisfactory.

During the month of JULY we have had fairly constant work, but the animals stood it very well. The large amount of good grazing available helped them considerably. They are all in good condition, and perfectly healthy.

The oat ration recently has been very good, the hay has been slightly on the poor side. The limbers are all in good condition, but we have been unable to give them a second coat of paint, owing to the indent not being fulfilled. The harness and steel work are in good condition, and all repairs right up to date.

The Farrier has the shoeing well in hand, the supply of shoes very satisfactory. The health of the transport personnel excellent.

J. P. McDonald

LIEUT.
T.O. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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REPORT OF BATTALION SPORTS SECRETARY
FOR JULY 1918.

On the 18.7.18 a meeting of Battalion Sports Committee (represented by 1 Officer and 2 Other Ranks from each Company and Headquarters Company).

Members:-	Headquarters Company.	Lieut. H. OLVER. L/C Shuttleworth. M.M. Pte Hawkins.
	"A" Company.	Lieut. A. DAVIS. Cpl J.A.Scott. " R.J.Nickelson. M.M.
	"B" Company.	Lieut. L. MORRIS. Pte A. Lugton. Cpl Hodgkinson.
	"C" Company.	2/ Lieut. G. SELLECK. Sgt. Pitcher.
	"D" Company.	Lieut. D. McFARLANE. Sgt Curnow.
	Presiding Officer.	MAJOR. R.M.C. AITCHISON. MAJOR. C.B. TAYLOR. M.C. CAPT. G.O. ROBERTSON.

The object of meeting was to get some of the Officers and men in each Company, sufficiently interested in Sports, to look after their Company interests.

The following was decided:-

That lists be prepared in each Company of men who were suitable for

Tug-o-war	Cricket
Football	Running
Jumping	Boxing

so that a representative team could be produced when wanted.

Capt. Robertson (M.O.) was selected as coach for boxing.

That suitable room be obtained in FRANVILLERS and punching ball erected for use of boxers.

Two complete sets of Cricket material was available and Lieut. McFarlane, "D" Company was elected to take charge of it and distribute evenly to Companies.

Inter Company matches (practice) were played and men were tried out in rear of lines at FRANVILLERS.

Cricket Committee of a representative from each Company be appointed to select and make arrangements for Battalion and Company matches.

"A" Company.	Pte McDonald.
"B" "	Lt. L. Morris.
"C" "	2/Lt. G. Selleck.
"D" "	Sgt Curnow.
Headquarters.	L/C Shuttleworth. M.M.

On 25.7.18 a meeting was called by Brigade Major for purpose of arranging Brigade Sports Meeting when Division was in Rest Billets and the following units were represented:-

BRIGADE.
57th Battalion.
58th Battalion

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- 59th Battalion
- 60th Battalion
- 15th Field Ambulance
- 15th Field Company A.E.
- D.A.D.O.S.
- 15th A.L.T.M.B.

It was decided to hold a Sports meeting at which the following events be decided and cup awarded the winning Unit.

Individual events would score 3 - 2 - 1 points and team events - 6 - 4 - 2 points except in minor attractions.

REPRESENTATION.

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|-------------------------|---|--|
| 100 Yards Championship. |) | |
| 220 Yards |) | |
| 440 Yards |) | |
| Mile |) | 2 Per Unit. |
| Long Jump |) | |
| High Jump |) | |
| Tug-o-war | | 10 and Captain. |
| Relay Race | | 1 Team 4 per unit
110 yards <u>per Man.</u> |

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|--------------------------|---|-------|
| OFFICERS Race |) | |
| 3 Mile |) | |
| Sack |) | Open. |
| Obstacle |) | |
| Tilting Bucket |) | |
| Best sustained character |) | |

Horse Events.

- | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Hack Race | OPEN. | Competitors own horse. |
| Mule Race | | |
| Wrestling on Horseback. | | |

Sports to be held about the 10th August 1918.

A Band Contest for Bands of Brigade to compete as "B" Grade bands in events as under was decided upon:

- (a) Quick step. (Playing and Marching)
- (b) Selection. (own choice).

Points not to count in aggregate.

A Cricket Contest for Cup Competition was also arranged.

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| Straight out win | 2 | Points. |
| Win on 1st Innings | 1 | " |
| Draw. | | NIL. |

At termination of fixtures points to be awarded for Brigade Cup as under;

- | | | |
|-----|---|---------|
| 1st | 6 | Points. |
| 2nd | 4 | " |
| 3rd | 2 | " |

In the event of two or more units gaining the same number of points they will divide.

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| PATRONS. | C.Os of Units. |
| PRESIDENT | Lt.Col. LORD. D.S.O. |
| SECRETARY | Lt. S.E. WOOTTON. |

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On 28th July at a meeting of Battalion Sports Committee the following was decided:

That a 1 MILE walk if possible be included in Brigade Sports programme and if not in Battalion Sports programme.

If time permitted another day be set aside for Military Sports and following itmes contested:

Platoon Competition.
 Bayonet Fighting Team 10 men.
 Bombing
 Lewis Gun Competition
 Alarm and Rush
 Wiring
 Signalling Race
 Rescue Race
 Box Respirator Contest.

BOXING. A Committee of following to assist boxing.

Capt. ROBERTSON.
 Lieut. W. MONEY. M.C., M.M.
 Pte KIERNAN.

On July 30th a good pitch (turf) was prepared and some matting obtained.

2 Teams were selected from Battalion Headquarters and Companies and a match played. The selection Committee was able to choose from a representative team and form opinion of players qualifications.

At a Meeting on 31st July of Brigade Sports Committee the following programme was drawn up.

Cricket between 59th and Field Ambulance postponed owing to inability of Field Ambulance to compete until men arrive from line.

Divisional Grant of prize money increased to £ 60.

Canteens Each Unit to provide its own canteen and attendants.

Cricket results to be wired to Brigade at conclusion of Sports.

HORSE EVENTS.

OFFICIALS.

Judges and Starters. (Lt.Col. M. HENRY. D.S.O.
 (Major. E. LANGLEY. D.S.O.
 (Major. C. TAYLOR. M.C.
 (Lieut. J. COLLINS.

RUNNING EVENTS.

Capt. L.W. ELLIOTT. D.S.O.
 Capt. B. SOUTHWELL.
 Lieut. D. WILLIS.
 Lieut. C. COOKSON.

Judges LONG & HIGH
 JUMPS.

Capt. D.B. DOYLE.
 Capt. E.K. KEYS.

Tug - o - War

Capt. W. KEEN.

Starters RUNNING.

Capt. J. LOUGHLAN.
 Major. T. KERR. M.C.

Time Keeper.

Lieut. A.W. LEGGETT.

Cont'd.

Chief Ground Steward. R.S.M. J. METCALFE.
 Dressing Room Strwards. 2.
 Recorder. Capt. W.L. SMITH. M.C.
 Date of Sports. Saturday, 10th August 1918.
 Names of Competitors to be in on evening of 8th August.

PRIZE MONEY ALLOTTED AS FOLLOWS:

Band Cup valued				150	Francs.
Relay Race				80	
Tug-o-war.				110	
100 Yards	30 - 20 - 10.			60	
220	30 - 20 - 10.			60	
Long Jump	30 - 20 - 10			60	
High "	30 20 10			60	
440 Yards	40 25 15			80	
Mile	40 25 15			80	
3 Mile	40 25 15			80	
Sack	20 15 10			45	
Obstacle.	20 15 10			45	
Best Sustained Character?	25 15			40	
Tilting Bucket.	20 10			30	

HORSE EVENTS.

Hack Race	30	20	10	60
Mile	30	20	10	60
Wrestling on Horseback	60			60
Team 6.				

Other Cup etc. to be arranged for.

C R I C K E T R E S U L T S.

July 31st.	57th	V	60th.	
	57th.	1st Inn.	48	Runs.
		2nd Inn.	71	" Total <u>119</u>
	60th	1st Inn.	33	Runs
		2nd Inn.	23	
		8 for		Total
	Won by 57th.		15	Runs 1st Inn.

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H. Oliver. LIEUT.
 Secretary 57th Battalion
 Sports Committee.