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O 8 a 3.3 620.	1/9/18.		<p>Weather fine until dawn - steady soaking rain fell between 5 and 7 am. Fine afterwards: but at times overcast. Visibility from fair to good. It is believed that 14th Brigade experienced difficulty in advancing as outlined in yesterday's entries. Brigade advised at 3.30 am that the 14th Brigade supported by artillery would attempt to advance down the east bank of the SOMME commencing at 6 am. At 8 am a patrol proceeded from right front company ("C" Company) along the canal bank to the right to examine the bridge in O 15 a. The leader reported the bridge destroyed by shell fire. At 9.50 am Brigade advised that 59th Battalion and 58th Battalion were crossing the river by the railway bridge in I 33 D. 59th Battalion were in touch with 14th Brigade who had occupied PERONNE. Orders were issued that 57th Battalion would stand by ready to cross the swamp as soon as a track, which would be constructed under Engineer supervision, was completed. A line would be established running from I 34 Central and along the line of woods in O 4 B and C. At 12 noon 58th Battalion on our left advised they had two companies on the east side of the river. Operation Memorandum 3/26 (appendix 1) was issued to Companies at 2.15 pm. Our left front company pushed forward two platoons to the canal bank at 2.30 pm. During the afternoon in accordance with Operation memo. 3/26 attempts were made to establish a footing on the eastern side of the swamp. A party of Engineers</p>	APPENDIX NO 1.

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			<p>assisted by our left front company, bridged the swamp from O 3 D 4.1 to a point about 60 yards from the eastern edge. Capt. PEACOCK, O.C. left front company, established a post at O 4 C 6.1 to protect the working party during the latter stages of the work of construction and then pushed out a fighting patrol to endeavour to establish itself on solid ground. The patrol had proceeded no more than 100 yards when concentrated fire from 4 machine guns was brought to bear on it, on the post and on the working party. Four men were killed and six were wounded. The party, still under heavy fire, withdrew, carrying in the wounded. Since this incident the enemy has kept the track under constant machine gun fire - and our further attempts to push along it have been rendered futile. Artillery fire was brought to bear on suspected enemy machine gun posts on the edge of the swamp in the evening - but it was noted that fire was still directed along the track at intervals after the conclusion of the shoot. "C" and "D" Companies were therefore ordered to occupy their original positions. The hostile batteries noted yesterday by our observers were today dealt with by our heavy artillery. Forward Observing Officer, with direct telephonic communication, observed the shooting from our O.P. and succeeded in blowing out 8 guns. Enemy artillery on our front, in consequence of the vigorous counter battery work of this Officer, was inactive. Enemy aircraft were inactive</p>	

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0 8 & 3.3 62C	2/9/18.		<p>throughout the day. At 9 pm a man wandered into the sector held by our right forward company stating he was a member of the 7th Battalion A.I.F., captured by the Germans near LIHONS 12 or 14 days ago and that he had made good his escape from the vicinity of NESLE? He was sent to Brigade Headquarters. A great deal of enemy movement was noted east and north east of PERONNE by our observers especially in the morning. The artillery was informed and harassing fire was directed on to the area at intervals for several hours.</p> <p>Weather fine but dull and inclined to rain - observation fairly good. Battalion Operation Memo. No 3/30 was issued at 5.35 am (Appendix No 2). The barrage for the 2nd Australian Division's operation mentioned therein fell at 5.30 am. Many enemy balloons flying high and anchored close up to his front area were noted and reported at 6 am. A Forward Observing Officer from the heavy group observed shoots for his group throughout the morning from our O.P. He reports the total destruction of 2 enemy batteries. Harassing and searching fire by our 18 pounders was carried out on eastern edge of swamp throughout the morning. Our observers reported no movement of either 14th or 15th Brigades could be seen up to 2 pm. At noon Brigade instructed that Capt. PEACOCK (O.C.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 2.</p> <p><i>Brigade Headquarters</i></p> <p>3</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>"D" Company) was to be detailed to take over the Command temporarily of 58th Battalion from Major FERRES (wounded). Capt. Peacock proceeded as instructed at 12.15 pm. The F.O.O. from the heavy group continued his shooting from our O.P. today. At 3 pm he claimed to have knocked out 4 enemy batteries. At 3.15 pm Brigade ordered two strong platoons to be sent forward to guard the bridges in I 33 D. Battalion Operation Memo. No 3/32 (Appendix No 3) was issued at 3.30 pm and the party left at 4.20 pm (when later the battalion was ordered to relieve 58th Battalion these posts formed part of the line to be relieved). At 6 pm an urgent command for the C.O. and Adjutant to report at Brigade Headquarters was received. The B.G.C. issued instructions to the effect that 57th Battalion would relieve elements of 58th Battalion and 54th (14th Brigade) Battalion as early as possible tonight. The C.O. proceeded forward at once to the Headquarters of these two battalions. The Adjutant returned to the Battalion and arranged for the vacation of present positions. Companies moved off in the order: Headquarters, "B", "A", "D", "C" Companies at 7.55 pm by half platoons at 30 yards and proceeded via overland tracks to I 33 D 3.9 where guides, which had been arranged for by the C.O., were met. Companies were taken through PERONNE to positions held by 58th and 54th Battalions. The relief was reported completed at 11.30 pm. Battalion</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 3.</p>

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I 27 B 2.8 62C	3/9/18.		<p>Headquarters established at I 27 B 2.8 in a German shelter. Machine Gun and shell fire was met with during the approach march and a heavy concentration of sneezing gas was experienced in the streets of PERONNE. The battalion however, was exceedingly fortunate and the relief was completed without casualties. Our own and enemy bombing aeroplanes were abroad in great force after dusk.</p> <p>Weather fine and warm. Visibility good. Dry rations, water and a hot meal were brought forward by the transport Officer at 1.30 am. The Signalling Officer had established telephonic communication with all Companies by 2.30 am. Rum was issued to all ranks at dawn. Companies are disposed as shewn in the disposition map attached as appendix No 4. 58th Battalion are on our right: 59th Battalion on our left. Hostile artillery was active throughout the day. 77 , 4.2, 5.9 and 8 inch shell was used. A heavy concentration of sneezing gas was put down in vicinity of Battalion Headquarters at 4 am. Hostile machine guns were active until dawn using direct and indirect fire on all roads and approaches. During the day the numerous machine gun nests opened fire on any favourable target. At night a continuous and heavy fire was maintained on all our routes and suspected posts. Patrols endeavoured to push forward into village of FLAMICOURT between</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 4.</p> <p><i>ABP</i></p> <p>9</p>

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			<p>12 and 4 am. One party moved along bridge and approach in I 28 a but could not proceed more than 200 yards owing to intense machine guns and artillery fire directed on the approach. A second patrol under Lieut. MARXSEN succeeded in working along the railway to a spot approximately 50 yards from railway station. They encountered strong machine gun and artillery fire here and had to return. A second patrol under Lieut. MARXSEN moved along the railway line from bridge at I 33 D 6.2 about midday. They had proceeded about 500 yards when strong machine gun fire was opened upon them. Lieut. MARXSEN was killed and one man was wounded. The party dug in on the spot and established a permanent post. The N.C.O. in charge reports an enemy machine gun emplaced in main building of the railway station and several guns sweeping from the north eastern edge of the swamp. A patrol of one officer and 4 others left I 22 D 4.0 at 2 pm and worked along a path through marshy ground to I 28 B 8.4. The patrol returned at 3 pm: 2 men using the same route: the officer and the remaining two men proceeding along the railway embankment towards FLAMICOURT. At I 28 B 4.4 an enemy M.G. post was located. Two or three guns from this nest opened on our party but no hits were scored. The location of the post was indicated to our artillery. Os.C. "C" and "D" Companies endeavoured to push out towards FLAMICOURT along the approach in I 28 A and C at 10 am: but had proceeded only 150 yards when strong</p>	

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			<p>machine gun fire caused them to withdraw. Liaison patrols maintained touch with flank battalions at intervals throughout the day and the night. A party of one N.C.O. and four men from left Company proceeded along north side of railway running through I 22 A at 11.50 pm and worked back towards the ramparts returning via right company's left post. They reported little enemy movement. A snipers post was located at I 22 D 7.6. A search of cellars in the battalion area during the day resulted in the capture of 5 unwounded and four wounded Germans - identified as belonging to 4th J.R. and 1st Pioneer Battalion 23rd Company. A considerable amount of enemy movement in isolated parties was observed in I 23, 29 and 35 by our observers during the day. A great deal of gas shell was used by the enemy during the afternoon and evening. Our artillery was active during the whole of the period. Particular attention was paid to FLAMICOURT. A few enemy aeroplanes ventured to fly above our lines during the day but in no instance did they cause any inconvenience or remain for long. Our own aircraft freely machine gunned enemy movement and in rear of his line in force throughout the day. At night both hostile and our own bombing machines were busy. The Battalion Ration Dump has been established on the road near Battalion Headquarters (approximately I 27 B 1.8). Hot meals and rations, water etc. are delivered there by transport Officer at 9.30 pm and 4 am daily. Each company provides</p>	

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I 27 B 2.8 PERONNE 62C	4/9/18.		<p>its own carrying party.</p> <p>Weather fine and warm. Observation good. In the early hours of the morning hostile artillery was very active. The fire was mainly directed on to northern edge of the village and at times it amounted to barrage fire. The approaches over the river were heavily shelled at very frequent intervals. A great deal of gas was used in these bombardments. A heavy enemy machine gun fire was opened along our front just about dawn - apparently in anticipation of an attack. A patrol went out from our left company at 3.30 am and worked along the railway in I 22 A. The party returned at 4.20 am reporting exceedingly heavy machine gun fire but no enemy movement. A party of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men left O 22 D 3.2 at 3.45 am and proceeded along the right of the road to O 22 D 6.4. The buildings and sheds (marked hangars) were examined and found free of enemy. The route O 22 D 9.3, O 22 D 9.0 was followed and the party returned at 4.45 am. They were sniped at from vicinity of O 22 D 7.4 and a machine gun fired at them from O 22 D 9.5. Very few flares are used by the enemy in the sector. Our observers searched the CITADEL and found a quantity of German mining material (fuses, dynamo for exploding mines, detonators etc.). No traces of prepared mines could be found. At 7.30 pm yesterday Brigade advised</p>	<p>8286</p> <p><i>John Lewis</i></p> <p>8</p>

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			<p>that 58th Battalion would take over from 57th Battalion all posts on the FLAMICOURT railway from I 33 D 4.3 to I 28 C 1.5. The inter battalion boundary would then be the railway inclusive to 58th Battalion and exclusive to 57th Battalion. This relief was completed at 11.15 pm. "C" Company, 57th Battalion left-closed until the railway was excluded. Practically no enemy aerial movement was noted from dawn to dusk. His artillery was quieter than yesterday: but harassing shoots were put down on roads, bridges and the village of PERONNE at intervals during the day. In the late afternoon our forward area was shelled. At night a 10 inch naval gun fired on road in vicinity of Battalion Headquarters. The signal office was wrecked and 6 signallers were injured. M.G's were fairly active but fired only at good targets. At various times during the day Brigade advised that it was considered extremely probable that enemy would withdraw from our front today or during the night. Our artillery heavily shelled FLAMICOURT and the railway embankment north east of the village throughout the day. About 5 pm during one of these shoots, a party of 20 enemy was observed to flee from the embankment to the surrounding scrub. At dusk "A" and "B" Companies pushed out patrols as far as the railway running through I 22 D. Parties reported no signs of enemy. Each of these companies therefore sent out one platoon, preceded by two groups of scouts. These platoons made the general</p>	

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I 22 D 2.4 PERONNE	5/9/18.		<p>line of the railway, the remainder of "A" and "B" Companies were pushed forward to the same line. Battalion Operation Memorandum 3/52 was issued to Companies at 10.30 pm (Appendix No 5) "D" Company was sent forward to occupy the positions vacated by "B" Company. A hot meal and dry rations were distributed to Companies. "A" and "B" Companies pushed out fighting patrols towards DARMSTADT and MANNHEIM Trenches.</p> <p>Weather fine and warm. Visibility good. "B" Company's patrol reported DARMSTADT Trench unoccupied and two platoons were therefore sent forward to occupy it. "A" Company's patrol reported MANNHEIM Trench occupied. Machine guns were located firing from immediately in rear and flares were being fired from the trench. It was decided inadvisable to attempt to occupy the trench until dawn. At 5.30 am Battalion Headquarters was established at I 22 D 2.4. "C" Company was sent forward to occupy the trench vacated by "A" Company. At dawn "A" Company pushed forward and occupied MANNHEIM Trench. Two machine guns were captured 100 yards in rear of the trench. 5 prisoners were taken and the remainder of the crews killed. "B" Company meantime brought up its remaining two platoons to DARMSTADT Trench. "A" Company worked south east along MANNHEIM Trench followed by "B" Company. Strong machine gun fire was encountered from I 30 B and from</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 5.</p> <p><i>Both</i></p> <p>10</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>the north western corner of DOINGT. Lewis gun fire was brought to bear on these nests and the enemy compelled to withdraw. He used the communication trenches running north east through I 30 C and D for this withdrawal and our Lewis gunners firing from MANNHEIM Trench in I 30 A and C were able to deal very effectively with him as he left the communication trenches to cross the road in I 30 D. Two captured German machine guns were used on one of the guns firing from I 30 B and the crews claim six Germans killed and one captured. It is claimed that "A" Company killed at least 50 Germans in this vicinity and wounded many more. At the junction of MANNHEIM and WORMS Trenches "A" Company halted to wait for "D" Company to envelop DOINGT. "D" Company was sent forward with this object in view at 10.30 am and at 10.50 am "C" Company was sent forward to mop up that village. DOINGT was found to be free of the enemy. Companies then proceeded south in the order "D", "C", "B", "A", to the vicinity of the cross roads in O 12 C in accordance with appendix No 5. No opposition was encountered: but "D" Company sustained 5 casualties from the short shooting of our own howitzers. A line of outposts facing east was formed along the general line of the DOINGT - LEMESNIL road with the right flank resting on the cross roads O 12 C 7-1 and the left flank at I 36 a 3.2. Enemy artillery subjected the village of DOINGT and the main PERONNE road in I 22 D to harassing fire between 8 and 10 pm.</p>	

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<p>I 22 D 2.4 PERONNE 62 C.</p>	<p>6/9/18</p>		<p>The night was otherwise quiet. Battalion Operation Memorandum 3/65 (Appendix No 6) was issued at 7 pm. A hot meal was delivered to companies at 8.30 pm and blankets were brought up at 10 pm. The 42nd Battalion, 11th Australian Brigade, passed through "A" and "B" Companies at 12 midnight and the 29th Battalion, 8th Australian Brigade, passed through "C" and "D" Companies at 2.15 am.</p> <p>Weather fine and warm. Visibility good. Leapfrogging battalions passed through our line as stated in yesterday's entry. The men thereafter were rested. At 8 am the cooks brought a hot meal forward. Clean clothing came up at 11 am and the men were allowed to bathe in the SOMME Canal and in the COLOGNE River. A naval gun shelled the vicinity of Battalion Headquarters between 4 and 5 pm in the afternoon. A party of 28 reinforcements and 10 others from hospital marched in at 3 pm. Nucleus, including the Regimental Band, marched in at 8 pm. Battalion Order No 153 relative to tomorrow's move was issued at 8.30 pm (Appendix No 7). Our casualties for the tour 28th August/6th September totalled one officer killed (Lieut. R. MARXSEN) one officer died of wounds (Lieut. A. H. HEDGECOCK) one officer wounded (2/Lieut. G. G. SELLECK) 8 other ranks killed: 35 other ranks wounded, two other ranks wounded but remained at duty: two other ranks wounded (self inflicted).</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 6</p> <p><i>937th Lt</i></p> <p>APPENDIX NO 7.</p> <p>12</p>

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I 22 D 2.4 and P 19 B 5.2 PERONNE 62 C	7/9/18.		<p>Aerial photographs shewing various areas of the country over which the Battalion operated are attached as appendix No 8. A copy of the report on the operations submitted by Lieut.Col Denehy is attached (Appendix No 9).</p> <p>Weather fine and warm. Companies marched out at 8 am in accordance with order No 153 and on arrival were disposed in the valleys in P 19. Corrugated iron was collected and the men built shelters for themselves in the banks. Shortage parades were held. The regimental band played during the afternoon. Boot parades were held in the evening. The C.O. held a meeting of all officers and N.C.Os commanding platoons at 7.30 pm. He thanked them for their loyal support during the recent tour and pointed out that the success of the tour could be mainly attributed to their efforts.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 8 APPENDIX NO 9 <i>J.P. Denehy</i></p> <p><i>J.P. Denehy</i></p>
P 19 B 5.2 62 C	8/9/18.		<p>Weather showery. Men were rested throughout the day. More corrugated iron was collected and made available for improvements to shelters. The C.O. held Orderly Room at 1.30 pm and dealt with one case of desertion. Heavy rain fell in the afternoon;</p>	<p><i>J.P. Denehy</i></p> <p>13</p>

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P 19 B 5.2 62 C	9/9/18.		<p>Weather fine and warm. Warning order that the Brigade would move during the day to BIACHES area was received at 9 am. Companies were warned to be ready to move at 1 pm. Advance party was despatched at 10 am. A party of one officer and 80 others was sent out at 9 am to gather vegetables in O 19 B from an abandoned German garden. The Battalion moved out at 12.50 pm in the order: Headquarters, "A", "B", "C", "D" Companies and proceeded via LEMESNIL and the bridge at LEMIRE FARM to the bivouac area arriving at 3 pm. Transport moved independently to position in O 8 B. Companies are disposed in shelters as under: "A" Company in O 3 C and O 9 a: "B" Company in O 9 A: "C" Company in O 8 A: "D" Company in O 9 A: Battalion Headquarters at O 3 C 8.6. See disposition map (Appendix No 10). All Companies have good shelter and are comfortable.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 10 <i>J.P. [Signature]</i></p>
O 3 C 8.6 62 C	10/9/18.		<p>Weather cold and squally. A little rain fell during the night. Capt. B. Peacock was detailed by Brigade to temporarily command the battalion during the absence of Lieut. Col. C.A. Denehy.D.S.O. on furlough. The memorandum attached as appendix No 11 was promulgated to the men during the day. A meeting of Battalion Sports Representatives was held at Brigade Headquarters at 11 am. It was decided to hold battalion and brigade Sports meetings during the period the Brigade is in occupation of the present area.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 11.</p> <p>14</p>

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O 3 C 8.6 62 C	11/9/18.		<p>No parades, with the exception of the usual daily platoon inspection and gas drill, were held during the day. The men's accommodation was considerably improved. A great deal of material is available in the area and by making use of this, the battalion pioneers have succeeded in erecting many conveniences which assist towards the comfort of the men. Packs were brought up from the brigade kit dump at VAIRE during the afternoon and distributed. Canteen stores were also brought forward and the canteen established in the camp area.</p> <p>Weather showery and cold. Squally winds. Work for the day was carried out in accordance with Training Memorandum No 14 (Appendix No 12). At midday, Capt. L.W. ELLIOTT.D.S.O. assumed, temporarily, the Command of the battalion. The C.O. held Orderly Room at 2 pm and took preliminary steps in 2 cases of desertion and one case of absence without leave. Pay was made available to companies in the afternoon. A Y.M.C.A. reading, writing and refreshment room was opened in the Battalion area today. A party was provided to carry flooring boards etc. from the shell wrecked hospital in O 3 C to the newly erected 53rd Casualty Clearing Station in O 3 A. A quantity of clothing was drawn from DADOS today and will be issued to companies tomorrow. The armourer Sergeant concluded his inspection of rifles today. His report states the condition of rifles throughout to be very good.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 12</p> <p><i>JBW</i></p> <p><i>15</i></p>

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O 3 C 8.6 62 C	12/9/18.		<p>Weather: Boisterous winds from the west, south west and squally all day. Rain interfered with the training arrangements for today and it was not possible to do anything beyond a little Lewis Gun, Intelligence and Signal training under shelter. A party of 10 men was dispatched with a G S Waggon to gather vegetables from the German garden in O 19 B. Sufficient vegetables were gathered to ensure a two days supply to the Battalion. Two officers and 10 other ranks marched in from 5th Australian Division Reinforcement Wing. The work of boot repairing has proceeded without cessation since the battalion's relief and the Quartermaster reports today that all men are now in possession of sound foot wear. The Battalion tailors are doing a great deal of useful work and the condition of the men's clothing is now good. The C.O. dealt with one case of absence without leave at Orderly Room this morning.</p>	<p><i>Boys line</i></p>
O 3 C 8.6 62 C	13/9/18		<p>Weather - Strong winds from the west and south west. Some showers during the day. Muster parade on the Battalion parade ground at 9 am. The C.O. inspected each platoon separately and carefully. Signallers, Intelligence personnel, Lewis Gunners and Stretcherbearers carried out specialist training under their respective Specialist officers. The remainder of the battalion was employed on smartening up drill under platoon commanders. In the</p>	<p>16</p>

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O 3 C 8.6 62 C	14/9/18.		<p>afternoon, a football match between teams representing 57th and 58th Battalions, played on the football ground in O 3 C, was won by 58th Battalion by one point. Scores: 58th Battalion 3 Goals 10 behinds, 57th Battalion 4 Goals 3 behinds. Enemy planes were very active in the area at night. Two large machines were brought down by our anti aircraft gun fire. Material captured by this battalion on 6th September is detailed in appendix No 13.</p> <p>Weather fine. A Brigade parade was held at O 3 C at 10 am. Battalions were inspected by the Brigadier and marched past at the conclusion of the inspection. The Brigadier expressed satisfaction at the turnout and appearance of 57th Battalion. Specialist training was carried out from 11 am until 12.30 pm. It was expected that the Prime Minister of Australia (Mr W M Hughes) would visit the battalion area during either the morning or the afternoon: but he did not do so. In the afternoon all companies were bathed and received a clean change of clothing at the Brigade baths. All blankets were passed through the Foden disinfector. Football matches between companies were played during the afternoon and a team to represent the battalion against 60th Battalion was selected from the players.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 13 <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> 17</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
O 3 C 8.6 62 C	15/9/18		<p>Weather fine and warm. The usual church services were held in the morning. The Camp area was inspected by the C.O. He expressed satisfaction at the cleanliness of all Company areas. Personnel detailed in appendix No 14 marched out to Brigade School at 10 am. A football match, played on 60th Battalion ground between teams representing 57th and 60th Battalions, was won by the latter by 14 points. Scores: 60th Battalion 5 goals 8 behinds, 57th Battalion 3 goals 6 behinds. In the afternoon and again in the evening the regimental band played programmes of music in the camp area.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 14</p> <p><i>J.P. Lewis</i></p>
O 3 C 8.6 62 C	16/9/18		<p>Weather fine and very close. Hazy. Training for the day consisted of the work laid down in Training Memorandum No 15 (Appendix No 15). The Brigade transport was inspected at 2 pm today. The acting Brigadier pronounced the 57th Battalion's turnout the best on the ground. A football match between teams representing 15th Brigade Headquarters and 57th Battalion was played during the afternoon and won by 57th Battalion by 44 points to 43 points. At 3 pm Commander SPICER BROWN. R.N. lectured to all officers and senior N.C.O.'s of the Brigade at 57th Battalion Headquarters on "Anti Submarine warfare of the Function of the Grand Fleet".</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 15</p> <p><i>J.P. Lewis</i></p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
O 3 C 8.6 62 C	17/9/18		<p>Weather fine. A thunder storm burst over the area about 2 am this morning. Some shelters were wrecked. Training for the day was carried out in accordance with Training Memorandum No 16 (Appendix No 16). The C.O. inspected the Camp area at 10 am. All candidates for the battalion sports were taken in hand by the Sports Secretary (Lieut. Olver) today and started on a system of special training. A working party of 1 N.C.O. and 25 men was supplied to the Brigade school. The Quartermaster inspected the clothing of all men at the morning muster parade and issued the necessary orders for the repair of such clothing as required repairing. A football match 57th Battalion versus 59th Battalion played in the afternoon resulted in a win for 57th Battalion by 37 points to 17 points.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 16.</p> <p><i>Olver</i> <i>Lieut</i></p>
O 3 C 8.6 62 C	18/9/18		<p>Weather fine and warm. Training for the day was carried out in accordance with Training Memorandum No 17 (Appendix No 17). A football match between teams from 57th Battalion and 5th Pioneer Battalion was played during the afternoon and won by the latter team.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 17.</p> <p><i>Olver</i></p>
O 3 C 8.6 62 C	19/9/18		<p>Weather fine. Strong westerly winds. The staff Captain lectured to "A" and "B" Companies and Headquarters Details and to "C" and "D" Companies on "Supplies" at 9.30 am and 10.30 am. respectively. All Companies were bathed at the Brigade baths and received a clean</p>	

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			<p>change of clothing. Work for the morning consisted of Specialist Instruction and general smartening up drill. In the afternoon the football match between 57th and 59th Battalions was won by 57th Battalion - Scores 40 Points to 34 Points. A Concert, held in the YMCA hut in the evening, was largely attended by members of this unit.</p>	<p><i>J.P. 18</i></p>
<p>O 3 C 8.6 62° C</p>	<p>20/9/18</p>		<p>Weather fine: Strong westerly winds. Work for the day was carried out in accordance with Training Memorandum No 18 (Appendix No 18). The party detailed in Appendix No 19 marched out at 11.30 am to Tank Demonstration ground at HERLEVILLE (62 D). Capt. E.K. KEYS assumed temporary Command of the battalion. The afternoon's football match (57th v 58th Battalions) drew a large attendance. The game was well contested and keenly followed by a large crowd from both battalions. Final scores: 57th Battalion 46 Points, 58th Battalion 36 points.</p>	<p>APPENDICES NOS 18, 19</p> <p><i>J.P. 18</i></p>
<p>O 3 C 8.6 62° C</p>	<p>21/9/18</p>		<p>Weather fine: boisterous winds from the west. Work for the day took the form of a Brigade Route March (See appendix No 20). Companies returned to their billet areas at 12.40 pm. The party of pressmen, mentioned in appendix No 20 did not view the march: and, as it was expected that Mr Horatio BOTTOMLEY would be one of the party, general disappointment was expressed. ^{was} A concert held in the YMCA hut in the evening. Prizes donated by the YMCA and</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 20</p> <p>20</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
O 3 C 8.6 62 C	22/9/18		<p>won by members of 57th Battalion at the Brigade Sports held in June last were distributed by the acting C.O.</p> <p>Weather fine: Strong westerly and south westerly winds. Raining from 6 pm to midnight.</p> <p>R.C. parade Mass was celebrated in one of the huts in the camp area at 11 am. A Church of England and other Protestant Denominations parade was held on the Battalion parade ground at 10.30 am. All Companies were bathed during the day. The units pack saddlery and pack animals were inspected by the Staff Captain at 2.30 pm. 5th Divisional Concert Party made their performance tonight available to members of 57th Battalion but owing to rain and the distance to be traversed to reach the hall very few men availed themselves of the privilege. Chaplain Rogers' song service in the YMCA hut in the evening was largely attended.</p>	<p><i>J. Brown</i></p>
O 3 C 8.6 62 C	23/9/18.		<p>Weather fine: Training as laid down in Training Memorandum No 19 (Appendix No 21) was carried out during the morning. The C.O. made his usual daily inspection of the camp area in the morning. In the afternoon a football match between teams representing 57th Battalion and 60th Battalion was won by the latter by 46 points to 23 points. 60th Battalion therefore are winners of the Brigade Championship with 57th Battalion runners up. Major R.M.C.</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 21</p> <p><i>12</i></p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
O 3 C 8.6 62 C	24/9/18		<p>AITCHISON rejoined from Army School today and assumed Command of the Battalion</p> <p>Weather fine and warm. Training for the day was carried out in accordance with Training Memorandum No 21 (Appendix No 22). The C.O. attended a conference at Brigade Headquarters at 12.30 pm. The Brigadier made known to the assembled Battalion Commanders as much information as was available regarding an operation to be undertaken by Australian Corps at a future date. The conference was instructed to make necessary preparations for a move forward at short notice. The information communicated by the Brigadier was not yet to be made public. The C.O. accompanied the C.O. 58th Battalion, Brigade Major and Brigadier on a reconnaissance of the forward area during the afternoon. All Companies were again bathed at Brigade baths today.</p>	<p><i>J.P. [Signature]</i></p> <p>APPENDIX NO 22</p>
O 3 C 8.6 62 C	25/9/18		<p>Weather: Rain fell until 10 am. Fine afterwards. Training in accordance with Training Memorandum No 22 (Appendix NO 23) was carried out. The Battalion assembled at 1 pm and marched to the Brigade Sports ground in 0 14 a. The meeting was a very successful one and all ranks expressed enthusiastic approval of the Sports and Social arrangements. The acting Divisional Commander (Brig. Gen. E. TIVEY. CB.) and a number of the sisters from Nos</p>	<p><i>J.P. [Signature]</i></p> <p>APPENDIX NO 23</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
O 3 C 8.6 62 C	26/9/18.		<p>12 and 53 Casualty Clearing Stations were present. 57th Battalion and 60th Battalion tied for first place in the aggregate points with a score of 24 points each. Particulars of the events are given in Appendix No 24. The 5th Divisional Concert Party produced a variety of entertainment at the Brigade School in the evening.</p> <p>Weather fine and warm. Companies carried out flank guard training in the morning. Lectures were delivered by Company Commanders on Flank Guards and each Company demonstrated Company advancing with flank guard protection. The C.O. held a meeting of Company Commanders at Battalion Headquarters at 1 pm and put in train arrangements for equipping all Companies for offensive action. An Advance Party of one officer and 6 others was sent forward at 4 pm to take possession of the forward area allotted to this battalion. The Tank Demonstration Company (See appendix No 19) rejoined in the evening. Lieut. Col. C.A. DENEHY DSO. rejoined from English leave and resumed Command of the Battalion. Meeting of Unit Commanders at Brigade Headquarters at 8.30 pm. Further information regarding the forthcoming operation was made available and it was announced that the Brigade would move to forward assembly positions tomorrow. The C.O. held a conference of Company Commanders at 9.30 pm. All information received at the Brigade Conference was promulgated. The various</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 24 <i>J.B.M.W.P.</i></p> <p>23</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>O 3 C 8.6 62 C</p> <p>L 9 C 2.7 62 C</p>	<p>27/9/18</p>		<p>preliminary instructions issued in connection with the operation will be collected and attached as a special appendix later.</p> <p>Weather fine but cloudy. The C.O. attended the Brigadier's Conference at Brigade Headquarters at 9 am. Representatives from the Tank Corps were present and matters relating to the co-operation of tanks were discussed. It was arranged that the Commanders of Tanks should get in touch with the Company Commanders with whom they would work and arrange a programme of mutual co-operation. At the conclusion of the Conference the Brigadier conducted Unit Commanders to a ground model of the country over which the Brigade would operate. The midday meal was served at 12 noon. Nucleus marched out at 1.30 pm in accordance with Circular Memorandum No 76 (Appendix No 25). Companies passed the starting point in accordance with Battalion order No 154 (Appendix No 26) at 2.2 pm. The column halted in the vicinity of BOUCLY (J 24 D) at 5 pm. A hot meal was served here and the march forward was resumed at 7 pm. Companies arrived in the bivouac area, L 9 A and B, shortly after 10 pm without casualties. A great congestion of traffic was experienced on the roads from ROISEL to TEMPLEUX - le - GUERARD. Battalion Headquarters was established at L 9 C 2.7. No shelter was available and the men were obliged to dig shelters in the</p>	<p><i>J.P. Stewart</i></p> <p>APPENDIX NO 25 APPENDIX NO 26</p> <p><i>MC</i></p>

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57th. Battalion A.1

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
L 9 C 2.7 62 C	28/9/18		<p>banks. The night was bitterly cold. Blankets, which should have arrived at 10 pm, failed to do so owing to the fact that the baggage waggon, while crossing the railway line in K 22 A, was smashed by a railway truck which, without warning, was shunted into it. The waggon was badly smashed but horses and men fortunately escaped without injury.</p> <p>Weather cold and bleak. Fine rain fell during the afternoon. Blankets were sent up at 8 am and issued to the men. Enemy artillery shelled our area persistently during the morning and some casualties were sustained, including 2/Lieut. B.G. PITCHER wounded. Cookers, with a hot meal arrived at Companies at 8.30 am. Lewis Guns and magazines, S.O.S. Signals, Bombs, S.A.A., Message Rockets, Emergency rations, Ground Flares, extra water bottles, wirecutters, Very Lights and Picks and Shovels were issued during the day. Various instructions and the attack order were issued during the day. These are attached with the special appendix (No 27). The C.O. held a conference of Company Commanders at Battalion Headquarters at 4 pm. All the details regarding the approach, attack and consolidation after our objective has been gained were discussed in the fullest detail. An Officer was detailed to report to 119th American Regiment (the Regiment attacking the first objective and through whom we shall pass at the green line) for purposes of liaison. All preparations for the operation</p>	<p>APPENDIX NO 27</p> <p>25</p>

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26th
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
L 9 C 2.7 62 C	29/9/18		<p>were completed at 9 pm.</p> <p>Weather fine. Slight ground mist at dawn. Our barrage came down at 5.50 am. The Battalion moved out of assembly positions at about 7 am in accordance with the order for the approach march included with special appendix (No 27) and leading Companies passed the starting point at 7.15 am. From this point severe artillery fire was experienced and on crossing the high ground in vicinity of COLOGNE FARM (L 6 C) a heavy fog was seen rising in the valley below. At about RUBY FM (L 6 A) the leading Companies ran into this fog and in a very few minutes it was quite impossible to discern any object 6 feet away. The Battalion Intelligence Officer (Lt. A. G. STALEY), in making a forward reconnaissance during the previous day, had noted that a line of shattered telegraph posts ran along our line of approach towards BELLICOURT. Fortunately one of these posts was located just as the fog closed in and the head of the advance was halted to enable those in rear to obtain touch. The advance was continued, the leading Officer following the line of broken and twisted wire and telegraph poles and the remainder keeping in very careful touch. About 9 25 am the fog commenced to lift and we were enabled to locate our exact position on the map. At 9 45 am the fog again descended this time it was probably more dense than before. The</p>	<p>J.B.F. Lt</p> <p>26</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
G 4 C 5.6 62 B			<p>furthest East^{WEST} line of the HINDENBURG System was crossed and the battalion was descending the forward slope of the high ground before BELLICOURT, when the fog gradually thinned and cleared. At 10.50 am we reached the Canal Embankment and encountered strong machine gun fire and scattered groups of Americans. From the Americans nothing could be elicited regarding the situation forward. Enemy artillery had apparently observed our approach as the fog lifted and immediately after our arrival at the embankment, commenced a fairly severe bombardment. Companies were ordered to dig in in the embankment and Company Commanders ordered to take all necessary steps to construct a defensive line along the general line of the canal. We were in touch with the 58th Battalion who occupied the Canal embankment on our left and with the 29th Battalion on the same general line on our right. Battalion Headquarters was established at G 4 C 5.6 (62 B). Patrols were sent out with orders to reconnoitre the positions forward, get in touch with the Americans and to locate the enemy line. Only a few scattered groups of Americans could be located. Enemy machine guns now worked round to our rear on the North and maintained a very severe harassing fire. The C.O. arranged a conference with C.O. 58th Battalion and with Company Commanders of both 57th and 58th Battalions at 2.15 pm. The position was reported to Brigade by telephone. The C.O. decided to continue the advance towards the green line using 57th and 58th Battalions</p>	

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57th Battalion 2.1.18

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>only. The 59th Battalion had not yet reached the canal and no news could be gathered regarding its whereabouts. Brigade Headquarters was asked to provide an artillery barrage and the C.O. obtained permission to use all available tanks. Zero hour was fixed at 3 pm. At that hour Companies from 57th and 58th Battalions with a few Americans who had been rounded up went over, supported by Mark V tanks and Whippets. The artillery barrage arranged for failed to materialise. Very strong machine gun fire was concentrated from the direction of the LE CATELET - NAUROY line and severe casualties were inflicted on our troops. A good deal of artillery fire from close range was also met with. All tanks and whippets very quickly became casualties. 5 minutes after the attack had been launched Brigade advised that the advance further north had failed to keep up and that it was inadvisable to advance beyond the LE CATALET line at present. Companies were therefore ordered to halt when the LE CATALET line was reached. Our right Company ("A" Company) managed to push on into the LE CATALET - NAUROY line and the right centre Company ("C" Company) followed to the same line. The two left Companies, however, had to face heavier machine gun fire and were unable to reach that line. One of them ("D" Company) was withdrawn to support in the canal embankment and the other ("B" Company) was ordered to dig in along the position it had already reached - about 400 yards west of the LE CATALET line.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
G 4 C 5.6 62 B	30/9/18		<p>About 6 pm the 59th Battalion came up and took up position in rear of Canal. The Q.M. brought a hot meal forward at 9.30 pm. This was sent forward to Companies at 10. pm. Fullest details of the days operations can be gathered from the original messages sent and received during the day and from the reports of the C.O. and Company Commanders attached with appendix No 27.</p> <p>Weather: Heavy rain fell during the night. Fine otherwise but bleak and cold. "B" Company was ordered at 12.35 am to push forward into the LE CATELET line to strengthen the garrison. At 2 am Brigade advised that the 14th Brigade at 6 am on 30th would endeavour to clear up the situation on our left flank. The barrage for the operation came down at 6 am. At 6.20 am our observers reported 53rd Battalion advancing to the attack and their passing in vicinity of Battalion Headquarters. Simultaneously with the 14th Brigade attack "C" Company 57th Battalion endeavoured to effect touch with 58th Battalion on the left by bombing down the LE CATALET trench. Junction was effected at 6.35 am. At 8 am Brig.General ELLIOTT called at Battalion Headquarters. At 8.55 am C.O. 58th Battalion reported he had pushed a patrol forward into CABARET WOOD FARM. It was decided that 57th Battalion would, if possible, conform. Patrols were sent forward but returned reporting very heavy machine gun fire from</p>	<p><i>Johnson Lt</i></p> <p><i>bc</i></p>

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			<p>the Farm. They were also fired upon by a 77 battery emplaced in rear of the Farm. Reports of patrol leaders are attached with the days messages included in Appendix No 27. At 9 15 and an "C" Company reported much sniping from CABARET WOOD FARM insists that the farm is in enemy occupation. During the morning and afternoon much movement of enemy troops and transport was reported by our observers but our artillery was unable to engage these targets owing to their lack of forward communication. At 4 pm the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade on our right endeavoured to push forward and capture the high ground North east of NAUROY. Our right Company ("A" Company) swung forward to conform; but withdrew to original position owing to the very poor field of fire available from new position and also to heavy machine gun fire from the high ground. At 10 pm the C.O. attended Brigadier's Conference at Brigade Headquarters. Enemy artillery maintained severe harassing fire over the rear portion of the Battalion area throughout the night. Rations were brought forward by the Transport Officer at 8 pm. Full details of the days operations can be gathered from the messages and report attached with appendix No 27.</p>	

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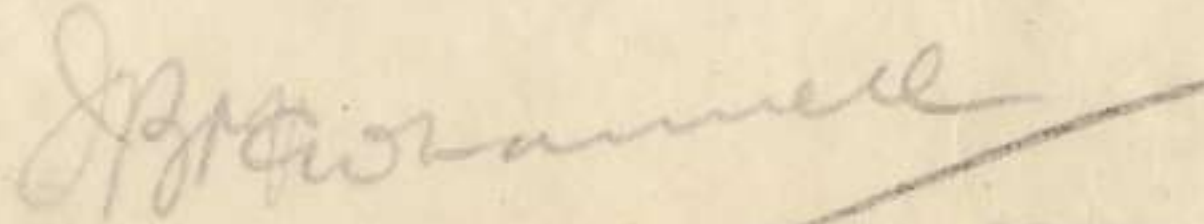
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			The following special Appendices are attached:	
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57th BATTALION OPERATION MEMORANDUM NO 3/26.

S E C R E T.

Ref: 62 C 1/40,000.

1st September 1918

1. The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade are in PERONNE. The situation there is not quite clear. Three Companies of 58th Battalion and three Companies of 59th Battalion have worked along the road running NORTH through I 33 B and D with the intention of encircling FLAMICOURT. 60th Battalion has been ordered to reconnoitre the same area with a view to attacking SOUTH EAST through Squares I 34 and 35 and O 4 and 5.
2. "D" Company, 57th Battalion has crossed the canal at O 9 Central and are pushing out the bridge across the swamp with Engineer's supervision.
3. "C" Company are to push out two platoons as soon as the route is practicable and establish posts covering the NORTH WESTERN side of the wood in O 10 and 11 - linking up with "D" Company who will establish posts facing the enemy trench running NORTH and SOUTH through O 10 B.
4. Other posts will be pushed forward during the evening to strengthen the line until eventually the ground will be firmly held.
5. A line run from O 15 Central to O 6 Central to P 1 Central to J 22 Central gives the right flank which this Brigade has to defend.
6. "B" Company will move forward when ordered and occupy positions vacated by "C" and "D" Companies.
7. Battalion Headquarters will move forward to "C" Company's present headquarters as soon as "B" Company has moved up.

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

J. B. Samuel

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Issued to all Companies
at 2.15 pm.

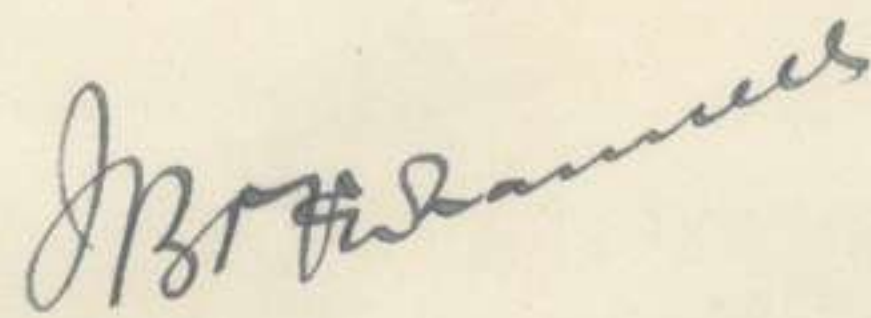
57th BATTALION OPERATION MEMORANDUM NO 3/30.S E C R E T

Ref: 62 C 1/40,000.

2nd September 1918.

1. 2nd Australian Division will carry out operation at 5.30 am today to form defensive flank through I 16 A and B, I 17 A 25.65, I 11 D 4.4 thence along road to D 26 A 3.0.
2. At 6.30 am an operation will be carried out by 59th and 60th Battalions when a fresh effort will be made to clear the front and establish the line as originally intended.
3. 57th Battalion must give supporting fire where possible and be prepared to take instant advantage of any success gained, to push across the swamp and establish themselves on the line as originally intended.
4. O.C. 25th Machine Gun Company will give covering fire with his guns upon suitable targets and will also take advantage of any fleeting targets that may be presented.

ACKNOWLEDGE by telephone.



Issued at 5.15 am
to all Companies and
25th Machine Gun Company.

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57th BATTALION OPERATION MEMORANDUM NO 1/22
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2nd September 1918.

1. O.C. "C" Company will detail Lieut. R. MARXSEN with two strong platoons to establish posts guarding the road and railway bridges at I 33 D 3.9 AND I 33 D 6.2 respectively.
2. These posts are to be in positions before dusk tonight.
3. One section of the post on the railway bridge is to push NORTH as far as possible towards the station.
4. Lieut. MARXSEN will advise Battalion Headquarters as soon as possible of his dispositions.
5. The Q.M. will arrange to ration these platoons separately from tonight. Rations, water and hot meals will be delivered by pack mules to the post at the road bridge at 9.15 pm and 4 am daily.

ACKNOWLEDGE verbally by Telephone.

Issued to O.C. "C" Company
at 3.30 pm.

J.B. Samuel
Lieut.
ADJT. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

Copies to:

Lieut. MARXSEN.
O.C. "A" Company.
"B" "
"D" "
Q.M. & T.O.
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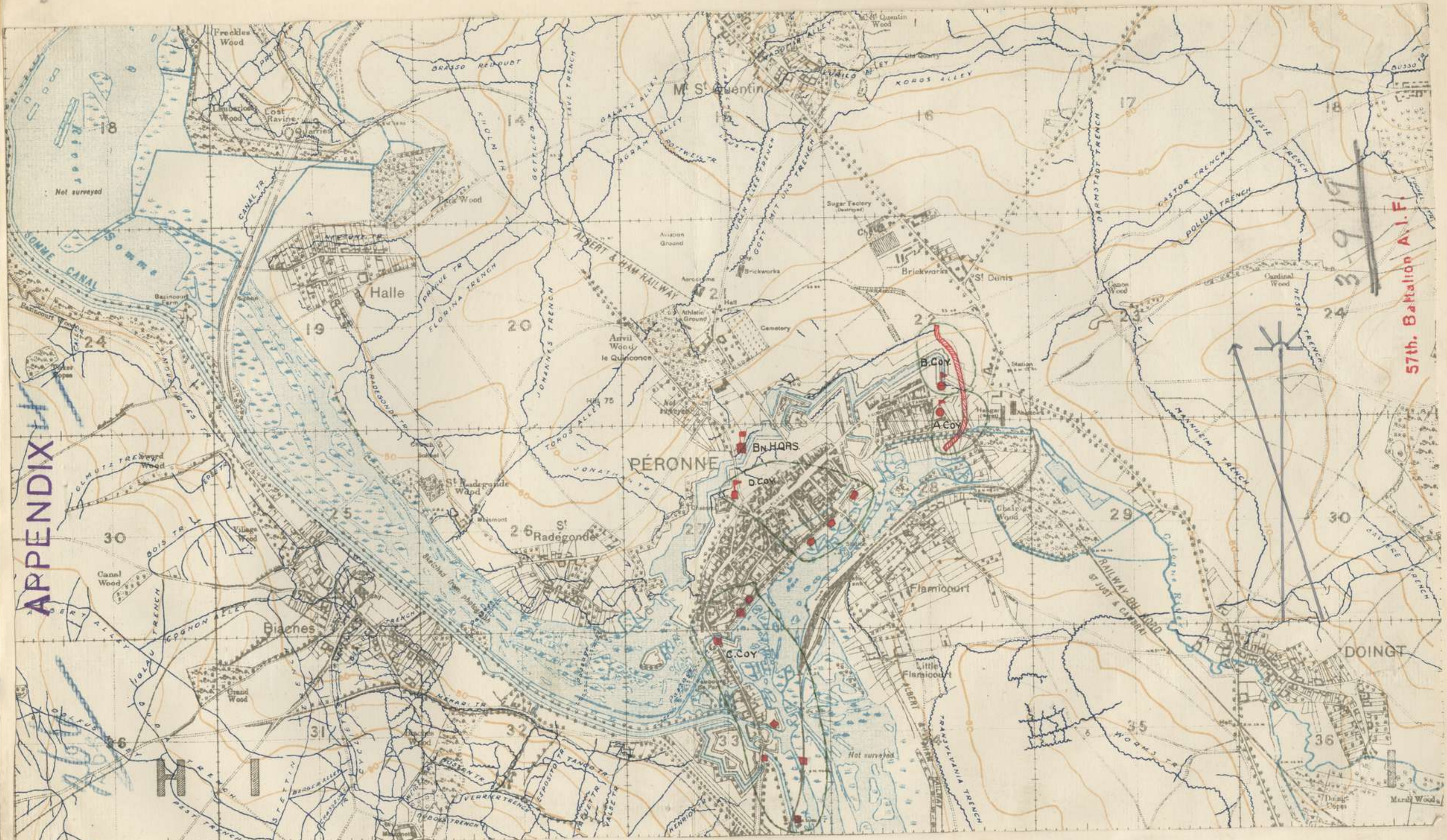
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Map shewing dispositions of
57th Battalion
3rd September 1918.

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57th BATTALION OPERATION MEMORANDUM NO 3/52.

SECRET.4th September 1918.

In the event of our being able to move forward the following general line of advance is laid down :

DARMSTADT TR.
HIGH GROUND in I 24 thence through woods in J 25 thence south east to our own sector.

Our own sector - that is, our line of advance - is bounded on the south by the grid line east and west between O 9 and O 15. The 58th Battalion will operate along the southern boundary and act as flank guard. 60th Battalion will operate on our left and 59th Battalion on their left. The FLAMICOURT district will be mopped up by 58th Battalion who are entering by the railway.

The order of advance will be "D" Company on the right, "B" Company on the left in advanced guard formation. They will be followed by "A" Company on the right and "C" Company on the left.

The advance may commence in the hours of darkness in which case frequent halts must be made to ensure that all are in touch.

If necessary the advance should be conducted by short moves of 10 to 20 yards.

As far as is known at present our advance will be first, DUE EAST until the high ground in I 24 and the woods in I 24 and 30 have been reached; thence SOUTH EAST skirting DOINGT.

Until it becomes light the right flank will be the directing one and progress will be regulated by its advance.

Great caution must be exercised about entering dugouts or interfering with unusual or interesting looking objects. Watch for trip wires etc. The roads are certainly mined. On no account linger in vicinity of cross roads.

Be prepared for modifications of this order which is merely the outline of the plan.

ACKNOWLEDGE by telephone.

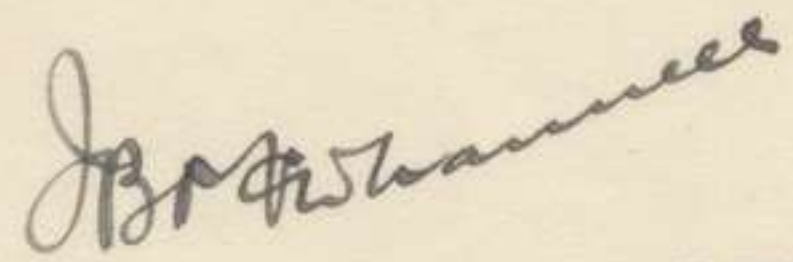
Issued at 10.30 pm.

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

57th. Battalion A.I.F.

57th BATTALION OPERATION MEMORANDUM NO 3/65.SECRET5th September 1918.

1. Tonight 5th/6th September units of 8th and 11th Australian Infantry Brigades will pass through 57th Battalion and continue the advance against the retreating enemy.
2. A battalion of the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will pass through "A" and "B" Companies and a battalion of 8th Australian Infantry Brigade will pass through "C" and "D" Companies.
3. Companies will advise Battalion Headquarters immediately these battalions pass through our lines.
4. 57th Battalion will remain in present position until further orders.

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

Issued at 7 pm.

To all Corps

Ref: 62 C 1/20,000.

6th September 1918

1. (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade is moving to positions in the vicinity of LE MESNIL.
(b) 57th Battalion will move to positions in P 19 tomorrow 7th inst.
2. An advance party has already gone forward and guides will meet Companies on arrival and guide to allotted positions.
3. Companies will proceed in the order "D", "C", "B", "A", passing the starting point, Cross Roads O 18 A 8.5, at 8 am and proceeding along the road running south east through O 18 B and D, O 13 C, O 19 A to road junction O 19 B 4.6 where guides will be met.
4. Distances of 200 yards between platoons will be maintained: and every precaution will be taken against enemy observation.
5. The Transport Officer will arrange for the removal of Cookers and water carts and he will provide sufficient transport for the removal of Signal and Office Stores to new locations.
6. Battalion Headquarters will close at present location at 8 am tomorrow 7th inst. and reopen later at a place to be notified.
7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J. B. Macnamara

Issued to

"A" Company.
 "B" "
 "C" "
 "D" "
 File.
 Q.M. & T.O.
 War Diary 3.
 Adjutant.

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

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Aerial photographs shewing areas over which
the battalion operated 30th August / 5th
September 1918.

(Attached to original copy only.)

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Narrative of events during operations
connected with Forcing the passage of
the SOMME.

August 30th - September 5th.

(Attached to original copy only.)

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Narrative of events during operations connected with Forcing the passage of the Somme.

August 30th - September 5th

Night 29th/30th August.

The 57th Battalion on the cancellation of the order for the attack on BRIE withdrew from the front line and by 9.50 pm were in the reserve trenches west of VILLERS-CARBONNEL astride the Roman road. The enemy shelled this road very heavily making very difficult the work of transporting rations and material. In spite of the difficulties hot rations were got to the Companies by 2.30 am. The men however were very tired and in many cases preferred to sleep. At 4.30 am a verbal order from Brigade arrived in compliance with which the Battalion moved out at 6 am on the morning of the 30th August to a position S.E. of BARLEUX.

August 30th - near BARLEUX.Recountal of Plans.

The 7th A. I. Brigade was holding the line S. of PERONNE facing the SOMME. At 5 am the 7th Brigade was to force the passage of the SOMME at various points between PERONNE and ETERPIGNY. The 57th Battalion with other units of the Brigade was to move from reserve positions and cross the river, pass through the 7th Brigade and continue the advance in a north easterly direction for a distance of about 7000 yards and take up a position on the high ground.

Narrative of Events.

At 7.30 am the 57th Battalion was in position S.E. of BARLEUX when, in compliance with a verbal order from Brigade, it moved forward to the trenches overlooking the river, so as to be prepared to follow through without delay. On arrival it was found that the 7th Brigade had failed to effect a crossing and on receipt of a verbal message from Brigade, we returned to the reserve position. At 12.30 pm I received a telephone message to report to Brigade H.Qrs. There I was directed to proceed forward again and take over the front line position overlooking the Somme N.E. of BARLEUX, relieving the 27th Battalion. After the men had received their rations and a hot meal they proceeded to the line moving in very small parties. During the process of relief 1 man was killed and six wounded. Relief complete 7.25 pm. During the night efforts were made to discover a passage across the marshes. There was a good deal of artillery and M.G. fire and Lieut. Hedgecock was mortally wounded. No bridges or pathways existed that would enable troops to cross the marsh.

August 31st.

At 9.30 am Brigade advised that 14th Brigade were to cross the SOMME at OMMIECOURT-les-CLERY and to move round through PERONNE and down the east bank of the river and seize the high ground. When our troops were observed moving on the eastern bank through FLAMICOURT the 57th Battalion was to cross on improvised rafts or by wading. No troops of 14th Brigade appeared, however, and the day passed without incident for us. Many good targets were observed from the high ground occupied by us and artillery liaison officer endeavoured to engage them, but owing to lack of direct communication with batteries many good opportunities were lost. At dusk our patrols using collapsible boats with the assistance of engineers endeavoured to reach the eastern margin of the swamp. Reed-covered, sodden ground blocked the exit in every case.

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Engineers were busy on the construction of a bridge across the swamp.

September 1st.

Patrol activity continued till daylight and after. At 9.5 Brigade advised that 58th and 59th Battalions were crossing the river by the bridge in I 33 d in touch with the 14th Brigade who had entered PERONNE. The 57th Battalion was to stand by ready to cross on the bridges in course of construction as soon as our troops appeared on the high ground opposite. The Battalion was to push forward and occupy a north and south line from I 34 Central along the line of woods in O 4 b and c. No sign of our troops on the opposite side of the river being noticed, we attempted to push forward and establish ourselves on the eastern edge of the swamp. Capt. Peacock had established a post at O 4 c 6.1 to protect the engineer party which had almost completed the bridge. He then led a fighting patrol along the bridge. They came under such heavy fire, however, and suffered so many casualties that they were compelled to retire. Thenceforth the enemy kept the locality under constant M.G. fire. Artillery was directed on to the M.G. positions but failed to silence them. Improved communications enabled several artillery F.O.Os to direct fire from our O.P's and hostile batteries were silenced and enemy movement shelled.

September 2nd.

Artillery shoots again successfully carried out. Two platoons of "C" Company under Lt. Marxsen were detached to guard the approaches to FLAMICOURT over the road and railway bridges W. of PERONNE. At 6 pm my Adjutant and myself were called to Brigade Headquarters where we received orders to relieve the 58th Battalion and elements of 54th Battalion in the line on the eastern outskirts of PERONNE. I went forward to reconnoitre and the adjutant returned to bring up the battalion. The situation was obscure and the locality of the posts uncertain but by dint of the energetic co-operation of the units concerned guides were dispatched and the battalion was met at the western outskirts of PERONNE at 7.55 pm; led through the town and settled in position by 11.30 pm. The enemy constantly shelled the town but the difficult relief was completed without a casualty. The battalion had been obliged to leave its previous location without rations. These and a hot meal were however brought forward to the new position and safely delivered. The Q.M. and T.O. and their staffs in accomplishing this put up an excellent performance. The Signalling Officer and staff did excellent service and had linked up Companies by 'phone by 2.30 am. The battalion was really holding two fronts, one on the eastern ramparts of PERONNE and the other facing South along the edge of the town fronting the moat and swamps between PERONNE and FLAMICOURT. Battalion H.Q. was in PERONNE on the northern outskirts centrally situated between the two frontages. Patrols on both fronts began at once to push out. Lt. Marxsen had previous to the arrival of the Battalion pushed along the railway embankment, the only means of access to FLAMICOURT Railway Station. He was driven back from the narrow approach by machine gun fire.

September 3rd.

The enemy shelled our area heavily with guns of various calibres up to 8 inch using a lot of sneezing gas. After dawn things became a little calmer. "C" and "D" Companies facing FLAMICOURT tried to make progress along the railway from the west and the causeway from the north. The narrow approaches were however too well covered by enemy fire. "A" and "B" Companies facing east pushed out under machine gun fire feeling for the enemy posts. Lt. Meara ("A" Company) worked to his right flank and with a patrol of 4 men got to the curved railway embankment on the eastern side of FLAMICOURT. Here the party stumbled upon a large enemy party in a tunnel. The German gunners manned the embankment and fired on our patrol. Our artillery put down a heavy shoot on the areas giving trouble and at dusk patrols went out again on both fronts. Lt. Marxsen was leading his patrol along the railway embankment and had made good progress towards the

station when he came again under heavy fire and was killed. His party withdrew some distance and dug in and established a post. During the night a hot meal was got forward to the men. They were very tired from long marching, gas, and lack of sleep, but carried on gamely. Artillery fire had been fairly heavy and much gas was put over by the enemy. Our artillery shoots on FLAMICOURT were very successful and the enemy was observed to be running from place to place seeking shelter. His M.G. opposition was not, however quelled. A patrol of "A" Company went out to try and capture the post in the tunnel but a shell blew up a foot bridge they had to cross and they had to give up the attempt for the time.

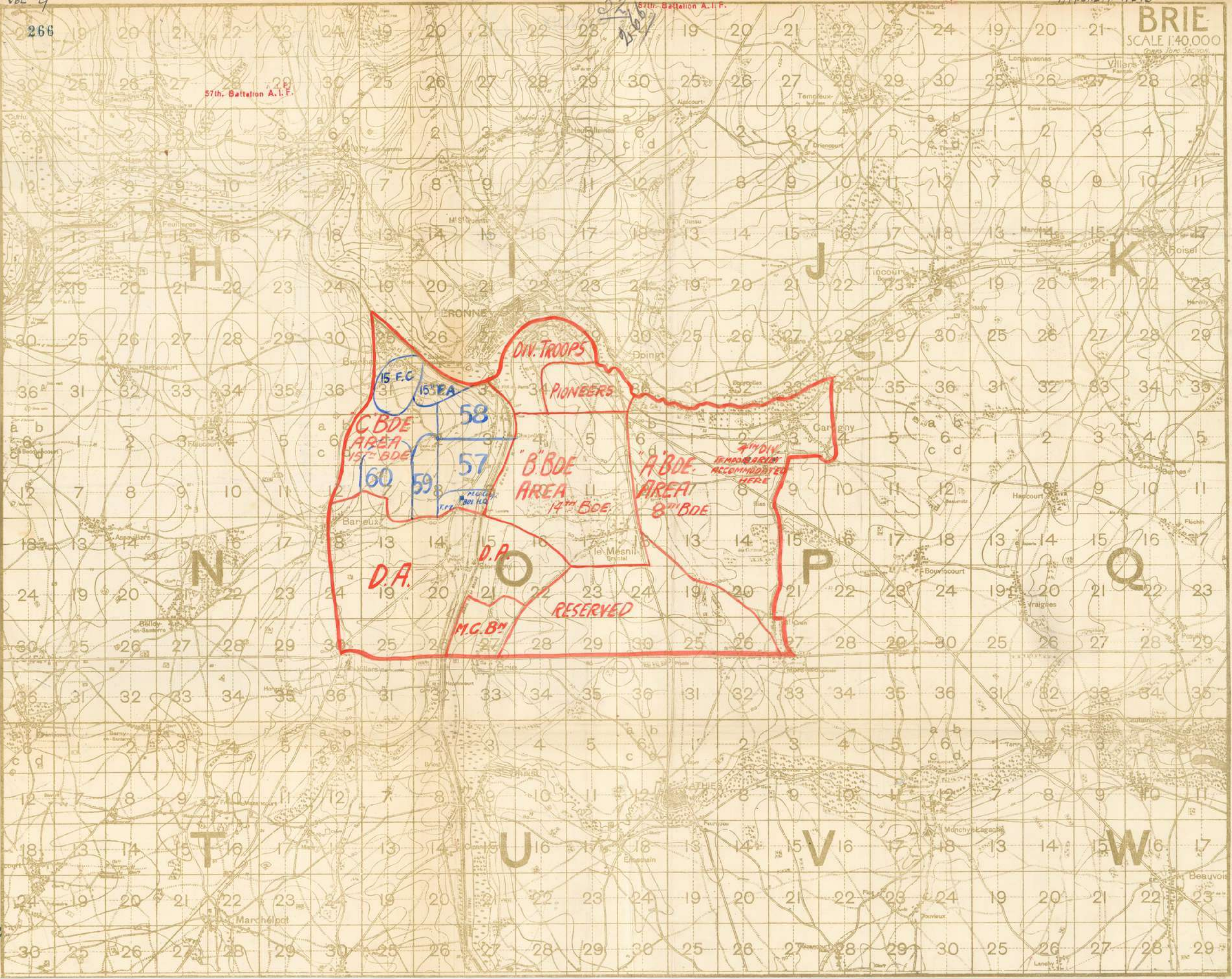
September 4th.

During the night the 58th Battalion took over the posts at the western end of the FLAMICOURT railway, thus releasing about a company of this Battalion. During the day there were many indications that the enemy contemplated retiring, and a sharp lookout was kept. During the night he shelled us heavily. Our artillery shelled FLAMICOURT and the Railway curve and our patrols again moved out. "B" Company was sent to the eastern rampart and "A" and "B" Companies pushed out fighting patrols and got a footing in DARMSTADT and MANNHEIM trenches and on the right flank got in touch along the railway line with the 58th Battalion, who had at last succeeded in reaching the FLAMICOURT station. Battalion H.Qrs moved to the eastern ramparts at dawn and "C" Company, being released by the success of the 58th Battalion, also moved to the eastern frontage. With daylight sharp fighting and machine gun duels commenced.

September 5th.

"A" and "B" Companies inflicted severe casualties on the garrisons of posts, and captured prisoners and machine guns. Meanwhile "D" Company under Capt. Elliott was sent south towards DOINGT to protect the flank of the 58th, who were advancing South through FLAMICOURT. "D" Company were ordered to skirt DOINGT on its western side and "C" Company was dispatched to mop up the village. The enemy's resistance was weakening, but from the high ground further east he still kept up a heavy machine gun fire. To protect the Companies moving south across the enemy's front I called for an artillery barrage with smoke on the trenches and woods east of DOINGT. This was successful but our artillery fired badly, many shells falling short and inflicting 5 casualties on our own troops. By midday the 57th Battalion held the line of the DOINGT - LE MESNIL road and our right flank rested on our southern boundary just north of LE MESNIL. The 58th had also reached the southern boundary and was in position. "A" and "B" Companies then moved down south of DOINGT, the position vacated by them being taken over by the 60th Battalion.

Charles Deaneby LT.COL.
C.O. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.



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PIONEERS

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AREA
15th BDE

15 F.C.

15th EA

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Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
8th September 1918.

Comrades of the 5th Australian Division,

I take the opportunity of the Division being relieved for a period of rest and training to most heartily ^{congratulate} all ranks on their splendid work and successes achieved since the 1st February last, and especially since taking part in the operations commencing with the enemy attack on VILLERS BRETONNEUX on the 24th April last, when the magnificent stand by the 14th Brigade against the enemy's attacks and the night counter attack by the 15th Brigade led to such splendid results, to the complete successes by the 8th and 15th Brigades at the Battle of VILLERS BRETONNEUX on the 8th and 9th August, and ending with the brilliant advance to the SOMME in the last days of August and the capture of PERONNE where the 14th and 15th Brigades and the 5th Machine Gun Battalion have earned imperishable fame for their gallantry and valour.

In all this work the infantry have, at all times, been most perfectly and whole-heartedly supported by the Divisional Artillery, Engineers and Signal Service, while the Ambulances, Army Service Corps and Divisional Units have never failed to respond most fully at all times, and especially in any emergency.

During this period the Division has captured 50 square miles of country, 1 town and 23 villages, 110 officers and 3,400 other ranks, 53 guns of all calibres (including one 11" gun on railway mounting complete), about 450 machine guns, and about 50 Trench Mortars. Immense quantities of enemy ammunition, engineer and other warlike stores, and even railway locomotives and trains have been captured, vast quantities of material have been salvaged, and even of greater importance, our sick casualties have been very moderate indeed - lowest as a rule among all the Australian Divisions.

This is a record that we may well be proud of, and is the result of good discipline, perfect co-operation and co-ordination, and the spirit of self-sacrifice, devotion to duty, and determination to succeed at all costs which has permeated all ranks of the Division.

I know and fully appreciate the long period of almost unbroken front line service that the Division has gone through, the hardships, the often severe and bitter fighting by night and day, the long marches, digging and wiring, and of the loss of dear and gallant friends and comrades.

But, Comrades, you have the intense satisfaction of knowing that you have done your duty, that your efforts have assisted in no small measure to break the Boche and turn defeat into victory, and that your splendid work, success achieved, and sacrifices made by our devoted and gallant comrades who have fallen during the last month - and especially during the last few days - means beyond doubt the appreciable shortening of the War and the saving of hundreds - probably thousands - of the lives of our fellow-countrymen in the days to come.

Your magnificent service has been fully recognised and deeply appreciated by the Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig; by the Army Commander, General Sir Henry Rawlinson; by the G.O.C. A.I.F., General Sir William Birdwood; by our Corps Commander, Lieutenant-General Sir John Monash; by the noble French people we have so frequently been able to assist; and, I assure you, by myself; I am only sorry that I cannot do more to express my sense of gratitude for your loyal and gallant devotion to duty and the help all ranks have so ungrudgingly given me, than by more words and inadequate expressions of thanks. I am confident that our people in Australia will be proud of their men in this Division and of their splendid record, and grateful for the great sacrifices so many of our gallant comrades have made in this great fight for freedom and humanity which we have every reason to hope is now approaching final and complete victory for our arms.

J. Albert Hobbs

Major General,
Commanding 5th Australian Division.

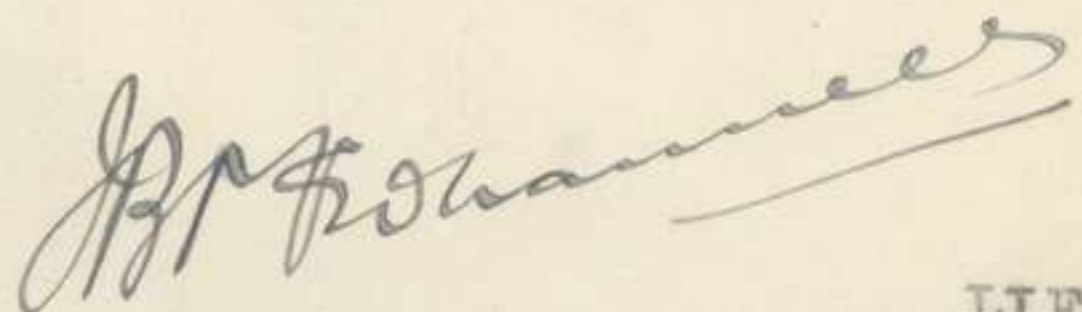
By the 8th Brigade.

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57th BATTALION, A.I.F.TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 14.11th SEPTEMBER 1918.

- 9.30 am Fall in. Inspection of Companies.
- 9.45 am Muster Parade. Inspection by C.O.
10. am By Platoon Commanders: Smartening up drill: Thorough reorganisation of platoons and careful notation of all refitting requirements.
- 11.30 am Companies will re-assemble. Company Commanders will march to their Company Parade Grounds and dismiss.
- Company Commanders will supervise the work of their platoon Commanders from 10 am to 11.30 am.
Battalion parade ground is immediately in rear of Battalion Orderly Room.
One marker per Company with parade states will report to the R.S.M. on the ground at 9.30 am.
All but essential duties as laid down in Battalion Routine Order 2046 will attend the Muster Parade.



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

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CAPTURES BY 57TH BATTALION

5th SEPTEMBER 1918.

One Gun tractor.

One British Steam roller (recaptured).

Seven trailers filled with R.E. Material.

One travelling crane.

One Water Cart.

One road metal Sifting machine.

Two British gun tractors (recaptured).

One large dump near DOINGT containing R.E. railway and telegraph material.

One large ammunition dump, approximately 20,000 rounds.

Seven Grenatenwerfer.

Three 77 mm gun ammunition limbers.

3 Gas alarm shriekers.

A. J. Staley

LIEUT.

57th. Battalion A.I.F.

BATTALION CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO 74

Ref: 62 C. 1/40,000.

14th September 1918.

BRIGADE SCHOOL.

1. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade school is re-assembling at FARM LAMIRE O 14 B 8.8 on September 15th 1918.
2. The undermentioned personnel has been selected to attend the school.

INSTRUCTOR.

Lieut. F. J. KENEALY.

OFFICER ASPIRANT'S CLASS.

4822	Sgt	KIRBY.	E.A.		"C" Company.
6031	Pte	SLATTERY.	T.M.		"A" "
4884	Sgt	PITCHER.	B.G.	M.M.	"C" "
263	Pte	HODINOTT.	W.E.		"A" "
4654	Sgt	FRENCH.	L.E.		"D" "
4473	Sgt	DOWNING.	W.H.		"A" "
3085	Sgt	DRYSDALE.	R.H.		"B" "
4823	Sgt	HENSON.	G.L.		"C" "
3023	Cpl	SMITH.	A.H.		"D" "
280	L/C	KING.	J.A.		"C" "
2739	Pte	SUTTERBY.	H.R.		"A" "
3132	"	CARSON.	H.V.		"C" "
3295	Sgt	WALKER.	L.	D.C.M.	"B" "
2635	Cpl	FALGENHAUER.	F.C.		"C" "
3150	Pte	FRYER.	G.C.		"B" "
3027	"	BROWN.	W.A.		"B" "

N.C.O's CLASS.

1693	Cpl	DRAGE.	F.R.)	
868	"	WALKE	W.H.)	
3750	L/C	GRIFFIN	S.)	"A" Company.
4488	Pte	FOWLER.	J.H.)	
3973	"	CURRY.	W.)	
3375	Pte	CORFE.	L.C.)	
2882	"	GIBBS.	R.)	
3319	"	GLOZ.	L.)	"B" Company.
2381	"	BORDEN.	H.)	
3914	L/C	PATTEN.	W.)	
6001	L/C	CRIGAN.	A.H.)	
3473	"	BICE.	H.M.)	
3766	Pte	REDMOND.	L.W.)	"C" Company.
3594	"	ROBINS.	W.M.)	
3802	"	THOMSON.	J.F.)	
1972	Cpl	STEER.	J.)	
1944	L/C	JACKSON.	H.E.)	
63	"	GOWDIE.	W.A.)	"D" Company.
3580	Pte	LEHMANN.	E.H.)	
1203	"	BELL.	W.G.)	

STAFF.

Batman.	4577	Pte	ROBERTSON.	J.K.	"A" Company.
Cook	4818	"	JONES.	G.J.	"A" "
Signaller	1909	"	GOLDSWORTHY.	G.	"B" "
C.Q.M.S.	4570	"	READ.	R.R.	"D" "

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DRESS: FIGHTING ORDER: Felt Hats.

9 am.

Muster Parade on Battalion parade ground.

- (a) One marker per Company with parade state will report to R.S.M. on ground at 8.45 am.
- (b) All but essential duties as laid down in Battalion Routine Order 2046 will attend this parade.
- (c) Necessary camp duties and specialists will fall out when called upon to do so at conclusion of Commanding Officer's Inspection.
- (d) Battalion Orderly Officer will attend this parade and inspect necessary camp duties prior to their dismissal.

SPECIALIST TRAINING.INTELLIGENCE.

- 9.30 to 10 am. Duties of Intelligence personnel.
- 10 to 11 am. Prismatic Compass.
- 11 to 12 noon. Elementary map reading.

SIGNALLING.

- 9.30 to 10 am. Visual Drill and Alphabet.
- 10. to 11 am. Buzzer Reading.
- 11 to 12 noon. Semaphore.

LEWIS GUNNERY.

- 9.30 to 10 am. General description.
- 10 to 12 noon. Stripping and assembling gun.

STRETCHER BEARERS.

- 9.30 to 12 noon. Special training in first aid under the supervision of the R.M.O.

MUSKETRY.

All but Intelligence, Lewis Gun, Stretcher bearer and Signal personnel will carry out musketry instruction by Companies as under:-

- 9.30 to 10.15 am. Parts of rifle: Trigger pressing.
- 10.15 to 11 am. Aiming Instruction. Rules for aiming and reasons.
- 11. to Noon. Visual Training.

Lieut. R.D. McFARLANE will supervise the musketry instruction throughout the Battalion.

GAS TRAINING.

- 12 noon to 12.15pm. Every man will examine his own small box respirator.

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Gas N.C.Os will point out likely faults and instruct the men in the method of thoroughly inspecting their Respirators. Glasses will be cleaned.

12.15 pm. Companies will re-assemble and dismiss.

14. 9. 18.

J. M. ...

Issued to

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

- "A" Company.
- "B" " "
- "C" " "
- "D" " "
- Headquarters
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TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 16

17th SEPTEMBER 1918.

DRESS:

FIGHTING ORDER. Felt Hats.

9. am.

Muster Parade on Battalion parade ground.

- (a) One marker per Company with parade state will report to R.S.M. on ground at 8.45 am.
- (b) All but essential duties as laid down in Battalion Routine Order 2046 will attend this parade.
- (c) Necessary Camp duties and specialists will fall out when called upon to do so at conclusion of Commanding Officer's inspection.
- (d) Battalion Orderly Officer will attend this parade and inspect necessary camp duties prior to their dismissal.

SPECIALIST TRAINING.INTELLIGENCE.

9.30 to 10.30 am.
10.30 to 11.30 am.
11.30 to 12 Noon.

The writing of messages and reports.
Pin Pointing without prismatic compass.
Map reading.

SIGNALLING.

9.30 to 10 am.
10. to 10.30 am.
10.30 to 11.30 am.
11.30 to 12 Noon

Visual squad drill.
Semaphore.
(a) Buzzer reading.
(b) Fullerphone.
Lecturette "Office Duties".

LEWIS GUNNERS.

9.30 to 10.30 am.
10.30 to 11 am.
11. to 12 Noon.

Stripping and assembling.
Gun Drill.
Mechanism.

STRETCHER BEARERS.

Special Training in First Aid under the supervision of the R.M.O.

MUSKETRY. "A" and "B" Companies.

9.30 to 10.15 am.
10.15 to 11 am.
11. to 12 Noon.

Parts of rifle. Trigger pressing.
Aiming instruction. Rules for aiming and reasons.
Visual Training.

"C" and "D" Companies.

9.30 to 10.45 am.
10.45 to 12 Noon.

Aiming instruction. Aiming off for wind and movement.
Firing instruction: Standing Position.

Muscle exercises and practice in rapid loading will be distributed over the morning's work. Rapid loading will be carried out using ball ammunition against banks selected by the Battalion Musketry Officer.

Lieut. D.S. JENKINS will act as Battalion Musketry Officer in the absence of Lieut. R.D. MCFARLANE tomorrow 17th inst. He will supervise the musketry instruction throughout the battalion.

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GAS TRAINING.

12 Noon to 12.15 pm. During this period Specialist Officers will exercise their specialists in the performance of their ordinary duties whilst wearing the Small Box Respirators.

Personnel not engaged in specialist instruction will carry out gas drill by numbers in accordance with S.S. 534 Appendix 1.

J. J. Macnamara

LIEUT.

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

16th September 1918.

Activity	Time
Specialist Officers will exercise their specialists in the performance of their ordinary duties whilst wearing the Small Box Respirators.	12.00 to 12.15 pm.
Personnel not engaged in specialist instruction will carry out gas drill by numbers in accordance with S.S. 534 Appendix 1.	
Visual drill	10.30 to 11.00 am.
Map reading	11.00 to 12.00 pm.
Writing of messages and reports	12.00 to 12.30 pm.
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57th BATTALION. A.I.F.TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 17APPENDIX *M*18th SEPTEMBER 1918

DRESS:

FIGHTING ORDER.

8.45. am.

Fall in. Inspection of Companies by Company Commanders.
Promulgation of Orders.

(a) Necessary Camp duties and specialists will be dismissed at the conclusion of this inspection.

(b) All ranks will attend the lecture by Capt. LAY, at times detailed in Battalion Routine Orders tonight.

INTELLIGENCE.

9. to 10. am Pin Pointing without prismatic compass.
 10. to 11. am Air photography. The interpretation of air photographs.
 11. to 11.30am Judging distances.
 11.30 to 12. Noon Map reading.

STRETCHER BEARERS.

9. am to 12 Noon. Special instruction in "Trench Feet" prophylaxis under the supervision of R.M.O.

SIGNALLING.

9. am to 12 Noon. (a) Long distance visual using Lucas Lamps.
 (b) 1. Lecture: "Duties of Linesmen."
 2. Jointing.
 3. Minor repairs D III 'phone.

LEWIS GUNNERS.For trained personnel.

9. am to 12 Noon. Range practice for 10 men per Company to be selected by the Lewis Gun Officer.

For untrained personnel.

9. am to 10 am. Mechanism.
 10 am to 10.30am Magazine loading.
 10.30 to 11. am Gun Drill.
 11. am to 12 Noon Stripping.

MUSKETRY INSTRUCTION. For all personnel not engaged on specialist training.

9. to 9.20 am. Muscle exercises.
 9.20 to 10. am Judging distance.
 10. to 10.15 am Practice in rapid loading.
 10.15 to 10.30 am Smoke-oh.
 10.30 to 10.45 am Muscle exercises.
 10.45 to 12 Noon. Firing instruction - all positions.

GAS TRAINING.

12 Noon to 12.15pm. Specialists carry on with ordinary duties during this period wearing Small Box Respirators.
 To all others, the gas alarm is given whilst the men are at work. This will be repeated until the desired dexterity is obtained.

17th September 1918.

J. B. [Signature]
 LIEUT.
 ADJY. 57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

57th. Battalion A.I.F.

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TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 1820th SEPTEMBER 1918.

DRESS:

FIGHTING ORDER.

9. am.

Muster parade on Battalion Parade Ground.

- (a) One marker per Company with parade state will report to R.S.M. on ground at 8.45 am.
- (b) All but essential duties as laid down in Battalion Routine Order 2046 will attend this parade.
- (c) Necessary camp duties and specialists will fall out when called upon to do so at conclusion of Commanding Officer's inspection.
- (d) Battalion Orderly Officer will attend this parade and inspect necessary camp duties prior to their dismissal.

SPECIALIST TRAINING. INTELLIGENCE.

9.30 to 12 Noon.

scouting and patrolling. Lecture and practical demonstrations. (S.S.195).

STRETCHER BEARERS.

Special instruction in trench feet prophylaxis under supervision of R.M.O.

SIGNALLING.

- 1. (a) Semaphore.
- (b) Buzzer reading.
- (c) Popham panel.
- 2. (a) Jointing.
- (b) Fault finding.

LEWIS GUNNERS.

9.30 to 12 Noon.

- 1. Advanced gunners. Range practice.
- 2. Partially trained gunners. (a) Stripping and assembling.
- (b) Mechanism.
- (c) Gun drill.

MUSKETRY."A" and "B" Companies.

- (a) Aiming.
- (b) Visual training - Judging distance.
- (c) Bolt drill.
- (d) Rapid loading.

"C" and "D" Companies.

- (a) Firing instruction.
- (b) Bolt drill.
- (c) Muscle exercises.
- (d) Judging distance.

Musketry programmes will be arranged and supervised by
Lieut. R.D. McFARLANE.

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GAS TRAINING.

12 Noon to 12.15 pm.

Specialists to carry out specialist duties whilst wearing Small Box Respirator. All others to be practiced in passing orders whilst wearing Small Box Respirators.

Gas N.C.O's will carry out a careful inspection of all respirators.

19th September 1918.

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

SPECIALIST TRAINING.

9.30 to 11.00 am. Counting and patrolling. Lectures and practical demonstrations. (S.A. 1st).

STRENGTHENING EXERCISES.

Special instruction in trench foot prophylaxis under supervision of N.C.O.

SIGNALING.

- 1. Semaphore (a)
- Banner reading (b)
- Topham panel (c)
- 2. Signaling (a)
- Tent signaling (b)

FIELD GUNNERS.

- 1. Advanced gunners. Range practice.
- 2. Partially trained gunners. (a) Stripping and assembling. (b) Recoiling. (c) Gun drill.

"A" and "B" Companies.

- (a) Signaling.
- (b) Visual training - judging distance.
- (c) Bolt drill.
- (d) Rapid loading.

"C" and "D" Companies.

- (a) Firing instruction.
- (b) Bolt drill.
- (c) Muscle exercises.
- (d) Judging distance.

Amateur programmes will be arranged and supervised by Lieut. R.D. McNamee.

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57th BATTALION, A.I.F.BATTALION CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO 7520th SEPTEMBER 1918

57th Battalion is to supply a company of 4 officers and 141 others for Tank Demonstration purposes. This Company will be commanded by Capt. L.W. ELLIOTT, D.S.O. and will march out from present location to HERLEVILLE at 11.30 am today 20th inst.

"A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies will each supply complete platoons of 35 other ranks. "A" and "B" Companies will supply two officers and one officer respectively.

Personnel detailed will assemble at "A" Company's headquarters at 11.15 am and proceed to HERLEVILLE by march route (selected by the Company Commander) at 11.30 am.

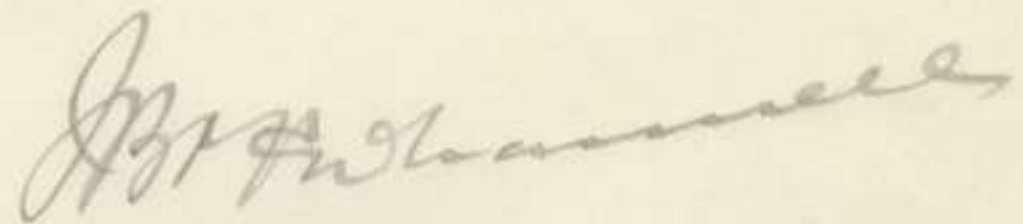
DRESS. Fighting order. Packs, blankets, Lewis guns and 24 hours rations in bulk will be transported to HERLEVILLE by motor lorry reporting at 12.30 pm.

The Quartermaster will arrange for one cook per platoon and he will also arrange for one cooker to accompany the party.

The party will probably be absent for a period of six or seven days.

The Regimental band will march with the party for a distance of two miles and will then return to the battalion.

Company Commanders in selecting personnel will give preference to those men who participated in the tank demonstrations at VAUX en AMIENOIS in June last. Men in training for the Battalion sports and men representing the battalion in the representative football matches will not be selected for this duty.



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

Copies to:-

O.C. "A" Company.
"B" "
"C" "
"D" "
Q. M. & T. O.
File
War Diary (3).

TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 20.
for
21st SEPTEMBER 1918.

1. Training Memorandum No 19 issued yesterday is cancelled. Work for today, 21st inst., will take the form of a Brigade Route March. The march will be preceded by a short lecture on " MARCH DISCIPLINE ". Copies of Brigade Circular on this subject are issued herewith for distribution to platoon commanders.
2. 57th Battalion will form up in column of route in the order, Headquarters, "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies, with head of column at the area entrance from the road near Battalion Headquarters at 10.5 am.
3. DRESS. FIGHTING ORDER. Felt hats. Waterproof sheets under flap of haversack. Distances of 50 yards between companies and 500 yards between Battalions will be maintained.
4. The strictest march discipline will be enforced. The usual 10 minute halts at 10 minutes to the clock hour will be observed.
5. The column will proceed via FME LAMIRE Bridge - LE MESNIL - O 22 C 2.2 - ETERPIGNY Bridge - ETERPIGNY - thence return to unit areas.
6. Every available man must attend this parade. Essential duties only will remain in camp. The Battalion Orderly Officer will carefully check Company areas and report the presence of any unauthorised men. Marching out states will be rendered to the Adjutant at the Starting Point.
7. Representatives of the English and Overseas press will watch the Brigade march into billet areas from this march. They will be stationed at approximately O 14 B Central.
8. Reports to head of column.



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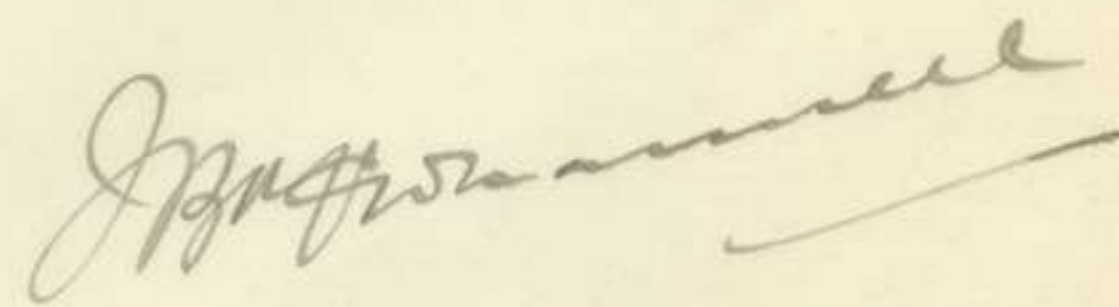
Issued at 8 am to

- "A" Company.
- "B" "
- "C" "
- "D" "
- Headquarters
- T.O. & Q.M.
- War Diary (3)
- File
- Adjutant
- Spare.

57th BATTALION. A.I.F.TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 19~~21st SEPTEMBER 1918~~**23 SEP 18**

- 8.45 am Fall in: Inspection by Company Commanders.
9. am Specialists report to Specialist Officers on the Battalion parade ground.
- SIGNALLERS
- (a) Visual Squad Drill.
 - (b) Semaphore.
 - (c) Lucas Lamp
 - (d) Popham Panel.
- SCOUTS.
- (a) Field sketching.
 - (b) Lecture "Reconnaissance".
 - (c) Air photography.
- STRETCHER BEARERS
- (a) First Aid.
 - (b) Lecture " Care of the Feet " by R.M.O.
- LEWIS GUNNERS
1. Trained Gunners
Range Practice.
 2. Partially trained gunners.
 - (a) Mechanism.
 - (b) Stripping.
 - (c) Stoppages.
- GAS TRAINING.
- (a) Gas Drill by numbers.
Lecture by platoon commanders " Individual Gas protection ".

NOTE: - All ranks after deduction of Signallers, Stretcher bearers and Scouts will report to the Lewis Gun Officer for instruction as partially trained gunners.


20th SEPTEMBER 1918LIEUT.
ADJT. 57th BATTALION. A. I. F.

57th BATTALION. A.I.F.
TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 21
for
24th SEPTEMBER 1918

DRESS:

Marching Order.

9 am.

Muster Parade on Battalion parade ground.

(a) One marker per Company with parade state will report to R.S.M. on ground at 8.45 am.

(b) All but essential duties will attend this parade.

Kits and clothing will be inspected on this parade.

9.30 to 10.30 am. Lectures by Company Commanders.

(a) Care and fitting of Equipment.

(b) Care of feet.

10.30 to 12 Noon. Route March by Companies in marching order.

Starting Point: Entrance to Camp at O 3 D 1.6 (approx)

Routes: Headquarters; "A" and "B" Companies.

Road junction O 3 B 3.3 - Cross Roads O 13 a 8.6
Cross roads O 8 D 6.3 - thence to Company areas.

"C" and "D" Companies.

Cross Roads O 8 D 6.3 - Cross roads O 13 a 8.6 -
Road junction O 3 B 3.3 - thence Company areas.

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TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO 22

for

25th SEPTEMBER 1918.

- 8.45 am. Company parades. Inspection by Company Commanders.
9. am. (a) Specialists report to Specialist Officers. All ranks not engaged in Signalling, Intelligence or Stretcher-bearing training will report to the Lewis Gun Officer on the Battalion parade ground.
- (b) Capt. E.K. Keys will lecture to all Officers and Senior N.C.Os of all Companies on Map reading and Message writing. Officers and N.C.Os attending the lecture will report to Capt. Keys on the Battalion parade ground at 9.30 am.
- 15 minutes anti gas training will be carried out according to Organised Games as Applied to Gas Training circular issued on 21st inst.
- All parades will be dismissed at 11.30 am.
- 1.30 pm. Brigade Sports.
- 57th Battalion will march to the sports ground. Details will be issued later.
- DRESS. Clean fatigue with belts. Felt hats will be worn. The Lewis Gun Officer will arrange for one Anti Aircraft Lewis Gun to be mounted on the Sports ground.



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

57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

S P O R T S.

Held near PERONNE on

25th SEPTEMBER 1918.

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Headquarters,

15th Australian Infantry Brigade

10th September 1918

57th Battalion
 58th Battalion
 59th Battalion
 60th Battalion
 15th A.L.T.M.B.
 15th Field.Amb.- For information
 15th Field.Co.A.E. "
 29th A.A.S.C. -For information
 5th Aust.Division "

It is proposed to hold a sports meeting for units of the Brigade on Friday 20th September, and the following preliminary details are issued for information of all concerned:-

Items	Points			Prize			Remarks
	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd	
100 yards	3	2	1	30f.	20f.	10f.	} Competitors limited to 2 per Unit.
220 yards	3	2	1	30	20	10	
440 yards	3	2	1	40	25	15	
880 yards	3	2	1	40	25	15	
1 mile.	3	2	1	40	25	15	
Long Jump	3	2	1	30	20	10	
High Jump	3	2	1	30	20	10	} Teams 10 and a Captain. 4 men per team.
Tug of War	6	4	2	110 fr.			
440 Relay Race	6	4	2	80 fr.			
Officers Race							
Sack Race				20f.	15f.	10f.	
Musical Chairs				30f.			
Best sustained Character				25f.	15f.		(Competitors to remain in ground from 2 - 4.30 p.m.)
Hack Race 4 furlongs				30f.	20f.	10f.	
Mule Race				20f.	30f.	10f.	
Wrestling and Horseback				60f.			Teams of 6.
Band Contest				150 f.			

Bands of Brigade to compete as "B" Grade Bands as under.

(a) Quick Step (Playing and Marching)

(b) Selection.

Points not to count in aggregate for championship.

The Brigade Championship shall be decided from the following items:-
 100 yds, 220 yds, 440 yds, 880 yds, 1 mile, High Jump, Long Jump, Tug of War, Relay Race, and Football Competition.

The draw for the football competition is as follows:-

Draw		To be played on
57th Bn. v.	58th Bn.	} 12/9/18
59th Bn. v.	60th Bn.	
Brigade H.Q. bye.		
58th Bn. v.	59th Bn.	} 13/9/18.
60th Bn. v.	Bde.H.Q.	
57th Bn. bye.		
57th Bn. v.	60th Bn.	} 14/9/18.
59th Bn. v.	Bde.H.Q.	
58th Bn. bye.		
57th Bn. v.	Bde.H.Q.	} 15/9/18.
58th Bn. v.	60th Bn.	
59th Bn. bye.		
58th Bn. v.	Bde.H.Q.	} 16/9/18.
57th Bn. v.	59th Bn.	
60th Bn. bye.		

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Matches to be played on ground of first named team.
A win shall count 4 points and a draw 2 points.
The two teams with the greatest number of points will play off for
the final.
In computing points for the Brigade Championship the winners of the
Football Competition will be allotted 6 points and the runners-up
4 points.

J. Anderson

Lieut.
Hon. Sec.
15th Aust. Infantry Brigade Sports Committee.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SPORTS MEETING

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President

Brig.Gen.H.E.ELLIOTT, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.

Patrons

Lieut.Col.C.A.DENEHY, D.S.O.
Lieut.Col.C.V.WATSON

Lieut.Col.J.J.SCANLAN, D.S.O.
Major. T. KERR, M.C.

Judges

Running Events:- Capt.L.W.ELLIOTT, D.S.O.
Lieut.R.V.MOON, V.C.
Capt. K.G.McDONALD M.C.
Capt. A.W.Le SOUEF

Horse Events:- Major C.B.TAYLOR, M.C.
Capt. S.W.NEALE, M.C.
Lieut. W. MORRISON
Lieut.H.W.CHAMBERS
Lieut. J. COLLINS

High & Long Jumps:- Major D.B.DOYLE

Tug-of-War:- Capt. W.KEEN

Timekeeper

Lieut. W.W. LEGGATE

Starter.

Capt. C.H. ROBERTS

Chief Ground Steward

C.S.M. J.H.STUBBS

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EVENTS

1.30 p.m. 880 yds. Championship.
1.40 p.m. Tug of War 2nd Pull
1.50 p.m. 1st Heat 100 yds. Championship.
3.0 p.m. 2nd Heat " " "
2.5 p.m. Long Jump.
2.30 p.m. 1st Heat 220 yds. Championship.
2.35 p.m. 2nd Heat " " "
2.40 p.m. Sack Race.
2.50 p.m. High Jump.
3.15 p.m. Final 100 yds. Championship.

3.20 p.m. Officers Race.
3.30 p.m. Musical Chairs.
3.45 p.m. Final 220 yds. Championship.
3.50 p.m. Final Tug-of-War.
4.0 p.m. Hack Race.
4.10 p.m. 440 yds. Championship.
4.15 p.m. Wrestling on Horseback.
4.30 p.m. Relay Race.
4.35 p.m. 1 mile Championship.
4.50 p.m. Mule Race.

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Most original and best sustained character
Competitors will be on ground at 2 p.m. and will be judged at 4 p.m.

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POINTS

3, 2, 1, for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, in 100 yds.,
220 yds., 440 yds., 880 yds., Mile
High Jump and Long Jump.

6, 4, 2, for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, in Tug-of-War
and Relay Race.

No points are given for other events.

For running events the first three in
each heat will run in final. Spiked
shoes will not be worn in any event.

Heats in Tug-of-War will be pulled at
10.30 a.m. 25.9.18.

59th Bn. versus 57th Bn.

58th Bn. versus Bde. H.Q.

60th Bn. bye.

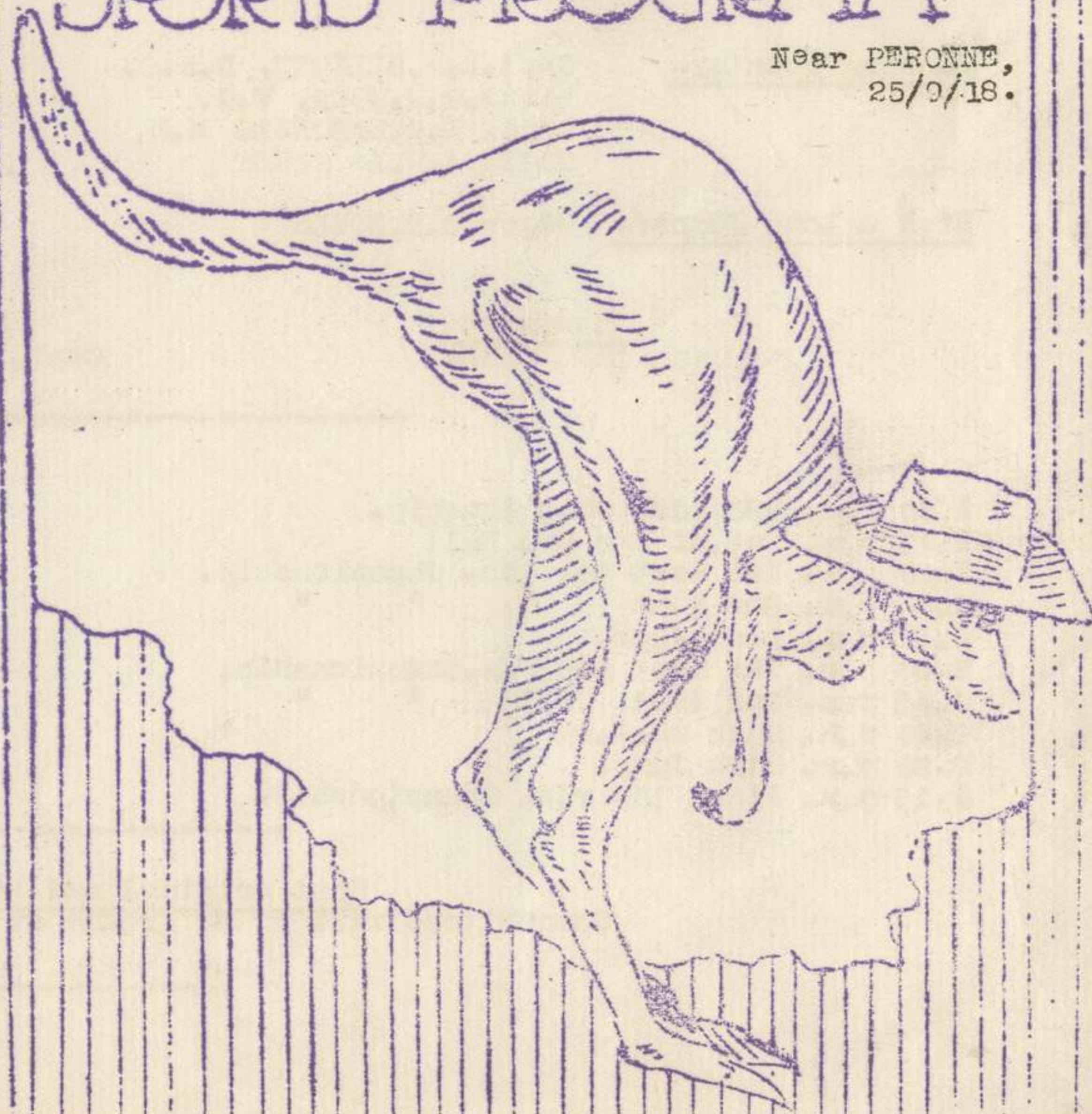
Units are limited to five competitors
for the musical chairs event.

Competitors must ride own mounts in the
Hack Race.

In "Officers 100 yds." Uniform and Sam
Browne must be worn.

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Near PERONNE,
25/9/18.



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Result of Brigade Sports Meeting held on
25th SEPTEMBER 1918
near PERONNE.

<u>AGGREGATE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>Points.</u>
57th BATTALION.		24)
60th BATTALION.		24) Equal 1st.
58th BATTALION.		12
59th BATTALION.		8
BRIGADE DETAILS.		8

INDIVIDUAL POINTS. 57th BATTALION.

			<u>POINTS.</u>
100 YARDS.	Lieut. C.H. DAVIS. M.C.	3rd.	1
220 "	Lieut. C.H. DAVIS. M.C.	1st.	3
440 "	No Place.		
880 "	No 5205 Pte SPARKS.G.T.	2nd.	2
1 MILE.	No Place.		
RELAY RACE.	Lieut. C.H. DAVIS. M.C.) No 4584 CQMS. ROSS. A.J.W.) 2nd. 1891 Pte BURNS. W.A.) 1962 " RYAN. W.J.A.)		4
HIGH JUMP.	No 3715 Pte MARTIN. J.A.	1st.	3
LONG JUMP.	No 6681 Dvr LEWIS. R.W.	3rd.	1
TUG-O-WAR.	Team.	1st	6
FOOTBALL	Team	2nd.	4
	3 FIRSTS.		
	3 SECONDS.		
	2 THIRDS.		
	TOTAL.		<u>24 Points.</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS.

(Not counted in aggregate.)

MUSICAL CHAIRS. (On bicycles)

57th Battalion No 3499 Pte TWINING. C.F. 1st.

BEST SUSTAINED CHARACTER.

57th Battalion No 3429 Pte LEE. P. 1st.

Cont'd.

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS. cont'd.

WRESTLING ON HORSEBACK.

57th Battalion Team.

2nd.

TOTAL EVENTS 13.

57th BATTALION.	5	FIRSTS.
	4	SECONDS.
	2	THIRDS.

The Football Competition was won by 60th Battalion team with 57th Battalion team runners up.

H. Oliver LIEUT.
57th BATTALION SPORTS REPRESENTATIVE

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57th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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BATTALION CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO 76

27th SEPTEMBER 1918

1. The personnel detailed in para 2 below will constitute the Nucleus to be left behind during the forthcoming tour.

2. (a) 29 Other Ranks of Regimental Band.

(b) Schools etc. 2 Officers 4 Other ranks.

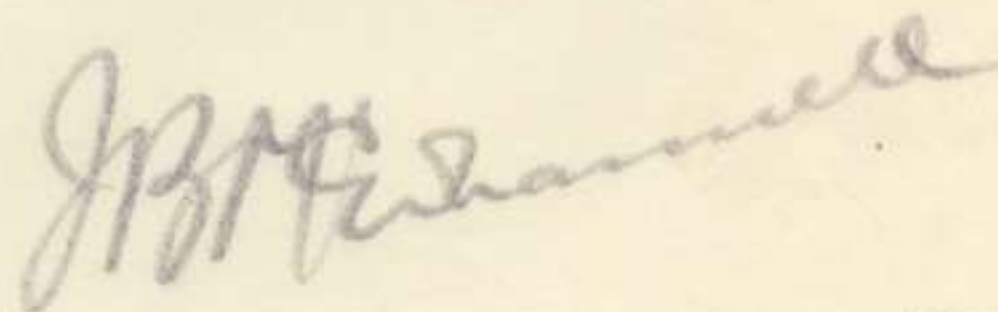
Lieut. C.H. DAVIS. M.M.
Lieut. N.J. McCAY. & Batman.
2727 Sgt MITCHELL. J.P.
3514 Cpl GALLACHER. J.
3144 " VERNON. J.

(c) Australian Leave. 1 Officer 6 Other Ranks.

Lieut. L.F. MORRIS.
109. RQMS O'NEILL. J.
420 Cpl SCHMAHL. G.
385 " CAROLAN. P.J.
11 Sgt BISSET. W.
330 Cpl BUTTERS. R.W.
402 " TAYLOR. G.

3. Personnel detailed above will assemble at Battalion Orderly Room at 1 pm today under Lieut. C.H. Davis. M.C. and march to the Divisional Reinforcement wing at O 8 D 5.7. Full kits and the unexpired portion plus 48 hours rations will be carried.

4. The Transport Officer will arrange transport for valises.



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

S E C R E T.

57th BATTALION.A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDER NO 154

Ref. 62 C 1/40,000.

27th SEPTEMBER 1918.

1. 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group is moving to the forward area today.
2. 57th Battalion will pass the starting point (the camp entrance near "A" Company's huts) at 2.2 pm and proceed via Cross roads O 8 D 6.2 - LE MESNIL - O 18 A 3.4 - O 12 C 7.1 - CATALET - Road junction P 4 C 3.5 - BRUSLE - TINCOURT - MARQUAIS - ROISEL - to bivouac area in L 9 A and B.
3. The order of march will be Headquarters, "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies.
DRESS. Fighting Order.
Distances of 100 yards between Companies and 200 yards between Battalions will be maintained.
4. Cookers will move under orders of Transport Officer immediately after the midday meal and proceed to J 24 D 1.1 where the evening meal will be prepared and served.
5. There will be no movement East of the line TINCOURT - BOUVINCOURT before 7 pm. The Battalion will therefore halt in the vicinity of TINCOURT until 7 pm.
6. Guides will meet Companies about K 12 D 2.4 and guide to bivouac areas.
7. Baggage waggons will accompany the cookers and will deliver blankets at bivouac areas in accordance with orders already issued to the Q.M.
8. The Lewis Gun Officer will arrange usual anti aircraft Lewis Gun protection en route.
9. Transport will move independently under orders of Brigade Transport Officer.
10. In the event of serious interference from aircraft or heavy shelling along the road, the Column will, on the extend signal, adopt artillery formation, Headquarters moving to right of road, odd number platoons to the left and even numbers to the right.

J. B. [Signature]
LIEUT.
ADJT. 57th BATTALION.A.I.F.