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MAMETZ CAMP	1/5/14		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine. Training carried out as per syllabus, laid down by 15th Inf Brigade. Bayonet fighting and fire disciplinary exercises. 57th and 58th Battalion Officers played a football match during afternoon, which was won by the former. Commanding Officer proceeded at 5.30 pm to 5th Division to witness a trench mortar demonstration. Company Commanders were called to ALBERT in view of a likely disturbance among the troops billeted there, owing to the closing of certain wet canteens and restaurants. There were no developments.</p> <p>Arrivals.</p> <p>Departures.</p>	
MAMETZ CAMP	2/5/14		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine. Muster parade was held at 8.30 am. Companies engaged on firing range, where grouping practices were carried out. It was found that there was room for considerable improvement in the shooting of numbers of the men. The rifles of those men who failed to put up a successful score, were examined and in such cases where the rifle was not at fault, the men had to re-qualify.</p> <p>Arrivals. Lieut J. E. Keating 59th Battalion, and took over duties of a adjutant.</p> <p>Departures. Lieut A. L. H. Godfrey a adjutant, proceeded to 48th English Division for instruction in Staff Work.</p>	

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MAMETZ CAMP	3/5/17		<p>Weather: Fine. - Muster parade held at 8.30 am. Companies engaged on rifle range, also, rapid fire and control of fire. All officers assembled at Brigade H Qrs at 12.30 pm for lecture on "Wood fighting" by Brig Gen Elliott. G.O.C emphasized the need of further training on the part of officers, in this class of warfare.</p> <p>Arrivals: - Captain W C Scurry, marched in from Hospital.</p>	
MAMETZ CAMP	4/5/17		<p>Weather: Fine. - Muster parade held at 8.30 am. 'A' and 'C' Companies proceeded to FRICOURT WOOD and carried out a wood fighting scheme. Battalion was bathed and received a change of underclothing at FRICOURT baths.</p> <p>At 11 am G.O.C inspected 1st line transports of the Brigade, the transport of this Battalion (58th) was favourably commented on by the G.O.C and awarded first place. 5th Aust Divisional Sports were held on the 15th Brigade Sports ground during afternoon and were very successful.</p>	
MAMETZ CAMP	5/5/17		<p>Weather: Fine. - All training parades cancelled. A Horse Show was held at 'TARA HILL' ALBERT. Companies were marched to Show grounds. Battalion had entries in "Best-born Out Pack Animals" and Travelling Field Kitchen.</p> <p>A concert was given in Y.M.C.A. hut by members of Battalion at night.</p> <p>15th Inf Brigade syllabus of training for week 4th/12th May received.</p> <p>Arrivals: - Capt. V M Coppleson. from English leave</p> <p>2nd Lieut J M Parsons</p> <p>2nd Lieut W Flintoft</p> <p>2nd Lieut E Locken</p>	

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MAMETZ CAMP	6/5/14 ✓		<p><u>Weather.</u> Strong Winds.— C. of C. R.C. and O.P.D. church services were held at 9.30 AM</p> <p>At 11 AM a Brigade parade was held. The C.O.C inspected all the troops and expressed satisfaction on the appearance of the 58th Battalion</p> <p>Battalions marched fast in column of route.</p> <p>Arrivals.</p> <p>Departures.</p>																										
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MAMETZ	7/5/17		<p>Weather sultry-light rain. Platoons engaged on vanguard scheme. 57th, 58th Bn and 15th Bde M&C company proceeded on route march passing starting point at F 4 C 6.3 at 2.45 pm. 1st line transports accompanied Bn's. Route taken F 8 a 5.0 thence F 12 b 9.5. Divisional Commander Maj Gen Hobbs - Brigade Commander Maj Gen Elliott viewed column when passing railway crossing on way into camp. Lecture on "Responsibilities of Officers" was given in Y.M.C.A. hut by Divisional Commander at 5 pm. Staff officers and adjutants of Battalions of Division were called to Divisional Headquarters at 6 pm and a lecture was given by Col Wagstaff G.S.O. 1 on Staff Duties. Adjutants called to Bde at 8.30 pm and informed that this Brigade would move to forward area early tomorrow morning. Arrangements outlined for the move and passed to Battalions. Commanding Officers to Bde at 9 pm. Received memo from Bde at 11.30 pm, that personnel be detailed to remain behind as laid out in "Training of Divisions for Offensive Action" this was completed and passed to Bde. Personnel detailed - Four officers 97 O.R.</p>	
ON ROUTE VIA ALBERT-BAPAUME	8/5/17		<p>Weather raining. Reville at 4.30 am and all preparations completed for forward move in accordance with 15th Bde Order No 101 (received) 57th Bn passed starting point F 4.0 6.4 at 7.35 am followed by 58th Bn and 15th Bde M & C coy. Route marched to ALBERT and entrained at 9.15 am. Arrived BAPAUME 1.40 pm met by guides and conducted to trenches Right sub-sector BEUBNY-VAULX line of defence. On arrival there at 3.25 pm stood by until 7.30 pm when we took over sector from 56th Bn who proceeded forward. 1st line transport and motor waggons came by road and arrived at 6.55 pm. G.O. and Intelligence officer proceeded to forward trenches at 4 pm returning at 9 pm. At 9.20 pm Batteries opened heavy fire for one hour.</p>	See Appendix A
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BEUBNY-VAULX LINE	9/5/17		<p>Weather - fine. At 8.30 AM, G.O. Company Commander, Signal Officer, Intelligence and medical Officer proceeded mounted to make reconnaissance of trenches on right of BULLECOURT. Brigade Order No 102 received. This Brigade to take over front sector U.23.C.8.1 - U.28.a.6.4 and relieve 2nd Inf Bde. The 57th Bn took over right sub-sector of front and support lines - 58th Bn left sub-sector. 59th Bn in supports and 60th Bn in reserve near NOREUIL. (Copy Bde order No 102 attached) Adjutant and advance party arrived trenches and took over dispositions at 4.30 pm. 'B' and 'D' companies relieve two companies of 8th Bn in front line. 'A' and 'C' relieve 2 coys of 5th Bn in second line. Base A Coy in dugout in second line at U.25.6.75. 100 trenches are greatly 'blown' and very little protection afforded from artillery or snipers fire as the sector is being infiltrated from BULLECOURT and QUEANT. During afternoon and evening Enemy artillery shelled sector heavily. At 9.15 pm Germans put light barrage over lines and a small bombing attack was repulsed on left flank. The Queens Regiment join up on left but they are behind the village and our left flank is exposed. A bomb block separates our left in front line from enemy who holds strong position in same line. Along communication trenches and in front and second lines there are many dead Australians, still unburied. At 4.30 pm commenced to move forward via VAULX - NOREUIL thence into communication trench C.10.a.6.1 - C.5.a - U.28.d. 31st Bn took over sector of trench vacated by 58th Bn. Each man on coming forward carried two bombs. Fighting order worn</p>	See Appendix B

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HINDENBURG LINE EAST OF BULLECOURT	10/5/14		<p>Battalion commenced to arrive just after midnight. Relief completed at 1.30 am. Our front extends between U.23.C.1.4 - U.22.d.3.3. Six casualties occurred to us during relief. A platoon each of B. and D. coys were left at C.10.C.8.7 in sunken road to carry rations and water to front lines. The trenches are considerably knocked about and are quite untenable in many places. This sector is a salient and at present is the only part of HINDENBURG line in possession of British on Corps front. Six enemy aeroplanes flew over our lines at 6.20 am. During day enemy artillery shelled the whole sector at intervals with vigour, using 5.9 H.E., Shrapnel and 75mm shells. At 12.30 pm a bomb fight occurred at bombing block in trench on our left flank. The Germans came over under a light shrapnel barrage and threw bombs into two of our posts. They did not enter trench. We had 12 casualties. Artillery of both sides very active. Our trenches are constantly being enfiladed from direction of REINCOURT and QUEANT. Much enemy movement observed along sunken roads near HENDECOURT. At 8.45 pm a large party of Germans observed making towards BULLECOURT were dispersed by our artillery. Ration party arrived safely at 10.50 pm. Owing to the warm weather water is very necessary to the troops in this line. Men cannot move about during daylight as owing to the salient and poor trenches they are under observation. Today's casualties</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 OR Killed 7 " wounded</p>	See Appendix (Sketch)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HINDENBURG LINE - BULLECOURT	11/5/14		<p>Total strength 139 843</p> <p>Off 12 76</p> <p>On 12 179</p> <p>With Unit 25 588</p> <p>Weather - fine. During night it was expected that enemy would make an attempt to attack our line. Between the hours of 2 am and 4.30 am the artillery of both sides was very heavy and constant. Trenches were improved on during night and numbers of the dead were buried. Commanding Officer visited posts at 9.30 am, and on arriving back was called to Brigade H.Q. to discuss with G.O.C a plan of action, whereby, this Battalion had to capture and hold a certain portion of the HINDENBURG line on our left. This operation to be carried out in conjunction with a Brigade operating against BULLECOURT. Company commanders were called together at 2.30 pm and details of the plan of action were outlined for the attack, which would take place at an early hour tomorrow morning. Two of our companies will attack and their sectors will be occupied by two companies of 60th Battalion. Two company commanders of 60th Battalion arrived to take over dispositions but one received a wound and had to be replaced. Carrying parties moving through our lines were evidently observed by the enemy, who subjected this sector to a violent bombardment, which lasted for half an hour. At 8.51 pm considerable numbers of enemy infantry were observed to be massing in</p>	See Appendices 'D' 'E' 'F' 'G' (sketches)

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	11/5/17		<p>vicinity of SUGAR FACTORY at U.22. & 1.6. Immediate action taken. Artillery barrage called for and neighbouring units, informed. Artillery fire proved to be well directed and it was effectual in dispersing the assembly. Lt Phillips proceeded to Queen's and an officer from that unit reported to us for liaison duty. From 9.20 pm to 10 pm artillery fire from both sides very heavy. At 10.50 pm artillery fire ceased off. Some bombing took place on left flank when artillery fire ceased. Brigade Order No 104 received (copy attached) Brigade Order re relief of 15th Aust Inf Bde by 175th Brigade (English) on night 12th/13th May received. Zero hour is fixed for 3.40 am tomorrow morning.</p> <p>Departures. Saw O.G. to 15th A.L.T.M.B.</p>	<p>See Appendix "H"</p> <p>See Appendix "H" 1</p>

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HINDENBURG LINE BULLECOURT	12/5/17	from midnight to 4 am	<p>Weather - fair.</p> <p>At midnight Company Commanders were called together and situation discussed and plan of action in accordance with the local situation (see Bde Order 70102) was decided on. Enemy putting up numerous golden flares all along our front. Light shrapnel barrage falling on sector on our right. Enemy heavies shelling area in rear of our lines. Two Lewis Guns with crews were destroyed and numerous casualties occurred in the other teams. At 3.5 am both companies of 60th Battalion had arrived. Owing to weakening of garrison through numerous casualties being reported from all companies - one company (D) of the 59th Battalion was called from reserves to reinforce garrison and they were placed in second line. Twenty minutes before zero time "C" company under Lt Hooper Moon left trench and laid out in shell holes. At 3.40 am (zero hour) our artillery barrage fire opened; which the enemy replied to almost immediately. Enemy firing numerous red rockets with an occasional green flare. At 4 am first report received that everything was going well and men had gone towards their objectives; showing splendid dash when jumping off. Our barrage fire was effective and well placed. Enemy shelled the whole sector heavily. His fire mostly coming from direction</p>	See Appendix "H"

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	12/5/17	from 4 AM to 5.50 AM	<p>of REINCOURT (See Map ECOUST-ST. MEIN) All telephonic communications cut and the lines could not be maintained. At 4.12 am Artillery fire slackened down. then Bomb and rifle fire now heavy on our left Sector.</p> <p>"The following reports were received from the two companies engaged in the attack"</p> <p><u>Lieut Dawson 4.35 am</u> - Our first attack beaten back. We are re-organising and making another attempt. 4.52 am Now in enemies trench other side of bomb block and as far as cross roads. Fierce hand to hand fighting with rifle and bombs.</p> <p>5.21 am - We are holding them and bombing along trench.</p> <p>5.27 am - Huns appear to have suffered heavily and are freely surrendering. We have captured strong post and reached objectives.</p> <p><u>Lieut Moon 4.30 am</u> - Have encountered enemy post with M.G. before first objective. 4.37 am Have reached objective in Sunkon Road. Can see "Queens" on my left. I am digging in.</p> <p>Both companies sent in reports from time to time and emphasized the need of more rifle grenades. The contact aeroplanes flew very low over lines at 5.18 am, when the ground flares were lit by the men.</p>	

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	12/15/17		<p>At 8.5 am a company of the 59th Battalion were arrived to reinforce and were placed in second line, as the ^{remaining} other company of 58th Battalion were sent forward to replace casualties in front line. Nearly all the prisoners were taken from sunken road which runs parallel to the front line. At 8.40 am our whole sector was vigorously shelled with H.E. We had difficulty in getting counter-battery action as telephonic communication could not be relied on and recourse had to be made to power-buzzer set which was in the front-line. There were numerous complaints from company commanders during the day: that our artillery was shooting into our own trenches; eighteen pounders being mostly at fault and casualties occurred from this source. However our lines could be enfiladed from direction of QUEANT and this was eventually proved to be the case. Nothing unusual occurred from 10 am to 4.30 pm; when sector was again vigorously shelled for two hours. Enemy 47mm guns being very consistent. Orders re relief and guides arranged to meet the incoming unit. In accordance with orders - Battalion Intelligence Officer</p>	

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	12/5/14		<p>two observers - one NCO and runner per platoon - one Lewis Gunner per team were detailed to remain with the relieving unit for 24 hours in order to properly instruct the men taking over. The idea is recognised as one of great value. We asked for special stretcher parties be supplied to clear the trenches of our wounded. This was arranged by Brigade and trenches were cleared by midnight. During the twenty-four hours the trenches were greatly destroyed. Almost all the posts were blown out and long lengths of the trenches completely filled in. Throughout the whole tour of duty the behaviour of all ranks was exceptionally fine. The standard of morale in the Battalion is very good. Casualties for today, as follows: <u>Officers Killed</u>: - Lt NR PELTON - DC B COY. Lt FRASER Lt W. G. BARLOW - Bombing Officer. Lt TOPP - DC C COY. <u>Officers Wounded</u> (Severely) Lt R. V. MOON. Lt G. P. HOOPER. Lt B. ANDERSON. 2nd Lt J. SYDER. 2nd Lt A. ROBERTSON. Lt G. FOCKEN. CAPT V. M. COPPLESON - Medical Officer. Tropics captured - Four Machine Guns. Other Ranks Killed Prisoners Captured 2 Officers 184 other Ranks. " " Wounded.</p>	

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BEAUBNY-YTRES LINE	13/5/17		<p><u>Weather: fine</u></p> <p>At 12.22 pm advance party of 2nd/₄th London's reported and took over dispositions plans, etc. first company of relieving Battalion arrived at 12.50 pm. The relief was completed at 3.30 pm. Enemy artillery was active during the period of relief and casualties occurred to incoming unit. On completion of relief our companies marched back independently to LEFT-SUB-SECTOR BEAUBNY-YTRES trench at 1.7. a central.</p> <p>A muster parade was held at 1 pm and an address delivered by Commanding Officer on the splendid behaviour shown by all ranks during tour of duty while in the trenches. Total casualties were found to be as follows:</p> <p>Officers Killed - Four Other Ranks Killed Forty-two Other Ranks Missing do Wounded - Seven do do Wounded One hundred Seventy-five Eight</p> <p>Four Lewis guns were destroyed and two damaged. Considerable technical equipment was also destroyed by shell fire. Recommendations for immediate rewards for gallantry in respect of Officers NCO's men were submitted.</p>	

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BEURNY- YTRES LINE	14/ 15/ 17		<p><u>Weather - Light showers:</u></p> <p>A company proceeded at 6.20 am, followed by "B.C.D." at 20 minutes interval to Divisional Baths in FAYREUIL, where they bathed and obtained a clean change of under-clothing. Commanding Officers and Adjutants were called to Brigade H Qrs at 11 am. At noon a few enemy shells of high velocity fell near road between BEURNATURE and VALUX. A regimental Board of Inquiry was held at 2 pm and the cases of seven missing men inquired into. Personnel selected for 1st course Anger School proceeded. Considerable aerial activity throughout afternoon.</p>	
BEURNY- YTRES LINE	15/ 15/ 17		<p>During night the enemy fired Gas shells in the village of VAULX which is distant 1800 yards from us. At 4.30 am our artillery opened and for over one hour sustained a very heavy bombardment of the enemy's positions. Reported, later that enemy had made a very determined attempt to retake part of the Hindenburg line which was held at the time by the 14th Aust Brigade. The attack was repulsed.</p>	over

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	15/5/17		<p>The Germans suffered a severe reverse. A working party of 1 N.C.O 20 men supplied to 8th Field Ambulance at 9 am for purpose of digging graves. The line of trench which we now occupy has to be put in a state of defence. Engineer officer from 15th Field Company selected four strong points on which we are now engaged on constructing. The F.B.C. M which was to assemble at 58th Battalion Head Qrs today at 9 am was adjourned until tomorrow as a member of the Court could not get here in time.</p> <p>Arrivals. Departures.</p>	
BEUGNY — YTRES LINE	16/5/17		<p>Weather Dull and Cloudy. Artillery of both sides very quiet today. Only an occasional round being fired. Working party of 1 N.C.O 20 men supplied to 15th Field Company Engineers at 9 am. F.B.C. M assembled at 10 am.</p> <p>President. Lt Col C. A. Denchey C.O 58th Battalion</p> <p>Members. Capt. W. C. Seury 58th Battalion Lieut F. C. Dawson do</p> <p>Four cases were disposed of and 2 cases postponed until 21st inst. A regimental Court of Inquiry was held to inquire into loss of regimental property during recent engagement. Major W. C. Freeman - President. Board recorded a finding that all such articles which were lost should be charged to public expense. Divisional Commander, Brigade Commander and C.O concurred with this finding.</p>	

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Continued	16/5/14		Two working parties, each of 1 officer 2 NCOs. 60 men reported to RE officer at C.10.C6.8 at 10.45 pm and 11 pm, respectively; for purpose of carrying Gas cylinders forward to support trench. Arrivals. Departures.	
BEUGNY- YTRES LINE	17/5/14		Raining. Working party supplied last night, arrived back at 3.25 am. The party got drenched, as it rained heavily. No casualties occurred. Men were allowed to rest and dry clothing during the day. Arrivals Departures	
BEUGNY- YTRES LINE	18/5/14		Weather Line. Work proceeded with on construction of strong posts and thickening of barbed wire on this line. Great aerial activity. Enemy planes made several trips over this area; but as usual they were flying at a great height. At 4.45 pm a high velocity gun fired several shells which fell on ridge 400 yds east of this line. Many Balloons on both sides, were up. At 8.30 pm received Code Message that Gas would be discharged by us at 2 am tomorrow morning. Departures. Four O.R. to 5 th Army Light Trench Mortar School	

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Detached Party 19 2 30
With Unit 15 374
Total 36 644

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BEUGNY- YTRES LINE	19/5/17		<p><u>Weather Line</u> - All troops roused at 1.45 pm, as wind was unfavourable and there was a danger of the Gas blowing back. However the Gas attack was postponed. F.B.C.M. reassembled at 10 am and dealt with a case of the 60th Battalion. The mobile reserve of S.A.A. and bombs were handed into Brigade. We returned complete establishment. Several shells fell in vicinity of trench and one went right in. No Casualties. At 8.30 pm we received Brigade Order No 105 in effect that 15th Inf Brigade will be relieved on 21st inst. At 8.40 pm, heavy artillery fire along the whole of our front.</p> <p>Arrivals Departures</p>	See Appendix A, 1
BEUGNY- YTRES LINE	20/5/17		<p><u>Weather</u> finer. Artillery fire constant throughout night. This morning there was general aerial activity on both sides. Numerous engagements took place. Hostile planes were in every case driven off. Continuation of the trench now occupied by us along to our left has been allotted to this Battalion and same has to be put in a state of defence, immediately. Sector extends from BEUGNATRE-VAUX road at H.12.4.5.5 to H.3.a.7.3 - reference Map 57C N.W. Every available man employed during day, cleaning up trench and work commenced on construction of strong posts. A nucleus garrison was placed in occupation during the night and relieving troops will take over dispositions of this sector, tomorrow. Battalion order No 15 issued (Copy attached)</p> <p>Departures. Lieut Davis R.F.M. Shields CSM Shaw proceeded to 5th Army Inf School Arrivals. The signaller proceeded to Lower Buzzer School.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIEFVILLERS CAMP H. 20 a 6.8	21/5/17		<p>Weather Dull & Cloudy: At 3.30 am, heavy artillery fire along whole front. Advance party left at 7.20 am and proceeded to 18th Battalion Camp at H. 20. a 6.8 and took over. Advance party of 4th Battalion Somerset Light Infantry arrived at 8.15 am and took over dispositions. Our transport proceeded via road at 9.50 am to new Camp site. Relief was complete at 11.5 am. Battalion arrived present camp at 2 pm and reported "all correct" to Bde. This camp consists of tents and site is well drained; but lines are pitched in an irregular manner. Many improvements require to be made to make the camp sanitary and anyway comfortable.</p> <p>Arrivals Departures 1 OR to Transport School</p>	See Appendix 'J'
BIEFVILLERS CAMP	22/5/17		<p>Weather Raining: - Owing to the rain no parades were held today; but during afternoon the whole of the Battalion were able to have a bath at the Divisional bath in FAUREUIL.</p> <p>Arrivals 24 O.D. Departures</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIEFVILLERS CAMP	23/5/14		<p><u>Weather</u> <u>Line</u>: Two hostile planes flew over camp area at 5 am. Our anti-air-craft batteries drove them off. Muster parade of Battalion held at 8.50 am. Battalion drill was given. Afterwards a programme of training was carried out. Programme included - Platoon drill. Bayonet exercises. Box respirator inspection and drill. Battalion returned to camp at 11.30 am. Report submitted in reply to - the suitability of Dandelions and Nettles as substitutes for vegetables. This Battalion would not recommend the regular use of them; owing to the amount of time and labour involved in the preparation of same. A committee has been appointed in order to carry out the necessary arrangements to provide a tennis court, with ^{and purchase} cricket and football material for Battalion recreation use.</p> <p>Personnel which was left behind at BECOURT CAMP in accordance with regularations governing "Divisions in Offensive Action" rejoined unit.</p> <p>Arrivals.</p> <p>Departures.</p>	

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BIEFVILLERS CAMP	24/5/17		<p><u>Weather Line</u>. - Muster parade held at 8.50 am. This Battalion has decided to use the form of Battalion Ceremonial Assembly as carried out by 5th Army Infantry School. It was adopted for the first time this morning and it proved successful. It is instructive and interesting and tends to a smartening up generally. Training carried out as per arranged programme. During afternoon the laying out of tennis court and cricket pitch was carried out. Tomorrow Battalion will be engaged on construction of a new defensive line.</p> <p>Arrivals.</p> <p>Departures.</p>	
BIEFVILLERS CAMP	25/5/17		<p><u>Weather Line</u>. Muster Parade at 8.30. Battalion on Ceremonial. Signallers and Lewis Gunners carried out training under Specialist Officers.</p> <p>Companies engaged on construction of a new defensive line of trench. Sector allotted to this Battalion extends from H.24. a.4.7 to H.26. b.2.7 (Ref Map 57c NW.) Work to be carried out on an instructional basis. A break of 40 yards in every 250 yards length of sector is to be left and two rows of wire put down. Each company commander laid out a plan of the work to suit the different situations; having regard wire was collected from dump at H 23 c 0.5. General improvements were effected to camp site. All tents were taken down and re-erected on a definite plan. Streets were made 18 yards wide. Timber for construction of ablution benches was obtained from HUN DUMP at H 25 central. Camp now very much improved in appearance, comfort and sanitation. Hostile aeroplane over at 10.30 pm.</p> <p>Arrivals.</p> <p>Departures.</p>	See Appendix "K"

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIEFVILLERS CAMP	26/5/14		<p><u>Weather Fine.</u> Muster Parade at 8.30 am. The Ceremonial parade of the Battalion is beginning to improve considerably. Specialists training under Specialist Officers. Companies engaged on widening and construction of trench. Camp Routine improved on. Inspection of lines, cookers and transport takes place every morning after first parade. During afternoon Officers were given ^{given} an hours instruction in horsemanship. A Summer Rest Camp has been opened at ST VARLERY-SUR-SOMME. This Battalion to send 15 O.R. which were selected from long service men who have done good work and whose health is likely to benefit by a rest. These men were sent to Divisional Baths at TREMICOURT for purposes of bathing and change of under-clothing. Divisional General on passing through our lines this afternoon, commented on their neat appearance and the tidy and methodical arrangement of kits, rifles, etc.</p> <p>At 10.15 pm hostile air-craft flew over camp area. Our machines went up in pursuit.</p> <p>Arrivals.</p> <p>Departures.</p> <p>Total Off. Strength 35 650</p> <p>Off. O.R. 1 17</p> <p>Detached Duty 15 154</p> <p>With Unit 19 479</p>	

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BIEFVILLERS CAMP.	24/5/17		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine - Church Parades under Brigade arrangements were held at 9.30 am. At 11 am, the B.O.C accompanied by Battalion Commanders and their Adjutants made a tour of inspection of the lines of the four battalions. During afternoon and evening, this Battalion carried out a programme of entertainment. A Concert was held at night. The 8th Brigade Band and Divisional Concert assisted to make the evening's entertainment a very great success.</p> <p>Arrivals.</p> <p>Departures.</p>	
BIEFVILLERS CAMP.	28/5/17		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine - Hostile air craft flew over camp area at 4.10 am. They were driven off by the batteries and M.L. fire. Muster parade was held at 9.30 am. Companies engaged on completion of VILLERS-AU-FLOS - BIEFVILLERS line. The task system of working was adopted and found to give every satisfaction. Staff Officers of Division and Brigade watched the men at work and they expressed satisfaction at of the manner in which the work was being carried out. Battalion 2nd in Command and all Company Officers attended a lecture at 2.15 pm. Tennis, football and cricket matches were held during afternoon. F.O.C. assembled at our H. Qrs. at 9 am. President Lt. Col. CA. DENEHY. CO 58th Bn.</p> <p>Officers O. R. Members Capt C.W. Seary OC ALTMAR 14. Lieut FC DAWSON 58th Bn.</p> <p>Arrivals. Lt A.R. Thompson. 2 Lt E.C.H. Crookford } Marched in from BECOURT CAMP 2 Lt A. Cromin. 2 Lt H.L. McKinley } Departure 2 Lt C.W. Scott. 2 Lt R.H. Fungrove }</p> <p>Cpl Underwood and Cpl Burns proceeded to 15th paving Bn</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIEFVILLERS CAMP	29/5/17		<p>Weather fine. Muster parade was held at 8.30 am. Companies engaged on construction and wiring of defensive line. A route march was carried out by companies at 11 am, returning to camp at 12.30 pm. Similar marches will be carried out daily in order to accustom the men to strict march discipline and to harden the feet. F. & C. M. continued to sit. A Court of Inquiry was held at 58th Battalion H. Coy for purpose of inquiring into the Regimental Trusts Fund Account of 60th Battalion. Convening Order (see attached extract)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Bde Order 40) President: Major W. M. Freeman 58th Battalion.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Members:- Lt S. Rosenthal do Lieut Stillwell 57th Battalion.</p> <p>Commencing 8 am - two posts, each consisting of 1 NC.O 3 men were placed in selected points of our sub-sector VIKERS-AU-FLOS — BIEFVILLERS defensive line for purpose of guarding the works.</p> <p>During afternoon, members of Battalion engaged in games of Tennis, Football and Cricket.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arrivals:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Departures: Two O.P. to French Mortar School</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIEFVILLERS 64 MI.	30/5/17		<p>Weather Fine - Muster parade held at 8.30 AM. From 8.45 AM to 11 AM Companies engaged on trench digging. From 11 AM to 12.30 pm a route march was carried out by companies. Brigade Signal School commenced at 8 AM. Six Signallers attended from this unit. Tennis, football and cricket matches played during afternoon. Received notification that the following members of this Battalion have been awarded Croix de Guerre, distinctions, namely Lt. H. TREVAN and No 2319 Cpl J. WRIGHT.</p> <p>Army Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders, conveyed their congratulations. Above honours were awarded for gallant conduct in the field on the</p> <p>No Pte Hutchinson was remanded by Commanding Officer to stand his trial for by F.C.M. on three charges, viz: two charges of A.W.L. and one of stealing.</p> <p>Arrivals</p> <p>Departures. Lt. C. Crawley and four (4) O.R. proceeded to Divisional Gas School. BECOURT.</p>	

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BIEFVILLERS
CAMP.

31/5
11/7

Weather Fine - Muster parade held at 8.30 AM. Training carried out as per
Syllabus of training issued by 15th Aust Inf Brigade as follows -
Artillery formation from Column of Route - Gas drill and inspection of
Helmets. - 1/2 hour Bayonet drill. The following Staff Officers visited
our camp during morning. C.O.C. 15th Inf Bde & C.O.C. 8th Inf Bde -
Capt Rodd D.A.O.S. Capt Smith. They expressed their satisfaction on
the economic and orderly camp arrangements, as carried out by the
Battalion. At 2.15 pm, Company Officers attended lecture which was given
in YMCA by Brigade Major on "Night Operations". During evening
Company Commanders inspected this lecture to their commands.
A muster parade of the whole Battalion was held at 2 pm for
purpose of checking nominal rolls. Above was held in accordance
with Brigade Order. Organised games were carried out during
afternoon. Court of Enquiry re trust funds Account of 60th Bn
continued to take evidence.

	Officers	O.R.
Battalion Total Strength	134	681
Actually With Unit	24	464
Detached (Duties School etc)	9	173
In Hospital	1	24

Departures: 4 O.R. proceeded on English Leave.

APPENDIX 'A'

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Appendix " "

'A'

EXTRACTS FROM 15th BDE? ORDER NO. 101. OF 8th MAY, 1917.

Reference - ALBERT 1/40,000

1. The 15th Inf. Bde. (less 15th A/L/T/M/B/) will move to the left forward area on 8th May, 1917.
2. (a) Personnel will move by route march to ALBERT, by train to BAPAUME, and by route march to forward position.
(b) Transport will travel by road.
3. (a) The first column, consisting of 57th Bn., 58th Bn., and 15th M.G. Coy. in that order will pass the starting point, F.4.c.6-4 at 7.35 a.m. and will entrain at ALBERT at 9 a.m.. Train leaves at 10 a.m.
(c) On arrival at BAPAUME, units will receive fresh instructions from a Staff Officer.
5. Units will leave personnel behind as laid down in section "Instructions for Training of Divisions in Offensive Action". This personnel will move to BEGOURT CAMP on 8th May under orders issued by Major Trickey, 60th Bn.

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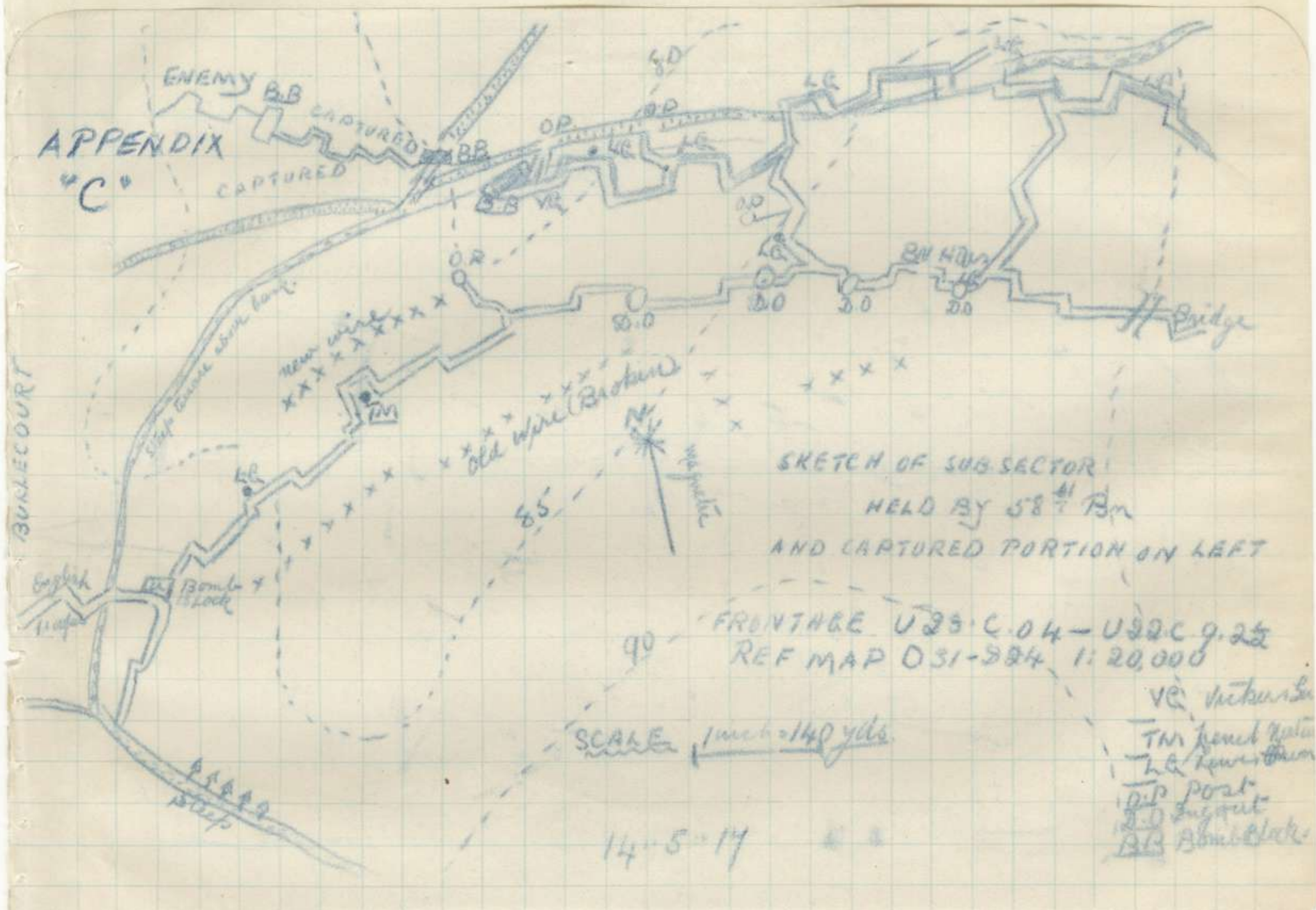
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EXTRACTS FROM 15th BDE. ORDER NO. 102 OF 9/5/17.

Reference - Sheet 57c. 1/40,000.

1. The 15th Inf. Bde. will relieve the 2nd Inf. Bde. in the left sector (U.23.c.8-1.)--- U.28.a.6-7.) on the night 9th/10th May.
- 2? The 57th Bn. will take over the right subsector and the 58th Bn. the left subsector.
Each Battalion will have two companies in the front line and two companies in the support line.
The inter-battalion boundary will be U.23.c.0-4.
3. The 15th M.G.Coy. will relieve the 2nd M.G.Coy. taking over present dispositions (6 guns now in line). H.Q. in Railway embankment.
4. The 59th Bn. will be in support with two companies in the trench U.29.c.8-6. - U.28.d.4-8., one company along the railway line in C.4.b., and one company in a trench in C.4.d.. Relieve 6th Bn. H.Q. in railway embankment.
8. Unless the weather is very favorable no movement will take place in advance of NOREUIL, before 9.30 p.m.
NORTH of VAULX troops will not move in larger bodies than sections.
12. Bde? transport will be parked in H.12.c.

APPENDIX 'C'



APPENDIX "D"

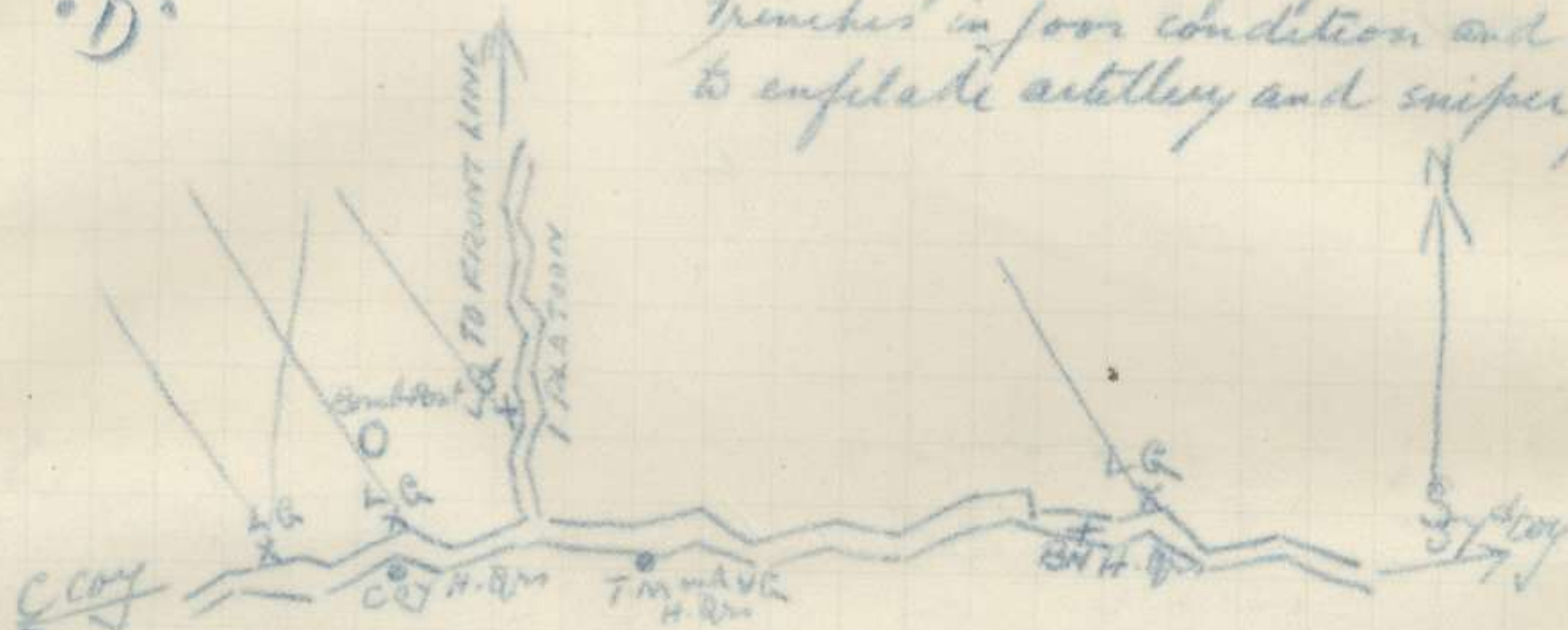
10.5.17

4 AM

APPENDIX

"D"

Sap leading to front line forms a firing line
and is exposed to left front.
trenches in poor condition and subjected
to enfilade artillery and sniper fire.



SKETCH OF SECTOR HELD BY A Coy
APPROX LENGTH. 250 yds

GARRISON 4 off. 96 OR

MAP O.31 - D24

1:20,000

REF U28.6286 Left U28.699 Right of SECTOR

APPENDIX *E*

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APPENDIX
E

trench contains one deep dug-out.
Join with company of 57 & Bn on right
and 'D' on left.
trench greatly knocked about.

APPENDIX 'F'

10.5.17
3 AM

APPENDIX 'F'

Contains 3 deep dugouts.
Left in trench with Gordon Hill and
bunkers in very poor condition

ENEMY
300 YDS DISTANT

ENEMY
200 YDS DISTANT

1 INCOGNITO
LISTENING
POST

N

A. Company

BULLETCOURT
BOMB SLOTT

TRENCH
MORTAR

VICKERS MG LG

SKETCH OF SECTOR HELD BY 'C' COY

← COY SECTOR 225 YDS APPROX →
GARRISON 4 OFF 119 OR

← Gordon Hill

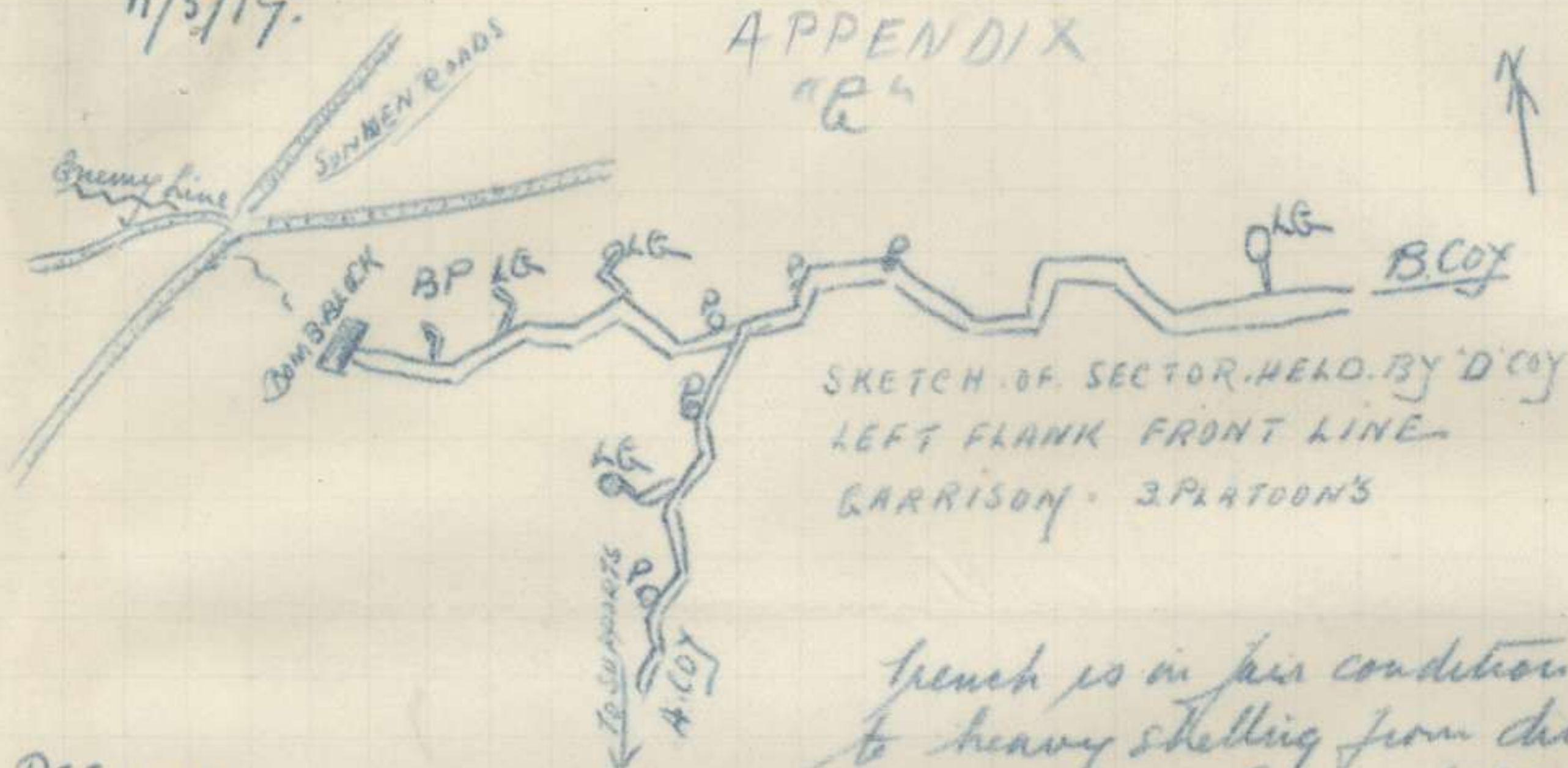
MAP 031-D 24
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REF OF SECTOR U28 A 8.7 LEFT TO U28 B 29.5 RIGHT

APPENDIX "G"

11/5/17.

APPENDIX
"E"



SKETCH OF SECTOR HELD BY D'COY
LEFT FLANK FRONT LINE
GARRISON. 3 PLATOONS

Trench is in fair condition, but subjected to heavy shelling from direction of REINFCOURT. Enemy holding continuation of trench to left - about 70 yds away. Forward observation bad.

REF MAP

D. 31-D. 24

1:20,000

LEFT FLANK U 22.d 2.3

SECRET.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 103.

Reference - ECOUST ST. MEIN. 1/10,000.

11th May, 1917.

- I. On the 12th May the 7th Division (on our left) is to continue its attack on BULLECOURT.
The 5th Aust. Division is to co-operate as detailed below.
The dividing line between the Divisions will be a line through points 88 (U.28.a.8-7.) and 82 (U.22.c.8-2)
2. The objective of the 7th Division is the line of the road through BULLECOURT, i.e. through U.22.c.8-2, U.27.b.9-9 and U.21.d.5-1.
This objective will be reached under cover of a barrage which will move at the rate of 100 yards in 6 minutes, starting at ZERO plus 2 minutes 100 yards in front of the jumping off line. (U.28.a.8-8 --- U.27.b.7-5).
3. At ZERO plus 4 hours the protective barrage will lift so as to enable patrols to push forward and occupy the line U.22.c.7-2 to U.21.d.5-6 if possible.
A strong point is to be established at U.22.c.3-1.
4. Under orders to be issued by C.O. 58th Battalion, the 58th Battalion with 2 Companies 60th Bn. attached will capture and consolidate the enemy's position from U.22.d.4-3 to U.22.c.9-2 and will construct a strong point at the latter place with a view to denying to the enemy the road running N.E.
This attack will not start until ZERO plus 14 minutes and will keep touch with the right of the attack of the 7th Division.
Arrangements are to be made for passwords etc.
5. At ZERO one section of M.T.M. will engage the concrete M.G. emplacement and strong point at U.22.d.25-30 for 8 minutes.
6. At ZERO one subsection of 15th A.L.T.M.B. will engage M.G. position at U.22.d.12.
At ZERO plus 8 minutes one subsection of 15th A.L.T.M.B. WILL search trench and sunken road from U.22.d.35-30 to U.32.c.9-2 for 6 minutes, paying particular attention to the dugouts.
7. Heavy artillery is engaging the sunken road from U.22.d.0-3 to U.22.b.6-3, but not south of U.22.d.3-7 after ZERO plus 4 minutes.
The 15th M.G.Coy. will arrange for M.G. fire over square U.23.a... Bursts of fire will be kept up from ZERO to ZERO plus one hour and again from ZERO plus four hours to ZERO plus five hours.
The fire positions and number of guns will be arranged by O.C. M.G.Coy.. Fire will also be opened at other times when asked for by Liaison Officers.
9. From ZERO for 4 hours our 18 pdrs. will search and sweep squares U.23.A & B.
10. Ground Flares will be lit by the attacking troops at 2 hours after ZERO and on demand from Contact Aeroplane by sounding KLAXON HORN or dropping a VERY LIGHT.
- II. Capt. D. B. Doyle and Capt. H. Wrigley, M.C. are detailed as Liaison Officers with the 91st Brigade and 7th Division respectively.
- 12? The two forward companies of the 59th Bn. are placed under the order of Lieut.-Colonel DENEHY for use in case of emergency only.
13. The Brigade Signalling Officer will arrange to synchronise watches.
14. Brigade Headquarters remains at C.5.a.3-3.

(Sgd.) Geo. F. Wieck. Major.

Bde. Major 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.

APPENDIX 'H'

APPENDIX
"H"

13/5/17

D5/21

*Ref Sketch map & aeroplane Photo.*REPORT ON ACTION OF 11th/12th MAY AT BULLECOURT.DISPOSITIONSPRIOR TO ATTACK.

The position held by 58th Battalion prior to attack was as indicated on Sketch No. 1, marked in red. In O.G.2 there were two companies less two platoons, "B" Coy. on the right, "D" Coy. on the left. O.G.1 and the communication sap 3 were held by the other two companies, "A" on the right and in Sap No. 3 and "C" on the left. Fig. 4 marks a bomb block separating the portion of the line held by the enemy from that held by us. Fig. 5 marks another bomb block at the other side of which was the 2nd Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.

I had 2 Companies of 60th Battalion allotted to me to hold the trench when my own two companies went forward. These were in position 1 hour before zero on the left of O.G.1 and in C.T.3.

OBJECTIVES.

The task set was as follows:-

- (1.) To capture redoubt marked 6.
- (2.) To enter and expel the enemy from that part of O.G.2 to X roads including dug-out system marked 8.
- (3.) To capture the cross roads and the road leading to BULLECOURT as far as point 9, and to construct a strong point at the X roads.

ALLOTMENT

No. 1 was allotted to Lieut. Moon and a party of 28 men of "A" Coy., with 2 Lewis Guns, who were located in C.T.3. Their orders were to move out to a lie position about 50 yards from their trench in direction of the strong point 6. They were to rush the redoubt 6 at 14 minutes after zero, and, having cleaned up the position move to the road between 7 and the cross roads and assist in consolidation. No. 2 was allotted to "B" Coy. in O.G.2 under Lieut. Dawson. "B" Coy. had 3 platoons and 3 Lewis Guns in the line. They were to bomb along the trench towards the enemy and at the same time launch an attack on the dug-out system No. 7.

No. 3 was allotted to "C" Coy. under Lieut. Topp. They were to advance in two waves to their objective, arranging for a left flank guard in case the 2nd Queen's did not keep pace and a right flank guard to assist Lieut. Moon if necessary and to guard against danger from the redoubt No. 6.

The balance of "A" Coy. under Lieut. Hooper were held in reserves in O.G.1.

THE ATTACK.

Within ten minutes of starting Lieut. Moon's party had captured the Redoubt No. 6 after a sharp bomb fight in which Lieut. Moon was wounded severely in the face. The enemy retired to the trench in rear. Lieut. Moon, regardless of his wound, rallied his men and started for the trench after them. Here he was wounded the second time in the shoulder. He kept on encouraging his men and joined in the struggle for objective No. 2.

Meanwhile, Lieut. Dawson's two parties had both been beaten back by the enemy's strong resistance and for some time his men kept pouring in a fusillade of rifle grenades from outside of bomb block 4. Lieut. Moon was attacking frontally by this time and the enemy began to feel the pressure. Having learned of the situation and knowing that both parties had suffered heavy casualties, I sent Lieut. Hooper with the rest of "A" Coy. and 15 men of the 60th Battalion to carry forward more ammunition and grenades and to reinforce. Lieut. Hooper's party moved out from No. 3.C.T. in three lines. The fight for the position had now lasted over an hour. The Germans kept sending up reinforcements from the dug-out system (8)

THE ATTACK.
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Lieut. Moon's party and Lieut. Dawson's had ^{by} now got into the trench and shoved the enemy back into the sunken road whither our men pursued them. Our attackers had by this time dwindled to about 40 men. There were fully 100 Germans on the road but they were thoroughly demoralized and suddenly through up their arms and cried out, "Mercy, Kamarade". Our men, suspecting a ruse, did not at first accept the surrender and the Lewis Gunners from their position in the trench began to fire on them. Being afraid of hitting our own men, Lieut. Dawson ordered them to cease fire, and directed the enemy to enter the trench in single file. This they did willingly enough and ~~were~~ sent down under guard? Lieut. Dawson and Lieut. Moon then led their men down along the road and got more prisoners from the dug-outs. They were some who refused to come out and were killed with bombs in consequence. At this stage Lieut. Moon was hit a third time, in the leg and the foot, but he refused to leave his post till he had consolidated the position. The attempt to hold the far side of the road was frustrated owing to the facts that there was a bank on only one side, the one nearest to us, and the ~~any~~ enemy was sniping from the left where he could command the situation. Lieuts. Dawson, Hooper and Moon held a consultation on the road and decided that it was impossible owing to the sniping to occupy the position they had taken up. They, therefore, withdrew the men and the two Lewis Guns to the near side of ~~the~~ the road and dug in on top of the bank. As they reached the decision on the road, Lieut. Moon was shot through the face and his jaw broken. He saw the men withdrawn and the position taken up, and then only did he, with two men helping him, retire from the fight.

On the left half of the attack things had gone more easily. Everything was carried out as ordered. The only opposition met with was from rifle and machine gun fire in the German trench (7).

The road was gained and held with slight casualties but the construction of a strong point at the cross roads could not be attempted owing to the point being entirely commanded by the German trench at 7. On the right of the cross roads the position taken up had to be some distance back from the line. Lieut. Topp was, unfortunately, shot through the head and killed, and another Officer, 2/Lt. Robertson was wounded by a rifle bullet in the head. Lieut. Kidd, on the left, had established communication with the 2nd Queen's on his left and had a small party of that regiment immediately adjoining him. Eventually the 2nd Queen's gained their objective and the line was completed along the road.

After dark the party holding the position on the right of the cross roads moved forward and came into line with Lieut. Dawson's men. Lieut. Hooper had been severely wounded in the chest and was carried away.

The whole operation lasted an hour and a half, and during that time our casualties were very heavy. Lieut. Pelton, commanding "B" Coy. which held the right of the section of trench O.G.2, was killed by a shell early in the fight. Another Officer of "B" Coy., 2/Lt. Frazer, was blown to pieces by a shell. Lieut. Davis, the only remaining Officer, although slightly wounded and subsequently severely shaken by shell explosion, organized the line on the right of Lieut. Dawson's new position.

When Lieut. Dawson's three platoons had vacated ~~the~~ the trench originally occupied, Capt Barry of the 60th Battalion was ordered to take portion of his company and hold the vacated position. About the time the fight had been decided Capt. Barry was wounded and retired. One of his Officers, Lieut. Leslie, had been killed and Lieut. Gannon was left in charge. He did excellent work in re-organizing the line in conjunction with Lieut. Davis.

Owing to the large number of casualties in both Officers and men I considered it prudent to call up successively into my ~~my~~ support line two companies of the 59th Battalion, which had been placed at my disposal by Brigade. These two companies

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rendered the position secure from counter-attack which I fully anticipated would be launched. No such attack was made, however, up to the time my Battalion was relieved on the night of 12th/13th May.

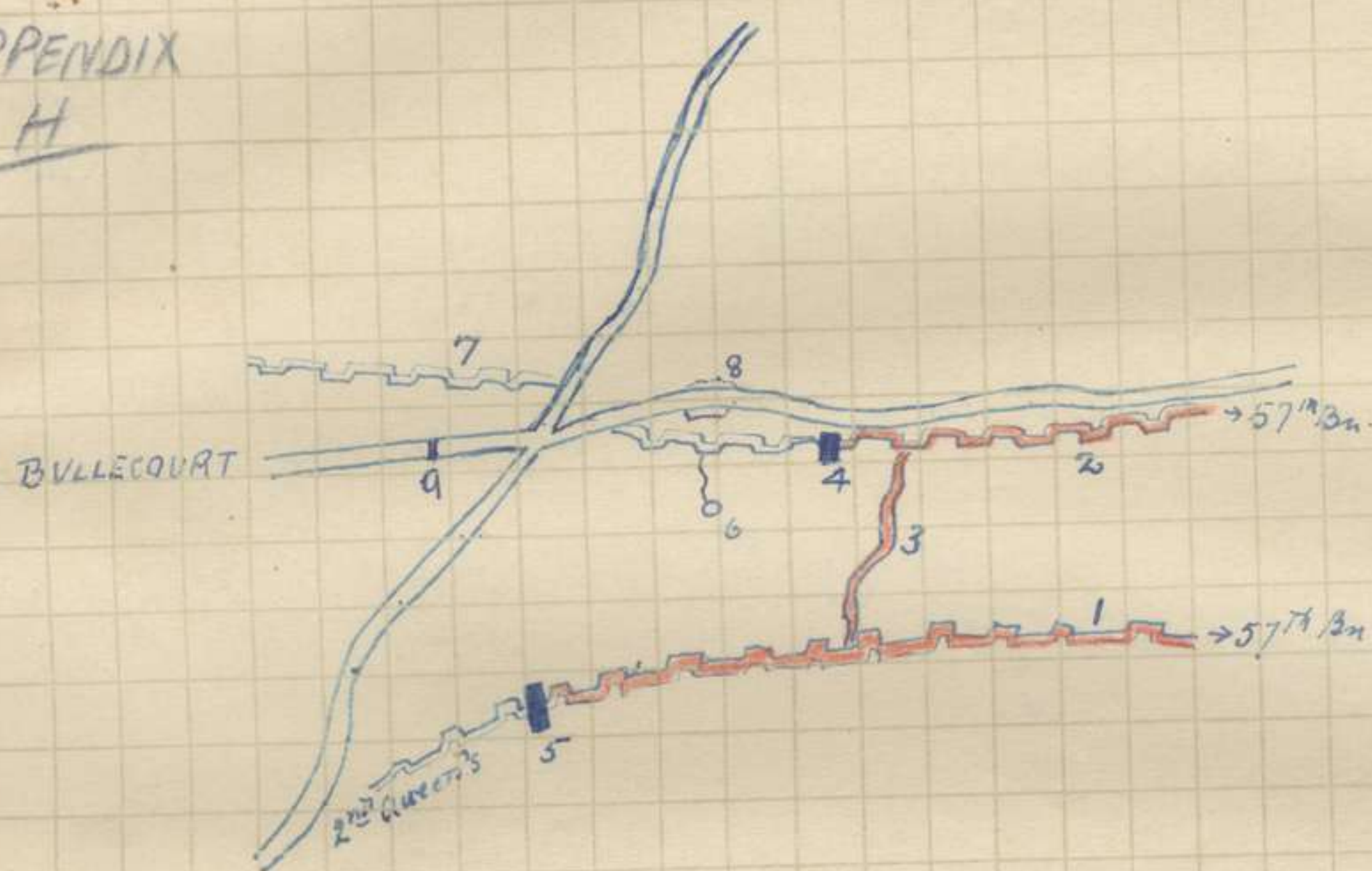
The conduct of my Officers and N.C.O's was beyond all praise and the men responded gamely and effectively to their leaders. The runners did excellent service and in the midst of very heavy shell fire enabled me to keep in constant touch with every portion of the action and so to take all necessary steps to carry it through to a successful end.

Four machine guns and 184 prisoners were secured by the Battalion, whilst large numbers were killed both with bomb and bayonet in the fighting, and by rifle fire as many of the enemy attempted to make their way back.

Rash Dench Lieut-Col.
Commanding 58th Battalion A.I.F.

APPENDIX 'H'

SKETCH No. 1

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May 20th, 1917.

Reference - Map 57c H.E. 1/20,000.

INTENT.

1. The 58th Battalion will be relieved by a Battalion of 61st Brigade on 21st inst. On completion of relief the Battalion will march independently to H.20.a.8-4.

ASSEMBLY:
POINT OF.

2. Each Company on completion of relief will assemble in valley at H.9.a.central.

ROUTE.

3. The route will be down valley to road SAPIGNIES, thence cross roads H.15.e. along road to BIEFVILLERS to camp site.

MARCH:
ORDER OF.

4. The Battalion on assembly will proceed in following order :-

Headquarters followed by "A", "B", "C", and "D" Coys. in succession.

Transport will proceed by road.

ADVANCE
PARTY.

5. ~~Understandably~~
Advance party under Lieut. Ryan consisting of 1 R.C.O. 5 men per company, 2 H.Q. Signallers, 2 Observers, 2 runners, and 2 H.Q. Details will leave present site and report at 9 a.m. on new camp site.

DRESS.

6. Marching order with steel helmets. Blankets to be carried rolled in horse shoe fashion in waterproof sheet around packs.
Officers kits to be ready for loading at 9 a.m.

TRENCH STORES.

7. All trench and area stores and tentage for shelters etc., will be handed over and receipts obtained in triplicate.

SANITATION.

8. Area now occupied will be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Each Company will furnish a certificate that this has been done by 9 a.m. tomorrow morning.

(Sgt.) CHAS. A. DEANEY, Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding 58th Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION :-

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| Copy No. 1. | War Diary. |
| 2. | File. |
| 3. | "A" Coy. |
| 4. | "B" Coy. |
| 5. | "C" Coy. |
| 6. | "D" Coy. |
| 7. | Q.M. and I.Q. |

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EXTRACTS FROM 15th BDE. ORDER NO. 105 OF 19/5/17.

Reference - 57 c N.W. 1/20,000.

- 1. The 5th Aust. Division (less Artillery) is to be relieved by the 20th Division (less artillery) in the left Divisional Sector between 21st and 26th May, 1917.
- 4. Units when relieved will move independantly to new areas. Troops will march in file when on roads and not less than 200 yards distance will be maintained between companies.
- 5. Advanced parties will be at the new camp site not later than 9 a.m. on 21st May.

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Extract of Table of Moves issued with 15th Bde. Order No. 105.

Date;	Unit.	From	To.	Relieved by.	In relief of.
21/5/17.	58th Bn.	BEUGNY- YTRES line.	H.20.a.8-4.	B/61st Bde.	8th Battalion.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Space heading not required)

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs. Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. This pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Remarks and references to Appendix A

APPENDIX

"K"

Summary of Events and Information

SUB-SECTOR
VILLIERS-AU-FLOS-BIEFVILLERS
DEFENSIVE LINE

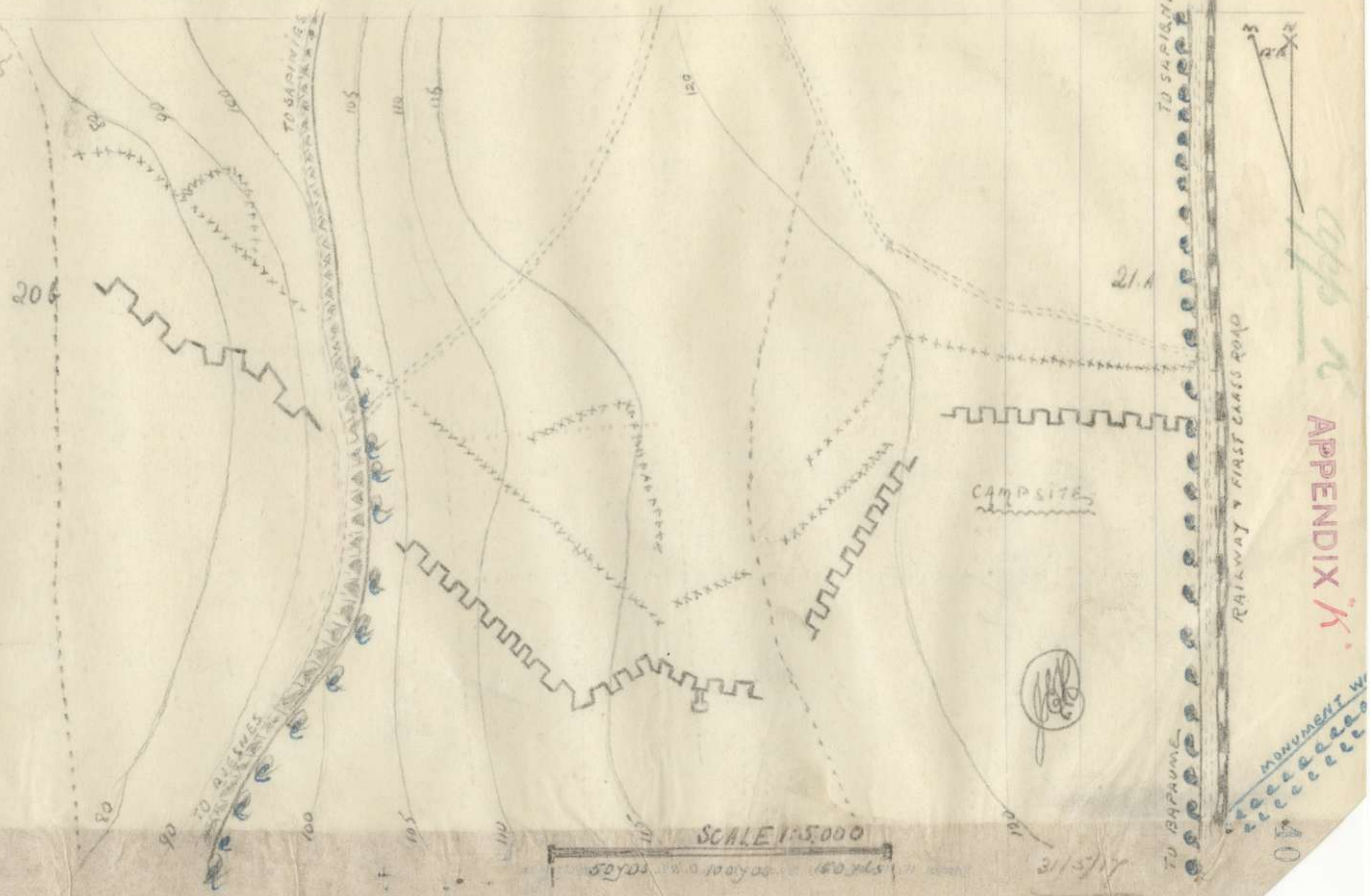
H21.2.4.7 - H20.6.2.7

REF MAP 57th NW.

HIGH GROUND

CAMP SITE
68th BN

BIEFVILLERS



APPENDIX "K"

MONUMENT W