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WAR DIARY

OF

Headquarters 2nd Aust. Infantry Bde

FOR

January 1918

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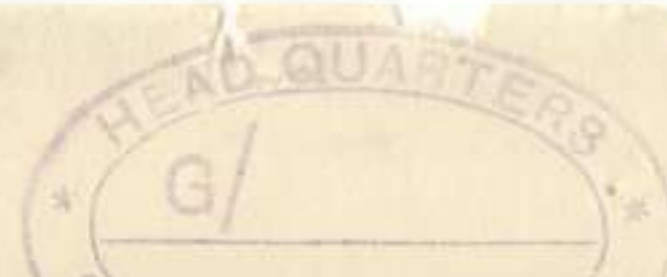
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KEMMEL.	1918 Jany. 1st.		The Brigade established as follows, Brigade Headquarters - RAMILLIES Camp; 5th Battalion (under orders G.O.C. 1st Brigade) WYTSCHAETE Area; 6th Battalion RAMILLIES Camp; 7th Battalion ROSSIGNOL Camp; 8th Battalion, IRISH HOUSE; 2nd M.G.Coy. BULLY BEEF FARM; 2nd A.L.T.M. Bty, KEMMEL. Almost the whole of the Brigade is employed on various working parties. Weather very cold.	
	3rd.		Brigadier and Brigade Major visit the Brigade Class of Instruction at CAESTRE. Very cold and frequent snowstorms.	
	4th.		Brigadier departs for England on one months leave. COLONEL LUXTON, D.S.O., (5th Battalion) assumes command of the Brigade during his absence.	
	6th.		Special Church Services held for peace. Brigade Commander visits Brigade Class of Instruction.	
	7th.		5th and 8th Battalions relieve the 6th and 7th Battalions respectively as per Brigade Order No. 71	(i) App. III
	13th.		Corps Commander attends Church Service at KEMMEL and present decorations to members of the Brigade and also to Divisional troops. The Divisional Sector is to be re-arranged, the Right Brigade holding its present frontage and in addition the two subsectors at present held by the two Right Battalions of the Left Brigade, the Left Brigade frontage being consequently reduced to the front now held by its two Left Battalions. <i>RIGHT Hvy</i> The Brigade is to take over the new Left Brigade Sector on the nights 15/16th and 16/17th inst. Brigade Order No. 72 issued.	(ii) App. III
	14th		Brigade Commander and Brigade Major reconnoitre the forward area of the Right Brigade. Heavy fall of snow during the night.	
	15th		5th, 6th and 7th Battalions and 2nd L.T.M.Bty. carried out relief in accordance with B.O. No. 72. Course for N.C.O's at Brigade Class of Instruction opened. Weather very wet and stormy.	

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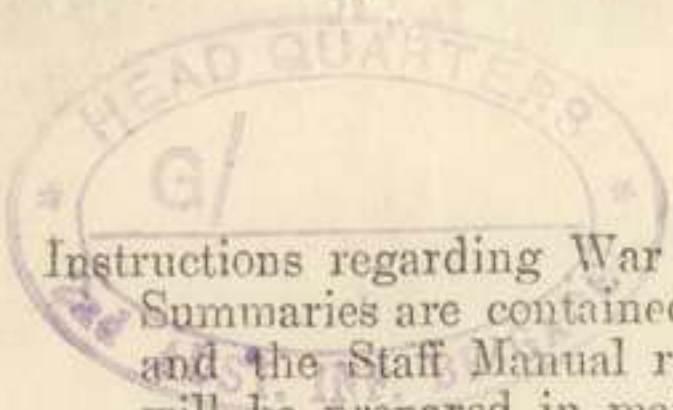
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N. MIDLAND FARM.	Jan. 16th.		The Brigade relieved 3rd Brigade taking over command of the new sector. 8th Battalion relieved 12th Battalion and 2nd M.G. Coy the 3rd M.G. Coy. Weather wet and stormy.	
	17th.		Divisional Commander accompanied by Brigade Commander visited Right and Right Centre Battalions Headquarters. G.S.O. I, accompanied by Brigade Major inspected the forward area. Weather very wet. The ground is impassable in places, trenches are waterlogged and where unrevetted are falling in. Men are in good spirits and standing the bad weather well.	
	18th.		Weather dull and cloudy. Very quiet day.	
	19th.		Weather much improved. Artillery on both sides much more active than lately.	
	20th.		Weather dull and showery.	
	21st.		Weather showery. Brigade Order No. 73. for relief of the Brigade by 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade issued.	App. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ III .
	22nd		Weather fine. Brigade Defence Scheme issued.	App. ^(iv) IV .
KEMMEL.	23rd		Weather fine. The Brigade less 2nd M.G. Coy. relieved by 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade, relief complete by 8.45 pm.	
	24th		Weather fine. Brigade located as follows:- Brigade H.Q. RAMILLIES CAMP; 5th Bn., GABLE FARM; 6th Bn., RAMILLIES CAMP; 7th Bn., ROSSIGNOL CAMP; 8th Bn., WULVERGHEM; 2nd A.L.T.M. Bty., KEMMEL. The day spent in resting and cleaning up.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Jan. 25th		Weather fine and warm. Brigade Commander visited N.C.Os Class at Caestre. Practically the whole of the Brigade is employed on working parties.	
	26th		Weather dull, but fine. Brigade Order No. 74 for relief of the Brigade by 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade and move to LOCRE area issued.	App. IV (v)
	27th		Thick fog the whole day.	
	28th		Weather fine and bright. Advanced parties from relieving Brigade arrive.	
LOCRE.	29th		Brigade (less 2nd M.G.Coy.) relieved and moved to LOCRE area. Brigade Class moved up from CAESTRE. Weather fine and bright.	
	30th		Weather fine and bright. Day spent in cleaning up and resting. Practically the whole of the 7th Battalion is employed on working parties, 200 men being billeted at LINDENHOEK and employed on work in the forward area; the balance are working on the roads and on usual Brigade duties. The camps in the LOCRE area are good, but the training facilities are poor.	
	31st		Weather cold with a thick fog. Training commenced as per syllabus. 2nd M.G.Coy. relieved by 15th M.G.Coy. and moved to LOCRE.	App. IV (vi)
			Defence Scheme (Provisional) Reserve Brigade. App. (vii) 1st Addendum to Reserve Brigade Defence Scheme. App. (viii) Bde. Intelligence Summaries for period 17th-23rd Jan. 1918, App. (ix) (both dates inclusive).	
			Strength returns as at noon 31/1/18. App. (x) Casualty return for month. App. (xi)	
			Reinforcements received during month. App. (xii)	
			Schools attended during month. App. (xiii)	

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(vi)	Training syllabus.
(vii)	Defence Scheme (Prov.) Reserve Brigade.
(viii)	1st Addendum to Reserve Bde Defence Scheme.
(ix)	Bde Intelligence Summaries. (17 th - 23 rd Jan 1918, both dates inc).
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(xiii)	Schools attended during month.

BRIGADE ORDER No. 71.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
6th Jany., 1918.

Reference Map, WYTSCHAETE,
1:10,000.

1. The 5th and 8th Battalions, now working in the forward area, will be relieved by the 6th and 7th Battalions respectively on the 7th January and night 7/8th January, and will move back and occupy the quarters thus vacated by the 6th and 7th Battalions.
2. On completion of relief the 6th Battalion will come under the orders of the G.O.C., 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade.
3. Works in progress will be continued and working parties will not cease work until they are relieved.
4. Advanced parties from the four Battalions concerned will be attached to all working parties they are to take over for 24 hours prior to the relief.
5. The relief will take place as far as possible in daylight, but no movement forward of the WYTSCHAETE - WISSINES Ridge will be allowed before 1630.
6. All maps, photographs, defence schemes, plans of work and documents of value to the incoming unit will be handed over. Area and trench stores will be handed over and receipts obtained. A copy will be sent to reach this Office by 1800 on the day after the relief takes place.
7. Completion of relief will be notified by wire in code to 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade and to this Office.
8. Details of relief not herein provided for will be mutually arranged between C.Os concerned.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. F. Weston

Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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19/22	Spares.		

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2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 72.

HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
13th Jany. 1918.

Reference VYTSCHAETE L:10,000

1. The 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve two Battalions of the 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade and two Battalions of the 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade in the line in accordance with the attached relief table.
2. Advanced parties from Battalions will be sent into all advanced posts and will take part in all patrols on the night before their respective reliefs takes place. They will remain in and rejoin their Units when they arrive.
3. No movement of troops forward of the MESSINES - VYTSCHAETE ridge will take place before 1645.
4. (a) All maps, photographs, defence schemes, plans of work, and documents of value to the incoming troops will be taken over.
(b) Area and trench stores will be taken over and receipts given on pro forma sent to all concerned. A copy will be sent to this Office by noon on the day after the relief takes place.
5. Transport lines will not change.
6. (a) Each Battalion will furnish a certificate to this Office by noon on the day after the relief takes place that defence schemes have been taken over, Battalions properly detailed to defences and orders for action in accordance with the respective schemes have been promulgated to all concerned.
(b) Company Commanders' sketches of disposition will be forwarded to reach this Office by 1800 on 17th instant.
7. Instructions in regard to the 2nd H.G. Coy. will be issued later.
8. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between C.O's concerned.
9. On completion of relief the command of the four Right Battalion Sub-Sectors of the Divisional Front will pass to the G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.
10. Completion of relief will be notified by wire in code to this Office.
11. Brigade Headquarters will close at RAMILLIES CAMP at 1600 on the 16th instant, and open at MIDLAND FARM (T.5.a.1.5.) at the same hour.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Watson

Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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RELIEF TABLE TO ACOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 72.

Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Unit Relieved.	Remarks.
Night 15/16th Jany.	6th Bn.	WYTSCHAETE Area	Line Right Centre Left Brigade Sector.	3rd Bn.	
do	5th Bn.	RAMILLIES Camp.	Line Right Loft Brigade Sector.	4th Bn.	Not to pass LAMP POST CORNER before 1700.
do	7th Bn.	IRISH HOUSE.	Line Left Right Brigade Sector.	11th Bn.	
do	2nd A.L.T. M.Bty.	KEMMEL.	LINE.	1st and 3rd A.L.T.M.Btys.	
16th.	8th Bn.	ROSSIGNOL Camp.	WULVERGHEM.	10th Bn.	Not to arrive before 1100.
Night 16/17th	8th Bn.	WULVERGHEM.	Line Right Right Brigade Sector.	12th Bn.	

APPENDIX

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2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 73.

HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aus. Inf. Lde.
21st Jany. 1918.

Reference Sheet. 28.S.V. 1:20,000.

1. The 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade (less 2nd M.G. Coy.) will be relieved by the 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade (less 3rd M.G. Coy.) in the Right Brigade Area of the Divisional Sector on the night 23rd/24th January in accordance with the attached relief table.
2. Advanced parties of 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade which are taking over areas not previously held by such Units will be sent into all advanced posts and will take part in all patrols the night before the relief takes place. They will remain in and rejoin their Unit when it arrives.
3. (a) All maps, photographs, defence schemes, plans of work and documents of value to the incoming troops will be handed over.
(b) Area and trench stores will be handed over and receipts obtained on pro forma sent to all concerned. Two copies will be sent to this Office by noon on 24th instant.
4. On relief the 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will take over the quarters of, and the duties now being carried out by, the 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade. In order to ensure that there is no break in the continuity of work advanced parties from the 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will be attached for 24 hours prior to the relief to all working parties which are to be taken over from the 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade.
5th Bn. will take over the duties now being performed by 11th Bn.
6th Bn. " " " " " " " 9th Bn.
7th Bn. " " " " " " " 10th Bn.
8th Bn. " " " " " " " 12th Bn.
5. 5th and 8th Battalions' transport will take over on the 23rd instant the Standings now occupied by the 10th and 9th Bns. respectively at T.14.d.2.9. Lines will be vacated by 12 noon. Transport lines of the 6th and 7th Battalions will not change.
6. 5th and 8th Battalions' Quartermasters' Stores will be located at DAYLIGHT CORNER from 12 noon on 23rd instant and will draw from 4th Coy. A.S.C. Rations will be delivered forward on heavy Decauville Railway. The remaining Brigade Units will draw from 5rd Coy. A.S.C. at N.31.C.7.4., Quartermasters' Stores being situated at Transport lines KEMMEL.
7. Completion of relief will be notified by wire in code to this Office.
8. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between C.O's concerned.
9. On completion of the relief, command of the Sector will pass to G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade.
10. Brigade Headquarters will close at MILLAND FARM on completion of relief and reopen at RAILLIES Camp.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Flinton
Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12	3rd Coy. A.S.C.	"	"
13	4th Coy. A.S.C.	"	"
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15	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
16	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
17	6th Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
18	MESSINES Group Artillery	"	"
19	COOSTAVERNE Group Artillery	"	"
20	Ayca Commandant WULVERGHEM	"	"
21	Brigade Major		
22	Staff Captain		
23	Bde. Intel Officer		
24	Bde. Works Officer		
25	Bde Transport Officer		
26	No. 4 Signal Section		
27/30	Spares.		

1. The 5th and 6th Battalions' transport will take over on the 27th instant the distribution now covered by the 10th and 27th Bns. Transport lines of the 5th and 6th Battalions will not change.

2. The 7th and 8th Battalions' transport will be delivered to the 1st Aust. Division on heavy motorable transport. The remaining transport units will draw from 2nd Coy. A.S.C. of 27th Bn. Transport lines remain.

3. Distribution of relief will be notified by wire as early as this Office.

4. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between 27th and 10th Bns.

5. On completion of the relief, command of the Bde will pass to 27th Bn. and 10th Bn. Infantry Brigades.

6. Brigade Headquarters will move to NEILAND FARM on completion of relief and report to BRILLIANT Camp.

11. APPROVED.
 Captain
 Brigade Major
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

RELIEF TABLE to Accompany BRIGADE ORDER No. 73.

UNIT.	FROM.	TO.	RELIEVING UNIT.
8th Battalion	Line Right	WILVERGHEM (T. 6. c. 1. 2.)	12th Battalion.
7th Battalion	Line Right Centre	ROSSIGNOL CAMP.	11th Battalion.
5th Battalion	Line Left Centre	GAELE FARM (T. 5. a. 1. 6.)	10th Battalion.
6th Battalion	Line Left	RAMILLIES CAMP.	9th Battalion.
2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	Line	KEHUEL.	3rd A.L.T.M. Bty.

Appendix (IV)

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S E C R E T.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DEFENCE SCHEME.
(P r o v i s i o n a l)

RIGHT BRIGADE SECTOR - 1st AUST. DIVISIONAL FRONT.

JANUARY, 1918.

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DEFENCE SCHEME.

RIGHT BRIGADE SECTOR - 1st AUST. DIVISIONAL FRONT.

Reference Map - 28 S.W. 1:20,000.

Section 1.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BRIGADE AREA.

(1) Frontage -

The frontage held by the Brigade extends from U.11.b.3.6. to O.23.b.0.8., a distance of approximately 4,400 yards.

(2) Boundaries -

(a) Brigade -

The Southern Brigade boundary runs from U.11.b.3.6. along the DOUVE RIVER to U.8.Central, thence to T.4.d.0.7.

The Northern Brigade boundary runs from O.23.b.3.8. - OOSTTAVERNE - O.20.b.5.9.

(b) Inter-Battalion -

(i) The Grid Line from O.36.c.0.0. to HUNS WALK, thence along the road to U.4.a.3.7.

(ii) From O.29.c.5.0., along the ELAUWPEOORTBEEK to O.33.b.45.55. to O.31.Central.

(iii) The WAMBEEK - O.21.d.9.4., along the road to GUN FARM (inclusive to Right Sub-sector) to PICK HOUSE.

(3) Topography -

The most important tactical feature in the Brigade Area is the WYTSCHAETE - MESSINES Ridge, running from N.W. to S.E. through squares O.19, O.26., and O.32. From this main ridge project eastwards three minor spurs, named respectively from right to left, the GAPAARD, WAMBEEK, and OOSTTAVERNE Spurs.

The ground slopes gradually to the east from the main ridge and except where broken by folds is practically all under direct observation by the enemy.

The low lying ground in the valleys of the DOUVE, ELAUWPEOORTBEEK, and WAMBEEK is very marshy and after rain impassable to troops, but in frosty weather presents no obstacle.

SECTION II.

Description of Defences.

The defences of the Brigade Area are divided into two zones, known as the Front Zone and the Second Zone.

(1) The Front Zone.

(a) The Outpost System consists of a system of detached posts on the general line U.11.b.4.6. - U.5.b.8.9. - O.35.a.5.6. - O.29.c.2.6. - O.23.a.2.3. On the Right Battalion's front it comprises a number of small connected posts with supports in rear. On the Right Centre Battalion's front it consists of three posts, two of which hold a platoon each, and the third 2 platoons, with four posts each of one platoon in rear of them as supports. On the Left Centre Battalion's front the system consists of four picquet posts with sentry groups in small posts 50 to 100 yards in front, while on the Left Battalion's front there is a continuous picquet line with five small protective posts in front.

There is a protective belt of wire along the whole of this system.

(b) The Support System consists of a line of strong posts on the general line U.5.c.2.3. - O.34.Central - O.28.c.8.1. - O.22.c.5.6. - O.22.a.3.6. This system is at present only partially completed, but work in the nature of wiring, accommodation for garrisons and strengthening of posts is being proceeded with. There is a continuous belt of wire in front of the whole of this system.

(c) The Reserve System consists of a line of trenches and strong posts on the general line U.4.d.2.2. - O.33.b.7.3. - O.27.d.3.3. - O.21.d.0.0. - O.21.c.8.8. - O.21.a.5.7. This system is still in course of construction. In the Right and Right Centre Battalions' sectors it consists of a series of strong posts, but in the Left Centre and Left Battalions' sectors it is a practically continuous line. The system is protected by a continuous belt of defensive wire with a certain quantity of tactical wire in addition.

(d) Communication Trenches

(i) Right Sub-sector: NEW CROSS St. leading from U.8.b.0.3. to the Front line is in good condition as far forward as POLLARD Support (U.5.c.2.6.) and can be used as far as that point by small parties in daylight.

(ii) Right Centre Sub-sector: FANNYS O.T. running from O.32.d.central to the Front line is in good condition. It is not advisable to use this trench in daylight beyond the Support System.

(iii) Left Centre Sub-sector: BOB STREET and DORSET STREET leading to the Front line are in good condition as far forward as ANZAC FARM and O.27.b.9.6. respectively.

From the former point, work is being continued on the first named trench, and from the latter, a duckboard track has been laid as far as KILO FARM. It is not safe to use these Communication Trenches in daylight beyond the points named.

(iv) Left Sub-sector: MANCHESTER STREET running from VERNE DUMP to the Front line is in good condition, and can be used throughout by small parties in daylight.

These Communication Trenches could be used for defence purposes if necessary; in places they have fire steps erected.

(2) The Second Zone

This system lying in rear of the Front Zone is under Divisional control.

It has a continuous belt of wire, fairly strong in places, running along its whole front. The construction of trenches is being proceeded with.

S E C T I O N III.

Principles of Defence.

The area is held as thinly as is consistent with security, the principle of distribution in depth being adhered to. With a disposition such as this to guard against surprise it is essential that close and constant observation of the enemy territory be maintained, and that at night time and ^{when} visibility is bad, No Man's Land be constantly patrolled and a complete mastery of that ground be obtained.

All posts and Machine Guns are so sited as to give mutual protection and cross fire and the valleys are covered from the flanks.

In the event of the enemy breaking through at any point, troops must not fall back from one line to the next line, but all ground must be defended as long as possible, whether the flanks are turned or not. By this means, the break through will be localised, and it will be an easy matter to dislodge the enemy by counterattack. Counter-attacks must be immediate, their success largely depending on the rapidity with which they are delivered. Consequently Commanding Officers must prepare their plans beforehand and communicate them to their Sub-ordinates, so as to be ready to meet eventualities.

Constant touch must be maintained between Battalions and with the Brigades on either flank, and mutual protection and support given.

S E C T I O N IV.

METHOD OF HOLDING THE LINE.

(1) Troops available for Defence.

The troops available for the defence of the Brigade sector are :-

- 1 Infantry Brigade
- 1 Machine Gun Company from the Reserve Brigade
- 2 Field Artillery Brigades.

(2) Infantry.

The Brigade Sector is divided into four Sub-sectors, each held by one Battalion echeloned in depth.

In the Right Sub-sector the Outpost System is held by two Companies with one platoon from the Reserve Company in S.P.5J.5. in immediate support to the Left Company.

In the Right Centre Sub-sector the Outpost System is held by two Companies, each Company having two Platoon posts in the Front Line, and two in Close Support.

In the Left Centre and Left Sub-sectors the Outpost System is held by one Company in each with an additional Platoon from the Reserve Company in the former Sub-sector. In both these Sub-sectors sontry groups are posted at night and in foggy weather, 50 to 80 yards in front of the line.

In all four Sub-sectors protective patrols constantly patrol the front.

The Support System is held in each Sub-sector by one Compsny.

At present owing to lack of accommodation certain of the posts in this System are not fully manned, and a portion of the garrisons are quartered in the Reserve System, ready to move forward instantly in the event of a hostile attack.

The Reserve System in the Right Sub-sector is held by one Company less one Platoon, in the Right Centre Sub-sector by one Company, in the Left Centre Sub-sector by two Companies less one Platoon, and in the Left Sub-sector by two Companies.

(For dispositions of all Battalions see Map No.1 and for locations of Headquarters see Appendix 'A'.)

(3) Machine Guns.

Two Machine Gun Companies are allotted for the defence of the Sector and are known as the Forward and Rear Companies respectively.

The guns of the Forward Company are disposed in depth, a few in the Outpost System, and the large majority in the Support and Reserve Systems.

These latter guns are arranged to cover with direct fire all the country in rear of our Front System, especially the valleys, so that, even if the enemy succeeded in occupying the Outpost System, it would be difficult for him to advance further.

The guns of the Rear Company are arranged in batteries laid on S.O.S. Lines, and are ready to cover with indirect fire any portion of the line attacked.

Locations of guns are as under :-

Forward Company.

- U.5.c.15.40.
- U.5.a.33.80.
- U.5.a.25.75.
- O.34.d.70.60.
- O.35.a.20.05.
- U.4.d.60.65.
- O.34.d.75.60.
- O.33.b.55.85.
- O.33.b.55.94.
- O.27.d.42.65.
- O.27.b.45.20.
- O.28.a.05.33.
- O.28.a.30.30.
- O.28.b.62.11.
- O.27.b.12.55.
- O.21.c.85.20.

Rear Company.

- U.4.a.45.60. six gun battery
- O.33.d.10.50. four gun battery
- J.3.a.15.10. four gun battery

The lastnamed battery will be moved to O.27.b.25.05. as soon as accommodation can be arranged at that location.

(4) Trench Mortars.

There are eight 3" Stokes Mortars in the Brigade Sector, seven of these are emplaced in the Outpost System, and are used for harassing fire and silencing hostile Machine Guns, the remaining gun covers the low lying ground in the valley of the ELAUWPEOORTBEEK and would be used in the event of a break through.

Locations of Stokes Mortars are as under :-

Offensive Positions

- U.5.d.55.60.
- U.5.b.50.30.
- O.35.b.10.10.
- O.35.a.35.30.
- O.29.a.10.35.
- O.23.c.10.40.
- O.23.e.20.85..

Defensive Position.

- O.34.a.50.95.

There are two 6" Newton Mortars emplaced at U.5.a.4.8. and O.35.c.2.2.

(3) Artillery -

The Brigade Sector is covered by two Brigades of Field Artillery known as the MESSINES Group (covering the Right half) and the OOSTTAVERNE Group (covering the Left half).

Each Group consists of -

3 6 gun 18 Pounder Batteries
1 6 gun 4.5" Howitzer Battery.

Each battery of a group is responsible for an allotted portion of the sector, and, unless the battery is engaged in an operation, all guns are laid and loaded on their S.O.S. Lines ready to open fire on receipt of the S.O.S. Signal.

In each Sub-sector a chain of S.O.S. repeating stations has been established as under :-

Right Sub-sector	-	U.4.c.95.05. U.4.c.30.10. U.3.c.40.85.
Right Centre Sub-sector	-	O.38.d.40.50. O.34.b.15.25. O.33.c.40.35. (Ede. O.P.)
Left Centre Sub-sector	-	O.28.b.55.10. O.27.d.10.90. O.26.d.10.75.
Left sub-sector	-	O.22.d.30.60. O.21.d.85.70. O.21.c.95.50.

These posts will not repeat the signal laterally.

Liaison Barrages with the artillery on the Right and Left of the Brigade Sector have been arranged, whereby batteries covering the flanking Brigades if not required for the defence of their own sectors would assist in repelling an attack on this Brigade Sector. The Australian Corps Heavy Artillery is available for counter-battery work or the destruction of enemy positions.

Requests for fire from this artillery are made through the Field Artillery Group Commanders.

The O.C. MESSINES Group performs the duties of liaison with Brigade Headquarters, the O.C. OOSTTAVERNE Group being in direct communication with him.

An Artillery Liaison Officer remains with each Battalion Headquarters during the hours of darkness.

(3) Anti-Aircraft Defence.

Lewis Guns for use against hostile aircraft are mounted as under :-

- | | |
|-------------|-------------|
| Q34.E.2.3. | O.27.b.1.7. |
| O.32.d.5.5. | O.27.a.4.3. |
| O.21.a.6.4. | O.26.d.1.7. |
| O.21.a.4.1. | O.27.b.1.1. |
| O.21.c.7.3. | O.33.a.9.9. |

In addition all guns, both Vickers and Lewis, except where in concealed positions, have orders to fire on hostile aircraft whenever opportunity offers.

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SECTION V.

APPENDIX

Action in case of Attack.

In the event of a hostile attack, all positions will be defended to the utmost and will not be given up ^{whether} the flanks are turned or not.

Immediately a hostile attack is launched, the Support Company in each Sub-sector, if not already in the Support System, will move up with all speed and garrison the posts in that system, the Reserve Companies similarly manning the Reserve System. All garrisons must be told off beforehand so as to prevent delay in moving.

Should the enemy succeed in entering the Outpost System an immediate counter-attack must be delivered. This counter-attack will be delivered in the first place by the garrison of the Outpost System, and such troops as are in close support to the garrison of that system, e.g. in the Right Sub-sector by the platoon in S.P. 5.U.5. Should this counter-attack fail to dislodge the enemy, the garrison of the Support Line, excepting only the garrison of S.P. 4.O.28. in Left Centre Sub-sector, which commands the valley of the WAMBEEK, without waiting for orders, but notifying Battalion Headquarters, will immediately move forward and counter-attack. Thereupon in the Left Centre and Left Sub-sectors the No.1. Reserve Companies will move forward and occupy the Support System thus vacated. The Reserve Companies in the Right and Right Centre Sub-sectors and the No.2 Reserve Companies in the Left Centre and Left Sub-sectors will not move forward from the Reserve System without the sanction of the G.O.C. the Brigade.

Should the enemy attack on either flank of the Brigade, all possible assistance must be given with cross fire, and should he succeed in breaking through on either of the immediate flanks, a defensive flank will be formed and counter-attacks delivered in conjunction with the neighbouring Brigades.

All working parties in the Brigade Area at the time an attack takes place will form up in the nearest cover and report their position to the nearest platoon, company, or battalion headquarters, who will then inform Brigade Headquarters.

The personnel of the 177th Coy. R.E. and attached Infantry at present employed on work in the Divisional Area, will, in the event of

a hostile attack, take action as under :-

Party No.	Location of Work.	Normal strength		Function.	To report arrival and strength to.	
		R.E.	Inf.			
1.	WYTSCHAETE O.19.a.	Off. 3	O.R. 20	OR. 37	Man Firing Line 2nd Zone in O.20.a.& C.	En.H.Q. TORREKEN FARM. 1 Officer to assume command of party No.3.
2.	VERHE ROAD. O.21.c.&d.	-	20	30	S.P. 3.U.2.1. & S.P.4.O.2.1.	En.H.Q. TORREKEN FARM.
3.	ULSTER HOUSE & HOW FARM, O.27.a.& B.	-	20	25	Man ORANGE TRENCH O.27.b.	Coy.H.Q. O.27.b.2.O.
4.	WYKEHAM LODGE U.2.c.& d.	1	20	35	Man firing line 2nd Zone at S.P. 1.U.3. and S.P. 2.U.3.	U.3.a.1.1.
5.	Remainder of Coy. in camp at T.9.a.4.O.	18	190	140	Move to N.MIDLAND FARM, then as ordered by G.O.C. Right Brigade.	Right Brigade H.Q. N. MIDLAND FARM.

These parties will come under the orders of the Commander to whom they report, but will not be employed forward of Divisional Reserve Line. Company and Battalion Headquarters to which these parties report will at once inform Brigade Headquarters, giving strength and location of the party.

In the event of a situation arising which demands a reserve being employed in the Brigade Sector, the G.O.C. the Brigade will apply to Divisional Headquarters for authority to employ the Battalion of the Reserve Brigade situated at WULVERGHEM, repeating the wire to the Reserve Brigade. If the Divisional Commander approves, authority will be given for this Battalion to come under the orders of the G.O.C. the Brigade.

Immediately the S.O.S. Signal is sent up, indicating a hostile attack, an 18 pdr. shrapnel barrage will be placed on the following line :-

MESSINES GROUP - U.11.b.95.02. - U.6.c.25.80. - O.36.c.2.4. -
O.35.b.4.5. - O.29.c.30.15.

OOSTTAVERNE GROUP - O.23.b.35.95. to RIFLE FARM (O.23.d.15.95.) -
O.23.d.10.62. - O.23.d.05.20. - O.29.b.10.97. -
O.29.b.15.34. - O.29.d.03.76. - O.35.b.30.96.

Field Howitzers will bombard specially selected points as laid down for their S.O.S. Lines.

Rates of fire will be as follows :-

3	rounds per gun per minute for 5 minutes
2	" " " " " " " "
1	" " " " " " " "

and then cease.

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If the S.O.S. Signal or message is repeated after the opening of fire, the initial rate of fire will be reverted to at once and the whole procedure carried out as above.

In the event of a break through, artillery fire will not be opened on the captured locality without the sanction of the G.O.C. the Brigado.

Immediately the S.O.S. Signal is fired all Machine Guns which cannot bring direct fire to bear on the attacking enemy will open on their S.O.S. barrage line.

ACTION IN CASE OF GAS ATTACK.

The Standing Orders for defence against Gas (S.S.193.) will obtain.

In the event of a hostile gas cloud attack on the Brigado Sector, the message to be sent will be 'GAS' followed by the locality either MESSINES or COSTAVERNE, when a light barrage of Field Guns will be put down in front of our post to prevent hostile patrols from following up the gas. No intense barrage will be put down unless the S.O.S. Signal is sent up, signifying that the gas cloud has been accompanied or followed by an Infantry attack.

In the event of a hostile gas shell bombardment as distinct from a gas cloud attack, gas rattles only will be used as a warning.

H. F. Watson Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Distribution :-

<u>Copy. No.</u>	<u>To whom.</u>
1	File
2/4	War Diary
5	5th Battalion
6	6th Battalion
7	7th Battalion
8	8th Battalion
9	2nd M.G. Coy.
10	2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.
11	6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
12	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
13	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
14	1st Aust. Division.
15	COSTAVERNE Group Arty.
16	MESSINES Group Arty.

APPENDIX 'A'.

Locations of Headquarters.

Brigade in Line	MIDLAND DUGOUTS.	T.6.c.6.8.
<u>Right Battalion</u>		U.4.c.4.3.
Right Line Coy.		U.5.c.2.5.
Left Line Coy.		U.5.b.3.2.
Support Coy.		U.4.c.9.5.
Reserve Coy.		U.10.a.65.90.
<u>Right Centre Battalion.</u>		O.34.b.32.
Right Line Coy.		O.35.d.20.05.
Left Line Coy.		O.35.a.5.3.
Support Coy.		O.34.b.1.2.
Reserve Coy.		O.32.d.35.55.
<u>Left Centre Battalion</u>	LUMM FARM.	O.26.d.10.75.
Line Coy.	KILO FARM.	O.28.d.5.1.
Support Coy.	HOW FARM.	O.27.d.15.95.
No.1 Reserve Coy.	CABIN HILL.	O.27.a.90.05.
No.2 Reserve Coy.		O.26.a.85.65.
<u>Left Battalion</u>	TORREKEN FARM.	O.20.d.1.2.
Line Coy.		O.23.c.2.6.
Support Coy.		O.21.d.90.85.
No.1 Reserve Coy.		O.21.c.9.5.
No.2 Reserve Coy.		O.21.a.3.1.
<u>RESERVE BRIGADE -</u>	RAMILLIES CAMP.	N.27.b.1.5.
'A' Reserve Bn.	do	N.27.b.1.5.
'B' Reserve Bn.	ROSSIGNOL CAMP.	N.21.b.9.1.
'C' Reserve Bn.	GABLE FARM.	T.5.a.1.6.
'D' Reserve Bn.	WULVERGHEM	T.6.c.1.2.
Forward M.G. Coy.		O.33.b.5.9.
Rear M.G. Coy.		U.3.a.1.1.
L.T.M. Bty.		U.3.a.1.1.
OOSTTAVERNE GROUP	REGENT St. DUGOUTS.	N.29.c.5.5.
MESSINES Group.		T.6.c.15.75.
Right Field Coy.		N.33.c.8.9.
Left Field Coy.		N.28.c.2.6.
Brigade on Right.		B.4.c.0.8. (Sheet 36)
Brigade on Left.	REGENT St. DUGOUTS.	N.29.c.5.5.
Battalion on Right.		J.9.b.6.4.
Battalion on Left.	PRINCE RUPERTS DUGOUTS.	O.20.b.2.2.

APPENDIX 'B'

Administrative Arrangements.

1. AMMUNITION
SUPPLY.

Main Divisional Dump - LA POLKA, N.21.d.7.3.

Advanced Divisional Dump (in Right Sector) - SOUVENIR FARM,
T.5 .d.5.6.

Brigade Dumps. -

Right Sector - SCHNITZEL DUMP, U.3.c.9.1.
MOULIN de L'HOSPICE, U.2.a.7.9.

Left Sector - PICK HOUSE, O.26.a.6.5.
VERNE DUMP, O.21.Central.

Brigade Dumps in the Right Sector are maintained under Brigade arrangements, ammunition being supplied from Advanced Divisional Dump and pushed forward on tramways.

Brigade Dumps in the Left Sector are maintained under Brigade arrangements, ammunition being supplied from Main Divisional Dump and taken forward on Brigade 1st Line Transport vehicles.

In all Battalions, Battalion Dumps are maintained under Battalion arrangements, supplies being drawn from Brigade Dumps as required.

For Machine Gun/^{Co.}ammunition, the following arrangement is made.

Right Brigade Sector. All S.A.A. drawn from SCHNITZEL Dump.

Left Brigade Sector. A standing indent for 30,000 rounds every 3rd day is granted to draw direct on Main Divisional Dump in order not to deplete Brigade Dumps by this amount, and the ammunition is taken forward under Machine Gun Company arrangements by 1st Line Transport.

2. R.E.
MATERIAL.

Brigade Right Sector.

R.E. Dump. Main Divisional Dump is located at T.5.d.2.9.

Right Battalion. CURRIE DUMP at T.12.c.6.4. from which material is sent forward by light railway to BETHLEHEM FARM.

An auxiliary dump is situated at LA PETITE DOUVE. U.8.a.5.5.

Right Centre Battalion. DELL FARM Dump at O.31.c.1.4. from which point a light railway runs to within 500 yards of Battalion Headquarters (terminating at O.33.b.9.5.).

An auxiliary dump is situated at STAYNES FARM at O.33.d.3.9.

R.E. MATERIAL.
(Continued).

Brigade Left Sector
Main Divisional Dump. RAILWAY DUMP (O.20.c.2.2.)

Left Centre Battalion. By means of carrying parties under Battalion arrangements material is transferred from RAIL-DUMP to ULSTER HOUSE and drawn on from there as required for forward work.

Left Battalion. By same means as Left Centre Battalion to VERNE DUMP, which is the Advanced Battalion Dump.

3. RATIONS.

Railhead - BRULOOZE.

For all units in Brigade Right Sector, Brigade Ration Dump is at DAYLIGHT CORNER (N.23.c.8.8.) where Quartermasters draw from A.S.C. Coy. and "out up" rations. Heavy Decauville Railway conveys from this point to CURRIE DUMP for Right Battalion, and to BELL FARM DUMP for Right Centre Battalion from these points tramway is used and either mules or pushing parties utilised for same.

For Units in Brigade Left Sector Rations are drawn from A.S.C. Dump at MACONACHIE SIDING (N.27.a.8.2.), "out up" at Q.M. Stores (Wagon Lines) KEMMEL, and conveyed forward on 1st Line Transport to cooking points.

Cooking for Line Battalions is done at the following places :-

<u>Right Battalion</u>	CURRIE DUMP.
<u>Right Centre Battalion</u>	O.32.d.central.
<u>Left Centre Battalion</u>	O.27.a. & c.
<u>Left Battalion.</u>	VERNE DUMP.

In all cases personnel in Front Line posts are supplied with Hot food at night in Hot Food Containers.

4. RESERVE RATIONS.

Reserve Rations in the Area are disposed as follows :-

Right Battalion Sector	1500	in Pill. Box 13	at U.3.d.central.
Rt. Centre Bn.	"	1300	" " 30 near Bn. Hqrs.
Left Centre Bn.	"	1000	" " at O.28.b.8.1.
Left Battalion	"	500	" " at O.22.d.9.4.

Reserve of 50 petrol tins of water is kept at each Bn. Hqrs.

In Brigade Right Sector there are 800 S.P. Rations in MOULIN and in SCHNITZEL DUMP.

5. TRAFFIC.

During daylight in the Right Brigade Sector no traffic, except Staff Cars and vehicles on road repair, is allowed to pass the following points:-

Left Sector	T.6.c.3.6.	(near Brigade H. Qrs.)
Right Sector	U.7.a.3.3.	(near STINKING FARM).

TRAFFIC.
(Contd.)

Headlights are not permitted further forward than the road R.E. Farm - KEMMEL - LA POLKA - LINDENHOFK.

Traffic is not allowed to proceed by day nor lights to be used by night forward of the line O.19.a.8.8. - O.19.c.5.6. - EARL FARM (O.25.d.).

Transport must not proceed by day beyond RED CHATEAU on the VIERSTRAAT - WYTSCHAETE Road, except singly and then only under exceptional circumstances.

Vehicles are forbidden to halt in daylight on the unscreened portions of the KEMMEL - WYTSCHAETE Road east of PECKHAM. A.P.M. Division supplies all traffic control posts in the area and Battalions place sentries on C.T's or roads to the foremost part of the area which it is forbidden to use in daylight.

It is essential to prevent unnecessary movement by day in those parts of the area under observation to the enemy, especially in the vicinity of the WYTSCHAETE Ridge.

6. TRANSPORT LINES.

Transport Lines are situated as follows :-

Transport for Right Brigade Units - HILLSIDE Camp North,
T.14.d.2.P.
Transport for Left Brigade Units & Ede.Hqrs. - KEMMEL.

7. PRISONERS OF WAR.

Main Corps cage is situated at DAILLEUL ASYLUM.

All prisoners are, under normal circumstances, evacuated through Battalion Headquarters to Brigade Headquarters to Divisional Headquarters.

In the event of a big engagement, relay posts would be established and a Brigade Detention Point established near Advanced Brigade Headquarters at which place prisoners would be taken over by Divisional M.P.

8. ORDNANCE.

Supplies from Ordnance are obtained direct from D.A.D.O.S. DRANOUTRE on 1st Line Transport.

9. R.E. SUPPLIES & WORKS.

Are dealt with in detail in Appendix "D"

10. MEDICAL.

Is dealt with in Appendix "C"

11. SALVAGE.

As there is a great deal of work to be done and being done in preparation of defensive positions, and having 4 Battalions in the line, it is difficult to effect much salvage. Small parties, however, are employed by each Battalion in salvaging as much material, including R.E. material, as is possible. This is sent to the rear as follows (except R.E. material, which is kept in forward area)

Right Battalion to tramhead by carrying parties, thence on tramway to GURRIE Dump, where Divisional Salvago N.C.O. receives same.

Right Centre Battalion to tramhead by carrying parties, thence by tramway to Brigade Dump at T.5.d.2.6. by pushing parties.

Left and Left Centre Battalions' Salvago is taken by carrying parties to PICK HOUSE Dump, thence by limber to Brigade Dump (N.24.d.4.5.).

12 CÉMETERIES.

List of authorised Cemeteries in the Divisional Area are :-

Derry House, WITSCHAETE.	28/O.27.a.15.20.
COSTAVERNE Wood Cemetery No.1 WITSCHAETE.	28/O.15.c.40.85.
TORREKEN Farm Cemetery, No.1. WITSCHAETE.	28/O.20.c.95.10.
Cabin Hill Cemetery, WITSCHAETE.	28/O.
La Laiterie Mty.Cty., Vierstraat Road.	28/N.18.d.2.5.
KEMMEL Chateau Military Cemetery	28/N.21.b.3.3.
WINDENHOEK Chalet Military Cemetery.	28/N.27.c.9.9.
Bethle'on East Cemetery, MESSINES.	28/U.3.d.15.38.
Pont Farm, WULVERGHEM.	28/N.34.b.5.0.
Westhof Farm, NEUVE EGLISE.	28/T.19.b.3.5.
La Plus Douve Farm, near WULVERGHEM.	28/T.12.a.4.1.
Kandahar Farm, PLOEGSTEERT.	28/T.10.b.80.75.
Rosenberg Chateau Military Cemetery cx PLOEGSTEERT.	28/T.18.d.3.5.
Ration Farm (La Plus Douve) Annex. PLOEGSTEERT.	28/T.12.a.60.00.

13. MISCELLANEOUS. Baths are located at KEMMEL and WULVERGHEM.

Canteens. Regimental canteens are established at or near each Unit Headquarters.

Trench Foot Treatment. Each Unit adopts trench foot precautions as laid down in Fourth Army Standing Orders. Tale Powder and Soap is available at Brigade Headquarters.

Y.M.C.A. and Soup Kitchens.

Y.M.C.A. has coffee stall at STINKING FARM, U.7.a.6.7.

Aust. Comfort Fund have coffee stall at BOYLES Farm, U.1.a.3.3.

Y.M.C.A. at ULSTER HOUSE O.27.a.2.3.

Aust. Comforts Fund have coffee stall at VERNE ROAD, O.21.Cent. and is controlled by Left Battalion.

APPENDIX 'O'.

Medical Arrangements.

	<u>R.A.Ps.</u>		<u>Relay Eearer Posts.</u>
Left Sector,	RAVINE,	O. 10. c. 2. 5	(GABARET CORNER,
	VERNE ROAD,	O. 21 Central,	(ONRACT FARM,
	Cabin HILL,	O. 33 b. 1. 9.	(WHIZZLANG,
Right Sector,	MOLLYS POST	O. 34 a. 9. 1	(LUMM FARM,
	LONDS POST,	U. 10 a. 2. 9	(FANNYS POST,
Right Sector, "agon loading Post,			(STAINS POST,
			(R. E. DUMP,
A.D.S.,	Left Sector,		(CLANTONS POST,
	Right Sector,		(GOOSEBERRY FARM,
M.D.S.,	(2nd Aust. Fld. Amb.,		BOYLES FARM,
	Lt-Col. "E. KAY,)		"YTSCHAETE,
			KANDAHAR FARM,
			YONGE STREET,
			N. 29. c. 2. 6.

EVACUATION OF "OUNDED.

LEFT SECTOR,	From RAVINE R.A.P.	to A.D.S. by light railway trolley
	" VERNE ROAD	to A.D.S. by wheeled stretcher or hand,
	" CABIN HILL,	to LUMM FARM by hand, then to A.D.S. by wheeled stretcher or hand.
RIGHT SECTOR,	From MOLLYS POST	to FANNYS POST by hand
		to BOYLES FARM, by trolley
		to A.D.S. by car.
	From LONDS POST,	to GOOSEBERRY FARM, by trolley
		to BOYLES FARM, by hand
		to A.D.S. by car.

STRETCHERS AND BLANKETS

Sufficient stretchers and blankets for present requirements are kept at A.D.S.'s and Relay Posts. A reserve of 40 stretchers will be held at H.D.S., and 60 at KANDAHAR FARM. 2000 blankets are on Indent to be held as reserve. In case of emergency 100 stretchers could be withdrawn from D.R.S. LOCRE.

Dental Units are situated at H.D.S. (YONGE STREET), D.R.S., LOCRE, "LVERGHEM and DRANOUTRE.

APPENDIX 'D'

W o r k s.

R.E. DUMPS.

There are three R.E. Dumps in the area for main supply -

- CURRIE DUMP (T.12.c.6.4.)
- BELL FARM DUMP (O.3.c.1.4.)
- RAILWAY DUMP (O.20.c.1.3.)

R.E. material is brought forward to these dumps by light Railways.

CURRIE Dump supplying the Right Battalion; BELL FARM Dump the Right Centre Battalion; and RAILWAY Dump the Left and Left Centre Battalions.

These dumps are in charge of N.C.O's from the Field Company Engineers employed in the sector with men attached from the Battalions for loading and unloading.

The Right Battalion has forward R.E. Dumps at LA PETITE DOUVE FARM, U.8.b.5.5., and at BETHLEEM Road, U.3.d.8.3., to which R.E. material is brought forward from CURRIE Dump. on light railways and tramways, and then carried forward by carrying parties to works.

Right Centre Battalion Has forward R.E. Dumps at SWAYNES Farm O.32.d.3.9., and at a point near FANNYS Farm, O.33, Central. The material is brought forward to these dumps on light railways and tramways, and then carried forward by carrying parties to works.

The Left Centre Battalion has a forward R.E. dump at ULSTER HOUSE, O.27.c.10.85., and another at O.26.d.60.65., where material is carried from RAILWAY DUMP by carrying parties, and then forward by night to the works.

The Left Battalion has a forward R.E. Dump at VERNE DUMP, O.21, Central, where material is carried from RAILWAY DUMP by carrying parties, and from there forward by night to works, up MANCHESTER STREET.

POLICY.

The policy followed aims at making the position safe and tenable, by wiring, construction of new Defensive positions, and providing accommodation for the garrisons thereof.

FIELD COYS.

Two Field Companies are allotted for work in the Brigade Sector, the one working in the Right and Right Centre Battalions' Sub-sectors, and the other in the Left and Left Centre Battalions' Sub-sectors.

ENGINEER OFFICERS.

Each Battalion has an Engineer Officer attached to work in liaison with the Battalion Works Officer and each Battalion has a number of Sappers allotted to them to work with the Battalion under the direction of the Engineer Officer.

WORKS OFFICERS

An Officer is appointed by Brigade to act as Brigade Works Officer and each Battalion has appointed a Battalion Works Officer.

DUTIES OF WORKS OFFICERS.

The Brigade Works Officer in conjunction with an Engineer Officer, who is attached to Brigade Headquarters, inspects work done by the Battalions, and any suggested new work or any alterations or additions in work are notified to the Battalion Commander in whose sector the work is required. General supervision of the whole work in the Brigade Area is done by the Brigade Works Officer and the Engineer Officer attached to Brigade.

The Battalion Works Officer is responsible for his Battalion Area, and is also responsible for the allotment of tasks and arrangements of all working and carrying parties which are requisitioned for, and obtained direct from his Battalion. Battalion Works Officers are not changed while the Battalions are in the line, and are attached to Battalion Headquarters, where all requisitions from Company Commanders for work requiring attention, are sent. He is responsible for the amount of work done, and for all necessary guides for parties proceeding to work, and notify his Battalion of numbers required and when and where they are to report.

CO-OPERATION WITH ENGINEERS.

The Officer from the Field Company attached to each Battalion is responsible only for the quality of the work done, and works in close liaison with the Battalion Works Officer, and gives technical advice.

WORKING PARTIES.

To ensure continuity of work, Battalions as far as possible, detail same party under the same Officer for the same work. 'Piece Work' principle, wherever possible, is adopted. Names of Officers and N.C.O's in charge of each party are kept at Battalion Headquarters. Parties are given about six hours work to do, and are allowed to return on completion of their work, similarly carrying parties are given a definite amount of material to be shifted, and dismissed as soon as they finish task.

Two Battalions from the Reserve Brigade are employed partly on the reserve system of the Forward Zone, and partly on the firing line system of the Second Zone.

REPORTS.

The Battalion Works Officers furnish daily reports to Brigade Works Officer, shewing in detail the amount of work done,

the location of work, number of men employed, hours worked, material used, and measurement of work completed to. This reaches Brigade Headquarters daily at 1100 and shows work done for 24 hours ending 0600 on that morning.

The Battalion Works Officers also keep up to date, maps of their areas, shewing work completed, in course of completion, and contemplated.

The Daily Intelligence Report includes any extra work done. The Brigade Works Officer forwards weekly to Division a summary of work completed and in hand by Battalions.

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APPENDIX 'E'

INTELLIGENCE.

Primarily, Companies in the line are responsible for the collection of information at first hand. For this purpose, Company Intelligence personnel consist of 1 N.C.O. and 8 trained men and Battalion Intelligence personnel of 1 Officer and 11 Other Ranks.

This information when collected, is forwarded to Battalion Hqrs., and thence to Brigade Hqrs. and so on. The Battalion Intelligence Officer brings to the notice of his Commanding officer any points upon which the Battalion or attached arms of the Service, can take action. Similar procedure is followed at Brigade Hqrs.

The distribution of information received from higher authority or from other sources is also part of the duties of the Brigade and Battalion Intelligence Staffs.

For the purpose of collecting information, advantage is taken of the following means :-

- (1) Ground observation
- (2) Patrols
- (3) Prisoners

As regards (1), the topography of the Brigade sector is exceptionally suitable for good observation of the enemy's country. On clear days, enemy country as far back as the line CHELUVÉ, DOUSBECQUE, LINSELLETS is kept under observation.

There are 6 Observation Posts in the Sector sited on commanding positions as under :-

Brigade O.P.	O. 33. C. 40. 35
Right Bn. O.P.	U. 4. E. 80. 25.
Right Centre Bn. O.P.	O. 34. E. 30. 12
Left Centre Bn. O.P. No 1	O. 27. D. 90. 65
" " " " No 2	O. 27. A. 20. 40.
Left Bn. O.P.	O. 20. D. 05. 20.

In addition to these, there are Company O.P's generally situated in Commanding positions in vicinity of the Picquet line.

(2) Patrols - A vigorous policy of patrolling is carried out with the object primarily of obtaining information of the enemy and secondarily of maintaining control of NO MAN'S LAND. One or two trained Intelligence men accompany all patrols.

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(3) Prisoners. Prisoners when taken are first questioned at Battalion Hqrs. by the German speaking man of the Battalion Intelligence section. This examination is brief and is confined to those subjects which immediately affect the Battalion.

On the prisoner's arrival at Brigade Hqrs., he is more thoroughly examined by the Divisional Intelligence officer, who hastens to Brigade Hqrs. for that purpose.

Documents, maps etc. are taken from captured Officers, but not from O'Rks. at Battalion Hqrs. and are forwarded with the escort.

Receipts are handed to the escort for all prisoners.

To facilitate the methodical collection and distribution of information, Intelligence Summaries are composed daily and distributed by the Bdo. To enable this to be done, the following returns are rendered daily by units :-

0400 and 1600	-	Situation Reports
0820		Unit Intelligence Summary (0800 - 0800)

The Brigade Intelligence Summary is due at D.H.Q. by 1200.

The situation reports are due at D.H.Q. at 0430 and 1630.

Bdo. Intelligence Summaries go to all units and to Division.

Miscellaneous :- The amount of defensive wiring done in the 24 hours is included in Intelligence Summaries. Disposition reports are rendered on reliefs being completed, and also on any change in disposition.

Patrol Report forms with map on back, are issued and used by Battalions.

Communications.

The Signal Communications in the Right Brigade Sector are as follows :-

From Brigade Headquarters to Divisional Headquarters -

- Two pairs speaking lines via buried cable system (one pair superimposed for sounder working).
- Motor Cyclist Despatch Rider.
- Visual signal via KEMMEL Visual Station, thence to Divisional Headquarters by phono direct.

Telephone Lines forward of Brigade Headquarters -

1 pair metallic to each Battalion in the line direct, and one to each the Forward and Rear Machine ^{Gun} Companies, and the L.T.M. Battery.

Each Battalion in the line is connected laterally by direct telephone line to the Battalion on its right and left flank. The Left Battalion in the line is also connected direct to the Right Battalion of the Left Brigade, and the Right Battalion in the line to the Left Battalion of the Right Brigade. The Right Brigade Headquarters is connected laterally to the Brigade on the Right and the Brigade on the left.

"W.Y." Runner Relay Post is connected by telephone to Brigade Headquarters via Right Centre Battalion, and "J.C." Runner Relay Post is connected to Brigade Headquarters via the Rear M.G. Company.

The Right Field Company - CURRIE DUMP - KANDAHAR FARM - C.C.S. and the RESERVE Battalion are connected direct to Brigade Headquarters by telephone.

All the above telephones are via Buried Cable System, with the exception of the Reserve Battalion, which is 'Overland'.

Visual Signal.

Permanent Visual Signal Stations are established at Brigade Headquarters, T.6.c.60.70.

- 'WY' Relay Post, O.32.d.25.00.
- Mt. KEMMEL (Central Visual Station)
- Left Brigade Relay, O.19.d.90.35.

Runners.

Runner Relay Posts are established at :-

- 'W.Y.' Runner Relay Post, O.32.d.25.00.
- 'J.C.' (LA PETITE DOUVE FARM) U.8.a.90.40.
- Brigade Headquarters, T.6.c.60.70.
- Left Battalion in Line, O.20.d.20.30.
- Left Centre Bn. in Line, O.26.d.10.70.
- Right Centre Bn. in Line, O.34.b.30.20.
- Right Bn. in Line, U.4.c.20.20.
- Left Brigade Runner Post, O.19.d.90.35.

Power Buzzer and Amplifiers.

A chain of P.B. and A. Stations is established as follows :-

U.4.c.20.30.	in communication with
U.5.b.30.30.	" "
O.28.b.60.10.	" "
O.27.a.30.60.	

The station at U.4.c.20.20. is in touch with Brigade Headquarters via Battalion telephone, and the station at O.27.a.30.60. with the Left Brigade Headquarters via exchange at DERRY HOUSE.

Carrier Pigeon Service.

Supplies of carrier pigeons are available on demand by Commanding Officers of Battalions. These may be sent forward of Battalion Headquarters at the discretion of C.O's.

Wireless.

A wireless station is established at U.9.b.90.90. in touch with directing station at Divisional Headquarters.

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SECRET

Copy No.

2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 74.

HEADQUARTERS,
26th January, 1918.

Reference Sheet 28, 1:40,000

1. The 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade (less 2nd Aust. Machine Gun Company) will be relieved by the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade on the 29th January, and will proceed by march route to the LOCRE Area in accordance with the attached Move Table.
2. (a) Defence Schemes, maps, photographs, Works policy and all documents and information of use to the incoming Units will be handed over.
(b) Area stores will be handed over and receipts obtained on pro forma sent to all concerned.
Two copies will be sent to this Office by noon on 30th January.
(c) On arrival in the LOCRE Area defence schemes which have been prepared for the Brigade in Support will be taken over and orders for action in accordance therewith will be promulgated to all concerned. A certificate that this has been done will be furnished to this Office by noon on 30th instant.
3. For the purpose of handing over one Officer per Battalion and one N.C.O. per Company will remain behind when the Brigade moves out, and will await the arrival of the incoming Units.
4. All camps will be left in a scrupulously clean condition. A certificate in duplicate to that effect will be obtained from the Area Commandant. One copy will be forwarded to this Office by noon on 30th January.
5. Billeting parties of one Officer and four N.C.O's per Battalion and one Officer and one N.C.O. from 2nd A.L.T.M. Battery will be sent on the morning of 28th January to take over their respective camps in the new area, and will await the arrival of their Units there.
6. The following distances will be maintained on the march :-

Between Battalions	-	500 yards
" Companies	-	100 "
" Unit and its Transport	-	100 yards.
7. Two Companies of the 7th Battalion, each of 100 Privates with proportion of Officers and N.C.O's, will move to LINDENHOEK Camp on the morning of 29th January, and will be billeted there. These Companies will be employed on work in the present area. Further particulars will be notified later.
8. Separate instructions for the relief of 2nd Aust. Machine Gun Company will be issued later.
9. Brigade Headquarters will close at RAMILLIES Camp at 9-30 a.m. on 29th January and open at LOCRE at the same hour.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. F. Watson

 Captain,
 Brigade Major,
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Distribution :-

Copy No.	To whom.	Time.	Method.
1	File.		
2/4	War Diary		
5	5th Battalion	9 p.m.	D.R.
6	6th Battalion	"	"
7	7th Battalion	"	"
8	8th Battalion	"	"
9	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
10	2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
11	No. 4 Sig. Section	"	"
12	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
13	1st Aust. Division	"	"
14	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
15	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
16	14th Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
17	Area Commdt. KEMMEL	"	"
18	" " WULVERGHEM	"	"
19	" " LOCRE	"	"
20	Brigade Major	"	"
21	Staff Captain	"	"
22	Bde. Intel. Officer	"	"
23	Bde. Works Officer	"	"

1. For the purpose of handing over one Officer per Battalion and one N.C.O. per Company will remain behind when the Brigades move out, and will await the arrival of the incoming units.
2. All orders will be left in a secure place in a secure condition. A certificate in duplicate to that effect will be obtained from the Area Commandant. One copy will be forwarded to this Office by noon on 20th January.
3. Allowing parties of one Officer and four N.C.O.'s per Battalion and one Officer and one N.C.O. from the 2nd A.L.T.M. Battery will be sent on the morning of 20th January to take over their respective camps in the new area, and will await the arrival of their units there.
4. The following distances will be maintained on the march :-
 - Between Battalions - 500 yards
 - Companies - 100 "
 - Unit and its Transport - 100 yards
5. Two Companies of the 7th Battalion, each of 100 privates with proportion of Officers and N.C.O.'s will move to LINDENHURST Camp on the morning of 20th January, and will be billeted there. These Companies will be employed on work in the present area. Further particulars will be notified later.
6. Separate instructions for the relief of 2nd Aust. Machine Gun Company will be issued later.
7. Brigade Headquarters will close at 24.00 hours on 20th January and open at 06.00 hours on 21st January and open at 06.00 hours at the same hour.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H.F. Waters
 Captain
 Brigade Major
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 74.

U N I T.	FROM.	TO.	ROUTE.	REMARKS.
5th Battalion	GABLE FARM	BIBB BARRACKS (M.29.a.8.9.)	via DAYLIGHT COR- NER & DRANOUTRE.	To leave GABLE FARM at 9 a.m.
6th Battalion	RAMILLIES CAMP.	KEMMEL HUTS (N.19.d.4.4.)		To pass Crossroads at N.21.d.5.4. at 9-45 a.m.
7th Battalion, (loss 2 Coys.)	ROSSIGNOL CAMP.	WAKEFIELD CAMP (M.29.c.8.8.)	via BRULOOZE & LOCRE.	To pass Crossroads at N.21.d.5.4. at 9-30 a.m.
8th Battalion	WULVERGHEM	DONCASTER HUTS (M.28.b.9.5.)	via DAYLIGHT COR- NER - DRANOUTRE - LOCRE.	To pass GABLE FARM at 9-20 a.m.
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	KEMMEL	M.18.d.5.5.	via BRULOOZE	To pass Crossroads at N.21.d.5.4. at 10 a.m.

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HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,

28th JANUARY, 1918.



APPENDIX 6

5th Bn.
6th Bn.
7th Bn.
8th Bn.
2nd M.G. Coy.
2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.
1st Australian Division.

TRAINING.

The training of the Brigade while in the LOORE Area will be on the general lines laid down in 1st Australian Divisional General Staff Memorandum No. 39, issued to all Units.

The hours of training will be :-

Morning (devoted to military training) - 8-30 a.m. to 12 noon.
Afternoon (devoted to recreational training) - 2 p.m. to 3-30 p.m.

Wednesday afternoon in each week will be a half holiday.

Units will send to Brigade Headquarters by 6 p.m. on Saturday in each week their proposed training syllabi for the following week. Should C.O's consider it necessary at any time to alter their syllabi, the Brigade will be notified of the proposed change.

Programmes will be so arranged that the training is progressive and the gradual hardening up of the men will be aimed at.

Particular attention will be paid to musketry, fire discipline and fire control. Rapid loading will be practiced daily.

When route marches are laid down in a Unit's programme the starting time and route to be followed will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by 6 p.m. on the day previous to that on which the march is to take place.

In marches over three miles, marching order will be worn; in all other forms of military training the dress will be fighting order.

One march of not less than 15 miles will take place in each week.

All men must take part in the recreational training, those who do not put sufficient energy into this form of training will be noted, and their afternoons devoted to ordinary military training. On special occasions (e.g. when finals of football competitions are taking place) this rule may be departed from on application being made to Brigade.

Attention is called to G.S. Memo No. 34 of 22nd November, 1917.

The following classes will be held under Brigade arrangements :-

Senior N.C.O's class - 20 N.C.O's per Bn. General Infantry Training. (1st course already started).

Musketry class extending over a period of 10 working days. - 10 N.C.O's or Senior Privates per Bn. 1st course assembles 8-30 a.m. on 31st inst. Names of those selected to attend will be sent to this Office by 6 p.m. on 30th instant.

Signalling class - 1 Officer and 8 Other Ranks per Bn., and 2 Other Ranks from 2nd M.G. Coy, extending over a period of 3 weeks. (1st course already started.)

Intelligence Class - 5 Other Ranks per Bn., extending over a period of 6 working days. 1st course assembles 8-30 a.m. on 31st instant. Names of those selected to attend will be sent to reach this Office by 6 p.m. on 30th instant.

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In addition to the above, Units will hold classes in all forms of specialist work.

Brigade Syllabus of Training for the period 30th January to 9th February is attached.

H. F. Watson

Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

The following is the syllabus of training for the period 30th January to 9th February...

The hours of training will be as follows:

Morning (devoted to military training) - 8.30 a.m. to 12 noon.
Afternoon (devoted to recreational training) - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

On Saturdays afternoon in each week will be a half holiday.

Units will send to Brigade Headquarters by 5 p.m. on Saturday in each week their proposed training syllabus for the following week. Should the C.O.'s consider it necessary at any time to alter their syllabus, the Brigade will be notified of the proposed change.

Progress will be so arranged that the training is progressive and the gradual hardening up of the men will be aimed at.

Particular attention will be paid to marching, fire discipline and live control. Rapid loading will be practised daily.

When route marches are laid down in a Unit's programme the starting time and route to be followed will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by 5 p.m. on the day previous so that on which the march is to take place.

In marches over three miles, marching order will be used. In all other forms of military training the dress will be fighting order.

One march of not less than 3 miles will take place in each week. All men must take part in the recreational training, those who do not put sufficient energy into this form of training will be noted, and their attention directed to ordinary military training. On special occasions (e.g. when trials of football competitions are taking place) the programme departed from on application being made to Brigade.

Attention is called to G.O. Memo No. 24 of 22nd November, 1917.

The following classes will be held under Brigade arrangements:-

Senior N.C.O.'s class - 20 N.C.O.'s per Br. General Infantry Training. (This course already started.)

Junior N.C.O.'s class - extending over a period of 10 working days. - 10 N.C.O.'s per Br. General Infantry Training. (This course already started.)

Names of those selected to attend will be sent to this Office by 5 p.m. on 30th January.

Signalling class - 1 Officer and 8 Other Ranks per Br. and 8 Other Ranks from 2nd N.C.O.'s Coy., extending over a period of 3 weeks. (This course already started.)

Intelligence class - 8 Other Ranks per Br., extending over a period of 6 working days. (This course already started.)

Names of those selected to attend will be sent to this Office by 5 p.m. on 30th January.

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BRIGADE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD
30th JANUARY - 9th FEBRUARY, 1918.

Date.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.
Jany. 30th.	Reorganisation; cleaning up; & resting.	Half holiday.
31st.	Physical training; platoon and squad drill; bayonet fighting; musketry; rapid loading with dummies; Lewis guns; bombs and rifle grenades; gas drill; saluting.	Recreational training.
Feby. 1st.	do	do
2nd.	do	do
3rd.	CHURCH PARADES.	-
4th.	Physical training; platoon and squad drill; company drill; bayonet fighting; musketry; rapid loading with dummies; Lewis guns; bombs and rifle grenades; gas drill; saluting; and route marches.	Recreational training.
5th.	do	do
6th.	do	Half holiday.
7th.	do	Recreational training.
8th.	do	do
9th.	do	do

2nd A.M.G. Coy. and 2nd A.L.T.M. Bty. will base their training programmes on the above, substituting their own form of specialist training where purely infantry work occurs above.



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RESERVE BRIGADE, - 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

8th January, 1918.

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SEC. II. DESCRIPTION OF DEFENCES.
SEC. III. METHOD OF HOLDING THE AREA.
SEC. IV. ACTION OF THE RESERVE BRIGADE IN CASE OF ATTACK.

APPENDICES.

- "A" LOCATIONS OF HEADQUARTERS.
"B" ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS
"C" MEDICAL.
~~"D" WORKS~~
"E" COMMUNICATIONS
"F" TRAINING FACILITIES.

D E F E N C E S C E N E .

RESERVE BRIGADE. - 1st AUST. DIVISIONAL FRONT.

Reference , Sheet 28.S.7.
1:20,000

Section 1.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DIVISIONAL AREA.

(i) Frontage -

The frontage held by the Division extends from the River DOUVE inclusive at U.11.b.6.4, to the HOLLEBEKE Road exclusive at O.12.a.6.2., a distance of about 6,700 yards.

(ii) Boundaries -

(a) Divisional

Right - The DOUVE River through U.11.b.3.6. to U.8.central, thence through U.13.b.0.8. - T.18.b.7.5. - T.11.d.7.4.

Left - From Lock No.5 to O.12.a.0.6., thence along the HOLLEBEKE - ST FLOI Road exclusive to ST FLOI, thence to VIERSTRAAT.

(b) Inter-Brigade

From O.29.d.60.15 along the BLAUWPOORTBEEK to O.33.b.45.55 to O.31.central.

(iii) Topography -

The most important tactical feature in the forward area is the WITSCHAETE - BESSINES Ridge, running from N.W. to S.E. through squares O.19, O.26., and O.32. From this main ridge project eastwards four minor spurs named respectively from right to left the GAPAARD, WAMBEEK, OOSTTAVERNE and HOLLEBEKE spurs. The ground slopes gradually to the east from the main ridge and except where broken by folds is practically all under direct observation by the enemy

The low lying ground in the valleys of the DOUVE, BLAUWPOORTBEEK, WAMBEEK and ROOZEBEEK is very marshy and after rain impassable to troops, but in frosty weather presents no obstacle

SECTION 11.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFENCES.

The defences of the area are divided into two systems - the Front Zone and the Second ZONE.

(1) Front Zone.

The Front Zone which is held by the two Brigades in the line comprises the Outpost System, the Support System and the Reserve System.

- (a) The Outpost System consists of a line of detached posts with a picquet line 50 to 100 yards in rear of the posts.
- (b) The Support System consists of a series of Strong Posts on the general line U.5.c.9.9. - 0.34.central - 0.28.c.8.1. - 0.22.c.5.6. - BJG FARM - The RAVINE - DFLBSKT FARM.
- (c) The Reserve System consists of a line of posts and trenches on the general line U.4.d.0.0. - 0.34.a.0.0. - 0.27.d.3.0. - 0.21.c.8.0. - 0.21.c.8.8. - 0.21.a.4.7. - DENNIS WOOD - PEASANT WOOD.

All three systems are wired and are connected by communication trenches.

(2) Second Zone.

The Second Zone is under Divisional control. It is only partially completed but has a practically continuous belt of wire running along its whole front.

SECTION III.

METHOD OF HOLDING THE AREA.

The defence of the Front Zone is allotted to two Brigades of Infantry and a Divisional Machine Gun Company, with a Battalion from the Reserve Brigade attached to the Left Brigade as a Brigade reserve.

- (a) The Right Sector is held with two Battalions in the line, one in Support and one in Reserve. Two companies of each Battalion in the line hold the outpost system and one company from each Battalion is quartered in the support and reserve systems. The fourth company of each Battalion in the line is quartered in the vicinity of Battalion Headquarters (U.4.c.3.2.) on the right and O.32.w. & d. on the left.

The Support Battalion is situated as under -

- One Coy. at BETHLEHEM Road Dugouts
- Two Coys. and Battalion H.Qrs. at BRISTOL CASTLE, T.6.e. & d.
- One Coy. at WULVERGHEM Camp (T.5.a.)

The Reserve Battalion is quartered in WULVERGHEM Camp with Battalion Headquarters at T.5.a.10.45.

Brigade Headquarters are situated at LILO FARM (T.9.d.6.3.)

- (b) The Left Sector is held with four Battalions in the line and one Battalion in reserve. One Company from each Battalion in the line holds the Outpost system, the remaining three companies of each Battalion in the line being distributed in depth over the Support and Reserve Systems.

The Reserve Battalion is situated as under -

- Battalion Headquarters at O.25.b.17.20.
- 2 Coys. at O.25.a.
- 1 Coy. at O.19.b.5.9.
- 1 Coy. at O.19.b.6.0.

The Divisional M.G. Company, with Headquarters at DELBSKE Farm (O.10.w.13. is attached to the left Brigade for the defence of the sector.

- (c) The Reserve Brigade (less 1 Battalion) is the Divisional Reserve and is situated as under -

- Bde. H.Qrs. RAMILLIES Camp, N.27.b.1.5.
- "A" Bn (less 2 Coys.) do do
- 1 Coy. of "A" Bn. LINDENHOEK Camp, N.27.c.9.2.
- 1 Coy. of "A" Bn. WULVERGHEM, T.5.a.
- "B" Bn. ROSSIGNOL Camp, N.21.b.9.1.
- "C" Bn. IRISH HOUSE, N.23.c.8.7.
- M.G. Coy. BULLY BEFF FARM, N.29.c.1.9.
- L.T.M.Bty. KEMMEL

- (d) The Divisional front is covered by three groups of Field Artillery, known respectively from Right to Left as the MESSINES, OOSTTAVERNE and HOLLEBEKE Groups.

(e) anti-aircraft guns for the defence of the area in which the Reserve Brigade is quartered are mounted as under -

- 2 Vickers H. Gs. at N. 29, c. 1, 9.
- 2 Lewis Guns at E. 27, b. 1, 5
- 2 Lewis Guns at N. 21, b. 9, 1.
- 1 Lewis Gun at N. 23, c. 8, 7.

SECTION 17.

ACTION OF THE RESERVE BRIGADE IN CASE OF ATTACK.

1. The Reserve Brigade will be prepared to move at all times at 20 minutes notice.
2. In the event of a hostile attack the Reserve Brigade will be used to assist if necessary the Brigades holding the Front Zone or the Brigades on either flank of the Division.
3. On receipt of the order "Day Concentration Reserve Brigade Scheme A" the Reserve Brigade will move with all speed to the position of assembly in squares O.19, a and O.13, c, as under -

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>Route.</u>
Ede. H. Qrs.	RAMILLIES Camp	CATACOMBS (O.19, b. 9, 7.)	
'A' Bn.	do	O.19, a.	As per attached map.
'B' Bn.	ROSSIGNOL Camp.	O.13, c.	As per attached map.
'C' Bn.	IRISH HOUSE	O.19, a.	As per attached map.
H.G. Coy.	BULLY BEEF FARM	O.19, Central.	
L.T.M. Bty.	KELMEL	O.19, central.	

4. On receipt of the order "Night Concentration Reserve Brigade Scheme A", the Reserve Brigade will move with all speed to the positions of assembly in ONRAET WOOD as under -

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>Route.</u>
Ede. H. Qrs.	RAMILLIES Camp.	CATACOMBS (O.19, b. 9, 7.)	
'A' Bn.	do	ONRAET WOOD.	As per attached map.
'B' Bn.	ROSSIGNOL Camp.	O.14, a. 2, 4.	As per attached map.
'C' Bn.	IRISH HOUSE	ONRAET FARM (O.14, a.)	As per attached map.
H.G. Coy.	BULLY BEEF Farm	HOSPICE (O.19, a.)	
L.T.M. Bty.	KELMEL.	do	

5. On receipt of the order "Concentration Reserve Brigade Scheme B" the Reserve Brigade will move with all speed to the position of assembly on the general line N. 36, a, central to N. 29, b, central as under -

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>Route.</u>
Ede. H. Qrs.	RAMILLIES Camp.	REGENTS DUGOUTS.	
'A' Bn.	do	N. 29, d. 7, 7.	As per attached map.
'B' Bn.	ROSSIGNOL Camp.	N. 29, b. 7, 3.	As per attached map.
'C' Bn.	IRISH HOUSE	N. 30, c. 1, 7.	As per attached map.
H.G. Coy.	BULLY BEEF FARM	N. 29, a.	
L.T.M. Bty.	KELMEL.	N. 29, a.	

6. Arrivals of Units at assembly positions will be reported at once to Brigade Headquarters.
7. Movement from the assembly positions forward will depend on the situation, but all Officers and N.C.Os. must make a thorough reconnaissance, not only ^{of} routes to the assembly positions, but forward therefrom, both to the Right and Left Sectors.
8. Parties working East of the MESSINES - WYTSCHAATTE Ridge at the time a hostile attack eventuates will act in conjunction with the troops on the spot, but all other working parties will concentrate with their Battalions, who will be responsible for warning them.
9. Working parties will always have their rifles and equipment with them.
10. In the event of a gas attack the standing orders for defence against gas (S.S.193.) will obtain. Box respirators will always be carried in the Divisional area.

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Captain,
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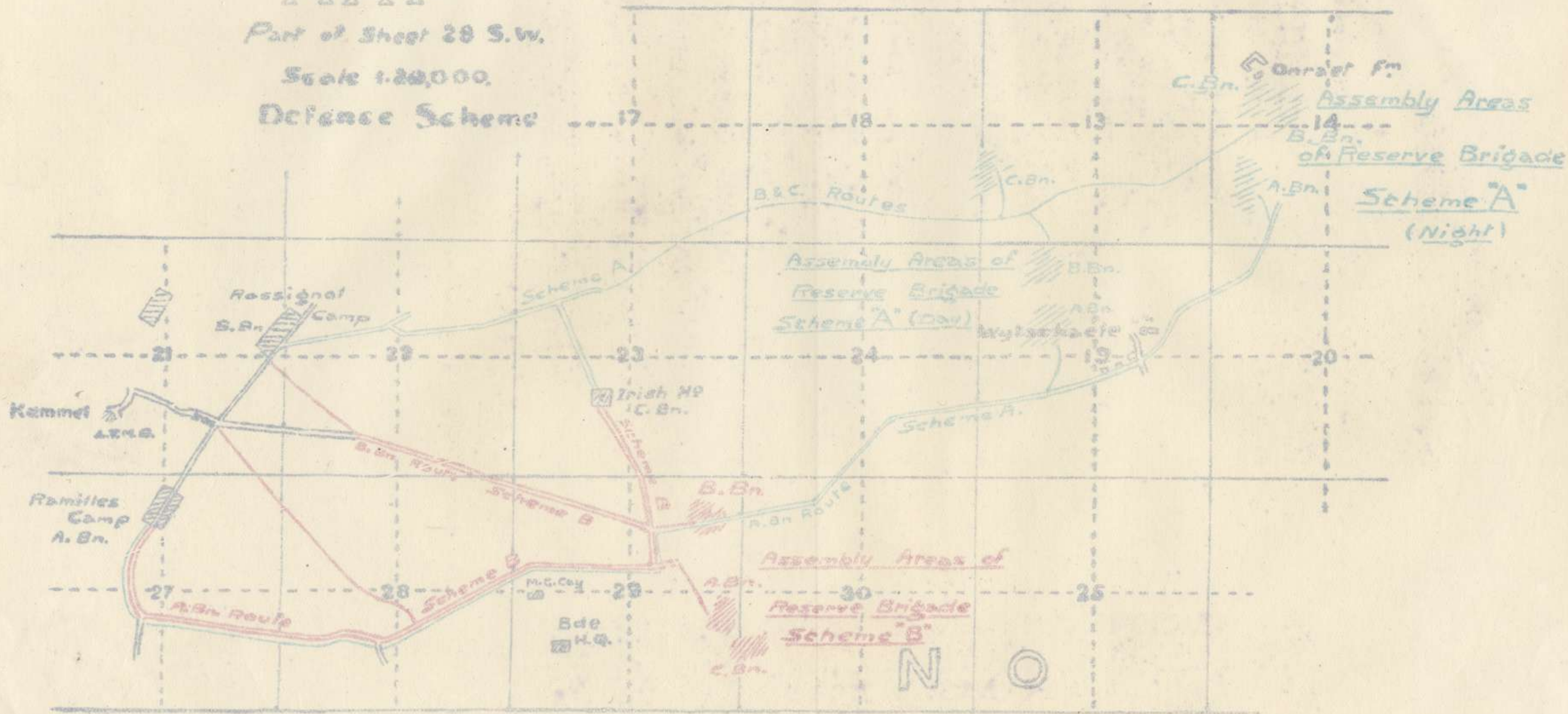
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APPENDIX '*'.

LOCATIONS OF HEADQUARTERS.

Division.	DRANOUTRE.	
Right Brigade	MILLAND FARM	T. 6. 0. 9. 7.
Left Brigade	REGENTS DUGOUTS	N. 29. 0. 5. 5.
Reserve Brigade	RAILLIES CAMP.	N. 27. b. 1. 5.
Right Bn. Right Bde.		U. 4. e. 4. 2.
Left Bn. Right Bde.		U. 34. b. 2. 3.
Support Bn. Right Bde.		T. 6. c. 1. 2.
Reserve Bn. Right Bde.		T. 5. a. 1. 5.
M.G. Coy. Right Bde.		U. 3. a. 1. 1.
L.T.M.Bty. Right Bde.		U. 3. a. 1. 1.
Right Bn. Left Bde.		O. 26. d. 1. 7.
Right Centre Bn. Left Bde.		O. 20. d. 2. 3.
Left Centre Bn. Left Bde.		O. 20. b. 2. 3.
Left Bn. Left Bde.		O. 14. a. 2. 1.
Reserve Bn. Left Bde.		O. 25. b. 0. 4.
M.G. Coy.		O. 20. b. 6. 5.
L.T.M.Bty.		O. 27. a. 3. 6.
Divisional M.G. Coy.		O. 10. b. 1. 3.
'A' Bn. Reserve Bde.		N. 27. b. 1. 5.
'B' Bn. Reserve Bde.		N. 21. b. 9. 1.
'C' Bn. Reserve Bde.		N. 23. c. 8. 7.
M.G. Coy. Reserve Bde.		N. 29. 0. 1. 9.
L.T.M.Bty. Reserve Bde.		KIEBEL.
MESSINES Group Artillery		T. 6. 0. 3. 7.
COSTAVERNE Group Artillery		N. 29. c. 5. 5.
HOLLEBEKE Group Artillery		N. 32. 0. 8. 7.
Bde. on right of Divisional Sector		B. 4. c. 0. 8.
Bde. on left of Divisional Sector		I. 32. a. 8. 5.
Bn. on right of Divisional Sector		U. 9. b. 6. 4.
Bn. on left of Divisional Sector		I. 34. b. 2. 3.

APPENDIX 'B'.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

The Brigade being in reserve, and liable to be called into support of either left or right Brigade in the line, will make use of existing administrative arrangements in whichever sector they are to operate.

2. AMMUNITION
SUPPLY.

(a) Right Brigade Sector. Advanced Divisional Dump
Souvenir Farm, T.5.d.5.6.

Right Brigade Dump, SCHNITZELL Dump, U.3.c.9.1.

Left Brigade Dump, MOULIN de L'HOSPICE, U.2.a.7.9.

Right Sector. - A light tramway runs from SCHNITZELL Dump to Right Bn. H.Qrs. and ammunition is forwarded from Brigade Dump to Bn. by this line. NEW CROSS C.T. also runs from SCHNITZELL Dump to Bn. H.Qrs and is revetted and duck-boarded the whole way.

Left Sector. - A duckboarded walk exists from MOULIN Dump to the NESSINES-TYTSCHAERT Road at O.32. D.4.g., at which point carrying parties enter FANNY C.T., which is a direct route to Left Bn. H.Qrs.

Each Platoon Post in the Front, Support and Reserve line contains and will maintain :-

6,000 rounds S.A.A.
50 Mills No.5 Bombs.

(b) Left Brigade Sector.

Brigade - PICK HOUSE O.26.a.6.5. for Right Battns.
VERNE DUMP O.21. Central do
LE DE STERKTE GALT. (or CLARKE) DUMP
O.15.a.4.3. for Left Battns.

Battalion - Right Ln. O.27.c.8.1. and HOW FARE
Right Centre Bn. O.22.a.3.2.
Left Centre Bn. O.20.b.2.1. & O.17.b.5.3.
Left Ln. O.16.a.8.6.

Brigade Dumps are maintained through Brigade Headquarters from Divisional Dump by the 1st Line Transport of Battalions. An M.C.O. is placed in charge of each dump issuing to Battalions as required. Battalions supplying their own carrying parties for the purpose.

(c) In the event of the above dumps being inaccessible mobile reserve now in 1st Line Transport will be called upon and a forward dump thereby established. If this course is adopted, 1st Line wagons will immediately return to Main Divisional Dump, LA POLKA, K.21.d.7.3., to refill.

R.E. MATERIAL.

(a) Right Brigade Sector.

R.E. DUMPS. - Main Divisional Dump is located at T.3.d.2.9.

On the RIGHT Bn. Sector - CURRIE^{R.F.} Dump, located at T.12.o.6.4., from which point stores are forwarded by light railway to the Bn. H.Qrs. Auxiliary Dump is at LA PETITE DOUVE Dump, U.8.a.5.5.

On the LEFT Bn. Sector, BELL FARM R.E. DUMP, located at O.3.l.O.l.4., from which point a light railway runs to Bn. H.Qrs.

Auxiliary Dump is at SWAYNE'S FARM at O.32.d.3.9.

(b) Left Brigade Sector.

The two main dumps are PARI'A Dump (N.18.a.6.8.) and RAILWAY Dump (O.20.o.2.2.). From PARI'A Dump material is brought forward, through ONVART WOOD to Left Bn. Sector.

RAILWAY Dump is conveniently situated and stocked to supply the other Battalions in Left Brigade Sector.

4. RATIONS.

Railhead for line and reserve Brigades - BRILOOZE.

Refilling point and Brigade Dump for Reserve Brigade.

ARTILLERY ROAD (N.31.o.7.4.). Rations are drawn and

conveyed to Q.M.'s stores at the Wagon Lines - KEEFEL

(N.21.o.7.6.) where they are cut up and distributed by

1st Line Transport to Battalion Camps or bivouacs.

The Front Line Brigades will have Brigade Supply Dump

now at -

Right Brigade	N.23.o.8.8.
Left Brigade	N.27.a.8.2.

where rations will be cut up and taken forward on

light railways and tramways. In the case of the

Left Brigade the tramways, as yet, do not extend quite

far enough to be really useful in saving horse transport,

and carrying parties, but the Right Brigade is complete

and rations are taken direct to cookers.

In the event of Railways being disorganized or damaged

and so not able to be used, 1st Line Transport will

clear rations from these Brigade Dumps and convey

forward as before, or to such place as cookers may be

established.

- 3 -

WATER

Water is drawn from the following points :-

(a) Right Sector.Support and Reserve Bns. - at T.5.d.8.4. and
Bde. H.Qrs.

Left Bn. - U.1.b.3.4.

Right Bn. - U.7.a.6.5.

Left Bn. also uses well in MESSINES at U.32.d.8.1.,
and running stream in rear of Bn. H.Qrs. at
O.31.b.3.2.Right Bn. also uses stream running from U.2.b.98.00.
to U.2.d.85.50, water drawn at U.2.d.8.7; and LA
DOUVE RIVER, water drawn at U.9.b.9.6.(b) Left Sector.

Right Bn. - Spring at ULSTER HOUSE

Right Centre Bn. - O.20.d.1.4. and R.A.P.

O.21.c.8.8.

Left Centre Bn. - O.20.a.3.3., O.14.d.5.6.,
VERNE DUMP (O.21. Central).

Left Bn. - O.14.a.3.1., DENYS WOOD

(O.9.d.8.8.)

RAVINE O.10.d.2.7.

In addition to the above, there are water points
at N.24.c.8.2. and N.28.b.9.8., both on GORDON
ROAD. There are also a number of other springs
and wells in the area, which will be tested and
marked in due course.6. RESERVE RATIONS.(a) Right Brigade.

(i) Reserve Rations are located as under :-

Left Bn. H.Qrs. - 1,500 rations in Pill Box No.30.

Right Bn. H.Qrs. - 1,500 rations in Pill Box No.13 at

(BETHLEHEM).

(ii) SUPPORTING POINT RATIONS are located as under:-

Left Sector - 600 tins preserved meat = 800 rations
500 lbs. biscuits = 800 rations

MOULIN DUMP.

Right Sector - 600 tins preserved meat = 800 rations
500 lbs biscuits = 800 rations

SCHNITZELL DUMP.

(b) Left BrigadeReserve Rations are stored in the vicinity of the
Coy. Headquarters of Coy. in the line as follows:-

Right Bn. - about O.28.b.8.1. 1000 rations

Right Centre Bn. " O.22.d.9.4. 500 "

Left Centre Bn. " O.23.a.3.6. 1000 "

Left Bn. " O.11.b.2.4. 500 "

and also 450 rations at each Right Centre and Left
Centre Battalion Headquarters.Reserve of 50 petrol tins of water is kept at each
Battalion Headquarters

7. TRAFFIC.

During daylight in the Right Brigade sector no traffic, except Staff Cars and vehicles on road repair, is allowed to pass the following points :-

- Left sector T.6.o.3.6. (near Brigade H.Qrs.)
- Right Sector U.7.a.3.3. (near STINKING FARM)

Left Brigade Sector.

Headlights are not permitted further forward than the road R.E. Farm - KEMMEL - LA POLKA - LINDFNHOEK. Traffic is not allowed to proceed by day nor lights to be used by night forward of the line O.19.a.8.8. - O.19.c.5.6. - EARL FARM (O.25.d.). Transport must not proceed by day beyond RED CHATEAU on the VIERSTRAAT - WYTSCHAETE Road, except singly and then only under exceptional circumstances. Vehicles are forbidden to halt in daylight on the unscreened portions of the KEMMEL - WYTSCHAETE Road east of PECKHAM. A.P.M. Division supplies all traffic control posts in the area and Battalions place sentries on C.T.'s or roads in the foremost part of the area which it is forbidden to use in daylight. It is essential to prevent unnecessary movement by day in those parts of the area under observation to the enemy, especially in the vicinity of the WYTSCHAETE Ridge.

8. TRANSPORT LINES

Transport lines are situated as follows :-

- Reserve Brigade - KEMMEL
- Right Brigade - HILLSIDE Camp North (T.14.d.2.9.)
- Left Brigade - NORFOLK Camp, N.32.b.8.8.

9. PRISONERS OF WAR.

Main Corps cage is situated at BAILLEUL ASYLUM. All prisoners are, under normal circumstances, evacuated through Battalion Headquarters to Brigade Headquarters to Divisional Headquarters.

In the event of a big engagement, relay posts would be established and a Brigade Detention Point established near Advanced Brigade Headquarters at which place prisoners would be taken over by Divisional M.P.

10. ORDNANCE.

Supplies from Ordnance are obtained direct from D.A.D.O. DRANOUTRE on 1st Line Transport.

11. R.E. SUPPLIES.

All R.E. Supplies, Dumps, and Work are dealt with in APPENDIX 'D'.

12. MEDICAL.

Is dealt with in APPENDIX 'C'.

13. CEMETERIES.

List of authorised Cemeteries in the Divisional Area are

- Dorry House, WYTSCHAETE. 28/O.27.a.15.20.
- OOSTTAVERLE Wood Cemetery No.1 WYTSCHAETE. 28/O.15.c.40.85.
- Torreken Farm Cemetery No.1, WYTSCHAETE. 28/O.20.c.95.10.
- Cabin Hill Cemetery, WYTSCHAETE. 28/O.
- La Laiterie Mty.Cty. Vierstraat Road. 28/N.18.d.2.5.
- KEMMEL Chateau Military Cemetery 28/N.21.b.3.3.

CEMETERIES.
(Continued.)

WINDENHOFK Chalet Military Cemetery.	28/T.27.c.9.9.
Beths'en East Cemetery, MFSSINES.	28/U.3.d.15.38.
Pent Farm, WULVERGHEM.	28/T.34.b.5.0.
Westhof Farm, NEUVE EGLISE.	28/T.19.b.3.5.
La Plus Douve Farm, near WULVERGHEM.	28/T.12.a.4.1.
Kandahar Farm, PLOEGSTERT.	28/T.10.b.80.75.
Rosenberg Chateau Military Cemetery ex PLOEGSTERT.	28/T.18.d.3.5.

Ration Farm (La Plus Douve) Annex. PLOEGSTERT.	28/T.12.a.60.00.
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14. MISCELLANEOUS.

Baths - At present used by Reserve Brigade are situated at KEMMEL.

Salvage is carried on by small parties daily in Reserve Brigade Area and material thus collected is taken to LINDENHOFK Salvage Dump.

Canteens - Regimental canteens are established at or near each Unit headquarters.

Trench foot treatment. Each Unit adopts trench foot precautions as laid down in 4th Army S.O. Talc Powder and soap is available at Brigade Headquarters

APPENDIX 'C'

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

	<u>R. A. Ps.</u>	<u>RELAY BEARER POSTS.</u>	
LEFT SECTOR,	RAVINE, 0.10.c.2.5.	(GABART CORNER,	0.15.a.9.1.
	VERNE ROAD, 0.21.central,	(ONRAET FARM,	0.14.c.5.8.
	CABIN HILL, 0.33.b.1.9.	(WHIZZDANG,	0.27.c.3.0.
		(LUM FARM	0.26.d.2.8.
RIGHT SECTOR,	MOLLYS POST 0.34.a.9.1.	(FANNYS POST,	0.33.b.5.4.
		(SWAINS POST,	0.32.central
		(R.E. DUMP,	0.31.c.3.4.
	BONDS POST, U.10.a.2.9.	(CLAYTONS POST,	U.8.b.8.8.
RIGHT SECTOR,	Wagon loading Post,	(GOOSEBERRY FARM,	U.7.b.5.8.
		BOYLES FARM,	U.1.c.1.9.
A.D.S.,	Left Sector,	WYTSCHAETE,	0.19.d.2.8.
	Right Sector,	KANDAHAR FARM,	T.10.b.8.7.
M.D.S.,	(2nd Aust. fld. Amb.,	YONGE STREET,	N.29.a.2.6.
	Lt-Col. W.F.KAY.)		

EVACUATION OF WOUNDED.

RIGHT SECTOR,	From RAVINE R.A.P.	to A.D.S.	by light railway trolley.
"	VERNE ROAD	to A.D.S.	by wheeled stretcher or hand,
"	CABIN HILL,	to LUM FARM	by hand, then to A.D.S. by wheeled stretcher or hand.
LEFT SECTOR,	From MOLLYS POST	to FANNYS POST,	by hand,
		to BOYLES FARM,	by trolley,
		to A.D.S.,	by car.
	from BONDS POST,	to GOOSEBERRY FARM,	by trolley,
		to BOYLES FARM,	by hand,
		to A.D.S.,	by car.

STRETCHERS AND BLANKETS.

Sufficient stretchers and blankets for present requirements are kept at A.D.Ss and Relay Posts. A reserve of 40 stretchers will be held at M.D.S. and 60 at KANDAHAR FARM. 2000 blankets are on indent to be held as reserve. In case of emergency 100 stretchers could be withdrawn from D.R.S., LOCRE.

<u>D.R.S. AND GASSED CENTRE.</u> (3rd Aust. fld. Amb., Lt-Col. D.D. CADE.)	THE HOSPICE, LOCRE.	N.29.b.5.9.
<u>REST STATION.</u> (1st Aust. fld. Amb., Lt-Col. E.T. BRENNAN.)	DRANOUTRE.	N.36.c.3.2.

C.C.S. 2nd Aust. C.C.S., TROIS ARBRES.

APPENDIX 'E'

COMMUNICATIONS.

While the Brigade is in reserve the following means of communications are available and are in use :-

Telegraph - Telephone - Visual Signal - Despatch Rider - Runner.

Existing Telegraph and Telephones to Division are as follows :-

2 pair overland to L.K. test point, thence via buried cable system to Division (1 pair superimposed)

Direct telephone line to Left Brigade in line.

1 pair overland to L.K. test point, thence via buried cable to REGENT Dugouts.

Telephone lines to 'A', 'B' and 'C' Battalions -

1 pair overland to 'A' Bn., direct to RANILLIES Camp.
1 " " " 'B' Bn., " " ROSSIGNOL Camp.
1 " " " L.K. test point, thence to Left Bde.,
thence to 'C' Bn. via buried cable.

VISUAL SIGNAL -

To CENTRAL VISUAL STATION at Mt KEMMEL. (This Station is in direct communication with Divl. H.Qrs. by Telephone.)

In the event of an enemy attack communication will be as follows :-

If the brigade concentration is ordered under Scheme 'A' (day or night) - by Telegraph - Telephone - D.R. - Visual signal - Runner or Carrier Pigeon.

Brigade Signal Office will be established at O.19.b.80.50. (CATACOMBS).

Direct communication can be obtained by Buried Cable and Division and Left Brigade will be connected.

Scheme 'A' (day).

Telephone station at N.30.a.70.80. available for all urgent traffic from Units at Assembly position to Brigade Headquarters via REGENT Dugouts.

Runners to Brigade from Assembly position and vice versa.

Visual Signal to Mt KEMMEL, thence to Brigade Headquarters.

Scheme 'A' (night).

Telephone Station at ONRAET Farm will be available as in Scheme 'A' (day), but will be direct to CATACOMBS.

Visual Signal - Direct to Brigade Headquarters at CATACOMBS from Assembly position of all Units.

Permanent Stations are at Mt KEIMEL (Central Visual Station) - O.19.d.80.50. (Transmitting Station Left Brigade.).

Runners - To Brigade H.Qrs. from all Units and vice versa.

Scheme 'B'

Brigade Signal Office will be at REGENT Dugouts.

All Units will communicate to Brigade Headquarters by Runner as no existing lines will be available.

The following Signal Stations are established in the Northern Sector of Divisional Front in direct communication with REGENT Dugouts by buried cable system.

O.14.a.30.10. - O.20.b.20.30. - O.20.d.20.40. - O.27.a.30.40.

O.15.b.50.60. - O.10.d.20.50. - O.9.d.30.40.

The buried cable system is in use throughout the Southern Sector and can be used for urgent messages when desirable.

Power Fuzzer and Amplifier Stations.

A chain of these are established at O.10.d.20.50. - O.28.b.10.16. - O.27.a.30.60. - thence to REGENT Dugouts and ONRAET Farm via buried cable.

Carrier Pigeons

A supply of these is available on demand by C.O's Battalions.

In the event of an enemy attack and the Brigade being concentrated under 'A' or 'B' Schemes, Battalions will detail four Runners to report to Ede. Signal Officer for duty as these will be extensively used during operations.

All Units will communicate with Ede. Signal Office immediately upon arriving at assembly position by runner, and advise exact location.

Position Calls.

The Position Calls posted up in all Signal Offices in the Area will be used.

APPENDIX 'F'.

TRAINING FACILITIES.

1. RANGES -

- Position :-
- (a) N. 27. d. 1. 9.
 - (b) N. 28. a. 8. 3.
 - (c) N. 22. d. 7. 2.
 - (d) N. 27. b. 8. 4.
 - (e) N. 27. b. 1. 0.

2. LAYOLET COURSES -

Assault course at ROSSIGNOL Camp, (N. 21. b. 9. 4.)

Elementary course at LINDENHOEK CAMP.

3. BOMBING RANGES -

- (a) N. 22. o. 5. 4.
- (b) N. 22. o. 9. 4.
- (c) N. 28. a. 0. 5.

4. TRENCH MORTARS PRACTICE GROUNDS. -

N. 22. a. 5. 5.

5. PARADE GROUNDS -

N. 27. b. & d. and N. 28. a. & c.
 LINDENHOEK CAMP N. 33. a. 7. 8.
 ROSSIGNOL CAMP N. 21. d. 9. 1.
 N. 21. o. 2. 8.
 N. 21. d. 7. 6.

6. SPORTS GROUNDS -

- Football -
- N. 33. a. 7. 8.
 - N. 21. d. 9. 1.
 - N. 21. d. 6. 6.

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1st ADDENDUM TO RESERVE BRIGADE DEFENCE SCHEME.

Herewith Addendum to Reserve Brigade Defence Scheme.

This will be inserted in Section IV, "Action of the Reserve Brigade in case of Attack".

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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RESERVE BRIGADE SCHEME 'C'

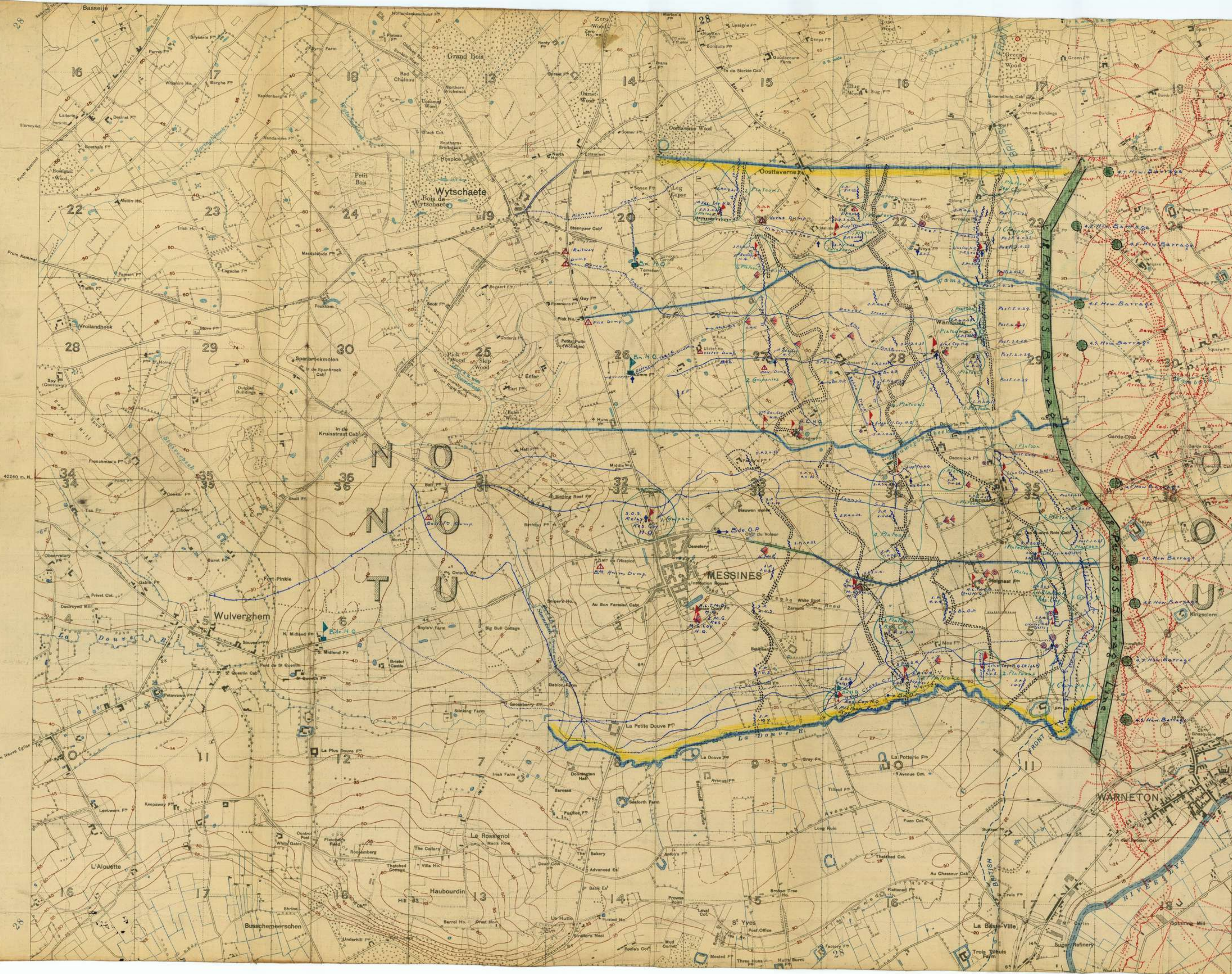
In the event of an overwhelming attack on the Divisional Front, the Reserve Brigade may be required to man and complete the Firing Line System of the Second Zone.

On receipt of the order "Take Action, Reserve Brigade Scheme 'C' ", the Reserve Brigade will move with all speed as under :-

UNIT.	FROM.	TO.	ROUTE.
Brigade Headquarters	RAMILLIES Camp.	WYTSCHAETTE Dugouts (0.19.d.10.95.)	-
'D' Battalion	WULVERGHEM.	Line River DOUVE to ELAU"EP"COORTBEEK, H.Qrs. at U.3,a.1.1.	WULVERGHEM, MESSINES Rd., and Duckboard tracks branching therefrom.
'C' Battalion	GABLE Farm.	Line ELAU"EP"COORTBEEK to ESTAMINET CORNER, H.Qrs at WYTSCHAETTE dugout 0.19.d.30.15.	Tramway track from WULVERGHEM to MESSINES - WYTSCHAETTE Road, thence via that road.
'B' Battalion	ROSSIGNOL Camp.	Line ESTAMINET CORNER to ECKHOF Farm, H.Qrs at ONRAET WOOD.	As for 'B' Battalion in Scheme 'A'.
'A' Battalion	RAMILLIES Camp.	In reserve at SCOTTS Farm (0.25.a.45.65.)	As for 'A' Battalion in Scheme 'A'.
L.T.M. Battery.	KEMMEL.	In reserve at SCOTTS Farm (0.25.a.45.65.)	As for 'A' Battalion in Scheme 'A'.

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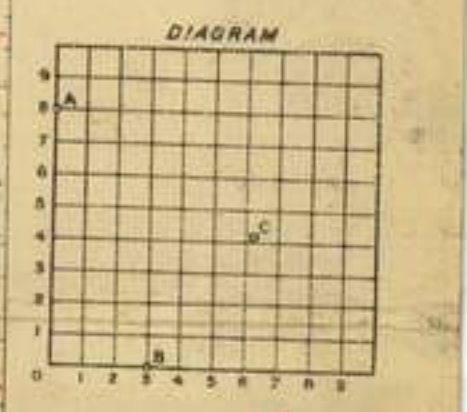


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GLOSSARY.

Abbaye, Abb^e - Abbey.
 Abrege - Abbr.
 Abri de boucanier - Custom-house.
 Acier - Steel works.
 Aiguille - Point (Ry.)
 Allée - Alley, Narrow road.
 Ancien - na, Anc^{ien} - Old.
 Aqueduc - Aqueduct.
 Arbre - Tree.
 " écorché - " fan-shaped.
 " décharné - " bare.
 " fourchu - " forked.
 " taillé - " inclined.
 " penché - " leaning.
 Arbrisseau - Small tree.
 Arc - Arch.
 Ardennaise, Ard^{ennaise} - Slate quarry.
 Arrêt - Halt.
 Asile - Asylum.
 " des aliénés - Lunatic asylum.
 " de charité - " of charity.
 " des pauvres - Asylum.
 de refuge - " of refuge.
 Auberge, Aub^e - Inn.
 Aune - Alder-tree.
 Bac - Ferry.
 " à traîne - " on rollers.
 Bains - Baths.
 Place aux bains - Bathing place.
 Balais - Room, Bacon.
 Banc de sable - Sand-bank.
 " vase - Mud-bank.
 Barrage - Dam.
 Barrière - Gate, Sill.
 (Machines à) bascule - Weigh-bridge.
 Bassin - Dock, Pond.
 " d'échouage - Tidal dock.

Bassin de radoub - Dry dock.
 Bateau plat - Light-ship.
 Blanchisserie - Laundry.
 B.M. (borne milliaire) - Mile stone.
 B^{orne} (borne kilométrique) - Kilometer.
 Boulangerie - Bakery.
 Fab^{rique} de bouclons - Bolt Factory.
 Route - Road.
 Brasserie, Brass^{erie} - Brewery.
 Brasseur, Br^{asseur} - Brewer.
 Brice-lames - Brickfield.
 Bureau de poste - Post office.
 " de douane - Custom house.
 " Butte - But, Mound.
 Cabane - Hut.
 Cabaret, Cab^{aret} - Inn.
 Câble sous-marin - Submarine cable.
 Calvaire, Cal^{vaire} - Calvary.
 Canal de dessèchement - Drainage canal.
 Canal d'irrigation - Irrigation canal.
 Fab^{rique} de caoutchouc - Rubber factory.
 Carrière, Carr^{ière} - Quarry.
 " de gravier - Gravel-pit.
 Caserne - Barracks.
 Champ de courses - Race course.
 " de manoeuvres - Drill ground.
 " tir - Rifle range.
 Chantier - Building yard.
 " Ina - Ship yard.
 " Alder-tree - Dock yard.
 Chantier de construction - Slip-way.
 Chapelle, Ch^{apelle} - Chapel.
 Charbonnage - Colliery.
 Château d'eau - Water tower.
 Chaussée - Highway.
 Chemin de fer - Railway.
 Cheminée, Ch^{eminée} - Chimney.
 Chêne - Oak tree.
 Climatère, Cim^{ent} - Cementery.
 Clocher - Belfry.
 Clouerie - Nail factory.
 Colombier - Dove-cot.

Coron - Workmen's dwellings.
 Cour des marchands - Goods yard.
 " aux dièzes - Convent.
 Couvent - Convent.
 Crazière - Slag heap.
 Croix - Cross.
 Dars - Inner dock.
 Dars - Destroyed.
 Dars - Weir.
 Dars - Dyke, causeway.
 Dars - Distillery.
 Douane - Custom-house.
 Bureau de douane - Custom warehouse.
 Dynamite - Dynamite.
 Dynamitère, Dynam^{itère} - Dynamite factory.
 Ecluse - Sluice, Lock.
 Ecluse, Ecl^{use} - Sluice.
 Ecole - School.
 Ecole - Stable.
 Ecole - Church.
 Emaillerie - Enamel works.
 Embarcadere, Emb^{arcadere} - Landing-place.
 Estaminet, Estam^{inet} - Inn.
 Etang - Pond.
 Fabrique, Fab^{rique} - Factory.
 Fab^{rique} de produits chimiques - Chemical works.
 Fab^{rique} de salines - Pottery.
 Falencerie - Farm.
 Ferme, F^{erme} - Farm.
 Filature, Fil^{ature} - Spinning mill.
 Fonderie, Fond^{erie} - Foundry.
 Forêt - Forest.
 Fontaine, Font^{aine} - Spring, fountain.
 Forge - Smithy.
 Forge - Oak tree.
 Climatère, Cim^{ent} - Cementery.
 Clocher - Belfry.
 Clouerie - Nail factory.
 Colombier - Dove-cot.

Four à coke - Coke oven.
 Gasterie - Glove Factory.
 Gare - Station.
 Geranos - Warren.
 Garnison - Garrison.
 Gasomètre - Gasometer.
 Glacière - Ice factory.
 Glacière - Ice.
 Grot - Ford.
 Guérite - Sentry-box, Turret.
 " à signaux - Signal-box (Ry.)
 Halle - Hall.
 Hangar - Shed, Hangar.
 Hôpital - Hospital.
 Hôtel-de-Ville - Town hall.
 Houillère - Colliery.
 Huilerie - Oil factory.
 Imprimerie, Imp^{rim}erie - Printing works.
 Jette - Pier.
 Laminerie - Rolling mill.
 Ligne de haute mer - High water mark.
 Ligne de basse mer - Low water mark.
 Maison Forestière - Forester's house.
 Malterie - Malt-house.
 Marbrerie - Marble works.
 Marais - Marsh.
 Marais salant - Salt marsh.
 Marché - Market.
 Mare - Pool.
 Meule - Mill.
 Miniere - Mine.
 Monastère - Monastery.
 Moulin, Mo^{lin} - Mill.
 " à vapeur - Steam mill.
 Mur - Wall.
 " crénelé - Loop-holed wall.

Nacelle - Ferry.
 Orme - Elm.
 Orphanat - Orphanage.
 Ouvrages - Quarries.
 Ouvrage - Fort.
 Ouvrages hydrauliques - Water works.
 Papier - Paper-mill.
 Parc - Park, yard.
 " aéronautique - Aviation ground.
 " à charbon - Coal yard.
 " à pétrole - Petroleum store.
 Passage à niveau P.N. - Level-crossing.
 Passoie, Pass^{oie} - Foot-bridge.
 Pépinière - Nursery-garden.
 Peuplier - Poplar tree.
 Phare - Light-house.
 Pilier, Pil^{ier} - Post.
 Plaine d'exercices - Drill ground.
 Pompe - Pump.
 Ponceau - Culvert.
 Pont - Bridge.
 " de levée - Dam, bridge.
 Poste de garde - Post, station.
 Poteau, P^{oteau} - Post.
 Poutre - Pottery.
 Poudrière, Pond^{rière} - Powder magazine.
 Poudre - Powder.
 Puits d'eau - Artesian well.
 Puits - Artesian well.
 " artésien - Artesian well.
 " d'aérage - Ventilating shaft.
 " de sondage - Boring.
 Quai - Quay, Platform.
 " aux bestiaux - Cattle platform.
 " aux marchandises - Goods platform.
 " des dièzes - " of dièzes.
 Raccordement - Junction.
 Raffinerie - Refinery.
 " de sucre - Sugar refinery.
 Rapier - Beet-root factory.

Remblai - Embankment.
 Remise - Engine-shed.
 Réservoir, Rés^{ervoir} - Reservoir.
 Route cavalière - Bridle road.
 Rubanerie - Ribbon Factory.
 Ruine - Ruin.
 En ruine - Ruin.
 Sablon - Sand-pit.
 Sablonnière, Sablon^{nière} - Fir tree.
 Sable - Willow tree.
 Saunerie - Salt-works.
 Scierie, Sc^{ierie} - Saw-mill.
 Sandage - Boring.
 Sotrie - Spring.
 Sucrerie, Suc^{rerie} - Sugar factory.
 Tannerie - Tannery.
 Tir à la cible - Rifle range.
 Tissage - Weaving mill.
 Tôlerie - Rolling mill.
 Tombeau - Tomb.
 Tour - Tower.
 Tourbière - Post-bog, Post-bed.
 Tourrelle - Small tower.
 Tullerie - Tile works.
 Usine à gaz - Gas works.
 " électrique - Electricity works.
 " d'électricité - Electricity works.
 " métallurgique - Metal works.
 " à agglomération - Briquette factory.
 Verrerie, Ver^{erie} - Glass works.
 Vindage - Vindage.
 Vindage - Fish Pond.
 Voie de chargement - " of loading.
 " de déchargement - " of unloading.
 " d'élevage - " of rearing.
 " de formation - " of formation.
 " de manoeuvre - " of manoeuvre.
 Zingurie - Zinc works.

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2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary No.1.

From 0600 16/1/18 to 0600 17/1/18.HEADQUARTERS,
17th Jany., 1918.OPERATIONS.

Reliefs - 8th Bn relieved 12th Bn. on the right sector, relief being completed at 2120 without incident.

- (a) Artillery - Our artillery fired harassing fire on enemy roads, tracks, strong points, and occupied localities during the period under review.
- (b) Patrols - In addition to usual liaison patrols the following special patrols left our lines :-
- (i) Patrol of one Officer and 10 Other Ranks left our lines to reconnoitre No Man's Land. Patrol left at 1845 from O.29.c.25.95. returning to O.29.c.45.65. at 2030. Patrol has nothing of importance to report.
- (ii) A patrol of one Officer and 9 Other Ranks left our lines at O.23.a.2.2. at 2230 to reconnoitre No Man's Land and to engage enemy patrols if met. A belt of wire running approx. due East from our front line to RIFLE FARM where it joins enemy wire was encountered. Patrol returned to O.22.a.2.4. at 0330.
- (iii) A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 2 Men left our lines at O.35.d.80.15. at 1115 to examine enemy wire. Patrol returned to O.35.d.65.30. at 0015, and reported wire in good condition, some having recently *been* put up. Enemy M.G. was located O.36.c.2.1.
- (iv) A patrol one Officer and 6 Other Ranks left U.26.a.00.95. at 2100 to ascertain the cause of strange noises heard in enemy lines at approx. U.6.a.30.25. Patrol reports that the strange noise is due to the enemy bailing water from his trenches. No man's Land is reported as being very wet and muddy. The ground was occasionally swept by M.G. fire from approx. U.6.a.12.00.
- (c) M.Gs. - 7000 rounds were expended in indirect fire on tracks and other promising targets. Squares O.24.b,c,d. and O.50.c,d.
- (d) T.Ms. - Our T.Ms were generally silent during the period, however enemy M.G. firing from JULY and WAM Farms were silenced.
- (e) OUR AIRCRAFT. - Our planes were inactive owing to the low visibility and general inclemency of the weather.

IDENTIFICATIONS. - N I L.

ENEMY SHELLING - Enemy artillery was generally quiet during the period under review, scattered shelling of rear areas being reported. Fairly consistent shelling of square O.28.c. between 1430/1630 is reported, 100 S.9s falling there, coming from the direction of COMINES. O.26.a. received attention to the extent of 100 4.2 H.E. and a few gas shells from the direction of COMINES, between 1600/1630. At 1615 O.20.c. was shelled with 77s from direction of WERVICQ, about 80 shells being counted. Support ~~area~~ ^{right Bn} received attention from 7.7 c.m. and 10 c.m. shells during the night.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. - Generally quiet.ENEMY DEFENCES -

- (a) M.Gs. - Enemy M.Gs were located at O.36.c.2.1. and U.6.a.30.25. M.G fire was below normal except on Right center Bn. where considerable indirect fire on Communications was experienced.
- (b) T.Ms. - Nothing to report.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. - N I L.

P.T.O./

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT - At 0940 3 men observed coming from direction of HOUTHE and disappeared at O.24.e.5.4. 4 men moving about strong point or trench at P.25.e.3.8. were observed. Considerable movement was observed at a dugout at approx. P.25.a.4.0. Smoke was seen rising from the dugout. 2 men who appeared to be line-men, were seen moving from O.30.d.1.7. to O.24.e.5.4. A stationary truck of timber on light railway was observed at approx. P.31.d.7.9. Train movement was observed throughout the day around COMINES and TERVICO.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Signalling - At 1510, 1555 and 1845 at magnetic bearings 96 and 99 degrees from O.27.a.4.2.

Two signal lamps were observed to be signalling to each other. The one at 96 degrees was about 3000 yards from O.P. and the one at 99 degrees was about 9000 yards. It was impossible to read the messages.

(b) An enemy O.P. can be plainly seen in some ruins at grid bearing of 66 degrees from O.34.b.15.15., distance 2500 yards. The observer can be seen from the waist upwards.

Opposite the Right Battalion Sector at 0710 enemy put up many varied and coloured flares bursting into double and single red, green yellow and orange lights. This continued for 5 minutes during which time the enemy played trumpets sounded bugles and shouted. No other action followed. It is thought probable that an enemy relief is due on this sector.

At 1350 a chimney stack was observed smoking at O.32.a. About 200 yards of camouflage has been observed extending from about P.25.e.8.5. to P.26.e.8.9.

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2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE,
*****Intelligence Summary No. 2.

From 0600 17/1/18 to 0600 18/1/18.

HEADQUARTERS,
18th Jany. 18.

1. OPERATIONS -

(a) Artillery - Out artillery has been less active than on preceding days.

Harassing fire on Strong Points, occupied localities, etc., was indulged in.

(b) Patrols -

(i) A patrol of 2 Officers and 10 Other Ranks left our lines from O.29.c.20.90. at 0430 to patrol no Man's land and to deny that portion of it opposite the Battalion front to the enemy. Pill box at O.29.a.4.3. was found to be empty and showing no sign of enemy occupation. Patrol returning at 0600 to O.29.a.20.60.

(ii) A patrol of One Officer and 2 Other Ranks went from O.35.d.35.70 at 1900 to examine wire and locate enemy working parties. Enemy wire was found to be in good order. An enemy working party disappeared at O.35.d.8.0. on the approach of the patrol. Patrol returned to O.35.d.75.30. at 2015.

In addition to these patrols the usual liaison and protective patrols were sent out but nothing further of interest is reported.

(c) M.Gs. - Our M.Gs used indirect fire on enemy positions during the period.(d) T.Ms. - During the night T.Ms. fired 8 rounds on enemy M.G. at about U.6.a.35.10. 10 rounds were fired on enemy post at O.35.b.60.20. 10 rounds also at O.35.b.40.50. on enemy post. 6 rounds temporarily silenced a M.G. in BEEK FARM. 10 rounds were fired on JULY FARM where enemy movement was observed. In all 44 rounds were expended.(e) Our Aircraft. - Our aircraft were again inactive owing to the inclement weather.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. - N I L.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. - Enemy artillery was distinctly less active than usual.

The only shoots indulged in were shoots on previously registered positions.

At 2240 O.27.b. was shelled to the extent of 24 4.2. shells from the direction of COMINES.

At 2230 27 7.7.c.m. shells fell around GUN FARM coming from direction of WERVICQ.

Remainder of enemy shelling consisted of groups of 3 or 4 shots upon various scattered targets.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. - Enemy artillery, M.Gs., T.Ms. were distinctly less active than usual. Light harassing fire was maintained on our forward positions and communications.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. -

(a) M.Gs. - A M.G. was active at O.36.c.20.15.(b) T.Ms. - A few granatenwerfer bombs fell between front and support lines of our centre right Battalion. The direction from which they came could not be definitely discovered, but it is thought they came from KIWI FARM.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. - N I L.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENTS. - Owing to very low visibility no enemy movement was observed.

8. MISCELLANEOUS -

(a) Signalling - At 0700 a signal lamp was seen flashing from

MISCELLANEOUS (Continued.)

approx. distance of 1500 yards N.E. from O.29. a.25.45.

(b) At 0655 several single flares each of which burst into two greens were sent up by the enemy opposite the left of the Brigade front. No action was observed to follow.

At 0700 50 green flares were sent up in the vicinity of COMINES and at the same time bugles were heard sounding calls similar to out reveille and cookhouse calls.

At 1630 on the 16th instant our heavy artillery blew up an enemy ammunition dump. This dump has now been ascertained to have existed in the vicinity of COVES FARM near P.26.central.

H. F. Watson

Captain,
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2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary No. 3.

From 0600 18/1/1918 to 0600 19/1/1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
19/1/1918.OPERATIONS -

Reliefs - Inter-Company reliefs were carried out by the Right Battalion on the night 18/19th instant. Relief being completed by 9 p.m. without incident.

(a) Artillery - Our artillery carried out harassing fire on known enemy tracks and positions during the period under review. As a result of our shelling smoke arose from about the boot factory in Q.32.a. A large number of our 18 pdr. shells fired in U.6.c. were noticed to be duds.

(b) Patrols - (i) A patrol of 2 Officers and 17 Other Ranks left our lines at 4-30 a.m. from O.29.a. to maintain command of No Man's Land. Patrol penetrated to a depth of approx. 300 yards, travelling in a S. direction. Patrol did not encounter any of the enemy.

(ii) A patrol of 1 Officer and 10 Other Ranks left our lines at 4 a.m. from O.23.a.4.2. and moved across the Left Battalion Front to an approx. depth of 300 yards. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy, but M.G. fire came from BEEK and RIFLE FARMS.

(iii) A patrol of 1 Officer and 10 Other Ranks left our lines from O.23.a.4.1. at 8-45 p.m. to maintain command and reconnoitre No Man's Land. Enemy M.G. fire came from WAM and RIFLE FARMS, and a considerable number of flares were sent up by the enemy. On two occasions a flare was fired low from about O.23.b.2.2.

(iv) A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 4 Other Ranks left our lines at 11 p.m. from O.35.d.7.1. to locate definitely enemy M.G. at about O.36.c.20.15. Owing to patrol being fire on the object of patrol could not be carried out and patrol returned to our lines at 11-45 p.m.

(v) A patrol of 1 Officer and 6 Other Ranks left our lines from O.35.c.6.9. at 10-30 p.m. to locate enemy positions if possible. Flares were fired from approx. O.35.b.5.4. and O.35.b.4.1. Rifle fire came from approx. O.35.b.6.4. in which position a wiring party was working. No enemy were encountered.

(vi) A patrol of 1 Officer and 9 Other Ranks left our lines at 10 p.m. from U.5.b.9.0. to ascertain condition of No Man's Land. Movement was very much hampered owing to the boggy state of No Man's Land, and the HIRONDELLE ROAD from starting point to U.6.c.1.9. was found to be practically under water.

Lateral communication was maintained with flank Brigades.

(c) M.Gs. - Our M.Gs. carried out indirect fire throughout the period on enemy known positions and tracks. 8,000 rounds were expended.

(d) T.Mc. - 39 Rounds were expended during the night. A M.G firing from about O.35.b.7.3. and also one in vicinity of WAM FARM were effectively silenced.

(e) Our Aircraft. - Throughout the day our planes were active over the forward area and were frequently heavily engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS. - At 6-30 a.m. a prisoner belong to the 10th Coy. 226 R.I.P. was captured in O.29.c.

3. ENEMY SHELLING - Enemy artillery generally quiet, the only position receiving marked attention, being O.28.c. and d., where about 100 rounds of 4.2s. fell from direction of COMINES. At intervals during the night TORREKEN FARM and VERNE DUMP came in for Gas shelling from direction of COMINES and WERVICQ respectively. Scattered light shelling only on the other parts of Brigade sector.
4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. - Purely defensive but appears to be watchful. Enemy T.Ms. were active between 8 p.m. and 12 midnight from KIWI FARM.
5. ENEMY DEFENCES. -
 (a) M.Gs. - Enemy M.G. was again active from O.36.c.20.15.
 (b) T.Ms. - A minenwerfer fired from vicinity of KIWI FARM at intervals during the night. A granatenwerfer firing from KIWI FARM on to approx. O.35.d.5.1. On one occasion 3 mortars could be seen firing together.
6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY - At About 11 a.m. 3 enemy planes attempted to cross our lines but were driven off by our A.A. fire.
7. ENEMY MOVEMENT. - At 11-45 a.m. a party of about 10 of the enemy was seen working in a trench at BOW FARM, the artillery was informed. Considerable amount of enemy movement in twos and threes was observed throughout the day on the fronts of the two Left Battalions.

The following train movements were observed :-

1240 p.m. train travelling N.E. in vicinity of TENBRIELEN.
 12-50 p.m. " " COMINES to WERVICQ.
 1-12 p.m. " WERVICQ travelling direction of TENBRIELEN.
 2-17 p.m. " travelling quickly TENBRIELEN to WERVICQ.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. -

- (a) Signalling - At 3-45 p.m. a lamp flashing on magnetic bearing of 110 degrees from O.27.d.90.65.
 At 7-40 a.m. a lamp signalling in the vicinity of ESPERANCE CABT. letters 'A' and 'B' and succession of dots, 'B' only could be read.
 At 4-20 p.m. flash lamp at same place was being used.
 At 4-30 p.m., 4-50 p.m., 5-30 p.m. and 6 p.m. signal lamp seen 82 degrees T from O.27.a. 2-4.
 At 3-45 p.m. a signal lamp 105 degrees true from O.27.d.90.65 5 was working for half an hour.
- (b) Gun flashes. - 2 flashes 95 degrees true from O.21.d.1.1.
 1 " 105 " "
 1 " 107 " " O.20.d.0.5.20. the shell falling about O.27.a., time between flash and explosion of shell was 13 seconds.
 At 11-30 a.m. a gun flash was observed at about V.3.a.2.6.
- (c) At 6-5 p.m. moving lights were observed on road near COMINES.
 At 11-5 p.m. 2 red flares on left of Left Battalion front.
 No action followed.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX 9

Intelligence Summary No. 4.

From 0600 19/1/18 to 0600 20/1/18.

Headquarters,
20th Coy, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS. -

Reliefs - Inter-Company reliefs were carried out on the night 19/20th by the Left and the two Centre Battalions. Reliefs were completed without incident by 9-30 p.m.

(a) Artillery - Throughout the period under review our Artillery carried out harassing and destructive fire on known enemy positions. Good shooting was observed and direct hits were obtained on LAKE Farm and WARNETON Tower. Our heavies were active on enemy battery position in P.34.c., and during the shelling 7 red flares were sent up from this position. KIWI Farm was also accurately shelled.

(b) Patrols. -

(i) A patrol of 2 Officers and 17 Other Ranks left our lines at 4-30 a.m. (19th) from Left Centre Bn. (O.29.a.65.00.?) to maintain command of No Man's Land. Patrol penetrated No Man's Land to a depth of approx. 350 yards, and then travelled in a S. direction for about 350 yards without encountering any of the enemy. A.M.G. was located at approx. O.29.a.8.2.

(ii) A patrol of one Officer and 10 Other Ranks left our Left Bn. lines from O.23.a.3.3. at 10-25 p.m. Patrol proceeded to JILL Farm, which was unoccupied. Nothing of the enemy was seen, and patrol returned to our lines at O.23.c.3.7.

(iii) A patrol of 1 Officer and 10 Other Ranks left our Left Bn. lines from O.23.a.4.2. Patrol penetrated No Man's Land to a depth of approx. 250 yards, and travelled over the majority of the Battalion's front without encountering any of the enemy. Enemy M.G.'s were inactive during the patrol.

(iv) A patrol of one Officer and 8 Other Ranks left our Right Bn. lines from U.5.b.9.2. to examine enemy wire and engage hostile patrols. Enemy wire was found to be in good condition, being 15 feet wide and continuous. Enemy could be heard pumping in the trenches.

(v) A patrol of one Officer and 3 Other Ranks left our Right Bn. lines from U.11.b.5.7. at 11-30 p.m. to reconnoitre No Man's Land. A strong enemy patrol moving in file about U.5.d.7.2. was seen and watched until they entered a trench or strong post in their own lines. The condition of No Man's Land was found to be extremely muddy along the brigade front. Liaison patrols maintained touch with flank patrols throughout the night.

(c) M.G. - Indirect harassing fire was carried out during the night on known enemy tracks and positions, 1200 rounds being expended.

(d) T.Ms. - 53 rounds were fired during the night on to JULY Farm, and M.Gs. in vicinity of BEEK and RIFLE Farms.

(e) Our Aircraft - Our planes were active throughout the day, frequently flying over enemy territory. It was noticed if they attempted to approach COMINES they were heavily engaged by A.A. guns. At 12-10 P.M. one of our balloons broke away, travelling in a N.E. direction, and disappeared in the clouds.

IDENTIFICATIONS - Nil.

ENEMY SHELLING. - Enemy artillery continues quiet. The only points receiving attention being LA DOUVE Valley, TORREKEN CORNER and O.26.a. and b. The shelling of TORREKEN CORNER was mostly with gas, and the majority of the shelling came from the direction of COMINES.

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Generally quiet, but remains watchful.

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5. ENEMY DEFENCES. -

- (a) M.Gs. - An enemy M.G. was located at approx. O.29.a.8.2.
- (b) T.Ms. - An enemy T.M. fires from vicinity of WARNETON Tower.
- (c) Our Right Battalion reports that enemy works steadily on his forward posts.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. - At about 11 a.m. enemy planes were active flying high and attempting to cross our lines, but owing to our increased aerial activity the enemy could not cross our lines to any depth.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT. - A good deal of movement was seen throughout the day in O.30.b.d. The artillery were informed.

- 8-30 a.m. train travelling S. in V.10.d.
- 8-45 a.m. " stationary in P.35.c. for 5 minutes, and then travelled N.E.
- 9 a.m. at V.5.c, travelling South.
- 9-25 a.m. train near TENERIEN moving East.
- 9-35 a.m. " travelling N.W. in direction KERGENTJE.
- 9-45 a.m. " South in V.11.d.
- 9-50 a.m. " moving through COMINES from WFRVIOQ.
- 10-25 a.m. " travelled towards HOUTHEM P.27.c.
- 12-45 p.m. " travelling towards COMINES in P.33.b.
- 1-50 p.m. " shunting in vicinity of KERGENTJE.

A few parties in 3s and 5s were observed at intervals during the day

8. MISCELLANEOUS. - (in WARNETON and at base of WARNETON Tower.

(a) Signalling - During the shelling by our heavies of battery position in P.34.c. 7 red flares were fired from there. Lamp seen flashing on several occasions 88 degree grid from O.30.d. 05.20.

Lamp signalling for 3 minutes at V.10.a.9.9.

At 5-30 a.m. a green lamp was observed signalling from WARNETON.

At 4-23 p.m. our Right Centro Bn. reports 4 flares being fired by the enemy in quick succession, which burst into double reds. No action was seen to follow.

At 8,10 p.m. 2 small green flares were sent up on our Left Battalion front, but no action followed.

(b) Gun flashes - 9-20 p.m. gun flash was observed at V.2.b.9.4.

101 degree magnetic from O.30.d. 05.20.

110 "

91 "

97 "

At 11-35 a.m. A.A. guns firing at our planes observed at V.3.b.3.6.

(c) At 3 p.m. smoke was seen rising from bottom of WARNETON Tower.

H. J. Watson

Captain,

Brigade Major,

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

LATER -

Enemy patrol of four approached our Left Battalion Lines this morning 6-45 a.m. Our M.G. opened fire - one enemy was taken prisoner unwounded, one wounded and taken prisoner, and one killed. The other is not yet accounted for.

Identification 4 Pl. Ers. Bn.

2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary No. 5.

From 0600 20/1/18 to 0600 21/1/18.

HEADQUARTERS,
21st Jany., 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery were more active than usual during the day and in the early part of the night, SALMON, KIWI and WHALE Farms receiving a great deal of attention.

At about 12-20 p.m. a large ammunition dump in vicinity of MALLET Farm was blown up by our heavies and burnt for several hours. Whilst our heavies were shelling VERVIOQ dense clouds of smoke were seen to rise from there.

(b) Patrols - (i) A patrol of one Officer and 3 Other Ranks left our Right Battalion Lines from U.11.b.55.65. at 10-30 p.m. to gain information of enemy. Patrol moved along No Man's Land in front of our wire but did not encounter any Listening Posts nor enemy patrols.

(ii) A patrol of one N.C.O. and 4 Others left our Right Centro Bn. lines from O.35.d.4.7. at 12.30 a.m. to inspect enemy wire. Wire about O.35.d.8.8. was found to be very strong. An enemy working party could be heard about O.35.d.8.9.

(iii) A patrol of one Officer and 7 Other Ranks left our Right Centro Battalion lines from O.35.a.7.3. at 11 p.m. for the purpose of locating enemy post about O.35.b.6.5. Patrol moved to O.35.b.5.4. where it was stopped by hostile M.G. fire from O.35.b.6.4. No enemy patrols were encountered and wire in front of above post was poor.

(iv) A patrol of one Officer and 12 Other Ranks left our Left Centro Battalion lines from O.29.c.35.70. at 6-30 p.m. to reconnoitre and maintain command of No Man's Land. Patrol penetrated No Man's Land to a depth of about 250 yards without encountering any hostile patrols. An enemy note book was found at O.29.c.7.7. A M.G. was located at about O.29.a.70.25.

(v) A patrol of two Officers and 12 Other Ranks left our Left Centro Battalion lines from O.29.a.20.15. at 12-30 a.m. to wait on track running from about O.29.c.7.7. in a N. direction and which had been discovered by a previous patrol. No enemy were seen but the M.G. about O.29.a.70.25. was very active.

Liaison and protective patrols were out throughout the night.

(c) M.Gs. - During the night 11,000 rounds were expended in harassing enemy known tracks and positions.

(d) T.Ms. - Throughout the night 30 rounds were fired in vicinity of KIWI FARM and at M.Gs in JULY FARM. Enemy M.Gs. firing from about O.29.d.1.5. and O.29.a.70.25. were silenced.

(e) Our Aircraft - Busy throughout the morning flying well over the forward area where they were frequently engaged by A.A. fire.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. - Unit of prisoner mentioned in No.4 Summary was No.1 K., 1 Bn., No.4., Pi.Dn., attached 72nd J.R.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. has been below normal during the period under review. Places receiving most attention being O.28.central, O.27.a., O.34.a., the shelling coming from the direction of COMINES. Enemy artillery was most noticeably quiet on the Right Battalions' Sectors.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. - With the exception of the enemy patrol which approached our Left Battalion lines yesterday morning, the enemy has been quiet.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES -

(a) M.Gs. - Enemy M.Gs. located at approx. O.29.a.70.25. and O.35.b.64.
 (b) T.Ms. - Indiscriminate from granatowefers in KIWI FARM has been carried out on the Right Centro Battalion front. T.M. near WARNETON TOWER has been again active.

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6 HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. - Nil.7 ENEMY MOVEMENT -

7-40 a.m. train WERVICQ to COMINES.
 9-10 a.m. " do do
 10-15 a.m. " in COMINES, stationary for 5 minutes, then travelled towards WERVICQ.
 11-a.m. " P. 35.a. travelling S.E.
 12-55 p.m. " WERVICQ to COMINES.
 1 p.m. " COMINES to WERVICQ.

12-30 p.m. to 2 p.m. trains moved frequently between MENIN and WERVICQ.
 2-30 p.m. HOUTHEM to TENDRIELEN.

Throughout the day movement in small parties was seen in O.23.d., O.24.c., O.30.a., and on the road from P.31.b.1.8. to P.32.b.5.9.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. -

(a) Signalling - 6-15 p.m. lamp signalling 84 degrees grid from O.27.a.2.4.

At 7 p.m. lamp signalling in direction ESPERANCE CABT.

(b) Gun flashes -

At 11-20 a.m. 85 degrees grid from O.21.d.10.0.5.

At 3-50 p.m. 2 flashes 78 degrees grid from O.20.d.05.20.

At 9-50 p.m. 83 degrees grid from O.20.d.05.20., 25 seconds from flash to time of burst at PLUM FARM.

At 8.45 a.m. gun firing from V.15.a.8.3.

(c) At intervals throughout the day smoke was seen rising from trench in O.24.c.

(d) At 8-10 p.m. a number of red flares were sent up away to the left of our sector.

At 3-25 a.m. 2 green flares were sent up to the right of our Left In. Sector.

At 10-30 p.m. a number of white flares bursting into two reds on our Left Sector. No visible action followed after these flares.

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Captain,
 Brigade Major,
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Intelligence Summary No 6

From 0600 21st Janry. -- 0600 22nd Janry. 1918.

HEADQUARTERS

22nd January 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

Reliefs - Inter-Coy. reliefs were carried out on the night 21st/22nd being completed by 8 p.m. without incident.

(a) Artillery - Our Artillery carried out harrassing and destructive fire during the period under review.

ESPERANCE CABT. and KIWI FARM, DATUM HO. came in for a great deal of attention by our 18 pndrs. and 4.5" Howitzers, whilst our heavies shelled COMMINES and WERVICQ, at intervals.

(b) Patrols. - (ia) A patrol of 1 Officer and 8 Other Ranks left our Right Battalion lines from U.5.E.8.8. at 1 a.m. to deny NO MAN'S LAND to the enemy and report on the state of NO MAN'S LAND. Patrol penetrated NO MAN'S LAND to a depth of 100 yards without encountering any of the enemy, but he could be heard working in his trenches at approx. U.6.A.3.7.

NO MAN'S LAND is still in bad condition, but is rapidly drying up.

(ib) A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 6 Other Ranks left Right Battalion lines from U.5.B.9.2. at 11.25 p.m. to hamper enemy patrols.

No hostile patrols were seen, but flares were being fired from posts outside his wire at approx. U.6.A.30.25.

(ii) A patrol of 1 Officer and 8 Other Ranks left our Right Battalion Lines from U.5.D.8.8. at 2.30 a.m. to patrol the Right Coy. Front. An enemy working party was seen mending his wire at approx. U.6.C.0.8. and was fired on by Lewis Gun.

(iii) A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 6 Men left our Right Centre Battalion lines at 12 mid-night from O.35.D.7.9. But no hostile patrols were encountered.

(iv) A patrol of 3 Officers and 14 Other Ranks left our Left Centre Battalion Lines from O.29.C.2.4. at 11 p.m. to keep control of NO MAN'S LAND and discover any enemy posts. Patrol penetrated NO MAN'S LAND to a depth of approx. 150 yards without encountering any of the enemy.

(v) A patrol of 1 Officer and 10 Other Ranks left our Left Battalion lines from O.23.C.15.70. at 10.15 p.m. to reconnoitre Old trench in vicinity of MARCH FARM. Patrol proceeded in an Easterly direction to MARCH FARM and nothing of interest was found in the Old trench, along which patrol passed, except the body of a recently killed German belonging to 72nd I.R. JUNE FARM and various Pill Boxes in O.23.C. were examined. The decayed body of an Australian Officer was found about JUNE FARM and it is thought he belonged to the 14th Battalion.

Liaison patrols maintained touch with flank Brigades throughout the night.

(c) M.G's. - During the night indirect and harrassing fire was maintained on enemy known tracks and positions, 8,000 rounds being expended.

(d) T.M's. - 40 rounds were fired during the night and Machine Guns firing from RIBLE, JULY and DEEK FARMS were successfully silenced. KIWI FARM was also engaged.

(e) Our Aircraft - Our planes were active during the day, frequently flying over the enemy lines. Bombs were heard dropping in the direction of COMMINES at 7.30 p.m.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. - A body of a recently killed German belonging to the 72nd I.R. was found in O.23.C.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. - Quiet, excepting on the Left Battalion sector, where OOSTAVERNE, LEG COPSE and WALL FARM were shelled with 4.2's and 77's from the direction of COMMINES and WERVICQ. About 30 rounds of 4.2's fell during the day at O.33.A. and C. from the direction of MAIGORNET. O.27.B. and MESSINES were lightly shelled with 5.9's from the direction of COMMINES. 12 5.9" duds fell in succession in O.21.C.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. - Quiet with the exception of enemy artillery on the Left Battalion Sector.

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5. - ENEMY DEFENCES -

- (a) M.G.'s. - An enemy Machine Gun at SALMON FARM O.30.D.00.55. Fires on our planes.
- (b) T.M.'s. - At 7 p.m., enemy T.M. firing from DATI HOUSE burst shells high above CANNON CORNER O.35.A.4.7.
- (c) Posts - There appears to be a new post at approx. O.29.E.9.2.
- (d) A.A. Guns - An A.A. gun firing at aeroplanes was located at O.22.C.2.5. Our artillery engaged it, but our shells fell a little to the North of it.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. - Inactive during the day, excepting at 4.30 p.m. when 1 plane approached our lines but returned without crossing into our territory.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENTS -

8.35 a.m. a train in P.33.B. travelling South.
 9.40 a.m. do do V.11.A. do do
 9.45 a.m. do entered COMBINES from WERVUQ.
 9.50 a.m. do in P.33.B. travelling North
 11.10 a.m. do in V.10.D. do South
 2.15 p.m. do in P.34.B. do North East
 2.35 p.m. do in P.29.D. do do
 3.48 p.m. do in V.11.C. do North

At intervals through out the afternoon, movement was observed from U.12.A.5.2. to U.12.D.1.9.

Movement was observed between 7.30. a.m. and 8 a.m. moving through wire into posts and Pill Boxes from O.30.C.7.0. to O.30.D.0.5. 3 men were seen working at O.30.D.2.0.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Signalling - A Helio flashing was observed at 7.30 a.m. on a grid bearing of 91 degrees from O.21.D.1.1. This helio was picked up by 3 others to the North east of it.

At 3.10 p.m. a lamp was seen flashing for half an hour, 117 degrees grid from U.4.C.80.35.

Signalling from 6.45 a.m. to 7.5 a.m. from 3 lamps on grid bearings of 93 deg. 92 deg., 99 deg. was observed from O.27.A.2.4. approx. distances 6,500 yds., 5,000 yds., and 4,500 yds. respectively.

(b) Gun Flashes - 1 at 86 deg. grid from O.20.D.05.20.

1	"	93	"	"	"	do	
1	"	78	"	"	"	O.21.D.1.1.	
1	"	133	"	"	"	U.4.C.80.35.	at 8.20 a.m.
1	"	78	"	"	"	"	at 8.25 a.m.
1	"	133	"	"	"	"	at 8.27 a.m.

At 10.30 a.m. gun was seen firing from V.2.B.9.4.

" 10.35 a.m. " " " " " V.3.A.2.6.

" 11.25 a.m. " " " " " P.33.A.9.9.

" 4.35 p.m. " " " " " do

(c) At 2 a.m. enemy flares, resembling light tracer bullets were used on Left Battalion front. No visible action followed.

9. WIRING - 2 coils were used in strengthening wire from U.11.B.45.70. to U.11.B.60.80.


 CAPTAIN.
 for Brigade Major
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE,

Intelligence Summary No. 7.

From 0600 22/1/18 to 0600 23/1/18.

HEADQUARTERS,
23rd Jan. 1918.

1. OPERATIONS -

The Right Company Right Battalion took over the whole of the Right Battalion front line, relief being completed by 8 p.m. without incident.

(a) Artillery - During the day our artillery carried out harassing fire on known enemy tracks and positions and at 4-15, 4-30 and 6 p.m. prearranged shoots by our 18 pdrs and 4.5 hows. on KIWI FARM, DATUM HOUSE and enemy front system effectively silenced enemy T.Ms and M.Gs. Accurate bursts are reported.

Our heavies shelled COMINES during the day.

(b) Patrols -

(i) A patrol of one N.C.O. and 5 Other Ranks left our Right Centre Bn. lines from O.35.d.5.5. to endeavour to capture any enemy patrolling in No Man's Land. Patrol moved to point in hedge at O.35.d.3.9. and lay in wait. No enemy patrols were seen. M.G. firing along hedge from O.35.d.8.9. was active.

(ii) A patrol of one Officer and 12 Other Ranks left our Left Centre Battalion lines from O.29.a.1.5. at 9 p.m. to maintain command of No Man's Land and locate enemy M.G. firing from vicinity of BEEK FARM. A pill Box at O.29.a.5.3. was examined and found to be flooded. Patrol penetrated No Man's Land to a depth of about 200 yards without encountering any hostile patrol. During the patrol M.G. near BEEK FARM was inactive.

(iii) A patrol two Officers and 11 Other Ranks left our Left Bn. lines from O.23.a.15.86. at 10 p.m. Patrol moved in an easterly direction past MARCH FARM to a point O.23.a.95.05. and then South to O.23.d.0.8. Patrol listened near JULY and RIFLE

FARMS but nothing could be heard. 12 men of a LINCOLN Regt. were found in a decomposed state. (Badge was identification).

Lateral communication was maintained with Frank Brigades throughout the night.

(c) M.Gs. - Our M.Gs carried out indirect harassing fire on known enemy position throughout the night. 9,000 rounds were fired.

(d) T.Ms. - 19 rounds were fired during the night on enemy outposts in direction of KIWI FARM, BEEK FARM and a M.G. near RIFLE FARM was silenced.

(e) Our Aircraft - Our planes were very active during the day and frequently flew over enemy territory where they were heavily engaged by A.A. and M.G fire.

(f) Firing - On Left Centre Bn. 50 yards of wire was put out in front of S.P.4.0.28.

2. IDENTIFICATION - Nil.

3. ENEMY SHELLING - Enemy artillery were less active throughout the day but increased considerably at night, especially about 9-50 p.m. when a barrage of 77s and 4.2s lasting about 10 minutes was put down about 200 yards in rear of front line, Right Centre Battalion, approx. O.35.d.1.2. along road to CANNON CORNER. Enemy also heavily shelled C.27.c. and d. with 4.2s. and 5.9s from the direction of COMINES between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. At 9-45 p.m. about 10 77s and 5.9s fell in U.3.d. and U.4.b. from direction of COMINES.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE - Artillery less active during the day but increased at night. Infantry quiet.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES -

T.Ms. - At 4.55 p.m. a Minenwerfer was observed firing from KIWI FARM

P.T.O.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY -

Enemy planes showed greater activity than previously and at times succeeded in crossing our lines but they were soon driven off by our planes and A.A. fire.

At 3 p.m. an enemy balloon was up at 148 degrees grid from O.20.d.05.20.

7 ENEMY MOVEMENT. -

At 8-15 a.m. movement was observed at V.12.a.3.4. M.G fire was directed on to this position.

At 11 p.m. an enemy wiring party at U.6.a.4.3 was dispersed by L.M.G. fire.

At 7-30 a.m. two men left EO" FARM and walked to LAKE FARM.

At intervals during the day movement was observed on road at P.31.b.5.8.

At 2-10 a.m. two men left O.30.d.2.9. and went to ESPERANCE CAET. Slight movement was again observed at O.30.a.and c.

10-20 a.m. train HOUTHEN to COMINES

12-40 p.m. " COMINES to HOUTHEN

2-15 p.m. " HOUTHEN to COMINES

At 9-30 a.m. a party of the enemy was observed at U.12.a.5.5., Our M.Gs. opened fire with good effect. Several men were seen to fall.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. -(a) Signalling -

10-25 a.m. lamp seen flashing at W.13.c.9.8.

11-45 a.m. " " " "

11-45 a.m. " " " V.12.d.8.0.

3 p.m. " " " V.4.c.8.2.

4-40 p.m. " " " 110 deg. grid from U.4.b.65.45.

(b) Gun Flashes -

2-12 p.m. flash seen at P.33.a.9.9.

3-30 p.m. " " 111 deg grid from U.4.b.65.45.

4 p.m. " " P.33.a.2.7.

78 degrees grid from O.20.d.05.20.

79 " " " " (in P.14.o.)

87 " " " " " "

81 " " " " (thought to be A.A. gun.)

86 " " " " 0.21.d.1.1. 26 seconds from flash to burst of shell which was a 4.2.

(c) At 12-30 p.m. a large explosion was caused by our shelling at 98 degrees grid from O.21.d.1.1.

(d) At 12 midnight green flares were seen about COMINES. No action followed.

H. F. Watson

Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

RETURN NO 1.

U N I T.	ESTABLISHMENT				ATTACHED				5th Bn 2 -12 6th" 10 7th" 2 -12 8th" 1 -12 DHQ 1 Interp 1 5 -48
	Off	Ors	TOTALs	Horses	Off	Ors	TOTALs	Horses	
2nd Bde H. Qra.	7	29	36	20	5	48	53		
M.G. Coy.	15	182	197	53	2	2			
M. Bty.	5	60	65						
5th Bn.	63	879	942	51	2	3	5	AMC 1 Chap 1 Intp 1 Amr 1 AAPC 1 2 - 3	
6th Bn.	46	883	929	54	2	115	117	AMC 1 - 3 AAPC 1 Chap 1 Intps 2 Bde Class 109 2 - 115	
7th Bn.	51	775	826	55	2	7	9	AMC 1 - 4 Chap 1 Amr 1 AAPC 1 Intp 1 2 - 7	
8th Bn.	50	924	974	54	2	7	9	AMC 1 - 5 Chap 1 AAPC 1 AOC 1 2 - 7	
No 4 Sig. Section.	2	106	108	6					
	239	3838	4077	293	13	182	195		

Officers. 352
 Other Ranks. 4020
 Total. 4372
 Horses. 293.

Captain.
 Staff Captain.
 2nd Austy Infantry Brigade.

Date 31/1/1918.

2ND AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RETURN NO. 3.

U N I T.	Strength previous day.		Details previous day.		Officers.			Other Ranks			Strength this day.		Details this day.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Cas.	Arr.	Sick.	Cas.	Arr.	Sick.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
2nd A.I.Bde.H.Q.	3	11	-	-							3	11	-	-
2nd M.G.Coy.	15	173	3	27					9	1	15	181	3	27
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	5	60	-	13							5	60	-	17
5th Battalion.	63	875	20	250					1		63	876	20	247
6th Battalion.	46	882	14	274						1	46	881	15	268
7th Battalion.	52	775	21	242			1*		2	4	51	773	22	242
8th Battalion.	51	933	18	273			1#		2	13	50	922	17	259
	235	3709	76	1079			2		14	19	233	3704	77	1060

* Captain J.W.HOPKINS M.C. to 2nd T.Bn.
2/Lieut P.LAY M.C. to duty England.

Date 31/1/18.....

Captain.,
Staff Captain,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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CASUALTIES FOR MONTH ENDING 31st JANUARY 1918.

Unit.	K I L L E D		W O U N D E D		M I S S I N G.	
	Offs	Ors	Off	Ors	Offs	Ors
5th Battalion.	-	-	-	8	-	-
6th Battalion.	-	-	-	-	-	-
7th Battalion.	-	1	*2	6	-	-
8th Battalion.	-	2	-	5	-	-
No 2 M.G. Coy.	-	-	-	1	-	-
T.M. Battery.	-	-	-	2	-	-
	-	3	2	22	-	-

* Lieut. A.B.HARRISON.) Previously reported sick now reported
Lieut. A.DEAN.) Wounded (Gassed).

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REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED DURING MONTH OF JANUARY 1918.

U N I T.	OFFICERS	OTHER RANKS.	
5th Battalion.	1	25	2/Lieut J.G.HALL from Cadet Battalion.
6th Battalion.	-	10	
7th Battalion.	1	23	2/Lieut R.ANDERSON from Cadet Battalion.
8th Battalion.	2	27	2/Lieut D.W.Kennedy) 2/Lieut J.G.EVANS) from Cadet Battalion.
No 2 M.G.Coy.	1	12	Lieut R.M.WATSON from Reinforcements.
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Schools attended during month of JANUARY, 1918.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Infantry	17	8
Carrier Pigeon	5	19
Lewis Gun	3	16
Gas	6	10
Bombing	1	11
Cadets (Infantry)	-	9
Signalling	1	5
Power buzzer	-	4
Stokes	1	5
Musketry	1	5
Intelligence	-	2
Veterinary duties	-	2
Scouting, Sniping and Observation.	-	2
Machine Gun (Vickers)	-	1
Cookery	-	1
Farriery	-	1
	35	101.