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OF

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918 April		Reference Maps 36A N.W., 1/40,000. 64D, 1/40,000.	
PLOEGSTEERT	1.		The 7th A.I. Brigade in line PLOEGSTEERT area. Brigade H.Q., BRUNE GAYE, 27th Battalion in Line-Right. 26th Battalion - Line-Left, 25th and 28th Battalions in ROSSIGNOL and INGERSOLL Camps supplied nucleus garrisons for the Corps Line (Second Zone). Lieut. Colonel E.MARTIN, C.M.G., D.S.O., 17th Battalion, temporarily commanding the Brigade during Brig. General E.A.WISDOM's absence on sick leave.	
	2/3		Brigade relieved in the line by the 74th and 75th Infantry Brigades, and moved to Divisional Reserve area; Brigade H.Q. - TROIS RDS CAMP. These two days completed our tour in the line in the PLOEGSTEERT area, and there were no outstanding occurrences to record, except that the work of improving the Corps Line defences was vigorously proceeded with. Patrolling was carried out to an extent which obviated a possible enemy assembly in NO MANS LAND West of the RIVER LYS. Artillery and aerial activity was normal.	App.1.
GODEWAERS- VELDE Area	3.		Brigade moved to GODEWAERSVELDE Staging area by bus. Brigade Group as detailed in March Table.	App.2.
ALLONVILLE	4/5		Brigade Group transferred from Second Army to Third Army. Entrained at STRAZEELE and GODEWAERSVELDE, and detrained at HANGEST-SUR-SOMME and ST. ROCHE; thence by march route to the ALLONVILLE area. The 25th Battalion and 1/3rd S.A.A. Section D.A.C. camped at ST. SAUVEUR on the night 5/6th, and proceeded on the 6th to ALLONVILLE Area.	App.3.
BONNAY.	6/7		Brigade moved by march route to relieve the 104th Infantry Brigade holding the crossings on the RIVER SOMME. On arrival in the BONNAY-CORBIE Area, this relief was cancelled.	App.4.
BAIZIEUX	7/8		Brigade moved by march route to relieve the 12th A.I. Brigade in the Reserve Line BAIZIEUX - ST. LAURENCE FARM.	App.5.

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BAIZIEUX	7/8		<p>Brigade relieved the 13th A.I. Brigade in the line DERNANCOURT SECTOR, from BUIRE, D.30.central - along the railway to E.19.d.3.5 - to E.13.b.9.1. Brigade H.Q., D.7.b.5.0. 7th A.M.G.Coy was placed under the Command of the Brigade Commander.</p> <p>The 10th A.I. Brigade was on the Right flank, and the 6th A.I. Brigade on the Left flank.</p>	App. 5.
	10/12		Inter-Battalion reliefs in the line.	App. 6.
	14.		Raid carried out by 26th Battalion (For report see Intelligence Summary No.6, App. 18)	
	16/18		Inter-Battalion reliefs in the line.	App. 7.
	22/23		The 10th A.I. Bde took over a portion of our front to a line East and West through E.19.central. The 10th A.M.G.Coy and 10th T.M.Bty relieved Vickers Guns and Trench Mortars in this area.	App. 8.
	23/24		Inter-Battalion relief in the line. The 26th Battalion took over the entire front line occupied by the Brigade, the remaining three Battalions being disposed in depth.	App. 9.
	25.		Minor operation by 2nd Div. Artillery, Medium T.M.Batteries, assisted by 7th Bde Stokes Mortars.	App.10.
	26/27		Brigade took over portion of 6th A.I. Bde front to a line East and West through E.8.c.0.8 7th A.M.G.Coy and 7th A.L.T.M.Bty relieved M.Gs and T.Ms in this area. 25th Battalion occupied this new portion of the line.	App.11.
	29/30		Inter-Battalion relief arranged, but cancelled on account of relief of the Brigade.	App.12.
	"		Inter-Battalion boundary re-adjusted.	App.13.

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MONTIGNY	April 30/	May 1st.	(less 28th Bn) Brigade relieved in the line by 55th Infantry Brigade and moved to MONTIGNY area. Brigade H.Q. - BAVELINCOURT CHATEAU.	App.14.
QUERRIEU	May 1.		Brigade Group moved to QUERRIEU area, and was joined there by the 28th Bn. Instructions for the Defence of the DERNANCOURT SECTOR, Nos. 1 to 13, with Amendments and Administrative Instructions. Summaries of Intelligence for April. Strength Return as at April 30th 1918. Statement of Casualties for month of April 1918. Salvage Returns for April 1918. During the period April 3 - 8th, there was much movement by the Brigade to conform to the tactical situation, various reliefs having been proposed and cancelled at short notice, but apart from this, nothing untoward occurred. During period April 8th - 30th, while in the DERNANCOURT SECTOR, we had possession of the high ground N.W. of the railway from BUIRE to ALBERT, with direct observation over the enemy's forward positions, which were very exposed N. and W. of the railway, while our positions were concealed from his observation except from the ridge South of MORLANCOURT. The main features of the period of occupation were (1) Works, (2) Sniping, (3) Salvage. (1) The front line on taking over, consisted of disconnected posts, not wired, and no definite trench systems in rear, the rear defences forward of the BALZIEUX line consisting of posts (unwired). Work was immediately proceeded with, and the front posts converted into a continuous trench, most of which was wired. A strong support trench was dug and wired, and two definite reserve trenches in rear, in addition to various lines in close support and flank switches.	App.15/16 App.17. App.18. App.19. App.20. App.21.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p style="text-align: center;">- 4 -</p> <p>(2) At first, the enemy's snipers proved very troublesome, and movement in the vicinity of the front line in daylight was disastrous. The Brigade Snipers were set to work, with the result that within three days hostile sniping was reduced to a negligible minimum, and during the remainder of the period, 73 known casualties were inflicted on the enemy, including two officers. These casualties were inflicted on the enemy while passing to and from his forward positions, which consisted of disconnected posts and no C.T.'s. The accuracy of our shooting and the casualties inflicted, were vouched for voluntarily by prisoners captured in the sector.</p> <p>(3) A very large quantity of valuable material was salvaged from the old British C.C.S. in E.19.c. which lay just behind the front line. See salvage return.</p> <p>Identifications were called for on three occasions, but with the exception of one occasion, the necessity for raids was obviated by the capture of prisoners near our posts. On the night of the unsuccessful raid by the 26th Battalion (14th April) a prisoner was captured at one of our posts in E.19.b. which supplied the required identification.</p> <p>The health and morale of the troops were very good, and the work done was above the average, in spite of the large quantity the men were called upon to do.</p> <p>A proportion of gas shells was sent over into our area daily, but the discipline was good, with the result that casualties from this cause were very light.</p> <p>Reliefs were carried out without incident, except on the night 26/27th April, when the 25th Battalion were caught in a sudden burst of harassing fire, and suffered 42 casualties.</p> <p>The weather was unsettled, but warm, with neither much rain nor sunshine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Manawson B.L.</i> Major, Brigade Major, G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.</p>	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
No. of Appendix.	
1.	Bde Order No.162. Relief of 7th A.I.Bde by 74th Inf. Bde. and 75th Inf. Bde.
2.	Bde Order No.163, Move of Bde to STRAZEELE - METEREN Staging Area.
3.	Bde Order No.164, Transfer of Bde from Second to Third Army Area.
4.	Bde Order No.165, Relief of 104th Inf. Bde by 7th A.I.Bde.
5.	Bde Order No.166, Relief by 7th A.I.Bde of 12th A.I.Bde. in Reserve Line, and 13th A.I.Bde in Front Line.
6.	Bde Order No.167. Inter-Battalion Relief.
7.	Bde Order No.168. " " "
8.	Bde Order No.169. Adjustment of 7th and 10th A.I.Bde boundaries.
9.	Bde Order No.170. Battalion Reliefs.
10.	Bde letter 262/72. Trench Mortar Operation.
11.	Bde Order No.172. Adjustment of boundaries between 5th, 6th, and 7th A.I.Bdes.
12.	Bde Order No.173. Proposed Bn. Relief Order.
13.	Bde Order No.174, Adjustment of Bn.boundaries.
14.	Bde Order No.175. Relief of 7th Bde by 55th Bde
15 & 16.	Bde Orders Nos. 176 & 177, move of 7th Bde into Corps Reserve.
17.	Instructions for the Defence of DERNANCOURT Sector, Nos. 1 to 13, with Amendments and Administrative Arrangements.
18.	Summaries of Intelligence for April 1918, Nos. 1 to 21.
19.	Strength Return asat April 30th 1918.
20.	Statement of Casualties for April 1918.
21.	Salvage Returns for April 1918.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Order No. 122

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Copy No 29

Headquarters,
4 April 1918.

Reference map sheets 28 & 29, 1/40,000.

1. (a) The 2nd Australian Division, less Artillery, is being relieved by the 26th and 19th Divisions, less Artillery, between march 31st and April 3rd 1918.
(b) The 7th A.I. Brigade is being relieved by the 74th Infantry Brigade and the 75th Infantry Brigade, in accordance with attached relief table Appendix 'A'.
2. All Defence schemes, works Policy, local maps, aeroplane photographs, information regarding the front, area, and trench stores will be handed over to incoming units. Copies of receipts obtained will be forwarded to brigade H.Q. within 24 hours after completion of relief.
3. (a) Instructions regarding guides, preliminary reconnaissances by incoming units, the rejoining of detached parties, are issued separately to units concerned, in Appendix 'B'
(b) Administrative instructions are issued in Appendix 'C'
4. Completion of relief will be wired in S.A.S. Code to brigade Headquarters.
5. On relief, Command of this brigade Sector will pass to G.O.C. of 74th Infantry Brigade and to the G.O.C. of 75th Infantry Brigade, in the right and Left sub-sectors respectively.
6. Brigade H.Q. will close at SAUND GATE on completion of relief, and open at TAUIS ROIS CAMP 7.30 a.m. at the same hour.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 7.30 a.m.
Copies to :-

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| 1. 25th bn. | 17. G.O.C. |
| 2. 26th bn. | 18. S.M. |
| 3. 27th bn. | 19. S.O. |
| 4. 28th bn. | 20. Edg Sig. Officer. |
| 5. 7th A.I. B.M.B. | 21. Major RAPER, 27th Bn. |
| 6. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G' | 22. Lieut. Moshim ING, 25th Bn. |
| 7. " " " 'A.C.I' | 23. Area Comdnt, KOMEPP. |
| 8. 74th Inf. Bde. | 24. " " NEUVI EGLISE. |
| 9. 75th Inf. Bde. | 25 to 27, "ac Diary |
| 10. 101st Inf. Bde. | 28. File |
| 11. 7th Inf. Bde. | 29 to 32 Spare. |
| 12. 5th Field Coy. | |
| 13. 5th Field Amb. | |
| 14. 17th A.A.S.C. | |
| 15. Light Group Arty. | |
| 16. 2nd M.G. Bn. | |

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RELIEF TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 162.

APPENDIX 'A'

Date	Unit	From	Relieved by	To	Remarks.
1918 April 2nd and night 2/3rd April	25th bn.	Second Zone (Less Posts No.5 to 10)	11th Lanc. Fusiliers.	KORTENYMP "B" Camp.	Relief of units in line will be completed as soon after dark as possible.
"	25th bn.	Second Zone Posts No.5 to 10 inclu- sive.	8th Borders.	ditto	On its in camps will vacate the m by 3 p.m.
"	25th bn.	ROSSIGNOL CAMP	9th Loyal N.Lance. 11th Lanc.Fusiliers.	ditto	Dist ances will be main- tain- ed as the situation d emands.
"	26th bn.	Line Left H.Q. J.27. b.8.2.	2nd S.Lance.	ALDERSHOT CAMP	
"	27th bn.	Line right H.Q. O.3.c. 8.5.	3rd Dorseters.	KORTENYMP "A" CAMP	
"	28th bn.	INGERSOLL CAMP	11th Cheshires.	VAUXHALL CAMP S.18.d.1.2.	
"	7th ALBATY	Right sub- sector	74th L.F.m.Bty	ALDERSHOT CAMP	
"	A.I. 7th Bde H.Q.	Left "	75th L.F.m.Bty	"	Rear H.Q. B.15.d.5.8.5 Advanced H.Q. J.28.c.9.5
"		BRUNNEN GATE	7th Inf. Bde.	TROIS NOIS CAMP	

Appendix 1

APPENDIX 'B'

1. Guides will report at 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. on April 2nd as under :-
 - (a) At 6.45 a.m. a mounted officer of 25th Battalion from MOSSIGNOL CAMP to guide officers of 2nd S. Lance to 25th Battalion H.Q.
 - (b) At 7.45 a.m. an officer from 25th Bn. to guide representatives from 8th Borders around Posts No.5. to 10 inclusive, in second zone.
 - (c) At 7.45 a.m. a guide from 7th A.L.T.M.Bty to guide representative from 75th L.T.M.Bty around Left Sub-sector positions.
 - (d) At 7.45 a.m. an officer from 25th Battalion to guide representatives from 8th Borders around Left Counter-attack Company positions.
 - (e) At 1.45 p.m. a guide from 7th A.L.T.M.Bty to guide representative from 74th T.M.Bty around Right Sub-sector positions.
 - (f) At 1.45 p.m. an officer from 25th Bn. to guide representatives from 11th Lane Fusiliers around Right Counter-Attack Company positions and Second Zone, excluding Posts Nos. 5 to 10.
 - (g) At 1.45 p.m. a mounted officer of 27th Battalion from MOSSIGNOL Camp to guide representatives from 3rd Corporals to 27th Battalion H.Q.

2. Guides will report on night April 2nd as under :-
 - (a) At 5.30 p.m. one per post or platoon, from 25th Bn. in second zone (less posts Nos. 5. to 10) at DELLELLE SIDING C.L.D. to guide 11th Lane Fusiliers.
 - (b) At 7.00 p.m. one per platoon, Company, and Bn. H.Q. from 27th Bn. at DORCHESLER SIDING C.7.c. to guide 3rd Corporals.
 - (c) At 7 p.m., one per post from 25th Bn. in Second Zone posts Nos. 5. to 10 inclusive, at FLOUQUELLET VILLAGE & Cross roads, to guide 8th Borders.
 - (d) At 7 p.m., one from each Trench mortar Bty position in Left sub-sector, at FLOUQUELLET VILLAGE CROSS ROADS to guide 75th L.T.M.Bty.
 - (e) At 7.30 p.m. at DORCHESLER SIDING, one from each T.M.Bty position in Right sub-sector to guide 74th T.M. Bty.
 - (f) The 25th Battalion and 2nd S. Lance will make mutual arrangements regarding guides.

3.
 - (a) The platoons forming Brigade Works Company will re-join their units, or in case of line units, their rear Headquarters at BONANZA CAMP, by 6 a.m. April 2nd.
 - (b) The two Counter-Attack Companies of the 25th and 28th Battalions will rejoin their units immediately after 'Stand Down' on morning April 2nd.

4. The nucleus companies under Major P.C. RAPPA, 27th Bn., MOSSIGNOL CAMP will either rejoin their units or move to new camps at 3 p.m. April 2nd.

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APPENDIX 'C'

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

April 1st 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany Brigade Order No. 162.

reference sheets 20 & 31, 1/40,000.

1. On relief, the front line battalions will hand over baggage rations and obtain receipts in duplicate, forwarding same to brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of completion of relief.
2. All guards on ammunition dumps etc. will be relieved on 2nd inst. when men will rejoin units. Units will withdraw traffic control personnel by 10 a.m. 2nd inst.
3. Transport lines will be located as follows :-

27th bn.	HILLSIDE	SOUTH	CAMP
25th bn.	"	"	"
26th bn.	"	"	"
28th bn.	"	"	"
4. Units will move with mobile echelons complete.
5. Units will carry as many picks and shovels in excess of the echelon as possible.
6. All gum boots will be returned to INGRAMSOLL Gun Foot Store and receipts obtained, by 6 p.m. tomorrow 2nd inst. No gum boots are to be handed over in the line. The personnel of the store will be relieved by 10 a.m. 2nd inst.
7. The personnel on trench tramway control will be relieved on 2nd inst.
8. Baggage wagons will report to units by 10 a.m. 2nd inst.
9. Train arrangements for relief are as follows :-

Unit	From	To	Time	Miles
25th bn.	DEBENHILL SIDING.	CONNAUGHT	8 p.m.	500
27th bn.	DOUGHERTY SIDING	"	10.30 p.m.	600
26th bn.	DEBENHILL SIDING	"	10.30 p.m.	600
T.M.Sty	"	"	10.30 p.m.	30
10. Major P.C. HARRIS will hand over tents now held on charge to representative of Area Commandant, NIAF, at BOSSIGNOL CAMP on 2nd instant.

G. H. Harrison
Captain, Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Order No. 163. (163)

Copy No. 34

Reference Maps Sheets 27 & 28, 1/40,000.

Headquarters,
April 2nd 1918.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move on April 3rd by bus and by march route to Staging Areas STRAZELLE, METZEN, GODA-SWALDEN in accordance with attached table.
2. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group for purposes of this move, will consist of units as detailed in attached table.
3. Captain J. ROYHOUSE, M.C., 28th Battalion will be Brigade Embussing Officer. Each unit will detail an Embussing Officer who will report to Captain ROYHOUSE at embussing point half an hour before scheduled time of departure. These officers will have exact embussing states of their units.
4. Brigade headquarters will close at TROIS ROIS CAMP at 11 a.m. 3rd April, and will open at METZEN at same hour.
5. Transport of units will move by most direct route to units' destination.
6. A.C.A.C. LADGS.

H. Lee Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at p.m.

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- No. 1. 25th Bn.
 2. 26th Bn.
 3. 27th Bn.
 4. 28th Bn.
 5. 7th A.L.F.M.B.
 6. 7th A.M.G. Coy
 7. 8th A.M.G. Coy
 8. 22nd A.M.G. Coy
 9. 5th Field Coy
 10. 5th Field Amb.
 11. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
 12. " " " 'A.C.'
 13. S.A.A. Sec. D.A.C.
 14. 17th A.A.S.C.
 15. 2nd Div. Salvage Coy
 16. 4th " " "
 17. G.O.C.
 18. B.M.
 19. S.C.
 20. Capt. ROYHOUSE
 21. Bde Sig. Officer
 22. File
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MOV. Tables to accompany 7th A.I. Bde Order No. 125.

Date	Unit	Embussing point	March embussing Point	Debussing Point	Destination in undermentioned areas	Remarks	
1915 April 3rd	7th A.I. Bde plus Bde Sig Section	Sheet 28 T-14.d.t.5.	7.20 a.m.	Sheet 27 X lt.c.f.4.	METEREN		
"	7th T.S. Bty	"	7.23 a.m.	"	"		
"	5th Field Coy	"	7.25 a.m.	"	"		
"	5th Field Ambulance	"	7.26 a.m.	"	"		
"	2nd Div. Salvage Coy	"	7.32 a.m.	"	"		
"	4th Div. Salvage Coy	"	7.34 a.m.	"	"		
"	25th Bn.	"	7.36 a.m.	METEREN	STRAZEELE	By march route from debussing point to STRAZEELE	
"	28th Bn.	"	7.46 a.m.	X.lt.c.f.4 W.12.b.8.4	GODEAERSVELDE.		
"	6th M/Gun Coy	"	1.25 p.m.	W.23.c.3.2	STRAZEELE.		
"	22nd M/G Coy	"	1.28 p.m.	"	"		
"	7th M/G Coy	"	1.31 p.m.	X.lt.c.f.4.	METEREN		
"	26th Bn.	"	1.34 p.m.	"	"		
"	27th Bn.	"	1.44 p.m.	W.3.b.8.2	GODEAERSVELDE		
"	17th A.I. S.C. move by march route to METEREN.					NO. 14 Convoy moves off 8 am.	
"	1/3rd Bde Sig Section, D.A.C. move by march route to STRAZEELE.					2nd " " " 2 p.m.	

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Appendix D

Distribution :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.M.F. Coy.
6. 7th A.M.G. Coy
7. 22nd A.M.G. Coy
8. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
9. 2nd Aust. Div. Reinf.ing
10. 5th Field Coy
11. 5th Field Ambulance.
12. S.A.A. Sec, J.A.G.
13. 17th Coy A.S.C.
14. Capt. J. O'DRISCOLL, MC.
15. Capt. J. O'DRISCOLL, MC, 23th Bn.
16. Major H.R. PAGE, MC, 25th Bn.
17. Major A. BROWN, DSO, MC, 25th Bn.
18. Capt. A.O. WOOD, MC, 26th Bn.
19. Lieut. J. MCKELMUNG, 25th Bn.
20. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
21. " " " 'A.C.'
22. G.O.C.
23. B.M.
24. S.O.
25. 2nd Sig. Officer
26. A.T.O., CABSTAB.
27. A.T.O., GODDARD'S CLUB.
28. A.T.O., SIRAZULU.
29. A.T.O., ST. ROCH.
30. A.T.O., HANGST.
31. 4th A.I. Bde
32. P.L.s
- 33-34, 35, War Diary.
- 36 to 42 Spare.

MOV_e TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 164.

APPENDIX 'A'

Serial	Date	Unit	Train	Time of Departure.	Embarking Station.	Detraining Station
1.	1918 4th April	7th Bde H.Q.	No.1.	3.25 p.m.	GAMSTRE	ST. ROCH.
2.	"	7th Bde Sig. Section.	"	"	"	"
3.	"	7th A.L.T.M.B.	"	"	"	"
4.	"	7th A.M.G.Coy.	"	"	"	"
5.	"	1 Coy, 1 Cooker & team, 21st Bn.	"	"	"	"
6.	5th April	5th Field Coy	No.4.	12.25 a.m.	"	"
7.	"	17th A.A.S.C.	"	"	"	"
8.	"	1 Coy, 1 Cooker & team 26th Bn.	"	"	"	"
9.	"	5th Field Amb.	No.5.	3.25 a.m.	"	"
10.	"	2nd Aust. Div. Mainf. Wing.	"	"	"	"
11.	"	1/3rd S.A.A.Sec. 2nd B.A.C.	"	"	"	"
12.	"	26th Bn. less 1 Coy, 1 Cooker & team	No.6	6.25 a.m.	"	"

The train journey will take 10 hours approx.

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Serial No.	Date	Unit	Train	Time of Departure	Entraining Station	Detraining Station
	1918					
13.	4th April	1 Coy 1 Cooker & team of 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	No.3.	10.5 p.m.	GODEWAERSSELDE	ST. ROCH
14	"	1 Coy, 1 Cooker & team 28th Bn.	"	"	"	"
15.	"	1 Coy, 1 Cooker & team 27th Bn.	"	"	"	"
15 A.	"	1/3rd S.A.A.Sec. D.A.C.	"	"	"	"
16.	5th April	2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. less 1 Coy, 1 Cooker & team.	No.4.	1.5 a.m.	"	"
17.	"	27th Bn. less 1 Coy 1 Cooker & team	No.5.	4.5 a.m.	"	"
18.	"	28th Bn. less 1 Coy 1 Cooker & team	No.6.	7.5 a.m.	"	"
19.	5th April	1 Coy, 1 Cooker & team 24th Bn.	No.4.	2 18 a.m.	STRAZELLE	HANGEST SUR SOMME
20.	"	1 Coy, 1 Cooker & team of 25th Bn.	"	"	"	"
21.	"	22nd A.S.G. Coy	"	"	"	"
22.	"	25th Bn. less 1 Coy 1 Cooker & team	No.6.	8.18 a.m.	"	"

The train journey will take 10 hours approx.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX 'B'

3rd April 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany 7th A.I. Bde. Order No. 164

1. TRANSIT - will entrain with Unit. and will be at the Station three hours before scheduled time of departure of the train. Brevet ropes for horse trucks will be provided by Units themselves.
Supply and baggage wagons will accompany Units.
All water carts will entrain full.
Horses will be watered prior to entraining.

2. Relieving parties as under will proceed by the first train from the respective entraining stations and report to the Staff Captain, 7th A.I. Bde. at ST ROCH, or Lieut. G. HARRY, M.O., M.M., 28th Bn. at HANGEST SUR SOMME.

7th A.I. Bde. H.Q.	1 Off.
7th A.I. Bde. Stry.	1 Off.
25th, 26th, 27th, } 28th Battalions.	1 Off. 4 N.C.Os. each.
7th A.M.G. Coy.	1 Off. 1 N.C.O.
2nd D.A.O.	1 Off. 1 N.C.O.
17th A.A.S.O.	1 N.C.O.
5th Field Amb.	1 Off. 1 N.C.O.
2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	1 Off. 4 N.C.Os.
22nd M.G. Coy.	1 Off. 1 N.C.O.
2nd Div. Moinf' Camp.	1 Off. 1 N.C.O.

St. 7. Coy

The above parties will be provided with bicycles.
Time of departure of first trains are -
From CASSTRA - - - 3.25 p.m. 4th April.
" GODSWAERSVELDE - - 4.5 p.m. "
" STRAZZELLE - - - 5.18 p.m. "

3. Loading parties of three officers and 100 o/rs. with one cooker and team will be detailed for duty at entraining stations as follows :-

CASSTRA - -	28th Battalion.
STRAZZELLE - -	25th "
GODSWAERSVELDE - -	28th "

These parties will report to R.T.O., at respective stations three hours before the scheduled time of departure of first train, remain until the whole of Divisional entraining is complete and proceed on last train from each station.

No troops or transport will be permitted to enter the station yard until permission is obtained from R.T.O.
No personnel or stores will be placed in the vans at either end of the train.

4. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS. - Rations for consumption on 5th instant for 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade Group will be dumped by M.T. at METZAN - Train Supply wagons will refill on afternoon of 3rd instant and deliver to Units.

Rations for consumption on 6th instant will be dumped at METZAN and refilled into train Supply wagons on morning of 4th instant. Train Supply wagons will remain loaded with Units.

5. TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY 28th Battalion will arrange to convey Trench Mortars and equipment to entraining station at CASSTRA three hours before departure of train.

H. Lee Major
Staff Captain.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Order No. 115.

6th April 1918.

Reference map : Sheet 22. 1/40,000.

1. (a) The 2nd. Aust. Division less Artillery will relieve the 35th Division less Artillery on 6th April 1918.
(b) The 7th A.I.Bde. will relieve the 104th Inf. Bde. plus other Units which are holding the crossings on the RIVER SOMME on the 6th April and night 6th/7th April in accordance with attached table.
2. (a) The 7th A.I.Bde. Group will come under command of the 3rd Aust. Division from 6 p.m. on 6th instant.
(b) The G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Division will assume command of the flank section of the Corps front from VAUX SUR SOMME to DROUAS (inclusive) at 10 a.m. on 7th inst., from which time the 7th A.I.Bde. group will return to the command of the 2nd Aust. Division.
3. (a) The 27th & 28th Bns will take their complete shovel into the line. }
All local maps, defence schemes, information concerning new front and trench stores will be taken over on relief. Copies of receipts given will be forwarded to Bde.H.Q., by 12 noon 7th inst.
4. Special attention is drawn to preliminary instructions for move, this office 260/20 issued 5th inst., to units concerned.
5. Completion of relief will be wired in code to Bde.H.Q.,
6. (a) Bde.H.Q., will close at ALLONVILLE at 10 a.m. on 6th instant and open at BONNAI at same hour.
(b) Div. H.Q., will close at BEAUFANGIES at 10 a.m. 6th inst. and open at ALLONVILLE at same hour.
7. Acknowledge.

R. Lee Major, Brigade Major.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Order No. 113

Distribution :-

- 1. 25th Bn.
- 2. 26th Bn.
- 3. 27th Bn.
- 4. 28th Bn.
- 5. 7th M.C. Coy.
- 6. 7th T.M. Coy.
- 7. 5th Field Coy.
- 8. 5th Field Amb.
- 9. 17th A.A.S.C.
- 10. S.A.A. Sec., D.A.O.
- 11. 104th Inf. Bde.
- 12. 3rd Aust. Div. "G"
- 13. 2nd Aust. Div. "G"
- 14. 2nd Aust. Div. "A"
- 15. 5th A.I. Bde.
- 16. 6th A.I. Bde.
- 17. 11th A.I. Bde.
- 18. 13th A.I. Bde.
- 19. G.O.C.
- 20. B.M.
- 21. S.C.
- 22. Ed. Sig. Off.
- 23/5 War Diary.
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 7th Australian Infantry Battalion

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ORDER NO. 165.

Date.	Unit.	In relief of.	Moves to.	Will leave present area at	Route.	Remarks.
April 6th.	27th bn.	18th Lanc. Fusiliers & 1 Coy 17th Lanc. Fus.	night defensive flank from AUSIGN (inc) - HAMILLT (inc) H.Q., I-34.d.central.	9 a.m.	BUSSI - DAOURS. NAUVILLE. CORBIE.	Relief to be completed in daylight.
April 6th and night 6/7th Apl.	28th bn.	19th D.L. Inf. & 17th L. Fusiliers less 1 Coy.	Line Left from HAMILLT (exc) - SAILLY-LE-SEC (inc) H.Q., J.26.c.central.	2 p.m.	-do-	Relief to be completed as soon after dark as possible.
"	7th AMG Coy.	"A" Coy 35th M.G. Bn	Line. H.Q., BONNAI.	2 p.m.	-do-	-do-
"	7th A.L. T.M. Bty	104th LTA Bty.	Line. H.Q., J.26.c.5.2.	2 p.m.	-do-	-do-
April 6th.	25th bn.	-	Support Left. BONNAI.	2 p.m.	QUARRIEU - PONT NOYELLES - LAHOUSSE.	Move to be completed during daylight.
"	25th bn.	-	Support right. BONNAI.			means of transport etc., to be notified later.
"	7th A. Brigade H.Qrs.	104th Inf Bde.	BONNAI.	10 a.m.	QUARRIEU - PONT NOYELLES - LAHOUSSE.	Move to be completed during daylight.

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Date.	Unit..	In relief of.	Moves to	Will leave present area at	Route.	Remarks.
April 6th.	5th Field Coy. A.M.	11th Field Coy.	BONNAI.	3 p.m.	QUERANISU PONT NOUVELLES- LA HOUSSE.	To be completed during flight.
"	1/3 S.A.A. Sec. D.A.C.	-	BONNAI.	3 p.m.	-do-	-do-
"	17th A.A.S.C.	-	QUERANISU.			No restrictions as to times or routes.
"	5th Field Amb.	10th Field Amb.	LA NEUVILLE.			As convenient.

Movement west of Line PONT NOUVELLES - DACUS will be by Companies at 200 yds distance.

" East " " " " " " platoons at 200 " "

N.B: All billets and camps occupied by 7th A.Lods. Group, less 17th A.A.S.C. will be vacated by 12 noon on 6th instant.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Order No. 166.

Headquarters,
April 6th 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62.D. 1/40,000.

1. (a) The 2nd Australian Division, less Artillery, is relieving the 4th Australian Division, less Artillery, in the Left Sector of the Corps front between the 6th and 8th April 1918.
(b) The 7th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 12th A.I. Brigade in the reserve Line BAIZIEUX - FARM ST-LAURENT by 12 noon April 7th 1918 in accordance with attached table.
2. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade H.Q.
3. Brigade H.Q. will close at BONNAY at 11 a.m. 7th April, and open at CHATEAU BAIZIEUX at the same hour.
4. The 7th A.I. Brigade will come under the Command of the 4th Australian Division from 12 noon April 7th.
5. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will relieve the 13th A.I. Brigade Group in the Right Sub-sector on the night April 7/8th, in accordance with attached table.
6. Local maps, aeroplane photographs, defence policy, trench stores, and all information concerning the new front will be taken over on relief. Copies of receipts given will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of relief.
7. Subject to the terms of this Order, arrangements for relief will be made mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
8. Administrative instructions are issued separately.
9. The reliefs of Field Companies and Medical units will be arranged by the C.A.M. and the A.D.M.S.
10. Brigade H.Q. will close at BAIZIEUX at 8 p.m. April 7th, and open at dugout B.7.b.1.2. at same hour.
11. Completion of relief will be wired in B.A.B. Code to Bde H.Q.
12. The G.O.C., 2nd Australian Division will take over Command from the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division at 10 a.m. April 8th, at which hour Divisional H.Q. will close at ALLONVILLE and open at BEAUCOURT.

H. Lee

Major Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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| 2. 26th Bn. | 13. 6th A.I. Bde |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 14. 10th A.I. Bde |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 15. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G' |
| 5. 7th M.G. Coy | 16. " " " 'A.Q.' |
| 6. 7th A.L.T.M. Bty | 17. 4th " " 'G' |
| 7. 5th Field Coy | 18. G.O.C. |
| 8. S.A.A. Sec, D.A.C. | 19. B.M. |
| 9. 5th Field Amb. | 20. S.O. |
| 10. 17th A.A.S.O. | 21. Bde Sig. Officer |
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

April 5th 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany 7th A.D. Hqs Order 100

Reference Map Sheet 62.D., 1/40,000.

1. Transport, less Brigade H.Q. Transport will be brigaded under the Brigade Transport Officer at **BAVELINCOURT**.
17th A.A.S.C. will be at **BAVELINCOURT**.
2. AMMUNITION will be refilled from D.A.C. into Unit echelon lines at Brigade Transport Lines at **BAVELINCOURT**.
Section of D.A.C. will be located at **BAVELINCOURT**.
3. WATER may be obtained at the following locations :-
BRANSH
SAIZIEN
BAVELINCOURT.
4. CASUALTIES are evacuated from **HANNENCOURT**.
5. SUPPLIES. Refilling point for 7th Inst. will be same as for 8th Inst. For 8th Inst. and until further orders, D.I.C.S.S.
Rations are carried from transport lines to Battalion H.Q. by first line transport nightly.
Units will ascertain all details of distribution forward from Battalion H.Q. from units relieved.
Units will take over hot & cold containers from units in line.
6. TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY. 7th Aust. Machine-Gun Coy will arrange direct with O.C., 7th A.L.T.M. Battery with regard to transport of mortars etc.

*Capt Harrison*Captain, Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RELIEF TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 166.

Date	Unit	move to	In Relief	Remarks.
1918.		Squares		
April 7th.	28th Bn.	D.2 & 9.	48th Bnz	Gubdea from 12th A.I. Brigade will be at Cross Roads C.28.c.9.0. at 9 a.m. Movement over the high ground between BONNAY and BAIZIEUX will be carried out by platoons at 200 x distance.
"	27th Bn.	C.5.	25th Bn.	
"	26th Bn.	D.1 & 7.	47th Bn.	
"	25th Bn.	D.13 & 14	46th Bn.	
"	7th M.G.Coy	C.5.	24th M.G.Coy	
"	7th A.L.T.M.Bty	C.5.	12th A.L.T.M.Bty	
Night			50th Bn. + 1 Coy of	Relief to be completed as soon after dark as possible, but no movement to be made east of line D.7.central - Farn St. LAURENT before 7 p.m.
April 7/8th	27th Bn.	Line right, H.Q. D.24.a.1.7.	52nd Bn. + 1 Coy in QUARRI D.24.a.	
"	28th Bn.	Line Left H.Q. D.24.a.1.7.	49th Bn. + 52nd Bn. less 1 Coy	
"	26th Bn.	Support H.Q. D.21.c.9.3.	51st Bn.	
"	25th Bn.	reserve.	BRESLE WOOD - BRESLE QUARRI D.21.c. line.	
"	7th A.M.G.Coy	Line, H.Q. D.24.a.1.7.	13th A.M.G.Coy	
"	7th A.L.T.M.Bty	Line, H.Q. D.8.a.6.3.	13th A.L.T.M.Bty	
"	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	H.Q. in dugout D.7.b.1.2.	13th A.I. Bde H.Q.	

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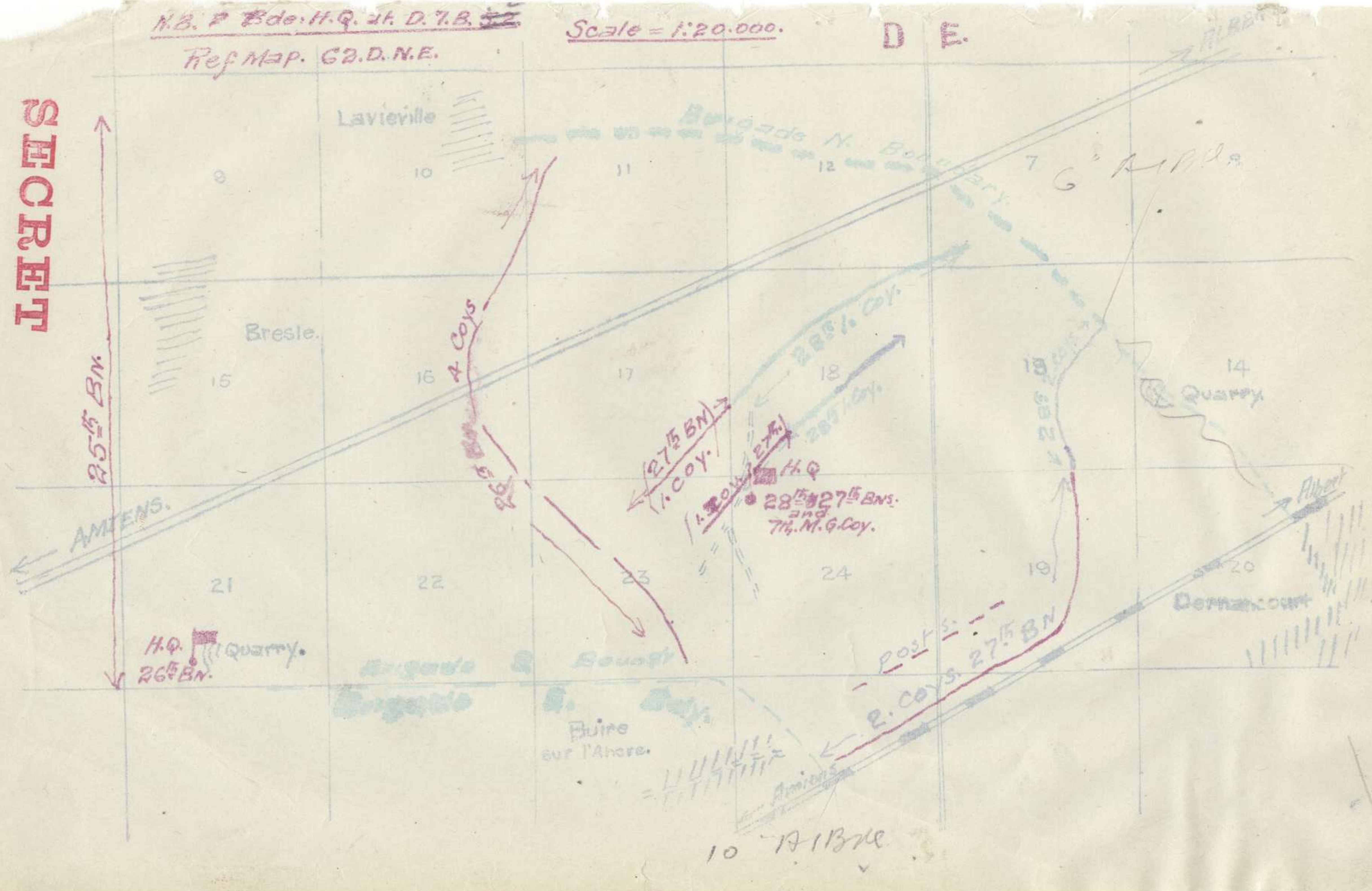
N.B. 2 Bde. H.Q. at D. 7. B. 12

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APP 6

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Order No. 167.

Headquarters,
April 9th 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 82D, 1/20,000.

1. The following inter-battalion reliefs will take place.
On the night 10/11th April, the 25th Battalion will relieve the 27th Battalion.
On the night 11/12th April, the 26th Battalion will relieve the 28th Battalion.
The disposition of units will then be :-

'A'	Battalion	Line Right	25th	Battalion
'B'	"	" Left	26th	"
'C'	"	Support	28th	"
'D'	"	Reserve	27th	"
2. Trench maps, aeroplane photographs, work policy, and disposition of troops will be taken over by relieving units.
3. (a) No movement of troops will take place East of LAVIEVILLE-EDINE Road before 8.15 p.m.
(b) Distances will be maintained as the situation demands.
(c) Patrols will cover the reliefs.
(d) Advance parties will be sent forward 24 hours beforehand.
(e) Details of reliefs will be arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
4. The 7th A.M.G. Company and the 7th A.L.T.M. Battery will arrange reliefs within their own units.
5. Completion of reliefs will be wired in S.A.B. Code to Brigade H.Q.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 7 p.m.

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1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.M.G. Coy
6. 7th A.L.T.M. Bty
7. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
8. " " " 'A.Q.'
9. 10th A.I. Sde.
10. 6th A.I. Sde
11. Right Group Arty
12. 5th Field Coy
13. 6th Field Amb.
14. 17th A.A.S.C.
15. G.O.C.
16. S.M.
17. S.O.
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- 20 to 22 War Diary
- 23 to 25 Spare.

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APPY 27
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Copy No. 4

Order No. 168.

Headquarters,
April 14th 1918.

Reference map sheet 62D, 1/20,000:

1. (a) On the night 16/17th April, the 27th Battalion, 'D' Battalion, will relieve the 25th Battalion, 'A' Battalion.
(b) On the night 17/18th April, the 28th Battalion, 'C' Battalion, will relieve the 26th Battalion, 'B' Battalion.
2. (a) Advance parties will be sent forward 24 hours beforehand.
(b) Patrols will be sent out to cover the reliefs.
(c) No movement of troops will take place East of the LAVIEVILLE - BUIAN road before 8.15 p.m.
3. (a) On the night 19/20th April, 25th Battalion, 'D' Battalion will relieve the 26th Battalion, 'C' Battalion.
(b) No movement of troops will take place East of the BRÉSLE - RIBEMONT road before 8 p.m.
4. (a) Trench maps, aeroplane photographs, works policy and disposition of troops will be taken over on relief.
(b) Details of reliefs will be arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
5. Completion of reliefs will be wired in B.A.S. code to Brigade Headquarters.
6. Acknowledge.

H. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Distribution :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.M.G. Coy
6. 7th A.L.T.M. Bty
7. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
8. " " " 'A' & 'Q'
9. 10th A.I. Bde
10. 6th A.I. B. de.
11. night Group Arty.
12. 5th Field Coy
13. 6th Field Amb.
14. 17th A.A.S.C.
15. G.O.C.
16. B.M.
17. S.C.
18. Bde Sigs Officer.
19. Bde P.O.
20. File.
21. to 23. War Diary.
24. to 26. Spare.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Order No. 1189.

Headquarters,
April 20th 1918.

APP 8

reference map sheet 62 D, 1/50,000.

1. The boundary between the 10th A.I. Brigade and the 7th A.I. Brigade will be re-adjusted to run from E.19.b.45.00 along GRID LINE to join old boundary at D.19.a.50.00.
2. (a) To effect this the 28th Battalion will take over from the 27th Battalion that portion of the front between the old boundary and E.19.b.45.00, on the night 22nd/23rd April.
(b) No. 9 Post at E.19.b.45.00 will be the Left Post of the 10th A.I. Brigade. It will be a joint post, half the garrison being provided by the 27th Battalion, and the other half plus an officer will be provided by the 10th A.I. Brigade.
3. The two Light Trench Mortars of the 7th A.L.T.M. Battery in D.30.b. will be relieved by the 10th A.L.T.M. Battery on the night 22nd/23rd April.
4. Separate instructions will be issued regarding
(a) The relief of Vickers machine guns South of the new boundary,
(b) The moving of troops of 'C' and 'D' Battalions, 7th A.I. Bde at present situated South of the new boundary.
5. (a) The relief of troops will not commence until 10 p.m.
(b) Trench stores, defence policy, and works policy will be handed over to the relieving unit.
(c) Patrols will be sent out to cover the relief.
6. On the night 22nd/23rd April, the 27th Battalion will accommodate all their troops at present South of the new boundary in
(a) NINE BRMS Support in D.18.c. & d. and D.24.a.
(b) Line of Posts in D.18.a. & c., and in trench in D.17.d.
(c) DARLING RESERVE D.17.b. & d.
7. In order to provide accommodation for the 27th Battalion, the three platoons of the 25th Battalion at present occupying Posts in D.18.a. and DARLING RESERVE in D.17.b. & d., will be withdrawn to the former positions of 'C' Battalion in D.16.d. and D.23.a. on night 22nd/23rd April.
8. Special attention is drawn to instructions issued regarding the making of living accommodation in trenches.
9. In view of the fact that within a few days the northern boundary of the Brigade will be extended northwards, in territorial reliefs will not take place until the present tour of eight days has been completed.
10. Completion of relief will be reported in B.A.B. Code to Brigade H.Q.
11. Acknowledgo.

H. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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| 1. 25th Bn. | 7. 10th A.I. Bde | 13. G.O.C. |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 8. 6th A.I. Bde | 14. B.M. |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 9. 5th A.I. Bde | 15. S.C. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 10. 5th F. Coy | 16. File |
| 5. 7th Am. Gen. Coy | 11. 2nd Am. Div. 'G' | 17 to 19 J. Diary. |
| 6. 7th A.L.T.M. B. | 12. Right Gp up App Y. | |

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Order No. 170.

Headquarters,
April 21st, 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62 D, 1/20,000.

1. The 10th Aust. Machine Gun Company will relieve Vickers Guns of the 7th Aust. Machine Gun Company on the night 22nd/23rd April as under :-

1	Vickers Gun at	E.19.e.80.00.
1	" "	E.19.e.80.20.
1	" "	E.19.d.20.30.
1	" "	D.23.e.60.40.
1	" "	D.23.e.70.60.

2. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
3. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade H.Q.
4. Acknowledge.

H. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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2. 10th A.I. Bde.
3. 2nd M. Gun Bn.
4. 2nd Aust. Div.
5. 27th Bn.
6. File
- 7 to 9. War Diary.

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Order No. 170

Headquarters,
April 23rd 1918.

Reference map sheet 62 D, 1/20,000.

1. The ²⁶26th Battalion will relieve the 28th Battalion in the line and that portion of the front line held by the 27th Battalion on the night 23rd/24th April.
2. The 27th Battalion Headquarters will remain for the present at the QUARRY D.24.a.1.7. The Company of the 27th Battalion in the front line, relieved, will move to the reserve Company position of 'B' Battalion in D.18.
3. The 26th Battalion will occupy the newly dug Support trench in D.18.d. and 24.b.
4. (a) Advance parties will be sent forward 24 hours before relieved.
(b) Patrols will be sent out to cover the reliefs.
(c) No movement of troops will be made forward of the LAVIEVILLE-BUINA road before 10 p.m.
(d) Subject to the terms of this order, details of reliefs will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
5. Trench stores, local maps, aeroplane photographs, works and defence policy will be handed over to relieving units.
6. Completion of relief will be wired in B.A.B. Code to Brigade Headquarters.
7. On completion of relief, Battalions will be disposed as follows:-

'A' Battalion Line	26th Battalion.
'B' " Close Support	27th "
'C' " Support	25th "
'D' " Reserve	28th "
8. The boundary between the 6th and 7th A.I. Brigades will be readjusted to run along a line East and West through E.7.d.0.8. The 25th Battalion will take over that portion of the 6th A.I. Bde front between E.13.b.6.5 and E.8.c.7.8, probably on the night 24th/25th April. Necessary reconnaissance will be made forthwith.
9. A g k n o w l e d g e.

H. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at 1.30 p.m.

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| 1. 25th Bn. | 12. 5th Field Coy |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 13. 5th Field Amb. |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 14. 17th A.A.S.C. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 15. G.O.C. |
| 5. 7th M/G Coy | 16. B.M. |
| 6. 7th I.M. Bty | 17. S.C. |
| 7. 6th A.I. Bde | 18. File |
| 8. 10th A.I. Bde | 19 to 21. War Diary. |
| 9. 5th A.I. Bde. | |
| 10. 2nd Aust. Div. | |
| 11. 2nd M-G. Bn. | |

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
April 25th 1918.

1. A minor Operation will be carried out by Trench and Stokes mortars in conjunction with Right Group Artillery.
2. The policy is to destroy dugouts and strong points by Trench mortars under cover of Artillery Fire.
3. Task Table as under.
4. Zero Hour is 2.30 a.m. 26th April 1918.
5. Watches will be synchronised by 'phone at 11 p.m. from Right Group Artillery Headquarters.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

TASK TABLE.

- Zero to Zero plus 6 - L.T.M. Battery and 6" Newton Mortars on road E.13.d.50.62 - E.13.b.90.00.
13th Battery will search and sweep all roads tracks and banks in E.14.a
14th Battery on road E.13.d.50.62 - E.13.b.90.00.
- Zero to Zero plus 2 - 15th Battery on road E.13.d.50.62 - E.13.b.90.00.
- Zero plus 2 to Zero plus 6 - 15th Battery will search back 100 yards each minute.
- Zero plus 6 to Zero plus 60. - All fire will cease.
- Zero plus 60 to Zero plus 65. - The above programme will be repeated as for the FIRST Five minutes.

RATES OF FIRE.

7th L.T.M. Bty. - Zero to Zero plus 6 - 3 rounds per mortar per minute. Zero plus 60 - 2 plus 65 - 4 rds. per mortar per min.
6" Newton mortars - 3 rounds per mortar per minute throughout.
18 pdr Batteries - 2 rounds per gun per minute throughout.

AMMUNITION.

18-pdrs - 50% 'A' and 50% "AX". 106 fuses to be used.

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7th A.L.T.M. Bty
7th A.M.G. Coy
6th A.I. Bde.
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HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
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Date.....

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
April 24th 1918.

reference 7th A.I. Brigade Order No.172.

All reliefs are postponed 24 hours.

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7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. B.M.101.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
April 25th 1918.Reference 7th A.I. Brigade Order No.172 and this
office B.M.100 of 24th instant.

Relief has been postponed until further notice.

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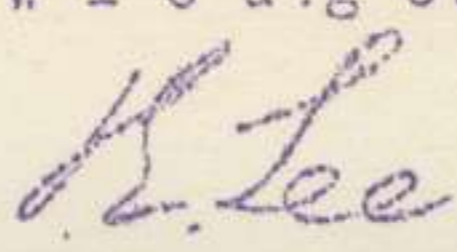
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
April 25th 1918.

Reference 7th A.I. Brigade Order No.172 and this office B.M.100 and B.M.101 of 24th and 25th instants.

1. Action ordered in Brigade Order No.172 will be carried out on night 26th/27th April.

2. A c k n o w l e d g e .



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7th Australian Infantry Brigade

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Copy No. 19

Order No. 17B.

Headquarters,
April 24th 1918.

reference maps Sheets 57D and 62D - 1/20,000.

1. (a) The northern boundary of the Division will be adjusted to run from W.15.c.6.0. due East and West along the GRID LINE between Squares W.14 and W.20. to T.14.d.0.0.
The western boundary of the Division will run from A.24, central to T.14.d.0.0. (PIERROT exclusive)
(b) On completion of this re-adjustment, inter-brigade boundaries will be -
Between 7th and 6th A.I.Bdes - East and West line through E.8.c.0.8.
Between 6th and 5th A.I.Bdes - East and West line through W.26.c.3.6.
2. The 25th Battalion will take over from the 22nd Battalion that portion of the front between the present inter-brigade boundary at E.13.b.6.5. and the new boundary at E.8.c.2.8., on the night 24/25th April.
3. The 25th Battalion will be disposed as under :-
2 Companies in the outpost line, EMMA TRENCH and PIONEER TRENCH.
1 Company in NINE ELMS SUPPORT, and steep banks in E.13.a. and posts in D.12.d. and D.18.b.
1 Company in posts in D.12.c., D.18.a., and trench running through D.17.d. and b, and D.11.d.
4. The 27th Battalion will move to the positions vacated by the 25th Battalion, except to those positions occupied by 2 Companies at present South of the Brigade southern boundary.
One Company will occupy Posts in D.11.a. and 17.a. and trench in D.16.b.
The other company will occupy the trench in D.16.c. & 22.a.
5. The 28th Battalion will move the Company at present South of the Brigade southern boundary, to a position near the remainder of the Battalion near ST. LAURENCE FARM. *on night 24/25 April*
6. The 7th A.L.T.M.Battery will relieve 2 mortars of the 8th A.L.T.M.Battery at E.13.b.4.8. and E.7.d.4.1. on the night 24/25th April.
A.M.G.Coy
7. Vickers machine guns of the 3th South of the new boundary will be relieved by the 7th A.M.G.Coy on the night 24/25th April, under arrangements to be made by the 2nd Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.
8. (a) Trench stores, aeroplane photographs, local maps, defence and works policy will be taken over by the relieving unit.
(b) Advance parties will be sent up 24 hours beforehand.
(c) No movement will take place forward of the LAVIEVILLE - BUIRE road before 10 p.m.
(d) Subject to the terms of this order, details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.

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9. On completion of reliefs, Battalions will be disposed as under :-

- 'A' Battalion Line Right, 26th Bn.,
Headquarters QUARRY D.24.a.1.7.
- 'B' Battalion Line Left, 25th Bn.,
Headquarters QUARRY D.24.a.1.7.
- 'C' Battalion Support, 27th Bn.,
Headquarters D.21.c.9.3.
- 'D' Battalion, Divisional Reserve, 28th Bn.
Headquarters ST-LAURENCE FARM, D.13.d.1.0.

10. Completion of relief will be wired in B.A.B.Code to Brigade Headquarters.

11. Acknowledge.

H. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.M.G.Coy
6. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty.
7. 6th A.I.Bde.
8. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
9. " " " 'A.Q'
10. 2nd A.M.G.Bn.
11. 10th A.I.Bdo.
12. 5th A.I.Bde.
13. 5th Field Coy
14. 5th Field Amb.
15. 17th A.A.S.C.
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters,
April 28th 1918.

7th A.I. brigade Order No.173 is cancelled.
Acknowledge.

[Signature] Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
April 28th 1918

Order No. 173

reference map Sheet 62 D, 1/20,000.

1. On the night 29/30th April, the following inter-battalion reliefs will take place.
 - (a) The 28th Battalion will relieve the 26th Battalion in the line right sub-sector.
 - (b) The 26th Battalion on being relieved will move to Support Battalion position.
 - (c) The 27th Battalion on being relieved by the 26th Battalion will move to Divisional Reserve position.

2. (a) Trench maps, aeroplane photographs, works and defence policy will be handed over.
 - (b) No movement of troops will take place East of the LAVIEVILLE-BUIAS Road before 10 p.m.
 - (c) Subject to the terms of this order, details of reliefs will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.

3. Completion of reliefs will be wired in S.A.S. code to Brigade Headquarters.

4. On completion of reliefs, dispositions will be :-

'A' Bn. Line right	28th Bn.
'B' Bn. Line Left	25th Bn.
'C' Bn. Support	26th Bn.
'D' Bn. Divisional Reserve	27th Bn.

5. Acknowledge.

H. Lee Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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| 1. 25th Bn. | 11. 5th Field Amb. |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 12. 17th A.A.S.C. |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 13. Right Group Arty. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 14. Right Flank Bde Liaison Officer |
| 5. 7th M.G. Coy | 15. Left " " " " |
| 6. 7th I.M. Bty | 16. G.O.C. |
| 7. 10th A.I. Bde | 17. S.M. |
| 8. 6th A.I. Bde. | 18. S.C. |
| 9. 2nd Aust Div. | 19. File. |
| 10. 5th Field Coy. | 20/22. War Diary. |

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Order No. 174.

Headquarters,
April 29th 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62 D¹/20,000

1. (a) The inter-battalion boundary within the Brigade will be re-adjusted tonight April 29/30th.
(b) The 25th Battalion will take over from the 26th Battalion that portion of the front line between the present inter-battalion boundary and the bend in the front line at E.13.b.50.25.
(c) The boundary will then run due West from E.13.b.50.25 to D.17.b.00.25.
2. The two line battalions will readjust their dispositions tonight April 29/30th so that each battalion has two companies in the front line, one company in Support for immediate counter-attack, and one company in reserve.
3. Completion of relief will be reported in B.A.B. Code to Brigade Headquarters.
4. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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 6. 7th A.L.T.M. Bty.
 7. 10th A.I. Bde
 8. 6th A.I. Bde.
 9. 55th Inf Bde.
 10. 2nd Aust. Div.
 11. G.O.C.
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

B.M.201.

Headquarters,
April 30th 1918.

FIRST AMENDMENT to 7th A.I.Bde Order No.175.

1. Brigade Headquarters will be established at
SAVELINCOURT Chateau on the night April 30th/May 1st,
and not at MOUNT FARM as stated in Brigade Order No.175.
2. Acknowledge.

J. R. Roydhouse Capt
for Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters
April 30th 1918.

reference 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 175.
The following will be the destination of units in the
MONTIGNI Area:-

- 26th Battalion - BEHENCOURT.
- 25th " - FRECHENCOURT.
- 27th " - BAVELINCOURT.
- 7th A.L.T.M.Sty - BEHENCOURT.
- 7th A.M.G.Coy - BEHENCOURT.
- 5th Field Coy A.M. - B. HENCOURT.
- 7th A.I. Bde H.Q. - EBART FARM. O.1.0.15.30.
- No. 4. Sig. Section - " " "

J. Roydhouse
Captain, for Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ORDER No. 175

Headquarters,
April 30th 1918

reference map Sheet 62D, 1/20,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade, less 'D' Battalion (28th Battalion), will be relieved by the 55th Infantry Brigade on the night 30th April/1st May, 1918, and will move to the MONTIGNY area in accordance with attached table.
2. (a) Trench maps, aeroplane photographs, defence schemes, work policy, and all information regarding the new front will be handed over to the incoming units.
(b) Trench stores, including two bandoliers of S.A.A. and two bombs per man will be handed over to the incoming units. S.A.A. and bombs will be collected in platoon dumps. Otherwise, units will move out complete in everything. Receipts will be obtained, and duplicates will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of relief.
(c) Patrols will be sent out to cover the reliefs of line units.
(d) Subject to the terms of this order, details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
3. The C.A.E. and the 2nd Aust. Machine Gun Battalion are arranging the reliefs of the 5th Field Coy A.E. and the 7th A.M. Gun Coy respectively. See Relief Table.
4. Orders will be issued later for the move of the 28th Battalion, which will remain for the present in Divisional Reserve.
5. Billeting parties from all units of the 7th A.I. Bde (less 28th Bn) and from the 7th A.M. G. Coy and 5th Field Coy will meet the Staff Captain, 7th A.I. Bde at BAVELINCOURT Chateau at 11 am 30th April.
6. (a) Completion of reliefs will be wired in B.A.B. Code to Brigade H.Q.
(b) On completion of reliefs, Command of the Right Brigade sector will pass to the G.O.C., 55th Infantry Brigade.
(c) Brigade H.Q. will close at present position on completion of relief, and will open at the same hour, at a place to be notified later.
7. The 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade Group will be concentrated in the CAMON - RIVARY area, to which area it will move probably on May 2nd.
8. A c k n o w l e d g e .

H. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 5.30 a.m.
For distribution R.T.O.

Distribution :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty
6. 7th A.M.G.Coy
7. 22nd A.M.G.Coy
8. 5th Field Coy
9. 55th Inf. Bde
10. 2nd Aust Div 'G'
11. " " " 'A.Q'
12. 2nd A.M.G.Bn.
13. 5th Field Amb.
14. 17th A.A.S.O.
15. 6th A.I.Bde
16. 10th A.I.Bde
17. Light Group Arty
18. Capt. Jackson, Bde Arty Liaison Officer.
19. Major H.H. Page, M.C., 25th Bn., Bde Raiding Party.
20. Major C. Saper, 27th Bn, 7A Nucleus Bn.
21. Area Comdt, MONTIGNI Area.
22. " " SAIZIUX.
23. G.O.C.
24. B.M.
25. S.O.
26. Bde Signal Officer
27. Bde T.O.
28. File
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RELIEF TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No 175.

Date	Unit	Relieved by	Move to	Remarks
1918 Night April 30th May 1st.	26th Bn. Line Right.	7th Buffs.	MONTIGNY AREA.	} Guides as arranged between C.O's concerned. Distances will be main- tained as situation demands.
"	25th Bn. Line Left.	8th East Surreys	"	
"	27th Bn. Support.	7th Queens.	"	
"	7th A.L.T.M.Bty	55th A.L.T.M.Bty	"	
"	5th Field Coy A.S.	92nd Field Coy R.E.	"	
"	7th A.M.G.Coy	22nd A.M.G.Coy	"	
"	7th A.I.Bde H.Q. and Bde Sig.Section.	55th Inf. Bde H.Q. and Bde Sig. Section	"	
April 30th	Raiding Parties, 25th, 26th, 27th Bns.	} will rejoin their units in the MONTIGNY Area.	} BAIZIEUX will be cleared at 3 p.m.	
"	Raiding Party 28th Bn.	will rejoin unit at St.LAURENCE FARM.		

N.B. No movement of troops will take place East of the LAVIE VILLE - BUIRE Road before 9.30 pm
Destination of units in the MONTIGNY Area will be notified later.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Order No. 176.

Headquarters,
April 30th 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62 D, 1/40,000.0

1. The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) on relief from the line, will move to Corps reserve, and will be disposed as under :-

D.H.Q.	-	STANFANGLAS.
7th A.I. Bde Group		CAMON - RIVERY Area.
6th ditto		QUERRIEU - JACQUES Area.
5th ditto		MONTIGNY - FROCHENCOURT Area.

2. The 7th A.I. Bde Group will move by march route to the above area in accordance with attached table.

3. The 7th A.I. Bde Group will consist of :-

7th A.I. Bde H.Q.
 No. 4, Signal Section.
 25th Battalion
 26th " "
 27th " "
 28th " "
 7th A.D.I.M. Bty
 7th A.M.G. Coy.
 7th Field Coy.
 7th Field Ambulance.
 17th Coy A.A.S.C.
 1/3rd S.A.A. Section, D.A.C.

4. The following minimum distances will be observed on the march :-

between Battalions - 500 yards.
 " Companies - 100 "
 " Unit & its Transport - 100 yards.
 " Transport of Units)
 when brigaded) - 100 yards.
 " Each section of }
 (vehicles) - 25 yards.

5. Completion of moves and locations of units of the Brigade Group will be reported to Brigade H.Q.

6. Acknowledge.

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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| 1. 25th Bn. | 9. 17th A.S.C. | 17. Area Cmndt CAMON |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 10. 1/3 SAA Sec. DAC | 18. " " RIVERY |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 11. 2nd Aust Div 'G' | 19. G.O.C. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 12. " " 'AQ' | 20. B.M. |
| 5. 7th M/G Coy. | 13. 5th A.I. Bde | 21. S.C. |
| 6. 7th T. M.B. | 14. 6th " | 22. Bde Sig. Officer |
| 7. 7th Field Coy | 15. Area Cmndt QUERRIEU. | 23. B.T.O. |
| 8. 7th Field Amb | 16. " " POST NOYELLE | 24. File |
| | | 25/27. War Diary |

MOVE TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No.176.

Date	Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
1918 May 1st	7th A.I. Bde Group	MONTEIGNI Area and St. LAURENCE Farm.	QUERRIEU Area	BEHENCOURT- PONT NOUILLAS (28th Bn. via FRANVILLERS)	Not to enter QUERRIEU before 12 noon
May 2nd	7th A.I. Bde Group.	QUERRIEU Area	CAMON - RIVERT Area.	Via Pt. CAMON G.30.a.	Not to enter CAMON and RIVERT before 12 noon.

N.B. Details of these moves and destination of units of the Brigade Group in the above areas will be notified later.

Secret.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
April 30th 1918.

Order 177

reference map Sheet 62 D, 1/40,000

1. In continuation of 7th A.I.Bde Order No.176, the 7th A.I.Bde Group will move to the QUARRILLU Area on May 1st, in accordance with attached table.
2. Billeting parties as under, will report to the Staff Captain, 7th A.I.Bde :-

From	26th bn	}	At Town Major's Office
	27th bn	}	PONT NOYELLES
	17th A.S.C.	}	AT 9 a. m. 1/5/18.
	1/3rd Sec.SAA,DAO	}	
From	25th bn	}	At Town Major's Office
	28th bn	}	QUARRILLU
	7th A.M.G.Coy	}	at 9.30 a.m. 1/5/18.
	7th A.L.P.M.Sty	}	
	7th Field Coy	}	
	7th Field Amb.	}	
	7th B.H.Q.	}	
3. Completion of moves and location of units will be reported to Brigade H.Q.
4. Brigade H.Q. will close at SAVALINGOURT Cha teau at 2.30 p.m., and open at same hour at QUARRILLU Chateau.
5. Units will make arrangements to bathe their men. See para 10 of 2nd Aust. Division Administrative Memo No.205.
6. Acknowledge.

R Lee
Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Distribution as for brigade Order No.176.

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for references

MOVe Table to accompany 7th A.I. Bde Order No.177.

Date	Unit	Moves from	Leaves present location at	Moves to	Remarks
1918					
May 1st	7th A.I. Bde B.C.	SAVELINCOURT	2.30 p.m.	QUERRIEU	
"	7th A.S.I. M. Bty	SAVELINCOURT	2.00 p.m.	"	
"	7th A.M.G. Coy	"	3.15 p.m.	"	
"	7th Field Coy A.S.	SAVELINCOURT	10.00 a.m.	"	
"	7th Field Ambulance	"	10.30 a.m.	"	
"	25th Battalion	SAVELINCOURT	1.00 p.m.	"	
"	28th "	St. LAURENCE FARM	10.30 a.m.	"	For distances and routes, See Bde Order No.176.
"	26th "	SAVELINCOURT	3.00 p.m.	PONT NOUVELLES	
"	27th "	SAVELINCOURT	2.00 p.m.	"	
"	17th A.A.S.C.	SAVELINCOURT	As convenient	"	
"	1/3rd Sec. D.A.A. D.A.C.	SAVELINCOURT	10.00 a.m.	"	

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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7th AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Herewith "Instructions for the Defensive Nos. 1 to 10

Administrative Instructions are being issued separately.

Please acknowledge.

(signed) J.E.LEE, Major,
Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

HEADQUARTERS,
7th AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 217/136

Date

Headquarters,
April 29th 1918.AMENDMENT No. 2. to "Instructions for the Defensive No. 1"

1. The Brigade front now extends from E.19.b.45.00. to E.8.c.2.8.
2. The Southern boundary of the Brigade has been re-adjusted to run East and West through D.19.central.
3. The Northern boundary of the Brigade has been re-adjusted to run East and West through E.7.d.0.8.
4. The inter-battalion boundary runs from E.13.b.50.25. due west to D.17.b.00.25.
5. (a) The Headquarters of 'C' Battalion, Support Battalion are now established at D.21.b.7.2.
(b) One Company of 'C' Battalion is now bivouacked along steep banks at D.20.b.8.8.
6. The reserve Battalion is now concentrated in D.13.c, D.19.a.w.c, and is held as Divisional Reserve. It is available for reinforcing or counter-attacking on any part of the Divisional front.
7. The L.T.M. Battery have now two mortars at E.13.b.1.8 and E.7.d.1.1
8. The post at E.19.d.45.95 where the Left Battalion of the right flank Brigade and the Right Battalion of this Brigade meet, is garrisoned half by the 10th A.I. Bde and half by this Brigade. It is under the command of the 10th A.I. Bde.
9. Hektograph showing dispositions of units and nomenclature of existing trenches in the Brigade area, is being issued to units.


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7th Australian Infantry Brigade

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No. 217/136

Headquarters,
April 17th 1918.

AMENDMENTS to "Instruction for the Defensive" No.1."

- The necessary moves will be made as soon as possible.
- 'A' Battalion will move one platoon from the Reserve Company forward to newly dug trench in D.24.a.
- 'B' Battalion will move one platoon from the Support Company to NINE BMS Trench in D.18.d. & e.
- 'C' Battalion will move one platoon which is South of the ALBERT - ANILAS road, of the Left Company, forward to posts in the vicinity of D.18.a.4.9.
- 'D' Battalion will move two platoons of Centre Company in D.16.d. and 23.a. forward to newly dug trench in D.17.b. & d.
- 'E' Battalion has moved one Company formerly occupying posts west of ONESEA into a position along steep banks in D.26.b. and 27.a.

In all cases where it is possible, slits or 'T' heads will be dug in occupied trenches. These slits or 'T' heads will be occupied by the garrison of the trenches as the living portion. This will leave the trench free as a fire trench, which it is not, if overhead weatherproof shelter has been constructed.

The following are corrections in map co-ordinates :-
In para 2 :- read 'c' for 'a' in both E.7.a.9.3. and E.7.a.10.00

The policy of holding the ridge at D 30 of 68 by 1/2 platoon from each 10th and 7th A/Bdes under command of a platoon commander of the 10th A/Bde will be continued.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.1.

FRONTAGE & BOUNDARIES & DISPOSITIONS. See Hektograph No.1.

1. The brigade front extends from D.30.c.00.05 along Railway Line to E.19.d.6.4 - E.19.b.20.00 - E.13.d.30.00 - E.13.b.80.30.
2. (a) The Southern boundary runs from Right flank to Cross Roads at D.30.a.8.2. along road exclusive, through BUIRE to D.27.b.2.0 - D.26.central - D.19.d.0.0 - D.19.a.5.0.
 (b) The Northern boundary runs from Left flank along road to E.7.a.9.3. - E.7.a.40.00 - thence West along GRID Line to A.12.d.5.0.
 (c) Inter-battalion boundary runs from E.13.d.30.00 - B.16.c.6.5.
3. Dispositions of the Brigade are:
 - Advanced Brigade H.Q. D.7.b.2.2.
 - Rear Brigade H.Q. BALZIEUX.
 - 'A' Bn. Line Right, H.Q. QUARRY D.24.a.1.7.
 - 2 Coys in the Line
 - 1 Coy " Support
 - 1 " " Reserve.
 - 'B' Bn. Line Left, H.Q. QUARRY D.24.a.1.7.
 - 2 Coys in Line
 - 1 Coy " Support
 - 1 " " Reserve.
 - 'C' Bn. Support, H.Q. QUARRY D.21.c.9.3.
 - 4 Coys in trenches in the LAVIEVILLE - BUIRE Defence System.
 - 'D' Bn. Reserve, H.Q. St. LAURENC & FARM D.19.b.1.9.
 - 1 Coy as a nucleus in the BRASLE Defence System.
 - 3 Coys in D.13.d. and D.19.a.
 - Machine Gun Coy. See Machine Gun Defence Instructions No.2.
 - Light Trench mortar Battery, H.Q. D.8.a.6.7.
 - 2 mortars front line D.30.b.^{25.05}central. 4 b.05.15.
 - 2 " at E.13.a.2.5, E.13.a.25.95.
 - 4 " in Reserve at Battery H.Q.



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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
April 29th 1918.

AMENDMENT No.2. to "Instructions for the Defensive No.2."

Owing to the alteration of boundaries,
Vickers Guns as under have been removed :-

Nos.1, 2, 3, 6, 7, & 8 (See Amendment No.1.)

These Vickers Guns have been replaced at -

- E.7. d.50.25.
- A.7. d.55.30.
- D.17.a.50.15.
- D.23.a.95.50.
- D.16.c.90.30.
- D.22.a.65.70.

The 22nd Aust. M.G.Company has been relieved by the
5th Aust. M.G.Company.

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April 20th 1918.

AMENDMENTS to "Instructions for the Defensive" No.2.

Map locations of Vickers guns of the 7th Aust. Machine Gun Company (see para 1) are cancelled, and the following substitute d.

No.1 Gun	E.19.c.80 .00
No.2 "	E.19.c.80.20.
No.3 "	E.19.d.20.30.
No.4 "	D.24.d.80.90.
No.5 "	D.24.b.80.00.
No.6 "	D.23.c.60.40.
No.7 "	D.23.c.70.60.
No.8 "	D.23.a.90.10.
No.9 "	D.17.d.60.60.
No.10 "	D.17.d.70.70.
No.11 "	D.17.d.90.70.
No.12 "	D.18.a.30.10.
No.13 "	E.13.a.30.60.
No.14 "	E.13.a.35.45.
No.15 "	E.13.b.30.60.
No.16 "	E.13.c.85.15.

The functions of the following guns are supplementary to those of ordinary close defence. Their duties for S.O.S. Machine Gun barrage, and searching fire, are as follows :-

- M.Guns Nos. 4 & 5 - To sweep roads running from DERNANCOURT to QUARRY in E.14.c., through E.20.b.central, to E.14.c.central.
- M.Guns Nos. 6 & 7 - To search road junction at E.26.c.
- M.Guns Nos. 9,10,11,12,13,14 - To place a standing barrage from E.20.b.00.20 to E.20.b.20.65.

See "Instructions for the Defensive No.1" :-

The 7th A.L.F.M.Battery Headquarters have moved to D.7.d.9.2.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 2.

MACHINE GUN DEFENCE.

The 7th Aust. Machine Gun Company working with the Brigade has 16 Vickers guns in the line: See Holograph No. 1.

B.13.a.27.77 (2 guns)	D.18.a.20.55. (1 gun)
D.17.d.80.30 (1 ")	D.17.d.90.30. (1 ")
D.17 .c.30.10 (1 ")	D.23.a.40.55. (1 ")
D.23.c.30.20 (1 ")	D.24.d.90.40. (2 ")
E.19.d.60.15 (1 ")	E.19.c.40.00. (1 ")
E.19.c.38.10 (1 ")	E.13.d.10.90. (1 ")
E.13.b.20.10 (1 ")	E.17.d.95.32. (1 ")

The 22nd Aust. Machine Gun Coy has
 1 Section in the LAVIEVILLE System east of LAVIEVILLE.
 1 Section in the BRESLE System in posts N.E. of BRESLE WOOD.
 2 Sections in the BAIZIEUX System.

The offensive power of the gun should be used to the utmost and its role in the present type of warfare should be direct laying for oblique or flanking fire effect.

Not more than one fifth of the ammunition held at the gun position at any one time will be allotted to barrage fire. As much as possible of the remainder should be conserved for large targets at decisive ranges.

The proportion of ammunition allotted to the barrage whether in belts or loose, will be put aside at the gun position and clearly labelled as being the full amount allotted for this purpose.

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AMENDMENT No.2. to "Instructions for the Defensive No.3."

The brigade front is covered by two F.A.Brigades. A third F.A. brigade is super-imposed on the Divisional front, and a fourth F.A. brigade is held as a mobile reserve for the Divisional front.

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AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 3.

- (1) In para 2. for E.24.o.1.7. road D.24.o.1.7.
- (2) Para. 3 is cancelled.
The S.O.S. line now runs - E.25.c.40.70. -
E.26.a.00.50. - E.20.c.00.65. - E.13.d.50.55. - E. 13.b.95.10. -
E.14.a.20.50. - E.S.central.
- (3) Para. 4 is cancelled.
The S.O.S. signal now in use is a Rifle Grenade S signal -
"hite over " hite over white.
- (4) In order to give warning to our Infantry in the line that a hostile attack is imminent at any time the following method will be adopted by Aeroplanes of the C corps Squadron in the Line. The Aeroplane will fly towards the direction of the intending attack, sound the Klaxon horn and throw out in the same direction a white parachute flare which will remain in the air about two minutes.
The usual S.O.S. call will be sent down to Artillery.
- (5) ARTILLERY Counter preparation.
 - (a) General Policy. An active defence will be maintained, this will take the form of harassing fire directed at the enemy's main arteries of approach to his forward areas and will be carried out by day and night. The enemy has mainly made his attacks by day and seldom in force at night. His assembly takes place in daylight or just before dawn; at times however, assembly is effected under cover of mist, in folds of ground, in woods or in the vicinity of Villages where the buildings afford protection from view. It is necessary therefore to search Villages, woods and all other places where assembly by day may take place out of view of our aeroplanes.
 - (b) Counter Preparation is divided into -
 - (1) Harassing fire.
 - (ii) Annihilating fire.In (i) the object will be the delivery of a maximum harassing fire during the period in which it is considered that the enemy is making preliminary arrangements for an attack.
In (ii) the Divisional front is divided into "Lanes", fire being concentrated in the form of a creeping barrage from a line known as the Start line to a depth of 600 yds East of this line in those Lanes in the areas concerned.
Annihilating fire may be repeated as may seem necessary.
Infantry Battalion Commanders in the Line will ask Brigade H.Q. for annihilating fire when it is considered that an enemy attack is imminent.
 - (c) The fact that harassing fire will be put down by our Artillery on the enemy's approaches will be notified to the units by the following message :-
Counter preparation at -(time)
The fact that annihilating fire will be put down will be notified by the following message :-
Prepare Lanes at - (time) once(or more)

(d) whenever considerable enemy movement has been observed in certain areas, battalions in the line will ask for harassing fire by ringing Brigade H.Qrs., and asking for Counter Preparation on a certain area.

The areas shown on attached diagram have been selected as being at present tender spots and will normally be used as targets for harassing fire, the allotment to Groups for the purpose being as follows :-

Right Group areas - A.1, A.2, A.3, B.2 and C.
Left " " - A.4, A.5, B.3, B.4, B.5.

Fire will be directed on above areas by day and night. Method of fire will be by concentrated rapid bursts at irregular intervals.

(e) During Counter preparation it is not advisable to put a barrage on S.O.S. lines until the enemy are actually seen to leave their trenches, or there is good reason to believe that they have actually done so. In cases where doubt exists it will prove more fruitful to search the ground in which the enemy is supposed to be preparing for attack, than merely to place a curtain of fire in front of our S.O.S. lines. The danger of giving away our S.O.S. line is a real one. Once its position is definitely located the enemy is enabled to alter his dispositions for attack.

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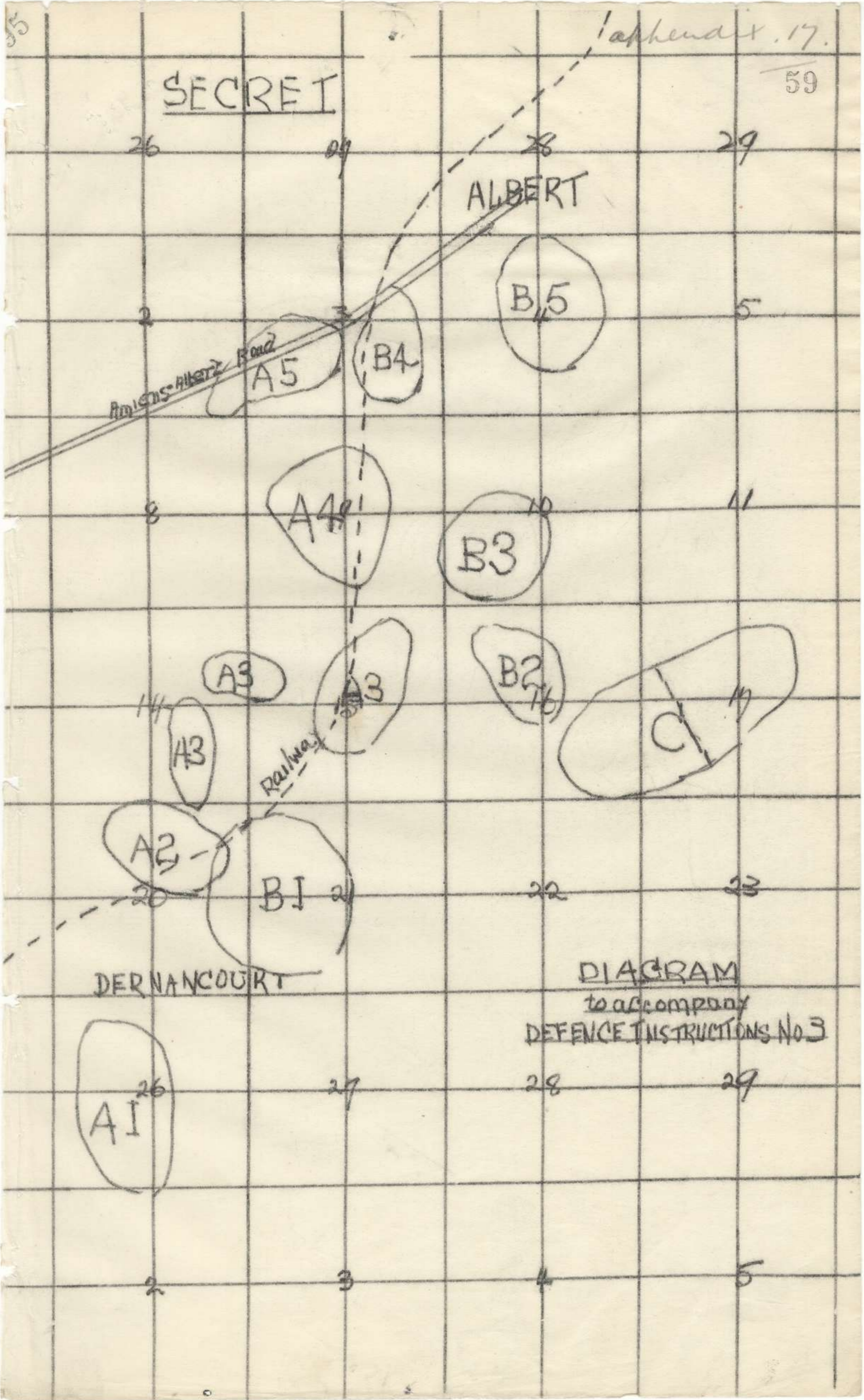
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.3.ARTILLERY DEFENCE.

1. The Brigade front is covered by 3 F.A. Brigades forming the Right Group Artillery.
 Total : 9 - 18 pdr batteries,
 3 - 4.5 How. "
 In addition, one F.A. Group is superimposed on the Right and Left Groups.
 Also some heavy artillery is covering the Brigade front.
 Right Group Artillery H.Q. Dugout D.7.d.7.8.
2. Liaison is maintained at Brigade H.Q. by a senior officer from the Right Group, and at the two Battalion H.Q., E. 24.a.1.7. by an officer from the Right Group.
 The Infantry Brigade liaison officer will have authority to order all or any brigade to open fire at the request of the infantry.
3. The S.O.S. line for the artillery is as follows :-
 E.25.c.4.7. - E.26.a.0.5 - GRID LINE to E.14.c.0.7. -
 E.14.a.7.5.
4. The S.O.S. Signal now in use is a rifle grenade signal and over red over red.
5. In foggy weather a sustained burst of machine gun and rifle fire will be sufficient warning that an S.O.S. barrage is required, if communications have been cut and S.O.S. light signal is not visible.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.4.

DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS & WORKS POLICY.

The defensive systems are organised as follows:-
(See hektograph No.2)

1. (a) Forward system comprising the outpost line and main line of resistance (coloured red)
- (b) LAVIEVILLE system comprising the works around LAVIEVILLE and on the high ground in D.16.d., D.23.a & c (coloured green)
- (c) BRASLE system, a line of posts running practically north and south, east of BRASLE WOOD and west of BRASLE (coloured brown)
- (d) BAIZIEUX system, the old ALIENS defences (coloured Blue)
2. Nucleus garrisons will be maintained in each of these systems.
The 22nd A.M.G.Coy and the Lewis guns of the Tank Corp will find the nucleus garrison for the LAVIEVILLE system; the reserve battalions those of the BRASLE system.
The garrisons of the BAIZIEUX system will be found under divisional arrangements.
3. The main principle for these defensive systems is not to have a too rigid line, but for all tactical features to have good defences distributed well in depth. Switch lines have been constructed for this purpose.
4. These defensive systems will be strengthened by new works. The main works in progress and proposed at present are:
 - (a) A support line running N.E. and S.W. through E.13.a. and D.18.d.
 - (b) A defensive line running approximately N. and S. through D.17.d. & b. to be included in the LAVIEVILLE system.
 - (c) A defensive line on the high ground East of BRASLE included in the BRASLE system.

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5. Before any new works are attempted, the existing works will be completed. The order of importance is as follows :-
- (a) Completing and wiring the main line of resistance in the forward system.
 - (b) Wiring the outpost line.
 - (c) Completing and wiring other defences, working from front to rear.
6. The Support Battalion will be largely responsible for the work on Support Line (a) para 4 above.
The Reserve Battalion will be responsible for the work on the defensive line (c) para 4 above.
The Pioneer Battalion will be largely responsible for the work on defensive line (b) para 4 above.

DEFENCE POLICY.

1. The policy is to hold the present front tenaciously and to check the enemy's advance. It is most important to prevent the enemy gaining a footing on the high ground D.11, D.12, S.17, and S.13.
2. In the event of an enemy attack, the principle to be borne in mind is that there will be no withdrawal without orders from higher authority. Every bit of ground will be fought for. Should the enemy succeed in making a gap in our line, troops on either flank will not fall back. Though no hard and fast rule can be laid down for dealing with every situation, the guiding principle is that it is better to strengthen the garrisons that are still holding out, and make an attack on the enemy's flank, than to make a frontal counter-attack on the positions he has gained.
In connection with the above, special attention is drawn to the Notes on the recent fighting No.1. circulated to units.
3. In the event of an attack, the Support and Reserve Companies of the Line battalions will be immediately used for a local counter-attack under orders of the respective Battalion Commanders.
The Support and Reserve Battalions may be used either to support the line battalions or for counter-attack on any part of the brigade front, under orders from Brigade Headquarters.
Nucleus garrisons at present in the various systems, unless otherwise ordered, will remain in their present positions.
4. Should orders be received to withdraw our line to conform to the movements of divisions on our flanks, they will not be done without precise orders from Brigade H.Q. Withdrawals will be in a westerly direction to the next system in rear, or as may be ordered. They will be carried out gradually, the general principle being that troops on the threatened flank will be the first to move, and no battalion will be withdrawn until the one immediately preceding it has reached the next line in rear. All withdrawals will be covered by artillery and machine gun fire.

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5. It is very important that the location of H.Q. and of troops generally should be hidden from the enemy. Troops should be as immobile as possible during daylight. There should be no smoke fires to give away the positions of Headquarters or occupied trenches. If smoke fires are unavoidable, they should be lit at some little distance from the troops. No horses or vehicles are to stop near any Headquarters. Branches of trees and other available material should be used for screening purposes.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 6.DEFENSIVE MEASURES AGAINST GAS.

The utmost precaution will be taken to combat the effects of gas shelling.

Empty shell cases will be used as gongs.

Troops will be moved to higher ground when low-lying inhabited localities are severely gas shelled.

Arrangements will be made for troops to eat their meals on the higher ground in order that the food may not be contaminated.

Gas shell-holes made in or near inhabited localities will be immediately filled in.

A report on all gas casualties will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible.

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April 29th 1918.

AMENDMENT No.1. to "Instructions for the Defensive No.7."

1. A central visual signalling station has been established at D.16.d.1.3 .
2. Laddered lines have been laid between Brigade H.Q. and Brigade Forward Station, and on to 'A' and 'B' Battalion H.Q.
3. The 5th Aust. Field Company and Brigade Transport Lines are in telephonic communication with Brigade H.Q. through A.I.S. Advanced Divisional Signal Station.
4. Position Calls have been adopted within the Brigade area :-

Brigade H.Q.	B.S.5.
Brigade Forward Station	F.S.1.
Right Line Bn.	D.P.2.
Left Line Bn.	U.A.6.
Support Bn.	S.S.4.
Reserve Bn.	A.B.9.
Machine Gun Coy	V.T.3.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 7.SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

CABLE. All Battalions, Machine Gun Company and Brigade C.P. are connected by means of ground lines. It is probable however that these will be very difficult to maintain in case of attack. Units will make themselves familiar with alternate means of communication in case of emergency.

The front line Battalions have been provided with a wireless set, which is also in touch with the Brigade on our Left and Division H.Q. Every assistance should be given the wireless personnel to maintain their aerials.

A visual station has been established at Brigade Forward Station (D.21.b.e.1) to which Support Battalion will send messages in case of telephone lines breaking down. Visual is also worked direct to Reserve Battalion H.Q.

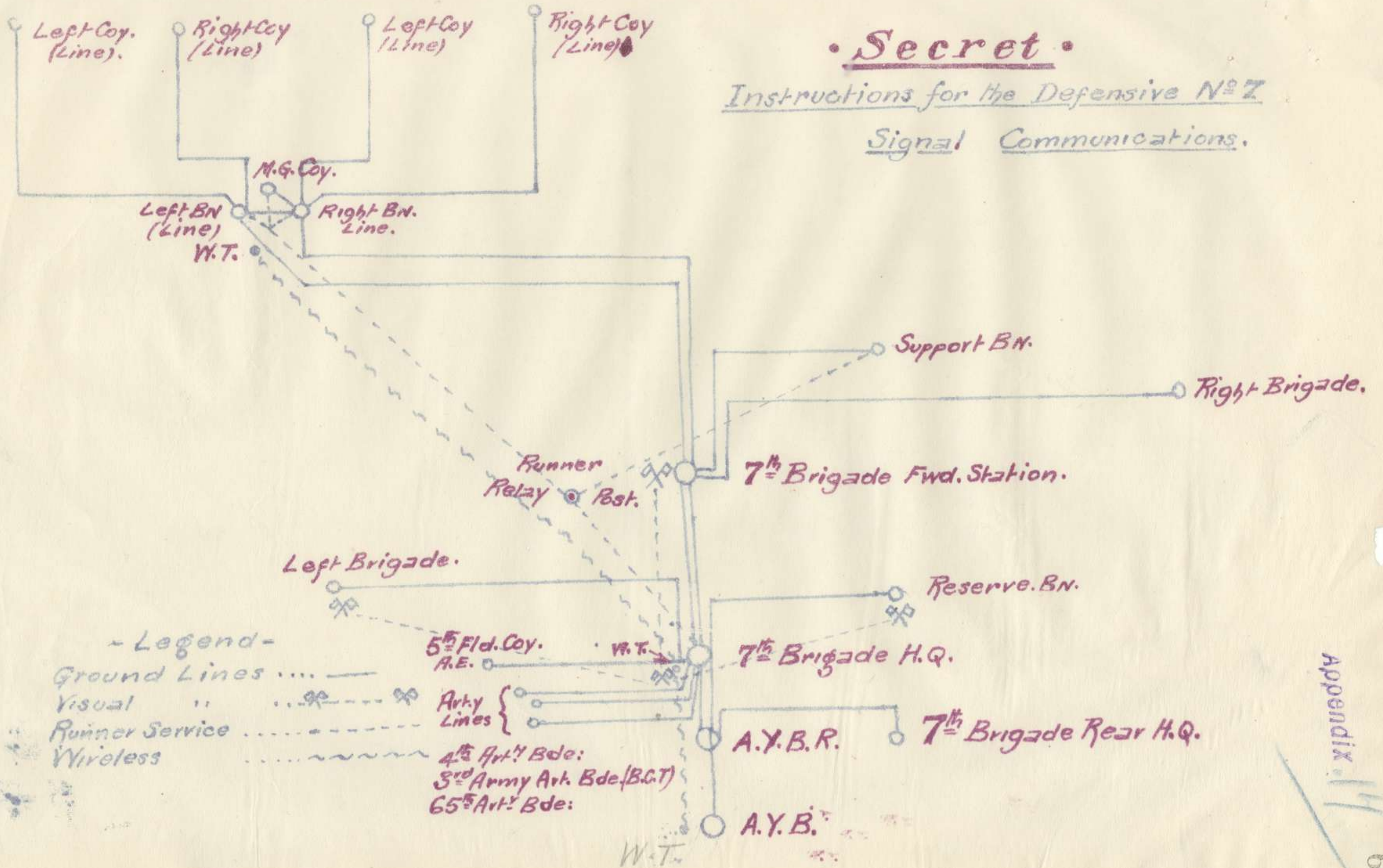
All lines to Line and Support Battalions run through Brigade Forward Station, so that in case of lines failing only between Brigade and Brigade Forward Station, battalions can send messages to Forward Station for transmission by visual.

It is essential when using alternative methods, that all messages should be brief and concise, and dealing only with operations.

Runners will be sent direct from Brigade to Battalions and vice versa if necessary.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.8.

Dispositions and Locations of other units.

- (a) The 10th A.I. Bde is the Brigade on the Right. H.Q., HEILLY.
- (b) The 6th A.I. Bde is the Brigade on the Left, H.Q., HENENCOURT.
- (c) Each of the above have 2 Battalions in the Line, 1 Battalion in Support, and 1 Battalion in Reserve.
- (d) In the LAVILVILLE Defence System are 10 Lewis guns 4th Bn. Tank Corps in D.11 a & c, and 8 Lewis guns 4th Bn. Tank Corps in D.11.d & b, plus 1 section 22nd A.M.G. Coy and nucleus garrisons from Support Battalions of 6th and 7th A.I. Brigades.
- (e) In the BASSLE Defence System, 1 section 22nd A.M.G. Coy and nucleus garrisons from Reserve Battalion of 7th A.I. Bde.
- (f) In the BAIZIEUX Defence System, 2 Sections 22nd A.M.G. Coy.
- (g) The following troops are available as Divisional Reserve:
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| 2nd Pioneer Battalion | V.25. |
| 5.A. Nucleus | " MOLLIEUS au BOIS. |
| 6.A. " | " MONTIGNY. |
| 7.A. " | " EAVELINCOURT. |
- (h) 2nd Aust. Division H.Q. BEAUCOURT.
- (i) The 5th Field Company, Australian Engineers at present form part of the Brigade Group. H.Q., Dugout D.7.a.9.3.

The 18 Lewis Guns of the 4th Bn. Tank Corps are being withdrawn into reserve at FRANVILLERS, on night 12/13th April. Instructions will therefore be amended accordingly.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 9.

DEMOLITION OF BRIDGES AND ROADS.

1. The points at which preparations have been made for the demolition of roads and bridges are shown on hektograph No. 2.
2. Caretaking personnel have been allotted as follows :-
To all bridges - 238 Army Troop Coy.
To all roads and craters 180th Tunnelling Coy.
3. Normally the order for demolition will be given by D.H.Q., but in a case of emergency, or when it appears inevitable that instant action should be taken, the officer commanding the unit placed in charge of the demolition will act on his own initiative.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
April 24th 1918.

AMENDMENT No. 1. to "Instructions for the Defensive No. 10"

1. The Army Commander wishes it made clear that in the event of enemy attack, the policy will be to retain by all the means in our power, the position now held, by us,
2. The following localities are essential to enable our positions on the low ground to the flanks, to be maintained:- a.19.b., E.13.c, E.2.c; The front system in E.13.b., E.8.c. and a. must also be considered essential for the maintenance of the above localities.
3. Troops will always be disposed and plans made that all troops in support are organised for prompt counter-attack, in the event of any of these trenches being lost. This does not mean that troops shall be crowded into the forward zone, nor that every loss of ground except as provided above, necessitates immediate counter-attack.
4. Plans will be worked out with the artillery to shorten the S.O.S. barrage as may become necessary in any particular locality, in order to provide a creeping barrage in front of an immediate counter-attack across the open to recover lost trenches.
Every possible use will be made of the 3rd Australian Division Artillery to deal with the enemy supports during such an operation.
Organised bombing parties in co-operation with Trench Mortars will be held in readiness to recover any part of the continuous trenches which may have been occupied by the enemy.
In such an operation, machine guns must be moved as the situation demands, to deal with enemy on the exposed flanks of the bombers.
5. The first consideration must be to repulse decisively the enemy before he has had time to consolidate his positions. The positions vacated by counter-attacking troops must be at once occupied by a general movement from the rear, forwards. All ranks of the counter-attack troops must know every detail of their duties, and, what is expected of them. Message forms to deal with alternative contingencies will be kept in readiness, the blanks to be filled up, as may become necessary.
Tanks are not available for counter-attack without three hours notice.
In the event of an immediate counter-attack not succeeding in driving the enemy out of these positions, a deliberate counter-attack will be undertaken with artillery preparation under orders from Brigade Headquarters.

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| 1. 25th Bn. | 5. 7th M/G Coy | |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 6. 7th T.M.Bty. | |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 7. 10th A.I.Bde. | 9. File. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 8. Right Group Arty. | 10/12. WarrDiary. |

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE OFFENSIVE No.10.

PLANS FOR THE COUNTER-ATTACK.

1. If 'A' and 'B' Battalions are completely overwhelmed, it will be the duty of 'C' Battalion to re-establish 'B' Battalion front line, and 'D' Battalion that of 'A' Battalion.

2. Immediately the attack opens, 'C' Battalion will move 1 platoon from D.18.d.8.8. to two posts in D.18.a.2.5. and D.18.a.5.9. 2 platoons from D.23.a.5.3. to trench running North and South through D.17.b.a.d. These movements will be made across country just South of the ALBERT Road.

Under Brigade orders 'D' Battalion will move 1 Company from D.19.a. to D.21.b.a.d. moving under cover of the high ground running through D.19.a. to D.21.b.a.d. where it will act as a Support to 'C' Battalion, but will not move forward without orders from Brigade Headquarters.

No further movements will take place until the situation develops.

The general principle is that on the movement forward of 'C' Battalion, 'D' Battalion will move up and occupy positions vacated.

In the event of 'C' Battalion H.Q. having to move, they will move to D.17.c.5.3. and 'D' Battalion H.Q. will occupy 'C' Battalion H.Q.

In all movements the ALBERT Road will be avoided. Units will move as far as the ground and enemy shelling permits, by the shortest route to new positions. All units on moving forward, will send back two runners to the unit coming from rear, to lead it to its new position.

Should the ridge in E. 13 go, a strong counter-attack will be made from North of BUIAE, and at the same time the Brigade on our Left will be asked to co-operate from the North.

Should the enemy attack along the valley running North West towards D.17.c., 'C' Battalion will hold its position, and the two remaining Companies of 'D' Battalion will move up to D.21.b.a.d. and be held in readiness to counter-attack North of BUIAE.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
April 15th 1918

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 11.

INSTRUCTIONS for working parties in event of an enemy attack.

1. All working parties must be organised tactically. They will always be issued with definite instructions as to where and to whom they are to report in event of an enemy attack.
2. All working parties of 'A' and 'B' Battalions will report to the nearest Company or Battalion Headquarters.
3. All working parties of 'C' and 'D' Battalions working east of the two line Battalion Headquarters, will report to the H.Q. of the Battalion in which area they are working.
4. All working parties of 'C' Battalion working in their Battalion area will report to their Company H.Q.
5. All working parties of 'D' Battalion working west of 'A' and 'B' Battalion H.Q. and east of 'C' Battalion H.Q. will report to 'C' Battalion H.Q.
6. All working parties of 'D' Battalion working west of 'C' Battalion H.Q. will report to their Company H.Q.
7. Working parties will come under the orders of the Commanding Officer of the Battalion to which they report. The Commanding Officer of their own Battalion will be communicated with, in regard to further instructions.
8. Working parties will be detailed as complete tactical units if possible.
9. Dress for all working parties will be fighting order.
10. Acknowledge

R. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.Distribution as for 'Instructions for the Defensive Nos 1 to 10'
issued under this office 217 136 of 12/4/1918.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
April 23rd 1918.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 12.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

1. Instructions for firing at aircraft from the ground at night, and standing orders for control of small arms against enemy aircraft, have already been issued to all concerned.
The general disposition of A.A. machine and Lewis Guns on the brigade sector will follow the lines laid down during the past winter.
2. DEFENCE OF FORWARD AND SECOND ZONES. Since protection against low flying aeroplanes cannot be afforded by A.A. guns only, or by our own squadrons acting offensively, provision will be made for the defence of the Forward and Second Zones, on the following lines:-
 - (i) 1st ECHELON.
 - (a) Lewis Guns placed 200 - 500 yards behind the front system according to the ground and areas which it is found that the enemy shells. Single guns not more than 800 yards apart; Guns in groups of two or more, not more than 1500 yards apart.
 - (b) Stokes mortar whenever the situation admits.
 - (ii) 2nd ECHELON.
 - (a) Vickers and Lewis Guns. When Vickers guns are employed, they must also be in such positions as will enable them to play their part in the general scheme of defence.
 - (b) Guns to be placed 1500-2000 yards behind the first system of the Forward Zone.
Single guns not more than 800 yards apart.
Guns in groups of two or more, not more than 1500 yards apart.
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 - (a) The role of such defence will be to engage all low flying enemy aeroplanes in the forward area. Lewis or machine gun fire is useless against aeroplanes flying higher than 3000 feet.
 - (b) Gun teams will consist of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men per gun.
 - (c) Working parties in the forward area will be specially provided with anti-aircraft defence, if the locality in which they are working is not sufficiently protected for A. A. defence.
 - (d) Units in billets, camps, and horse lines, will provide for their own defence under the orders of the Unit Commander. Guns so mounted for defence will be provided with definite orders. They will only engage low flying aircraft by day or night when such aircraft clearly disclose their hostile identity. They are not to co-operate in general actions against enemy aircraft.
 - (e) In moving operation, the whole zone in which troops operate is a forward zone for A.A. Defence. Every Unit Commander therefore must make provision for protection.
The organization of the 2nd Echelon of defence will conform to the action in front, and aim at consistent and methodical protection.

(f) There should be within Machine Gun and Lewis Gun organization, definite provision and allocation of trained personnel for A.A. duty. The provision will be made by selecting specially trained personnel solely for A.A. duty, and using them to form the nucleus, and building on the nucleus to meet varying requirements.

Units will submit to this office their anti-aircraft defensive arrangements. Any change will be notified at once.

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Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.M.G. Coy.
6. 7th A.L.T. B.M.B.
7. File,
- 8/10. War Diary.

(a) The role of such defence will be to engage all low flying enemy aircraft in the forward area. Lewis gun fire is used against aeroplanes flying lower than 3000 feet.

(b) Gun teams will consist of 1 A.O.C. and 3 men per gun.

(c) Working parties in the forward area will be especially provided with anti-aircraft defence, in the locality in which they are working is not sufficiently protected for A.A. defence.

(d) Units in billets, camps, and base lines, will provide for their own defence under the orders of the unit commander. Units so ordered for defence will be provided with definite orders. They will only engage low flying aircraft by day or night when such aircraft clearly threaten their locality. They are not to cooperate in general actions against enemy air staff.

(e) In moving operations, the whole zone in which troops operate is a forward zone for A.A. Defence. Every unit commander therefore must make provision for protection.

The organization of the anti-aircraft defence will conform to the action in front, and aim at covering the zone and essential protection.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
April 21. h 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.13.

LIAISON.

1. In operations, the necessity of effective liaison cannot be over-emphasized. The system should be prepared and practised beforehand, if the utmost is to be obtained from it.

The Corps Commander directs that the following scheme of liaison be put into operation at once, in addition to that now existing, whereby liaison is maintained between Infantry and Artillery.

2. (a) Each Battalion in the line will detail one officer whose duty it will be to maintain liaison with the battalions on both flanks.

(b) Each Battalion in Support and Reserve will detail one officer whose duty it will be to maintain liaison with Battalions in the same Brigade, which are forward of them.

(c) Machine Gun Companies and Trench Mortar Batteries will arrange that an officer maintain liaison with Companies or Batteries on both flanks.

(d) Unit Commanders will arrange that the liaison officer from their own Headquarters visits the Headquarters of the flank and forward units at least once a day. *In moving operations liaison officer from each of the line battalions will report at once to the H.Q. of adjacent flanks of Brigade.*

(e) Units will forward to Brigade Headquarters the names of these liaison officers.

3. Brigade Headquarters in the line will maintain liaison with Brigade Headquarters next to them by means of officers definitely detailed for the duty.

~~Captain~~ ^{26th Bn.} ~~Lieut R.H. MONTEITH~~ will be liaison officer with the Brigade on the Right.

Captain J.W.K. BEDDOME, 27th Battalion will be liaison officer with the Brigade on the Left.

For the present these two Brigade Liaison Officers will live at BAIZIEUX, and will visit their respective brigades daily. Should moving operations commence, they will report at once to their respective Brigade Headquarters.

R. Lee Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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 - 6. 7th A.I.T.M.B.
 - 7. 10th A.I.Bde.

- 8. 6th A.I.Bde.
- 9. Right Group Arty.
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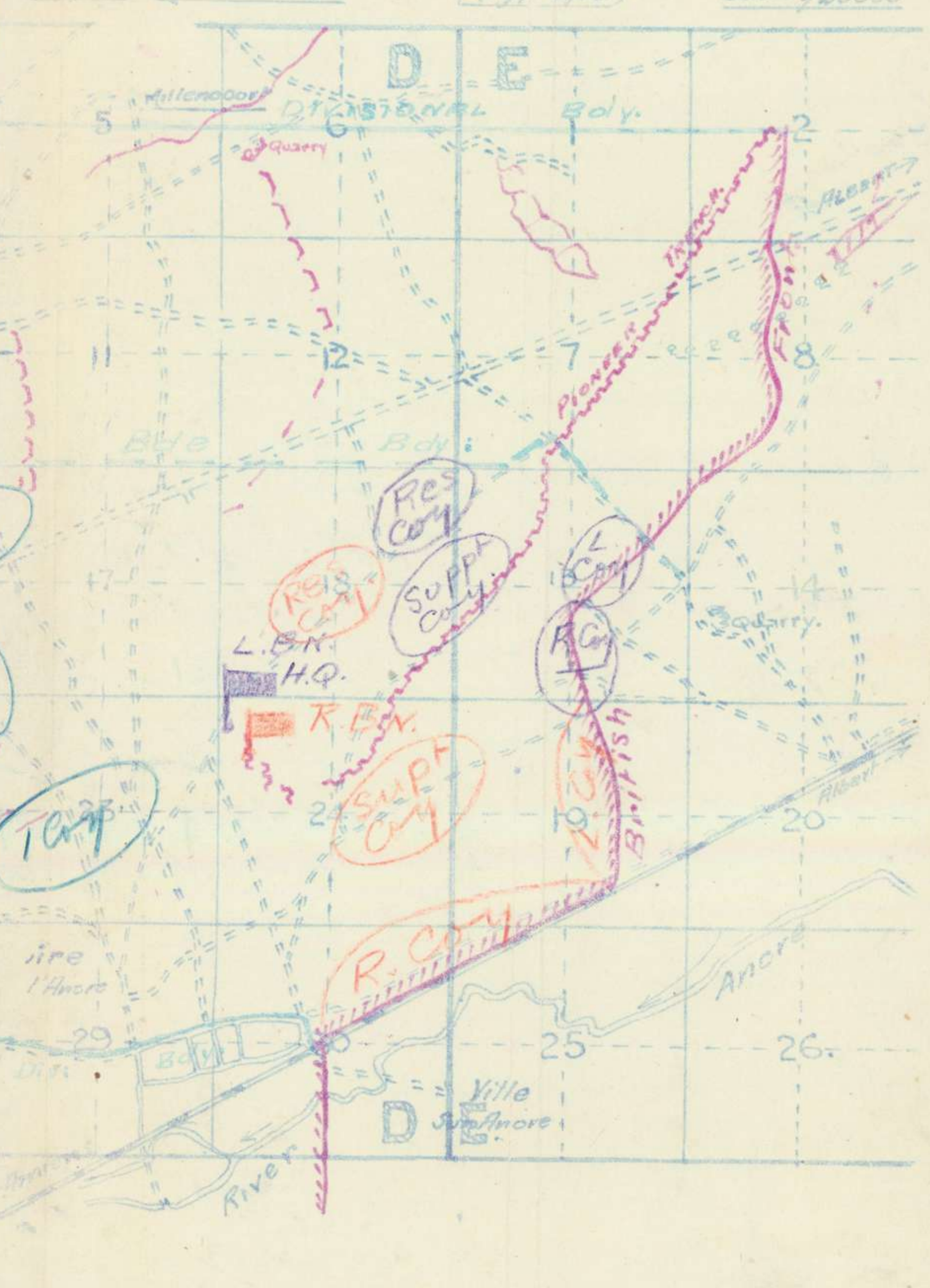
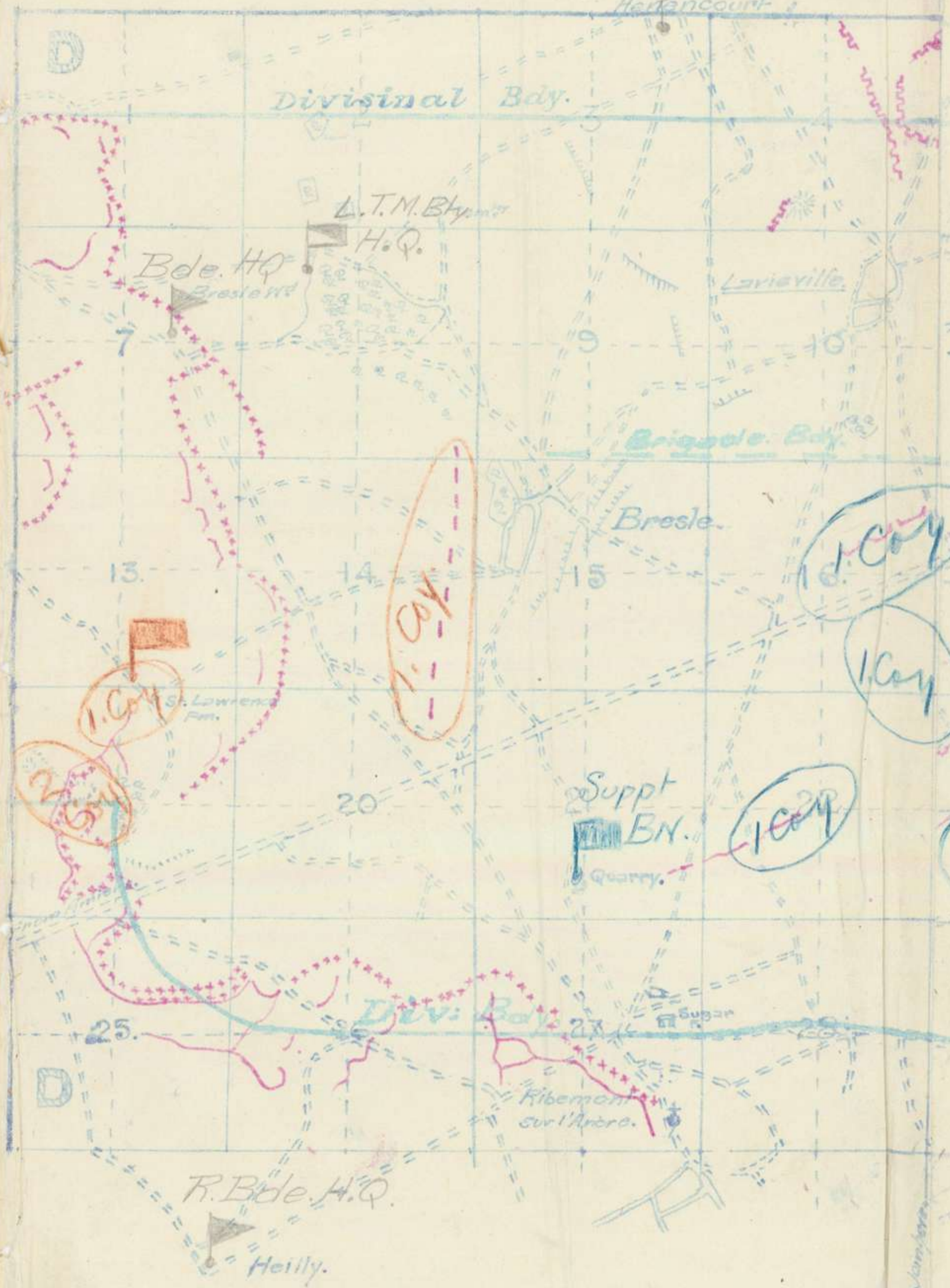
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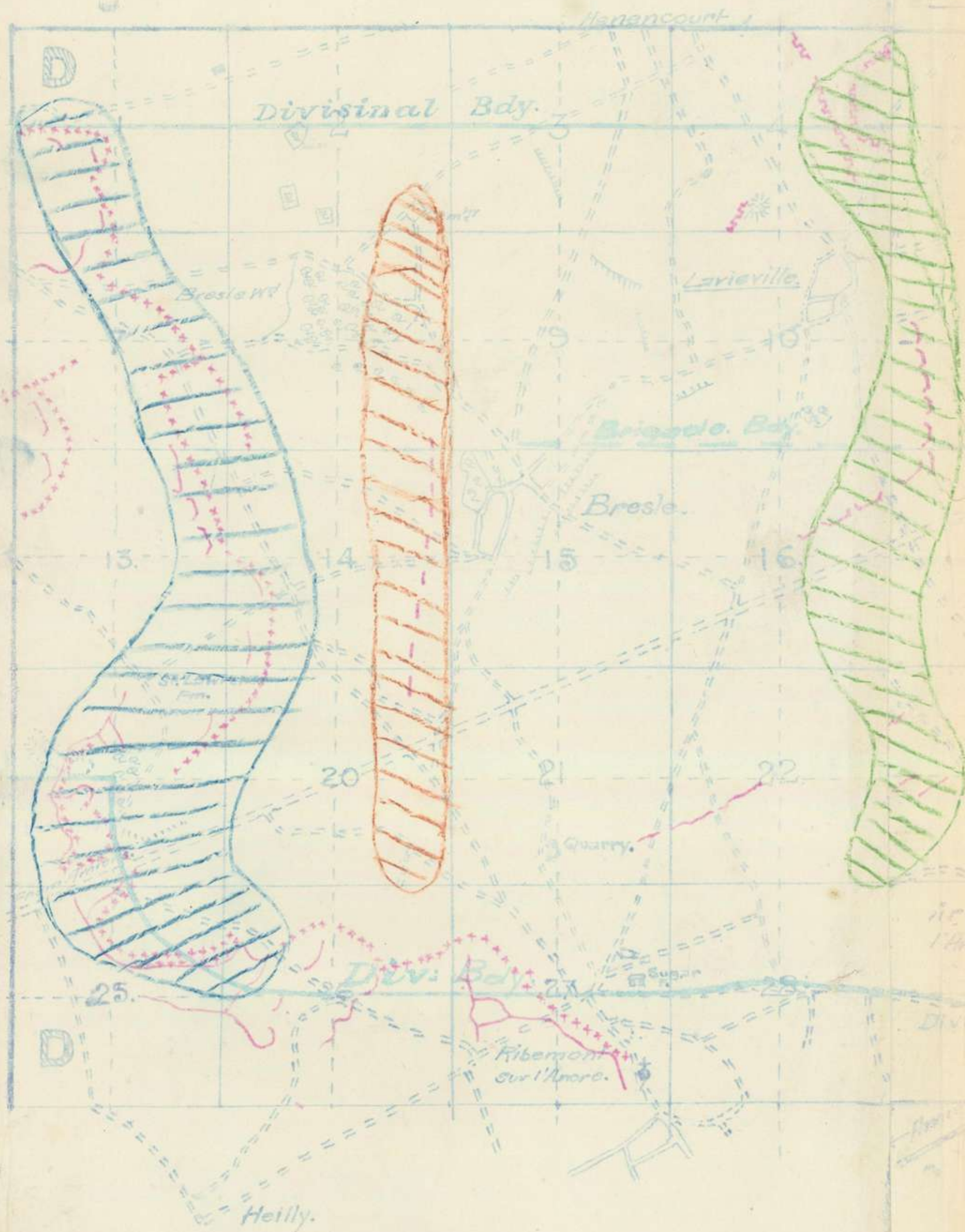
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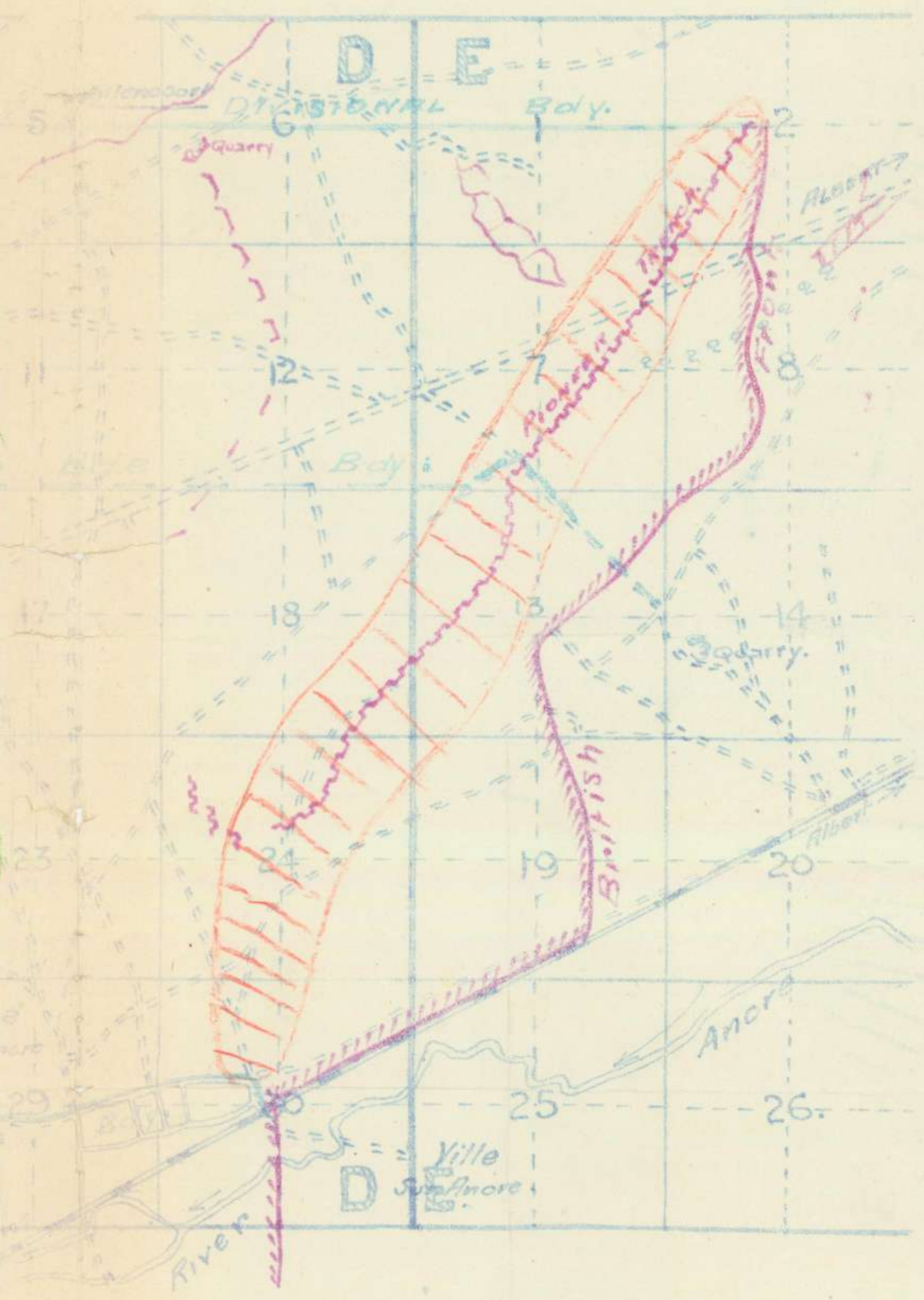


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Appendix 4



7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
April 14th 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS to accompany "Instructions for the
Defensive Nos. 1 to 10" issued under this office 217/136
dated April 12th 1918.

SUPPLIES:

Railhead - VIGNACOURT.
Refilling point - EBART FARM, BEAUCCOURT.
Motor transport deliver to refilling point daily.
Train wagons refill at 4 p.m. and supplies remain on these
wagons until issued to units prior to collecting next issue.
Ammunitions are delivered from BEAUCCOURT to Battalions
by First Line Transport.

COOKING ARRANGEMENTS. Cooking is done in the vicinity of Battalions
and hot food is sent forward in improvised containers. Hot
food containers will be issued when they become available.
All cookers will be 'dug in' and splinter-proof em-
bankments built round them. Cookers must not be placed
where they will obstruct traffic.
The villages offer good facilities for cooking with
dixies in the cellars. If this is done, hot food can be
prepared much closer to the line.

WATER.

Water is drawn from the villages in water carts,
and must be chlorinated. An effort is being made to
have tanks salvaged and placed near cookers. These will
be kept filled. Shell-hole water must not be used for
any purpose.

TRANSPORT.

First Line Transport, less mobile echelon, is bri-
gaded and located at SAVELLIACOURT, under Command of the
Brigade Transport Officer (Captain J.C. LITTLE, M.C.,
26th Battalion). The 7th A.M.G. Coy transport is at
BEAUCCOURT.

AMMUNITION.

The system of supply of ammunition will be from
rear to front. Railhead - FLESSELES. A.R.F., CONTAY,
Forward Divisional Dump - CONTAY U.21.c.6.4. Emergency
Dump - MOLLIERES-AU-BOIS.

Brigade mobile reserve, consisting of 11 limbers
S.A.A., 2 limbers bombe, and 5 limbers S.A.A. of D.A.C.
is located at C.12.a.4.5. SAHELICOURT - SAIZIEUX Road,
SAIZIEUX. Emergency location at C.9.d.7.f. will be taken
up if necessary.

GUIDES. Units will maintain one guide each with
the brigade mobile reserve. These guides must be tho-
roughly conversant with all forward routes; and will
guide limbers forward in event of emergency. In Addi-
tion, units will retain guides at their Headquarters to
guide ammunition forward to Companies etc. in the line.

Three mounted orderlies to convey demands to 'B'
Echelon in CONTAY at U.27.c.6.6. (at rear of Cemetery)
for replenishing Brigade reserve will also be detailed,
and be stationed with Brigade mobile reserve.

Units will render their demands daily, which will
be supplied from the Brigade reserve.

The Brigade mobile Echelon refills from D.A.C. at
CONTAY.

PRISONERS OF WAR. Divisional collecting post is situated in old
Prisoners of War Cage, SAIZIEUX, where prisoners will be
handed over to the A.R.M. Corps Cage is at MONTIGNY.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS. Headlights will not be used on lorries or cars east of St. POL - AMIENS Road. Motor Cycles may use headlights, but will cover them when halted. Cars and lorries when halted, will cover or extinguish sidelights except sufficient to mark convoys.

WAGONS. D.A.D.O.S. Office and small advanced dump for the most urgent stores, is at BLAUCOURT. The main dump is at No.19, DUNOON STREET, VILLIERS BOGAGE, where ordinary demands will be held for collection by units in the usual manner. Only stores actually required, and which can be carried, will be demanded. 17th A.A.S.C. will arrange for one G.S. wagon to draw advance stores for the Brigade on alternate days. Q.M.'s will arrange direct with O.C., Train.

MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION is at BLAUCOURT.

REINFORCEMENTS. 2nd Australian Divisional Wing is at BERLEAUCOURT. A Staging Camp for reinforcements for the Division will be located at MOULIENS AU SOIS under an officer to be detailed.

NUCLEUS PERSONNEL are at SAVELINCOURT.

DISCIPLINE. The Divisional area is not an evacuated zone. Immediate steps must be taken to prevent looting and damage to the property of the civilian population, whether the owners are present or not. In addition, action will be taken to stop damage to crops, removal of fodder-stacks, cutting down trees, and shooting across-country at game. Churches and their precincts and houses in the Divisional area are out of bounds to all troops not actually on duty or billeted there; disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

BATHS. Baths are located at P.O.C. Cage, SAIZIEUX, and may be used after dusk. Capacity 60 per hour. Supplies of clean clothing are available, and where units cannot arrange for bathing, an exchange of clothing will be provided. Clean socks are available and units will arrange to exchange soiled ones for clean. In addition to baths at P.O.C. Cage, SAIZIEUX, there is a bath capable of bathing 500 - 600 men per day at BERLEAUCOURT.

Arrangements are now in hand for construction of Baths at BLAUCOURT, capable of bathing 600-700 men per day. A supply of clean clothing will be maintained as far as possible at all Baths.

Large bodies of troops must not be allowed to congregate at the Baths, but will be regulated under the charge of an officer, in small parties.

BURIALS. A Brigade Burial N.C.O. has been detailed, and will be responsible for all burials, and will submit a return to reach Brigade H.Q. on Friday of each week, of burials effected. Units will afford this N.C.O. every facility to perform his duties. Cemetery is located at D.17.d.7.2.

CANTEEN. Divisional canteen has been opened at BLAUCOURT.

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

A.A.P. D.18.c.2.0.
 Bearer relay post D.17.b.4.0.
 Motor wagon post BAIZIEUX, Billet No.50.
 Adv. Dressing Stn. Ambulance H.Q., HARLOY.
 Main Dressing Stn. VADENCOURT.
 Div. Collecting Stn. BEAUCOURT.

Evacuations from line - hand or wheeled stretcher to motor posts, thence by car and horse wagons to A.D.S. .
 A.D.S. to M.D.S. by Divisional Motor Ambulance Transport.

M.D.S. to C.C.S., by 3rd M.A.C.

STRETCHERS. Unit Commanders will see that their units complete any shortages in stretchers due to loss and casualties among stretcher bearers, at Advanced Dressing Station, Main Dressing Station, or by salvage, when moving back after relief.

GRAZING.

The practice of turning horses and mules loose to graze must cease. All animals grazing must be securely hobbled.

ABANDONED STOCK & STRAYING HORSES.

Abandoned stock found in the area left by the civilian inhabitants, will be handed over to A.P.M. Stray horses will be handed to Mobile Veterinary Section, together with a report. Brigade H.Q. will be notified of all stock and horses so dealt with.

L. H. Harrison

Captain, Staff Captain,
 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Distribution as for this office 217/31 of 14/4/1918.

Copy to B.T.O.

O.C., Nucleus Camp
 5th Field Coy
 6th Field Amb.

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AIRCRAFT were active throughout the day, patrolling their lines. Whenever they crossed they were subjected to heavy A.A. fire that they were driven back immediately. No air rights took place. Five balloons were in evidence.

DEFENCE & MOVEMENT movement was seen at UNKNOWN Fm where a sentry is continually on duty, at DURIEZ Fm, and at SORREN Fm. At 7 a.m. A party of 12 on track U.23.bz were dispersed by Artillery. Two Hubs were seen at building C.11.b.6.8. Smoke seen at U.29.d.4.2. - C.10.2.8. and 2.6.1. - U.29.d.1.3. - U.20.d.7.5. - C.5.d.30.95.

L. J. O'Connell
Lieutenant.
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Bde.

TABLE OF SHOOTING.

Time.	Locality shelled.	Calibre.	No. of rounds.	Direction.	Remarks.
6.40	C.10.a. & C.10.c.	77 m.m.	8	--	
10.15	La BIZET	4.2	18	100°	true.
12.10	C.9.c. & d.	4.2	9	--	
5.40	C.7.b.	5.9	10	74°	"
7.00	C.3.	4.2	25	82°	"
7.20	Lt Sn.	77 m.m.	20	89°	"
	C.10.c.	4.2	6	100°	"
	La BIZET	4.2	40	100°	"
7.45	At Sde Sector	77 m.m.			Barrage Gas. - Lasting 15 mins.
12.5	La BIZET	4.2	100	approx. 100°	
1.35	C.3.c. & d.	77 m.m.	130	--	Gas.
2.35	MORON CAR (vicinity)		100	--	H.B.
3.00	C.8.		200	100°	true.
4.45	La BIZET (vicinity)	5.9	12	61°	"

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

No. 1.

April 9th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 9/4/1918.

General Operations.

Patrols. Visibility bad, very dark. Four patrols operated over our front from E.19.d.7.4. to E.13.d.2.8. but owing to the intense darkness, no special reconnaissance was carried out. A patrol of 1 Officer, 1 Corporal and 4 other ranks left E.19.d.5.4. at 9.30 p.m. and had not proceeded far when a Machine Gun opened fire on them at close range, killing one man and severely wounding the officer. The Corporal succeeded in bringing the officer in, but it is not known what became of the remaining three men who were missing at 6 a.m. After a survey of the position by daylight, a report in detail will be sent in. In addition liaison patrols kept touch with units on flanks throughout the night.

Artillery. Heavy on registration and harassing fire. At 5 a.m. two 10-pdr rounds fell short in E.13.a. causing casualties. This matter was traced through and adjusted.

AIRCRAFT. Nil owing to misty wet weather.

MACHINE GUNS & TRACER BULLETS. Quiet.

General Operations.

Artillery. Very quiet during the day and until 4.30 a.m. when the valley in D.10, 23 & 24 was intermittently shelled with 5.9 and 4.2 H.E. for an hour, followed by a 4.2 gas bombardment lasting 15 minutes. This was presumably in retaliation to the activity of our heavies during the night. Our batteries in D.15 were also subjected to fairly heavy fire between 6 and 7 a.m. Table of shelling appended.

MACHINE GUNS. Active at intervals during the night from direction of E.14.c. central, enfilading road through E.7.c. and E.13.b., and firing on our night Coy posts, using tracer bullets. Another M.G. fired on our patrol (See patrol report).

TRACER BULLETS. A small number of pineapple bombs were fired into E.13.b.5.2. at 1 a.m. otherwise quiet.

PLANES. Very few, and white only.

RAILS. Active on both sides. Reports not yet to hand.

MOVEMENT. Occasionally seen between house at E.20.a.5.6. and QUARRY at E.13.c.2.7., and steps are being taken to deal with both these places. Bad visibility prevented further observation.

WORKS. Deepening of trenches and connecting isolated posts. Building of bivouacs at Battalion H.Q. D.24.a.1.7. 470 x trench dug 3' deep and 4' wide at top from E.13.a.4.5.t E.7.c.3.1. 600 x trench splitlocked from D.10.d.3.7. to E.13.a.4.5.

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Lieutenant,
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Appendix 18

TABLE OF GRENADIER SHELLING.

Observed from G.P. D.18.d.2.2. Sheet 62 D.N.E.

Time	Locality shelled	No. of rounds	Calibre	Intervals	Direction	Remarks	
1.30 am	D.18.a.a b.	16	4.2 & 77	2 sec	110° T.B.	High bursts	
12.20 pm	D.10.e.	8	5.9 & 9.2	2 min	250° "		
1.45 pm	enemy batteries	very quiet.					
2.5	D.18.d.	0	4.2 H&H	1 min	110° T.B.		
2.30	D.18.c.	5	"	1/2 "	"		
4.00	D.18.d.	14	"	2 "	"	Mostly high bursts	
4.45	D.24.c.	5	4.2 shrap	1 "	90° T.B.	ditto	
5.10	D.18.d.	6	4.2 & 5.9	2 "	110° T.B.	Suspected Registration	

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

April 10th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 hours ending 5 a.m. 10/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. Standing patrols were established about 100 yards ahead of our line, but no special reconnoitring patrol were sent out.

Reference the Right Battalion patrol 1 which had such a disastrous trip on the night 8/9th inst. Private BROWN, one of the missing men returned to our lines last night wounded, with the following information. On leaving our post at E. 13.d.6.7. patrol moved to E.20.a.1.9. where they turned South and proceeded on a line parallel with our posts, but apparently lost direction. It was intensely dark, and hearing men at work with picks and shovels they moved in the direction of the sounds, thinking it was one of our posts. They were challenged by a man calling "HALT", a flare was fired, and machine gun and rifle fire opened on them. This was approximately at E.20.a.1.3. and about 400 x from our posts. Private BROWN saw Lieut. PARKES fall, several more flares were fired, and BROWN himself severely wounded. In trying to escape he fell into a shell-hole, and being uncertain of his direction remained there all night and the following day, coming in after dark. He found, when day light came that he was only 30 x from a German trench that was occupied all day at approx. E.20.a.6.4. He located a machine gun firing from approx. E.20.a.4.2. near BURKE-DERNANCOURT road. He can give no information regarding the remainder of the patrol.

ARTILLERY. During the day our heavier shelled enemy positions in vicinity of ALSART - MORNANCOURT, but the vicinity was too poor to observe direct effect.

At 3.15 p.m. a deal of movement was seen about the QUARRIES E.14.c.2.7. and artillery action was called for, resulting in our 18-pndrs and 4.5's gaining three direct hits on QUARRIES and others on tracks leading to it. Immediately about 30 Germans were seen to scatter, and a number of casualties were inflicted on them by our artillery. Four green flares were at this time sent up from the QUARRIES bursting into two green lights, but no action followed.

At 5 o'clock this morning a barrage was placed on S.O.S. line and lasted for 15 minutes. No retaliation occurred.

AIRCRAFT. Too misty for reconnaissance. Four planes were seen for a short period during the afternoon.

MACHINE GUNS & TRAPOR MORTARS. Quiet.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the day the back areas were fairly consistently shelled, generally speaking the ridges being subjected to 5.9 H.E. and the valleys to 4.2 H.E. with a liberal quantity of gas. The valley in D.13.c., D.23.b, and D.24.a. received particular attention in this manner. Battery positions in vicinity of BRISLE were intermittently shelled with 5.9's and 3.2's. The night was very quiet. Table of shelling appended.

AIRCRAFT & TRAPOR MORTARS. Nil.

MACHINE GUNS. Intermittent bursts during the night on our front line posts from E.14.c. - E.20.b. Otherwise quiet.

FLARES. A few whites used only.

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A party at work on hut at E.20.c.1.7. was dispersed by L.G.fire. Enemy is actively constructing posts along our front from E.20.A.2.2. to a.2.9.

Trenches 200 x deepened to 3' from E.13.a.4.0. to E.15.d.9.3. Existing trenches and posts deepened and improved. Wiring - 500 x single apron fence from a.7.0. 8.3. to

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Lieutenant,
For C.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

TABLE OF ANTI-SHELLING.

observed from O.C. D.18.d.2.2.

Time	Area	No. of shells	Calibre	Inter-vals	Direction of fire.	Remarks.
a.m.				Sec.	Degrees	
4.45	D.18.c.)	16	4.2, 5.9	10	110 T.S.	
5.30	D.18.d.)	5	4.2	2	"	
5.40	D.12.c.)	30	5.0, 4.2	30	120 T.S.	
6.5	D.12.d.)	8	5.9		100 "	Long range Field gun fire
6.30	D.30.a.)	10	4.2 sharp		95 "	Burst edge of village
8.15	D.24.c.)					rapid shelling, Gas
9.3	D.18.d.)	15	4.2 H.M.	2	110 "	Suspected registration
9.30	D.10.c.)	6	5.0 H.M.	30		Field gun fire
10.30	D.7.c.)	8	"	30	195 T.S.	
12.5pm	D.12.c.)	22	"	2	"	
2.15	D.25.a. d.)	10	4.2	120		
4.5	D.18.d.)					
5.00	D.17.b.)	12	4.2 H.M.	2	90 T.S.	Suspected registration
	D.22.d.)					
	D.23.a.)	22	4.2	30		
6.00	D.17.d.)	1	4.2	30	110 T.S.	

Notes.

the back area was fairly open... the ridge being subjected... D.23.d. and D.24.a. returned... battery positions in vicinity of... during the night on our... of private duty.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 3.

A pril 11th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 11/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. (1) A patrol of 5 other ranks went out from our lines at E.13.d.2.9. at 10 p.m., worked to E.13.b.8.2, and returned to our lines at E.13.b.8.3. at 1 a.m. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy.

(2) 1 A.C.O. and 5 other ranks proceeded from E.13.d.2.3. at 10 p.m. to E.13.d.45.30, thence along our front to E.13.d.2.9. Hammering and movement was heard in DEANANCOURT.

Standing patrols were posted in advance of eight Battalion front. Visibility very poor. No movement noticed.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery has been fairly active throughout the past 24 hours. There was no retaliation to our area shoot.

Between 12 noon and 1 p.m. 10th Inst. our artillery was very active on DEANANCOURT. Normal registration and harassing fire was maintained.

MACHINE GUNS & TANK MORTARS. About 40 - 3" Stokes mortar rounds were fired into QUARRY and Sunken Road near E.14.c.2.7. Observers report very successful shoot.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were not very active during the day on account of poor visibility, but occasionally they patrolled over the enemy lines.

SLEEPING. Throughout the day snipers have been very busy. Individual movement was very frequently noticed, and it is believed we caused many enemy casualties.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery below normal during past 24 hours. Occasional bursts of fire on supports and rear communications, particular attention being paid to the ALBERT - AMIENS Road. During the early part of the afternoon, about 80 - 5.9 H.E. were fired into D.23.b.

TANK MORTARS. Nil.

MACHINE GUNS. Occasional bursts were fired on the front, but on the whole very quiet.

AIRCRAFT. At 7.45 a.m. 9 enemy planes crossed our lines, but were driven off by our A.A. and M.G. fire. Throughout the day enemy planes were fairly active, but were invariably driven off by our fire.

FLARES. Very few flares were fired during the night. Those that were fired were ordinary white.

MOVEMENT. At 1.15 p.m. movement was noticed in K.7.central. A fair amount of movement can be noticed in K.1, K.2, and K.7. Parties of about 70 were observed digging in the vicinity of E.2 9.c. and E.5.a.

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24 hours ending 8 a.m. 11/4/1918

500 x single apron converted into 500 x double apron, E.7.c.8.2. to E.13.a.4.1.
 500 x double apron completed E.13.a.4.1. to E.13.c.1.8.
 400 x 3 feet deep 4 feet wide at top, 3 feet at bottom, D.18.d.9.8. to D.18.d.7.6. completed.
 Existing posts and bivouacs were improved.

Richardson

Captain,

7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Throughout the day the position was fairly active throughout. The position to our rear was very quiet. The position to our front was very quiet. The position to our left was very quiet. The position to our right was very quiet. The position to our front was very quiet. The position to our rear was very quiet. The position to our left was very quiet. The position to our right was very quiet.

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April 12th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 hours ending 5 a.m. 12/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

RELIEF. The 26th Battalion relieved the 28th Battalion in the line - Left during night 11/12th inst. Relief completed without casualties at 11.30 p.m. The 26th Battalion then withdrew to support.

ARTILLERY. Advantage was taken of the high visibility to carry out registration. Heavies were active, shelling back areas, while 18-pdrs and 4.5's registered on S.O.S. line and worried VILLE-SUR-ANDON and DEMANCOU throughout the day. A barrage was put down between 4.50 a.m. and 8 a.m. At 4.30 p.m. about a dozen 18-pdrs fell short with ground bursts behind our line at s.13.d.1.9 to s.13.b.3.5.

PATROLS. 1 Officer and 8 other ranks left our line at approx. s.19.d.1.3. and proceeded to patrol northwards to a depth of about 100 yards. At s.19.d.3.6. an enemy patrol was encountered, engaged, and forced to retire in disorder. Owing to the dark night and uncertainty of direction, our patrol did not pursue, but returned to our line after completing their task. Other patrols patrolled the entire front throughout the night, but no special reconnaissance was carried out, as the front is absolutely devoid of cover, and the slightest movement results in places being sent up by the Hun.

AIRCRAFT. Very active co-operating with our artillery, patrolling and photographing. At 1.30 to 2 a.m. several of our planes crossed over and dropped bombs on enemy forward positions. It was observed that A.A. fire came from a great distance behind a enemy's line, and the shooting consequently poor.

MACHINE GUNS. Engaged chiefly on A.A. work with good effect. A party of 30 Germans were fired on and dispersed near road in s.14.d.

SALVAGE. Few casualties were inflicted during the day, mostly while enemy parties were on their way from the villages to their advanced positions.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Exceptionally quiet on our front during the day. Table of shelling appended.

AIRCRAFT. Very active during the day, but at a great height. However our lines were approached at a low altitude - our A.A. and M.G. fire was so severe that they were speedily driven off. A Hun plane was forced down by our machines in s.10.d. at 6 p.m. It is reported that a machine carrying our dist igniting marks and the letter "K" on fuselage flew round our supports in D.24.a. at a low altitude at 7 p.m. and fired a M.G. with tracer bullets at our working party near the ALBERT road in D.17. and at D.23.b. When the plane was fired on by our rifles and M.G.'s it fired one green and one white flare, and disappeared over enemy lines.

MACHINE GUNS. Sniping with short bursts at regular intervals and on desultory A.A. work. Otherwise quiet.

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There is considerable movement between BERNANOCOURT and QUARRIES at 5.14.0.3.7. Dugouts are under construction at 5.14.0.9.7. Two parties of 3 Hms were working at approx. 5.20.0.0.8. at 9.15 a.m. A great deal of movement in K.S.b. men seen to disappear at X roads here. A trench is in occupation at 5.27.0.0.2. and another is being dug at K.S.b.46.80. A working party continued at house 5.25.d.38.45. A working party was heard during night at 5.25.a.6.3. apparently wiring.

The 8th Battalion then withdrew. A deal in progress, but with little effect. Movement on the S.e. slope of the hill in E.13.b & c. proves most disagreeable to people in this respect.

Work done on 5.0.0.0.0. x double apron fence and carrying material. A trench dug 80 x 5.7.0.0.1. to 5.7.0.8.2. D.17.a.6.4. 40 x trench completed and 3 shelters built.

W. J. ...

Lieutenant,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Observed from O.P. D.23.a.37. 35.

Time	Acce shells.	Calibre	Interval	Direction of fire	Remarks.
7.10	D.12.c	5.9	5 sec	62° N.B.	
10.00	D.21.b	4.2	Salvo of 3	145° M.B.	2 duds
3.00pm	D.12.c	12	5 sec.		Sbrap.
5.00pm	D.17.b	1	2 min		
6.20	D.17.b	1	2 "		Dud
6.40	D.25.b.d.	3	1 "	180° M.B.	1 dud
10.30	D.25.b.d.	1	1 "		

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April 13th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 13/4/1918. 9

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Advantage was taken of the very high visibility to carry out registration by both heavy and light guns. The villages on our immediate front were under intermittent bursts of shrapnel from our 18-pdrs, and movement was shelled wherever it was picked up. The hatted camp in E.23.a.b. was shelled by our 60-pdrs at noon, and a number of direct hits were registered, causing men to emerge from the huts and scatter in all directions. At 4.15 p.m. one of our heavies fell short in D.22.b.

MACHINE GUNS & TRENCH MORTARS. Very quiet except on A.A. work. A part redistribution of guns in the forward area has been effected and particulars will be forwarded.

AIRCRAFT. Very active day and night. Registration, photography and patrolling through the day, and bombing enemy's rear areas during the night. Several bomb bursts were seen in rear of D.22.a.c. at 9.30 p.m.

PATROLS. 1 Officer and 8 other ranks left D.30.c.9.9. and returned at 2.25.a.5.9. They patrolled along the river but were unable to go far owing to the marshy state of the ground; also any movement made a great deal of noise in the undergrowth among the trees. No enemy movement was noticed, but a man was heard crying out as though in pain in E.20.c. and it is considered this might have been an attempt to lure any unsuspecting patrols to that vicinity.

The remainder of the front was patrolled to a depth of 200 x during the night without incident, and liaison was kept with units on flanks. Standing patrols were established at D.30.d.55.75, D.30.b.60.20, E.25.a.30.65, E.25.a.40.60 and E.19.d.10.04.

SNIPING. Seven casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. extremely quiet day and night, which is strange considering the high visibility, and might portend active operations on this front in the near future. Table of shelling appended.

AIRCRAFT. Active during the day at a great height, and at about 9 p.m. several planes were heard passing over in a westerly direction from which white flares were dropped a little later. No action followed. One enemy plane was seen to descend out of control at 1.45 p.m. behind MORLANCOURT.

MACHINE GUNS, TRENCH MORTARS & SNIPERS. Very quiet. At night a party of our machine gunners were fired on while sitting forward guns for direct fire, killing the officer. Machine gun was located in E.14.c.

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MOVEMENT. At 8.35 a.m. an amount of movement was seen on the
 road. The artillery was notified and action taken.
 That direct results could not be ascertained. Many troops in
 small numbers were seen leaving DELANCOURT and MOULANCOURT and
 disappearing to rear with full packs up, probably indicating a relief
 during the night 11/18th. Men were seen erecting telegraph wires
 along the road. - Albert road. Men were carrying sheet iron and
 timber to a mound in front of the Chateau in E.22.a.7.4. Shows signs
 of occupation. A train was moving to the rear in E.24.b. at 8.15 p.m.
 movement again at houses in E.25.d.38.45 and a machine gun fired at
 one of our planes from this position.

Flares used to the normal extent during the
 night and during the activity South of us a red and green flare
 were used. Trenches 100 x 4' wide at top, 3'6" at bottom from
 D.7.c.8.1 to D.7.c.8.1. Desposing trench 400 x long E.7.c.8.1.
 Material and wiring 200 x double
 apron D.17.b.3.7. to D.17.b.5.1. 75 coils of wire and 200 pickets
 Very quiet. Work of connecting up posts in front line is progressing.

Army

Lieutenant,
 For G.O. C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Developed from O.P. D.23.a.85.35.

Time	Area Shelled	Calibre	Intervals	Direction	Remarks
6.5	D.18.b.	4.2	1 min		1 du
7.0	D.23.b.	5.9	1 to 5 min	65° M.B.	2 du
8.15	D.17.a.	"	1 min		
9.10	D.17.d.	"	1 min		
9.30	D.21.b.	4.2	1 min		
10.25	D.18.d.	5.9	5 sec		
1 p.m.	D.17.b.	4.2	10 "		
3.45	D.17.b.u.a.	5.9	5 "		
4.20	D.17.a.	4.2	10 "		
4.25	D.18.b.	5.9	10 "		
5.47	D.18.b.	4.2	10 "		
6.50	E.7.c	4.2	10 "		
8-8.30	D.18.d.	5.9	10 "		
9.35	D.17.c.	5.9	10 "		
10.30	D.24.c, D.20.e, 29.b	4.2	10 "		

Very quiet. Machine gun
 were fired on while sitting
 Machine gun

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY DIVISION

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 14/4/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

RAID. A raid was attempted at 4 a.m. on enemy post in Sunkun road S.13.d.8.8. to S.13.b.25.05. Artillery co-operated. Unfortunately the party was discovered by the enemy before the jumping off line was reached, and machine gun and rifle fire prevented the forming up. The raid did not materialise, but a prisoner was subsequently captured at one of our listening posts S.25.a.4.5. Identification 54th sec. Di v. 247 A.I.M. Detailed report is being forwarded separately.

PATROLS. 1 Officer and 4 other ranks went out with the object of obtaining identification from the body of a German who was shot by our snipers during the day at S.20.c.4.2. but found on arrival there that the body had been removed. After scouting around in search of a suspected listening post without result, the party returned home. Standing patrols were established along the entire front, and liaison was maintained with units on flanks.

ARTILLERY. Normally active harassing centre of activity in enemy forward area. Except for co-operation with our raid, there is nothing of interest to report.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were continually over enemy back areas using their machine guns freely, apparently on ground targets.

MACHINE GUNS. A few bursts were fired at roads and tracks in enemy forward area at daybreak. Otherwise quiet.

TANK CAMOUFLAGE. Quiet.

SLEEPING. Four casualties were inflicted on the enemy in vicinity of DEANAN COURT. It is suspected that he is using 'dummies to draw fire.

HOSTILE ACTIVITIES.

ARTILLERY. Normally active. Table of shelling appended. No retaliation to our barrage at 4 a.m. occurred.

MACHINE GUNS. Except for activity during our raid, quiet. The two machine guns in action at the time were located at S.14. c.00.95 and just north of this point.

TANK CAMOUFLAGE. At 6.50 p.m. six pineapple bombs were thrown into the old G.C.S. from south of the railway in S.19.d.

AIRCRAFT. At 7.30 a.m. three planes ventured over our lines but were immediately driven off by our A.A. fire. At 8.35 a.m. six planes flew over at a great height but quickly turned back.

SLEEPING. Nil.

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FLARES. When our barrage fell on enemy lines, he sent up two red flares, and golden clusters from points to right and left. No perceptible action followed. Double green flares are usually sent up when our artillery is more than usually active.

MOVEMENT. Too hazy to detect movement at any distance, but parties of 20 and 30 were continually seen moving to and fro between the COUL and the QUARR. E.14.c.2.7. Movement was also seen in vicinity of E.21.a.95.15.

- WORKS.
1. Extending trench D.18.b.9.2. 150 yards.
 2. Finishing trench D. 29.a.5.7. 100 yards.
 3. Finishing trench D.23.c.9.1. 120 yards.
 4. Extending posts in the front line and improving bivouacs and accommodation.

Lieutenant,
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

TABLE OF SHELLING Observed from O.C. D.2.a.85.35.

Time	Area Shelled	No. rds.	Calibre	Intervals	Direction.	Remarks
6.30 am	D.17.c.a d.	12	4.2	5 sec		
7.45	D.17.c.	6	"	"		1 dud
12.15 pm	D.30	4	"	"		"
12.20	D.24.c.	4	"	15 sec		Gas
12.25	D.25.a.	4	5.9	30 sec		H.S. Shrap
12.30	D.24.a.a b.	6	"	80 "		
1.20	D.23.central	18	4.2	30 "	140° M.	
2.45	D.24.b.	8	"	1 "	"	
3.00	D.17.b.	1	"	60 "		Shrap
3.5	D.24.b.c.	7	"	60 "		
3.30	D. 18.c.	6	"	30 "		Gas
3.35	D.24.a.	4	"	5 "		Shrap
3.50	"	13	"	30 "		
5.40	D.18.a.	6	5.9	30 "		
6 pm to 3 am	D.16,17,18.	80	4.2 & 5.9			Systematic shelling along ALBERT Road all night.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

April 15th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 Hours ending 8 a.m. 15/4/18.OUR OPERATIONS.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A German of the 1st Bn. 246 R.I.R., 51th Reserve Division wandered into our lines in E.13.b. last night. He was taking coffee out to a listening post in E.13.b.95.05 and lost his way in the darkness. He had just been wounded in the arm by our 15 pdr shrapnel.

PATROLS. Standing patrols were established along the entire front, and liaison maintained with units on flanks. 1 Officer and 8 other ranks left our line at E.19.d.2.2 and proceeded along the railway to house at approx. E.19.d.5.3. which has been reported as being occupied and that a S.P. was in course of construction there. The place was absolutely deserted, and there were no signs of digging for a 50 x radius. The dead body of a Hun shot by our snipers near this house was searched, but nothing except a few coins was found on him - not even shoulder straps.

ARTILLERY. At 12.15 p.m. our heavies shelled huts in E.28 scoring direct hits and causing men to scatter. E.21.c. was shelled by our 6" guns at 5 p.m. and the villages on our immediate front were under intermittent bursts of 18 pdr fire throughout the period.

TRENCH MORTARS. 40 rounds were fired on enemy posts under construction at D.30.d.8.9 and E.25.c. 35.75 with apparently good effect, as further work in these places was stopped for the night.

SNIPING. A Hun was shot on leaving a suspected machine gun position at E.25.b.7.4. He was seen to fall into the river. Another Hun was fired on and wounded in the same vicinity later in the day. In E.14.c. our snipers smashed three enemy periscopes.

AIRCRAFT. No activity owing to bad visibility.

GENERAL. A man reported as missing during our raid on the night 13/14th inst. came in last night after lying in a shell hole all day 60 x from the enemy's line. He was very cold and wet, and could not be interrogated at the time. A report on any information he can give will be forwarded later.

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Very quiet on our immediate front during the day; the back areas and villages receiving most of what came over. During the night the ALBERT - AMIENS Road was under occasional bursts of shrapnel. Intense firing was heard from direction of AVELUY between 4.30 a.m. and 6 a.m. but the nature of it could not be ascertained. Table of shelling appended.

AIRCRAFT. Nil.

MACHINE GUNS, TRENCH MORTARS & SNIPING. Very quiet.

GENERAL. Men were seen moving about all day at K.2.b.9.2. and K.3.b.45.80. Four men jumped out of a trench at K.3.a.5.5. and ran to another trench or post 20 x away. Our artillery was shelling this position at the time. At 12.34 p.m. motor transport was seen moving towards ALBERT on the ALBERT - BRAI Road. Small parties of men in full marching order were seen occasionally going along this road in the same direction. There is a suspected dump just off the road in F.26.c. as horse transport was seen unloading material here.

FLARES: A larger number than usual of white flares were sent up by the enemy during the night.

WORKS: Trenches. Strong points around BUI.45 D.23.a. 300 x dug. E.13.b.3.0. - E.13.d.2.9. 50 x dug. E.13.b.3.0. - E.13.b.5.2. 110 x deepened. D.23.a.0.3. - D.29.a.9.8. 400 x double apron 350 x double apron completed in front of Right Battalion posts.

Murray

Lieutenant,
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

TABLE OF ENEMY SHELLING observed from O.P., D.23.a.85. 55.

Time	Area Shelled	No. rounds	Calibre	Intervals.	Direction of Gun
6.10 am	D.23.b. a 17.d.	21	4.2	1/2 min	117° M.B.
2.12 pm	D.30.b. a	11	"	5 sec	
3.10	D.18.b.	5	"	Salvos	
3.25	D.30.a.	5	"	1 min	
4.10	D.21.c.	8	"	30 sec	
4.30	D.17.c.	2	5.9		
4.35	E.19.c.	11	4.2	5 sec	
4.55	"	11	"	Salvos	
5.17	D.23.c.	3	"	8 min	
7.5.	D.18.c.	11	"	1 min	117° M.B.
8.15	D.24.b.	15	"	1/2 min	95° M.B.
9.00 am	D.16.d.	18	"	10 sec	105° M.B.
9.15	D.24.b.	50	"	salvos	95 M.B.
10.40 pm	D.16.	12	"	10 sec	
10.55	D.17	3	"	" "	
11.5	D.23.a.	12	"	"	
11.15	D.16.d.	9	"	15 sec	
11.25	D.24.c.	10	"	10 sec	
11.50	D.23.a.	29	"	10 sec - 1 min	

Very quiet on our immediate front during the day. Very little shelling was observed. The enemy was seen moving about at K.3.a.3.3. and K.3.a.3.3. and the 7th Australian Infantry was shelling the area. Our mortar transport was seen moving along the road. The road is a very good one and is well maintained. The road is a very good one and is well maintained. The road is a very good one and is well maintained.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

April 16th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 16/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Normally active, harassing villages on our immediate front and communications in rear. At 4.45 a.m. a barrage was put down for half an hour, starting on S.O.S. line and working forwards. At 12.45 a.m. one of our heavy shells fell short in D.22.c., and at 3.55 a.m. two more in D.22.d, the two latter being duds. Efforts are being made to recover one of these to ascertain the calibre.

AIRCRAFT. Three of our planes were seen patrolling over NO MANS LAND at 8 a.m., otherwise quiet.

MACHINE GUNS. 250 rounds fired on party in E.19.d. during the night, dispersing it.

TRENCH MORTARS. 30 rounds fired into QUARRY E.14.c. and vicinity.

SNIPING. Two Huns were killed and one wounded near VILLE-SUR ANCRE.

PATROLS. The usual standing patrols were established along our entire front, and liaison maintained hourly with units on flanks throughout the night.

(1) 1 Officer and 8 other ranks left our post at D.50.c.9.9. at 9 p.m. returning to E.19.d.2.2. at 11.30 p.m. Patrol moved along the river bank and reconnoitred all dead ground, but no trace of occupation was found.

(2) 1 Officer and 8 other ranks crossed bridge at D.50.d.50.f.5 and proceeded along river bank to D.50.b.9.1. with the object of intercepting a Hun patrol which had been reported to use that route, but after laying here for three hours without result, they returned to our lines.

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. More active than usual. A deal of registration is suspected of being in progress, but it is difficult to pin point his targets, as he seems content to drop his shells anywhere in the valleys, particularly in D.17.c, D.18.c, D.23.b, and the BRESLE valley, where he is reasonably confident of a concentration of batteries or troops. A fair quantity of gas is sent over in these localities particularly in the very early morning. It is significant that the main ALBERT - AMELNS road is only registered with shrapnel, as he seems anxious to preserve the condition of this road. Table of shelling appended.

AIRCRAFT and SNIPING. Quiet.

MACHINE GUNS. A small amount of indirect fire on the ALBERT Road - otherwise quiet.

TRENCH MORTARS. Nine pineapple bombs fell at E.23.a.37.39.

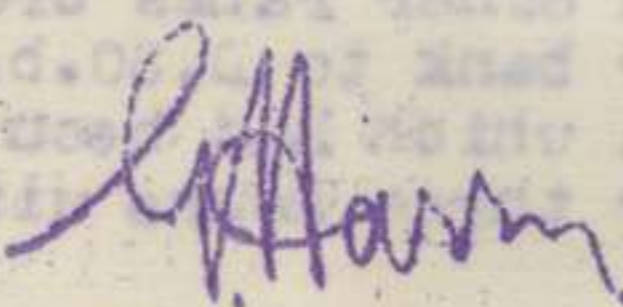
PATROLS. A party of about 20 approached our listening post at E.25.a.8.8 in full marching order, as though in relief of some of their posts, but having lost themselves. When halted by our post they fled under heavy rifle and bomb fire from our garrison. Our patrol which was out at the time hurried to the spot on hearing the firing, but arrived too late. A stronger fighting patrol was immediately sent out, but succeeded in vain. No casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

MOVEMENT. 6.30 to 7.30 a.m. a good deal of enemy foot traffic (apparently fatigued) could be seen on road running through K.16.d and K.17.c. moving in both directions at wide intervals. At the same time about 18 motor lorries approached from direction of BRAY, each halted at cross roads in K.17.central, remained for two minutes, and returned along road running to E.11.N.H.M. Sketch herewith. 8.15 a.m. to 9 a.m. two-horsed transport moved along same route, and at 8.45 a.m. three two-horsed transport proceeded north along A.16.a.17.a. road, and several parties of enemy in twos and threes. 4.30 p.m. five parties of six men approached appeared at K.15.b.8. and disappeared at K.8.d.7.3. 8.30 a.m., two limbers and six G.S. wagons were seen moving towards MAULTE on road E.22.a. 9 a.m., eight Huns seen entering houses at E.21.a.7.9. Parties of twos and threes still seen moving between D.11.N.H.M. and the QUARRY E.14.c. 9.30 a.m., two parties of 80 men were observed digging sap along the 45 contour in E.26.b. and dispersed by our artillery. Dug-outs are suspected in clump of trees at K.8.c.4.4.

FLARES. White flares were sent up freely, and at 5 a.m. two double greens drew feeble artillery retaliation to our barrage.

WORKS. Trenches 1- 1. 200 x D.28.b.9.2. " D.29.a.5.7.
2. 60 x D.29.a.5.7. " D.23.c.9.1.
3. 60 x D.23.c.9.1.

Wiring. 1- 1. Double apron wire from E.25.a.5.7. to E.19.d.2.1. 400 x.
2. 480 x double apron wiring completed on left Battalion front.
3. Double apron wire from D.29.a.8.7. to D.23.d.2.3.



Lieutenant,
For G.O.C., 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

TABLE OF ENEMY SHELLING. I observed from O.P., D.23.a.35.35.

Time	Area shelled.	No. and	Calibre	Inter.	Direction	Remarks
					Degrees MB	
9.50 a.m.	D.24.a.	8	4.2	20 sec	117.	Btye appear t
10.8	D.17.b.	4	"	60 "	"	fire from
10.12	D.24.a.	1	"	"	"	VILLERS
10.20	D.23.c.	3	"	Salvo	"	
10.25	D.24.d.	14	"	1min	106	
10.40	D.25.c. a	6	"	salvos	87	
10.54	D.24.b.	2	"	1 min	87	
11.0	D.18.c.	4	"	1 "	87	
11.8	D.24.d.	4	"	2 "	117	
11.10	D.18.c.	4	"	1 "	87	
11.15	D.24.d.	8	"	"	117	
11.20 pm	D.23.b.	1	5.9	"	200	
11.40 pm	D.25.a. c	25	4.2	15 sec	"	
12.20 am	D.23.a, D.22	37	"	20 "	"	10 gas
12.35	ditto	20	"	5 "	"	2 duds
1.00	D.23.a.	4	"	"	"	

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

April 17th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 hours ending 9 a.m. 17/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

RELIEF. The 27th Battalion relieved the 25th Battalion in the Line - night on the night 16/17th April. Relief completed by 10.30 p.m.

ARTILLERY. In addition to the usual harassing fire on enemy villages and tracks; a medium barrage was put down at 8.30 p.m. and again at 2.50 a.m. His reply to the former was fairly good in the valley North of BUIRE and along the ALBERT Road, causing about 20 casualties to our relief then in progress. To the latter barrage his reply was feeble. At 1.20 p.m. our heavies did good work in K.L.C. and D. for 15 minutes.

PATROLS. Patrols of 1 Officer and 8 other ranks constantly patrolled our entire front during the night, covering our relief, in addition to the standing patrols, but no special reconnaissance was carried out, and no enemy movement was encountered. Hourly liaison was maintained with units on flanks.

MACHINE GUNS AND TRENCH MORTARS. Quiet.

SNIPING. Two Huns were shot at 2.19 a.m., one being killed and the other wounded.

AIRCRAFT. A little patrolling was carried out, but planes did not pass beyond our lines.

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. The enemy paid more attention to our forward system than usual during the period, BUIRE and the valley running north to the Albert Road falling in for most of the shelling. On the whole, there was just a slight increase in enemy activity. It is reported that the enemy is using our 18 pdrs to shell our front system, this report being confirmed from several sources. Table of shelling appended.

AIRCRAFT. At 3 p.m. one plane which crossed was forced to retire immediately by our A.A. machine gun fire.

MACHINE GUNS. Active during our artillery operations at night, sweeping the ridges in E.13.b. and c., and the ALBERT Road with bursts of indirect fire. Quiet during the day.

TRENCH MORTARS. Nil.

PATROLS. Nil.

SNIPING. A few shots were fired without effect from Church Tower in VILLERS-VALENTIN.

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MOVING - Transport vehicles are occasionally seen moving in both directions on the ALBERT - BRAY road and the MEAULT - DUMMANOOUAF road. At 1.30 p.m. four men entered a trench at E.28.c.00.80, and three a suspected post in K.3.b.central. movement was seen at SAICKFIELD K.15.0. 1.45 p.m. six men in full marching order left the QUARRY in E.28.a. and move away to rear. Too misty for much observation.

6. Heavy. A big fire was caused just East of MEAULT by our heavies, evidently a dump. Much interest was caused by the fall of the Church tower in ALBERT during shelling by our heavies.

7. FLAG. During our harassing fire at 4.15 a.m. many went up yellow cluster and green flares. A red bursting into two was immediately followed by a light barrage on our front line.

Oaks. branches:-

- 1. Excavation of O.T. between D.13.d.9.9. and D.13.d.2.4., 150 x 5' deep.
- 2. Excavation trenches 130 x, deepening 100 x in D.23.c.
- 3. Post in front of line at E.13.d.35.90.
- 4. Posts in front line connected up.
- 5. Post in front of line at E.13.d.1.2, 260 x
- 6. Post in front of line at E.13.b.8.3., 200 x double apron

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Lieutenant,
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade

TABLE OF ENEMY SHELLING Observed from O.P., D.23.a.83.50.

Time	A red shelled. A	Acounds.	Calibre.	Inter vals.	Direction Degrees M.B.	
6.20 am	D.13.d.1.2	5	4.2	50 sec	87	
6.22	D.21.b.3	3	"	"	"	
6.50	"	"	"	2 min	117	
7.15	D.21.a.1	3	"	"	"	
7.25 to 8.30	D.25.d.1 and D.24.a.1	6	"	"	87	Scattered
11.35	D.29.d.1	10	"	1 min	"	
12.30	D.21.a.	2	"	10 sec	"	
12.35	D.21.a.	2	"	"	"	Scattered
1.30 pm	D.23.d.1	2	"	"	117	
5.00	D.17.a.	2	"	"	"	
5.9	D.25.c.	2	"	3 sec	"	Gas
6.5	D.24.c.	3	"	1 min	95° T.B.	Wide

A battery was seen in action at approx. E.11.b.2.4.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

18.4.1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE, 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 18/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

RELIEFS. The 28th Battalion relieved the 8th Battalion in the "DIXIE" left during night 17/18th April. Relief completed by 11.30 p.m.

PATROLS. Protective patrols were out along the entire front covering our relief, and others kept hourly liaison with units on flanks. Standing patrols were also established along the front.

AIRCRAFT. A little patrolling was done. At 12.55 p.m. an enemy opened machine gun fire on VILLE - SUR - ANCRE and then dropped six bombs in NO MANS LAND between the river and railway in D.30.b., a splinter from one killing one of our men. Plane was fired on by enemy A.A. guns and returned to our rear. Four bombs were dropped behind enemy lines at 6.35 p.m.

SNIPING. Three Huns were killed at approx. E.14.n.1.3. and one wounded.

MACHINE GUNS. A little indirect fire was opened on enemy tracks between 5 and 6 a.m.

TRENCH MORTARS. 30 rounds were fired into the CHAUX E.14.a.

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Fairly active day and night, but his shooting is so erratic and scattered as to cause a deal of speculation as to what his targets are. He appears content to shrapnel the valleys, and wherever much movement occurs during the day, is generally under intermittent bursts of fire at night. The vicinity of cross roads at D.21.a.e.6. is fairly consistently shelled, and the main road at D.17.a. table of shelling appended.

AIRCRAFT AND TRENCH MORTARS. Quiet.

MACHINE GUNS. Single shots were fired periodically from machine gun at approx. E.14.e.0.8.

SNIPING. A few shots were fired without effect from Church Tower in VILLE - SUR - ANCRE.

MOVEMENT. Small parties were seen at intervals in K.3.a. evidently at work constructing trenches. Railway embankment at E.15.e.5.1. is apparently a dump, as men were seen going to and fro carrying timber. Road in E.15.d. from DERNANCOURT to BEAULTS is used a good deal by transport and troops. 8.20 a.m. small parties (two and three) entered trench at E.15.c.9.8. 9.15 a.m. six G.S. wagons heavily laden at E.11.d.8.5. moving towards ALBERT. Continuous movement seen at approx. E.15.central and E.15.c.9.8.

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- WORKS.
1. Deepening trenches from D.28.b.9 .5. to D.29.a.3 .8.
 2. Digging C.P., D.13.a.2.9. to D.13.a.2.4., 200 x
 3. Digging, E.13.a.5.2 to E.13.c.6.0., 320 x

The work was completed by the 1st Battalion on 18.1.1918. The work was completed by the 1st Battalion on 18.1.1918.

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Lieutenant,
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

TABLE of enemy shelling, observed from O.P. D.23.a.80.25.

Time	Area shelled	No. rounds	Calibre.	Intervals.	Directn.	Remarks
6.5 am	D.17.d.	12	4.2	10 sec	90° T.B.	
8.00	D.29.d.	15	5.9	5 "	" "	
8.40	D.13.d.	2	4.2	5 "	70° T.B.	
8.50	D.17.a.	20	5.9	1 min	135° T.B.	
9.45	D.12.d.	3	4.2 shrap.	30 sec	45° T.B.	High br
10.00	D.17.a.	14	4.2 & 5.9	1 min	135 T.B.	
10.5	D.24.b.	15	4.2	1 "	"	
10.40	D.17.a.	12	5.9	1 "	"	
11.10	D.23.d.	9	4.2	30 sec	90° T.B.	Shrapnel
11.50	D.22.d.	3	4.2			Salvo
12.10 pm	D.23.c.	30	4.2	30 sec	100° T.B.	
1.5	D.17.a.	30	5.9 & 4.2	1 min	135° T.B.	
2.35	D.23.c.	11	4.2 HE	1 "	100° T.B.	
2.40	D.23.c. & 22.d.	8	"	1 "	"	
3.5	D.17.a.	4	5.9 HE	30 sec	135° T.B.	
4.15	D.23.c.	10	4.2	1 min	100° T.B.	
5.00	D.24.b.	3	4.2	30 sec	90° T.B.	

A few more were fired without effect from the trench. The work was completed by the 1st Battalion on 18.1.1918.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

April 19th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 hours ending 9 a.m. 19/4/1918.OUR OPERATIONS.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Four M.G.s of the 247 Division were captured during the night in E.19.b.

Order of Battle :- North to South, 2189, 222, 17 A.I.A.
Method of capture :- Prisoners stated that they were sent forward to reconnoitre their front posts in E.19.b., and wandered into our lines.

PATROLS. (1) 1 Officer and 7 other ranks left E.19.d.3.3. at 9 p.m. and proceeded along railway for 250 yds on the South side then turned South towards Farm at E.26.a.3.5., thence along North bank of river to E.25.b.1.4. and back to E.19.c.9.1. at 1 a.m. No wire was encountered, and the old trenches examined bore no trace of recent occupation.

(2) A patrol of the Left Battalion attempted to surround an active machine gun post at E.13.d.2.2., but owing to the high visibility, every movement was met by fire from this post, and the matter was abandoned. A working party was seen by this patrol at E.13.d.4.0.

Note :- Patrolling on our Left Battalion front is most difficult when the visibility is high, as the enemy catches all our movement on the skyline.

MACHINE GUNS. Quiet.

TRENCH MORTARS. 50 rounds on QUARRA E.14.c. during the night.

AIRCRAFT. Active on patrol work.

SNIPING. Two Huns were shot at E.20 a.3.2. and one at E.13.d.

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Normally active. At noon our front line and vicinity were shelled with 4.2's which appeared to have a delayed action. Our Supports in D.17, D.18, & D.23, and the ALBERT road in D.17 received normal attention with occasional bursts of 4.2 and 5.9. No gas.

MACHINE GUNS. During the night a few bursts were fired from E.13.d.central, QUARRA E.14.c, and E.13.d.2.2. An A.A. machine gun was seen firing from behind house at E.20.b.0.3.

AIRCRAFT. At 7.20 p.m. five planes patrolled over our lines for twenty minutes at medium altitude. Our A.A. fire did not appear to be very effective.

TRENCH MORTARS and SNIPING. Nil.

MOVEMENT. Normal. A little movement at E.15.c.1.2. Too misty to see much.

FLARES. Green trail lights, apparently aircraft signals, were sent up from well in rear during aerial activity during the night. otherwise normal.

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THE AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

April 1918

Trenches :-

1. 100 x of front line in E.13.a & b. deepened and improved.
2. 80 x excavated in front line in E.13.c.
3. 80 x of Support line excavated E.13.a.5.4.
4. Deepening trench from D.29.a.5.8 to D.23.c.8.2.
5. excavating C.T. from E.13.c.9.9. to E.13.a.2.4..
6. Joining up S.P. for C.T. 100 x D.17.d.3.4. to D. 17.d.8.3.
7. excavating C.T. from D.17.d.8.3. to D.18.c.0.2.

Wiring :-

1. wiring 150 x double apron from D.18.d.6.4. to D.24.a.8.9.
2. D.23.d.2.5. to D.23.d.5.6.

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April 20th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE, 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 20/4/1918OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. (1) 1 N.C.O. and 5 men left our line at E.13.c.90.00 and worked N.E. until nearing German posts in E.13.d.20.30, where voices were heard. Patrol then went North for 150 yards, and returned to our lines at E.13.c.60.95.

(2) 1 N.C.O. and 5 men left our lines at E.13.b.50.20 and worked South to near Cross Roads in E.13.d. Talking was heard at this point. Patrol returned to our lines at E.13.c.55.95. Nothing special to report.

(3) A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men searched the lower level railway line in E.19.d. A German light machine gun was found here, together with 1,200 rounds of S.A.A. This gun has been cleaned and mounted in our front line at approx. E.19.d.50.60.

MACHINE GUNS. Quiet.

TRENCH MORTARS. 30 rounds fired on QUARRY in E.14.c. during the night.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were generally active throughout the day, and particularly during the latter portion of the afternoon.

SNIPING. Snipers fired on targets at long range, 1200 to 1500 yards. There is very little movement under this distance.

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. There has been an increase in hostile shelling during the past 24 hours. The following areas received attention - The BUIRE - LAVIEVILLE Road, D.23.b, D.18.c, D.17.d, D.16.b and d, D.17.a. The front line in E.13.b. & c. also was shelled by 4.2 How. from direction of BRAY-SUR-SOMME. A few 4.2 gas shells were fired during the night in D.16.b. and D.17.a.

MACHINE GUNS. Normal.

AIRCRAFT. At 2 p.m. a RUMPLER flew over our forward system. During the night several enemy planes were heard passing over our lines. Two bombs were dropped near ALBERT-AMIENS Road, at approx. D.15.d.

TRENCH MORTARS. Nil.

SNIPING. Nil.

MOVEMENT. Several small parties observed near village of MORLANCOURT. Snipers posts located at D.13.d.30.20. Train observed on ridge at 2 p.m. 100° T.B. from E.13.b.20.15. A small party of men were seen unloading wagon at approx. F.26.d.70.50. At dusk enemy transport moved along roads in K.3. a. & b., proceeding in direction of MORLANCOURT.

FLARES. Very few flares were fired during the night.

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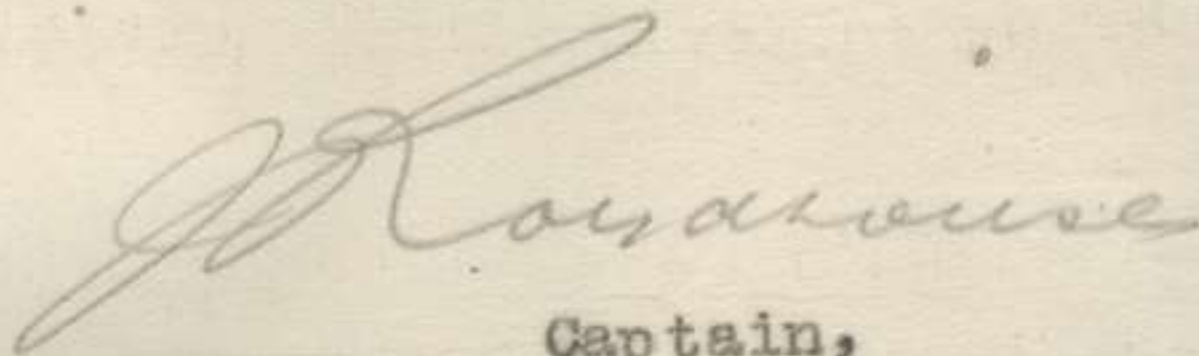
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WORKS. Trenches :-

1. Front line E.13.b., 150 x widened, deepened and improved.
2. Deepening C.T. from E.13.c.9.9. to E.13.a.2.4.
3. Digging C.T. from D.17.d.8.3. to D.18.c.0.2.
300 x.
4. Excavated trench 190 x in D.29.b.

Wiring :-

1. Wired 320 x double apron fence and put in pickets for 560 x. D.23.d.2.2. to D.24.a.2.1.
2. Wired 600 x double apron fence from D.24.a.8.9. to D.24.a.0.1. 100 x pickets without wire.



Captain,
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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April 21st 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 21/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. No special reconnaissance was carried out.

AIRCRAFT. Very active throughout period. Bombs were dropped on VILLE - SUN - ANCRE at 9 p. m.

MACHINE GUNS. Quiet.

SNIPING. Two casualties were inflicted on the enemy at approx. E.19 .d.6.5.

TRENCH MORTARS. 48 rounds fired on enemy post E.14.c. centra 1, and 30 rounds on QUARRY E.14.c. during the night.

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. The usual areas were under normal fire during the day. At 8.5 p.m. in retaliation to our counter-preparation, a fairly thick barrage was placed on the valley and vicinity running north of and including BUIRE. About 30% was gas. At 3 a.m. similar retaliation occurred, and again at 5.30 a.m., but not so heavy.

MACHINE GUNS. Quiet. A few indirect bursts along our tracks at daylight.

TRENCH MORTARS. Nil.

SNIPING. Some activity, without effect.

AIRCRAFT. Very active. Just after midday, eight planes reconnoitred our forward area. The proximity of two of our patrols possibly accounted for the ineffective shooting of our A.A. guns. Some activity occurred during the night.

MOVEMENT. There appears to be a trench at K.15.b.4.8. as movement is seen here. At 2.40 p.m. a large body of troops (approx. a Battalion) was observed at F.25.b.7.7. led by an officer on horseback. Our H.A. were notified, but troops moved away over Ridge in an easterly direction, before fire could be brought to bear. The QUARRY at K.2.a.75.75. appears to be occupied.

DEFENCES. A new trench extends from E.13.d.7.4. to 7.7. A wire entanglement has been placed on bank at E.13.d.35.50.

FLARES. During our artillery activity, double red and double green flares were freely used. Golden clusters sent up later appeared to signal "all clear", as his retaliation subsided almost immediately.

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WORKS. 290 x trench dug 4' wide 3'6" deep, D.10.d. to
D.10.E. 25 x trench dug, 10 x deepened, 6 bivouacs
constructed, 12 x fire step built, 15 x trench duckboard ed,
Right Bn. front line.

Strong Points - 50 x by 4' deep by 3' wide, 2' at bottom.
" - 45 x by 4' deep by 3' wide, 2' at bottom.

Trench dug 120 x by 3 1/2' deep by 3 1/2' wide, E.13.a.8.5.
800 x double apron wire at D.24.a.

Trench dug 130 x by 4' deep by 2'6" wide.

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For G.O.C.,

Lieutenant,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

rounds fired on enemy post E.14.a.
QUARRY E.14.c. during the night.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

April 22nd 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE. 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 22/4/1918.
-----OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. 1 N.C.O. and 5 men left E.13. 0.8.1. at 1 a.m. and went E. for 150 x to the bank running N.E. through E.13.d. They worked along this for 200 x and returned at 3.30 a.m. to E.13.a.8.1. without discovering any hostile movement. No other moving patrols were out, but standing patrols with Lewis Guns were established well out along the entire front.

AIRCRAFT. Very active. About 40 incendiary and H.E. bombs were dropped on DEMANCOURT and VILLE-SUR-ANGRE. Six of our planes engaged a hostile machine, driving it to earth in the vicinity of CORBIE.

MACHINE GUNS. Dispersed a working party at E.20.c., and very active on A.A. work. Other wise quiet.

SNIPERS. 1 Hun was killed and another severely wounded at E.19.6.7.8.

FRENCH MORTARS. In all, 84 rounds were expended on enemy posts and machine gun positions as follows :- Trenches from E.13.d.7.4. to 7.7, E.13.d.7.8. to 95.95, E.19.b.central to d.central. M.G. post at E.20.a.9.4. and along railway and huts in E.20.c.

HOSTILE ACTIVITIES.

ARTILLERY. Below normal during the period, on our front. retaliation to our barrages was very feeble, and confined to front line and supports. No gas was sent over. Our front line in E.13.b. was registered with 4.2's, also the new C.T. running from NINE ELMS to front line, while this was in progress, he dropped several shells into his own posts in bank E.13.d., and on white flares being sent up from this place, firing ceased immediately.

AIRCRAFT. Unusually active throughout period. At 6.55 a.m. an enemy triplane (similar to our type) chased one of our machines without success, and was later crashed in D.9. by our M.G. fire. Four observation balloons were in evidence most of the day.

MACHINE GUNS. Quiet except on A.A. work.

FRENCH MORTARS & SNIPING. Quiet.

MOVEMENT. A Headquarters is suspected at K.3.b.6.6. as runners were seen going to and fro at the double all day. At daybreak 4 men (apparently a M.G. crew) seen at E.14.a.0.2. were fired on, but mist prevented observation of effect. Huns were seen singly and in twos at approx. E.14.b.00.15 where shelters have been constructed.

FLARES. Normal.

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- 1. Construction of S.P.'s, D.18.d.9.5. to D.18.d.9.3. 150 x
- 2. Deepening and widening C.T., E.13.c.9.9 - E.13.a.4.4.
- 3. Excavation and widening C.T., D.17.d.8.3 - D.18.c.0.2.
- 4. Wiring 600 x double apron fence, D.17.b.6.8 to D.11.b.9.1.
- 5. Excavation - trench D.22.a.7.8. - D.22.a.7.6.

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Lieutenant,
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

... a working party at E.20.c., and very quiet work was done. One man was killed and another severely wounded at ... In all, 64 rounds were expended on enemy positions as follows: - Trenches from E.13.d.7.8. to E.13.d.9.9. and along railway and huts ... during the period, on our front, our front line was very quiet, and continued to ... while this was in progress, he ... firing ceased from this place. ... Unusually active throughout period. At 8.25 a.m. one of our machine guns (similar to our type) crashed in D.9. by our M.G. fire. ... quiet except on A.A. work. ... At 8.30 a.m. as reported at E.13.d.9.5. as ... At ... were ... where shelters ...

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

April 23rd 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 23/4/1918.
-----OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. 1 N.C.O. and 5 men left E.19.a.9.9. at 2.40 a.m. and worked along bank in E.13.d. for 150 x, returning to our lines at E.13.a.9.2. at 4.15 a.m. A machine gun was seen in action in bank at E.13.d.6.7, and numerous white flares were fired from E.13.d.3.3. Otherwise all quiet.

(2) 1 N.C.O. and 5 men left E.13.b.6.4. and worked along road for 150 x, thence to E.13.d.2.8. The machine gun mentioned above was also seen by this patrol. Nothing else to report

AIRCRAFT. Very active all day, penetrating well into enemy back areas.

MACHINE GUNS. Quiet.

TRENCH MORTARS. 20 rounds 3" Stokes were fired during the night on trench E.13.d.7.4. to 7.7 and E.13.d.70.80 to 95.95.

SNIPING. Two Huns were accounted for at E.19.b.1.1 .

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Between 8 and 11.30 a.m. about 500 - 5.9 H.E's were dropped into D.17.a, b, & c, without doing any damage. At 9.15 a.m. while lightly shelling D.30.a. with 4.2's he dropped a number into NO MANS LAND and behind his lines. Retaliation to our bombardment on the Left did not affect our front. Between 8.35 and 9 p.m., 57 gas shells (nature unknown) were scattered over D.17, 23, 24, and SUKE.

AIRCRAFT. Very active, but did not penetrate far owing to our A.A. fire. One plane was driven down by our machines South of MONTLANCOURT at 6.30 a.m. Two balloons were in evidence.

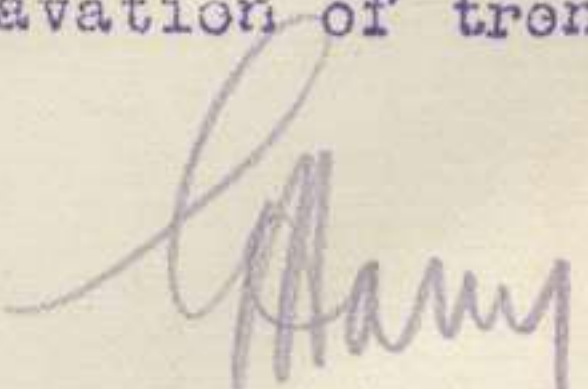
MACHINE GUNS. A little indirect fire at daybreak on our tracks in forward area, and some A. A. work during the day. Otherwise quiet.

TRENCH MORTARS and SNIPING. Nil.

MOVEMENT. A few men were seen moving in vicinity of E.22.c.4.9.

GENERAL. A How. battery was spotted by flashes at E.16.a.20.25.

- WORKS.
1. Joining up and extending S.P's D.18.a.9.5 - D.18.d.9.2
 2. Digging U.T. D.18.c.2.0. - D.18.c.9.2.
 3. Wiring 600 x double apron fence D.17.b.8.5. to D.17.d.3.3.
 4. Excavation of trench 330 x D.22.a.7.4 - D.22.b.7.8.


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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

April 24th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 24/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

RELIEFS. The 26th Battalion relieved the 28th Battalion in that portion of the line held by the 27th Battalion during the night 23/24th instant. Relief completed by 1 a.m.

PATROLS. Protective, liaison, and standing patrols only; were active during darkness.

MACHINE GUNS AND SNIPING. Nothing to report,

TRENCH MORTARS. 20 rounds were fired on QUARRY E.14.c., and M.G. position at E.13.d.55.c0.

AIRCRAFT. Very active patrolling and dropping bombs on enemy forward positions and using their machine guns on ground targets.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Very quiet on our immediate front during the day and until 3.35 a.m., when D.10, D.11, and D.16 a and b were put under a 5.9 and 4.2 H.E. barrage with a small proportion of gas. At the same time the front system was subjected to scattered H.E. and gas shelling. This increased, and appeared to synchronise with hostile operations some distance north and south, where our S.O.S. was repeatedly sent up. The stunt dwindled out, and the situation was normal again at 6 a.m..

MACHINE GUNS, TRENCH MORTARS, and SNIPING. Nothing to report.

AIRCRAFT. Active, but at a considerable height. One flight of low flying planes which penetrated well over our area, quickly disappeared on the approach of our machines. Several air fights took place, without result as far as our front is concerned. Bombing planes were heard overhead travelling towards AMIENS during the night. Two balloons were in evidence.

SIGNALS. 8.40 p.m. a golden cluster was fired about a mile to the north of the ALBERT Road. Three enemy batteries immediately opened up, each sending over four battery salvos into that sector. Otherwise flares were normal.

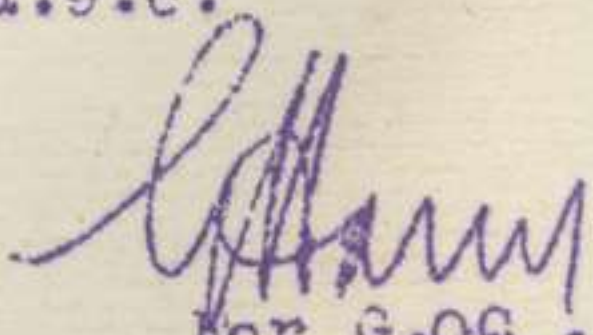
MOVEMENT. Suspected Headquarters at E.23 d.5.6.. Men on bicycles and others carrying despatches were seen going to and fro all day. Six Huns constructed a bridge over a small creek at approx. E.20.d.8.5., which on completion was destroyed by our 18 pdrs and the Huns dispersed. Dugouts are suspected at E.22.central. Continuous traffic is seen on BRAY-MEAULTE Road. Four lorries loaded with troops were seen going towards BRAY through E.24.

WORKS. (1) New C.T. excavated 4' wide 3'6" deep, 130 x from D.18.c.5.2 to D.18.c.7.2.

(2) Support Trench - 3' wide 4' deep, 100 x from D.18.d.7.5. to D.18.d.7.6.

(3) Excavation C.T. 3' wide 4' deep, 200 x D.18.d.0.5 to D.18.d.5.5.

(4) Wiring 400 x double apron fence from D.17.d.3.3. to D.23.a.9.6.

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April 25th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE, 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 25/4/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Bad visibility rendered observation of the enemy's country impossible most of the day.

PATROLS. No special reconnaissance was carried out, but the usual standing and liaison patrols were at work. Nothing to report.

AIRCRAFT. Very quiet - one plane only was seen over forward area.

MACHINE GUNS. A few bursts of indirect fire at daybreak.

TRENCH MORTARS. 40 rounds were fired into QUARRI E.14.c., posts from E.13.b.95.10 to D.60.70, and road E.13.b.95.10 to QUARRI.

SNIPING. An enemy sniper active at E.19.a.7.6. was killed by our snipers.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Quiet during the day, livening up towards dusk. The C.C.S. was shelled with 5.9 H.B. between 3 and 4 p.m., and the ALBERT road in D.16 and 17 with 4.2's later. It was noticeable that each burst of fire contained a small proportion of gas, but no great quantity was used.

AIRCRAFT. One plane was seen for a very short period.

MACHINE GUNS. Bursts of fire were directed on our front line parapet at intervals throughout the night. Quiet by day.

TRENCH MORTARS. Quiet.

FLARES. At 10.45 p.m. enemy sent up two double green flares in centre of our sector, but no action followed.

- WORKS.
- 1.. Widening and deepening trench D.16.c.6.0. - D.22.a.6.6. and trimming parapet 300 yards.
 2. Excavating C.T. D.18.d.5.5. to D.18.d.7.4.
 3. Wiring 650 yards of double apron fence from D.16.d.1.8. to D.16.b.7.8. Pickets driven in as far as D.10.d.8.0.
 4. Excavating C.T. from D.18.c.60.10 to D.18.c.80.20.
 5. Much work done in front line widening and deepening posts, improving fire steps, building latrine accommodation and constructing living accommodation in the parados.



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No.17.

April 26th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE. 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 26/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

The visibility was again very low, and effective observation was impossible.

ARTILLERY. In co-operation with 6" and 3" Stokes mortars a shoot was carried out by our 18 pdre on strong points and posts in road E.13.d.50.62 to E.13.b.90.00 between 2.30 and 3.30 a.m. Except that the shooting is reported to have been very accurate, the actual results obtained have not yet been ascertained.

PATROLS. 1 N.C.G and 4 men left our line E.13.b.7.3. at 11 p.m. and proceeded along the road until within 50 x of enemy front line, where they lay for an hour. Parties of two were seen patrolling from cross roads E.13.b.9.0. along 7th Brigade front outside his front line. No movement encountered on our front. Enemy machine guns were very quiet. Patrol leader witnessed our shoot mentioned above, and states that the shooting of the 6" mortars was particularly accurate. A return was made at 4 a.m. Standing and liaison patrols were out throughout the night.

AIRCRAFT. A little patrolling was carried out along our front without opposition from the enemy.

MACHINE GUNS. 2,000 rounds were fired in conjunction with shoot mentioned in "Artillery" above.

TRENCH MORTARS. 114 rounds 3" Stokes ammunition were also expended.

SNIPERS. Four casualties were inflicted on the enemy including a sniper operating from E.13.d.central.

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Well below normal. The retaliation to our shoot at 3 a.m. was feeble. A very small number of gas shells only were sent over.

AIRCRAFT. One plane only was visible for a short period.

MACHINE GUNS. A few bursts of indirect fire at dawn on our tracks in the forward area. Otherwise quiet.

TRENCH MORTARS. Nil.

SNIPING. The only sniper giving trouble was dealt with by our snipers.

MOVEMENT. Some movement was seen at E.22.b.3.5. where dugouts are suspected.

- WORKS.
1. Deepening Support trench 350 x Deepened to 4'6" D.18.a.7.4 to D.18.d.8.8.
 2. Wiring 600 x double apron fence from D.16.d.1.7. to D.22.a.6.6.
 3. Deepening trench . . . D.22.a.6.6. to D.22.a.7.2.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

April 27th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 27/4/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

RELIEF. The 25th Battalion relieved the 22nd Battalion in the line on the night 26/27th instant. Relief completed by 12.15 am.

AIRCRAFT. One plane only was seen patrolling at 4 p.m.

MACHINE GUNS & TRENCH MORTARS. Quiet.

PATROLS. Protective and liaison patrols only were active during the night.

SNIPING. Two Huns were accounted for including a sniper at E.13.b.9.1.

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Particularly quiet during the morning. At midday vicinity of NINE GUNS was shelled with 5.9's. 9.30 to 10.30 pm all tracks leading back from the forward area were shelled consistently, particularly in the valley north of BUTRE. It appeared that the enemy suspected a relief, judging by the area shelled. Very little gas was used. Otherwise nothing to report.

AIRCRAFT. Nil.

MACHINE GUNS. Intermittent bursts along our front line parapet during the night. Positions in sunken road in E.13.b & d from which machine guns had been active in the past, have been silent since the night before last, and it is thought they were blown out by our artillery and trench mortars.

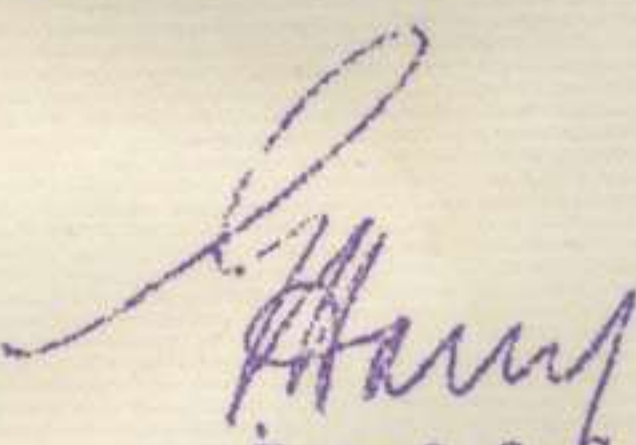
TRENCH MORTARS & SNIPING. Nil

MOVEMENT. Working party at new sap E.19.b.5.5. dispersed by our Lewis guns. Two men digging in E.14.c.1.8. dispersed by our snipers. Movement seen at QUARRY E.14.c. and in trench E.13.d.9.4.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Docile.

The visibility was again too low to observe behind enemy's forward positions.

- WORKS.
1. Digging C.T. from D.11.d.4.0. to D.17.b.2.9, 112 x
 2. Connecting posts on Left Bn sector, 120 x excavated.
 3. Widening & deepening trenches in Left Bn sector, and improving living accommodation.
 4. Wiring 120 x concertina wire on Right Bn front.
 5. Wiring 170 x double apron from D.16.b.7.8. to D.10.d.8.0.
 6. Wiring 400 x double apron from D.22.a.66.13 to D.22.a.8.0.


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No. 19.

April 28th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE, 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 29/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. 1 N.C.O. and 4 men left our line at E.13.b.7.4. at 11 p.m. to cover our wiring parties at a position 100 x from our line. While manouevring about they discovered a party of 8 Germans working in E.13.d.central. The nearest Lewis Gun was brought into action and the party dispersed. No other movement was observed. Patrol returned at 3 a.m. Standing and liaison patrols were at work throughout the night.

AIRCRAFT. Small numbers of our machines were active along our front continuously, firing with their machine guns on ground targets around DERNANCOURT. They were invariably fired on by A.A. machine guns from the eastern edge of this village.

SNIPING. A Hun sniper was shot at E.19.b.4.8. while in the act of firing at one of our men.

MACHINE GUNS & TRENCH MORTARS. Nothing to report.

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Displayed more activity than usual on our forward area, E.7.c.3.d, being consistently shelled by 5.9 H.E. during the afternoon. Between 3 and 5 p.m. a 4.2 How was active enfilading our front line in E.13.b. from direction of ALBERT, and appeared to be registering. The C.C.S. and valley in D.13 were also lightly shelled, but very little gas was noticed. Principal shelling is shown in attached table.

AIRCRAFT. 2 machines only in evidence for a short period.

MACHINE GUNS. More active than normally during the night sweeping our front line and NO MANS LAND at intervals. Otherwise active only on A.A. work. M.G. position located at E.13.d. 2.4.

TRENCH MORTARS & SNIPING. Nil.

DEFENCES. Enemy appears to have made very little progress with gap at E.19.d.3.8.

MOVEMENT. 8 a.m., 12 wagons loaded with hay were seen moving along road from DERNANCOURT to MEAULTE. 7 to 10 a.m. Huns in small numbers working at approx. E.15.c.6.8. and E.15.c.9.1. unloading G.S. wagons and carrying timber. 3.15 pm a party of 30 left DERNANCOURT and proceeded to and from E.15.c.0.8. Our artillery dealt successfully with each of the above cases.

SIGNALS. A lamp was seen signalling from E.5.c. towards DERNANCOURT. The following letters were read - LAMCTOK 4EE - answered by - L4ANC V39 C3NL -

- WORKS. 1. Continuing Emma trench from E.7.d.40.15. to junction of NINE ELMS Support at E.13.a.30.80.
- 2. Connecting up posts in front line Left Bn sector 380 x excavated.
- 3. 150 x concertina wire erected on Right Bn sector.
- 4. 350 x low entanglement erected from E.13.c.3.4. to D.24.b.7.6.
- 5. 380 x double apron wiring completed E.19.b.10.70 to E.19.d.30.80.
- 6. Fire trench Right Bn widened and deepened in parts.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

April 29th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE, 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 29/4 '1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. 1 G.C.C. and 5 men left our line E.13.central at 11 p.m. and moved for 180 x towards enemy line, when they were fired on, and a bomb was thrown from a post on the Sunken road E.13.d.5.6, from which flares were also immediately sent up. As further reconnaissance here was impossible, patrol returned to our lines and went out from a different point and patrolled for two hours without picking up any hostile movement. Patrol leader states that a train could be heard moving in rear of DEBRANCOURT.

Standing and liaison patrols were also active throughout the night.

AIRCRAFT. Owing to poor visibility, very little activity.

FRENCH MORTARS. At 5.30 p.m. our 6" mortars registered on positions from E.19.b.65.95. to E.13.d.40.20. Retaliation negligible. Three mortars fired 20 rounds on enemy front line from E.13.d.80.70 to b.95.05. Three duds.

SNIPING. Three Huns were shot by our snipers, one at E.13.b.6.7.7, one at E.19.c.7.4., one at E.19.b.7.4.

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Quiet during the day, but livening up at night. Between 9 and 10 p.m. enemy placed a 4.2 H.M. barrage with about 30% of gas on strip of country D.16.a, c & d., D.17.c & d, D.22.a & b, D.23.a & b, the intensity of which seemed to increase in vicinity of ALBERT. About 100 - .77 gas shells were fired into E.13.c and E.19.a. Our wires to forward Battalions were cut for a short period as the result of this shelling, which was considered to be in retaliation to our activity on the right Divisional front.

AIRCRAFT. Nil.

FRENCH MORTARS. 10.30 pm 60 pineapple bombs from the 10th Bde front landed between the Support platoon at E.13.a.9.1 and front line at E.13.b.1.7. No damage.

MACHINE GUNS & SNIPING. Nil.

DEFENCES. New work in E.20.a.3.f. camouflaged. Artillery advised.

MOVEMENT. 8 a.m., 8 wagons loaded with hay moving towards MAULTE from DEBRANCOURT, and 4 others moving towards ALBERT. Shelled by our artillery and disappeared at a gallop.

GENERAL. Train movement was heard in vicinity of ALBERT at intervals between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. Artillery advised.

- WORKS. 1. excavating C.T., 200 x from approx E.8.c.10.55 to E.7.d.85.60.
- 2. excavating C.T., 350 x from E.13.b.60.80 to E.13.b.05.90.
- 3. Connecting up posts of Left Bn. front.
- 4. Wiring on right Bn sector:-
 - (a) 340 yards double apron wire.
 - (b) 120 " concertina wire
 - (c) 300 " low wire entanglements.

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Signature Lieutenant,
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No. 21.

April 30th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 30/4/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. At 4.30 pm an enemy post E.19.d. near railway line was fired upon, and a party of about 40 Huns ran for cover towards VILLER-SUR-ANCOIS. Two of the Huns were shot by our Right Post garrison.

At 2 a.m. a minor operation was carried out in conjunction with 6" and 3" Mortars on enemy forward positions.

PATROLS. 1 N.C.O. and 8 men left E.13.b.5.3. to attempt to locate a German M.G. post; they discovered a working party instead in E.13.d.central, which they dispersed with a Lewis gun. No other movement was discovered.

Standing and liaison patrols were active during hours of darkness.

AIRCRAFT. Normally active, firing frequently on ground targets with their M.G's.

FRENCH MORTARS. 60 rds 3" and 12 rds 6" were fired into enemy front line positions at 2 a.m. The shooting was reported as being very accurate, and one of the 6" bombs landed right in the trench, causing a dump of flares of all colours to ignite. Retaliation was negligible, and it was noticeable that no shot was fired during the remainder of the night from the positions bombarded.

SNIPERS. Six casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Retaliation to our strafing 9 to 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. was very feeble, consisting only of a few scattered rounds on forward area. During the day, very scattered shelling of the whole area, the total rounds being approx. 700 of all calibres. A very small number of gas shells were detected.

AIRCRAFT. Fairly active. Five planes operated for a short period over our forward area, and one over our rear positions but were forced to keep at a considerable height by our A.A. fire.

MACHINE GUNS. Active on A.A. work only from DEANANCOURT railway embankment, and positions under "Defences"

FRENCH MORTARS. At 8.40 p.m. 12 Minenwerfers fell into E.7. at 5 min. intervals.

DEFENCES. M.G. positions are suspected at approx. E.31.a.2.8. E.21.a.1.9, E.21.a.05.75.

MOVEMENT. 6.55 a.m., 2 wagons moved across field towards factory in E.22.a. 6.30 a.m., 7 wagons loaded with hay at A.15.b.4.6 moving towards ALBERT. 8.30 a.m. party of 20 carrying timber at E.21.central. 9 a.m. an orderly on a bicycle at approx. E.15. c.6.1 which is suspected of being a H.Q., as others on bicycles were seen during the day. All the above cases were dealt with very effectively by our artillery. Odd wagons loaded with hay constantly leave DEANANCOURT and proceed to MAULLE and ALBERT.

SIGNALS. The following was seen flashing from direction of BELLEVUE FARM at 7.30 p.m. "UDA erase UDA VTE VHT UEA ABA Val 4Ts VAU U - A.

Flares were used freely, but about 30% were noticed to be duds.

GENERAL ATTITUDE - Quiet.

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TABLE OF ENEMY SHELLING

Time	Area Shelled	No. Rounds	Calibre.	Intervals.	Direction degrees M.B.
8.31					
7.25	E.8.	9	4.2	5 sec	75
10.28	E.7.	15	5.9	3 min	140
3.45 pm	E.7. & D.18.	18	4.2	1 "	140
4.40	E.8.	30	4.2		75
6.30	E.8.	10	4.2	15 sec	
6.30	D.18	10	4.2	"	94
1.35 am	E.8.a.	3	5.9	1 min	

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	<u>Officers</u>	<u>o/r.</u>
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	4	63
7th A.M.G.Coy	17	225
25th Battalion	45	970
26th "	44	959
27th "	44	985
28th "	41	885
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STATEMENT OF CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF APRIL 1918.

UNIT	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING	
	Off.	o/r	Off.	o/r.	Off.	o/r.
25th Battalion	-	12	-	46	-	1
26th "	1	15	-	36	-	-
27th "	1	4	2	24	-	2
28th "	-	9	6	30	-	-
7th A.M.G.Coy	1	1	-	6	-	-
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	-	-	-	3	-	-
Bde Total	3	41	8	145	-	3

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April 18th 1918.

SALVAGE RETURN for period 8th to 15th April 1918.

Article	25th Bn. Salvage Corps Dump	26th Bn. C.7.c.5.9	27th Bn. D.14.b. 7.2.	28th Bn. Salvage C.Dump.	T.M.Bty Salva ge C.Dump.	Used in Line	Totals
Rifles	64	30 u/s	33	30	-	-	157
S.A.A. rnds	11,000 (damaged)	250	-	-	-	-	11,250
" "	12,000	-	3,000	4 boxes	-	250	15,250 & 4 bx
Box Respirators	7	2	8	3	1	-	21
German Gas Mask	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cavalry Sabre	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Shovels	30	-	10	1	-	20	61
Picks	16	-	4	-	-	6	26
Equipment. Web sets	10	6	-	11	-	1	28
" Leather "	10	-	-	1	-	-	11
Packs	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
Haversacks	7	-	-	2	-	-	9
Entrenching Tools	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
" Carriers	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Overcoats	2	-	-	2	-	-	4
Tunics	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Spare Part Bag M.G.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Paniers	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Barbed Wire coils	212	-	-	-	-	-	212
Pickets	850	-	-	-	-	-	850
L.G. Magazines	10	-	2	1	-	-	13
Saw	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Limber load Harness	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Stocks & Dies box	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Field Telephone	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mills Bombs boxes	1	-	1	-	-	64	66
Hand Saws	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Tents Bell	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Harness Transport, sets	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Lewis Gun (damaged)	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Saddle, Pack	1	-	2	-	-	-	3

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Article	25th Bn. Salvage Co. Dump.	26th Bn. C.7.c.5.9.	27th Bn. D.14.b.7.2.	28th Bn. Salvage Co. Dump.	T.M.Sty Salvage Co. Dump.	Used in Line	TOTALS.
Harness	quantity	-	quantity	quantity	-	-	quantity
Wire coils.	12	-	-	-	-	89	101
Pickets, medium.	-	-	-	-	-	320	320
Pumps	2 trench	-	1 hand	-	-	-	3
Hose Rubber, lengths	8	-	-	-	-	-	8
Mallets	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
Stretchers	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
18 pdr Ammunition	-	100	-	-	-	-	100
" Cartdgc cases	-	460	-	275	20	-	755
Steel Helmets	-	2	3	2	-	-	7
Surgical Instruments	-	-	1 box	-	-	-	1 box
Telephone Wire	-	-	1 coil	-	-	-	1 coil
Leather soles for boots	-	-	106	-	-	-	106
Iron Galvanised	-	-	-	-	-	26	26 shts
S.A.A. Tracer	-	-	500 rds	-	-	-	500 rds.
Wire Netting coils	-	-	2	-	-	-	2 coils
Petrol tins	-	-	6	-	-	-	6
Run Jars	-	-	5	-	-	-	5
Mosebags	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
Sheep Skins	-	-	9	-	2	-	11
Boots Gum	-	-	1 1/2 pr	-	-	-	1 1/2 pr
Clothing	-	-	6 bags	-	-	-	6 bags
Boots	-	-	40 prs	4	-	-	44 prs
Rifles German	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Equipment miscellaneous	-	-	-	quantity	-	-	quantity
Bayonets	-	-	-	8	-	-	8
Scabbards	-	-	-	15	2	-	17
Hats, Felt.	-	-	-	4	-	-	4
Horse Blankets	-	-	-	quantity	-	-	quantity
Water Bottles	-	-	-	5	-	-	5
Oil, Lubricating	-	-	-	-	3 drums	-	3 drums
Oil drums, empty	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

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SALVAGE collected and handed in to Divisional Salvage Dump - period 15th to 24th April 1918-

Articles	25th Bn	26th Bn.	27th Bn.	28th Bn.	T.M.Bty . .	TOTALS.
Rifles	1	38	75	255	1	370
Web Equipment	3 sets	21 sets	6 sets	60	1 bag	90 sets 1 ba
Rubber Tyre Aeroplane Trolley (new)	-	-	1	-	-	1
18 pdr shell cases	325	-	-	1665	-	2000
Bayonets	-	-	26	30	-	46
Bayonet scabbards	-	-	-	28	-	28
Horse Respirators	-	-	-	6	-	6
Leather Jerkins	-	2	-	10	-	12
Ground Sheets	-	2	-	1	-	3
Lewis M...Cover	-	-	-	1	-	1
Woollen Hags	-	-	-	2	-	2 bags
Water Bottles	-	-	4	3	-	7
L.G. Panniers	-	-	2	-	-	2
" Magazines	-	8	12	-	-	20
S.A.A.	-	8000	4000	48-000	-	80,000
S.B.Respirator	-	3	-	9	-	12
B.T.Carriers	-	-	-	6	-	6
Breast Plates	-	-	-	2	-	2
Water Bottle Carriers	-	-	-	6	-	6
Steel Helmets	-	-	2	22	-	24
Piano (From Y.M.C.A. Hut)	-	-	1	-	-	1
Bugle	-	-	-	1	-	1
4.5 Chargers	-	-	-	54	-	54
Wire - reel	-	-	-	1	-	1
Hose Pipe	-	-	-	1	-	1
Waterproof Ration Bags	-	42	-	-	-	42
Shovels	-	-	77	4	-	81
Picks	-	-	48	-	-	48
G.S. Brake	-	-	1	-	-	1
Boots	-	-	15 prs	-	-	15 prs

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Articles	25th Bn.	26th Bn.	27th Bn.	28th Bn.	F.M.Bty	TOTALS.
Paint	-	-	2drums	-	-	2 drums
Stretchers	-	-	Ø 15	-	-	Ø 15
German M.G. No.4530	-	1	-	-	-	1
Vickers M.G.No .L.2255	-	1	-	-	-	1
" Spare Parts Bag	-	1	-	-	-	1
Greatcoats	-	4	1	3	-	8
Blankets	-	2	-	-	-	2
Pack Saddle	-	-	-	1	-	1
Saddles	-	4	1	-	-	5
Breechings complete	-	4	-	-	-	4
Head Stalls	-	6	-	-	-	6
Bridles	-	4	-	-	-	4
Wire Cutter Carriers	-	-	-	2	-	2
Pack Saddle Tree	-	-	-	2	-	2

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SALVAGE RETURN

25th April to

4th May 1918.

Article.	25th Bn.	26th Bn.	27th Bn.	28th Bn.	Bde. H.Qrs.	Totals.
Rifles.	6	21	195	7	5	234
18 pdr. shell cases.	945	112	-	134	36	1,227
Cross Cut Saw.	1	-	-	-	-	1
Water bots.	5	-	-	2	4	11
Haversacks.	4	-	-	-	-	4
S.B.Respirators.	2	160	-	2	9	173
Bayonets.	2	-	120	3	-	125
Scabbards.	1	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Car tyre (new)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Timber 3" x 2" Used on new	150'	-	-	-	-	150'
do 6" x 1" Hd. Qrs.	300'	-	-	-	-	300'
L.G.Magazine.	-	3	-	-	-	3
Electrical Meters.	-	7	-	-	-	7
Double Switches.	-	2	-	-	-	2
Carburettors & attachments.	-	2	-	-	-	2
Resistance coil and chamber.	-	1	-	-	-	1
Leg Splints.	-	17	-	-	-	17
Arm Splints.	-	5	-	-	-	5
Great Coats.	-	1	-	-	2	3
Stetchers.	-	3	-	-	-	3
Wire cutters. (rifle)	-	5	-	-	-	5
M.G.Belts.	-	2	-	-	-	2
Steel helmets.	-	-	-	4	-	4
Shovels.	-	-	-	9	7	16
Picks.	-	-	-	1	1	2
Rifle Grenades.	-	-	-	11	-	11
M.G.Ammunition.	-	-	-	1 box.	-	1 box.
S.A.A.	-	-	-	5,500 rds.	1,000 rds.	6,500 rds.
Cardigans.	-	-	-	17	8	25
Underpants.	-	-	-	38	-	42
Scales.	-	-	-	1 set.	-	1 set.
Equipment.	2	30	23	10	-	65 sets.
do	-	-	21 bags.	-	-	21 bags.
Packs.	-	-	-	24	-	24 packs.

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Article.	28th Bn.	Hdq. H.Q.	Totals.
Bicycle outfit.	1	-	1
18 pdr. shell carrier.	1	-	1
Shirts.	56	24	80
Woollens.	1/2 bag.	-	1/2 bag.
Boxes. (empty amm.)	7	-	7
Towels.	6	-	6
Blankets.	3	-	3
Bugles.	4	-	4
6" How.shells.	-	10	10
18 pdr. "	-	29	29
4.5 shells.	-	1	1
Dixies.	-	3	3
Oil drum.	-	1	1
Boots. (ankle)	-	1 pr.	1 pr.
Wire (barbed)	-	3 coils.	3 coils.
Bicycle wheels.	-	2	2
Hat. (felt)	-	1	1
Vermoral Spray.	-	1	1
Acetylene Lamp.	-	4	4
Parts of Harness.	-	10	10
Rope.	-	28lbs.	28lbs.
Pack saddle.	-	1	1
Bicycle frame.	-	1	1
Rubber.	-	20lbs.	20 lbs.
Wire (fine)	-	1 coil.	1 coil.
Singlets.	-	7	7
How. caps.	-	74	74
" plugs.	-	21	21
Rubber boots.	-	1 pr.	1 pr.
Iron hoops.	-	9	9
Stirup iron.	-	1	1
Flares.	-	1 box.	1 box.
Mess tins.	-	16	16

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LIST OF SALVAGE COLLECTED FROM C.C.S., EDGE HILL
and returned to D.A.D.O.S. for re-issue.

Tent-Marquee, large, complete	1.	Helmets, P.H.	box 1.
Piano	1	Enamel & tinware	" 1
Deck Chairs	13	Rubber goods & canvas	" 1
Brush Whitewash	1	buckets	" 1
Stretchers	236	Boots	bags 2
Bedsteads, iron, complete	155	German M.G.	1
" " incomplete	55	Dishes, tin	6
" " head and feet	43	Rubber piping, bundles	3
Stands, iron buckets	2	Buckets	11
Screen, bed	1	Urine bottles & cutlery	1 box
Bandages	1 bale 3 boxes	Sundries	bales 2
Panniers	40	Tubs G.I.	4
Pumps and Sprays	58	Copper	1
Pump Filter, complete in bskt	2	Reflector Lamp, large	1
Disinfectant, drums	18	Bread cutters	2
Oil, lubricating, drums	4	Bed Chambers, enamel, box	1
Paint, drums	4	Sterilizing Plant	1
Glass, boxes	5	Brazier	1
Scrapers, Mud.	13	Enamel ware boxes	3
Windows, Celluloid, in cases	18	Trays, wooden	10
Matting, roll	1	Towels, roller, bale	1
Sand Soap	7	Tables, tray	9
Trousers, short. boxes	2	Fire Extinguishers	13
Mufflers, woollen, bales	3	Splints, Leg, Thompson,	11
Scarfs " 2 bales 3 panniers,		" Arm " "	18
Trousers, blue serge, 3 " 1 box		" Wood, adjustable	3 sacks
Jackets " " bale	1	Anti-toxin etc.	1 box
Suits " " 2 bls, 1 pannier,		Chart Boards, pannier	1
Slippers, 1 bale 3 boxes			
Quilt, eider down	1		
Bolster slips, bales	2		
Mattress Slips, 1 bundle and	13		
Sheets bales	27		
Cap Comforters, bale	1		
Toilet Bags "	6		
Trousers Pyjama "	8		
Jackets " "	9		
Suits " pannier	1		
Shirts sleeping bales	12		
Woollens assorted "	4		
Assorted clothes 9 " 2 boxes			
Calico goods bale	1		
Quilts "	6		
Great Coats blue serge bale	1		
Stockings, operation "	1		
Shirts unbleached, 2 bales &	90		
Lamps	6		
Lamp Stands	8		
Lamp Glasses box	1		
Mosquito Nets bales	2		
Overalls, rubber, box	1		

SALVAGE collected from C.C.S., EDGE HILL, and re-issued to 5th Aust. Field Ambulance from these Headquarters.

To 5th Aust. Field Ambulance :-

Blue Coats	bale	1	Enamel ware	doz.	1
" Trousers	doz.	2	Great Coats, blue,		3
Flannel shirts	bale	1	Toilet Bags,	bale	1
Cotton "	"	1	Trousers Pyjama "	"	1
Frostbite slipper	doz	1	Coats	"	1
Hot Water bottles	"	1			

To 6th Aust. Field Ambulance :-

Hot Water bottles	6	Operating Gowns	4
Diphtheria Serum, tubes	12		
Jaconet	roll	1	
Bell Tent		1	

To 7th Aust. Field Ambulance :-

Washing bowls	5	Heater, Oil	1
Hot Water bottles	19	Lamp Globes	7
Folding Chair	1		

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