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OF

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918. May.		<u>Reference Map Sheet 62D, 1/40,000.</u>	
QUERRIEU	1.		7th A.I. Brigade in Corps Reserve, staged in billets in QUERRIEU Area Lieut. Col. E. MARTIN, C.M.G., D.S.O., temporarily in command during absence of Brig. General E.A. WISDOM.	
CAMON - RIVERY.	2.		Brigade Group moved by march route to CAMON-RIVERY Area.	App. 1.
	3.		Brig. General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., D.S.O. returned from sick leave, and resumed Command of the Brigade. Lieut. Col. E. MARTIN returned to 5th A.I. Brigade.	
	4.		Orders issued to Brigade units for action of the Brigade in the event of an enemy attack South of the SOMME. Also memo pointing out indications of a possible enemy attack between ALBERT and ARRAS.	App. 2.
FRECHEN-COURT.	9/11		2nd Australian Division relieved the 3rd Australian Division in the 'C' Divisional Sector, 5th A.I. Brigade on Right, 6th A.I. Brigade on Left, and the 7th A.I. Brigade in Divisional Reserve.	App. 3.
	18.		Orders issued to Brigade Units for action of Brigade in support of pending attack by 6th A.I. Brigade on VILLE-sur-ANCRE. 27th and 28th Battalions to move forward in close support and to be under the Command of the G.O.C., 6th A.I. Brigade. Remainder in present locations.	App. 4.
	19/20.		Attack by 6th A.I. Brigade. Action by 27th and 28th Battalions as detailed in App. 4.	
HEILLY. (Line)	20/21.		7th A.I. Brigade relieved the 6th A.I. Brigade in the Left Brigade Sector.	App. 5.
	25/26		Inter-Battalion relief in the line.	App. 6.
FRECHEN-COURT.	31/1st June		7th A.I. Brigade relieved in the line by the 6th A.I. Brigade and moved back into Divisional Reserve.	App. 8.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
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			<p>The period May 1/9th passed uneventfully. While in the CAMON-RIVERY area as Corps Reserve, extensive reconnaissances were carried out with a view to counter-attacking in the event of an enemy push through VILLERS BRETONNEUX - for the occupation of the Corps Line (BLANGY-GLISY) defences - or the defence of the northern bank of the SOMME.</p> <p>On the 5th May, the 26th and 28th Battalions were ordered to evacuate CAMON owing to hostile shelling, and, with the 27th Battalion, moved to bivouacs and trenches in the vicinity of GLISY and TRONVILLE. <i>in order to be closer R. SOMME in event of attack 3 R. SOMME</i></p> <p>From May 10th to 20th, as Divisional Reserve, similar preparations were made for occupying and defending the Corps (FRANVILLERS & BONNAY) system. A switch line running from BUIRE - N. of BRESLE was reconnoitred for occupation in the event of a push through on the Left flank of the Corps front.</p> <p>May 20th to 31st, the Brigade occupied the newly won portion of the line running North and South just East of VILLE-sur-ANCRE, and the period was spent in consolidating the position and putting it into a suitable state of defence. Patrolling was vigorously carried out and our patrols met with little opposition from the enemy. The villages in the forward area were subjected to gas shelling nightly, but otherwise the enemy's attitude was not aggressive. Fine weather prevailed throughout the period, and this, together with the comfortable conditions under which the troops lived, both in the back areas and in the trenches, was largely responsible for their splendid moral and health.</p> <p>On the night 23rd/24th May, heavy gas shelling was concentrated on MERICOURT, WHICH, owing to there being a large proportion of heavy H.E. shells, resulted in 80 gas casualties to 25th Battalion then occupying cellars in the village. MERICOURT was immediately cleared of troops, who have not since been allowed to billet in villages in the forward area.</p> <p>7th A.I. Bde Defence Scheme - Left Bde 'C' Division, Aust. Corps Action of 7th A.I. Bde in event of hostile Artillery or gas bombardment Intelligence Summaries for May 1918. Salvage Return for May 1918 Strength Return as at May 31st 1918 Statement of Casualties for May 1918</p>	<p>App. 2.</p> <p>App. 9. App. 10. App. 11. App. 12. App. 13. App. 14.</p>
			<p><i>A. Lee</i> Major, Brigade Major, For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.</p>	

WAR DIARY

OF

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Brigade Order No.178. Move of Brigade to CAMON-RIVERY Area.
2.	" " No.179. Action of Brigade in event of enemy attack South of SOMME.
3.	" " No.180. Move of Brigade to Reserve Bde area 'C' Division Sector.
4.	" " No.181. Action of Brigade in support of attack of 6th Bde on VILLE-sur-SOMME.
5.	" " No.182. Relief of 6th A.I. Bde by 7th A.I. Bde in Left Brigade Sector.
6.	" " No.183. Inter-battalion Relief.
7.	" " No.184. Inter-Battalion Relief (cancelled)
8.	" " No.185. Brigade relieved in the line by 6th A.I. Bde.
9.	7th A.I. Brigade Defence Scheme - Left Brigade 'C' Division Australian Corps. (Ref. 217/206)
10.	Action in event of Hostile Artillery of Gas Bombardment. Reference 217/206.
11.	Intelligence Summaries for May 1918. Nos. 1 to 11 inclu.
12.	Salvage Return for May 1918.
13.	Strength Return as at May 31st 1918.
14.	Statement of Casualties for May 1918.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Order No. 178

Headquarters,
May 1st 1918

reference map Sheet 82 D, 1/40,000.0

1. In continuation of 7th A.I. Bde Order No. 178, the 7th A.I. Bde Group will move to the CAMON - RIVERY area on May 2nd 1918, in accordance with attached table.
2. Transport will accompany the unit on the march.
3. Billeting parties

From 7th B.H.Q.
25th Bn
27th Bn
7th A.M.G. Coy
7th A.L.F.M. Bty
7th Field Coy
7th Field Ambulance
17th A.A.S.C.
1/3rd SAA Sec. BAC.

Will meet Staff Captain
7th Bde at HOSPICE ST.
VICTOR, RIVERY, at
9.30 a.m. May 2nd

From 28th Battalion
28th "

will meet Brigade I.O.
at Area Commandant's
Office, CAMON, at 9.45 a.m.
May 2nd.

4. Completion of moves and locations of units will be reported to Brigade H.Q.
5. Brigade H.Q. will close at QUERMEU CHATEAU at 2.30 p.m. May 2nd, and open at the same hour at the HOSPICE ST. VICTOR, RIVERY.
6. Acknowledge.

H. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade

Issued through Signals at 10.30 pm.
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| 1. 25th Bn. | 15. Area Comndt, RIVERY, |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 16. " " CAMON. |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 17. Major Raper, 7 A Bn |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 18. G.O.C. |
| 5. 7th M.G. Coy | 19. B.M. |
| 6. 7th T.M. Bty | 20. S.C. |
| 7. 7th Field Coy | 21. Bde Sig Off. |
| 8. 7th Field Amb. | 22. B.T.O. |
| 9. 17th A.S.C. | 23. File |
| 10. 1/3 SAA Sec. BAC. | 24/26. War Diary. |
| 11. 2nd Aust Div 'G' | |
| 12. " " 'AQ' | |
| 13. 5th A.I. Bde | |
| 14. 6th " | |

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MOV^g TABLE to accompany 7thth A.I. Brigade Order No. 178.

Date	Unit	Starting Point or time of passing	Destination.	Remarks.
1918. May 2nd.	28th bn.	road Junction H.16.c.9.7. 1 p.m.	CAMON	
"	24th bn.	1.20 p.m.	"	
"	25th bn.	1.40 p.m.	{ Communal School, rue beaudrey, RIVERY.	For routes and distances, see Brigade Order No. 178.
"	27th bn.	2 p.m.	HOSPICE ST. VICTOR, RIVERY.	
"	7th A.A.G. Co.	2.20 p.m.	Route, rue la Barre, RIVERY	
"	7th A.L.S. M. Co.	2.30 p.m.	ditto	Halts will be made for ten minutes, at each ten minutes to the clock hour.
"	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	2.35 p.m.	HOSPICE ST. VICTOR, RIVERY.	
"	7th Field Coy A.M.	2.40 p.m.	rue la Barre, RIVERY.	
"	"	"	"	
"	1/3rd SAA Sec, DAC.	2.50 p.m.	RIVERY.	
"	7th Field Amb.	3 p.m.	St. Imande Boys School, route c'ALBARET, RIVERY	
"	17th A.A.S.C.	3.10 p.m.	RIVERY	

Appendix I.

Order No. 179.

Headquarters,
May 4th 1918.

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

1. In the event of the 7th A.I. Bde Group having to be used offensively or defensively South of the River SOMME, the River SOMME would have to be crossed by bridges which would be very severely shelled by the enemy. Therefore the Brigade Group will probably move to the South bank of the River SOMME before the enemy offensive begins. It will move at very short notice. Officers from each unit will reconnoitre the positions allotted to their units, meeting the Staff Captain at the Church at LONGUEAU at 9.30 a.m. on 4th inst. (today).

2. The positions allotted to units are as follows :-

- 25th Battalion :- Steep banks ^{between} railway line and road in the vicinity of N.20.c.2.9.
- 26th Battalion :- Steep banks between railway line and road in the vicinity of N.19.a.5.3.
- 27th Battalion :- In the BLANGY and GLISY systems, One Company in the former, and three Companies and Headquarters in the latter system.
- 28th Battalion :- Steep banks near TRONVILLE CHATEAU IN THE VICINITY OF N.21.d.1.9.
- 7th A.L.T.M.B. :- In steep banks near N.19.d.8.7.
- 7th A.M.G.Coy :- In steep banks near N.19.d.8.8.
- 7th Field Coy :- In steep banks in vicinity of M.24.c.6.6.
- 1/3rd S.A.A.Sec.D.A.C. :- LONGUEAU.
- 7th A.I.Bde H.Q. :- LONGUEAU, M.26.b.8.7.

The 7th Field Ambulance and 17th A.A.S.C. would remain at RIVERAY pending receipt of further instructions.

3. Routes to positions will be as follows :-

- 25th Battalion :- RIVERAY - Cross roads at N.2.c.1.8. - LA MOTTE BARRIERS - No.60 Bridge at N.14.d.2.3.
- 26th Battalion :- CAMON - No.18 Bridge at M.16.d.5.e - LONGUEAU.
- 27th Battalion :- RIVERAY - Cross roads at N.2.c.1.8 - LA MOTTE - No.60 Bridge at N.14.d.2.3. - GLISY.
- 28th Battalion :- CAMON - No.18 Bridge at M.16.d.5.f. - LONGUEAU - GLISY - TRONVILLE CHATEAU.
- 7th A.M.G.Coy } :- RIVERAY - CAMON - No.18 Bridge at M.16.d.5.f.
7th A.L.T.M.B. } - LONGUEAU.
- 7th Field Coy, }
1/3rd SAA Sec.DAC } :- RIVERAY - CAMON - No.18 Bridge at
7th A.I.Bde H.Q. } - M.16.d.5.6. - LONGUEAU.

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- 4. Units will have to dig in to the sides of steep banks. Movement by day will be restricted to an absolute minimum, and then only in small parties of not greater than a platoon. Special attention is drawn to the necessity for troops not collecting in crowds around certain places such as Headquarters, S.A.P., and cookhouses. Every endeavour will be made to camouflage and conceal the bivouacs of troops.
- 5. Transport will accompany the units. Transport lines will be selected South of the River SOMME by the Staff Captain and advance Officers.
- 6. DRESS. Battle Order. One blanket will be carried. 100 extra rounds S.A.A. in bandoliers, and two bombs per man will also be carried on the man.
- 7. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
- 8. Units will be allowed not more than three hours, and probably much less, in which to move, on receipt of orders to do so from Brigade Headquarters.
- 9. Acknowledge.

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Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade

Issue through Signals at 3 a.m.
Copies to :-

- 1. 25th Bn
- 2. 26th Bn
- 3. 27th Bn
- 4. 28th Bn
- 5. 7th A.M.T.M.Sty
- 6. 7th A.M.G.Coy
- 7. 7th Field Coy
- 8. 7th Field Ambulance
- 9. 17th A.A.S.O.
- 10. 1/3 S.A.A.Sec.D.A.C.
- 11. 2nd Aust Div. 'G'
- 12. " " " 'A.G'
- 13. 4th Aust Div.
- 14. 5th A.I.Bde
- 15. 6th A.I.Bde
- 16. Area Comdnt, LONGJUMEAU.
- 17. G.O.C.
- 18. S.M.
- 19. S.O.
- 20. File
- 21 to 23. War Diary.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
May 4th 1918.

Headquarters,
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
7th A.M.G. Coy
7th A.L.T.M. Bty
7th Field Coy
17th A.A.S.C.
7th Field Ambulance.
1/3rd S.A.A. Sec. D.A.C.

1. All indications point to an attack at an early date by the enemy between ARRAS and ALBERT.
2. Should such an attack eventuate, the Division will be prepared to move North East to reinforce or counter-attack. The 7th A.I. Bde will move by bus.
3. Normally, units may expect to have three hours' notice before moving, but should a heavy attack take place, the Brigade may be required to move almost immediately.
4. while in Reserve, advantage will be taken of all available ground where there are high banks for musketry.
5. In attack by battalions by fire from rifles, Lewis, and Vickers guns, direct fire should be used as much as possible, either enfilade from positions to a flank, or else the guns should be rushed forward from position to position.
6. Immediate steps will be taken for all units to be ready to move at short notice, packs and extra baggage being dumped, ammunition and bombs prepared so that it can be issued at very short notice.
7. In event of the present billets of units being heavily shelled, with or without gas, units would have to move to open ground near their present locations. Preferably cuttings or banks on higher ground will be chosen. These positions might have to be occupied for a few days should the present position be constantly shelled. Units will reconnoitre these positions and forward locations of alternative positions chosen by them, by midday 4th inst (today)
8. Acknowledge.

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Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Headquarters,
May 9th 1918.

ORDER No. 180.

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

1. The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) will relieve the 3rd Australian Division (less Artillery) in 'O' Divisional Sector between the 9th and 11th May 1918.
 - (a) The 5th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 9th A.I. Brigade in the Right Brigade Sector on the night 10/11th May 1918.
 - (b) The 6th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 10th A.I. Brigade in the Left Brigade Sector on the night 9/10th May 1918.
 - (c) The 7th A.I. Brigade will move to the Reserve Brigade area in accordance with attached table.
2. The relief by the 7th A.M.G. Coy will be carried out on the night 10/11th May, under orders issued by the 2nd Aust. Machine Gun Battalion Commander.
3. The reliefs by the 7th Field Coy A.S., and 7th Aust. Field Ambulance will be carried out under the orders of the O.S. and A.S. respectively.
4. All orders and instructions regarding the role of the Division whilst in Corps Reserve will be handed over to Units of the 9th A.I. Brigade Group.
5. Transport will move with the Units.
6. Distances will be maintained on the march -

Between battalions	500	yards.
" Companies	100	"
" Unit and its Transport			100	"
" each section of 6)			
	vehicles)	25	"
7. Administrative orders will be issued separately.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at RIVERET at 10.30 a.m. May 11th, and will open at CHATEAU, FRECHENCOURT, at same hour.
9. A c k n o w l e d g e.

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

Issued through Signals at 7 p.m.

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| 1. 25th Bn. | 12. 5th A.I. Bde | 28. File |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 13. 6th A.I. Bde | 24/26. War Diary; |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 14. 9th A.I. Bde | 27/28. Spare. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 15. 2nd A.M.G. Bn. | |
| 5. 7th A.M.G. Coy | 16. Area Comndt, RIVERET. | |
| 6. 7th A.L.T.M.B. | 17. " " LA HOUSSAYE | |
| 7. 7th Field Coy | 18. " " FRANVILLERS | |
| 8. 17th A.A.S.C. | 19. " " FRECHENCOURT. | |
| 9. 1/3rd S.A.A.S.C. D.A.C. | 20. G.O.C. | |
| 10. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G' | 21. B.M. | |
| 11. " " " 'A.C.' | 22. S.C. | |

MOVEMENT TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 180.

Date	Unit	Leave present location at	Move to	In relief of (tactically speaking)	Route	Remarks
1918 May 10th	25th Bn.	1 p.m.	Bivouacs J.13.	44th Bn.		PETIT CAMON- QUERRIEU-PONT NOYELLES-LA HOUSSAIE- BONNAY.
May 10th	26th Bn.	3 p.m.	Bivouacs in trenches East of FRANVILLERS from I.5.cent. to C.23.cent.	1 Battalion 5th A.I.Bde		LA MOTTE-BREBIERE- N.2.c.1.8 - BUSSEY- QUERRIEU-PONT NOYELLES
May 11th	27th Bn.	10 a.m.	Bivouacs in trenches from I.16.cent. to I.5.cent.	1 Battalion 9th A.I.Bde		PETIT CAMON-QUERRIEU- PONT NOYELLES.
May 11th	7th A.L.T.M.Bty	move from RIVIERI with 27th Bn.	bivouacs in trenches in LA HOUSSAIE SWITCH from I.4.a.6.5. to C.27.d.f.4.	9th A.L.T.M.Bty		ditto
May 11th	7th A.I.Bde H.Q.	10.30 a.m.	FASCHENCOURT	9th A.I.Bde H.Q.		ditto
May 11th	28th Bn.	when relieved by Bn. of 9th A.I.Bde. Probably about 11 a.m.	Bivouacs in trenches in LA HOUSSAIE SWITCH from I.10.c.f.0. to I.4.a.6.5.	1 Bn. 9th A.I. Bde		LA MOTTE-BREBIERE- N.2.c.1.8.-BUSSEY- QUERRIEU-PONT NOYELLES.

- N.B.
- Units will reconnoitre these trench systems tomorrow 10th instant.
 - It is possible that units may not find units as detailed in Column 5 in these trenches when they move there.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Headquarters,
May 18th 1918.

ORDER No. 181.

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

1. On a date and at an hour to be notified, an operation will be carried out with the object of capturing VILLE-SUR-ANCRE and straightening our line.
2. Method of attack. This operation will be carried out in two stages.
 - (a) 1st Stage. Attack by the 6th A.I. Bde to capture and consolidate the line K.7.b.1.0. to K.7.b.18.75., thence to Road at K.1.d.15.25, along Road to Cross Roads at K.1.b.1.4., with a defensive flank facing North from K.1.b.1.4. to CRUCIFIX at K.1.a.45.65., thence to Road Junction J.6.b.5.5., and an advanced line of posts formed along a general line K.1.d.6.3., K.1.d.6.7, K.1.b.8.2., K.1.b.3.4, K.1.b.6.6.
In conjunction with this attack the 5th A.I. Bde will advance and consolidate on the line K.13.a.7.5. to Cross Roads K.13.b.3.8 - K.7.b.1.0., joining up with the 6th A.I. Bde at the latter point. At the same time a line of posts will be established North of VILLE-SUR-ANCRE from E.25.c.9.9. - E.25.b.70.46. - E.25.b.6.7.
 - (b) 2nd Stage. The 6th A.I. Bde will mop up VILLE-SUR-ANCRE and will establish a line of posts East of this village from K.1.b.6. to E.25.b.7.4., to join up the Northern and Southern portions of their new line.
3. Jumping Off Lines. The first stage attack by the 6th A.I. Bde will be carried out in an Easterly direction; a jumping off line will be taped from J.12.b.6.0. to J.6.b.7.3; A tape will also be laid from J.12.b.6.0. to K.7.a.1.0. as a guiding line for the right flank; the left flank will move along the TREUX - VILLE-SUR-ANCRE Road.
The 5th A.I. Bde will advance from their present front line.
All posts in front of the barrage start line will be withdrawn 20 minutes before ZERO.
Attacking troops will be formed up on their jumping off lines one hour before ZERO.
4. Field Artillery. The attack will be supported by creeping barrage of 18 pdr batteries from five Brigades starting on the line K.13.d.3.2 - K.7.d.0.4 - K.7.a.0.0. - E.25.c.0.0. It will remain on this line for two minutes and will then creep forward at the rate of 100 yards every three minutes to the final protective barrage 200 yards beyond the objective
In addition to the above, a standing barrage by one Brigade will be put down on the line E.20.a.2.0. to E.23.a.2.6; one Brigade will keep a standing barrage on the Western and Southern exits of VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.
4.5" Hows. will fire on selected targets.
Rates of Fire.

Creeping Barrage	-	3	rounds	per	gun	per	minute.
Standing and protective barrages	-	1	"	"	"	"	"
4.5" Hows.	-	1	"	"	How.	"	"

All fire to cease at ZERO plus two hours.
5. Heavy Artillery. Counter-Battery work from ZERO onwards. Bombardment of selected targets.
6. Medium Trench Mortars. Three mortars will co-operate by firing on selected targets in and around VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.

- 7. Machine Guns. Four machine guns will go forward with the 5th A.I. Bde attack, two on either flank.
Remaining available guns of the 5th, 6th, and 22nd Coys will provide barrages as arranged by the Machine Gun Battalion Commander.
- 8. Reserves. The 7th A.I. Bde will send forward the 27th and 28th Battalions. The 28th Battalion will be disposed as under :-
1 Coy in trenches in J.6.a.& c.
1 " " bank in J.12.a.
2 Coys in trenches in J.4.d. and J.10.b.
Battalion H.Q. in QUARRY at J.9.b.8.2.
The 27th Battalion will be disposed as under :-
1 Coy in trenches in D.22.c. and D.28.a.
1 " " bank in D.21.c.
2 Coys in banks in D.27.a. and D.26.b.
Battalion H.Q. at dugout at D.27.d.4.7.
These two Battalions will be in position by ZERO minus one hour, (two Companies 28th Battalion in J.6.a.& c. and J.12.a. by ZERO minus 50 minutes), when they will come under the Command of the G.O.C., 6th A.I. Bde.
Orders for these moves have been issued in 6th A.I. Bde Order No.145.issued to 27th and 28th Battalions.
The 25th and 26th Battalions and 7th A.L.T.M.Battery will be ready to move at 15 minutes notice after ZERO hour.
- 9. Communication Trench. On the night following the operation a communication trench will be dug by the Second Aust. Pioneer Battalion from J.6.b.5.5. to the Cross Roads at K.1.b.1.4. under orders to be issued by the C.R.E.
- 10. Success Signals. A succession of GREEN VERY LIGHTS will be used by each Company of the 6th A.I. Bde to show that the objective has been taken.
- 11. Synchronisation of Watches. An officer of 27th and 28th Battalions will synchronize watches (see 6th A.I. Bde Order No.145 para 24). Remaining units of the 7th A.I. Bde will synchronize watches with Brigade H.Q. at 9 p.m. on the evening preceding the attack.
- 12. Contact Patrol. A contact patrol will fly over the captured positions at the following times -
ZERO plus two hours.
ZERO plus three hours.
ZERO plus six hours
Flares will be lit, and rifles laid on the trench, when called for by the Klaxon horn.
- 13. The second stage of the attack will be carried out as soon as possible after the first stage on plans prepared by the G.O.C. 6th A.I. Bde.
- 14. Transport of Units will remain in their present positions.
- 15. Dress for all Units moving forward will be -
Fighting Order plus 100 extra rounds S.A.A. and 2 bombs per man.
- 16. A c k n o w l e d g e .

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

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Machine guns. Four machine guns will go forward with the 4th A.I. Coy. and one on either flank. Remaining available guns of the 6th, 8th, and 28th Coy. will be arranged by the Machine Gun Battalion Commander.

Reserves. The 7th A.I. Bde will send forward the 27th and 28th Battalions. The 28th Battalion will be disposed as under:-

- 1. 25th Bn.
- 2. 26th Bn.
- 3. 27th Bn.
- 4. 28th Bn.
- 5. 7th A.L.T.H. Bty
- 6. 7th A.L.G. Coy.
- 7. 7th Field Coy A.E.
- 8. 5th A.I. Bde.
- 9. 6th A.I. Bde.
- 10. 2nd A.I. Bde.
- 11. G.O.C.
- 12. M.B.
- 13. File
- 14/16. War Diary.

Orders for these moves have been issued in 6th A.I. Bde Order No. 143. Issued to 27th and 28th Battalions. The 28th and 29th Battalions and 7th A.L.T.H. Battery will be ready to move at 15 minutes notice after ZERO hour.

Communication Trench. On the night following the operation a communication trench will be dug by the second Aust. Pioneer Battalion from 5.5.5.5. to the Cross Roads at K.I.P.I.4. under orders to be issued by the G.R.H.

Machine Guns. A succession of DARK VERY LIGHTS will be used by the 6th A.I. Bde to show that the trench has been taken.

Communication of Watch. An officer of 27th and 28th Battalions will synchronize watches (see 6th A.I. Bde Order No. 143 para 2). Remaining units of the 7th A.I. Bde will synchronize watches with Brigade H.Q. at 9 p.m. on the evening preceding the attack.

Contact Patrol. A contact patrol will fly over the captured positions at the following times -
ZERO plus two hours.
ZERO plus three hours.
ZERO plus six hours.
Planes will be lit and rifles laid on the trench, then called for by the liaison plane.

Attack. The second stage of the attack will be carried out as soon as possible after the first stage on plans prepared by the G.O.C. 6th A.I. Bde.

Transport of Units will remain in their present positions.

Breaker for all units moving forward will be -
Blowing horn plus 100 extra rounds S.A.A. and 2 bombs per man.

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7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,
May 18th 1918.

Reference 7th A.I. Bde Order No. 191.

- 1. ZERO hour is 8 a.m. 19th May 1918.
- 2. Lieut. J.A. BLACKET, 27th Bn. will be Brigade Liaison Officer with 5th A.I. Bde.
Lieut. J.H. LILLY, M.C., 28th Bn. will be Brigade Liaison Officer with 8th A.I. Bde.

These officers will report to their respective Brigade H.Q. forthwith.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE

Blee Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Distribution as for Brigade Order No. 191.



Order No. 182.

Headquarters,
May 19th 1918.

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

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 6th A.I. Brigade on the night May 20/21st, 1918, in accordance with attached table.
2. Aeroplane photographs, trench maps, defence schemes, and all information regarding new front, trench stores including S.O.S. Signal Rockets, and area stores, will be taken over by relieving units. Copies of receipts given will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours of completion of relief.
5. On completion of relief, each of the 28th Bn ('A' Bn) and the 27th Bn ('B' Bn) will be disposed as under -
 - 2 Companies in front line.
 - 1 Company in close support.
 - 1 Company in reserve.

The inter-battalion boundary between 'A' and 'B' Battalions will be an East and West line along grid line between E.25 and K.1.

All troops of 'A' and 'B' Battalions, except Battalion H.Q. will be East of a line running North and South between J.6. and J.5.

The 25th Bn ('C' Bn) will have all its troops South of the river and East of MERICOURT.

The 26th Bn ('D' Bn) will have all its troops North of the river and East of a line running North and South between D.27 and D.26.
4. (a) Movement forward will be by platoons at 100 yards distance.
(b) Subject to the terms of this order, details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
5. Reliefs by Field Company and Machine Gun Company will be arranged by the C.R.E. and Machine Gun Battalion Commander respectively.
6. Administrative instructions are issued with this order.
7. (a) Completion of reliefs will be wired in B.A.S. Code to Brigade H.Q.
(b) On completion of relief, the Command of the Left Brigade Sector will pass to the G.O.C., 7th A.I. Brigade.
8. Brigade H.Q. will close at FRECHENCOURT at 8.30 p.m. 20th May 1918, and open at HEILLY at the same hour.
9. A C K H O W L E D G E.

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

Issued through Signals at 2 a.m. 20/5/18.

Copies to-

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| 1. 25th Bn. | 15. 6th Field Amb. |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 14. 17th A.A.S.C. |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 15. 2nd D.A. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 16. G.O.C. |
| 5. 7th M.G. Coy | 17. B.M. |
| 6. 7th T.H. Bty | 18. S.C. |
| 7. 6th A.I. Bde | 19. Bde Sig. Officer |
| 8. 5th A.I. Bde | 20. B.T.O. |
| 9. 53rd Inf. Bde | 21. Right Flank Bde Liaison Officer. |
| 10. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G' | 22. Left " " " " |
| 11. " " " 'A.Q' | 23. File |
| 12. 7th Field Coy. | 24/26. War Diary. |
| | 27/30. Spare. |

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RELIEF TABLE to accompany Brigade Order No. 182.

Date	Unit	Relieves	Final dispositions	Unit H.Q.	Remarks.
1918 Night May 20/21st	28th Bn.	22nd Bn. 21st Bn. (loss 2 Coys)	Line Right. 'A' Bn See para 5 of Bde Order.	J.11.a.5.9. (21st Bn)	Relieving troops will not pass TREUX line before 9.30 p.m.
ditto	27th Bn.	23rd Bn. 2 Coys 21st Bn 1 Coy 24th Bn.	Line Left. 'B' Bn See para 5 of Bde Order.	J.5.a.1.9. (23rd Bn)	Relieving troops will not pass TASMANIA line before 9.30 p.m.
ditto	25th Bn.	3 Coys 23rd Bn.	Right Support 'C' Bn. 1 Coy J.12.a. 1 " J.5.c.& d. 2 Coys J.4.d., J.10.b.	MERICOURT J.9.b.6.8. (vacant) Alternative Bn. H.Q. in QUARRY J.9.b.8.2. which will be occupied as soon as ready.	Relieving troops will not pass BILLARAT line before 9.30 p.m.
ditto	26th Bn.	27th Bn. (loss 1 Coy) 3 Coys 24th Bn	Left Support 'D' Bn. 2 Coys D.25.c.& d., D.29.a. 1 Coy D.22. c, D.23.a, 1 Coy in steep bank D.27.e.	D.27.d.5.5. (27th Bn)	Relieving troops will not pass TASMANIA line before 10 p.m.
ditto	7th A.L.T.M.B.	6th A.L.T.M.B.	Line	HEILLY. Adv. H.Q. TREUX.	As soon after dark as possible
May 20th.	7th Bde Snipers & Observers.	6th Bde Snipers & Observers.	Line	-	Report at HEILLY at 2 p.m.
"	7th A.I.Bde Signal Section.	6th A.I.Bde Signal Section.	-	-	As convenient
"	7th A.I.Bde H.Q.	6th A.I.Bde H.Q.	-	CHATEAU, HEILLY.	As convenient.

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Headquarters,
May 19th 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS to accompany 7th A.I.B. Order No. 188.Map Reference :- Sheets 62 D, 1/40,000,
62 D, N.E., 1/20,000.

1. SUPPLIES. Refilling Point - PORT NOYELLES, A.S.C. supply wagons deliver to Units' Q.M. Stores.
2. COOKING. Cooking is done at Transport Lines and at suitable places in Units' forward area. Hot food is taken forward in hot food containers. Units will make use of improvised tommy cookers; a description of a very suitable pattern has been published in Divisional Routine Orders (No. 1370 of 27th April 1918.)
3. WATER. Water may be obtained from wells in villages and from water points, as follows.
(See separate memo issued to units concerned)
(this office 22/32, 19/5/18)
All water must be chlorinated before using. In no case is shell-hole water to be used.
4. AMMUNITION. Divisional Reserve of Ammunition is situated at I.7, central. The mobile reserve of ammunition will be under the control of Units; who will arrange to have it at a suitable location. Unit Commanders will be personally responsible for maintaining their mobile echelon full. The echelon will be refilled on demand from Divisional Reserve. Units will maintain in front, support, and reserve positions sufficient ammunition to defend those positions.
Each man will carry 220 rounds of S.A.A. and 2 bombs into the line.
Units will render to Brigade H.Q. by 9 a.m. daily, a statement of ammunition expenditure for the previous 24 hours.
5. MEDICAL.
- (a) Left Sector.
- R.A.P. - BUIRE, D.29.b.50.10.
R.A.P. - RIBEMONT, by hand carriage to motor post at D.27.c.20.50; thence by motor ambulance through HEILLY to A.D.S. at I.3.b.60.70, thence by motor transport to M.D.S. at CHATEAU H.10.a.90.40.
- (b) Right Sector.
- R.A.P. - J.11.a.50.80.
R.A.P. - MERICOURT - by hand carriage to motor post at J.9.a.90.60., thence by motor ambulance through BONNAY TO A.D.S. I.4.b.80.00; thence by motor transport to M.D.S. as per sub-para (a)
- (c) O.C.S. - VIGNACOURT.
- (d) DENTAL UNITS - No. 22 M.D.S. H.10.a.90.40.
M.Y.D.M. - N.Y.D. (Gas & S.I.), No. 12 C.C.S. LONGPRE.
Sanitary Section - No. 1. Section, St. GRATIEN.
Ophthalmic cases - 7th Field Ambulance, CAION, G.30.a.50.50.

- 6. R.E. DUMPS. KELLY DUMP = J.4.c.50.90.
 PINE DUMP = J.5.d.50.80.
 BUIRE DUMP = D.29.d.50.90.
- 7. ORDNANCE. Refilling Point Cross Roads at I.2.d.1.1.
- 8. BATHS. Baths are situated at MERICOURT and RIBEMONT. These are available by Reserve and Support Battalions. Clothing will be arranged for by Brigade H.Q.
- 9. SANITATION. (a) Box latrines will be used wherever possible.
 (b) Excreta must be buried at least 10 yards from posts and trenches, and localities marked.
 (c) All refuse will be buried and localities marked.
- 10. BURIALS. (a) Cemeteries are located at :-
 HEILLY HALTE = J.15.b.80.50.
 HEILLY = J.1.c.50.50.
 RIBEMONT = D.27.a.9.1.
 MERICOURT = J.4.c.3.2.
 Cpl. HONEYWELL
 (b) 26th Battalion will detail Burial N.C.O. to supervise all burials in the area. This N.C.O. will live at Brigade Headquarters. He will report to Brigade H.Q. on Friday of each week showing in detail all burials for the preceding week.
- 11. BATTLE STRAGGLER POSTS are situated as follows (= J.1.d.10.50, and J.13.b.70.60.
- 12. SALVAGE. Units will salvage their own areas = details as to areas etc. will be issued separately.
- 13. P.O.W. CAGE. Prisoners of war will be taken over by A.P.M. at HEILLY.
- 14. BLANKETS. Blankets will be dumped at Unit transport lines, and will be moved to Brigade Pack Store at RIVERY by motor transport.
- 15. Q.M. STORES. Q.M. Stores are located as follows :-
 27th & 28th Bns in HANGARS at LA HOUSSAYE, I.5.b.2.2.
 25th Bn = LA HOUSSAYE,
 26th Bn = FRANVILLERS,
- 16. SOLDER KILN. The Brigade Solder Kiln is situated at 17th A.A.S.C. lines at PONT NOYELLES. All tins will be returned to A.S.C. by returning supply wagons daily.
- 17. TRENCH SHELTERS. All trench shelters will be handed over and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Brigade H.Q.
- 18. RESERVE RATION DUMPS. 25th Bn. will hand over Reserve Ration Dumps at I.29.b.8.3, I.24.b.5.5, J.13.a.5.8. Special care must be taken that receipts in duplicate are obtained for the same number of rations as were taken over. Receipts will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q.
- 19. AREA & TRENCH STORES. Will be handed over and taken over on relief, and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of completion.
- 20. Detached Personnel. All detached personnel will, when relieved, rejoin their units.

[Signature]
 Captain, Staff Captain,
 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
May 24th 1918.

Headquarters,
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
T.M.Sty,
7th A.S.G.Coy,
S.T.O.

Reference AMENDMENT to Administrative Arrangements
accompanying 7th A.I. Brigade Order No.188, issued from this
office on the 20th instant.

Amend mobile echelon location to read 1.5.c.4.7.

[Signature]
Captain, Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
May 22nd 1918.

AMENDMENT to ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS accompanying
7th A.I. Brigade Order No.182.

Reference para 4. Delete para 4 and substitute as follows :-

The transport of units - less Mobile Reserve as detailed below - will be brigaded under Captain J.C. LITTLE, M.C., Brigade Transport Officer, at I.9.central. The whole to be in position by 10 a.m. 23rd instant.

Transport lines will be scattered, and horses of each transport will be kept in small groups. As much use will be made of the Wood as possible.

Protection against bombs will be made at once.

The following will be detailed to report to Lieut. E.F. TRUNDEE, Brigade Bomb Officer, at 10 a.m. 23rd instant at I.12.b.1.5. to form a Brigade Mobile Reserve of Ammunition:-

Each Battalion	- - -	2	limbers S.A.A.
7th A.I.G.Coy	- - -	3	limbers S.A.A.
27th and 28th Bns	- - -	1	limber each of Grenades.
Each Battalion	- - -	6	pack horses with 2 boxes S.A.A. each.

The Brigade Transport Officer will detail a Transport Officer to take charge of the echelon lines for a tour of duty of four days.

25th Battalion will detail a Transport Sergeant, and 26th Battalion a Transport Corporal for duty at the echelon lines.

Units will each send a guide to the echelon lines for the purpose of bringing up limbers when required.

The Brigade Transport Officer will detail two mounted Orderlies to live at echelon lines to carry demands to Divisional Reserve, and two mounted orderlies to report to Staff Captain and live at Brigade Headquarters.

All demands for ammunition will be made to Brigade H.Q. by 9 a.m. daily.

Captain, Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copy to all Brigade Units.
7th A.I.G.Coy
B.T.O.

Appendix 6
 7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Copy No. 24

Order No. 103.

Reference Map : Sheet 62^D 1/20,000.Headquarters,
23rd May 1918.

1. The following inter-Battalion reliefs will take place as under :-
 - (a) On the night 25th/26th May the 25th Bn. will relieve the 28th Bn. in the right subsector.
 - (b) On the night 26th/27th May the 26th Bn. will relieve the 27th Bn. in the Left subsector.
 - (c) On completion of above reliefs dispositions will be -

'A'	Battalion Line Right	-	25th Bn.
'B'	" Line Left	-	26th Bn.
'C'	" Support Right	-	28th Bn.
'D'	" Support Left	-	27th Bn.
2. Aeroplane photographs, trench maps, trench stores, defence schemes, works policies and all information regarding the front will be handed over on relief.
3.
 - (a) Advance parties will be sent forward 24 hours beforehand.
 - (b) No movement of troops will be made East of a line BUIRE - TREUX before 10 p.m.
 - (c) Movement of troops will be made as the situation and visibility permits.
 - (d) Patrols will cover the reliefs of the front line.
 - (e) Subject to the terms of this order details of reliefs will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
4. Completion of relief will be wired in B.A.B. code to Bde.Hq.
5. Acknowledge.

R. Lee

Major, Brigade Major.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Distribution -

No. 1. 25th Bn.	No. 14. 2nd M.G.Bn.
No. 2. 26th Bn.	No. 15. Right Flank Bde. -
No. 3. 27th Bn.	Liaison Officer.
No. 4. 28th Bn.	No. 16. Left do do
No. 5. 7th T.M.Bty.	No. 17. G.O.C.
No. 6. 7th m.G.Coy.	No. 18. B.M.
No. 7. 7th Field Coy A.E.	No. 19. S.C.
No. 8. 8th Field Amb.	No. 20. Bde. Sig. Officer.
No. 9. 17th A.A.S.C.	No. 21. Bde. Transport Off.
No. 10. 2nd Aust. Div. "G"	No. 22/4 War Diary.
No. 11. - do -AQ.	No. 25. File.
No. 12. 5th A.I.Bde.	No. 26/30 Spare.
No. 13. 54th Inf. Bde.	

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Copy No. 22

Headquarters,
May 29th 1918.

ORDER No. 134.

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

1. Inter-Battalion reliefs will be carried out as under:-
 - (a) On the night 1/2nd June, the 28th Battalion will relieve the 25th Battalion in the Right sub-sector.
 - (b) On the night 2/3rd June, the 27th Battalion will relieve the 26th Battalion in the Left sub-sector.
2. On completion of above reliefs, dispositions will be :-

'A'	Battalion Line Right	-	28th Battalion.
'B'	" " Left	-	27th "
'C'	" Support Right,		25th "
'D'	" " Left,		26th "
3. (a) Instructions issued in paras (2) and (3) of Brigade Order No. 133 will be adhered to.
 (b) Subject to the terms of this order, details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
4. Completion of reliefs will be wired in B.A.B. Code to Brigade Headquarters.
5. Acknowledge.

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

Issued through Signals at 11 p.m.

Distribution :-

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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.B. | |
| 7. 7th Field Coy A.E. | |
| 8. 6th Field Ambulance. | |
| 9. 17th A.A.S.C. | |
| 10. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G' | 17. G.O.C. |
| 11. " " " 'A.Q' | 18. B.M. |
| 12. 5th A.I. Bde. | 19. S.C. |
| 13. 142nd Inf. Bde. | 20. Bde Sig. Officer. |
| 14. 2nd A.M.G. Bn | 21. B.T.O. |
| 15. Right Flank Bde. Liaison Officer. | 22/24. War Diary. |
| 16. Left " " " " | 25. File. |
| 17. Left Group Artillery. | 26. Spare. |

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ORDER No. 185.

Headquarters,
May 31st 1918.

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

1. (a) The 8th A.I. Brigade will relieve the 7th A.I. Brigade in the Left Brigade Sector on the night May 31st/June 1st, 1918 in accordance with attached table.
(b) On relief the 7th A.I. Brigade will move to Reserve Brigade area. Units' positions will be the same as when the Brigade was previously in Reserve.
2. (a) Aeroplanes photographs, trench maps, defence schemes, works policy, information regarding the front, and trench stores will be handed over to incoming units.
(b) Defence schemes and area stores in Reserve Brigade area will be taken over.
(c) Copies of receipts given and obtained will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of relief.
3. 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 184 and instructions regarding working parties are cancelled.
4. (a) Advance parties from the 21st and 25th Battalions will report to the Headquarters of 25th and 26th Battalions respectively at 3.30 a.m. 31st May.
(b) Advance parties of units of 7th A.I. Brigade will report by 12 noon 31st May to the Headquarters of units of 8th A.I. Brigade whose positions they are taking over.
5. Transport of units will remain at present locations.
6. Subject to the terms of this order, details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
7. Completion of relief and arrival in the new positions will be wired (the former in B.A.B. Code) to Brigade H.Q.
8. On completion of relief, Command of the Left Brigade Sector will pass to the G.O.C. 8th A.I. Brigade.
9. Brigade H.Q. will close at HEILLY on completion of relief, and open at FRECHENCOURT CHATEAU at same hour.
10. Acknowledgo.

H. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 1.30 a.m.

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| 1. 25th Bn. | 11. 6th F.Amb. | 21. B.M. |
| 2. 26th Bn. | 12. 17th A.S.C. | 22. S.C. |
| 3. 27th Bn. | 13. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G' | 23. B.T.O. |
| 4. 28th Bn. | 14. " " " 'A.Q' | 24. Bde Sig.Off. |
| 5. 7th A.L.T.M.B. | 15. 2nd A.M.G.Bn | 25. File. |
| 6. 7th A.M.G.Coy | 16. Left Group Arty. | 26/28. W.Diary |
| 7. 6th A.I. Bde. | 17. 'C' Coy 2nd Bn. Tank Corps. | 29/30. Spare. |
| 8. 5th A.I. Bde. | 18. Left Bde Liaison Officer. | |
| 9. 142nd Inf. Bde. | 19. Right " " " | |
| 10. 7th Field Coy. | 20. G.O.C. | |

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 185.

Date	Unit	Relieved by	Moves to position vacated by	H.Q. will be at	Remarks.
1918 Night May 31st/ June 1st.	25th Bn. Line Right.	21st Bn.	23rd Bn.	J.13.c.4.9.	
"	26th Bn. Line Left.	23rd Bn.	22nd Bn.	C.29.b.2.2.	Routes as most convenient.
"	28th Bn. Support Right.	22nd Bn.	21st Bn.	I.4.a.4.2.	Distances will be maintained as necessitated by the situation.
"	27th Bn. Support Left.	24th Bn.	24th Bn.	I.10.c.8.8.	
"	7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	C.26.d.3.6.	
"	7th Bde Snipers & Observers.	6th Bde Snipers & Observers.	-	FRECHENCOURT.	
"	7th A.I.Bde H.Q.) No.4. Sig. Sectn)	6th A.I. Bde H.Q.) & Signal Section)		FRECHENCOURT CHATEAU.	

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HEADQUARTERS, 7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. 217 306.
Date

Headquarters,
May 28th 1918.

Herewith Copy No. 17 of Left Brigade,
'C' Division. DEFENCE SCHEME. This cancels the Defence
SCHEME issued on May 17th 1918 by 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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

- 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
- 7th A.L.T.M.Bty,
- 7th A.M.G.Coy
- 142nd Infantry Brigade.
- 5th A.I. Brigade.
- 6th A.I. Brigade.
- 2nd Aust. Div.
- 2nd A.M.G.Bn.
- Left Group Artillery,
- 'C' Coy 2nd Bn. Tank Corps.
- 7th Field Coy A.E.



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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
May 28th 1918.

DEFENCE SCHEME

Left Brigade, 'C' Division, Australian Corps.

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

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| 1. 25th Bn. | | |
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| 8. 5th A.I. Brigade. | 13. 'C' Coy 2nd Bn. Tank Corps. | |
| 9. 6th A.I. Brigade. | 14. 7th Field Coy A.E. | |

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

SECTION - 1.(a) BOUNDARIES.

- (i) The Northern boundary is an East and West line through E.19.central.
- (ii) The Southern boundary runs from K.7.central along grid line to J.9.a.0.0., thence North to J.5.c.0.0., thence West along grid line to I.5.d.4.0. - I.3.c.8.8. - I.2.c.8.0. - thence West along grid line.

Inter-battalion boundary is an East and West line along grid line between Squares D.50. and J.6.

(b) TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES OF TACTICAL IMPORTANCE.

- (i) The village of VILLE-sur-ANCRE by being denied to the enemy, hampers his concentration, and his possible debouching of troops towards the high ground to the South.
- (ii) HARETT WOOD, the possession of which by the enemy would render our positions in TREUX and BUIRE untenable. This Wood overlooks the ANCRE valley and our defences and battery positions North of this river.
- (iii) The Ridge running East and West between the SCIENT and the ANCRE. Any deep penetration by the enemy along this ridge would render our hold of the ground South of the ANCRE, difficult.
- (iv) The ridge North West of BUIRE which overlooks the ANCRE valley and battery positions South of the River.
- (v) The Ridge running North East of BUIRE. The possession of this ridge by the enemy would render our positions North of the ANCRE untenable.

SECTION - 2.ORGANIZATION OF THE AREA FOR DEFENCE.

- (a) The front line from the Right boundary at K.7.central to D.25.d.9.7. consists of posts which are rapidly being connected and which will eventually form a continuous front line. A gap then exists between D.25.d.9.7. and the River. The ground here is marshy. This gap is wired; A line of posts which are rapidly being linked up, commences at D.25.b.95.50 and runs to and across the railway line at D.19.d.8.7. The Left flank then swings back to D.19.b.45.00. The whole front is being wired.
- (b) Each Line Battalion has a Support Line. On 'A' Battalion sector there is one C.T. to the front line from the Support Line, and also a short C.T. on the extreme Left to a Close Support Trench.
Each Line Battalion has a trench system where the Battalion reserves are.
- (c) South of the river in 'C' Battalion area there are three lines of trenches - TREUX, BENDIGO, and BALLARAT, which are all wired or being wired.
- (d) North of the river in 'D' Battalion area there are two lines of trenches - SEYMOUR and TASMANIA, which are wired or being wired.
Also a trench for Left flank protection has been dug running from the New Support line in D.24.v to D.23.a.9.6.
- (e) Dugouts are being made for Headquarters and R.A.P's.
- (f) Vickers Guns of one Machine Gun Company, and 10 Vickers Guns of another Machine Gun Company are in position in the Brigade area.
- (g) 6 - 6" Newton Trench Mortars and one Stokes Mortar Battery are in position in the Brigade sector.

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SECTION - 3.

PRINCIPLES OF DEFENCE.

- (a) The front line will be held as thinly as is consistent with security.
- (b) Infantry and Machine Guns will be distributed in depth.
- (c) A proportion of between 20% and 50% of Machine Guns will be so sited as to be able to bring direct fire - enfilade for preference - to bear on the enemy before he reaches our front line.
- (d) Machine Guns will be prepared to fight to the last to form pivots for the defence.
- (e) In the event of our front line being heavily bombard- ed, troops will not fall back or move to a flank to escape it, but will move forward and take cover in shell-holes.
- (f) Active patrolling will be carried out to retain control of NO MANS LAND and to give early information of any intended action on the part of the enemy.
- (g) All systems of defence will be provided with nucleus garrisons. These garrisons will not move forward, but will act as a screen, behind which counter-attack troops will form up - or as a rallying point in the event of troops in front being forced back.
- (h) Troops will not fall back from one line to any other line. All ground will be defended as long as possible, whether the flanks are turned or not.
- (i) All Commanders will keep a reserve in hand with which to carry out counter-attack.
- (j) In carrying out counter-attacks to regain any portion of our line that has been lost, the guiding principle will be to reinforce the troops that are holding out on either flank, and to attack the enemy on the flank instead of delivering a frontal attack.
- (k) There will be no withdrawal without orders.

PROBABLE FORM OF ENEMY ATTACK.

The enemy may be expected to attack all along our front and the neighbouring fronts, but the strength of his attack will probably be directed North of the ANCRE and South of the SOMME.

Our chief danger therefore lies on our flanks, and generally - counter attacks will have to be directed there.

At the same time it must not be lost sight of that our own immediate front will be attacked, and it may be necessary to counter-attack to restore our line.

Our greatest danger is being outflanked on the Left by a break through roughly on the line of the AMIENS-ALBERT Road. The possession by the enemy of the Ridge E.1g. central would seriously endanger our position, and a counter-attack through D.17.d. to recapture the Ridge might be indicated.

SECTION - 5.

ACTION IN CASE OF ENEMY ATTACK.

1. 'A' and 'B' Battalions must hold the forward positions by every means available. On any signs of an impending attack, such as unusual artillery barrage etc., all units will 'stand to'

Troops detailed as Reserves ^{should be} ~~are~~ so placed that they can perform their function of immediate counter-attack, which will be carried out on the initiative of C.C. Counter-Attacking units, if the situation demands it.

2. 'C' and 'D' Battalions in the Support system are so placed that their battalion organization may be maintained as far as possible without any portion being sent across the river. These Battalions are disposed so that they can quickly support the front Battalions.

In the event of 'C' and 'D' Battalions moving forward for the counter-attack, each Battalion will leave behind nucleus garrisons in their present trenches.

'C' Battalion will leave one platoon in TREUX line and one platoon in BALLARAT line.

'D' Battalion will leave one platoon in SEYMOUR line and one platoon in TASMANIA line.

3. Assembly positions for counter-attack and routes forward will be selected and reconnoitred. On an order from Brigade H.Q. (or in case of communications being cut at the discretion of their C.O's) 'C' and 'D' Battalions will move to their assembly positions.

4. Working parties, which will always have definite orders regarding their action in case of enemy attack, will assemble in the best positions to escape casualties, and be ready for action. An officer will then report to the nearest Company or Battalion H.Q.

Working parties from 'C' and 'D' Battalions will, in addition to reporting to such Headquarters, arrange to inform their own unit as quickly as possible. *to the rear*

Movement of any parties other than carrying parties, will be avoided where possible.

5. The system of liaison already ordered between Battalions both to the flanks and to the front will be put into operation on the opening of an enemy attack. In addition, an officer from 'C' and 'D' Battalions with two runners each, will report to Brigade Headquarters.

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SECTION - 6.

ARTILLERY ARRANGEMENTS.

1. The Brigade front is covered by the Left Group Artillery of 'C' Division Artillery.
The Left Group consists of two F.A. Brigades.
In addition there is one F.A. Brigade which is super-imposed on the divisional front, and one F.A. Brigade which is in mobile reserve.
2. Left Group Artillery Headquarters are at J.1.c.80.65.
3. The S.O.S. line runs - K.7.b.60.00 - K.3.a.30.00 - E.26.c.70.40 - E.26.a.30.00 - E.20.a.30.00.
4. One anti-tank gun is in position at D.22.c.30.20.
5. Medium Trench Mortars - 6" Newtons are emplaced at :-

1. T.M.	'A'	J.6.b.00.48.
1. "	'B'	J.6.b.96.68.
1. "	'C'	E.25.c.10.10.
1. "	'D'	E.25.c.37.38.
1. "	'E'	E.25.d.33.33.
1. "	'F'	E.25.d.35.38.
6. An Artillery Liaison Officer from Left Group lives at Brigade Headquarters, and also one at each of the Line Battalions.
7. S.O.S. Signal arrangements - see Appendix 'D'

SECTION - 7.ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

1. SUPPLIES. Refilling Point - PONT NOYELLES. A.S.C. Supply wagons deliver to units' Q.M. Stores.

2. COOKING. Cooking is done at Transport Lines and at suitable places in Units' forward area. Hot food is taken forward in hot food containers. Units will make use of improvised tommy cookers; a description of a very suitable pattern has been published in Divisional Routine Orders (No. 1670 of 27th April 1918).

3. WATER. Water may be obtained from wells in villages and from water points, particulars of which were issued to units concerned under cover of this office 22/32 of 19/5/18.

All water must be chlorinated before using. In no case is shell-hole water to be used.

4. AMMUNITION. The transport of units - less Mobile Reserve as detailed below, will be brigaded under Captain J.C. LITTLE, M.C., Brigade Transport Officer, at I.S. central.

Transport lines will be scattered, and horses of each transport will be kept in small groups. As much use will be made of the WOOD as possible.

Protection against bombs will be made at once.

The following will be detailed to form a Brigade Mobile Reserve of Ammunition at I.S.c.4.7.

Each Battalion	- -	2 limbers S.A.A.
7th A.M.G. Coy	- -	3 limbers S.A.A.
27th & 28th Bn.	- -	1 limber each of Grenades.
Each Battalion	- -	6 pack horses with 2 boxes S.A.A. each.

The Brigade Transport Officer will detail a Transport Officer to take charge of the echelon lines for a tour of duty of four days.

25th Battalion will detail a Transport Sergeant and 26th Battalion a Transport Corporal for duty at the echelon lines.

Units will each send a guide to the echelon lines for the purpose of bringing up limbers when required.

The Brigade Transport Officer will detail two mounted orderlies to live at echelon lines to carry demands to Divisional Reserve, and two mounted orderlies to report to Staff Captain and live at Brigade Headquarters.

All demands for ammunition will be made to Brigade Headquarters by 9 a.m. daily.

5. MEDICAL. (a) LEFT SECTOR.

R.A.P. - BUIRE, D.29.b.50.10.

R.A.P. - RISEMONT, by hand carriage to motor post at D.27.c.20.50, thence by motor ambulance through HEILLY to A.D.S. at I.6.b.60.70; thence by motor transport to M.D.S. at CHATEAU H.10.a.90.40.

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(b) Right Sector.

R.A.P. - J.11.a.50.80.
R.A.P. - MERICOURT - by hand carriage to motor post at J.9.a.90.50., thence by motor ambulance through BONHAY to A.D.S. I.4.b.80.00., thence by motor transport to M.D.S. as per sub-para (a)

(c) C.C.S. - VIGNACOURT.

(d) DENTAL UNITS. No.22. M.D.S. H.10.a.90.40.
N.Y.D.N. - N.Y.D. (Gas & S.I.) No.12 C.C.S. LONGPRE.
Sanitary Section - No.1. Section, St. GRATIEN.
Ophthalmic cases - 7th Field Ambulance, CAMON, G.50.a.50.30.

6. R.E. DUMPS. KELLY DUMP - J.4.c.50.90.
PINE DUMP - J.5.d.20.80.
BUIRE DUMP - D.29.d.50.90.

7. ORDNANCE. Refilling Point Cross Roads at I.2.d.1.1.

8. BATHS. Baths are situated at MERICOURT and RIBEMONT. These are available by Reserve and Support Battalions. Clothing will be arranged for by Brigade H.Q.

9. SANITATION. (a) Box latrines will be used wherever possible.
(b) Excreta must be buried at least 10 yards from posts and trenches, and localities marked.
(c) All refuse will be buried and localities marked.

10. BURIALS. (a) Cemeteries are located at :-

HEILLY HALTE - J.15.b.80.50.
HEILLY - - - J.1.c.50.50.
RIBEMONT - - - D.27.a.49.1.
MERICOURT - - - J.4.c.3.2.

(b) 26th Battalion will detail Corporal HONEYWELL as Brigade Burial N.C.O. to supervise all burials in the area. This N.C.O. will live at Brigade H.Q. He will report to Brigade H.Q. on Friday of each week, showing in detail all burials for the preceding week.

11. BATTLE STRAGGLER POSTS. Battle Straggler Posts as under will be established as soon as operations commence :-
'C' Battalion will detail two posts of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men each, under one officer. One post will be established at the HEILLY Bridge - the second post at Cross Roads at J.15.a.7.6.
'D' Battalion will detail one post at D.27.a.3.4 consisting of 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 3 men.

12. P.O.W. CAGE. Prisoners of war will be taken over by P.O.W. Cags at FRANVILLERS.

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14. RESERVE RATION DUMPS.

Reserve Ration Dumps are established in the forward area as follows :-

Right Line Bn. H.Q. J.11.a.6.5.	600 rations.
Left " " Bn. H.Q. D.29.b.2.3.	600 "
Right Support Bn. H.Q. J.9.b.8.2.	600 "
Left " " Bn. H.Q. D.27.d.5.5.	600 "
Collar at J.5.a.15.90.	600 "

The C.O. of Battalion in whose area the rations are located is responsible for their safe custody, and on relief will obtain receipts and forward same to Brigade Headquarters.

'D' Battalion will be responsible for the rations in Collar at J.5.a.15.90.

A reserve of water on the scale of 2 quarts per man will be maintained at each of the above dumps.

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A P P E N D I X - 'A'

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION OF INFANTRY.

- (a) Two Battalions are in the line -
 'A' Battalion on the Right,
 'B' Battalion on the Left.
 Each line battalion has two Companies in the front line, one Company in Close Support, and one Company in Reserve.
- (b) The Right Support Battalion 'C' Battalion has all its troops South of the River ANCRE and East of MERICOURT.
 1 Coy is in the TREUX line,
 1 " is in banks and trenches in J.5.c.& d.
 2 Coys in BALLARAT line.
- (c) The Left Support Battalion, 'D' Battalion has all its troops North of the River and East of a line running North and South between Squares D.26 and D.27.
 2 Coys are in the SEYMOUR line,
 1 Coy is in TASMANIA line,
 1 " is in bank in D.27.a.
- (d) Headquarters are as follows :-

Left Brigade H.Q.	CHATEAU HEILLY, J.1.c.60.10.
'A' Battalion H.Q.	J.11.a.60.70. Dugout.
'B' " "	D.29.b.2.3. Cellars.
'C' " "	J.9.b.8.2. Dugout.
'D' " "	D.27.d.4.6. Dugout.

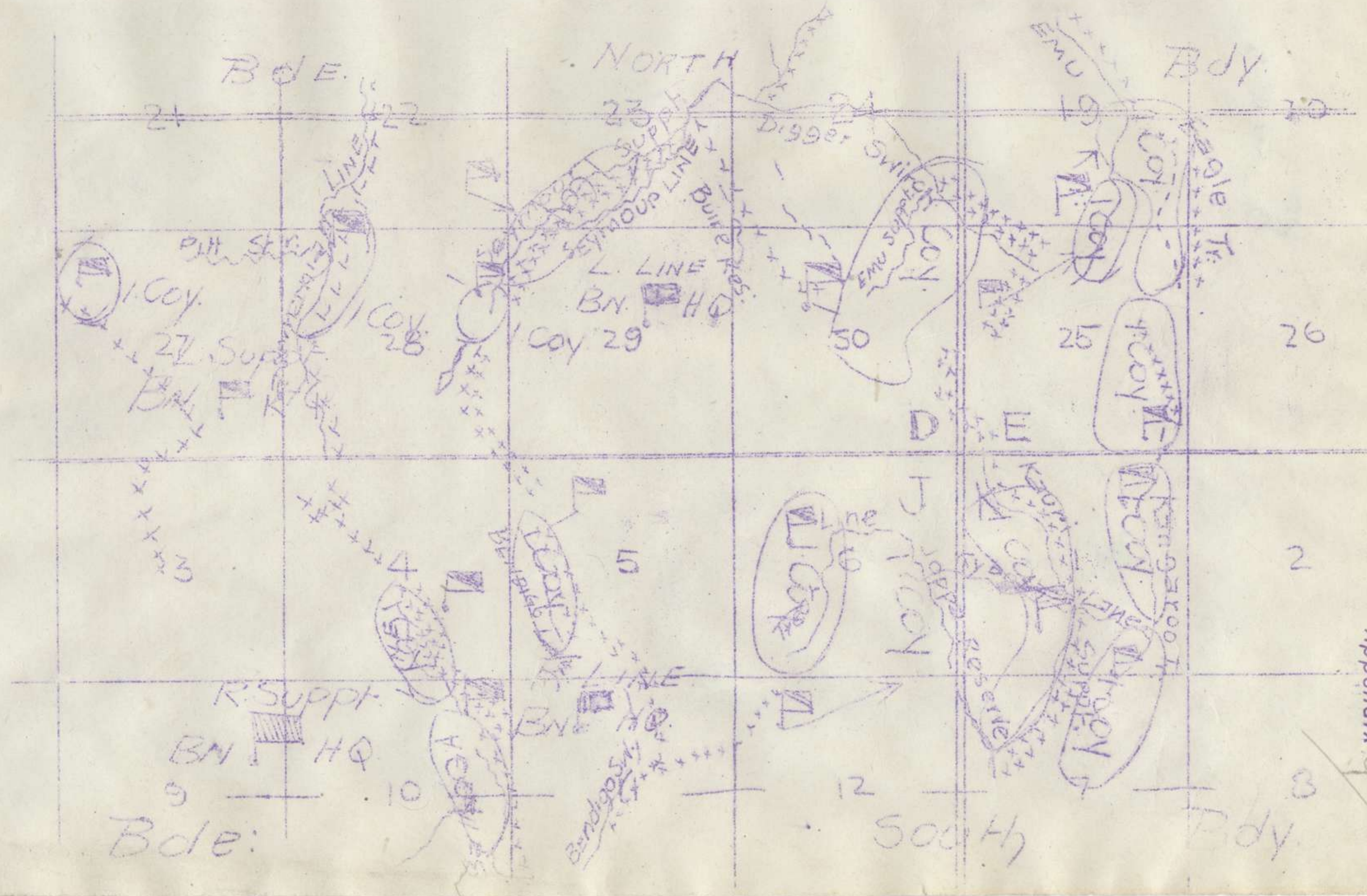
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NORMAL DISTRIBUTION OF LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

No.1. L.T.M.	K.1.d.25.40. covering from K.2.c.6.0. to K.2.c.7.4
No.2. "	K.1.d.25.45. " " K.2.a.45.20. to K.2.a.10.55
No.3. "	E.25.b.20.50. " " E.26.a.65.20. to E.26.a.70.65.
No.4. "	E.19.d.25.35. " " E.20.c.70.05 to E.20.c.70.50.
No.5. "	E.19.d.30.35 " " E.20.c.70.05. to E.20.c.70.50.
No.6. "	Reserve at Advanced Headquarters.
Nos. 7 & 8	Reserve at Rear Headquarters.

Advanced H.Q. - TREUX.
 Rear H.Q. - HEILLY.

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APPENDIX - 'C'

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION OF MACHINE GUNS.

Vickers Guns of the 7th A.M.G. Company are at :-

No. 1.	K.7.a.80.30.	No. 10.	K.1.b.65.80.
2.	J.12.b.55.80.	11.	D.50.d.40.60.
3.	J.12.a.60.80.	12.	D.30.d.20.90.
4.	J.6.c.30.60.	13.	D.30.b.65.80.
5.	ditto	14.	D.24.d.65.25.
6.	ditto	15.	D.24.d.65.40.
7.	ditto	16.	E.25.b.80.80.
8.	K.1.a.50.35.	17.	E.19.d.30.20.
9.	K.1.b.60.50.	18.	E.19.d.40.30.

Vickers Guns of the 5th A.M.G. Company are at :-

2 at	J.6.c.7.7.	1. at	J.5.c.5.9.
1 "	J.5.a.4.3.	1. "	D.28.b.8.1.
4 "	D.25.d.8.3.	1. "	D.29.a.3.6.

7th A.M.G. Company Headquarters are at TREUX CHATEAU, J.5.b.3.4.

APPENDIX - 'D'

S.O.S. SIGNAL ARRANGEMENTS.

- The S.O.S. Signal Rocket now in use is a rifle grenade rocket bursting into WHITE over WHITE over WHITE.
- S.O.S. Repeating Stations have been established at --

'A' Battalion.

Right Line Company H.Q.	K.1.d.40.10.
Loft " " "	K.1.b.55.70.
Support " "	K.1.c.35.30.
Reserve " "	J.12.a.50.75.
Battalion O.P.	J.5.d.80.60.
Battalion H.Q.	J.11.a.60.70.

'B' Battalion.

Right Company H.Q.	K.1.b.8.9.
	E.25.d.6.2.
	E.25.d.8.3.
	E.25.d.5.7.
	E.25.b.5.7.
	E.25.b.6.1.
	E.25.b.8.7.
	E.19.d.4.7.
Left Company H.Q.	E.19.d.2.2.
Support Company H.Q.	D.25.a.2.7.
Reserve Company H.Q.	D.30.a.9.3.
Battalion H.Q.	D.29.b.2.3.

Right Support Battalion H.Q. J.9.b.80.20.

Left Support Battalion H.Q. D.27.d.4.6.

- In addition, a supplementary S.O.S. Signal Chain is established by bugle calls between Company H.Q. in the line and Battalion H.Q. in the line.
Neighbouring Battalion H.Q. in the Line, Support, and Reserve Battalions, or other signal stations that hear the

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SIGNALS

S.O.S. bugle call will pass on the S.O.S. by signal. The S.O.S. bugle call for the Left Brigade will be a succession of blasts equivalent to the final numeral of the battalion, followed by a momentary pause.

- 4. Also a continuous chain of alarm posts and repeating stations equipped with message carrying rockets is being established between the front line and the artillery.
- 5. The two supplementary S.O.S. signals are for use in foggy or bad weather, when the ordinary S.O.S. signal rocket cannot be observed.

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The S.O.S. signal rocket is used to indicate the position of the front line and the position of the artillery. The S.O.S. signal rocket is used to indicate the position of the front line and the position of the artillery. The S.O.S. signal rocket is used to indicate the position of the front line and the position of the artillery.

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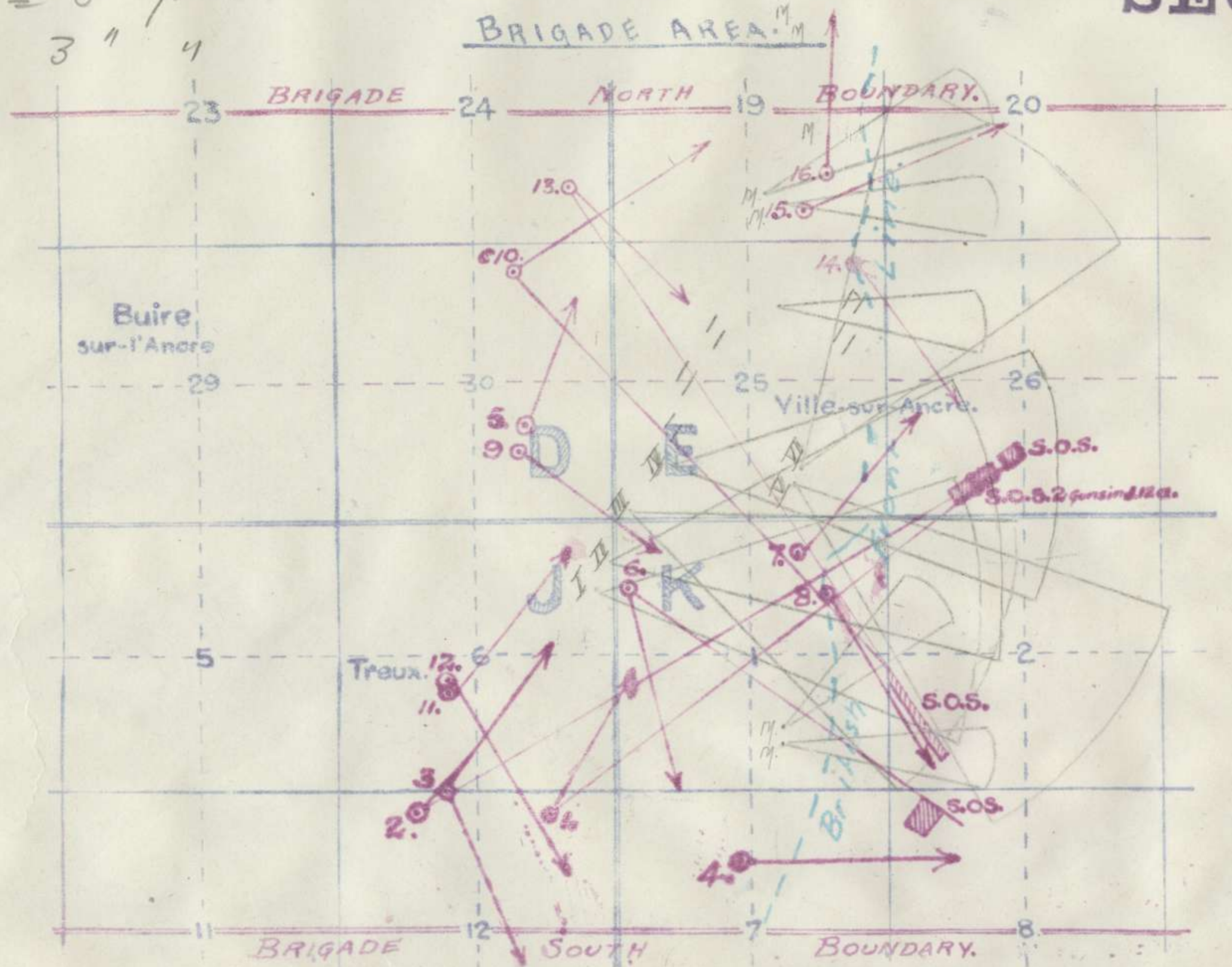
V. M. Guns Disposition in

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ANTI-GAS ARRANGEMENTS.

For purposes of gas defence, the Brigade area is divided into two zones, viz.

- (i) ALERT ZONE - East of line BONNAY-HEILLY-BRESLE.
- (ii) READY ZONE - West of this line.

In the ALERT ZONE all ranks will at all times wear their Small Box Respirators at the ALERT position.

In the READY ZONE all ranks will at all times carry their Small Box Respirators.

The dividing line between these zones is marked by notice boards on roadways.

Warning of gas attacks is given by a system of local alarms - rattles, shell cases etc. erected in the areas of all units where men are living. Sentries are posted on these alarms.

Gas-proof dugouts are located at :-

Brigade H.Q.	HEILLY	4 dugouts.
'A' Bn. H.Q.	J.11.a.6.7.	1 "
'B' Bn. H.Q.	D.29.b.2.3.	1 "
'C' Bn. H.Q.	J.9.b.8.2.	1 "
'D' Bn. H.Q.	D.27.d.4.3.	1 "
R.A.P.	D.27.d.6.3.	1 "

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INFANTRY O.P's.

Brigade O.P.	D.22.c.55.65.
'A' Bn. O.P.	J.5.d.8.5.
'B' Bn. O.P.	D.23.c.4.8.

All O.P's are connected with their respective Headquarters by telephonic.

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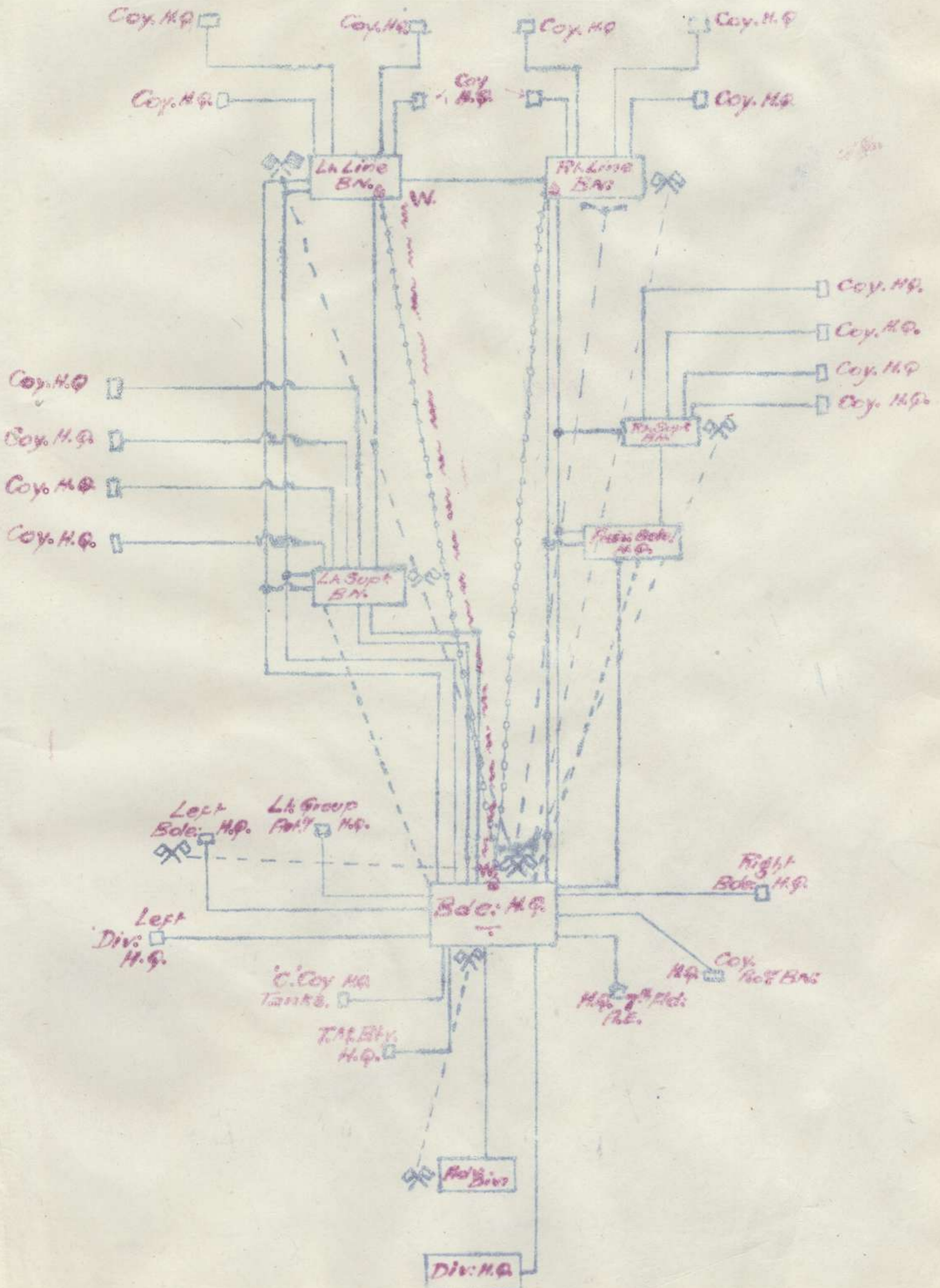
T A N K S.

1. Nos. 9, 11 and 12 Sections 'C' Company, 2nd Battalion Tank Corps are situated in the vicinity of J.15.a.
These Sections have been detailed to assist in the defence of the divisional sector.
2. In the event of a hostile attack unsupported by Tanks, No.9. Section will move forward and hold the gap between MARETT WOOD and the ANCRE, while No.11. Section will operate to the South of MARETT WOOD.
3. If Tanks are used by the enemy, male Tanks will deploy and engage the enemy Tanks, while female Tanks will operate as in para 2 above.
4. If the enemy is successful in advancing, Tanks will cover the withdrawal of troops across the bridges at MERICOURT, HEILLY, and BONNAY.
5. Co-operation between Tanks and Infantry will be arranged by the Infantry Commander on the spot and Officers in Command of Tanks.
6. One Company 17th Armoured Car Battalion, Tank Corps, is located near LA HOUSSEYE, and will be prepared to operate -
(a) towards ALBERI - (b) towards CORBIE-BRAY.

-CIRCUIT DIAGRAM- 2nd Brigade Communications.

Legend.

Telephone Lines	-----	Visual	-----	
Runners	-----	Pigeons	-----	
Wireless	-----	Dogs	-----	



APPENDIX 'I'WORKS.

1. The Brigade is responsible for all defensive works back to a line running North and South between Squares J.9. and J.10.
2. The order of importance is :-
 - (a) Joining up of front line outposts into a continuous line of trench except for gap in marshy ground N.E. of VILLE-sur-ANCRE.
 - (b) Wiring of the front line and gap.
 - (c) Completion of wiring of Support Line.
 - (d) Construction of dugouts and improvement of living accommodation.
 - (e) Improvement and wiring of Reserve Line and Left flank protection.
 - (f) Construction of another C.T. in the Right Battalion sector.
3. Definite orders will always be issued to working parties regarding their action in case of enemy attack.
4. The 7th Field Coy A.E. is working with the 7th A.I. Brigade.
7th Field Coy H.Q. are at HEILLY.

APPENDIX - 'J'DEMOLITION.

1. All Bridges in the brigade area have been prepared for demolition. In addition, roads have been mined at many places. For list, see this office letter 217/563 of May 14th and May 26th 1918 issued to units.
2. The responsibility for guarding and for actual demolition of these bridges and roads rests with the 2nd Aust. Tunneling Coy and 'C' Coy 6th Regiment U.S. Engineers.
3. Unless the enemy appears at close quarters before the orders for demolition are received - in which case the officer or M.C.O. in charge of demolition will at his own discretion explode the mine or demolish the bridge - no demolitions will be carried out without orders from Brigade Headquarters.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
May 30th 1918.

ACTION IN EVENT OF HOSTILE ARTILLERY OR GAS BOMBARDMENT.

1. (a) Brigade H.Q. will be established in gas-proof cellar No.1. The G.O.C., Brigade Major, Staff Captain, and Intelligence Officer will take up their quarters there.
(b) The Signal Officer and Gas Officer will take up their position in the gas-proof cellar No.2.
(c) Remainder of attached officers, including Brigade Artillery Liaison and attached Infantry Liaison Officers, will take up their positions in the gas-proof cellar No.3. under the Little Chateau.
2. All personnel attached to the Brigade Office, necessary signallers and runners, will take up their positions in the gas-proof cellar No.2.
3. Remainder of Brigade H.Q. personnel, signallers, & runners will take up their positions in the gas-proof cellar No.4.
4. Grooms, in the event of artillery or gas bombardment, will at once stand to their horses. In the event of gas shelling, masks will be at once adjusted and the horses taken to the Brigade Ammunition Echelon transport lines. This will be done on receiving instructions to do so from the Brigade Staff.
5. All personnel will adjust their respirators immediately the gas shelling commences, and will not remove them until the order to do so has been given by an Officer. The Brigade Gas Officer will give the "All clear" to all officers.
6. Officers in charge of their various sections or details will ensure that each man's job is made perfectly clear to him. Each party must be under the control of an Officer or N.C.O. during the bombardment. The Officer or N.C.O. in charge of each party will report frequently to Brigade H.Q. by telephone if possible.

ACTION IN EVENT OF ANY ENEMY ATTACK which necessitates the moving of Headquarters to a Battle Headquarters.

1. Brigade H.Q. will be divided into 'A' and 'B' Echelons.
'A' Echelon consisting of the G.O.C., Brigade Major, Assistant Brigade Major, Brigade Artillery Liaison Officer, Brigade Intelligence Officer, and Brigade Signal Officer, W.O. MACKIE, Corpl. MANNING, one check, and sufficient signallers and runners, will move to a Battle Headquarters at the 5th A.I. Brigade H.Q. in the CHATEAU wall.

'A' Echelon will be in close liaison with 5th A.I. Brigade and Left Group Artillery, and in telephonic communication by buried cable as much as possible.

2. 'B' Echelon, consisting of Staff Captain, and all attached officers not detailed above, and the remainder of Brigade H.Q. personnel will remain at the present Headquarters pending further orders.

3. Communication between 'A' and 'B' Echelons will be maintained by telephone and runner.

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Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copies to :-

- G.O.C.,
- B.M.,
- S.C.
- Bde Artillery Liaison Officer
- Bde I.C.
- Bde Musketry Officer,
- Bde Bomb Officer,
- Bde Signal Officer,
- C.S.M. HACKIE.
- Bde Q.M.S.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
May 21st 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - 5 p.m. 20/5/18 to 3 a.m. 21/5/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

RELIEF. The 7th A.I. Brigade relieved the 6th A.I. Brigade in the Left Brigade sector of the Divisional front on the night 20/21st May 1918, completion being reported at 1.30 a.m.

PATROLS. Protective and liaison patrols were active covering the relief, but no special reconnaissance was carried out.

MACHINE GUNS AND TRENCH MORTARS Inactive.

AERIAL. Our planes were very active throughout the day. In the evening a large number of bombs were dropped into DERMANCOURT, MEAULTE, and ALBERT.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Very quiet during daylight, becoming active after nightfall. At 2.45 a.m. our front and support lines were intermittently lightly strafed for about an hour, and about 100 shells 4.2 H.E. were dropped between BUIRE and MAETT WOOD. D.27.b. was subjected to a few salvos of 4.2 H.E. at 8.50 p.m.

AERIAL. Fairly active. Between 6 and 9 p.m. twelve machines altogether were in evidence patrolling our front line at medium height. Two aerial duels took place without any definite result to either side.

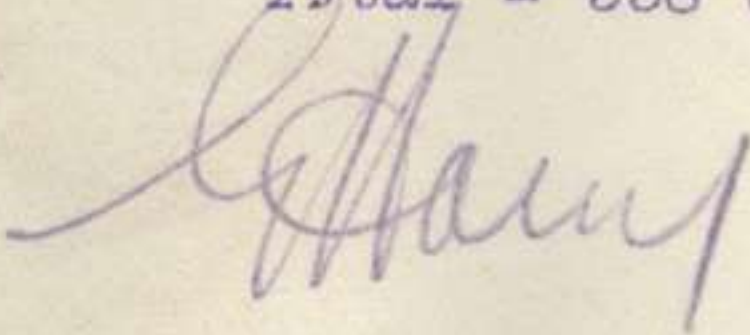
MACHINE GUNS AND TRENCH MORTARS. Quiet.

MOVEMENT. Odd parties of twos and threes seen at long range at daylight; otherwise no movement.

SIGNALLING AND FLARES. Nothing to report.

WORKS.

Cutting	iring pickets, long.	I.18.c.	560 pickets cut.
Dugout	J.15.c.0.6.		3 sets down steps.
Damming channels out of R.ANCRE,	J.5.b.9.0. to	J.4.c.3.9.	1 - 7' x 5'6", 1 - 4'6" built up.
			x 2', 2-5' x 1'6") up.
Corduroy Road	J.13 a. and J.7.c.		56 x track laid, 16 x turfed.
River Patrol	J.5.c.9.8. to	J.4.c.4.9.	
Right Bde H.Q.	HEILLY.		2' on 8' excavated and timbered. Shoring up & strengthening timbering. Improving entrance.
Battalion H.Q. dugout	C.11.b.1.5.		Completed hauling gear on 1 shaft and entrance to other.
Sawmill, BONNAY.			12 fascines made. 15 x road fascined; Baths 95% complete. Felling timber. 37 pitprops cut. Cut timber as under :-
			200 ft 5" x 1"
			150 ft 2" lagging & avge 6"
			300 ft 1" " " 6"
			100 ft 5" x 1"
			102 pieces 4' x 6" x 2" sheeting.
			5 " 5' ditto
			9 " 8' ditto
			200 2" lagging, avge 8"
			Total - 538 cuts = 26 cuts per hour.



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

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,

May 2nd 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - 5 p.m. 21/5/18 to 6 a.m. 22/5/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. Patrols working along the banks of the River report that the enemy is digging in 200 x East of our line. A patrol from the Right Battalion went out to reconnoitre suspected enemy post in K.2.a.c. A digging party was heard at K.2.c.3.0. and on the approach of our patrol, L.G. fire was opened on them from this spot by what appeared to be a covering party.

No other movement was seen, and the bright moonlight hindered much enterprise by our patrols.

AIRCRAFT. Patrolling was very actively carried out all day without molestation. At night our bombing machines constantly crossed the lines to drop bombs on villages and centres of activity behind enemy lines.

MACHINE GUNS. An enemy party of 12 moving in E.19.d. were dispersed by our M.Gs before daylight. Bursts of harassing fire were directed on enemy tracks to his front posts throughout the night.

TRENCH MORTARS & SHIPING. Nothing to report.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A slightly wounded Hun of the 184th R.I.F. was dug out of a cellar in VILLE-sur-ANCHE at daybreak. He had been without food for two days and had lain doggo until discovered.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Normally active. The shelling on forward area was very scattered, and bore no indication of registration. No direct hits were registered on our forward works. Table of shelling appended.

Approximately 15 yellow cross 4.2 gas shells fell in BUIRE just before daylight.

Retaliation to our counter-preparation work was negligible.

AIRCRAFT. An enemy patrol machine was seen at long intervals, but on approaching our line it was invariably driven back by our A.A. fire. Otherwise nil.

MACHINE GUNS. Quiet during the day. At night bursts of harassing fire were directed on our Support area in J.12.b. and around HARETT WOOD.

TRENCH MORTARS & SHIPING. Nothing to report.

SIGNALS. Between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. three large flares were fired by the enemy, which when 200 feet high burst into large red clusters, brightly illuminating NO LANS LAND. No action followed. At 3.20 a.m. golden clusters were sent up, followed by a light shelling of our front line area.

MOVEMENT. Several small parties of three and four Huns were seen moving to the rear from HONLAINCOURT at 6.15 p.m. with equipment on. As this might have portended a relief, the artillery were informed.

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

STABLE OF SHELL SHELLING. Observed from O.P. D.25.c.40.80.

Time	Area Shelled.	No.Rnds.	Calibro.	Intervals.	Direction degrees TB	Remarks
5.50 a.m.	D.50.a to D.50.b	30	4.2	2 min.	84°	Some gas.
9.5	D.25.a & b	120	4.2	50 sec.	115°	
9.10	D.50.a & b	55	4.2 & 5.9	1 min	118°	
11.40	J.12.b, K.7.a	40	5.9	50 sec.	152°	
11.45	E.19.c & d	20	4.2 & 5.9	1 min	84°	
11.50	D.125.d	16	4.2	1 min	115°	
12.30 pm	K.7.a & b	60	4.2	1 min	152°	Salvoes at intervals
12.40	D.25.d	20	4.2	1 min	115°	
2.30	D.25.c	25	5.9	50 sec	152°	
5.20	D.30	18	4.2	2 min	84°	
4 p.m.	D.10	15	5.9 & 7.4	1 min	76°	
4.25	D.13.b & c	50	5.9	1 min	84°	
7.5	K.18.b	20	4.2	15 sec	120°	High burst chrap

An enemy party of 12 moving in E. 19. d. were observed on enemy tracks to his front posts throughout the day.

REPORTS ON SHIPING. Nothing to report.

A slightly wounded man of the 18th B.I.L. was seen in V.I.L. on 18th at daylight. He had been in the area for two days and had faint dog tags.

REPORTS ON SHIPING.

Nothing to report. The shelling on forward area was normally active. No direct observation of registration. No direct observation on our forward works. Table of shelling.

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At night bursts of machine gun fire were directed on our support area in J.12.b. and around it.

REPORTS ON SHIPING. Nothing to report.

Between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. three large fires were seen in the enemy area. Brightly illuminating NO LAMP LAMP. No action followed. Brightly illuminating NO LAMP LAMP. No action followed.

Several small parties of three and four men were seen moving to the rear from HOLLAND COURT at 8.15 p.m. with equipment. As this might have pertained a relief, the artillery was alerted.

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Lieutenant,
For D.O.O., 7th Australian Infantry Bde.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
May 25rd 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE, 3 p.m. 22/5/1918 to 6 a.m. 25/5/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A prisoner of the 2nd H.G. Coy, 184th R.I.R. was captured in VILLE-sur-ANCRE early this morning. He had been in the village since the 19th instant, and was in a very weak condition, having been slightly wounded. He had no information of any value to give.

PATROLS. (1) An active enemy H.G. post at E.26.a.1.4. was bombed by an officers patrol which effectively silenced it.

(2) A patrol of 1 Officer and 5 other ranks left E.19.d.9.6. and moved S.E. until they perceived an enemy post at E.20.c.40.45, from which a Hun fired on them. He was shot by the patrol officer and a lively encounter ensued between the patrol and the garrison of the post. The officer was slightly wounded, and patrol returned without further investigation.

(3) 1 H.C.O. and 4 men moved from K.1.b.8.9. and located previously suspected H.G. post at K.2.c.2.4. Flares were being sent up from K.2.c.2.9. and the cross roads at E.26.c.5.1. No other enemy movement was discerned.

MACHINE GUNS. Harassing fire was maintained in intermittent bursts throughout the night. Otherwise quiet.

AIRCRAFT. Patrolling and reconnaissance was vigorously carried out over enemy's forward system, and our machines were invariably subjected to heavy A.A. H.E. fire.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. There has been an increase of activity during the period, and in reply to our harassing fire he carried out some very vigorous counter-battery work between 1 a.m. and 2.50 a.m. This shelling consisting of 5.9 and 8.2 H.E. was mainly confined to battery areas, but our new positions in E.25.b. & d. were apparently being registered by 4.2 batteries from direction of K.16 at 4 pm. Approximately 50 Yellow Cross and lachrymatory gas shells fell into both MERICOURT and BUIRE at intervals.

AIRCRAFT. Two low flying bombing machines penetrated over our lines during the afternoon, but were quickly driven back by our A.A. fire. Four bombs were dropped into VILLE-sur-ANCRE and four on trenches in D.29.a. Bombing machines were also active during the night and dropped three or four bombs without doing damage, near MERICOURT.

MACHINE GUNS. Fired occasional bursts on our wiring parties during the night - otherwise quiet. Machine Guns are reported active at K.2.c.2.4. and E.26.c.2.9.

FLARES. Normal.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Alert but not aggressive.



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

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
May 24th 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - 5 p.m. 25/5/18 to 8 a.m. 24/5/18.OUR OPERATIONS.IDENTIFICATIONS.

A prisoner of the 54th Division 84 I.R. 7th Coy was captured by one of our patrols in E.26.c.cent. during the night. His regiment had only come into the line the night before, and he could give no information as to their dispositions.

PATROLS. Visibility - very bright moonlight.

- (1) 1 N.C.O. and 9 other ranks left K.l.b.75.80. at midnight to locate enemy posts on this portion of the front. Having moved S.E. for 200 x they were fired on by a M.G. from K.2.c.2.9., which post they report as being strongly held. While on the way back to our lines, patrol was fired on from K.2.c.2.4. by a M.G. and rifles.
- (2) 1 Officer and 12 other ranks left E.19.d.8.0. at 11 p.m. and moved East for 150 x, thence northwards, returning through E.19.d.8.0. at 2 a.m. No hostile movement was encountered.
- (3) 1 Officer and 12 other ranks left E.25.d.3.0. at 10.45 p.m. and moved Northwards across the swamp. Finding no trace of the enemy, patrol returned South and established a standing patrol at E.26.c.25.40. Two Germans were seen digging close in front of this point, and on the approach of our scouts they made off. One of them was soon to drop as the result of our rifle fire, and the other surrendered. The patrol leader is of opinion that the Hun outpost line lies along the road running N. and S. through E.26.c.55.50.

AIRCRAFT. Our patrol and fighting machines were very active throughout the day over enemy lines, and at night a large number of bombs were dropped on villages in his forward area. At 10 p.m. one of our bombing planes was forced to land through engine trouble at D.27.b.3.5. without damage, except to the under-carriage, which was broken.

MACHINE GUNS. Harassing fire was directed on enemy forward tracks and posts. 800 rounds expended.

SNIPING. One Hun was accounted for in K.2.d.central.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. There was a very noticeable decrease in enemy activity during this period. The bulk of the shelling, approx. 250 - 5.9 and 4.2 H.E. fell in squares D.21 and 23. The villages East of HEILLY were subjected to light 5.9 and 4.2 H.E. and gas shelling at very long intervals. Gas shelling as follows :- 50 Yellow Cross 4.2 in D.30 central. 40 Yellow Cross and lachrymatory 4.2 and 77's in D.28.d.

AIRCRAFT. One enemy plane attempted to cross over our lines at long intervals but was prevented by our heavy A.A. fire. At 9 a.m. six enemy fighting machines crossed our front line at 3000 feet, but were driven northwards by our fire and disappeared.

MACHINE GUNS. Active at night. Our wiring parties were frequently fired upon from vicinity of E.20.c.3.7.

E.26.c.4.5 and E.26.a.4.7. Other positions are suspected at K.2.b.9.9, K.2.a.8.4, E.23.c.8.1. and E.20.a.9.4.

TRENCH MORTARS & SHIPING. Nil.

MOVEMENT. From 5 p.m. until dusk there was continuous movement of Germans singly and in twos from MORLAINGOUET to the rear. These men (about 40 were counted) invariably wore packs and some carried long cases, presumably Machine Guns and belt boxes. The routes used were immediately placed under bursts of harassing fire from our batteries, which repeatedly stopped this movement. There were no further indications of a relief, but it is suspected that one took place on the night 22/23rd inst. There are dugouts along the road in K.10.c. as small parties leave here at intervals, particularly between 6 and 3.50 p.m.

FLARES. An unusual number of golden cluster flares were sent up during the night, but no action followed. Otherwise normal.

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

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
May 25th 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - 3 p.m. 24/5/18 to 6 a.m. 25/5/18.OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. (1) 1 N.C.O. and 9 men with a Lewis gun left K.1.d.7.3. with instructions to mop up an enemy post at K.2.c.0.0. known to have been occupied during the day. Patrol proceeded to make a detour with the object of getting in rear of the post, but found the post empty, although it had obviously been recently occupied. On the way back to our lines patrol was fired on by a M.G. from MORLANDOURT and from the M.G. post at K.2.c.2.4.

(2) 1 Officer and 12 other ranks left E.25.d.8.0. at 10.50 p.m. and worked northwards towards the river. An enemy listening post was discovered at E.26.c.1.3. containing two Huns who made off on the approach of our patrol, one being killed as the result of our fire - the other escaped. The body was searched, but disclosed no identifications. No other movement was encountered.

(3) 1 Officer and 12 other ranks left our line at the railway at 10.15 p.m. and thoroughly patrolled from the railway to the river, to a depth of 200 yards, being prevented from going further East by our artillery fire. At 10.20 p.m. a message rocket was fired from enemy post at E.20.a.4.0. in a South East direction across the river, from whence a reply was fired shortly afterwards. Except for the post at E.26.a.2.8. no other enemy defences were discovered. Patrol returned at 1.15 a.m.

AIRCRAFT. Inactive.

MACHINE GUNS. Nothing to report.

TRENCH MORTARS. 15 rounds fired on E.19.b.7.2. with good effect.

SNIPING. Two Huns were accounted for at Cross Roads E.26.c.50.10."

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Much below normal during the period. During the evening a few 4.2 H.E.'s were dropped in vicinity of BUIPE at long intervals, and about 20 - 4.2's in vicinity of E.25.d.30 - 4.2 Yellow Cross gas shells were fired into D.30.a. during the night.

AIRCRAFT. Nil.

MACHINE GUNS. A few intermittent bursts were fired from posts at E.20.a.4.0., E.26.a.55.60, K.2.c.2.4, and MORLANDOURT. Very little activity.

TRENCH MORTARS. Inactive. Emplacement suspected at K.2.d.55.12.

MOVEMENT. At 7 a.m. a party of 8 appeared at K.15.a.2.6. carrying shovels. They proceeded to K.15.d.5.4. where they entered a trench and commenced digging. Later another party came from approx. K.9.c.8.7. to this point and commenced digging. Our artillery took action but the mist prevented observation of the shooting. Foot traffic can be seen at intervals in the Sunken Road running North East through K.3.a.& c.



J. Harry, Lieutenant,
For G.C.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
May 26, 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - 5 p.m. 25/5/18 to 6 a.m. 26/5/18.OUR OPERATIONS.

RELIEF. The 25th Battalion relieved the 28th Battalion in the Right sub-sector of the Brigade front during the night 25/26th inst. Completion reported without casualties at 12.45 a.m.

PATROLS. (1) 1 Officer and 12 o/r left E.25.d.65.80 at 11.50 p.m. and patrolled North to the river at E.23.a.1.4. thence South to E.26.c.2.0. returning to our line at 1.45 a.m. At E.23.c.2.5. an unoccupied enemy post was discovered with eight or nine packs and equipment in it. These were thoroughly searched and all papers and documents brought away. The post had been occupied by men of the 184th I.R. Patrol then proceeded to where a Hun had been shot the previous night and obtained his shoulder straps, which gave his identity as belonging to the 84th I.R.

(2) 1 N.C.O. and 12 men left E.19.d.3.5. at 11.30 p.m. and patrolled to a depth of 150 yards as far south as the river. The only sign of enemy activity was the flashing of a M.G. at intervals from E.23.a.3.5.

Standing patrols covered the relief of the Right Battalion.

AIRCRAFT. Patrolling and reconnaissance were vigorously carried out by our machines during the day, hitting the air almost to themselves. Bombs were dropped at 12.30 a.m. on MORLANCOURT.

SNIPING. A Hun was shot at K.3.c.3.4.

MACHINE GUNS. 1500 rounds were fired in intermittent bursts at K.3.d.17.5. during the night. Otherwise quiet.

TRENCH MORTARS. 55 rounds 5" Stokes were fired into House at E.20.a.95.30 and trench at E.20.a.95.50, and 50 rounds into enemy posts at E.20.a.1.4. The shooting was reported accurate.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Very quiet during the day. After 10 p.m., in apparent retaliation to our harassing fire, he became active and squares D.20, 22, 23 & 24 were subjected to bursts of 5.9 and 4.2 H.E. at intervals until 2 a.m. Not more than 400 shells fell in our area during the whole period.

Gas shelling - about 50 mixed 4.2 shells in D.30.central. Much more gas fell into the Brigade on our Left, some of it drifting into our area.

AIRCRAFT. Fiveplanes attempted to cross our lines on two occasions between 8 p.m. and 8.50 p.m. but were driven away by our fighting machines.

TRENCH MORTARS. Inactive.

MACHINE GUNS. Except for intermittent bursts at long intervals during the night - inactive.

SNIPING. There is a sniper active at E.26.c.2.4. He is being dealt with.

MOVEMENT. 7.15 p.m. a small party digging in K.15.d. was dispersed by our artillery. Digging is apparently in progress in K.17.a.& b. but the movement could only be faintly seen. There was movement in a trench in E.27.a.60.65. at 3.30 p.m.

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Headquarters,
May 27th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - 5 p.m. 26/5/28 to 8 a.m. 27/5/28.

OUR OPERATIONS.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A prisoner of the 84th I.R., 54th Div. was captured in K.7.c. last night. He stated that his Battalion had been in the line five days, and that there was no rumour of an attack on this front. He gave no other information of value.

RELIEF. The 26th Battalion relieved the 27th Battalion in the Left sub-sector of the Brigade front overnight. Relief reported complete without casualties at 12 midnight.

PATROLS. (1) 1 Officer and 9 other ranks left K.7.b.6.9. at midnight and patrolled North to K.1.b.8.9. Machine Guns were seen firing from K.2.c.25.55. to E.23.c.6.1. but no other enemy activity was seen, and party returned to our lines at 2.50 a.m.

(2) 1 N.C.O. and 8 men left E.19.d.9.6. and moved South at approx. 150 yards from our front line. Owing to the height of the crop the patrol came unexpectedly across an enemy post at E.26.a.2.8. (approx) and were heavily fired on with rifles and hand grenades. Our patrol replied vigorously with bombs, but owing to the proximity of other posts in close support, they did not investigate further. Patrol leader states that this post contained about 8 men.

Two other similar patrols were out, but owing to the extremely bright night they state that they were unable to go far and discovered no enemy movement.

AIRCRAFT. Our machines had the air to themselves again yesterday, and much patrolling was done. At night a number of bombs were dropped on MORLINCOURT.

MACHINE GUNS. 2,250 rounds expended on enemy tracks during the night.

TRENCH MORTARS & SHIPING - nil.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

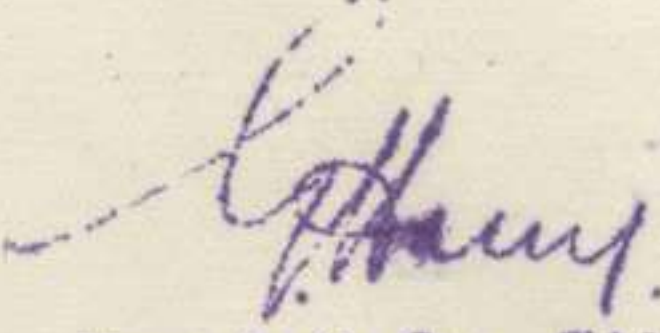
ARTILLERY. Below normal. At 1.50 p.m. J.9.a.& b. was shelled at half-minute intervals with 5.9 and 8.2 H.E. from 150° True Bearing from D.22.c.53.60, and again at 3.40 p.m. 200 shells in all being sent over. At 10.50 p.m. D.50 central received about 50-4.2 Yellow Cross gas shells. Otherwise quiet.

AIRCRAFT. Two planes only were seen over our lines during the day, which were driven away by our A.A. fire whenever they attempted to cross the lines. At 10.45 p.m. enemy planes were heard overhead, and forty bombs were dropped on D.21 - D.22.a.& c., D.24.c.

MACHINE GUNS. Active on A.A. work during the day. Otherwise quiet. Guns were located at K.2.a.1.4, K.2.c.1.8, K.2.c.90.65, K.2.c.9.5., K.2.c.25.55. The last position was successfully engaged during the day with rifle grenades and Lewis Guns.

TRENCH MORTARS & SHIPING - nil.

MOVEMENT. A digging party at K.2.c.2.5. was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. Men singly and in twos were constantly seen on the roads in K.15.b, & d.


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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
May 28th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - 3 p.m. 27/5/18 to 6 a.m. 28/5/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. Visibility very bright.

(1) 1 Officer and 9 other ranks left K.7.b.4.9. at 10.30 p.m. and patrolled northwards, returning to our lines at K.1.b.8.0. at 12.40 a.m. A party could be heard digging at approx. K.2.a.4.2. Otherwise there was no enemy movement to report.

(2) 1 Officer and 3 other ranks left K.1.d.7.4. at 1 a.m. and returned through K.1.b.7.7. at 2.30 a.m. Movement was seen in the enemy post at K.2.c.2.4. and a sniper was active at K.2.c.3.5.

(3) 1 Officer and 12 other ranks left E.26.c.2.2. at 11 p.m. and proceeded to E.26.c.1.7. On crawling forward from this point they were fired upon with rifles from a post at E.26.c.2.7. in which three men were seen, while a fourth man moved to another post on the flank, which was also occupied. Owing to the swampy ground, the patrol leader considered it inadvisable to attack those posts, so proceeded towards the river and returned to our lines.

(4) 2 M.C.Os and 8 men left E.19.d.7.0. at 11 p.m. to locate enemy posts in E.20.c. Patrol moved East for 300 yards and were fired on from enemy post at E.26.a.2.8. to which they replied with bombs, silencing the hostile fire. On moving to a flank to investigate, patrol heard rifle and bomb fire near our wire in rear of them, so they returned to our lines and obtained the assistance of an officer, and moved out again from E.19.d.7.0. to attack the Hun party. Making a flanking movement with the object of surrounding the Hun party, our men were heavily fired upon from the enemy post at E.26.a.2.8. with rifles and bombs. This post contained about 20 men. Three of our men were wounded and forced to return to our lines; seeing this, the enemy jumped from the post and attacked the rear of our patrol, who replied vigorously with bombs with such good effect that the Huns dispersed, several of them hit. On the way back, a M.G. opened fire from approx. E.26.a.3.5. Patrol returned at 2.30 a.m.

AIRCRAFT. Considerable activity throughout the period. Several encounters took place, with the result that at 10 a.m. one Hun plane was shot down in flames in J.5.a. by one of our machines, and another was driven down at 6 p.m. behind his lines. The former plane was completely burnt, and the airmen carried no papers whatever, the maps having been burnt. One of our machines made a forced landing in D.22.c. with the controls shot away. Both airmen are safe and the machine will probably be salvaged.

MACHINE GUNS. 500 rounds were expended on tracks in K.2.d. during the night.

TRENCH MORTARS. The following targets were engaged - Enemy post E.20.b.2.3 - 20 rounds. Enemy post E.20.a.95.30 and E.20.a.93.50 60 rounds. The shooting has been reported as accurate.

SNIPING. Two Huns were shot, one at K.2.a.2.3 and one at K.2.c.1.9.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Much below normal. Our plane which descended in D.22.c. was subjected to intermittent 5.9 H.E. fire, but has not yet been actually hit. D.30.b. and MARETT WOOD were strafed at intervals, but not more than 400 H.E. shells fell in our area throughout the period. Gas shelling was somewhat above normal, about 500 4.2 and 77 1/4 Yellow Cross, di-phosgene, and Blue Cross having fallen in MARETT WOOD, TRENE, and MERRIGOURT, and approx. 40 in D.29.c.

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MACHINE GUNS. See patrol report. Otherwise quiet.

TRENCH MORTARS. Five Minenwerfer bombs fell into our positions in D.19.c. during the night. Battery not located.

MOVEMENT. From 7.30 p.m. until dark about 30 men singly and in twos were seen to enter MORLANCOURT from a S.E. direction. As a relief in our sector was rather expected last night, our artillery took necessary action.

SIGNALS. In reply to our artillery fire the enemy used double RED Flares rather freely, but no apparent action followed.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 1 a.m. phosphorous bombs were dropped on our front line in E.19.d. and at 1.50 a.m. two bombs were dropped into our Supports in E.25.a. Our Left Coy reports that those were dropped by our own planes.

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

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 3 p.m. 28/5/18 to 6 a.m. 29/5/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. Visibility - very bright.

(1-2) Two parties of 1 Off. and 9 other ranks patrolled our right on front from 10.30 p.m. to 2.30 a.m. and returned without encountering any hostile movement.

(3) One off. and 15 other ranks with a L.Gun left 4.26.c.0.2. at 10. p.m. to attack enemy post at E.26.c.1.7. When within 20 yds of this place patrol delivered a salvo of bombs and a burst from the Lewis gun, then rushed the post. It was unoccupied, but there were evidences of recent occupation and it is suspected that he uses alternate posts in this vicinity. After replenishing bombs etc. patrol moved out to investigate post at E.26.c.4.5., and got within 20 yds of it when enemy opened up with rifles, bombs and 3 m.guns from along the road. Owing to the bright night and open country, officer i/c did not consider it advisable to key into this, as he states the posts along the road are strongly held.

(4) 1 Off. and 8 other ranks with a L-gun left 4.25.b.3.8. to find the missing man from our patrol of the previous night. They were unable to do this, so after patrolling the Left Coy front returned to E.19.d.9.5. with nothing to report.

AIRCRAFT. Approx. 30 of our bombing machines crossed over at 5.30 a.m. and dropped bombs on enemy's rear areas. Patrolling was also vigorously carried out during the day.

MACHINE GUNS. Quiet.

FRENCH MORTARS. 30 rounds were fired into enemy machine gun position at K.2.c.1.7. direct hits being registered.

SNIPING. An enemy sniper was shot at approx. K.2.a.4.9. Two other Hun's were shot at K.2.a.2.8. and K.2.c.0.0.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Again below normal. D.23.d. and D.24.c. received the bulk of the 5.9 shelling. The remainder was scattered over the entire area. Not more than 400 shells fell in the forward area during the period. HALLI was subjected to bursts of 5.9 H.E. from 9 p.m. until daylight, about 80 shells having fallen in vicinity of the village.

GAS SHELLING. 1 - 2 am. 150 4.2 and 77. di-phosgene and lachrymatory on D.30.b. 2 - 4 am. 50 4.2 Yellow Cross on MARANT BOOD and vicinity. 10 - 77. in D.27.b. - nature unknown.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy machines in small numbers attempted to cross our lines on three occasions, but were quickly driven back either by our fighting planes or our A.A. fire.

MACHINE GUNS. Fairly active on A.A. work and on our working parties at night, but not very troublesome.

FRENCH MORTARS. Pineapple mortars were located at K.8.c.3.8. and K.8.a.9.8. firing into our positions in K.7.b. and c. These were silenced by our Artillery.

MOVEMENT. Continual movement of men singly and intwos is seen on the high ground N. of MOULAN COURT, but very seldom sufficient to warrant artillery action. Similar movement was seen along the road from BERNAN COURT to MEAULTE, but these men had full packs up.

DEFENCES. An Enemy post is suspected at K.2.a.4.9.

FLARES. Large flares which burst into a golden fan are used by the enemy for illuminating No Mans Land and are very effective.

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

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Headquarters,
May 30th 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE - 3 p.m. 29/5/18 to 6 a.m. 30/5/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

PATROLS. (1) 1 Officer and 9 other ranks left K.7.b.6.9. at 10.50 p.m. and patrolled the Right Battalion front, returning through K.1.b.85.95. at 12.30 a.m. Two M.G. posts were observed to be active, one at K.2.c.1.8. and the other at K.2.a.1.5.

(2) 1 Officer and 9 other ranks left K.7.b.1.2. at 1 a.m. and proceeded down the valley to ards K.8.a. When 200 yards from our line they saw an enemy party digging at approx. K.8.a. 7.9., and then became aware that another enemy party was moving in rear of our patrol. They immediately attacked the enemy with rifle and grenade fire and withdrew to our lines. Patrol leader cannot state whether casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

(3) 1 Officer and 20 other ranks with a L.G. left E.26.c.0.2. at 10 p.m. with the intention of mopping up any enemy encountered. They established themselves at E.26.c.1.7. and waited 1½ hours without seeing any movement, so after patrolling up to the river and back, re-entered our lines at the starting point at 2 a.m.

Other patrols operated along the remainder of our front, but returned with nothing to report.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes constantly crossed over in large formation during the day and at night, evidently on bombing operations. Patrolling was also vigorously carried out and machines were invariably under heavy A.A. fire. Three indecisive scraps took place in the evening without apparent damage to either side.

MACHINE GUNS. 500 rounds expended on A.A. work during the day, and 2,500 rounds on tracks in K.2.c.& d. at night.

TRENCH MORTARS. 155 rounds were expended on enemy front posts and M.G. positions at intervals during the night.

SNIPING. Three Huns were accounted for at posts K.2.a.2.9, and K.2.a.1.5. At the latter place two rifles and a M.G. were observed on the parapet, which were fired on by our snipers, smashing one of the rifles and placing several shots into the M.G.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Shelling was again below normal, the bulk of it falling in Support and Reserve areas. The front line posts were as usual, fortunate in getting only about 20 - 4.2 H.E. during the period. The remainder of the shelling was too light and scattered to be reported on in detail. Gas shelling practically nil.

AIRCRAFT. Continual attempts were made to cross our lines during the day, without success, owing to our machines and A.A. fire. At 1.50 a.m. eight bombs were dropped in D.25.b.

MACHINE GUNS AND TRENCH MORTARS. See patrols. Otherwise quiet.

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SIGNALS. A message in code was intercepted by our Left Battalion, being flashed from rear of MORLANCOURT. Message begins "17 break 053, 578, 291, 281, 671, 757, 387, 670, 594, 809, 672, 814, 814, 799, 804, 750, 962 ends"

MOVEMENT. Several Huns were seen moving in vicinity of VEVIER'S HILL, and parties of twos and threes were seen constantly wandering about the high ground in rear of MORLANCOURT.

DEFENCES. About 50 yards of newly dug trench was seen at K.2.b.4.0. which was partially camouflaged. A new post is suspected at E.14.d.3.1. approx.

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Lieutenant,

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

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 11.

Headquarters,
May 31st 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 3 p.m. 30/5/18 to 6 a.m. 31/5/18.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Fairly active. At 2.35 p.m. a dump was struck at E.28.c.4.8. approx. Much smoke and a series of explosions followed. Counter-preparation work 1.30 a.m. - 5 a.m.

PATROLS. (1) 1 N.C.O. and 12 men left E.26.c.2.1. to protect wiring party. An enemy carrying party at E.26.c.7.1. was dispersed by L.G. fire - several casualties inflicted. Patrol returned at 3.15 a.m.

(2) 1 N.C.O. and 9 men left E.25.b.9.7. at 9.30 p.m. to prevent enemy occupying a night post about 120 yards distant from our lines. Later, 5 Huns approaching were fired upon with good effect. Our patrol drew fire from another hostile post about 50 yards further left. Bombs were thrown into this post. Patrol returned at 11.45 p.m. through E.25.b.9.5.

(3) 1 Officer and 9 other ranks left our lines at 10.30 p.m. from K.7.b.6.4. and returned through K.1.b.3.9. at 1 a.m. Nothing to report.

(4) 1 Officer and 9 other ranks left K.1.b.6.5. at 1 a.m. Working party was observed at approx. K.2.c.4.0. and artillery brought to bear, with good effect.

AIRCRAFT. Generally very active during whole period.

MACHINE GUNS. 4,000 rounds fired on tracks in K.2.a.& d. 2,000 rounds fired on tracks in E.26.d.

TRENCH MORTARS. 40 rounds 3" were fired on K.2.a.1.4. A captured Minenwerfer was emplaced and 49 rounds were fired upon Railway Line K.2.b.5.3. and Gully K.2.b.10.00. 6" Trench Mortars fired 3 rounds on E.26.a.4.3.

MISCELLANEOUS. During past 24 hours the ANCRE (BUIRE) has dropped 3 feet. Water is discolored and muddy.

Rifle Grenades were fired with good effect on M.G. position at K.2.a.1.3.

New earthworks observed at K.3.a.40.15.

Enemy uses Road K.8.d.5.8. - K.8.d.7.4. very frequently.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Comparatively quiet, firing intermittently at targets well in rear of our lines. About 80 shells fell in BUIRE around Battalion H.Q.

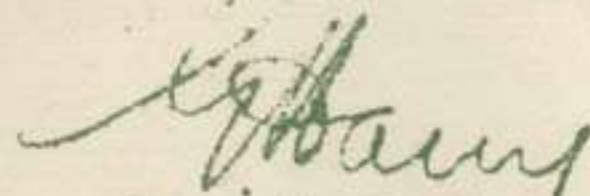
Gas Shells - 20 Yellow Cross and 20 Green Cross and Blue Cross fell in D.23.b. between 3 a.m. - 4 a.m.

AIRCRAFT. Very active between 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Several bombing planes dropped bombs in BUIRE.

MACHINE GUN located at E.19.d.80.95.

MOVEMENT. Very little observed.

SIGNALS. A searchlight on T.B. 190° from O.P. (D.23.c.25.85) showed continuously from 10 p.m. to 2.50 p.m. At 1.25 a.m. enemy heavies shelling G.C.S. ceased when RED flare bursting into two REDS appeared.



Lieutenant,
Fer G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Bdo.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

May 19th 1918.

LIST OF MATERIAL SALVAGED DURING PERIOD 7th to 18th May 1918.

Articles	25th Bn.	26th Bn.	28th Bn.	T.M.B.	TOTALS
Overcoats	4	85	5	-	94
Magazines M.G.	3	-	-	-	3
Shirts	14	-	-	-	14
18 pdr shell cases	3646	141	2200	-	5987
Water Bottles	16	-	2	-	18
" " Carriers	2	-	-	-	2
Braces, Equip.	12	-	2	-	14
Pouches	21	-	-	-	21
Mess Dixies	8	-	1	5	14
" " Lids	6	-	-	-	6
Underpants	25	-	-	-	25
Singlets	3	-	-	-	3
Breeches	4	55	-	-	59
Entrenching Tools	15	-	-	-	15
" " Carriers	3	-	4	-	7
Dial Light Trench Mortar	1	-	-	-	1
Nose Caps & Clips (bags)	9	3	21	-	33 bags
200 Gall. Tank) to be used	1	-	1	1	1
110 " ") at Cooker as	1	-	1	1	1
water reserve					
Road Works	2	-	-	-	2
Jar S.R.D.	1	10	-	-	11
Box Respirators	15	-	5	3	23
Rifles	7	2	25	-	34
Steel Helmets	1	-	9	1	11
Bayonets	6	-	8	-	14
" Scabbards	7	-	8	-	15
Packs	-	-	9	3	12
Horse shoe Nails lbs	6	-	-	-	6 lbs
Boots pairs	2	26	18	1	47 pairs
Sox "	69	-	-	-	69 "
Cardigan Jackets	15	-	-	-	15
Tunics	2	-	-	-	2
Jerkins	1	50	3	4	58
Rope (coils)	2	-	-	-	2 coils
Telephone wire (coils)	1	-	-	-	1 coil
Horse Shoes (pair)	1	-	-	-	1 pair
6" Bolts	6	-	-	-	6
Towels	2	-	-	-	2
Singlets	15	-	-	-	15
Cap Comforters	2	-	-	-	2
Patties (pairs)	2	-	-	1	3 pairs
Gun Boots "	1	-	1	-	2 "
Rifle Sling	1	-	-	-	1
Haversacks	3	-	-	-	3
Telephone	1	-	-	-	1
Lewis Gun Spare Parts	1 box	-	-	-	1 box
Breast Collars	3	-	-	-	3
Breechings	3	-	-	-	3
Collar Pad	1	-	-	-	1
18 pdr shells	-	33	90	-	123
S.A.A.	-	2 box. 1 bg	6 box	600 rds	9 boxes
Bicycle Frames	-	5	-	-	5
4.5 Charges	-	279	-	-	279
Rubber Tubes	-	5	-	-	5
Rubber bags	-	2	-	-	2 bags
Limber Wheel	-	1	-	-	1
Sandbag bag	-	1	-	-	1 bag
Stokes Bombs boxes	-	15	-	-	15 boxes
Underclothing bags	-	11	-	-	11 bags
Barbed Wire coils	-	2	-	-	2 coils

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Articles	20th Br.	20th Br.	20th Br.	T.M.S.	TOTALS
Rifle Covers	-	-	2	-	2
Motor Tube	-	-	1	-	1
Saddle	-	-	1	-	1
Horse shoe Carrier	-	-	1	-	1
Horse Clippers	-	-	1	-	1
Picks	-	-	2	-	2 pair
Shovels	-	-	1	-	1
18 per Gun prints	-	-	6	-	6
Web Equipment sets	2	5	2	-	7 sets
Rifle Wire Cutters	-	-	1	-	1
Empty S.A.A. boxes	-	-	6	-	6
" Bomb "	-	-	13	-	13
Ground Sheet	-	-	1	-	1
Haversacks	-	-	2	-	2
Belts, Web.	-	-	7	-	10
4.5 Charge cases	-	-	640	-	640
Rifle Slings	-	-	3	-	3
4.5 shell cases	-	-	320	-	320
S.A.A. Clips	-	-	-	200	200
P.M. Helmets	-	-	-	2	2
Woollen articles of Clothing	-	-	-	35	35
Cavalry Sword	-	-	-	1	1
Canvas Nosebags	-	-	-	3	3
Tent Mallet	-	-	-	1	1
Fire Extinguisher	-	-	-	1	1



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INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. 17/82
Date 24/5/1918.

Return of Salvage collected and forwarded to 2nd Aust. Div. Salvage Dump for period 18/5/18 to 24/5/1918.

Articles.	25th Bn.	26th Bn.	27th Bn.	28th Bn.	M.G. Coy.	Totals.
Shell cases 18 pdr.	1,089	-	-	-	2,180	3,269
" " 4.5	1	-	-	-	1,980	1,981
Shells, 18 pdr.	-	-	-	-	193	193
Shell clips, 18 pdr.	-	1 bag.	-	-	16 bags.	17 bags.
Empty cartridge cases & clips.	1 S/bag.	-	-	-	-	1 S/bag.
S.A.A.,	1,420	3,000	-	-	500	4,920 rds
" dummy.	-	-	-	-	250	250
Cordite.	-	-	-	-	4 bags.	4 bags.
Ent. tool heads.	2	-	1	-	-	3
" " carriers.	3	-	-	-	5	8
" " helves.	1	-	2	-	2	5
Water bots.	1	1	2	-	6	10
" " carriers.	2	-	-	-	-	2
Pouches.	7	-	1	-	4	12
Haversacks.	3	1	-	-	2	6
Equip. belts.	1	-	-	-	2	3
Lewis Gun Magazines.	1	-	-	-	-	1
Steel helmets.	3	-	2	-	9	14
Cotton Bandoliers.	5	-	-	-	-	5
Web Equip. complete.	7	3	-	-	18	28
Bayonets.	3	2	-	-	11	16
Scabbards.	3	-	-	-	9	12
Box Respirators.	1	-	-	-	3	4
Web. Packs.	3	-	-	-	-	3
Web. Equip. less packs.	-	-	-	-	8	8
Rifles.	14	17	7	-	59	97
L.G. Magazines.	-	-	-	-	-	10
Petrol tins.	16	2	-	-	-	18
Mess tin.	1	-	-	-	-	1
Ent. tools.	10	-	-	-	3	13
Ground sheets.	2	-	-	-	-	2
German steel helmet.	1	-	-	-	-	1
Bomb boxes.	-	17	-	-	-	17
Wire cutters.	-	8	-	-	-	8
Rum Jars.	-	15	-	-	-	15
Lamps.	-	3	-	-	-	3
Oil drums.	-	3	-	-	-	3
Heliograph.	-	1	-	-	-	1
German Trench Mortar.	-	-	1	-	-	1
Flare Pistol.	-	-	1	-	-	1
Plugs.	-	-	15	-	-	15
Empty Plug boxes.	-	-	11	-	-	11
Garden Forks.	9	-	-	-	-	9
Manure Forks.	3	-	-	-	-	3
Cooks Dixies.	-	5	-	-	-	5
do covers.	-	4	-	-	-	4
Brass.	-	1 bag.	-	-	-	1 bag.
General Salvage.	-	26 "	-	-	-	26 bags.
Wire.	-	1	-	-	-	1 coil.
Fire Extinguisher.	-	1	-	-	-	1
Service Saddle.	-	1	-	-	-	1
Rubber.	-	1 bag.	-	-	-	1 bag.
Rubber caps for 4.5 cases.	1 S/bag.	-	-	-	-	1 S/bag
Gal. Iron.	-	-	-	-	25 shts.	25 shts.
Hotchkiss Gun Strips.	-	-	-	-	1 case.	1 case.

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Article.	25th Bn.	26th Bn.	27th Bn.	28th Bn.	M.G. Coy.	Totals.
Underpants.	18	-	-	8	-	26 prs.
Cardigan Jkts.	19	2	-	1	-	22
Flannel shirts.	27	-	1	9	-	37
Singlets.	16	-	-	5	-	21
Towels.	1	-	-	5	-	6
Sox.	20	3	-	-	-	23 prs.
Tunics.	10	-	3	-	-	13
Great coats.	5	20	1	8	4	38
Breeches.	6	-	1	-	-	7
Blankets.	10	-	-	-	-	10
Boots.	4	91	-	-	-	95 prs.
French clothing.	qty.	-	-	-	-	qty.
Putties.	-	2	2	-	-	4 prs.
Leather bags.	-	6	-	-	-	6
Morphia.	-	-	1 pkt.	-	-	1 pkt.
do	-	-	4 tubes.	-	-	4 tubes
Gauze.	-	-	12 rolls.	-	-	12 rolls
Tablets.	-	-	1 bot.	-	-	1 bot.
Ether & Chloroform.	-	-	several bots.	-	-	sev. bots.
Solution chloride.	-	-	1 bot.	-	-	1 bot.
No. 1. Catgut.	-	-	6 tubes.	-	-	6 tubes.
Catgut. (small tubes)	-	-	13 "	-	-	13 "
Silk.	-	-	10 "	-	-	10 "
Surgeon's Rubber glasses.	-	-	1 pr.	-	-	1 pr.
Pyjamas.	-	-	4 bdles.	-	-	4 bdles.

Medical Stores salvaged by 27th Bn. were re-issued to their
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APPENDIX No.13.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.STRENGTH RETURN AS AT 31st May 1918.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>o/ranks.</u>
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	5	66
25th Battalion	45	1066
26th "	57	1046
27th "	49	935
28th "	47	902
7th A.M.G.Coy	16	182
<u>TOTAL</u>	219	4197



APPENDIX 14.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.STATEMENT OF CASUALTIES for MAY 1918.

	<u>Killed.</u>		<u>Wounded.</u>		<u>Missing.</u>	
	<u>Off.</u>	<u>o/r.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>o/r.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>o/r.</u>
25th Battalion	-	4	6	127	-	-
26th "	-	8	3	44	-	1
27th "	-	5	2	27	-	-
28th "	-	7	3	55	-	-
7th A.M.G. Coy	-	-	1	5	-	-
7th A.L.T.M. Battery	-	-	-	-	-	-

<u>TOTAL</u>	-	24	15	258	-	1
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