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APP XXXI

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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BONNAY	1/4/18		<p>Brigade Units located as under. Billets good for men but very little accommodation for Officers:</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>15th Brigade Headquarters</td><td>BONNAY</td></tr> <tr><td>57th Battalion</td><td>CORBIE</td></tr> <tr><td>58th Battalion</td><td>CORBIE</td></tr> <tr><td>59th Battalion</td><td>BONNAY</td></tr> <tr><td>60th Battalion</td><td>BONNAY</td></tr> <tr><td>15th A.L.T.M.B.</td><td>BONNAY</td></tr> </table> <p>Brigade Supply Dump located at PONT NOYELLES. Supplies drawn by 2nd line transport. Ammunition drawn from D.A.C. 3rd Aust. Division LA HOUSOYE which delivers to locations required.</p> <p>A large quantity of Ordnance Stores being salvaged by Units. This material has been left behind by units in hasty retirement.</p> <p>(Casualties - 4 O.R's Wounded)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	15th Brigade Headquarters	BONNAY	57th Battalion	CORBIE	58th Battalion	CORBIE	59th Battalion	BONNAY	60th Battalion	BONNAY	15th A.L.T.M.B.	BONNAY	
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	2/4/18		<p>Extract from A.I.F. Order List No. 314 of 2/4/18:</p> <p><b>COMMANDS AND STAFF</b>  Capt. C.W. LAY, 59th Battalion, (now Staff Captain Trainee), to be Staff Captain, 15th Inf. Bde. vice Capt. H.R. GOLLAN, 54th Bn., to regimental duty. <span style="float: right;">6th March, 1918</span></p> <p><b>STAFF TRAINEES</b>  Capt. H.R. GOLLAN, 54th Bn., is seconded as Brigade Major Trainee, attached 5th Aust. Div., vice Bridgeford." <span style="float: right;">6th March, 1918</span></p> <p>(Casualties - 2 O.R's Wounded)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>aw. Lay. Call.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>aw. Lay. Call.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">APPENDIX 31 395</p>												



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BONNAY Ref. Sheet 62D	3/4/18		<p>Lt.Col.H.T.C.LAYH,D.S.O., 59th Battalion, rejoined Brigade from Training Battalion and took command of 57th Battalion.</p> <p>Lt.Col.Scanlan, C.O.59th Battalion, rejoined Brigade from English Leave.</p> <p>Rations for two Battalions at present holding line along SOMME RIVER are delivered by 1st line transport to Cookers which are located at respective Companies. A quantity of green vegetables and fruit left by the inhabitants of CORBIE have been commandeered and used to augment daily rations of Brigade Units.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Casualties - 2 O.R's Wounded)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	
	4/4/18	5 p.m.	<p>Brigade Headquarters moved from BONNAY to Chateau O.5.C.5-7. Brigade Transport Lines situated along road I.34.D. from Railway to I.34.D.9-0. Supplies drawn from Brigade Supply Dump location of which is still unchanged.</p> <p><del>Attached wires showing Administrative Arrangements issued to Units of Lt.Col.LAYH'S Composite Force.</del></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Casualties - 1 O.R.Killed)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	<p>Appendix</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; text-orientation: mixed;">APPENDIX 31</p> <p style="text-align: right;">396</p>

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CORBIE	5/4/18		<p>As no Police Arrangements exist for dealing with stragglers of British Units a mounted patrol of 1 Officer 12 Other Ranks has been detailed to prevent straggling from front line and to protect civilian property, in Town of CORBIE, left unguarded.</p> <p>One Lewis Gun destroyed by shell fire.</p> <p>Brigade Routine Orders attached as Appendix.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Casualties - 2 Offs. wounded; 5 O.Rs. killed; 30 O.Rs. wounded)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----OOO-----</p>	<p>Appendix II</p> <p><i>Cowley Cal</i></p>
	6/4/18		<p>Administrative Memorandum No.15 issued. Battalions holding the line are being supplied with hot food twice daily, morning and night. Food is cooked at Transport lines and sent forward in hot food boxes by 1st line transport which takes food forward as far as possible and from then on to front line Companies by carrying parties. <i>Weekly Fighting Strength attached as appendix</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Casualties - 1 Off. Killed; 3 Offs. Wounded; 12 O.Rs. killed; 60 O.Rs. wounded; 5 O.Rs. Missing)</p> <p>(2/Lt.P.F.Nicholson, 57th Killed; Lt.A.H.Hedgecock, 2/Lt.S.G.Goodall, 57th &amp; Lt.C.H.Browne 59th wounded inc. in above) -----OOO-----</p>	<p>Appendix III</p> <p><i>Cowley Cal</i></p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; text-orientation: mixed;">APPENDIX</p>
	7/4/18		<p>Condition of front line and support trenches very bad. No trench foot powder available as this is winter issue. Special authority is being obtained to secure this very necessary item.</p> <p>Very little cover exists in trenches at present held. Trench shelters have been indented for and a temporary measure sheets of galvanised iron have been sent forward. <i>Circular Memo No 29 issued</i></p>	<p>Appendix IV</p> <p><i>Cowley Cal</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">31 344</p>



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CORBIE	7/4/18		<p>Circular Memorandum No.28 issued.</p> <p>(Casualties - 2 O.Rs.Killed; 5 O.Rs.Wounded).</p> <p>-----oOo-----</p>	Appendix IV												
	8/4/18		<p>A supply of Trench Foot Powder has come to hand.</p> <p>A site has been selected and a foot washing place has been established in HAMELET. Men from lines report at this point, have feet washed and powdered and obtain clean change of socks.</p> <p>Administrative Memorandum No.16 issued.</p> <p>Brigade Routine Orders attached as Appendix.</p> <p>(Casualties - 5 O.Rs.Wounded)</p> <p>-----oOo-----</p>	Appendix V Appendix VI												
	9/4/18		<p>One Stokes 3" Mortar destroyed by shell fire. On relief by 8th Brigade Units of Brigade moved to billets at following locations: Accommodation fair.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>15th Brigade Hqrs.</td> <td>FOUILLOY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>57th Battalion</td> <td>LA NEUVILLE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>58th Battalion</td> <td>FOUILLOY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>59th Battalion</td> <td>LA NEUVILLE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60th Battalion</td> <td>CORBIE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15th A.L.T.M.B.</td> <td>LA NEUVILLE</td> </tr> </table> <p>Hot tea was provided for all men on arrival in billets. Transport lines of units remained in previous location. Report on Move from DRANOUTRE is attached as Appendix.</p>	15th Brigade Hqrs.	FOUILLOY	57th Battalion	LA NEUVILLE	58th Battalion	FOUILLOY	59th Battalion	LA NEUVILLE	60th Battalion	CORBIE	15th A.L.T.M.B.	LA NEUVILLE	Appendix VII
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	10/4/18		<p>Brigade Units moved from locations occupied on 9th inst. to :+</p> <table> <tr> <td>Brigade Headquarters</td> <td>BLANGY TRONVILLE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>57th Battalion</td> <td>O.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>58th Battalion</td> <td>VACQUEMONT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>59th Battalion</td> <td>BLANGY TRONVILLE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60th Battalion</td> <td>-do-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15th A.L.T.M.B.</td> <td>-do-</td> </tr> </table> <p>Accommodation good for men but officers only fair. All transport parked in open as no shelter is to be occupied by horses or mules which could be used for troops should occasion arise. The following details rejoined Units from Brigade Nucleus Camp:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>57th Battalion 2 Officer</td> <td>25 O.Rs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>58th Battalion</td> <td>24 O.Rs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>59th Battalion</td> <td>80 O.Rs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60th Battalion</td> <td>86 O.Rs.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Following Officers of Brigade awarded MILITARY CROSS for gallantry in raids in MESSINES-</p> <p>WYTSCHAETE Sector:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>Lieut. J.A. FALCONER</td> <td>57th Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" R. MUTER</td> <td>57th Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capt. H.D.G. FERRES</td> <td>58th Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/Lieut. T.A. SLAUGHTER</td> <td>58th Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. H.A.L. BINDER</td> <td>59th Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/Lieut. J.C. MOORE</td> <td>60th Bn.</td> </tr> </table>	Brigade Headquarters	BLANGY TRONVILLE	57th Battalion	O.13	58th Battalion	VACQUEMONT	59th Battalion	BLANGY TRONVILLE	60th Battalion	-do-	15th A.L.T.M.B.	-do-	57th Battalion 2 Officer	25 O.Rs.	58th Battalion	24 O.Rs.	59th Battalion	80 O.Rs.	60th Battalion	86 O.Rs.	Lieut. J.A. FALCONER	57th Bn.	" R. MUTER	57th Bn.	Capt. H.D.G. FERRES	58th Bn.	2/Lieut. T.A. SLAUGHTER	58th Bn.	Lieut. H.A.L. BINDER	59th Bn.	2/Lieut. J.C. MOORE	60th Bn.	<p><i>Cowley Call</i></p> <p>APPENDIX 31 379</p>
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BLANGY TRONVILLE	10/4/18		<p>Brigade Supply Dump moved to BLANGY TRONVILLE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Casualties - 2 Killed, 2 Wounded)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	<i>Cowley Cal</i>
	11/4/18		<p>Supplies for Battalions in outpost line delivered by 1st line transport. Recommendations for Honours and Rewards submitted. Working party of 4 Officers and 400 O.Rs. supplied for cable burying in forward zone.</p> <p>Total Casualties for tour in line - 7 Officers, 158 Other Ranks. (Casualties - Nil.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	Appendix VIII  Appendix IX
	12/4/18		<p>Inspection of mobile echelons of tools, S.A.A. and Grenades made and all deficiencies completed. Working party of 4 Officers 400 Pther Ranks supplied for cable burying in forward zone.</p> <p>Fighting Strength made up to noon 12th April is attached as Appendix.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Casualties - 1 Officer Killed) (E.S.GOWENLOCK Lt. 59th Bn.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	<i>Cowley Cal</i>  Appendix X

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BLANGY- TRONVILLE	April 13th		<p>Battalions engaged on rear line. Brigade echelon of tools sent out to Battalions.</p> <p>Recommendations for Honours and Rewards submitted.</p> <p>Clean clothing supplied to 59th, 60th Battalions and L.F.M.B. No baths available for Units.</p> <p>50 Trench Shelters sent to 59th Battalion on VILLERS-BRETONNEUX Road.</p> <p>Staff Captain visited Supply Dump. Inspection of 1st Line Transport of Brigade made by representative of A.S.C. <i>Daily Strength Return is attached as appendix</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Casualties - 2 O.Rs. Wounded)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	Appendix XI
	14th		<p>1 Complete travelling kitchen received from D.A.D.O.S. to replace one lost by shell fire in CORBIE (59th Bn.) Special orders issued re mobile echelons of tools and collecting same in the event of a hasty move. <i>Brigade Routine Orders Issued</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Casualties - 2 O.Rs. Wounded)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	Appendix XII
	15th		<p>Recommendations submitted for Honours and Rewards. Major G.A. Street marched out to Regimental duty. Capt. H.R. GOLLAN took over duties of Brigade Major temporarily.</p> <p>Following officers rejoined from Nucleus Camp:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lieut. C.H. DAVIS, M.C. 57th Bn. " C.S.A. NOAD, M.C. "</p>	Appendix XIII

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BLANGY- TRONVILLE	April 15th		<p style="text-align: center;">Lieut. J.A. RENA 57th Bn. " R.J.L. KERR " " J.A. FALCONER, M.C. 57th Bn. " J.C. CHRISTIAN 59th Bn. 2/ " G.S. TELFER "</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Casualties - 1 Off. Lieut. R.E. CHANCELLOR, 59th Bn. wounded)</p> <p><i>Brigade Routine Orders Issued</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	<i>Appendix XIII</i>
	16th		<p>Orders re requisitioning of foodstuffs and material left behind by French civilians, received from Division. Railhead moved to AILLY-sur-SOMME.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Casualties - 1 Officer Wounded Capt. W.R. YOUNG, 59th: R.M.O. 1 O.R. killed, 4 O.R. wounded.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	<i>Appendix XIV</i>
	17th		<p>25 Gas Rattles and 30 Ayrton Fans distributed to each Battalion occupying Rear Line. Clean change of clothing provided for 58th Battalion. <i>Brigade Routine Orders Issued</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Casualties - 3 O.Rs. wounded; 1 O.R. killed.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	<i>Appendix XIV</i>
	18th		<p>Staff Captain visited Transport Lines of 57th and 58th Battalions. All transport and horses in good order and condition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Casualties - 17 O.R. Wounded)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	<i>Appendix XIV</i>

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BLANGY-TRONVILLE	April 19th		<p>60th Battalion moved from BLANGY TRONVILLE to Rear Line at 0.13.a. Transport lines of 59th and 60th Battalions moved to N.17.d.6-5. No existing accommodation for horses or men but steps are being taken to provide same. <i>Brigade Routine Orders Issued. Fighting strength is Attached</i></p> <p>(Casualties - 3 O.R. Wounded)</p> <p>-----oOo-----</p>	<p>Appendix <u>XV</u> " <u>XVI</u></p> <p><i>away call</i></p>
	20th		<p>Supply Dump moved from BLANGY-TRONVILLE to DAOURS. 57th Battalion Transport lines moved from AUBIGNY to N.11.d.8.6. 15th L.T.M. Battery moved from BLANGY-TRONVILLE to N.22.D.8.8..</p> <p>Clean change of clothing provided for 57th Battalion. <i>Brigade Routine Orders Issued. Daily Strength Return is attached.</i></p> <p>(Casualties - 1 Off. (Lieut. R. Harrington) wounded; 1 O.R. wounded)</p> <p>-----oOo-----</p>	<p>Appendix <u>XVII</u> " <u>XVIII</u></p>
	21st		<p>Recommendations for Immediate Honours and Awards submitted: Ref. Appendix.</p> <p>CASUALTIES : - NIL.</p> <p>-----oOo-----</p>	<p>Appendix XIX</p> <p><i>away call</i></p> <p>APPENDIX</p> <p>31</p> <p>383</p>



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BLANGY TRONVILLE Sheet 62D N.22.	April,	1918	<p>A recommendation for the undermentioned changes in Commanding Officers forwarded to Division:-</p> <p>(1) Lt.Col.N.MARSHALL, D.S.O., M.C., 60th Battalion to 14th Inf.Brigade as desired by G.O.C.14th Inf.Brigade.</p> <p>(2) Lt.Col.H.T.C.LAYH, D.S.O., (General List), Temporary Commanding 57th Battalion to 60th Battalion to Command vice MARSHALL transferred to 14th Inf.Brigade.</p> <p>(3) Lt.Col.C.A.DENEHY, D.S.O., 58th Battalion, to 57th Battalion and to Command vice Lt.Col.J.C.STEWART, D.S.O., transferred to 14th Inf. Brigade.</p> <p>(4) Major(Hon.Lt.Col.) C.V.WATSON, 58th Battalion, to be Temporary Lt.Col. whilst Commanding 58th Battalion vice Lt.Col.C.A.DENEHY transferred to 57th Battalion.</p>	
			<p>This is consequent upon proposed transfer of Lt.Col.M.Marshall, D.S.O., M.C., at present Commanding 60th Battalion to 14th Inf.Brigade.</p>	
			<p>Proposed that a Brigade School be established near LA NEUVILLE. Site chosen and arrangements made for School to commence on 24th. <i>Brigade Routine Orders Issued</i></p> <p>CASUALTIES:- Wounded 1 O.R.</p>	<p><i>Appendix XXII</i></p> <p><i>Appendix 31</i></p>
	23rd		<p>Details of cooking arrangements, baths, etc. for Brigade School made. <i>Brigade Routine Orders Issued</i></p> <p>CASUALTIES:- Wounded 1 O.R.</p>	<p><i>Appendix XXI</i></p> <p><i>XXII</i></p>
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BLANGY TRONVILLE	April, 1918 24th	4.50 a.m.	Consequent upon orders issued by Brigade Major for Battalions to be prepared to counter-attack immediately, all Battalion echelons of Tools and Ammunition moved from Transport Lines to Battalion Headquarters and be prepared to move forward with Battalions.	
		12 noon	A hot meal consisting of meat, vegetables and tea provided for all troops in anticipation of move forward in early afternoon.	
		5.30 p.m.	A further hot meal provided for all troops going forward to counter-attack and at 8 p.m. just before moving off a drink of hot tea provided. Troops going forward to the attack carried iron ration, dry ration for 25th and water bottles filled. All men were issued with one Bomb apiece and white armbands(improvised) were issued to enable our troops to be distinguished in darkness.	
		8 p.m.	Echelons of Tools and Ammunition moved forward with Battalions to sites selected during the afternoon where dumps were formed, and ammunition limbers immediately returned to N.11. Central where Brigade Refilling Point was established during early afternoon. On refilling limbers returned to Transport Lines.	
			Advice received from 5th Aust.Div. that the appointment of Lt.Col.J.C.Stewart, D.S.O., late C.O. 57th Battalion to be Brig.General and to command 14th Inf.Brigade was approved.	
			Supply waggons after delivering supplies for today returned to Brigade Supply Dump DAOURS and loaded on 24 hours ration, remaining at Dump.	
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BLANGY TRONVILLE	April, 1918 24th	8 pm.	<p>Transport of 15th L.T.M. Battery reported to Brigade T.O. at N.17.D.</p> <p>58th Battalion Transport Lines moved from DAOURS to N.11.A.6-5. Battalion Transport Lines now located as under : -</p> <table> <tr> <td>57th Battalion</td> <td>N.11.C.6-2.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>58th Battalion</td> <td>N.11.A.6-5.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>59th Battalion</td> <td>N.17.C.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60th Battalion</td> <td>N.17.D.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L.T.M.B.</td> <td>N.17.C.</td> </tr> </table> <p>The attached appendix shows administrative arrangements in Sector.</p> <p>CASUALTIES :- Killed - 2/Lieut.R.J.L.KERR, 57th Bn. &amp; 1 O.R.s. Wounded - Lieut.M.J.MEARA, 57th Bn. &amp; 3 O.R.s.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	57th Battalion	N.11.C.6-2.	58th Battalion	N.11.A.6-5.	59th Battalion	N.17.C.	60th Battalion	N.17.D.	L.T.M.B.	N.17.C.	<i>what call</i>
57th Battalion	N.11.C.6-2.													
58th Battalion	N.11.A.6-5.													
59th Battalion	N.17.C.													
60th Battalion	N.17.D.													
L.T.M.B.	N.17.C.													
	25th		<p>Hot pea sent forward to Battalions by 1st line transport, hot boxes being used. In addition following meals provided:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8 p.m. Hot stew, Boiled Meat, Rissoles, Tea, Dry ration, Water.</p> <p>CASUALTIES :- Killed - 11 O.Rs. Wounded - 9 Offs.- 2/Lieut.W.B.CARNEGIE, 2/Lt.C.S.GRICE, 57th Bn.; Lt.A.S.O'BRIEN, Lt.S.R.McDONALD, Capt.E.M.YOUNG, 59th Bn.; Capt.C.H.ROBERTS, Lt.G.B.BOWER, 60th Bn., Lieut.A.O.DAVIES, 15th A.L.T.M.B. Seconded from 59th Bn. &amp; 103 O.Rs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	<i>what call</i>										

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BIANGY TRONVILLE Sheet 62D N.22.	April 26th	1918	<p>The following congratulatory messages were today received by B.G.C. : -</p> <p>TO:- Fourth Army Commander.                      "The Field Marshal wishes you to convey his congratulations to the III Corps Commander and the troops engaged particularly the 13th and 15th Aust.Brigades on the most successful and important operations carried out in the neighbourhood of VILLERS BRETONNEUX."</p> <p>From :- Military Secretary.</p> <p>From General Sir.H.S.RAWLINSON, Bart., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commanding Fourth Army.                      "Please convey to the 15th and 13th Aust.Brigades my congratulations and warm thanks for their brilliantly executed counter-attack against VILLERS BRETONNEUX last night. It was a difficult operation and was carried out with dash and determination which does them the greatest credit.</p> <p>From Lieut.General Sir.R.H.K.BUTLER, K.C.M.G., C.B., Commanding III Army Corps.                      "The determined fighting of yesterday which arrested the enemy's advance, the successful night attack, and the cleaving of VILLERS BRETONNEUX today are achievements of which all ranks may well be proud. Please convey my congratulations to all ranks which took part."</p> <p>From G.O.C., A.I.F.                      General Sir WILLIAM BRIDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., Commanding the Australian Corps, desires the Divisional Commander to convey to all ranks of the 5th Aust.Division who took part in yesterday's and this morning's operations his hearty thanks and deep appreciation of the splendid work done and results achieved.</p> <p>From the G.O.C. 5th Aust.Div.                      The Divisional Commander most heartily thanks and congratulates all ranks on the highly satisfactory results achieved in yesterday's and this morning's operations. The most important night operation carried to such a successful issue by the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade and other units assisting was of a most difficult and trying nature, and only possible by troops of the first order, and reflects very great credit on Brigadier General H.E.ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., and all ranks concerned in the operation.</p>	

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BLANGY TRONVILLE Sheet 62D N.22.	26th April	1918	<p>The G.O.C., A.I.F., has received from the Minister of Defence, Melbourne, the following cablegram, which should be republished in the Orders of all Units of the Brigade : -</p> <p>"Will be glad if following message to troops can be promulgated:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">'Australian people proud of what Field Marshal HAIG says of you. Well done, Australians.'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p>The Army Corps Commander has awarded the Military Medal to the undermentioned Other Ranks : -</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>2756</td> <td>Private</td> <td>A.S.NORMINGTON</td> <td>57th</td> <td>Battalion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2226</td> <td>Private</td> <td>J.S.LOTT</td> <td>57th</td> <td>Battalion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2747</td> <td>Private</td> <td>L.MONK</td> <td>57th</td> <td>Battalion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2283</td> <td>Private</td> <td>M.MURPHY</td> <td>57th</td> <td>Battalion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3380</td> <td>Private</td> <td>W.E.DeFOREST</td> <td>58th</td> <td>Battalion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3645a</td> <td>Private</td> <td>J.STOKES</td> <td>58th</td> <td>Battalion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2874</td> <td>Private</td> <td>W.F.COX</td> <td>58th</td> <td>Battalion</td> </tr> </table> <p>The morale of all troops of Brigade at present moment is as high as possible. All ranks are delighted with success of this counter-attack and the wounded coming back when interviewed say that their only regret is that they are wounded, and so unable to see more of the fight.</p> <p>Arrangements completed for clearing dead from the battle ground.</p> <p>All ration limbers going forward bring back as many captured guns and trophies as possible.</p> <p>Following meals were provided and sent forward in Hot Boxes by 1st Line Transport: -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">3 a.m. Hot tea, Maconachie pies, Rissoles, Porridge, Dry ration, Water.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">6 p.m. Hot tea, hot mashed potatoes, Roast joints, Rum.</p>	2756	Private	A.S.NORMINGTON	57th	Battalion	2226	Private	J.S.LOTT	57th	Battalion	2747	Private	L.MONK	57th	Battalion	2283	Private	M.MURPHY	57th	Battalion	3380	Private	W.E.DeFOREST	58th	Battalion	3645a	Private	J.STOKES	58th	Battalion	2874	Private	W.F.COX	58th	Battalion	
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BLANGY TRONVILLE Sheet 62D N.22.	April 26th		<p>CASUALTIES : - Killed-, 2 Offs, Capt.R.A.MORGAN, Lt.J.A.FALCONER, M.C.(58th Bn.); &amp; 24 O.Rs. Wounded - 5 Offs., Lieut.R.MUTER, since died of wounds, 2/Lt.J.S.COTTON(57th Bn.), Lieut.F.R.JOHNSON(58th Bn.), 2/Lieut.G.Z.TELFER, Lieut.W.E.HAMMOND(59th Bn.), Capt.J.H.ARTER (60th Bn.)</p> <p>N.Y.D. S.I.W.&amp;c.- Lt.T.W.MORROW, Evac.N.Y.D., 4 O.Rs.N.Y.D.</p> <p><i>Fighting Strength is attached</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p> <p>The following is total number of Captured Trophies brought back to date : -</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">13 Heavy Machine Guns. 40 Light Machine Guns. 3 Minenwerfers with carriage. 4 Carriages, base plates and all other parts except barrels.of four Trench mortars.</p> <p>Total number of prisoners who have passed through Div.P.O.W.Cage : -</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">12 Officers. 512 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Not one case of battle straggling has occurred to date.</p> <p>CASUALTIES : - Killed - 4 Offs; Lt.E.S.HOLGATE, Lieut.C.E.BOWEN, Lieut.J.A.SIMPSON, Lt.W.A.BAYLISS 60th Bn. &amp; 17 Other Ranks. Wounded - 7 Offs; Lieut.C.H.GRIFFITH(57th Bn.), Lieut.D.J.O'CONNOR, Capt.S.J.NICHOL, Lieut.C.V.HERON, Lieut.H.WALKER, Lieut.F.W.GRIBBLE, 2/Lieut.H.W.CHAMBERS(60th Bn) &amp; 81 Other Ranks. N.Y.D. - 19</p>	<p>Appendix XXIII Call XXIV <i>Whay</i></p>
	27th			
	28th		<p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p> <p>About 10.30 p.m. a shell which landed on one of the outbuildings of these Headquarters caused</p> <p>5 Casualties - 3 Killed and 2 Wounded.</p>	<p><i>Whay</i></p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">APPENDIX 31</p>

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BLANGY TRONVILLE Sheet 62D N.22.	April 28th	1918	<p>CASUALTIES : - Killed - 11 O.Rs. Wounded - 1 Off. Capt. E.M. Young, 59th Bn. &amp; 52 O.Rs. N.Y.D. - 3 O.Rs. S.I.W. - 1 O.R.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	<p><i>Cowley Call</i></p>
	29th		<p>All men provided with hot bath and clean change of clothing at Divisional Baths, DAOURS.</p> <p>Day spent in reorganising and checking casualties sustained in recent operations. <i>Brigade Routine Orders Issued</i></p> <p>CASUALTIES : - Killed - 19 O.Rs. Wounded - 1 Off. Lt. D.O. Shiells (slight at duty) (59th Bn.), &amp; 6 O.Rs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	<p>Appendix <u>XXV</u></p> <p><i>Cowley Call</i></p>
	30th		<p>All Battalion mobile echelons of Tools and ammunition completed. <i>Brigade Routine Orders Issued</i></p> <p>For Summary of Total Casualties for month see Appendix.</p> <p>2 H.D., 3 L.D. horses received from Remount Depot. All animals of a very poor type.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p> <p>CASUALTIES : - Wounded - 1 O.R. Missing - 5 O.Rs. S.I.W. - 1 O.R.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oOo-----</p>	<p>Appendix <u>XXVI</u></p> <p>Appendix <u>XXVII</u></p> <p><i>Cowley Call</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPENDIX</p> <p style="text-align: center;">31</p>

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by  
 Brigadier General H.E.ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
 5th April 1918

GENERAL STAFF

Nil.

ADMINISTRATION

301. TRANSFERS Approval has been given for transfer of the under-mentioned personnel to the 5th Australian M.G. Battalion. Units will arrange to complete transfers as early as possible.

Battalion attached from.	Reg.No.	Rank.	Name.		Company attached to.
57th Bn.	4945	Pte.	FOOTE	F.E.	15th M.G.Co.
"	3036	"	EASTABROOK	H.T.	" "
"	4645	"	YANDALL	A.C.W.	" "
"	711	"	BOYD	A.	25th M.G.Co.
57th Bn.	3502	"	WILSON	J.	" "
58th Bn.	4529	"	KETTS	H.M.	15th M.G.Co.
"	1748	"	WILLIAMS	T.	" "
"	1765	"	POTTER	E.A.	" "
"	3246	"	BOHAN	P.L.	" "
"	2030	"	WRIGHT	E.W.	" "
"	1726	"	MCCLURE	T.W.	" "
"	3358	"	BUCHAN	J.	25th "
"	2314	"	SCASE	A.A.	" "
59th Bn.	3229	"	BANKS	S.	15th "
"	2597	"	CAMERON	A.	" "
"	523	"	MATHIESON	J.T.	25th "
59th Bn.	3110	"	BURNS	V.S.	" "
60th Bn.	3240	"	TAYLOR	A.W.	15th "
"	1315	"	THWAITES	J.S.	" "
"	2524	"	YARWOOD	P.H.	" "
"	1673	"	MORGAN	A.J.	" "
"	1063	"	THORNBURGH	W.J.	" "
"	1919	"	HANSON	A.J.	" "
"	2451	"	MASON	C.M.	" "
"	2875	"	CHEESMAN	J.J.	25th "
"	3440	"	ROGERSON	A.L.	" "

302. OFFICERS EVACUATED The undermentioned officers were evacuated to England on dates as shown hereunder:-

Lieut. A.O.TUBB	60th Bn.	21-3-18	Invalided.
" N.B.WHITE	57th Bn.	1-4-18	"
" H.J.BOYD	58th Bn.	24-3-18	Wounded.

303. 15th Brigade Nucleus The following officers and other ranks marched in and were taken on strength of 15th Brigade Nucleus on 3-4-18:-

4616	Pte.	WHITELEY	T.A.	57th Bn.	Matured.
3006	"	WHITELEY	L.C.	57th Bn.	-do-
3210	"	McNEIL	A.W.	58th Bn.	-do-
2114	"	CAMERON	E.	58th Bn.	from unit.
2475	"	THOMLINSON	E.E.	59th Bn.	Matured.
5785	L/Cpl.	HOWDEN	T.McA.	59th Bn.	Concert party.
2545	Pte.	McFARLANE	A.G.	60th Bn.	Matured.
233	"	BURKE	E.W.	60th Bn.	-do-
5827	"	BAINES	A.	60th Bn.	Detail.
2705	"	MOYLE	H.	60th Bn.	Concert party.
2230	"	PENGLASE	T.H.	60th Bn.	underescort.
2890	L/Cpl.	FOWLER	F.A.T.	60th Bn.	from unit.
2215	Pte.	MARTIN	J.G.	60th Bn.	from unit.



## Officers marched in

Lieut. C.J. LEVY 57th Bn. ) from Australian Corps School.  
 Lieut. C.G. GRICE 57th Bn. )  
 721 Pte. SINCLAIR D.M. 57th Bn.) Batmen to above officers.  
 736 " MACBRYDE J. 57th Bn.)

MARCHED OUT 3-4-18

Capt. J.L. McDONALD 57th Bn. attached to 5th Div. H.Q. as  
 Liaison Officer Date of departure 29-3-18.  
 Capt. K.G. McDONALD 59th Bn.) rejoined unit 31-3-18.  
 Capt. L.L. HORNBY 59th Bn.)  
 3616 Pte. BASSET E.J. 57th Bn. Batman to Capt. J.L. McDONALD &  
 2795 Pte. JACOBSON J. 59th Bn.) Batmen to Capt. K.G. McDONALD  
 2712 Pte. CRAVEN G. 59th Bn.) and Capt. L.L. HORNBY.  
 38583 Pte. PREVOST C.B. 15th A.L.T.M.B. transferred to  
 6 A.F.S. Date 3-4-18.  
 To Hospital 3153 Pte. KELLY H.G. 2-4-18 58th Bn.  
 2383 " GRIGG A.E. 1-4-18 60th Bn.

304. PASSES - AMIENS No officer under the rank of Lieut. Col.,  
 or man, will be allowed in AMIENS without a pass signed by  
 his Commanding Officer.

305. INOCULATION RETURN Attention is directed to 5th Aust. Div.  
 Routine Order 185. Units will ensure that this return is  
 forwarded so as to reach this office not later than noon  
 25th of each month.

306. EVACUATIONS; ANIMALS The undermentioned animal has been  
 collected by 5th Aust. Mob. Veterinary Section at MARIEUX  
 and evacuated to hospital :-  
 L.D. Bi Mule Nail Prick 58th Bn.

307. M.G. Spares The following letter received from Army Gun Park  
 is republished for information and necessary action:-

"When demanding M.G. Spares to replace it is imperative  
 that some such certificate as shown below be given:-

- (1) "DESTROYED BY SHELL FIRE" - Certified by O.C.
- (2) "TO REPLACE "U" - That the "U" Stores  
 have been returned.
- (3) "ARTICLES CONDEMNED BY SHOPS" - Certificate of I.O.M.  
 and that stores "U" have  
 been returned.

Prior to issue being made off indents they are being scrutinised  
 by the C.I.O.M. who required the above information before  
 approving for issue".

Unless the instructions contained in above are strictly carried  
 out it will be impossible to meet demands with the rapidity so  
 essential at the present time.

C.W. LAY Captain.  
 Staff Capt.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN

April 6th, 1918.

Unit	Actually			In Hospital			Detached			Total Effective Strgth.			Increase	Decrease	Excludes.
	With Unit	Off. O.R.	Ttl	Off. O.R.	Ttl	Off. O.R.	Ttl	Off. O.R.	Ttl	Off. O.R.	Ttl				
15th Bde.H.Q.	7	26	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	26	33			
15th A.L.T.M.B.	3	40	43	-	3	3	1	1	2	4	44	48			
57th Battalion	25	681	706	3	10	13	12	205	217	40	896	936			Casualties 2 Off 46 O.R. 2/Lt.P.F. NICHOLSON & Lt.A.H.HEDGECOCK
58th Battalion	28	674	702	3	12	15	11	200	211	42	886	928			
59th Battalion	33	702	735	3	17	20	11	185	196	47	904	951			Casualties 2 O.R.
60th Battalion	28	712	740	2	2	4	15	168	183	45	882	927			
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>2835</b>	<b>2959</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>3638</b>	<b>3823</b>			

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DETAILS OF DETACHED.

15th Brigade H.Q. Off. O.R.	57th Battalion Off. O.R.	58th Battalion Off. O.R.	59th Battalion Off. O.R.	60th Battalion Off. O.R.
NIL	A.G's Office 1	184th Tun.Coy. 3	A.S.C. 2	A.S.C. 4
	A.S.C. 3	Corps H.Q. 1	A.G's Office 1	A.G's Office 1
	A.W.L. 8	Corps Workshops 2	Corps H.Q. 1	Camp Warden 1
	A.P.M.-Guard 2	A.W.L. 1 3	Corps Compound 1	A.W.L. 7
	Corps Compound 2	Lt. Mackenzie	Absentees 5	Y.M.C.A. 2
	Corps H.Q. 1	A.G's Office 1	Div.Duties 30	Concert Party 3
	Div.Duties 18	Concert Party 2	Leave 10	A.P.M. 4
	Leave 1 48	A.S.C. 2	5th M.G.Bn. 8	Leave 2 10
	Lieut.C.H.Davis	25th M.G.Coy. 2	Schools.-	Capt.Gleeson
	Corps Workshops 4	Div.Duties 23	4th Army Musk. 5	Lt.Richards
	25th M.G.Coy 2	Detention 9	" " Signal 1	2nd Army Musk.Schl. 5
	14th Bde H.Q. 1 2	Leave 2 26	Nucleus 11 120	G.H.Q.L.G.School 1
15th A.L.T.M.B.	Lt.Col.Stewart	Lt.Col.Denehy	G.H.Q.L.G.Sch 1	Div.Duties 1 9
Leave 1 1	Nucleus 10 114	Lieut.Laing		Lieut.W.Davis
Lt.McColl.		Corps School 2 2		Corps H.Q. 1
		Lieut.Stephenson		Detention 2
		Lieut.Robertson		Town Major, Fran-
		Army School 1 6		villers. 1 2
		Capt.Johnstone		Major Cameron.
		G.H.Q.S.A.School 1		Nucleus 11 116
		Capt.Loughnan		
		R.E.Dump 1		
		Nucleus 4 116		
	12 205	11 200	11 185	15 168

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 23

7th April 1918

It has come to notice that a certain unit has secured a quantity of wine and is issuing it as a ration to the troops.

This action is highly irregular, and in any further instance the officer authorising the commandeering of any such supplies, without referring the matter where possible to Brigade Headquarters for sanction, will be chargeable with the full value of articles commandeered.

Such action is highly inconsiderate and may cause serious trouble for the following reasons:-

1. Other units in the Brigade are not so fortunate as to be billeted in a village where such a supply exists and naturally the men will be highly dissatisfied on learning of the better treatment of the favoured unit, and it would become essential to make a general issue throughout the force, which would be highly undesirable.
2. If a Battalion Commander can authorise such commandeering, a Company Commander detached from his Unit for a short time, could also authorise such an issue and so on, until a Private temporarily detached from his Unit, on the same line of reasoning, could justify his looting a liquor store.
3. Such wine is the property, in the main, of poor inhabitants of the country.

Wherever possible there should be kept very careful notes of any article whatever taken in lieu of rations.

4. It is well established that the supply of alcoholic liquor, except the small official ration of rum, tends to lower the vitality of the men in the end, rather than augment it.

All Officers and N.C.O's will therefore take steps to ensure that where they can communicate with higher authority no such action is to be taken without first referring the matter to higher authority and having same authorized.

Further if through failure of communications it is impossible to refer matter at once to higher authority, every officer concerned should ensure that any such issue is made through Coy.Q.M.S. or R.Q.M. and an exact record of quantity, quality, time and place kept.

In every case an immediate report is to be forwarded to Battalion and Brigade Headquarters setting out what justification they had for such highly irregular action.

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Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 14.

Ref. Sheet 82 D

April 8th 1918.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Left Battalion will evacuate from the R.A.P. to the SOMME Canal by 15th Field Ambulance Stretcher bearers, thence by 10th Field Ambulance to A.D.S. BOWNAY. Centre Battalion and Right Battalion will evacuate from R.A.P.'s by Field Ambulance Stretcher bearers to Wagon Loading Post O.S.d.2-3 HAMELET thence by motor ambulance to A.D.S., AUBIGNY to O.S.S. PICQUIGNY. Walking wounded are sent to Collecting Post N.S.d.0.1 MAOURS (15th Field Ambulance).

This cancels all previous Medical Arrangements

STRETCHER COLLECTING STATIONS

Stretcher posts have been established at FOUILLOY Bridge O.S.d.4-7. and AUBIGNY Bridge O.S.d.7-3. Collecting Stations are at BOVIES and at INN, N.S.d.2-5.

PRISONERS OF WAR CARE

The Corps Prisoners of War Cage is at BOVIES.



*C. W. Kay*

Captain.  
Staff Capt.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.





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ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Brigadier General H.M. ELLIOTT, G.M.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
8th April 1918

GENERAL STAFF  
III.  
ADMINISTRATION

S.O.S. The following detail of officers will assemble at  
Brigade Headquarters I.S.O. 4-7 at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 9th  
April 1918, to try by Field General Court Martial the persons

57th Battalion President  
No. 8881 Pte. LEWIS R.V. Lieut. Col. H.T.O. LAYH, D.S.O. 57th Bn.

58th Battalion Members  
No. 3054 Pte. BLANCH G.  
1843 " BAUGHETT J.  
2801 " DARLING R.C. Captain R.A. SALMON, M.C. 57th Bn.  
4773 " DOWLING J. Lieut. R.D. McFARLANE 57th Bn.  
5055 " BROWN P.F.

59th Battalion The accused will be warned and all witnesses  
No. 1550 Pte. SIMMONS J. required to attend.  
3419 " JONES H.

15th Aust. Field Amb. Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade  
No. 3904 Pte. McLENNAN J.A. Headquarters.

*R. Dalrymple* Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.





Headquarters,  
15th Australian Inf. Brigade.  
9th April 1918

Headquarters,  
5th Aust. Division.

In accordance with your Q102/1809 of 24th January hereunder find report on move of this Brigade from DRANOUTRE Area to present Area.

Ref. Sheet 28  
24.3.18.

An order was received from Division about 10 a.m. that 57th and 58th Battalions would move to NEUVE EGLISE Area, to KORTEPYP Camp "B" Block (T.27.b.3-8) and CANTEN CORNER Camp T.31.d.5-6 respectively. 1st Line transport moved with Battalions. Accommodation in both camps very good. The daily rationing arrangements were not affected in any way as move commenced after midday and was completed by 5 p.m.

Orders received at 8 p.m. from Division cancelling move of Brigade Headquarters, 59th and 60th Battalions to NEUVE EGLISE Area and ordering Brigade Group as laid down in Table issued in conjunction with Warning Order issued in Message No. G 2909. to proceed to METEREN AREA on 25th March.

25.3.18.

Brigade Group moved to METEREN AREA by march route. 1st and 2nd line transport accompanying Units.

The 59th Battalion while on march from DRANOUTRE had 5 casualties from shell fire, otherwise move completed without mishap.

Billeting accommodation in METEREN Area good but scattered. Supply Dump at T.20.A.5-8.

Cookers of all Units prepared hot meal while on the line of march. This was served to troops immediately on arrival in new area.

27.3.18.

Brigade Group entrained at CAESTRE detrained at DOULIENS in accordance with Brigade Order No. 195.

Entrainment was carried out before schedule time and without mishap.

All troops, before departure of transport for entraining station were served with hot meal and carried dry ration with them on train.

The train journey was completed and detraining carried out without mishap.

The train conveying 58th Battalion was struck by a shell while outside St. POL Railway Station causing following casualties:-

16 O.R.s.	killed.
8 O.R.s.	wounded.
8 H.D.	killed.

Battalions marched from detraining Station accompanied by 1st and 2nd line transport.

Hot meal was served to all troops immediately on arrival in billets in AGHEUX - LEALVILLERS Area.

*C. Kay Call.*  
Brig. General.  
Commanding 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE HONOURS AND AWARDS

Name and Rank	Unit	Recommended for
WATSON, Charles Vincent Major (Hon. Lieut. Col.)	58th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	Distinguished Service Order
SCHRODER, John Donald Lieutenant	5th Div. Sig. Coy. att. 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	Military Cross
FERRIS, Harold Dunstan Gordon Captain	58th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	Distinguished Service Order
3402 SAYERS, Donald Alfred Corporal	58th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	Victoria Cross
3645 STOKES, John Private	58th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	Military Medal
3380 DeFOREST, William Edward Private	58th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	Military Medal
2974 COX, William Francis Private	58th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	Military Medal
2747 MONK, Leslie Private	57th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	Military Medal
2283 MURPHY Michael Private	57th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	Military Medal
2226 LOTT, John Charles Private	57th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	Military Medal
2756 NORMINGTON, Arthur Stanley Private	57th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	Military Medal





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Schedule No.	Unit	Name & Rank.	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour on Reward	To be left blank
	58th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	Major (Hon.Lt.Col.) Charles Vincent <u>WATSON</u>	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the period from the 29th March to 4th April 1918 this Officer held the line of the SOMME from BOUZENCOURT (exclusive) to VAIRE-sur-SOMME (inclusive) with the 58th Battalion under his command. During this period the energy and skill with which he selected and fortified the position occupied by his troops was most marked. In addition he made most valuable personal reconnaissances of the country South of the SOMME and obtained information which was of priceless value in the subsequent operations. From the 4th April to 9th April his Battalion held VAIRE-sur-SOMME and positions on the South Side of the river. He laboured literally day and night to improve his position and inflict loss on the enemy. It was mainly due to his skill and initiative and to the initiative and energy which his fearless personal example inspired in all under him that we were able to make a series of successive nightly advances and were able finally to reoccupy BOUZENCOURT entirely without loss to ourselves whilst inflicting very severe losses on the enemy. The result of his successful tactics was most marked in the complete ascendancy which his troops obtained over the enemy and the resulting belief in their own invincibility and contempt for the enemy. For this I strongly recommend that he should be selected for special reward.</p>	<p><i>M. S. Watson</i>                      Brig. General.                      Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.</p>	DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER	

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Schedule No.	Unit.	Regt. No.	Rank and Name (Christian Names must be stated)	Action for which recommended.	Recommended by	Honour or Reward
	5th Aust. Divisional Signal Coy. attached 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade Headquarters		Lieutenant John Donald SCHRODER	For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in vicinity of CORBIE and HAMELET during the period 29th March, 1918 to 9th April, 1918 inclusive. The 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade marched into BONNAY on the night 29th/30th March and was instructed to place two Battalions along the river from the Bridge at AUBIGNY inclusive to VAUX SUR SOMME inclusive, retaining two Battalions in reserve and act as Right Flank Guard of the 3rd Army. No telephonic communications existed and very little wire was available. Lieut. SCHRODER after a long night march literally worked night and day upon arrival for nearly 36 hours salving wire and erecting it until every Company and Battalion was in close liaison with the Brigade which also had communication with the Brigade on either flank and with the Cavalry Division. His energy, personality and hard work inspired his men to labor to the point of exhaustion to erect and maintain a system of communication which proved literally invaluable in the subsequent operations. On the afternoon of the 4th April, 1918 the 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade was directed to pass to the South of the SOMME and restore the line broken by the enemy and hold a line from VAIRE SUR SOMME to the Cavalry position near VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Three Battalions were placed on this line and one in reserve. Lieut SCHRODER and his men labored all night again to gain and maintain communications; cable was again very short and odds and ends had to be		

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	5th Aust. Divisional Signal Coy. attached 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade Headquarters		Lieutenant John Donald SCHROEDER.	(2) gathered up - yet notwithstanding all disadvantages, before midnight a complete system of communications with all Battalions and laterally between Battalions and with the Units on either flank was established and maintained thereafter in spite of terrific shelling. Lieut. SCHROEDER, during the worst periods of shelling, was personally out continuously along the line to inspire and encourage his men. I cannot speak too highly of the services and courage of this Officer during the period mentioned. His example had a most inspiring effect not only on his own men but on the Infantry concerned.	Brig. General, 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.	MILITARY CROSS.
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Brig. General,  
15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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	58th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	-	Captain Harold Dunstan Gordon <u>FERRIS</u>	<p>For Conspicuous Gallantry and devotion to duty. On 4th April 1918 when enemy broke through our front line East of HAMEL, Capt. FERRIS was occupying 4 strong points S.E. of VAIRE-SOUS-CORBIE with his company. Although heavily bombarded with enemy shells and his parapets swept with machine guns bullets, Capt. Ferris with the greatest gallantry re-organised the officers and men who were moving back in front of the enemy. He converted his four strong points into a continuous line of fire trench, arranged for the replenishment of S.A.A. and throughout the whole day put up a determined defence. His action saved the situation and prevented the enemy reaching the SOMME CANAL. Again on the 6th April he led a patrol under particularly gallant circumstances into the outskirts of BOUZENCOURT the information obtained making the occupation of that town possible. His devotion to duty, courage &amp; leadership has maintained the morale of his company at the highest pitch.</p> <p>N.B. This officer has previously been mentioned in dispatches, &amp; received the Military Cross <del>for his services</del></p>	<p><i>Thos. Nelson</i></p> <p>Lt. Col. C.O. 58th Battalion.</p> <p>8-4-18</p>	DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER	

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	58th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	3402	Cpl. SAYERS Donald Alfred.	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 5th April, 1918 East of VAIRE-SOUS-CORBIE, Cpl. SAYERS with Ptes. STOKES, DeFOREST, COX and BARRY was detailed to protect the left flank of a Machine Gun Post which had been placed so as to enfilade HAMEL, about 600 yards in front of our position at VAIRE up the Canal towards BOUZINCOURT. They took up a position against a swamp about 200 yards to the left of the gun. They had to give warning to the gun of the approach of any enemy party and cover the retirement of the gun if necessary. About midday they saw a party of about 25 or 30 men appear on their left flank crawling along a bank under cover. Immediately Cpl. SAYERS saw them he sent one man (Pte. BARRY) to warn the gun and ordered two men to stay where they were. With the other man he worked along a ditch and some bushes to the right rear of the enemy and suddenly opened fire upon them. Two men dropped - 1 killed and 1 wounded. The enemy immediately ran back about 30 yards to another bank where the Officer in charge tried to rally them. Without a moments hesitation Cpl. SAYERS and Pte. DeFOREST rushed across to the first bank toward the enemy with bayonets fixed firing as they ran. As they drew near the Officer deliberately fired his automatic pistol at SAYERS but missed and SAYERS shot him dead. As soon as he dropped all the men ran back towards their trenches on the hill dropping a quantity of Machine Gun ammunition, a patent condenser for Machine Gun and some other equipment all of which was captured. SAYERS and his</p>			

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Schedule No.	Unit	Reg. No.	Rank and Name.	Action for which recommended	Recommended by	Honour or reward	To be left blank
	58th Battalion A.I.F.	3402	Cpl. SAYERS Donald Alfred	<p>party kept up rapid fire on the retiring enemy. The following casualties were inflicted - the Officer and 5 Others were killed, and 2 badly wounded were brought in. About 10 or a dozen were evidently hit but managed to escape.</p> <p>Our casualties were nil.</p> <p>The information gained from the killed and wounded was of great value. From one wounded W.O. the enemy's plan of attack on VAIRE was obtained also maps and a diary shewing a record of the German offensive.</p> <p>On the 7.4.18. the same party under Cpl. SAYERS were members of a patrol which penetrated through the low, timbered country along the South side of the Canal and into a farmhouse on the outskirts of BOUZENCOURT.</p> <p>They again showed much courage and dash. On the 8.4.18. this N.C.O. and party were successful in wounding and bringing into Battalion Headquarters a German who was captured by our people in front of BOUZENCOURT in daylight.</p> <p>These dashing exploits have had the most inspiring effect not only on the men concerned but throughout the Brigade all of whom have now the greatest contempt for the enemy and belief in their own invincibility. In addition much valuable information was secured.</p> <p>I consider that the work of Cpl. SAYERS (to whose initiative and to his reckless courage and determination the success was entirely due) is worthy of the highest reward.</p>			

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RECOMMENDATION of Cpl. Donald Alfred SAYERS

No. 3380 Pte. W. G. De FOREST duly sworn states -

I was one of Cpl. SAYER'S party of 1 N. G. O. and four men on 5th April 1918. We had orders to protect the left flank of a M. G. Post East of VAIRE SOUS CORBIE by occupying a post further up the Canal towards BOUZENCOURT. At about midday I saw a party of about 30 of the enemy lining a bank about 200<sup>x</sup> away on our left flank. This party was trying to mount a Machine Gun. Cpl. Sayers ordered us to extend along a drain facing the enemy and to open fire. He also sent Pte. BARRY back to warn the M. G. which we were protecting. We all opened fire and the first burst killed a German N. G. O. and another man. Cpl. Sayers then ordered Pte. COX and STOKES to occupy the enemy whilst Cpl. Sayers and myself moved round to the enemy's right flank. The enemy on our approach retired along the bank which they were manning and Cpl. Sayers and myself opened fire. Ptes. Cox and Stokes then came up and joined us. The Officer in charge of the German party rallied his men and they took up a position and opened fire on us. Cpl. Sayers then gave the order to charge and jumping up we rushed forward firing as we went. The enemy remained until we had killed their Officer and three others. They then ran away taking their M. G. with them. We followed them until we reached their position and from there we continued to fire on them as they retreated wounding or killing several. Cpl. Sayers told us not to go any further as the enemy had mounted a Machine Gun about 300<sup>x</sup> away to our left front. On searching the bank and the enemy position we found 6 enemy dead and two wounded, the enemy M. G. Ammunition and a patent cobling condenser. Two of our Officers then came up and attended to the evacuation of the enemy wounded and the searching of the dead.





RECOMMENDATION of Cpl. Donald Alfred SAYERS

No. 3645 Pte. J. STOKES duly sworn states -

At about midday on the 5th April Cpl. Sayers and four of us were protecting the left flank of a Machine Gun Post, East of VAIRE SOUS CORBIE, by holding a position further up the Canal towards BOUZENCOURT. We saw about 30 German helmets suddenly appear over a small embankment about 200<sup>x</sup> away on our left. Cpl. Sayers ordered us to extend along a drain facing them and to open fire. At the same time he sent Pte. BARRY back to warn the M.G. The first burst of our fire killed an N.G.O. and another of the enemy. Cpl. Sayers then told me and Pte. COX to occupy the enemy whilst he and De Forest moved round to the right flank. On reaching their position which enfiladed the enemy Cpl. Sayers and De Forest opened fire and we then moved up to assist them. By this time the enemy had retired along the bank a short distance and organised by their officer had opened fire on us. Cpl. Sayers then gave the order to charge and jumping up we rushed forward firing as we went. The enemy remained until we had killed the Officer and three others. They then fled and we took up their vacated position and fired on them as they ran. Several were seen to fall but I could not say the exact number. In this position we found the M.G. ammunition and a patent condenser for the M.G. which the enemy had left behind. On searching the bank we found 6 of the enemy dead and two wounded. Two of our officers then came up and attended to the evacuation of the wounded and the establishment of identifications.





RECOMMENDATION of Cpl. Donald Alfred SAYERS

No. 2374 Pte. W. F. COX duly sworn states -

On 5th April 1918 East of VAIRE SOUS CORBIE I was one of the party of 1 N.C.O. (Cpl. Sayers) and 4 Other Ranks. Our orders were to protect the left flank of a Machine Gun Post by holding a position further up the canal towards BOUZENCOURT. About midday a party of 30 of the enemy came up on our left about 200<sup>m</sup> away, lined a bank, and tried to mount a M.G. Cpl. Sayers sent back Pte. Barry to warn the gun and ordered the rest of us to line a bank near by which faced them and to open fire, which we did, killing an N.C.O. and another of the enemy. Cpl. Sayers then told me and Private Stokes to keep firing, whilst he and De Forest moved round to the right flank of the enemy party. When Cpl. Sayers and De Forest reached their position and opened fire the enemy commenced to retire. We also then moved up to that flank. The enemy in the meantime had rallied on a position along the bank further back and organised by their officer opened fire on us. Cpl. Sayers then gave the word to charge and jumping up we rushed forward firing as we went. The enemy remained firing at us until the officer and 3 Others were killed. They then ran away taking their machine gun with them but leaving behind their ammunition and patent machine gun condenser. We occupied the position that the enemy had left and continued to fire on the enemy as they retreated. Several were seen to fall. Two of our officers then came up and attended to the evacuation of the enemy wounded and the searching of the dead for identifications.





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REPORT by Capt. H. D. G. Ferres, 58th Battalion, on an engagement between one of his patrols and a party of the enemy between HAMEL & BOUZENCOURT on the 5th inst.

I wish to bring under your notice the good work done by the following N.C.O. and men of "B" Coy. 58th Battalion during the operations of the past few days:-

No. 3402 Cpl. SAYERS, Donald Alfred.  
No. 3645 Pte. STOKES, John.  
No. 3380 Pte. DeFOREST, William Edward.  
No. 2874 Pte. COX, William Francis.

This party was detailed on the 4/4/18 to protect the left flank of a M.C. position on the extreme left of my defensive line.

On the morning of the 6/4/18 a hostile party consisting (approx.) of 1 Officer, 1 W.O. and 30 men suddenly appeared in the timber immediately in front.

This party, having sighted Cpl. Sayers' party, at once prepared to rush and destroy his post. The enemy commenced to mount his M.C. behind a sunken road. Cpl. Sayers grasping the situation in a cool, collected, manner detailed two men to meet the enemy from the front whilst he and one man crept down a drain and got on the flank of the hostile party.

The small party opened rapid fire into the enemy with the immediate result that 7 were laid low in the first bout.

Under the direction of the officer in charge the hostile party withdrew to a sunken road in such a position that it was impossible for our people to bring effective fire to bear upon him. Cpl. Sayers then ordered his party to charge, whilst advancing with his rifle at the hip he shot the German Officer. The determined nature of the charge was too much for the enemy who broke and fled in disorder followed by our party who continued to inflict casualties until the enemy disappeared into his own trenches over the hill.

Our casualties:- NIL - that of the enemy 8 killed, 2 wounded and brought in to our aid post, 10 others claimed wounded but escaped. All the enemy M.C. ammunition, patent cooler, flares and some equipment was salvaged and brought in by us.

The information gained from the killed and wounded was of great value. From one wounded W.O. the enemy's plan of attack on VAIRE was obtained also maps and a diary showing a record of the German Offensive.

The majority of the enemy were wearing our S.B.R's at the "Alert" some were wearing our clothing and equipment and in their haversacks had our Bully-beef, biscuits and candles.

On the 7-4-18 the party whose names appear above were members of a patrol which penetrated through the low, timbered country along the south side of the CANAL and into the farm house on the outskirts of BOUZENCOURT.

They again showed much courage and dash.





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On the 8-4-18 again this N.C.O. and party were successful in wounding and bringing into Battalion Headquarters a German who was captured by our people in front of SOUZENCOURT in daylight.

I consider the work performed by this N.C.O. and party of the greatest value, much information was obtained from the enemy, his morale was lowered, and that of our own troops decidedly raised.

For leadership, dash and initiative the work of this party in my opinion is of the very highest standard.

8-4-18

S/d H.D.S. FERRIS Capt.  
A/O.C. "B" Coy. 58th Battalion.





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		3645a	Pte. STOKES John				
		2874	Pte. COX William Francis				

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	5th Infantry Battalion I.I.F.	3380	Pte. <u>DeFOREST</u> William Edward	<p>hill dropping a quantity of Machine Gun ammunition, a patent condenser for Machine Gun and some other equipment all of which was captured. SAYERS and his party kept up rapid fire on the retreating enemy. The following casualties were inflicted - the Officer and 5 Others were killed and 2 badly wounded were brought in. About 10 or a dozen others were evidently hit but managed to escape.</p> <p>Our casualties were nil.</p> <p>The information gained from the killed and wounded was of great value. From one wounded W.O. the enemy's plan of attack on VAINES was obtained also maps and a diary showing a record of the German Offensive.</p> <p>On the 7.4.18 the same party under Cpl. SAYERS were members of a patrol which penetrated through the low, timbered country along the South side of the Canal and into a farmhouse on the outskirts of BOUZENCOURT. They again showed much courage and dash. On the 8-4-18 again this H.C.O. and party were successful in wounding and bringing into Battalion Headquarters a German who was captured by our people in front of BOUZENCOURT in daylight.</p> <p>The fine discipline and courage shown by these men in instantly responding to their Corporal's orders in the face of apparently overwhelming odds is in my opinion worthy of reward.</p> <p>These dashing exploits have had the most inspiring effect not only on the men concerned but throughout the Brigade all of whom have now the greatest contempt</p>			
		3645a	Pte. <u>SCORIS</u> JOHN				
		2874	Pte. <u>COX</u> William Francis				

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	57th Infantry Battalion A. I. F.	2747	Private MONK Leslie	WEST of HAMEL on the morning 5th April 1918 during an intense enemy bombardment. 2747 Pte. L. MONK showed the greatest bravery and devotion to duty when acting as stretcher bearer. He assisted in dressing and carrying about twenty stretcher cases to the R.A.P. The whole area in which he worked was in the open and swept by very heavy shell fire. He showed great initiative and courage and his bravery and gallant conduct undoubtedly saved many lives. Pte. MONK's work was of the very highest and his excellent work was specially noticed by the R.M.O.	<i>Ray</i> Lt. Col. Commanding 57th Battalion A.I.F.	M I L I T A R Y M E D A L.	

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Schedule No.	Unit	Reg. No.	Rank & Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	To be left blank
	57th Infantry Battalion A. I. F.	2283	Private <u>MURPHY</u> Michael	WEST of HAMEL on the morning 5th April 1918 during an intense enemy bombardment 2283 Pte. M.MURPHY showed great bravery and devotion to duty when acting as stretcher bearer. He assisted in dressing and carrying about twenty stretcher cases to the R.A.P. The whole area in which he worked was in the open and swept by heavy shell fire. His bravery and gallant conduct undoubtedly saved many lives. The excellent work done by Pte.MURPHY was of the highest and deserves recognition.	<i>A. Gray</i> Lieut-Colonel. Commanding 57th Battalion A. I. F.	MILITARY MEDAL	

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Schedule No.	Unit	Reg. No.	Rank and Name.	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	To be left blank
	57th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	2226	Private <u>LOTT</u> John Charles	WEST of HAMEL on the morning 5th April 1918 during an intense enemy bombardment No 2226 Pte. J.C.LOTT showed great bravery and devotion to duty when acting as stretcher bearer. He assisted in dressing and carrying about twenty stretcher cases to the R.A.P. The whole area in which he worked was in the open and swept by very heavy shell fire. He showed great skill and courage; and his bravery and gallant conduct undoubtedly saved many lives. The work done by this man was of the very highest and deserves special recognition.	<i>Alfayh</i> Lieut.-Col. Commanding 57th Battalion A.I.F.	M I L I T A R Y M E D A L.	
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Schedule No.	Unit	Reg. No.	Rank and Name.	Action for which commended.	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	To be left blank
	57th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	2756	Private <u>NORMINGTON</u> Arthur Stanley	WEST of HAMEL on the morning of 5th April 1918 during an intense enemy bombardment Pte.A.S. NORMINGTON showed great bravery and devotion to duty when acting as stretcher bearer. He assisted in dressing and carrying about twenty stretcher cases to the R.A.P. The whole area in which he worked was in the open and swept by very heavy shell fire. He showed great skill and courage and his bravery and gallant conduct undoubtedly saved many lives. His work deserves special recognition.	<i>Arthur</i> Lieut. Col. Commanding 57th Battalion A.I.F.	MILITARY MEDAL	
Date recommendation passed forward		Received	Passed				
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Corps		/ /	/ /				
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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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CASUALTY RETURNS

Date	A.		B.		C.		D.		
	Killed	Off. O.R.	Wounded	Off. O.R.	Missing	Off. O.R.	S.I.W.&c	Off. O.R.	
1.	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	B.4 O.R. 60th, Shell.
2.	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	B.2 O.R. 57th, Shell.
3.	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	B.1 O.R. 57th; 1 O.R. 58th at duty both shell.
4.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	A.1. O.R. 59th, shell.
5.	-	5	2	30	-	-	-	2	A.1 O.R. TMB.; 4 O.R. 60th B.59th Lt.E.C.Alexander & 2 O.R.; 60th Lt.A.G.Allardyce and 27 O.R.. C.60th 1 O.R. S.I.W. 1 O.R. Accidental.
6.	-1	12	3	60	-	5	-	1	A.2/Lt.P.F.Nicholson & 7 O.R. 57th; 3 O.R. 59th; 2 O.R. 60th B.Lt.A.H.Hedgecock & 2/Lt. S.G.Goodall & 3 O.R. 57th (2/Lt S.G.Goodall & 1 O.R. N.Y.D.); 5 O.R. 58th; Lieut.C.H.Browne & 13 O.R. 59th; 6 O.R. 60th. C.5 O.R. 57th missing, believed killed - after heavy enemy bombardment. D.1 O.R. S.I.W. & 1 O.R. Accidental 59th. Artillery 54, rifle 22.
7.	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	A.2 O.R. 60th. B.1 O.R. 58th; 4 O.R. 60th Artillery fire 4, rifle 3.
8.	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	B.2 O.R. 57th; 1 O.R. 58th; 2 O.R. 60th Artillery fire 4, rifle 1.
9.	-	3	-	22	-	-	-	-	A.3 O.R. 59th. B.59th 2 O.R.; 59th 6 O.R. 60th 13 O.R. (9 gassed); 59th 1 O.R. at duty.
10.	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	2	A.59th Bn. shell 2 O.R. B.57th Bn. 2/Lt.E.S.GOWENLOCK 59th Bn. 2 O.R. shell. D.2 O.R. 58th Bn.
TOTAL		Officers	Killed		Wounded		Missing		
		Other Ranks	1	6	25	132	5		
GRAND TOTAL		Officers	7		O.Rs.		162		



15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

FIGHTING STRENGTH MADE UP TO NOON.

APRIL 12th, 1918.

Unit	A. Strength excluding attached		B. Not present with Unit and not at the disposal of C.O. (included in Col. A.)		A minus B. Available Fighting Strength (including personnel of Battalion Transport and Q.M.'s Stores)	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
57th Battalion	37	899	14	829	23	870
58th Battalion	39	870	13	815	26	855
59th Battalion	44	855	18	170	26	685
60th Battalion	44	823	19	142	25	684
<b>Total</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>5480</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2894.</b>

*Carlaw Col*

Brig. General,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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COLUMN "B" DETAILS.

	57th Bn.		58th Bn.		59th Bn.		60th Bn.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
Sick	2	17	3	17	2	20	3	13
Courses		-	4	8		6		4
Att.Div.H.Q.		22		16		26	1	21
Att. Bde.H.Q.	1	13	1	16	2	15	2	17
Leave	1	44	1	23		7	1	5
T/Duty T.M.Bty.	1	4		6		7		6
Rest Camps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
On Command	1	15	-	33	-	21	-	11
Nucleus	8	114	4	96	12	68	11	65

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Total	14	229	13	215	12	170	12	142
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DAILY STRENGTH RETURN

April 13th, 1918.

Unit	Actually With Unit			In Hospital			Detached			Total Effect. Strgth.			Increase	Decrease	Excludes
	Off.	O.R.	Ttl.	Off.	O.R.	Ttl.	Off.	O.R.	Ttl.	Off.	O.R.	Ttl.			
15th Bde. H.Q.	7	26	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	26	33			
15th A.L.T.M.B.	3	39	42	-	3	3	1	-	1	4	42	46	1 O.R. ex Supy. List.	2 O.R. SOS evac. Div. Area	
57th Battalion	26	699	725	2	15	17	10	185	195	38	899	937			
58th Battalion	28	677	705	3	17	20	9	171	180	40	865	905		3 O.R. evac. Sick 2 O.R. Illegally absent	
59th Battalion	31	711	742	2	23	25	12	125	137	45	859	904	1 O.R. TOS		
60th Battalion	29	715	744	3	10	13	13	103	116	45	828	873	2 O.R. TOS	6 O.R. SOS evac. 1 O.R. wounded	
Total	124	2867	2991	10	68	78	45	584	629	179	3519	3698			

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DETAILS OF DETACHED.

15th Brigade H.Q. Off. O.R.	57th Battalion Off. O.R.	58th Battalion Off. O.R.	59th Battalion Off. O.R.	60th Battalion Off. O.R.
NIL	A.G's Office 1	184th Tun. Coy. 3	A.S.C. 2	A.S.C. 4
	A.S.C. 3	Corps H.Q. 1	A.G's Office 1	A.G's Office 1
	A.W.L. 5	Corps Workshops 2	Corps H.Q. 1	Camp Warden 1
	A.P.M.-Guard 2	A.W.L. 2	Corps Compound 1	A.W.L. 5
	Corps Compound 2	A.G's Office 1	A.W.L. 9	Y.M.C.A. 2
	Corps H.Q. 1	Concert Party 2	5th M.G. Bn. 4	Concert Party 2
	Div. Duties 17	A.S.C. 2	Div. Duties 26	A.P.M. 4
	Leave 34	Div. Duties 24	Leave 6	Leave 1 4
	Corps Workshops 4	Detention 9	4th Army Musk. Sch. 5	Lieut. Richards 4
	14th Brigade H.Q. 1	Leave 1 21	" " Sig. " 1	2nd Army Musk. Sch. 4
	Lt. Col. Stewart	Lt. Col. Denehy	Nucleus 12 69	Div. Duties 1 7
	Nucleus 9 114	Corps School 2 1		Lieut. W. Davis 1
15th A.L.T.M.B.		Lt. Stephenson		Corps H.Q. 1
		Lt. Robertson		Detention 2
Leave 1		Army School 1 6		Nucleus 11 66
Lt. McColl		Capt. Johnstone		
		R.E. Dump- Steenwerck 1		
		G.H.Q. S.A.S. school 1 1		
		Capt. Loughnan		
		Nucleus 4 95		
	10 185	8 171	12 125	13 103

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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by  
Brigadier General H.E.ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
14th April 1918

GENERAL STAFF

309. ENEMY AIRCRAFT On several occasions lately, it has been reported that British aeroplanes, flown by Germans, have reconnoitred our lines and dropped bombs within our area. In order that the Flying Corps may check these reports it is essential that when forwarding reports on similar occurrences in future the exact time and locality, as well as the markings on the fuselage of machines, be included.
310. FRENCH RAILWAY SAPPERS. Officers and men of the French Railway Sappers who are responsible for demolition on the Railways to the EAST of Amiens should be allowed to proceed to and from their work without hindrance.

*D. B. Doyle*  
Captain.  
for A/Brigade Major.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATIVE

311. MOBILE RESERVE OF TOOLS Units of the Brigade who are at present utilizing Mobile Reserve of Tools for work on Rear Line will adopt the following measures, to ensure that in the event of a move at short notice, all echelons move out complete. A convenient site will be selected and on receipt of order to move all tools of echelons will be carried to this site where tool limbers will pick them up. Those Units who have part of Brigade Reserve will adopt the same measures. A G.S. waggon will be detailed to collect Brigade Reserve.
312. HONOURS AND AWARDS Under authority granted by His Majesty the King, the Field Marshal Commander in Chief has awarded the under-mentioned decorations -
- |            | MILITARY         | CROSS                 |
|------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Lieut.     | J.A. FALCONER    | 57th Battalion A.I.F. |
| Lieut.     | R. MUTER         | 57th Battalion A.I.F. |
| Captain    | H.D.G. FERRES    | 58th Battalion A.I.F. |
| 2nd Lieut. | T.A. SLAUGHTER   | 58th Battalion A.I.F. |
| Lieut.     | H.A.L. BINDER    | 59th Battalion A.I.F. |
| 2nd Lieut. | J.C. MOORE, M.M. | 60th Battalion A.I.F. |
- The Army Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders wish their congratulations to be conveyed to the recipients. Their names will be published in the London Gazette in due course.
313. RETURNS The attention of all Units is called to the time returns are due at Brigade Headquarters. As a maximum of time is always allowed, it is absolutely essential that all returns are rendered to time. In certain circumstances this will not always be possible, and if so, a phone message or wire should be sent to Brigade Headquarters stating that return required will be late, and approximate time it may be expected.
314. COURT MARTIALS Every endeavour is to be made to dispose of Court Martial cases as soon as possible. Attention is drawn to A.I.F. Order No. 980 of 23.11.17. Application may be submitted for remission of forfeitures provided accused have been released from arrest and returned to duty without prejudice pending trial.

*A. W. Kay*  
Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



## ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade  
 15th April 1918

GENERAL STAFF

Nil.

ADMINISTRATIVE

315. F.G.C.M. The following detail of Officers will assemble at Brigade Headquarters N.21.a.9.0. the Chateau BLANGY TRONVILLE at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 17th inst. to try by Field General Court Martial the persons named in the margin and such other person or persons as may be brought before it.

57th Battalion

3502 Pte. A. DOBIN

3157 " C. CORNELL

5418 " W. J. McCONNELL

5132 " R. M. McINTOSH

Major. K. M. L. C. Aitchison

57th Bn.

58th Battalion

3113 Pte. J. GRAY

59th Battalion

2320 Pte. F. McRATH

3404 " C. CONQUIT

3419 " H. JAMES

60th Battalion

4005 Pte. I. WILSON

1891 " G. L. MILLEN

PresidentMembers

Captain R. A. SALMON

57th Bn.

Lieut. C. E. BOWEN

60th Bn.

The accused will be warned and witnesses duly required to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

316. TRAINING BATTALION RELIEFS No reliefs between the Units of this Brigade and the Training Battalions will be carried out for the month of May.

*R. A. Salmon*  
 Captain.  
 Staff Capt.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.





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by  
 Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
 17th April 1918

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GENERAL STAFF  
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317. BOMBING OF BACK AREAS: In order to gain information of enemy intentions and to prevent unnecessary casualties to troops and transport it is important that Divisional Headquarters are informed as soon as possible of any information of hostile shelling and bombing of back areas.  
 In future morning and evening reports will contain information regarding hostile shelling and bombing of back areas, particularly of important roads and villages during the preceding 12 hours.  
 All hostile shelling and bombing of back areas will be notified by wire to Brigade Headquarters immediately. In addition while in Divisional Reserve, Units will forward reports to reach Brigade Headquarters at 4 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily containing all information regarding hostile shelling and bombing of back areas particularly of important roads and villages during the preceding 12 hours. Nil reports will be rendered.
318. DUG-OUTS: In all dug-out work the Corps Commander directs that all necessary steps to camouflage the work shall be taken before work starts and kept up until work is completed.
319. GAS: All bombardments with gas shell are to be immediately reported by telephone to Brigade Headquarters. Report to give:-  
 (a) Time and duration.  
 (b) Locality Map.Ref.  
 (c) Number of shells Approximately  
 (d) Kind of Gas used.
320. BRIDGES: In accordance with instructions received from higher authority, the bridges across the SOMME are to be renamed. The following changes in this Divisional area are notified:-  
 "A" Bridge at N.16.c.7.2. to be known as No.16 Pontoon Bridge.  
 "B" Bridge at N.15.c.84 to be known as No.15 Trestle Bridge.  
 "C" Bridge at N.14.d.0.2. to be known as No.14 Steel Bridge.  
 "D" Bridge at N.17.C.7.3. to be known as No.17 Pontoon Bridge.
321. CUSTODY OF ENEMY PRISONERS: Several prisoners have recently boasted that they have succeeded in getting rid of valuable papers such as maps, notebooks, etc., which could have given us information. They said that in going down the trench the sentry (apparently there was only one) often walked in front to show the way - they were able to drop the papers in the mud and stamp them in.  
 It would appear to be advisable that a guard should follow up each batch of prisoners so that watch could be kept to prevent destruction of papers.
322. TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS: In view of the inconvenience caused by telephone lines being engaged for long periods at a time, all telephone conversations must be brief as possible, and must never exceed 10 minutes.

*J. Gallan*  
 Captain.  
 A/Brigade Major.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATION

323. APPRECIATION The following message received by G.O.C. from 1st M.G. Squadron, 1st Cavalry Brigade is republished for communication to all ranks.



ROUTINE ORDERS

Brigadier General H. B. MILLOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade,  
17th April 1918

"We are all very grateful for the great consideration shown  
to both officers and men by all ranks of your Brigade,  
most especially in the matter of reliefs of sentries and  
carrying of ammunition etc. In order to be able to  
After the experience of the 24 hours previous to the arrival  
of your men, it was a real pleasure to fight alongside men  
whom one could rely on.  
We all hope that, in the event of this Squadron being called  
upon for Trench Duty that we shall be able to serve under you."

324. EVACUATIONS - OTHER RANKS: The undermentioned man was evacuated  
to No. 3 A.G.H. from Nucleus Camp on 15.4.18

1871 Pte. KLIMO P., 30th Battalion.

325. EVACUATIONS - OFFICERS: The undermentioned officers were  
evacuated to England on dates shown:-

Lieut. R.H. TRENGOVE 33rd Bn. 1.4.18  
Lieut. G. MCKENZIE " 31.3.18

326. DISCIPLINE Special attention is directed to II Corps No. 11  
G.O. 9019 of 15.4.18 Units will take steps to see that all  
instructions contained therein are strictly adhered to.

327. WEEKLY RETURN OF OFFICERS JOINED AND GONE It has been noticed  
that all instructions reference this return contained in 5th  
Aust. Div. Circular Memorandum No. 45 of 27.8.17 are not being  
complied with. Special attention is directed to para 10. of  
this memo.

328. ORDERS: Special attention is directed to:

- 3792 - Bounds, Abbville.
- 3793 - Rym Issue
- 3794 - Special Winter Clothing.
- 3795 - Scale of Rates.
- 3796 - A.A.M.C. N.O.O. with units.
- 191 - Petrol Tins.

329. PROMOTIONS: 57th Battalion.  
No. 109 L/Sgt. John O'Neil to be C.M.G., S.M.S. (Warrant Officer Class II)  
vice R.S.M. S. FISHER returned to Australia, Dated 2.4.18.

In view of the inconvenience caused  
by the long periods of time, all  
as possible, and must  
never exceed 10 minutes.

*C. W. Hall*  
Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

*[Signature]*  
Captain.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATIVE

328. APPRECIATION The following message received by G.O. 1001 from  
1st Cavalry Brigade is reproduced for  
communication to all ranks.



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by  
Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

19th April 1918

GENERAL STAFF

350. KNOWLEDGE OF GERMAN: Cases have recently occurred in which a slight knowledge of German phrases by sentry groups has led to capture of enemy patrols, and valuable identifications have been obtained.  
All N.C.O's will be instructed in simple German phrases before the Brigade takes over front line again.  
A list of these phrases is contained in General Staff Memorandum 215 issued on 2nd April.

331. DUGOUTS: Dugouts at present being constructed will be supported by mining sets and all ranks are to be warned of this. Spoil will be camouflaged, either with material which will be supplied, or with turf or boughs.  
Movement during daylight in the vicinity of Headquarters and Unit positions will be restricted to an absolute minimum and the necessity for this will be impressed upon the men.

*J. G. Gollan*  
Captain.  
A/Brigade Major.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATION

332. SCALE OF BATMEN: Attention is directed to A.I.F. Order 1189 of 12.4.18. Units will forward return, called for in Para 5, so as to reach this office not later than 6 p.m. 21st inst.

333. SANITATION: Special attention is called to Fourth Army Routine Order No. 1896 of 15.4.18. All Units will take immediate steps to establish adequate sanitary arrangements in Rear Line. Latrines should be suitably constructed in case of heavy shell fire on line.

334. TRENCH MORTARS & MACHINE GUNS: Units will forward return called for in Fourth Army Routine Order 195 para(c) so as to reach this Office not later than 6 p.m. 20th inst.

335. LEWIS GUNS, LOSS OF: In future when units are taking part in active operations all losses of Lewis Guns, by shell fire, or otherwise, will be notified to this office by wire, which should also state whether deficiencies have been indented for on D.A.D.O.S.

336. SPECIALIST APPOINTMENTS In future any changes in Officers holding Specialist Appointments in Battalions will be notified to this Office. Notification should state reason for change and name of officer recommended to fill appointment.

337. NUCLEUS: The following Officers marched in to 15th Brigade Nucleus and were taken on strength:-

57th Battalion  
Lieut. DAVIS A.  
2/Lt. McFARLANE D.  
" TWOMEY F.

58th Battalion  
Lieut. WILLIS A.D.  
" BRONDENELL A.H.  
" SWABY W.R.  
" BROWN J.O.

59th Battalion  
Lieut. STAVELEY W.R.  
" CUZENS L.S.

60th Battalion  
Lieut. WOOLTON S.E.  
" HODGSON J.R.

*C. W. Kay*  
Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



Appendix XVI  
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15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

FIGHTING STRENGTH MADE UP TO NOON.

APRIL 19th, 1918.

Unit	A Strength excluding attached.		B Not present with Unit and not at the disposal of C.O. (Included in Col.A).		A minus B. Available Fighting Strength (including per- sonnel of Battalion Transport & Q.M. Stores).	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
57th Battalion	37	882	9	210	28	672
58th Battalion	37	847	11	215	26	632
59th Battalion	43	803	14	150	29	653
60th Battalion	44	800	15	143	29	657
Total	161	3332	49	718	112	2614

*McAlister Capt*

for Brig. General,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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DETAILS OF COLUMN "B".

	57th Bn.		58th Bn.		59th Bn.		60th Bn.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
Sick	2	6	1	22	2	16	3	13
Courses	-	1	4	8	-	6	-	5
Attached Div.H.Q.	X	22	-	16	-	26	1	20
Attached Bde.H.Q.	1	14	1	16	2	14	2	18
Leave	-	33	1	21	-	-	-	5
T/Duty T.M.Bty.	1	4	-	4	-	6	-	3
Rest Camps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
On Command	1	18	-	33	-	17	-	15
Nucleus	4	112	4	95	10	65	9	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>143</b>



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by

Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

20th April 1918

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GENERAL STAFF

338. BOMBING OF OUR TRENCHES: With reference to the various reports which have been received lately of our machines machine-gunning and bombing our own troops, every effort is being made to trace down each individual case reported and to take the necessary steps to prevent incidents of this description occurring. It would be of great assistance if the following points could be included in the reports rendered by the infantry :-

- (1) Whether the machine is a two-seater or a single-seater.
- (2) The number of the machine and the distinctive marking, (every Squadron has special marks on the fuselage near the National Markings.)
- (3) The type (or brief description) of machine.
- (4) Whether the machine is alone or accompanied by other machines.

This information will be included in all future reports to Brigade Headquarters on this matter.

339. WIRE: 1. The Divisional Commander directs that gaps 15 feet wide be made at once in all lines of wire at intervals of about 500 yards for the passage of Artillery.

2. When the trenches are section posts some distance apart the gaps in the wire to be opposite the intervals between section posts.

3. When interval between trenches is small then the passages must be marked and if the line is continuous the trenches are to be filled in opposite the gaps in the wire and such filled in places marked, so as to be readily seen by Artillery.

340. ANTI-GAS MEASURES: Special attention is directed to III Corps G.O. 8923 dated 12/4/18 on the subject of YELLOW CROSS GAS. Enquiries among platoon commanders shows that this Memo., which left Brigade Office on 17.4.18 has not yet been brought to their notice.

This is a very serious matter and will be rectified at once. Any instructions issued re gas must be communicated to all ranks without delay.

*J. J. Gellan*

Captain.  
 A/Brigade Major.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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341. HANDING OVER RECEIPTS: The greatest care must be taken to obtain receipts for all stores handed over to other units. This particularly applies to Trench Shelters, S.O.S. Signals, Ammunition and Tools.

342. ORDERS: Special Order of the Dye of 11th April 1918 by the Commander-in-Chief, British Armies in France. Special attention is drawn to the above special order republished in Fourth Army Orders of 19th inst. Units will render a certificate, to reach this office, by 6 p.m., 23rd inst., that the contents of Army Commander's minute on abovementioned order have been made known to all officers and other ranks.

*R. J. Williams*

Captain.  
 Staff Capt.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN

April 20th, 1918.

Unit	Actually with Unit.			In Hospital			Detached			Total Effect. Strgth.			Increase	Decrease	Excludes
	Off.	O.R.	Ttl.	Off.	O.R.	Ttl.	Off.	O.R.	Ttl.	Off.	O.R.	Ttl.			
15th Brigade H.Q.	6	25	31	-	-	-	-	1	1	6	26	32			
15th A.L.T.M.B.	4	46	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	46	50			
57th Battalion	31	690	721	2	7	9	7	185	192	40	882	922	1 Off. ex sec'd. wnd. Lt. F. Twomey; 1 Off. ex Cdt. Bn. 2/Lt. D. McFarlane.		
58th Battalion	28	651	679	1	24	25	9	171	180	38	846	884	1 O.R. Casualty		
59th Battalion	32	679	711	2	17	19	12	125	137	46	821	867	On Strength at Nucleus Camp 2 Off 1 O.R. Casualty. 15 O.R.		
60th Battalion	32	678	710	3	15	18	10	111	121	45	804	849	Evac. Div. Area 2 O.R. Committed to prison 1 O.R.		
Total	133	2769	2902	8	63	71	38	593	631	179	3425	3604			

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DETAILS OF DETACHED.

	15th Bde. H.Q. Off. O.R.	57th Battalion Off. O.R.	58th Battalion Off. O.R.	59th Battalion Off. O.R.	60th Battalion Off. O.R.			
1st Battn. (Batman) 1	:A.G's Office 1 :A.S.C. 3 :A.W.L. 11 :A.P.M.-Guard 2 :Corps H.Q. 1 :Corps Workshops 4 :Div.Duties 17 :Leave 23 :14th Bde. H.Q. 1 : Lt.Col.Stewart 1 :G.H.Q.S.A.Schl. 1 :Nucleus 6	121	:184th Tun.Coy 2 :Corps H.Q. 1 :Corps Workshops 2 :A.W.L. 1 :A.G's Office 1 :Concert Party 2 :A.S.C. 2 :Div.Duties 24 :Detention 2 :Leave 1 : Lt.Col.Denehy 1 :Corps School 2 : Lt.Stephenson 1 : Lt.Robertson 1 :Army School 1 : Capt.Johnstone 1 :G.H.Q.S.A.Schl. 1 : Capt.Loughnan 1 :R.E.Dump 1 :Work Parties from 5th A.D.R.W. 9 :Nucleus 4	95	:A.S.C. 2 :A.G's Office 1 :Corps H.Q. 1 :A.W.L. 5 :5th A.M.G.Bn. 4 :Div.Duties 26 :4th Army Musk Sch. 5 :Nucleus 12	81	:A.S.C. 4 :A.G's Office 1 :Camp Warden 1 :A.W.L. 7 :Y.M.C.A. 2 :Concert Party 2 :A.P.M. 4 :Leave 5 :2nd Army Musk.Schl 1 :4th " " " 3 :G.H.Q.L.G.School 1 :Div.Duties 1 : Lt.W.Davis 7 :Corps H.Q. 1 :Corps Rft.Camp 1 :Detention 7 :Nucleus 9	64
15th A.L.T.M.B.								
Nil								
	7	185	9	171	12			
				125	10			
					111			

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Headquarters,  
15th Australian Inf. Brigade.  
21st April 1918

Headquarters,  
5th Aust. Division.  
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1. Forwarded herewith are recommendations from this Brigade for immediate Honours and Awards.
2. Nominal Rolls in duplicate are attached.
3. In compliance with your A59/4943 of 2.3.18., covering Aust. Corps Confidential Memo. dated 1.3.18., I forward hereunder certificate as requested.

Brig. General.  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the particulars in the attached recommendations are correct in every detail regarding number, name, rank, etc.

Brig. General.  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.





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RECOMMENDATION FOR IMMEDIATE HONOURS  
AND AWARDS.

No.	Name and Rank.	Unit.	Recommended for
2432	RYAN, William Francis Private.	59th Infantry Battalion A. I. F.	Distinguished Conduct Medal.





15th Infantry Brigade

5th Australian Division

Australian Corps

20th April 1918

Date of Recommendation. 20/4/18

Schedule No.	Unit.	Reg. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward
	59th Inf. Battalion A.I.F.	2432	Private RYAN, William Francis	For gallantry and devotion to duty at VAIRE SOUS CORBIE near CORBIE. On the 5th April 1918 while carrying a message under considerable Machine Gun Fire he had one eye shot out and was otherwise severely wounded. He delivered the message clearly and correctly, made light of his wounds and refused to be taken away in order not to weaken the party. His conduct at the time and at all times has been such that I consider him one of the most valuable men in this Unit.	C.O. 59th Battalion A.I.F.	
Date recommendation passed forward						
		Received	Passed			
Brigade		21/4/18	21/4/18			
Division		/ /	/ /			
Corps		/ /	/ /			
Army		/ /	/ /			

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by  
Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, G.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

22nd April 1918

GENERAL STAFF

343. ALLIED AEROPLANES: The Army Commander directs that stringent orders be issued that in no circumstances shall machine or Lewis Gun fire from our own troops be directed at aeroplanes bearing allied markings. No single authenticated instance of the enemy flying captured British machines has come to light.

*H. J. Galloway*

Captain.  
A/Brigade Major.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATIVE

344. INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE Ref. D.R.O. No. 199 of 21/4/18.  
A pro-forme of application form is held at this office.  
Copies will be supplied to Units on application.

345. APPOINTMENTS

58th Battalion

Lieut. C.W. SCOTT to be Signalling Officer vice  
Lieut. R.B. McWHANNELL. Dated 6.1.18.  
Lieut. E.A. O'MALLEY, M.C. to be Assistant Adjutant  
vice Lieut. W. PLINTOFF. Dated 20.1.18  
Lieut. L.F. REYNOLDS to be Lewis Gun Officer vice  
Lieut. A. CRONIN, D.C.M. Dated 20.1.18.

346. ORDERS Attention is directed to:

D.R.O. 202 - GRAZING.

347. 15th BRIGADE NUCLEUS The following Officers and Other Ranks marched in to Nucleus and were taken on strength:

Lieut. W.L. GRACH 60th Bn. 5th Div. Wing.

57th Battalion

3586	L/Cpl.	PHILLIPS	J.G.	Reinfts. (Casual Ex France)	
2981	Pte.	SPARKES	J.	"	"
1969	"	SEYMOUR	F.B.	"	"
3605	"	SHRABBOLT	D.	"	"

58th Battalion

4581	Cpl.	HART	T.M.	"	"
2353	Pte.	DARRIEL	E.J.	"	"
3117	"	PYE	E.	"	"
1620	Sgt.	BERRY	J.L.	"	"
1655	Pte.	BATES	R.	"	"
3122	Sgt.	HUMPHREYS	R.	"	"
1769	L/Cpl.	WALTERS	S.G.	"	"
1732	Pte.	McINROY		"	"
1749	"	NICHUS	W.H.	"	"
4822	"	LENNON	R.	"	"
3215	"	O'KEEFE	R.	"	"

59th Battalion

1676	Pte.	MAQUIN	F.J.	"	"
3486	"	WHITE	M.J.	"	"
1833	"	ETHERTON	L.R.	"	"
2231	"	McGILL	A.	"	"
3110b	"	BURNS	B.S.	"	"
3347	"	ATKINS	T.H.	"	"



59th Battalion Cont'd.

2392	Pte.	CRISP	D.R.	Reinfts. (Casual Ex France)
3241	"	RANDALL	P.G.	"
2454	"	POCOCK	G.A.	"
3726	"	DOSDALE	A.	"
2177	"	FULFORD	A.J.	"

The following Other Ranks marched out and are detached from Nucleus Unit.

On escort duty

69	Cpl.	FORD H.A.	} 58th Bn.
4620	Pte	WILSON H.	
5699	Cpl.	REID R.T.	} 59th Bn.
3825	Pte.	McKAY J.A.	
2795	Cpl.	SKINNER N.	} 59th Bn.
3567	Pte.	HALL W.A.	

To 5th Aust.Div.H.Q. Nucleus as Orderly Room Sergeant  
3078 Sgt. MARSHALL R.W. 60th Bn.

To hospital and taken off strength

1319	Pte.	HUNT P.	60th Bn.
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The following Other Ranks marched in from detachment

Escort Duty

345	Sgt.	MOLES A.	60th Bn.
2292	Pte.	MILLER R.	"
5028	"	ALLEN F.J.	57th Bn.
3136	"	EDEBOHLS E.J.	58th Bn.
4741	"	BRAITHWAITE C.	59th Bn.
1225	Cpl.	LEDLIE T.E.	"
2206	Pte.	LEFEVRE J.R.	"

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Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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ROUTINE ORDERS

by  
Brigadier General H.E.ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

23rd April 1918

GENERAL STAFF

348. ANTI-GAS

None of the present shelters occupied by the troops of this Brigade are to be considered gas proof, even if blankets or curtains are hung over the entrances. In the event of any gas shelling at night all troops within 200 yards in any direction of the locality shelled, and all troops within 800 yards to windward are to be aroused and their respirators adjusted.

*[Signature]*

Captain.  
A/Brigade Major.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATIVE

349. F.G.C.M.

The following detail of Officers will assemble at Brigade Headquarters, the Chateau BLANGY-TRONVILLE at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 24th inst. to try by Field General Court Martial the persons named in the margin and such other person or persons as may be brought before it.

57th Battalion  
No. 402 Cpl. SCHMAHL I.  
4168 Pte. PETERSON J.

President

58th Battalion  
No. 1694 Pte. HARRIS R.S. Lieut. Col. H.T.C. LAYH, D.S.O. 57th Bn.

Members

59th Battalion  
No. 3530 Pte. THOMAS W.G.  
3883 " NETHERSOLE G. Captain R.A. SALMON, M.C. 57th Bn.  
2913 " HIGGINS A.T. Lieut. W.S. HAUGHTON Aust. Corps.  
2024 " WARE E.G. Lieut. D.J. O'CONNOR 60th Bn.  
2142 " GREELMAN K.

The accused will be warned and all witnesses duly required to attend.

60th Battalion  
No. 4058 Pte. BAKER E.F.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

15th Aist. F. Amb.  
No. 6923 Pte. WEBSTER L.W.A.

*[Signature]*

Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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by  
Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, G.M.G., D.S.O., D.G.M.  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
23rd April 1918

GENERAL STAFF

350. HOSTILE SHELLING

When reporting hostile shelling units will give the following particulars :-

- (1) Time of hostile shelling,
- (2) The number and calibre of hostile guns or Howitzers firing.
- (3) Locality shelled,
- (4) Nature of fire, e.g. - "salvoes of 3 each 2 minutes", "1 round each 10 minutes",
- (5) Direction from which hostile shelling is coming. When possible this should be given in grid line bearings and the place stated from which the bearing is taken. The nature of bearing will be stated, e.g. - flash or sound.

The Counter Battery office will be kept informed of the continuance or otherwise of hostile shelling reported. The definite time of the cessation of hostile fire is of utmost importance to the Counter Battery.

It must be realised that all hostile shelling must be reported whether it affects a Units own area or not.

*H. P. Gollan*  
Captain.  
A/Brigade Major.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATIVE

351. RETURNS

The weekly return of "Manure dumped at Corps Farm" need no longer be rendered.

352. SUPPLIES

In future supplies will be drawn from Brigade Supply Dump at 8 a.m. daily.

*H. P. Gollan*  
Captain.  
for Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

FIGHTING STRENGTH MADE UP TO NOON.

APRIL 26th, 1918.

Unit	A. Strength excluding attached.		A. Not present with Unit and not at the disposal of the C.O. (included in Col. A)	B. Available Fighting Strength (including personnel of Bn. Transport & Q.M. Store)		A MINUS B.	
	Off.	O.R.		Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
57th Battalion	35	821	13	224	22	597	
58th Battalion	36	790	12	215	24	575	
59th Battalion	43	732	16	197	27	535	
60th Battalion	41	771	13	137	28	634	
Total	155	3114	54	773	101	2341	

*D. B. Doyle Capt*

Brig. General,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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DETAILS OF COLUMN "B".

	57th Bn.		58th Bn.		59th Bn.		60th Bn.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
Sick	2	10	1	24	3	27	3	4
Courses	-	1	4	8	-	5	-	5
Att. Div. H.Q.	1	23	-	15	-	26	1	21
Att. Bde. H.Q.	1	14	2	17	2	13	-	16
Leave	-	22	-	9	-	-	-	5
T/Duty T.M.Bty.	1	4	-	4	-	5	-	3
Rest Camps	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
On Command	2	14	1	34	-	21	1	20
Nu cleus Camp	6	136	4	104	11	100	8	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>137</b>





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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

for

Operations carried out on 24/25th April 1918

Ref. Sheet 62D

26th April 1918

1. SUPPLIES:

Brigade Supply Dump DAOURS.  
All cookers of Battalions at Transport Lines. Food sent forward by 1st Line Transport in Hot Boxes to Battalions.

2. AMMUNITION:

Battalions moved forward with mobile echelons of tools and ammunition.  
These were formed into Battalion Dumps at sites previously selected and ammunition limbers of Battalions returned to Brigade Refilling Point established at N.11. Central thence to Battalion Transport Lines

3. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

R.A.P.'s. situated at : -

- 57th Bn. O.17.C.
- 58th Bn. O.17.C.
- 59th Bn. O.17.C.
- 60th Bn. O.17.C.

Each Battalion was supplied with <sup>6</sup>Extra bearers.

Car Collecting Points : -

- O.17.C.11-9.
- O.13.C.8-6.
- O.26.C.6-3.
- O.25.D.7-3.

All evacuating through Dressing Stations at : -

- AUBIGNY
- DAOURS
- BLANGY-TRONVILLE.

5. PRISONERS OF WAR CAGE:-

O.3.C.1-1.

6. TRANSPORT LINES:

- Brigade H.Q. N.21.A.9-3.
- 57th Battalion N.11.B.4-3.
- 58th Battalion N.11.D.=1-6.
- 59th Battalion N.17.D.4-5.
- 60th Battalion N.17.D.9-0.
- 15th A.L.T.M.B. N.17.D.1-4.

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Captain.  
Staff Capt.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.





## ROUTINE ORDERS

by  
Brigadier General H.E.ELLIOTT, C.M.G. D.S.O. D.C.M.,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

29th April 1918

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GENERAL STAFF

Nil.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

## 353. CONGRATULATORY:

In connection with the operations of 24th/25th April,  
the following messages have been received : -

TO:- Fourth Army Commander.

" The Field Marshal wishes you to convey his congratulations to the III Corps Commander and the troops engaged particularly the 13th and 15th Aust. Brigades on the most successful and important operations carried out in the neighbourhood of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

From :- Military Secretary.

From General Sir H.S. RAWLINSON, Bert., G.O.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G.,  
Commanding Fourth Army.

" Please convey to the 15th and 13th Aust. Brigades my congratulations and warm thanks for their brilliantly executed counter-attack against VILLERS BRETONNEUX last night. It was a difficult operation and was carried out with dash and determination which does them the greatest credit.

From Lieut. General Sir R.H.K. BUTLER, K.C.M.G., C.B., Commanding  
III Army Corps.

" The determined fighting of yesterday which arrested the enemy's advance, the successful night attack, and the clearing of VILLERS BRETONNEUX today are achievements of which all ranks may well be proud. Please convey my congratulations to all ranks which took part."

From G.O.C., A.I.F.

General Sir WILLIAM BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G.,  
C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., Commanding the Australian Corps, desires the Divisional Commander to convey to all ranks of the 5th Aust. Division who took part in yesterday's and this morning's operations his hearty thanks and deep appreciation of the splendid work done and results achieved.

From the G.O.C. 5th Aust. Div.

The Divisional Commander most heartily thanks and congratulates all ranks on the highly satisfactory results achieved in yesterday's and this morning's operations. The most important night operation carried to such a successful issue by the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade and other units assisting was of a most difficult and trying nature, and only possible by troops of the first order, and reflects very great credit on Brigadier-General H.E.ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., and all ranks concerned in the operation.

## 354. HONOURS &amp; AWARDS:

The Army Corps Commander has awarded the Military Medal to the undermentioned Other Ranks:-

2756 Private	A.S. NORMINGTON	57th Battalion.
2226 Private	J.S. LOTT	57th Battalion.
2747 Private	L. MONK	57th Battalion.
2283 Private	M. MURPHY	57th Battalion.
3300 Private	W.E. DeFOREST	58th Battalion.
3645a Private	J. STOKES	58th Battalion.
2874 Private	W.F. COX	58th Battalion.

The Brigade Commander wishes to convey his congratulations to recipients.



355. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HONOURS & AWARDS:

When forwarding recommendations in respect of gallantry shown in rescue, or attempted rescue of wounded, please ensure that the recommendations make quite clear the conditions under which the action was performed i.e. whether the man recommended is a stretcher bearer or whether he was ordered to assist the stretcher bearers.

In this connection see para. 291/4 of Fourth Army "A" Notes.

356. SPECIALISTS: In view of the demands for specialists (signallers, Lewis Gunners, etc.) which are being received by D.A.C., Base, it is pointed out that there are a number of partially trained specialists among the reinforcements at present being sent up. Normally this should be noted in the man's Pay Book (Army Book 64), but there may be cases where this information has been omitted.

The greatest care should therefore be exercised -

- (1) To ensure that the Pay Books for all reinforcements are examined.
- (2) To ascertain from each man whether he has undergone any previous training as a specialist.
- (3) That the training of any man, who is found partially trained, is continued without delay.

357. ANIMALS - EVACUATED:

The undermentioned animal has been evacuated to Hospital by the 5th Aust. Mobile Vetry. Sectn. and should now be struck off strength:

L.D.    B. G.    G.S.Wd.                      57th Bn.

358. EGG GRENADES No. 34:

The report called for in Fourth Army Routine Order No. 1950 of 27th inst. will be rendered by Units so as to reach this Office by 6 p.m. 30th inst.

359. CLEANERS - WIRE & ROD:

The undermentioned stores are available for collection at D.A.D.C.S.

Cleaners, wire, double strand.	5.
" " " single "	4.
Rods, cleaning, .303.	7.

Please render a report stating which, if any, pattern is recommended for adoption, and scale of issue, and in the case of the rods, whether an increase to present scale of 32 per Battn. is recommended.

Report to reach this office by 12 noon 1st May.

360. SALVAGE of S.A.A. FIRED CASES:

A message has been received from Army regarding the urgency of salvaging all S.A.A. and fired S.A.A. cases. This is brought about by the recent, heavy expenditure. Please arrange that every opportunity is taken of returning these cases to Quartermasters' Stores, by returning ration parties, or any other working parties returning from the line. In cases where ammunition is being used for practice purposes, all fired S.A.A. cases must be returned in the original boxes or in sandbags. The Quartermaster will return all fired cases so returned, to the Supply Dump, where they will be handed over to representatives of the Divisional Salvage Coy.

361. ORDERS:

Special attention is directed to:

4th Army Routine Order No. 1944 - Protection	against Bombs.
" " " " No. 1949 - Return of Winter	Clothing.



362. REGIMENTAL FUNDS:

Individual receipts from representative officers of under-mentioned Units for following sums advanced them in respect of "Christmas Cheer are held at Div. Hqrs.

15th Inf. Bdo. H.Q.	£	2.	19.	-
57th Battalion		11.	11.	-
58th "		10.	10.	-
59th "		10.	3.	-
60th "		11.	3.	-
15th A.L.T.M.B.		1.	8.	-
15th Field Amb.		4.	17.	-
29th A.A.S.C.		1.	13.	-
15th Fld. Coy. Engrs.		12.	-	-
15th M.G. Coy.		3.	11.	11.

As these receipts, however, are not sufficient for Auditor to pass amounts so covered, Units concerned will forward any traders receipts which may be held, supporting these amounts, or, failing this, a certificate signed by the C.O., that the amounts in question were expended in the purchase of certain articles and that receipts were not and could not be obtained.

363. APPOINTMENTS:

The following appointments are approved: -

58th Battalion

Lieut. C.A. DEANE to be Intelligence Officer vice Lieut. R.H. HOOPER, M.C. Dated 10.3.18.  
Lieut. V.E. SHIELLS to be Musketry Officer vice Lieut. C.A. DEANE. Dated 10.3.18

60th Battalion

Lieut. C.E. PIZZEY to be Lewis Gun Officer vice Lieut. F.A.S. DOLPHIN. Dated 23.4.18  
Lieut. H. McKINLEY to be Bombing Officer vice Lieut. J.M. THORBURN. Dated 23.4.18.  
Lieut. N. WALKER to be Scout Officer Dated 23.4.18

364. PROMOTIONS:60th Battalion

No. 5213, Sergeant Leslie Robert THURLING to be Company Sergeant-Major (Warrant Officer Class II) vice G.S.M. BENTLEY, Killed in action. Dated 14.4.18.

365. CHLORIDE OF LIME:

Reports having been received that Chloride of Lime had been found to be a useful agent to dissipate gas from positions which had been subjected to a heavy bombardment of gas-shell, and doubts expressed as to whether the use of this substance would have a deleterious effect on guns and ammunition, the following is forwarded for your information -

(1) It is not considered that Chloride of Lime will have any effect on guns or metal components of ammunition provided that it is not left in contact with unprotected metal parts for a longer period than from 2 to 3 hours in a moist atmosphere. In the case of metal protected by paint or varnish there would be little or no action.

(2) As regards cartridges, if the propellant has been in direct contact with the solid Chloride of Lime or has been exposed to the gaseous fumes, the cartridges should be fired off or destroyed as the Chloride of Lime will affect the stability of the explosive.

366. SURVEYORS:

Units will render to reach this office by 12 noon 30th inst., names of any men who are Surveyors and who are prepared to transfer to Field Companies where a number of surveyors are urgently required.

P.T.O.



387. 15th BRIGADE NUCLEUS:

The following Officers and O.Rs. marched in to Nucleus and are taken on Strength:

57th Battalion.

Captain E. CORNEY From Hospital (Base).  
 Lieut. H.J. DICKENSON " " "  
 " A.T. BARTLETT B " "  
 " V.K. SMITH " " "

58th Battalion.

Lieut. E.L. STEPHENSON (Base)  
 Capt. F.D. JOHNSTONE "

60th Battalion.

Lieut. L. GURNER (Base)

57th Battalion.

3513 Pte. FOLEY C.A	From Base.	2166 Pte. GRESTY W.	From Base.
5205 " SPARKES G.T.	" "	1472 " HARTIGAN J.	" "
342 " CAMERON A.	" "	2505 " WILLIAMS C.E.	" "
2037 " FARRINGTON W.	" "	2680 " REDDING A.V.	" "
2205 " HOBBS A.G.	" "	3595 L/Cpl. ROBINSON G.A.	" "
1623 " BOWEN W.H.	" "	2967 Pte. SKINNER J.L.	" "
5077 " CONNELLY J.J.	Duty.	3699 " BOYCE D.H.	" "
2401 " ELLIOTT J.J.	" "	3414 " HOSIE H.	" "
3398 " GRANT C.H.	" "	2809 " TAYLOR C.G.	" "
5103 " HANSFORD P.W.	" "	2764 " DAVIS A.H.	" "
3180 Sgt. JONES H.P.	" "	4798 " DEAN J.L.	" "
3202 Pte. MONKS C.F.	" "	5141 " HAY F.	" "
4942 L/Cpl. SHEPPARD F.M.	" "	4864 " McCLEAN A.J.	" "
2572 Pte. BAGER M.	" "		

58th Battalion

5041 Pte. BURNS T.J.	From Base.	1791 Pte. NOBLE H.	From duty.
2134 " BRADY D.	" "	1697 Pte. ELLIOTT C.C.	" "
5136 " PRITCHARD O.	" "	1188 Cpl. McKAY M.	" "
2277 " MELDRUM H.A.	" "	2244 Pte. PARBERTONE N.S.	" "
3425 " McDONALD H.H.	" "	1643 " FAWCETT J.	" "
3412 " MORAN R.	Duty.	1755 " SMITH W.G.	" "
3491 " BELL C.F.	" "	3403 " KING A.	" "
3375 " CARLYLE A.	" "	4585 " SAMPSON J.	" "
2399 " DAIRDSON J.	" "	1984 " RYAN W.E.	" "
3185 " LEVISTON E.	" "	3432 " McKENZIE W.	" "
2699 " MOORE J.	" "	3659 " WHEELAN H.	" "
1739 " OLLE A.L.	" "	3024 " BLANCK C.	" "
3023 " PENNY E.E.	" "	1632 " BRYNES T.	" "
2388 " COOK S.A.	" "	3413 " MURRAY J.H.	" "
2517 OSM CADDY J.	" "		

59th Battalion

1911 Pte. GARNHILL A.	From Base.	2520 Cpl. STEPHEN F.G.	From Base.
2757 " HOUSE N.L.	" "	944 Pte. SCATTERGOOD G.	" "
2927 " JUMMETT H.	Duty	2325 " HIGGINS W.	" "
3418 " WEBB D.E.	" "	3449 " McCLEARY H.	" "
2638 " PHILLIPS E.V.	" "	3224 " PAYNE W.S.J.	" "
357 " PAYNE S.J.	" "	2263 L/Cpl. SMITHIES E.	" "
5065 " CALERON J.	" "	1913 Pte. ESPIE W.G.	" "
5386 " GOUGE R.E.	" "	2669 " GREGOR W.	" "
2923 " INGRAM A.	" "	2923 " MARTIN W.J.	" "
2661 " FROST O.L.	" "		

60th Battalion.

3482 Pte. SCHLYDER P.E.	From Base.	2566 Pte. GLEN G.L.S.	From Base.
1980 " ROUSE J.H.	Hoep.	2579 " BUCHANAN W.A.	From Hoep.
3185 " REIDMAN S.W.	Duty.	847 " GRIFFITHS G.A.	Duty.
1938 Cpl. MURTAGH J.	" "	2203 " MORGAN J.	" "
4579 Pte. RIELLY A.A.	" "	1718 " RICHARDS F.	Base.
4090 " DUNN A.J.	" "	2016 " FORRESTER J.H.	Duty.
2295 " FEAR S.	" "	2038 " JEWELL N.N.	" "



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The following Officers and Other Ranks marched out.

To Unit:	Capt. J. I. SNOWBALL	57th Bn.	
	Lieut. A. T. B. HUNTZ	"	
	Lieut. M. CAHILL	60th Bn.	
	3656 Pte. WYND A.	57th Bn.	Batman.
	2771 " DeLASTIE C.	"	"
	4527 " HANLYN L. J.	60th Bn.	"

To Australian Corps Gas School.

	Lieut. V. R. SWABY	58th Bn.	
	2819 Cpl. TINKLER	59th Bn.	
	3673 Pte. CHENHALL H. S.	58th Bn.	as Batmen.

To 5th Aust. Div. Reinft. Wing. as Instructors.

	522 Sgt. ABBOTT A.	57th Bn.
	2159 " LAWLER G. A.	60th Bn.

To Hospital.

	2219 Pte. KNIGHT H. J.	57th Bn.
	3268 " STENT J. H.	58th Bn.

*H. G. G. G.* Capt.

Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
.15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Brigadier General H.W. ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

30th April 1918.

GENERAL STAFF

368. LEWIS GUNS:

The four extra Lewis Guns which have recently been issued to Battalions will be distributed to companies.

One gun per company will then be available as a tactical reserve in the hands of the Company Commander, who will increase the number of guns with any Lewis Gun Section according to the needs of the time.

369. PRISONERS' DOCUMENTS:

" An Officer belonging to I.T.M. Section, 107th R.I.R. captured at HANGARD on 14/15th inst. stated under special examination that although the British soldiers had taken a number of papers from him when he was captured he had had time to dispose of the most important document.

" This was a secret code and if the British had found it it would have necessitated an entire change in the German code throughout the Army.

" He had torn it up and stamped it into the mud after being taken prisoner."

All men should be instructed to guard against such an incident occurring with any prisoners they may be escorting.

*D.B. Doyle*  
 Captain.  
 for A/Brigade Major.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATIVE

370. F.G.C.M.:

The following detail of officers will assemble at Brigade Headquarters, the Chateau BLANGY BRONVILLE, at 10 a.m. on Thursday 2nd May to try by F.G.C.M. the persons mentioned

IN THE margin and such other person or persons as may be brought before it:

57th Battalion

No. 4133 Pte. PETERSEN J.

President

58th Battalion

No. 1694 Pte. HARRIS R.S.  
 3238 " BROADHEAD A.S.

Lieut. Col. E.T. LAYE, D.S.O. 60th Bn.

Members

59th Battalion

No. 3530 Pte. THOMAS W.G.  
 3883 " NETHERSOLE C.  
 2913 " HIGGINS A.T.  
 2024 " WARE A.G.  
 2142 " CREELMAN K.  
 336 " FOSTER E.

Capt. R.A. SALMON, M.C. 57th Bn.  
 Lieut. W.S. HAUGHTON Aust. Corps.  
 Lieut. P.J. VEALE 60th Bn.

Accused will be warned and witnesses required to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

60th Battalion

No. 4058 Pte. BAKER E.F.  
 15th Aust. Field Coy.

No. 6928 Pte. WEBSTER L.W.A.  
 9912 " KEATING J.P.

5th Aust. Pioneer Bn.  
 No. 1891 Cpl. KEENE W.

5th Aust. Salvage Co.  
 No. 520 L/Cpl. POWELL W.J.

P.F.O



371. CONGRATULATORY:

The G.O.C., A.I.F., has received from the Minister of Defence, Melbourne, the following cablegram, which should be republished in the Orders of all Units of the Brigade : -

"Will be glad if following message to troops can be promulgated:

"Australian people proud of what Field Marshal HAIG says of you. Well done, Australians."

-Senator PEARCE."

372. ORDERS:

Special attention is directed to : -

- Aust. Corps R.O. 112 - Removal of Wire in Abandoned Areas.
- " " " 114 - Bounds - Horses.
- " " " 117 - Aust. War Museum - Collection of Trophies.
- 5th Aust. Div. R.O. 212 - Dress.
- " " " 213 - Honours and Rewards.
- " " " 214 - Weekly Officers Return.

373. 5th Aust. Div. Reinf. Wing:

The undermentioned Officers have marched in to the 5th Aust. Div. Reinforcement Wing:-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>From.</u>
25-4-18	Lieut. A. T. BARTLETT	57th Bn.	Base.
"	Lieut. H. J. DICKINSON	"	Base.
"	Lieut. W. K. SMITH	"	Base.
"	Capt. E. CORNEY	"	Base.
"	Capt. F. D. JOHNSTONE	58th Bn.	On Command.
"	Lieut. A. ROBERTSON	"	"
"	Lieut. E. L. STEPHENSON	"	"
"	Capt. R. B. GILCHRIST	"	"
"	Lieut. L. GURNER	60th Bn.	Base
28-4-18	Lieut. R. MARXSEN	57th Bn.	"
"	Lieut. E. W. TASKER	58th Bn.	"
"	Lieut. R. DUNKLEY	59th Bn.	"
"	Lieut. D. A. HOOD	60th Bn.	"

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Captain.  
 Staff Capt.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

APPENDIX 31<sup>450</sup>

SUB APPENDIX 27

CASUALTY RETURNS

Date	A Killed Off. O.R.		B Wounded Off. O.R.		C Missing Off. O.R.		D S.I.W. &c. Off.O.R.		Analysis.
1.	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	B.4 O.R. 60th, Shell.
2.	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	B.2 O.R. 57th, Shell.
3.	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	B.1 O.R. 57th; 1 O.R. 58th at duty both shell.
4.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	A.1 O.R. 59th Shell.
5.	-	5	2	30	-	-	-	2	A.1 O.R. T.M.B.; 4 O.R. 60th B.59th Lt.E.C.Alexander & 2 O.R.; 60th Lt.A.G.Allardyce and 27th O.R. C.60th 1 O.R.; S.I.W. 1 O.R. Accidental
6.	1	12	3	60	-	5	-	1	A.2/Lt.P.F.Nicholson & 7 O.R. 57th; 3 O.R. 59th; 2 O.R. 60th. B.Lt.A.H.Hedgecock & 2/Lt. S.G.Goodall & 36 O.R. 57th (2/Lt.S.G.Goodall and 1 O.R. N.Y.D); 5 O.R. 58th; Lieut. C.H.Browne & 13 O.R. 59th; 6 O.R. 60th. C.5 O.R. 57th missing, believed killed - after heavy bombardment. D.1 O.R. S.I.W. & 1 O.R. Accidental 59th Artillery 54, rifle 22.
7.	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	A. 2 O.R. 60th. B.1 O.R. 58th; 4 O.R. 60th Artillery fire 4, rifle 3.
8.	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	B.2 O.R. 57th; 1 O.R. 58th 2 O.R. 60th Artillery fire, 4; rifle 1.
9.	-	3	-	22	-	-	-	-	A.3 O.R. 59th. B.58th 2 O.R.; 59th 6 O.R.. 60th 13 O.R. (9 gassed); 59th 1 O.R. at duty.
10.	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	2	A.59th Bn.shell 2 O.R. B.57th Bn.2/Lt.E.S.Göwenlock 59th Bn. 2 O.R. shell. D.2 O.R. 58th Bn.
11.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	A.1 O.R. 57th shell.
13.	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	B. 1 O.R. 59th; 1 O.R. 60th Both shell.
c/d	1	26	6	134	-	5	-	5	



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Date	A		B		C		D		Analysis
	Killed	Off. O.R.	Wounded	Off. O.R.	Missing	Off. O.R.	S.I.W.&c.	Off. O.R.	
b/d	1	26	6	134	-	5	-	5	
14.	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	B.1 O.R.58th; 1 O.R. 59th:shell
15.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	B.Lt.R.E.CHANCELLOR, 59th wnd14th shell
16.	-	1	1	4	-	-	-	-	A.1 O.R. 59th. B.1 Off. Capt.W.R.YOUNG R.M.O. 15th wounded & 4 O.Rs.
17.	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	A: 1 O.R. 59th Bn. B: 3 O.R. " All shell.
18.	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	1	B:7 O.R.57th gassed; 3 O.R. 58th gassed; 5 O.R. 59th gassed and 2 O.R. shell D: 1 O.R. 59th.
19.	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	B.58th 1 O.R.; 59th Bn. 1 O.R. wnd'd(gas)1 O.R. shell.
20.	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	B.Lieut.Harrington & 1 OR.59th gas.
21.					N I L				
22.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	B.57th Bn. 1 O.R.
23.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	B.60th 1 O.R.
24.	1	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	A:2/Lt.R.J.L.Kerr 57th; 1 O.R.60th B.Lt.M.J.Meara 57th; 2 OR 60th; 1 OR 57
25.	-	11	9	103	-	-	-	-	A:3 O.R.57th; 3 O.R.58th; 3 O.R.60th 2 O.R. 59th. B.57th 2/Lt.W.B.Carnegie, 2/Lt.C.S. GRICE and 24 O.R.; 59th Lt.A.S. O'Brien, Lt.S.R.McDonald, Capt. E.M.Young & 2/Lt.G.S.Telfer (last 2 slight at duty) 46 O.R.; 60th Capt.C.H.Roberts, Lt.G.B.Bower & 13 O.R.; 15th A.L.T.M.B. Lt.A.C. Davies (Sec. from 59th).
26.	2	24	5	120	-	-	1	4	A:59th Capt.R.A.Morgan, Lt.J.A. Falconer M.C. & 6 O.R.; 58th 2 OR. 59th 15 O.R.; 60th 1 O.R. B.57th Lt.R.Muter M.C. (since D.ofW) 2/Lt.J.S.Cotton & 45 O.R.; 58th Lt.F.R.Johnson and 21 O.R.; 59th 2/Lt.G.S.Telfer (s.at duty), Lieut. W.E.Hammond (s. at duty) & 37 O.R. n 60th Bn.Capt.J.H.ARTER and 17 O.R. 60th Lt.R.D.57th Lt.T.W.Morrow NYD 58th Bn.4 O.R..
27.	4	17	7	81	-	-	-	19 NYD	A:57th 4 O.R.; 58th 7 O.R.; 59th 1 O.R.; 60th 4 Off. 5 O.R. Lieut.E.S. Holgate, Lieut.C.E.Bowen, Lieut.J.A. Simpson, Lieut.W.A.Bayliss. B:57th 10 Off. 14 O.R. Lieut.C.H.Griffith; 58th 21 O.R.; 59th 3 O.R.; 60th 6 Off. 42 O.R. Lt.D.J.O'Connor, Lt. C.V.Heron, Capt.S.J.Nichol, Lt.H. Walker, Lieut.W.F.Gribble, 2/Lt.H.W. Chambers; 15th A.L.T.M.B. 1 O.R. D.57th 18 O.R. NYD GAS; 58th 1 OR NYD
28.	-	11	1	52	-	-	-	1 S.I.W. 3 NYD	A.58th 1 O.R.; 59th 2 O.R.; 60th 8 O.R. B.57th 2 O.R.; 58th 7 O.R. 59th 1 Off. Capt.E.M.Young & 7 OR. 60th 36 O.R.. D.57th 1 O.R.S.I.W.; 58th 2 O.R. N.Y.D.; 60th 1 O.R. N.Y.D.
c/d	8	192	32	525	-	5	-	8 S.I.W. 26 N.Y.D.	



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Date	Killed		Wounded		missing		S.I.W.&c.		Analysis
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	
b/d	87	92	32	525	-	5	-	8 S.I.W. 26 N.Y.D.	
29.	-	19	1	6	-	-	-	-	A. 15th BHQ 1 O.R.; 57th 1 O.R. 58th 4 O.R.; 57th 6 O.R. 60th 7 O.R. B. 59th 1 Off.S. at duty Lt. D. O. SHIELDS, 26th inst shell and 2 O.R.; 60th 4 O.R.
30.	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	1 S.I.W.B; 1 O.R.	59th 5 O.R. 60th 1 O.R. 57th B.I.W.

Total Killed      Wounded      missing      S.I.W.      N.Y.D.  
                     8 Offs.        33 Off.                             1 Off.  
                     111 O.Rs.     532 O.Rs.    10 O.Rs.    8 O.Rs.    26 O.Rs.

Grand Total            42 Officers      687 Other Ranks.





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CONFIDENTIAL.

Headquarters,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade,  
30th April, 1918.

APP XXXII 453  
APPENDIX 32

G.O.C.,  
5th Australian Division,

With reference to the attached report and comments thereon by yourself and Officers of your Staff, I desire to most emphatically repudiate any intention whatever of criticising any member of your Staff.

I was certainly unaware that you were responsible for the system. I imagined that it was of general application throughout the British Army and wished to point out that it was unsound.

I have had the very slightest acquaintance with your C.R.E. but Col. PECK, Major WOOTTON and Major MARSDEN are all well known to me, and I can say without hesitation, that I would most certainly, were I to occupy your own position tomorrow, be only too glad to have these Officers on my Staff.

Please reassure all these Officers on this behalf and if anything in the original report would to an impartial judgement bear such a construction I shall be only too pleased to modify its expression in such a way as to make this perfectly clear.

But I would like it made perfectly clear also, that under present orders of General RAWLINSON, there is to be no retirement from our present line. I have accordingly given orders that when their last reserves are thrown in every Battalion Commander and every member of his staff shall be armed with rifles and take their place in the firing line. The personnel of my Headquarters here are also organised in echelon to serve as final reinforcements, and finally, by my orders, myself and Staff Officers, when no other reinforcements are forthcoming from Division, proceed to the firing line to fight, (as I hope) to the end. This has been fully explained to Battalion Commanders and naturally they and myself are keenly alert that in no circumstances is a "leak" left to develop in this line which may be thus desperately defended.

That must be my justification for my interference in the matter. Otherwise I had been perfectly content to rest in ease in my Headquarters and turn my Brigade into a Fatigue Party.

My criticism was directed purely against the system (as such) however sanctified by use or custom in the army. The fact that VAUBAN or TODLEBEN may have been great tacticians and Generals as well as great engineers certainly does not prove that every engineer, even of the rank of C.R.E., must necessarily be a great tactician or have the time to site correctly in a very limited time an unlimited number of lines. My instance of Lieut. Col. PRITCHARD in EGYPT was merely to give point to this observation. On the other hand, every Infantry Brigadier, unless there has been gross favoritism in his promotion, must necessarily have a fair knowledge at least of tactics, and he can reasonably be held responsible for at least one of the systems of defence. The fact that the present C.R.E. may be, and probably is, the equal or the superior of any Australian Brigadier is beside the point, and entirely outside the scope of the criticism on that point. There are, at the present time, undergoing construction in the Divisional Area, at least 5 or 6 entirely separate and distinct lines of fortification. It would, in my opinion, take the utmost skill of the Angel Michael, let alone that of an ordinary mortal man, whether C.R.E. or C. in C., to oversee the simultaneous construction of all these lines in detail.

So much for the general question of responsibility.

As for details:

- (a) In regard to comments of the C.R.E. or complaint (1).

With all respect I beg to differ very materially and emphatically. The object of tactical wiring is to delay the enemy under machine gun fire. It is sufficiently obvious that the bullets go in a direct line and if there is a kink then one portion of the wire or another must at intervals be free from fire. Therefore, if an attack be made in mist or darkness it may thus be possible for a portion of the enemy to cut the wire without interference from the machine guns. If on further consideration you are of opinion that the reasons mentioned by the C.R.E., which I admit, are sound in themselves, outweigh the reasons I have mentioned,



I am perfectly agreeable to modify my views in accordance with your directions, but, in that case, I would certainly like to have my views recorded as of possible future interest, should the enemy get through at the spots referred to.

Re reply to complaint (2):

I would not like to directly contradict this statement but the plan of the wire and Machine Gun Posts as they exist - and this plan was prepared by the 8th Field Coy. Engineers - certainly suggests this possibility to me.

Re reply to complaint (3)

I will only remark that the siting of Machine Guns in the main trench line is contrary to all the teaching of the recent books on the subject and for the reason that the enemy naturally puts a heavy barrage on the main trench line and an extra special barrage on forward traverses and other spots that look likely to hold Machine Guns. Thus I could expect in defending this line to have the majority of the guns knocked out before the Infantry attack develops. The further reply that such positions were selected in conjunction with the Divisional Machine Gun Officer, Battalion Commanders and Brigade Major only goes to prove the correctness of my original proposition for, when I pointed out to my Brigade Major and Battalion Commanders that they were obvious defects in the siting according to the book and in the light of reason, they all with "one accord began to make excuse" It was the "C.R.E. and the Divisional Machine Gun Officer" that thou gavest us that led us astray.

My power of criticism was thus short circuited and the difficulties of the present system brought home to me. It is the hopelessness of making any one at all responsible for any error that forced from me the criticism that its very continuance "appears to me to be courting disaster".

Re complaint 4:

I regret that by an undetected typographical error the word "West" was substituted for the word "East" in my report. Consequently I have nothing to say to this reply. My original criticism was directed to the "amended" line East or rather South of the village.

In regard to the remark that this latter line was sited in consultation with the Brigade Major and Battalion Commanders on the spot I can only say that when I criticised them for certain defects they put it on the C.R.E. and pointed out to me the paragraph in your orders which said he alone was responsible for siting the line and that they had to follow his direction, although they admitted he had consulted them.

Regarding complaint 5.

I have nothing further to add.

Regarding complaint 6.

I have nothing further to add to my previous comments. I would say that I am by no means sure that the reply of the C.R.E. does dispose of my difficulties in this matter. Judging by what has happened on occasions in the past, even the few minutes required for its destruction might not be available at the critical moment. The fact that construction of a bridge in a place which could not be criticised would cause additional labor is beside the point. If it was absolutely impossible to construct a bridge in a less exposed place, then, I submit, I should at once have been requested to place a special permanent guard to protect it.

I don't think that the remark of the C.R.E. that my report condemns my staff more than the Divisional Staff for reasons he mentions affects the matter one way or another. I am not concerned with the condemnation of anyone at all, least of all the Divisional Staff, but I do say that a system which will allow each in turn to disclaim responsibility is wrong and its continuance "seems to me to be courting disaster".

I again assert I had no intention of making any comparison between the present C.R.E. and Lieut. Col. PRITCHARD or any other C.R.E. but merely gave that as an instance when the present system had more clearly condemned itself than any I could call to mind. The fact that



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by good fortune one may chance to find a genius as C.R.E. cannot in my opinion alter the radical unsoundness of the policy.

In regard to the remarks of the C.O. of the 5th Machine Gun Battalion I disclaim all idea of criticising him personally, but I do not agree that Machine Guns cannot be sited in rear of a continuous trench line and in rear of this line in particular. If arrangements are made to protect our men in the trench I see no difficulty. If, on consideration, you agree with Major MARSDEN's contention I am perfectly willing to modify my views on the subject, but again I should like my views placed on record.

In regard to the remarks of the G.S.O. II I would again deny all intention of personal criticism. In this case I can claim definite evidence to the contrary. When Major WOOTTEN was a very junior Officer indeed I sought to get him as he knows transferred to my Brigade as 2nd in command of a Battalion. Had I any doubts of his capacity that would hardly have been to my advantage. I have had no reason since to change my opinion of his capacity unless to add to my admiration for it. In point of fact I had no idea he was in any way concerned. My reference to "Junior Staff Officers" arose as follows: I told Col. PECK on the telephone that I was not satisfied with the line. He said that he and the C.R.E. had sited it. I said it was impossible for him to do that satisfactorily unless he was there every day to check the work, which of course he could not do. He replied that he had juniors whom he sent there to have a look at it. I had not seen any of the G.S.O's there at all in fact and was quite unaware until then that any of them had a hand in the matter at all. I think this will make it quite clear that there was no personal reference to Major WOOTTEN at all.

I would also express my regret that the report was not made "Confidential" I can only say that no thought that the matter in it could possibly be regarded as injurious to anyone at anytime entered my mind.

Brig.-General,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.





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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field	April	1918		
	1st		Patrols withdrwn from RIVER ANCRE and Battery moved up to support line. Battery H.Q. at J.26.D.0-3. VAUX sur SOMME and Section H.Q. at J.28.D.8-5 SAILLY le SEC guns covering bridges over SOMME RIVER. 3093 Pte. EVANS T.P. Struck off Strength. Weather fine. E.K.K.	
	2nd		Enemy artillery getting very active in back area, mostly 5.9. 200 rounds of ammunition sent forward. 1550 Pte. GIBBONS J.S. tried by Major. LURING on charge being drunk whilst on picket on the night of 31st remanded for Court Martial and Ceased to be attached to Battery. Weather very unsettled and showery. E.K.K.	
	3rd		Quiet day. Weather showery. Nothing of particular interest. No. 28583 Pte. PREVOST B.C. transferred to 6th Army Brigade A.F.A. & struck off strength. E.K.K.	
	4th		Very heavy bombardment during the morning, followed by an enemy attack on the trenches held by English troops in front of our position. 104th Brigade relieved our brigade on the northern side of the SOMME and we pushed out in front of VAIRE sous CORBIE and HAMELET on the Southern side. Dispositions of battery were not altered. Casualties : - 2 O.Rs. killed 2 O.Rs. wounded. 1 O.R. marched in from English Leave. E.K.K.	
	5th		Enemy bombarded our sector intermittently during the morning. Nothing of particular interest to note. Weather improved. E.K.K.	
	6th		Quiet day. Raining again. In the evening two detachments took up position in support of 57th Battalion at P.8.A.5-5.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	April	1918		
In the Field	7th		Reserve Section and Headquarters of Battery moved into VAIRE sous CORBIE. Village was heavily shelled at midnight and our quarters had to be temporarily vacated. Weather very unsettled.  Casualties : - One O.R. accidentally injured. <span style="float: right;">E.K.K.</span>	
	8th		Enemy shelled our sector intermittently throughout the day. Orders were received from B <sup>2</sup> Brigade to place four Mortars in BOUZENCOURT which was to be occupied by our 58th Battalion.  A reconnaissance of the position showed that our line was some three hundred yards short of the village consequently we were unable to occupy the positions ordered. This was reported to C.O. 58th Battalion under whom we were operating.  Weather still unsettled. 3 O.Rs. marched in from blanket store. <span style="float: right;">E.K.K.</span>	
	9th		Enemy bombarded whole of our sector heavily between 6 a.m. and 6.30 a.m. There was a heavy mist at the time and enemy was expected to attack, but did not do so. Our detachments at P.8.A.5.5. fired 70 rounds on their S.O.S. lines. Weather improving. <span style="float: right;">E.K.K.</span>	
	10th		Battery was relieved by the 8th A.L.T.M.B. Relief completed at 4 a.m. and battery marched out to CORBIE. Marched out of CORBIE at 2 p.m. and arrived at BLANGY TRONVILLE at 4.30 p.m. <span style="float: right;">E.K.K.</span>	
	11th		Weather fine. Two officers from battery reconnoitred the Reserve Line and approaches thereto. Detachments were employed on salvage work in the village, a large amount of clothing, equipment and arms being collected and taken to the salvage dump. <span style="float: right;">E.K.K.</span>	

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In the Field	April	1918		
	13th		Quiet day. Weather fine. Salvage work was continued during the day. At 6.30 p.m. <u>E.K.K.</u>	
	12th		orders issued from Brigade to stand to tomorrow morning at daybreak in anticipation of attack	
	14th		by the enemy. Battery stood to in readiness to move if called upon. At 6.30 a.m. word was received from	
			Brigade to stand down. Battery supplied two fatigue parties to 8th Field Co. Engrs., one	
			consisting of four limbers and teams and twelve men, and the second a party of twenty five men.	
			Weather dull but fine. <u>E.K.K.</u>	
	15th		Battery supplied fatigue party consisting of four limbers and teams and thirty five men to	
			8th Field Co. A.E. Two officers reconnoitred reserve defence line and approaches thereto. <u>E.K.K.</u>	
			Weather fine. <u>E.K.K.</u>	
	16th		Weather fine. All available men out on wiring parties. <u>E.K.K.</u>	
	17th		Weather fine but dull. Quiet day. Three limbers and teams and all available men were out on	
			wiring parties. <u>E.K.K.</u>	
	18th		Quiet day. Weather showery. Nothing of particular interest. Seven O.Rs. attached for training	
			are transferred to battery from their respective battalions and taken on strength. <u>E.K.K.</u>	
	19th		Quiet day. Weather showery. Nothing of interest to note. <u>E.K.K.</u>	
	20th		Quiet day. Weather showery. Battery moved to new position at W.33.D.8-9. <u>E.K.K.</u>	
	21st		Quiet day. Weather fine. 1 O.R. evacuated to Field Amb (sick). <u>E.K.K.</u>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field	April	1918		
	22nd		Quiet day. Weather fine. Nothing of particular interest to note. -----	E.K.K.
	23rd		Quiet day. Weather fine. Nothing of particular interest to note. -----	E.K.K.
	24th		Enemy bombarding our front heavily this morning with H.E. and gas shell. Battery stood to at 3.45 a.m. Enemy captured VILLERS BRETONNEUX from English Troops. After standing ready to move all day our Brigade launched a counter-attack at 10 p.m. Two detachments of this battery accompanied each Battalion. Lieut.A.C.DAVIES was severely wounded during operations. -----	E.K.K.
	25th		Word was received at Headquarters that our counterattack was entirely successful, the village being recaptured and some hundreds of prisoners taken. -----	E.K.K.
	26th		During the night one of our detachments fired twenty rounds on a suspected enemy M.G.post at 0.26.C.5-5. Dispositions of battery are as follows - Headquarters and two reserve detachments 0.17.C.2.9.; two detachments 0.36.B.0.2.; two detachments 0.30.D.2.8.; two detachments 0.24.B.2-8. -----	E.K.K.
	26th		Enemy shelling our positions intermittently throughout the day. One of our detachments fired twenty rounds in enemy's snipers post at 0.36.D.8-6. Casualties - nil. -----	E.K.K.
	27th		At 2 a.m. our 60th Battalion advanced their line. One of our detachments fired twenty four rounds on enemy strong point during this advance. During the night the 12th Aust.Inf.Bde. extended its line to include portion of our front. Our two right detachments were relieved -----	E.K.K.

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In the field	April	1918	by the 12th A.L.T.M.B.. Casualties 1 O.R. wounded.	E.K.K.
	27th		Day very quiet. Battery was relieved during the night by the 4th A.L.T.M.B. and went back -----	
	28th		to reserve at N.17.0.8.4.	E.K.K.
	29th		Weather fine. Quiet day. Troops were bathed and received change of underclothing. -----	E.K.K.
	30th		Quiet day. Weather showery. Nothing of interest to note. -----	E.K.K.

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TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED GERMAN DOCUMENTS, SHOWING BARRAGE  
TIMING FOR ATTACK ON VILLERS-BRETONNEUX.

- |      | a.m.         |   |
|------|--------------|---|
| (1)  | 4.45 - 5.15. | Gassing of enemy Artillery.   |
| (2)  | 5.15.- 5.30. | Bombardment of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX with all kinds of Gas Shells (Buntkreuz).   |
| (3)  | 5.30 - 6.00  | Continue gassing Enemy Artillery.   |
| (4)  | 6.00 - 6.30  | Engage enemy Infantry positions. Engage front lines during the last 15 minutes.   |
| (5)  | 6.30 - 6.35  | Bombardment of enemy Infantry and Artillery.  |
| (6)  | 6.45 - 7.00  | Gassing of Hill 104. Renewed gas bombardment of enemy artillery. Drumfire on enemy's front line Infantry positions during the last 5 minutes. |
| (7)  | 7.00         | Attack. The barrage will advance 300 m.   |
| (8)  | 7.06         | Barrage will advance on to the Defence Lines in the rear.   |
| (9)  | 7.06 - 7.15  | Further advance (of barrage) on to Northern edge of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Barrage will stop here until 7.45.                                    |
| (10) | 7.45         | Barrage will advance as far as Bahnhofstrasse. (Station Road).  |
| (11) | 7.50         | Barrage will advance as far as the Church.  |

The barrage practice of our artillery (in order to test the smallest number of rounds possible) will take place tomorrow at 11.a.m.

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