

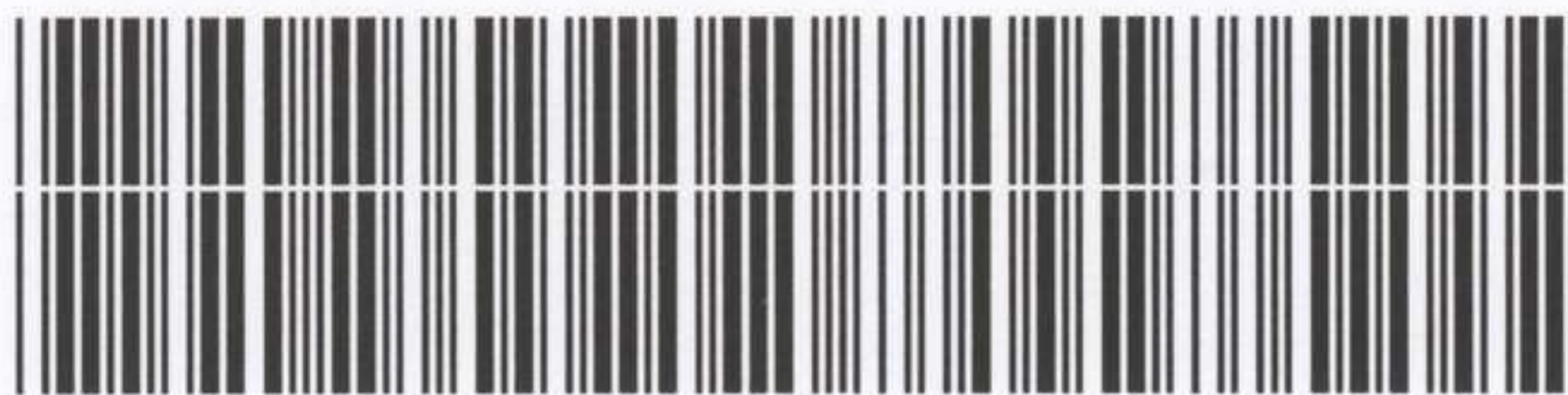
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RACQUIN -HEM	1918 Aug.		Bn carried out syllabus of training as per attached programme.	
			Strength 30 Officers 674 OR 1. Training as per syllabus - Rain interfered with programme - 2nd v 4th Football. 2nd won 8 - Nil	
			Strength 31 OR 714 OR 3. Training as per syllabus - boys and platoons were selected in order of merit - ride attached - Band competition in afternoon 2nd + 2nd Bns tie - cricket 2nd v 4th 2nd won by 11 runs	
			Strength 32 OR 713 OR 4. Church service at 9.25 am - Bde ceremonial parade afterwards - lunch on ground and Bde sports afterwards (unfinished). Lt LITTLE JOHN MC and 25 other ranks represented. Bn at Army review - Lt F. G. FITZPATRICK rejoined from WD.	APP
			Strength 34 OR 730 OR	

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RACQUINGHEM	August 5		Same location. Weather showery during early morning. Swimming competition - into Pde. carried out. 2nd Bn gained 2nd place in aggregate point. Bn was Katoon relay race and diving competition getting placed also in Relay race. - Bn Ords No 104 issued - copy attached. - Bn paraded on Bn parade ground at 6.30 pm and moved by route march to	
TRAIN	"	6	6th August moving to PONT REMY where Bn detrained at 2 pm. same day. thence marching to Chateau at LIERCOURT where we rested until 8 pm. at which hour we embussed and proceeded through AMIENS towards	
WISERNES. PONT REMY Liercourt.			DAOURS - Bn finally debussed at a point some 3 miles from DAOURS at 2.30 am on the 7th August subsequently moving by route march to a field.	
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DHOUS.	1918 Aug 7		<p>north of the village where the Bn bivouaced.</p> <p>Bn was reported "all correct" in this position at 2.30am</p> <p>The 1st Aust Inf Bde group became attached to the 4th Aust. Division and constituted portion of the Divisional reserve for the forthcoming operations.</p> <p>The Bn transport which had moved over the whole route by road joined the Bn at Noon.</p> <p>Packs, Blankets, greatcoats, rahas and surplus gear were dumped and extra rations, Bombs, SAA, water bottles and fighting stores issued to boys.</p> <p>Bn nucleus was formed. Capt LFP WHITE assumed command of same. Having Lt ATN BUCKLEY and DR. DESBOIS MC. with him.</p> <p>Reconnaissance of new area was carried out by Officers, NCOs and Scouts of each Coy and Bn HQ.</p> <p>Breakfast, Dinner & Tea were partaken of in this area.</p>	

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1st Assembly positions.	1918 Aug 7		at 11 pm. the Bn paraded and moved in column of platoons at 50 yds distance by route march via Aubigny, FUILLOY, O 10 B 87. O 6 B 51. to 1st Assembly position for attack. - boys lay down in field in	
	" 8		escheleon formation - complete at 2.40 am 8/8/18. Bn Pack Horses, Maltese cart and limber containing Signalling gear accompanied the Bn. Bn Operations Order No 105 attached.	
			Bde was formed up on 1st Assembly position as follows. - In squares. P 7 A + 6 P 1 and 1 31. 2nd 3rd 4th and 1st Bns from right to left. - Breakfast at 2.15 am. the Cooks then returning to DHOUS.	Ref Sheet Part 4 b2 D SE SW } NE NW }
			Zero Hour for the operation was timed at 4.20 am. and punctual to the second our barrage was put down on enemy positions.	
			A dense fog prevailed. The barrage was	by f

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	1918	Aug. 8	<p>a very heavy one. On our sector the enemy reply was negligible.</p> <p>At 6.30 am our Bn moved forward towards 2nd Assembly position. - Bn moved in artillery formation diamond fashion, in platoons at 50 yds interval and distance 'A' on right, 'B' on left with 'C' in rear of 'B' and 'D' in rear of 'A', Bn leaders leading with screen of scouts thrown forward. This move was done over very rough country, across wire entanglements and skirting guns in action, and the Bn was in position at 2nd assembly point. (the enemy support position to his front line) at 8.20 am. This move was the first performed by the Battalion on the battlefield.</p> <p>Bn consolidated at P17 B Coy and the country ahead was reconnoitred.</p> <p>At this hour the advance had continued well ahead of</p>	<p>debt etc etc</p>

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2nd Assembly Position	1918 Aug 8		<p>our new position - At 1 pm we received order to hold ourselves in readiness for an early move. and at 2 pm Bn moved from 2nd Assembly position (and from 4th Divisional Reserve) to a position in squares P 12 A and P 11 B forming a defensive flank facing NE. with our left flank thrown back.</p>	
BOUZAINCOURT - GAILLY.			<p>The Adjutant was sent to 4th Bde HQ at O. 7 C. 15. to learn the military situation. Our new positions were consolidated at 6.15 pm and ran from right to left. 'A' Bn. + 'C' Coy - 'D' Coy reserve.</p>	
			<p>At 9 pm 'B' Coy moved and took up a new position with left flank resting on main bridge at BOUZAINCOURT and 'A' Coy extended to GAILLY. 'C' Coy and 'D' Coy did not move.</p>	
			<p>Strength in line. 26 officers 567 9/10. Bn Strength. 31 off 720 9/10 ranks Casualties. the</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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BOUZAINCOURT - GAILLY	AUG. 8		Bn remained in same position on 8th and day of 9th. At 8.20pm on the 9th Bn was relieved in this sector by the 49th Aust Bn and moved by route	
	" 9		march in order HQs, "ABC&D" Coy. + battle transport to a position WEST of HARBONNIERES in W 16 A. Here the	
	9/10th		Bn bivouaced in fields - complete at 3.20 am on 10th. Whilst resting (some 200 yds. off the road) on this march the Bn was attacked and bombed by enemy planes. At 11.30pm suffering 30 casualties - mostly amongst Bn HQs. details. It is estimated that about 16 bombs were dropped only one direct hit being recorded though the remainder of the bombs hit close by the column - at the time 20 yds intervals separated platoons and 100 yds companies. Lt. H.H. FERGUSON, Bn Lewis Gun	

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	1918			
	Aug 9/10		<p>Officer was killed and CAPT. C. F. ELIOTT m.c. Oc. 'A' Coy was severely wounded. Casualties - 2 off 31 %R.</p> <p>Strength of Bn in line. 25 off 536 %R.</p> <p>Strength of Bn. 30 officers 700 %R.</p>	
HARBONNIERES				
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ROISIERES			<p>At 8.15 am on the 10th the Bn moved from W 16 A along railway line to trench system beyond ROISIERES. in X to B + 20' - complete at 2pm.</p> <p>DC 'A+B' lay from left to right and the Bde became Bde in reserve to 1st Aust Division 2 brigades of which were in the line -</p> <p>Casualties. Nil</p> <p>Strength of B forward. 24 off 536 %R</p> <p>" " Bn. 28 off 693 %R.</p>	

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HARBONN IERES	1918 Aug 11		At 3am on 11th inst. 'AIC' Coy moved forward 500 and 650 yds respectively and consolidated in an old trench system. 'B+20' & HQs did not move. L. T. J VALLS was killed.	
FRONT LINE			At 9pm Bn moved to front line system and took over the line from elements of 5th, 7th and 8th Aust Bns - left flank being the woods boundary of the Deniswood boundary and the right the line S 21 D 60.	
LITONS 11/12			S 26. fort - S 25 D 00. Relief in this position was completed without incident at 2.20am on 12th - 4 Coy occupied front line - 'D A C B' from right to left - 'A' Coy 12th Aust	
LITONS.	12th		Inf Bn. was moved to support of the line. During the day one Heavy Artillery fired on enemy targets in rear of his lines. Our Lewis gunners.	

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FRONT LINE	1918 Aug	12.	<p>engaged enemy gunners and our snipers were active - 2 hits are recorded. - Enemy artillery was active on the B. sector but the front line was not shelled. LITHONS and the railway line at sector. F6 C. 40. received a great deal of attention from enemy gunners. Enemy used 5.9s and 4.2's generally but at 2.30 am he fired high explosive gas shells.</p> <p>Enemy showed no aggressiveness but was very watchful, anxious and alert. - A small enemy patrol was dispersed by our MG fire - His MG's were very active. - Our planks were very busy throughout the day and constantly patrolled into enemy country. - A number of fights took place. Enemy plane activity was not so great as our own. at night his bombing squadrons come</p>	

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Front Line	1918		be heard crossing over into our back areas. casualties.	
LIONS	Aug.		Strength in line. 24 off 520. 9 Ranks Strength of Bar 30 off 682 9 Ranks	
Sector.	13.		Day Line - Visibility good. Our Heavy & Field guns fired intermittently throughout the early morning and throughout the day a few known enemy targets were engaged. - As usual our Gunners and snipers were aggressive. One enemy sniper was killed and identified by his disc as a member of the 96th infantry Regt. Enemy attitude on the whole was quiet but alert. He made two feeble attempts to bomb our right post and though owing to the nature of the country this to a determined team would have been fairly easy he was quickly downed off his bomb not reaching within 5 yds of our trench system	J 64

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	1918		Enemy smpes were active. Our smpes killed one.	
FRONT LINE LIONS	Aug. 13		Our planes were extremely active - much more so than enemy planes. Our squadrons frequently crossed into enemy territory. Casualties: 3. Strength of Bn forward, 24 off, 517. 9R. Strength of Bn. 30 off 693. 9R.	
	" 14		Day Dive. Visibility good. Our patrols were active. Lt J.R. BAIRD - C'oy. and 3 men whilst reconnoitring old trenches at A 2.D. came upon a party of 20 of the enemy who were talking together at the entrance of a dug out. - One of the party was shot and bomb thrown amongst the remainder. - Heavy enemy M.G. fire was brought to bear on our patrol which was forced to retire to our own lines - It is not known how many of the enemy party was killed by bomb though it is thought a good many as the target presented to bomb.	

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FRONT LINE	1918	14.	<p>Aug 18 was quite a good one - at 6.30 pm Lt E. HAWKSHAW and 10 men patrolled from S.D. 88 to S. No. D. 98. OS and found evidence of recent enemy occupation.</p> <p>Our artillery was only moderately active. Aeroplanes were active as were those of the enemy. Enemy planes were able to patrol well into our sector before being engaged by our A.A. Batteries whilst our planes were engaged by enemy A.A. fire before crossing our own front line. Our MG and rifles were active. MG's dispersed an enemy wiring party. An enemy relief is suspected to have taken place. Casualties. Strength of B. forward.</p> <p>Officers 24 other ranks 510. Strength of B. 30 off 684 9/R.</p>	<p>8 04</p>

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Front Line. LITHONS	1918. Aug 15.		<p>Day Fine. Visibility good. Our guns did their usual amount of firing. - Enemy guns were very active especially at dawn and dusk in the neighbourhood of LITHONS and sunken roads and valleys where he suspects concentration - Our Lewis guns and snipes active. - An enemy bombing party came out of a dugout and crept along one of the mounds of old saps leading to our line and threw 5 bombs causing 3 casualties. - They then scampered down into one of their deep dugouts when bombed by us. Casualties: 1. Strength forward. 24 off 509 of Rank. Strength of Pos. 30 off 677 of R.</p>	
	16		<p>The usual firing took place on the front. Heavy & Field guns, Lewis guns and sniping. - Enemy retaliation was</p>	<p>14</p>

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FRONT LINE.	1918		in the nature of firing as on previous days - It was thought that he had brought fresh guns into the sector. - Our line during this period was improved considerably.	
LIHONS Sector.	AUG	16	<p>At 2 am. 2 of our boys withdrew to support positions. 6th Coy supporting Bth Coy and 'A' - 'D' Coy. 'A' Coy occupied that position vacated by 'A' Coy 1st Bn which latter Coy rejoined its Bn.</p> <p>Bn Order and disposition maps attached.</p>	
	" 16/17		<p>On the night of the 16th inst and the morning of the 17th inst. the Bn was relieved by the 45th and 46th Aust Inf Bns. - the 45th relieving 'A' and 'D' Coy and the 46th - Bth & 6th Coy. - Relief was completed without incident at 3.40 am. on 17th. It was noticeable that at frequent and irregular intervals throughout the early morning the enemy placed heavy barrages</p>	J. O. H.

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FRONTLINE	1918 AUG 17		on LIGNONS and valleys in our front line system although the front line was not shelled.	
LIGNONS			<p>On relief the Bn moved to bivouac position in X 19 B where a hot meal was provided.</p> <p>At 9.30 am. the Bn moved by route march to VAUX-SUR-SOMME. Complete at 4.30 pm in new billets.</p> <p>Route HARBONNIERES- BAYONVILLERS- WARFUSEE- VAIRE- VAUX.</p> <p>Lt-Col. DE MOORE DSO rejoined and assumed command.</p> <p>Strength forward: Bn nucleus rejoined Bn.</p> <p>Strength. 33 officers 689 9/12</p>	
	" 18		<p>Bn in rest. Church services held and recreational swimming parades took place.</p> <p>Strength. 35 officers 673 9/12</p>	<p>16</p>

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VAUX Sun Somme	Aug 19		<p>Planning up parades held - Rolls checked, and deficiency lists prepared. Par parade at 12.20 pm. marched to HAMEL where a Coy of 1st Aus Bn demonstrated how an attack should be carried out with the assistance of Tanks subsequently 2 Coys of 16 Bn carrying out the same operation. - Lt J.H. STANGER rejoined from U.K. leave on 18th. Strength 35 off 673 9/9</p>	
	" 20		<p>B+D' boys proceeded to HAMEL to demonstrate attack methods with the aid of Tanks to units of 2nd and 3rd Brigades. A+B' boys practised a similar attack. - Marched back to camp at 4.30 pm. Strength 34 off 688 9/9</p>	<p>lot</p>

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VAUX	1918		Day/Dine. Early morning very foggy. In	
	Aug 21		Nucleus was formed. Capt G.E. McDONALD Commanding It's BROWNE, LITTLE JOHN, BURRETT, MCCARTHY also with Nucleus. MAJOR A.F. BURRETT DSO is with Nucleus and performing court martial work. - Packs, valises Blankets and surplus gear is stored and mobilisation stores issued to boys. - In paraded at 9 pm and at 9 30 pm moved by route march to Square Q 12 and went into bivouacs in	
	Aug 22		trenches and sunken roads. - Battle stores were issued to boys. - Coy Cooks were located between 500 and 600 yds behind the boys. - At 12.15 they were shelled and a number of casualties inflicted. Killed. Wounded - Men rested. Officers and senior NCOs carried out reconnaissance of forward areas and assembly positions.	

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August Square Q	1918	2nd 12	<p>For the forthcoming attack. 3rd Aust Bn less one Coy - 'C' Coy was to be support Battalion to the 1st A.I. Bde and was ordered to follow the assaulting Battalions and shared objective he gained was to 'dig in' and consolidate in selected positions. Assembly positions were selected W of Provant. in R14C and R20A</p> <p>'B' Coy was to be attached to 1st Aust Bn as a reserve to that Bn. - at 2.30 pm our Bn was ordered to follow the attacking battalions on to their objectives and to exploit our successes and gain a further objective</p> <p>'B' Coy 3rd Bn was to capture the right portion of 1st Bn objective. - When 3rd Bn moved through this low range to further objective 'B' Coy was to come under orders of 3rd Bn again. 'D' and 'E' Coys were ordered to carry on the exploitation. - They were to follow the attacking battalions, reform in valley at R7B05.</p>	

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Q 12.	Aug 22	1918	<p>Then advance through 'B' Coy 2nd Bn - 'D' Coy on right to pass CHUIGNES - 'B' Coy on left with left flank directed on southern edge of CARENNE WOOD. 'A' Coy was to remain in support and consolidate at R 7D 18.</p> <p>Zero Hour was 4.45 am on 23rd August 1918.</p> <p>Casualties 9</p> <p>Lt CL-START rejoined unit from Army School and was posted to 'B' Coy.</p> <p>Strength 25 Officers. 539 other ranks. 7 Officers 71 ORs at Auckens and 3 Officers 75 other ranks with A.M. and Transport.</p>	
PROYART.	22		<p>Capt A. McDERMID with 'B' Coy moved off to join 1st Bn at 1.30 am on 22nd and formed up in rear of 'B' Coy 1st Bn. At 3.45 am the Bn less 'C' Coy moved to assembly point N of PROYART and reported in position at</p>	<p>J S</p>

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August 2			<p>at 4.15 am. At zero B' and D' loys moved forward D' to South and B' to North of village (PROYART). A' Coy followed B' at zero plus 2 minutes - the loys all moved in artillery formation - At zero plus 2 minutes the loys heavily shelled PROYART and valley to the West - Lt M. McL KESHAN. platoon leader of No 2 platoon A' Coy was killed and all except 4 of his platoon killed and wounded whilst moving forward through the village.</p>	
ATTACK			<p>On passing ROBERT WOOD. A' loy was fired on from the rear by enemy emper and a party at once entered the wood and mopped up 20 of the enemy.</p>	
	Zero + 90		<p>B + D' loys reached artillery trap objective at zero plus 90 minutes and joined E' loy 3rd Bn.</p>	
	6.18 am		<p>At 6.18 am E' loy pressed forward across the valley to gain Green line (G. S. Objective) one platoon No 11 passed through wood at R 17 A 78 and captured</p>	<p>12 11</p>

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	23rd Aug		<p>therein 1 15" gun. As the artillery barrage did not move forward the Coy Commander was forced to withdraw his men about 150 yds where they waited until the barrage ceased at 7am.</p> <p>At 7am 'b' Coy supported by 2 tanks and overhead fire fromickers guns. crossed valley to D' ARCY WOOD where a 77mm gun was captured; gained the ridge and wood at R 11 D. This advance was made under heavy M.G. fire from ridge at R 5 D and R 11 B. and an anti tank gun also fired a good many rounds at point blank range. 2 Minenwerfers were captured in wood at R 11 D. 3 German Officers and 10 ORs were captured in D' ARCY Wood. At 7.10 am the GREEN LINE was reached. positions selected and consolidation commenced.</p> <p>D and B" Coys. now came up and passed "b" Coy with a view to gaining the exploitation objective.</p>	
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	1918			
	3rd Aug.		A number of casualties were inflicted on D' Coy by heavy MG fire. Lt E. H. JACKSON DCM. Coy Commande was wounded but remained on duty for over an hour. - He decided that the situation could not be exploited further without incurring heavy losses, so the Green line was consolidated. At 7am Bn Hqs. moved to R. 16 0726. A' Coy took up a position at R. 16 078.	
	7am to 1pm.		An order was issued at 12.30pm. and arrangements made for an attack on final objective. At 2pm artillery barrage commenced and 2 Coys. moved forward to the assault D' Coy on right and B' Coy on left. 12th Aust Bn. attacked on our left - Assaulting Coys deployed and attacked under heavy MG and 77mm fire. - Our barrage was effective. - On reaching the base of the Cliff the enemy hurriedly retreated from his advanced positions and our attacking troops reached their objective.	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Aug	23 rd		<p>On moving through CHUIGNES 4. 77mm guns were captured. Contact was gained with 4th and 12th Aust Bns. - Zero Hour was not known by the boys until the barrage was actually put down. - Our Southern boundary was extended. "b" Coy support Coy moved to R11B57. "A" Coy reserve Coy moved to R11D92. No further action took place. - Lieut MCML. KESHAN and CAPT. A.G. CORMACK were killed. 26 other ranks were killed. 7 officers wounded and 112 other ranks wounded. - 3 were wounded and remained on duty.</p> <p>Lts. E. HAWKSHAW, O.C. KELLNER, AD. ARNOLD (sprained ankle) W.L. LAMROCK, A.J.S. CROLL, E.H. JACKSON DCM, G.P. DARLOW and 2/Lt. CL. WAINWRIGHT were wounded. - Lieut D.R. DESBOIS MC was evacuated to Hoop previous to the advance.</p> <p>Strength in line. 18 Officers 392 other ranks. nucleus 400. 78 other ranks A.M. 2 Officers 66 other ranks.</p>	

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1918 August 24	24		Consolidation continued. On 24/25th part of 12th Aust Bn. relieved 'B' by 3rd Bn. - 'B' relieved part of 20' by and 'D' by moved to the right - 'B' by came to support.	
"	25		Strength. Forward. 17 Open 262 other rank. Information was received that the enemy was retiring so patrols were sent forward. Patrols moved through CANARD wood and were heavily fired on. Enemy was located 200 yds ahead of our left front - At 10 pm our patrols again went forward and established a line east of Canard wood.	
CANARD WOOD.			On 26th patrols again went forward and 'B' pushed forward the line to M9C 63 and M9B 58. Touch was gained with 11th Aust Bn on left at M9B 58. but 4th Aust Bn on right were still some distance in rear. - Patrols again pushed out through FONTAINE LES CAPPY to M9D 36. and located the enemy.	64

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Fontaine	Aug. 26th		<p>who was holding a position on ridge east of the village in some strength. - Less opposition than previously was encountered.</p> <p>The final line was consolidated - 2 regt Coys moved further up and the line handed over to the 24th Aust Bn at midnight 26th August 1918.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 killed 2 wounded.</p> <p>Casualties for the period 22nd to 26th Aug. 1918 both dates inclusive</p> <p>2 Officers 33 ORs killed</p> <p>8 Officers 184 ORs wounded. 2 remained at duty.</p> <p>1 OR missing. 1 died of wounds</p> <p>6 ORs</p> <p>C. SM. P. KINCHINGTON M.M and Sgt. W.H.D. SULLY DCM MM were promoted 2 Lieuts 2/Lts. E.R. NORMAN and S.J. HOLMAN reported back to the unit from Cadet Bn</p>	

S. J. Holman

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Aug	26.		Lieut A. Little p.n. MC left unit on leave to PARIS. Strength. 17 Officers. 365 other ranks. Nucleus. 4 Officers 78 O. Rks. A.M. 2 Offr 66 other ranks	
MORCOURT				
Aug.	27		Bn on relief moved to area along chalk wall near MORCOURT. Bn HQ at Q 9 B 6.5. Transport did not move - Bn complete in new area at 4.25 am. Bn rested. Nucleus rejoined. Strength 23 Officers 506 other ranks. Coy Commanders: A Coy Lt Col. O'NEILL, MCMM. B Coy Lt. CL. STUART. Coy Capt. A. McDERMID. D Coy Lt. Cl. BURGESS.	
"	28		Same location. Cleaning up. Parades held and shortage lists taken. Swimming parade held. Lts J.H. STANGER and CL STUART evacuated to Hospital (SICK). Strength. 23 Officers. 488 other ranks.	
"	29		Same location. Position improved. mens bivouacs improved. - Clean up parades held and reorganisation commenced. Lt. C. McDONALD reported back to unit	[Signature] 27

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Aug	29	1918	from P+B-2 School. LE-ER. SHELLEY MC from seconded CAPT D.G. OAKLEY MC and LE-F.J. DARVIS departed on leave to UK. - Capt A. McDERMID. departed to 4th Army Inf. School.	
		30	Same location. Training as per syllabus. - Battalion passed through Div. Baths. Recreational training swimming in afternoon.	
		31	Same location. Day Line. Training as per syllabus. Battalion drill - Recreational training swimming	Strength. 23 officers 483 of Ranks J. Moore Lt. Col. Commanding 3rd Bn 6/1/20

WAR DIARY

OF

3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

FOR

AUGUST

1918.

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3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD 31st. JULY - 5th. AUGUST, 1918, inclusive.

HOURS OF TRAINING - 8.30 a.m. - 12 NOON.
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

31st. JULY.

8.30 a.m. - 12 NOON - Company close order and open order training
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Swimming parade.

1st. AUGUST.

8.30 a.m. - 10 a.m. - "A" Company-Range.
10 a.m. - 12 NOON - "B" " "

(Practices - 200 yards range - 3 points for bull, 1 point for every shot on rest of target.)
"A" and "B" Companies Lewis Gun range firing, scoring as above, 10 rounds per man.

Tests in close order drill, extended order, and turnout.
DRESS- Drill order and box respirators.

"B", "C", & "D" Companies & Headquarters - Battalion parade at 8.30 a.m.

"A" Company on Range at 8.30 a.m.

AFTERNOON. - Run off for Platoon relay - swimming.

2nd. AUGUST.

Battalion parade - 8.30 a.m. Demonstration at Sq. B. 27. A. O. O. by 2nd. Army Model platoon.
Route march after according to time.

AFTERNOON - Swimming - cricket matches.

3rd. AUGUST.

Battalion parade - 8.30 a.m. for "A", "B", "D" Companies and Headquarters.

"C" Company on Range at 8.30 a.m.

"D" " " " " " 10 a.m.

Remainder open order training.

Lewis Gunners of "C" & "D" Companies on range at same time, 10 rounds per man, same scoring as for 1st. instant.

AFTERNOON - Swimming off for platoon relay - cricket.

4th. AUGUST.

Church parade - time to be notified later. DRESS - Belt and sidearms.

Brigade Ceremonial Parade at 10.45 a.m.

Brigade Swimming and Athletic Sports in afternoon.

5th. AUGUST.

Brigade Military Competition.

L. J. W. Donald
Lieut. & A/Adjutant,
3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

The following items have been arranged :-

- (a) Lecture by G.S.O. 1 - Training schemes, . Picture theatre, RACQUINGHEM, 1st. August, 1918 at 4.30 p.m. All Officers will attend.
- (b) Demonstration by 2nd. Army Demonstration Platoon, 2nd. August, 1918, at Polo Ground, Sq. B. 27. A.O.O. Units will march to the ground and be in position at 9.30 a.m.
- (c) Ceremonial Parade - Sunday 4th. & 11th. August, 1918, at 11 a.m. on Polo Ground. Units will hold private Church Parades and arrive on the Polo Ground not later than 10.45 a.m.
- (d) Swimming Carnival - Wednesday 7th. August, 1918 at 2 p.m.
 Military Competitions - Saturday 10th. August, 1918.
 Brigade Sports Championship - Monday, 12th. August, 1918.
- (e) Tactical exercise for Company Commanders, Monday and Tuesday, 5th. and 6th. August, 1918.
- (f) Tactical exercise for Battalion Commanders, Thursday, 8th. August, 1918.

J. H. Donald
 Lieut. & A/Adjutant,
 3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

APPENDIX

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3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

RESULT OF BATTALION COMPETITION.

②
BEST COMPANIES -

selected on Drill and Shooting.

- 1st. - "D" Company.
- 2nd. - "C" "
- 3rd. - "B" "
- 4th. - "A" "

BEST PLATOON.

Selected on Shooting only.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1st. - No. 6 Platoon. | 9th - No. 24 Platoon. |
| 2nd. - " 8 " | 10th - " 4 " |
| 3rd. - " 15 " | 11th - " 11 " |
| 4th. - " 10 " | 12th - " 2 " |
| 5th. - No. 9 & 12 " tie. | 13th - " 13 " |
| 7th. - No. 16 Platoon. | 14th. - " 5 " |
| 8th. - " 3 " | 15th. - " 1 " |
| | 16th. - " 7 " |

SHOOTING.

No.	Platoon	Lewis Gun.	Application.	Totals.	Grand Total.
1	"	7.1	12.2.	19.3.	
2	"	10.	12.3.	22.3	
3	"	10.5.	13.4.	23.9.	
4	"	10.3	12.4.	22.7.	<u>88.2.</u>
5	"	8.4.	12.2.	20.6.	
6	"	12.7	14.4	27.1.	
7	"	6.	12.5.	18.5.	
8	"	13.9	13.1	27.	<u>93.2.</u>
9	"	13.	12.7.	25.7.	
10	"	13.6.	12.5.	26.1.	
11	"	12.1.	10.4.	22.5	
12	"	13.4	12.3	25.7.	<u>100.0.</u>
13	"	9.6.	12.0.	21.6.	
14	"	9.6.	13.6.	23.2.	
15	"	13.2.	13.6	26.8.	
16	"	12.1.	12.0.	24.1.	<u>95.7.</u>

	Shooting.	Close order drill.	TOTALS.
"A" Company	88.2.	55.	143.2.
"B" "	93.2.	60.	153.2.
"C" "	100.0.	55.	155.0.
"D" "	95.7.	70.	165.7.

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SECRET.

3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER NO. 104.

COPY NO. 3

REFERENCE MAPS - HAZEBROUCK 5A. Battalion Headquarters,
AMIENS 17. 5th. August, 1918.

1. The 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade will move by train to new area on 5th. and 6th. instant.
2. The 3rd. Australian Battalion will entrain at WIZERNES on night 5th/6th. August, 1918, as under - Destination PONT REMY.

Train No. 24 - A, B, C, Companies and Headquarters and Transport at 0324.

Train No. 27 - "D" Company (Capt. G. E. McDONALD) and one cooker and team, and charger at 0634.

The Battalion will move by route march to WIZERNES to-day 5th. instant.

3. APPOINTMENTS -
 Entraining Officer, WIZERNES - Capt. G. E. McDONALD.
 Detraining Officer, PONT REMY - " A. G. GERMACK.

LOADING PARTY - "D" Company (with cooker and team) - WIZERNES.

UNLOADING PARTY - "B" Company at PONT REMY.

BILLETING PARTY - Lieut. E. HAWKSHAW and 1 H.C.O. per Company will proceed by 1st. Brigade H.Qrs train from ARQUES at 2339, 5th. instant. They will have bicycles and will march with Battalion as far as ARQUES.

PICQUETS. - Each Company will detail a picquet under an officer to prevent men leaving the train after the entrainment and during the journey.

AA. DEFENCE. - The Lewis Gun Officer will arrange that each Company has one gun mounted for A.A. Defence.

BREAST ROPES - for horse trucks will be provided by Transport Officer
Lashings for vehicles will be found by R.T.O.

STARTING POINT - Battalion will form up on Battalion Parade Ground at 6.30 p.m., 5th. instant.

DRESS - Full marching order, less blankets.

ORDER OF MARCH - Band, Headquarters, "B", "D", "C", "A", Transport.

ROUTE - RACQUINGHEM - ARQUES - WIZERNES.

REPORTS. - To head of column on march, and O.C. Train on the train.

G. E. McDonald
 Capt. & Adjutant,
 3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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No. 1	Copy	-	File.
2	"	-	"A" Company.
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5	"	-	"D" "
6	"	-	Headquarters.
7-9	"	-	War Diary.
10.	"	-	Q.M.
11	"	-	T.O.
12	"	-	R.M.O.
13	"	-	Brigade.
14	"	-	C.O.
15	"	-	Town Major.
16	"	-	Capt. G.E. McDONALD.
17	"	-	" A.G. CORMACK.
18.	"	-	Lieut. E. HAWKSHAW.

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XV CORPS. NO. 128/28.0.

Major-General T.W. GLASGOW C.B. C.M.G. D.S.O.

Commanding, 1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Before your magnificent Division leaves my Corps, I wish to thank you and all ranks under your command for the exceptional services rendered during the past four months.

Joining this Corps on April 12th. during the battle of the LYS the Division selected and prepared a position to defend the HAZEBROUCK Front, and a few days later repulsed two heavy attacks with severe losses to the enemy. This action brought the enemy's advance to a standstill.

Since then the Division has held the most important sector of this front continuously, and by skilful raiding and minor operations have advanced the line over a mile on a front of 5,000 yards, capturing just short of 1,000 prisoners, and causing such damage to the troops of the enemy that nine Divisions have been replaced.

The complete success of all minor operations; the skill displayed by the patrols by day as well as by night; the gallantry and determination of the troops; and their high state of training and discipline have excited the admiration and emulation of all, and I desire that you will convey to all ranks my high appreciation of their fine work and my regret that the Division is leaving my Command.

(sgd) Beauvoir de Lisle.

Lieutenant-General
Commanding XV Corps.XV Corps Headquarters,
4th. August, 1918.

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3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER NO. 105.

COPY NO.Battalion Headquarters,
7th. August, 1918.

1. (a) At Zero minus 1 hour the 1st. Brigade will be formed up in the first position of assembly with the 2nd. Battalion, 3rd. Battalion, 4th. Battalion, and 1st. Battalion from right to left in the area square P.7.A. & C., P.1.J.3.1.
Brigade Headquarters will remain at its present location.
- (b) At Zero minus half an hour the 12th. and 4th. Brigades will be in their first assembly positions which embrace VAIRE and a strip of country about 2,000 yards deep and extending to the South Divisional boundary.
- (c) At Zero the assaulting troops of the leading Divisions attack under a barrage.
- (d) At Zero plus 2 hours the 12th. and 4th. Brigades begin to move forward to their second assembly positions in P.23, P.17.C., and P.12.
- (e) When the rear of these Brigades is well clear of the first assembly positions units of the 1st. A.I. Brigade will commence to move forward and will assemble as follows -
- 2nd. Battalion - P.17.B. Central.
 - 1st. Battalion - P.11.D.8.3.
 - 3rd. Battalion - P.17.B.0.4.
 - 4th. Battalion - P.11.D.2.2.
- The forward move will be a process of filtering through rather than an advance of the whole Brigade in artillery formation. The leading Battalion must commence to arrive in the second assembly position not later than Zero plus 3 hours and the move complete at Zero plus 4 hours.
- (f) Brigade H.Qrs. remains at its present location until Zero plus 2 hours when it will move to square P.8.C.5.1. Subsequently a reconnaissance with a view to establishing a headquarters at square P.17. will be made. The establishment of this headquarters will be notified to all concerned.
- (g) At Zero plus 4 hours the 4th. and 12th. Brigades will pass the GREEN Line and proceed to the second objective supported by artillery and tanks as in open warfare but not under a barrage.
- (h) At Zero plus 6 hours the troops allotted to the capture of the BLUE Line will pass the RED Line. It is anticipated the BLUE Line will be made good at Zero plus 7 hours.
- (i) The 1st. Battalion may be required to assist the 16th. Battalion in gaining the BLUE Line or to replace a battalion of the 4th. Brigade in the RED Line should the 16th. Battalion require assistance. The 2nd. Battalion may be required to reinforce the 48th. Battalion for the final objective. No Battalion will join the fight or move without Brigade H.Q. approval.
- (j) At all stages of the advance formations suitable to the ground and hostile fire will be adopted. The troops will keep clear of the road and full use will be made of the configuration of the country.
- (k) Battalion reserve of S.A.A. will be the Battalion mules.

[Signature]
Capt. & Adjutant,
3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS

Corps Headquarters,

August 7, 1918.

To the Soldiers of the Australian Army Corps.-

For the first time in the history of this Corps all five Australian Divisions will tomorrow engage in the largest and most important battle operation ever undertaken by the Corps.-

They will be supported by an exceptionally powerful Artillery, and by Tanks and Aeroplanes on a scale never previously attempted.- The full resources of our sister Dominion, the Canadian Corps, will also operate on our right, while two British Divisions will guard our left flank.

The many successful offensives which the Brigades and Battalions of this Corps have so brilliantly executed during the past four months have been but the prelude to, and the preparation for, this greatest and culminating effort.-

Because of the completeness of our plans and dispositions, of the magnitude of the operations, of the number of troops employed, and of the depth to which we intend to overrun the enemy's positions, this battle will be one of the most memorable of the whole war; and there can be no doubt that, by capturing our objectives, we shall inflict blows upon the enemy which will make him stagger, and will bring the end appreciably nearer.-

I entertain no sort of doubt that every Australian soldier will worthily rise to so great an occasion, and that every man, imbued with the spirit of victory, will, in spite of every difficulty that may confront him, be animated by no other resolve than a grim determination to see through, to a clean finish, whatever his task may be.-

The work to be done tomorrow will perhaps make heavy demands upon the endurance and staying powers of many of you; but I am confident that, in spite of excitement, fatigue, and physical strain, every man will carry on to the utmost of his powers until his goal is won; for the sake of AUSTRALIA, the Empire, and our cause.

I earnestly wish every soldier of the Corps the best of good fortune and a glorious and decisive victory, the story of which will re-echo throughout the world, and will live forever in the history of our home land.-

John Monash

Lieut.-General,
Commanding Australian Corps.

OPY.

3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

O.Cs. "A", "B", "C", & "D" COMPANIES
& Headquarters.

Battalion Headquarters,
7th. August, 1918.

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The Battalion will be formed up at 11.45 p.m. this day ready to move forward to first assembly position.

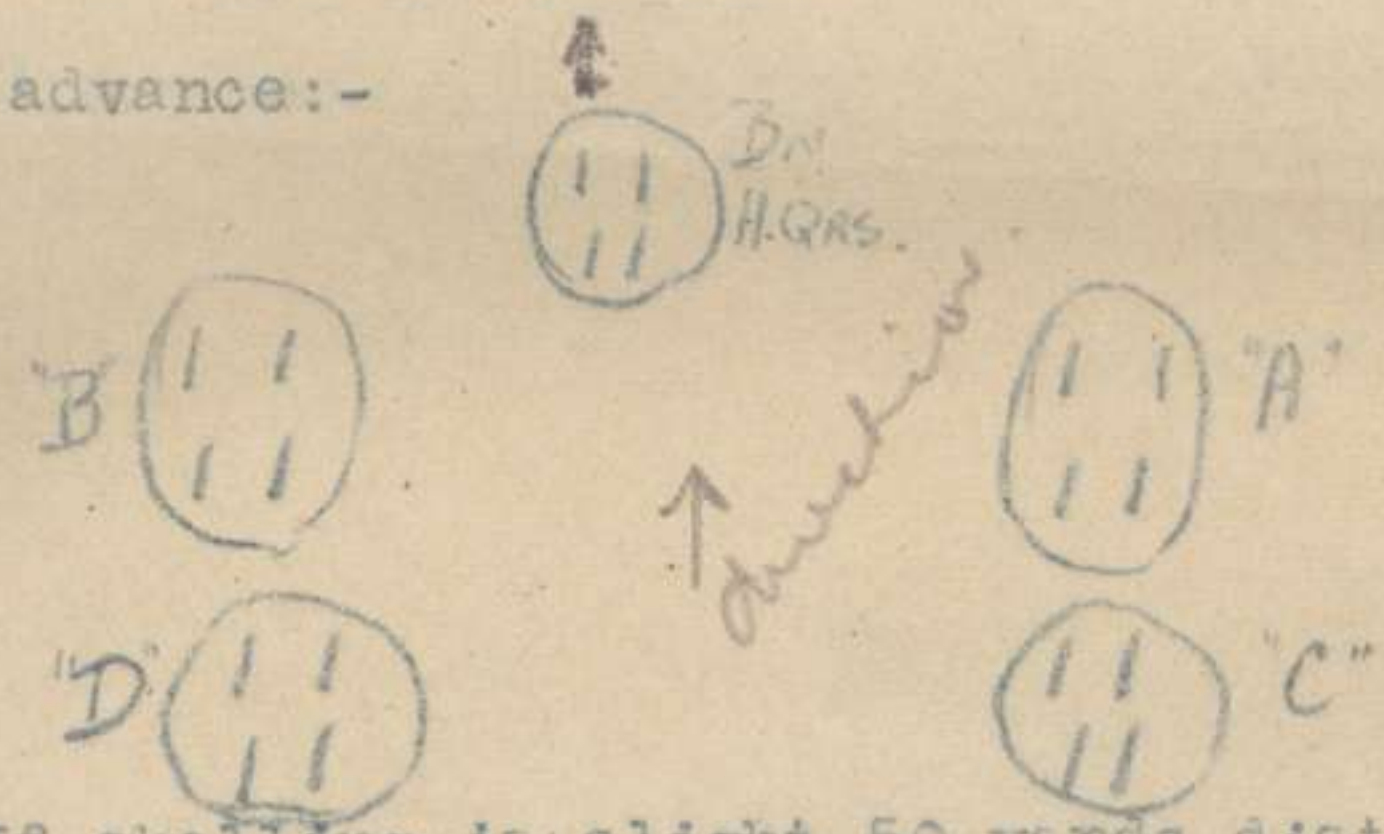
ROUTE - AUBIGNEY - FOUILLOY - to O.I.O.B.8.7. - O.6.B.5.1. to assembly position.

ORDER OF MARCH - Headquarters, "B", "D", "A" and "C" Companies.

DISTANCES - 50 yards between platoons, 100 yards between Companies.

During the move from 1st. to 2nd. Assembly position Scouts (Bn. H.Qrs. & Companies) will be pushed forward to mark the flanks and they will signal situation.

Method of advance:-



If shelling is slight 50 yards distance and interval between platoons, and 100 yards between Companies will be maintained.

Companies will not break up into smaller artillery formations unless the shelling becomes heavy.

ZERO HOUR is 4.20 a.m. on 8th. August, 1918.

Positions and dispositions will be allotted to Companies at 1st. and 2nd. Assembly positions.

Capt. & Adjutant,
3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

All Companies & Headquarters.

Battalion Headquarters,
9th. August, 1918.

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Companies will, on receipt of this notice, adopt the following measures:-

1. Check bombs, S.A.A., Sandbags, and Mobile Stores, and endeavour to make up any deficiencies therein.
2. Both waterbottles to be filled immediately. This is imperative as water may be scarce in the new area.
3. Picks, shovels, and water tins to be returned to Battalion Headquarters at once, if this has not already been done.
4. The C.O. has noticed that iron rations have been broken into. All men are to be warned that this is prohibited. This must only be done when ordered to by Battalion Headquarters.
5. Companies are to be held in readiness to move immediately.
6. Indiscriminate throwing of bombs is prohibited.
7. Roll calls must be held twice daily.

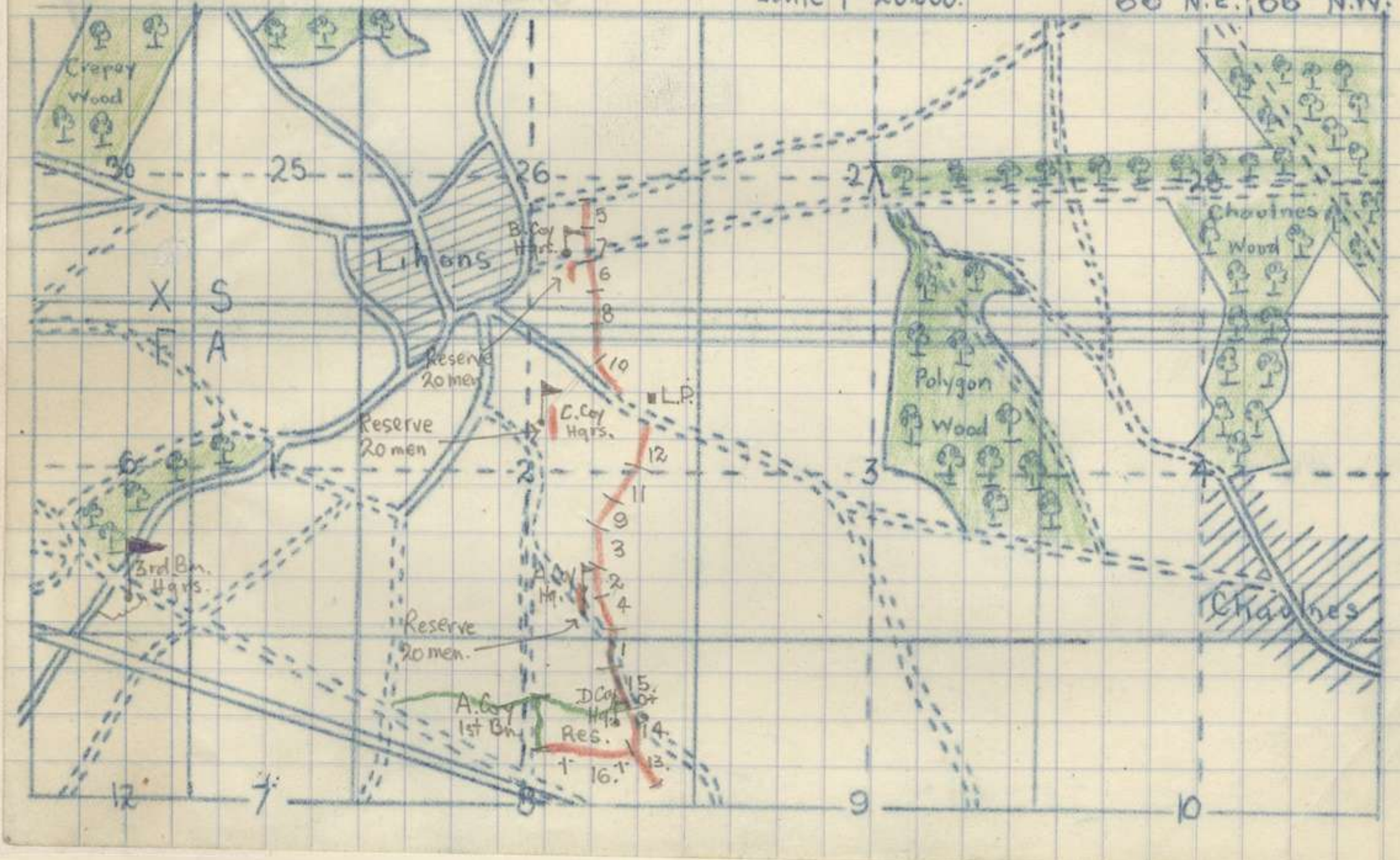
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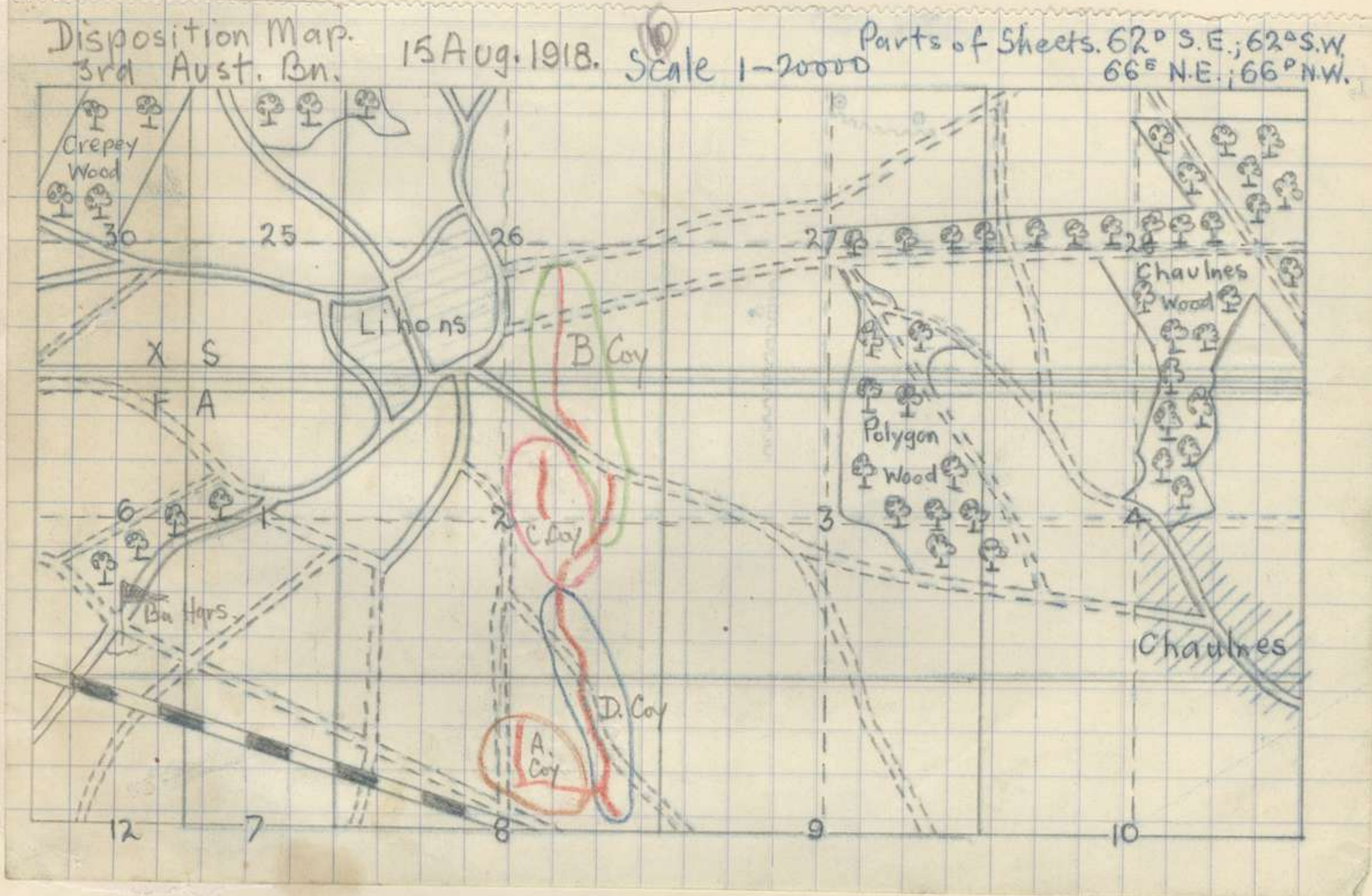
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Disposition Map.
3rd Aust. Bn. 13-8-1918

Scale 1-20,000.
Parts of Sheets 62-... SW.;
66° N.E., 66° N.W.





3rd AUST. BATTALION.Battalion Headquarters,
12th August 1918.

(11) War Diary
All Coy s - Major. STREET (1st. B n) -
1st A.L.F.M.B. - 1st A.I. Brigade.

1. The policy of the Battalion will be active defence. The picquet line must be held.
2. The platoon Posts will be consolidated, and put into a fighting condition.
3. Wire will be put out and posts linked up by communication trenches where they do not exist.
4. Companies will at once indent for ammunition required to complete as under -

Per platoon -	Ammunition -	4000.	Grenades -	10 Boxes.
" Coy. H.Q. -	"	5000.	"	20 "

 The above to be kept in Platoon and Company dumps.
 Ammunition and Bombs now in picquet line will be collected, and placed in suitable spots.
 A supply of water will also be sent forward. 10 Tins per Coy must be kept at Company Headquarters as a reserve.

The front must be patrolled and enemy located.

The Coy of 1st Bn (Major STREET) will hold itself in readiness to counter attack on any part of Battalion front.

Telephone communication is being established and Code calls will be taken into use - usual precautions must be taken as regards messages in clear.

The 1st A.L.F.M.B. has two Guns at Battalion's disposal - Companies will notify Battalion Headquarters of Targets that require attention.

[Signature]
Capt & Adjutant.
3rd Australian Battalion.

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3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER NO. 106.COPY NO. 9.Battalion Headquarters,
13th. August, 1918.

1. To-morrow morning (14th. inst.) the Battalion will be organised on a 2 Company front with 2 Companies in Support.
 "B" and "D" Companies in front line with "A" and "C" Companies in Support.
 "A" Company will move to position which will be vacated by "A" Company 1st. Battalion (in support) in A.S.B. and will also send one platoon to relieve flank support Platoon "D" Company.
 "C" Company minus 1 platoon will move into Support in trench A.2.A.9.0. - A.2.B.3.6.
 Right platoon of "C" Company will remain in the front line in present location, extending if necessary as arranged by O.C. "B" Company. This platoon will be under the command of O.C. "B" Company for tactical purposes.
 "D" Company will arrange to take over "A" Company's front, and "B" Company the front occupied by the 3 platoons of "C" Company.
 No counter attack reserved need by kept by front line Companies.

In view of the large area that will be held by the 2 line Companies it will be impossible to guard all approaches.

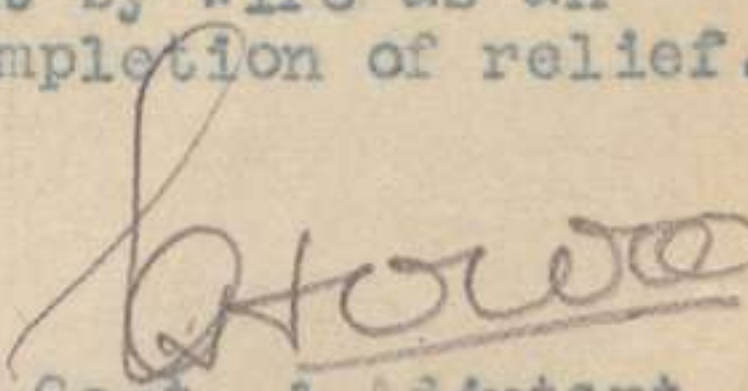
Platoons must be kept intact in the most advantageous positions and will not be split up into small posts along the whole trench.

A reconnaissance of new positions will be made forthwith.

No movement to new positions will take place before 3 a.m., but relief must be completed before daylight.

"A" and "C" Companies will be held in readiness to counter-attack should a breach be made in front line, and routes to line will be reconnoitred thoroughly.

The code word "STIFFNESS" will be sent by wire as an acknowledgement of this order, and again on completion of relief.


 Capt. & Adjutant,
 3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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War diary



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APPENDIX B.

Fourth Army No. G.S.2/8.

Australian Corps.

I desire to express officially to all ranks of the Australian Corps my sincere appreciation of their splendid victory over the enemy on August 8th and the succeeding days.

The task that was allotted to them depended largely for its success on the element of surprise. The care that was taken prior to August 8th to camouflage the arrival of the Canadian Corps interfered to some extent with the Australian Corps' dispositions. In spite of this and other difficulties, the assembly of the Corps, the distribution of the tanks, and the disposition of a large force of heavy and field artillery, were accomplished by night without attracting attention.

From zero onwards everything went according to programme and without a hitch. It was no ordinary feat to win all the objectives allotted, to effect a penetration of 10 miles into the hostile position, and to reach the most distant objective half an hour before scheduled time.

The three points which I desire specially to eulogize are (1) the splendid gallantry and drive of the infantry; (2) the thoroughness and precision of the Staff work of the Corps, Divisions, and Brigades, and (3) the skill and rapidity with which the mobile artillery were brought forward in close support of the infantry for the attack of the more distant objectives.

I offer my heartiest congratulations and warm thanks to all ranks of the Australian Corps, though I feel that whatever words I may use all Australians realize that "Victory is her own reward". It was a splendid performance and as fine a feat of arms as any that even this war can produce.

B Pawlowski

H.Q., Fourth Army,
16th August, 1918.

General,
Commanding Fourth Army.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER NO. 107. (14)

COPY NO. 1

Battalion Headquarters,
15th. August, 1918.

1. The 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved in the line on the night of 15th./16th. instant.
2. The 3rd. Australian Battalion will be relieved as under:-
 - 45th. AUST. BN. - From right boundary to left of No. 9 Platoon "C" Company with two Companies.
 - One Company in trench occupied by "A" Company in Support.
 - One Company in Sunken Road at A.2.C.1.3.
 - 46th. AUST. BN. - "B" Company, 46th. Bn., will relieve 2 right platoons of "B" Company. Another Company will relieve the remaining 2 platoons of "B" Company. "C" Companies relief will be notified later.

On completion of relief Battalion will move to Square X.19.B.

Guides will meet Companies at Battalion Headquarters on the way out. Battalion will again move at 9.15 a.m. on morning of 16th. instant.

ROUTE - Battalion Headquarters - Railway Line to ROSIERES, thence by guides to destination. A meal will be ready in new location.

DRESS - 220 rounds S.A.A., 2 water bottles and Mobilisation Stores will be carried out on the man.

LEWIS GUNS & STRETCHERS & SIGNALLING GEAR - Companies will ensure that Lewis Guns and 16 magazines per gun, and 4 stretchers per Company, and all Signalling gear is carried out.

DISCIPLINE - Strict silence will be observed during relief. No smoking will be permitted on the march out, and in the new area no lights must be shewn.

Every possible assistance will be given incoming troops as regards enemy dispositions and localities in front.

STORES - All surplus ammunition and bombs, including 2 per man, and sandbags, water tins, will be handed over in platoon dumps, and duplicate receipt obtained.

REPORTS - To Battalion Headquarters on completion of relief by 'phone message "TOT".

GUIDES - One guide per platoon and one for Company H.Qrs. to be at Battalion Headquarters at 8.45 p.m. tonight to guide incoming Companies.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Howe
Capt. & Adjutant,
3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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3rd . AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER NO.110.

COPY NO. 8

Battalion Headquarters,
26th. August, 1918.

1. RELIEF. The 24th. Australian Battalion will relieve the 3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION in the left sector of 1st. BRIGADE front tonight 26th./27th. instant.
2. "A" COMPANY, 24th.BATTALION will take over the right 500 yards of 3rd.Battalion front line Company, with boundaries along grid line through M.8.C.O.O. & M.9.C.O.O. on right and through M.8. & 9. Central on Left.
"B" COMPANY, 24th.BATTALION will take over the remainder of 3rd. Battalion front line and part of 11th.Battalion front line with boundaries along grid line M.8. & 9. on right and grid line through M.2.C.O.O. & M.3.C.O.O. on left.

Positions of Support Companies will be issued later.

3. GUIDES. Incoming front line Companies of 24th.Battalion will be guided to present "C" Company Headquarters. O.C. "C" Company will be responsible for guiding these Companies to Headquarters of "A" and "D" Companies, 3rd.BATTALION. Relieving Companies will probably reach "C" Company at 9.15 p.m.

DESTINATION & ROUTE. On relief Companies will move to MORCOURT via Old Battalion Headquarters - R.20.A.8.6. - Q.17.C.2.6.TEA. Hot tea will be available in sunken road at Old R.A.P. at R.16.D.3.4.LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Guns and magazines will be dumped on Road Junction at R.11.B.8.2. and handed over to Pioneer Sergeant. 2 Lewis Gunners will be left with gear.TRENCH STORES. Picks, shovels, extra S.A.A., bombs, etc. will be handed over and receipts obtained.REGIMENTAL EQUIPMENT. Very pistols, etc. will be carried out.

4. REPORTS. On completion of relief by code word "LISTER" to Battalion Headquarters.

Howie
Capt. & Adjutant,
3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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Battalion Headquarters,
30th. August, 1918.

- FRIDAY -
30th. AUGUST. - Baths - re-organisation.
2- 3 p.m. - Recreational training.
4- 5 p.m. - Special class of map reading instruction for Officers and Sergeants and Corporals.
- SATURDAY -
31st. AUGUST. - 8.30 a.m. - BATTALION PARADE.
9 a.m. - Close order drill - Company and Platoon.
10 a.m. - Specialist training under Adjutant & NCOs.
~~11.15 a.m.~~ 11.15 a.m. - Officers will be given small tactical exercises.
11.15 a.m. - Battalion Parade and ceremonial march past.
2 - 3 p.m. - Recreational training.
4 - 5 p.m. - Officers class in Lewis Gun.
Sergeants and Corporals in map reading.
- SUNDAY -
1st. SEPT. - CHURCH SERVICES.
10 a.m. - CHURCH OF ENGLAND - Dress - belt & sidearms, box respirators.
R.C. PARADE to be notified later.
AFTERNOON - Swimming Carnival.
- MONDAY -
2nd. SEPT. - 8.30 a.m. - BATTALION PARADE.
9 a.m. - Close order drill - Company & Platoon.
10 a.m. - Specialist training under Adjutant & R.S.M. Officers & N.C.Os. to be taken over open order work exercise.
11.15 a.m. - Battalion Parade and ceremonial march past.
2 - 3 p.m. - Recreational training.
4 - 5 p.m. - Officers & N.C.Os. special class in map reading.
- TUESDAY -
3rd. SEPT. - 8.30 a.m. - BATTALION PARADE.
9 a.m. - Close order drill - bayonet fighting - guards and sentries.
10.30 a.m. - Companies & Platoons in open order work based on instruction given to Officers & N.C.Os. on 2nd. instant.
11-30 a.m. - Battalion Parade and ceremonial march past.
2 - 3 p.m. - Recreational training.
Cross country run.
4 - 5 p.m. - Officers class on Lewis M.G.
N.C.Os. class in map reading.
- WEDNESDAY -
4th. SEPT. - 8.30 a.m. - BATTALION PARADE.
9 a.m. - Close order drill - musketry.
10 a.m. - Specialist training under Adjutant & N.C.Os. Officers will be taken in tactical exercise.
11-15 a.m. - Battalion parade and ceremonial march past.
2 - 3 p.m. - Recreational training.
4 - 5 p.m. - Officers and N.C.Os. in map reading.
- THURSDAY -
5th. SEPT. - 8.30 a.m. - BATTALION PARADE.
9 a.m. - Bayonet fighting - guards - close order drill.
10 a.m. - Exercise with troops based on exercise without troops on 4th. Sept.
2- 3 p.m. - Recreational training.
4- 5 p.m. - Officers in L.M.G. class.
N.C.Os. in map reading.

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GENERAL.

- DRESS - Drill order and box respirators.
- MUSKETRY - Special attention by instructors will be given to -
(1) Taking up correct positions.
(2) Use of cover.
(3) Description of targets.
(4) Fire orders and discipline.
(5) Passing of orders.
(6) Judging distance.
15 minutes daily will be devoted to this in specialist training.
- BOMBING - Training in use of Cup Discharger.
- SIGNALLERS - Training as per Brigade Syllabus.
- INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL - will be trained under I.O. Syllabus herewith.
- RESTS - will be given 5 minutes to clock hour, and work resumed at the hour.
- GAS HELMET TRAINING - will be carried out daily in conjunction with open order work.
Inspections for defects in helmets to be carried out daily.
- LECTURES - $\frac{1}{2}$ hour lectures to Officers nightly.

Stowie
Capt. & Adjutant,
3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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REPORT on ATTACK carried out near PROYART, FRANCE, on
23rd. AUGUST, 1918.

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1. Preliminary.

At VAULX-Sur-Somme in rest area on 21.8.1918 Brigade Order No.112 was received. Preparations for the attack were put in hand, the Nucleus Company formed, packs and blankets dumped, a thorough inspection of all anti-gas appliances, identity discs checked, and private letters, etc., dumped.

Battalion Order No.108 issued.

2. Preliminary moves.

Battalion marched out from VAULX at 9.30 p.m. 21st. August, 1918, to Square Q.12. and went into bivouacs in trenches and sunken roads. Here Battle Stores were issued.

Men rested under cover from observation by enemy.

Officers carried out a reconnaissance in small groups.

3. Preliminary plan.

The 3rd. Battalion, less "C" Company, was to be Support Battalion to 1st. A.I. Brigade, and to follow the assaulting battalions and to consolidate in selected areas should the attack go as planned. To avoid congestion on the jumping off line Assembly positions were selected WEST of PROYART in R.14.C. & R.20.A. in old trenches and a sunken road.

"C" Company, 3rd. Battalion, was to be attached to 1st. Australian Battalion as a reserve to that unit.

4. DEFINITE PLAN.

At about 5.30 p.m. on 22nd. instant the 3rd. Battalion was ordered to follow attacking battalions and on objective being gained to exploit our successes and gain a further objective shown on attached map, No.1.

"C" Company, 3rd. Battalion, was attached to 1st. Australian Battalion and was to capture the Right portion of 1st. Battalion final objective. When 3rd. Battalion moved through this Company to further objective, "C" Company was to come under orders of 3rd. Battalion.

"D" and "B" Companies were ordered to carry out the exploitation.

They were to follow the attacking battalions, reform in valley in R.7.B.0.5. then advance through "C" Company, 3rd. Battalion. "D" Company on Right to pass CHUIGNES and "B" Company on Left with Left flank directed on Southern edge of GARGANE WOOD.

"A" Company was to remain in Support and consolidate at about R.7.D.1.8.

5. Zero hour was 4.45 a.m. on 23.8.1918.

6. Move to Assembly Point.

Capt. A. McDERMID with "C" Company moved off to join 1st. Battalion at 1.30 a.m. on 22nd/23rd. instant and formed up in rear of "B" Company 1st. Battalion.

At 3.45 a.m. on 22nd/23rd. instant, The Battalion, less "C" Company, moved to assembly point West of PROYART (shown on attached map) and reported in position at 4.15 a.m.

ZERO.

7. At Zero, "B" and "D" Companies moved forward, "D" to SOUTH and "B" to NORTH of PROYART. "A" Company followed "B" Company at Zero plus 2 minutes. The Companies moved in artillery formation at a steady pace and no difficulty was found in keeping direction.

At Zero plus 2 minutes enemy heavily shelled PROYART and

valley to the WEST. Three shells burst among No.2 Platoon "A" Company killing the leader Lieut. M.McL.KESHAN and killed and wounded all the personnel except four.

During the advance "D" and "B" Companies moved abreast, each with a front of about 200 yards. A lot of scattered shelling and M.G. fire was passed through especially for the first 1000 yards.

On passing ROBERT WOOD, "A" Company was fired on by snipers and a party at once entered the wood and mopped up 20 Germans in a dugout.

"B" and "D" Companies did not halt on the Infantry Halt Line but moved on and reached the artillery map objective at zero plus 90 minutes and joined up with "C" Company, 3rd. Battalion (attached to 1st. Aust. Battalion) and gained touch with 4th. Aust. Battalion on Right.

Positions are shown on attached map No.1.

6.18 a.m.

At 6.18 a.m. "C" Company pressed forward across the valley to gain the Green Line (G.S. objective) one platoon, No.11, passed through the wood at R.17.A.7.8. and secured the 15 inch seige gun which was destroyed. As the artillery barrage did not move forward the Company Commander was forced to withdraw his men about 150 yards, where they remained until the barrage ceased at 7 a.m.. During this wait the O.C. "C" and "D" Companies held a conference with a tank commander and the plan of action on resuming the advance was decided.

7 a.m.

On the artillery barrage ceasing at 7 a.m. "C" Company moved forward preceded by two tanks and supported by overhead fire from section of V.M.Guns, crossed the valley and moved through D'ARCY WOOD where a 77 mm. gun was captured, gained the ridge and wood at R.11.D.

This advance was made under heavy M.G. fire from ridge in R.5.D. & R.11.B. an anti-tank gun of 77 mm. calibre also fired a great many rounds from this ridge.

Two minenwerfers were captured in wood at R.11.D.

3 German Officers and 10 O.Ranks were captured in D'ARCY WOOD.

7.10 a.m.

The Green Line (General Staff) objective was reached at 7.10 a.m. 23.8.18. Positions were selected and consolidation commenced.

"D" and "B" Companies now came up and passed through "C" Company with a view to gaining the final or exploitation objective.

Heavy enemy machine gun and 77 mm. gun fire opened from the commanding ridge immediately EAST of CHUIGNES and running North to Hospital in R.11.A. inflicting a number of casualties including the O.C. "D" Company. This Officer, Lieut. JACKSON (who remained at duty for over an hour) decided that the position could not be exploited further without severe losses and withdrew his own Company and "B" Company to Green Line and consolidated.

At 7 a.m. Battalion Headquarters moved to R.16.D.7.6. "A" Company (Support Company) took up a position at R.16.D.7.8.

2 p.m.

Second phase. 23.8.18.

An order was issued at 12.30 p.m. and arrangements made for an attack on final objective.

At 2 p.m. artillery barrage commenced and two Companies moved forward to the assault, "D" Company on Right and "B" Company on Left.

A new front was allotted and boundaries are shown on Map No.2.

12th. Australian Battalion attacked on our left.

The assaulting Companies deployed and moved across valley under heavy enemy M.G. and 77 mm. gun fire.

Our barrage was effective except for one battery of 18 pdrs. which fired short throughout.

On reaching base of the cliff the enemy hurriedly retreated from his advanced positions and our attacking troops reached their objective.

On moving through CHUIGNES 4 - 77 mm. field guns were captured. These guns were in action when our men commenced their advance but the gunners retired before the guns could be reached.

The line taken up is shown on Map No.1.

Contact was gained with 4th. Australian Battalion on Right, and 12th. Australian Battalion on Left.

Zero hour was not known by Companies taking part until the barrage was actually put down.

A new front was given for this attack and is shown on Map No.2.

Owing to the 12th. Battalion start line being some hundreds of yards to our Left ~~xxx~~ the line of advance of our Left Company was not correctly kept, and the objective consolidated included a part of 12th. Battalion front. This was remedied on 24th. August. The 3rd. Battalion SOUTHERN boundary was extended on 24th. instant, and was then as shown on Map No.2.

"C" Company (Support Company) moved up to cliff near Hospital at R.11.B.5.7.

"A" Company (Reserve Company) moved to R.11.D.9.2.

No further action took place during the day 23rd. instant.

24th. inst.

Consolidation continued.

On night 24th/25th. part of 12th. Aust. Battalion relieved "B" Company, 3rd. Battalion.

"C" Company 3rd. Battalion relieved part of "D" Company 3rd. Battalion, and "D" Company extended to Right.

"B" Company moved into Support.

Dispositions at 9 a.m. on 25th. were as shown on Map No.2

8. Subsequent operations.

On 25th. information was received that enemy were retiring and that their front was only lightly held.

In order to exploit the situation patrols were sent forward to locate the enemy.

On the Right patrols moved through CANARD Wood but on emerging from Eastern edge were heavily fired on from trenches at M.8.D.3.8. which commanded the valley up which patrols were forced to operate.

On the Left of Battalion front enemy was in position 200 yards from our posts and very alert.

Our patrols drew heavy fire from enemy M.Guns, trench mortars, and artillery.

Our own artillery was directed on this position and did excellent shooting, many shots were seen to burst in enemy trench.

At 10 p.m. our patrols again went forward and established a line EAST of CANARD WOOD as shown on Map No.2.

"A" and "D" Companies carried out this operation, "C" Company became Support Company and "B" Company Reserve Company.

From this position our patrols met with severe enemy M.G. fire throughout remainder of night 25th/26th.

At 10 a.m. 26th. instant our patrols again went forward, supported by strong covering parties and pushed forward the line to M.9.C.6.3. to M.9.B.5.8.

Touch was gained with 11th. Battalion on Left at M.9.B.5.8. but 4th. Battalion on Right were still some distance in Rear.

Patrols were at once pushed out through FONTAINE les Cappy to M.9.D.3.6. and located the enemy who was holding a position on Ridge EAST of the village in some strength.

During this advance both M.G. and rifle fire was encountered but less severe than previous day.

This final line was consolidated.

The two rear Companies moved closer up, and line handed over to 24th. Australian Battalion at midnight 26th/27th. instant.

9. Artillery.

The artillery barrage did not lift at Zero plus 90 as laid down in 1st. A.I. Brigade Battle Instructions No.4, but remained on protective line as shown on artillery barrage map.

This prevented "C" Company from gaining the Green Line until barrage had ceased.

The barrage put down at 2 p.m. was very effective.

All calls for artillery were met promptly. Communication was difficult at times with covering battery owing to scarcity of telephone wire and difficulty of maintenance.

10. Tanks.

For the short distance my Battalion operated with tanks no difficulties were experienced.

The Tank Officers conferred with my Company Commanders during a pause and explained their further action clearly.

11. Communications.— were maintained by telephones, lamp, and runner. Wires laid in valleys were very often broken, and it would appear better to run lines on high ground even if linesmen were often under view of the enemy.

12. Co-operation with V.M.Guns.

Section Commanders of V.M.G. Companies worked in close touch with Infantry Company Commanders.

13. Light Trench Mortars.

Carried out programme but were not brought into action on 23rd. instant.

Losses in personnel resulted in only a few rounds keeping up with the guns at final objective.

14. Dumps, Equipment, and Supplies.

Each man carried —

220 rounds S.A.A.

2 bombs.

2 grenades.

ground sheet.

24 hours rations.

1 Iron ration.

Filled water bottle.

In addition each Company carried —

15 picks and 60 shovels in proportion of 3 shovels to 1 pick, 2 S.O.S. signals, 2 Success Signals, 50 ground flares. 16 magazines were carried for each Lewis Gun.

A Brigade Dump was formed early on 23rd. at R.17.A.5.1. and included all stores required.

15. Rations and Water.

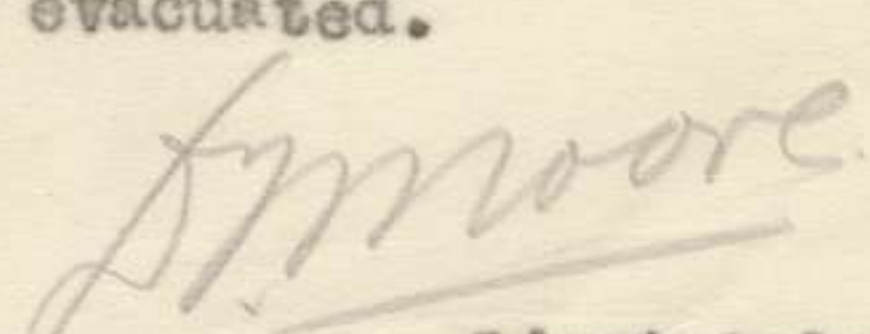
Rations and one hot meal consisting of hot stew and tea reached the men about midnight 23rd/24th. instant, and two hot meals each following night.

Rum was available for one issue only.

Water was delivered to Companies each day.

16. Medical.

Casualties were quickly evacuated.


 Lieut. Colonel.
 Commanding, 3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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Map No. 1.

Map No. 2.

APPENDIX "B".

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APPENDIX "C".

Details of our casualties and loss of material.

APPENDIX "D".

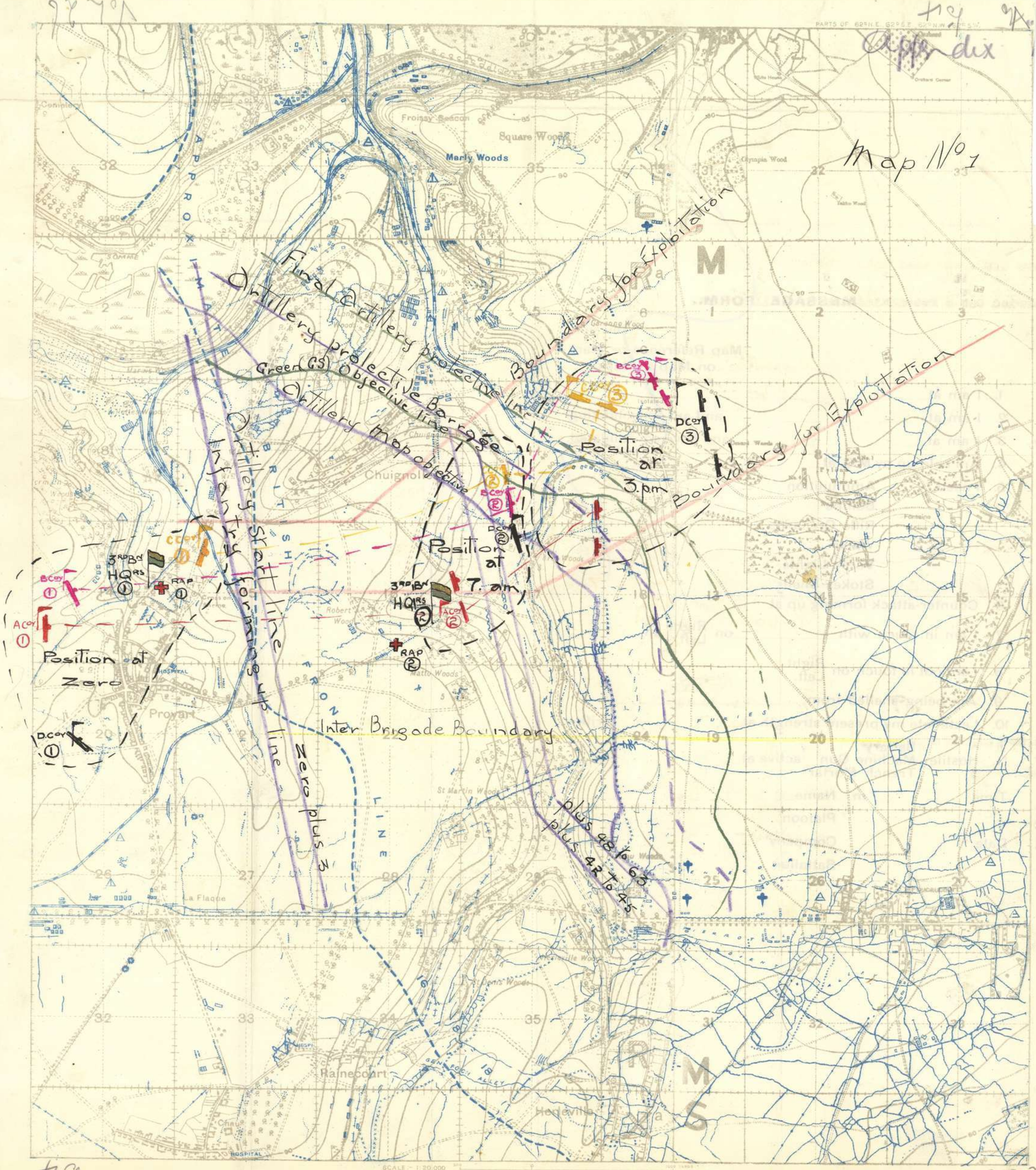
Details of enemy casualties.

Our captures of personnel and material.

APPENDIX "E".Details of our strength.

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Map No 1



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3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER NO. 108.

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Battalion Headquarters,
21st. August, 1918.

1. The 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade in conjunction with 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade on the right will attack the enemy on "Z" day and capture and consolidate the GREEN Line. A map will be issued later showing present line, infantry jumping off line, GREEN line, and inter-Brigade and inter-battalion boundaries.
2. The 4th. Australian Battalion on the right and the 1st. Australian Battalion plus "C" Company, 3rd. Battalion on the left, will deliver the assault. 3rd. Battalion, less "C" Company, being in Support and the 2nd. Australian Battalion in reserve.
3. The attack will be supported by tanks, machine guns, and trench mortars and will be made under a creeping barrage.
4. The 3rd. Australian Battalion will move from present location to Square Q.12. tonight the 21st. instant, passing the starting point - Bridge J.26.C.1.1. at 9.30 p.m.
The Battalion will parade on Battalion Parade Ground at 9 p.m.

DRESS - Battle order, water bottles filled, waterproof sheet rolled on back of belt.ORDER OF MARCH - Headquarters, "A", "B", "C", and "D" Companies, Battle Transport. A distance of 50 yards will be maintained between platoons and 100 yards between Companies.ROUTE - HAMEL - CERISY - MORCOURT Road, to destination.ADVANCE PARTY, - NUCLEUS, SURPLUS GEAR and TRANSPORT - Separate Orders have been issued to Companies and Transport.MACHINE GUNS - Guns will be carried on M.G. Limbers - all magazines to be filled.DISCIPLINE - Strict march discipline will be observed throughout.IDENTIFICATION - No private letters or documents other than those required for the operation will be carried by any member of the Battalion.OBSERVATION - Special attention will be paid to the avoidance of observation by the enemy on 22nd. instant.

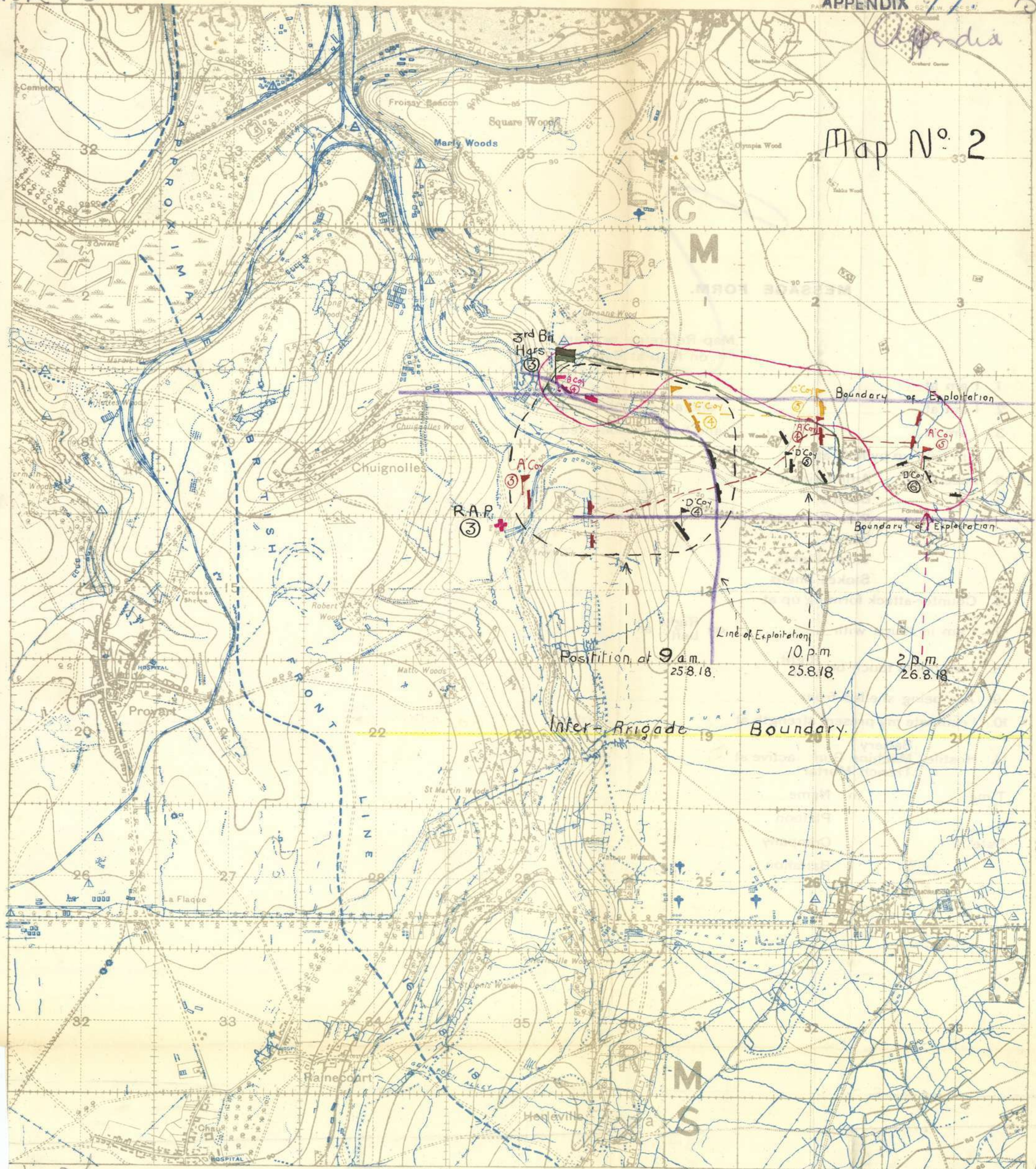
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3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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3 rd. AUST. BATTALION ORDER NO. 109.

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Bn. H.Qrs.
22nd. August, 1918.

- At ZERO minus 1 hour the 4th. Bn, 1st Bn, "C" Coy. 3rd. Battalion, with attached L.T.M., M.G. Units, will be in position on the tapes. 4th Bn. moving by route "A", and 1st Bn. by routes "B" and "C". The 3rd. Aust. Bn., less "C" Coy, will be assembled in the area R.14.C - R.20.A. as follows - "D", "A", "B" from right to left.
- At ZERO hour the Tanks will pass through the assaulting infantry & deploy in front of them.
At Zero plus 3 as the barrage lifts the assault will be launched and will follow the barrage to barrage halt line, approx. 2500 yards in front. On this line the barrage dwells for 15 minutes.
At a time to be specified after zero the 3rd. Aust. Bn., will move so as to get to the following locations not later than ZERO plus 1 1/2 hours -

"B" Coy	at R.16.B.6.0.
"D" "	" R.23.A.8.5.
"A" "	" R.22.B. Central.

 "A" Company will get in touch at R.22.B.8.0. with the 7th. Aust. Bn to junction effectively the support line.

ARTILLERY ARRANGEMENTS - As per Map issued.

TANKS - Orders have been given separately to Coys.

DRESS - Lewis Guns and 16 loaded magazines will be carried, 220 rounds of S.A.A., 4 bombs, 4 sandbags, a proportion of ground flares, S.O.S. and Success rockets, Mobilization Stores, will be carried on the man, and in addition 50 shovels and 20 picks per Coy. will be carried.
These stores will be issued at dusk tonight.
Waterbottles will be filled from water carts tonight.

FLARES - RED ground flares will be lit to indicate Infantry positions. Flares will be lit by the most advanced line of Infantry only. Not the whole of the flares will be lit at the first call - a proportion will be kept back and lit on subsequent calls.

A contact aeroplane will fly along the line of the objective at ZERO plus 2 hours.

Call for flares is a succession of "A's" on the Blaxon horn and the firing of a white Very light.

If the aeroplane fails to mark the line accurately it will call again after 10 minutes. If it fails to obtain a reply it will repeat its call at half hour intervals. These aeroplanes are distinguished by rectangular panels 2 feet by 1 foot and on both lower planes about 3 feet from the fuselage.

Metal discs will be flashed to indicate position of most advanced infantry.

Positions will also be indicated by laying 3 or 4 rifles parallel to one another at regular intervals across the top of the trench.

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COUNTER ATTACK AEROPLANES - From ZERO hour counter attack aeroplanes will be constantly in the air. The signal to Infantry when enemy troops are preparing for a counter attack is a WHITE parachute flare fired in the direction of the impending counter attack.

S.O.S. - The S.O.S. signal at present is a rifle grenade signal RED over RED over RED.

SUCCESS SIGNAL will be a rifle grenade rocket WHITE over WHITE over WHITE.

These signals will be taken into action by the forward Companies of the attacking troops, and fired only from the GREEN Line by the order of an Officer.

MEDICAL - R.A.P. will be situate at R.8.D.4.0.

REPORTS - To B attalion Headquarters on completion of move to 2nd. Assembly position by written message.

"A" Company will report also as soon as liaison is maintained with 7th.Bn.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Capt. & Adjutant,
3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

O.Cs. "B.", "C" and "D" Companies.

Battalion Headquarters,
23rd. August, 1918.

3rd. Battalion will attack under cover of artillery barrage in conjunction with 3rd. Brigade on Left. When barrage opens "D" Company will move forward on Right and "B" Company on Left to FINAL OBJECTIVE and link up with 4th. Battalion on RIGHT and 12th. Battalion on LEFT at H.7.E.3.7.

"C" Company will support the attack and move forward if necessary to gain objective.

The operation will commence with an artillery barrage for 3 minutes and will then lift 100 yards each minute. No definite time for barrage to open can be given but you must watch for it and move forward as soon as it comes down.

Probable time for barrage to open 1.30 p.m.

L. Moore

Lieut. Colonel.
Commanding, 3rd. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

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Details of our casualties and loss of material.

OFFICERS -

Killed in Action.

Lieut. M. McL. YESHAN.
Capt. A. G. CORMACK.

Wounded.

Lieut. C. C. KELLNER
" E. HAWKSHAW
" A. D. ARNOLD.
" W. L. LAMROCK
" A. J. S. GROLL
" E. H. JACKSON
2nd. " C. L. WAINWRIGHT M.M.
" " G. P. DARLOW

Wounded. (Remained at duty).

Lieut. F. J. JARVIS.

OTHER RANKS. -

Killed in Action	-	33.
Died of Wounds	-	6.
Wounded	-	178.
Wounded (remained at duty)	-	3.
Missing	-	1.

MATERIAL LOST.

One Lewis Gun was put out of action by shell fire. It was sent to the rear and replaced.

A small quantity of signalling gear was destroyed by shell fire.

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Details of enemy casualties.

Killed.

52.

Captured.

4 Officers & 155 Other ranks.

Captured material.

	<u>Guns.</u>	<u>M.Gs.</u>	<u>Minenwerfers.</u>
15".	1.		
77 mm.	5.	15.	6.

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Details of our strength.

23rd. - "A".	5.- 106.)	25th. - "A"	- 3. - 62.)
"B".	4.- 124.)	"B"	- 3. - 96.)
"C".	5.- 109.)	"C"	- 2. - 79.)
"D".	5.- 114.)	"D"	- 4. - 91.)
H.Q.	5.- 74.)	H.Q.	- 5. - 66.)
Total	-25.- 527.	Total	-17.- 392.

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24th. -
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 "A". 5. - 98.
 "B". 4. - 124.
 "C". 58. - 108.
 "D". 56. - 114.
 H.Q. 5. - 74.
 Total 26. - 518.

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26th. -
 "A". 3. - 60.
 "B". 4. - 73.
 "C". 2. - 74.
 "D". 4. - 92.
 H.Q. 5. - 66.
 Total - 18. - 365.

27th. -
 "A". 3. - 37.
 "B". 4. - 62.
 "C". 1. - 72.
 "D". 3. - 87.
 H.Q. 58. - 64.
 Total 17. - 322.
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A.)
 B.)
 C.) Porridge and milk, and fried bacon & tea.
 D.)
 H.Q. Details)

MID-DAY.

A. Boiled beef, cabbage, and baked beans.)
 B. Roast & boiled Beef, cabbage & beans.)
 C. Roast beef, cabbage and beans.) Tea.
 D. Boiled beef & vegetables, fresh meat & veg. stew.)
 H.Q. Details. Boiled beef, cabbage and beans.)

EVENING.

A. Boiled rice and milk)
 B. Rissoles.)
 C. Cold corned beef.) Tea.
 D. Dry hash.)
 H.Q. Details. Cold corned beef.).

E. Rosengard

 Sergeant Cook.

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3rd Aust. Bⁿ

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Racquinghem	August 1 st		300 pairs of swimming trunks have been purchased at 5 th Omer for the men to wear in the canal.	Ref. Map HAZEBROUCK
	2 nd		All surplus Officers kit, stores etc. have been taken to Div. dump at Bobblinghem today as the dump is to be moved to DESURES tomorrow. All boots are in good order, also the clothing with the exception of Tackets, Aust. Pattern Tackets are very difficult to obtain just now. Rations are drawn from supply dump by 1 st line transport.	5A
	5 th		B ⁿ marched to WIZERNES to entrain, tea was issued just before entering this place and cocoa & milk supplied by the Aust. Comfort's Fund just before entraining.	
PONT REMY	6 th		Arrived at PONT REMY and detrained at 2 p.m. boilers were taken off the cookers & left with Coy and Officers mess gear and Valies and 24 hours rations were left with B ⁿ to come along in busses with them. Transport & QM's staff marched to ST. SAUVEUR 19 1/2 miles arriving there at 1 p.m. On the 7 th	Ref Map. VIGNACOURT 100000

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ST. SAUVEUR	August 7 th		Left St. Sauveur at 6.30 am. and marched to DAOURS a distance of 12 1/2 miles arriving there at 11.30 am. where the B ⁿ was picked up. Arrangements were then made for issuing various battle stores such as an extra Iron ration, 2 sandbags per man, one extra water bottle per man, wire cutters, grenade dischargers, Very Pistols etc. in addition to the normal 24 hours ration. All packs, blankets, Valises etc. were then stored there and the B ⁿ moved up to Assembly Position.	REF. MAP VIGNACOURT 1/100000
DAOURS	8 th		A hot meal consisting of Porridge, Bacon & Tea was taken up at 2.30 am to the B ⁿ . As the advance was a success Transport & a ration shelter moved forward at 1 p.m. to J. 31. D. 5. 3. remainder of stores were left at DAOURS under a guard. A hot meal was taken to B ⁿ at 5 p.m.	Ref Map. 62 D.
Q. 31.	9 th		Breakfast was taken up to B ⁿ at 7 a.m. and Transport and Ammunition moved to Q. 31 near LAMOTTE-EN-SANTERRE under Brigade Orders, remainder of stores still at Daours.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Q. 31.	10 th		Left: Q. 31 at 7 a.m. with breakfast expecting to find B ⁿ in the vicinity of Harbonnières but a message was received en route with information that they had moved forward to ROSIERES-en-Santerre, a hot meal and rations were taken up at 7 p.m. to them.	REF. MAP HARBONNIERES 100000
	11 th		Breakfast taken up at 5 a.m. and rations and hot meal at 7 p.m.	
	12 th		Same as previous day.	
	13 th		B ⁿ now in line, only one hot meal daily is possible and that after dark at night, it is not possible to cook breakfast as no light can be shown on account of great activity of enemy bombing planes, and the men in the line cannot be got at during daylight, so the bacon is not spoiled and taken up with rations over.	
	14 th		night and the men make cocoa & milk which is supplied by the Aust. Comforts Fund by means of Tommy Cookers.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Q. 31.	August 15 th		B ⁿ relieved from the line and moved back to X 19 B. where the cookers had been taken to and a hot meal was given them.	REF. MAP. HARBONNIERES
VAUX-SUR-SOMME.	16 th		Breakfast 7.30 a.m. and B ⁿ marched out to VAUX-SUR-SOMME picking up remainder of Transport en route at Lamotte-en-Santerre, arrived at destination at 4.45 p.m. the only cover available for the B ⁿ being 12 bell tents and 28 Trench Covers, Packs & Valises etc. arrived from Daours.	
VAUX-SUR-SOMME.	17 th		Boat repairing & haircutting is being completed with all speed and a clean change of clothing available, all men went into the river swimming & hauled their dirty clothing back to store. An inspection for shortages was held under Coy. arrangements and indent to replace lost battle stores lodged with me.	
VAUX-SUR-SOMME.	18 th		As a large quantity of clothing & necessaries are on hand all the more important shortages have been completed	APPENDIX 1 96

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Vaux. Swz. SOMME.	18 th		All unserviceable Lewis Gun parts have been replaced and indents placed with D.A.P.O. for all shortages in clothing and equipment.	REF. MAP 627.
	19 th		Rations this month up to date have been good especially the bread and Fresh meat ration but fresh vegetables are rather scarce.	
	21 st		B ⁿ and Lewis Gun limbers and cookers left Vaux at 9.30 p.m. and moved to a position in front of MORCOURT. Remainder of Transport and QM's personnel left at 11.30 p.m. and marched to CERISY-GAILLY.	
Cerisy-Gailly	22 nd		Lewis Gun limbers returned from B ⁿ to Transport lines, cookers remained with B ⁿ , an enemy shell destroyed two cookers today causing 5 casualties amongst the cooks.	
	23 rd		B ⁿ in line rations & meal up at 10 p.m.	
	24 th		B ⁿ still in line rations & meal up at 8 p.m. and breakfast up at 3.30 am. on morning of 25 th .	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Crisy	25 th		Same routine as yesterday.	
Gailly	26 th		B ⁿ to be relieved tonight, hot tea taken to Aid Post to give the men as they passed out and a hot meal was given them when they arrived at their destination on the morrow - Crisy Road.	
"	27 th		Packs, blankets, officers kits etc. got up from store at CORBIE to B ⁿ . Shortage lists were received from B ⁿ and usual preparations made for re-equipping.	
"	28 th		Clothing, equipment & necessaries drawn from DADOS.	
"	29 th		All clothing, equipment etc. issued to Coy. today.	
"	30 th		All unserviceable clothing returned to DADOS. All Deceased & Wounded Officers Kits despatched to Pailhead. Two Cookers to replace two lost in action, received.	
31 st			All indents placed with DADOS for material lost in last action. Total return for month of August. 1150 lbs. value in Seranos. 402 FR 350, CTMS.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Yancourt-sur-Somme.	17-8-18.		<p>Reformed unit from base. in morning 8th unit. The Bn. following up in rear of attacking units - troops in good condition and morale excellent. - bathing previously carried out in canal at Saucourt. The Bn. entered in square 6th P. 11. and R.A.P. at 6²⁰ P. 11 666. In the night 9-10th unit the Bn. moved to Anthonieres. 30 casualties occurred from bombing en route. The cases were dressed as well as possible under the adverse conditions, and were, as quickly as possible carried to a 2nd amb. station nearby. In order to cope with the number a platoon of about 20 men was detached to assist the stretcher-bearers & all casualties were on their way to the dressing station within 20-30 minutes - at</p> <p>In morning 10th unit a march to Roserie - in distance about 5 miles was carried out before breakfast, but tho' the men had only had about 4 hours sleep & the morning was very hot so men fell out on the march - a good breakfast provided from Bn. that was secured out at their destination - there was practically</p>	

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Vauze	7th		<p>no sickness during the period with the exception of a few cases of blistered feet & some boils which were attended to at the RAP. On night 11th unit took over from 5th Bn. in the line near Libone - RAP situated in deep dugout in quarry at F6, C5.1. During period in the line there were few casualties - only 2 stretcher cases which were attended to promptly by Coy. S-Berners. & carried to RAP, a company of about 700-1000 men. All other casualties were slight & could walk - 2 Hot meals were served to the men daily - these consisted of tin tins for dinner & Bacon & tea for breakfast - Stews consisted of fresh meat - in tin & rather + vegetables (potatoes & rice & onion) - meals brought up in containers & were quite hot when issued out. - The troops were very hot & this combined with some gas to which the men had previously for 2 days been subjected caused a certain small percentage of sickness - the men complaining of headache, vomiting, epigastric pain - diarrhoea - some of these were evacuated as "Gassed", while others completely recovered after 10 hrs. Aspirin & 1/2 oz. Oil Ricini had been administered, within 24 hours.</p>	<p>APPENDIX 7 20 96</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Vause	17 th		<p>This morning the Bn marched to Vause - distance about 9 miles - hot & dusty men tired - trouble reported from some but as men had not worked for 10 days - a few cases of dysentery were allowed to be carried in huts - long march carried out at slow rate & heavy stages - halt of 1 1/2 hrs. at midday for lunch - men camped in bivouacs near the river - good swimming pools in the vicinity - ^{drinking} water obtained from an ornamental ^{river} thro' dist. sterilizer.</p>	
	28 th		<p>Dysentery period here - fair amount of diarrhoea with severe colic has occurred. This is found chiefly in men who swim in the river and it is thought that these caused some of the water - The journey down was very dusty and this may have something to do with it. The Colic & diarrhoea respond to treatment quickly - 2 slight cases of scabies treated symptomatically, as 2 crabs return them when evacuated. Good results from treatment. Hot baths & clean underclothing distributed to all.</p>	
	24 th		<p>Bn. moved on night 21st to a position between Morcott & Mericourt. Stopped one day & moved forward to vicinity of Proport night 22nd. RDP situated about R14.6.2.3.</p>	<p>APPENDIX 2 MM 20</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Moorook.	31 st		<p>During 1st day of stint most 3rd Bn. casualties went, at first, to other 4th or 1st Bn. RAP'S - mostly 3rd Bde. Casualties at our RAP - during day RAP shifted to work Bn. Hq. at R16. do. 2 - all casualties were dealt to & got away by Regt. bearers without much trouble - tho' they latter were kept busy all the time. & all did splendid work. - Here, many casualties were caused by mustard gas - these treated with Sodi Bicarb. gargle - eye wash & drinks & evacuated. to 1st F. Amb. - otherwise practically no sickness - On night 26th Bn. relieved & moved back to billets near Moorook. During period in the line the men were well fed and received 2 hot meals daily - consisting of Stew, fried bacon & hot tea. Since coming out a Scabies inspection has been held & about 4 cases evacuated. few cases of diarrhoea - & colds - with sore throat - drinking water obtained from river, tested & chlorinated in water carts - men well fed - Breakfast porridge - bacon & tea - Dinner - Stew or Roast or Boiled fresh - meat - or Stew and hot tea - night. Hot tea & Sweets - boiled rice & fruit - in addition to dry rations - Training light - chiefly recreational. Sanitation is good.</p>	

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