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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
20th April, 1918.

Herewith copy of PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME,
Left Brigade, 'C' Division, Australian Corps. This cancels all
previous Defence Schemes for this Sector.
Acknowledge.

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Captain,
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SECTION 1.

BOUNDARIES AND DISTRIBUTION OF TROOPS.

BOUNDARIES:

1. Southern Bde. Boundary: E. and W. line through W 26 d 0 6.
- Northern Bde. Boundary: E. and W. line through W 15 e 6 0.
- Inter-Bn. Boundary: W 21 e 6 0 - W 20 e 35 00, along road to W 19 d 6 4.

DISTRIBUTION OF TROOPS:

2. (a) The forward system is held by two battalions, 'A' Bn. on Right, 'B' Bn on the left. 'A' Battalion has 3 Coys. in the line, and 1 Coy. in reserve in W 25 b 2 7 - W 19 d 7 3.

'B' Bn. has 2 Coys. in the line W 21 e 4 0 - W 15 d 4 0, 1 Coy. in close support in W 21 e 25 10 to W 21 a 20 65, and 1 Coy. in reserve in W 13 d 75 60 to W 13 d 95 20.

(b) One Battalion ('C' Bn) is in Bde. Reserve with 2 Coys. in old FRENCH line between V 30 b 4 0 and V 24 d 95 95, and 2 Coys. in redoubt in V 24 d finding nucleus garrisons of 1 platoon from each Company, each at V 30 b 3 5, V 24 d 9 5, V 24 d 6 8, and V 24 b 8 7.

(c) One battalion ('D' Bn) is in Divisional Reserve in WARLOY. Trenches are being constructed in V 22 a and c for this battalion, and will be occupied as soon as they have been completed.

* from W 26 e 40 05 to W 23 b 25 05, to W 27 a 30 51 to W 21 e 5 0.

SECTION 2.

PRINCIPLES OF DEFENCE.

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1. The defence will be based on the necessity for maintaining intact our positions on the high ground in W 25 a and b, W 19 c and d and W 21., and to deny to the enemy the valley running N.W. from W 27 central.
Experience of recent operations has shown that the enemy's method of attack has been to work up the valleys and 'pinch' the spurs. Special dispositions will be made to protect the valley in W 26 b, W 20 c and d, W 27 a, and to assist the brigade on the right flank in the defence of the valley W 25 c and d, W 26 c and d, also to protect high ground in W 21 by Vickers Machine Guns and Lewis Guns.
2. 'A' and 'B' battalions are responsible for the defence of the front line system which is the main line of resistance.
3. The front line system will be held as thinly as possible consistent with security. Troops will be distributed in depth.
4. The front line will be held. Troops will not fall back, but will maintain their position whether flanks have been turned or not.
5. 'A' and 'B' battalions will keep sufficient troops in hand for the immediate delivery of local counter-attacks. Plans for such counter attacks will be thought out beforehand and made known to all reserves.
6. Should the enemy succeed in penetrating our trenches on a limited front, and immediate counter attack will be organized by the senior officer on the spot.
7. In order to guard against surprise, and to keep in touch with enemy intentions, front line battalions will carry out active patrolling. The enemy will be kept under constant observation from O.P's. In misty weather and at night, battalions will push out listening posts well in advance of our front line.

SECTION 3.ACTION OF BRIGADE RESERVE.

The probable action of the enemy may be one of three alternatives :-

- (i) A raid.
- (ii) An attack with a limited objective.
- (iii) An attack on a large scale with deeper objectives.

Battalions in the line will probably be able to deal with (i).

In the case of (ii) 'C' Battalion will be prepared to move forward and to counter-attack and restore the line on any part of the Brigade front, and if communication between 'C' Battalion commander and Brigade is cut, 'C' Battalion commander must act on his own initiative. . .

The counter attack will be launched as quickly as possible, as soon as the situation is known. *

If the attack comes obviously under the heading (iii) the Brigade support line will be manned and held at all costs.

*
One platoon per Coy will be left as nucleus garrison and to serve as rallying point (See Section 1 Para. 2. (b)).

SECTION A.ACTION OF DIVISIONAL RESERVE.

1. Each of the three brigades in the line holds one battalion ('D' Bn) in Divisional Reserve.
These battalions are available to reinforce or counter-attack in any part of the Divisional Area.
Necessary reconnaissances will therefore be carried out forthwith.
'D' Battalion will normally be dispersed in and behind the BRESCLE - HENNINGOURE system, within the Bde. boundaries, with 2 platoons supplying a nucleus garrison for this system. The remainder of the battalion will be ready for deliberate counter-attack with artillery preparation under orders of Divisional Headquarters.
2. A company of Light Tanks "Whippets" may be used to co-operate with infantry for counter-attack referred to above.

SECTION 5.A R T I L L E R Y.

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1. The front is covered by one Field Artillery Brigade, and one Heavy Artillery Brigade.
 2. Field Arty. Bde. maintains a Liaison officer not below rank of Captain at Bde. Hdqrs. and an officer with each Battalion as F.O.O. and Liaison Officer.
 3. The present S.O.S. is a rifle grenade bursting into parachute lights -
 WHITE
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 WHITE
 4. The S.O.S. line for 18-pdrs is W 27 c 17 -
 W 21 d 35 15 - W 27 d 60 45 - W 27 d 85 05.
 4.5 Hows. on W 27 b 95 20 - W 20 a 95 50 -
 W 22 d 75 60, sweep road W 22 a and c.
 Heavy artillery fire on similar lines further to the east of 18-pdr S.O.S. lines.
 5. With reference to para ⁴ - 18-pdr S.O.S. lines - an attack on a large scale by the enemy is not expected, but what is anticipated is a local attack which would have for its object the spur in W 15 and W 21, as it is considered that the enemy would not attempt to attack it frontally, but would attack from the north (AVELUY WOOD) and from the south (up the re-entrant in W 27 a and c), the concentrated 18-pdr S.O.S. lines have been laid down on the above.
 If the attack is a frontal one only, barrage fire from W 21 d 35 15 north ^{to} W 21 d 53 82 - W 21 b 72 45 - W 15 d 9 1 can be obtained by asking the artillery for Task 'A' when fire will be switched across. It must be clearly understood that Task A is only to be applied for if there is no infantry attack up the re-entrant in W 27 c which is the danger point.
 Arrangements have also been made with the Artillery Group on the right to assist on the line W 26 d 7 6 - W 27 a 60 45. If this assistance is required, application is to be made to Brigade Headquarters.
 6. Rates of fire for S.O.S. and Task A. -
 18-pdrs. 3 rds per gun per min. for 5 mins.
 2 rds per gun per min. for 10 mins.
 4.5 Hows. 2 rds per How per min. for 10 mins.
 1 rd. per How. per min. for 5 mins.
 Fire will then stop unless S.O.S. is repeated, or it is apparent that an attack is in progress.

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SECTION 6.

MACHINE GUN ACTION IN DEFENCE.

1. A Machine Gun Company is attached to the Left Bde. in the line. 14 guns are disposed in the line, with 2 in reserve. All guns in the line are laid for direct fire.

- 2:
- | | | |
|----------------------|------------|---|
| Company Headquarters | V 20 d 3 4 | |
| No. 1 Section H.Q. | W 26 a 1 0 | |
| 2 Guns at | W 26 a 1 1 | shooting towards QUARRY in W 27 c, with arc of fire to E 2 central. These guns have an S.O.S. line on the road running from W 22 a 4 0 to W 22 a 25 40. |
| 2 Guns at | W 25 a 3 3 | shooting towards E 2 b 5 5. These guns are laid on intersection of railway and road at E 3 b 3 2. |
| No. 2 Section H.Q. | W 19 d 8 4 | |
| 2 Guns at | W 20 c 8 8 | shooting towards W 27 c central. |
| 2 Guns | W 19 d 9 4 | shooting towards W 22 c 0 0. |
| No. 3 Section H.Q. | V 20 b 3 2 | |
| 2 Guns at | W 30 b 3 2 | shooting down valley towards ALBERT. |
| 2 Guns in Reserve. | | |
| No. 4 Section H.Q. | V 24 b 3 0 | |
| 2 Guns at | V 24 b 3 0 | with arc of fire from W 20 central to W 14 central. |
| 2 Guns | W 19 a 3 4 | covering high ground in W 19 c and d. |

3. Indirect fire tasks: An S.O.S. barrage from E 2 b 3 0 to E 2 d 3 0 is supplied by the following 3 guns :-

- 2 Guns at W 26 c 3 3
- 2 Guns at W 19 c 3 4
- 2 Guns at W 25 a 3 3
- 2 Guns at V 30 a 3 2

An S.O.S. barrage from W 21 b 9 4 to W 21 d 1 7 is supplied by 2 Guns at W 26 a 1 0.

4. Application has been made for Vickers Machine Guns of the Brigade on left flank to place a barrage on the line W 23 d 0 5 - W 15 d 9 1 when an S.O.S. goes up on this front.

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SECTION 7

TRENCH MORTARS IN DEFENCE.

- 1. (a) Four 3-inch Stokes Mortars are in the line; 2 emplaced at W 26 b 6 5 and 2 at W 26 b 6 8. Battery Headquarters in line W 19 c 2 8. 50 rounds per mortar at each position. The remainder are in Reserve at Battery Headquarters, V 30 b 4 5. Alternative emplacements have been constructed at -
 - W 25 b 1 4 (2) with 160 rounds each.
 - W 19 b 3 2 (2) with 150 rounds each.
 - W 26 a 80 15 (2) with no ammunition.

(b) The 4 mortars in the line have been emplaced in the above positions to strengthen the defence of re-entrant in W 27 a. S.O.S. line from W 26 d 8 9 to W 27 b 6 8.

- 2. (a) There are at present 3 6-inch mortars covering the S.O.S. front. Positions are as follows :-

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Battery H.Q. | V 23 c 25 55 |
| No. 1 <i>Mortar</i> | W 20 c 80 78 |
| No. 2 " | W 20 c 66 80 |
| No. 3 " | W 20 c 65 88 |

 with 80 rounds at each gun position.

Rear positions:-

- No. 1 V 24 d 15 80
- No. 2 V 24 c 9 7

- (b) S.O.S. targets are :-
 - No. 1 Sunken road in W 27 c
 - No. 2 Sunken road in W 21 d and W 27 b.
 - No. 3 Copse and sunken road in W 27 a.

- 3. (a) Owing to the fact that the positions occupied, specified in para 1 (a) and 2(a) are easily visible to the enemy, and only approachable at night, they are to be used for S.O.S. purposes only. Mortars will always be laid on S.O.S. lines, but will not be fired unless the enemy is actually attacking.
 - (b) In the event of mortars being required to deal with enemy targets, they will be emplaced with special reference to these targets and withdrawn after the shoot.

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SECTION 8.L I A I S O N.

1. Each battalion in the line will detail one officer whose duties will be to maintain liaison with the battalion on either flank.
 2. 'C' Bn. will be responsible for the maintenance of liaison with 'A' and 'B' battalions, and 'D' Battalion with 'C' Battalion. An officer will be definitely detailed to carry out this duty in each case.
 3. 'A' and 'B' battalions will make an exchange of runners with the battalions on their flanks, these runners to be used only in case of emergency. 'C' battalion will maintain 2 runners at Headquarters of 'A' and 'B' Battalions.
 4. Officers detailed by Brigade for liaison with flank Brigades live at Rear Sde. Hdqrs. WARLOY. They will make themselves fully conversant with this Brigade sector, distribution of troops, and the principles of defence, and visit flank brigades daily during normal conditions, reporting there with 2 runners for duty during operations.
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SECTION 9.

WORKS POLICY.

1. The works policy will be :-
 - (a) The joining up of front line posts to form a continuous line.
 - (b) Wiring of front line system.
 - (c) Construction and wiring of support line.
 - (d) Tactical wiring of re-entrant in W 20 c and d.
 - (e) Construction of trench to be occupied by 'D' Battalion, running from V 22 c 3 3 -
 V 22 c 3 5 - V 22 a 7 0 - V 22 b 0 3 -
 V 22 b 5 5 - V 17 c 0 0.
 - (f) Provision of communication trenches.
2. A Field Company is attached to the Ede. for work in Left Brigade sub-sector.
3. Battalions will detail a works officer who will be responsible for the work of the battalion. He will deal direct with the engineer officer attached to his sector.
4. As far as possible, the responsibility for various portions of work will be definitely allotted to Company Officers and the same parties detailed for the work.
5. 'A' and 'B' battalions will be responsible for the work set forth in para. 1 (a) and (b). 'C' Battalion, under orders from Brigade H.Q. for (c) and (d), 'D' Bn. under orders from Brigade H.Q. for (e).

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SECTION. 10.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

AMMUNITION: Dumps are situated in the Brigade area at the following points :-

- Right Battalion V 13 d 2 3
- Left Battalion W 19 a 7 1
- Support Battalion U 23 b 1 3
- V 23 d 3 3

System of Supply:

Brigade Mobile Reserve of S.A.A. and grenades is held at Rear Bde. H.Q. WARLOY. 12 limbers, each loaded with 22,000 rounds S.A.A. are held ready to be moved immediately to any point. Ammunition is taken by limbers to each Bn. H.Q. and thence carried under Battalion arrangements to required points. Mobile Echelon is refilled from Divisional Dump - U 27 central, CONTAY, by Brigade Transport Officer, immediately any ammunition is moved forward.

RATIONS: Bde. Refilling Point is at BEAUCOURT. Supply wagons deliver to Quartermasters' Stores. Rations are moved by limbers to Battalion Headquarters after dusk, and distributed to men under Bn. arrangements. Cooking is done at Q.Ms' stores and hot food is sent up to Front Line Bns. in hot food containers, a supply of which is on issue to each Front Line Battalion. Solidified alcohol is issued daily. The issue is supplemented by improvised 'Tommy Cookers' containing a mixture of sawdust, fat, and petrol or kerosene. Water is sent up in petrol tins each night with the rations from WARLOY. There is also a small supply of water in MILLENCOURT.

TRANSPORT LINES & STORES:

These are situated in WARLOY. Bde. Transport is under command of the Bde. Transport Officer and Q.Ms' stores under the Brigade Quartermaster.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

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

- Right Battalion W 20 a 1 7
- Left Battalion W 19 c 60 95
- Support Battalion V 24 c 15 25

Bearer Relay Posts are situated at -

- V 24 central
- V 23 d 15 50

Motor ambulances evacuate wounded, etc. from Cross Roads U 22 c 75 80. to VADENCOURT.

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APPENDIX I.

SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.1. CABLES.

From front line Coy. Headquarters are connected by cable to Battalion Headquarters, thence Battalion Headquarters direct to Brigade forward exchange (V 23 d 0 1), the latter being finally connected to Brigade Headquarters (V 23 d 20 20).

Brigade H.Q. is directly in communication by telephone and telegraph to Division. Right and Left Brigades and Artillery Group are connected laterally to Brigade H.Q.

2. VISUAL.

Lamp signalling from Coy. H.Q. in line direct to Battalion, thence to support Battalion transmitting Station. The latter working to Brigade Visual Station (V 23 d 8 8), the latter station being connected by phone to Brigade Forward Exchange. From Brigade Headquarters to Advanced Div. Headquarters (BAIZIEUX). Lamp signalling is also existent.

3. RUNNER RELAYS.

A Runner Relay Service is established from Brigade H.Q. to No. 1 Brigade Relay Station (V 23 d 0 1) to No. 2 Brigade Relay Station (V 23 b 1 3) thence to Right and Left Battalions.

APPENDIX II.

S. C. S. RELAY PCSTS.

'A' Battalion.

W 27 e 15 90.
 W 26 b 6 6.
 W 26 c 4 8.
 W 25 b 8 8.
 W 19 c 60 95.

'B' Battalion.

...
 W 21 c 20 15.
 W 21 c 30 10.
 W 21 b 10 30.
 W 13 d 80 20.
 W 20 a 10 70.

'C' Battalion.

...
 V 24 d 7 1.
 V 24 d 2 4.
 V 24 d 1 3.
 V 23 b 15 45.

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APPENDIX III.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

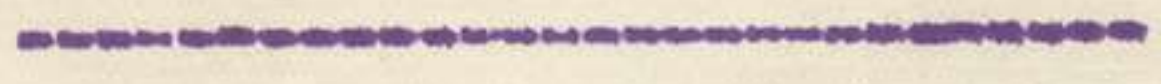
The following are the positions of A. A. Lewis and Vickers Machine Guns in this Brigade Area:-

LEWIS GUNS.

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 'A' Battalion. | W 19 d 80 35. | |
| . | W 19 d 7 3. | |
| . | W 19 d 6 1. | |
| . | W 25 b 3 7. | |
| . | W 26 b 6 5. | |
| . | W 26 c 4 0. | |
| . | U 30 a. | Two guns at transport line. |
| 'B' Battalion. | W 20 a 1 7. | |
| . | W 13 d 9 2. | |
| . | W 13 d 8 3. | |
| . | W 21 c 2 4. | |
| . | W 21 c 2 3. | |
| . | W 21 c 3 6. | |
| . | U 30 a. | One gun at transport line. |
| 'C' Battalion. | V 23 a 95 40. | |
| . | V 23 b 3 4. | |
| . | V 24 d 2 4. | |
| . | V 24 d 3 2. | |
| . | V 24 d 8 6. | |
| . | V 24 d 7 1. | |
| . | U 30 a. | One gun at transport line. |
| 'D' Battalion. | Vicinity of | |
| . | U 24 d 55 25 | 4 guns. |
| . | U 24 c. | One gun at transport line. |

VICKERS GUNS.

| | | |
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| M. G. Company. | V 24 b 8 0. | 1 gun) |
| | W 19 d 8 4. | 1 gun) |



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ended 6 am 28th April, 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

Patrols: Patrol of 1 Off 6 o.r. went out from W 27 a 3 6 at 10 pm and moved S.E. along road. Parties of the enemy were seen leaving post at W 27 a 3 4, who moved S.W. crossing road and later returned to their post. Another post was located at W 27 a 6 5 in which talking was plainly heard. Patrol returned through W 27 a 3 6. at 12.15 am.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

Artillery: The Right Bn reports artillery very quiet. W 21 a and b was lightly shelled throughout the period with 4.2 and 5.9 H.E. During the afternoon, BOUZINCOURT and W 14 B O O were shelled by 5.9 and 4.2 H.E.

| Time | Locality Shelled | From | Calibre | Remarks |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 6.15 am | Road from V 24 c 5 2 to V 23 d 2 5. | | 77mm | 30 rds Harassing. |
| 9.5 - 9.30 am | SENLIS MILL. | About 83° TB (Sound) | 4.2 HE | |
| 9.40 - 11 am | BOUZINCOURT | CONTALMAISON | 4.2 HE & Shrapnel | 2 shells per minute. |
| 11.15 am | SENLIS MILL | About 83° TB (Sound). | 4.2 HE | 30 |
| 1.20 pm | do. | BECOURT | 77mm & HE | |
| 5 - 5.30 pm | V 18 a and c. | About 83° TB (Sound). | 4.2 HE | 20 |
| 6 pm | SENLIS MILL | AUTHVILLE WOOD | 77mm & HE. | |
| 7 pm | W 14 a & W 20 | About 83° TB. | 4.2 H.E. | 20 |
| 7.30 pm | V 24 d 1 8 | - | 77mm HE & Shrap. | 40 |
| 9.30 pm | BOUZINCOURT | About 83° TB | 4.2 HE | 30 |
| 12.15 am | V 17 & V 18 | | 4.2 & 77mm | per Gas minute. |
| 10.30 - 11.30 pm | BOUZINCOURT. | | Gas | Mustard & Chlorine |
| 10 - 11.30 pm | V 17 d | | Gas | do. |
| 2 - 2.30 am | V 18 and V 17. | | 4.2 & 77mm | 15 per Gas minute. |
| 2.30 pm | V 17 d | | Gas & Shrapnel | 300 Mustard & Chlorine. |

All bearings taken from V 18 a 55 30.

Our flashes were observed on T.B. of 108° and 101° from V 18 a 55 30.

Trench Mortars: At 1.45 am a few pineapple bombs were fired into W 21 b.

Machine Guns: Quiet during the day and night.

Movement & Organisation: Smoke and slight movement were observed at QUARRY W 27 c 2 8 during daylight. At 9 am 1 two-horse transport moved along road in W 24 d going towards LA BOISSELLE. 6 men followed behind. At 9 am 1 4-horse and 1 2-horse transport seen on road in W 24 d going towards ALBERT. 10.15 am, 3 2-horse transports seen on road in W 24 d going towards LA BOISSELLE. 11.15 am. 2 2-horse transport on road in W 24 d went towards LA BOISSELLE. 2.45 pm. 2 men seen working with pick and shovel at W 24 d O 6. 3.15 pm, Motor lorry seen on road in W 24 b and c. going towards BRAY-SUR-SOMME. 5.50 pm, Red Cross car seen on road in W 24 d going towards ALBERT.

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FLARES: WHITE flares normal.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility fair.

WORK: Wiring: W 27 a 4 6: 20 coils wire erected.

Sap from W 21 b 1 2 to W 21 b³ 4 leading to enemy, trench, filled with wire.
W 20 c 4 4 24 coils wire erected.

Other work:

Block was made in Sunken road running through W 26.

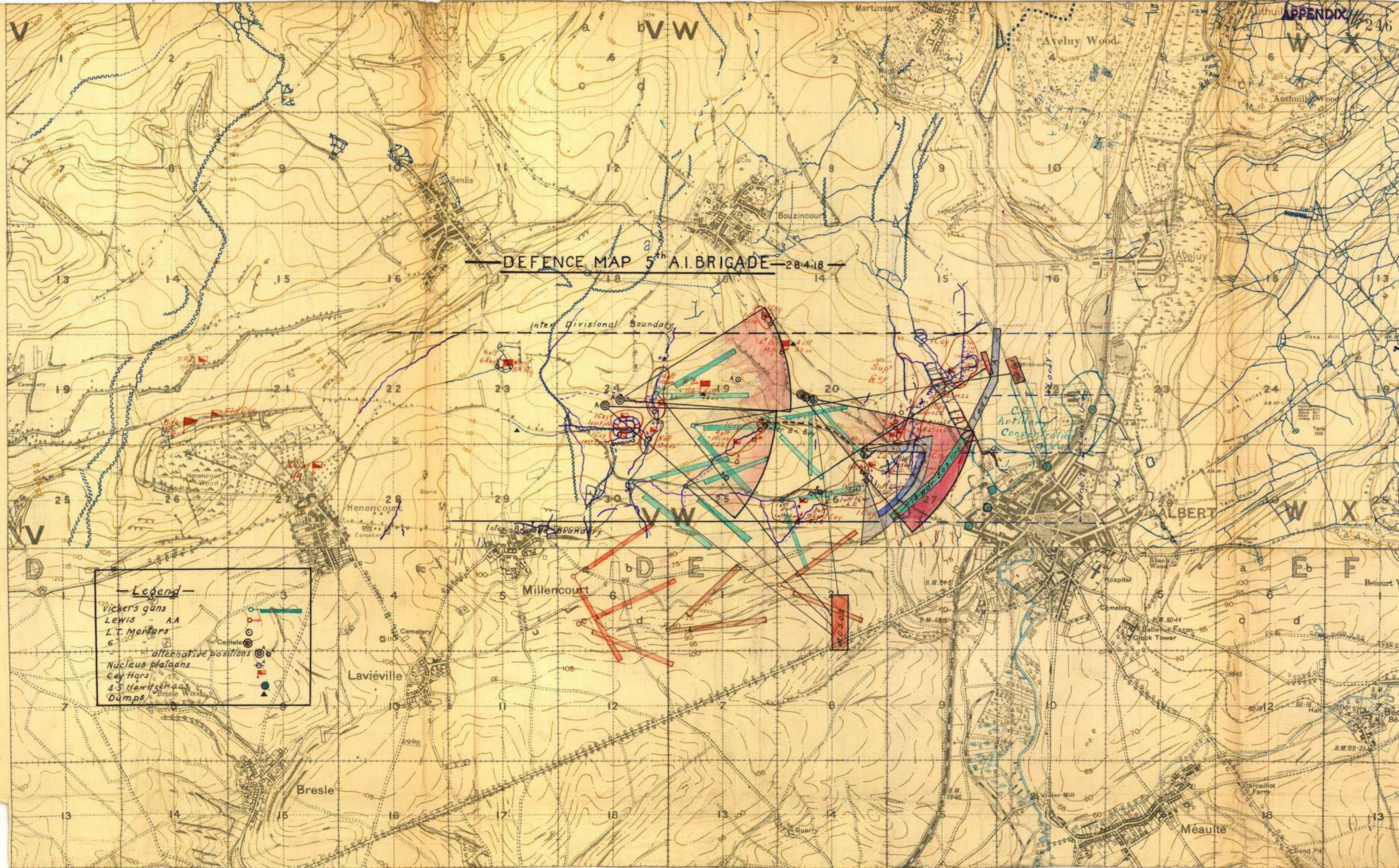
35 yards of C.T. dug from W 21 c 8 3 to W 21 c 9 5.

450 yards of trench dug to link up posts in W 25 c., W 25 a., W 25 b., and W 19 d.

210 yards of C.T. dug from V 24 d 3 3 to V 24 d 7 2. Building dugouts for B.H.Q. at V 24 d₁₅ 05, W 20 c 1 7, and W 19 c 5 9.

In addition, posts were improved by their garrisons.

R. J. ...
/s/ Brigadier General,
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.



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Brigade Headquarters,
23th. April, 1918.WARNING ORDER.

1. The 2nd. Aust. Div. (less Artillery) will be relieved by the 47th. Division less Artillery between 30th April and 2nd. May.
2. On completion of relief the Division will be in Corps support: 5th. A.I. Bde. in QUERRIEU area.
3. The following are the probable details of reliefs and moves:-
 - Relief. (a) 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. on night 1/2nd. May.
 - Move. (b) The 5th. A.I. Bde. Group will probably move on night 1/2 to MONTIGNY area.
3 to QUERRIEU area.
4. 5th. A.I. Bde. ^{Group} will be comprised of
 - Infantry Brigade.
 - 22nd. A.M.G. Coy.
 - 7th. Field Coy. A.E.
 - 7th. Aust. Field Amb.
 - 15th. Coy. Div. Train.
 - 1/3 S.A.A. Section D.A.C.

Acknowledge

L. T. MacCallum

Captain,

Issued at 8.30 pm.

Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 1 17th. Battalion.
- 2 18th. Battalion.
- 3 19th. Battalion.
- 4 20th. Battalion.
- 5 22nd. A.M.G. Coy.
- 6 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.
- 7 7th. Field Coy. A.E.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
28th April, 1918.

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.

The following are the locations of units of
this Brigade Group:-

- Brigade Headquarters V 20 d 2 2
- 17th Battalion V 24 d 3 2 (Support Bn).
moving to V 24 d 15 05.
- 18th Battalion U 24 d 6 4 (WARLOY)
- 19th Battalion W 19 c 60 95 (Line Right)
moving to V 24 d 7 8
- 20th Battalion W 20 a 1 7 (Line Left)
- 5th Aust. L. T. M. Battery V 20 b 4 5
- 7th Field Coy. A. E. V 20 d 6 4
- 7th Aust. Field Ambs. VADENCOURT.
- 22nd Aust. M. G. Coy. V. 21 e 1 6
- 15th Coy., A. A. S. C. BEAUCOURT.

W. P. Mun C. A. [Signature]
Capt

Brigadier General,
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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Brigade Headquarters,
29th April, 1918.

BRIGADE TRAINING MEMORANDUM.

1. The following is proposed general syllabus of training to be carried out by units of this Brigade on relief.-
 - Organized Games
 - Short Route Marches
 - Musketry
 - including rapid loading, bolt manipulation, etc.
 - Battalion Tactical Schemes

2. In tactical schemes the role of the battalion should be mainly that of a battalion forming part of a brigade in counter-attack, its object being rather to out-manoeuvre the enemy, than to deliver frontal attacks.
 - Casualties to officers and N.C.O's will be practised.
 - Suggested means of doing this is by firing flares:- 1st Flare all officers casualties, 2nd flare, all sergeants casualties, etc.
 - The principle that all ground is to be held even though flanks may be turned, is to be impressed on all ranks.

3. The first day after arrival, reorganisation, refitting, etc. will be carried out.
 - Second Day: Short route march. Musketry details of scheme for following day to be arranged. Officers to go over ground.
 - Third Day: Morning - Organized games, Close order drill, explanation of scheme to N.C.O's and men.
 - Afternoon - Scheme to be carried out.
 - The above scheme on general lines will be followed out on succeeding days; Saturday afternoons and Sundays holidays.

W. P. MacCallum

Captain,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution:

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The following are the positions of A.A. Lewis ^{and Vickers} Guns in this Brigade Area :-

'A' Battalion: W 19 d 80 35
 W 19 d 7 2
 W 19 d 6 1
 W 25 b 3 7
 W 26 b 6 5
 W 26 c 4 8
 U 30 a 2 Guns at Transport Lines.

'B' Battalion: W 20 a 1 7
 W 13 d 9 2
 W 13 d 8 3
 W 21 c 2 4
 W 21 c 2 3
 W 21 c 3 6
 U 30 a 1 Gun at Transport Lines.

'C' Battalion: V 23 a 95 40
 V 23 b 2 4
 V 24 d 2 4
 V 24 d 2 2
 V 24 d 8 6
 V 24 d 7 1
 U 30 a 1 Gun at Transport Lines.

'D' Battalion: Vicinity of U 24 d 55 25 4 Guns.
 U 24 c 1 Gun at Transport Lines.

M.G. Company: V 24 b 8 0 1 Gun
 W 19 d 8 4 1 Gun } Vickers

W. A. Calverley

Brigadier General,
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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MACHINE GUN PROTECTION

In order to protect the re-entrant in W 27 e which is considered the most vital spot in this Brigade Sector, the Artillery S.O.S. has been concentrated on the line W 27 c 1 7 - W 27 a 50 18 - W 27 a 84 40 - W 21 d 35 15. This leaves the defence of the left flank dependant on Vickers Machine Guns and Lewis Guns. The 22nd Aust. M.G. Coy. will barrage the line W 21 b 9 4 - W 21 d 1 7 on S.O.S. signal being sent up, but owing to the nature of the country, this barrage cannot be extended further north to Brigade boundary.

Could arrangements be made please for the Vickers Machine Guns of the Brigade on left flank to barrage the line W 22 d 0 5 - W 15 d 9 1 as soon as an S.O.S. goes up on this point. This task to be definitely allotted to them and not to be applied for.

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Brigadier General,
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.
7th. Field Coy. A.E.
22nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.
5th. Light M. Bty

In view of vacillating nature of present warfare Unit Commanders will take special precautions with reference to the safe guarding of secret documents which will be kept ready for destruction in the event of a successful attack by the enemy.

Information contained in secret documents should be communicated only to those it directly concerns.

No secret documents are to pass beyond Battalion Headquarters in the line.

Robert Call

Captain,
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIG. DA.

SECRET No. 3

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ended 6 am 29th April, 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

Patrols: Patrol of 1 Cff and 6 O.R. went out from W 26 c⁷⁷ at 12.30 am and moved to W 27 c 0 0 and located a line of trench running N. and S. through the Quarry in W 27 c; the length of trench is not known. No wire was seen but sounds of stakes being driven could be heard to the North. Patrol returned through W 26 c 7 7 at 2 am.

Patrol of 1 Officer and 10 O.R. went out from W 27 a 4 6 at 10.30 pm and moved along road in W 27 a with object of mopping up a suspected listening post at W 27 a 5 6. The ground was thoroughly searched but no trace of the enemy found. Patrol returned at 1.10 am through W 27 a 4 6.

Patrol of 2 O.R. approached enemy listening post at W 21 b 40 35. 20 stick bombs were found 20 yards from the post, 2 of which were thrown into the post, upon which enemy opened with bombs and M.G. fire. Rifle grenades were fired on the post but no results were observed.

Patrol of 6 O.R. went out from W 21 a 53 15 at 11.40 pm and located a post at W 27 c 90 35. A party of 50 were observed digging at about W 27 a 4 3. Patrol returned at 2.10 am through W 21 a 53 15.

Sniping: The snipers of our left Battalion shot 2 of a party of 4 officers moving at W 15 b 9 1. Ten more of the enemy were shot in Gunken road W 15 a.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

Artillery: Quieter than during previous period.

| Time | Locality shelled | From | Calibre | Rounds |
|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------------|
| 6.15 am | W 13 a | Abt. 101° TB | 77mm HE | 30 |
| 3.30 pm | W 15 central | - | 4.2 HE | 20 |
| 4.20 pm | V 18 a | Abt 101° TB. | 77mm HE. | 10 |
| 6.20 - 6.30 pm | Road in V 24 c, W 13 a and c. | do. | do. & | / |
| 7. - 7.30 pm | BOUZINCOURT | - | 4.2 HE | 30 |
| 7. - 7.30 pm | Towards V 20. | - | 4.2 HE | 40 |
| 9. - 10. pm | Front line on whole sector. | X 1 to ALBERT | 4.2 & | 77mm HE Harassing. |
| do. | BOUZINCOURT | - | 4.2 HE | 40 |
| 11.30 pm - 1 am. | V 21 d. | Abt 101° TB | do & Gas | 100 |
| 1.30 - 2.30 am. | V 24 b & c, W 13 a & c. | do. | 4.2 & | 77mm HE. 50 |
| 2.45 - 4 am. | Road junction V 18 d 9 9 | do. | 77mm HE. | 2 per min. |
| 4.30 am | W 13 b and d: SUTHVILLE WOOD | - | 4.2 HE | 30 |
| 5 am. | V 18 a & d. | Abt 101° TB. | 77mm HE* | 20 |

All bearings above were taken from V 18 a 55 30.

Gun flashes observed on T.B. of 76, 73, 60, 93, 100, and 99 degrees from W 20 c 6 D.

Machine Guns: Quiet during the day. Occasional bursts during the night from quarry in W 27 c, W 21 b 35 30, W 21 d 8 9, W 21 b 85 45, and W 21 b 85 55.

Enemy Defenses: A listening post manned by 3 men has been located at W 21 b 40 35. 50/100 yards in rear of post at W 21 b 5 3 is a light MG.

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MOVEMENT & ORGANISATION:

As a result of our sniping movement has been put down in the forward area. During the day movement Station Yard was observed.

- 7.5 am. 1 2-horse transport seen on road in W 24 d going towards ALBERT.
- 7.10 am 1 heavy motor lorry on road in E 4 b going towards ALBERT.
- 7.20 am 1 2-horse transport on road in W 24 c going towards LA BOISSELLE.
- 11.45 am 2 2-horse transports on road in W 24 c going towards LA BOISSELLE.
- 1.35 pm 2 2-horse transports on road W 24 d going towards ALBERT.
- 2.20 pm 2 parties of men on road in W 24 d, first of 20 men, moved to ALBERT from LA BOISSELLE; the second, of 10 men, from ALBERT to LA BOISSELLE. No packs were carried.
- 2.55 pm 3 men on main ALBERT - BAPAUME road in W 24 appeared to be working on telephone lines strung from house to house.
- 4.50 pm Motor lorry on road in E 4 b going towards FRICOURT.
- 4.45 pm 10 men on road in W 24 d going towards ALBERT.

During the day movement of the enemy in twos and threes was noticeable both ways on the ALBERT - BAPAUME Road. ALBERT - FRICOURT Road, and the high ground from E 4 to W 24.

FLARES:

White flares normal.

WORK:

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|-----------------------------|--|
| W 26 b 5 1 | Block in road. |
| W 27 a 3 8 | do. |
| W 27 a 4 6 | do. |
| W 20 d 45 50 to | |
| W 20 b 6 1 | Widening and deepening trench. |
| W 21 b 3 4 | Listening post dug. |
| W 21 a and c. | Deepening and widening trenches and building shelters. |
| W 21 c 40 35 to | Switch trench 30 yards long dug. |
| W 21 c 6 4 | |
| V 24 d 15 05 | Building new Battalion H.Q. |
| W 21 d 30 65 - W 19 d 10 25 | Support trench 450' long 36" x 16" x 2' |
| W 21 b & W 19 c | 250' single row of double apron erected. |
| W 21 b 5 4 to | 5 coils erected. |
| W 21 b 56 45 | |
| W 21 b 2 4 to | |
| W 21 b 30 45 | French wire connected up with strands of barbed wire. |

In addition, R.E. material was carried forward and trenches and posts improved by their garrisons.

W. P. MacCallum. Capt
1st. Brigadier General,
Commanding 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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CORRIGENDUM TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 24 hours ended
6 a.m. 29/3/18.

Delete O 29 c 10 25, O 26 c 5 5 and O 27 d 6 2 from para
"Movement".

Bde. H.Q.
29.3.18.

Robertson

Captain,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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BLUE RINGS FOR 3" STOKES MORTAR.

The unsatisfactory nature of these rings has been represented before by reports on experiemnts carried out at the Australian Corps School, but the following report is submitted in confirmation and to draw attention again to the marked superiority of WHITE rings over BLUE. -

'Report on Operations 14th/15th April'

On night 14th/15th inst. 2 3 inch Stokes mortars bombarded CEMETERY COPSE near HANGARD, each mortar firing 100 rounds at the rate of 10 per minute. No. 1 Mortar used GREEN Ctgs. and 2 WHITE rings. No. 2 Mortar used BLUE Ctgs. and 3 BLUE rings. It was observed that the flash from No. 1 Mortar was normal, but from No. 2 a ball of flame would play round the muzzle and then float in the air, sometimes to a height of 15 feet before disappearing. The ammunition was in good order and had been carefully cleaned. The mortar had to be sponged out after every 3 or 4 rounds to expel the burning gases. This mortar became so hot that sandbags had to be used to treat a misfire which occurred in the first 20 rounds. The BLUE rings are most unsatisfactory as concealment of a position is impossible, while using them. Previous experience proves that they will not give the ranges as laid down in the range table for BLUE Cartridges and BLUE rings" -

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Brigadier General,
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ended 6 am 30th April, 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

Artillery: During night our artillery actively shelled railway in W 22 and roads running N. from ALBERT, with H.E. and shrapnel.

Patrols: Patrol of 1 Off. 10 O.R. went out from W 26 c 5 7 at 10.45 pm. CHALK PIT at W 2 7 c 15 70 was found unoccupied. Nothing was seen of the enemy. Patrol returned at 12.45 am through W 27 a 5 5.

Patrol of 1 Off 10 O.R. with L.G. went out from W 27 a 4 6 at 1.30 am and moved to within 40 yds of orchard in W 27a. No signs of enemy found in front of the orchard, but sounds of digging were heard in the orchard. Patrol returned at 3.15 am through W 26 central.

^{50 35} Small reconnoitring party approached enemy post at W 21 d 35 30 and had one man wounded by a stick bomb from this post.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

Artillery: During the night a few gas shells (lachrymatory and phosgene) fell in V 17 and 18. A few rounds of 4.2 HE and shrapnel fell on roads in V 23 d and V 24 b. W 19 a, b, c and d were fired on during the night by 4.2 bty. from TBs of 94, 83 and 84° from W 19 d 6 1.

| Time | Locality Shelled | From direction of | Calibre | Rounds |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 5.30 am | W 13 d | AUTHUILLE WOOD | 4.2 HE | 20 |
| 9.20 - 0.45 | W 13 d | do | do | 40 |
| 11.50 | V 18 d | Abt 101° TB. | 77mm Gas | 15 |
| 2.15 - 2.30 pm | BOUZINCOURT | do. | 4.2 HE | 20 |
| do. | W 13 | AUTHUILLE WOOD | do | 15 |
| 3 pm | V 18 a and c. | Abt 101° TB. | do | 10 |
| 8 pm | W 13 b (ALBERT RD) | do | do | 60 |
| 5.20 pm | do | do | do | 200 |
| 7.15 pm | W 20 c & W 26 a | do | do | 15 |
| 8.45 pm | V 18 d (Road) | do | do | 12 |
| 11-12.15 pm | W 18 d, W 20 (Road) | do | do | 30 |
| 12.30 - 2.30 am | V 18 a and c. W 13 & back areas | do | 4.2 & 77mm Gas | 3 per minute. |

The above bearings are taken from V 18 a 55 30.
Gun flashes observed on TB of 108, 120 and 86° from W 20 c 6 8.

Machine Guns: Occasional bursts fired on our planes during the day. During the night guns were active from following positions :- W 27 c 2 2, and W 27 c 7 3.

Aircraft: Enemy planes were active over our lines at following times - 9.45 am, 10.30 am, and 5.30 pm. In all cases these planes were driven off by A.A. fire.

Enemy Defences: New work is visible at W 21 d 50 95. No wire is visible in front of enemy posts.

Movement & Organisation: Movement in the forward area has been put down considerably by our sniping and rifle fire. grenade

5.50 am. 7 men carrying packs on road in W 24 d going towards ALBERT.

6 am 20 men on road in W 24 d going towards LA BOISSELLE.

6 am - 12 noon. Continuous movement of men, transport, lorries, ammunition limbers, Red Cross cars and pack horses on main road in X 9 b and c. Between same times, loaded limbers came into ALBERT and returned empty by same road (ALBERT - BAPAUME road).

Intelligence Summary continued

Movement and Organization:

6.45 am. 1 2horse limber on road in W.24 d going towards LA BOISSELLE.

7.45 am. 3 4horse limbers on road in W 24 d going towards ALBERT

8.20 am. 10 men on road in W 24 d going towards LA BOISSELLE.

8.50 am. 10 men on road in W 24 d going towards LA BOISSELLE.

Movement in rear of enemy lines was much more considerable than previous days and appeared as if a relief was in progress.

Flares: Double whites and single greens brought no enemy action.

Miscellaneous: Enemy Morse lamp active during afternoon and night from T.B. 97° from V 18 a 55 30.

WORK:

Wiring: W. 25 a 9 7 to W 25 e 4 3 J. Double apron fence erected. 25 coils erected. Right Battalion front.

OTHER WORK.

Brigade H.Q.

Erecting and covering cupola shelters.

C.T. V 24 d 5 3

150 yards deepened and widened to 4 ft. at top, 2 ft. at bottom and 4 ft. deep.

V 24 e 0 1

Building Battalion H.Q.

C.T. W 19 d 6 3 to

440 yds complete: 4 ft. at top, 2 ft. at bottom, 4 ft. deep.

W 19 b 75 60

V 23 a 30 95

62 yds trench dug 6' x 4' x 3' 6"

V 22 e 4 6

192 yds trench dug 5' x 3' x 3' 6"

V 22 a 7 1

126 yds trench dug 6' x 3' x 3' 6"

W 20 a 1 7

Building Bn H.Q. consisting of splinter proofs and deep dugouts.

W 19 e 60 95

Building Bn H.Q.

W 20 b

Building new support trench 50 yds dug to average depth of 3' 6"

V 23 d 3 3

R.A.P. completed.

In addition R.E. material was carried forward and posts were improved by their garrisons.

W. P. MacCallan

Brigadier General,
Commanding 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 173.

Brigade Headquarters,
30th April, 1918.

Reference Maps: Sheet 62 D 1/40,000
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1. The 2nd Aust. Div. (less artillery) is being relieved in 'C' Divisional Area and sector by the 47th Division (less artillery) between 30th April and 2nd May.
2. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 18th Battalion) will be relieved by 142nd Inf. Bde. on the night 1st/2nd May in the Left Bde. Sector in accordance with attached table. Relief to be complete by 4 am 2nd May.
3. On relief the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move to WARLOY and will be held in Div. Reserve until relieved by 141st Inf. Bde. on 2nd May.
4. 18th Battalion will not be relieved but will concentrate with the Brigade in WARLOY on the night 1st/2nd May.
5. Reliefs of 5th Aust. M.G. Coy., 7th Field Coy. A.E. and 7th Aust. Field Ambca. are being arranged by C.O 2nd Aust. M.G. Bn., C.R.E., and A.D.M.S., respectively.
6. Advance parties from 142nd Inf. Bde. will move forward on night 30th April /1st May. Guides from 19th and 20th Bns. will meet them at Brigade Headquarters at 8 pm.
Guides from 19th and 20th Bns will also be sent to Bde. Hdqrs. at 10.15 pm to take C.O's, Company Commanders, of relieving Battalions up to 19th and 20th Battalions' Headquarters.
7. Advance billeting parties will report to Rear Bde. H.Q. WARLOY at 10 am 1st May.
8. No troops will cross the ridge North of MILLENCOURT before 8.45 pm unless the visibility is bad.
9. Trench stores, S.O.S. signals, defence scheme, aeroplane photographs, maps specified in Bde. letter 19/297 of even date (sent to Battalions, M.G. Coy. and T.M.Bty. only) works policy, and all available information regarding the enemy will be handed over. Receipts will be obtained. Copies of receipts will be sent to Bde. Hdqrs. by 9 am 3rd May.
10. Administrative instructions will be issued separately.
11. Subject to the terms of this order, all details of relief will be mutually arranged between C.O's concerned.
12. On completion of relief, command of Left Bde. Sector will pass to G.O.C. 142nd Inf. Bde.
13. Completion of relief will be notified to Bde. Hdqrs. by priority wire in code.
14. Bde. Hdqrs. will close at V 20 d 2 2 and reopen at WARLOY, LA BOUTELLERIE, on completion of relief.
15. Acknowledge.

C. P. Lu au (all)

Captain,
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 1 pm.

Distribution.

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| 2 | 18th Bn | 8 | 7th Aust. Fld. Amb. | 13 | Town Major WARLOY |
| 3 | 19th Bn | 9 | 6th A.I. Bde. | 14 | 2nd Aust. Div. |
| 4 | 20th Bn | 10 | 115th Inf. Bde. | 15 | G.O.C. |
| 5 | 5th ALHM Bty | 11 | Left Group Arty | 16 | Staff Capt. |
| 6 | 5th AMG Coy. | | | 17 | Bde. Sig. Officer. |
| | | 20 | File | 18 | Bde. T.C. |
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| | | 24/27 | Spares. | | |

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R E L I E F T A B L E

To accompany 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 170.

| Serial No. | Date | Unit | Relieved By | Moves on relief to | Route | Remarks |
|------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--|
| 1 | 1/2nd May | 19th Bn. Line Right. | 22nd London Regt. | WARLOY | Most Direct. | |
| 2 | do | 20th Bn Line Left | 23rd do. | do | do. | |
| 3 | do | 17th Bn Support | 24th do. | do | do. | Relieving troops will not arrive before 9.30 pm. |
| 4 | do | 5th Aust LHM Bty | 142nd L.T. M. Battery. | do | do. | |
| 5 | do | 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. & Sig. Sec. | 142nd Inf. Bde. H.Q. & Sig. Sec. | do | do. | |

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5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 171

Copy No.

Brigade Headquarters,
30th April, 1918.Reference Maps: Sheet 82 D)
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1. The 2nd Aust. Div. (less artillery) on relief from the line will be in Corps Reserve.
2. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde Group will be disposed in the MONTIGNY - FRECHENCOURT Area
3. Units will move by march route to the above area in accordance with attached tables.
4. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will be composed as follows :-

5th Aust. Inf. Bde.
5th Aust. M. G. Company.
5th Field Coy. A.E.
5th Aust. Field Ambce.
15th Coy. A.A.S.C.
1/3rd S.A.A. Section, D.A.C.

5. 5th Field Coy. A.E. and 5th Aust. Field Ambce. are moving to BEHENCOURT - PERIT CHATEAU MONTIGNY, respectively, on night 30th April/1st May. 15th Coy. A.A.S.C. remain at BEAUCOURT.
6. Advance billeting parties will report to Town Major's Office of their respective billeting villages at 2 pm 1st May, where they will receive billeting lists.
- 7 (a) The following minimum distances will be observed on the march :-

Between Battalions 500 yards.
Between Coys. 100 yards.
Between Transport of Units
when Brigaded 100 yards.
Between each section of
3 vehicles 25 yards.

- (b) Strict march discipline will be maintained.
(c) Halts: Units will halt independently for 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour.

8. Dress: Marching order. Blankets will be moved as per administrative instructions.
9. Completion of move and location of Headquarters will be reported to Brigade Headquarters.
10. Administrative instructions are being issued separately.
11. Brigade Headquarters will close at WARLOY at 12.30 pm 2nd May and re-open at ROBERT FARM, O.L. at 30 35 on completion of move.
Reports during the move to the head of the column.
12. Acknowledges.

Issued at 11 pm.

Brigade Major

Captain,
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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| 1 | 17th Bn. | 9 | 1/3rd Sec. D.A.C. | 15 | S.C. |
| 2 | 18th Bn | 10 | 2nd Aust. Div. | 16 | Bde. Sig. Offr. |
| 3 | 19th Bn | 11 | T.M. WARLOY | 17 | Bde. T.O. |
| 4 | 20th Bn | 12 | T.M. BEAUCOURT | 18 | Bde. Q.M. |
| 5 | 5th ALEM Bty. | 14 | G.O.C. | 19 | T.M. BEHENCOURT |
| 6 | 5th AMG Coy. | 13 | T.M. MONTIGNY | 20 | T.M. BAVELINCOURT |
| 7 | 5th Fld Coy A.E. | | | 21 | File |
| 8 | 5th Fld. Amb. | 25/23 | Spare. | 22/24 | War Diary |

March Table to accompany Bde Order N° 171.

| Serial No | Date | Units in order of March | Starting Point | Time head of Unit of Column will pass | Destination | Route | Remarks |
|-----------|---------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 1 | 1 st May | 18 th Bn | as most convenient | | Bavelincourt | Via Contay | Clear Warloy by 1 p.m. |
| 2 | 2 nd May | 20 th Bn | U 23 ds 6 | 1 p.m. | Frechincourt | Via Contay Bavelincourt Behencourt | |
| 3 | " | 19 th Bn | " | 1.15 p.m. | Montigny | Via Contay Beaucourt | |
| 4 | " | 17 th Bn | " | 1.30 p.m. | Behencourt | Via Contay Bavelincourt | |
| 5 | " | 5 th A.M.G. Coy | " | 1.45 p.m. | Beaucourt | Via Contay | |
| 6 | " | 5 th A.L.I.M. Bty | " | 2 p.m. | Behencourt | Via Contay Bavelincourt | |
| 7 | " | 5 th A.I. Bde Mk & Sig Sct | " | 2.5 p.m. | Estart 1 ^{re} Crdross | Via Contay | |
| 8 | " | 5 th A.I. Bde transport brigaded | " | 2.40 p.m. | Montigny | Via Contay Beaucourt | |

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Administrative Memorandum to accompany Bde. Order No. 171

AMMUNITION, ETC: Units will hand over to relieving units the 3 bombs per man and the extra 100 rounds S. A. A. carried in bandoliers on the man. These will be immediately replenished under Bde. arrangements on arrival in new area, being retained in boxes and issued to platoons and not to the men until receipt of orders from Bde. H. Q.

RATIONS: Refilling point will continue to remain at BEAUCOURT. Supply wagons will deliver to unit Q.M. stores.

ADVANCE PARTIES: Para. 7 of Bde. Order No. 170 is cancelled. Advance parties for WARLOY will report for guides at 142nd Inf. Bde. H. Q., Billet 37, WARLOY, at 10 am on 1st May. Units will take over billets as follows :-
17th Bn. 22nd Bn. London Regt.
19th Bn. 23rd do.
20th Bn. 24th do.
5th A.L.T.M. Bty. 142nd T.M. Bty.
5th A.M.G. Coy. 'C' Coy. 47th Bn. M.G. Corps.

Advance parties for MONTIGNY area will report at 8 pm 1st May to Town Major of town to which they are allotted.

TRENCH STORES: Hot food containers at Q.M. stores will be returned to present Rear Bde. H. Q. by 11 am 1st May. Hot food containers in the line will be handed over in the line and receipts obtained. Trench shelters, S.O.S., picks and shovels (over and above mobile echelon and the extra 100 shovels carried by battalions) will be handed over and receipts obtained. Location of picks and shovels handed over will be supplied together with receipts.

All receipts are to reach Bde. H. Q. by 9 am 3rd instant.

TRANSPORT: Baggage wagons will report to unit transport lines by 6 pm 1st May. Baggage wagons for 16th Bn. will report at 10 am 1st May. Transport will remain brigaded under Brigade Transport Officer and will move to MONTIGNY as per Brigade Order No. 171, and will remain brigaded.

Baggage wagons will transport blankets on moving May 2nd to new area, and will then return to WARLOY.

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

[Handwritten Signature]

Captain,
Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Bde. Hdqrs.
30th April, 1918.

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 20-4-18-12

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15LB 113.
 57°YY 21.
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15LB 129.
57°W 20.21c
26ab 27a
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15LZ 75
 57°YY 19d
 25.26ac
 21.4.18-10

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15LZ 27.
57PV24bd.
Y19ac
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15LZ 44.
57PV 24.
20.4.18.12

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15LZ 23.
57°V30.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

TOTAL OF ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE
IN THIS BRIGADE DURING MONTH OF APRIL, 1918.

ARRIVALS.

DEPARTURES.

From Hospital, Reinforcements,
Details, Transfers, etc:
17 Officers. & 391 Other Ranks.

To Hospital Sick and Wounded,
Killed, Died of Wounds,
Transfers, etc:
32 Officers & 1042 Other Ranks.

TOTAL STRENGTH OF BRIGADE AS AT 30th. APRIL, 1918.

162 Officers and 3374 Other Ranks.
