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ESBART FM.	May 2nd.	6.50 pm.	During the day O.C. 5th. Aust. Field Ambce. who had visited General SMITH about his health reported that the earliest the General would be evacuated would be the 3rd. inst.. Brigade Memos. (Instructions for the Defence No 4) and 1/126 issued during the day.	
do	3rd.	4.30 am.	Enemy air raid took place over billeting areas. Account of same was reported to 2nd. Aust. Div.	
		9 am.	B.M. and I.O. left to make a reconnaissance of the front system, third zone of the Corps Sector.	
		11 am.	O.C. 5th. Field AMB. and the A.D.M.S., 2nd. Aust. Div. visited the G.O.C. It was decided that he should be evacuated.	
		4.55 pm.	2nd. Aust. Div. wired that Corps Commander wished to present Lt. TINDALE with the CROIX de GUERRE at Church Parade on the 5th. inst. Asks what service, time and place would be suitable. Informed C.of E. service at MONTIGNY at 11 am.	
			During the day Brigade Memos. 4/187 (Instructions for the Defence No 5 and Appendix I to same) and 12/163 (Appendices) were issued.	
do	4th.	1 am.	18th. Battalion warned that they would move to the vicinity of the BAIZIEUX defences. Details to be given later.	
		9 am.	Brigadier General SMITH left for hospital. Colonel E.F. MARTIN, C.M.G., D.S.O. took over command of the Brigade.	
		10.40 am.	18th. Battalion ordered to move to WARLOY. Move to be complete by 4 pm.	
		12.45 pm.	Instructions received from 47th. Div. that 18th. Battalion would be attached to 141st. Bde. (Inf) from 4 pm. 4/5/18. 18th. Battalion so informed and instructed to supply 400 men daily for work under C.E. of Corps.	
		3.25 pm.	7th. A.I.Bde. Order No 179 received.	
		6 pm.	18th. Battalion report move to WARLOY completed.	
		6.15 pm.	47th. Div. and 2nd. Aust. Div. so informed.	
			47th. Div. Order No 231 received.	
		9.45 pm.	Instructions received from 2nd. Aust. Div. that 5th. Brigade Group (less 18th Bn.) would move to CARDONNETTE - ALLONVILLE on 5th inst. Move to be complete by 12 Noon.	
		11.30 pm.	Brigade Order No 172 issued.	
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CARDONNETTE	MAY 9th.		Fine bright and warm day. Units moved out as per Brigade Order No 173.	
		9 am.	B.M. and I.O. visited 9th. A.I.Bde. re relief.	
		11.30 pm.	17th. Battalion reported move complete.	
			19th. Battalion reported move complete.	
		12 Noon.	20th. Battalion reported move complete.	
FRECHENCOURT		2 pm.	Brigade H.Q. closed at CARDONNETTE and opened at FRECHENCOURT.	
		4.7 pm.	5th. A.L.T.M. Battery reported move complete.	
		4.10 pm.	Instructions received from 2nd. Aust. Div. that troops were to be moved out of LA HOUSOYE and FRANVILLERS on account of enemy shelling. Units notified accordingly.	
		5.30 pm.	19th. Battalion report move from LA HOUSOYE complete. Bn. now along wood from I 15 a 1 8. I 15 b 9 3. (Sheet 62D)	
		6 pm.	5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. report move from FRANVILLERS complete. H.Q. now at C 29 d 1 8. (Sh. 62D).	
		8 pm.	Conference was held at which Bde. Commander, B.M., S.C., C.O's. Bns., O.C. 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. and 5th. Field Coy. A.E. were present.	
			The following points with reference to new sector were discussed:-	
			<u>Vickers Guns:</u> A certain number would be in front line practically under the orders of Bn. C.O's. who would detail escort for them.	
			<u>Signals:</u> Visual signalling to be used as much as possible.	
			<u>Dispositions:</u> Positions of reserve and support battalions had been altered. Bns. were to move straight to allotted positions. Front line battalions would be disposed with 2 companies in the line, 1 company in support and 1 in reserve, as far as possible.	
			Strength of posts to be reported to Bde. H.Q. as soon as possible and a sketch map prepared by each battalion showing positions in detail. Posts should be connected by a continuous trench. No disconnected posts in front system. Extra assistance to be given in this work and in wiring if required.	
			<u>Sniping</u> to be carried on.	
			<u>Stokes Mortars:</u> 2 mortars would be allotted to Right Bn., possibly 4.	
			<u>S.O.S.</u> Bugles to be used to supplement S.O.S. signals in case of foggy weather. Bugler to be located in vicinity of support company. The "double" to be sounded as S.O.S. signal.	
			<u>Water:</u> It was anticipated that difficulty would be experienced with water supply.	



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FRECHENCOURT.	MAY 9th.	8 pm.	Works Policy: Front line battalions would be responsible for their system and its wiring. Working parties <del>from</del> for Communication trenches to be supplied from Support and reserve battalions and to be put in hand as soon as possible.	
		10.20 pm.	Orders received from 2nd. Aust. Div. for Bde. to be prepared to move 1 Bn. to J 13 at 1 hours notice on receipt of orders from Div.	
		10.30 pm.	17th. Battalion instructed to hold itself in readiness accordingly.	
do	10th	9 pm.	Fine mild day. Preparations made for moving into line. Bde. Commander and B.M. left to move to line Bde. H.Q. Rear Bde. H.Q. remained at FRECHENCOURT.	
HEILLY		9.50 pm.	20th. Bn. report relief of reserve battalion complete. During the day Bde. 9/423 were issued to 19th. and 20th. Bns.	
	11th.	1 am.	5th. A.M.G.Coy. reported relief complete.	
		2.30 am.	17th. Bn. " " "	
		2.40 am.	18th. Bn. " " "	
		3 am.	Situation quiet except for enemy artillery activity.	
		3.53 am.	19th. Bn. report relief complete.	
		4 am.	5th. A.L.T.M.Bty. report relief complete. H.Q. at I 17 a 1 9.	
		4.15 am.	2nd. and 3rd. Aust. Divs. notified relief complete. Command assumed by 5th.A.I.Bde. Situation quiet. J.21 c heavily shelled with 77 mm. 4.2 and gas during the night.	
	11th.	10 am.	Bde. Rear H.Q. moved from FRECHENCOURT To Shooting Box at I 14 a 2 1.	
		11 am.	19th. and 20th. Battalion instructed to provide 150 men for work on C.T., to report to Engineer Officer at 19th Bn. H.Q. at 1.30 pm.	
		12 Noon.	Notification received from 2nd. Aust. Div. that 2nd. Pioneer Bn. would arrange to dig communication trench on night 12/13.	
			B.M. visited all Bn. H.Q.'s. and discussed the front system and their requirements, returning to Bde. H.Q. at 5.30 pm.	
		4 pm.	Situation normal. Light shelling in J 11 b & d, J 17 a & b and J 22 a.	
		5 pm.	Reinforcements - 1 officer and 62 O.R's. arrived at transport lines.	
		10.30 pm.	18th. Bn. rang up to say that an officers party liaising with 6th. A.I.Bde. right posts had on their return called in on an enemy post K 7 a 45 35 where they found 100 bombs and L.M.G. ready for firing but no range. They brought back the gun.	
		10.35 pm.	2nd. Aust. Div. informed of above, also that enemy were shelling RIBEMONT and MERICOURT heavily with 4.2 and 5.9.	



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HEILLY.	May 11th.	11.15 pm.	G.S.O.S., 2nd. Aust. Div. rang up to ask if all quiet on our front as 6th. A.I.Bde. reported heavy shelling on extreme right. Informed that all was normal. During the day 2nd. Aust. Div. "Instructions for the Defensive No 23" was received and Bde. Memos 54/4 and 64/4 issued.	
HEILLYM	12th.	12.5 am.	17th. Battalion reported T.M. firing from K 14 c 5 0 causing trouble. Artillery asked to fire.	
		11.45 am.	A/B.M. and I.O. visited all Bns. & M.G.Coy. and ascertained positions of dumps, S.O.S. relay posts, A.A. Lewis and Vickers guns. Returned to Bde. H.Q. at 8.30 pm.	
		2.15 pm.	19th. and 20th. Battalions instructed to supply similar working party as last night to report to Engineer Officer at 18th. Bn. H.Q. at 7 pm.	
		4.20 pm.	Situation quiet. Light shelling throughout Bde. sector. MERICOURT, RIBEMONT, Cross Roads - D 27 c heavily shelled during afternoon.	
		5.40 pm.	19th. and 20th. Bns. informed working party now to report to H.Q., 17th. Bn. at 7 pm. During the day 2nd. Aust. Div. "Instructions for the Defensive No 22" were received, and the following Bde. Memos were issued:- 9/428, 4/204 (Instructions for the Defensive No 9). Units were informed that Coy. and Bn. gas N.C.O's. must accompany their units into the forward area.	
HEILLY.	13th.		very Dull day with poor visibility and drizzling rain all day.	
		3.30 am.	Situation unchanged. Scattered shelling in rear.	
		11. am.	Brigade Memo 9/433 issued.	
		1. pm.	19th. and 20th. Bns. instructed to provide parties of 150 each for work under 17th. Bn. to report at 17th. Bn. H.Q. at 5.30 pm. 20th. Bn. to supply additional 100 men for work on a C.T. under 17th. Batt. Brigade Major and I.O.M. visited all Bns. and went into front line of 29th. A.I.Bn. whence a view of 17th. Bn. posts could be obtained. Returned to Bde. H.Q. at 8 p.m.	
		2. pm.	Brigade Order No 175 issued.	
		2.45 pm.	O.C., 5th. A.L.T.M.Bty. saw Bde. Commander and discussed position of forward H.Q. for Bty. He was asked to co-operate with artillery shoot at 3 a.m. on K 19 central.	
		6. pm.	2nd. Aust. Div. Art. Order No 104 (Relief of 3rd. A.D.A. by 2nd. A.D.A.) received.	
		8.30 pm.	Bde. Memo No 4/308 (Instructions for the Defensive No 10) issued.	
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HEILLY.	May 14th.	3.55 am.	O.P. reported heavy shelling in J 19 a & c.	
		6.15 am.	C.O., 17th. Battalion ran up and reported message received from his Left Coy. by runner that enemy was massing in front of him. Stretcher bearers report that enemy has attacked and is in between "B" and "C" Coys. Position obscure. Left Coy. have captured 3 prisoners. Enemy plane reported dropping flares on our front line.	
		6.25 am.	18th. Bn. report enemy raid on 17th. Bn.	
		6.45 am.	17th. Bn. report that the only information available is from stretcher bearers and party who brought in 3 prisoners. Right Coy. appears to be alright. Left Coy. has been broken and enemy in behind them. C.O. is sending up reserve Coy. and will have no troops in old French line. Enemy were about 150 strong.	
		7.10 am.	G.S.O. 3, 2nd. Aust. Div. notified accordingly.	
		7.30 am.	Bde. Commander spoke to C.O., 17th. Battalion and told him situation must be cleared up.	
		8.30 am.	C.O., 18th. Bn. reported that he had moved down his support coy. to K 13 c 0 0 to hold flank and has officer working along to left Coy. of 17th. Battalion to find out the situation. Enemy is in between Left and Right Coys. worked North and attacked from rear, digging in between Front and Support line Coys. 18th. Bn. Liaison Officer with the 17th reports as above and that bombing is going on on Left Coy. front. Earth is being thrown up towards us apparently from trench dug last night by us.	
		(8.30) am.		
		8.45 am.	Bde. Commander spoke to 8th. A.I. Bde. and said that situation was still obscure in K 19 a 8 4 where Boche appeared to be. Asked if they could get us information re our Right Coy. from 29th. Bn. left Coy.	
		8.55 am.	C.O., 17th. Bn. stated he had nothing further to report beyond what 18th had already reported.	
		9. am.	C.O., 17th. Battalion reports that a wounded Sgt. from the line states that after they had finished digging this morning shelling took place; when the bombardment finished they went out and re-occupied the post which they had had to vacate. Then the enemy came over about 200 strong. They fired at him and wounded a great many. The enemy got into the post and captured 8 or 9 <del>men</del> of our men. The Sgt. got away with 2 men and brought some men up and re-manned the post where he found only a wounded Hun., who said that the remainder had gone further on. He succeeded in killing and capturing more of the enemy.	
		9.30 am.	17th. Battalion asked for bursts of fire on K 19 c 9 2, K 19 central and K 19 b 2 2 every 3 minutes from 9.45 am. to 10 am. Arrangements made with artillery accordingly.	

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HEILLY	May 14th.	9.50	am. C.O. 17th. Bn. repeated report received from Left line Coy. Commander. Enemy hold about 100 yards of his line and some in rear of him. He is trying to arrange to bomb them with assistance of Right and Support Coys. Boche are digging in on his left front and on front of 18th. Battalion. Artillery asked to fire bursts of shrapnel on that line.	
		10.	am. B.M. asked 18th. Battalion to find out about this.	
		10.30	am. 18th. Battalion report that a party of enemy about 80 strong were overlooking Right Coy. posts with M.G. at K 13 a 90 50 on parapet. Our artillery are firing now and we are engaging post with rifle grenades. Enemy shelling Right front J 17 b. Enemy are digging a continuous line 150 yards in front of front line.	
		10.45	am. 2nd. Aust. Div. informed of situation.	
		11.	am. C.O., 17th. Battalion informed of above. He states situation appears better. Observers report some 30 prisoners on their way back.	
		11.20	am. 17th. Battalion reports position restored. Our casualties reported about 30. 48 prisoners. Prisoners <del>state</del> taken all state their casualties heavy. Identification.	
			31st. I.R. (3rd. and 4th. Coys). They state 237th and 114th on their flanks.	
		11.45	am. Shelling eased about J 17 b, easing forward.	
		12. Noon.	18th. Bn. reports enemy digging in on line K 7 d 15 35 - K 7 d 3 0 - X Roads K 23 b - K 13 b 15 - 30 - K 13 d 6 5 thence obscure. Artillery engaging this line. Enemy shelling still easing.	
		12.30	pm. Div. informed of above.	
		12.50	pm. 18th. Battalion reports line intact. Enemy still digging in on line mentioned above. Sniping bad. Stokes mortars and rifle grenades being used.	
		1.5.	pm. C.O., 17th. Bn. reports line O.K. better than before and practically connected. Stated S.O.S. being altered K 19 b 6 0 - K 19 c 6 0 (New S.O.S. finally fixed as K 7 central - K 7 d 10 75 - K 7 d 1 0 - K 13 b 10. 50 - K 13 central - K 13 d 4 0 - K 19 b 4 0 - K 19 d 3 7 - K 19 c 5 0)	
		5.35	pm. J 21 c being heavily shelled with 5.9 and 4.2 from a T.B. of 37° from J 21 c 5 5.	
		6.5.	pm. J 21 c still shelled. Artillery asked for counter battery work.	
		7	pm. Brigade Order No 176 issued. Brigade Memos 4/316 ( Instructions for the Defensive No 11) issued during the day	

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HEILLY	May 17th.		Warm day with fairly heavy ground mist.	
		4. am.	Situation normal. Enemy M.G.'s. and snipers active, along Right Bn. front.	
		11.45 am.	17th and 19th Battalions asked to supply parties for wiring and work on C.T.'s. under 20th and 18th Bns. respectively on night 17/18.	
		12.45 pm.	Units informed that two German aviators from machine brought down last night still at large.	
		1.30 pm.	Bde. Commander left H.Q. and visited 19th. Bn. taking the C.O. with him to H.Q., 18th Bn. (Left line). There detailed arrangements for operation to be carried out on 19th were discussed. It was also arranged that relief of 18th. Bn. should not take place till 19/20. On the way back Bde. Commander called at H.Q., 5th A.M.G. Coy., returning to Bde. H.Q. at about 5.30 pm.	
		6. pm.	Conference held at Bde. H.Q. Div Commander and Bde. Commander were present. Final arrangements were made for attack on 19th.	
do	18th.		Fine warm day; slight ground mist in morning; clearing up later on.	
		11.30 am.	18th. Bn. carried out daylight raid on post at K 7 c 6 9. Captured 1 M.G., 1 Off. and 20 O.R.'s. Vide Bde. Memo 9/452.	
		12.20 pm.	Div. and flank Bdes. informed of above. B.M. visited 18th and 19th Bn. H.Q. and discussed final arrangements for attack, returning to Bde. H.Q. about 7 pm.	
Wk		4. pm.	I.O. left for 18th. Bn. H.Q. to synchronise watches.	
		9. pm.	Captain DOWDEN left to act as Liaison Officer at 6th. A.I.Bde. H.Q. advanced.	



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HEILLY	May 19th	12.5 am	18th Bn. reported that an enemy patrol had been seen at K 7 c 8 6 at 11.5 pm and had been fired on by our Lewis Gunners. Necessary steps were being taken to watch the sector.	
		1.35 pm	18th Bn. reported troops in position on Jumping Off Tape. Division informed accordingly.	
		2.5 pm	O.P. reported that shelling had opened and that there was a fair amount of M.G. fire along the Brigade front.	
		2.7 pm	O.P. reported the enemy were sending up double red flares.	
		2.10 pm	O.P. reports enemy shelling does not appear to be heavy	
		2.20 pm	O.P. reports enemy barrage fairly heavy on front system.	
		2.50 pm	C.O. 18th Bn. rang up to say that the Signal Officer had just returned from the front line with the information that the men of the right company were out in front of their trenches waiting. Enemy M.Gs. were firing high over C.T. dug the previous night. Enemy shelling heavy but scattered.	
		2.55 am	Word received from Liaison Officer that 6th A.I.Bde. that the left Coy. 21st Bn had reached their objective.	
		3.10 am	Bde. Visual Station reports that green flares could be seen to right and left of MARRETT WOOD. Div. informed.	
		3.15 am	O.P. reported that double green flares had gone up from 6th A.I.Bde. sector at 2.30 and 3.7 am. C.O. 18th Bn reported that a man had just returned from the line and stated that our people had reached the SUNKEN ROAD in K.7.c. alright and were doing well so far. Lieut. A.G.A. WALTERS had been killed.	
		3.45 am	C.O. 18th Bn reported by 'phone that a message had been received from Capt. LANE, "B" Coy. by runner, that the Coy. had reached its objective. Lieut. JONES, "B" Coy had reported all Coys. O.K. and digging in. Capt. DOYLE had been wounded.	
		4 am	4 captured. Machine Gun had been sent back by "B" Coy. Message repeated to Div. 18th Bn rang up to say 3 prisoners, 42 R.I.R. and 20 casualties (walking cases) had arrived at Bn. H.Q. O.C. "B" Coy. reports casualties slight, men digging fast and everything going well. An enemy M.G., firing as far as could be judged by sound, from about K.2., was giving a good deal of trouble. This message repeated to Div.	
		4.25 am	Artillery asked to sweep enemy trenches from K.13.central southwards to BRAY - CORBIE Road.	



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	19th	4.35 am	18th Bn. reports everything going well. Troops in touch all along the front line. Only doubtful point is between left and centre Coys. Troops digging in well. 6 prisoners have been taken. An enemy M.G. is giving trouble from K.13.b.5.6. Casualties slight. Well in touch with 22nd Bn. <del>am</del> at 3.50 a.m.	
		4.50 pm	Adjutant 18th Bn rang up to say work on C.T. to new front line was progressing favourably. They would like a smoke barrage to cover the work. Prisoners state they knew the attack was coming off and a reserve Coy. had accordingly been moved up last night from a village whose name they didn't know. Div. informed accordingly.	
		5.15 pm	18th Bn reported "B" Coy. O.K. Work of consolidation going on well, trenches reasonably deep in most places, C.T. getting on well and they were then in communication all the way. About 9 prisoners had reached Bn. H.Q. so far.	
		5.40 pm	Report received that 19th Bn men working on C.T. want more men forward. Arrangements made for artillery to put smoke on hill behind MORLANCOURT and on "B" Coys front in K.13.	
		5.55 am	Brigade Commander asked O.C. 5th A.M.G.Coy. to get in touch with C.O. 18th Bn to see whether it was advisable to push forward any guns.	
		6.5 am	Adjutant 18th Bn. repeated a message from the front timed 4.45 am. Their centre 20 yards in rear of road through K.13.b. and K.7.d. On the left the line crosses the road. C.T. strikes the new front line at the boundary and runs through to old front line. Not connected in the middle. Casualties - 70.	
		6.15 am	Artillery asked to shell K.15.a. at intervals. Major ROBERTSON, 18th Bn., reports left Brigade observers have reported large body of enemy troops seen on road in K.10.c. and K.9.d. Artillery informed accordingly.	
		7.35 am	C.O. 18th Bn reported his line starts just in advance of K.7.b.2.2. where he is in touch with 22nd Bn. His line then runs along the valley crossing road at K.7.d.1.4. and along western edge of road to within 30 or 40 yards of cross roads in K.13.a. 250 yards of the line north of cross roads is connected up by a good trench. From K.7.d.0. <del>Ex</del> 5. the line consists of a line of posts running north. The digging of the C.T. had proved a hard job owing to the nature of the ground. No further work could be done until dark. C.T. and old front line had been drained. Post at K 7 d 6 9 withdrawn. All men now digging or carrying. Supply of S.A.A. good. A party of the enemy had advanced in extended order to a line in K.13.d., K.14.c., about 50 tp 70 yards east of road. They had a M.G. somewhere there. Enemy also in K.8.c.3.5., our M.Gs. can reach them. Our captures include 4 light and one heavy M.G. (Some of them now being used by us).	



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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HELLY	May 19	8.	am Brigade Commander spoke to 19th Bn about changing over Coy. in J 17 b with Coy. working on C.T.	
		8.10	am 20th Bn asked to snipe and fire on K.13.d. and b. Arranged with artillery to sweep and search area K.13.b. and d.	
		8.15	am 2nd Aust. Div. informed of situation. <del>Brigade-Commander</del>	
		8.25	am Brigade Commander spoke to Div. and explained situation. He specially mentioned the banks in K.7.b., which would have to be kept under observation by 6th A.I.Bde. He asked for assistance on draining and C.T. work. Div. promised to inform him later if it could be made available.	
		8.50	am Brigade Major informed 18th Bn of Artillery programme. 18th Bn have 25 prisoners and 8 M.Gs. 19th Bn have 5 prisoners and 2 M.Gs.	
		10	am Adjutant 18th Bn reported artillery shoot on K 13 b and d. was most successful, and sniping has eased down considerably.	
		10.20	am Adjutant 18th Bn reported O.P. reports considerable movement 200 yards on either side of road at K 3 b 5 8. Artillery informed and news passed to Left Group. Repeated to Division and 6th A.I.Bde.	
		10.25	am C.O. 19th Bn reported Coys. satisfactorily fixed up.	
		11.15	am Div. informed us that arrangements had been made for us to use 25th Bn for C.T. and draining. 5th A.I.Bde. to arrange direct.	
		11.45	am Brigade Commander spoke to C.O. 18th Bn and told him that it was not advisable to go on with the C.T. by daylight but a small party of men could work on draining.	
		11.55	am Brigade Major asked Div. for permission to use 200 men of 25th Bn tonight on C.T. as work was impossible by day. This was granted and message accordingly sent to 25th Bn. Artillery informed that there was considerable enemy movement in K 16 and K.4.	
		4 -	pm Div. rang up and asked for dispositions as they would be on night 19/20th May.	
		5.45	pm 6th A.I.Bde, rang up to say that their O.P. reported having seen about 1 Coy. of men moving into MORLANCOURT by track at K.9.c.8.9.	
		6.30	pm 5th A.M.G.Coy. reported no guns yet moved forward. One will be moved up tonight and other positions reconnoitred.	
		7.10	pm O.P. reports movement in K.4.d. and b. now slight owing to our artillery fire.	
		9.45	pm Enemy put over light shelling on support lines in response to our artillery fire.	
		11.45	pm 6th A.I.Bde. reported prisoners captured by centre battalion give identification, 184 I.R., 183 Div.	



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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HEILLY	May 26th		Fine warm day. Very quiet day on the whole Brigade front. 2nd Aust. Div. G.32/635 (Instructions for the Defensive No. 31) received. Congratulations received from 4th Army on the collection and rapid transmission of Maps and documents on 19th instant.	
	27th		Fine warm day. Little enemy activity except scattered shelling in rear areas. Notification received from 2nd Aust. Div. that the Corps Commander would call on 28th instant to say Good-bye, prior to leaving the Corps to take command of 5th Army.	
	<del>28th</del>	11.30 am	Enemy plane flew over left Bn. sector and dropped 4 bombs in the vicinity of MARRETT Wood. It was driven off by A.A. fire. "C" Division Artillery, Australian Corps, Defence Instructions No. 7 (Counter preparation) received. The following Brigade memos. were issued during the day - 4/308, and 9/470.	
	28th		Fine warm day. Lieut-Col. MURPHY, D.S.O., 18th Bn., instructed to take command of the Brigade during the absence of Colonel MARTIN, in the afternoon.	
		11.30 am	Corps Commander, General Sir WILLIAM BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., called at Bde. H.Q., presented ribands to officers and men of the Brigade who had recently received awards and said 'Good-bye' prior to his departure to 5th Army.	
		2 pm	Brigade Commander left to be present at a demonstration of new French Light Field Gun (37 mm). B.M. visited Bns, in the line. Brigade memo 42/9 (Order of the Day by General PETAIN) issued to units during the day.	
	29th		Fine warm day.	
		1.30 pm	Brigade Major left to witness a demonstration of French Tanks attacking in conjunction with Infantry.	
		8 pm	A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust. Div. asked to detail another M.O. for 18th Bn. Captain TEMPLEMAN having become a casualty owing to attending to gassed cases.	
			The Corps Commander sent special thanks and appreciation of the way carrying out of the daylight raid of 18/5/18 to Lieut.-Col. MURPHY and Lieut. IRVINE, 18th Bn.	



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME.

AMENDMENTS.Section 5: Para. 4 is amended to read as follows :-

'The S.O.S. line for 18-pdrs. is W 27 c 1 7 -

W 21 d 35 15

4,5 Hords. on W 27 b 95 20 - W 28 a 95 50 -

W 22 d 75 60, sweep road W 22 a and c., - W 27 d 60 45 -

W 27 d 85 85. '

Heavy artillery fire on similar lines further to the east of 18-pdr. S.O.S. lines. '

Section 6: Para 2. 1st Line, for 'V 20 d 8 4' read 'V 27 b 6 4'.

Para 3, add :-

'Two guns at W 19 d 8 4 will put down an S.O.S. barrage from W 22 a 2 5 to W 22 a 3 1.'

Para 4, for 'W 22 d 0 5' read 'W 22 c 0 5'.

Section 10: 'AMMUNITION' First para,

For 'V 12 d 2 3' read 'W 19 a 6 0'

'W 19 a 7 1' read 'W 19 a 1 7'

'U 23 b 1 3' read 'V 23 b 1 3'

ADDENDUMAPPENDIX IV. LOCATIONS OF HEADQUARTERS.

Bde. H.Q.	V 20 d 2 2
'A' Battalion	W 19 c 60 95
'B' Battalion	W 20 a 1 7
'C' Battalion	V 23 a 90 35
'D' Battalion	WARLOY
M.G. Company.	V 27 b 6 4
L.T.M. Battery	V 20 b 4 5
Field Coy. Engrs.	V 20 d
Field Ambulance	WARLOY
Left Group Arty.	V 15 a 6 3

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A c k n o w l e d g e d .Bde. H.Q.  
1st May, 1918.

*W. P. MacCallum*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

To all recipients of Provisional Defence Scheme.



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BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS. London, 20-5-18. Morning. We captured a few prisoners yesterday as the result of a successful raid carried out by us in the ALBERT Sector. A raid attempted by the enemy north of HINGES was repulsed with heavy loss to the raiders. Hostile artillery activity increased considerably last night on the ALBERT - BUCQUOY Front.

8.5 p.m. During the night French troops carried out a successful operation east and north-east of LOCRE. All their objectives were obtained on a front of some 4000 yards and over 400 prisoners were captured. Local fighting took place early this morning north of ALBERT as a result of which a few of our men are missing. A party of our troops reached a German post east of HEBUTEREN and captured a few prisoners and two machine guns. Hostile artillery has shown considerable activity today with gas shells in the sector north of BETHUNE.

GERMAN OFFICIAL. In the region of KEMMEL the artillery activity increased considerably in the evening and towards midnight. Early this morning violent artillery duels developed in this region. On the rest of the battlefield the fighting activity also increased.

The British attacked in force in the early morning on the south bank of the ANCRE. They penetrated VILLE-sur-ANCRE. Hostile attempts to advance further in the ANCRE Valley failed. Repeated attempts to storm MORLANCOURT failed with casualties in front of the village.

At many points along the front British and French reconnaissances were repulsed.

In advanced post encounters and in the course of a successful enterprise north of ST. MIHIEL we captured prisoners.

Last night LONDON, DOVER and other places on the English coast were successfully bombed.

FRENCH OFFICIAL. Violent artillery duels in the region of HANGARD and south of the AVRE. French patrols operating west of CASTEL took prisoners. North-west of RHEIMS French detachments penetrated as far as the third line of the German trenches. They carried out an amount of destruction and returned with a number of prisoners including one officer and also a quantity of material.

The Germans attempted raids in the region of VAUCLERT and CHEVALIERS WOOD without any success.

Night calm on the remainder of the front.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL. Activity of our patrols in the region of MT. MARTELLO and of enemy reconnoitring parties which were promptly driven back. Between the ADIGER and ASNICO harassing fire by the opposed artilleries. Our concentrations of fire were particularly effective in VAL di SOLLE and in the region east of LISSA. At CAPO SINIG at about 9 p.m. one of our storming parties in a successful raid captured a portion of the hostile trenches fronting them and established themselves therein. Early this morning the enemy carried out a strong counter-attack which was completely repulsed. The enemy suffered heavy losses. 31 prisoners, about 100 rifles, 4 machine guns and other war material fell into our hands. Our own airmen and those of our allies were very active. Numerous military objectives in VAL SUGANA were bombarded with 8 tons of bombs. 7 enemy machines were brought down and an eighth was forced to land.



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 1st May, 1918.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: During the day railway at W 22 b and ALBERT - BAPAUME Road at W 24 c were shelled by our artillery. All night roads running E. from ALBERT were harassed by our fire.

PATROLS: A patrol sent out for the purpose of examining ground between W 27 c 2 8 and W 27 a 6 4, located the enemy in road from W 27 c 9 6 to W 27 c 4 9. A machine gun was located at W 27 a 6 1.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Normal.

Time	Locality Shelled.	Direction from	Calibre	No. of Rds.
5.20 am	W 13 d	About 97° T.B.		
		V 18 a 55 20	4.2 H.E.	15
5.50 am.	BOUZINCOURT (W 13 b)	do	do	10
8.25 am.	Vicinity of W 20 d	USNA Valley	do	6 6000'
9.25 am. to	V 11 d & v 17 b & d	Abt 115° T.B.		
9.45 am. to		V 18 a 55 20	do	25
10.30 am. to				
12.30 pm.	W 18 d & W 18 c (Roads)	do	do	12
12 Noon	W 26	E. of Brickworks		
		in W 22 d	77 mm.	12
2.20 to 2.30 pm	BOUZINCOURT	Abt 97° T.B. V 18 a 55 20	4.2 H.E. 20.	
do	W 15 Central	do	do	15
2.30 pm.	W 20 c & d	109° T.B. from		
		W 19 d 6 1	4.2 H.E.	34
3.15 pm.	W 20 a	97° T.B. from V 18 a 55 20	do	15
7.20 pm.	V 18 c	do	do	20
do	W 20 a & c	115° T.B. from		
		V 18 a 55 20	do	15
do	V 24	Sound bearing 83°		
		from W 19 d 6 1 H.E. & Gas		17
7.50 pm.	W 20 a & c	115° T.B. V 18 a 55 20	4.2 H.E.	15
8 pm.	Road in W 13 d	115° T.B. V 18 a 55 20	77 mm H.E.	30
do	BOUZINCOURT	97° do	4.2 H.E.	25
8.15 to 8.25 pm	Vicinity of W 20 d	USNA valley.	do 65.9	10
8 to 10 pm.	Front line in W 15 and W 21	97 to 115° T.B.		
			4.2 H.E.	
		V 18 a 55 20	77 mm H.E. Harassing.	
10.40-10.45 pm	W 15 d		Incendiary.	2
10.10 - 10.20 pm	BOUZINCOURT	97° T.B. do	4.2 H.E.	20

Shelling on our Left Battalion was slight.

At 7 pm. H.E. and gas (12 shells) were fired on W 20 a. From 1.45 am. to 2.30 am. about 50 shells were fired on the front line of the Left Bn.

TRENCH MORTARS: Enemy Mortars from W 15 d 9 2 fired on our Left Coy. front during the night.

MACHINE GUNS: Quiet during the day. Active during the night from positions along the front. One new gun at W 27 a 6 1 has been located.



- 2 - Intelligence Summary continued.

**MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION:** Very little movement observed during the period. At 3 pm. 6 men wearing caps and field grey uniforms were seen at W 37 d 8 5 moving in a S. direction. Between 8.15 and 9 pm. 40 men moved into a trench in rear of the QUARRY in W 27 c. These men moved in parties of 4. At 5 am. 3 men crawled out of L.P. at W 21 b 50 30 and moved to the E. Enemy in ones and twos moved about W 24 b 6 5 and W 30 c 95 50.

**IDENTIFICATIONS:** One of the enemy approached our post at W 27 a 35 60, on being challenged he turned and ran, whereupon he was shot through the thigh and captured. Prisoner belonged to 184 I.R.

**FLARES:** During operations on our left, numerous flares were fired. Single reds and reds bursting into two were followed by artillery fire. Single greens and orange clusters were also fired.

WORK:

<u>Job</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Progress</u>
Deep D.O. for 20th Bn. H.Q.	W 14 c 05 00	No.1 Entrance excavated 6' x 3' x 3'6". Hole dug 6'x2'x2' for burying chalk. No.3 Entrance excavated 6'x3'x5'. Excavtn. complete 7'x4'x5'6". Salvgd. material for job and camouflaged.
Splinter proof D.O. Adj't. 20th Bn. H.Q.	W 14 c 1 9	No.1 Entee. excavtn. complete in approach 6'x4'x5'. No.2 entee. 2 sets put in. Excavtn. complete 6'x3'x5'. Erected temp. hand cover. 100' trench cleaned to 3' top, 3' bottom, and 4' deep. Berms cut & parapet levelled.
Deep D.O. for 19th Bn. H.Q.	W 19 a 65 05	
RAP for 19th Bn MC.	W 19 a	
Close Support & Accommodation Trench.	W 20 b 71 05 (L-24-117)	
Trenches previously commenced have been completed and trimmed to the following dimensions -		
Accomdn. Trench.	V 22 c 65 65	170' 5' 6' top 3' btm.
	do.	90' 5' 6' Top 2' btm.
	V 22 a 8 1	110' 5' 6' Top 2' btm.
	V 23 a 3 9	40' 5' 6' Top 2' btm.
	do.	70' 3'6 6' Top 3'6 btm.
Wiring Support Line	W 25 b 4 7	30 coils, 200-pkts short, 20 pkts long carried on to job. Post & Pkts. in for 100 yds of wire. 80x depnd. to 4' & widnd. to 4' at top & 3' at bottom. 2 S.P. D.O's 8'6x9'6 completed. 230x completely excavtd.
C.T.	V 24 d 33 to	
	V 24 d 7 3	
Bn. H.Q. D.O.	V 24 d 0 2	
Support Line	W 19 b 65 60 to	
C.T.	W 19 b 40 00	
C.T.	W 19 d 70 45 to	
	W 19 d 50 55	
Coy. H.Q.	V 20 d 7 3	
'C' Type Shelter	V 20 d 5 2	
Bde. Hdqrs.	V 20 d 5 2	
20x French wire put at W 21 b 45 40.		
of Right Battalion.		

*W. H. M. C. A. P.*  
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 Commanding 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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# FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
1st. May, 1918.

Headquarters,  
2nd. Australian Division.

## SALVAGE.

Herewith complete list of salvage collected by Units of  
this Brigade for week ending 27.4.18.

A R T I C L E.	17th Bn.	18th Bn.	19th Bn.	20th Bn.	5thAL Bn.	5thBde H.Q.	Total.
Sheepskin vests.	-	45	18	-	-	-	63
Web packs.	-	197	208	205	-	-	608
Equipment, sacks.	-	4	-	3	-	-	4
Boots F.S. prs.	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
Water proof sheets.	-	4	1	-	-	-	5
Greatcoats.	-	7	6	-	-	-	13
Gloves S.S. prs.	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
" S. and W. prs.	-	-	55	-	-	-	55
Woollens, cwts.	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
" bales.	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Rifles.	-	1	10	3	-	-	14
Lucas lamps.	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Wire carriers.	-	10	-	-	-	-	10
Shells, 60 pdrs.	-	-	4	-	-	-	4
" 18 "	-	-	-	16	-	-	16
Shell cases, 18 pdrs.	-	-	416	3	-	-	419
Clips, Shell cases, 18 pdrs.	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Bicycle, motor.	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
"	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
S.A.A., rounds.	-	-	206	-	-	-	206
" Sand bags of.	-	-	-	5	-	-	5
Rubber hose, pieces.	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Tyres, motor.	-	-	4	-	-	-	4
Helmets, steel.	-	-	1	4	-	-	5
Gum boots, prs.	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Jerkins, leather.	-	-	7	-	-	-	7
Bottles, water.	-	-	15	-	-	-	15
Hats, felt.	-	-	41	2	-	-	43
Shirts, flannel.	-	-	53	13	-	-	66
Vests, woollen.	-	-	25	-	-	-	25
" cardigan.	-	-	18	-	-	-	18
Drawers, woollen, prs.	-	-	23	-	-	-	23
Sacks, pds.	-	-	148	-	-	-	148
Towels.	-	-	10	-	-	-	10
Puttees.	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Grenades, Mills, sand bags of.	-	-	3	2	-	-	5
Grenade cases, empty.	-	-	-	34	-	-	34
S.A.A., rounds. <i>Cases empty.</i>	-	-	-	25	-	-	25
Cavalry sword.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Respirators, small box.	-	-	-	9	-	-	9
" containers.	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Belts Vickers, filled.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
" box.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Baritone.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Pistol, signalling 1 <sup>st</sup> .	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Magazines, Lewis gun.	-	-	-	4	-	-	4
Butts, " "	-	-	-	4	-	-	4
Miscellaneous, bags of.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

*John Cas*  
Brigadier General,



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142nd Infantry Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS 26  
1. MAY 1918  
5th Aust. Inf. Bde. No. 16/292.

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CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY THIS  
BRIGADE FROM 26th APRIL, 1918 to 1st MAY, 1918.

WIRING:

W 27 a 4 6 20 coils erected.  
W 20 c 4 4 24 do  
W 25 a 9 7 to  
W 25 c 4 3 Double apron fence erected.  
Sap from W 21 b )  
1 2 to W 21 b )  
3 4. leading to ) Filled with wire.  
enemy trench. )  
Right Bn. Front 37 coils erected.  
W 25 b & W 19 c 250 yards single row of double apron erected.  
W 21 b 5 4 5 coils erected.  
W 21 b 56 45 5 do.  
W 21 b 2 4 to  
W 21 b 30 45 French wire connected up with strands of barbed wire.  
W 25 b 4 7 30 coils partly erected.  
W 21 b 45 40 20 yards French wire put out.

TRENCHES CONSTRUCTED:

150 yards C.T. dug from W 21 c 8 3 to W 21 c 9 5.  
450 yards trench dug to link up posts in W 25 c,  
W 25 a, W 25 b, and W 19 d.  
290 yards C.T. dug from V 24 d 3 1 to V 23 b 70 85.  
Blocks made in sunken road running through W 26, also  
block in roads at W 27 a 3 9, W 27 a 4 6.  
Listening post dug.  
W 21 b 34  
W 20 d 45 50 to  
W 20 b 7 1 Widening and deepening trench.  
W 21 a and c. do. do. do. and building shelters.  
W 21 c 40 35 to  
W 21 c 6 4 Switch trench 100 yards long dug.  
W 19 d Support trench 450 yards long dug.  
V 23 a 30 95 100 yards trench dug.  
V 22 c 4 6 266 do. do.  
V 22 c and b. 400 do. do.  
V 22 a 7 1 110 do. do.  
W 20 b 30 do. support trench dug.  
W 20 b 75 08 100 do. close support and accommodation trench cleaned  
W 19 d 70 45 to  
W 19 b 4 6 60 do. deepened.

OTHER WORKS:

RAP. completed at V 23 d 3 3. RAP. under construction at W 19 a.  
Dugouts for Bde. Hdqrs. at V 24 d 15 05, W 20 a 1 7, W 19 c 60 95,  
Bn. under construction.  
Dugouts at W 14 c 05 00, W 20 c 1 9, W 19 a 65 05, and V 20 d 7 3  
under construction.  
Shelter at V 20 d 5 2 completed.  
Bde. Hdqrs. at V 20 d 5 2 under construction.  
The improvement of front line trenches, and minor wiring, have been  
continued.  
Material salvaged: Wood, sheet iron and barbed wire.

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



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Appendices

Appendix 5

- A. Proposals for Work.
- B. Proposed Programme for continuance of Works Policy.
- C. Tracing showing Work done. (Issued to 142nd Inf. Bde. only).

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A P P E N D I X A.

PROPOSALS FOR WORK.

1. The work now in hand on communication trenches V 22 a and c, the Support trench in W 19 b and d, the close Support trench in W 20 b and d, the old French line in V 24 b, should be continued, also the completion of mined Dugout Headquarters for 'A' and 'B' Battalions now in process of construction at W 20 a 1 7 and W 19 c 60 95.

The provision of mined dugouts for Advanced Bde. H.Q. and 'C' Battalion H.Q. at W 22 b 1 3 (approximately) and V 24 d 15 05.

Suggested programme contained in Appendix 'B'.

2. (a) A communication trench to be dug V 24 d 7 7 - to include 'A' Bn. H.Q. - W 19 b 0 2 - W 19 b 2 2 - W 19 b 8 0 - W 20 a 5 2 - W 20 central - W 20 d 1 7 - W 20 d 5 5 - W 21 c 0 3 - W 21 c 6 3.

(b) The C.T. running through W 26 a - W 25 b and a - V 30 a to be wired on south side, thus enabling it to be used for flank defence in case of need.

The continuation north of Support line from W 13 d 6 0 will form left flank defensive switch; work to be done by Bde. on left flank.

(c) The tactical wiring in conjunction with Vickers Machine Gun bands of fire of the valley in W 20 c and d, W 26 b.

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APPENDIX 'B'  
WORKS PROGRAMME.

Job	Location	Inf. Reqd. Q.	Q.R.	Engr. Super- vision.	Tools Reqd.	Time to report on job.
Wiring	W 19 d 4 1 to		'C' Bn.	1 Off.		
Support	W 19 d 7 5	-	80	9 O.R.	Sticks	11 pm.
Impvg.	W 25 b 0 8					11 pm.
Suppt.	to		'C' Bn		60 per cent. shovels	
Line.	W 13 d 5 0	-	200	2 saps	40 per cent. picks.	
Impvt.	V 24 d 3 3 to		'C' Bn.			
C.T.	V 24 d 7 3		40	2 saps	40 shovels	11 pm.
Transport for above works:- 4 G.S. Limbers to cart wiring stores from R.E. DUMP, BAIZIEUX, to V 30 b 2 4.						
Stores Required:- 150 long pickets, 5': 300 short wooden pickets 2'.						
Salving						
Timber for Bivouacs						
in Accom. Tr. from						
HENENCOURT & SENLIS						
	-	10	2 saps	)Report V 20 d 7 3 at 1 PM.		
	-	10	2 saps			
Digging Accom. Trench V 22 b						
and V 23 a						
	8	200	8 saps	Report V 20 d 7 3 at 3.30 pm.		
Transport:- 2 G.S. wagons or 2 G.S. Limbers to report V 20 d 7 3 at 1 pm to cart salvaged timber from HENENCOURT and SENLIS to V 20 d 7 3.						
Right Bn. H.Q.						
	W 19 a 65 05	6	2	1st shift to commence 8.30 pm.		
		6	2	2nd do. 2.30 pm		
Erection of						
Splinter proof for						
Adj. Left Bn.						
	W 20 a 1 9	6	1	Report Bn. H.Q. 8.30 pm.		
		6	1	do. 2.30 pm.		
Left Bn. RAP. W 19 b 10 05						
Left Bn. H.Q.						
	Deep D.O.	5	3	do. 8.30 pm.		
		5	3	do. 2.30 pm.		
Camouflage, Left Bn. H.Q.						
	Right Bn. H.Q.		6	8.30 pm.		
Close Support.						
		100	3	Bn. Hdqrs. 11 pm.		
(Subject to alteration according to G.C.C.'s plans for extension.)						
Transport:- 1 G.S. Limber to report at V 20 d 7 3 at 8.15 pm. for carting R.E. material to Left Bn. H.Q.						
1 G.S. Limber reporting as above, carting to Right Bn. H.Q.						



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Brigade Headquarters.  
2nd May 1918.

Headquarters.  
2nd Australian Division.

LOCATION OF UNITS.

Following will be location of Units of this Brigade  
as at 6 a.m. 5th instant :-

Bde-H.Q.	ESBANT FARM	C.1.d.30.35.
17th Bn.	BEHENCOURT	
18th Bn.	HAVLINCOURT.	
19th Bn.	MONTIGNY.	
20th Bn.	FRECHINCOURT.	
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.	BEHENCOURT.	
5th Aust. Field Amb.	MONTIGNY.	Petit Chateau.
5th Field Coy.A.E.	BEHENCOURT.	
15th A.A.S.C.	BEAUCOURT.	

*John G. Cole*

Brigadier-General.  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Brigade Headquarters,  
2nd. April, 1918.Reference Maps: Sh. 62.D. 1/40,000.  
MONTIGNY 1/20,000. (issued to Bns)INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 4.Duties and responsibility of the Brigade, whilst the Division is in  
Corps Reserve.Disposition: 1. The Division is disposed as follows :-

Div. Hdqrs. - BERTANGIES.  
 5th. A.I. Bde. Group - MONTIGNY - FLECHENECOURT Area.  
 6th. A.I. Bde. Group - QUERRILLU - DOURS Area.  
 7th. A.I. Bde. Group - SALON - RIVIRE Area.

Employment: 2. (a) The Division whilst in Corps Reserve will be normally employed offensively for the maintenance of the present positions of forward Divisions.

(b) The Brigade Group will be prepared to move at short notice.

Counter-Attack: 3. (a) In the event of enemy attack South of the SOLE the Division will be employed for prompt counter-attack.

(b) Positions of readiness for the 6th and 7th. Aust. Inf. Brigades will be approximately as follows :-

6th. A.I. Bde. - C.7.d. - C.13.b.  
 7th. A.I. Bde. - H.34.b. - H.34.d.

(c) Should any alteration in the disposition of the 5th. A.I. Bde be required, the necessary orders will be issued by Bde. Hdqrs. Until further notice position of readiness will be Battalion Alarm Posts.

Occupation of Third Zone:

4. (a) Should the Division not be employed offensively, its role will be to check the enemy on the line of the HALLUE Defences, and their Southern extension, the BLANGY Defences (the Front System of the Third Zone).

(b) The 6th. A.I. Bde will be prepared to man the MONTIGNY Sector. (H.5. Central to U.26. c. c. c.). Further instructions will be issued giving the allotment of troops to this sector, but reconnaissances will be carried out at once by Battalions, of the sector in the vicinity of their billeting area. As a temporary measure the following sectors are allotted :-

26th. Bn. - H.3.b.4.c. - B.24.c.1.6. (read inclusive)  
 17th. Bn. - B.24.c.1.6. (read exclusive) to  
 B.12.d.1.5. (read inclusive).  
 18th. Bn. - B.12.d.1.5. (read exclusive) to  
 U.26.c.c.c.c.  
 19th. Bn. - In Support at B.17. 19th. Bn to  
 reconnoitre whole line.

5th. A.M.G. Coy and 5th. A.L.T. Bty will reconnoitre the whole line and submit proposals for the emplacing of Guns and Mortars for defensive purposes.

(c) The following Nuclear Garrisons will be detailed by Battalions, and held ready to occupy the Bridge-head Defences of FLECHENECOURT, BEHENECOURT and BAVLINCOURT on receipt of orders from Brigade Headquarters.

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Locality	Unit	Strength	Suggested Disposition.
FRECHENCOURT	20th.Bn.	1 Coy.	1 Platoon - B.30.Contral 1 " - B.30.b. 1 " - C.25.a. 1 " - B.24.d. (Support)
BEHENCOURT	17th.Bn.	1 Coy.	1 Platoon - C.19.c. 1 " - C.19.a. 1 " - C.13.c. 1 " - Support
BAVLINCOURT	18th.Bn.	1 Coy.	1 Platoon - C.13.a. 1 " - C.7.c. 1 " - C.7.b. 1 " - Support

These positions will be reconnoitred at once by their garrisons, and proposed dispositions in detail submitted to this office.

Acknowledge

*in P. Mar. Callin*

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

D I S T R I B U T I O N

17th.Bn.  
18th.Bn.  
19th.Bn.  
20th.Bn.  
5th.A.L.G.Coy.  
5th.A.L.T. Bty.  
5th.Aust.Fld.Ambulance  
5th.Fld.Coy.A.E.  
15th.A.A.S.C.  
3rd.Coct. S.A.A., 2nd.Aust.D.A.C.  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
2nd. May, 1918.Headquarters,  
2nd. Australian Division.  
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Reference A.R.O. 1950 - Egg Grenade No 34.

(a) It is considered that 10% only of the total supply of Hand Grenades should be No 34. The great objection to the No 34 is that being so small and of such a small weight it has to be thrown in a different manner to the No 5 thereby tiring the thrower very quickly.

(b) Minor improvement suggested - Nil.

(c) Minimum time the fuse should burn - 5 seconds.

W. J. J. J. J.

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



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Ref. Maps: Sh. 62D 1/40,000

MONTIGNY 1/20,000

Issued  
to Bns.Headquarters,  
3rd May, 1918.INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 5.

1. Para. 4 'Occupation of Third Zone', "INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 4", is cancelled.

2. Should the Division not be employed offensively its role will be to check the enemy on the line of the HALLUE Defences and their Southern extension, the BLANGY Defences (the front system of the Third Zone).

3. In the event of the Division being ordered to man any one of the three sectors of the front system of the Third Zone, the following will be the distribution of the troops :-

(a) BLANGY Sector:

This will be manned by the 7th and 6th A.I. Bdes., the 5th A.I. Bde. being in reserve.

The 7th A.I. Bde. will be on the right from T 9 a 0 0 to the railway, inclusive, in N 29 c.

The 6th A.I. Bde. will be on the left from the railway exclusive in N 29 c to N 17 central, distributed in depth on both sides of the SOMME to cover the bridges over the SOMME from N 17 d to LAMOTTE.

The 5th A.I. Bde. will be in Reserve in the vicinity of LES ALENCONS, G 29 c. See also Appendix I.

(b) QUERRIEU Sector:

This will be manned by the 7th and 6th A.I. Bdes., the 5th A.I. Bde. being in reserve.

The 7th A.I. Bde. will be on the right from N 5 central, to H 17 c 0 0.

The 6th A.I. Bde. will be on the left from H 17 c 0 0 to H 5 b 4 0 including the bridgehead defences of PONT NOYELLES.

The 5th A.I. Bde. will be in reserve in the vicinity of CARDONETTE.

See also Appendix I.

(c) MONTIGNY Sector:

This will be manned by the 6th and 5th A.I. Bdes., the 7th A.I. Bde. being in reserve.

The 6th A.I. Bde. will be on the right from H 5 b 4 0 to B 18 c 0 0 including the bridgehead defences of FRECHENCOURT and BEHENCOURT.

The 5th A.I. Bde. will be on the left from B 18 c 0 0 to C 2 a 0 9 including the bridgehead defences of BAVELINCOURT.

The 7th A.I. Bde. will be in reserve in the vicinity of RAINNEVILLE.

See also Appendix II.

4. Necessary reconnaissances (in the cases of paras. 3 (a) and (b) 2 officers per Bn. and 1 Officer per other unit) will be carried out and plans prepared. Details of dispositions, and plans, will be . . . to this office.

Notified

5. In the event of orders being received for moves detailed in this office 4/179 of 2nd May, or para 5 above, extra S.A.A. and bombs will be issued at once.

6. All units will be prepared to move at one hour's notice.

7. Provisional administrative instructions are being issued separately.

8. Acknowledge.

*H. T. MacCallum*

Captain,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Distribution as for "Instructions for the Defensive No. 4"



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## APPENDIX I

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 35

3/5/1918.

1. (a) In the event of orders being received to carry out para 3 (a), units will move to billets and bivouacs set forth in Map A, in accordance with attached march table.

(b) In the event of orders being received to carry out para 3 (b), units will move to billets and bivouacs set forth in Map B in accordance with attached march table, necessary modifications as to route being made.

2. Units will send advance parties to report to Bde. Hdqrs. office at Cross Roads G 33 b 8 2 in case of para. 3 (a) and G 6 b 3 0 in case of para 3 (b) immediately on receipt of orders to move.

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APPENDIX II.

Appendix. 10.

Instructions for Compliance with Para. 3 (c) of  
'Instructions for the Defensive No. 5'

1. ALLOTMENT OF FRONTAGE:

The frontage will be held by 3 Battalions in depth with 1 Battalion in Brigade reserve.

17th. Battalion.	Right.
18th. Battalion.	Centre.
18th. Battalion.	Left.
20th. Battalion in reserve - B 10 b.	

2. BOUNDARIES: Brigade Southern Boundary E. and W. line through B 18 c 0 0.  
do Northern do E. and W. line through U 26 d 0 0.

Boundary between 17th and 18th Battalions E. and W. line through C 7 c 7 0.

Boundary between 18th and 19th Battalion E. and W. line through C 1 d 5 0.

3. DISPOSITIONS OF TROOPS:

(a) The outpost line C 13 d 0 0 - C 7 c 7 0 - C 1 d 5 0 - C 2 a 8 9 will be occupied, with supports in MONTIGNY line. The outpost line will be held and outpost positions will not be vacated except by orders of Brigade.

(b) 18th Battalion will be responsible for defence of Bridge Heads at BAVELINCOURT.

(c) 5th. A.M.G. Coy. will have 12 Vickers Machine guns disposed in the line - 4 guns in reserve. *\* defensively*

(d) 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. will have 4 mortars disposed defensively in the line and 4 in reserve.

(e) Brigade Headquarters will be established at MOLLIENS AU BOIS.

(f) 5th. Field Coy A.E., 5th. Aust. Field Amb., 15th. A.A.S.C., 1/3 S.A.A. Section, D.A.C. and Brigade Transport will be located in MOLLIENS AU BOIS or its vicinity.

4. On orders being received to occupy the MONTIGNY line the Brigade will move to positions as detailed above. Starting point for Units referred to in Para. 3 (e) and (f), CROSS ROADS - B 11 d 6 3.

Order of March

Time of Passing

Brigade Headquarters	-	Zero
15th. A.A.S.C.	-	Zero plus 5 minutes.
5th. Aust. Field Amb.	-	Zero do 10 do
5th. Field Coy. A.E.	-	Zero do 15 do
1/3 Sec. D.A.C.	-	Zero plus 20 do
Brigade Transport.	-	Zero plus 25 do

20th Battalion will reconnoitre cross country routes to B 10 b.

Completion of move and location of Headquarters will be notified to Brigade Headquarters.



MARCH TABLE to accompany Appendix I - "INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 5".

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Serial No.	Units in order of March	Starting Point	Time of Passing	Route	Destination
1	Ddc. Hdqrs.	Cross Roads C 1 c 3 5	Zero - 30 mins.	BEAUCOURT - ST. GRATIEN	As per Maps attached
2	20th Bn.	Road Junction B 29 b 2 3	Zero.	Via ST. GRATIEN (B 20 d 5 2) - ALLONVILLE.	
3	17th Bn.	Railway Crossing C 19 a 0 0	Zero.	FRECHENCOURT - ST. GRATIEN (B 20 d 5 2) - ALLONVILLE	do.
4	19th Bn.	Road Junction B 17 d 8 7	Zero + 35 mins.	Via B 17 a 0 0 - ST. GRATIEN (B 20 d 5 2) - ALLONVILLE.	do.
5	18th Bn.	Road Junction B 18 b 7 7	Zero + 30 mins.	BEHENCOURT - FRECHENCOURT - ST. GRATIEN (B 20 d 5 2) - ALLONVILLE.	do.
6	5th A.L.T.M. Bty.	Railway Crossing C 19 a 0 0	Zero + 65 mins	do.	do.
7	5th A.M.G. Coy.	Cross Roads B 11 d 8 3	Zero + 80 mins	ST. GRATIEN (B 20 d 5 2).	do.
8	5th Field Coy. AE.	Railway Crossing C 19 a 0 0	Zero + 80 mins	FRECHENCOURT - ST. GRATIEN (B 20 d 5 2) - ALLONVILLE	do.
9	5th Aust. Fld. Amb.	Road Junction B 17 d 8 7	Zero + 100 mins.	B 17 a 0 0 - ST. GRATIEN (B 20 d 5 2).	do.
10	15th A.A.S.C.	X Rds. B 11 d 8 3	Zero + 110 mins.	ST. GRATIEN (B 20 d 5 2) - ALLONVILLE.	do.
11	3rd Soc. S.A.A. 2nd Aust. D.A.C.	Road Junction B 17 d 8 7	Zero + 120 mins.	B 17 a 0 0 - ST. GRATIEN (B 20 d 5 2).	do.

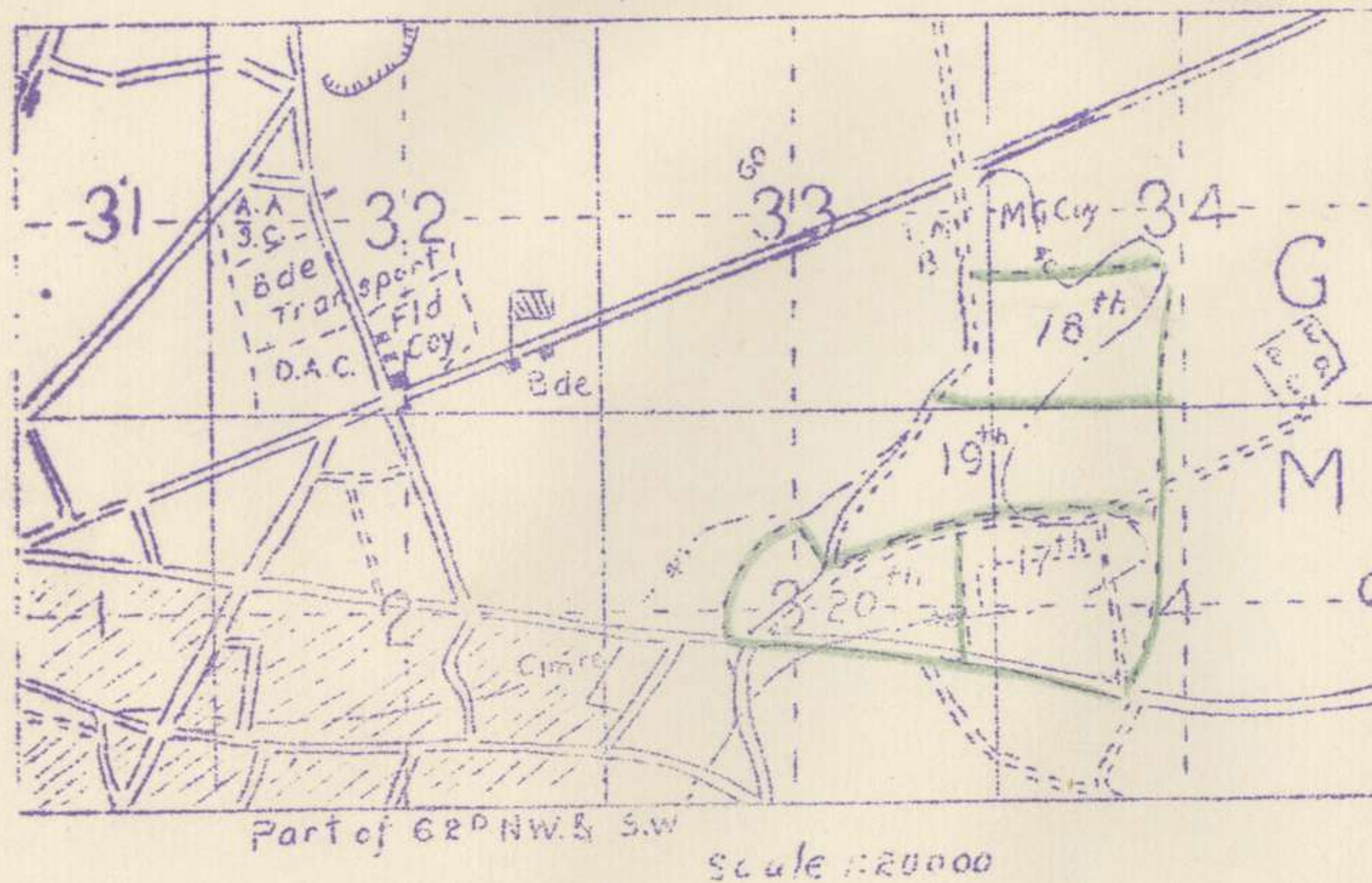
Following distances will be maintained:- Between Battalions, 500 yds., Between Coys. 100 yds., Between Unit and its transport 100 yds., Between units transport when brigaded, 100 yds. Between each section of 6 vehicles, 25 yds.

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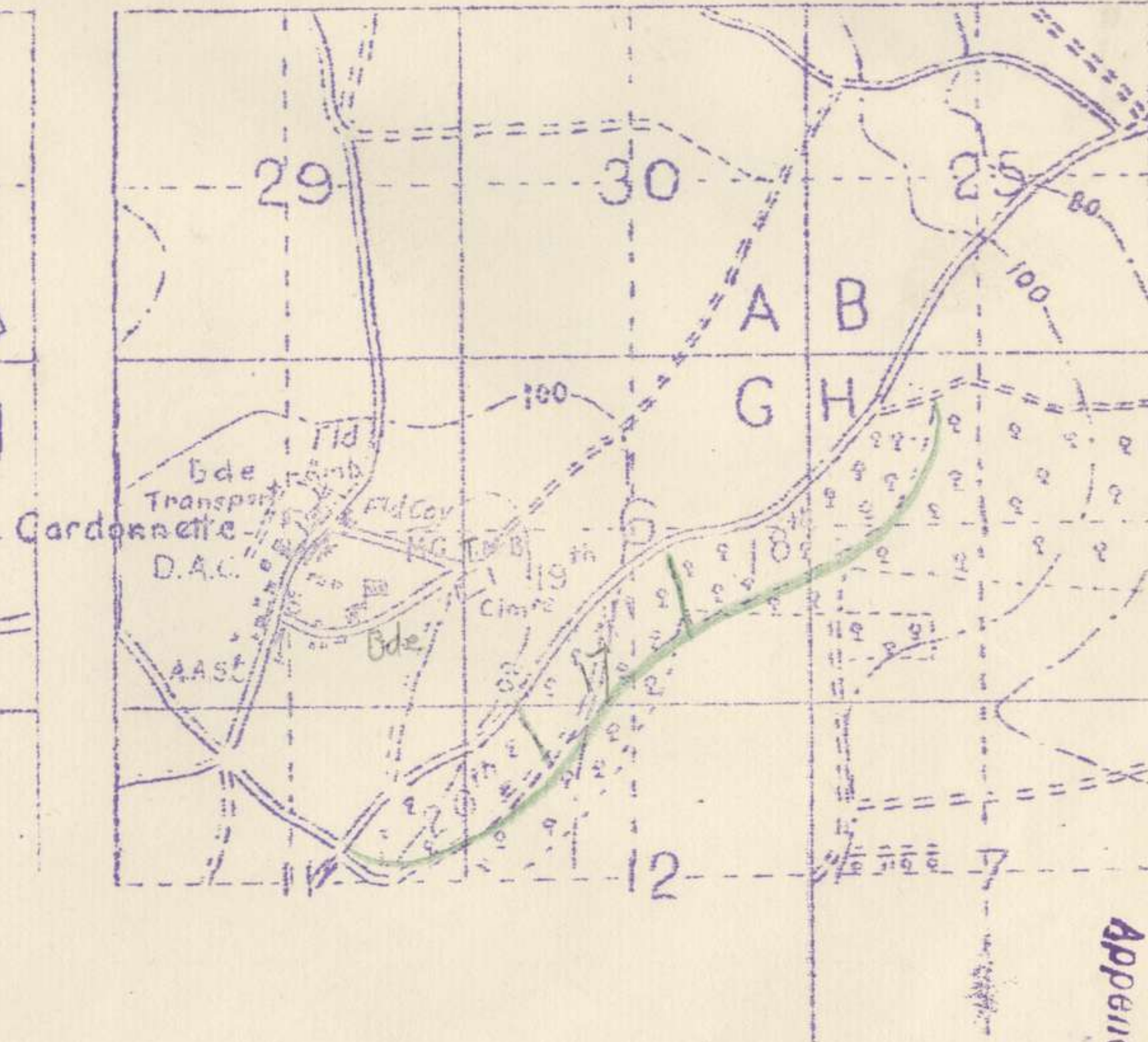


Map A.



Map B.

Part of 62° NW Scale 1:20,000



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.  
3rd May 1918.

Headquarters.  
2nd Australian Division.  
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The following is a copy of wire received from  
18th Bn. for your information:-

"A Bombing raid took place across BEHENCOURT this morning at 4-30. Enemy planes flying fairly high (they could not at any time be seen) approached from an Easterly direction and appeared to go very little West of this Village. About 6 Bombs were dropped in this vicinity, the remainder some distance away out of the Battalion area. The only Bomb which dropped close to Billets, fell in the yard of the School, (Billet No. 6) No casualties were caused in this Unit."

*Collier*  
Brigadier-General.  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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47th (LONDON) DIVISION OPERATION ORDER No. 231.

Copy No. 23.

Ref. Map 62D.  
1/100,000.

4. MAY 1918

4th May, 1918.

1. The 18th Division (less Divnl. Artillery and 55th Inf. Bde.) is being transferred from the IIIrd Corps to the Australian Corps on the 4th and 5th May, and on arrival will be accommodated in the 47th Divisional Area.
2. Personnel will arrive by bus on May 5th, by the AMIENS-CONTAY Road, facing North-East, and will debus as follows:-  
 "A" Inf. Bde. Head of column at CONTAY.  
 "B" Inf. Bde. Head of column at B.11.d.7.2.
3. On arrival personnel will be directed to billets as follows:-  
 "A" Inf. Bde. WARLOY Area.  
 "B" Inf. Bde. (BAVELINCOURT - MONTIGNY -  
 (BEAUCOURT - BEHENCOURT -  
 (AGNICOURT Area.  
 Details of billeting accommodation will be notified by 47th Div. "Q".
4. Transport will arrive via QUERRIEU on May 5th, and will be directed to billets by 47th Div. "Q".
5. 5th Australian Inf. Bde. (less 18th Battn., attached 141st Inf. Bde.) is moving to CARDONETTE - ALLONVILLE Area on May 5th under orders of 2nd Australian Division.
6. 18th Battn. (5th Aust. Inf. Bde.) will move from WARLOY (clearing WARLOY by 1 p.m.) to Shelters in C.5. central on May 5th, shelters to be provided by 47th Div. "Q".
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
4th May, 1918.

WARNING ORDER

1. The Brigade will probably move to ALLONVILLE and  
CARDONNET tomorrow, 5th instant.  
Details will be notified later.  
Units will hold themselves in readiness for the move.
2. 18th Battalion will, in the event of this move, remain  
under the orders of the 141st Infantry Brigade, 47th Division.

ACKNOWLEDGE

W. P. MacCallum.  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued thro' Signals at 1.15 pm.

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17th Battalion  
18th Battalion  
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15th Coy. A.A.S.C.  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 172.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
4th. May, 1918.

Ref. Map. 62D 1/40,000.

1. (a) The 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. <sup>Group</sup> less 18th. Battalion <sup>v. 5th Field Coy. 4E.</sup> will move to ALLONVILLE - CARDONNETTE areas tomorrow, 5th instant in accordance with attached March Table.

(b) 18th. Battalion will remain at WARLOY attached to 141st. Inf. Bde., 47th. Division and will rejoin the Bde. on a date to be notified later.

2. Administrative Instructions are being issued separately.

3. On arrival in new area Units will hold themselves in readiness to move at short notice.

4. Brigade Instructions for the Defensive Nos 4 and 5, issued to Brigade Group, will still remain in force. March Table accompanying Instructions for the Defensive No 5 is cancelled.

5. Dress: Marching Order. Blankets will be carried on transport.

6. 1st. Line transport will accompany Units.

7. Completion of move and map reference of Headquarters will be notified to Brigade Headquarters.

8. Brigade Headquarters will close at ESBART FM. at 9.45 a.m. and reopen at ALLONVILLE on completion of the move.

9. During the move reports will be sent to the head of the column.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 11.30 p.m.

W. P. MacCallum

DISTRIBUTION:

1	17th Battalion.	16	Town Major, MONTIGNY.
2	18th Battalion.	17	do BEHENCOURT.
3	19th Battalion.	18	do BAVELINCOURT.
4	20th Battalion.	19	do BEAUCOURT.
5	5th A.B.T.M.Bty.	20	do FRECHENCOURT.
6	5th A.M.G.Coy.	21	G.O.C.
7	5th. Field Coy. A.E.	22	S.O.
8	5th. Aust. Field Amb.	23	Bde. Sig. Officer.
9	15th A.A.S.C.	24	Bde. T.O.
10	3rd. S.A.A. Sec. D.A.C.	25	Bde. Q.M.
11	2nd. Aust. Div.	26	Filo.
12	47th. Div.	27/29	War Diary.
13	141st. Inf. Brigade.	30/33	Sparos.
14	Area Commandant, ALLONVILLE.		
15	do CARDONNETTE.		



MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER NO 172.

Serial No.	Date.	Units in order of march.	Unit Starting point.	Time of passing.	Route.	Destination.	Remarks.
1	5th May	20th Battalion	Road Junction B 29 b 2 3	8.30 am	ST.GRATIEN - B 20 d 5 2.	CARDONNETTE	Move of Bdo. Group to be complete by 12 noon.
2	do.	19th Battalion	Road Junction B 17 b 9 0	8.40 am	B 17 a 0 0 - B 20 d 5 2.	ALLONVILLE	
3	do.	17th Battalion	Railway Crossing C 19 a 0 0	9.30 am	FRECHENCOURT - ST.GRATIEN - B 20 d 5 2.	do.	
4	do.	5th Aust.LTM.Bty	do.	10. am.	do.	do.	
5	do.	5th Aust.Fld.Amb	Road Junction B 17 b 9 0	9.40 am	B 17 a 0 0 - B 20 d 5 2	do.	
6	do.	5th Aust.M.G.Coy	Cross Roads B 11 d 6 3	10.15 am	do.	do.	
7	do.	5th Aust.Inf.Bdo H.Q. & Sig.Soc.	Cross Roads C 1 c 3 3	10. am	BEAUCOURT - B 20 d 5 2.	do.	
8	do.	15th Coy.A.A.C.C	Move independently.			do.	To clear BEACOURT & MONTIGNY by 8 am.
9	do.	3rd S.A.A.Soc. 2nd Aust.DACW				do.	

The following distances will be maintained on march :  
 Between Battalions 500 yards. Between Companies 100 yards.  
 Between Unit & its Transport 100 yards. Between each section of 6 vehicles 25 yards.  
 Units will halt independently for 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour, resuming march at clock hour.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM:

(To accompany Brigade Order No 172).

SUPPLIES: Rations will be delivered to all Units of Brigade Group on afternoon of 5th. instant.

TRANSPORT: Baggage wagons will report to Units by 5 a.m., 5th. instant and report back to A.A.S.C. lines immediately after completion of move. Transport will remain with Units in new area.

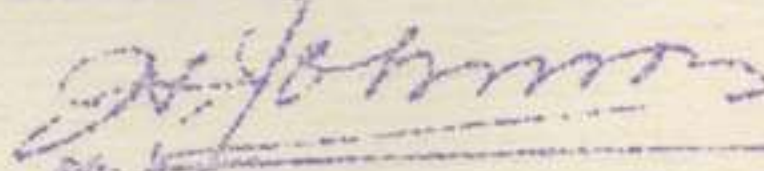
ADVANCE PARTIES: Parties will report at Area Commandant's Office, ALLONVILLE at 8 a.m., 5th. instant.

ECHELON: Units will move with mobile echelon complete.

BLANKETS: Blankets will be moved by baggage wagons on afternoon, 5th. instant.

BILLETS: Certificates will be rendered to this office by 6 p.m., 5th. instant that billets in MONTIGNY area have been vacated in a clean and sanitary condition.

Brigade H.Q.  
4th. May, 1918.



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



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
4th. May, 1918.TRAINING.

In continuation of this office Circular Memorandum on Training the following additional points are to be included in the Unit schemes for training.

Battalion Signallers training under the Signal Officer with special attention to the new "T" Signal Strip for communication between Infantry and Aircraft.

Definite periods, where possible, will be set aside daily for gas inspection and gas drill, the latter being included in musketry, close and extended order drill and recreational training.

L. P. Hamilton

DISTRIBUTION:

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. Aust. L.T.M. Battery.  
2nd. Aust Division (for information).  
War Diary. (3).

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



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LIST OF MAPS AND DOCUMENTS TAKEN OVER BY 142nd. INF.  
BDE. FROM 5th.A.I.BDE ON 1/2nd. MAY, 1918.

17th. Battalion.

57D. W.		Photographs Aeroplane.	-	17.
		" " miscellaneous.	-	14.
57D.	1/20000		-	1.
62D. S.E.	1/20000		-	22.
57D.	1/40000		-	2.
57D. S.E.	1/40000 (17.2.18).		-	2.
		Target Map DERNANCOURT.	-	1.
		Disposition report.	-	1.
		"	-	1.
		Situation map.	-	1.
		5th.A.I.Bde. Provisional Defence Scheme	-	1.
4/163.		5th.A.I.Bde. (Artillery).	-	1.

19th. Battalion.

57D. S.E.	1/20000	FRANCE	-	6.
62D.	1/20000		-	1.
62D. S.W.			-	2.
		Sketch map.	-	1.
		Map.	-	1.
		5th. A.I.Bde. Provisional Defence Scheme	-	1.
		114th. Inf. Bde. Defence Scheme	-	1.
		do "List of Burial Places"	-	1.
		do "Instructions re Gas Clothing".	-	1.
		38th. Div. "Instructions for the Defence No 1".	-	1.

20th. Battalion.

57D. S.E.	1/20000		-	25.
62D. N.E.	1/20000		-	5.
67D. N.E.			-	1.
57D.	1/40000		-	2.
62D.	1/40000		-	5.
		Maps.	-	7.
		Sketch Maps ALBERT Sector	-	1.
		" " Corps T.S. 944b.	-	1.
		" " " 960.	-	1.
		Helio map (Part of 57D. S.E.)	-	
		Enlarged Intelligence Maps of Battalion front showing Enemy posts.	-	1.
		Aerial photographs, miscellaneous	-	18.
		115th. Inf. Bde. Defence Scheme.	-	1.
B.M. 7544		Works Scheme.	-	1.
B.M. S.		Dispositions 113th. Inf. Bde.	-	1.
S.C. A.2.		Ammunition and tool dump.	-	1.
B.M. S. 652.		Defence Scheme 113th. Inf. Bde.	-	1.
		Div. Intelligence Summary and Sketch.	-	1.
		Places for shoots and sketch.	-	1.
		Defence Scheme No. 1.	-	1.
		do No. 3.	-	1.
		Brigade Boundaries.	-	1.
		do	-	1.
		S.O.S. Australian.	-	1.
		113th. Brigade.	-	1.
		Runner System.	-	1.
		Instructions for Defence No 2.	-	1.
		do No 3.	-	1.
		Provisional Defence Scheme No 4.	-	1.
		Instructions for Defence No 1.	-	1.
G.S.C. 5/64/1.				
" 5/64/3.				
B.M. S. 27.				
" S. 42.				
B.M. 8/31.				
B.M. 11/4/18.				
B.M. S. 8.				
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4/134.				
4/175.				
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5th. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.

57C. S.W.	1/20000	-	2.
57D. S.E.	"	-	14.
62C. N.W.	"	-	2.
62D. N.W.	"	-	10.
62D. N.E.	"	-	14.
62D. S.W.	"	-	6.
62D. S.E.	"	-	7.
57C.	1/40000	-	1.
57D.	"	-	1.
62C.	"	-	3.
62D.	"	-	5.
	Map - German lines of communication	-	1.
	Aeroplane photographs.	-	19.
	Defence Scheme No 5.	-	1.
	do Works.	-	1.
4/163.	Artillery.	-	1.
	5th. A.I.Bde. Intelligence Summaries	-	
	No 1 to 4.	-	4.

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TRENCH STORES HANDED OVER TO 142nd. INF. BDE. by 5th. AUST. INF. BDE. on 1/2nd. MAY, 1918.

ARTICLE.	17th.Bn.	19th.Bn.	20th.Bn.	5th.A.L.T.M.Bty.	Total.
S.A.A., rounds.	122,350	206,215	80,400	-	408,965.
S.A.A., Machine gun. rounds.	6,000	-	-	-	6,000.
S.A.A., Revolver., rounds.	-	-	-	-	315.
S.A.A., Tracer.	-	-	1,128	-	1,128.
Grenades. No. 5.	818	753	848	13	2,432.
" No. 23.	-	96	52	-	148.
" Rifle. Hales.	-	-	18	-	18.
" Egg.	-	4	-	-	4.
Very lights.	140	129	1,254	-	1,523.
S.O.S.	19	26	28	-	73.
Gas gongs.	2	10	2	-	14.
" rattles.	20	30	22	-	72.
" flappers.	-	-	2	-	2.
Wire, Barbed. Coils.	-	52	105	-	157.
" plain. "	-	-	64	-	64.
Screw pickets.	-	24	130	-	154.
Wooden "	-	12	101	<del>101</del>	113.
Braziers.	-	-	8	-	8.
Whale oil, drums.	-	-	1	-	1.
Food containers.	1	5	1	-	7.
Shovels.	59	158	178	16	411.
Picks.	23	66	99	7	195.
Magazines.	-	-	40	-	40.
Latrine and seat.	-	-	1	-	1.
" buckets.	-	-	6	-	6.
Saw.	-	-	1	-	1.
Spade.	-	-	1	-	1.
Wheel stretcher carrier.	-	-	1	-	1.
Hammer.	-	-	1	-	1.



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ARTICLE.	17th.Bn.	19th.Bn.	20th.Bn.	5th.A.L.T.M.Bty.	TOTAL.
Trench shelters.	44	-	-	-	44.
Tarpaulin sheets.	24	-	-	8	32.
Drums, latrine.	2	-	-	-	2.
Tins, petrol.	17	28	-	15	58.
Flares, white.	25	50	-	-	75.
Reserve water tins.	50	-	-	-	50.
Chloride of lime, cases.	1	-	-	-	1.
Water tins, empty.	11	-	-	-	11.
Sign boards.	13	-	-	-	13.
Anti-aircraft mountings.	2	-	-	-	2.
Phenol, drums.	-	1	-	-	1.
Rifle.	-	1	-	-	1.
" S.O.S.	-	1	-	-	1.
Wire Cutter.	-	1	-	-	1.
Bivouacs, tin.	-	11	-	-	11.
Mauls.	-	1	-	-	1.
Trench covers.	-	2	-	-	2.
Buckets.	-	4	-	-	4.
Stokes Mortars 3", rounds.	-	-	-	744	

\* In addition "B" Company 20th. Battalion handed over 2 bombs and 100 rounds S.A.A. per man.

*In addition to above, 23 Hot Food Containers & 80 Gas Ration  
were handed over by 5th Bde HQ*

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
4th. May, 1918.Headquarters,  
2nd. Australian Division.

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Herewith copies of receipts of Trench Stores,  
Maps, and Documents, etc., taken over by 142nd. Infantry Brigade  
from this Brigade on night 1/2nd. May, 1918.

*[Signature]*  
Brigadier General,  
Commanding, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
4th. May, 1918.Ref. Maps: Sh. 62D 1/40,000  
MONTIGNY 1/20,000 } Issued  
to Bns.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 6.

1. It is possible that the enemy may attack between ARRAS and ALBERT thus affecting the 47th Division. To meet this contingency 1 Battalion - 18th. Battalion - has been moved to WARLOY and the remainder of the Brigade is being held ready to move at short notice on direct application from Division.

2. (a) Instructions for the Defensive Nos 4 and 5 will remain in force should hostile action develop in the Southern portion of the AUSTRALIAN Corps front.

(b) Reference Instructions No 5, Appendix II. Units will be prepared for the following re-distribution of troops:-

20th. Battalion	-	Right.
17th. Battalion	-	Centre.
19th. Battalion	-	Left.
18th. Battalion	-	Reserve.

Boundaries etc. will remain the same.

3. Probable action in case the Brigade moves under the orders of 47th. Division.

(a) The Brigade will be prepared to man the BAIZIEUX line in depth, with 3 Battalions in the line and 1 in reserve.

SECTORS.

(b) Southern Brigade boundary-E. and W. line  
through D 19 a 0 0.

Northern Brigade boundary-<sup>E</sup> and W. line  
through U 17 c 0 0.

Inter Battalion boundaries E. and W. line through  
D 7 & 8 8. and E. and W. line through V 25 d 4 4.

(c) When a Battalion of reserve, 47th. Division moves forward, 18th. Battalion will be prepared to occupy any one of the above three sectors that may be vacated.

20th., 17th. and 19th. Battalions will be prepared to occupy Right, Centre and Left sectors respectively on the receipt of orders from Brigade.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. P. MacCallum*

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

Distribution as for "Instructions for the Defensive No 5".



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
8th May, 1918.17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.  
5th Aust. M.G. Coy.  
5th Aust. L.T.M. Bty.

In continuation of this office 18/490 of 4th Inst.  
Subject to enemy action the Brigade may expect to  
remain in this area for about 4 days.

The men will be given as much rest as possible.  
Training will be concentrated on the instruction  
of specialists, with special attention to Lewis Gunnery, and  
miniature range practices.

Bns. will each carry out one Bn. Tactical Scheme,  
working if possible in co-operation with M.G. Company and L.T.M.  
Battery. C.O.'s latter units will get in touch with Bn. C.O.'s of  
17th, 19th and 20th Bns.

Suitable country may perhaps be found in Chateau  
Grounds ALLONVILLE and is allotted as under for tactical  
exercises :-

7th May.	9 am to 1 pm	19th Battalion
"	1 pm to 5 pm	17th Battalion
8th May.	9 am to 1 pm	20th Battalion

Copy to 2nd Aust. Div.  
" War Diary (3).

*W. P. MacCallum*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.



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Brigade Headquarters,  
5th. May, 1918.

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17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. Aust. L.T.M. Battery.  
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It has been noticed that "two-up" is being played by many men in public thoroughfares and in other places in full view of the public. This is strictly against regulations and C.O.'s Units will please take steps to have the practice stopped at once.

Regimental police are to be instructed to break up any party of men playing in this manner and to arrest the ring-leaders.

(Sgd) *H. Johnson*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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War Diary (3).



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Headquarters,  
2nd Aust. Div.Brigade Headquarters,  
5th May, 1918.Appendix  
21LOCATION OF UNITS OF 5th A.I.BDE. GROUP as at  
3 am 6/5/1918.

5th A.I.Bde.Hdgrs.	CARDONNETTE	G 5 c 9 4
17th Battalion	ALLONVILLE	G 12 c 0 0
18th Battalion	C 5 cent. moving to FRECHENCOURT.	
19th Battalion	ALLONVILLE	G 11 d 7 6
20th Battalion	CARDONNETTE	G 5 c 9 6
5th Aust.M.G.Coy.	ALLONVILLE	G 11 d 7 8
5th Aust.L.T.M.Dty.	do.	G 17 b 2 8
5th Field Coy. A.E.	BEHENCOURT, moving to ALLONVILLE.	
5th Aust.Field Ambo.	ALLONVILLE	(Aerodrome).
15th Coy. A.A.S.C.	do.	G 12 c 5 2
No. 3 S.A.A. Soc. D.A.O.	do.	G 17 b 2 8.

\* (Ref. Map: Sheet 62D 1/40,000)

Copies to all

Bde. Group

do. War Diary (3). Commanding 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

\* Nucleus Dn is now located at Berteaucourt.



SECRET

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

9/419.

Headquarters,  
6th. May, 1943.WARNING ORDER AND INFORMATION ABOUT NEW SECTOR.

Ref. Map. 62D 1/40,000.

1. (a) The Second Aust. Div. will probably relieve 3rd. Aust. Div. in the line about 10th instant.

(b) The Brigade will probably stage in reserve Brigade area.

2. (a) The 5th. A.I.Bde. will relieve 9th. A.I.Bde. in line Right and 6th. A.I.Bde. will relieve 10th. A.I.Bde. in line Left. 7th. A.I.Bde. will relieve 11th. A.I.Bde. in reserve.

(b) Necessary reconnaissances will be carried out.

3. The front is held with 2 Battalions in the line, 1 in support and 1 in reserve (the latter is at present supplied by Reserve Bde. as 9th. A.I.Bde. consists only of 3 Battalions).

4. The 17th. Battalion will relieve 34th Battalion, "A" Bn. Line Right. Headquarters at J 28 a 8 8.

The 18th. Battalion will relieve 35th Battalion, "B" Bn. Line Left. Headquarters at J 11 d 5 5.

The 19th. Battalion will relieve 33rd Battalion, "C" Bn. in support. Headquarters J 21 c 6 1.

The 20th. Battalion will relieve 43rd Battalion, "D" Bn. in reserve. Headquarters at J 13 d 35 60.

5th. A.M.G.Coy. will relieve 10th. A.M.G. Coy. Headquarters J 10 c 8 2.

5th. A.L.T.M.Bty. will relieve 9th. A.L.T.M.Bty. Headquarters I 17 d 1 9.

5. On night of 5/6 May 9th. A.I.Bde. advanced their line to E.24 d 7 0 - E 19 a 2 0 - E 19 a 9 8 - E 13 d 0 0 - E 7 c 7 0 - E 7 c 1 8, so that present dispositions are subject to alteration. The front will probably be divided equally between the 2 Battalions.

6. What is to be aimed at is for "A" and "B" Battalions to have 2 Coys. in the line, 1 in support and 1 in reserve; M.G. Coy. to have a proportion of guns in or near front line, the remainder distributed in depth; 5th A.L.T.M. Bty. to have 4 mortars in the line and 4 in reserve.

7. Advance parties, consisting of officers and N.C.O's. from each Coy., Nos. 1 Lewis guns, proportion of signallers, observers and snipers, and an Officer patrol for front line Battalions will be sent forward on night previous to relief.

8. A lorry has been obtained from Div. to convey reconnoitring parties of officers forward to 9th. A.I.Bde. Headquarters, HEILIG. 9th. A.I.Bde. is supplying guides thence forward. Lorry will remain to bring back personnel of reconnoitring parties. Lorry will call at 5th. A.I.Bde. Headquarters at 9.30 a.m. to pick up 20th. Battalion; at Cross roads - G 11 b 3 2, 9.35 a.m. to pick up 17th. & 19th. Bns., 5th. A.M.G.Coy. and 5th. A.L.T.M.Bty., and at 9.50 a.m. at FRECHENCOURT to pick up 18th. Battalion.

Senior Officer will be in command of party.

Following vacancies are allotted:-

17th. Battalion	-	5 Officers.
18th. do	-	5 do
19th. do	-	2 do
20th. do	-	2 do
5th. A.M.G.Coy.	-	5 do
5th. A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	2 do



9. "D" Battalion will probably be relieved in daylight. Heads of "A" and "B" Bns. columns will not pass the river ANCRE before 8.45 p.m. "C" Bn. column will not cross river ANCRE before 9.15 p.m.

Subject to above instructions details of relief will be mutually arranged between C.O.'s concerned.

10. The front area is on high ground with deep river valleys on North and South flanks. The main responsibility for these valleys lies with 8th. A.I. Bde. on Right flank and 10th. A.I. Bde. on Left flank. They and wood form the main tactical features of importance.

11. The front is covered by 2 Brigades Field Artillery, 189th and 103th Army (Bde) R.F.A. under the command of C.O. of 189th. Brigade. There is also 1 Brigade superimposed on the Division front and 1 Mobile Brigade in reserve.

12. Works policy is the connecting and wiring of front and support lines, the wiring of C.T.'s. to form switch lines in case of necessity, the maintenance and improvement of existing trenches and provision of deep dugouts. Of the latter 1 already exists at Right Battalion H.Q. and dugouts are under construction for Left and Support Battalion H.Q.'s.

13. Movement in forward area must be confined to trenches.

14. Rations and water are delivered by transport to Battalion Headquarters and can be now taken further forward. Q.M.'s. and Transport Officers should reconnoitre routes.

15. There is a fair amount of S.A.A. and bombs in the forward area. Battalions will probably have to take their tool echelon in with them.

16. Communications are by visual, for which good facilities exist, and open lines.

17. Main areas shelled are J.15 a and b, J 16 a and b (valley position), wood and re-entrant in J 21, J 22 and J 23.

18. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*L. P. Dean* *Calam*

Captain,

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

DISTRIBUTION.

17th Battalion.	
18th Battalion.	
19th Battalion.	C.O.C.
20th Battalion.	S.C.
5th. A.L.T.M.Bty.	Sig. Officer (Bde).
5th. A.M.G.Coy.	File.
5th. Field Coy. A.E.	War Diary.
5th. Aust. Field Amb.	Bde. T.O.
15th. A.A.S.O.	Bde. Q.M.
1/5 Sect. S.A.A., D.A.O.	



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Brigade Headquarters,  
6th May, 1918.

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17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.  
5th A.M.G. Coy. 5th A.L.P.M. Bty.

Reference Warning Order of even date (9/419).

The lorry mentioned in para. 3 will call at times stated,  
to-morrow, morning 7th instant.

Map References in para 5 are amended to read :-

J 24 d 7 0 - K 19 a 2 0 - K 13 a 9 8 - K 13 d 0 0 - K 7 c 7 0 -  
K 7 c 1 8.

W. P. MacCallum

Captain,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.



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SECRET.FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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Headquarters,  
7th. May, 1918.

In view of impending enemy action the following preparations will be made:-

Units will be prepared to move at 20 minutes notice from 5 a. m. 8th instant onwards.

The extra S.A.A. and bombs will be held ready for immediate issue.

Men, unless on the performance of military duty, will remain in their Unit area.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. P. Kear Callen.

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

DISTRIBUTION:-

17th. Battalion.  
18th. Battalion.  
19th. Battalion.  
20th. Battalion.  
5th. A.L.F.M.Bty.  
5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.  
5th. Field Coy. A.E.  
5th. Aust. Field Amb.  
15th. A.A.S.C.  
3rd. Sco. S.A.A., 2nd. D.A.C.  
War Diary (3).

Note. The enemy has been shelling AMIENS with gas shell. It is anticipated that his energies may be directed to other portions of the rear area. All ranks should therefore be on the alert for signs of gas.



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No. 4/194.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.7.

Reference Map:  
Shoot 62D, 1:40,000

Instructions for the Defensive Nos. 4, 5 (less Map "A") and 6 are cancelled and the following substituted :-

1. (a) Consequent upon the readjustment of the Corps front, the defences of the River HALLUE have been sub-divided into three sectors as follows :-

(i) SOMME SECTOR: - From CAMON, inclusive, to N 12., central.

(ii) DAOURS SECTOR: - From N 12 central to East and West grid line between squares H 22 and H 23.

(iii) QUERRIEU SECTOR: - From Northern Boundary of DAOURS Sector to the East and West grid line through B 24 central.

(b) A new switch to be known as the BRESLE switch, is being constructed on the approximate line BUIRE - BRESLE - BAIZIEUX.

(c) Divisional sectors will be re-lettered A, B and C, from South to North.

2. (a) The Division while in Corps Reserve will normally be employed offensively for the maintenance of the present positions of Forward Divisions.

(b) (i) - In the event of enemy attack south of the SOMME the Division will be employed for prompt counter-attack.

(ii) - "Positions of Readiness" for the 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will be approximately as follows :-

6th A.I.Bde. - O. 7. d. - O. 13. b.  
7th A.I.Bde. - N.34. b. - N.34. d.

(iii) - Orders for the move to positions of readiness will be issued by D.H.Q. Should any alteration in the dispositions of 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. be required, the necessary orders will be issued by D.H.Q.

3. (a) Should the Division not be employed offensively, its role will be to check the enemy on the line of the HALLUE defences and their southern extension, the BLANGY defences (the front system of the Third Zone).

(b) 7th A.I.Bde. are placing nucleus garrisons in BLANGY and GLISY systems.

6th A.I.Bde. is detailing nucleus garrisons which will be held ready to occupy bridgehead defences of PONT NOYELLES on receipt of orders from D.H.Q.

2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. is reconnoitring the DAOURS sector and detailing nucleus garrisons to occupy selected position on receipt of orders from D.H.Q.

(c) 18th Battalion will immediately detail nucleus garrison of two Coys. to occupy the bridgehead defences of FRECHENCOURT on receipt of orders from Bde. Hdqrs.

(d) The Division will be prepared to man any one of the three sectors of the front system of the Third zone, i.e., BLANGY, DAOURS, or QUERRIEU sectors. In addition to manning the DAOURS sector, it may, at the same time, be required to man the SOMME sector.



4. In the event of the Division being ordered to man any of the sectors of the front system of the Third Zone, the following will be the distribution of troops :-

(a) BLANGY SECTOR:

This will be manned by the 7th and 6th A.I.Bdes, the 5th A.I.Bdo. being in reserve.

The 7th A.I.Bdo. will be on the right from T 9 a 0 0 to the railway inclusive, in N 29 c.

The 6th A.I.Bdo. will be on the left from the railway, exclusive, in N 29 c, to N 12 a 0 0, distributed in depth on both sides of the SOMME to cover bridges over the SOMME from N 17 d. to LAMOTTE.

The 5th A.I.Bdo. will be in reserve in the vicinity of LES ALENCONS. G 29 c. (see Appendix I).

(b) SOMME SECTOR:

This will be manned by the 7th A.I.Bdo. and 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn, the 6th A.I.Bdo. being held in readiness to man the DAOURS sector at the same time.

The 7th A.I.Bdo. will be on the right from CAMON to H 17 d 0 0.

The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will be on the left from H 17 d 0 0 to N 12 central.

The 5th A.I.Bdo. will be in reserve in vicinity of LES ALENCONS, G 29 c. (see Appendix I).

The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will pass under the command of the G.O.C. 7th A.I.Bdo. on manning this sector.

(c) DAOURS SECTOR:

This will be manned by the 6th A.I.Bdo., the 7th A.I.Bdo. being held in readiness to man the SOMME sector at the same time. The 5th A.I.Bdo. will be in reserve in vicinity of LES ALENCONS, G 29 c. (See appendix I.)

(d) QUERRIEU SECTOR:

This will be manned by 6th and 5th A.I.Bdes., the 7th A.I.Bdo. being in reserve.

The 6th A.I.Bdo. will be on the right from H 22 d 0 0 to H 5 d 7 0 including the bridgehead defences of PONT NOYELLES.

The 5th A.I.Bdo. will be on the left from H 5 d 7 0 to O 19 a 7 0, including the bridgehead defences of FRECHENCOURT. (See Appendix II)

The 7th A.I.Bdo. will be in reserve in vicinity of CARDONNETTE.

5. In addition to the above, the Division will be prepared to operate defensively or offensively on the left of "G" (3rd Aust) Division. This will include the occupation of the BRESLE switch by the 6th A.I.Bdo. as a temporary defensive.

6. The Division will also be prepared to form a defensive flank facing N.E. along the spur south of FRECHENCOURT and the ST. GRATIEN spur. The 5th A.I.Bdo. will be prepared to carry out this duty (see Appendix III).

7. Necessary reconnaissances will be carried out and plans prepared by / for the above roles.

Batons.

8. All units will be prepared to move at very short notice.

9. Extra S.A.A. and bombs will be issued immediately on receipt of orders to move.

10. Packs etc. will be dumped at Q.M. stores.

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

Bdo. Hqrs.

7th May, 1918.

W. P. Wainwright  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bdo.

Distribution as for "Instructions for the Defensive No. 4".



Appendix 25.

APPENDIX I.INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 7.

1. In the event of orders being received to carry out para 4. (a), (b) and (c), units will move to billets and bivouacs set forth in Map "A" issued with instructions for the defensive No. 5.
2. Units will send advance parties to Brigade Hdqrs. representative at Cross Roads G 29 c 6 4 immediately on receipt of orders to move.
3. Further detailed instructions as to route and order of march will be issued should the necessity arise.

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APPENDIX IIACTION OF THE BRIGADE. (in event of orders being received to carry out Para. 4(d).)

1. The sector will be held in depth by two battalions, the 20th Bn right, 18th Bn. left, with 3 sections of 5th Aust. M.G. Coy. and 4 mortars 5th Aust. L.T.M. Bty. 2 battalions, 17th and 19th Bns., 5th Aust. M.G. Coy less 3 sections, and 5th Aust. L.T.M. Bty. less 4 mortars, being in reserve.
2. 2 Sections 5th Aust. M.G. Coy. and 2 Mortars 5th Aust. L.T.M. Bty. are allotted to take up defensive positions in 18th Bn. sub-sector.  
1 Section 5th Aust. M.G. Coy. and 2 mortars 5th Aust. L.T.M. Bty. are allotted to take up defensive positions in 20th Bn. sub-sector.
3. Inter-battalion boundary is East and West line through B 29 d 5 5.  
Brigade Reserve will be located in vicinity of B 25 b.
4. On receipt of orders to occupy positions for QUERRIEU sector, 18th Bn. will immediately occupy bridgehead defences and trenches in their sub-sector.  
20th Bn. will move by most direct route to their sub-sector.  
3 sections of 5th Aust. M.G. Coy. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  battery, 5th Aust. L.T.M. Bty. to their allotted sectors.  
Remaining units will move by ALLONVILLE - ST. GRATIEN road passing starting point G 11 b 3 2 in following order:-  
17th Battalion  
19th Battalion  
5th Aust. M.G. Coy.  
5th Aust. L.T.M. Bty.  
Remaining units in the Brigade Group will stand fast pending further orders.  
Bde. Hdqrs. will be established at B 25 b 6 3.

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APPENDIX IIIINSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 7.

1. Should it be necessary to form defensive flank in accordance with para 6, the approximate line O 25 d O O - B 23 central - B 21 central, will be occupied by 2 battalions in depth; 18th Bn, Line Right, 17th Bn. Line left, 20th Bn. Support Right, H 3, 19th Bn., Support Left, B 25.
2. Dividing line between 17th and 18th Bns. - B 24 central - B 29 central.
3. (a) 2 Sections 5th Aust.M.G.Coy. will be attached to 18th Bn; 1 section to 17th Bn.  
(b) 2 Stokes Mortars will be attached to each of 17th and 18th Battalions.  
Remainder of 5th Aust.M.G.Coy. and 5th Aust.L. T.M.Bty. will be in reserve in B 25.  
(c) Remainder of the Brigade Group will stand by pending further instructions.
4. Brigade Headquarters will be at B 25 b 6 3.
5. On order to take up this defensive line, units will move by most direct route in accordance with above instructions, to positions selected.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 173.

Copy No.....

Ref. Map. 62D 1/40,000.

Headquarters,  
8th. May, 1918.

1. The 2nd. Australian Division is relieving the 3rd. Aust. Div. in "C" Sector of the line between 9th and 11th instants.
2. (a) The 5th. A.I.Bde. will relieve 11th. A.I. Bde. in reserve on 9th. instant in accordance with attached table. On relief 5th. A.I.Bde. will become Div. reserve to 3rd. Aust. Div.  
(b) The 5th. A.I.Bde. will relieve 9th. A.I.Bde. in the line, Right sector, on 10th. instant and night 10th/11th. instant. Details will be notified later.
3. (a) All instructions, maps etc. in connection with the action of the reserve Brigade and its duties will be taken over by 17th., 18th. and 19th. Battalions and 5th. A.L.T.M.Bty.  
(b) ~~duties~~ Battalions will leave an officer behind to hand over instructions of Brigade in this area to Units of 10th. A.I. Brigade.
4. (a) The following distances will be maintained on the march:-

Between Battalions.	-	500 yards.
Between Companies.	-	100 yards.
Between Unit and its Transport	-	100 yards.
Between each section of		
6 vehicles	-	25 yards.

  
(b) Forward of a line running N. and S. through I 3 central movement will be by platoons at 100 yards between platoons.  
(c) All movement in vicinity of LA HOUSSE and FRANVILLERS is to be ~~restricted~~ to an absolute minimum.
5. Advance parties in connection with relief of 9th. A.I.Bde. will be despatched on evening 9/10th inst. to report for guides at 7 p.m., 9th. A.I.Bde. Headquarters, HELLY.
6. Administrative arrangements are being issued separately.
7. Command of reserve Brigade will pass to O.C. 5th. A.I.Bde. at 2 p.m.
8. Completion of move and relief will be notified to Brigade H.Q.
9. Brigade Headquarters will close at CARDONNETTE at 2 p.m., and re-open at FRECHENCOURT at same hour.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.  

*W. P. Weir*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



## DISTRIBUTION.

- 1 17th. Battalion.
- 2 18th. Battalion.
- 3 19th. Battalion.
- 4 20th. Battalion.
- 5 5th. Aust. L.T.M.Bty.
- 6 5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.
- 7 2th. Field Coy. A.E.
- 8 5th Field Amb. (Aust)
- 9 15th. A.A.S.C.
- 10 3rd. Soc. S.A.A., 2nd. D.A.C.
- 11 2nd. Aust. Div.
- 12 3rd. Aust. Div.
- 13 8th. A.I.Bdo.
- 14 7th. A.I.Bdo.
- 15 8th. A.I.Bdo.
- 16 9th. A.I.Bdo.
- 17 10th. A.I.Bdo.
- 18 11th. A.I.Bdo.
- 19 Area-Commandant, ALLONVILLE.
- 20 Town Major, FRANVILLERS.
- 21 " " LA HOUSOIE.
- 22 " " FRECHENCOURT.
- 23 G.O.C.
- 24 S.O.
- 25 I.O.
- 26 Filo.
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MOVE AND RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE ORDER No 173.

Serial No	Date.	Unit.	In Relief of.	Destination	Route.	Remarks.
1	May 9th.	18th. Bn.	41st. Bn.	FRANVILLERS.	via BEHENCOURT.	Not to enter FRANVILLERS before 1 p.m. Move to be complete by 2 p.m.
2	do	17th. Bn.	42nd. Bn.	LA HOUSSEYE.	via QUERRIEU	To clear ALLONVILLE by 8.30 am. Move to be complete by 12 Noon.
3	do	19th. Bn.	43rd. Bn.	do	do	To clear ALLONVILLE by 9 am. Move to be complete by 12 Noon.
4	do	20th. Bn.	— —	do	do	To clear CARDONNETTE by 9.15 am. Move to be complete by 12 Noon.
5	do	5th.A.L.T. M. Bty.	11th.A.L.T.M. Bty.	FRANVILLERS	do	To clear ALLONVILLE by 8.15 am. Move to be complete by 12 Noon.
6	do	5th.A.I.Bdo H.Q. and Sig. Sect.	11th.A.I.Bdo. H.Q. and Sig. Sect.	FRECHENCOURT	via St. GRATIEN.	

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
8th. May, 1918.

Appendix

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM:

(To accompany Brigade Order No 173).

SUPPLIES: Rations will be delivered to Units on 9th. instant by supply wagons. Wagons are to be met by unit guides at 5 p.m., 9th. instant as follows:-

Unit in LA HOUSOYE at CROSS ROADS - I d 7 3.  
" " FRANVILLERS " " " - O 28 d 9 0.

Supply arrangements after 9th. instant will be notified later.

TRANSPORT: Transport will be brigaded at B 23 b and d, with the exception of ration limbers and cookers of Units which will be at Q.M. stores, and 2 S.A.A. limbers per battalion which will form a MOBILE DUMP in BOIS MADAME - I 3 a.

COOKING ARRANGEMENTS: All cooking with the exception of the reserve Battalion will be carried out at Q.M. stores. Ration wagons and cookers will deliver to H.Q., Q.M. and Transport officers will reconnoitre routes to front line before 8 p.m. 10th instant. Reserve Battalion can cook in road I 24 - J 13.

Q.M. Stores: Q.M's. of all units will report to representative of Brigade H.Q. at Town Major's office, LA HOUSOYE at 10 a.m., 10th. instant to ascertain position of stores.

AMMUNITION: Locations of Ammunition Dumps in area are as per 2nd. Aust. Div. Admin. Memo. No 206. Emergency Mobile Dump will be in position by 3 p.m., 10th instant. All Battalions will take over any ammunition dumped in the trenches, and will forward receipts showing location of Dumps to Brigade H.Q. by 6 p.m., 11th instant.

Battalions will draw from Emergency Mobile Dump to refill ordinary line requirements, estimated requirements being forwarded with usual S.A.A. return at 10 am. daily.

GUM BOOTS: Gum boots will not be taken over by this Bde.

TRENCH STORES etc. All tents, shelters etc. will be taken over and copies of receipts forwarded not later than 6 p.m., 11th inst.

PACKS AND BLANKETS: Packs and blankets will be dumped at No 7 billet CARDONNETTE, on morning of 9th inst. Each unit will detail 1 man to remain in charge; 17th. Battalion will detail a N.C.O. to be in charge of dump; personnel to report at 9 a.m. 9th instant.

BATHS: Brigade baths are situated at I 12 d 4 2. Reserve battalion will detail 1 sgt. and 4 men to take over baths at 2 p.m. on 10th instant.

ORDNANCE: Brigade refilling point will be CROSS ROADS - I 2 d 7 3.



MEDICAL:  
Sector:Scheme of evacuations from Right BrigadeRight Battalion:-

From R.A.P. located at J 22 d 1 8 by hand carriage to J 28 central, and R.A.P. - J 21 c 6 4 by hand carriage to J 26 a 9 0 - both cleared by hand carriage to I 30 c 6 5 - thence by motor ambulance to A.D.S. - I 4 b 8 0 - thence by motor transport to M.D.S. at Chateau at H 10 a 0 4.

Left Battalion:-

From R.A.P. - J 11 b 2 2 (Battalion in line) by hand carriage to loading post - J 5 d 22 and R.A.P. J 13 c 6 4 (Battalion in support) - both cleared by motor ambulance via BONNAY to A.D.S. I 4 b 8 0 - thence to M.D.S. at Chateau at H 10 a 9 4.

GUARDS etc.:

Reserve battalion will take over following guards on 10th instant. Personnel will report at 35th. Bn. Q.M. Store LA HOUSSEY - I 3 c 1 0 at 10 a.m., 10th instant when guides will meet them.

(a) Ammunition Dumps:-

I 8 c 9 7	1 O.R.
I 14 b 95 50	1 O.R.
I 16 b 3 9	1 O.R.
I 13 c 6 3	1 O.R.

1 N.C.O. will be placed in charge of the 4 dumps.

(b) Bridge Guards:-

2 N.C.O.'s. and 6 men for guard over Emergency bridge E. of BONNAY.

1 N.C.O. and 3 men for guard for bridge W. of BONNAY.

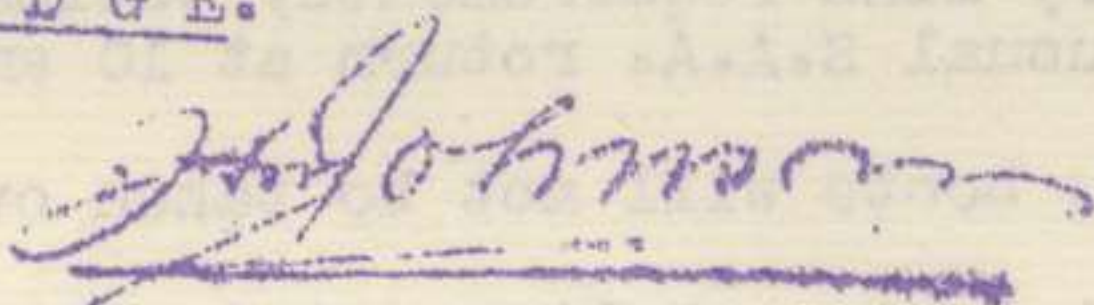
Attention is drawn to 2nd. Aust. Div. Admin. Memo. No 206, paras. re Burials, Water, Salvage, and Div. Canteen.

ADVANCE PARTY:

Advance party for 20th Battalion will report to Brigade representative at Town Major's office at LA HOUSSEY at 10 a.m. 9th instant.

BAGGAGE WAGONS:

Baggage wagons will report to Units before 6 a.m., 9th instant. Wagons are to return to A.A.S.C. lines immediately on completion of move.

A C K N O W L E D G E.


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

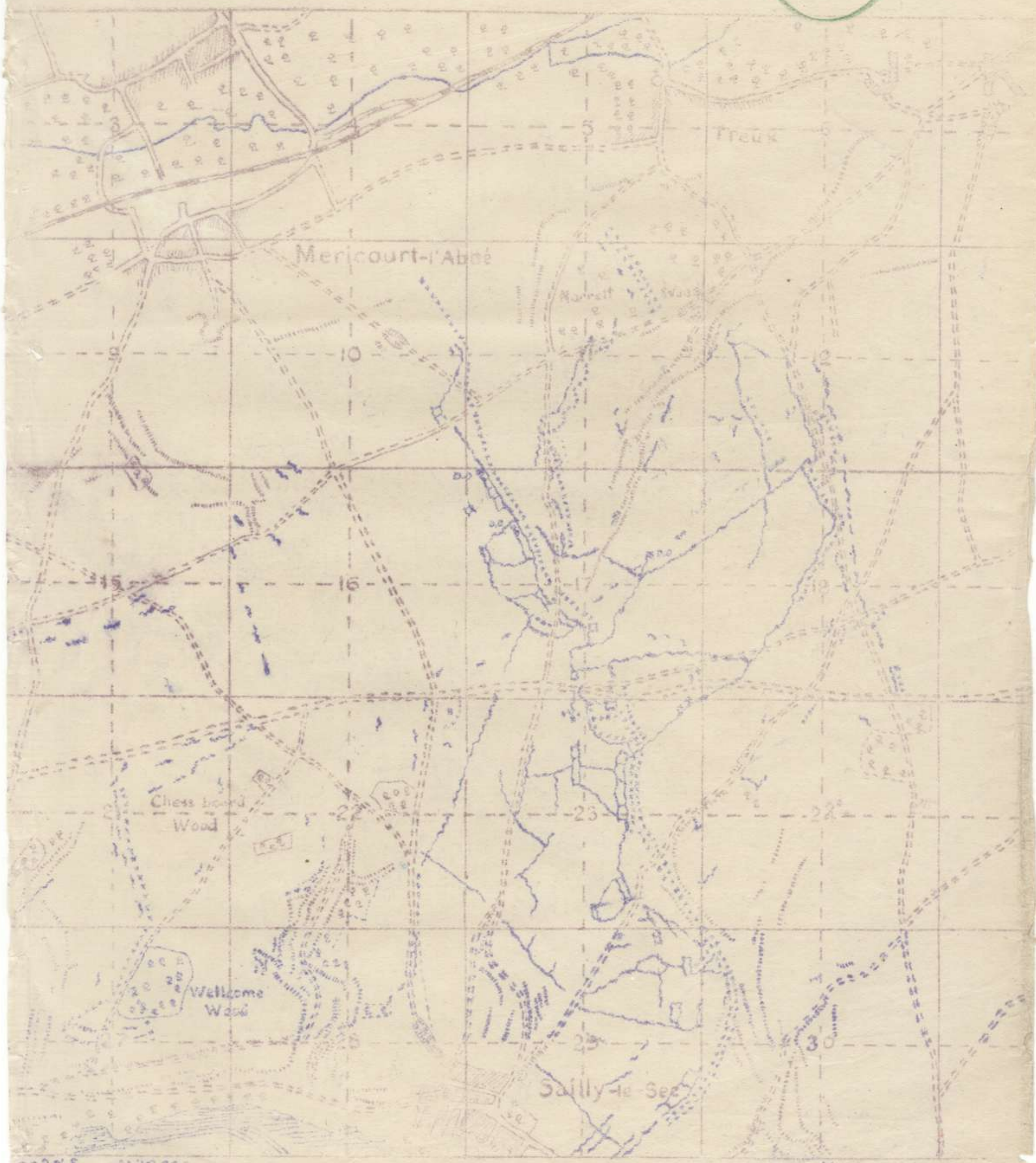
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66° N.E. 1:20000

5th A.I. Brigade



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*Matthias*  
FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
HEADQUARTERS.  
No. ....

Brigade Headquarters.  
8th May 1918.

Headquarters.  
2nd Australian Division.

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Herewith list of Salvage collected by Units of this  
Bde. for week ending 8th May 1918.

Salvage.	17th Bn.	18th Bn.	19th Bn.	20th Bn.	TOTAL.
S.A.A. Boxes	7	2	7	-	16 Boxes.
do Bandoliers	-	-	-	2	2 Bandoliers.
do Stray Rds.	-	-	7150	-	7150 Rds.
Grenade Cases	5	-	-	1	6
Rifles. SMLE.	5	-	43	44	92
Wire Cutters (Large)	5	-	-	-	5
Entrenching Tool.	1	-	-	-	1
Brass Drum	1	-	-	-	1
18 pdr. Shells.	-	9	-	-	9
do Shell Cases.	-	4	-	216	220
4-5 Shells.	-	1	-	-	1
4-5 Shell Base Plugs.	-	250	-	-	250
4-5 Tins do do	-	1000	-	-	1000
Web Packs.	-	2	89	5	96
Greatcoats.	-	1	4	-	5
Cardigan Jackets.	-	18	9	-	27
Steel Helmets.	-	15	9	1	25
Sacks of Equipment.	-	2	-	2	4
Box respirators.	-	8	5	-	13
Shirts	-	40	53	-	93
Underpants	-	14	26	-	40
Under Vests	-	14	4	-	18
Blankets	-	6	-	-	6
Woollens.	-	100 lbs.	-	-	100 lbs.
Sheer Skin Vests.	-	1	4	-	5
Frost Cogs.	-	12 lbs	-	-	12 lbs.
Shells. 60 pdr.	-	-	105	-	105
Screw Plugs.	-	-	4 bags	-	4 bags.
Bayonets	-	-	3	-	3
Bandoliers. Cotton.	-	-	90	-	90
Scabbards.	-	-	7	-	7
Helmets. P.M.A. Satchels.	-	-	2	-	2
Rifle Covers	-	-	3	-	3
Web Equipt. Complete.	-	-	6	-	6
Carriers. Cartridge. L.	-	-	4	-	4
do do R.	-	-	3	-	3
Belts. Waist.	-	-	14	-	14
Braces. W/Buckles.	-	-	7	-	7
Haversacks. D.S.	-	-	5	-	5
Straps. Support.	-	-	8	-	8
Frogs.	-	-	6	-	6
Carriers. W/Bottle.	-	-	4	-	4
do E.T. Hds.	-	-	6	-	6
Ent. Tool Heads.	-	-	5	-	5
do do Helves	-	-	3	-	3
Water Bottles.	-	-	9	-	9
Mess Tins. D.S.	-	-	4	-	4
Mess Tins. Covers.	-	-	3	-	3



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Salvage.	17th Bn.	18th Bn.	19th Bn.	20th Bn.	TOTAL.
Pouches. Amm.	-	-	9	-	9
Ground Sheets.	-	-	4	-	4
Jerkins.	-	-	12	-	12
Jackets. S.D.	-	-	1	-	1
Trousers. do	-	-	1 pr.	-	1 pr.
Puttees	-	-	1	-	1
Socks.	-	-	192	-	192
Towels.	-	-	19	-	19
Gloves.	-	-	2 prs	-	2 prs
Hats.	-	-	1	-	1
Holdall.	-	-	1	-	1
Cane. W.P.	-	-	1	2	1
Boots. Ankle	-	-	3 prs	-	3 prs
do P.S.	-	-	1 prs	-	1 pr
Woollens.	-	-	1 Bundle.	-	1 Bundle.
Gloves and Socks.	-	-	1 do	-	1 do
Rugs. Horse	-	-	2	-	2
Stirrup Irons.	-	-	2	-	2
Range finder Mk. 11.	-	-	1	-	1
Periscope.	-	-	1	-	1
Tyres. Cycle.	-	-	4	-	4
Rasp.	-	-	4 1	-	4 1
Picks.	-	-	2	-	2
Machines. Mincing.	-	-	21	-	21
Wire.	-	-	3 reels	-	3 reels.
Bars. Pole support.	-	-	1	-	1
Nose Bags.	-	-	4	-	4
Telephone. Hand	-	-	1	-	1
Motor Pump.	-	-	1	-	1
Horse Shoes.	-	-	70	-	70.
Bicycle Handles.	-	-	-	1	1 pr.
Brass and Rubber	-	-	-	1	0/Sack 1 Oatsack
Nose Cap protectors.	-	-	-	1	
Brass Tap.	-	-	-	17	17
Flags. Signalling.	-	-	-	1	1
Bicycle Wheel,	-	-	-	9	9
Empty Boxes S.A.A.	-	-	-	1	1
Wheel G.S. Wagon.	-	-	-		

*Mahto*  
Colonel.  
T/Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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War Diary  
FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
8th. May, 1918.

Headquarters,  
2nd. Australian Division.

REPORT ON TRIAL OF THE "T" (POPHAM) SIGNALLING  
PANEL CARRIED OUT AT ALMONVILLE ON 8th. MAY, 1918.

METHOD:

Three Battalion Stations were set up on the ground and each sent two messages which were dropped at the Brigade Station about 300 yards away. Only simple messages were sent.

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Visibility was poor owing to heavy mist and light showers. The observer stated that he could read the panel easily at 1500 ft. and considers it could easily be read at 5000 ft. under favourable weather conditions. The ground being a wide grass paddock showed the panels up well.

TIME:

The messages were dropped at Brigade Station from 2 to 7 minutes (according to length of message) after the Battalion Stations commenced sending. The most lengthy portion of the work was the answering of each letter by the plane which was done by sending R.D. followed by the Station call after each group. As a general rule except in answering the "call up" R.D. alone (or even "T") would appear to be sufficient. A considerable saving in time would thus be effected.

ERRORS:

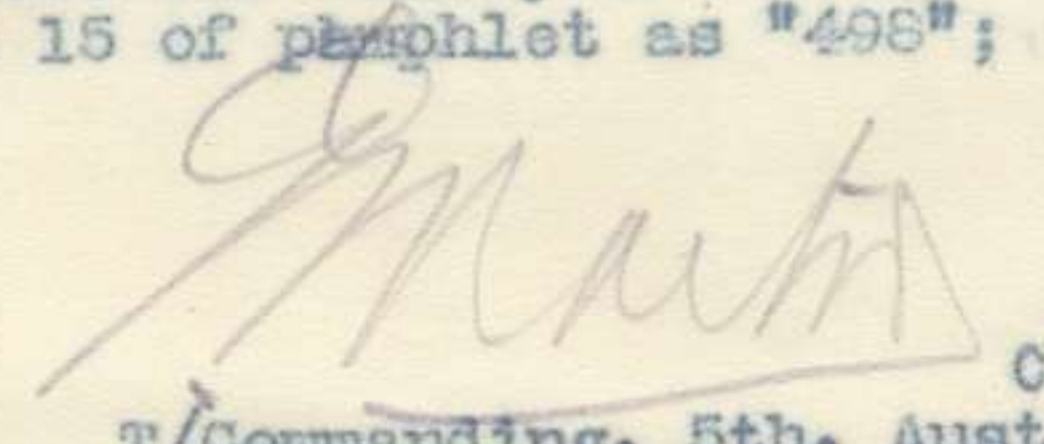
In two cases errors occurred owing to the observer reading the panel before the old group had been completely taken off. This could be obviated with very little loss of time by the senders returning the panel to "T" after each group (e.g. if the groups 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 7, were to be sent, after sending 2, 3, 4 instead of simply covering "2" and opening "7", "2" "3" and "4" would all be covered, and then "3" "4" and "7", opened).

GENERAL:

The panel is considered very satisfactory and very simple to work for sender, observer and receiver. It has to be borne in mind however, that messages must be as brief as possible.

NOTE:

Code for "Enemy has broken through in my centre" is given on page 15 of pamphlet as "498"; this should apparently read "489".

  
Colonel,  
T/Commanding, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

8/101.

Headquarters,  
8th. May, 1918.

Reference this office letter 8/101 dated 7th. May, 1918 precautions, referred to therein, may now be relaxed but Units will still be prepared to move at very short notice.

*R. Rowden*

*for*

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

DISTRIBUTION:

- 17th. Battalion.
- 18th. Battalion.
- 19th. Battalion.
- 20th. Battalion.
- 5th. A.L.T.M.Bty.
- 5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.
- 5th. Field Coy. A.E.
- 5th. Aust. Field AMB.
- 15th. A.A.S.C.
- 3rd. Sec. S.A.A., 2nd. D.A.C.
- War Diary (3).

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while  
seen by  
Capt  
Rowden*



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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Headquarters,  
8th. May, 1918.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No 8.

Ref. Map 62D 1/40,000.

1. All or any unit of this Brigade while in Div. reserve to 3rd. Aust. Division may be ordered to reinforce or counter-attack on any portion of Div. area or its immediate flank.
2. Special Roles:
  - (a) 18th. Battalion will detail Nucleus Garrisons for the ANCRE extension of BAIZIEUX system (1st system, 2nd zone) from I 18 a 0 5 to J 1 0 7 8 and occupy these defences when ordered. Frontage includes posts lettered J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, S, T inclusive, and numbered posts 30 - 38 both inclusive, totalling 17 posts, half garrisoned by L.G. sections and half by rifle sections. An officer in command and 4 other officers will be sent forward with the garrison.
  - (b) 17th. Battalion will detail Nucleus Garrison for portion of the system running from I 20 '0 0 to I 18 a D 5, to occupy this when ordered. Frontage includes lettered posts A - I both inclusive, numbered posts 23, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, totalling 16 posts, half to be manned by rifle sections and half by Lewis gun sections. An officer in command and 4 other officers will be sent forward with the garrison.
  - (c) 19th. and 20th. Battalions will be prepared to act offensively or defensively under orders of G.O's.C, 9th, 10th and 5th A.I. Brigades and to garrison bridgehead line.
  - (d) 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. will have 8 positions for mortars to cover ANCRE extension defences for occupation if necessary.
3. In addition to the above
  - (a) 18th. Battalion must as an alternative be prepared to garrison the Right half of Left flank protection of 3rd. Aust. Div. from present Left flank of 10th. A.I. Bde at D 23 central to BRESLE exclusive.
  - (b) 17th. Battalion must be prepared to garrison Left half of above line from BRESLE inclusive to BAIZIEUX trench system in D 7 d.
  - (c) 19th. and 20th. Battalions will be in reserve in readiness for reinforcement or counter-attack.
  - (d) 4 Mortars 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. will be allotted to each of 17th. and 18th. Battalions.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. F. MacCallum*

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

(Distribution as per Instructions for the Defensive No 4).



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SITUATION WIRES.



FROM FOURTH ARMY, TIMED 10.0 a.m., 9:5:18.

Following from G.H.Q., timed 10.40 p.m. (8:5:18).:-  
Line reported N.10.a.3.4. to N.4.b.8.2., thence to GORDON FARM  
N.5.a., where situation obscure. From GORDON FARM line runs to  
North of RIDGE WOOD, thence to old front line N.6.a.0.9. French  
line believed BUTTERFLY Farm N.14.c.0.6. - N.13.b.8.2., along  
KEMMEL BEEK to N.10.a. French state they hold KLEIN VIRSTRAAT.  
Situation otherwise unchanged.

FROM 3RD AUST. DIVISION, TIMED 11.35 a.m., 9:5:18.

Nine unwounded and two wounded prisoners captured last night.  
Three 9th Coy. 237th R.I.R. state their Coy. relieved by 6th Coy.  
last night. Some Coys. of first Bn. also stated to be in line.  
Five prisoners 5th Coy. 237th R.I.R. state their Coy. relieved by  
another Coy. of same Regt. last night. Statement that 237 R.I.R.  
is to be relieved on unknown date by 31 I.R. This requires con-  
firmation. Order of battle confirmed. Flank divisions unknown.  
Intentions unknown. One Prisoner 9th Coy. 114th I.R. states his  
Bn. should have been relieved night 7th/8th by 1st Bn., but relief  
did not take place. Reason unknown.

FROM FOURTH ARMY, TIMED 1.0 p.m. 9:5:18.

Following G.H.Q. 10.30 a.m.  
Counter-attack by us last evening re-established our original  
line in LA CLYTTÉ - VOORMEZEELE Sector. French also believed to  
have regained whole of their former positions. Enemy again at-  
tacked this morning at junction of French and us and small party  
of enemy which is believed to be at N.9.a.0.9. is being dealt with.  
Owing to hostile machine gun and artillery fire our troops com-  
pelled to withdraw from position joined at BUCQUOY and are on  
original line, 30 prisoners taken. 1360 gas projectors success-  
fully discharged near LENS. Hostile raid near LENS and MERRIS  
repulsed.

FROM FOURTH ARMY, TIMED 3 p.m., 9:5:18.

Following 3rd Army 12.35 p.m.:-  
At 5.13 a.m. after T.M. bombardment enemy attempt to reach  
our lines east of BOUZINCOURT repulsed by rifle and L.G. fire.  
During operations enemy loudly shouted "retire." Many enemy  
believed to have been killed.

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2nd Aust. Div. H.Q.,  
9th May, 1918.

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3m Br*



SITUATION WIRES.

FROM 3RD AUST. DIV., TIMED 5.20 a.m., 8:5:18.

Left Bde. advanced the line 300 yards on front 500 yards and established posts at K.7.a.35.10. - K.7.a.2.3. - K.7.a.15.55. and K.7.a.05.80. Enemy alarmed by our working parties heavily shelled MARETTE WOOD with YELLOW Cross gas. Right Bde. advanced the line slightly in K.19.c. at 3 a.m. Enemy replied with heavy M.G. fire, also shrapnel barrage for 20 minutes on front line. As result of operation six prisoners of 114 I.R. were captured. Situation now quiet.

FROM AUST. CORPS TIMED 7 a.m., 8:5:18.

Right Div. front; light shelling of area at intervals throughout night. Centre Div. advanced their line 500 yards on frontage of 600 yards during night, consolidating in enemy second position - J.30.a. and K.25.a. At least 20 enemy killed, 3 prisoners captured result of operation. Left Div. advanced their line 300 yards on front 500 yards, establishing posts in K.7.a. At 3am. our line in K.19.c. was advanced, enemy replied with heavy M.G. fire also shrapnel barrage for 20 minutes on front line. Result of this operation 11 prisoners captured.

FROM 3RD AUST. DIV. TIMED 5.20 p.m., 8:5:18.

Situation unchanged. E.19.d. heavily shelled for one hour with 10.5 cm. from South-easterly direction this morning; also lightly shelled this afternoon. J.11. and J.17. lightly shelled with 15 cm. and 10.5 cm. during period. Gas nil. Captured 14 O.Rs.

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2nd Aust. Div. H.Q.,  
8th May, 1918.



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Brigade Headquarters,  
9th. May, 1918.

Headquarters,  
2nd. Australian Division.

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The following will be locations of Units of this  
Brigade as at 6 a.m. 18th. instant.

- |                    |               |                         |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Brigade H.Q.       | -             | BRILL. J 1 d 08 30.     |
| 17th. Battalion    | - Line Right. | - J 22 d 1 5.           |
| 18th. Battalion    | - Line Left.  | - J 17 b 5 3.           |
| 19th. Battalion    | - Support.    | - J 17 a 2 1.           |
| 20th. Battalion    | - Reserve.    | - J 21 c 5 5.           |
| 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. | -             | Will be notified later. |

*W. H. C. Call*  
Colonel,

2/Commanding, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns. }  
5th. A.L.T.M. Battery. } for information.  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 174.

Copy No.....

Ref. Map. Sh. 62D 1/40,000.

Headquarters,  
9th. May, 1918.

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1. The 5th. A.I.Bdo. will relieve 9th. A.I.Bdo. in the Right Bdo. Sector of the line on the night 10/11th. May in accordance with the attached table.
2. All trench stores, aeroplane photographs, defence schemes, marked maps, works policy and intelligence will be taken over by in-going Units and copies of receipts given forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 12 Noon, 11th instant.
3. (a) Movement E. of FRANVILLERS and LAHOUSOYE will be by platoons at 100 yards distance.  
(b) 17th. and 18th. Battalions will not cross River ANCRE before 9 p.m..  
19th. and 20th. Battalions will not cross River ANCRE before 9.30 p.m.
4. Bugles will be taken in and used in foggy or misty weather to supplement the S.O.S. signal. Buglers will sound the alarm. The call will be taken up by relay stations.
5. Tool echelon will be taken in by Battalions.
6. The 100 extra rounds S.A.A. and 2 bombs per man will be issued before Units move forward.
7. Subject to the terms of this order all details of the relief will be arranged mutually between C.O's. concerned.
8. Movement in forward area will be restricted to an absolute minimum.
9. Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by priority wire using the code word "BON".
10. Advance Brigade will open at HEILLY at 10 p.m..
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued thro'  
Signals at 9 p.m.

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

DISTRIBUTION:

- |                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 17th. Battalion.                | 16 9th. A.I.Bdo.            |
| 2 18th. Battalion.                | 17 10th. A.I.Bdo.           |
| 3 19th. Battalion.                | 18 Town Major, FRANVILLERS. |
| 4 20th. Battalion.                | 19 " " LAHOUSOYE.           |
| 5 5th. A.I.T.M.Bty.               | 20 " " FIECHENCOURT.        |
| 6 5th. A.M.C. Coy.                | 21 G.O.C.                   |
| 7 5th. Field Coy. A.E.            | 22 S.C.                     |
| 8 5th. Aust. Field Amb.           | 23 I.O.                     |
| 9 13th. A.A.S.C.                  | 24 Bdo. Sig. Officer.       |
| 10 3rd. S.A.A. Sect., 2nd. D.A.C. | 25 Bdo. Q.M.                |
| 11 2nd. Aust. Div.                | 26 Bdo. T.O.                |
| 12 3rd. Aust. Div.                | 27 File.                    |
| 13 6th. A.I.Bdo.                  | 28/30 War Diary.            |
| 14 7th. A.I.Bdo.                  | 31/35 Spares.               |
| 15 8th. A.I.Bdo.                  |                             |



MOVE AND RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No 174.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	To	In relief of.	Headquarters will be at.	Remarks.
1.	May 10/11.	17th. Bn.	Line Right J 24 d 6 0 - K 13 e 9 5.	34th. Bn. 3 Coys. 33rd. Bn. 1 Coy. 44th. Bn.	J 22 d 1 5.	Dispositions will be in depth, to and including original front line.
2.	do	18th. Bn.	Line Left K 13 e 9 5 - K 7 a 5 0.	35th. Bn. 1 Coy. 33rd. Bn. 1 Coy. 44th. Bn.	J 17 b 3 8.	
3.	do	19th. Bn.	Support in AMIENS line J 23 d 6 2 - J 17 c 8 8 - J 10 b 0 0 and trenches in J 17 d.	---	J 21 c 5 5.	
4.	do	20th. Bn.	Reserve J 21.	---	J 21 c 5 5	As a temporary measure, 19th. Battalion will share 20th. Battalion Headquarters. Dispositions to be selected.
5.	do	5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.	Line.	9th. A.L.T.M. Bty.	To be selected.	
6.	do	5th. A.I.Bdo. Headquarters and SIG. Sec.	Line.	9th. A.I.Bdo. Headquarters and Sig. Sec.	HEILLY.	



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters.  
10th May 1918.

19th, 20th Bns.

Reference this Bde. Order No. 174.

19th Bn. will arrange to take over special duties of Support Bn.  
33rd Bn., as under :-Nucleus garrison - L.C. Posts in AMIENS line at J.22.d.  
and b. J.25.a. J.17.d.e. and c. J.10.d. Also the two sections  
supplied as escort for Anti-tank guns at J.10.d.85.30., J.22.d.9.9.

Acknowledge

William Call

Copies, 5 to War Diary.

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



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
10th. May, 1918.17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. Aust. L.T.M. Battery.  
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The following copy of a letter received from  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS is circulated for action as desired by the  
Corps Commander:-

" The Corps Commander regrets to find that neighbouring  
Units regard the Australians as deliberate horse thieves,  
and that they find it necessary to post special picquets in  
horse lines when camped alongside Units of this Corps. A  
number of incidents have occurred which tend to show that  
this impression is not entirely without foundation.

He therefore directs that a strongly worded order on  
this subject is to be issued to all Units pointing out that  
the removal or retention of any horse or mule not the  
property of the Unit is not only a crime but is also not  
playing the game and unworthy of the Australian Corps.

Any such act is to be regarded as a most serious  
offence and every C.O. will be held personally responsible  
that no horse or other property which has not come into the  
Unit through the regular channel is retained."

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

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18/22.

Brigade Headquarters,  
10th. May, 1918.

- ✓ 17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.
  - ✓ 5th. A.L.T.M. Battery.
  - ✓ 5th. Aust. M.G. Company.
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The following will be the patrol pass words for the undermentioned dates.

- 10/11 - Metal.
- 11/12 - Serge.
- 12/13 - Wood.
- 13/14 - Cotton.
- 14/15 - Silk.
- 15/16 - Wool.
- 16/17 - Tweed.

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

Robert Cole

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

- ✓ War Diary (3).
- 6th. A.I. Bde. )
- 8th. A.I. Bde. ) For information.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 1.

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 11th. May, 1918.

OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Active throughout the night harassing enemy forward and rear defences.  
PATROLS: A patrol of the 1st Battalion reports enemy to be digging in along a line approximately K 7 d 10 50 - K 7 d 20 10 - K 13 b 40 30. Lewis gun fire was brought to bear on this line throughout the night.  
AIRCRAFT: Our planes were active over the enemy lines during the afternoon and evening. 3 planes are reported to have been driven down in flames over enemy lines. It is not known whether these were enemy machines or not.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

Artillery: Below normal. J 11 d - J 17 c and d - MARETT WOOD in J 11 b were shelled at intervals during the night with 4.2 and 5.9 H.E. from direction of GRESSAIRE WOOD - K 20.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>	<u>Areas Shelled.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
10.30 pm.	77 mm.		J 21 c.	Light barrage.
do	4.2 H.E.	GRESSAIRE		
	Gas.	WOOD.	J 18.	Harassing.
11 pm. to 1 am.	4.2 H.E.		J 21 c.	Light Barrage.
4/4.30 am.	do		do	20 rounds.

From 8.30 to midnight J 7 and 8 were lightly shelled with mustard gas from direction of GRESSAIRE WOOD.

MACHINE GUNS: Occasional bursts of fire along the whole Brigade front during the night.

FLARES: White flares were fired occasionally during the night.

MISCELLANEOUS: Clear day. Fair visibility.

*W. J. L. L.*  
 Lt. Colonel,  
 T/Commanding, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.  
11th May 1918.

SALVAGE RETURN FOR WEEK ENDING 11/5/18.

Salvage.	17th Bn.	18th Bn.	19th Bn.	20th Bn.	Total.
Boots.Ankle.prs.	-	-	16	-	16
" F.S. "	-	-	3	-	3
Shirts.Flannel.	-	-	47	-	47
Drawers.Flannel.	-	-	30	-	30
Helmets.Steel.	-	-	6	11	17
Gloves.Finger. prs.	-	-	8	-	8
Kit Bags	-	-	2	-	2
Housewife.	-	-	46	-	46
Razors.	-	-	8	-	8
Ground Sheets.	-	-	11	-	11
Blankets.S.S.	-	-	3	-	3
Woollens.Bundles.	-	-	1	-	1
Cardigans.	-	-	5	-	5
Coats.L.R.H.T.	-	-	2	-	2
Holdalls.	-	-	2	-	2
Leggings.	-	-	1	-	1
Socks.prs.	-	-	59	-	59
Braces "	-	-	2	-	2
Towels.	-	-	6	-	6
Cover.L.G.	-	-	1	-	1
Mountings.L.G.	-	-	1	-	1
Kettles.Camp.Oval.	-	-	2	-	2
Buckets.W.C.	-	-	2	-	2
Nose Bags.	-	-	1	-	1
Trench pump.	-	-	1	-	1
Shovel.G.S.	-	-	1	-	1
Barber wire.Coils.	-	-	3	-	3
Rum Jars.	-	-	1	-	1
Tyres.Cycle.	-	-	1	-	1
Trace.	-	-	1	-	1
Strips.Sig.	-	-	2	-	2
Lamp.Lucas.D.S.	-	-	1	-	1
Keys.Dummy.	-	-	2	-	2
Pads.Ear.	-	-	8	-	8
Pins.Earth	-	-	6	-	6
Cases " Small.	-	-	8	-	8
Hats.	-	-	132	-	132
Trousers.S.D.	-	-	16	-	16
Aerial Bombs.	-	-	-	5	5
Tents.Complete.	-	-	-	1	1
Motob Lorry Drawing Chains -	-	-	-	2	2
Empty S.A.A.Boxes.	-	-	-	45	45
Rifles.M.L.E.	6.	5	5	2	18
French Machine Gun.	1	-	-	-	1
Machine Gun Magazines.	4	-	-	-	4
Carriers.Magazine.	2	-	-	-	2
" Cartridge.	3	-	-	-	3
Respirators.	3	-	-	-	3
Carriers.Ammunition.	10	-	-	-	10
Equipment.	1	-	2	-	3
Carriers.Water Bottle.	4	-	4	-	8
Water Bottles.	4	-	6	1	11
Entrenching Tool Helves.	6	-	-	-	6
Bayonets.	4	-	-	-	4
Bayonet Frogs.	8	-	4	-	12
Scabbards	10	-	1	-	11
Entrenching tool heads.	6	-	-	-	6
Entrenching tool carriers.	9	-	4	-	13



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Salvage.	17th Bn.	18th Bn.	19th Bn.	20th Bn.	Total.
Web belts.	6	-	5	-	11
Haversacks.	9	1	-	6	16
Braces.Web.	15	-	-	-	15
Packs.	12	-	16	40	68
Lewis Gun Magazines. 1.	-	-	1	-	2
Box respirators. 8	2	2	2	2	12
Gloves.prs.Fingerless.7	-	-	-	-	7
Pouches.Web. 5	-	-	13	-	18
Containers.Box.Resp.4.	-	-	2	-	6
Cardigans. 2	-	-	2	-	2
Leather Jerkins. 1	-	-	2	-	8
Vests.S.Skin. -	2	-	2	-	4
Shell Cases 18.pdr.-	-	-	322	61	383
S.A.A. Bags. -	-	-	2	2	4
" Oarsacks. -	-	-	1	1	1
Empty Cartridge cases -	-	-	350	350	350
(old Brass) <del>222</del> lbs.	-	-	-	-	-
S.A.A.Clips full.Sandbags.	-	-	-	2	2
" C hargers.Bgs-	-	-	1	-	1
Bandoliers.Cotton.-	-	-	169	10	179
Carriers.Cartridge-	-	-	10	-	10
Tins.Mess.D.S. -	-	-	4	-	4
" " Covers -	-	-	2	2	2
Braces.W/Buckles. -	-	-	2	-	2
Supporting Straps.-	-	-	2	-	2
Belts.Leather. -	-	-	2	-	2
Jackets.S.D. -	-	-	23	-	23
Breeches.D.S. -	-	-	16	-	16
Puttees.prs. -	-	-	22	-	22
Greatcoats. -	-	-	13	-	13
Mills.Grenade Boxes.Empty.	-	-	-	64	64
Petrol Tins -	-	-	-	3	3
Rubber.lbs. -	-	-	-	8	8
Hurricane lamps -	-	-	-	5	5
HorseResp.Satchels.-	-	-	8	8	8
Hessian.Pces. -	-	-	-	2	2
Brass lamp stand. -	-	-	-	1	1
Wicker Shell Carrier.	-	-	-	1	1
Anti-Splash plates-	-	-	-	1	1
K.T. -	-	-	-	19	19
1"Rubber Suction Hose.	-	-	-	30	30
Gum Boots.prs. -	-	-	-	2	2
Empty Sig.Wire reels.	-	-	-	3	3

Colonel.  
T/Commanding 5th Australian Inf.Bde.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,  
12th. May, 1918.

18th. Battalion.  
5th. A.M.G. Coy.

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

1. From 5 p.m. to 5.5 p.m. on 12th inst. all batteries of Left Group Artillery are firing on the Sunken Roads in K.1. South of VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.

Rate of fire 2 rounds per gun per minute.

Two 6 inch Newton Mortars will engage the same targets at the same time.

At 5.30 p.m. this operation will be repeated.

2. Vickers guns and Lewis guns within range will be ready to engage any enemy movement which may be caused by our Artillery fire.

3. Enemy retaliation will be observed and reported.  
ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. H. C. A. H.*

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

✓ 17th., 19th., 20th. Bns.)  
✓ 5th. A.L.T.M. Battery. ) For information.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 141

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

11th May, 1918

1. From 5 p.m. to 5.5 p.m. on 12th inst. all batteries of Left Group Artillery are firing on the Sunken Roads in K.I. south of VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.  
Rate of fire 2 rounds per gun per minute.  
Two 6" Newton Mortars will engage the same targets at the same time.  
At 5.30 p.m.; this operation will be repeated.
2. Vickers Guns and Lewis Guns within range will be ready to engage any enemy movement which may be caused by our Artillery fire.
3. Enemy retaliation will be observed and reported.

Acknowledge.-

## Distribution.-

1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd "
3. 23rd "
4. 24th "
5. 6th A.M.G. Coy.
6. 6th A.L.T.M. Bty.
7. 2nd Aust. Divn.
8. 5th A.I. Bde.
9. Left Group Artillery
10. War Diary
11. " "
12. File.

W. F. N. Bondge  
Major,  
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Appendix  
No. 2Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 12th. May, 1918.OUR OPERATIONS:ARTILLERY:

Active throughout the period firing on MORLANCOURT and GRESSAIRE WOOD and harassing enemy forward and rear defences.

LEWIS GUNS AND SNIPERS: Kept up a fairly continuous fire during the period. Several hits were observed.PATROLS:

The front was actively patrolled during the period.

One patrol of the Right Battalion moved from K 19 a 9 4 to J 24 d 9 4. Nothing was seen of the enemy.

A second patrol left J 24 d 9 4 and located enemy post at approx. K 19 b 1 3.

A patrol of the Left Battalion went out a distance of 200<sup>+</sup> from K 13 a 60 60 and patrolled the centre of Bn. front. Working parties were heard in vicinity of K 7 d 10 30.

A second patrol went out from K 13 a 60 60 to CROSS ROADS at K 13 b 3 3 thence to K 13 d 70 73 and returned through K 13 c 30 50. Small enemy posts were located at about K 13 b 4 3. but showed no signs of recent occupation. A line of posts were found running from K 13 d 20 63 to K 13 d 6 6; they are in good condition and deep but have not been occupied for some days. Several sets of equipment, rifles, hand grenades and T.M. bombs were found. Overcoats bearing the mark 257 on shoulder straps were also found. A light mine-sweeper was located by this patrol firing from approx. K 14 a 3 7.

Two scouts were sent to locate left Bn. post at K 7 a 35 20 (?). These scouts located an enemy post at K 7 a 40 25 which was found unoccupied. In the post an M.G. mounted for firing, numerous bombs and M.G. ammunition were found. The M.G. was brought back to our lines.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:ARTILLERY:

Time.	Calibre.	Direction.	Area shelled.	Observed from	Remarks.
7.15 am.	4.2 H.E.	GRESSAIRE WOOD	Road Junct.	J 17 a 1 7.	5 rds.
8.15 am.	do.	MORLANCOURT	J 13 d.		9 rds ) damage nil)
8.45 am.	do	GRESSAIRE WOOD	Road Junct.	J 17 a 1 7	8 rds.
9 to 9.15 am.	do	ETHELHAM	J 20 b. J 18 a.		12 rds. ) Trench blown in ) in places.
9.15 to 9.30 am.	do	GRESSAIRE WOOD	J 13 a & c.	J 17 a 1 7	50 rds.
do to 9.40 am.	do.	do	J 23 a & b.	do	24 rds.
9.50 am.	do	do	J 12 d 1 3.	do	10 rds.
10 am.	5.9 H.E.	171° T.B. from J 21 d 3 2	J 23 a.		7 rds.
10.10 am.	4.2, 5.9. and 8".	do	MARETT WOOD.	J 17 a 1 7	50 rds.
10.15 am.	4.2 H.E.	BRAY	J 13 c.		8 rds.
10.50 am. to 11.15 am.	do	GRESSAIRE WOOD	J 17 a & c., J 18 d & J 24 a.	J 17 a 1 7	80 rds.
10.50 am.	8".	do	MARETT WOOD		10 rds.
11 to 11.45 am.	5.9.	ETHELHAM.	J 12 c, J 13 a & b.		45 rds.
11 to 12 noon.	5.9.	171° T.B. from J 21 d 6 2.	J 23 a.		Occasional shots.
11.15 to 12.15 pm.	4.2.	GRESSAIRE WOOD	J 17 b cont.	J 17 a 1 7	20 rds.
do	do	do	J 13 b	do	12 rds.



## ARTILLERY: (Continued).

Time.	Calibre.	Direction.	Area shelled.	Observed from.	Remarks.
12.40 to 1 pm.	5.9 H.E.	ETINEHEM.	J 18 b 2 3.		9 rds. (Apparently fired on salvago parties).
1.45 to 2 pm.	4.2.	BRAY	J 18 a con.		12 rds. (Tronches hit several times).
2 pm.	do	do	J 11 d cont.		5 rds.
3 pm to 3.50 pm.	do	do	J 12 d and J 18 b.		10 rds.
4 pm.	do	GRESSAIRE WOOD	MERICOURT	J 17 a 1 7.	12 rds.
4 to 5.15 pm.	5.9 HE.	do	do	do	130 rds.
5 to 6 pm	77 mm.	150° from J 21 d 6 2	J 28 b.		40 rds.
6.10 to 6.55 pm.	5.9 H.E.	GRESSAIRE WOOD	MERICOURT	J 17 a 1 7	150 rds.
8.45 pm.	4.2 and 77 H.E.	do	MARETT WOOD	do	40 rds.
9 to 9.25	77	MORLANCOURT.	J 17 b.		20 rds.
9.5 to 9.15 pm.	5.9 H.E.	GRESSAIRE WOOD	MARETT WOOD	J 17 a 1 7	20 rds.
9.5 to 10. pm.	4.2 and 5.9	do	do	do	70 rds.
10.30 to 11 pm.	do	do	do	do	60 rds.
11.30 to 12.30 am.	4.2.	do	J 13 & J 14	do	30 rds.
3.5 to 3.30 am.	do	do	J 11 d.	do	50 rds.
4 to 4.20 am	do	do	J 11 d & J 17 b	do	50 rds.

**TRENCH MORTARS:** During the day a light T.M. fired on Right Bn. front from approx. K 14 c 5 0. Mortars at K 1 d 15 25 - K 14 a 2 7 were active on Left Bn. front. There is a suspected position at K 7 d 9 4.

**MACHINE GUNS:** Active throughout the night. A position was located at K 7 d 9 4.

**SNIPING:** Fairly active. Retaliatory fire by our snipers by day and L.G. by night had a quietening effect.

**ENEMY DEFENCES:** Posts in K 7 d are not connected. Post in trench can be seen at K 7 a 43 25.

A M.G. position is plainly visible at K 7 d 9 4. A sniper was located at K 7 d 1 4.

Positions at K 1 d 15 25, K 14 a 30 70,

K 20 b 8 9. There are a number of positions dug into the bank in K 1 d. These positions are covered with proof sheets. Our left post can enfilade this position and has sniped a couple of men. No more than 3 men have been seen moving here at one time, but the shelters are capable of holding a Company. A light T.M. in the bank at K 1 d 15 25 is covered with bushes. After sniping a man at this mortar position, another was seen to take his place.

**MOVEMENT & ORGANISATION:**

During the morning small parties of enemy moved about opposite the right battalion. These were fired on by Lewis Gunners.

Men in full marching order were seen during the day moving about in K 13 b and at K 3 b 4 1.

Several men wearing Red Cross bands moved about in K 13 b and at K 2 d 9 4.

Throughout the day men crossed Railway Embankment in K 3 c and moved towards MORLANCOURT.

During the shelling of K 19 c by our heavies, the enemy continually fired flares, by the light of which 10 of the enemy were seen to leave the shelled area.



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Intelligence Summary No. 2.

ENEMY ATTITUDE: During heavy artillery fire on our right the enemy opposite our sector fired numerous white flares.

FLARES: A succession of golden clusters was fired from approximately K 3 c, upon which 4.2 batteries in GRESSAIRE wood shelled J 11 d and J 17 b.  
White flares were above normal.

MISCELLANEOUS: Visibility poor.

WORKS: A C.T. 265<sup>K</sup> x 3' x 3'9" was dug in J 12 d (this trench has not yet been correctly plotted).

J 24 & K 19. Linking up posts between J 24 d 7 2 and K 19 c 1 9 (actual digging 190<sup>X</sup> x 3' x 3'.)

\* K 19. Joining posts from K 19 c 2 6 to K 19 c 2 4. (actual digging 50<sup>X</sup> x 4'6" x 3'6").

Posts were improved and deepened by their garrisons. Engineer and Pioneer reports are not yet to hand.

W. P. MacCallum  
for Capt  
Colonel,  
T/Commanding 5th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

4/204.

Headquarters,  
12th. May, 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 9.

1. It has been found in practice that contact aeroplanes can see, at a height of 1,000 ft., groups of rifles laid out by troops as supplemental to or in place of ground flares.

2. Since ground flares are not always available and are liable to be lost in action, the following method will be adopted in future by this Corps:-

"When a contact aeroplane calls on the  
"Klaxon Horn for ground signals, and whether or not  
"flares are in use, groups of three rifles each will  
"be placed out on the parapet, two feet between rifles  
"and about 10 yards between groups."

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*William Allen*

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

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.  
13th May 1918.TRENCH STORES, etc. HANDED OVER BY 9th A.I. Bde. to 5th A.I. Bde.  
on 11th MAY 1918.

Article.	17th Bn.	18th Bn.	20th Bn.	5th A.L.T.M.	Total
				Bay.	
Grenades. Mills.	1236	762	-	-	1998.
S.A.A. Rds.	63,000	76,000	14,000.	-	147,000
Rifle Grenade Rods.	2	1	-	-	3
Rifle Grenades.	-	14	-	-	14
Barbed Wire. Coils.	315	500	-	-	815
Pickets. Screw.	570	145	-	-	715
S.O.S. Rockets.	30	31	-	-	61
German. Ammun. Boxes.	10.	-	-	-	10
German Stick Grenades.	50	-	-	-	50
German V/Light Pistls.	1	-	-	-	1
British do do	1	-	-	-	1
Shovels.	42	-	-	2	44
Picks.	11	-	-	1	12
Grenades. 36.	36	-	-	-	36
Egg Bombs. Boxes.	1	-	-	-	1
French Wire. Coils.	6	-	-	-	6
Wire Cutters.	5	-	-	-	5
Grenades. 35.	60	-	-	-	60
do 27	84	-	-	-	84
Latrine Seats.	9	10	-	-	19
Cup attachments.	81	-	-	-	81
Smoke Bombs	-	3	-	-	3
Trench Covers.	-	17	4	3	24
Iron plate.	-	111	-	-	111



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 3.

Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 6 a.m., 13.5.18.

OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY:

Active throughout period. The shoot on SUNKEN Road in K 1 d was very successful. Direct hits were observed.

PATROLS:

A patrol of 1 Off. and 13 O.R.'s. went out at 9.30 p.m. from K 13 a 7 3 to K 13 b 2 3. 4 minenwerfer positions were found in which were the wheels of the mortars, old clothing etc.; the positions did not appear to have been used for some days. At K 13 d 4 *Shallow* "V" shaped positions were found which appeared to have been dug within the last 3 days. A party of 12 enemy were seen moving E. at about K 20 a 1 0.

A patrol of 1 Off. and 14 O.R.'s. went out from K 13 a 7 8 to road at K 7 d 1 4. An enemy listening post was located at about K 7 c 9 5, which post was evacuated immediately our patrol was seen. The men from the post went to post at about K 7 d 00 50. From the latter post 2 men were soon to go to post at about K 7 c 8 8. Patrol leader and scouts moved forward to K 7 c 9 6 from which point a party of 10 enemy were seen at K 7 d 00 60. This party came to within 15 yds. of scouts whereupon they were fired on by Lewis guns. 6 of the enemy were soon to fall, 2 of whom crawled back to post. 4 machine guns opened fire on our party which necessitated their withdrawing in pairs. M.G.'s. constantly fired from about K 7 d 95 38 - K 7 d 00 50 and K 7 c 8 8.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY:

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Area shelled</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
6 am to 10.45 am.	4.2 H.E.	BRAY	J 12 c	10 rds.
9 to 9.35 am.	4.2 H.E.	GRESSAIRE WOOD	MARETT WOOD	25 rds.
9.30 to 10.20 am.	4.2 H.E.	do	J 13 central	20 rds.
9.25 am.	do	do	J 23 central.	15 rds.
8.30 to 11 am.	5.9 H.E.	do	MERICOURT.	300 rds.
12 am to 1.30 pm.	5.9 H.E.	do	do	120 rds.
1.30 pm.	77 mm.	MORLANCOURT.	J 12 <sup>c</sup> central.	5 rds.
1.45 pm.	4.2 H.E.	GRESSAIRE WOOD	J 15 a & c.	13 rds.
2.10 pm.	do	do	RIBEMONT.	50 rds.
2.20 pm.	77 mm.	do	J 18 c.	17 rds.
3.15 pm.	5.9 H.E.	152° T.B. from J 21 d 6 2	J 27 a.	16 rds.
3 to 3.30 pm.	4.2	BRAY	J 18 a and J 17 b.	14 rds. 16 rds.)
3.50 pm.	4.2.	BRAY	J 18 b	Trench hit twice )
4-4.30 pm.	5.9. H.E.	GRESSAIRE WOOD	MERICOURT	80 rds.
do	4.2 H.E.	BRAY	J 18 b	10 rds.
4.30 pm.	8"	GRESSAIRE WOOD	MARETT WOOD	20 rds.
5 pm.	4.2	BRAY	J 12) central.	3 rds.
5 pm.	5.9	152° T.B. from J 21 d 6 2.	J 21 d.	13 rds.
6 pm.	5.9 H.E.	do	J 26 a	14 rds.
7 pm.	4.2	BRAY	J 18 a 4 8	12 rds.
8.50 pm.	5.9 H.E.	GRESSAIRE WOOD	J 16 b.	20 rds.
9-10 pm.	do	do	RIBEMONT.	120 rds.
9.15 to 10.5 pm.	4-2 and 5.9 H.E.	do	MARETT WOOD	50 rds.
9.10 to 9.30 pm.	77 mm.	MORLANCOURT.	J 18 a central.	50 rds.
9.30 pm.				
9.20 pm.	4.2.	77° T.B. from J 21 d 6 2.	J 22 a 5 7.	Snoozing gas. Harassing.



## 2 - Intelligence Summary continued.

## ARTILLERY:

Time	Calibre	Direction	Area shelled.	Remarks.
9.50 to 10.20 pm.	4.2.	GRESSAIRE WOOD.	J 17 d and J 23 b.	20 rds.
10-10.30 pm.	do	do	J 17 a & J 18	cont. 60 rds. Har.
10.30-11 pm.	do Shrap.	do	J 17 & J 16.	40 rds.
1.25 am.	do H.E.	Unknown.	J 22 d.	6 rds.
2.10 am.	do	GRESSAIRE WOOD	MARETT WOOD.	3 rds.
3.45 am.	77, 4.2, 5.2	Unknown.	Front line & supports.	In answer apparently to burst of white flares.
4-4.30 am.	77 H.E.	GRESSAIRE WOOD.	J 11 & J 17 b.	100 rds.

## TRENCH MORTARS:

Fired a few rounds on front line of Right Bn. From approx. K 14 c 5 C. Mortars at K 3 c 3 5 and K 8 c 3 7 were active throughout the period firing on left battalion front.

## MACHINE GUNS:

Active throughout the night. Positions located at K 7 d 0 5 - K 7 c 9 5 and K 7 d 0 5 30.

## AIRCRAFT:

At 7.35 pm. 8 planes patrolled our lines. At 4.30 am. enemy planes crossed our lines and dropped bombs on HELLIX. Those planes were engaged by A.A. guns.

Balloons were seen on a T.B. of 156, 176 and 177°

From J 21 d 6 2.

## MOVEMENT &amp; ORGANIZATION:

Seven men in full marching order were seen to get in trench in vicinity of K 19 central. During the day men were seen observing from the same vicinity. Movement of single men was noticed at K 20 b 2 0 and K 20 b 1 9. A man was seen in now trench in K 15 b wearing service cap with red band. 6 men were seen on road in K 10 b 6 1 moving in a S.E. direction. At 4 pm. about 60 horses were grazing on open ground in L 2 c and L 3 a. Mounted men were looking after them. From 4 to 8 pm. movement was continuous around K 26 c and L 2 a where several bell tents have been pitched. At 7.50 pm. 30 men carrying white bundles appeared at K 10 b 2 4 and moved down slope. At 8.25 pm. 25 men were seen moving down slope from K 10 b 2 4. From 4 to 8 pm. motor and horse transport were seen on the MEAULTE - BRAY road in L 1 a moving in both directions at the rate of 5 per minute. At 7.45 pm. 3 parties of men about 45 in all came from direction of hutments in E 20 across country and disappeared behind MORLANCOURT.

## SNIPING:

## FLARES:

7 reds - 2

Loss active than during previous period.

fired at intervals of 5 minutes brought no enemy action. A succession of yellow clusters followed by 2 reds was followed by artillery fire on J 11 d and J 17 b which lasted for 5 minutes.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

Smoke from a stationary engine was seen at F 26 d central. At 8 pm. flashing from a signal lamp was seen at J 36 c 8 2. No message was read. Visibility poor.

## WORK:

L 19 a & c.	}	Linking up front line.
J 24 b 3 1)		
J 24 d 3 9)		
J 24 d 3 7 to)		
J 24 d 3 6		
J 24 d 3 5 to)	}	Digging battle positions. (These references are approximate).
J 24 d 3 4		
K 7 c 8 8.		
Front line Left Bn.		
do		
J 17 b 3 7	-	Improving strong point.
K 13 c 1 2 to	-	270 yds. of wire erected.
K 13 c 60 25	-	200 do
J 16 b 6 9	-	Building deep dugout.
	-	Digging 300 yds. of O.T.
	-	Improving Bn. H.Q. dugout.

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

*P. MacCallum* Capt.  
for Colonel,  
T/Commanding, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

5/175.

Headquarters,  
15th. May, 1918.

Headquarters,  
2nd. Australian Division.

LOCATION REPORT.

The following are the locations of Units of this  
Brigade:-

Brigade H.Q.	-	J 1 c 80 15.
17th. Battalion.	-	J 22 d 2 4.
18th. Battalion.	-	J 17 b 3 8.
19th. Battalion.	-	J 16 b 6 9.
20th. Battalion.	-	J 21 c 4 5.
5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.	-	J 10 c 85 35.
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.	-	I 17 a 1 9.

Colonel,  
T/Commanding, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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5th. Aust. Field Amb.  
6th. A.I. Bde.  
8th. A.I. Bde.  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
13th May, 1918.

17th Battalion

18th, 19th, 20th Bns  
5th Aust. M.G. Coy.  
5th Aust. L.T.M. Bty. } for information.

1. On night 13th/14th inst. How. Batteries of Left Group will sholl enemy defences at K 19 central.
2. "Crash" will last from 3 am to 3.5 am.
3. 1 7th Bn. will withdraw troops to vicinity of K 19 b 0 9 and K 19 c 0 7 to provide clearance of 400<sup>x</sup> from target, by 2.45 a.m. 13th/14th inst.
4. Posts will be occupied as soon after the "Crash" as possible.
5. Working parties in Right Battalion Forward area will be clear by 2.45 a.m.
6. A fighting patrol will be sent out to report on the results obtained by the shoot.
7. 17th Bn. to acknowledge.

*H. P. ...*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 175.

Headquarters,  
18th May, 1918.

Reference Map: 62D 1/40,000

1. The following inter-battalion reliefs will take place between 16th and 18th inst:-  
 19th Bn. will relieve 18th Bn. in left sub-sector of the line on night 16th/17th.  
 20th Bn. will relieve 17th Bn. in right sub-sector of the line on night 17th/18th.
2. On relief  
 (a) 18th Bn. will be in support, taking over duties and dispositions of 19th Bn.  
 (b) 17th Bn. will be in reserve, taking over duties and dispositions of 20th Bn.
3. (a) Trench stores, aeroplane photographs, marked maps, S.O.S. signals, will be handed over.  
 (b) Copies of receipts will be forwarded to Bdo. H.Q. 24 hours after relief.  
 (c) Tools will not be handed over.  
 (d) Works policy will be continued.
4. Unless visibility is poor, relieving troops will not move forward before 9.30 p.m.
5. Subject to the terms of this order, all details will be mutually arranged between G.O.'s concerned.
6. Completion of relief will be notified by priority wire, using the word "THANKS".
7. A c k n o w l e d g e.

Issued at 2 pm.

*W. H. R. Allen*

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

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9	6th A.I. Bdo.	10	8th A.I. Bdo.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 176  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
14th May, 1918.

Reference Map: Sheet 62D 1/40,000  
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Para. 1 of Bdo. Order 17<sup>5</sup> is cancelled and the following substituted :-

"Inter Battalion reliefs will take place as under :-

20th Bn will relieve 17th Bn in right sub-sector of  
the line on night 15th/16th inst.  
19th Bn will relieve 18th Bn in left sub-sector of  
the line on night 17th/18th inst. "

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

Issued at 7 pm.

*W. P. MacCallum.*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

To all recipients of Bdo. Order 176.



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W. O. Deary

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

1st. AMENDMENT TO BRIGADE ORDER No. 176.

Relief of 18th. Battalion by 19th. Battalion in  
Left Sub-sector of the line will take place on night 19/20th  
and not on night 17/18 as stated therein.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Brigade H.Q.  
17th. May, 1918.

W. O. Deary

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters.  
13th May 1918.

17th. 18th. 19th. 20th Bns.  
5th A.M.G. Coy.  
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 10.

Tanks.

1. The principles to be observed in the employment of tanks in the present situation are -

(a) - In the event of a serious penetration of our defences, it will be the duty of the heavy tanks to break up the hostile penetration in close co-operation with the Infantry.

Heavy tanks will assist organised counter-attacks, the details of the attack will be carefully worked out between the tank and Infantry Commanders.

Heavy tanks will be responsible for attacking and destroying the enemys tanks if they penetrate our defences.

(b) - Whippet tanks will push through and attack formed bodies of the enemy; they will prevent him from bringing up reserves and massing troops for a further attack. They will not attempt to engage hostile tanks but will work round them and attack the enemy Infantry following in rear.

2. 'C' Company, 2nd Tank Battalion, is allotted to assist in the defence of 'C' Divisional front.

The present dispositions are as follows:-

H.Q. 2nd Tank Battalion.	-	FRECHENCOURT.
H.Q. 'C' Company	-	HEILLY. J.1.d.00.55.
H.Q. 'C' do Advanced	-	MER/COURT CHATEAU. J.9.b.3.9.
No. 10 Section.	-	In Quarry at J.9.b.8.2.
No. 11 Section.	-	do do
No. 12 Section.	-	In Gantry at J.13.b.3.9.

Communication with 'C' Company Headquarters at HEILLY may be obtained through Right or Left Infantry Brigade H.Q.

3. (a) - In the event of a hostile attack unsupported by Tanks.

No. 10 Section will move forward and hold the gap between MARETT WOOD and the River ANCRE.

No. 11. Section will move forward, establish liaison with the Right Battalion, Right Infantry Brigade, moving further forward where required to cover the front of the Right Infantry Brigade.

No. 12 Section will co-operate with the Battalion. of the Reserve Brigade which is situated in J.13. in an immediate counter-attack on the front between the SOMME and the ANCRE.



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(b) - If hostile tanks figure in the attack of the enemy, all male tanks will at once deploy and engage them at the earliest moment, those of one section in the gap between MARETT WOOD and the ANCRE, and the remaining two sections on the right Brigade front. Female tanks of all sections will take up positions as in para. 3. (a) above.

(c) - If the enemy is successful in advancing, sections will fill up at sectional or Company reserve dumps, and retire to positions in front of the bridges at MERICOURT, HEILLY and BONNAY, to cover the withdrawal of the Infantry.

4. Orders for tanks to move to forward positions of assembly or to execute any portion of a prepared plan of action, will normally be issued by D.H.Q. to 2nd Tank Battalion; in an emergency these orders may be issued by D.H.Q. direct to 'C' Company Commander.

5. Co-operation between tanks and Infantry will be arranged between the Infantry Commanders on the spot and the Officers in Command of tanks.

6. Acknowledge.

*(Signature) W.P. MacLennan*  
Captain.  
Brigade Major. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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## FIRST AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.10.

1. para 2. - Opposite H.Q. 2nd Tank Battalion - Delete FRECHEN-COURT and substitute QUERRIEU WOOD, H.20.Central.

2. para 3. - Delete and substitute :-

" 3. (a) 2 sections (No's.10 and 11) are operating with brigades in the line. They will :-

(1) move forward and support the Infantry in case of attack, if hostile tanks appear.

(ii) Hold crossings of River at MERICOURT, HEILLY and BONNAY, if the necessity arises.

(b) One section (No.12) is operating with the Battalion of the reserve Brigade situated at J.13. it will :-

(1) Move up to support the other 2 sections of "C" Coy. in their attack, if hostile tanks are used.

(ii) Co-operate in a counter-attack if hostile tanks are used.

(iii) If necessity arises, hold the river crossings at BONNAY and take up a defensive position there."

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. P. MacCallum.*

Bdo.H.Q.  
32/5/18.

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

Distribution.

17th Bn.  
18th Bn.  
19th Bn.  
20th Bn.  
5th A.M.G. Coy.  
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SECOND AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.10.

No's.10 and 11 sections moved to J.13.a.9.6. on night 23rd/24th.  
 Para 2. of instructions for the defensive No.10. of 13th  
 May 1918, will be amended accordingly.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. P. War Callen

Captain.

Brigade Major. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Bde. H.Q.  
 24/5/18.

Distribution.

17th Bn.  
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 19th Bn.  
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Headquarters,  
25th. May, 1918."3rd. AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 10".TANKS.

## 1. Para 2 of 1st. Amendment -

Sub-para. (a) (1) should read -

"Move forward and support the infantry in case of  
"attack, or, if hostile tanks appear, they will attack them  
"immediately".

## 2. Add now para 7.

"The 17th. Armoured Car Battalion (Tank Corps) has  
"arrived in the Army area and is held in Army Reserve. It is  
"located as follows:-

Bn. H.Q. and one Coy. at H 19 d.  
One Coy. on PONT NOYELLES - LA HOUSOYE Road.

"Each Coy. consists of 8 Armoured Cars. Each car  
"carries 3 Hotchkiss guns of which 2 are ready for immediate  
"action, one being held in reserve."

"The Coy. at H 19 d will be prepared to operate in any  
"direction North of the SOMME in the Army area."

"The Coy. near LA HOUSOYE will be prepared to  
"operate

- (a) Towards ALBERT.
- (b) Towards CORBIE - BRAY.
- (c) Towards WARLOY and HENENCOURT"

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. P. Hill

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

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To all recipients of -

"Instructions for the Defensive No 10".



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Headquarters,  
25th. May, 1918.

TANKS.

To be read in conjunction with "Instructions  
for the Defensive" No 10.

1. At the first sign of heavy onemy bombardment on our front and of the S.O.S. going up, Nos. 10 and 11 Sections, -C Coy., 2nd. Tank Battalion will move from present position at J 13 a 9 6 to position of readiness in J 10. where they will remain prepared to advance to meet hostile infantry action, should assistance be required by Battalion Commander.
2. Signal messages for Nos. 10 and 11 Sections can be sent to them by transmitting through Brigade Signal Office.
3. During operations when sending runners to the Tank Sections, they should be instructed to keep a look out for the Tanks moving forward so that the despatches may be delivered direct without loss of time.

L. P. L. on Callan

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

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19th. Battalion.	20th. Battalion.
5th. Aust. L.T.M.Bty.	22nd. Aust. M.G. Coy.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 4

Intelligence Summary from 3 p.m., 13:5:18 to 6 a.m., 14:5:18.

OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY:

Active throughout the period firing on MORLANCOURT - K 13 b & d - K 1 b & d, and harassing enemy forward and rear defences. Shoot on K 1 b & d carried out at 3 a.m.

MACHINE GUNS:

Between 11 p.m. - 1 & 2 a.m. 1,000 rounds were fired on road about K 20 a 95 70. Between 3 & 3.5 a.m. 3,000 rounds were directed on to K 19 central.

LEWIS GUN & SNIPERS:

Firing throughout the day.

PATROLS:

(a) A patrol of 1 Off. and 15 B.R.'s. with L.G. went out at 11 p.m. from K 13 a 70 80 moved South to K 13 b 4 0 and returned at K 13 c 8 8 at 1.30 a.m. Enemy working parties heard at about K 13 b 3 0. Enemy M.G.'s. active but flares below

(b) A patrol of 1 Off. and 15 O.R.'s. with L.G. went out from K 13 a 7 8 at 1 a.m. and returned at K 13 c 6 4 at 3 a.m.. M.G. and flares were fired at them from K 7 d 0 5. Another M.G. fired from about 80 yards to the left of this point

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY:

Time.	Calibre.	Direction.	Area Shelled.	Remarks.
3.10 pm.	4.2 H.E.	107 T.B. from J 21 d 6 2.	J 21 b 4 2.	6 rds.
3.50 pm.	do	do	J 21 a 8 1.	9 "
3.45-4 pm.	do	GRESSAIRE WD.	MARETT WOOD.	14 "
4.30 pm.	do	do	RIBEMONT.	10 "
4.55 pm.	77 mm.	92° T.B. from J 21 d 6 2.	J 21 a 2 3.	-
5 pm.	Blue X gas shells.	do	J 17 a 7 6.	20 rds.
5.30 pm.	77 mm. HE	GRESSAIRE WD.	J 16 b & H (road)	70 rds.
5.30-8 pm.	4.2 H.E.	do	MERICOURT.	60 per Hr.
6.30 pm.	do	92° T.B. from J 21 d 6 2.	J 22 a	6 rds.
9 pm.	do	do	do	20 "
9.30-10 pm.	77 mm. & 4.2 HE	GRESSAIRE WD.	J 17 & J 23.	45 "
10.5 pm.	4.2 H.E.	92° T.B. from J 21 d 6 2.	J 22 a.	6 rds.
10.15-10.30 pm.	4.2 H.E.	GRESSAIRE WD.	J 17, J 21, & J 22.	60 rds.
10.45 pm.	4.2 H.E.	do	J 16.	20 rds.
10.45-11.30 pm.	15.9 H.E.	do	MERICOURT.	20 "
3.15-4 am.	4.2 H.E.	92° T.B. from J 21 d 6 2.	J 22 b & c.	Intermittent Shlg.
3.30 am.	Mustard gas.	do	J 10 c & d.	slight bombdt.
4-4.10 am.	77 4.2 & 5.9	GRESSAIRE WD.	Front, Suppt. Light barrage. & Reserve lines.	

TRENCH MORTARS:

K 14 a 50 75. Active. A light T.M. fired from about

MACHINE GUNS:

Quiet during the day. During the night M.G.'s. were active along the whole front, firing short bursts at interval from K 7 d 05 and K 7 d 95 38.

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION:

A train was seen travelling in a Westerly direction in K 6 d and L 1 c. 2 men on horseback seen at K 11 b 9 9. Several horse transport wagons loaded with hay seen on road between K 9 b 0 2 and K 10 d 6 0. Movement of men seen at K 10 b 6 2. Smoke from trains seen at L 1 c 0 8. This would appear to be a junction as smoke coming from trains going in different directions could be seen.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:

Several enemy planes crossed our lines during the period. They were engaged by A.A. gun fire.



## WEST AUSTRALIAN TERRITORY BRIGADE

Intelligence Summary from 3 p.m. 18.12.18 to 3 a.m. 19.12.18.

## OUR OPERATIONS:

## ARTILLERY:

Active throughout the period firing on K 13 b & d, and harassing enemy forward and rear defences. Shot on K 13 b & d carried out at 3 a.m.

## MACHINE GUNS:

Between 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. 1,000 rounds were fired on road about K 20 a 22 70. Between 3 & 3.5 a.m. 3,000 rounds were directed on to K 13 central.

## LAW'S GUN &amp; SNIPERS:

Firing throughout the day. Between 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. 15 G.H.'s with 15.5 and 18 p.m. moved south to K 13 b & d.

## - 2 - Intelligence Summary continued.

**FLARES:** Below normal. At 4 a.m. on a succession of yellow clusters being sent up along whole front enemy artillery immediately dropped a light barrage on our front, support and reserve lines. Barrage slackened at 4.5 a.m. and ceased entirely by 4.15 a.m.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Visibility poor. Another H.G. fired from front line.

WORK:

J 16 b 60 90

(H.Q. Support Bn.)

Clearing out old dugout, salvaging timber for bunks for garrison and to build passage to connect dugouts.

J 24 c 9 9.

to

J 24 a 0 8.

K 13 a &amp; b.

Digging 400 yds. C.T. 2'6" X 3' wide.  
50 yards of wiring front line.

In addition 50 coils of wire and 200 pickets were carried forward from J 17 b 3 8 to front line and garrisons worked in the vicinity of their posts deepening and widening to front line.

*R. J. Allen Capt.*  
for

Colonel,

T/Commanding, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

NOTE.

Intelligence Summary of Right Battalion not yet to hand. A full account of this morning's operations will be forwarded as soon as possible.

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Headquarters,  
14th. May, 1918.

"INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 11 - LIAISON"

- 1- Attention is drawn to this office "Instructions for the Defensive No. 5", 4/134 dated 22.4.18.\*  
The following additional precautions will be taken to ensure thorough liaison:-
2. Front line Battalions will maintain liaison by telephone, visiting officers and runners. During operations an officer will be sent by Battalion Headquarters to remain at Headquarters of flank Battalion. Two runners will be sent to each flank Battalion Headquarters to remain there for use in case of emergency. Front line Battalions must keep in touch with the situation on their flanks.
3. Support and Reserve Battalions will maintain 2 runners with the front line Battalions and will send officers daily to front line Battalion Headquarters in particular about "Stand To".  
The main responsibility of keeping au fait with the situation in front lies with the Support and Reserve Battalions although this information will be supplemented by messages from Brigade Headquarters and front line Battalions as far as possible.  
"B" and "C" Battalions will keep Machine Gun Company Headquarters and Tank Section Headquarters in Quarry, J 9 b informed regarding the situation during operations.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*K. P. Borden*  
for Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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- 1 17th. Battalion.
- 2 18th. Battalion.
- 3 19th. Battalion.
- 4 20th. Battalion.
- 5 5th. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
- 6 5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.
- 7 5th. Field Coy. A.E.
- 8 5th. Aust. Field Amb.
- 9 Tank Section.
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\* Not sent to 5th. A.M.G. Coy. of Tank Section.  
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LATE GERMAN OFFICIAL. Successful local thrust into the British lines on the north bank of the SOMME, on the CORBIE - PRAY road. Hostile counter-attacks failed. Otherwise there is nothing of importance to report.

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## A GERMAN ATTACK.

### FINE COUNTER BY AUSTRALIANS.

### FIGHT OFF DURAZZO.

### HOPE FOR BRITISH PRISONERS.

The War : 4th Year : 285th Day.

Recently Australian troops by repeated small attacks drove the Germans back from high ground between the Ancre and the Somme for nearly a mile on a two-miles front. The enemy attempted to regain this lost ground on the Amiens front yesterday morning and failed.

They attacked on a line of nearly a mile south-west of Morlancourt, and at one point got into our positions. An immediate counter-attack by Australian troops drove out the enemy and re-established our line. We captured over 50 prisoners, and our casualties were very light.

7.38 P.M.—This morning, after heavy artillery preparation, the enemy attacked on a front of nearly a mile south-west of Morlancourt [about three miles south of Albert], and succeeded at one point in entering our positions. At all other points the attack was repulsed with heavy loss to him, and in this one locality an immediate counter-attack by Australian troops drove out the enemy and completely re-established our line. We captured over 50 prisoners, and our casualties were very light.

Local fighting took place last night north of Kemmel, where the enemy attacked in the direction of Klein Vierstraat and was repulsed by French troops.

On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report.



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BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS, London, Not reported.

FRENCH OFFICIAL. French patrols, operating north of HANGARD WOOD, in the neighbourhood of COURCY and to the west of the MEUSE, returned with prisoners. The French easily repulsed a hostile raid on their advanced posts north-west of ORVILLERS - SORREL. The artillery duel was fairly considerable in CHAMPAGNE, in the BUTTE DE MESNEL and in the VOSGES. A German attempt north of LA BECHT failed under the French fire. Intermittent bombardments in the GRIVESNES Sector. French batteries dispersed concentrations of German troops and convoys in the region of MONTMIDI and on the NOYON - GUISCARD road. Eastern Army. Fairly considerable artillery activity by the Allies and infantry reconnaissances in almost all sectors, particularly on the Serbian Front and in the CERPNA REND where several Bulgarian raids were repulsed.

The allied aviators bombarded the depots of PLEIR - HISSAR and the aviation grounds of PESNA. One German aeroplane was brought down by the British near LIVANOVO.

GERMAN OFFICIAL. On the battle-fronts the artillery activity which had increased in the early morning hours, decreased before noon but increased again in the evening. After violent artillery preparation in the evening north of the LA BASSE CAMEL the British launched strong attacks against our positions north and south of GIVENCHY. They were repulsed with heavy casualties.

The reconnoitring activity continued. There is no change to report from the other fronts.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL. Hostile attempts to renew attacks on MT. CCRNO in VALLARSA and to approach our lines at DOSSO KASINA (north of the ALTISIMO) and in the CALCINO and OFNIO valleys completely failed under our fire. Italian and British patrols raided the village of PEDMUGALA and the trenches near AVE (south of ASIAGO) inflicting losses on the enemy. More lively artillery duels in the TOMAHE region, in the LAGAPINA VALLEY, on MT. ASCIONE and north of MONTPELLO. Eleven hostile machines were brought down in air-fighting. British aviators successfully bombed enemy hutments near ASIAGO.



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.  
15th May 1918.Headquarters.  
2nd Australian Division.

In continuation of this office 9/435 of 13th May 1918 and with reference to my Telephone conversation with the G.O.C. Division, I do not think it advisable to attempt an attack on anything short of the area in angle of roads from K.13.a.7.8. - X.Roads K.13.b.3.8. - K.7.c.80.95. in view of the enemy's strengthened line. With reference to the latter circumstances, I strongly recommend that the operations referred to above be undertaken with the least possible delay.

If the available Artillery support is not sufficient to guarantee reasonable protection, the G.O. 18th Bn. would like to advance his line slightly on the North by establishing a strong-point from approximately K.7.c.5.8. to K.7.c.8.9, thence North to Brigade boundary. There is a small saucer-like depression in front of that portion of the line. It is considered that this work can be done without trouble by an Engineering party, simultaneously with attack by 6th A.I. Bde., and that considerable assistance might be given from it.

I strongly deprecate an operation confined to square K.7.c.



Colonel.

T/Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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