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OF

9<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Brigade

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918.			
Hospice St. Victor RIVERY, M.S.a.6.4.	July 1.		Except for the usual routine parades the Brigade spent the day in rest and recreation. The chief recreation in this area is swimming in the SOMME River which serves two good purposes: firstly bathing, secondly washing of clothes.	
		10.0 a.m.	Brigade Major, Brigade Musketry Officer and Divisional Musketry Officer inspected rifle range facilities at the Citadel AMIENS.	
		3.0 p.m.	Brigade Major proceeded to Base Stationery office BOULOGNE to collect publications which will be useful in both training and operations.	
		4.0 p.m.	Training Memo. (No.29/273) issued vide Appendix 1.	Appendix 1.
Do.	July 2.	10.0 a.m.	Wire received from Division advising postponement of visit of Prime Minister of Australia who was to inspect a Battalion of the Brigade. It is not known why. Arrangements accordingly cancelled.	
		2 9.0 p.m.	Programme for aquatic sports on 4th and 5th instant issued vide Appendix 2.	Appendix 2.
Do.	July 3.	10.0 a.m.	Further training memo. (No.B.M.29/273) issued vide Appendix 3.	Appendix 3.
		10.30 a.m.	Inspection of all the transport of the Brigade, including 9th Aust. Field Ambulance, by the Brigadier. Divisional Commanders 2nd and 3rd Australian Divisions were also present. Prizes were given and won as follows.	
			Class 1. Best turned-out limber on parade Prize 50 francs Winner Brigade H.Q. limber No.B11.	
			Class 2. Best turned-out vehicle on parade 50 " 9th Aust,Field Amb. A1.	
			Class 3. Best Lewis Gun limber with new rack attachment - 50 francs 34th Bn. limber No.126.	
			Class 4. Best turned-out cooker and cooks 50 " 34th Battalieu.	
			Class 5. Best turned-out water-cart 50 " 33rd Battalion water-cart.	
			Prizes were donated by Officers of Brigade and Divisional Headquarters. A few minor points with regard to uniformity were noticed. This is the biggest transport parade that the Brigade has ever had.	



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Hospice st. Victor RIVERY (M.2.a.6.4)	July 4.	2 pm. 6.30 pm.	Brigade Swimming Carnival (vide Appendix 2) held in RIVERY Baths SOMME River. Brigade Routine Order No. X14 issued vide Appendix 4.	Appendix 4.
Do.	July 5.	10 a.m. 2.0 p.m.	Brigadier visited 33rd Battalion in training in Platoon tactics. $\mp$ Training of recruits of all units at the Citadel AMIENS in rifle and Lewis guns continues. Brigade swimming carnival held in SOMME River (between AMIENS and RIVERY, at M.7.b.6.3) vide Appendix 2.	
Do.	July 5.	10.0 p.m.	Brigade informed by Divisional Headquarters that two Battalions will be required on 8th instant to carry out an attack in co-operation with Tanks at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS. Units report completion of reorganization in accordance with D.A.G. A.I.F. Circular Memorandum No. 21/213 of 22nd June 1918, vide Appendix 5.	Appendix 5.
Do.	July 6.	9.30 a.m.	Brigadier, Brigade Major and Signal Officer visit 5th Tank Brigade to arrange for forthcoming practice of the Brigade in co-operation with Tanks.	
Do.	July 7.	12 noon.	Brigade Major, C.Os. 33rd and 34th Battalions and O.C. 9th A.L.T.M. Battery proceeded to VAUX-en-AMIENOIS to arrange further details in connection with tomorrow's practice of an infantry attack acting in co-operation with Tanks.	
Do.	July 8.		Tank practice carried out in accordance with Appendix 6. The attack was carried out by two Companies of infantry the first of which seized the first zone, whilst the second leap-frogged through to the final objective. The creeping Field Artillery barrage was represented by men carrying flags; the line between these two men represented the point of mean impact. Infantry and Tanks moved by waves to the barrage line. It is now considered desirable when formulating schemes of a similar nature to arrange for the creeping barrage	Appendix 6.



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	<u>1918.</u>			
Hospice St. Victor RIVERY (M.2.a.6.4)	July 8	(contd).	to move at the rate of about 100 yards in 2 minutes. A large number of No. 27 (smoke) rifle grenades were fired by the advancing infantry in the direction of imaginary hostile strong points. These were successful in pointing out enemy strong points to the Tanks; the Tanks dealt with the strong points. Two practices were carried out the second of which was without any artillery support owing to the imaginary barrage having crept so far ahead of our advancing infantry that they relied for covering fire either on themselves or on Tanks (mainly on the latter. This practice was quite successful.	
		7.0 p.m.	Orders received from Division for practice manning, vide Appendix 7.	Appendix 7.
			All units were reported to be in <del>position</del> position by 10.45 p.m; that is, 33rd and 34th Battalions on their parade grounds ready to march off, and 35th Battalion garrisoning the BLANGY System with the whole Battalion.	
Do.	July 9	2.30 - 3.30 pm.	33rd and 34th Battalions moved to QUERRIEU in accordance with Brigade Order No.42. 39th and 40th Battalions marched into accommodation between RIVERY and CAMON vacated by 33rd and 34th Battalions respectively.	Appendix 8
Do.	July 10	9.0 a.m.	Brigade Major and Brigade Signal Section Officer reconnoitred Left Brigade Area "B" Division in connection with forthcoming relief; this area is now held by 12th Australian Infantry Brigade. The relief is to be carried out on the night 12th/13th July 1918 in accordance with 3rd Australian Divisional Order No.98 dated 9th instant.	
		2.0 p.m.	Colonel du Teil, Commandant d'Armes AMIENS, called on Brigadier and expressed his appreciation of the splendid conduct of the troops of the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. during their stay in this area. He stated that no cases of looting had occurred in AMIENS during our stay here.	
Do.	July 11.	7 a.m.	Preliminary instructions for the relief (B.M.24/90) issued vide Appendix 8.	Appendix 9.



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Hospice St. Victor RIVERY. (M.2.a.6.4)	1918 July	11 (contd)		
		12 noon	Brigade Order No. 43 for relief of 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. by 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. issued vide Appendix 10.	Appendix 10
		5.0 p.m.	"Notes on Infantry Reorganization, General Rules" issued to all Bde. units, vide Appendix 11	11
		7.0 p.m.	Lorries to convey advance parties of 33rd and 34th Bns. depart QUERRIEU, and lorry for advance party 35th Bn. and 9th A.L.T.M. Bty. left RIVERY for Left Bde. Area GLISY in accordance with B.M. 24/90 of 11/7/18 (Appendix 9).	
		8.30 p.m.	Administrative Instn. with Bde. Order No. 43 (Appendix 10) issued, vide Appendix 10.	<del>Appendix 10</del>
Do.	July	12 11 a.m.	Signal class held at Bde. H.Q. from 7/7/1918 to 11/7/1918. Results of Classification tests forwarded to 33/34/35th Bns. as per Appendix 13.	Appendix 13
		11.30 a.m.	Brigade Major visited O.O. 33rd Battalion and 34th Battalion at BUSSY and la NEUVILLE respectively to explain the necessity for expediting tonights relief in order to <del>allow</del> be clear of the forward area before daybreak.	
		2 p.m.	Staff Captain proceeded to new Headquarters.	
		2.30 p.m.	Brigade Signal Officer moved with Signal Section to new Headquarters to relieve outgoing unit.	
		4.30 p.m.	Brigadier and Brigade Major moved by car to new Brigade Headquarters and proceeded with relief.	
J.19.c.2.3.	July	13th. 12.30 a.m.	Relief of all Units completed without incident.	
		4.15 a.m.	Situation Wire: "Situation quiet".	
		10 a.m.	Staff Captain visited all Units in connection with reorganization, (Vide Appendix 5).	
		11.30 a.m.	Divisional Commander visited Brigadier to discuss details concerning this area, and proposals for the future.	
		12 noon	Asst. Staff Captain visited Right Battalion to arrange working party on a C.T. from front line to our supporting line in P.5.a.c. & d., and to arrange for improvement of accommodation at Right Battalion Headquarters.	
		1.30 p.m.	Brigade Major visited Left Battalion forward area with O.C. "C" Company, 3rd Australian Pioneer Battalion. This Company has been allotted to the Brigade for digging a C.T. between	



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J.19.c.2.3.	1918 July 13th	(contd)	front and support lines between J.35. and J.36. It is at present impossible to reach our front line by daylight without being observed.	
		4 p.m.	Brigade Intelligence Summary No. 1 issued, vide Appendix 14.	Appendix 14.
		4 p.m.	Brigade Routine Order No. X 15 issued, vide Appendix 15.	Appendix 15.
		4 p.m.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Wind N.W. 5 m.p.h."	
Do.	July 14th	4-15 am.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Wind N.W. 8 m.p.h."	
		9-30 am.	Divisional Headquarters place one Company, 3rd Australian Pioneer Battalion at disposal of the Brigade. This Company is to operate as an independant unit and is to hold the line on the Right of the Brigade sector. The south Brigade boundary is now altered to run as follows:- East along grid between P.3 and P.9 to road at P.4.c.4.0. thence through P.10.d.75.75 to P.11.c.0.5.	
		10 a.m.	brigadier visited Headquarters of all Battalions with Brigade Gas Officer to discuss defence policy.	
		10-30am.	Brigade Major and O.C. 9th Field Coy. Aust. Engineers reconnoitered whole of Left Battalion area to sight defensive works (mainly front line, support line, reserve line and communication trenches). In the Left Battalion area the system will consist of front line, support line, second support line and reserve line, vide map - Appendix	Appendix
		4 pm.	brigade Intelligence Summary issued, vide Appendix 16	Appendix 16
		4 pm.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Aircraft nil. Wind N.W. 10 m.p.h."	
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Do.	July 15.	4 am.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. very little enemy artillery fire during night. Wind N.W. 3 m.p.h."	
		2 pm.	Brigadier 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade and Brigade Major visited this Headquarters for liaison purposes and to discuss the linking up of our flank on our defence system.	
		3 pm.	Brigade Major and O.C. 9th Field Coy. Aust. Engineers reconnoitred A and C Battalion areas; sighting generally the reserve line south of River SOMME, support line and communication trenches.	
		4 pm.	brigade Intelligence Summary issued, vide Appendix	Appendix 17
		4 pm.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Enemy plane burnt balloon North of our sector at 2-30 pm. Wind 8 m.p.h."	



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J.19.c.2.3.	July	15. 9 p.m.	33rd Battalion and 35th Battalion warned that 35th Battalion will relieve 33rd Battalion on night of 16/17th July.	
		11 pm.	Circular from 3rd Aust.Div. re Intelligence Documents to be handed over on relief, vide App.17A.	Appendix 17A.
Do.	July	16. 4 a.m.	Situation wire: "2-30 a.m. to 2-35 a.m. 30 rds. 15 cm. H.E. fell in J.25.b.& c. and I.36 from direction WARFUSEE, apparently three guns firing. Situation normal with very light S.E.wind."	
		1 p.m.	Brigade Order No. 44 issued - Relief of 33rd Battalion by 35th Battalion in Right Battalion Area - vide Appendix 18.	Appendix 18
		4 p.m.	Brigade Intelligence Summary issued, vide Appendix 19.	Appendix 19
		5-15 p.m.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Enemy artillery active."	
Do.	July	17. 4 a.m.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Desultory shelling during night, 20 rounds heavy H.E. fell in J.25.b.	
		10 a.m.	Brigade Major, O.C. 9th Field Coy. A.E. and C.O. Left Group Artillery reconnoitred for a joint Headquarters for Infantry and Artillery, vide Appendix 20.	Appendix 20
		3 p.m.	Brigade Major and O.C. 9th Field Coy. A.E. reconnoitred spur in J.27.c. and sited a reserve line upon which work will commence when sufficient personnel is available, vide App.	Appendix 21
		4 p.m.	Brigade Intelligence Summary issued, vide Appendix 21.	
		4-10 pm.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet, very little artillery activity. Aircraft nil.x Wind S.W. 8 m.p.h."	
Do.	July	18. 4-5 am.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet, wind S.W. 5 m.p.h."	
		10 am.	Brigade Major and O.C. 9th Field Coy. A.E. finally decide on the various defence lines of the sector, with the exception of the support line in the Right line Battalion area where it links up just East of HAMEL. The defensive system now consists of Front Line, 1st Support Line, 2nd Support Line, 1st Reserve Line, 2nd Reserve Line north of the river; south of the river there is only one Support Line, vide Appendix .	
		4 pm.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Aircraft nil. Wind S.W. 5 m.p.h."	Appendix 22
		4 pm.	Brigade Routine Order No. X 18 issued, vide Appendix 22.	Appendix 23
		4 pm.	Brigade Intelligence Summary issued, vide Appendix 23.	
		10 pm.	Arrangements made for patrol from 35th Battalion to move out during the night and remain out in observation during daylight 19th, returning in darkness on night 19/20th, vide App. 24.	Appendix 24



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J.19.c.2.3.	July 18.	11 pm.	Divl. Artillery Order 78 received giving details of a gas shoot which will take place tonight. Valley in P.8.d., P.14.b.& d. is to be gas-shelled (South of CERISY) at 3 a.m. 19th July.	
		11 pm.	Letter received from Divl. Headquarters concerning the attachment of an American Bn. to the Brigade in the near future for purposes of instruction.	
		12 M/Nt.	Information received by wire concerning French estimated capture of 20,000 German prisoners and 100 guns south of SOISSONS.	
Do.	July 19.	4 am.	Situation wire: "How. Batteries commenced gas bombardment valley Q.14.b.& d. and Q.8.d. at 3 am. Patrol One Officer five O.R. at P.11.b.5.5. will remain out all day purpose observation returning after dark. Situation normal."	
		1 pm.	Brigade Order No. 45 issued - Relief of 34th Battalion by 33rd Battalion - vide Appendix 25.	Appendix 25
		3 pm.	Instructions issued to Battalions re attachment of part of 65th American Brigade vide Appendix 26.	Appendix 26
		4 pm.	Intelligence Summary issued, vide Appendix 27.	Appendix 27
		4 pm.	Situation wire: "Situation normal. Very few planes over. Wind S.W. 5 m.p.h."	Appendix 27A
		11 pm.	Letter to 3rd Aust.Div. re trenches in Brigade Area, vide Appendix 27A.	
Do.	July 20.	4-10 am.	Situation wire: Situation normal. Wind East 1 m.p.h.	Appendix 28
		4 pm.	Brigade Intelligence Summary issued, vide Appendix 28.	
		4 pm.	Situation wire: Situation quiet. Aircraft nil. Wind S.W. 3 m.p.h."	
Do.	July 21.	<del>4 am.</del> 1-5 am.	33rd Battalion relieved 34th Battalion in Left Battalion area. 34th Battalion moved to Reserve Battalion area. Relief completed at 1-5 am.	
		4 am.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet".	
		10 am.	Brigadier and Brigade Major visited Right Battalion Headquarters and "G" Coy. Pioneer Battalion Headquarters and then proceeded to reconnoitre the 1st and 2nd Reserve Lines south of River SOMME as far as HAMEL.	Appendix 29
		4 pm.	Brigade Intelligence Summary issued, vide Appendix 29.	
		4 pm.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet, aircraft nil."	
		5 pm.	G.S.O. I and Brigade Major visited Left Battalion Area and observed the Brigade Area with particular reference to trench systems, prominent landmarks and minor ground features.	



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J.19.c.2.3.	July 21.	(Contd)		
		5 pm.	Brigade Order No.46 issued - re occupation of Right Sector of brigade Area, vide Appendix 30.	Appendix 30
		11 pm.	General Staff Circular No. 84.A. (Trench Reliefs), received, vide Appendix No. 31.	Appendix 31
Do.	July 22.	4-15 am.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. 27 4.2 H.E. in J.19.c. during night. Wind S.E. 2 m.p.h. 20 bombs dropped in J.25 at 11-30 pm. by enemy aeroplane."	Appendix 32
		12 noon-	Brigade Routine Order No. X.17 issued, vide Appendix 32.	
		12 noon-	Divisional Commander visited brigade Headquarters and then proceeded to front line, Left Battalion.	
		4 pm.	Brigade Intelligence Summary issued, vide Appendix 33	Appendix 33
		4 pm.	Situation Wire: "Situation quiet. Ibe of our balloons burnt 2-15 pm. Wind S.W. 4 m.p.h."	Appendix 34
		11 pm.	General Staff Circular No. 85.A. received, vide Appendix 34.	
Do.	July 23.	4-5 am.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. No wind. Heavy shelling heard 3 am. direction VILLERS. Now quiet."	
		2 pm.	Brigade Major proceeded with C.O. Left Group Artillery to Left Battalion Headquarters to arrange minor enterprise which will take place on the night 26/27th July. It was arranged that the <del>xxx</del> raid will be undertaken by 1 Officer and about 15 O.Rks. with the object of capturing enemy from hostile machine gun post in the south-west corner of SAILLY-LAURETTE cemetery. The infantry action will be covered by an area shoot on SAILLY-LAURETTE by Left Group Artillery and a Stokes Mortar barrage by 9th A.L.T.M. Battery. 9th A.M.G. Company will be engaged in harassing the enemy on approaches to SAILLY-LAURETTE and in the village itself. A proportion of Stokes shells will be used in the event of bright moonlight. The bombardment will last for only 10 minutes in order not to draw too much attention to the point being raided.	Appendix 35
		4 pm.	Brigade Intelligence Summary issued, vide Appendix 35.	
		4 pm.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Aircraft nil. Wind S.W. 20 m.p.h."	
		7 pm.	Brigade Order No. 47 issued, vide Appendix 36.	Appendix 36
Do.	July 24.	4 am.	Situation wire: "Situation normal with artillery very light. Wind light S.E."	
		10 am.	G.S.O. 1 informed brigade that by the 30th inst. this brigade will have been relieved by the 11th A.I. Brigade which is now in Divisional Reserve. Upon relief this brigade will become Divisional Reserve.	



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J.19.c.2.5.	July 24.	(contd)		
		11-30 am.	Divisional Commander called at Brigade Headquarters and discussed the following with Brigadier:- (1) Commands and Staff. (2) Graduates of The Royal Military College of Australia, Duntroon. (3) The possibility of the Division handing over to "C" Division on our left the area North of the River SOMME, the north boundary of "B" Division becoming River SOMME inclusive. (4) Points in connection with forthcoming relief.	
		1 pm.	Brigade Major visited Headquarters 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade to arrange details in connection with forthcoming relief. Arrangements made, vide Appendix No. 37.	Appendix 37.
		1 pm.	General Staff Circular No. 86A. re Liaison of Artillery and Infantry received, vide Appendix No. 38.	Appendix 38.
		4 pm.	Situation Wire: "Situation quiet. Wind S.S.W. 5 m.p.h. Aircraft quiet. One enemy plane driven off when attempting to cross our line."	
		4 pm.	Brigade Intelligence Summary No. 12 issued, vide Appendix No. 39.	Appendix 39.
		5 pm.	General Staff Circular No. 87A., re local names for landmarks, received, vide Appendix 40.	Appendix 40.
Do.	July 25.	3-50 am.	Situation Wire: "Situation quiet. Slight aircraft activity. Wind South, 4 m.p.h."	
		9 am.	Orders received from Left Group Artillery in connection with forthcoming operation of 33rd Battalion - raid on night of 26/27th July.	
		12 noon.	G.S.O.I visited Brigade Headquarters and discussed linking up of the various defensive systems of the Brigade with those of flank Brigades.	
		2 pm.	G.S.O.I proceeded to reconnoitre 2nd Reserve Line South of River SOMME.	
		4 pm.	Brigade Intelligence Summary No. 13 issued, vide Appendix 41.	Appendix 41
		4-30pm.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Slight shelling, aircraft nil."	
		5 pm.	Report to Headquarters 3rd Aust. Division re enemy raid at P.6.a.2.8. at 2-15 a.m. this morning, vide Appendix No. 42.	Appendix 42
		9 pm.	Orders received from 33rd Battalion re raid which is to take place on night 26/27th July.	

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J.19.c.2.3.	July 26.	4 am.	Situation Wire: "Situation quiet".	
		3 pm.	Brigade Order No. 48 issued in connection with raid by party of 1 Officer 15 Other Ranks of 33rd Battalion on cemetery J.36.c.9.5. on night 26/27th July, vide Appendix No. 43.	Appendix 43
		4 pm.	Brigade Intelligence Summary No. 14 issued, vide Appendix 44.	Appendix 44
		4-45pm.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Aircraft nil. Wind S.W. 8 m.p.h."	
Do.	July 27.	1-30 am.	Following report forwarded to 3rd Aust. Division re raid by 33rd Battalion at 12-30am. this morning :- "Reference brigade Order No. 48 (vide Appendix 43) raiders found cemetery unoccupied so rushed post at J.36.c.96.38. About 30 of enemy fled from this post which raiders entered. No identification obtained but believe casualties inflicted by our rifle fire. Our casualties one man slightly wounded no missing. Enemy T.M's and M.G's. active before zero but ceased when our artillery and T.M's. opened. Enemy artillery reply nil."	
		4 am.	Situation wire: Left battalion raided cemetery J.36.c.9.5. at 12-30 am. No identification. Post at J.36.c.95.40. was found occupied by enemy who fled as our party approached. Casualties one man wounded. Situation quiet. Wind South, 8 m.p.h."	
		10 am.	Brig-General J.H.CANNAN, C.B., C.M.G. visited Brigadier with reference to forthcoming relief of 9th Aust.Inf.Brigade by 11th Aust.Inf.Brigade.	
		2 pm.	Divisional Commander visited Brigadier.	
		2-30 pm.	Brigadier proceeded on leave (14 days - England) handing over command of this brigade to Brig.General J.H.CANNAN, C.B., C.M.G.	
		4 pm.	Brigade Intelligence Summary No. 15 issued, vide Appendix 45.	Appendix 45
		4-15 pm.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Aircraft nil. Wind N.W. 8 m.p.h."	
Do.	July 28.	3-55 am.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Wind 5 m.p.h. Hostile planes dropped 10 bombs approx. P.11.a. to P.11.c. at 1-30 a.m."	
		7 am.	Brigadier and Brigade Major inspected trenches in forward area of Left Bn. and visited Headquarters of Right Battalion.	
		1 pm.	Brigade Intelligence Summary No. 16 issued, vide Appendix 46.	Appendix 46
		4-45 pm.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Two E.A. attempted to cross line this morning but were driven back by A.A. fire. Wind N.W. 3 m.p.h."	
		11 pm.	Forecast of forthcoming relief issued to units, vide Appendix 47.	Appendix 47

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J.19.c.2.3.	July 29	4-5 am.	Situation wire- "wir Enemy reply to shelling P.11. and P.17. practically nil. Enemy shelled F.L. and S.L. of Left Battalion sector with 5.9's and 4.2's & M.W's during operation on our left. Shelling ceased 2 am. No casualties. Situation now quiet. Wind W. 2 m.p.h."	
		7 am.	Brigadier and brigade Major visited forward areas Right Battalion (Pioneer Bn) and Centre Battalion (34th Bn.). Much work has been done on the trnches, and defensive works on both of these areas.	
		1 pm.	Brigade Intelligence Summary No. 17 issued, vide Appendix 48	Appendix 48
		4 pm.	Situation wirr: "Situation quiet. Wind N.W. 10 m.p.h. Aircraft nil."	
	July 30	4-5 am.	Situation wire: "Our artillery active in connection with programme shoots. At 10-30 pm. enemy commrnced five minutes strafe 5.9's and 4.2's between F.L. and S.L. in J.35 & J.36. Increased hostile artillery activity on forward areas, especially in forward area Lrft Bn. which enrmy shelled continuously during night 5.9's and 4.2's. Heavy quiet."	
		10 am.	Brigadier and Brigade Major visited Headquarters 10th Aust. Inf.Bde. to arrange flank liaison and disposition of Right and Left Brigadr, subsequent to the present relief.	
		1 pm.	Brigade Intelligence Summary No. 18 issued, vide Appendix 49.	Appendix 49
		3 pm.	Final arrangements made with 11th A.I.Bde re relief.	
		4 pm.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Wind N. 2 m.p.h. Aircraft nil."	
		5 pm.	Brigade Order No. 49 (together with Administrative Instructions) issued in connection with relief of 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. on nights of 30/31st July and 31st July/1st Aug., vide Appendix 50.	Appendix 50
O.5.c.45.60.	July 31	3-20 am.	Relief of 33rd Battalion in accordance with Brigadr Order No. 49 (Appendix 50) complete.	
		4 am.	Brigadier and Brigade Major proceeded to Headquarters at CORBIE (O.5.c.45.60.)	
		4 am.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Enemy arty. activity above normal in forward area. Weather foggy, wind light north. E.A. nil."	
		1 pm.	Brigade Intelligence Summary issued, vide Appendix 51. (Sum. No. 19.)	Appendix 51
		4 pm.	Situation wire: "Situation quiet. Wind S.E. 5 m.p.h."	

*J. W. Fair*  
Major Bn.



# WAR DIARY

OF

9th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

FOR

MONTH of JULY 191<sup>8</sup>.

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2. Brigade Disposition Map.
3. Disposition Map - M.G's., T.M's. and Artillery Tasks.
4. Map of Left Brigade Sector.

Brigade Headquarters  
3rd August 1918.

*Morshead*

Lieut-Colonel.  
Commanding 9th Aust. Infantry Bde.

(HGG)

*J. J. Saw Bm*



9th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
10th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
11th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
3rd Aust. M.G. Bn.  
3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.

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TRAINING MEMO.

During the period that the Division is in Corps Reserve the majority of the time will be devoted to reorganization and Platoon training.

The first three or four days will be devoted to resting and refitting the troops and reorganizing in accordance with the new Establishment.

As much time as possible must be devoted to platoon tactics which, with the altered organization, will require many minor modifications of detail though not of principles.

Senior Officers should closely supervise this training in order to detect any salient merits or defects in the new organization.

Anticipating that the Division will be in reserve for at least one week, at least one day should be devoted to Company training in the attack and one day to Battalion training.

Syllabi will therefore be arranged accordingly.

A Divisional Class for junior Officers in platoon training and tactics will be established for a minimum period of seven days.

At this Class a number of the students will be junior officers from the Machine Gun and Pioneer Battalions. If the accommodation can be provided, arrangements will be made for junior officers of units in the vicinity to attend any lectures of special interest.

The training of N.C.Os. needs close attention as regards discipline and administration.

Many of the minor neglects of trench discipline that are noticed from time to time - such as dirty rifles, litter around living quarters, loose ammunition) may be traced to inexperience in command or want of instruction on the part of a newly-promoted N.C.O.

It is not possible to arrange Classes which all can attend, but when Brigade or Battalion N.C.Os. Classes are held arrangements should be made that when lectures are given the whole of the junior N.C.Os. attend.

Gas Training and Discipline. Though all ranks, with the exception of a few reinforcements, have had experience with actual enemy gas, yet constant training and practice is necessary in order that gas precautions may not become perfunctory.

A Divisional Gas Ground is being made, and if time permits, all units will undergo instruction thereat.

M.G. Bn., Engineers and Pioneer Bn. will be first put through in the above order.

Signalling classes will be formed, under Divisional supervision, for beginners; also an advanced Course for trained Signallers.

C.H. JESS Lieut. Colonel  
General Staff.

Divisional Headquarters.  
29th June 1918.

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APPENDIX 2

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

--- SWIMMING CARNIVAL ---

To be held at RIVERY BATHS - 4th Inst.

PROGRAMME

OFFICIALS -

Starters - Major W.A.S. Dunlop  
Capt. J.G. Paterson M.C.

Judges - Major F.G. Grant  
Lieut H.W. Lilja  
Lieut C.G. Lindsay  
Sgt. R. Riddington (Diving.)

Stewards - Lieut G. Richardson  
Lieut Murray.

- 2 P.M.
1. Relay Race (Heats)
  2. Diving Championship
  3. 30 Yards Lap Dash (Heats)
  4. Greasy Pole
  5. Final Relay Race
  6. 60 Yards Breast Stroke
  7. Fancy Dress
  8. 60 Yards Championship (Heats)
  9. Officers 30 Yards Lap Dash
  10. Final 30 Yards Lap Dash
  11. Life Saving Race
  12. Final - Officers Lap Dash
  13. Final - 60 Yards Championship.

Prize Money has been amended as follows:-

	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
Relay Race	£4-0-0	£2-0-0	-
Diving Championship	1-0-0	10/-	5/-
60 Yds Championship	1-0-0	10/-	5/-
30 Yards Lap Dash Championship	1-0-0	10/-	5/-

Massed Bands of the Brigade under W.O. Flynn, will play a Select Programme.

-----ooOoo-----  
Lieut H. S. VARLEY ) Hon.  
Mr. POLLYBLANK ) Secs.



9th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

----- SWIMMING CARNIVAL -----

To be held in Baths at RIVERY on 4th & 5th July 1918.

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PROGRAMME - 4th July 1918.

1. RELAY RACE. 4 men per team. 1st prize - £4,0,0  
(Limited to 2 teams per Unit)
2. DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP. 1st prize - 10/-. 2nd Prize 5/-.  
(Running, Standing, and Fancy)
3. 60 YDS. CHAMPIONSHIP. 1st prize - 20/-. 2nd prize 10/-.  
(Running, Standing, and Fancy)
4. GREASY POLE COMPETITION. " - 10/-. " 5/-.  
(Running, Standing, and Fancy)
5. 60 YDS BREAST STROKE CHAMP. " - 10/-. " 5/-.  
(Running, Standing, and Fancy)
6. LIFE SAVING (Post Entries) " - 10/-.  
(Rescuer to swim 30 yds and bring back drowning man)
7. FANCY DRESS (Post Entries)-Most Comical 10/-. Most Original 10/-.  
(Rescuer to swim 30 yds and bring back drowning man)
8. 30 YDS. LAP DASH CHAMP. 1st prize 10/-. 2nd prize 5/-.  
(Rescuer to swim 30 yds and bring back drowning man)
9. 30 YDS. " " " (Offes) Prize - Sweepstake.

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Brigade Headquarters' entries close noon 3rd inst. with  
Lieut. H.W.Lilja.

Units' entries close noon 3rd inst. with their Representatives.

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The Brigade Band will be in attendance and Y.M.C.A. will  
provide Refreshments.

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Lieut. A.S.Varley            )  
9th A.L.T.M. Bty.            )  
Mr A.E. Forrest            )  
Y.M.C.A.                    )    Joint  
                                  )    Hon-  
                                  )    Secs.



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Headquarters  
 33rd Battalion.  
 34th Battalion.  
 35th Battalion.  
 9th A. L. T. M. Battery.

B.M. 29/273.

From now onward as much time as possible will be devoted to Platoon tactics which, with the altered organization, will require many minor modifications of detail though not of principles.

Senior Officers are to closely supervise this training in order to detect any salient merits or defects in the new organization.

Anticipating that the Brigade will be out of the line until at least the 8th instant, one day is to be devoted to Company training in the attack, and one day to Battalion training.

Battalions will notify Brigade Headquarters by 9.0 a.m. 5th instant time and place of these exercises in the following manner. -

".....TH BATTALION A.I.F.

Company in the Attack. 9 a.m. to .....

"A" Company X.1.a.1.2. .... (Name of Coy.commander)."

".....TH BATTALION A.I.F.

Platoon tactics.

No.1 Platoon "A" Company. Y.2.b.2.3. 9 a.m. to ....."

An outline of the scheme to be carried out by Battalions in the attack will be submitted to Brigade Headquarters together with the foregoing.

Gas Training and Discipline. Though all ranks, with the exception of a few reinforcements, have had experience with actual enemy gas, yet constant training and practice are necessary in order that gas precautions may not become perfunctory as was the case with many units in the Left Brigade Sector "A" Divisional Area.

9th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery will submit syllabus of training to cover the period 5th to 8th instant (inclusive).

J.H.F. PAIN Major  
 Brigade Major 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters.  
 3rd July 1918.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER NO. X 14.

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 b y  
 BRIG-GEN. H.A. GODDARD, D.S.O., COMMANDING 9th AUST. INF. BRIGADE.  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
 4th July, 1918.

CORRIGENDA; 47 Reference B.R.O. X 13 para 46 - add "with rank of Sergeant".

FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL: 48. The detail of Officers mentioned below will constitute a Court to assemble at Hospice St. Victor, RIVERY, at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 7th July, 1918, to try by Field General Court Martial such accused person or persons who may be brought before them :-

PRESIDENT.

Major F.G. GRANT 34th Bn. A.I.F.

MEMBERS.

Captain W.R. STATON, M.C. 35th Bn. A.I.F.  
 Captain C.J. DOIG, M.C. 33rd Bn. A.I.F.

Units will warn witness (within the Brigade) and accused.

Brigade Headquarters will furnish Court-room, Bible, Stationery, Orderlies etc.

The 33rd, 34th and 35th Battalions will each detail one Junior Officer to attend the Court for instruction.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Hqrs.

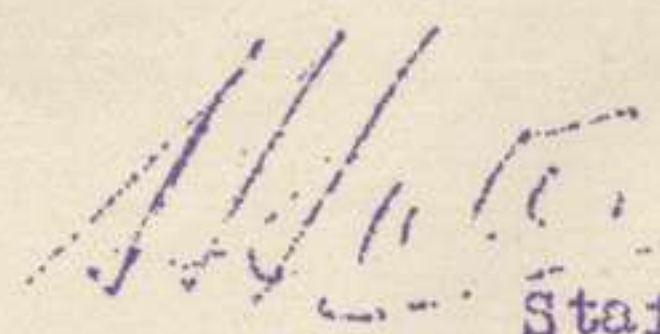
SANITATION: 49. In view of the approach of summer weather and probable concurrent increase in diarrhoeal diseases, attention is directed to the urgent importance of sanitation.

The majority of summer diseases are entirely preventable if the necessary precautions are taken.

The protection of food from dust and flies, the removal and destruction of all matter which can afford a breeding place for flies, the proper disposal of manure and faeces, and provision of fly-proof latrines, the provision of pure water, and the cleanliness of the surroundings of camps and billets require close and constant supervision.

The attention of all Officers is directed to Fourth Army Standing Orders - 920 to 960.

(EMR).

 Captain.  
 Staff Captain.  
 Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.



SECRET.Headquarters, A.I.F.  
Attached Australian Corps,  
22nd June 1918.

Circ. Memo. 31/213.

1. In conformity with the system adopted ~~h~~ for the B.E.F. Infantry Battalions of the A.I.F. will not for the present be maintained at a higher establishment than 900 other ranks (vide G.H.Q. letter A.G/4176 (O) of 8th April and O.B/1919 of 14.6.18).
2. Table A. attached shows the lower establishment drawn up to meet the requirements of this temporary reduction. The general organization at present existing will remain unchanged, except that each platoon will consist of two rifle sections and one Lewis Gun section of two guns.
3. The organization as explained in the attached memorandum and detailed in Table A. will be put into force in all A.I.F. Infantry Battalions forthwith.
4. Instructions will be issued very shortly with regard to the transport of the additional Lewis Guns and ammunition. In view of the increased number of weapons, Lewis Gun ammunition will be reduced by about 1,000 rounds per gun.
5. Special attention is drawn to the principles upon which the organization of the double Lewis Gun section has been based; (attached memorandum, para 3).
6. The fighting strength of the Battalion will always be based on the minimum strength laid down for rifle and Lewis Gun Sections, and no more than the minimum.

(Sgd) H. D. WYNTER Lt-Col.  
A.A.G. for Brig-General.  
D.A.G., A.I.F.Distribution -

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Table A, B, C & D, Lewis Gun, S Lewis Gun, I Gas

BATTALION TEMPORARILY REDUCED TO LOWER ESTABLISHMENT.  
(900 Other Ranks).

<p>(c) When circumstances admit of raising Battalions to higher establishment it is proposed to raise Battalions to higher establishment with three rifle sections and one Lewis Gun section. The maximum of the rifle sections will be reduced to 14 and the maximum of the Lewis Gun sections to 16.</p>	
<p>Battalion H.Q. Fighting portion..... 72</p> <p>Sergeant Instructors..... 6 (a)</p> <p>A.A. Lewis Gun Section..... 13 (b)</p> <p>Administrative..... 61</p>	<p>152</p>
<p>Company H.Q. Fighting portion..... 23</p> <p>Administrative @ 4..... 16</p>	<p>108</p>
<p>16 Platoon H. Q. @ 3..... 48</p>	<p>48</p>
	<p>308</p>
<p>(c) 32 Rifle Sections; minimum 7, maximum 11.....</p>	<p>224</p>
<p>16 Lewis Gun sections; minimum 11, maximum 15.....</p>	<p>176</p>
	<p>708</p>
	<p>900</p>

<u>Battalion H. Q.</u>	<u>Company H. Q.</u>
<p><u>Fighting portion -</u></p> <p>Sergeant Major..... 1</p> <p>Orderly room clerks..... 1</p> <p>Sergeant drummer..... 1</p> <p>Provost Sergt. &amp; Police.. 65</p> <p>Scout Sergt. &amp; Corporal. 2</p> <p>Signallers..... 25</p> <p>Stretcher bearers..... 9</p> <p>Pioneers..... 11</p> <p>M. O. Orderly..... 1</p> <p>Sergt. Cook &amp; Cooks..... 3</p> <p>Sanitary..... 1</p> <p>Runners..... 5</p> <p>Batmen..... 7</p> <p style="text-align: right;">72</p>	<p><u>Fighting portion -</u></p> <p>C. S. M..... 1</p> <p>Signallers..... 7</p> <p>Stretcher bearers..... 4</p> <p>Gas..... 1</p> <p>Cooks..... 2</p> <p>Runners... (e)..... 4</p> <p>Drummers.. (f)..... 2</p> <p>Batmen (f)..... 2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23.</p> <p>Administrative -</p> <p>C. Q. M. S..... 1</p> <p>Groom..... 1</p> <p>Sanitary..... 2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4.</p>
<p>Administrative -</p> <p>Q. M. S. &amp; Storemen..... 3</p> <p>Orderly room clerks..... 2</p> <p>Cooks..... 2</p> <p>M. O. Orderly..... 1</p> <p>Transport establishment. 28</p> <p>C. O's Groom..... 1</p> <p>Grooms for 8 mtd. Officers 4</p> <p>Water duties..... 5</p> <p>Sanitary..... 2</p> <p>Shoemakers..... 5</p> <p>Tailors..... 3</p> <p>Butcher..... 1</p> <p>Postman..... 1</p> <p>Batmen..... 3</p> <p style="text-align: right;">61.</p>	<p><u>Platoon H. Q.</u></p> <p>Platoon Sergeant..... 1</p> <p>Runner..... 1</p> <p>Batman (f)..... 1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3.</p>



(a) 1 Musketry, 1 P & B. T. A., 1 Bombing, 2 Lewis Guns, 1 gas.

(b) Separate provision made as a temporary measure only until Battalions can be raised to higher establishment.

(c) When circumstances admit of raising Battalions to higher establishment it is proposed to add a third rifle section to each platoon, making 48 rifle sections in all.

(d) If raised to higher establishment, with three rifle sections and one Lewis Gun Section per platoon, the maximum of the rifle sections will be reduced to 10 and the maximum of the Lewis Gun sections to 14.

(e) Includes batmen for surplus officers.

(f) Also act as runners.

308	16 Rifle sections; minimum 7, maximum 11
328	16 Lewis Gun sections; minimum 15, maximum 18
340	708
900	

Company H.Q.		Battalion H.Q.	
Fighting portion -		Fighting portion -	
1	C.S.M.	1	Sergeant Major
7	Signallers	1	Orderly room clerks
4	Stretcher bearers	1	Sergeant drummer
1	Gas	1	Provost Sgt. & Police
3	Cooks	2	Sent Sgt. & Corporal
4	Runners (e)	25	Signallers
2	Drummers (f)	9	Stretcher bearers
2	Batmen (f)	11	Pioneers
33		1	M.O. Orderly
	Administrative -	3	Sergt. Cook & Cooks
1	C.S.M.	1	Sanitary
1	Groom	5	Runners
3	Sanitary	7	Batmen
4		75	
Platoon H.Q.		Administrative -	
1	Platoon Sergeant	2	C.S.M. & Storemen
1	Runner	2	Orderly room clerks
1	Batman (f)	3	Cooks
3		1	M.O. Orderly
		28	Transport establishment
		1	C.O.'s Groom
		4	Grooms for 8 mtb. Officers
		5	Water duties
		2	Sanitary
		5	Shoemakers
		3	Tailors
		1	Butcher
		1	Postman
		3	Batmen
		61	



C. O. 4/27.

33RD BATTALION A. I. F.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRACTICE TRENCH ATTACK IN  
CO-OPERATION WITH TANKS.

## Reference Maps:

France 62D. 1/40,000.

France 62E. 1/40,000.

Attached sketch map 1/5,000.

Battalion Headquarters.

7th July, 1918.

- INTENTION. 1. The 33rd Battalion A. I. F. (less "A" and "B" Coys.) will practice an attack tomorrow 8th instant against a trench system situated in E.30.b. (62E.) co-operating with the 5th Tank Brigade.  
"A" and "B" Companies will watch the practice.
- ROUTE MARCH. 2. The Battalion will pass the starting point, cross-roads, M.2.b.40.00., (62D.) at 9.30 a.m., in the following order - Battalion H. Q., "D" Coy., "C" Coy., "A" Coy., "B" Coy. Companies will march at 200 yards distance.
- ZERO HOUR. 3. Zero hour will be at 2.30 p.m.  
It is to be imagined that the attack is at dawn.
- ARTILLERY. 4. The Field Artillery barrage will lift 100 yards every four minutes (see attached sketch map). This will be represented by markers with flags.
- TANKS. 5. (i) Five Tanks will co-operate, three advancing with the assault and two in immediate reserve.  
The assaulting Tanks will reach the first line of our first wave at the first lift of the barrage at Zero plus 4 minutes. Infantry must keep at least 15 yards from the Tanks.  
The reserve Tanks are held to help the infantry when held up.  
(ii). SIGNALS.- Infantry will direct the Tanks to strong points by firing No.27 (smoke) grenades at these obstacles and by waving their steel helmets on top of their bayonets in the direction of these points of resistance.  
Machine guns in strong points will be represented by the beating of tin or the using of rattles.  
When out of action a Tank will fly a red and yellow flag.  
(iii) There must always be a ready co-operation with the Tanks. The following essentials must be closely observed  
(a) Constant observation  
(b) Quick initiative amongst leaders, especially Platoon and Section Commanders  
(c) Rapidly executed movements.  
S.S.204 ("Infantry and Tank Co-operation and Training") must be studied carefully by all officers and explained to the N. C. Os. and men.
- TRENCH MORTARS. 6. One section 9th A. L. T. M. Battery is attached to the Battalion for this practice. They will move forward with the Tanks.  
This section will be under the command of the commander of the leading Company.
- INFANTRY ACTION. 7. (i) The attack will be made in two waves, each of two lines.  
"C" Company (Captain O. J. O'H. TEDDER) will form the first wave and ~~and~~ "D" Company (Captain O. J. DOIG MC) the second.  
Each line will consist of two Platoons, with the Lewis Gun Sections on the flanks.  
The first line will move in extended order and the second in lines of Sections, the Lewis Gun Sections



being each divided into two sub-sections.

The second lines will be responsible for mopping-up the trenches; this will enable the first line to keep close to the barrage.

(ii) OBJECTIVES: "C" Coy. will capture the first system which consists of three lines of trenches - a front line, and two support lines.

"D" Coy. will leap-frog through "C" Coy. and capture the second or reserve system which consists of two lines of trenches. This Company is responsible for mopping-up the area between the two trench systems.

(iii) It is to be imagined that out troops are attacking also on our flanks.

(iv) Each Company will carry 40 No. 27 (smoke) grenades. Each rifle section of the first line will carry seven grenades and each rifle section of the second line three grenades.

- DRESS. 8. Fighting order.
- MEDICAL. 9. The R.A.P. is situated at A.30.d.90.80.  
"A" and "B" Coy. stretcher-bearers will be attached to "C" and "D" Coys. respectively.
- REPORTS. 10. Reports to Battalion Headquarters in dugouts in support line.
11. Acknowledge.

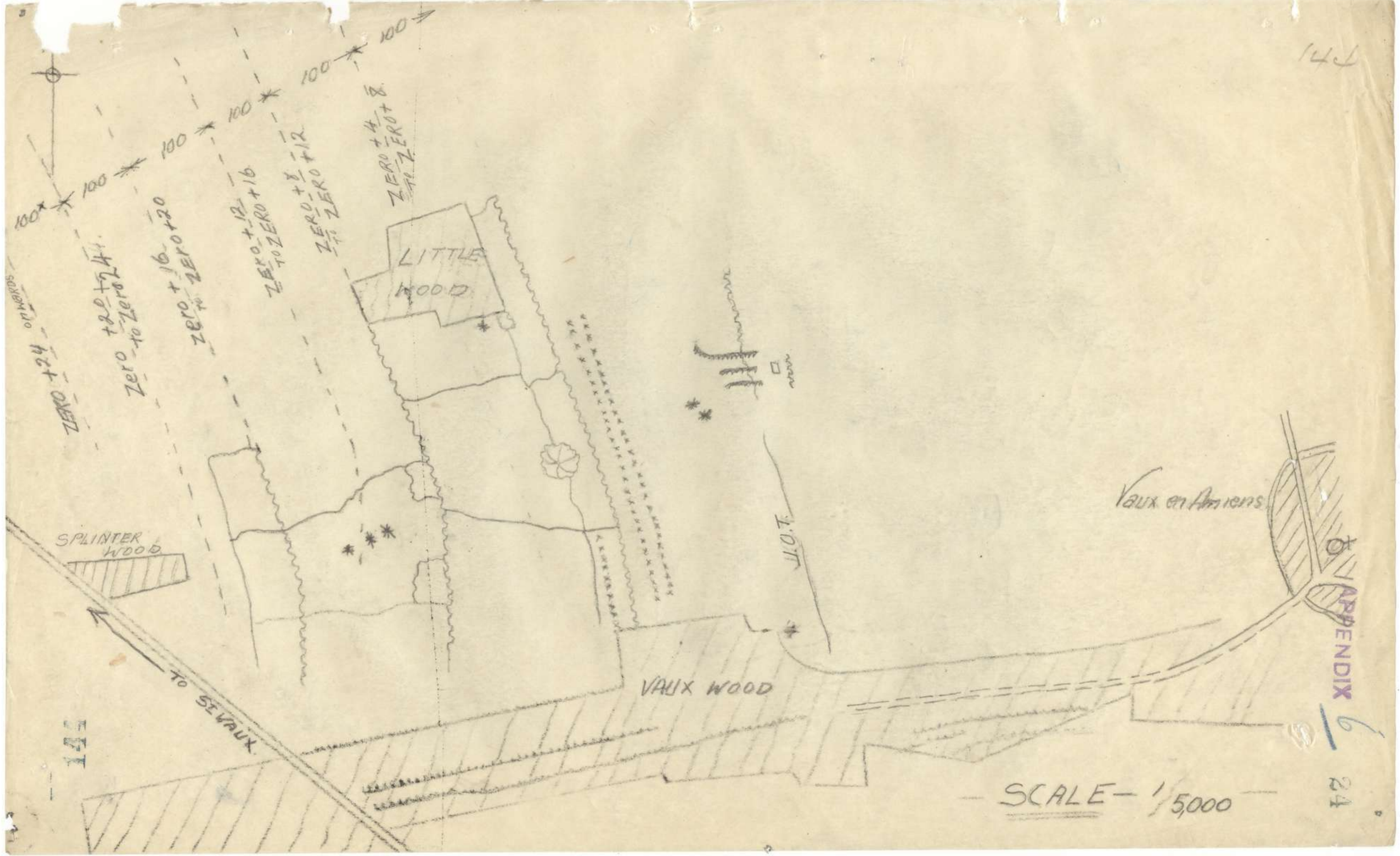
E. A. CLARENCE Lieut.

Adjutant 38rd Battalion A.I.F.

Distribution.

Copy 1 and 2	9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
3	C.O.
4	Second in command.
5	"A" Company.
6	"B" "
7	"C" "
8	"D" "
9	Signal Officer.
10	R.M.O.
11	5th Tank Brigade.
12	File.
13-15	War Diary.







34th BATTALION A. I. F.Battalion Headquarters,  
7-7-1918.PRACTICE DEMONSTRATION IN CO-OPERATION WITH TANKS AND  
INFANTRY IN ATTACK.  
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(a) The 34th Battalion (less 2 Coys) will carry out a practice attack in co-operation with Tanks without Artillery support against an organised Trench System consisting of two zones, each of three lines, with strong points at intermediate positions in rear of the Support Line Front Zone.

The tactical features of the situation will be discussed with the Tank Officer on the ground when a reconnaissance will be made prior to carrying out the exercises.

(b) The Battalion (less two Coys) will be clear of Cross Roads, RIVERY, M.2.d.25.90 at 9.0 a.m. and will be on the ground situation at VAUX-en-AMIEVOIS at 12.0 Noon.

The order of dress will be Battle Order, (Steel helmets) Mess tins) mid-day meal to be carried and water bottles filled.

The Battalion will form up at junction of VAUX WOOD and St. VAAST Road where they will have their mid-day meal and rest.

The attack will be carried out by two Coys of 4 platoons each, with a minimum strength of 25 men per platoon.

"A" and "B" Coys are detailed for this demonstration and will be made up to strength by "G" and "D" Coys.

3 tanks will co-operate with the infantry with two Tanks in reserve. Infantry will direct tanks to strong points by means of No.27 (smoke) bombs, and by waving the helmet on top of the bayonet in the direction of enemy point of resistance.

The attack will be carried out on a two-Platoon front "A" Company in two waves will take the first objective comprising three lines of trenches.

"B" Company in two waves will take the second objective of three lines of trenches.

Stokes Mortars will assist in the operation. There will be no artillery barrage.

Strong points will be represented by red flags. Smoke grenades will be carried and used for indicating strong points which it is desired the Tanks will engage.

The remaining two Companies will be paraded on the demonstration ground to watch practices for instructional purposes.

Officers will arrange to instruct all ranks prior to the attack in the meaning of various flag signals which will be used.

F. G. GRANT Major  
2nd i/c. 34th Battalion A. I. F.



## DEFENSIVE INSTRUCTION No. 17.

## BATTLE STATIONS PRACTICE.

1. - It is intended at an early date, and by night, to carry out the manning of battle stations on the Army front for practice purposes.
2. - (a) On the evening of date selected the following telegrams will be sent by Division to units:
 

"Battle Stations practice acknowledge"

 (b) Recipients will acknowledge receipt by the following wire:
 

"Acknowledged practice".

 (c) As soon as all troops are in their allotted positions units will wire :-
 

"Position practice".
3. - No movement in connection with the practice will take place before 8-30 p.m. in the forward areas no movement will take place until after dark.
4. - On receipt of wire from Division :-
 

"Normal dispositions"

 normal dispositions will be resumed; when this has been completed, units will wire :-
 

"Normal practice".
5. - (i) Army System Nucleus garrisons will man their posts.  
 (ii) 2nd or Corps Zone. All troops definitely allotted as garrisons will man their stations, and counter-attack troops will fall in on their alarm posts.  
 The above will not affect ~~repairs~~reliefs, or troops who normally stand to in the morning and evening.  
 (iii) Forward Zones. No troops in Forward Zone will be affected.
6. - The artillery will not fire any special programme in connection with the exercise.
7. - Every opportunity will be taken during the exercise to discover any points in connection with existing orders and arrangements which require adjustment, and all Staff Officers that can be spared from other ~~units~~ duties must be employed throughout the practice for this purpose.
8. - Communications forward to most advanced troops and back to Division and also communication with flank units, will be tested during this practice; reports will be rendered later by units concerned giving the time taken from receipt of wire "Battle stations practice acknowledge" to the completion of the manning, and forwarding copies of all messages sent.
9. - It is essential that no orders should be issued which can in any way be interpreted to indicate that an actual hostile attack is anticipated.  
 Care must therefore be exercised that all orders issued signify clearly that they are only concerned with a practice operation. Copies of all orders will be forwarded to Division.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) E. W. CONNELLY  
 Major  
 for Lieut-Colonel. G.S.



3rd Aust. Div. S.C. - Distribution

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- A. D. C. for G. O. C.
- A. Q. I. I.
- C. R. E.
- 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 10th. -do-
- 11th. -do-
- 3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
- 3rd Aust. M. G. Bn.
- 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- O. C. Troop, Light Horse.
- O. C. Cyclist Platoon.
- Australian Corps.
- War Diary (3)

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- O. C. Troop, Light Horse.
- O. C. Cyclist Platoon.
- Australian Corps.

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## APPENDIX 8.

COPY No 13...

## NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 42.

Brigade Headquarters.  
9th July, 1918.

1. 33rd and 34th Battalions will change over with 39th and 40th Battalions respectively today, marching as follows:--

Unit.	Time.	Starting point.	Route.	To.
33rd Bn.	2.30 p.m.	G.30.a.4.2.	RIVERY - QUERRIEU Road to H.20.b., thence direct to bivouacs.	H.21. Headquarters at H.21. c.8.2.
34th Bn.	3.30 p.m.	G.30.a.4.2.	do.	H.3. and H.11. Headquarters at H.16.b.7.0.

2. (i) Distances laid down in Fourth Army Standing Orders will be maintained.

(ii) Transport will move independently

(iii) Dress: marching order.

3. On completion of moves 33rd and 34th Battalions will come under the command of G.O.C. 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. and 39th and 40th Battalions under the command of G.O.C. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. for purposes of fighting and battle position practice. For all other purposes 33rd Battalions will remain under the command of G.O.C. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. (34th)

4. All trench shelters, tents, and other area stores now in possession will be handed over to 39th and 40th Battalions and receipts obtained.

5. Acknowledge.

*J. H. Fair*

Major  
Brigade Major  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

*Distribution*

*Copy Nos 1-2 Brigade HQ.*

*3 33rd Bn*

*4 34th*

*5 35th*

*6 9th Aust Bde*

*7-8 9th Aust Div.*

*9 9 Field Park*

*10 86 Coy ASC.*

*11-10 10th Bde*  
*12-14 War Office*  
*15 File*



APPENDIX 9



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Headquarters  
33-4-5th Battalions.  
9th A.L.T.M. Battery.

The Brigade will move from CHERRIEU and GLISY to bivouacs near BUSSY-les-DAOURS on the 12th instant. This march is to be completed by 9.0 a.m.

On the night 12th/13th July units will relieve corresponding units of 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the Left Brigade Area "B" Division as follows:

- 33rd Battalion will relieve 45th Battalion in the Right Battalion Area. (H.Q. at J.33.d.7.4.)
  - 34th Battalion will relieve 46th Battalion in the Left Battalion Area. (H.Q. at J.28.a.7.7.)
  - 35th Battalion will relieve the 48th Battalion in the Reserve Battalion Area. (H.Q. at J.25.d.3.5.)
  - 9th A.L.T.M. Bty. will relieve 12th A.L.T.M. Bty. (H.Q. at J.26.d.15.30.)
- Brigade Headquarters will be at J.19.c.3.6.  
Transport lines will be at H.36.a.

After relief 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. (40th Battalion) will be on our right and 14th Aust. Inf. Bde. (53rd Battalion) on our left.

Advance parties of 33rd and 34th Battalions will be moved forward tonight, leaving the chateau CHERRIEU by lorry at 7 pm. - two lorries will be available for each Battalion. One lorry will be at Brigade H.Q. at 7 p.m. tonight to pick up advance party of 9th A.L.T.M. Bty; this lorry will then proceed to the Church GLISY where advance party of 35th Battalion will embuss.

Advance parties of 33rd and 34th Battalions will consist of the following at least:

- |                            |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 officer Bn. H.Q.         | 1 officer per Coy.               |
| 1 L.gunner per Platoon     | 2 sigs (or runners) per Bn. H.Q. |
| 1 Sig (or runner) per Coy. | 6 scouts.                        |
| 2 snipers per Bn.          | Battalion Gas H.C.O.             |
| 2 Battalion observers      |                                  |

- other personnel to fill lorries as ordered by C.O.

9th A.L.T.M. Bty. advance party will consist of 1 other rank per Mortar and 1 Officer.

35th Battalion advance party will be made up of similar personnel to that of 33rd and 34th Battalions but will total no more than 14 all ranks.

On the night 12th/13th July Battalions moving forward will use the following routes:

- 33rd Bn. and 35th Bn. (less 1 Coy.) - DAOURS→AUBIGNY-FUILLOY.
- 34th Bn. - LA NEUVILLE-CORBIE- VAUX-sur-SOMME.

Battalion Commanders will get into touch with their opposite numbers to arrange details.

The following restrictions are placed on forward movement.

Troops will not move East of a line I.30.a.0.0. - O.5.b.9.8. - O.11.a.0.0. - before 9.45 p.m.

Movement forward of BUSSY-les-DAOURS will be by Platoons at intervals of 100 yards.

Strengths of Battalions will not admit of "B" teams. Existing dispositions will be taken over.

Major  
Brigade Major  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters.  
11th July 1918.



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APPENDIX 10

Copy No. 17..

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 43.

Reference Sheet 62D.

Brigade Headquarters.  
11th July, 1918

1. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 12th Australian Infantry Brigade in the Left Brigade Area "B" Division on the night 12th/13th July 1918.
2. 33rd Battalion will relieve 45th Battalion in Right Battalion Area. (H. Q. J.33.d.7.4.).  
34th Battalion will relieve 46th Battalion in Left Battalion Area. (H. Q. J.20.a.7.7.).  
35th Battalion will relieve 48th Battalion in Reserve. (H. Q. J.25.d.3.5.).  
9th A.L.T.M.Bty. will relieve 12th A.L.T.M.Bty. (H. Q. J.26.d.15.30.).
3. Advance parties will move into the line tonight.
4. Units will move to Left Brigade Area in accordance with March table overleaf.
5. Details of relief will be arranged mutually by Commanding Officers concerned.
6. Upon arrival in Left Brigade Area 1 Company Reserve Bn. is placed at the tactical disposal of C.O. Left Battalion.
7. Brigade Headquarters will close at RIVERY and will re-open at H.19.c.3.6. at 9 p.m. 12th July.
8. Acknowledge.

*J. J. Fair*

Major  
Brigade Major  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Distribution.

Copy No. 1-2	Brigade H. Q.	Copy No. 10	9th Aust. Flo. Amb.
3	33rd Battalion.	11	12th Aust. Inf. Bde.
4	34th Battalion.	12-13	3rd Aust. Division.
5	35th Battalion.	14	10th Aust. Inf. Bde.
6	9th A.L.T.M.Bty.	15	13th Aust. Inf. Bde.
7	9th A.M.G. Coy.	16	869th Coy. A.A.S.C.
8	9th Field Coy. A.E.	17-19	War Diary.
9	Left Group Arty.	20	File.



Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Route.	Remarks.
1.	July 12.	33rd Bn.	QUERRIEU.	Bivouacs near BUSSY.	Direct.	March to be completed by 7.30 am
2.	"	34th Bn.	"	"	"	" " " 8.0 am
3.	"	35th Bn.	GLISY.	"	Bridge, N.14.d.1.3.	" " " 8.30 a.m
4.	"	9th A.L. T.M.Bty.	RIVERY.	"	M.5.d.1.6.- N.4.c.7.4.	" " " 9.0 a.m
5.	Jul.12/13	33rd Bn.	BUSSY.	Line (Right).	DAOURS-AUBIGNY- FUILLOY.	Not to be E. of a line I.30.3.00 -0.5.b.9.8.- 0. 11.a.0.0. before 9.45 p.m.
6.	"	34th Bn.	"	Line (Left).	LA NEUVILLE- -CORBIE	As for serial 5
7.	"	9th T.M.Bty	"	Line.	do.	To be clear of CORBIE by 9.30 pm
8.	"	35th Bn (less 1 Company).	"	Reserve Bn. Area.	DAOURS-AUBIGNY- FUILLOY.	As for serial No.5.
9.	"	1 Coy. 35th Bn.	"	do.	LA NVILLE-CORBIE.	" " "

↑

Details of bivouacs near BUSSY will be notified separately.  
Distances: Movement forward of BUSSY-les-DAOURS will be by  
Platoons at 100 yards distance.



ISSUED WITH NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
ORDER No. 43 OF 11th JULY, 1918.

1. LOCATIONS: Transport lines and Q.M. Stores 62D - H.36.a.  
D.A.D.O.S. - 62D - H.19.d.0.0.  
Mobile Vet. Section 62D - H.11.b.5.4.  
Divisional Staging Camp 62D - H.27.c. Central.  
Y.M.C.A. - SAILLY-le-SEC.  
Divisional Can Central Stores - PETIT CAMON.  
Australian Comforts Funds - 62D - G.36.c.2.6.
2. SUPPLIES: RAILHEAD - POULAINVILLE.  
Re-filling Point - to be notified later.  
A.S.C. Coy. will deliver to unit Q.M. Stores at  
62D - H.36.a.
3. WATER: Stand pipes for water carts and horse troughs are located  
at BUSSY (H.35.c.) and I.32.a.2.5.  
Horse troughs also at :-  

H.23.a.4.4.	H.24.c. Central.
H.18.a.0.3.	H.24.d.1.8.
H.17.b.9.2.	H.28.c.3.1.
H.17.c.3.5.	H.28.d.3.4.
H.35.a. Central	H.30.d. Central
H.22.b.2.3.	H.35.a.0.0.
	H.12.a.8.9.

Water will only be drawn from authorised wells and water  
points, and will be chlorinated at source of supply.

4. COOKING: Existing cooking arrangements will be taken over by  
units.

5. RESERVE RATION AND WATER DUMPS: Rations and water are stored as  
barrage and supporting point reserves in forward system. These will  
be taken over "in situ", and duplicate copies of receipts forwarded  
to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours of relief.

6. AMMUNITION: Brigade Dump - 62D - J.26.b.3.8. - I.33.c.6.2.  
Units will forward return within 24 hours of relief with  
take over statement showing all dumps in battalion area, map location  
and quantities in each dump.  
A.R.P., S.A.A. and Grenades - 62D - M.2.d.7.9.

7. MEDICAL: R. A. Ps. 62d - P.4.b.7.0 - J.26.c.8.9. - J.25.d.6.1.  
Bearer Relay Posts: 62D - J.33. Central - J.32.b.4.8.  
J.26. Central - J.25.a.2.9.  
Motor Loading Posts: 62D - I.30.b.3.5.  
A. D. S. - 62D - N.4.c.2.2.  
B. C. S. - 62D - H.19.b.0.6.





7. ( MEDICAL: 9th Field Ambulance - N.4.a.9.  
No. 45 Dental Unit is attached to 35th Field Am
8. BATHS: Brigade Baths at 35th Battalion Headquarters.  
CORBIE - 62D - J.25.a.2.6. Allotment will issue later.  
Capacity - 40 per hour.  
The 35th Battalion will detail necessary P.B. personnel to run these Baths.
9. SANITATION: Greatest care must be taken in regard to all matters of sanitation and health of the troops.
10. SALVAGE: The usual system of salvage will be adopted, viz., back-loading on ration wagons to Q.M. Stores, thence by supply wagons to refilling point and Railhead. Salvaged ammunition, empty shell cases and ammunition boxes will be returned to A.R.P. 62D - N.12.a.2.9.
11. GRAZING: Animals may be allowed to graze on grass lands (not crops) east of the HALLUE RIVER and a line running South through squares N.5, N.11, and N.17 central to square N.23 central. Grazing west of above line may be arranged through French Mission and S.S.O. Divisional Train.
12. BLANKETS AND PACKS: Blankets and packs will be dumped under unit arrangements at Q.M. Store.
13. BAGGAGE WAGONS AND MOTOR LORRIES: Baggage wagons will report to Unit Q.M. Stores on morning of 12th instant. Motor lorries will report as under: -  
2 at Church GLISY at 2.0 p.m. 12th instant for 35th Battalion.  
2 " Chateau QUERRIEU at 2.0 p.m. 12th instant for 33rd Battalion.  
2 " Chateau QUERRIEU at 2.0 p.m. 12th instant for 34th Battalion.  
These lorries will make one trip only.

*W. J. White*  
Captain.  
Staff Captain.

Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

DISTRIBUTION:

Copy No. 1	-	33rd Battalion.
2	-	34th Battalion
3	-	35th Battalion
4	-	9th A.L.T.M. Batty.
5	-	869th Coy. A.S.C.
6	-	9th Field Ambulance
7-8	-	3rd Australian Division.
9-11	-	War Diary
12	-	File.

Brigade Headquarters,  
11th July, 1918.  
(E.M.R.)





GENERAL RULES.

1. - No effort must be spared to maintain Units of the same formation at an equal working strength.
2. - An establishment must not be exceeded without authority from Divisional Headquarters.
3. - Numbers less than establishment may and should be employed provided that the efficiency of the Unit is not affected for the time being, and is equal to the normal demands. Such "savings" are to be shown separately on Divisional Returns, etc.
4. - The disposal of establishment numbers temporarily in excess of requirements rests with the O.C. Unit, e.g.; a Bn. whose line signaling can be done by ten men at H.Q. may at the discretion of the C.O. keep the numbers in excess either in the line or with the Nucleus.
5. - No one other than the authorised administrative personnel is to remain at the wagon lines whilst the Unit is in the Line.
6. - Up to 50 men per Brigade may be allotted to the Nucleus (irrespective of the strength of Units) provided that it is desirable on medical grounds that these men should avoid one tour of duty.
7. - The following categories or subdivisions are recognised :-
 

<u>A.</u> Trench Strength.	-	Fighting men in the Line.
<u>B.</u> Wagon Lines.	-	Administrative personnel.
<u>C.</u> Nucleus.	-	Men in excess of requirements or not available for A. and B.
8. - The available personnel of a Unit will be allotted in the following order :-
  - (i) Headquarters - Fighting and Administrative, up to the establishment as a maximum.
  - (ii) Not less than 12 platoons, each of not more than 3 Sections, or less than 2.
  - (iii) Nucleus of Instructors, specialists to which are added 50 Unfits (para. 6) - regimental savings of "A" personnel (para. 3) - men on leave, employ or command, and men in excess of the requirements of "A" or "B".



9. - The following figures represent the normal full Battalion (Other Ranks only) :-

	Trench Strength		Wagon Lines		Nucleus.	
	A.	B.	C.			
Bn. H.Q.	72	61	12			
L.G. Section A.A.	13	-	-			
	85	61	12	=	158	
Coy. H.Q.	23	4	6			
4 Pln. H.Q. & 4	12	-	16			
4 L.G. Sectns. @ 11	44	-				
8 R. Sections @ 7.	56					
	135	4	22			
4 Coys.	540	16	88	=	644	
Total	625 $\phi$	77	100	=	802	

Margin for sick, employ, etc. 98

Maximum - 900.

10. - The following figures represent the minimum Battalion :-

	A.	B.	C.	Total
Bn. H.Q.	85	61	5	151
Coy. H.Q.	23	4	-	
3 Pln. H.Q.	9	-	-	
3 L.G. Sect.	33			
3. R. Sect.	21			
	86	4	-	
4 Coys.	344	16	-	360.
Total	429 $\phi$	77	5	= 511.

In this case the Nucleus is composed of 5 instructors, any unfits up to 50 per Brigade, men on Command, etc., and any savings on H.Q.

Battalions whose numbers lie between 511 and 900 will employ the increase as follows in order stated :-

$\phi$  includes 9 Drummers who may be detailed to "C".

Up to 84 men  
in adding 1 rifle section to each platoon.

After 84 and up to 168.  
in adding 1 platoon (of 1 L.G. and 1 rifle section) to each Company.



After 168 and up to 196.

in adding 1 rifle section to the 4th Platoon in each Company.

After 196.

as nucleus personnel.

11. - Men at present employed as Bandsman may ~~xt~~ be dealt with as follows :-

1 Sgt. Drummer per Battalion and 2 Drummers per Company may be replaced by x bandsmen and retained at the nucleus, the trench strength being reduced by 9 O.R.

16 Bandsmen may be selected as L.G. Specialists etc. and retained at the nucleus.

12. - A deficiency in one portion of the establishment may be balanced by an excess in another portion of the same establishment, e.g. where only 5 out of the 11 Pioneers are maintained the 6 vacancies may be filled by an addition to the R.P.

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APPENDIX 13

HEADQUARTERS  
NINTH INFANTRY BRIGADE  
12 JUL 1918  
B.M. NO. S.4/55...  
A.I.F.

33/34/35th Bns.

In continuation of my B.M./S.4/55 of 5th inst. -

Hereunder is table showing the results of classification tests carried out by Brigade Signal Officer on 10th instant.

Class assembled on 7th inst. and dispersed on 11th inst.

Brigade Signal Officer delivered necessary Lectures and carried out practice work as per B.M. S.4/56 passed to you.

Oral and written examinations were also carried out during the course with results as set forth under the heading "General Knowledge".

These Signallers are to be "earmarked" for attendance at Army Schools and Corps Schools as vacancies are allotted to Units.

NAME	Unit	Flag 6 wds	Lamp 8 wds	Disc 5 wds	Buzzer 10 wds	General Knowledge Written & oral
3042 Pte FALKNER, E.R.	33rd Bn.	99	99	100	100	90
3098 " NICHOLSON, S.F.	"	99	99	100	99	75
3159 " PITT, C.A.	"	100	99	100	99	87
2839 " POPLER, F.I.M.	"	99	100	100	100	91
3024 " BYRNE, W.P.	34th Bn.	99	99	100	100	72
420 " ELLIS, C.C.	"	99	99	99	99	80
235 " GILL, W.R.	"	98	100	100	100	80
3117A " RICHARDS, H.S.	"	99	96	99	100	79
3164 " CARBERRY, W.	35th Bn.	98	88	100	99	57
4310 " CLELAND, A.J.	"	98	97	100	100	64
3118 " RICKWOOD, G.E.	"	99	97	100	100	76
4303 " WOOLLEY, A.A.	"	99	98	100	100	73

N.B. - Candidates for Army and Corps Signal Schools must obtain 98% in the aggregate and not less than 95% in each Signalling test. The minimum percentage for the written paper is 66%.

Brigade Headquarters  
12th July 1918.

Major  
Brigade Major.  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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*Appendix*

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 1  
from 12 midnight 12.7.18 to 0 am.13-7-18.

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Reference Map : 62.D.  
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OUR OPERATIONS.

Relief. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade relieved the 12th Australian Infantry Brigade. The Relief was complete by 12-30 a.m.

Artillery. Intermittent shelling through the night on enemy back areas.

M.G's. in J.36.c. and d. and P.6.a. were engaged by our 18 pdrs. Result not known.

Trench Mortars. - Nil.

Machine Guns. 8,000 rds. were fired on Q.1.c.30.75., Q.1.c.3.5. and approaches to SAILLY-LAURETTE.

1,000 rds. were fired on RECORD WOOD and A MAIRE WOOD.

Aircraft. Our planes were very active patrolling during the morning.

Patrols. The patrols working north of the river report two M.G's. active from cemetery at J.36.c.80.45. and J.36.c.98.54. firing west and north respectively; practically no rifle fire and few Very Lights. Digging was heard at J.36.b.55.05. NO MAN'S LAND north of the road in J.36.c. is covered with crops about 3'6" high except for a portion of 100 yards north of road. Between the road and the river there are crops (mostly oats) about 18" high. Near to the water the crops are at least 3' high.

The patrol working south of the river went along the embankment in S.E. direction from P.5.d.3.5. An enemy patrol of about 6 men was seen at P.5.d.90.15. at 12.15 a.m. The enemy patrol immediately disappeared over the embankment and was not seen again although a listening post was established for one hour at the latter place. The ground covered offers plenty of cover for patrols. Our wire is not very thick but in good condition and continuous along this part of the front.

Enemy M.G. active was from north of the river but it could not be located. Very Lights were fired from approx. P.11.b.90.25. Sounds as of driving in pegs for wiring were heard at P.11.b.90.75. The patrol returned along the north side of road forming south boundary. Listening posts were also formed at P.5.d.2.1., P.5.d.30.35., and P.5.d.35.65. but nothing was heard.



ENEMY ACTIVITY.Artillery.

Very quiet.

From 12 midnight to 12.10 a.m. 30 rds. 77 fell in P.5.c. from direction of MERICOURT, - about 50% each of shrapnel and H.E.

From 12 midnight to 2 a.m. 50 rds. 4.2 and 5.9 H.E. fell in J.35.a and B. from direction of K.22.

Trench Mortars - Nil.

Machine Guns - see "patrols"

M.G. active at P.12.a.5.8. but ceased fire when our artillery opened up.

Aircraft.

One enemy plane flew low over our front line at 6 a.m. but was driven off by M.G. and L.G. fire. At 7-10am two high flying planes passed over our lines.

Movement.

None reported during the morning.

*H. H. H. H. H.*  
*for*

(HGG)

Brig. General.  
Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Bde.



## APPENDIX 15.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER NO. X 15.

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by

BRIG-GEN. H.A. GODDARD, D.S.O., COMMANDING 9th AUST. INF. BDE.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
15th July, 1918.

FIELD GENERAL  
COURT MARTIAL:

50. The detail of Officers mentioned below will constitute a Court to assemble at Billet No. 32 (opposite Town Major's Office) BUSSY-les-DAOURS, at 10.0 a.m. 14th July, 1918, to try by Field General Court Martial such accused person or persons who may be brought before them:-

PRESIDENT.

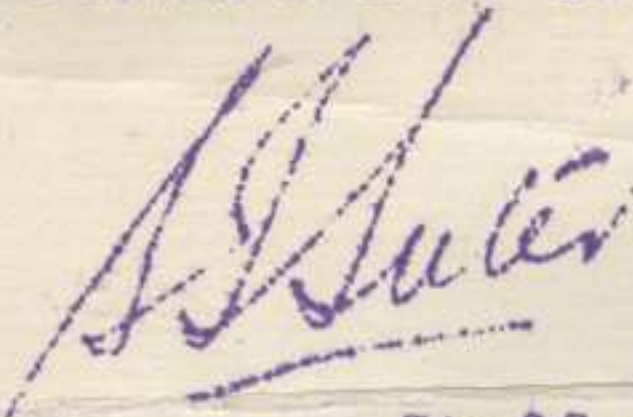
Major H.J. CONNELL, M.C. 35th Bn.

MEMBERS.

Captain O.J.N. TEDDER 33rd Bn.  
Captain W.R. STATON, M.C. 35th Bn.

The 34th Battalion will supply stationery, Bible, Orderlies etc.

Units will warn witnesses and accused.  
Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.



Captain.  
Staff Captain.

Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

(EMR)



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14.7.1918.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 2

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 13-7-1918.

Reference Map : 62.D.

Enemy Shelling

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
8-10/8-15 am	20	.77	P.15.d	MERRICOURT-sur-Somme	H. E.
8-40/8-45 am	20	.77	P.4.b.& d.	MERRICOURT	H. E.
10-0/10-5 am	20	.77	P.5.c.	"	H. E.
11.30/11-35 am	20	4.2	P.16.a, P.10.c.	GRESSAIRE WOOD	H. E.
1-0/2-15 pm	25	4.2	J.36.	"	H. E.
9-30/9-40 am	20	.77	P.4.d.	S. E.	H. E.
10-15/10-25 am	25	4.2	P.10.a.	Q.14.	H. E.
10-40 am	15	4.2	P.10.b.	"	H. E.
2-0 pm	15	4.2	J.36.b.	"	H. E.
10-50/11-10am	50	4.2	P.3.b., P.4.a,c.	MALARD WOOD	H. E.
11-45/12 noon	30	4.2	P.10.b.8.8.	"	H. E.
12-15/12-30 pm	10	4.2	J.27.b.5.5.	ETINEHEM	H. E.
12-35/12-45 pm	30	4.2	P.10. b.6.7.	E. direction	H. E.
12-50/1-0 pm	10	5.9	J.28.d.5.1.	SUSAN WOOD	H. E.
1-30/1-40 pm	30	4.2	J.36.a.5.5.	ETINEHEM	H. E.
2-0/2-30 pm	30	4.2	J.27.a.7.7.	"	H. E.

Aircraft Our planes were very active flying low over enemy front line during the morning. Enemy aircraft shows very little activity.

Movement

- 8 am. Party of 6 carried timber to Q.13.central and commenced work on trench there.
- 9-45 am. Two wagons at Q.26.c.7.7. went towards BAYONVILLERS.
- 10-0 am. Three wagons at Q.26.c.5.3. were loaded and went towards LA MOTTE.
- 10-25 am. Two wagons at Q.23.a.8.5. went towards MORGOURT.

From 4 pm. 13-7-1918 to 8 am. 14-7-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery Our field Artillery programme for the night included shoots in Q.2.a., K.31.a. & c., G.1.c., J.36.c. & d., P.12.a.B.& c., Q.7.a., on roads, bridges, ravines, M.G.'s. etc.

Trench Mortars 8 pm. 20 rds. medium were fired on M.G. at J.36.d.2.4. Result not known.

Machine Guns. 8000 rds. were fired on tow-path from P.6.d.35.80. to 30.65. and on approaches to SAILLY LAURETTE

Aircraft Active during the evening and from 11 pm. until 2-30 am. Enemy searchlights very active from direction of BRAY.

Patrols Left Bn. - Patrol working north of road in J.36.c. reports enemy working party (about 5 men) at J.36.c.8.5. Another patrol reports working at J.36.d.3.7. and a M.G. firing bursts from J.36.c. 85.45. Patrols working between the above road and the river also report the above working party and flashes of an enemy M.G. at approximately P.6.b.40.55.

Right Bn. - Patrol followed road running E.S.E. from P.5.d.0.0. and formed listening post at P.11.b.6.7. for one hour; they then returned via P.11.b.45.60. They report enemy heard shouting at P.11.b.9.6. and M.G. fire again coming from north. Another patrol went east along grid line between P.5. and P.11. as far as P.5.d.05.90. and report working party at approx. P.12. a. 2.5. Generally speaking the night was quiet. There is no wire in front of the new line taken over on our right.

P. T. O.



ENEMY ACTIVITY

<u>Artillery</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
6-0/6-30 pm	20	5.9	HAMEL	MORCOURT	Shrapnel
8-30/8-35 pm	30	.77	P.4.d.	MERRICOURT	H.E. (scattd)
9-30/9-40 pm.	30	.77	HAMEL	"	H.E.
1-30/1-40 am.	30	.77	P.4.d., P.10.b.	"	H.E. (Scattd)
2-0/2-10 am.	30	4.2 & .77	P.11.c.	"	H.E.
4-0/4-15 pm.	50	4.2	J.27.a.9.1.	MORCOURT	H.E.
5-0/5-20 pm.	25	4.2	P.10.a.	CAILLY	Shrap. (high)
8-15/8-30 pm.	50	4.2	J.36.c.	Morcourt	H.E.
10 pm.	30	4.2	J.29.c.	N.E.	H.E. (Inst)
9-45/10-15 pm.	15	21 cm	J.35.d.	East	Probably searching for our T.M.
10-15 pm.	50	.77	J.29.d.	N.E.	H.E. (harrassing)
"	50	4.2	J.35.b., J.36.a	N.E.	" "
10-35 pm.	30	4.2	J.36.a.	E.	" "
11-30pm/2-C am	1 every 3 mins.	.77	J.36.a.	N.E.	" "
2-0/3-0 am.	30	4.2 & 5.9	J.35.a.&c. J.36.a.	S.E.	" "

Trench Mortars Ten rounds were fired in vicinity of our front line immediately north of river. Gun not located.

Machine Guns. See "patrols".

Aircraft. Six planes came over the line at 8-45 pm and one of them succeeded in burning two of our balloons. Not many planes seen during the day.

Communications. At 2 pm. enemy sent up one green light opposite right Bn. sector. This was followed by a 5 minutes shoot by .77's on our Right Bn. sector.

Movement.

- 5-15 pm. Wagons in Q.7.a. loaded with timber were engaged by our artillery. They moved away quickly.
- 7-0 pm. Party of 50 men entered E TAILLOUX WOOD at P.23.a.O.9. from WARFUSSSE. Artillery notified but did not fire until 15 minutes later.
- 4-5 pm. Wagon loaded with crops went north at Q.20.d.1.1.
- 4-40 pm. Camouflage visible at Q.8.b.8.5. probably Dump.
- 5.30 pm. 8 men at Q.25.d.70.35. went west.
- 6.5 pm. G.S. Wagon followed by 30 men at Q.27.d. 10.35. went to Q.25.d.75.35. where it was unloaded. Artillery notified.
- 7-0 pm. 2 men carrying bundles at Q.16.a.9.4. went into MORCOURT.
- 5.20 pm. Train in R.20.d. went north-west.

*G. Haggard*

Brig. General.  
Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Bde.

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APPENDIX 17  
NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 3.

15.7.1918. 43

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - 14-7-1918.

Reference Map: 62.D.

Enemy Shelling

<u>Time</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
8 am.	15	4.2	P.11.a.	133° T.B. from J.28.b.2.3.	H.E. (H.E)
9-30/10-30 am	20	4.2	P.28.b.	MALARD WOOD	H.E.
10-40 am.	-	.77	Back area Lt. Sector	130° T.B. from J.28.b.2.3.	(H.E)
11-30/11-45 am.	40	.77	P.10.b.	129° T.B. from J.28.b.2.3.	H.E. (H.E)
9-15/9-30 am.	50	5.9	J.13.a.	MORCOURT	H.E.
10-10/10-20 am.	20	4.2	J.27.a.9.5.	MALARD WOOD	H.E.
10-30/10-50 am.	50	4.2	J.26.d.2.6.	MORCOURT	H.E.
11-40/12 noon	30	4.2	P.4.d.5.5.	SUZAN WOOD	H.E. & Shrap. low.
12-0/12-10 pm.	20	4.2	P.4.b.4.9.	MALARD WOOD	H.E.
9-30/10-0 am.	20	4.2	WELCOME WOOD	"	H.E.
11-30/11-45 am	40	.77	P.11.a.	BAYONVILLERS	H.E.

Trench Mortars 11-15 am. 13 rds. L.T.M. fell in P.6.a. from SAILLY LAURETTE Church.

Aircraft

Enemy balloons up on the following T.B's. from J.28.b.2.3.

7-0 to 7-35 am. 147°; 7-30/10-35 am. 162°;

7-40/10-30 am. 117°; 8-0/10-35 am. 107°.

Two enemy planes flying low over our front line at 9-0 to 9-30 am. were driven off by L.G. and M.G. fire.

11 am. to 11-30 am. 14 of our planes flew over enemy front line and were engaged by Machine Guns.

Movement

Trains :- Q.27.d. at 8-45 am.; R.31.c. at 1-45 pm.

Wagons :- Two at Q.20.d.2.3. at 8-20 am.; two at Q.9.c.3.3. at 8-25 am.

Men :- Ten digging at P.12.c.5.5. at 8-30 am.; 16 at Q.9.c.3.4. at 9 am.; 6 at Q.12.d.3.2. at 12-20 am.; 3 at Q.13.b.85.30. at 12-30 pm.; 10 at P.23.a.60.00 at 10 am.

From 4 pm. 14-7-1918 to 8 am. 15-7-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery Bursts of fire were put down at intervals on targets opposite our front.

Trench Mortars - Nil.

Machine Guns. 9,000 rds. were fired on targets in P.18.a. & b., P.12.a. & c., P.17.central, P.6.c., RECORD WOOD and rear of ARQUAIRE WOOD. 9,000 rds. were also fired on roads P.6.c.50.05., P.12.a.6.7. and on approaches to SAILLY LAURETTE.



t owing to crop. Close

of the enemy was seen. A patrol moved to junction of five roads at P.11.b.9.9. and heard talking at approx. at P.5.d.9.4. Ground in the vicinity is very boggy and difficult to traverse. Sounds of digging were heard about P.11.b.9.2. to 9.5. At approx. P.11.b.9.3. there is white spoil. At this point patrols noticed occasional glow of light as of a dugout curtain being raised, probably Coy. H. Q.

Left Bn. - M.G. active firing west from P.6.b.3.8. An enemy post was observed at P.6.b.1.8. M.G. active at J.36.d.10.25. firing low in S.W. direction. Another patrol working on our left reports digging about J.36.d.10.25. and at J.36.d.6.8.

ENEMY ACTIVITY - Artillery.

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
3-30/3-45 pm.	20	4.2	P.10.a.7.2.	Flash at Q.8.d.4.6.	H.E.
4-0/4-15 pm.	50	4.2	P.11.a.1.5.	MALARD WOOD	H.E. & Shrap
4-25/4-40 pm.	50	4.2	J.36.a.1.0.	"	"
7-15/7-30 pm.	30	4.2	P.4.a.5.1.	MORCOURT	H.E.
7-45/8-0 pm.	15	5.9	P.10.b.3.3.	SUZAN WOOD	H.E.
4-20/4-30 pm.	20	.77	J.35.b.	HAMILTON WOOD	H.E.
5-30/5-35 pm.	15	.77	J.36.a. & J.35.b.	MALARD WOOD	H.E.
11-10 pm.	30	4.2	J.29.c.	"	Inst.
4-30 am.	12	.77	J.29.c.	"	"
6-0/6-10 pm.	10	5.9	BOUZENCOURT	CHIPILLY	H.E.
6-15/6-25 pm.	24	5.9	P.4.d. & b.	"	H.E.
6-30/9-5 pm.	120	5.9	H.11.a.	MALARD WOOD	5 min.
			bursts (20 rds)	R.D.S every half hour.	
8-30/8-35 pm.	30	.77	P.4.d.	WARTUSEE	H.E.
10-30pm/3-35am.	50	.77 & 4.2.	P.4.	MERICOURT	H.E. 8 rds. with blue cross gas.

French Mortars - Nil.

Machine Guns - (See Patrol report.)

Aircraft. 5-15 to 6-0 am. balloons up on T.B's 173° and 159° from J.28.b.2.3. Enemy planes flying low over enemy lines at 7-40 pm.

General Enemy A.A. gun firing at intervals on T.B. 123° from J.28.b.2.3.

Movement Trains : Shunting in R.31. at 4-0 pm. and at 8-40 pm.  
Wagons : Heard in SAILLY LAURETTE at 5 am.; G.S. wagon in Q.22.b. moving N.E. at 5-10 pm.; G.S. wagon followed by 2 men at Q.22.b.0.5. went towards MORCOURT at 5-30 p.m.; 2 G.S. Wagons at Q.15.c.2.0. went S. to main road at 5-50 pm.  
Men : 3 parties of 8 each at Q.18.c.3.1. went towards PROYART at 3-45 pm.; 10 men at P.30.c.10.35. went to LAMOTTE at 4-30 pm.; party of 30 at P.30.d.30.35. went N. at 7 pm.; 5 men at P.23.a. at 8-15 pm.  
At 5-45 pm. horseman at Q.17.c.80.55. went to MORCOURT.  
At 6-30 pm. 2 Cyclists at Q.20.b.7.6. went towards MORCOURT.

(HGG)

*With airmail to* Brig General  
Commanding 9th Aust. Div.



I. - In order to fall into line with other Divisions and thus secure uniformity in the method of recording information throughout the Army, it is necessary to make certain modifications in the system within the Division.:

II. - A Summary of Records required is set out hereunder:-

INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENTS TO BE MAINTAINED & HANDED OVER ON RELIEF.

(i). Intelligence Logbook.

Indexed "A" and "B" with pages allotted as required to each 500 yards square of the front of the Unit (with overlay to flanks). Each section to be prefixed by its square, and the book to have a general map pasted in so as to unfold clear of the book.

The book to record all information, and the authority, date, &c., i.e., patrol - aeroplane - prisoner - O.P. - air photo.

(ii) Intelligence Map. 1/10,000.

Showing all confirmed information beyond our front line (in NO MANS LAND and enemy country).

(iii) Intelligence trace.

An overlay ~~trace~~ sheet to above Map (ii) recording unconfirmed information.

(iv) Visibility Map.

Showing the ground that can be seen from the O.P. &c of the Formation concerned.

In addition to the above the following are maintained and handed over on relief :-

- (a). "Defence Scheme" and draft orders in connection therewith as the necessary supplement to the Defence Scheme of the next Higher Formation.
- (b). Defence Map, scale 1/10,000, showing up-to-date and useable works, wire, &c., as well as dispositions of the Unit concerned (Tactical and Administrative).
- (c). Barrage Map, Scale 1/10,000, showing Artillery (with Heavies' tasks &c.); all T.M.; all M.G. and L.G. (A.A. as well as fixed defence guns).
- (d). Patrol Chart.  
Overlay to map (ii) showing the routes of reconnoitring patrols ~~by~~ day by day, in various colours and lines.
- (e). Shell Chart.  
Overlay to map (d) showing incidence of shells day by day.
- (f). Works Chart.  
Overlay to Map (b) showing trace of works approved for execution, proposals and (by inking in) works completed by Unit during tour of duty.

III. - Of the above, the following are "Secret" and are not to be taken forward of the Headquarters of the Unit concerned:-

- (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

IV. - Each document or map must be signed and dated by the Officer responsible for the original preparation, and must be initialled and dated by the Officer responsible for the amendments.



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On handing over, the Officer in Command of the Unit will sign the document as being corrected up to date.

As a rule these documents will be kept in duplicate, one copy being retained by the relieved Unit.

Divisional Headquarters  
15th July 1918.

(Sgd) S.H. JACKSON - Captain.  
General Staff.

INDEXED "A" and "B" with pages attached as required to each  
 500 yards square of the map (with every 100  
 yards square section to be marked in the square and the  
 book to have a general map drawn in each square  
 of the book.

The book to record all information received from  
 the front, and to be kept in the front line.

(i) Intelligence map, 1/10,000 scale, showing all  
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# APPENDIX 18

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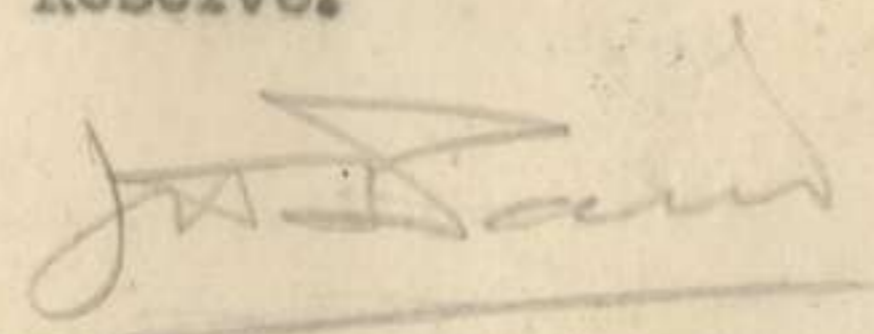
## NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 44

Brigade Headquarters  
16th July 1918.

1. The 35th Battalion will relieve the 33rd Battalion in the Right Battalion area tonight.
2. Subsequent to relief the Brigade will be disposed as follows :-

- |                         |   |                |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|
| "C" Coy. Pioneer Battn. | - | Line (right)   |
| 35th Battalion          | - | Line (central) |
| 34th Battalion          | - | Line (left)    |
| 33rd Battalion          | - | Reserve.       |

3. Acknowledge.



Major.  
Brigade Major.

9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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| 4            | 34th Battalion       | 11         | 9th Field Amb.       |
| 5            | 35th Battalion       | 12         | 10th A. I. Bde.      |
| 6            | "C" Coy. Enr. Bn.    | 13         | 3rd Aust. Division   |
| 7            | 9th A. L. T. M. Bty. | 14         | File.                |
| 8            | 9th A. M. G. Coy.    |            |                      |

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16-7-1918

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## NIPAW AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE Intelligence Summary No. 4.

Ref. Map - 62D

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - 15-7-1918

### Enemy Shelling

<u>Time</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Cal.</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
9-0/9-30 a.m.	( 10 30)	5.9 4.2	P.11.a.3.2.	S. E.	-
9-15/9-35 a.m.	30	77	P.10.d.	HAMILTON WOOD	H. E.
9-45/10-15 a.m.	20	4.2	J.22.c.	MALARD WOOD	Shrap.
10-15/10-25 am.	35	4.2	P.10.b.	HAMILTON WOOD	H. E.
11-50/12-50 pm.	30	4.2	SAILLY-le-SEC	MALARD WOOD	H. E.
7-30/7-35 am.	20	.77	P.4.a. & 2. d.	T.B. 97°30'	(Bg. from
8-30/9-30 am.	15	4.2	P.4.b.	T.B. 107°30'	(P.4.d.98.90.
9-30/12 noon	70	.77	P.4.d.	T.B. 97° 30'	(
9-20 am.	3	5.9	P.4.d.&P.10.b.	T.B. 73°30'	(

Trench Mortars 10-0 to 10-15 am. 15 rds. L.T.M. into P.10.d. from WOOD  
at P.16.b. 7-50 am. 2 rds L.T.M. in P.6.a. from SAILLY LAURETTE.

Aircraft 6-15 am. enemy balloon up at T.B. 130° from J.28.b.3.2.  
2-35 pm. one enemy plane attacked and set on fire one of our balloons  
in sector to our north. The plane returned to his own lines.  
9-0 to 9-30 am. two enemy planes over our lines driven off by M.G. fire.  
After 9-30 am. aerial activity normal. 12-30 pm. one enemy plane  
flying low over his own line fired M.G. at ground target driven off  
by A.A. fire.

General. Enemy A.A. Guns extremely active in forward area.

### Movement

Trains: 12-30 pm. Train shunting from R.31. to R.25.  
1 pm. Q.28.d. 2.4. train with ten trucks.  
Wagons: 10-10 am. at P.18.c.7.5. two wagons being loaded with crops;  
10-20 am. Q.26.d.50.35. three loaded wagons on main road  
went east; 11 am. at Q.21.b.5.8. loaded wagon went to MORCOURT.  
Men: 5 am. to 10-30 am. small parties going towards WOOD at  
P.23.a.4.6. 10-30 am. at Q.22.b.1.5. party of 6 men went to  
MORCOURT; 10-40 am. Q.18.c.30.15. two cyclists followed by  
five men went to MORCOURT.

From 4 pm. 15-7-1918 to 8 am. 16-7-1918.

### OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery At 5 pm. 18-pdrs. dispersed enemy party at K.31.b. At 1 am.  
4.5 Hows. fired at M.G. position at P.11.b.9.5. - several O.K's were  
observed by patrols. M.G. silent for remainder of night. Also at  
M.G. position at P.5.d.8.5. shells fell in vicinity, no O.K's observed.  
Several O.K's observed on dugouts suspected Company H.Q. at P.11.b.9.3.

Trench Mortars At 1-15 am. 40 rds. 3" Stokes were fired on M.G.E. in  
at J.36.c.9.5. At 2-45 am. 39 rds. M.G.E. at M.G.E. at P.12.a.5.8.  
Result of these shoots not observed, neither M.G's have fired since.

Machine Guns 10,000 rds. were fired on roads in P.11.b., P.12.a. & c.,  
P.6.c., P.17. central, suspected H.Q. and works, P.11.b. 9.2. to 9.5  
RECORD WOOD, suspected H.Q. in P.18.a., trenches in P.12.b.  
4,000 rds. on targets in P.12.a. and P.11.b.

Aircraft Fairly active. At 4-45 am. one of our planes dropped 4 bombs  
on LAMOTTE. At 3-15 am. bombs were dropped near RECORD WOOD.

Patrols Right Bn.: M.G. again fired from north of river into NO MAN'S  
LAND on southern side. Few Very Lights fired. Examined bank of  
river as far as P.5.d.50.42. Ground very marshy here. At P.11.a.  
95.50. there are a number of shallow trenches about 18' long, no enemy  
movement seen or heard. Enemy M.G. seen active at P.11.b.9.5. from  
five roads at P.11.b.8.8. Voices heard at P.5.d.8.5. and transport  
heard E.S.E. from P.5.d. central. M.G's active at P.11.b.9.5. and  
voices heard at approx. P.5.d.8.3. from P.5.d.8.1. patrol observed  
shoots on to M.G. positions (see our Artillery).

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Patrols (contd)

Left Bh.:

seen active at J.36.d.05.25. and at P.6.b.35.65. from P.36.c.9.3. Large enemy working parties (about 40) digging spread on front of about 200 yds. behind enemy outpost line. Very few lights seen. M.G. again active at J.36.d.05.25. Old enemy dugout at J.36.c.85.70. has two entrances and does not appear to have been used recently. A number of stick grenades and steel hats lying about.

ENEMY ACTIVITY- Artillery

<u>Time</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
3-45/4-0 pm.	50	4.2. & 5.9	P.4.d. & P.10.b.	4.2. T.B. 107 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup> , 5.9 73 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>o</sup>	Bearing from P.4.d.98.90.
4-10/4-55 pm.	25	4.2	P.10.c.	MORCOURT	
"	20	.77	P.5.b.	CERISY	
7-30 pm.	8	4.2	P.10.b.	Bearing 107 <sup>o</sup> 30'	
8-0 pm.	4	5.9	P.4.b.	Bearing 73 <sup>o</sup> 30'	
9-5 pm.	2	4.2.	P.4.d.	Bearing 107 <sup>o</sup> 30'	
12-0/12-30 am.	40	.77	BOUZENCOURT	E. of SAILLY LAURETTE	
1-35/2-35 am.	55	.77	P.4.d.	T.B. 97 <sup>o</sup> 30'	
2-15 am.	20	4.2	J.35.c.9.5.	MALARD WOOD	H.E.
10-0/10-10 pm.	18	8"	J.26.c.	(From 125 <sup>o</sup> T.B. J.25.d.2.5. sound.)	
12-20/12-50 am.	20	5.9 & 4.2	J.26.c.	125 <sup>o</sup> T.B. and 150 <sup>o</sup> T.B. from J.25.d.2.5.	
2-25/2-35 am.	21	5.9 & 4.2	J.26.c. & J.31.b.	"	"
4-0/4-20 pm.	50	4.2	HAMEL	MORCOURT	H.E. (How)
4-30/4-45 pm.	50	4.2	P.11.b. & c.	"	"
5-20/5-30 pm.	20	4.2	J.27.b.9.3.	"	"
5-20/5-30 pm.	30	4.2	J.27.a.1.8.	"	"

Trench Mortars

5-30 to 5-40 pm. 16 rds. L.T.M. on to P.10.d. from P.17.a.6.3. ; 5-40 to 5-45 pm. 20 rds. L.T.M. in to J.36.c.; 1-30 pm. 10 rds. L.T.M. in to J.36.c. from position south of the river.

Machine Guns

(See Patrols).

Aircraft

At 4-25 am. one ~~enemy~~ enemy plane and at 5-10 am. five enemy planes over our lines - in both cases driven off by A.A. fire.

Signal Lights.

At 3-5 am. VILLERS-BRETTONEUX front enemy threw up several lights bursting into two red lights. Enemy artillery and M.G.'s immediately opened up. At 3-20 am. a white cluster light was fired and situation became normal again.

Movement Wagons:

At 3-35 pm. at Q.20.d.8.8. wagon being loaded with crops; 7-30 pm. Q.17.c.3.8. two wagons went north; 8 pm. Q.24.B.5.8. three wagons (each four horses) went to PROYART; 5-50 pm. Q.28.b.2.2. ambulance wagon went to Hospital at Q.28.d.; 6-45 pm. at Q.13.b. G.S. wagon went to CERISY.

Men:

3-30 pm. R.26.c.1.1. three men; 3-40 pm. R.31.c.5.5. party of 12 men digging; 5 pm. Q.18.d.8.2. two men moved about trenches; 7 pm. Q.17.c.1.7. 5 men on road went north; 6-10 pm. at R.26.c. & d. large dumps, small parties of men, three motor lorries, 5 G.S. wagons, 5 horsemen, engine shunting 10 trucks, all at this location. 6-30 pm. Q.17.c. 6 men left TAILLOUX WOOD and went north.

Brig. General  
Commanding 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX 20

Headquarters  
3rd Australian Division.

HEADQUARTERS  
NINTH INFANTRY BRIGADE  
1 JUL 1918  
B.M. NO. 15/64  
A.I.F.

A reconnaissance was made yesterday with a view to determining the most suitable locality for a Headquarters to accommodate Left Infantry Brigade Headquarters and Left Group Artillery Headquarters.

I. 30. b. 2. 9.

A suitable site was found at ~~I. 24. d. 6. 4.~~ From this point the whole Brigade front line can be seen as well as the approaches thereto; hence it would make an excellent battle command post from which the movement of both enemy and our own troops could be observed. O.C. 9th Field Coy. Aust. Engineers reports the ground very suitable for digging and spoil could be hidden in a quarry which is near by. Visual signal communication would be facilitated.

Neither the present Infantry Brigade Headquarters nor the Group Artillery Headquarters offers similar facilities for battle purposes. It is submitted that work on the proposed Headquarters be commenced immediately if tunnellers and an infantry working party could be made available ( 4 shifts of 24 men each).

*J. H. P. [Signature]*

Brigade Headquarters  
18th July 1918.

to Brig. General.  
Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX 21.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
Intelligence Summary No. 5.

17-7-1918.

Ref. Map - 62.D.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - 16-7-1918.

Enemy Shelling

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
8 am.	30	4.2	P.11.d. & P.16.b.	MORCOURT	How.
9 am.	30	5.9	J.14.a.	"	How.
10-30 am.	30	4.2	P.11.d.	Q.14.b.7.3.	How.
9-15 am.	35	.77	P.10.b.	124° & 133° T.B'a.	From J.28.b. (3.2.)
10-5/10-20 am.	15	.77	HAMML	Q.8.central	
11-15 am.	-	A.A.	Planes	Q.14.a.85.40	
12 noon	-	A.A.	"	Q.15.d.5.4.	
9-20/9-40 am.	45	.77	P.4.b. & d.	Bearing 77° 30'	) Bearings taken from P.4.d.98. )
9-30/9-40 am.	6	4.2	P.4.d.	T.B. 107° 30'	
9-45/10-30 am.	45	.77	P.4.d.	T.B. 77° 30'	) 90. )
10-20/10-30 am.	8	5.9	"	T.B. 73° 30'	
10 am.	Gun flashes observed at J.8. central.				
11-20 am.	Enemy A.A. Gun flashes at T.B. 157° from J.28.b.2.3.				

**Aircraft** 10-25 to 10-50 am. one enemy plane high over VAIRS driven off by A.A. fire. 11-10 am. one enemy plane low over our lines driven off by our planes. 6 am. one enemy plane flew over Right Battalion support line using M.G. at ground target. 11 am. Two enemy planes over our line driven off by our planes. 9-30 am. to 1-40 pm. enemy had balloon up at 106° T.B. from J.27.b.65.35. One enemy balloon brought down by our plane at 123° T.B. from J.27.b.65.35. 9-15 to 11-45 am. balloons up on T.B's 172°, 112° & 160° from J.28.b.3.2.

**Movement** Wagons :- 2 pm. loaded wagon at O.24.c.3.3. went south.  
Men :- 10-10 am. P.24.b.6.0. two men disappeared in trench.  
9-0/9-20 am. P.23.c. men moving in twos and threes.

From 4 pm. 16-7-1918 to 8 am. 17-7-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

**Relief** The 35th Battalion in reserve relieved the 33rd Battalion in the line. The 33rd Battalion went into the reserve position. The relief was complete by 12 midnight.

**Artillery** 5-30 pm. 18-pdrs. dispersed small party of men at P.23.a. At 8-30 pm. party of 12 men at P.23.a.4.6. were dispersed by 18-pdrs. 5-35/6-2 pm. artillery engaged trenches at P.17.c.4.1. 7-40 pm. Our artillery engaged WARFUSEE.

**Trench Mortars** Nil.

**Machine Guns.** 26,750 rounds fired on to roads at J.36.d.95.25., K.31.c.2.5., K.31.a.4.0. to K.31.a.5.7., P.11.b.8.8., P.12.a.6.7., P.17.central, P.12.c., P.12.a., P.6.c., P.12.a.&c., and road between P.12.a.30.72. and P.12.b.0.6., M.G. positions at P.11.d.50.75. and P.11.d.5.8., enemy movement at P.11.d.12.20., enemy works at P.11.b.9.2 to P.11.b.9.5., dugouts at P.21.d., trenches at P.12.a. & c.

**Aircraft** Our reconnaissance and scout planes fairly active during day. Bombing planes active during night. 4-25 am. our planes dropped 6 bombs on enemy lines about P.11.b.

**Patrols** Left Bn : The old enemy dugout at J.36.d.05.85. was again examined. There is a covered irregular trench about 25 yards long running parallel to our line. On the west side of the trench are two shafts about 20' apart. They descend at an angle of 45°, are well timbered with 3" cut timber and are 15' deep. They are not connected at the bottom. A printed book (apparently a novel) was found at the bottom of one shaft with the following written on the front page "VITTORE R HOFFMAN 3 M.G.K. P.R. 404". There were also 30 stick grenades, shovels, steel helmets, and empty M.G. cartridge cases. Another patrol discovered enemy wire from J.36.d.30.65. to J.36.b.55.15. It is about two feet high and fastened with wooden pegs.



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Patrols (contd)

52 Right Bn. Patrols were out covering the relief and covered the whole front from 9-30 pm. to 12 midnight. Reported all quiet. 2-30 am. ten red lights bursting into two red lights also several green lights were fired by enemy - no result apparent. Very Lights were fired from P.6.c.1.1. and P.11.b.99.50. On the forward slopes of ridge from P.11.b.9.3. to P.11.d.1.0. were found a number of small disconnected holes unoccupied. Trenches at P.5. .d.4.3. were found in bad condition.

ENEMY ACTIVITY		- Artillery		Target	Direction	Remarks
Time	Rounds	Calibre				
4 pm.	50	4.2	J.21.a.	MORCOURT	How.	
5 pm.	30	4.2	P.11.b.	"	"	
5-14 pm.	50	.77	P.10.d.	East	H. E.	
10-0/12-10 am.	90	4.2	P.11.a.1.0.	?	H. E.	
10-10/2-50 pm.	100	5.9	P.11.a.1.0.	?	H. E.	
6-0/6-10 pm.	70	.77	P.10.a.	HAMILTON WOOD	H. E.	
10.30 pm.	100	4.2 & 5.9	J.35.b.	MALARD WOOD	H. E.	
2-30/3-15 am	200	"	J.35.b.c.&d.	do.	H. E.	
2-0 "2-30 am.	20	4-2	do.	do.	H. E.	
12-30 am.	4	L. T. M.	J.36.c.	P.6.b.40.55	T. M.	
4-5 pm.	4	5.9	P.4.d & P.10.c.	77° 30'	Bearings taken from P.4.d.98.99	
4-55/5-0 pm.	11	.77	P.4 and P.10	97° 30'		
6-10/6-15 pm.	20	.77	P.4. & P.10.	" "		
7-25 pm.	5	4.2	"	107° 30'	P.4.d.98.99	
9-0 pm/2-30 am.	150	.77	P.4.b. & d.	97° 30'		
" "	25	4.2	"	107° 30'		
8-0 pm/2-0 am.	120	4.2 & 5.9	P.5.c.	107°		
10-25/11-25 pm.	30	4.2 & .77	do.	CERASY		

Trench Mortars At 11 pm. T.M. fired from approx. P.6.b.40.55.  
4-25 am. 4 rds. L. T. M. into J.36.c. from P.6.b.40.55.

Machine Guns 11 pm. M.G. fired from J.36.d.05.35. 2 am. at P.6.a.45.60. M.G. fired. M.G's active at P.17.d.2.9., P.17.c.3.2.  
4-28 pm. M.G. fired 15 bursts from P.16.b.3.2. 7-2 pm. 10 bursts from P.17.c.1.8. on P.11.a.1.0. Two M.G's active at approx. P.6.c.08.10.

Aircraft Several bombs were dropped on back areas during night. Activity below normal.

Movement Wagons: 3 pm. Q.24.c.3.3. loaded wagon went to MORCOURT.  
4-30 pm. Q.18.b.3.6. three wagons loaded with crops went to LERICOURT. 5 pm. Q.30.a.4.4. one wagon went south. 5-30 pm. Q.24.a.90.85. two wagons, one horseman, went towards PROYART.  
7-30 pm. Q.26.c.2.3. two wagons went west.  
Horsemen: 6 pm. Q.25.c.5.3. horseman went west. 7 pm. P.30.a.5.3 two horsemen went south. 4-20 pm. Q.28.c.5.4. went to huts Q.28.d. 4-50 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. two horsemen went east.  
Men: 6-30 pm. to 9-5 pm. parties (from 5 to 18) moved about wood P.17.c.35.20. Seven men at Q.9.a.1.3. went north. Twelve men entered TAILLOUX WOOD at P.23.a.4.6.  
3-30 pm : Q.28.a.4.7. three wagons stationary and small parties of men moving about.  
4-10 pm. : Q.28.d.5.3. motor lorry disappeared among huts at Q.28.d.  
8-20 pm. : Q.24.b.5.8. two wagons and ten men went towards MORCOURT.  
8-30pm : A dugout located at P.11.b.9.4.

*G. Halford*  
Brig. General.  
Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER NO. X 16

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BRIG-GEN. H.A. GODDARD, D.S.O. COMMANDING 9th AUST. INF. BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
18th July, 1918.

FIELD GENERAL  
COURT MARTIAL:

51. The detail of Officers mentioned below will constitute a Court to assemble at Billet No. 52 (opposite Town Major's Office) BUSSY-les-DAOURS, at 2.30 p.m., Friday, 19th July, 1918, to try by Field General Court Martial such accused person or persons who may be brought before them:-

PRESIDENT.

Major H.J. CONNELL, M.C. 35th Bn.

MEMBERS.

Captain O.J.O'N. TEDDER 33rd Bn.  
Captain W.R. STATION, M.C. 35th Bn.

The 35th Battalion will supply stationery, Bible, Orderlies etc.

Units will warn witnesses and accused.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Hqrs.

The 33rd Battalion will detail one Junior Officer to attend the Court for instruction.

COMFORTS:

52. On behalf of the troops, the G.O.C. Brigade desires to acknowledge with thanks the following goods received from the Australian Comforts Funds:

Cigarettes	11 coss.	Milk	39½ cs.
Coffee & Milk	25 cs.	Oatmeal	78 "
Currie Powder	3 "	Puddings	4 "
Refills	6 "	Sugar	12 "
P.O. cases	7	Bn. cases	58
Cricket balls	12	Xmas bxs.	10
Primus stoves	4	Pkts. Playing Cards	84.

BOUNDS:

53. AMIENS: Attention is directed to A.R.O's. 1901 and 2281 reading as follows :-

1901 - "AMIENS is placed out of bounds to all troops. Passes to enter the town will be issued only to those proceeding on duty".

2281 - "Officers or men will not enter any unoccupied premises in AMIENS except on duty".

These orders will be read on parade, in every unit, ~~before~~ and at intervals of one month, and will also be posted in a conspicuous place in all unit billets.

*J. Paterson*  
Captain,  
Act. Staff Captain.  
Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.



NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
Intelligence Summary No. 6.

Ref. Map - 62.D.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - 17-7-1918.

Enemy Shelling

<u>Time</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
5-0/6-0 am.	60	5.9	J.26.a.8.9.	MORCOURT	How.
6-30/8-0 am.	65	4.2	J.26.b.5.1.	"	How.
7-0/7-30 am.	40	4.2	J.27.b.5.4.	"	How.
12-30 pm.	30	4.2	P.4.c.5.5.	"	How.
11-0/11-30 am.	20	4.2	J.35.a.	MALARD WOOD	H.E.
12-15/12-30 pm.	20	.77	HAMEL	Q.8.central	H.E.
10-0/10-10 am.	20	5.9	HAMELET	EPINHEM	H.E.
10-35/10-38 am.	38	.77	P.11.a.	East	H.E.
11-35/12-40 pm.	23	5.9	P.11.a. & P.10.b.	"	H.E.
" "	26	4.2	" "	"	"
1-40/2-0 pm.	20	.77	P.10.b.	"	"
1-45/1-50 pm.	20	.77	P.10.central	Q.8.c.	"

Aircraft 9-25 am. one E.A. high over sector; 12-15 pm. Q.28.c.2.2. plane landed, two men seen to get out. 8 am. enemy balloons up at 148° and 118° T.B.'s. from J.27.b.65.35.

Machine Guns 9-18 am. A.A. machine guns active from P.17.c.2.8. and P.17.d.2.9.

Movement Trains: 7-15 to 8-30 am. R.25.d. train with 30 trucks stationary.  
Wagons: 7 am. Four wagons being loaded with boxes 3' by 1' by 12 men at Q.18.d.1.1.; 12 noon R.14.a.1.3. two G.S. wagons went to PROYART; 12-5 pm. Q.24.c.9.8. wagon with 4 men went south; 1-20 pm. Q.22.d.6.5. two wagons went to MORCOURT; 2 pm. Q.32.a.2.5. two loaded wagons went to BAYONVILLERS. 7-10 am. Q.15.a.2.6. G.S. wagon went south.  
Men: 11-25 am. Q.20.d.75.40. five men from LENA WOOD to REGINALD WOOD; 11-30 am. Q.24.b.8.8. ten men assembled round willow tree; 1-30 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. three parties of 6 men went to PROYART; 3-10 pm. Q.9.a.2.4. five men went to GERISY; 9 am. party of 6 men carried timber to P.17.c.3.2. and commenced to dig, probably constructing dugouts; 7-15 pm. about 30 men left TAILLOUX WOOD and disappeared at P.23. central.  
 7-30 am. Q.27.c.2.4. six wagons, 10 horsemen, and small parties of men on road went south.  
 1-10 pm. 20 horses loose guarded by three men.

Location New diggings at intervals along ridge at P.23, P.18., and P.12. New line of trench from J.36.d.4.5. to 7.8. Men observed moving about in trench; 1 pm. R.21.d.8.5. smoke issuing from buildings, probably billets; 7-30 am. smoke from house at Q.21.b.5.8. probably billet.

Our Artillery 8-40 am. 9.2 Hows. fired ten rds. on to Q.8.c., men were seen running from the spot.

From 4 pm. 17-7-1918 to 8 am. 18-7-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery 7-10 pm. our artillery shelled P.23.a.4.7. three men were seen running away. 7-25 pm. P.23.a. - one O.K. hit on party of four men, none were seen to leave the spot. 18-pdrs. and 4.5's carried out harassing shoots during the night. Near TAILLOUX WOOD a Dump was set alight.

Trench Mortars (Observed by patrol) Stokes Gun fired 30 rds. on to M.G.E. (two guns) at J.36.d.05.25., several O.K's were obtained, M.G's were silenced.

Machine Guns 17,600 rds. fired during night at roads at J.36.d.95.25., K.31.c.2.5., K.31.a.4.0., P.6.d.90.15., works at P.11.b.9.2., P.11.b.9.5. and in P.12.a. and in P.6.c., RECORD WOOD P.12.d., trench at P.12.b.05.70

Aircraft Our reconnaissance and scout planes active during the morning from 5-30 am to 8 am. 5-52 pm. our planes dropped 8 bombs on to P.17.c.3.9.



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Patrols - Left Bn: Movement was heard at J.36.b.7.4. from J.36.b.1.0. M.G. fired from J.36.d.1.5. Patrol observed shoot for T.M. (see Trench Mortars). Increased activity in M.G. fire and Very Lights from P.6.a.65.55. A.M.G. was seen firing at P.6.b.3.6. - long low bursts. M.G. active at P.36.d.1.5.

Right Bn: 7 pm. daylight reconnaissance by one N.C.O. left P.11.a.6.5. and went to P.11.b.9.1. on forward edge of ridge. He remained there for an hour but/heard or saw anything to indicate presence of enemy. neither

Patrol went to terrace at P.11.b.95.90. and reported "All quiet". M.G. active at P.11.d.98.60 from P.11.b.98.60. Very Lights were fired from P.11.d.05.60. and 05.40. Rifle shots fired from P.11.d.05.40.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

- Artillery

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
3 pm.	30	5.9	J.26.b.5.8.	MORCOURT	How.
4 pm.	30	4.2	J.29.c.	ETINHAM	How.
6-55/7-0 pm.	20	.77	J.35.d. & J.36.c.	MALARD WOOD	H.E.
9-30/3-0 am. pm	250	4.2 & 5.9	Support Line J.35.b.c. & d.	N.E.	H.E. 3 dug-outs blown in.
10-0pm/2-0 am.	50	4.2 & 5.9	J.26.b.	SAILLY LAURETTE	H.E.
6-55/8-0 pm.	20	.77	J.36.c. & 35.d.	MALARD WOOD	
8-30/8-40 pm.	40	4.2	Back area	125° T.B.	) Bearings from
8-35/8-40 pm.	25	4.2	P.10.d.	90° T.B.	
9-45/12 midnt.	100	4.2 & .77	P.10.a. & c.	83° to 90° T.B.	P.10.b.95.20
9-15/9-20 pm.	20	Gas	P.10.d.	East	
9-25/10-15 pm.	95	4.2 & .77	P.10.b. & d.	East	H.E.

Trench Mortars - Nil.

Machine Guns 5-52 pm. M.G.'s active on our planes from P.17.c.2.8., P.17.c.3.2. and P.17.d.2.9. (See also patrols).

Aircraft 5-30 pm. one E.A. low over his own lines. Enemy balloons up at 147° T.B., 172° T.B., 119° T.B. from J.28.b.3.2.

Movement Trains: 7 pm. R.25.b.1.2. train went east.

Wagons: 3-50 pm. Q.18.d.5.1. wagon went to MORCOURT; 4-50 pm. Q.24.c.8.7. two wagons went east; 2-40 pm. six wagons at R.25.a.7.2. went to PROYART; 6 pm. Q.24.b.7.8. two H.S. wagons went to MORCOURT; 7-30 pm. Q.28.b.2.8. three wagons loaded went to MORCOURT; 8-15 pm. Q.15.c.75.80. two loaded wagons led by horseman went to CERISY; 5-30 pm. wagon at K.31.c.7.1.

Men: 3 pm. Q.24.b.7.7. five men on road went to PROYART; 3-30 pm. Q.9.d.9.3. men with what appeared to be maps went south; 4-30 pm. Q.20.c.7.4. three men went to trench at Q.9.d.1.1.; 7 pm. P.23.a.3.6. three men entered TAILLOUX WOOD; 7-40 pm. P.23.a. four men went to TAILLOUX WOOD; 8 pm. P.23.a.4.6. about 30 men in parties of 4's or 5's went to TAILLOUX WOOD; 9 pm. P.23.a.4.6. party of 12 men went to TAILLOUX WOOD; 5-30 pm. K.31.b.5.3. party of six men unloaded transport and carried material to K.31.c.5.4.; 8-45 pm. K.31.d.25.80. 18 men left what appeared to be dugout and went east.

Horsemen: 6-15 pm. Q.22.b.4.2. two horsemen went to MORCOURT; 3-40 pm. Q.24.b.7.7. two horsemen went to PROYART.

Location Smoke rising from building at Q.3.c.95.50. probably billets; R.25.d.2.9. screen erected on main road.

*G. Halford*

Brig. General.  
Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX 24

35th Battalion  
9th A.L.T.M. Bty.  
3rd A.M.G. Bn.  
Left Group Artillery.

1. - A patrol consisting of 1 Officer and 5 Other Ranks will move out from our front line at 2-30 a.m. tonight, 18/19th July, and will lay up in the sunken road at about P.11.b.5.5. during the day, returning tomorrow night 19/20th July after dark.
2. - The object of this patrol is to observe for enemy movement in terraces in P.11.d. and in RECORD WOOD.
3. - Left Group Artillery have agreed to warn Superimposed Group, Heavy Trench Mortars, and Heavy Artillery to refrain from firing into P.11.b. and P.12.a. from 2-30 a.m. 19th inst. until notified on 19th inst. after dark that the patrol has returned to our lines.
4. - In the event of the S.O.S. signal being sent up on our front, artillery and Trench Mortars will fire on normal S.O.S. lines.
5. - 9th A.L.T.M. Battery and 3rd Aust. M.G. Battalion will also refrain from firing on P.11.b. and P.12.a. during the same period as in para 3.
6. - 35th Battalion has warned 34th Battalion, "C" Coy. 3rd Aust. Pioneer Battalion and Left Battalion, Right Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters  
18th July 1918.

(HGG)

(Sgd) J.H.F. PAIN Major.  
Brigade Major.  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX 25. Copy No.....

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 45.  
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Brigade Headquarters  
19th July 1918.

- 1.- The 33rd Battalion will relieve the 34th Battalion in the Left Battalion area on the night 20/21st July 1918.
- 2.- The 34th Battalion will move to Reserve Bn. area.
- 3.- Acknowledge.

(Sgd) J. H. PAIN

Major

Brigade Major.

9th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Distribution:

Copy Nos. 1-2	Brigade H. Q.	Copy No. 9	23rd A. M. G. Coy.
3	33rd Battalion	10	9th Field Coy. A. E.
4	34th Battalion	11	9th Field Amb.
5	35th Battalion	12	14th A. I. Bde.
6	"C" Coy. 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	13	Left Group Artillery.
7	9th A. L. T. M. Bty.	14	3rd Aust. Division
8	9th A. M. G. Coy.	15	File.

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APPENDIX 26.

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1.- The 65th American Brigade will be attached to Australian Corps for a period of approx. 6 weeks for training in the line.

2.- The following units will be attached to this Division, viz:-

H.Q. 65th Brigade.  
2 Coys. 123rd M.G. Bn.  
1 Bn. 129th Inf. Regt.  
1 Bn. 130th -do-

3.- On 20th inst., Officers and N.C.O's to be selected will report at times and places to be notified later, to be attached to the above units for the purpose of giving instruction in trench routine from 20th to 23rd instant, during which time the 65th Brigade will be accommodated in the Army System.

4.- Each Battalion will submit names of two Officers not above the rank of Captain and who are fully conversant with all trench routine and instructional work generally.

Each Battalion will also submit names of three M.C.O's for attachment as per para. 3, - these N.C.O's to be thoroughly trained in trench routine, keen, smart in appearance, and good disciplinarians.

5.- Names of Officers and N.C.O's selected to be wired to this office by 6 p.m. tonight, 19th instant.

6.- Officers and N.C.O's selected will be prepared to report at a time and place to be notified later.

7.- The attachment mentioned in para 2 will be by complete Battalions and Machine Gun Companies to each Brigade in line. Their employment will be progressive, commencing with the attachment of individuals and small parties of Officers and men for short periods, then by platoons, and finally complete relief by Battalions. The Battalions will not go into the line by Coys.

8.- The troops will serve invariably under the executive command of their own ~~offensive~~ officers.

9.- The tactical control of these units rests with the Commanders of the units to which they are for the time being attached.

10.- Overleaf is table showing composition of the Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters  
19th July 1918.

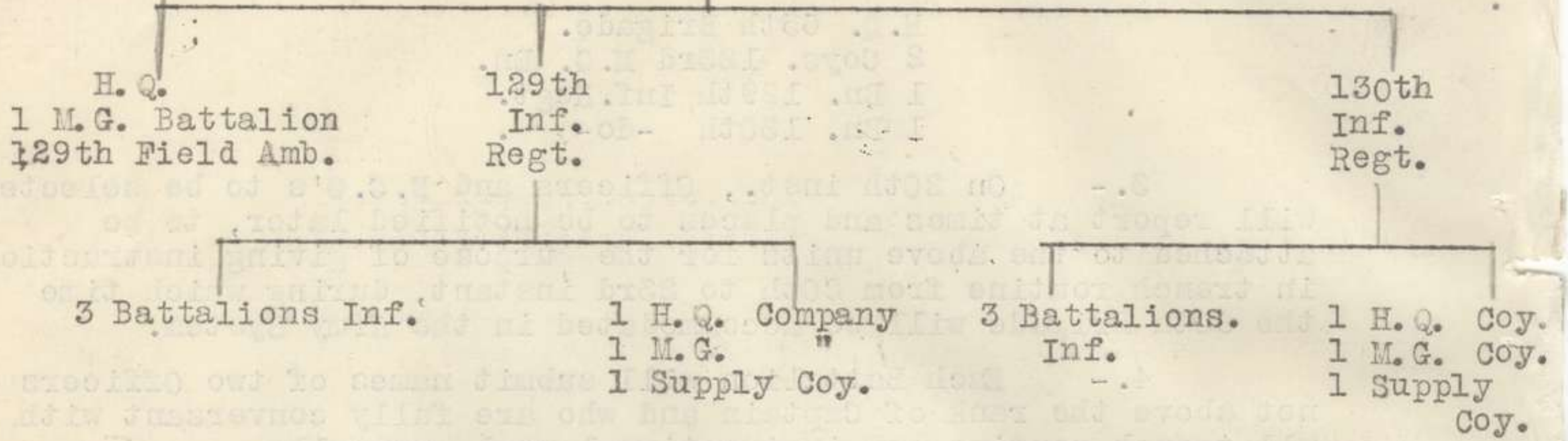
(Sgd) J.H.F. PAIN Major  
Brigade Major.  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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The composition of the Brigade is as follows :-

65th Brigade Headquarters.



NOTES: (i) Battalion organisation similar to British.  
(ii) A Regimental H.Q. Company consists of the following, viz:-

- 1 Platoon Stokes Mortars.
- 1 Platoon Pioneers.
- 1 Platoon 3 - 37 mm guns.
- 1 Platoon Signals.

Major (Sgd) J.H. PAIR  
 Brigade Major  
 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade

Brigade Headquarters  
 14th July 1918  
 (Sgd)



HINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
Intelligence Summary No. 7

19-7-1918.

Ref. Map - 62.D.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - 18-7-1918.

Enemy Artillery

Much below normal.

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
6-0/6-10 am.	20	4.2	J.26.b.8.3.	MORCOURT	
7-0/7-20 am.	50	4.2	P.5.c.5.5.	"	
9-30/9-40 am.	20	4.2	J.28.b.9.6.	MERICOURT	
10-35 am.	20	.77	J.30.a.	MALARD WOOD	H.E.
8-5 am.	14	.77	HAMEL	HAMILTON WOOD	H.E.

Machine Guns 5-40 am. two A.A. M.G.'s fired from P.17.c.2.0. where two columns of steam were observed. A.A.M.G.'s. fired from P.17.a.0.4. and P.16.d.

Aircraft 6-40 am. enemy plane fired M.G. on to P.11.a. 5-40 am. to 1-30 pm. enemy balloons up at T.B.'s. 160°, 185°, 172°, 62°, from J.28.d.3.2

Movement Trains: 8-10 am. R.25.central train stationary, 25 trucks, 8 ~~men~~ wagons, and 20 men in vicinity. 7-30 am. R.26.a.6.1. train went East; 9 am. R.25.d.5.6. train with 30 trucks went south west.  
Wagons: 8 am. R.25. eight wagons and about 30 men at large dump; 10 am. P.18.d. six G.S. wagons went east; 12 noon Q.21.a. two G.S. wagons went south-west; 7 am. Q.25.c. & d. fifteen wagons went east; 6-15 am. Q.19.d. two wagons went to HAZEL WOOD; 11-25 am. Q.25.c. & d. two ambulance wagons went west on main road. 9-35 am. Q.24.d.8.2. two wagons at hospital; 9-40 am. Q.24.c.9.0. two wagons went north; 10-30 am. Q.26.d.1.4. two wagons went to LAMOTTE; 11-10 am. R.25.c.4.4. three wagons went to dump at R.26.c.; 12-30 pm. Q.24.b.9.7. wagon with three men went to PROYART; 2 pm. Q.32.a. two wagons led by two horsemen went to BAYONVILLERS.

Men: 9-2 am. P.28.d. two parties of four carrying stretchers; 6-20 am. P.23.a. about 20 men in fours and fives went to TAILLOUX WOOD; 7-30 am. ten men carrying packs left WARFUSEE and went to TAILLOUX WOOD; 9 am. P.23.a.4.6. six men carrying white bags went to trench; 10 am. Q.24.d.6.2. three men went east; 10-45 am. Q.13.d. fourteen men went from KATE WOOD to FORBES WOOD; 11-30 am. Q.9.d.9.3. three men at dump; 12 noon Q.20.a.5.4 two men digging; 1-30 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. ten men at willow tree went to PROYART; continual foot traffic in ones and twos between MORCOURT and PROYART.

Motors: 11-35 am. Q.28.d.3 three red cross motors went west.

Horsemen: 7-15 am. Q.9.d.2.7. two horsemen went to MORCOURT; 11 am. Q.20.c.5.5. three horsemen on road went to LAMOTTE.

OUR AIRCRAFT 8 am. to 1 pm. very active. Patrolled over our lines and enemy lines. 9-24 am. our planes dropped four bombs on P.16.d.

From 4 pm. 18-7-1918 to 8 am. 19-7-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS - Artillery

7-50 pm. J.36.d.5.4. 18 pdrs. fired 20 rds. on to M.G.E. - five O.K.'s were obtained. During heavy shelling on right of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX two dumps were set alight on main road near LAMOTTE.

Trench Mortars - Nil.

Machine Guns 18,700 rds. fired during night on to roads at P.5.c.4.1., P.13. central, P.11.b.9.8., and in P.12.c., P.12.a., P.6.c., trenches in P.23.a., P.17.b., tracks P.17.a.7.1. to P.17.c.5.6., terraces in P.11.d. and P.17.b.

Aircraft Very active between 6 pm. and 9 pm.  
8-20 pm. R.26.c. three bombs were dropped by our planes on dump, two dumps set alight, men seen running.  
One enemy observation balloon was brought down in flames at 100° T.B. from P.10.b.95.20. 9.20 a.m. four bombs dropped in P.11.d. 5.30 a.m. one of our planes brought down in P.11.c.

Patrols. Right Bn. The Patrols working immediately south of the River reported enemy digging and driving in pickets at approx. P.11.b.7.5. Wiring also going on at P.11.b.4.4. and P.11.d.15.90 A daylight reconnaissance was made by 1 N.C.O. and 2 men who went to sunken road

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APPENDIX 27

at P.11.a.35, at 9-30 pm. The ground is heavily pitted with shell holes. No movement was seen nor was there anything to indicate the presence of the enemy, or enemy works in the vicinity. A thin crop covers the ground from the above location to P.11.a.7.7. The party returned at 11-35 p.m. Patrols working on our extreme right report working parties at P.11.b.7.4, and P.11.d.4.6.

Left Bn: Small enemy party was heard at J.36.d.7.4. M.G. active at P.6.b.4.8. There was a minenwerfer firing from here, "and was"

A M.G. at J.36.c.80.45. was firing on NO MAN'S LAND, very troublesome to patrols, one of which had evidently been seen. Talking was heard at J.36.c.75.45. bombs were thrown on to the spot, and men were heard to be running back along the road. M.G. at P.6.b.30.75. was firing high along the river. Generally M.G. fire was heavier than usual and more Very Lights were used.

ENEMY ACTIVITY - Artillery

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
3-0/3-10 pm.	20	4.2	J.27.a.50.30.	MORCOURT	
4-0/4-10 pm.	20	4.2	J.29.c.4.6.	MERICOURT	
5-0/5-15 pm.	50	4.2	P.11.b.	CERISY	
6-0/6-10 pm.	20	4.2	J.26.b.5.5.	"	
7-0/7-15 pm.	30	.77	J.36.a.	MORCOURT	
2-30/2-50 pm.	20	4.2 & 77	SAILLY le SEC	MALARD WOOD	H.E.
7-25/7-30 pm.	12	4.2	P.10.c.	145° T.B.	
8-45/9-15 pm.	Gun firing from		49° T.B. over 4,000 yds. away.		
9-5/9-15 pm.	60	4.2 & 77	P.10.b. & d.	100° & 83° T.B's.	H.E.
9-15/9-20 pm.	40	.77	J.35.c. & d.	83° T.B.	H.E.
9-20/9-40 pm.	100	4.2 & 77	P.4. & P.9	100° & 83° T.B's (small percentage gas)	
9-45/9-50 pm.	50	.77	J.35.c. & d.	83° T.B.	H.E.
10 pm.	20	4.2	P.9.	145° "	"
10-0pm/1-45 am	180	5.9	From P.5.c.3.3. to river	CERISY	(5% blue x gas)

The above T.B's are taken from P.10.b.95.20.

9-45 pm/3-15 am.	500	4.2 & 5.9	J.35.b.c.&d.	N.E.	H.E.
10-30pm/2-30 am.	100	4.2	J.35. & 36 a & c.	North east	H.E. (Inst)
1-0/2-0 am.	40	5.9	J.26.b.	MORCOURT	H.E.
1-0/7-0 am.	70	5.9	VAIRE	"	H.E.

Trench Mortars 12 midnight 6 rds. L.T.M. into P.6.a. from P.6.b.4.8.

Machine Guns 8-50 pm. M.G's active at P.11.b. 7.4. and P.11.d.4.6.

Aircraft 11-45 pm. enemy dropped eleven small bombs in J.36.c. Balloons up from 6-30 pm. to 8-50 pm. at T.B. 170° and 151° from J.28.b.3.2. and 4-45 am. to 5-20 am. at B's 62°, 102°, 142° from P.10.b.95.20.

Movement

Wagons: 2-35 pm. P.19.d.1.8. two wagons went to PROYART; 2-50 pm. R.25.a.9.9 G.S. wagon went to dump; 3-30 pm. R.19.a.1.5. wagon went to PROYART; 3-40 pm. Q.24.d.4.3. two wagons went south; 4-50 pm. Q.29.d.1.4. three G.S. wagons went west; 5-20 pm. Q.26.d.5.3. farm wagon went west.

Men : 2-40 pm. P.19.d.50.15. five men went to PROYART; 5-30 pm. Q.10.c.8.8. five men went south; 6-30 pm. Q.22.b.5.5. twelve men went to MORCOURT; 7-0 pm. Q.24.b.7.7. five men went to PROYART; 6-55 pm to 7-30 pm. thirty men in twos and threes carried wire into TAILLOUX WOOD from LAMOTTE; 8-35 pm. two men carried ~~wire~~ stretchers from TAILLOUX WOOD; 8-50 pm. P.23.a.cent. party of 8 men went to TAILLOUX WOOD; 6-20 am. K.31.d.7.9. six men went west; 4 pm. Q.9.d. four men on road; 8-25 pm. R.25.d. twenty men at dump.

Horsemen: 2-20 pm. R.19.c.3.2. four horsemen disappear at this point; 4-10 pm. Q.24.a.8.3. two horsemen galloped to MORGAN WOOD; 2-25 pm. Q.9.d. two horsemen went to MORCOURT.

Cyclists: 3-20 pm. Q.24.d.60.15. motor cycle went to R.26.d.

Location R.25.c.4.8. screen 100 yds. long in front of cross roads. Dugouts at K.31.d.5.5., K.31.c.45.30., K.31.d.25.80., K.31.a.20.98. Continual movement of men at K.31.d.5.5. - probably Headquarters.

*G. H. ...*

Brig. General.

Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade



19 JUL 1918

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Headquarters  
3rd Australian Division.

Herewith is forwarded tracing of trenches in this Brigade Area.

The whole area has been reconnoitred in co-operation with O. C. 9th Field Coy. A. E. and it has been decided to concentrate work on the construction of a defensive system to consist of Front Line (Red), Support Line (blue), and 1st and 2nd Reserve Lines (green) with at least two main C.T.'s. (brown) running through it - one north of the River SOMME and one south. Every possible use will be made of existing excavations and works. All lines will ultimately be made continuous, wired and firebayed, except where the marshy nature of the ground prevents this being done.

The Front Line (red) is now almost continuous throughout its entire length, and will be completed in about 5 days to an average depth of 3'6". It is firestepped in places where posts have been established and is thinly wired (no definite design).

The Support Line (blue) is built up mainly of "Old French" line and is for the most part heavily wired; it averages about 5' deep and calls for large reclaiming parties. The southern end of the Support Line as at present existing forms a C.T. to the right of our Front Line. The siting of the continuation of this line to the south through P.10. central will be arranged in co-operation with the Right Brigade and details will be submitted to you at an early date.

The yellow line in J.29.d., J.35.a & b. is part of the "Old French" line and forms a second support line north of the river SOMME. This line is of average depth about 4'6".

The 1st and 2nd Reserves Lines (green) are as shown on tracing. The former is being worked upon in P.3. by parties furnished by Reserve Brigade.

The southern C.T. forward of the support line is shown approximately; in rear of the Support Line it should be completed tonight. The northern C.T. will be completed tonight forward of J.29.c.

Headquarters for Companies in the line and the Right Battalion are in process of construction.

On the attached tracing the broad coloured bands represent the general plan - existing works are shown in red ink. A certain amount of Front Line wiring is not shown as it is weak and of no definite design.

These trench lines connect up with similar lines on both flanks except -

- (a) Right flank of Support Line.
- (b) Left flank of second Support Line (Yellow)

which merges into Support Line of 5th Aust. Division.

The line running approximately East and West through J.32.d., J.33.c & d, J.34.c & d., connecting with Reserve Line at about J.32.d.2.1. can be formed into bridgehead defensive line covering the SOMME River from an attack delivered by the enemy in a north-westerly direction.

Brigade Headquarters  
19th July 1918.

*J. J. ...*  
for Brig. General.  
Commanding 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Ref. Map. - 62. D.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - 19-7-1918.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

Artillery

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
5-10/5-15 am.	20	5.9	J.26.a.9.8.	MORCOURT	How.
6-0/6-10 am.	20	4.2	J.27.a.6.4.	CERISY	How.
2-20/2-30 pm.	20	4.2	J.27.a.1.2.	"	How.
10-30/11-30	Railway Gun fired 5 rounds from 135° T.B. from J.27.b.65.35. probably from W.4.central.				
7-0am/5-30 pm	80	5.9	P.1.b. & d.	MORCOURT	10 rds. per hr
10-0am/11-45 am	60	.77	J.27.a. & J.26.b.	CERISY	
12 midnt/3-30 pm.	20	5.9	VAUX	MORCOURT	
9-0/10-0 am.	20	4.2	J.35.b.	MALARD WOOD	
10-5/11-20 am.	60	.77	J.27.a.	Q.9.a.3.9.	

Machine Guns 5 am. A.A. M.G's active at P.17.c. & d.

Aircraft 8 am. plane over our lines driven off by M.G. fire. Enemy planes over our lines, 8-30 am. two planes, 9-45 am. two planes, 9-30 am. one plane, - in every case driven off by A.A. fire. Balloons up from 5 am. to 6 am. at T.B's 180°, 120°, and 172° from J.28.b.3.2.

Movement Trains: 10-20 am. R.28.a.8.2. train went towards PROYART; 11-50 am. R.29.a.5.3. light engine at dump; 9-30 am. R.25.b.2.3. train with fifteen trucks went to large dump at R.26.c.

Wagons: 9-0 am. Q.29.c.5.4. two wagons led by two horsemen went east; 10 am. Q.14.c.9.9. two wagons left LAMOTTE; 12-30 pm. Q.18.d.1.1. two wagons with three men went to MORCOURT; 12-35 pm. Q.30.c.9.4. two wagons went east; 2 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. two loaded wagons left MORCOURT.

Men: 7-0 am. P.30.d.9.5. ten men on main road going east; 7-30 am. Q.9.d.5.5. five men left trench at this point; 1-0 pm. Q.18.d.2.1. two men went to PROYART; 1-30 pm. Q.24.c.9.8. four men went towards PROYART; 6-15 am. P.23.a. four parties of ten men each left TAILLOUX WOOD and went to LAMOTTE; 8-20 am. Q.14.cent. 12 men went East; 8-5 am. P.23.a. six men went to TAILLOUX WOOD.

Motor: 2-10 pm. motor car went to large dump at R.26.; 1-30 pm. Q.18.d.1.1. cyclist went to MORCOURT.

Horsemen: 1-35 pm. Q.24.b.9.8. two horsemen to MORCOURT.

From 4 pm. 19-7-1918 to 8 am. 20-7-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS - Artillery

4-40 pm. 6" guns fired at train stationary at R.25.d., rounds fell in vicinity of train which immediately moved off. 8-30 pm. Hows. obtained direct hit on camouflaged dump (Q.9.b.11.92.) . 6-20 pm. artillery fired on and dispersed four wagons at Q.25.c., wagons galloped east.

Trench Mortars 2-30/2-36 am. 35 rds. on posts at J.36.c.2.5., J.36.c.7.4 and J.36.c.9.4. (see Patrols).

Machine Guns. 17,350 rds. were fired on to roads at K.31.a.4.0. to 5.3. K.31.c.2.5. to 5.4., P.17.central, P.17.a.7.2. and in P.12.a., Trenches in P.23.a. and P.22.d.9.4., suspected H.Q. at P.17.c.50.95., A.A. Gun at P.17.c.3.8., tracks at P.5.c.5.7. During the day our A.A. Lewis Guns were active.

Aircraft 9-15 am. enemy balloon brought down in vicinity of MARCELCAVE by one of our planes. Our bombing planes dropped 23 bombs on to enemy lines.

Patrols Right Bn: Patrol reports M.G's active in P.11.b. also scattered Very Lights. A.A. M.G. active in RECORD WOOD firing tracer bullets. Movement of enemy was heard along hillside in P.11.b. as 12 wire were being dragged along. More activity with Very Lights. Otherwise patrol reports all quiet.

Left Bn: Patrol reported all quiet in J.36.c. They went within 25 yds. of supposed M.G. position at J.36.c.90.45. but nothing indicating enemy was seen or heard.

Fighting patrol of 1 Officer and 15 O.Rs. divided into three parties. Southern party on road at J.36.c.6.5. and northern party about 30 yds. north of road, and advanced (under cover of 3" Stokes and Rifle grenade barrage) to Q.36.c.70.46. which had been occupied by enemy



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**APPENDIX 28**  
 on previous night. This post was found unoccupied. A number of empty cartridge cases and stick grenades lying about. A well timbered shaft about 12' deep on northern side of road. On southern side of road small trench and dugout. The parties continued advance and met at J.36.c.80.52. but found this post also unoccupied. A number of new cartridge cases were found. The patrol advanced as far as wall of cemetery but during the above operations no indications of enemy seen or heard.

**Special Daylight Patrol by Right Battalion -**  
 A daylight patrol consisting of Scout Officer and 5 Scouts left P.5.d.2.3. at 2-30 am. and went to old trench at P.11.b.8.7., where they stayed until 9-30 pm. During this time the country in front was closely observed. There was no sign of enemy movement, work in progress, or wire west of a line running north-east through P.12.c.0.7. as far north as the river. Men were seen working repeatedly throughout the day at P.12.b.2.8. and P.12.b.2.1. Our shells were falling near this spot but no direct hits were observed. At 9-30 pm. the patrol went to quarry at P.11.b.5.1. and terraces at P.11.d. but no trace of enemy was found. At P.11.b.7.6. there are a number of German graves, four crosses each with fifteen names on, and one square board bearing the number 50. The patrol returned to our lines at 10-40 pm.

**ENEMY ACTIVITY - Artillery**

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
3-0/4-0 pm.	30	5.9	J.26.b.1.4.	MORCOURT	How.
4-0/5-0 pm.	20	5.9	"	"	How.
6-0/7-0 pm.	25	5.9	J.26.a.9.2.	"	How.
6-0/7-0 pm.	50	5.9	P.4.b.6.5.	"	How.
7-35 pm.	25	5.9	J.34.c.	65° T.B. from J.28.b.3.2.	
8-50 pm.	20	.77	J.36.b.	MALARD WOOD	
1-30/4-0 am.	350	4.2 & 5.9	J.35.	"	
2-35/3-0 am.	50	4.2	J.35.b. & d.	"	
4-10 am.	50	4.2 & 5.9	J.35. & J.36.b	"	
12-35 am.	22	.77	P.10.a. & c.	85°	
7-50/8-5 am.	15	.77	P.10.a. & b.	104°	From P.10.b.95.20.
9-15/9-25 am.	100	4.2 & .77	P.4.d.cent. to J.35.b. & c.		East by north
10-20/10-30 am.	150	" "	P.5.c.	CERISY	
7-35/8-0 pm.	75	5.9 & .77	P.10. & P.4.	MALARD WOOD	
3-30/9-0 pm.	50	5.9	VAUX	MORCOURT	H. E.

8-45 pm. light barrage put down on support line (4.2 & 5.9) from Left Bn. sector to AMIENS-WARFUSSE road - lasted about three minutes.

**Trench Mortars** 1-35 pm. 15 rds. M.T.M. in J.36.a.; 2 am. 6 rds. L.T.M. into J.36.b. from P.6.b.4.8.

**Machine Guns** 6-30/8-10 pm. enemy A.A.M.G.'s active in P.16.d., P.17.c. (see patrols).

**Aircraft** Increased activity. 3-15 am. one E.A. dropped 5 small bombs on to HAMM. Balloons up at 85°, 113°, 102°, 75°, 160° E.B.'s from P.10.b.95.20. 6-30 pm. one E.A. unsuccessfully attacked one of our balloons and was driven back by A.A. fire.

**Movement** Trains: 3 pm. R.25.d. train with 16 trucks stationary; 4 pm. R.25.d. thirty trucks on siding; 6-5 pm. X.1. train with 20 trucks went S.W.; 6-30 pm. R.25.cent. train came to large dump.

**Wagons:** 3 pm. R.25.d. two wagons loaded from train by 10 men; 6-20 pm. Q.30.d.5.4. two wagons west north; 7 pm. Q.27.c.4.3. two wagons went towards LAMOTTE; 5-35 pm. Q.25.a. three wagons loading with crops;

5-30 am. 4 G.S. wagons west to LAMOTTE; 6-40 am. Q.22.b. wagon went N.E.  
**Motors:** 3-30 pm. Q.24.a.8.8. motor lorry went to MORCOURT; 5 pm. Q.25.c. motor ambulance went to LAMOTTE; 5-40 pm. Q. R.25.c. motor ambulance going west on main road.

**Men:** 3-20 pm. Q.24.d.5.7. seven men digging. 8 pm. Q.25.b.5.4. seven men went to MORCOURT. 5-40 pm. Q.9.d. five men on road went towards CERISY; 6-20 pm. R.25.central three parties each of ten men went south; 4-30 am. five stretcher parties went east from P.23.central carrying red-cross flag; 8 pm. Q.9.d. twenty men went towards MORCOURT; 8-30 pm. P.23.a. ten men going from LAMOTTE towards TAILLOUX WOOD were dispersed by 18-pdrs.

*G. Halford*  
 Brig. General.

Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 9

Ref. Map. - 62.D.

From 8 a.m. 20-7-1918 to 4 pm. 21-7-1918.

NEWLY ACTIVITYShelling

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
6-30 am.	100	4.2	WELCOME WOOD	MORCCURT	How.
7-0/8-0 am.	50	77	"	CERISY	H. E.
6-30/8-0 am.	50	5.9	J.26.b.5.1.	MORCCURT	How.
1-30/2-0 pm.	20	77	Windmill J.27.a.	"	H. E.
8-0/8-30 am.	30	5.9	J.27.b.	MALARD WOOD	
" "	45	5.9 & 4.2	P.15.d.	REGINALD WOOD	

Machine Guns A.A.M.G.'s active in P.16.d. and P.17.c.Aircraft At 8 a.m. five; 9-10 am. two enemy aeroplanes over our lines, in both cases driven off by A.A. fire. Enemy observation balloons up at T.B.'s. 119° and 110° from J.27.b.65.35. from 8 am to 11 am.

Movement Trains: 1-20 pm. R.26.b.2.5. train with 15 trucks went to PROYART; 6-40 pm. train stationary at R.25.d.

Wagons: 9-40 am. J.20.b.7.2. wagon with three men went to REGINALD WOOD; 10 am Q.24.b.8.8. two wagons on road went to MORCCURT; 11-30 am. Q.30.c.8.4. two wagons went to LAMOTTE; 2 pm. Q.24.b.2.7. two wagons were unloaded; 6 am. Q.15.c. two wagons loaded crops; 1 pm. Q.24.b. two wagons with 5 men went to PROYART; 1-10 pm. J.18.c. two wagons went towards MERICOURT.

Men: 11-20 am. Q.26.c.90.15. ten men digging; 4-45 pm. P.23.a. six men; 5 pm. ten men; 5-20 pm. eight men went from TAILLOUX WOOD to LAMOTTE; 5-30 pm. P.23.d. thirty men went from TAILLOUX WOOD to LAMOTTE; 6-30 am. Q.25.c. six men; 7-0 am. P.23.a.3.4. men in parties of fives and sixes went from TAILLOUX WOOD to LAMOTTE.

Horsemen: 12-55 pm. Q.24.b. two horsemen went to PROYART.

Locations: Q.24.b.2.7. two dugouts in bank of road, men moving about; P.18.c.0.3. three dugouts, men moved about; R.26.a.5.1. activity at dump, party of 15 men loading three wagons; two motor lorries left dump went towards PROYART.

OUR AIRCRAFT 9-10 am. one enemy aeroplane crashed by our planes in Q.8.c. The pilot jumped from plane and landed safely by parachute. Enemy observation balloon burnt by our planes at 159° T.B. from J.28.b.3.2. 11 am. our planes dropped four bombs on to P.17.c.9.7.

From 4 pm. 20-7-1918 to 8 am. 21-7-1918.

OUR OPERATIONSRelief - The 33rd Battalion in reserve relieved the 34th Battalion on Left. 34th Battalion in the Line went to Reserve position. Relief complete by 1-5 am.Artillery The usual harassing fire. 2-30 am. a dump was set alight in LAMOTTE, burnt for 30 minutes.Trench Mortars - Nil.Machine Guns - 16,350 rounds fired on to roads at P.17.central, P.22.d.8.2., K.31.a.4.8., P.6.c.8.5., K.31.c.3.5. trenches in P.23.a., P.16.d., tracks in P.18.a., RECORD WOOD, P.12.a.; terraces in P.17.b.; SAILLY LAURETTE K.31.c.00.25.;Aircraft Active over enemy lines from 6-30 to 7-30 am. 6 pm. our planes dropped eight bombs behind enemy lines.Patrols Right Bn. RECORD WOOD was thoroughly examined but nothing indicating enemy occupation was seen or heard. The wood is almost destroyed by artillery fire. No M.G. or very light activity whilst the patrol was out.Left Bn: At J.36.c.7.5. patrol encountered a party of five of the enemy who ran from roads to corner of cemetery at J.36.c.8.5. Immediately after there was a small explosion between our patrol and cemetery. Apparently a small mine had been fired by enemy with the object of holding up a possible raiding party. Very Lights were fired from J.36.c.9.4. and M.G. active at south-east corner of cemetery. M.G. also active at J.36.b.5.2. At J.36.c.7.6. patrol passed through thin ragged line of wire. (British screw pickets) to within 40 yds. of M.G. at south-



east corner of cemetery. Voices and mechanism of M.G. were heard. Very Lights and a series of bursts were fired in direction of patrol. Sounds as of wiring were heard at J.36.b.9.3. M.G. at approx. J.36.b.5.2. occasionally swept NO MANS' LAND. Enemy seemed more alert than usual and M.G.'s more active. Enemy working party was heard talking and using picks and shovels at approx. P.11.d.10.25. otherwise all quiet in vicinity

ENEMY ACTIVITY - Shelling

<u>Time</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
3-0/4-0 pm.	40	.77	J.27.b.8.2.	122° T.B. from Q.8.d.9.9.	
4-0/5-0 pm.	30	4.2	Windmill, J.27.a.	CERISY	
5-0/6-0 pm.	20	5.9	J.27.a.1.1.	MORCOURT	
6-0/7-0 pm.	20	.77	J.27.b.75.40.	GAILLY	
7-30/8-0 pm.	20	5.9	J.27.a.	Flash 121° T.B. from Q.17.c.2.4	
8-15/8-50 pm.	100	4.2	P.10.c. & d.	100° T.B.	) From P.10.b. 95.20.
10-30/11-45 pm	120	.77	P.4.	65° T.B.	
10-40/11-55 pm	16	5.9	P.10.b.	100-110° T.B.	
12 mdnt/3 am	40	5.9	J.36.c.7.8.	MALARD WOOD	
12-30/2-0 am.	40	.77	J.36.c.	CERISY, GAILLY	
1-0/3-20 am.	20	4.2	J.36.c.	MALARD WOOD	

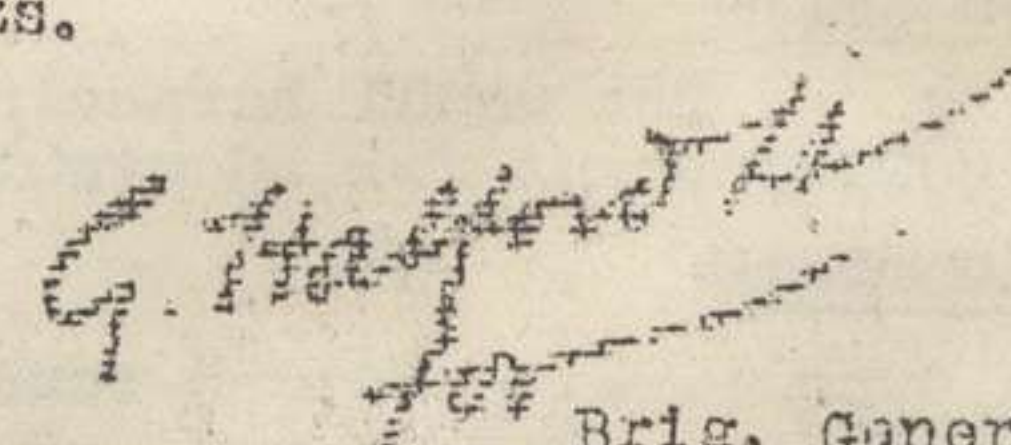
Trench Mortars - Nil.

Machine Guns (See Patrols)

Aircraft Enemy planes over our lines, two at 6 pm, one at 7-10 pm.  
Balloons up at T.B. 169° and 102° T.B.'s from J.28.b.3.2.

Movement Trains: 6-30 pm. train at R.25.d.; 5-20 pm. R.31.a. train with 5 trucks stationary.  
Wagons: 3 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. two wagons went to PROYART; 6-40 pm. R.25.b.5.6. two wagons went to large dump at R.26.central; 7 pm. two wagons left LAMOTTE - disappeared at Q.14.d.; 7-10 pm. two wagons at Q.30.a. went south; 2 pm. Q.24.c. wagon and 8 men went west; 2-35 pm. Q.24.b. two wagons moved west; 5-30 pm. Q.30.d. two covered wagons went towards LAMOTTE.  
Men: 4-20 pm. Q.18.d.7.1. twenty men fully equipped went towards MERICOURT; 4-30 pm. Q.24.c.2.2. ten men went to HOPE WOOD; 4-50 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. four men went to MORCOURT; 6-30 pm. R.13.b.8.7. five men went to PROYART; 7-15 pm. Q.23.d. ten men went west.  
Horsemen: 7-10 am. Q.30.c. two horsemen went west; 5-25 pm. Q.18.d. two horsemen went towards MERICOURT.  
Note: 6-15 to 6-30 pm. great movement at dump at Q.24.b.c. & d.  
Signals: 2-0 am. two of our planes crossed enemy lines. Three white lights were thrown up by the enemy and immediately followed by four search lights.

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Brig. General.  
Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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## APPENDIX 30

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 46. Copy No. 19

Ref. 62.D.

21st July 1918.

1. (1) 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn. (less 2 Coys) will occupy the  
WRight Sector of the Brigade Area from tonight, 21/22nd July onwards.

(ii) Dispositions to be assumed will be :-

3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn. H.Q. - J.33.d.1.7.  
One Company - Line from P.11.c.0.6. to P.11.a.5.5.  
One Company - Support in P.4.d. and P.10.b.

(iii) Completion will be notified to Brigade Headqrs.  
by wiring the word "JILL".

2. The Coy. in Support will continue the work of improving  
defences and wire of the Support Line, and assist the Front Line Coy.  
by performing minor Bn. fatigues.

3. Inter-Coy. reliefs will be arranged by C.O. Pioneer Bn.

4. Subsequent to relief the dispositions of the Brigade  
will be:-

"A" Bn.	- 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn (less 2 Coys)	- Line (Right)
"B" Bn.	- 35th Bn.	- Line (centre)
"C" Bn.	- 33rd Bn.	- Line (left)
"D" Bn.	- 34th Bn.	- Support.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Distribution:

Copy	1-2	Brigade H. Q.	11	Sup. Group Arty.
	3	33rd Battalion.	12	3rd Aust. Div.
	4	34th Battalion.	13	10th Aust. Inf. Bde.
	5	35th Battalion.	14	11th -do-
	6	3rd Aust. Pion. Bn.	15	14th -do-
	7	9th A. L. T. M. Bty.	16	9th Field Coy. A. E.
	8	9th A. M. G. Coy.	17	9th Field Amb.
	9	23rd A. M. G. Coy.	18	869th Coy. AASC.
	10	Left Group Arty.	19-21	War Diary.
			22	File.





## APPENDIX 31.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 84.A.TRENCH RELIEFS.

1.- The object of warning troops for relief, before movement is necessary, is to enable the incoming Headquarters and Officers to visit the new sector and ascertain definitely (amongst other things):

- (a) condition of defences.
- (b) defence scheme (or arrangements).
- (c) maps and records of the sector.

2.- It is the duty of the incoming C.O. to draw the attention out the outgoing C.O. to any inadequacy of the above, with a view to having the maps, etc., brought up to date and completed before the command passes. Under any circumstances, it is desirable that the Intelligence Officers should remain with the Unit to be relieved, and obtain the utmost information about the area.

3.- A sketch showing existing defences and disposition of troops, with a short report, will be forwarded by Brigade H.Q. to Divisional H.Q. within 24 hours of the command passing to Divisional H.Q.

4.- It is essential that the earliest and fullest information concerning defences, trenches, wire, tracks, dumps, etc., should be passed to Divisional H.Q. in order that the necessary re-arrangement of the Works Policy may be carried out.

5.- In relieving Bdes. or Bns. in Reserve, a similar procedure will be adopted prior to relief. Special attention will be paid to the records of arrangements for reinforcement or counter-attack.

6.- Works under construction in the Support Line, or forward of the same, will be continued without break on relief.

7.- Proposals for new works (including the linking up of detached posts, etc.) will be referred at the earliest opportunity to Divisional H.Q. after the command has passed.

21st July 1918.

(Sgd) C.H. JESS Lieut-Col.  
General Staff.



APPENDIX 32

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER NO. X 17.

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BRIG-GEN. H.A. GODDARD, D.S.O., COMMANDING 9th AUST. INF. BRIGADE.

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FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL: 54. The detail of Officers mentioned below will constitute a Court to assemble at Billet No. 32 (opposite Town Major's Office) BUSSY-les-DAOURS, at 2.0 p.m. Tuesday, 23rd July, 1918, to try by Field General Court Martial such accused person or persons who may be brought before them.

PRESIDENT.

Major F.G. GRANT - 34th Bn. A.I.F.

MEMBERS.

Captain E. St. J. PEARCE - 35th Bn. A.I.F.  
 Captain E. BEAVER - 34th Bn. A.I.F.

The 34th Battalion will supply Stationery, Orderlies, Bible etc.

Units will warn witnesses and accused.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

The 34th Battalion will detail one Officer to attend the Court for instruction.

COURT OF INQUIRY:

55. The undermentioned Officers will constitute a Court of Inquiry to assemble at Rear Hqrs. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. (62D - I.32.b.6.7) at 2.0 p.m. Tuesday 23rd July, 1918, to inquire into the loss of certain Military and Canteen Stores, and determine -

- (a) How these stores were lost,
- (b) Who should bear the cost of replacement of same.

PRESIDENT.

Captain O.J.O'N. TEDDER - 33rd Bn. A.I.F.

Members.

Captain W.R. STATION, M.C. - 35th Bn. A.I.F.  
 Lieut. E.C.P. THOMAS - Bde. Hqrs.

Witnesses will be warned by Brigade Headquarters.  
 Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

Bde. Hqrs.,  
 22/7/1918.

*J. L. Station*  
 Captain.  
 Acting Staff Captain.  
 Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.



ConfidentialNINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.10.

22-7-1918.

Ref. Map. - 62.D.

From 8 a.m. 21-7-1918 to 4 pm. 22-7-1918.

ENEMY ACTIVITYShelling

<u>Time</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
7-0/7-10 am.	30	4.2	J.35.b.8.2.	CERISY	How.
8-0/8-10 am.	20	4.2	J.27.a.	"	"
12-20/12-40pm.	30	5.9	J.27.a.1.1.	MORCOURT	"
12-50/1-0 pm.	20	4.2	J.27.b.5.5.	Flash T.B. 134° from J.27. 65.35. (REGINALD WOOD).	
1-0/1-10 pm.	20	.77	J.27.b.85.60.	CERISY	

Movement

Wagons: 6-30 am. Q.27.b. two went east; 6-55 am. two loaded with crops at Q.15.b.; 6-30 am. three went east from Q.26.c.; 7-50 am. Q.18.b. two went west; 10 am. Q.18.b.5.5. two went to PROYART; 6-30 am. Q.21.a. two wagons; 6-50 am. Q.25.a.5.7. two went to LAMOTTE; 7-40 am. Q.24.b.8.8. two went to PROYART.

Men: 7-48 am. Q.13.c. seven went east; 9-45 am. Q.24.b. fifteen went to PROYART; 6-35 am. J.36.c. two men digging; 7-15 am. Q.15.b. five went west; 8-5 am. Q.25.c. five with full equipment went towards LAMOTTE; 9-45 am. Q.24.b. thirty went to PROYART; 11-25 am. P.18.a.7.3. ten men digging; 10-30 am. Q.24.c.9.8. four men digging; 7 am. Q.9.d.3. ten digging; 7-20 am. Q.32.a.5.7. eight went to BAYONVILLERS; 1 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. much foot traffic in twos and threes on PROYART-MORCOURT Road.

Location: 12 noon motor lorry came to Q.26.c.60.35. from large dump at R.26. and ten men unloaded large shells which were stacked on side of road; 2 pm. seven men camouflaging dump at R.25.d.5.8.; 7-50 am. seven men working in shell holes 50 yds. apart with shovels at Q.8.a.5.2.; at P.17.d.0.3. enemy works, cut timber, left uncovered. Enemy post at P.11.d.6.5., a waterproof sheet has been thrown over it during night.

OUR ARTILLERY 11-45 am. 18-pdrs. dispersed working party of 10 men at P.18.a.7.3.; 12 noon our 9.2 Hows. obtained ten O.K's on enemy C.P. at Q.9.b.0.5.; 12-20 pm. working party of about 20 men dispersed by heavies; 9 am. Q.24.b.8.8. 9.2 Hows. dispersed, wagons and men on the PROYART-MORCOURT road, two O.K's on road.

From 4 pm. 21-7-1918 to 8 am. 22-7-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery Usual harassing fire. 3-30 pm. Q.9.b.5.5. three men went to camouflage dugout, 9.2 Hows. obtained three O.K's, men were not seen to leave; 9 pm. a dump was <sup>part</sup> alight at Q.34.a., burned for 15 minutes.

Trench Mortars 1-10 am. three Stokes fired 11 rds. on to M.G.E. at J.36.c.99.52. The gun was silent until 4 am. when it again fired.

Machine Guns 16,750 rds. were fired on to road at P.16.d.75.10., P.6.c.4.1., K.31.a.5.3., J.36.d.8.3., and in P.22.d., P.17.a., tracks in P.18.a. and bridge and tracks at P.6.c.25.99 to 60.85., enemy works at P.12.b.2.8. to 2.1., M.G.E. at P.17.c.3.8.

Aircraft Our Bombing planes were active during night. 2-25 am. four bombs were dropped on to P.17.c.3.2. 4-40 am. four bombs on to P.23.b.

Patrols Right Bn. Patrol went to P.11.b.5.1. and saw in the moonlight three of enemy crawling north at P.11.b.70.15. but soon lost sight of them. Embankment at P.11.d.5.7. was then examined but nothing indicating enemy was seen or heard. From P.11.d.35.55. two men came from north-east and went to posts at P.11.d.65.65., P.11.d.60.55., P.11.d.55.45., P.11.d.57.3. P.11.d.52.25. Movement was seen at all these posts. Patrol believes that the two men were Officer and other rank visiting the out posts.

Left Bn: M.G.'s active at J.36.c.9.4. and J.36.b.6.2. Owing to bright moonlight fighting patrol did not go out. Listening posts were formed at J.36.c.45.15. and J.36.b.15.25. The enemy was extremely quiet, no movement was heard or seen. M.G. activity much below normal.



ENEMY ACTIVITY - Shelling

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
11-30/11-50 pm.	30	5.9	J.36.c.	MALARD WOOD	H. E.
2-0/2-10 am.	20	4.2	J.35.	"	H. E.
3-0/3-20 am.	30	4.2	J.35.c.	"	H. E.
3-0/3-40 am.	60	5.9	J.36.c.	CERISY, GAILLY	H. E. Our counter Bys. engaged
3-0/3-15 am.	30	5.9	J.21.a.9.9.	MORCOURT	
4-0/4-15 am.	30	5.9	Windrill, J.27.a.	"	
4-40/5-0 am.	20	5.9	J.27.a.1.1.	"	
6-0/6-10 am.	20	.77	J.27.b.65.50.	CERISY	
10-30/10-40 pm.	50	4.2	HAMEL WOOD	MALARD WOOD	H. E.
11-0/11-15 pm.	150	4.2	P.15.c. to P.10.a.	"	H. E.
2-20/2-45 am.	30	4.2	HAMEL	"	H. E.
11-25pm/12-25am	30	5.9	WELCOME WOOD	MARCELCAVE	H. E.
4-0/5-0 pm.	25	5.9	J.28.a. & b.	MALARD WOOD	H. E.
6-0/8-0 pm.	30	4.2 & .77	J.35.b. & c.	CERISY, GAILLY	H. E.
			Support Line		
9-30/10-40 pm.	130	5.9, 4.2 & 77	J.36.c.	MALARD WOOD	H. E.

Trench Mortars - Nil.

Machine Guns 8-15/9-0 am. A.A.M.G's active from P.16.d. & P.17.b. & c.

Aircraft 11 pm. hostile planes dropped 20 small bombs on to P.1.; 11-45pm about 30 were dropped in vicinity of CORBIE. 7-30 am. enemy observation balloon opposite sector on our right was burnt by our planes.

Movement.

Trains: 6-40 pm. R.31.a.8.8. train with ten trucks; 8 pm. R.25.d. train with 30 trucks went east.

Wagons: R.25. two unloaded by 7 men at large dump at 8-30 pm.; 7-30 pm. R.25. central two loaded by 5 men at large dump; 7-40 pm. R.25. central two went east; 8-20 pm. R.25.d.6.7. ambulance wagon went east; 8-30 pm. Q.20.d.10.15. two went to LAMOTTE; 9 pm. wagon frequently seen at cross-roads Q.24.b.;

Men: 3 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. four went towards PROYART; 3-30 pm. Q.25.c.5.8. ten went towards LAMOTTE. Considerable movement of men in twos and threes in Q.24.b. and R.19 and 25.

Horsemen: 4-50 pm. R.19.a. two went to PROYART; 5-40 pm. two went to MORCOURT, 20 loose horses grazing at Q.24.d.

Location: 8-45 pm. smoke rising from post in P.11.d. Q.18.b.9.7. horse lines, about 20 horses tied up under line of trees.

(HGG)

*G. Halford*  
for

Brig. General.  
Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.



## APPENDIX 34

T. C.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 85A.

1. - As a means of securing continuity of policy and uniformity of procedure throughout the Division,

(a). Branches of Div. Hd. Qrs. Staff, and attached Specialist Officers

(b). Headquarters of Brigades of Artillery and Infantry,

(c). Machine Gun, Infantry, and Pioneer Battalions, and other Divisional Units,

will maintain a "Rulings Book" on the following lines :-

2. - The Book will be divided in three sections : "G", "A" and "Q" and each entry will be numbered according to its section, i.e., "G.101" - "A.17" - "Q.23".

These numbers will not coincide in books of different Formations but act as the sequence index for the Unit concerned.

3.- Whilst Commanding Officers are at liberty to cause any order or instruction to be entered, the entries will usually be restricted to rulings and precedents arising from correspondence, verbal decisions, etc. intended to be permanent.

4.- The rulings will include both those received as well as those issued, and the authority for each must be quoted at the end of the entry, e.g. (D.H.Q. "Q" 146/629) (G.O.C. Bde. Conference 8-7-18) (B.H.Q. B.M. 103/21).

5.- The aim of the book is to record in the most accessible form the rulings and precedents in force within the Higher Formation and in the Unit. This will avoid in some measure the break in policy and procedure on change of Command and Staff.

22nd July 1918.

(Sgd) C.H. JESS Lieut-Col.  
General Staff.DISTRIBUTION.

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"G" Staff.

"A.Q." Staff.

C.R.A.

C.R.E.

3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Co.

9th Aust. Inf. Bde.

10th -do-

11th -do-

3rd Aust. M.G. Bn.

3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.

A.D.M.S.

3rd Aust. Div. Train.

D.A.D.O.S.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.11.

Ref. Map. - 62. D.

From 8 a.m. 22-7-1918 to 4 pm. 22-7-1918.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
6-30/6-50am	30	4.2	J.21.d.5.5.	CERISY	H. E.
7-0/7-10 am	20	.77	J.27.b.8.8.	MALARD WOOD	H. E.
2-0/2-10 pm.	20	4.2	WELCOME WOOD	"	H. E.
8-10/8-45 am.	35	.77	SAILLY-le-SEC	"	H. E.
4-10 pm.	30	.77	J.36.c.	"	H. E.

Location Q.33.a.3.8. 12 men unloaded shells from motor lorry, probably  
Suspected Hd. Qrs. at P.23.a.35.60. dugouts and much movements  
observed.

Aircraft At 6-5 pm. eight and at 8-25 am. six enemy planes over our  
lines. 6 am. enemy O.B's up at 164°, 172°, 120°, 151° and 169° T.B.  
from J.28.c.3.2. 7-35 am. enemy plane burnt balloon near BONNAY and  
returned safely. 11-50 am. enemy O.B. on ground, five men near at 118°  
T.B. from J.27.b.65.35.

Movement Trains: 7-25 am. R.26.b. train with 15 trucks went to PROYART;  
8-20 am. R.26.a. train with 12 trucks went south; 2 pm. Q.27.d.1.3.  
two light trains shunting; 2-15 pm. R.26.a. train came from PROYART;  
Wagons: 9 am. Q.26.b.5.4. two went west; 9-40 am. R.19.a. two went to  
PROYART; 11-35 am. one went east at Q.25.d.7.3.; 10-5 am. Q.30.b.  
two went towards LAMOTTE; 1-25 pm. Q.24.b. two went west.  
Men: 7-20 am. Q.18.b.5.5. fifteen men digging trench; 10-10 am.  
Q.24.b.8.8. eight men went to MORCOURT; 11-30 am. Q.12.d.5.3. eight  
loaded wagons with crops; 12 noon Q.18.d.6.7. ten working round dark  
object; 12-30 pm. R.25.c.8.4. 25 marched to large dump at R.26.a.;  
1 pm. Q.14.a.5.3. five went to MORCOURT; 2-30 pm. ten carried material  
from Q.26.b. to Q.19.d.5.8.; 9-30 am. Q.24.b. thirty in parties of 10  
went east; 8-15 am. Q.24.b. 30 went east;  
Motors: 1-35 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. one went to MORCOURT; 1-50 pm. Q.27.b.2.4.  
two went towards MORCOURT; 12-10 pm. R.25.c.8.4. one went to large dump  
at R.26.a.; 1-15 pm. Q.27.d. one went east.  
Horsemen: 7-15 am. Q.20.d.5.5. three went to REGINALD WOOD.  
1-40 pm. Q.25.d.7.4. steam tractor stationary.

OUR ARTILLERY 6 am. twenty men at P.23.a. dispersed by our fire.

From 4 pm. 22-7-1918 to 8 am. 23-7-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery 5-30 pm. 6" guns fired on to large dump at R.26.b.3.4. and  
obtained 5 O.K's. Men were seen running in all directions. 4.5 Hows.  
dispersed party of men in K.31.d.3.6.

Trench Mortars Our 3" Stokes fired 10 rds. on to M.G.E. at J.36.b.65.20.  
result unknown.

Machine Guns 14,150 rds. were fired on to road K.31.c.4.3., K.31.c.8.3.,  
Q.7.c.3.8., P.17.central, P.12.a.5.0., P.16.d.75.10., and in P.6.d.  
RECORD WOOD, -P.12.a., bridges - P.6.d.2.8. and 3.8., tracks - K.31.c.85.35.

Aircraft (enemy) At 5-10 pm. three enemy planes; 5-20 pm. four enemy planes,  
7-45 pm. five enemy planes, 8-10 pm. one enemy plane over our lines. In  
every case driven off by A.A. fire. Enemy O.B's. up at 130° and 170° T.B.  
from J.28.b.3.2.

Patrols Right Bn. Listening posts were established between 11-30 pm.  
and 1 am. and from 1-30 am. to 4 am. No enemy activity reported.  
Centre Bn. Established Listening posts from 10-15 pm. to 3-30 am.  
at P.11.a.95.60., P.11.b.25.80., P.5.d.35.10., and P.5.d.5.4. No signs  
of enemy were seen or heard. M.G. activity practically nil.  
Left Bn. The patrol moved to enemy wire (a thin much damaged  
line of British screw pickets) running south-west from P.6.a.7.8. There  
were small dumps of British screw pickets found lying in crop, which is  
3' high from our front line to enemy wire. The ground is very flat and  
affords an excellent field of fire from our trenches. Light M.G's were  
active at P.6.b.10.85. and P.6.b.10.95., also at J.36.c.7.5. The enemy  
seemed to use L.M.G's in pairs firing from slightly different positions  
each night. There is a bank with dead ground in timbered area near water  
which was examined as far as P.6.a.94.74. From J.36.c.6.5. a party of



five Boche with light M.G.'s moved from south-west corner of cemetery and apparently established post at J.36.c.72.47. Sounds as of wiring were heard at J.36.c.8.5. At 11-55 pm. several rds. of 5.9 H.E. from direction of MALARD WOOD fell short in vicinity of S.E. corner of cemetery. Immediately white lights were fired back towards the enemy and firing ceased at once. Light M.G.'s fired from approx. J.36.d.1.7. Machine Gun fire and Very Lights normal.

ENEMY ACTIVITY		- Shelling				
Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks	
5-0/5-20 pm.	50	4.2	J.36.c.	MALARD WOOD		
6-0/6-10 pm.	30	4.2	J.28.a.	"		
7-30/7-40 pm.	30	4.2	J.36.c.50.55	CERISY		
7-50/8-0 pm.	20	4.2	J.36.a.8.2.	"		
11-30 pm/2-0 am.	60	5.9	J.36.a. & c.	MALARD WOOD	H.E.	
"	50	4.2	"	"	"	
"	200	.77	"	CERISY	"	
2-0/2-10 am.	5	8"	SAILLY-le-SEC	"	"	
3-25/3-40 am.	50	4.2	J.35.a.	MALARD WOOD	"	
"	100	.77	"	CERISY	"	
3-5/3-10 pm.	18	.77	J.36.c.	" GAILLY	"	
4-0/4-20 pm.	30	5.9	J.36.c.	MALARD WOOD	"	
4-30/4-35 pm.	21	5.9	SAILLY-le-SEC	"	"	
11-0/11-30 pm.	30	5.9	"	HAMILTON WOOD	"	
8-0/8-10 pm.	10	5.9	J.35.central	60° T.B. from P.10.b.95.20		
10-15/10-35 pm.	125	4.2	P.9.	MALARD WOOD	H.E.	
11-15/11-20 pm.	15	Gas, blue & yellow x.	P.10.a.	"		
11-25 pm.	25	.77	P.10.a.	"		
3-30/4-0 am.	100	4.2.&.77	P.4.a.b.&d.	"	H.E.	
3-30/4-0 pm.	30	5.9	BOUZENCOURT	"	H.E.	

Trench Mortars 2-55/3-0 am. six M.W. fell at J.36.c.5.5. from SAILLY LAURETTE.

Machine Guns - See Patrols.

Aircraft (Our own). Very active over enemy lines from 4 pm. to 8 pm. 7-30 pm. five bombs were dropped on to P.17.a.3.2.; 8 am. ten bombs were dropped in vicinity of GAILLY.

Movement Trains: Nil.

Wagons: 8-20 pm. Q.24.b.85.20. two went to PROYART; 3-30 pm. Q.30.a.15.40 two went to large dump at R.26.a. 3-40 pm. Q.18.c.9.6. one went to PROYART; 6-40 pm. Q.28.c. two stationary;

Men: 6 pm. Q.30.a.5.6. five went south; 5-10 pm. Q.23.d.5.8. eight went to MORCOURT; 5-10 pm. Q.9.central five entered trench; 4/5 pm. Q.24.b. fifty in threes and fours went to MORCOURT; 7-35 pm. Q.12.c. twenty went to MORCOURT; 7-50 pm. Q.12.c. thirty went to MORCOURT; 8-30 pm. Q.13.b. twenty went south-west; 7-30/8-30 pm. great movement of men in Q.12.d. on MORCOURT-PROYART road.

Horsemen: 7-40 pm. Q.25.d.70.35. two went towards BAYONVILLERS. Location: Q.30.a.45.20. four men at camouflaged dugout. M.G.E. at P.11.d.35.85. R.26.c.3.4. three motor lorries, four wagons & about 50 men and Hessian about 20' high round dump.

Note: Information re movement and locations offering remunerative targets is invariably passed on to the artillery concerned.

*G. Trickett*  
 Brig. General.  
 Commanding 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX 36.

Copy No. .... W/D.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 47.

23rd July 1918.

- 1.- The 34th Battalion will relieve the 35th Bn. in the Centre Battalion Sector on night 24th/25th July 1918.
- 2.- Upon relief the 35th Bn. will move to the Reserve Bn. Area.
- 3.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Distribution:

Copy No. 1-2	Bde. Hd. Qrs.	Copy No. 9	23rd A. M. G. Coy.
3	33rd Battalion	10	9th Field Coy. A. E.
4	34th Battalion	11	9th Field Amb.
5	35th Battalion	12	Left Group Artillery
6	9th A. L. T. M. Bty.	13	Superimposed Group Arty.
7	3rd Aust. Pnr. Bn.	14	3rd Aust. Div.
8	9th A. M. G. Coy.	15	File.

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## APPENDIX 37

33/34/35th Bns.  
9th A.L.T.M. Bty.

24/105.

In continuation of my B.M. 24/105 of today. -

The following are the provisional arrangements made with 11th A.I. Bde. pending Divisional approval.

The relief will be extended over two nights. On the first night 9th A.I. Bde. troops north of River SOMME will be relieved. On the second night those South of River SOMME will be relieved. Tabulated, the reliefs will probably be as follows :-

First Night: 44th Bn. relieves 33rd Bn. (Line left)  
43rd Bn. relieves one Coy. 35th Bn. (north of river in rear of Left Bn) which moves to South of River on relief, rejoining 35th Bn.

Second Night: 41st Bn. relieves 35th Bn. (Support)  
42nd Bn. relieves 34th Bn. (Line centre)  
11th A.L.T.M. Bty. relieves 9th A.L.T.M. Bty.

Upon relief, units move to areas as follows :-

33rd Battalion to O.7.  
34th Battalion to O.8. and O.14.  
35th Battalion to O.17. central (with one Coy. in Pioneer Switch).

Existing dispositions will be taken over.

Headquarters of 11th A.I. Bde. units are located as follows:-

41st Battalion	-	O.12.d.1.1.
42nd "	-	O.13.c.2.9.
43rd "	-	O.17.c.9.9.
44th "	-	O.13.c.7.1.
11th A.L.T.M. Bty.	-	O.7.a.4.5.

Brigade Headquarters  
24th July 1918.

(HGG)

*J. W. ...*  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.



33/34/35th Bns.  
9th A.L.T.M. Bty.

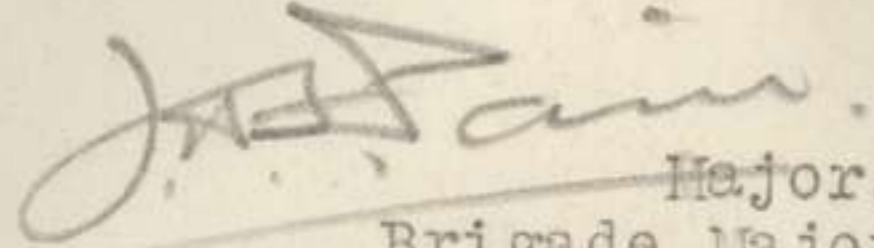
The Brigade will probably be in the Divisional Reserve on 30th inst. after relief by 11th A.I. Bde.

Will you please arrange for parties of Officers to reconnoitre the Reserve Brigade Area so that prior to relief we may be in possession of information which may enable us to assume the role of Reserve Brigade. The conditions of my B.M. 24/101 of 23rd inst. are to be fulfilled.

You will be notified of the dispositions the Brigade will take over as early as possible.

Brigade Headquarters  
24th July 1918.

(HGG)

  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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LIAISON OF ARTILLERY & INFANTRY.

1. In the case of prearranged Medium and Heavy T.M. Shoots on targets within 300 yards of any position held by us, where there is the slightest possibility of short shooting on registration, an increase must be given to the measured range for the first shots, and observation maintained throughout the shoot.

2. The Artillery Liaison Officer with the Infantry must be aware of all Artillery Programmes, and should be present at any prearranged shoot to observe and report both from the Infantry as well as the Artillery point of view.

3. The careless action of telephone and other Personnel around O.Ps. has been frequently noticed of late. In one case, while two Artillery Officers were observing over the parapet, 9 other ranks were sitting on the parados in rear (keenly interested in the shooting, and quite exposed to the enemy). Within 10 yards of this position is a hidden Infantry O.P. where every possible precaution for secrecy has been maintained, but it may be rendered useless by this one careless exposure.

The Senior Officer or N.C.O. of an Observing Party is responsible for the conduct of all personnel in the vicinity of his O.P. and must insist on trench discipline being maintained.

4. It must be impressed on Junior Artillery and other visiting Officers that the Infantry Brigade, or Battalion, Commander in the forward area is the Commander of that area, and that his local instructions as to concealment or movement must be rigidly adhered to. On the other hand, every facility and assistance must be given by Infantry Commanders to the Artillery in the selection, construction, and maintenance, of Artillery O.Ps.

5. Notice boards will be erected on all approaches to O.Ps. warning strangers of their existence and instructing them not to loiter in the vicinity.

6. Officers (and others) who visit O.Ps. will be required to write their Rank, Name and Unit on the back of the Observer's Report; the time and duration of visit will also be entered. The Officer or N.C.O. in charge of the Observing party will be responsible that the foregoing is carried out. These lists should be scanned by the Commander to whom reports are forwarded, and unnecessary visits to important O.Ps. prevented.

(Sgd) C.H. JESS  
Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.

24th July 1918.

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3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.  
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24-7-1918.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 12.

Ref. Map. - 62. D. From 8 a.m. 23-7-1918 to 4 pm. 23-7-1918.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
7-30/8-0 am.	50	4.2	J.36.a.2.7.	CERISY	
8-0/8-10 am.	15		J.27.b.8.8.	"	
1-30/1-40 pm.	20	4.2	J.36.d.5.5.	C.9.b.3.7.	Flash 115° T.B. from J.27.b.65.
2-0/2-10 pm.	20	4.2	P.5.c.8.8.	MORCOURT	3'
11-0/11-10 am.	10	5.9	HAMEL	WARFUSEE	H.E.

Trench Mortars 8-10/8-20 a. 15 rds. L.M.W.'s on to J.36.b. from SAILLY LAURETTE; 11/11-10 am. 3 rds. H.M.W. on to J.35.d. from church, SAILLY LAURETTE (This gun was silenced by our 4.5 Hows); 1-45/1-55 pm. 5 rds. L.M.W. on to J.36.c. from SAILLY LAURETTE.

Movement

Visibility poor.

Wagons: 4-45 am. Q.25.c. one ambulance followed by wagon with 6 horses; 5 am. Q.30.d. three went to LAMOTTE; 5-15 am. Q.30.d. two being loaded with crops; 5-15 am. Q.20.a. two amb. wagons went to LAMOTTE; 6-55 am. Q.27.a. one went west; 7-20 am. Q.13.c. two went west; 8 am. Q.20.c.4.4. two went to REGINALD WOOD.

Men: 6-5 a.m. Q.13. .d.nine with full equipment went east; 7-20 am. P.18.b. five digging trench; 8-40 am. Q.8.a.5.7. ten with shovels went to CERISY; 7-20 am. Q.13.c. five went east; 8 am. Q.15.a. party of 20 men (were dispersed by artillery); 8-30 am. Q.18.c. eight digging.

Motor: 7-30 am. Q.25.c. amb. car went towards LAMOTTE.

From 4 pm. 23-7-1918 to 8 am. 24-7-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery Usual harassing fire. 8-55 pm. a dump was set on fire at P.11.d. by our 4.5 Hows.

Trench Mortars - Nil.

Machine Guns 17,950 rds. were fired on roads at P.17.central, P.17.a.9.0 P.12.c.4.5., P.12.a.5.0., P.16.d.75.10., K.31.c.85.35., K.31.c.2.7., and in P.6.d. trenches P.23.a. - terraces P.17.a.4.1. P.17.c.0.4., SAILLY LAURETTE J.36.a.9.2. RECORD WOOD, P.12.a. Enemy M.G. P.17.c.3.8.

Aircraft Owing to bad weather - nil.

Patrols Right Bn Patrol went to P.11.d.7.3. and listened. At 12-30 am. two men (one apparently an Officer) were seen moving about posts at P.17.b.3.8. At 12-45 am. four men appeared probably a relief as at 1 am. four men left the post. A fire, apparently an ammunition dump, was burning at approx. P.11.c.8.2. At 1-50 am. a man whistled, probably as signal.

Centre Bn. The Left Coy. patrol went to P.11.b.6.3. and saw a large party of the enemy (from 30 to 40 men) moving on skyline from P.11.d.45.30. to P.11.d.9.9. The artillery was notified and at 12-45 pm. thirty rds. were fired and shells fell in the vicinity. The result could not be well observed, but all movement of enemy ceased. A L.M.G. was active at approx. P.6.d.15.20. The Right Coy. patrol observed the same movements on skylines from P.11.d.0.9. At 1-30 am. an explosion occurred at P.11.c.90.15. It appeared as if a dump had been blown up by enemy shelling.

Left Bn. Patrol went to low ground at P.6.a.8.5. A light M.G. was active at P.6.b.4.7. Heavy transport was heard on roads east of SAILLY LAURETTE. A light M.G. was active at approx. J.36.c.7.5. and Very Lights were fired from J.36.c.82.52. At 11-45 pm. several rds. 5.9 H.E. fell in NO MAN'S LAND; when white lights were fired towards the enemy artillery fire lifted. Sounds of digging and wiring were heard in the vicinity of the cemetery, J.36.c.8.5. A light M.G. again fired from S.W. corner of cemetery, J.36.c.9.4. and two men were seen at this point moving east.



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<u>ENEMY ACTIVITY</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Shelling.</u> <u>Rounds</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
5-30/6-30 pm.	180	4.2 & 77	P.10.c. & 16.a.	105° & 100°	T.B. from P.10.b.95.20. (H.E.)
5-45/6-0 pm.	20	5.9	P.10.c. & d.	165°	T.B. from J.28.b.3.2.
10-0/10-30 pm.	180	4.2	P.10.c., d., P.9.b.	TB65°	from P.10.b.95.20
11-55 pm.	30	5.9	BOUZENCOURT		CERISY, GAILLY
2-10/2-30 am.	60	5.9 & 4.2	J.35.c. & d.		MALARD WOOD
3-30/4-0 am.	20	4.2	SAILLY-le-SEC		"
3-45/4-0 pm.	20	5.9	P.10.c. & d.	165°	T.B. from J.28.b.2.3.
4-15/4-30 pm.	18	5.9	SAILLY-le-SEC		MALARD WOOD
10-45/11-5 pm.	200	5.9, 4.2 & 77	J.36.a. & c. & P.6.a.		MALARD WOOD.
11-15/11-20 pm.	40	4.2 & 5.9	J.29.a. & c.		"
11-20/12 midnight	35	5.9 & 77	J.36.c.		"
12-30/2-0 am.	130	77 & 4.2	J.36.c.		"

French Mortars Increased activity.

1-4-0 pm. twenty rds. L.M.W. on to J.36.c. from SAILLY LAURETTE.  
 4-10/4-25 pm. 23 rds. L.M.W. on to J.36.c. from SAILLY LAURETTE.  
 12-30/12-40 am. 20 rds. " " " " " " " "

Machine Guns See patrols.

Aircraft - Nil.

Movement Trains: 3-50 pm. R.26.c.2.7. train with four trucks stationary;  
 4-30 pm. Q.33.a.3.8. light train stationary at dump; 8-30 pm.

R.26.d. train stationary;

Wagons: 3-30 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. one went to PROYART; 3-55 pm. two went south; 4-10 pm. Q.30.d.2.8. two were loaded with crops; 5-40 pm. Q.24.d.1.5. eight men unloaded boxes from two wagons; 6-30 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. two went to PROYART;

Men: 5-20 pm. Q.26.c.50.15. four men digging; 6-30 pm. P.25.a.1.9. six moving about at intervals; 7 pm. Q.26.b.7.3. twenty digging; 7-40 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. ten went to PROYART; 6 pm. P.23.a. fifteen left TAILLOUX WOOD went to LAMOTTE; 6-50 pm. Q.14.c. fourteen went west; 7-15 pm. P.23.a. fifteen entered TAILLOUX WOOD; 8-15 pm. Q.24.d. about 100 in twos and threes went east.

Horsemen: 4 pm. R.25.central three horsemen went east; 5 pm. Q.30.c.7.5. two went to large dump at R.26.d.; 7-40 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. two went to MORCOURT.

Location: Dump at Q.33.b.5.5.; men living in huts, light trains run to this spot. Small new trench at P.11.c.7.2. probably M.G.E. (artillery notified).

*H. H. Dixon Capt*

*Brig. General.*

(HGG). Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.



## APPENDIX 40.

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GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 87A.

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 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. )  
 10th -do- ) (Copies for Bns)  
 11th -do- )  
 3rd Aust. M. G. Bn.  
 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.  
 A. D. M. S.

In country such as where we are at present fighting, new areas appear, at first sight, to be bare of local landmarks or local distinctive features, yet within a few days various apt descriptive names are used for describing local features.

On all tactical maps used in the Division, such landmarks will be shown as a spot, centrally placed in a triangle - the spot indicating the "pinpoint" of the co-ordinate - and the descriptive name written alongside, i. e.

- △ Bare Crucifix.
- △ Two Trees.
- △ Mill Ruins.

Local names at present in use (and their co-ordinates) and additions should be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters for insertion on maps from time to time.

24th July 1918.

(Sgd)

C. H. JESS

 Lieut-Colonel.  
 General Staff.



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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 13.

25-7-1918.

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Ref. Map. - 62.D.

From 8 am. 24-7-1918 to 4 pm. 24-7-1918.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

<u>Artillery</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	7-0/7-15 am.	30	5.9	J.17.a.	MALARD WOOD	
	8-40/9-0 am.	30	.77	J.36.a.2.6.	CERISY	
	10-0/10-10 am.	20	5.9	J.27.a.3.9.	MORCOURT	
	9-45/10-0 am.	20	.77	SAILLY-le-SEC	MALARD WOOD	
	2-30/3-0 pm.	30	4.2	P.5.b.	"	
	6-20/7-30 am.	30	5.9	J.35.a.	"	
	7-30/8-30 am.	30	.77	J.29.c. J.36.a.	CERISY	

Trench Mortars 8-0/8-30 am. 15 rds. L.M.W. on to J.36.c. from SAILLY LAURETTE.

Machine Guns. 4-0/6-0 am. M.G. fired short bursts at intervals on our front line from P.17.a.

Aircraft Below normal. 5-30 am. one I.A. endeavoured to cross our lines but was driven off by A.A. fire. 8-15 am. observation balloon up at 162° T.B. from J.28.b.3.2.

Movement Trains: 9-20 am. R.26.b. train went to PROYART; 2-15 pm. R.25.d.8.3 train with 10 trucks stationary; 11-20 am. R.25.d.7.3. train with two trucks stationary;

Wagons: 7-40 am. Q.24.b.8.8. one unloaded by 4 men; 8 am. Q.24.b.8.8. one went to MORCOURT; 11-20 am. Q.24.d.30.15. four loaded wagons came from PROYART; 11-10 am. Q.26.d.5.4. two went towards LAMOTTE; 12 noon Q.24.b.8.8. one went to PROYART; 1 pm. R.25.d.2.5. two being loaded by ten men; 12-40 pm. Q.29.b. two went to HOPE WOOD; 4-55 pm. Q.26.c. five 4 horse and five 2 horse wagons led by horsemen went west.

Men: 8-30 am. Q.9.c.6.5. four went east; 9-30 am. Q.24.b.8.8. six men at the willow tree; 10 am. Q.15.c.7.7. four went to CERISY; 11-30 am. Q.30.a.5.4. fourteen went to HOPE WOOD; 10-35 am. Q.15.a. five with picks went to HAMILTON WOOD; 5-20 am. R.23.a. twenty went to LAMOTTE. There is continuous movement of men in ones and twos in P.23.a. - TAILLOUX WOOD; 9-55 am. R.26.c. thirty working. Considerable movement of ones and twos in P.17.d. moving east with packs and carrying material in bags.

Horsemen: 10-35 am. R.25.a. three went to large dump at R.26.d.; 1-35 pm. Q.24.d. two went towards PROYART; 7 am. P.25.c. two went towards LAMOTTE; 12-40 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. two went to PROYART; 11-20 am. Q.24.d.30.15. seven went to PROYART.

Horses: 7-10 am. R.25.a. twenty loose horses grazing.

Motors: 10-30 am. Q.30.d.4.4. motor car went to R.26.d.; 10-50 am. Q.30.c.5.7. one went to LAMOTTE; 12-20 pm. R.25.d.2.5. two went to large dump at R.26.d.; 9-30 am. Q.28.c.50.35. one went east.

From 4 pm. 24-7-1918 to 8 am. 25-7-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

Relief The 34th Battalion, in reserve, relieved the 35th Battalion in the line (centre Bn) and 35th Battalion went to Reserve position. Relief was complete at 11-10 pm.

Artillery Usual harassing fire. 5 pm. Q.27.c.15.35. our artillery fired on dump, rounds fell in vicinity, men and wagons were dispersed. 5 pm. K.31.d.8.7. 18-pdrs. dispersed working party of 30 men causing casualties. 3 pm. our 4.5 Hows. fired on M.W. positions in J.36.d. central and two O.K.'s were observed.

Trench Mortars - Nil.

Machine Guns 14,700 rds. were round on to roads K.31.c.85.35., P.6.b.9.9., P.6.b.6.7., P.12.b.5.6., P.17 central, P.6.d.9.2., P.12.c.40.25., P.16.d.75. road junction and trenches in P.23.a.; trench at P.17.b.8.2. and in P.17.a. HUNS walk P.17.b. and ridge at P.11.d.7.5.

Aircraft Our planes active over enemy lines in fairly large formations from 5 pm to 8 pm. Enemy observation balloon burnt by our planes at 140° T.B. from J.20.b.3.0.

Patrols Right Bn. Patrol went to P.11.c.6.1. and listened. Sounds as if digging were heard at P.17.b.2.5. and one of enemy seen. Probably

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a member of a covering party. Otherwise patrol reports all quiet.  
 84 Centre Bn: Patrol went to P.11.b.75.75. and listened. An enemy patrol of about 20 men were seen to move down slope from RECORD WOOD.

they split up into two parties and returned to RECORD WOOD, having evidently seen or heard our patrol. At 1 am. one of our planes dropped 6 bombs in to NO MAN'S LAND. A dugout was discovered in old trench at P.11.b.62.55. which showed signs of recent occupation by the enemy. The following articles were found on a bunk in the dugout - Post Card addressed to 202nd R.I.R. 2nd Bn. 5 Comp. giving normal identification, 6 newspapers, address on cardboard box and M.G. spare parts bag. Patrol reports conspicuous absence of Machine Guns and Very Light activity by enemy. Patrols out covering the relief report all quiet.

Right Bn: Patrol went to tow-path along the canal at P.6.c.9.8. where the path is obstructed by fallen trees and wire entanglements which are practically impassable to troops. L.M.G.'s active at approx. P.6.b.10.85. J.36.c.8.6., J.36.c.99.55. and Very Lights were fired from eastern boundary of cemetery. L.M.G. active at J.36.c.9.4. and sounds as of wiring at J.36.c.9.6. Dugout at J.36.c.9.9. was examined, but no trace of recent enemy occupation found. P.6.a.8.9. L. M.G.were seen active at P.6.a.95.75. and P.6.b.39.89. As No. 4 patrol was about to go out the enemy commenced his raid (see enemy activity).

#### ENEMY ACTIVITY

Enemy Raid Under cover of a box barrage enemy raided our post at P.6.a.2.8. The barrage lasted from 2-15 am. to 3-10 am. The raiders consisted of about 32 men divided into two parties. As the defenders felt capable of dealing with the attack our artillery was not called for.

The raid was unsuccessful. Our casualties were - 2 slightly wounded; enemy casualties at least 3 killed and two badly wounded (a further search is to be made amongst the growing crops).

#### Artillery

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
4-30/4-45 pm.	25	.77	J.36.c.	CERISY	H. E.
9-15/9-30 pm.	50	.77	J.35.d. & 36.a.	MALARD WOOD	"
10-40/11-0 pm.	130	5.9	J.35.a. & b.	"	"
" "		4.2	"	"	"
" "	65	.77	"	CERISY	"
11-0/11-20 pm.		.77	J.36.c.	"	"
" "	250	4.2 & 5.9	"	MALARD WOOD	"
11-15/11-30 pm.		.77	J.36.a. & c.	CERISY	"
1-10/1-20 am.	30	5.9	SAILLY-le-SEC	MALARD WOOD	"
2-10/3-0 am.	2000	(5.9, 4.2	Front Line P.6.a.	"	) Raid ) barrage
" "	1000	.77	J.36.a. & c.	CERISY	
2-10/3-0 am.		1000	(5.9 & 4.2	Sup. Line J.35.b. & d.	MALARD WOOD
" "	.77		"	CERISY	
7-0/7-30 pm.	12	5.9	J.36.c. & P.4.b.	60° T.B. from P.10.b.95.20	"
8-20/8-30 pm.	15	4.2	HAMEL	129° T.B.	"
9-0/9-10 pm.	30	.77	P.10.a. & c.	110° T.B.	"
10-0/10-5 pm.	15	.77	P.10.a. & b.	85° T.B.	"
10-30/11-0 pm.	40	4.2 & 5.9	J.32.a.	MALARD WOOD	"
2-30 am.	100	5.9	P.5.c. & d.	N. E.	"

Trench Mortars L.M.W. fired on to posts at P.6.a.45.80. from J.36.d.central during the enemy raid.

Machine Guns - See Patrols.

Aircraft Active over his own lines. Five at 8 pm., two at 9 pm., observation balloons up at T.B.'s 165° and 173° from J.28.b.3.2.

Movement Trains: 5-50 pm. R.26.c.3.5. train with 7 trucks stationary; 6-40 pm. R.25.d.5.5 motor train with 9 trucks went to large dump R.26.d.; 7 pm. R.30.d.85.10. light motor engine went south; 6-55 am. R.25.d. train stationary; 7-10 am. Q.26.a. train went towards PROYART.

Wagons: 3 pm. R.25.c.5.4. five at dump; 4 pm. R.25.a.5.4. one loaded by 5 men; 4-30 pm. R.25.a.7.7. one went to HOPE WOOD; 6-10 pm. R.25.d.1.0. one at large dump; 8 pm. Q.30.d. two went towards LAMOTTE; 8-25 pm. Q.30.b. two went north.

Men: Considerable movement in Q.24.b. in 2's and 3's from 3-20/8-0 pm.; 5-30 pm. P.23.b. party of 20 digging trench, artill. notified, 5 pm. Q.22.c. five cutting crops; 7-45 pm. Q.29.b. 8 men went west.

Motors: 5-30 pm. Q.30.d.5.4. one towing another along went to R.26.c.

Horses: 6 pm. R.13.d.8.6. about 20 loose horses grazing.  
Location: Q.29.b.85.60. camouflaged object (probably big gun) 6 men continually here; Q.27.c.15.35. dump with hessian screen 10' high, men & wagons. Artillery notified in both cases.

*E. Halford Lt*  
 Brig. General

Commander



## APPENDIX 42

Headquarters  
3rd Australian Division.



Enemy Raid - Night 24/25th July 1918.

At 2-15 a.m. this morning the enemy put down a heavy barrage in the form of a box round the right post, Left Battalion, at P.G.A.2.8. with 5.9, 4.2., .77 and T.M's of all sizes. This post had been re-sited by C.O. 33rd Battalion just prior to the bombardment, being moved 40 yards to the front of its old position which received many direct hits.

At 2-30 a.m. the barrage lifted about 150 yards and the enemy raiders, consisting of two parties, attacked our right platoon. A covering party protecting the left flank of this platoon, which was working at the time, engaged with rifle fire the enemy right party, which was about 12 strong. One of our men claims to have bayoneted one of this party. Owing to the Lewis Gun on this flank failing temporarily the enemy escaped but probably not without loss.

The left enemy party of about 20 men also attacked our left post but was driven off by rifle and Lewis Gun fire after throwing several bombs. Some of the enemy scattered among the crops and long grass in rear of our lines, where two wounded and one killed were found shortly afterwards. One of the enemy who was attempting to escape stumbled across No. 1 post and was shot dead. Another German was killed at the River post by rifle fire while endeavoring to escape. Enemy barrage ceased at 3-10 a.m.

The infantry refrained from calling for artillery assistance as they were not being seriously hampered by enemy artillery fire and felt capable of dealing with hostile infantry.

Our casualties:- two slightly wounded.

A search will be made tonight for any further enemy killed or wounded.

I am sending herewith one shoulder strap and two identity discs. Identification normal.

Brigade Headquarters  
25th July 1918.

Brig. General.  
Commanding 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Ref.: BAYONVILLERS 1/20,000.

26th July 1918.

1. (i) A party of 1 Officer 15 Other Ranks of 33rd Bn. will raid CEMETERY J.36.c.9.5. on the night 26/27th July.

(ii) Zero hour: 12-30 a.m.

2. (i) Left Group Artillery will co-operate by firing an area shoot on SAILLY-LAURETTE (six 18-pdr. batteries one 4.5/Bty) as per attached tracing, from zero to zero plus 15 minutes.

(ii) Rate of fire: One round per gun and how. per minute.

(iii) Detailed orders for artillery co-operation have been issued to all concerned by Left Group Artillery.

3. 6th Aust. M.T.M. Battery (two Mortars) will engage enemy Machine gun at P.6.b.39.89. and post at P.6.b.00.60. from zero to zero plus 15 minutes.

4. 9th A.L.T.M. Bty. will co-operate as follows :-

Zero to Zero plus 1 -

2 guns on S.W. corner of CEMETERY.

2 guns on eastern wall of CEMETERY.

2 guns on western wall of CEMETERY.

1 gun on enemy post at J.36.c.96.38.

Rate of fire: 25 rounds per minute.

Zero to zero plus 5:

1 gun on post at J.36.d.05.62.

Rate of fire: 10 rounds per minute.

Zero plus 1 to zero plus 5:

1 gun on post at J.36.d.29.74.

1 gun on machine gun at P.6.b.17.84.

1 gun on machine gun at P.6.b.39.89.

Rate of fire: 10 rounds per minute.

If the wind is favourable the guns firing on J.36.d.05.62., P.6.b.17.84. and P.6.b.39.89. will fire 30% Varley Smoke Bombs.

5. 9th A.M.G. Coy. will co-operate as follows :-

Zero to 4 guns: Search ground from ROAD, J.36.d.11.20. to  
zero plus P.6.b.00.60. EAST to line running from  
15. J.36.d.50.80. to P.6.b.50.80.

" 2 guns: Search VALLEY K.31.k c.10.60. to K.31.a.50.30.  
" Synchronised harassing fire will also be carried out  
on BRIDGES at P.6.d.18.81 and 33.79; SAILLY-LAURETTE,  
J.36.d.95.20; ROAD JUNCTION and TRACKS J.36.d.60.00.

" 4 guns: Search & sweep K.31.a. north of line  
K.31.a.0.4. - K.31.b.0.4.

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9 p.m.  
9-30 p.m.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. H. Main*

Major.  
Brigade Major.  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Distribution:

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4	34th Battalion	11	6th Aust. M. T. M. Bty.
5	35th Battalion	12	3rd Aust. Division.
6	3rd Aust. Par. Bn.	13	10th A. I. Bde.
7	9th A. L. T. M. Bty.	14	14th A. I. Bde.
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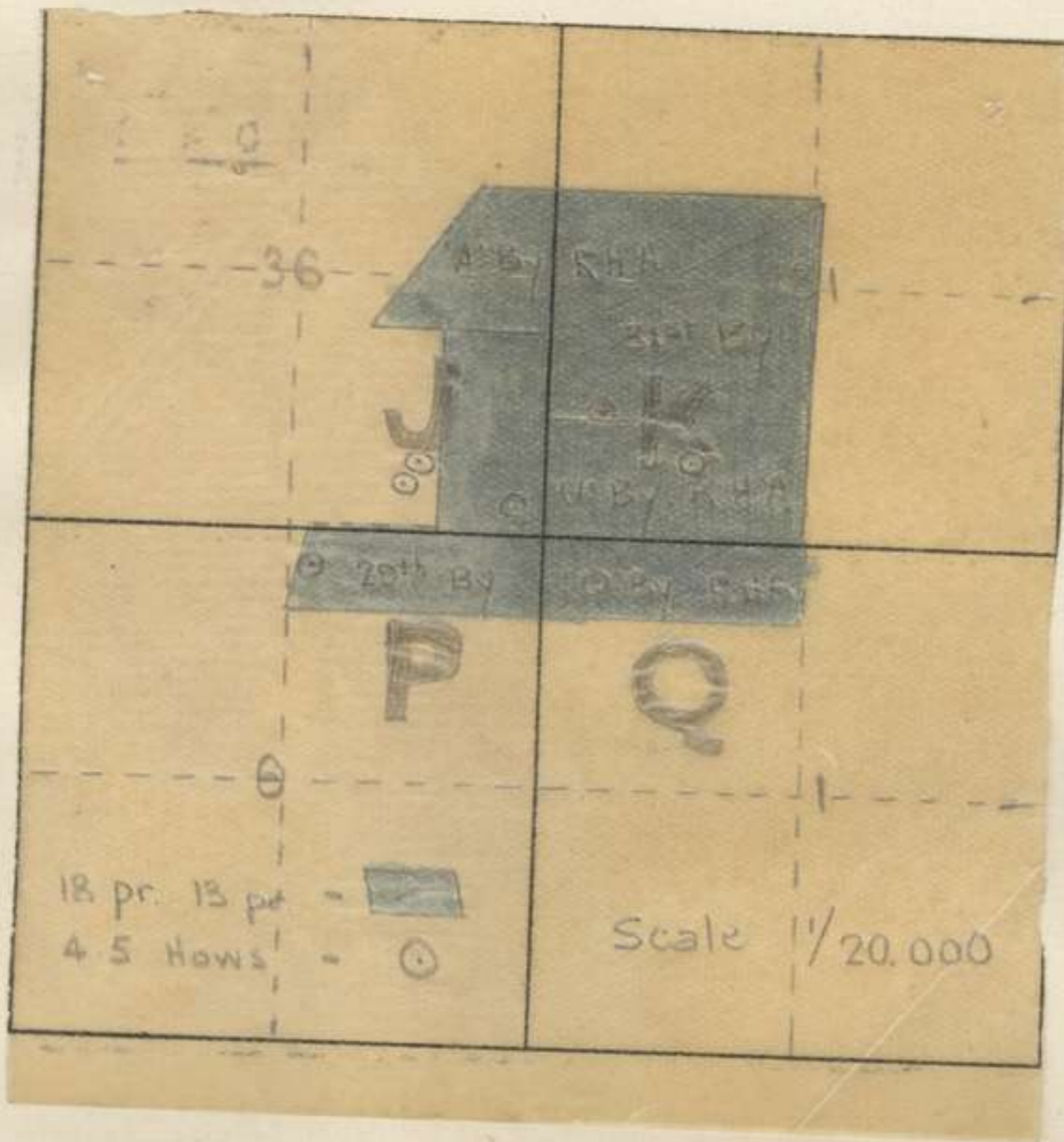
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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 14.

Ref. Map. - 62. D.

From 8 a.m. 25-7-1918 to 4 pm. 25-7-1918.

## ENEMY ACTIVITY

## Artillery

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
6-15/6-30 am.	40	4.2	J.27.d.	BAYONVILLERS	H.E. & Shrap
8-0/8-50 am.	60	4.2	J.26.a.	CERISY	H.E.
9-0/9-15 am.	30	4.2	P.5.c.3.5.	"	H.E.
8-30/10-30 am.	50	5.9	J.27.b.6.8.	MALARD WOOD	H.E.
10-50/11-0 am.	30	5.9	J.28.d.	HAMILTON WOOD	H.E.
12 noon/1 pm.	40	5.9	J.32.a. & b.	MALARD WOOD	H.E.
7-30/9-30 am.	100	.77	SAILLY-10-SEC	"	H.E.
8-30/9-0 am.	20	5.9	"	"	H.E.
10-50/11-0 am.	15	4.2	J.22.d. & b.	T.B. 125° from	J.28.d. 7.0
12-15/12-30 pm.	20	4.2	J.29.d.	MALARD WOOD	H.E.
<u>Trench Mortars</u>	7-55/8-0 am.	12 rds.	L.T.M. on to	J.35.b.	SAILLY LAURENTE.
<u>Machine Guns</u>	- Nil.				

Aircraft Aerial activity much below normal. Balloons up at T.B.'s 115° and 150° from J.20.b.3.2.

Our Aircraft Our planes fairly active over enemy lines from 10-0/11-0 am. 10 am. our planes dropped six bombs north of ACCROCHE WOOD. 10-55 am. two bombs on to P.17.b.3.8.

Movement Trains: 6-55 am. R.26.d. train stationary; 7-10 am. R.25.d. train went west.

Wagons: 6 am. Q.21.a. three went NORTH; 10 am. Q.24.b.8.8. two loaded going to MORCOURT; 11-15 am. Q.30.d.2.5. one went to large dump at R.26.d.; 12-30 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. two went to MORCOURT; 1-30 pm. Q.20.a.1.9. two with 8 men disappeared at Q.9.a.2.4.; 2-10 pm. Q.24.b.8.8. one went to PROYART; 9-35 am. Q.26.central two went SOUTH.

Men: 5-50 am. P.23.a. ten went to TAILLOUX WOOD; 7-5 am. P.24.d. twelve went to TAILLOUX WOOD; 7-40 am. P.23.a. six men went towards WARMUSET; 9-40 am. Q.14.b.1.7. four men went to FORBES WOOD; 12-10 pm. five men at dump; 2-30 pm. Q.22.b.5.5. six went to MORCOURT.

Motors: 10-50 am. Q.27.c.3.3. two motor lorries went towards BAYONVILLE.

From 4 pm 25/7/18 to 8 am 26/7/18.

## OUR OPERATIONS:

Artillery: 7 p.m. 18 pdrs fired on small enemy party at P.12.a.1.9. 6.30 p.m. our Heavy Artillery fired on to dump at R.25.d., the shots were observed to fall about 1,000 short of the dump.

Trench Mortars: Nil.

Machine Guns: 16,000 rds. were fired on to road P.12.b.5.6., P.12.c.40.25., P.6.d.0.0., P.12.a.5.0., P.17. central, K.31.c.25.60., K.31.c.85.35 and in P.23.a. Trenches at P.17.b.18.20., P.23.a.4.5. Bridge Q.1.c.3.7. Terraces P.17.b.2.2. HUNS WALK P.17.b.10.15 to P.17.b.6.2. Area P.23.a. c and d.

Aircraft: 6.55 p.m. our planes low over enemy lines using M.Gs. on ground targets. Our bombing planes active on enemy back areas during the night. 7 p.m. one of our planes dropped four bombs on to P.17.a.

Patrols: Right Bn: Enemy working party was seen at P.17. central, there was considerable movement in this vicinity. Artillery was advised as soon as patrol returned.

Centre Bn: Patrol went to dugout at P.11.b.62.55 and made a thorough examination. There are two entrances with steps leading down to a depth of 20 feet. The dugout is large enough to hold 20 men. The old trench at P.11.b.55.55 was examined for about 40 yds where there was a block made with barbed wire. At the entrance to trench there is a sign board with "ZUM K. T. K. RECHTS". The terraces at P.1.b.3.5. were examined and five cases of 77 mm shells were

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Patrols (cont) Centre Bn (cont) found, but nothing indicating enemy was seen or heard. Terrace at P.11.d.3.9. was examined where shallow rifle pits have been dug. There was conspicuous absence of M.G. and rifle fire and verrey lights.

Left Bn: Patrol went to bank at P.6.a.95.75 from where M.Gs. were seen active at J.36.c.90.45 and P.6.b.39.89. and verrey lights were fired from J.36.c.9.5. The patrol went to western boundary of cemetery at J.36.c.85.55 where the enemy wire is in a bad condition, and could offer no obstacle to troops. At 2 a.m. 2 rds 77 mm fell short into cemetery when white lights were fired towards the enemy - the shelling lifted about 100 yds. M.G. fire was below normal.

ENEMY ACTIVITY: Increased activity during the night:

Artillery:

Time	Rds.	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
7.30/9.30 pm	110	.77, 4.2	SAILLY-le-SEC	MALARD WOOD.	H.
		5.9			
9.40/11.10 pm	120	5.9	J.36.a & c.	do	do
do	75	4.2	P.6.a.	do	do
do	500	.77	J.35.c. & d.	CERISY	do
11.45pm/12.10am	40	5.9	SAILLY-le-SEC	MALARD WOOD	do
do	70	4.2 & .77	J.35.b.	do	do
1.30/2.30 am	50	5.9	SAILLY-le-SEC	do	do
2.0/2.10 am	40	4.2	J.35.b & d.	do	do
3.0/3.30 am	20	5.9	SAILLY-le-SEC	do	do
9.25 pm/12.20am	270	4.2	P.10a. & P.4.d.	do	do

Trench Mortars: N i l.

Machine Guns: See patrols.

Aircraft: 5.10 am 4 enemy aeroplanes over our lines driven off by A.A. fire. Enemy observation balloons up at T.B. 160°, 170°, 164°, 172° from J.28.b.3.2., from 4.45 to 8 pm.

Movement:

Trains: 6.30 pm R.25.d.8.5. train with 10 trucks stationary, 9 wagons (each 6 horses) and 30 men loading wagons from train - (see our Artillery).

Wagons: 3.50 pm R.25.c.5.4. 5 led by two horsemen went north; 7 pm Q.24.b.7.8 - two went to PROYART; 7.30 pm Q.25.d.6.6. two loaded went to PROYART; 7.10 pm Q.30.c. four went west on main road; 7.5 pm Q.30.d.50.45 three went west; 5.40 pm Q.26.c.5.4. six went towards LAMOTTE.

Men: 5.30 pm R.25.a.7.7. ten at dump loading wagon; 7.20 pm Q.30.c.1.5. fifteen went to RICHMOND WOOD; 7.15 am Q.30.a. seven went south; 4. pm. Q.23.b. considerable movement of men in twos and threes; 5.50 pm Q.27.c. six working at dump; 6.55 am P.23.a. six came to TAILLOUX WOOD and four with full packs left WOOD.

Cyclists: 4. pm Q.29.b.6.3. three went west; 4.20 pm smoke as if from cookhouse at Q.29.b.8.5., outskirts of HOPE WOOD.

7.40 pm Q.34.b.8.8. a dump on fire burnt for 30 minutes.

Locations: 5.50 pm considerable movement of men in ones and twos at dump Q.27.c. Artillery notified.

26/7/18.

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Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Bde.



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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 15.

27-7-1918.

Ref. Map. - 62.D. From 8 a.m. 26-7-1918 to 4 pm. 26-7-1918.

## ENEMY ACTIVITY

## Artillery

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
4-15/4-30 am.	50	5.9	J.27.a.1.3.	MORCOURT	
9-15/9-25 am.	20	4.2	P.4.d.5.5.	CERISY	
9-35/9-40 am.	12	4.2	P.10.a.	HAMILTON WOOD	
11-0/11-20 am.	20	.77	J.36.c.	CERISY	
1-0/1-30 pm.	15	4.2	J.36.a. & c.	HAMILTON WOOD	
" "	10	5.9	J.35.a. & d.	MALARD WOOD	

French Mortars 11-0/11-20 am. 14 rds. H.M.W. on to J.36.c. from J.36.d.

Aircraft 5-50 am. four enemy planes over our lines driven off by A.A. fire.  
O.B.'s up at 164° and 172° T.B. from J.27.b.3.2.

Machine Guns Enemy A.A.M.G.'s active at P.17. central and from ACCROCHE WD.

Movement Trains: 13-30 pm. R.26.c.2.5. train shunting at large dump;  
6-45 am. R.31.d. train went south.Wagons: 9-40 am. Q.24.b.75.50. one went to PROYART; 1-10 pm. Q.30.d.4.4.  
two loaded went towards LAMOTTE; 2-15 pm. R.25.a.5.3. two went towards  
PROYART; 10-15 am. Q.26.a. two ambulance wagons went towards LAMOTTE;  
5-50 pm. Q.26.d. six went east; 6 am. Q.15.a. four went east.Men: 10-30 am. Q.24.a.5.5. four went to MORGAN WOOD; 10-35 am.  
one erected small blue flag at K.31.c.9.4.; 11-20 am. Q.15.a.8.9.  
six went to CERISY; 1-30 pm. Q.23.central five at what appeared to be  
small dump; 2 pm. Q.24.d.2.3. seven men moving about; 9-20 am.  
Q.24.b.8.8. six went to MORCOURT; 10-40 am. P.23.a.4.7. two with  
small dark boxes on wheelbarrow went into TAILLOUX WOOD; 6-40 am.  
Q.24.d. two stretcher bearers carried wounded man towards LAMOTTE.

Dump: 9-40 am. R.26.c.1.5. columns of smoke issuing from large dump.

Motors: 9-45 am. Q.30.e. motor lorry went to large dump at R.26.c.

Location: 1-50 pm. two A.A. guns seen firing from Q.13.b.4.4.; A.A.M.G.  
fired from P.17.central.OUR ARTILLERY dispersed working party of 8 men at K.31.c.90.65. and men  
carrying boxes at K.31.d.1.3. 1-50 pm. our 4.5 Hows. silenced H.M.W.  
firing from SAILLY LAURETTE.

From 4 pm. 26-7-1918 to 8 am. 27-7-1918.

## OUR OPERATIONS

Raid The cemetery in J.36.c. was raided by us at 12-30 am. The  
raiders found the cemetery unoccupied. The post at J.36.c.96.38. was  
rushed, and about 30 of the enemy fled from this post. No identification  
was obtained but it is believed that casualties were inflicted on the  
enemy who were followed by the raiders to within 50 yds. of SAILLY  
LAURETTE. No posts were discovered in the cemetery. On the western  
and northern sides of the cemetery there is a good line of barbed  
"concertina" wire, about 10 yds. from wall. The trench at J.36.c.96.38  
is well dug and 30 yds. in front is a good line of similar "concertina"  
wire. Enemy's artillery did not reply and there was practically no  
M.G. fire. Our casualties - one slightly wounded.Artillery 7-20 pm. artillery obtained two O.K.'s on to suspected O.P. at  
Q.9.c.7.6. 7-50 pm. two enemy guns firing from Q.13.d.4.9. were  
silenced by our 9.2 Hows., it is believed 3 O.K.'s were obtained.  
6-20 pm. P.23.a. ten men were dispersed by our 13-pdrs. 4-20 pm.  
K.31.a.35.85. 4.5 Hows. fired on party, the shells falling very close  
Party dispersed. This area frequently offers good targets for sudden  
bursts of fire.Trench Mortars fired 290 rds. in conjunction with Left Bn. raid. The shoot  
was reported by the raiders to be very accurate.Machine Guns fired 38,000 rds. on to roads P.17.central, P.6.d.0.0., P.12.c.  
20.25. and road in P.23.a., tracks P.23.b.6.5., bridge P.6.d.1.8.,  
trenches P.23.a., area P.23.a.c. & d., HUNS WALK P.17.b.10.15., areas  
K.31.a.4.1. to K.31.b.4.4., J.36.d.1.2. to P.6.b.08.80. and SAILLY  
LAURETTE J.36.d.95.20.

Aircraft During the night our bombing planes were active in the



direction of BRAY. Bombs were dropped on enemy positions in P.17.

Patrols Right Bn: Sounds as of digging were heard between P.17.b.2.6. and P.17.a.4.8. Artillery was notified when patrol returned. Otherwise patrols report all quiet.

Centre Bn: A patrol discovered a German dugout at P.11.b.7.8. which they examined. Two men went to a depth of 30' but could go no further because of foul air. Some Post cards and letters were found on a shelf. From P.11.d.5.9. patrol heard an enemy working party (approx. 30 men) digging south of RECORD WOOD. M.G. was seen active at P.12.a.1. firing into sector on right. No Very Lights or rifle fire and only one M.G. reported active.

Left Bn: At P.6.a.79.89. a party of three of the enemy were seen, but on the approach of our patrol they moved off in an easterly direction. Bank at P.6.a.95.55. was examined but nothing indicating enemy was seen or heard.

ENEMY ACTIVITY - Artillery					
Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
9-30/2-45 am.	210	4.2	P.10.b., P.11.a.	MALARD WOOD	H.
12-55 am/2-25 am.	60	4.2	P.5.d. & P.4.d.	"	"
4-45 am.	30	.77	P.10.b.	HAMILTON WOOD	H.1
10-15/10-20 pm.	25	4.2	J.19.c.1.8.	WARFUSSE Green X Gas	"
9-0/10-0 pm.	130	.77	J.35.b. & H.36.c.	CERISY	H.
9-0/10-40 pm.	140	4.2	"	" MALARD WOOD	H.2
10-30/10-50 pm.	40	.77	SAILLY-1e-SEC	"	"
11-0/11-30 pm.	50	5.9	J.29.c.& d, J.35.a.& b.	"	"
11-0pm/12-20 am.	100	4.2	J.35.b.	"	"
3-0/3-20 am.	25	4.2	J.35.b. & d.	"	"
12-20/3-30 am.	60	5.9	VAIRE	WARFUSSE	"

Trench Mortars 1 am. 6 rds. L.T.M. on to J.36.c. from SAILLY LAURETTE.

Machine Guns Activity much below normal (see Patrols).

Aircraft 7-5 pm. an E.A. endeavoured to cross our lines, but was driven back by A.A. fire. O.B's were up from 6-15 to 8-0 pm. at T.B's 160° and 170° from J.28.b.3.2.

Movement Trains: 6-50 pm. J.25.b.1.3. light train stationary and wagon being loaded from train by 5 men (AN); 6 pm. R.25.d. light motor engine went west.

Wagons: 7-10 pm. R.25.c.3.4. two 1 horse wagons went east; 7-30 pm. R.25.d.5.4. two went to large dump R.26.c.; 4-20 pm. J.27.d. two went west; 7-25 pm. J.28.d. three went west (AN); 8-0/8-30 pm. J.29.b. eight wagons and about 100 men went to HOPE WOOD. Smoke from cock-house came from wood. Until 9 pm. the wagons were not observed to leave the wood (AN). (Visibility bad).

Men: 4-0/4-20 pm. considerable movement at quarry K.31.c. (AN); 6-5 pm. J.30.a. five digging trench; 6-30 pm. J.25.a. ten men went to LAMOTTE (AN).

Motors: 4 pm. J.29.b.30.35. motor lorry was unloaded by 8 men (AN).

Locations: Six men were seen in shell holes at P.12.b.5.5. - probably an outpost. K.31.d. enemy appear to be constructing large dugouts (AN); fresh enemy work on trench from P.17.b.2.6. to P.17.a.8.4.; suspected M.G.E. at P.17.a.3.4. (AN).

Note - (AN) signified "Artillery notified".

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 16.

Ref. Map. - 62.D.

From 8 a.m. 27-7-1918 to 4 p.m. 27-7-1918.

ENEMY ACTIVITY Much below normal.Artillery

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
11-30/11-45 am.	25	.77	J.29.d.	CERISY	H. E.
1-40/2-0 pm.	25	4.2	J.28.a.& b.	HAMILTON WOOD	"
2-0/2-30 pm.	30	5.9	SAILLY-le-SEC	"	"
11-30/12 noon	30	.77	P.10.d.& b.	"	"

Trench Mortars 2-15/2-30 pm. ten rds. H.M.W. into J.36.c. from SAILEY LAURETTE. The H.W. was silenced by 4.5 H.ws.

Aircraft - Nil, - bad weather.

Movement Visibility poor.

Wagons: 1 pm. R.25.a.9.8. two went north; 1-30 pm. R.25.a.1.6. one went towards PROYART; 10 am. J.25.d. two ambulance wagons went to LAMOTTE.

Men: 10-30 am. Q.9.c.7.5. five went to CERISY; 2-20 pm. Q.19.d.7.7. three went East; 6-15 am. P.23.a. six left TAILLOUX WOOD and went towards LAMOTTE; 6-20 am. J.25.d. ten went East; 7-5 am. Q.26.c. eight digging trench; 8-40 am. J.18.d. five working in trench; 7-55 am. several small parties of men carried wire between P.17.c. and ACCROCHE WOOD.

Horsemen: 7-35 am. Q.15.a. two horsemen went to FORBES WOOD.

From 4 pm. 27-7-1918 to 6 am. 28-7-1918.

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery At 10-30 pm. and 2-30 am. 4.5 Hows. silenced H.M.W. firing from SAILEY LAURETTE.

Trench Mortars Nil.

Machine Guns fired 15,000 rds. on to roads at P.17.b.8.2., P.13.b.5.6., P.12.c.40.25., P.6.d.0.0., P.12.a.5.0., P.22.d.75.00. to 75.15., J.1.c.30.75., K.31.c.4.2., P.23.a. central, SAILEY LAURETTE J.36.d.9.2., bridge Q.1.c.3.8., area P.23.a.c.d. and HUNS WALK P.17.b.3.1. to P.17.b.9.2

Aircraft During the night our bombing planes were active on the enemy's back areas.

Patrols Right Bn: Two patrols were out covering the front, which was quiet. Small enemy party was seen on the sky line in P.11.d.

Centre Bn: The dugout in P.11.b.7.8. was again examined. It was found to be about 50' deep and incomplete. A listening post was formed at P.11.b.95.25. and an enemy working party was heard in the vicinity of P.2.a.4.0. There was no rifle, M.G. or Very Light activity.

Left Bn: Ground near the water in P.6.a. was examined, but nothing unusual was discovered. Post at J.36.c.9.9. was examined. It consists of two short lengths of trench about 15' apart connected by a subterranean passage. There was no sign of recent occupation. M.G.'s active from P.6.b.39.89., J.36.c.85.37., J.36.b.35.10., J.36.d.4.8. and Very Light from approx. J.36.d.0.7. M.G. at south-west corner of cemetery has not fired since our raid.

ENEMY ACTIVITY - Artillery.

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
6-30/6-45 pm.	20	5.9	P.2.a.	LAMOTTE	H. E.
7-0/7-15 pm.	20	5.9	HAMELET VILLAGE	LAMOTTE	H. E.
9-30/10-0 pm.	20	4.2	VAIR-sous-CORBIE	MARCEL CAVE	H. V.
3-0/4-0 pm.	40	5.9	VAUS-sur-SOMME	LAMOTTE	H. E.
9-30/11-30 pm.	180	4.2 & .77	P.5.d. & P.4.d.	MALARD WOOD	
11-30/12 midnight	30	4.2	P.10.b.	"	H. E. (Inst)
1-45 am.	30	4.2	P.5.d.	"	H. E.
9-30/11-0 pm.	60	.77	P.10.b.8.2.	S. E.	
9-0/9-30 pm.	45	4.2	P.10.b.	S. E.	

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## ENEMY ACTIVITY - Artillery (Contd)

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
4-0/4-15 p.	30	4.2	J.22.a.	MALARD WOOD	H. E.
8-20/8-35 pm.	40	4.2	SAILLY-le-SEC	"	"
9-15/9-30 pm.	50	4.2 & 5.9	J.36.a. & c.	"	"
10-45/11-0 pm.	50	"	"	"	"
2-0/3-30 am.	200	"	J.36.c.	"	"
3-30/4-30 am.	50	4.2	J.35.b. & d.	"	"

Trench Mortars 10 pm. to 2-30 am. 20 rds. H.M.W. on to J.36.c. from SAILLY LAURETTE.

Machine Guns See Patrols.

Aircraft Bombing planes were active on our back areas during the night in the vicinity of CORBIE. Between 12 midnight and 3 am. 20 bombs were dropped on to J.36.c. and J.32.a. & b. 6 am. five E.A. attempted to cross our lines but were driven off by A.A. fire.

Movement

Trains: 5-45 to 6-20 pm. R.25.d. engine shunting trucks; 7 pm. R.25.c. train with 12 trucks (three guns on trucks) went East.

Wagons: 4-0/4-30 pm. Q.29.b. three wagons and considerable movement of men on outskirts of wood. 4-10 pm. Q.30.a. four went to PROYART; 5-50 pm. Q.24.b. two went to PROYART; 4 pm. Q.36.b.7.7. two came to large dump at R.26.c.; 4 pm. Q.30.d. two went towards LAMOTTE.

Men: 7-30 pm. Q.23.d. about twenty men went towards MORCOURT; 7-40 pm. Q.23.d. twelve men went towards MORCOURT; 4 pm to 9 pm considerable movement of men in ones and twos between P.17.c. and P.23.a.; 6-30 pm. Q.13.b. movement of men in trenches.

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Brig. General.  
Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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33/34/35th Bns.  
9th A.L.T.M. Bty.  
9th A.M.G. Coy.  
11th Aust. Inf. Bde. (For information)

HEADQUARTERS  
NINTH INFANTRY BRIGADE  
28 JUL 18  
B.M. NO 24/105.....  
A.I.F.

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In continuation of my B.M. 24/105 of today. -

- 1.- A readjustment of the North boundary of ~~the~~ "B" Division~~s~~ which will be the SOMME RIVER inclusive, has necessitated the cancelling of the above quoted letter.
- 2.- The following is now a forecast of the probable relief of the Brigade as at present arranged with 11th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
- 3.- On 30th/31st July, the 11th R.F., 54th Brigade, will relieve 33rd Battalion. Upon relief the 33rd Battalion will move to the VIEW Sector in H.20. Reconnoitring parties of 11th R.F. will report to 33rd Battalion about 11 a.m. 29th inst.
- 4.- 35th Battalion will withdraw its one Company in J.27.a. to P.2. south of river on night 30/31st July.
- 5.- On the 31st July/1st Aug. the 34th Battalion will be relieved by 42nd Battalion and upon relief will move to the AUBIGNY system in O.8. and O.14. Thus the arrangements for mutual relief of 34th and 42nd Battalions by one another will hold good.
- 6.- On the same night (31st July/1st Aug) the 35th Battalion will be relieved by the ~~2~~ 43rd Battalion and upon relief will move to AUBIGNY line in O.1., O.2. and O.7.
- 7.- Upon completion of relief this Brigade Headquarters will be established at I.32.b.6.7.
- 8.- For your information it is notified that the 41st Battalion will not move from its present position in the vicinity of O.12. and P.7. and 44th Battalion will not move from O.7. An American Battalion will be relieving the 43rd Battalion in its present location and a second American Battalion will be accommodated near La NEUVILLE about I.26. & 27.
- 9.- Upon relief this Brigade becomes the Reserve Brigade and will have at its tactical disposal one Battalion of 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade (44th Battalion).
- 10.- 9th A.L.T.M. Bty and 11th A.L.T.M. Bty. will mutually relieve one another as already arranged.
- 11.- Working parties as per attached working party table will be taken over by 35th Battalion on dates and at times as shown.
- 12.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

Brigade Headquarters  
28th July 1918.

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*J. J. J. J.*  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.



No.	Date	Time to report	Strength of party		Location of work	Nature of work	Report to	Tour of duty	Remarks		
			Off.	O.R.							
1.	July 31	10 am.		4	AUBIGNY	Duty with Town Major			Detached.		
2.	" 31	"		8	P.7. and 1	Brigade Dumps.			3 Dumps at P.7.a.15.85 P.7.d.2.5.&P.1.a.1.1. Detached.		
3.	" 31	"		9	FOUILLOY	R.E. Dump			Detached with <del>R.E.</del> Bn.		
4.	" 31	"		2	DAOURS	do.			Detached with Pnr Bn.		
5.	" 31	"	1	12	Divisional Area	Burial Party					
6.	" 31	7-30 am.	1	27	CORBIE	Salvaging	Town Major	6 hrs.			
7.	" 31	"		7	FOUILLOY	do.	do	do.			
8.	" <sup>1st Coy</sup> 31	<del>12-30 am.</del> 4-30 am.		13 13 15	Dugouts	1st Aust. Tunn. Coy. H.Q.	do.	4-30 am. to 1 pm.			
	" 31	12-30 pm.		15				do.		do.	12-30 pm. to 9 pm.
9.	" <sup>1st</sup> 31	7-30 am.		12				do.		Crucifix Corner (G.I.a.central)	8 am. to 4 pm.
	" 31	3-30 pm.		12	do.	do.	4 pm to 12 M/Nt.				
	" 31	11-30 pm.		12	do.	do.	M/Nt. to 8 am.				
10.	" 31	9 am.		22	O.6.a.50.30.	Bridge Building	11th Field Coy. A.E. Sapper.	9 am. to 4-30 pm			
11.	" 30	5 pm.	1	27	O.3.s.central.	43rd Battalion Guards on bridges.			With 11th Field Coy.		
12.	" 30	"	1	27	CORBIE	do.			do.		

Brigade Headquarters  
28th July 1918.

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Major.  
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8th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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No.	Date	Time to report	Strength of party Off. O/R.	Location of work	Nature of Work	Report to	Tour of duty	Remarks
13.			11	DAOURS	Divisional Baths			
14.			8	P.2., 3, & 14.	Guards on dumps (3)			P.2.c.1.5., P.3.c.25.55. and P.14.a.10.98.
15.			9	O.1. and N.18	do (2)			O.1.c.2.5., N.18.d.3.5.
16.			1	I.51.	Water Picquet			
17.			22	BUSSY	With 9th Field Coy. Divisional Headqrs.			
18.			1 17 (incl. 1 NCO)	I.52.a.1.2.		Capt. WILLIAMS, 11th Field Coy.		
19.			11 (incl. 1 NCO)	Bridge I.29. central.		Sappers. 11th Field Coy.		

Brigade Headquarters  
30th July 1918.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 17.

Ref. Map. - 62.D.

From 6 am 28-7-1918 to 6 am. 29-7-1918.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

<u>Artillery</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	8-20/8-30 am.	20	5.9	J.27.a.1.6.	MALARD WOOD	H. E.
	8-30/8-40 am.	30	5.9	J.27.c.	ETINBEHUI	"
	8-40/10-20 am.	70	5.9	J.21.c.	"	"
	1-30/1-40 pm.	20	4.2	P.11.a.5.5.	"	"
	8-0am/2-50 pm.	120	5.9	J.27.b(Welcome Wd)	"	"
	9-0/9-10 am.	20	5.9	J.28.a.	MALARD WOOD	"
	10-0/10-55 am.	28	4.2	WELCOME WOOD	"	"
	11-30/11-55 am.	40	4.2	J.35.b.	"	"
	3-20/5-0 pm.	40	4.2	WELCOME WOOD	"	"
	9-30/10-0 pm.	31	5.9	"	"	"
	"	50	.77	J.36.b.	"	"
	11-45/11-50 pm.	60	4.2 & 5.9	J.36.	"	"
	12-32/1-0 am.	800	5.9, 4.2, & .77	J.36.b. & c. P.6.a.	"	Enemy barrage CERISY.
	1-25/2-50 am.	1000	do.	do.	MALARD WOOD, CERISY.	
	3-10/3-20 am.	20	.77	J.36.b.	CERISY	H. E.
	3-30/4-30 am.	20	5.9	WELCOME WOOD	MALARD WOOD	"
	10-30 am.	50	5.9	P.5.d.	WARFUSEE	" SHRAP.
	4-55 pm.	45	.77	P.11.a.	HAMILTON WOOD	
	12-40 am.	20	5.9	P.11.c.	WARFUSEE	H. E.
	1-0/3-0 am.	50	.77	J.33.d.	"	
	Gun flashes seen at 160° T.B. from J.28.b.3.2.					
	9-0/12 noon	30	5.9	VAUX-sur-SOMME	MALARD WOOD	H. E.
	9-45/11-0 pm.	20	4.2 & 5.9	do.	LAMOTTE	
<u>Trench Mortars</u>	6-30/6-35 am.	4 rds.		H. M. W. on to J.36.c.	from J.36.d.4.4	
	4-35/4-50 pm.	5 "		" "	" "	" "
	11-5/11-20 pm.	4 "		" "	" "	" "
	12-15/2-30 am.	22 "		" "	" "	" "

Machine Guns See Patrols.

Aircraft 6-15 am. six E.A's high over our lines driven off by A.A. fire.  
6-0/6-30 am. enemy observation balloons up at T.B's 152° and 141° from J.28.b.3.2.

Movement Trains: 7-40 am. train shunting at large dump R.26.c.;  
Wagons: 7-15 am. Q.31.d.5.8. three went to BAYONVILLERS; 8-35 am. Q.24.b.8.8. two went to PROYART; 6-25 am. Q.25.c. one went to LAMOTTE; 6-45 am. Q.26.c. two went to LAMOTTE; 9-40 am. Q.26.d. two went to LAMOTTE; 10-35 am. P.30.d. two left LAMOTTE and went East; 9-35 am. Q.25.d. three went South.  
Men: 9-30 am. Q.26.a.95.10. considerable movement in ones and twos to REGINALD WOOD; 9-40 am. Q.24.b.8.8. six unloaded a wagon; 11-50 am about 30 men in twos and threes on the MORGOURT-PROYART road going towards PROYART; 6-30 pm. Q.9.c.8.7. three moving about clump of bushes; 6 am. Q.19.c. five went to Thin wood; 6-55 am. Q.13.d. six went to HAMILTON WOOD; 12-50 pm. P.23.a. five carrying packs entered TAILLOUX WOOD; 3-35 pm. P.30.a. five went to LAMOTTE. From 5-15 to 8-0 am. about 50 men in twos and threes went from P.17.c. to ACCROCHE WOOD, one party with three messenger dogs. 7-25 am. Q.26.c. motor ambulance went east.

Location: Q.25.d.3.6. smoke issuing from hut, probably billet; O.26.b.1.1 four men entered a large dugout; 1-15 pm. P.31.c. 6.3. small red flag flying near dugout.

Signals: 12-30 am. on our barrage opening on Left sector the enemy threw up two red and a number of orange coloured lights which were immediately followed by his barrage.

P. T. O.



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OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery

P.17. and P.11. were shelled as a diversion from operation by Brigade on our Left. Enemy reply practically nil.

4.5 Howa. engaged hostile M.W. firing from J.36.d.4.4. at 6-30 am, 4-35 pm, and 12-15 am. On each occasion the M.W. was silenced. 5-55 am. P.23.a. party of ten men on road were dispersed with casualties.

Trench Mortars 1-35 am. fired 40 rds. on to M.G.E. at P.6.b.38.89. Result not observed.

Machine Guns fired 17,600 rds. on to roads at P.17.a.75.85., P.12.c. to P.12.d.0.0., P.6.d.15.70., tracks P.6.c.7.8., P.6.c.9.9., P.1.c.35 3.8, HUNS WALK, P.17.b.8.8., enemy work and trenches at P.17.d.8.9., P.12.c.02.20. and in P.23.a., areas P.17.a. and from K.31.c.8.5. K.31.d.3.7.

Aircraft 9-0/10-0 am. our planes very active flying low over enemy's lines using M.G.'s on ground targets. During the night bombing planes were active on enemy back areas.

Patrols

Right Bn: Patrols report all quiet.

Centre Bn: Patrol went to P.11.a.5.1. and listened but nothing indicating the enemy was seen or heard. Patrols report a conspicuous absence of M.G. and rifle fire and Very Lights.

Right Bn: Patrol went to bank at P.6.a.95.75. A M.G. was seen active at J.36.d.45.20. A working party was heard at J.36.c.9. by two separate patrols and Very Lights were fired from J.36.c.95.60. M.G. seen active at P.36.d.1.3. and Very Lights fired from J.36.d.1.5. There was no enemy activity from the western wall of the cemetery, which he had apparently evacuated.

*G. Halford*

Brig. General.  
Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

(HGG)



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From 6 a.m. 29-7-1918 to 6 a.m. 30-7-1918.

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OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery At 9 p.m. the heavy Artillery and at 2 a.m. the Field Artillery put down a Gas concentration on to valley running N.E. & S.W. through WARFUSSE-ABANCOURT.

Trench Mortars - Nil.

Machine Guns 16,250 rds. were fired on to roads P.17.a.5.5., P.6.c.4.1., P.6.d.15.10., areas K.31.c.3.5. to K.31.d.1.7., P.23.a.c. & d. P.6.d., P.12.b., P.12.c., trenches P.17.b.2.1., P.18.a.20.22. and in P.23.a., tracks P.6.c.9.9., terraces P.17.b.2.2. to P.17.b.18.50.

Aircraft Our bombing planes very active over enemy forward area during the day.

At 9-25 am. five bombs dropped on to ACCROCHE WOOD.  
 12-30 pm. 5 " " " " " "  
 1-30 pm. 5 " " " " " "  
 7-15 pm. 10 " " " " P.17.c.

These planes were heavily engaged by A.A.M.G. fire.

Patrols Right Bn: Patrols report all quiet.  
Centre Bn: RECORD WOOD was examined but nothing indicating the enemy was seen or heard. At P.12.a.45.45. an enemy listening post was discovered by the patrol. The enemy was dispersed by bombs and rifle fire leaving one wounded in our hands. Identification (202 R.I.R.) normal. A M.G. was observed firing from P.12.a.55.00. No Very Lights were used by the enemy.

Left Bn: Patrol went to P.6.a.9.5. but nothing indicating enemy seen or heard. M.G. seen active at J.36.c.9.4. From vicinity of the cemetery the patrols heard sounds as of digging at J.36.c.9.4. During enemy shelling several rounds 4.2 fell short in cemetery J.36.c. When white lights were fired towards enemy the range was increased.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

Artillery

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
9-15/11-15 am.	100	4.2 & 5.9	J.35.b. & d.	MALARD WOOD	H. E.
5-0/6-30 pm.	200	5.9	J.35.a. & c.	"	"
10-30pm/3-15 am	5,000	5.9, 77 & 4.2	J.36.a.b.&c. J.35.a. & b. J.29.c. & d.	"	Shrap & HE
3-45/4-0 am.	60	5.9	J.35.b. & d.	"	"
9-0/9-20 am.	30	5.9	J.28.a.7.3.	ETINHE M	H. E.
11-0/11-10 am.	30	5.9	J.27.d.	"	"
12-40/1-0 pm.	30	4.2	J.29.c.8.6.	MALARD WOOD	"
5-30/6-20 pm.	150	5.9	J.35.d.	ETINHEIM	"
11-0 pm.	30	5.9 & 4.2	P.11.a.2.4.	MALARD WOOD	"

Trench Mortars 5-30/8-0 pm. 30 rds. medium and light M.W. on to J.36.c. from SAILLY LAURETTE.

Machine Guns See Patrols.

Aircraft 5-10 pm. two E.A. attempted to cross our lines but were driven back by our own planes.

Movement Visibility poor. Wagons: 10 am. J.25.c. two went to LAMOTTE.  
Men: 10-0/12 noon considerable movement of men in twos & threes in quarry at K.27.d. Movement of men was seen at intervals during day at P.17.c. & P.23.c. & d.  
Location: Suspected O.P. at P.18.a.5.5. in small trench.

*G. Halford*

Brig. General.  
Commanding 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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## APPENDIX 50

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9th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 49.

Ref. 62.D.

30th July 1918.

1. (a) On the night 30/31st July, the 33rd Battalion will be relieved by 11th R.F., 54th Brigade, and will move to Reserve position in La NEUVILLE Sector - I.26.d., I.32.a.& b.

(b) After this relief 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters will move to CORBIE - O.5.c.45.60.

2. (a) On the night 31st July/1st Aug. the 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade (less one Bn.) will be relieved by 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade as follows :-

34th Bn. Line (Left) by 42nd Bn.  
 35th Bn. Support by 43rd Bn.  
 9th A.L.T.M. Bty. by 11th A.L.T.M. Bty.

(b) After relief 34th and 35th Bns. will move to AUBIGNY System replacing 42nd and 44th Bns. respectively. 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade will then be in Divisional Reserve.

(c) Upon completion of relief Brigade Headqrs. will move to I.32.b.6.7., and command of Left Brigade Sector (including that portion held by 3rd Aust. Par. Bn.) will pass to G.O.C. 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. T. Bain*

DISTRIBUTION:

(P.T.O.)

Major.  
 Brigade Major.





- 1-2 Brigade Headqrs.
- 3 33rd Battalion.
- 4 34th Battalion.
- 5 35th Battalion.
- 6 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- 7 9th A.L.T.M. Bty.
- 8 9th A.M.G. Coy.
- 9 23rd A.M.G. Coy.
- 10 9th Field Coy. A. E.
- 11 9th Field Amb.
- 12 Left Group Artillery
- 13 10th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 14 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 15 54th Brigade.
- 16 3rd Aust. Division.
- 17-19 War Diary
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## APPENDIX 50.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONSISSUED WITH 9th AUSTRALIAN INF. BRG. ORDER NO. 49.

1. HANDOVER: The 33rd Battalion will hand over trench stores, including Reserve Ration Dumps, to 11th R.M. on night 30/31st instant. The 34th and 35th Battalions will hand over similarly to 42nd and 43rd Battalions on the night 31st July/1st August, 1918. The 34th and 35th Battalions will have guides at their Battalion Headquarters at 9 a.m. 31st instant to take relief to their Reserve Ration Dumps. Receipts in duplicate will be obtained and forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours of completion of relief.
- Gas Suits: 33rd Battalion will withdraw their gas suits from the line and hand over to 11th Aust. Inf. Bde Hqrs at O. 5. 0. 6. 0. (Sh. 62 D). 34th and 35th Battalions will hand over these suits as trench stores to relieving Battalions. Any Salvage personnel attached to Battalions will be attached to incoming units - in case of 33rd Battalion these men will report to 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. Hqrs.
2. TAKE OVER: On moving to Reserve positions units will take over all shelters, area stores etc. and forward receipts as above.
3. LOCATIONS: Transport Lines and Q.M. Stores will remain as at present
- |                      |     |                        |
|----------------------|-----|------------------------|
| Brigade Headquarters | ... | 52 D - I. 32. b. 6. 7. |
| Y. M. C. A.          | ... | DAOURS.                |
4. SUPPLIES : Re-filling point - as at present. A. S. C. Coy. will deliver to Q. M. Stores.
5. RESERVE RATION & AMMUNITION DUMPS: These may be taken over later - particulars will follow.
6. BATHS: Brigade Baths at VAIRE will close on 31st instant and re-open at DAOURS on 1st August. Units allotment will be notified later. Each Battalion will detail 2 P.B. men to report to Corpl. DICKSON at these Baths at 10.0 a.m. 1st August. These will be additions to present personnel.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. L. Peterson*  
 Captain,  
 Act. Staff Captain,  
 Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade,



31-7-1918

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ConfidentialNINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 19

From 6 a.m. 30-7-18 to 6 a.m. on 31-7-18.

Ref. Map - 62 D.

OUR OPERATIONSArtillery Intermittant fire on targets opposite our front including RECORD WOOD and SAILLY-LAURETTE.Trench Mortars NilMachine Guns 10,700 rounds were fired on targets in P.12.a,b.c., P.6.c., J.36.d., K.31.a & c., Q.1.a.Aircraft Very active, especially between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. At 7.30 am and at 12.30 p.m. 6 bombs were dropped immediately east of TAILLOUX WOOD.Patrols Night quiet. Right Bn. report an enemy covering party at approximately P.11.d.1.5. The Party was not seen again.

The Centre Battalion report M.Gs. seen firing from P.12.a.30.25. and P.12.a.5.5. These guns were firing low. Rifle shots were heard from this vicinity. Enemy working party at P.12.a.10.75. No enemy patrols were seen.

Left Battalion had Patrols out covering relief. Enemy working party was heard in S.E. corner of Cemetery. M.G. firing from J.36.d.2.3.

ENEMY ACTIVITYArtillery

Time	Rounds	Calibre	Target	Direction	Remarks
11. p.m.	50	4.2	SAILLY-le-SEC	MALARD WOOD	
11.45. p.m.	50	4.2	do.	do.	
9.0/10.0 a.m.	100	.77	P.9.d.	JORDEN WOOD Q.14	
8.0/9.0 p.m.	70	.77	"	"	
10.0 pm/12.30 am	200	.77 & 5.9	P.4. Central	"	
1.0 / 3.0 a.m.	50	4.2 & 5.9	HAMELET	LAMOTTE	
do.	40	"	VAUX-sur-SOMME	"	
4.0 p.m.	10	10.5	P.10.b.1.2.	East	H.E.
5.30/6.10 p.m.	35	.77	"	"	"
10.30 pm/2.30 am	300	.77	P.10.b.1.2.	"	"
9.30 p.m.	30	4.2	P.5.a and b	HAMILTON WOOD	
10.0p.m./12.30 a.m.	100	4.2, 5.9 & .77	J.34.b & d	WARFUSEE	
2.0/3.0 a.m.	30	5.9 & 4.2	J.34.b & d	"	

Machine Guns Very active during the night, sweeping roads and high ground in J.28 and J.29 from a South-easterly direction. (See Patrols)  
Suspected M.G.E. at P.17.a.7.6.Aircraft Generally quiet. Three planes attempted to cross the line at 7.30 p.m. and were driven back by A.A. Fire.Movement - Poor visibility owing to mist.

No movement of trains or wagons reported.

Men, 2.30 p.m. Q.19. Central Five men working; 4.15 p.m. TAILLOUX WOOD Six went to LAMOTTE; 3.45 p.m. Q.25 One cyclist; 5 p.m. P.23.c, three cyclists; 8 p.m. P.17.c ten; 10.30 a.m. P.17.c six; 11 a.m. P.17.d, six,

(WCO)

*G. Halperin*  
Brig-Gen.  
Commanding 9th Australian Inf. Brigade.



C O P Y9th Aust. Infantry Brigade.----- RECORD OF PIGEON MESSAGES. -----

APPENDIX 52

Date	Time despatched	Code Time	Time received	From	To
23-7-18	3.56 pm.	4.25 pm.	4.37 pm.	35th Bn.	9th A.I. Bde
"	6.22 pm.	7 pm.	7.17 pm.	"	"
24-7-18	5.41 pm.	6.10 pm.	6.20 pm.	"	"
25-7-18	5.21 pm.	6.13 pm.	6.40 pm.	34th Bn.	"
26-7-18	6.18 pm.	6.50 pm.	7.17 pm.	"	"
27-7-18	6.30 pm.	7.0 pm.	7.6 pm.	"	"
28-7-18	5.55 pm.	6.20 pm.	6.27 pm.	"	"
"	8.0 pm.	8.25 pm.	8.40 pm.	33rd Bn.	"
29-7-18	6.21 pm.	6.50 pm.	7.6 pm.	34th Bn.	"
"	8-10 pm.	9.0 pm.	9.18 pm.	33rd Bn.	"

(Sgd) F. OSBORNE Lieut.

O.C. No.2 Section.

30.7.18.

APPENDIX

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DATE	33rd Battalion			34th Battalion			35th Battalion			9th A.L.T.M.Bty.		
	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Killed	Wounded	Missing
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APPENDIX B3

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DIVISIONAL CONFERENCE, 9th JULY 1918.

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1. Notes on new front.
2. Specialists C.M. 81A.
3. Intelligence Classes and Cipher Work.
4. Intelligence and co-operation.
5. Landmarks & Signboards.
6. Concealment & Camouflage (Arty).
7. War Diaries 30/58.
8. Successive Artillery Barrages.
9. Cables and Dugout H. Q.
10. Artillery & Engineer Liaison.
11. "Rear" Headquarters, Flags &c.

"A. Q. "

1. Infantry Organisation.
2. Inspection on taking over (Sanitation &c).
3. Salvage work in forward zone.
4. Cleaning of Arms. Fitting of equipment.
5. Saluting and "Trench Manners".
6. Gambling.
7. Action in A.P.M. Cases and C.M. Cases.
8. R.P. and Hunting.
9. Working parties.
10. Movement of details and Transport.
11. Absentees.
12. Signal Messages.
13. Returns.
14. Colour Patches.
15. Immediate awards.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RETURN OF SALVAGE

WEEK ENDING - 5th July 1918.

APPENDIX 59  
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UNIT	General Salvage			Paper and Cardboard		Fat	Sheet Tin	Solder	Jam Cartons	Lead
	£.	s.	d.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
H.Q. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	51.	9.	0	79	-	-	; -	-	26	-
33rd Battalion	95.	1.	4	58	21	140	40	33	41	-
34th Battalion	1490.	0.	8	271	45	103	-	14	15	-
35th Battalion	223.	13.	7	19	21	88	-	16	19	10
9th A.L.T.M. Battery	246.	17.	4	25	-	45	-	-	5	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2107.</b>	<b>1.</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>10</b>

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9th A.L.T.M. Battery.

Brigade Headquarters  
7th July 1918.

(Sgd) S.I. SUTER Captain  
Staff-Captain  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

APPENDIX 59 108



NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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SUMMARY OF SALVAGE

WEEK ENDING - 12th JULY 1918.

UNIT	General Salvage			Paper & Cardboard		Pat	Solder	Sheet Tin	Jan Cartons
	s.	s.	d.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
H.Q. 9th A.I.Bde.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33rd Battalion	-	-	-	34	36	216	102	97	58
34th Battalion	90.	9.	3	136	78	100	30	46	-
35th Battalion	-	-	-	36	27	50	21	-	14
9th A.L.T.H.Battery	-	-	-	25	-	38	-	-	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>90.</b>	<b>9.</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>77</b>

Copies to 33/34/35th Bns.  
9th A.L.T.H.Battery

Brigade Headquarters  
15th July 1918.

*Boate*  
Captain  
Staff-Captain  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade. A.I.F.

APPENDIX 56 109



NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

RETURN OF SALVAGE

WEEK ENDING 19TH JULY 1918.

APPENDIX 57  
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Unit.	General Salvage			Paper & Cardboard		Fat lbs	Jam Cartons lbs	Sheet Tin lbs	Solder lbs	Lead lbs
	£.	s.	d.	lbs.	lbs					
H.Q. 9th A.I. Bde				55	9	-	12	-	-	-
33rd Battalion.	1150.	5.	5	45	25	140	22	-	12	-
34th Battalion.	2701.	14.	0	860	147	246	35	33	11	69
35th Battalion.	284.	16.	0	15	20	30	-	-	14	-
9th A.L.T.M. Battery.	812.	7.	8	841	-	35	5	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4949.</b>	<b>3.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1806</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>69</b>

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9th A.L.T.M. Battery.  
War Diary  
File.

Brigade Headquarters,  
21st July 1918.

(WJF).

*Alfred H. Asst.*

CAPTAIN  
Acting Staff Captain  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

APPENDIX 57

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

RETURN OF SALVAGE

WEEK ENDING 26th July 1918.

APPENDIX  
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UNIT	General Salvage			Paper and Cardboard		Fat	Sheet Tin	Solder	Jam Cartons	Lead
	£.	s.	d.	lbs.	lbs.					
H.Q. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	160.	0.	0	51	-	-	-	-	13	-
33rd Battalion	505.	12.	0	1002	274	159	12	20	107	-
34th Battalion	2382.	15.	0	313	43	220	-	26	20	110
35th Battalion	721.	9.	2	12	25	50	-	16	26	12
9th A.L.T.M. Battery	563.	17.	6	925	132	26	-	-	3	350
Totals	4333.	13.	8	2303	474	446	12	62	<del>472</del> 169	472

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9th A.L.T.M. Battery.

Brigade Headquarters  
28th July 1918.

(Sgd) J.G.PATERSON Capt.  
Acting Staff Captain.  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

APPENDIX 5-8 111



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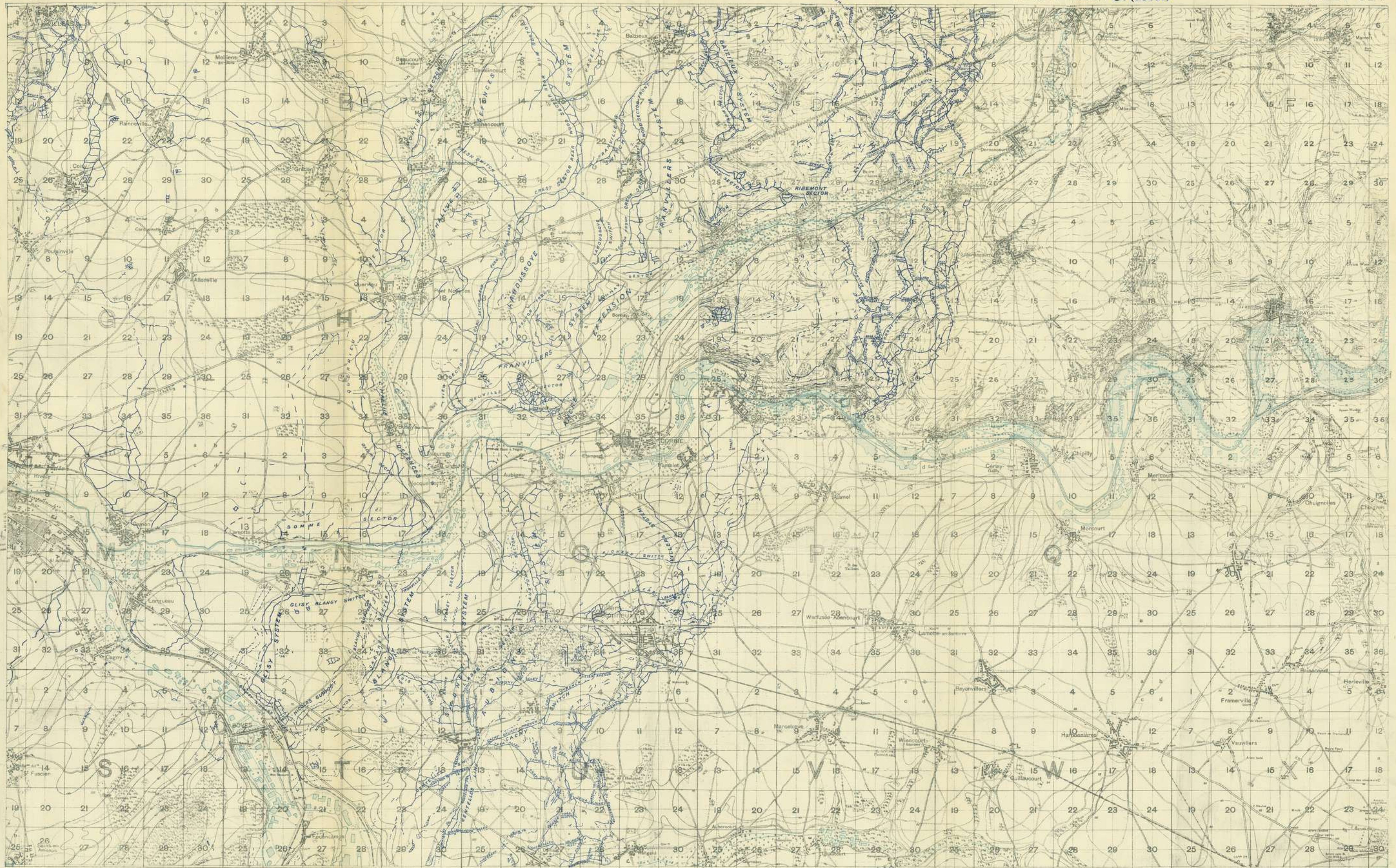
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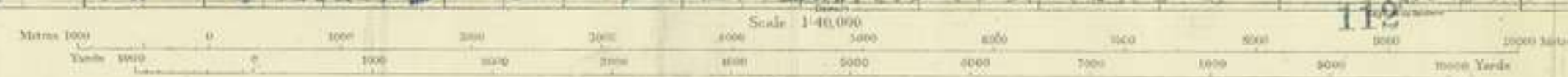
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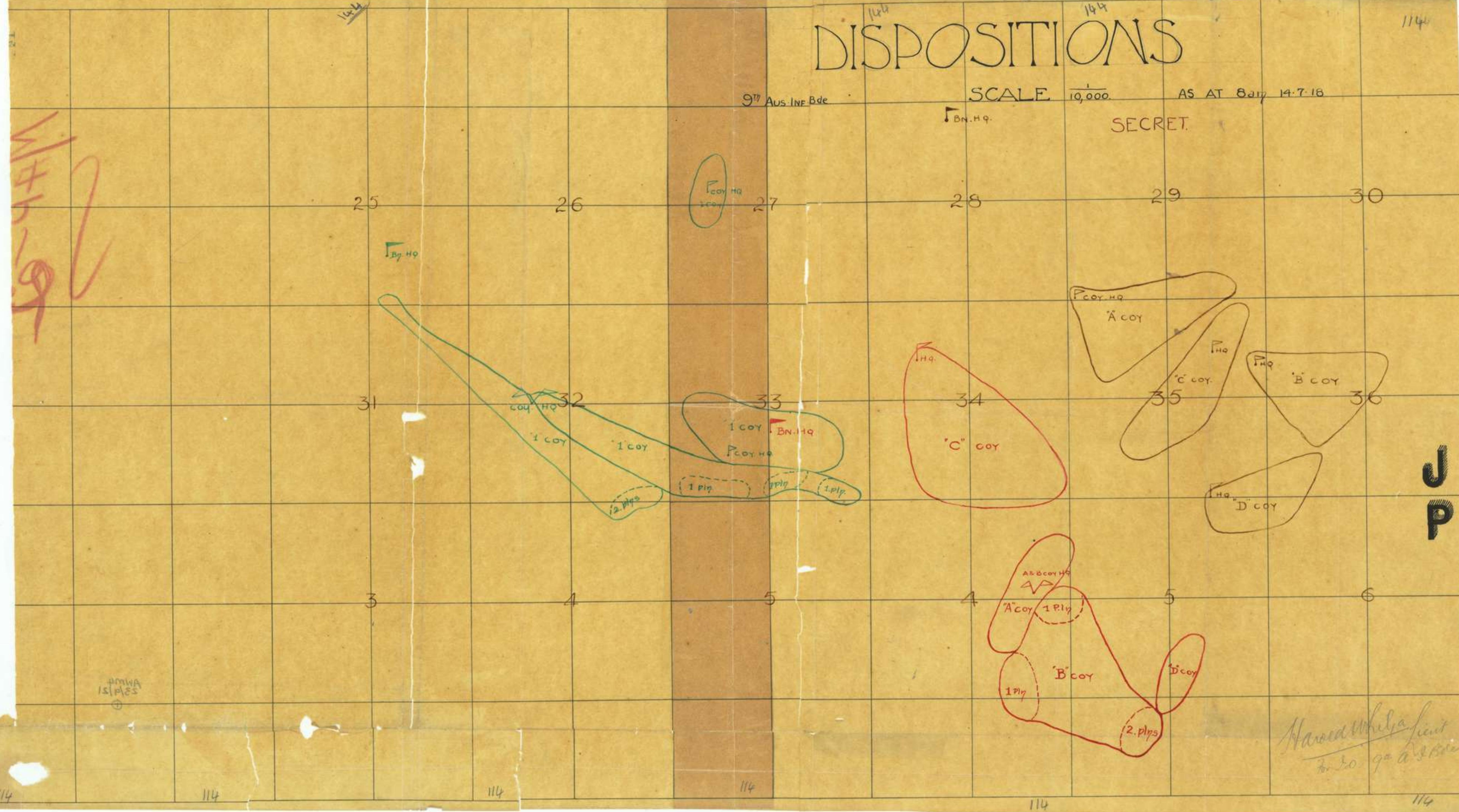
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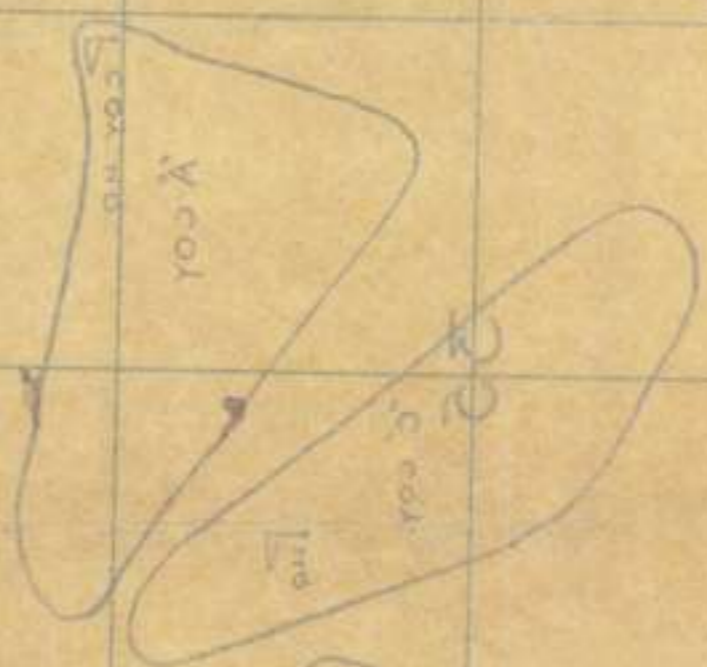
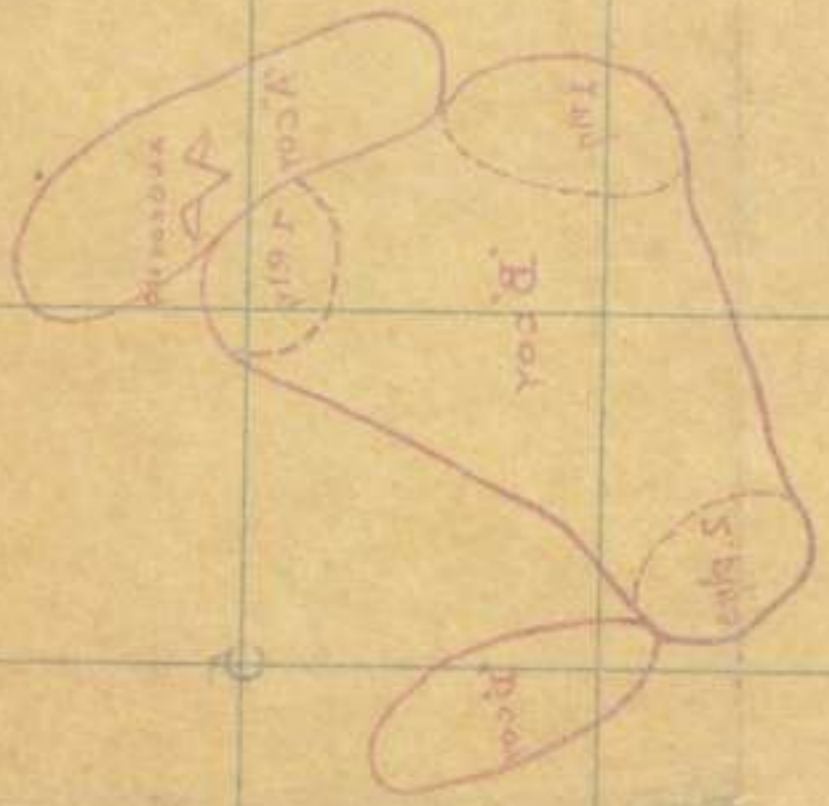
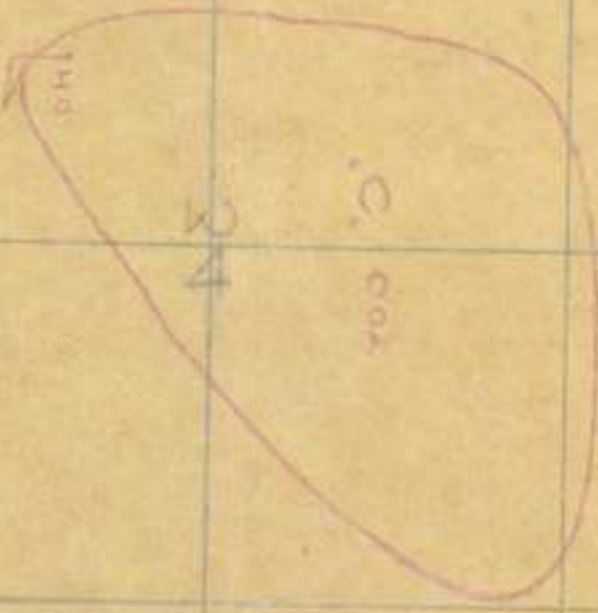
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# DISPOSITIONS

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Map of the area  
around the bridge  
at the junction of  
the road and the  
river.



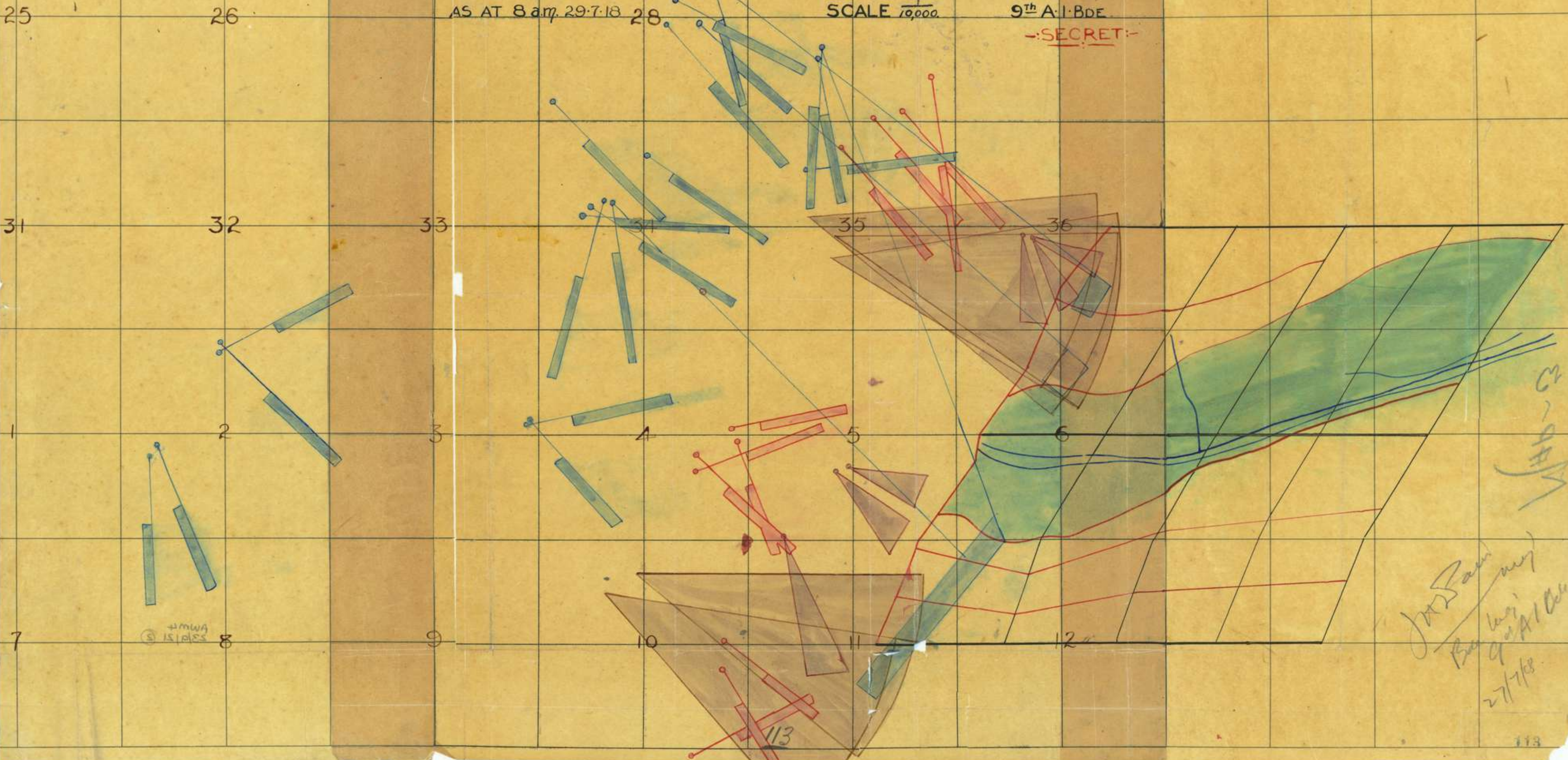
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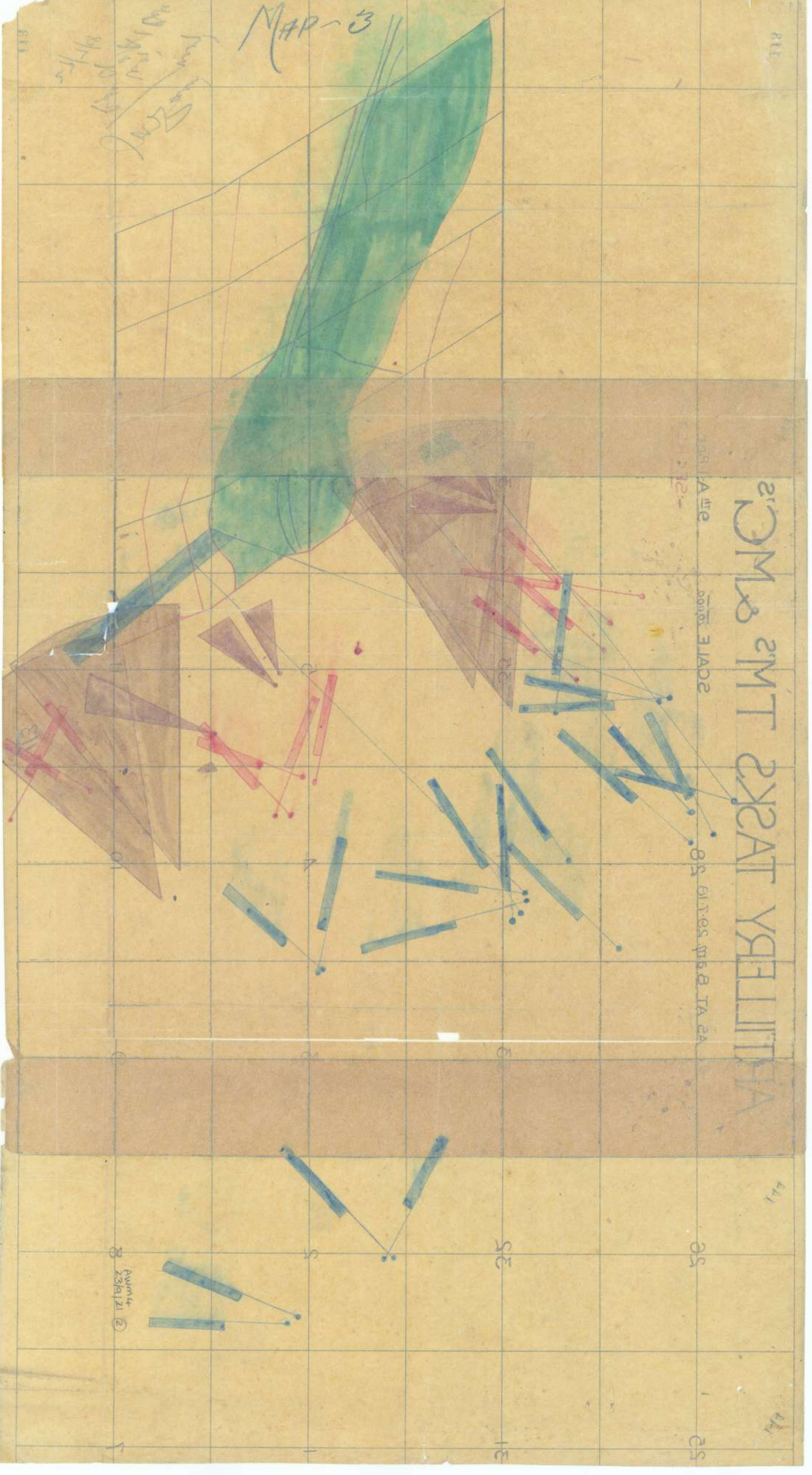
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MAP-3

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2' COM & 2' MT 2' 2' AT Y' PELLITHA

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