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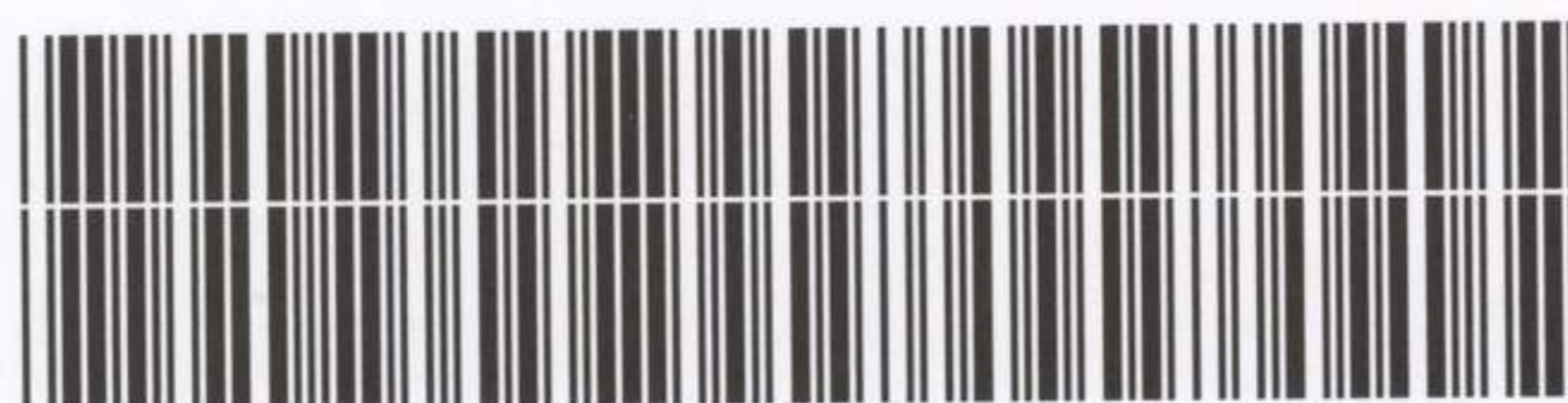
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Engineers

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May 1918



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Australian Imperial Force.

**WAR DIARY**

OF

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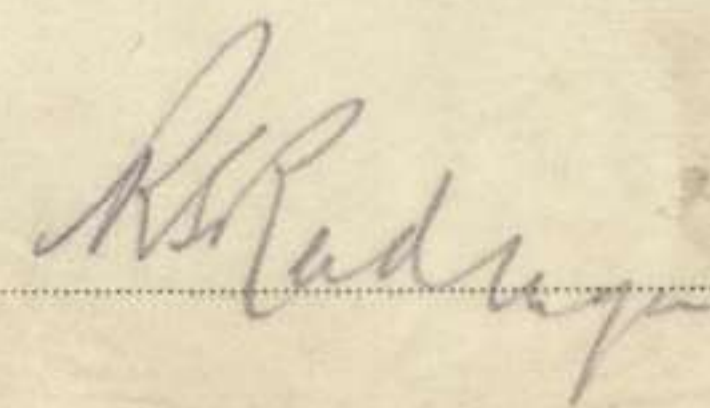
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5<sup>th</sup> Fd: Coy: Eng: 2  
May Brig

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| Place       | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information   | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|-------------|------|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| BEHEN-COURT | May  | 1st  | Company resting at BEHENCOURT. Lieut. Oswaldt of 6th Regiment United States Engineers attached to this unit for experience. Weather fine and bright.  | RSM                                  |
| "           |      | 2nd  | Company placed at disposal of C.R.E. 47th Division for urgent forward works. Instructions received to proceed to WARLOY, for purpose of siting, construction and wiring of defences of SELIS Valley. Weather bright.  | RSM                                  |
| "           |      | 3rd  | Weather fine. Company moved by route march from BEHENCOURT to WARLOY, at 1 p.m. -arriving at 3 p.m. and was attached to 47th Division for Works. 300 men supplied by 18th London Regiment, 141 Brigade.<br>3 Sections of Sappers and attached Infantry, after dark, completed 170 yards double apron wiring and excavated 400 yards trench - 3'6" deep, 4' wide in V.24. (Sheet 57D S.E.)<br>Lieut. R. J. DUMAS and Lieut. F. J. DEACON detached to 283rd Army Troops Company, R.E. for temporary duty. | RSM                                  |
| WARLOY      |      | 4th  | Weather fine. 3 Sections Sappers erected 570 yards double apron wiring and excavated 36 yds trench in V.24. No Infantry parties available.  | RSM                                  |
| "           |      | 5th  | Raining. L/Cpls. Buchanan and Walkinshaw detailed to attend parade at QUERRIEU Chateau for presentation of decoration by Corps Commander. L/Cpl. Walkinshaw was indisposed and afterwards evacuated.<br>3 Sections completed 700 yds double apron wiring during of 5th in V.24.d.   | RSM                                  |
| "           |      | 6th  | Weather dull and warm. Company moved from WARLOY to FRECHENCOURT, arriving at 6 p.m. Sappers camped in wood at B.23.a.9.3. (Sheet 62D) and transport at B.29.b.27.  | RSM                                  |

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|---------------|---------|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| FRECHEN-COURT | May 7th |      | <p>Raining. Company working under C.E. Australian Corps on rear zone defences. Warning Order received from 5th A.I. Brigade, - 2nd Australian Division will probably relieve 3rd Australian Division in the line about 10th inst.</p> <p>No 1 Section (Lieut. Plant), No 2 Section (Lieut. Gray) digging 450 yards Corps Line defences, South of Bois-de-PARMENT (I.l.a.). No 3 Section (Lieut. Croker) wiring line through I.19.c. - about 250 yards. No 4 Section (Lieut. Engel) on Corduroy road for ammunition dump at ST. GRATIEN. Working party of 200 men of 715th Labour Company.</p> | <p><i>Rm</i></p>                     |
| "             | 8th     |      | <p>Fine, but cloudy. All Sections as on 7th inst. 500 yds of trench dug in I.19. (715th Labour Company). 300 yds wire erected.</p> <p>Orders received from 5th Australian Infantry Brigade for all units to be in readiness to move at twenty minutes notice, after 3 a.m. on 8th inst. - owing to enemy activity.</p>  | <p><i>Rm</i></p>                     |
| "             | 9th     |      | <p>Fine, but dull. Nos 1 &amp; 2 Sections spitlocked five Strong Points across Valley from C.20.c. to C.26.a. about 400 yds in all. No 3 Section completed 400 yards wiring in C.25.a. &amp; C.25.b. No 4 Section on road at ST. GRATIEN.</p> <p>4 Officers 80 Sappers &amp; 200 men of 715th Labour Company employed on works.</p>   | <p><i>Rm</i></p>                     |
| "             | 10th    |      | <p>Fine. Company handed over Corps Line work to 10th Field Company, Australian Engineers, at FRECHENCOURT, and moved at 1 p.m. to I.5.a.2.2., near FRANVILLERS, and there relieved the 9th Field Company, A.E. in the line.</p> <p>Company affiliated with 5th Australian Infantry Brigade. Nos. 3 &amp; 4 Sections relieved forward Sections of 9th Field Company, A.E. during the afternoon.</p> <p>Lieut. F. J. DEACON transferred to 1st Australian Divisional Engineers and was replaced at 283rd Army Troops Company, R.E. by Lieut. A. B. BARKINSON.</p>                               | <p><i>Rm</i></p>                     |

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|--------------|------|------|--|--------------------------------------|
| FRAN-VILLERS | May  | 11th | Cloudy - no rain. Forward Sections at work on deep dugouts for Battalion Headquarters, Reg. Aid Post, Machine-gunners, etc., Communication trenches, Strong Points, Splinter-proof shelters and gasproofing of dugouts. Rear Sections employed on rear mined dugouts, timber getting, forwarding R.E. material by Company and Brigade transport, preparing mining timber and building rear Reg. Aid Post and shelters; also providing guides for <del>transport</del> transport. |                                      |
| "            |      | 12th | Work as on 11th inst.  |                                      |
| "            |      | 13th | Dull in the morning, raining in afternoon. In addition to other work already noted for 11th & 12th inst., -6 Sappers were employed on Survey and reconnaissance of forward area dugouts, , trenches, etc.  |                                      |
| "            |      | 14th | Dull - fine afternoon. Little or no change in employment of Sappers.   |                                      |
| "            |      | 15th | Fine and clear. The work of forward Sections much hampered by enemy action.  |                                      |
| "            |      | 16th | Fine and clear, warm. Lieut. Oswaldt, U.S. Engrs. returned to his unit.  |                                      |
| "            |      | 17th | Fine, and warm.  |                                      |
| "            |      | 18th | Fine, clear and hot during morning; heavy thunderstorm during the afternoon.   |                                      |

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|--------------|------|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| FRAN-VILLERS | May  | 19th | <p>Fine &amp; clear.</p> <p>At 2 a.m. the 6th Australian Infantry Brigade and the Left Battalion of 5th A.I. Brigade (18th Battalion) attacked to gain VILLE-sur-ANCRE and to straighten the line and recover the high ground on the Right. Lieut Engel with No. 4 Section carried out Engineer Services, in accordance with Operation Order No 178 of 5th Australian Infantry Brigade, for the Left Battalion, 5th A.I. Brigade. The jumping off tape was laid by mid-night and subsequent taping and supervision of front line and communication trenches carried out successfully. Lieut. Engel was wounded.</p> <p>Nos 1 &amp; 2 Sections relieved Nos 3 &amp; 4 forward, during the afternoon. Lieut. Gray and 8 Sappers stood by at Left Battalion Headquarters, in case of heavy casualties to Lieut. Engel's party.</p> |                                      |
| "            |      | 20th | <p>Fine and warm. Owing to the advance of the 19th inst. the bulk of Engineer work was diverted to consolidation of position, incurring supervision of new front and support lines, wiring, communication trenches and draining of trenches. Bomb-proof walls were erected round the horse-lines. Lieut. Delohery replaced Lieut. Dumas at 283rd Army Troops Company, R.E. One driver injured and evacuated.</p>  |                                      |
| "            |      | 21st | <p>Fine and warm. Lieut. Dumas rejoined unit. Forward Sections engaged on mined dugouts and consolidation of new position. Rear Sections engaged on preparation of mining sets, stove piping, bunking accommodation for forward dugouts, timber getting, guides, loading, etc.</p>  |                                      |
| "            |      | 22nd | <p>Clear &amp; fine. Major Hunt, Lieut. Dingelstedt, Lieut. Gaw all of 110 U.S. Regiment Engineers, joined unit for instructional purposes. Reconnaissance &amp; surveys of new forward areas in progress.</p>  |                                      |

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| FRAN-VILLERS | May  | 23rd | Weather clear & fine.  |                                      |
| "            |      | 24th | Weather changed to cold. Rain set in. Lieut. Delohery rejoined unit. Forward Sections consolidating, building new Company Headquarters (Infantry) in forward area, on drainage, excavation and wiring and deep dugouts as before.  |                                      |
| "            |      | 25th | Dull -to fine. Sergeant Stoller & Cpl Davidson -6th Regiment United States Engineers attached to unit for instructional purposes.  |                                      |
| "            |      | 26th | Dull -to fine. United States Officers rejoin their unit. 18th Battalion relieved 19th Battalion, (A.I.F.) in line, Left. 19th Battalion to Supports.   |                                      |
| "            |      | 27th | Fine, and clear. Owing to the progress of consolidation more Sappers were made available for employment on deep dugouts Splinter-proof shelters, signboards, gas-proofing of dugouts, etc. Some barbed wire concertinas were also constructed. 1 L/Cpl. died of wounds. Mtd. Sgt. Booth & F/Sgt. Buchanan wounded. |                                      |
| "            |      | 28th | Fine & clear. One Section resting with no duty - suffering from effects of gas. Lieut. Parkinson returned to unit. Nos 3 & 4 Sections relieved Nos 1 & 2 Sections forward. Casualties:- 1 L/Cpl killed - 1 L/Cpl. wounded - 4 Sappers gassed.  |                                      |
| "            |      | 29th | Fine & clear. Some shelling near camp. Casualties:- 4 Sappers gassed. Work as before.  |                                      |

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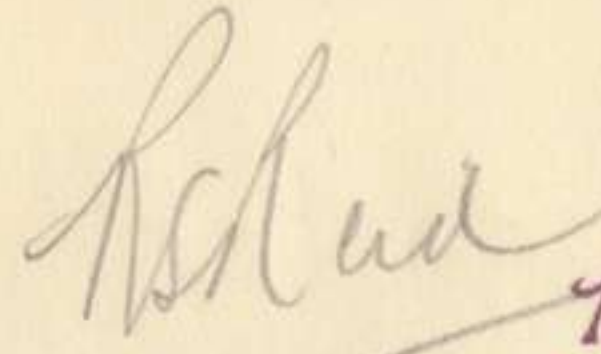
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| FRAN-VILLERS | May 30th |      | <p>Fine, and clear. About 6 rounds - 4.2 enemy shells fell in vicinity of Camp. Lieut. Dumas gassed &amp; relieved forward by Lieut. Delohery. Casualties:- 1 Cpl. &amp; 7 Sappers gassed; 2 U.S. Engineer N.C.Os gassed. One Section "No Duty" - suffering from effects of gas.</p> |                                      |
| "            | 31st     |      | <p>Weather fine and warm. L/Cpl. Curling &amp; Sapper Ward awarded the Military Medal for good work done, during the operations of 19th inst. One Section "No Duty".</p>   |                                      |

  
 Major,  
 D. G. 5th Engrs.  
 A. J. F.



5th Field Company, A.E.

WAR DIARY -

for MAY 1918

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- 2nd Company placed at disposal of C.R.E. 47th Division for urgent works. Instructions received to proceed to WARLOY, for purpose of siting, construction and wiring of defenses of SENLIS Valley. Weather bright.
- 3rd. Weather fine. Company moved by route march from BEHENCOURT to WARLOY at 1 p.m. - arriving at 3 p.m. and was attached to 47th Division for works. 300 men supplied by 18th London Regiment, 141st Brigade. 3 Sections of Sappers and attached Infantry, after dark, completed 170 yds double apron wiring and excavated 400 yds trench - 3'6" deep, 4' wide, in V.24. (Sheet 57D S.E.) Lieut. R.J. Dumas and Lieut. F.J. Deacon detached to 283rd Army Troops company, R.E. for temporary duty.
- WARLOY 4th Weather - fine. 3 Sections of Sappers erected 570 yds double apron wiring and excavated 36 yds trench in V.24. No Infantry parties available.
- 5th Raining. L/Cpls Buchanan & Walkinshaw detailed to attend parade at QUERRIEU Chateau for presentation of decoration by Corps Commander. L/Cpl. Walkinshaw was indisposed and afterwards evacuated. Three Sections completed 700 yds double apron wiring during night of 5th-6th in V.24.d.
- 6th Weather - dull and warm. Company moved from WARLOY to FRECHENCOURT, arriving at 6 p.m. Sappers camped in wood at B.23.e.9.3. (Sheet 62D) and transport at B.29.b.2.7.
- FRECHENCOURT - 7th Raining. Company working under C.E. Australian Corps on rear zone defenses. Warning order received from 5th A.I. Brigade - 2nd Australian Division will probably relieve 3rd Australian Division in the line about 10th inst. No 1 Section (Lieut. Plant), No 2 Section (Lieut. Gray) digging 450 yds Corps Line Defenses, south of Bois-de-PARMENT (I.l.a.); No 3 Section (Lieut. Croker) wiring line through I.19.c. - about 250 yds; No 4 Section (Lieut. Engel) on corduroy road for ammunition dump at ST. GRATIEN. Working party of 200 men of 715th Labour Company.
- 8th Weather - fine, but cloudy. All Sections as on 7th inst. 500 yds trench dug in I.19. (715th Labour Company) 300 yds wire erected. Orders received from 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade for all units to be in readiness to move at 20 minutes notice, after 3 p.m. on 8th inst - owing to enemy activity.
- 9th Weather - fine, but dull. Nos 1 & 2 Sections spit-locked 5 strong points across valley from C.20.c. to C.26.a. - about 400 yds in all. No 3 Section completed 400 yds wiring in C.25.a. and in C.25.b. No 4 Section on road at ST. GRATIEN. Four officer thirty sappers and 200 men of 715th Labour Company, employed on works.

- FRECHENCOURT - MAY  
10th - Weather - fine. Company handed over Corps Line work to 10th Field Company, A.E. at FRECHENCOURT, and moved at 1 p.m. to I.5.a.2.2., near FRANVILLERS and there relieved the 9th Field Company, A.E. in the line.  
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- 11th Cloudy - no rain. Forward Sections at work on deep dugouts for Battalion Headquarters Reg. Aid Post, Machine Gunners, etc.; Communication Trenches; Strong Points; Splinter proof shelters; and gasproofing of dugouts. Rear Sections employed on Rear Mined dugouts; timber getting; forwarding R.E. material by Company and Brigade transport, preparing mining timber and building rear Regimental Aid Post and Shelters, also providing Guides for transport.
- 12th Work as on 11th inst.
- 13th Weather - dull in morning, raining in afternoon. In addition to other work already noted for 11th & 12th inst, 6 sappers were employed on Survey and reconnaissance of forward area dugouts, trenches etc.
- 14th Dull, fine afternoon. Little or no change in employment of sappers.
- 15th Fine and clear. The work of forward section much hampered by enemy action.
- 16th Fine and clear - warm. Lieut. Oswalt of United States Engineers returned to his unit.
- 17th Fine and warm.
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- 19th Fine and clear.  
At 2 a.m. the 6th Aust Infantry Brigade and the Left Battalion of 5th A.I. Brigade -(18th Btn) attacked to gain VILLE-SUR-ANCRE and to straighten the line and recover the high ground on the Right. Lieut. Engel with No 4 Section carried out Engineer Services in accordance with Operatic Order No 178 of 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade, for the Left Btn. 5th A.I. Brigade. The jumping off tape was laid by midnight and subsequent taping and supervision of front line and Communication trenches carried out successfully. Lieut. Engel was wounded.  
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Reconnaissance and surveys of new forward areas  
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- 23rd Weather clear and fine.
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OF

5th Field Company Australian Engineers.

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PLAN OF 5<sup>TH</sup> AUSTRALIAN BRIGADE SECTOR

Scale 1/10000

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Plan No 1 8



Note :- Work done from 10-5-18 to 31-5-18 shown in blue.

5<sup>TH</sup> FIELD Coy. ENGRS. A.I.F.  
31.5.18.

PLAN OF 5th AUSTRALIAN BRIGADE SECTOR

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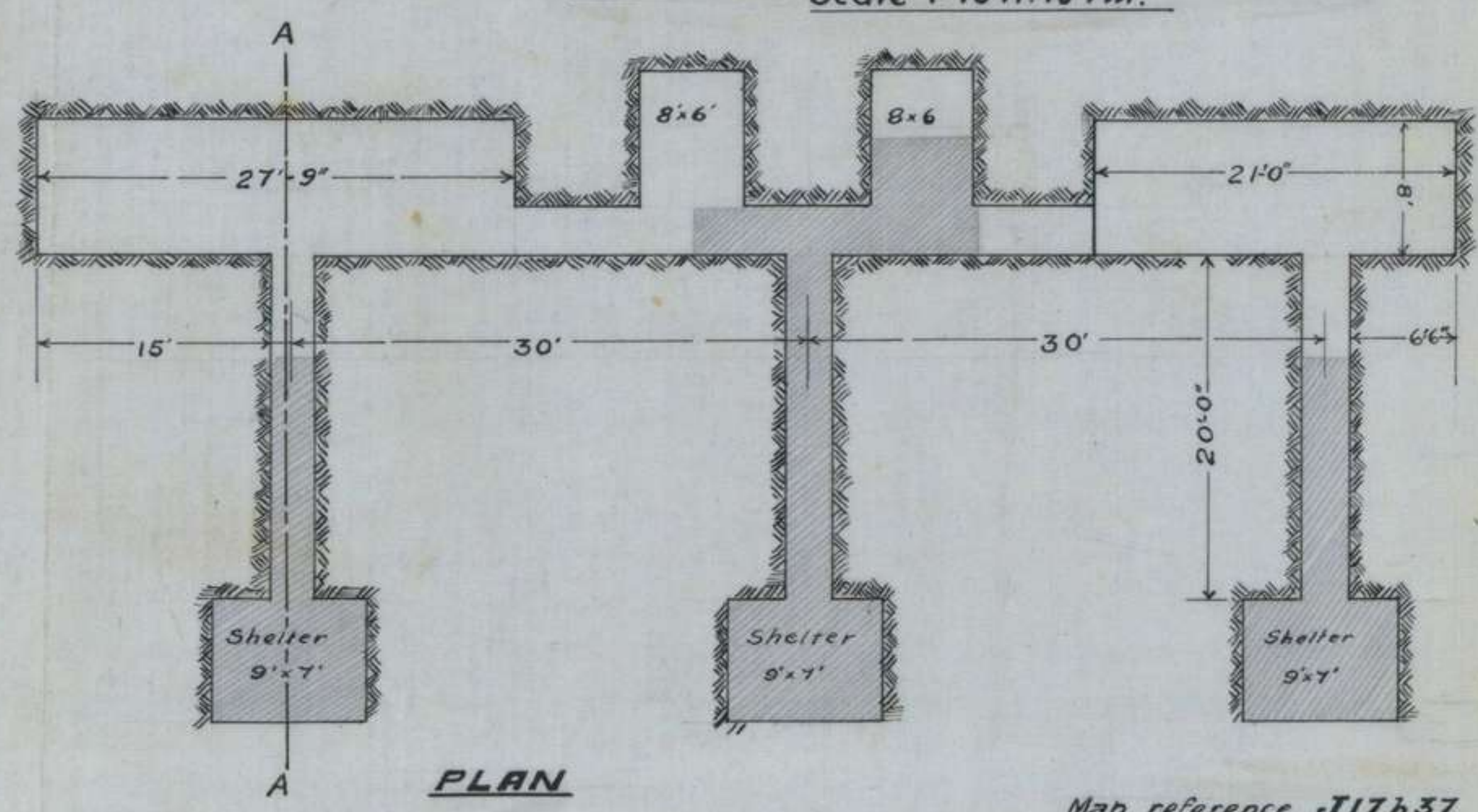
**PLAN OF DUGOUTS**

showing progress during 10<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May 1918.

Note: Shaded portion shows previous progress.

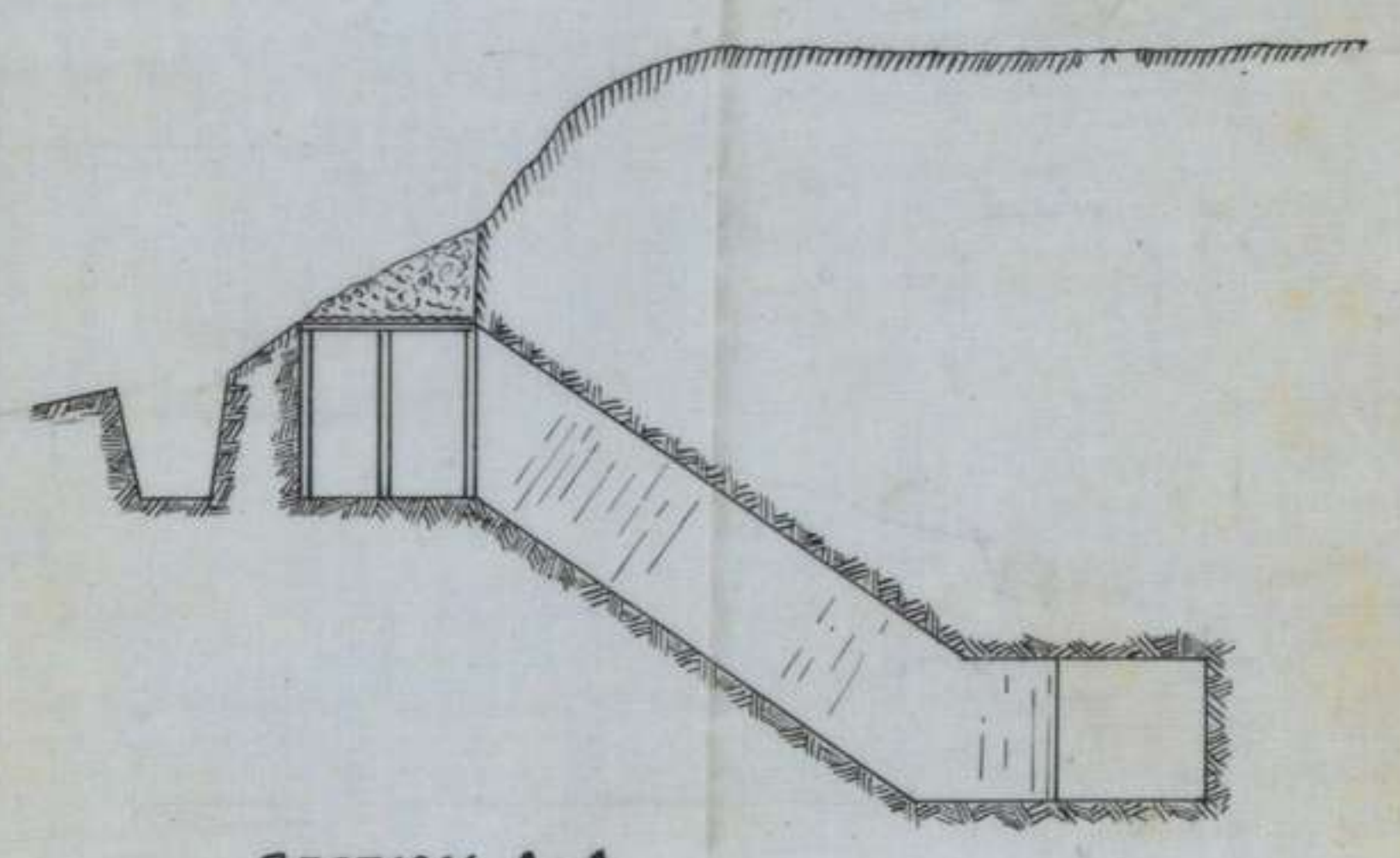
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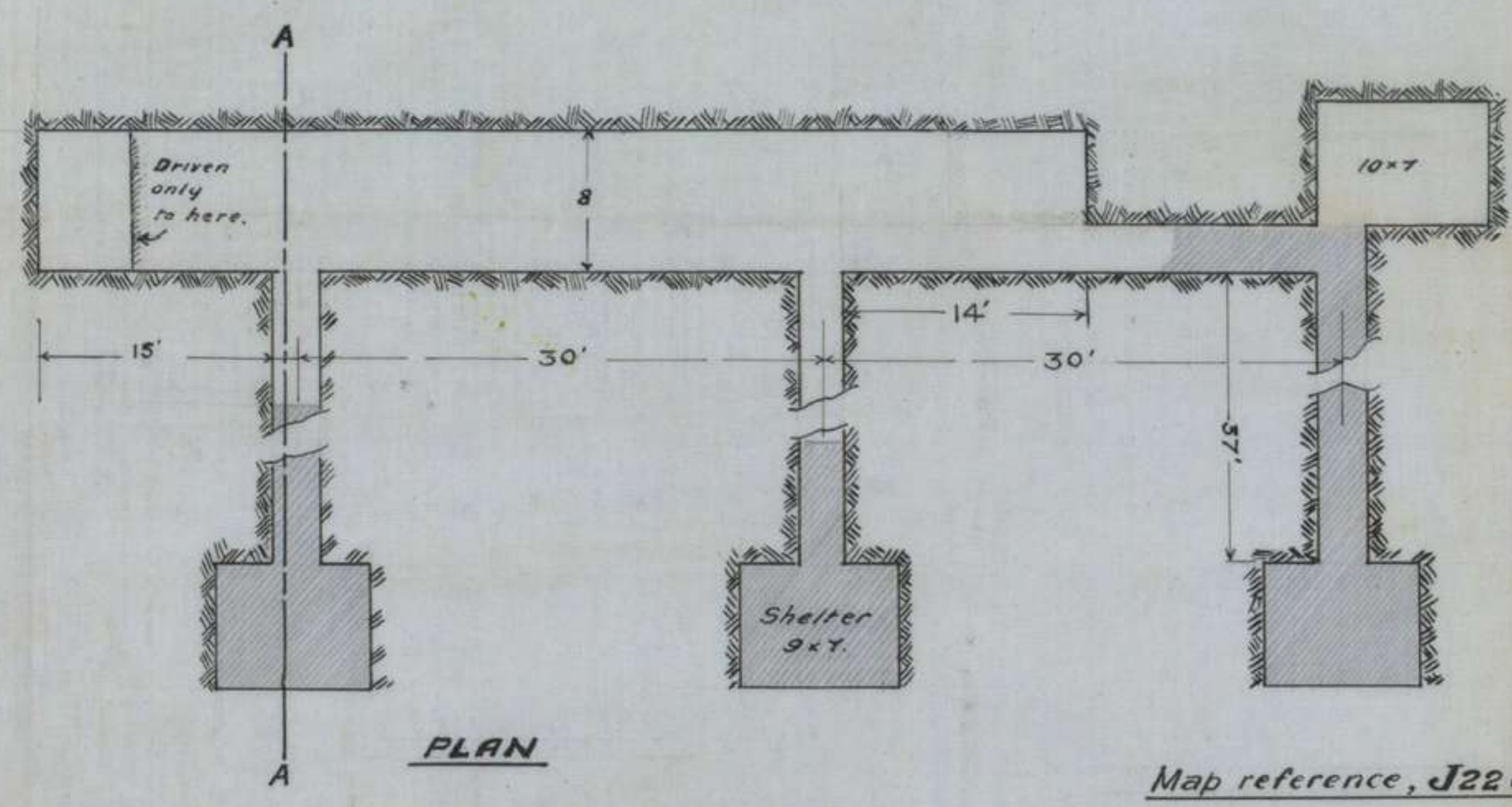


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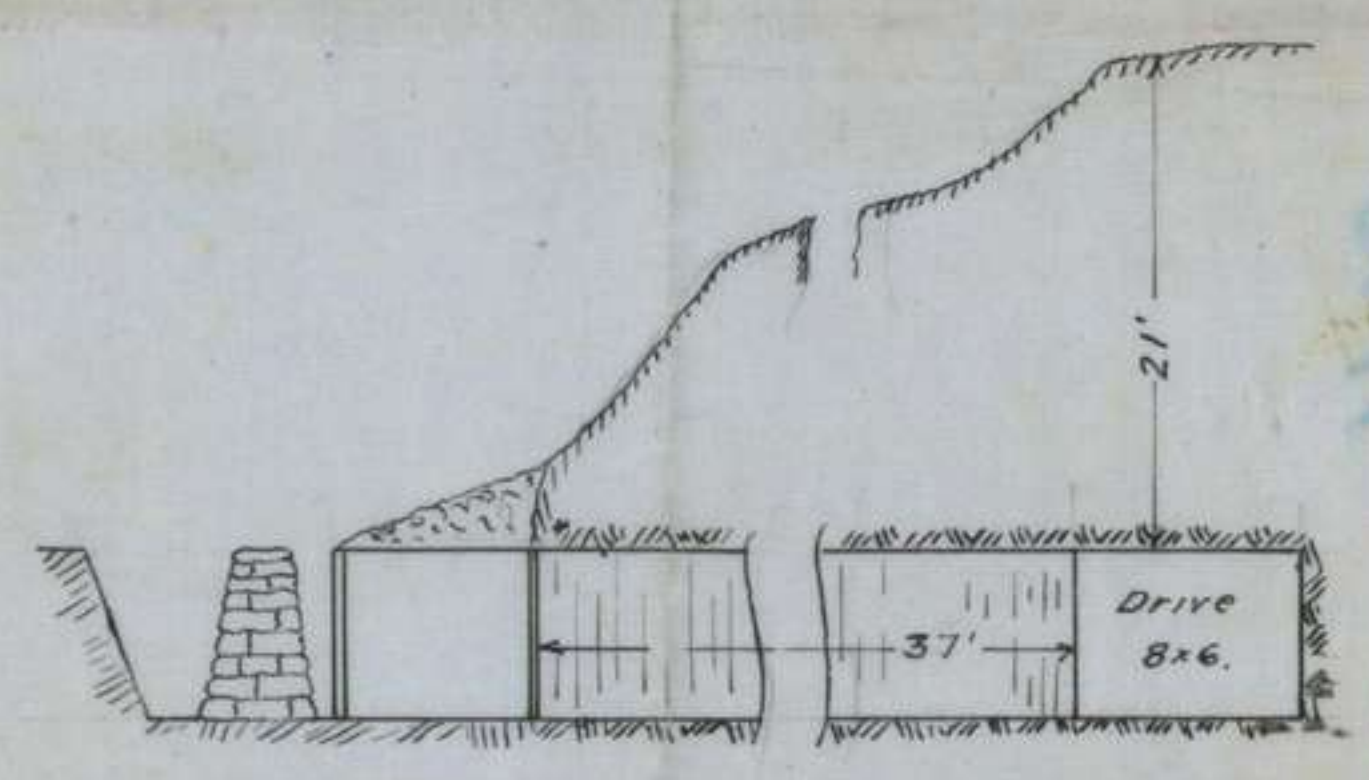


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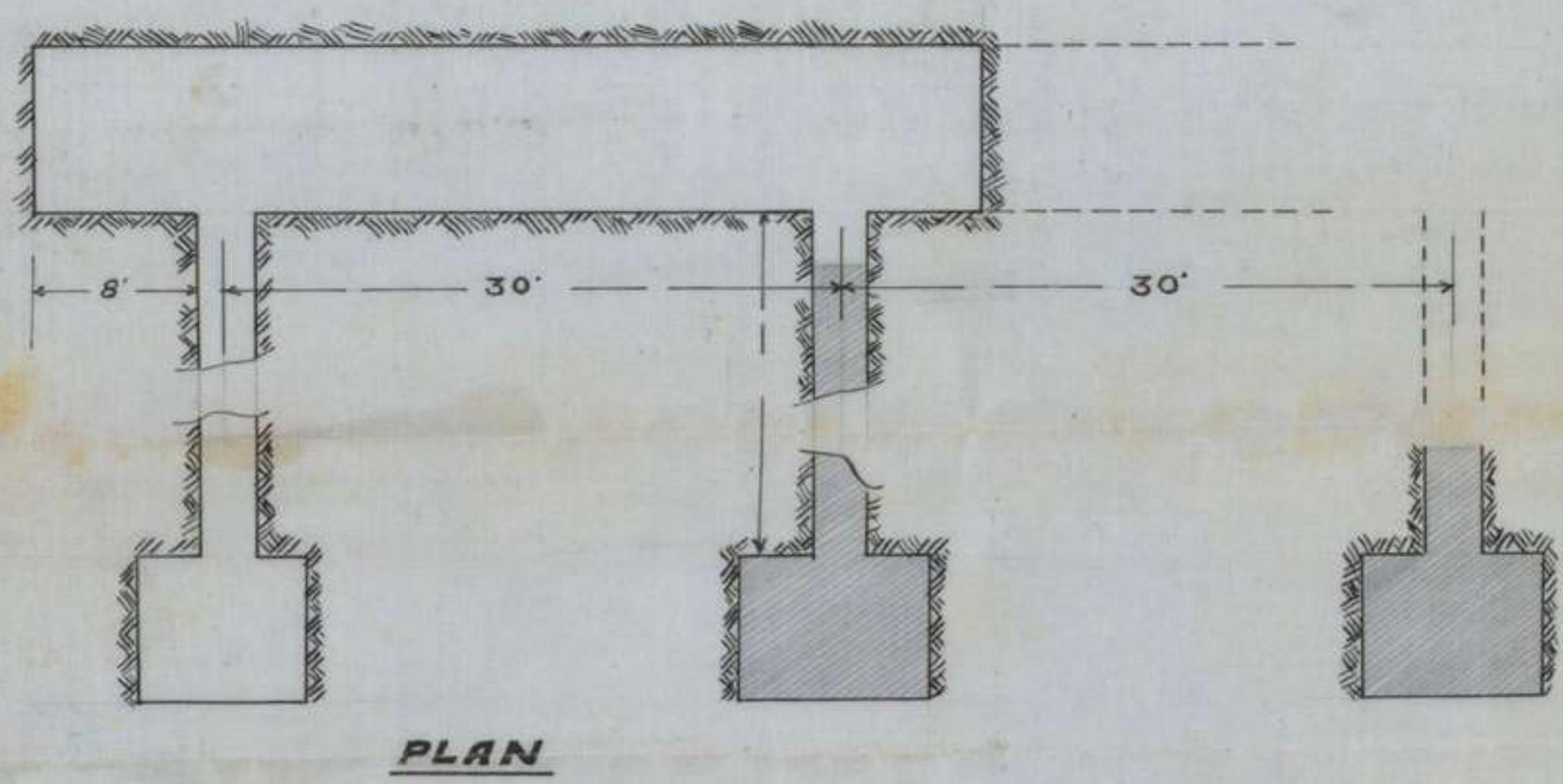
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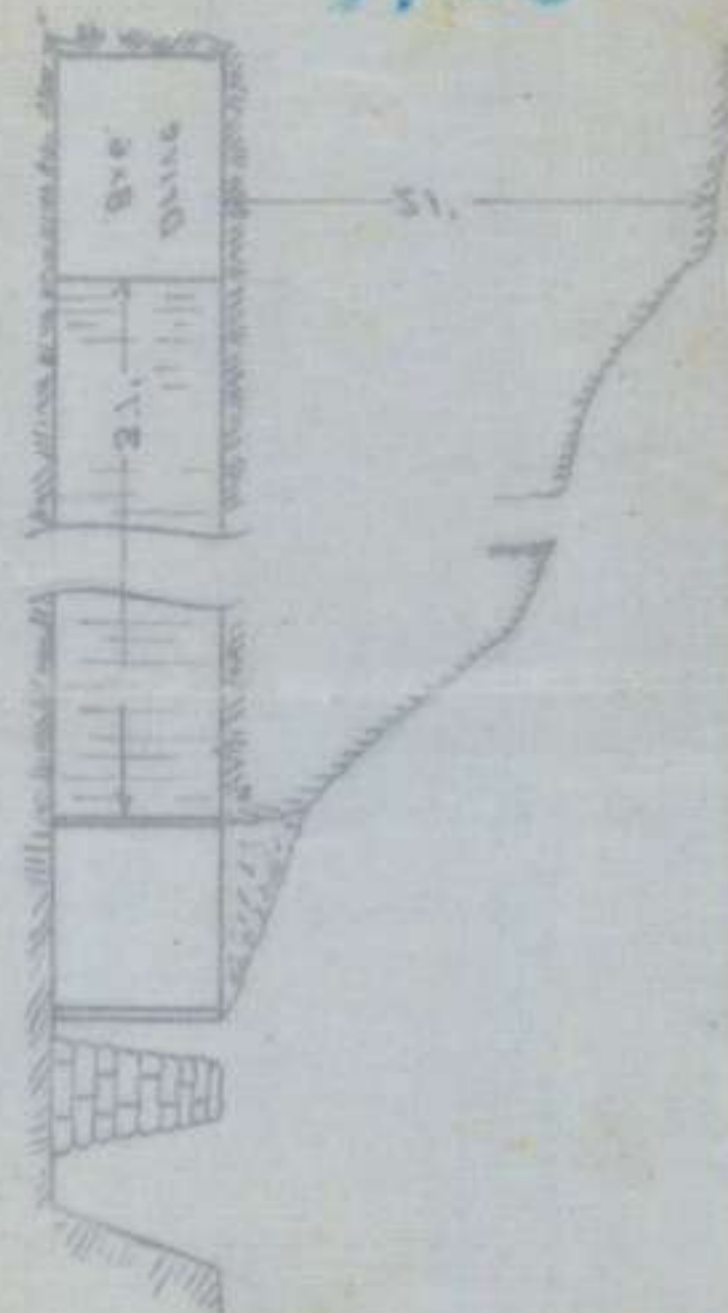
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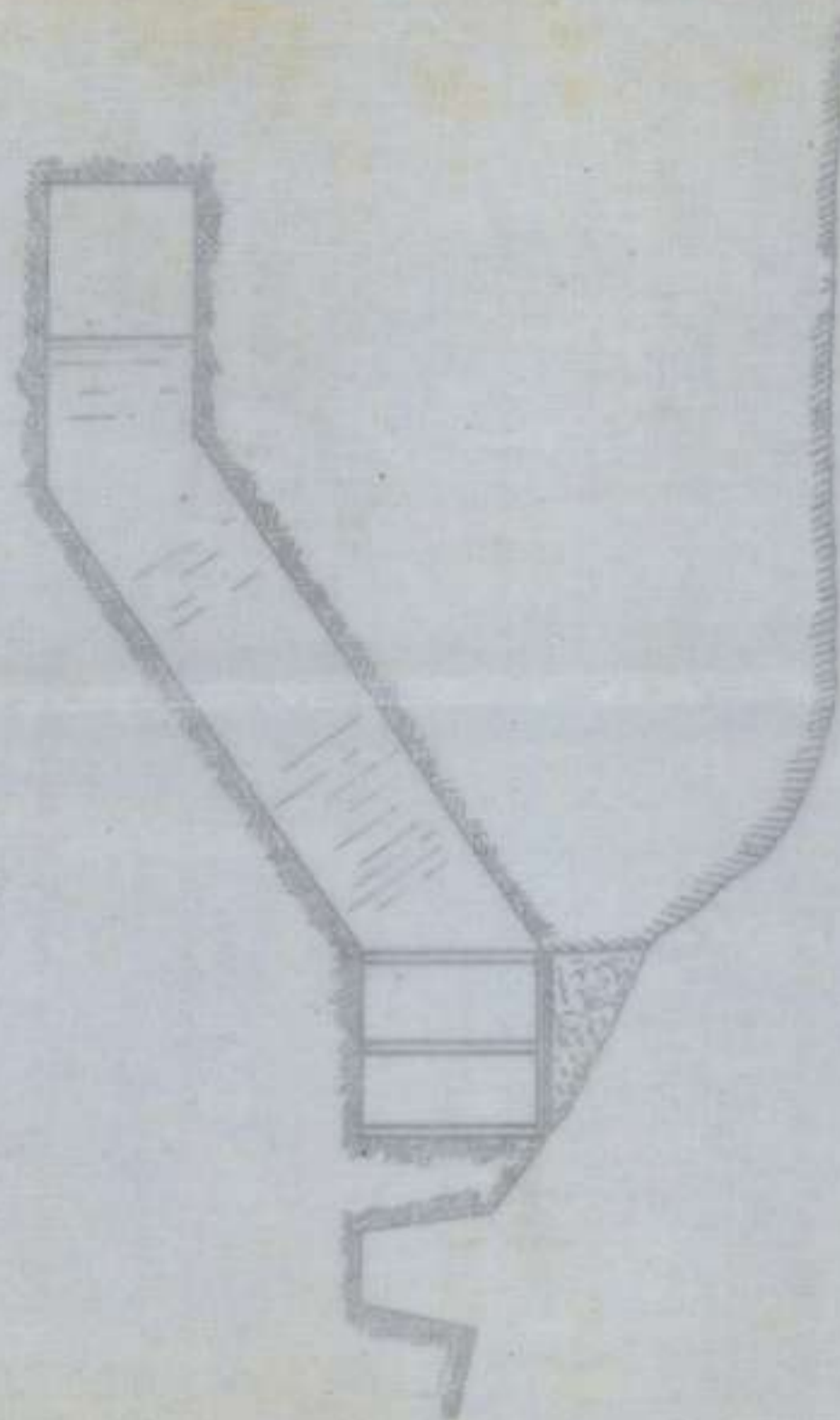
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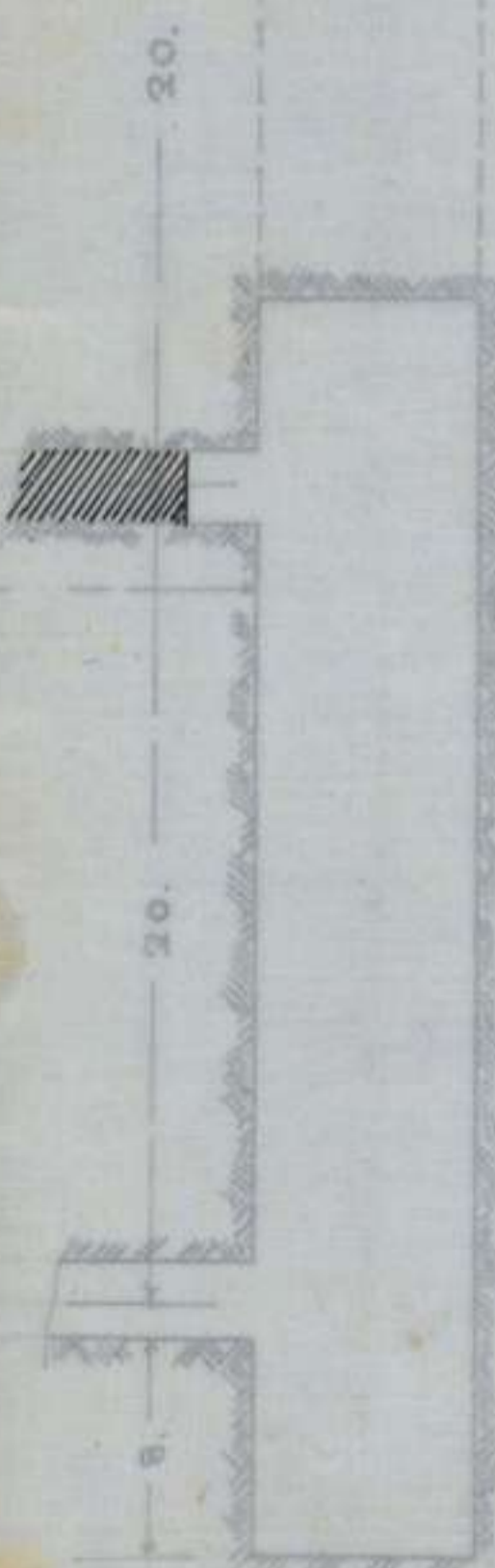
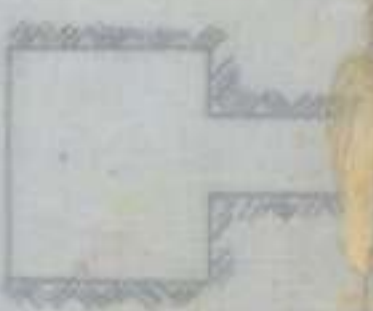
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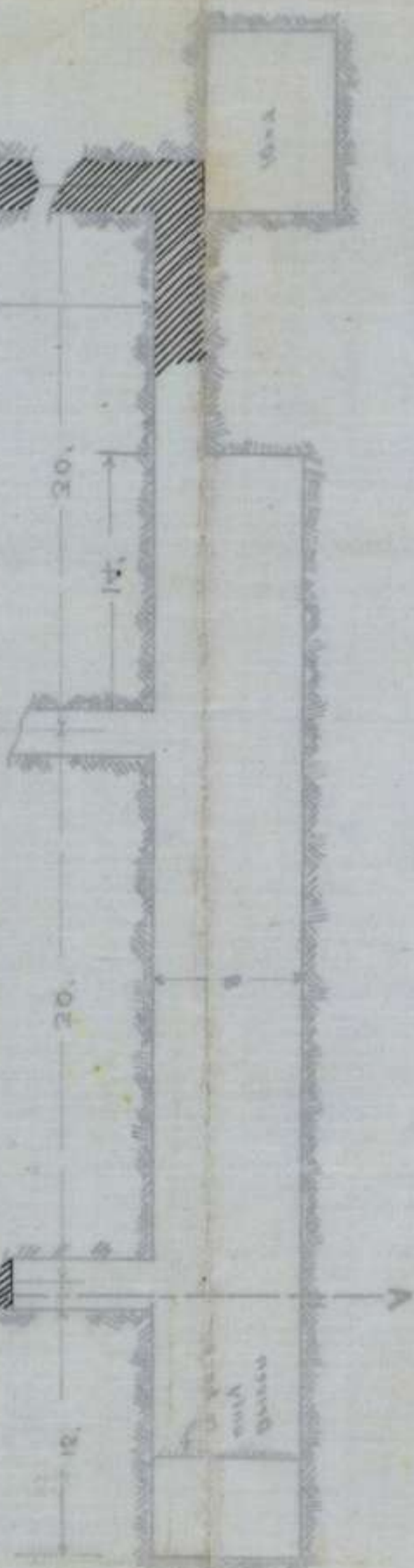
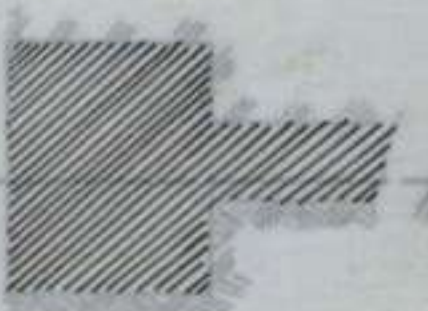
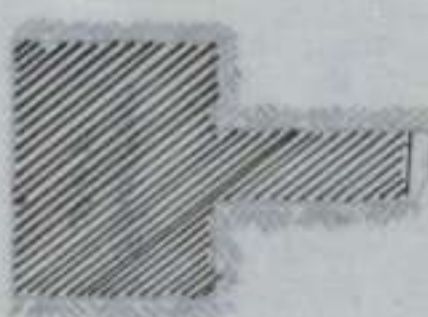
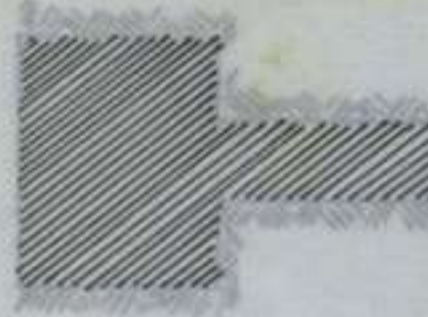
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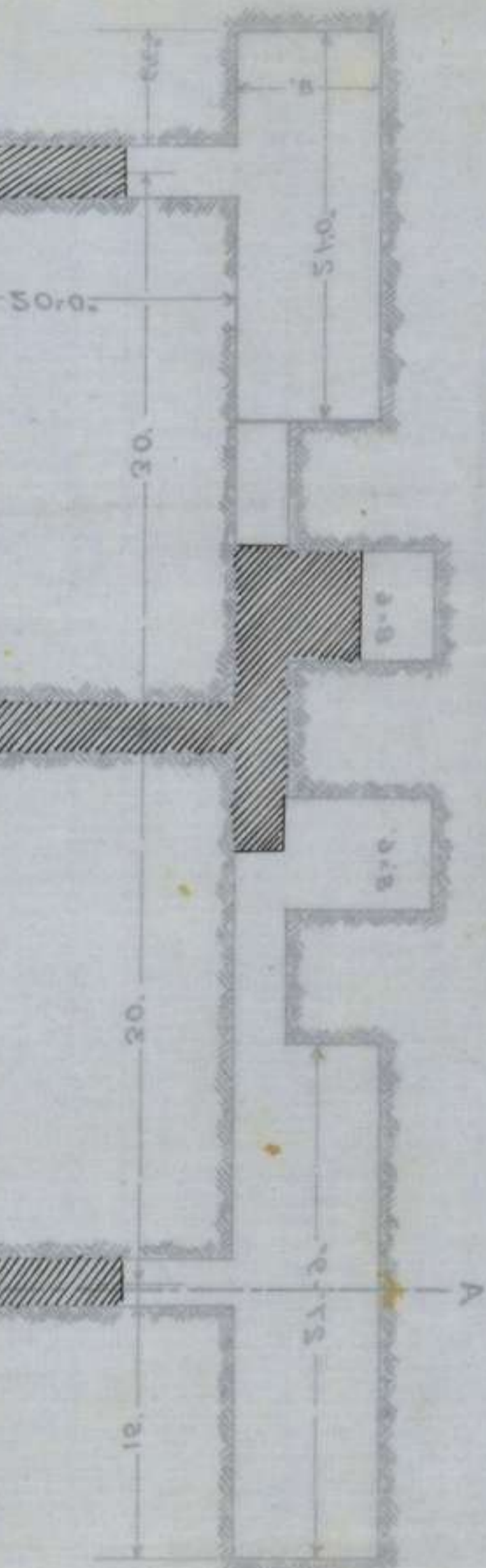
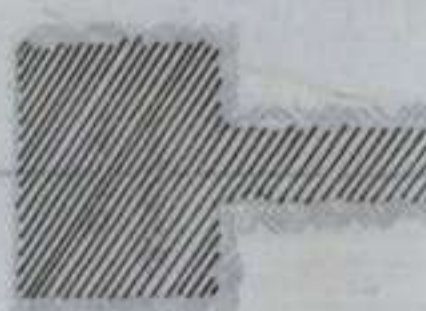
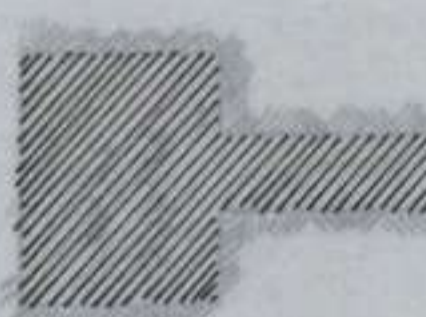
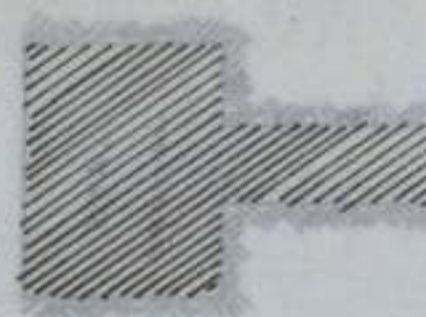
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Showing progress during 10th - 21st May 1918.

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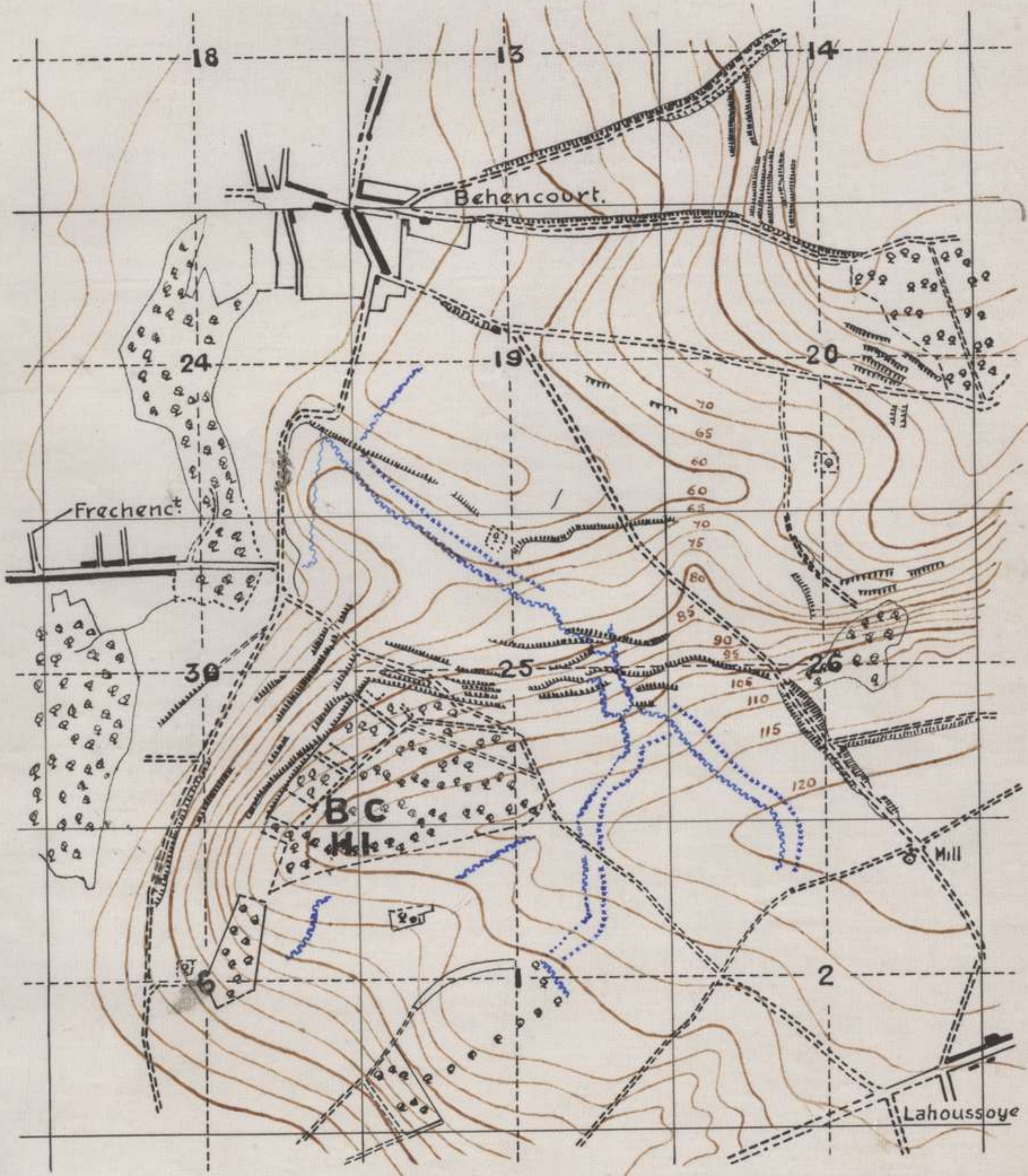
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PLAN showing work done

during 6-9<sup>th</sup> May 1918.

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Sheet 62<sup>o</sup> N.W.



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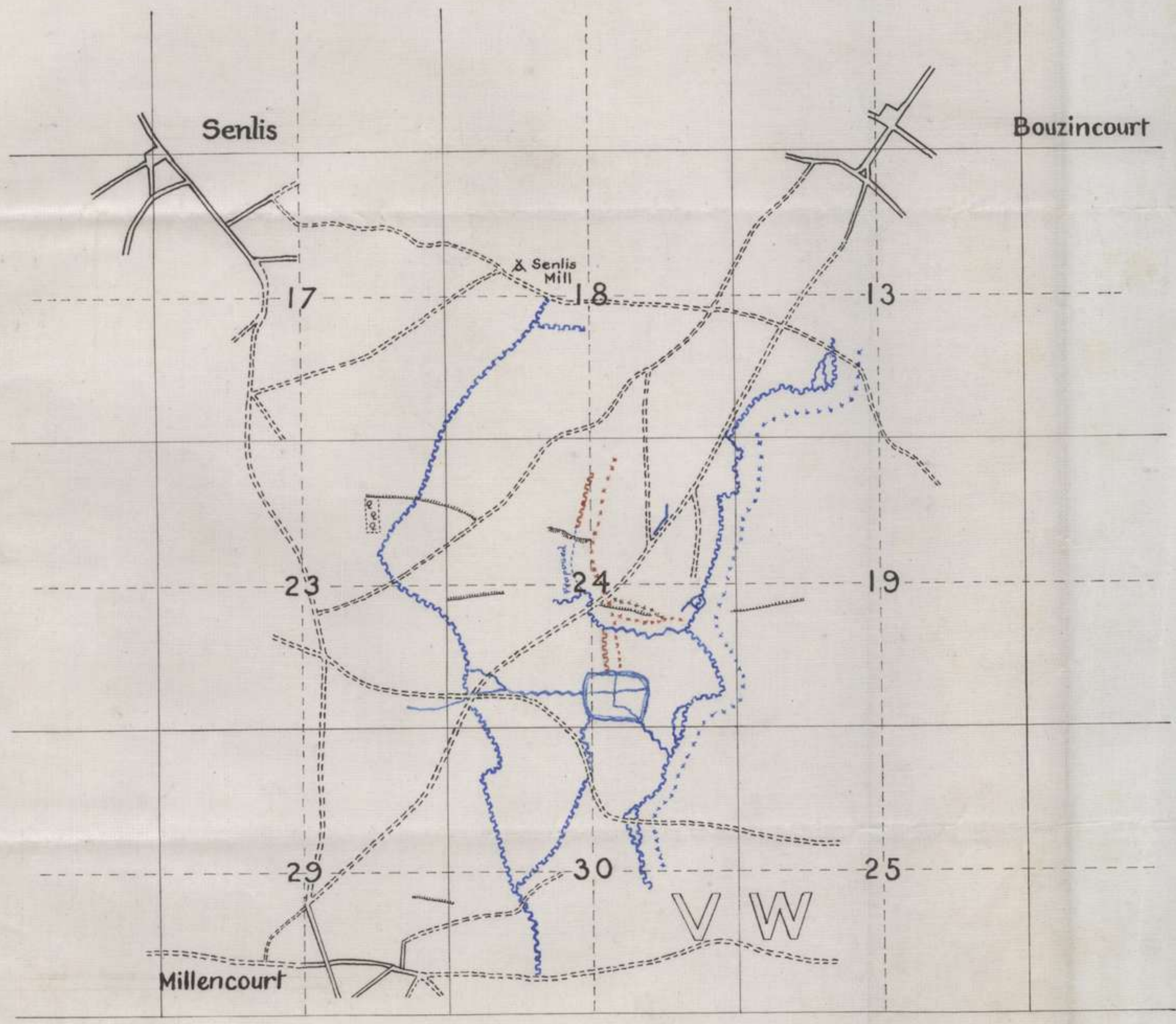
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Plan No 4

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Work done since 3.5.18 shewn Red



— 5<sup>th</sup> Field Coy. Engrs. A.I.F. —  
6-5-18



APPENDIX. *B.1.*

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10th. May 1918.

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|--------------------------------------|-------|
| 5th<br>AUSTRALIAN<br>FIELD ENGINEERS |       |
| No.....                              | ..... |
| Date.....                            | ..... |

*5th F. Co*

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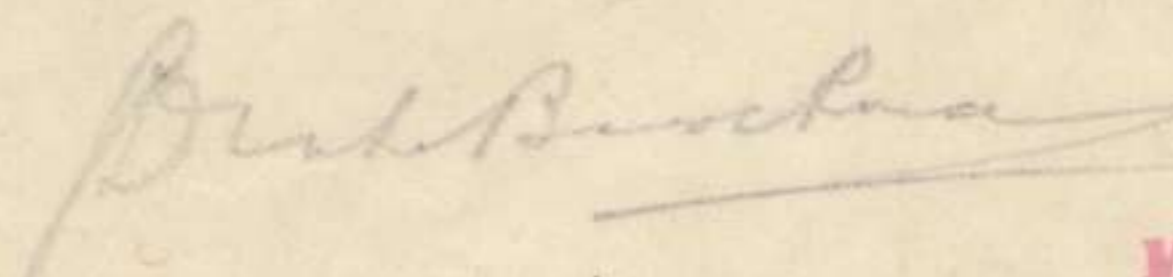
O.C. 5th. Field Company  
 Australian Engineers.

10/5 /1918.  
 RVD.

HANDING-OVER REPORT TO 5th Field Company, Aust. Engrs. 10/5/18.

1. Dispositions - H.Qrs., 2 Sections complete, details from two other Sections, Mounted Section and Horse Lines are located in the open at Sheet 62D - I.5.a.3.6.  
1 Officer and party of Sappers are adjacent to each of the advanced Bln. H.Q.
  
2. Water - All drinking water is drawn and carted from a pump at HEILLY. Horses are watered at FRANVILLERS.
  
3. Works - In handing over the works of the Coy., there is little to be given in the way of definite jobs under way, with the exception of deep dugouts.  
During the last five days nightly offensive operations have been about the only consideration and laying out approaches, placing tapes for wire and S.Ps., arranging dumps and forwarding material has been the chief work of the Company.  
During this period ordinary trench developmental work has practically ceased: Wiring, etc. in the advanced areas has been pushed on with by Infantry as far as was possible with parties that could be spared.  
Attached hereto are copies of last daily and weekly reports which give locations of dugouts, etc.
  
4. Plans  
(O). Drawings of dugouts shewing proposal for complete dugout and amount completed.  
(P). Plan (1/10,000) - tracing and 4 prints - shewing F.L. trench system and approximate lines on which out-post posts have been established. These lines are only very approximate.  
(Q). Print shewing works in Rear Divisional Area (1/20,000).  
(R). Print of whole Divisional Area shewing trenches (1/20,000).  
(S). --  
On the main trench plan I have marked in pencil a proposed C.T. that is of the greatest importance. I have also shewn in pencil the best routes to Bln. H.Qs., (1) For transport by night (2) safe walking by day.
  
5. R.E. Dumps Divisional Dump is at FRANVILLERS.  
Attached is a list of stores left in Dump at Coy. H.Q. (I.5.a.3.6).
  
6. R.E. Material A considerable quantity of wire is in dumps at forward Bln. H.Q.  
Timber for carrying on work will be left at each of the dugouts under construction if possible.
  
7. Area Stores List attached.

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MAJOR,  
O.C. 9th FIELD COY.  
AUST. ENGRS., A.I.F.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS.

APPENDIX B 14  
 AUSTRALIAN  
 FIELD COMPANY.  
 No. ....  
 Date .....

10th May, 1918.

C.R.E., 3rd Australian Division.  
 O.C., 5th Australian F.C. Engineers (for information).

Works Report for 168 hours ended 6 a.m., 10/5/18.

During this period there has been very little work done in the repair and improvement of trenches, as, owing to the nightly offensive operations, no working parties have been available.

Our outpost line has been pushed out along the whole Brigade front, posts have been dug and a considerable amount of wiring carried out.

Sappers have been employed on marking out and taping for the posts and wire and grid tracing attached shews approximate location of our new outpost system; it is impossible to give accurate details at present.

Dugouts : The accompanying prints give details of the various dugouts under construction.. Work completed is shewn in red.

A number of cellars in the vicinity of Right Bde. H.Q. have been strengthened. These are for housing Bde. staff and a second entrance was made into Bde. H.Q.

Gas-doors : Gas doors have been constructed for the following-Bln. H.Qrs. - J.21.c.central (Sth. tunnel) complete.

Coy. H.Qrs. - J.23.c.5.2 - complete.

-do- - J.17.d.5.1 - -do-

R.A.P. - J.22.d.2.5 - -do-

Notice-boards : Notice-boards have been made and erected where required in the trenches and S.Ps., and for various H.Q. dugouts, etc.

Hand-over : Herewith copy of hand-over report to 5th Field Coy. A.E.

Officers and N.C.Os. from the relieving Coy. have been shewn over the Sector and the various jobs on hand, and arrangements made for relief to be completed this morning.

Two Officers and four N.C.Os. from this Coy. have been sent to 7th Field Coy. A.E. to take over various works which they have on hand and relief will be completed to-day.

Transport : The Coy. transport has had a particularly heavy and arduous time during the week carting materials to transit and forward dumps and following casualties occurred amongst animals:-

2 L.D. horses killed.

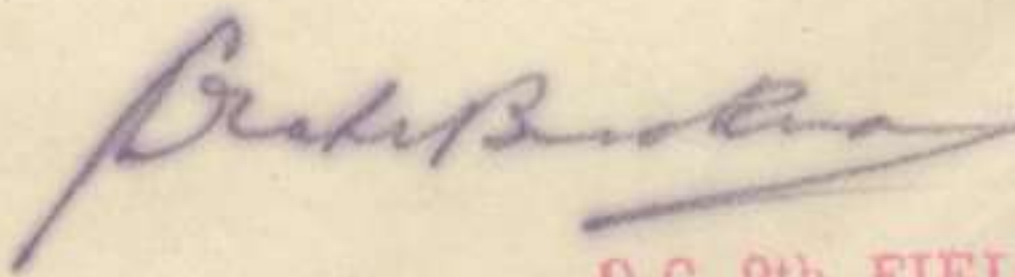
1 Riding horse wounded and evacuated.

Casualties for week : 2 Sappers wounded.

1 Driver -do-

General : Two Officers with their Sections have been living in line with forward Battalions, and owing to offensive operations during the past week, have been called upon several times to stand to, and carry rations, water, etc. forward to new outpost line.

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MAJOR.  
 O.C. 9th FIELD COY.  
 AUST. ENGRS., A.I.F.



NINTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS.

LIST OF MATERIAL IN COMPANY DUMP, I.5.a.3.6 - 10/5/18.

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|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Camouflage, rolls               | 5.          |
| Corrugated Iron, sheets         | 35.         |
| Cupola, English, sections       | 8.          |
| Duckboards                      | 6.          |
| Hessian, rolls                  | 2.          |
| Mining sets                     | 51.         |
| Malthoid, rolls                 | 4.          |
| Pickets, wooden                 | 70.         |
| Sandbags                        | 7,000.      |
| Tape, tracing, yards            | 400.        |
| Wire, barbed, coils             | 119.        |
| " french "                      | 2.          |
| " tie "                         | 8.          |
| <i>Camouflage, dummy trench</i> | <i>500*</i> |

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10th. May 1918.

Received the above.

O.C. 5th. Field Company  
Australian Engineers.



NINTHFIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS, A.I.F.

LIST OF AREA STORES at Sheet 62 D - I.5.a.3.6; - 10/5/18.

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Huts                                  | 5  |
| Tables                                | 8  |
| Chairs                                | 15 |
| Tents, bell (old)                     | 2  |
| Tarpaulin bivouac, large<br>(Drivers) | 1  |
| Soyers Stove                          | 1  |
| Tank, galv. 200 g.                    | 1  |

Dugout accommodation also Kitchens (6), for Field Coy.

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Received the above.

O. C. 5th. Field Coy. A. A.

LIST OF PLANShanded over to 5th Field Coy. Aust. Engrs.

- ✓ 1. Rough plot sheet, 9th A.I.B. Sector, 1/10,000.
  - ✓ 2. One print, C.R.Es. old standard tracing of Divisional Area.
  - ✓ 3. Two copies Trench Naming Plan.
  - ✓ 4. One print shewing Bridge-head Line, Second Zone System and Corps Line.
  - ✓ 5. Two prints, C.R.Es. standard of Bde. Area, 1/20,000.
  - ✓ 6. One tracing and 4 prints of Bde. Area, 1/10,000.
- MMMMMM

Ordinance Maps.

- ✓ 4 copies Sheet 62D/N.W. 1/20,000.
- ✓ 10 copies Sheet 62D/N.E. ~~Ordinance~~ Edition 2 (D local) 1/20,000.
- ✓ 3 copies sheet 62D/N.E. Edition 2B.
- ✓ Administrative Map CORBIE shewing lines of defence, 1/40,000.  
36 Aero. photos.
- ✓ 2 copies each Mined dugouts A, B, C and D Bln. H.Qrs.

Received the above.

O.C. 5th. Field Coy. A.E.



REPORT ON WORKS IN AREA - LEFT BATTALION SECTOR

5th Australian Infantry Brigade

- TRENCHES -
1. Front Line : This originally consisted of two lengths of trench from K.13.c.9.5. - K.19.a.9.2. and K.19.c.4.6. - K.19.c. The gap is being dug by battalion in the Line. Trench has been dug throughout but requires deepening.
  2. Support Line : This was first started by digging strong points along line through J.24.d.8.2. J.24.d.9.9. K.19.a.1.3. K.19.a.19. These are being connected up.
  3. Communication Trenches : A Communication trench runs from Front Line for about one hundred yards from K.13.c.9.4. - K.13.c.7.4. This has been deepened, widened and continued to K.13.c.1.1. - It requires further work on existing trench and needs to be continued. A Communication trench has been taped and is being dug from K.19.c.3.6. back to J.24.d.2.7. This has a good field of fire to the South.
  4. Pioneers' Work : The Pioneers have been digging a Supporting trench from J.29.b.8.8. - J.24.c.1.1. - J.24.c.3.3. - J.24.a.5.3. They have also dug Communication trenches from J.23.b.4.1. - J.23.b.8.2. and from K.24.a.2.3. - K.24.a.8.4.

WIRE - There has been practically no wiring done on this Sector in Forward Areas.

- DUG-OUTS -
1. Plan "A" shows deep dug-outs being constructed at J.22.d.2.4. J.21.c.4.5. for Battalion Headquarters. J.22.d.2.4. - Cross hatching shows how far work has been proceeded with. J.21.c.4.5. - One Drive is 50% complete. The centre Drive is complete and Gallery driven 6' on one side and 2' on other. The third Drive has just been started.

SPLINTER-PROOF SHELTERS - J.22.d.2.4. Five shelters have been erected - capacity 12 men, whilst one is being erected - capacity 3 men. Other Shelters are being commenced for Support Company Headquarters at J.24.c.45.00. and J.24.a.3.5.

GAS-PROOFING DUG-OUTS - Battalion Headquarters at J.21.c.4.5. has been gas-proofed. Other dug-outs in Area are being examined with a view to gas-proofing.

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*R. R. Reid*

Major

O.C. 5th Field Company, A.E.

15th May 1918

DUGOUTS

IN OLD FRENCH LINE

APPENDIX *B 26*  
AUSTRALIAN  
FIELD ENGINEERS *19*  
No. ....  
Date *29.5.18*

| Location.     | Cover. | Entrances. | Chamber.                     | Condition. | Remarks  |
|---------------|--------|------------|------------------------------|------------|--|
| J.10.b.7.0.   | 15'    | 3          | 14' x 4'6"                   | Bad        | 2 entrances caved.   |
| J.16.b.65.85  | 15'    | 2          | 20' x 4'6"                   | Good.      |  |
| J.16.b.6.9.   | 16'    | 2          | 5'6" x 4'6"                  | Good.      | Battalion H.Q.   |
| J.10.c.8.3.   | 14'    | 2          | 20' x 4'6"                   | Good.      | H.G. Company.  |
| J.16.b.8.4.   | 14'    | 1          | 20' x 4'6"                   | Good.      | R. A. P.   |
| J.17.d.4.2.   | 12'    | 2          | 20' x 4'6"                   | Good.      | H.G. Section H.Q.  |
| J.17.d.30.05. | 8'     | 2          | 10' x 4'6"                   | Fair.      | 1 entrance caved<br>Machine Gunners.                       |
| J.17.a.4.3.   | 10'    | 2          | 18' x 4'6"                   | Good.      | Chamber blown in;<br>"C" Company H.Q.                      |
| J.17.c.0.2.   | 10'    | ( 1<br>( 1 | 18' x 4'6"<br>18' x 4'6"     | Good.      | 10' to connect.<br>"B" Company H.Q.                        |
| J.17.c.7.7.   | 8'     | 2          | 15' x 4'6"                   |            | 1 entrance caved<br>"C" Company - 1<br>platoon.            |
| J.17.c.6.4.   | 8'     | 2          | 15' x 4'6"                   | Fair.      | 1 entrance caved<br>1 platoon.                             |
| J.17.d.4.2.   | 12'    | 2          | 20' x 4'6"                   | Good.      | Machine-gunners.   |
| J.17.d.3.9.   | 10'    | 2          | 20' x 4'6"                   | Bad.       | 1 entrance caved;<br>4 sets to repair;<br>Machine-gunners. |
| J.23.a.9.2.   | 8'     | 2          | ( 10' x 4'6"<br>( 10' x 4'6" |            | Centre of Chamber<br>caved in; "A" Coy<br>Headquarters.    |
| J.23.c.8.9.   | 8'     | 2          | 15' x 4'6"                   | Good       |  |
| J.23.b.4.1.   | 8'     | 2          | 20' x 4'6"                   | Good.      | 1 platoon.   |
| J.23.d.4.3.   | 12'    | 2          | 20' x 4'6"                   | Good.      | Observation Post.  |
| J.23.d.4.2.   | 10'    | 2          | 20' x 4'6"                   | Good.      | Not occupied - damp  |
| J.23.d.2.2.   | 12'    | 2          | 15' x 4'6"                   | Good       | Machine-gunners.   |
| J.23.d.5.5.   |        |            |                              |            | Bill-box. Double<br>aperture.<br>7' x 7' x 7'.             |

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*F. C.*

NINTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS, A.I.F.

Works Report for 168 hours ended 6 a.m., 3rd MAY, 1918.

1. 1st Line, 2nd Zone System, Heilly-Ribemont - Two platoon posts put in to connect with existing works (shewn as 7B and 8B on plan). Six Posts on low-lying ground, as outpost for main line of S.Ps., were sited and 5 of these (8B to 8B shewn on plan) were dug but still require extending.  
1st Line 2nd Zone System, Bonnay-Heilly - Outposts in front of Posts E to K were continued; these are marked on plan 1A (I.23.a) to 8A (I.18.b) and are breastworks - work about 50% complete. Wiring one standard double apron fence in front of outpost line from A to K (on plan) complete - total length approx. 3,000 yds.
2. Bridgehead Line - A second line of Posts as Support Line between I.24.d. and J.13.b. was sited and numbers 1X to 15X on plan. Work not commenced.  
Bln. H.Q. at J.13.c.05.55 - Work continued. Total length of drive completed - 27'.
3. Dugouts - Bln. H.Q. for Second Zone System at I.28.a.1.7 - Drive and first chamber completed. This could now be occupied as a Bln. H.Q. if required.  
Bde. H.Q. at I.1.d.5.2 - 3 splinter-proof shelters at entrances for mined dugouts - 80% complete.  
Bln. H.Q. at I.14.b.55.10 - 2 splinter-proof shelters at entrances for mined dugouts under construction, 50% complete.  
Bln. H.Q. at I.9.c.9.8 - 3 splinter-proof shelters for entrance to mined dugouts - commenced.  
Bln. H.Q. at I.11.c.95.70 - Splinter-proof shelters at entrances - commenced.
4. Artillery Routes - Patrolled regularly.
5. Surveys - Surveyors employed in fixing on plan all trenches dug by units in our area. Result of survey shewn on plan.
6. Hand-over - All the above jobs were handed over to 11th Fld.Coy. A.E. on night of 1/2nd inst.  
The following jobs were taken over from 11th Fld.Coy. A.E. on night of 1/2nd inst. and work continued:-  
R.A.P. at Bln. H.Q. at J.22.d.2.5.  
Excavating for 2 small shelters for 18 men at J.22.d.2.5 -  
Work on North tunnel at J.21.c. central - total distance 12'.  
Work on C.T. from J.23.c.5.4 to J.23.c.3.3.  
"B" Bln. H.Q. at J.17.b.3.7 - centre tunnel advanced 4', excavation on left completed and frames made for dugout.  
"D" Bln. H.Q. at J.13.d.3.4 - tunnel advanced 3'.  
Bde. H.Q. at J.1.c.9.3 - tunnel advanced 7'. This job has since been handed back to 11th Fld.Coy. A.E.
7. General - Notice Boards are being made and erected on all trenches and S.Ps. as constructed.
8. Transport - Transport has been fully occupied during the week and a total mileage of 723 miles covered.
9. Plan - Herewith print shewing all work done in the Sector.

MAJOR,  
O.C. 9th FIELD COY.  
A.I.F.



Field Company A.E.

The following has been issued by General Staff and is forwarded for your information :-

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 4.

1. The existing works of defence within the divisional boundary are organized into defensive systems.
2. The systems are as follows :-
  - (a) Forward systems comprising the Outpost Line and main line of resistance
  - (b) LAVIEVILLE system comprising the works round LAVIEVILLE and on the high ground in D.16.d., D.23.a. and c.,
  - (c) BRESLE system, a line of posts running practically North and South, East of BRESLE WOOD and West of BRESLE.
  - (d) BAIZIEUX system, the Old AMIENS defences.
3. Nucleus garrisons will be maintained in each of these systems, Brigades the line being responsible for finding those for the systems back to and including the BRESLE Line. The nucleus garrisons for the BAIZIEUX system will be provided under divisional arrangements.
4. The main principle for these defensive systems is not to have a too rigid line, but for all tactical features to have good defences distributed well in depth. To assist in obtaining this, various switch lines have been constructed.
5. As time becomes available these defensive systems will be strengthened by new works. The two main works proposed at present are -
  - (a) A defensive line running approximately North and South through D.17. and B., D.11.d. and b. to be included in the LAVIEVILLE system.
  - (b) A defensive line on the high ground East of BRESLE to be included in the BRESLE system.

In submitting proposals for further works, Brigadiers will be guided by the main principle of the defence in depth of tactical features.

6. Before any new works are attempted, the existing works will be completed. The order of importance is as follows :-
  - (a) Completing and wiring the main line of resistance in the forward system
  - (b) Wiring the Outpost line.
  - (c) Completion and wiring of other defences, working from front to rear

7. In the event of an enemy attack, the principle to be borne in mind is that there will be no withdrawal without orders from higher authority; every bit of ground will be fought for. Should the enemy succeed in making a gap in our line, troops on either flank will not fall back. Though no hard and fast rule can be laid down for dealing with every situation, the guiding principle is that it is better to strengthen the garrisons that are still holding out and make an attack on the enemy's flank than to make a frontal counter-attack on the positions he has gained.

In connection with the above, special attention is drawn to the "Notes on Recent Fighting, No. 1" issued to Brigades.

8. Should orders be received to withdraw our line to conform to the movements of divisions on our flanks, this will not be done without precise orders from D.H.Q. Withdrawals will be in a westerly direction to the next system in rear, or as may be ordered. They will be carried out gradually, the general principle being that troops on the threatened flank will be the first to move, and no battalion will be withdrawn until the one immediately preceding it has reached the next line in rear. All withdrawals will be covered by Artillery and Machine Gun fire.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

*H. H. H.*  
Lt. & Adjt.

15/4/18.

for C.R.E. Second Australian Division.

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DIVISIONAL ENGINEER  
 No. 18/86  
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Engineer Order No. 38.....April 2nd 1918

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

Issued under 2nd Aust. Division Warning Order dated 28th April 1918

1. The Division (less Artillery) will be relieved by the 47th Division (less Artillery) between the 30th April and 2nd May.
2. The following are the probable details of reliefs and moves :-
3. The 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will be relieved on the night April 30th/1st May, and the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the night 1st/2nd May.
4. On completion of relief the Division will be in Corps support and will be concentrated as follows :-

- 7th A.I. Bde. Group - BOUTILLERIE Area (M.33).
- 6th A.I. Bde. Group - CAMON - RIVERY Area (M.16. - M.1).
- 5th A.I. Bde. Group - QUERRIEU Area.

5. Moves will be carried out as follows :-

7th A.I. Bde. Group.

- 30th April/1st May. - To QUERRIEU Area.
- May 2nd. - To CAMON - RIVERY Area.
- May 3rd. - To BOUTILLERIE Area.

6th A.I. Bde Group.

- 30th April/1st May - To MONTIGNY Area.
- May 2nd - To QUERRIEU Area.
- May 3rd. - To CAMON - RIVERY Area.

5th A.I. Bde Group.

- 1st/2nd May - To MONTIGNY Area.
- 3rd May - To QUERRIEU Area.

6. Field Companies will move in Brigade Groups with Brigades ~~with~~ *5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> loops with 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Brigades respectively*
7. D.E.H.Q. will move to BERTANGLES on 2nd May.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE. (Field Companies only).

  
 Lt. & Adjt.,  
 for G.R.E. Second Australian Division.

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APPENDIX 133

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BY. No.      To.

- C.E. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
- "G" 2nd Australian Division.
- "A.Q." " " " "
- C.R.A. 47th Division.
- 5th Field Company.
- 6th " " "
- 7th " " "
- 5th A.I. Brigade.
- 6th " " "
- 7th " " "
- Field diary.
- " " "
- " " "



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Engineer Order No. 39.....

April 29th 1918.

Copy No. ....  
 No. 18/89. FIELD ENGINEERS.  
 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
 Date 1.5.18

Reference Map: Sheet 62D. 1/40,000.

Issued under Second Australian Div. Order No. 182 - 29/4/18.

1. The 5th Field Coy. will be relieved by the 92nd Field Coy. R.E. on night 30th April/1st May, under arrangements made between O.S.C. On relief the 5th Field Coy. will move to MONTIGNY area.
2. Receipts, in duplicate, will be forwarded to this office, for - all stores etc handed over.
3. Completion of relief will be reported by wire to D.E.H.Q. ✓
4. Acknowledge - Field Companies only. ✓

*H. H. Ham*

Lt. & Adjt.  
for C.R.E. Second Australian Division.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. Chief Engineer, Aust. Corps.
2. "G" 2nd Aust. Div.
3. "A.Q." " "
4. 5th Field Coy. ✓
5. 92nd Field Coy., R.E.
6. File.
7. War diary.





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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Engineer Order No. 40.....April 30th 1918.

Ref. Map - 62D 1/40,000

Issued under 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 183 dated 30th April 1918 and C.R.E. Aust. Corps Engineer Instruction No. 104 dated 29th April 1918.

1. The 6th Field Coy. will be relieved by ~~517th~~ Field Coy. R.E. and the 7th Field Coy. by the 520 Field Coy. R.E. on night 1st/2nd May under arrangements to be made between C.Os.

The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will be relieved by Pioneers of 47th Div. relief to be completed by 4 p.m. on 1st May under arrangements to be made between C.Os. concerned.

2. On completion of relief the Field Coys. and Pioneers of 2nd Aust. Division will be placed at the disposal of C.R.E. for work but 25% will be rested daily.

Details of employment will be issued in a separate Engineer Instruction.

3. Receipts in duplicate will be forwarded to this office for all stores etc. handed over.

4. 7th Field Coy. on relief will move to QUERRIEU on 1st May and join 7th A.I. Bde. Group.

6th Field Coy. on relief will move to WARLOY on 1st May and join 6th A.I. Bde. Group.

5th Field Coy. will join 5th A.I. Bde. Group at MONTIGNY.

2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. on relief will stage at BEHENCOURT night 1st/2nd May and move on 2nd May to DAOURS.

5. Completion of reliefs to be reported by wire to D.E.H.Q.

6. D.E.H.Q. will close at BEAUCOURT and open at BERTANGLES 10 a.m. 2nd May.

7. Field Coys. to acknowledge. ✓

*H. W. Harris* Lt. & Adjt.  
for C.R.E. Second Australian Division.

Distribution.

- 1. Chief Engineer, Aust. Corps.
- 2. "G" 2nd Aust. Div.
- 3. "A.Q." " "
- 4. 5th Field Co. ✓
- 5. 6th Field Co.
- 6. 7th Field Co.
- 7. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
- 8. C.R.E. 47th Div.
- 9. File.
- 10, 11 & 12. War diary.



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APPENDIX



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Engineer Order No. 41..... May 2nd. 1918.

Issued under C.E. Aust. Corps Engineer Instruction No. 106... 1st. May 1918

1. The Field Coys. and Pioneers of 2nd Aust. Division will commence work under C.E. on 3rd. May 1918.
  - (a) 5th Field Coy. A.E. (less 1 section) and 6th Field Coy. A.E. (less 1 section) will be employed on Defences in vicinity of River HALLUE under direct orders of C.R.E. Corps Troops.
  - (b) One section 7th Field Coy. A.E. will be employed for bridging under direct orders of Captain BURNELL, A.E. Two sections to be available for other Corps work if required. One section to be available for rest or training.
  - (c) 2nd Australian Pioneers (less one company) to be employed on defences under direct orders of C.R.E. R.Z.D. (North) who is billeted in ST. GRATIEN.
2. Field Coy. and Pioneer Officers will obtain full particulars of the work on 2nd instant so that there will be no delay in starting on 3rd. May 1918.
3. The above instructions allow for 25% of the Engineers and Pioneers to be available for rest and training each day.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE. (Field Coys. and Pioneers)

*H. H. ...* Lt. & Adjt.,  
for C.R.E. Second Australian Division.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. C.E. Australian Corps.
2. "G" 2nd. Aust. Division.
3. 5th Field Coy. A.E. ✓
4. 6th " " " ✓
5. 7th " " " ✓
6. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. ✓
7. File.
- 8, 9, 10. War diary.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Engineer Headquarters,  
May 7th 1918.



|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| 5th              |         |
| AUSTRALIAN       |         |
| FIELD ENGINEERS. |         |
| No.              | 5781    |
| Date             | 29/5/18 |

Warning Order.

1. Should the tactical situation permit, the Division will relieve the 3rd Aust. Division in the line about 10th May.

2. The O.C. 5th and 6th Field Companies will arrange to get in touch with O.C. 9th and 10th Field Companies respectively, and to have reconnaissances carried out as early as possible.

The O.C. 7th Field Company will arrange to get in touch with O.C. 11th Field Company, which is in reserve.

Field Companies' Headquarters are situated in the vicinity of Franvillers.

3. Field Companies to acknowledge. ✓

Above issued under 2nd Aust. Div. Order G3/1/835.

*M. H. H. H.* Lt. & Adjt.  
for C.R.E. Second Australian Division.

Distribution.

C.E., Aust. Corps.  
C.R.E. 3rd Aust. Div.  
5th Field Co. ✓  
6th " "  
7th " "  
File.  
War diary.

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Divisional Engineer Order No. 42.  
 Issued under Second Aust. Div. Order 187.  
 Ref. Map - Sheet 62D. 1/40,000.

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 May 8th 1918.  
 18/108.



1. The Division (less Artillery) will relieve the 3rd Aust. Div. (less Artillery) in "C" Divisional Sector and area between the 9th and 11th May 1918.
  - (a) The 5th, 6th and 7th Field Coys. will relieve 9th, 10th and 11th Field Coys. respectively; reliefs to be completed by 6 p.m. on 10th instant under mutual arrangements between C.O.s.
  - (b) The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will relieve the 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn., relief to be completed by 6 p.m. on 10th instant under mutual arrangements between C.O.s.
2. Field Coy. Commanders will arrange to leave sufficient personnel to ensure continuity of work upon which they are at present engaged until relief by relieving Coys. is complete.
 

C.O. Pioneer Bn. will similarly arrange to leave sufficient personnel in regard to any attached labour parties under his supervision until completion of relief.
3. Field Coys. and Pioneers will take over accommodation occupied by Field Coys. and Pioneers of 3rd Aust. Div.
4. Completion of reliefs to be notified to this office by wire.
5. D.E.H.Q. will close at ALLONVILLE at 10 a.m. on 11th May and open at ST. GRATIEN at same hour and date.
6. Field Coys. and Pioneers to acknowledge.

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 Issued at 9 p.m.

Lt. & Adjt.

for C.R.E. Second Aust. Div.

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DISTRIBUTION.

1. 5th Field Coy.
2. 6th "
3. 7th "
4. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
5. C.E.
6. "G"
7. "A.Q."
8. C.R.E. 3rd Aust. Div.
9. 5th A.I. Bde.
10. 6th "
11. 7th "
12. File.
- 13 & 14. War diary.

The Division (less Artillery) will relieve the 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery in "O" Divisional Sector and area between the 3rd and 4th Divisions. The 5th and 7th Field Coys. will relieve the 5th and 7th Coys. respectively: relief to be completed by 10.0 a.m. on 15th Nov. The 2nd Pioneer Bn. will relieve the 2nd Pioneer Bn. under mutual arrangements between 2nd and 3rd Divisions: relief to be completed by 6.0 a.m. on 15th Nov. Field Coy. commanders will arrange to leave their units at 10.0 a.m. on 15th Nov. and will continue to work upon which relief by relieving Coys. is complete. 3rd Pioneer Bn. will similarly arrange to leave their units at 10.0 a.m. on 15th Nov. and will continue to work upon which relief by relieving Coys. is complete. Main regard to any attached labour parties will be maintained in regard to any attached labour parties. Completion of relief. 3. Field Coys. and Pioneers will take over accommodation etc. 4. Completion of relief to be notified to this office by 10.0 a.m. on 15th Nov. 5. D.M.H.Q. will close at 10.0 a.m. on 15th Nov. at ST. GRATIAN at same hour and date. 6. Field Coys. and Pioneers to acknowledge.

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6 at 8.0 a.m.



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Engineer Order No. 43..... 18th May 1918.

Issued under 2nd. Australian Division Order No. 189..... 17th May 1918.

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

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AUSTRALIAN

FIELD ENGINEERS.

No. 5/24

Date 19-5-18.

1. On a day and at an hour to be notified later, an operation will be carried out with the object of capturing VILLE-sur-ANCHE and straightening our line.

This operation will be carried out by the 5th and 6th A.I. Brigades, 5th A.I. Bde. on the right and 6th A.I. Bde. on the left.

2. 6th Field Coy. will co-operate with the 6th A.I. Bde. and 5th Field Coy. with the 5th A.I. Bde. and will assist by laying out jumping-off tapes and otherwise under arrangements to be made direct between Os.C. 5th and 6th Field Coys. with 5th and 6th A.I. Bdes. respectively.

3. (a)

On the night following the operation a communication trench will be dug by 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion from J.6.b.5.5. to the cross-roads at K.1.b.1.4.

(b) C.O. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion will arrange for the necessary reconnaissances to be made for selection of best site, for trench and for marking it out.

(c) C.O. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion will arrange to keep in touch with 6th A.I. Bde. in order to ascertain when the objectives have been gained and held and that the situation is clear, and will give the order for his parties to go forward and commence work.

(d) When work is completed C.O. 2nd Pioneer Battalion will notify 6th A.I. Bde. and C.R.E. of completion and Pioneers will withdraw.

ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

Distribution-over.

*H. Williams* Lt. & Adjnt.  
for C.R.E. 2nd Aust. Division.



Divisional Engineer Order No. 43... 19th May 1918  
 and under 2nd Australian Division Order No. 129... 17th

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1. 5th Field Co.
2. 6th " " "
3. 7th " " "
4. 5th A.I. Bde.
5. 6th " " "
6. 7th A.I. Bde.
7. 2nd Aust. Engr. Bn.
8. Chief Engineer.
- 9, 10, 11. War diary.
12. G. 2nd Aust. Div.
13. File.
14. Spare.

... of completion and pioneers will withdraw...  
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 ... that the situation is clear, and will give the order...  
 ... in order to ascertain when the objectives have been...  
 ... Pioneer Battalion will commence to keep in...  
 ... to be made for selection of best sites for trenches...  
 ... 2nd Australian Pioneer Battalion will commence for the...  
 ... from 5.0.0.0. to the 5.0.0.0.



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1. The 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade in the left brigade sector of the Divisional front on the night 20/21st May.
2. The 7th Field Company will relieve the 6th Field Company, relief to be arranged direct between Field Company Commanders concerned.
3. Completion of relief to be notified by wire to D.E.H.Q.
4. On relief the 6th Field Company will take over the duties of the 7th Field Company.
5. Acknowledge. ✓

5th  
AUSTRALIAN  
FIELD ENGINEERS

No. *5/27*  
Date *19.5.18*

*H. H. H. H.* Lt. & Adjt.,

for C.R.E. Second Australian Division.

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2. "G" 2nd Aust. Division.
3. 5th Field Company. ✓
4. 6th " "
5. 7th " "
6. 5th A.I. Brigade
7. 6th " "
8. 7th " "
9. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- 10.11.12. War Diary.
13. File



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*R.H.D.*

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Engineer Order No. 45.....31st May 1918.

Issued under Second Aust. Division Order No. 102.....31st May 1918.

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

1. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the Left Bde. Subsector of the Divisional front on the night 31st May/1st June.
2. The 6th Field Coy. will relieve the 7th Field Coy. under mutual arrangements between O.Cs. concerned, relief to be completed by noon, 1st June.
3. Completion of relief to be notified by wire to D.E.H.Q.
4. On being relieved the 7th Field Coy. will take over the duties of 6th Field Coy.
5. Acknowledge. (Field Coys. only).

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1. C.E. Aust. Corps
2. "G" 2nd Aust. Division.
- 3, 4. 6th and 7th A.I. Brigades.
- 5, 6, 7. 5th 6th and 7th Field Coys.
8. File.
9. Spare.
- 10, 11, 12. War Diary.

*W. H. H. H.* Lt. & Adjt.,

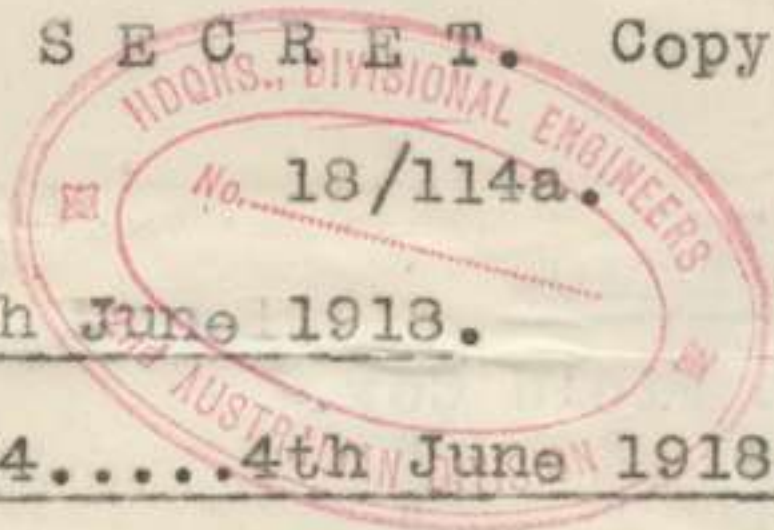


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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Engineer Order No. 46.....4th June 1918.

Issued under 2nd Aust. Division Order No. 194.....4th June 1918.



Reference Map - Sheet 62D. 1/40,000.

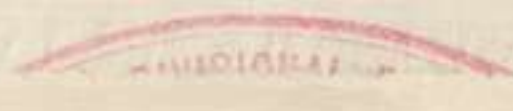
1. The 5th A.I.Bde will be relieved in the Right Brigade Sub-sector of the Divisional front on the night 5/6th June as follows:-  
The 6th A.I.Bde will take over temporarily that portion of the front between the present inter-brigade boundary and K.13.b.2.8.  
The 7th A.I.Bde will take over the remainder of the Right Brigade Subsector.
2. On completion of relief the inter-brigade boundary will be temporarily altered to run from K.13.b.2.8. to J.12.central, thence West along old boundary.
3. The 7th Field Company will relieve 5th Field Coy, details of relief to be arranged between O.Cs. concerned.
4. Completion of relief and locations to be notified to D.E.H.Q. by wire.
5. On being relieved the 5th Field Coy will take over the duties of the 7th Field Coy.
6. ✓ Acknowledge. (Field Coys only).

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- 5th A.I. Brigade
- 7th " "
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APPENDIX. B.4

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ORDER No. 175

Headquarters,  
April 30th 1918

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| Copy No. 8      |
| 5th             |
| AUSTRALIAN      |
| FIELD ENGINEERS |
| No. ....        |
| Date: .....     |

reference map Sheet 620, 1/20,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade, less 'D' Battalion (28th Battalion), will be relieved by the 55th Infantry Brigade on the night 30th April/1st May, 1918, and will move to the MONTIGNY area in accordance with attached table.
2. (a) Trench maps, aeroplane photographs, defence schemes, work policy, and all information regarding the new front will be handed over to the incoming units.  
(b) Trench stores, including two bandoliers of S.A.A. and two bombs per man will be handed over to the incoming units. S.A.A. and bombs will be collected in platoon dumps. Otherwise, units will move out complete in everything. Receipts will be obtained, and duplicates will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of relief.  
(c) Patrols will be sent out to cover the reliefs of line units.  
(d) Subject to the terms of this order, details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
3. The C.A.E. and the 2nd Aust. Machine Gun Battalion are arranging the reliefs of the 5th Field Coy A.E. and the 7th A.M. Gun Coy respectively. See Relief Table.
4. Orders will be issued later for the move of the 28th Battalion, which will remain for the present in Divisional Reserve.
5. Billeting parties from all units of the 7th A.I. Bde (less 28th Bn) and from the 7th A.M.G. Coy and 5th Field Coy will meet the Staff Captain, 7th A.I. Bde at SAVILLINCOURT Chateau at 11 am 30th April.
6. (a) Completion of reliefs will be wired in B.A.B. Code to Brigade H.Q.  
(b) On completion of reliefs, Command of the Right Brigade sector will pass to the G.O.C., 55th Infantry Brigade.  
(c) Brigade H.Q. will close at present position on completion of relief, and will open at the same hour, at a place to be notified later.
7. The 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade Group will be concentrated in the CAMON - RIVERLY area, to which area it will move probably on May 2nd.
8. Acknowledge.

*A. Lee*

Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 5.30 a.m.  
For distribution P.T.O.

Distribution :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.L.F.M.Sty
6. 7th A.M.G.Coy
7. 22nd A.M.G.Coy
8. 5th Field Coy
9. 55th Inf. Bde
10. 2nd Aust Div 'G'
11. " " " 'A.Q'
12. 2nd A.M.G.Bn.
13. 5th Field Amb.
14. 17th A.A.S.O.
15. 6th A.I.Bde
16. 10th A.I.Bde
17. Right Group Arty
18. Capt. Jackson, Bde Arty Liaison Officer.
19. Major H.H. Page, M.C., 25th Bn., Bde Raiding Party.
20. Major C. Saper, 27th Bn, 7A Nucleus Bn.
21. Area Comndt, MONTIGNI Area.
22. " " SAIZIEUX.
23. G.O.C.
24. B.M.
25. S.O.
26. Bde Signal Officer
27. Bde T.O.
28. File
- 29/31 war Diary
- 32/33 Spars.

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RELIEF TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 175.

| Date                                    | Unit                                      | Relieved by  | Move to        | Remarks   |
|---|---|--|----------------|---|
| 1918<br>Night<br>April 30th<br>May 1st. | 26th Bn. Line Right.                      | 7th Buffs.   | MONTIGNY AREA. | } Guides as arranged between C.O's concerned.<br>Distances will be maintained as situation demands. |
| "                                       | 25th Bn. Line Left.                       | 8th East Surreys                                   | "              |   |
| "                                       | 27th Bn. Support.                         | 7th Queens.  | "              |   |
| "                                       | 7th A.L.T.M.Bty                           | 55th A.L.T.M.Bty                                   | "              |   |
| "                                       | 5th Field Coy A.S.                        | 92nd Field Coy R.E.                                | "              |   |
| "                                       | 7th A.M.G.Coy                             | 22nd A.M.G.Coy                                     | "              |   |
| "                                       | 7th A.I.Bde H.Q.<br>and Bde Sig.Section.  | 55th Inf. Bde H.Q. and<br>Bde Sig. Section         | "              |   |
| April 30th                              | Raiding Parties,<br>25th, 26th, 27th Bns. | ) will rejoin their units in the<br>MONTIGNY Area. |                | } BAIZIEUX will be cleared at 3 p.m.  |
| "                                       | Raiding Party 28th Bn.                    | will rejoin unit at St.LAURENCE FARM.              |                |   |

N.B. No movement of troops will take place East of the LAVIE VILLE - BUIRE Road before 9.30 pm  
Destination of units in the MONTIGNY Area will be notified later.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

4/179

Brigade Headquarters,  
2nd. April, 1918.

Reference Maps: Sh. 52.D. 1/40,000.  
MONTIGNY 1/20,000. (issued to Bns)

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| 5th<br>AUSTRALIAN<br>FIELD ENGINEERS. |  |
| No.....                               |  |
| Date.....                             |  |

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 4.

Duties and responsibility of the Brigade, whilst the Division is in  
Corps Reserve.

Disposition: 1. The Division is disposed as follows :-

- Div. Hdqrs. - BERTANGLES.
- 5th. A. I. Bde. Group - MONTIGNY - FLECHENCOURT Area.
- 6th. A. I. Bde. Group - QUERRILU - DACOURS Area.
- 7th. A. I. Bde. Group - JALON - RIVIRE Area.

Employment: 2. (a) The Division whilst in Corps Reserve will be normally employed offensively for the maintenance of the present positions of forward Divisions.  
(b) The Brigade Group will be prepared to move at short notice.

Counter-Attack: 3. (a) In the event of enemy attack South of the SOLLE the Division will be employed for prompt counter-attack.  
(b) Positions of readiness for the 6th and 7th. Aust. Inf. Brigades will be approximately as follows :-  
6th. A. I. Bde. - C.7.d. - C.13.b.  
7th. A. I. Bde. - H.34.b. - H.34.d.  
(c) Should any alteration in the disposition of the 5th. A. I. Bde be required, the necessary orders will be issued by Bde. Hdqrs. Until further notice position of readiness will be Battalion Alarm Posts.

Occupation of Third Zone:

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

(b) The 5th. A. I. Bde will be prepared to man the MONTIGNY Sector. (H.5. Central to U.26.c.3.C.). Further instructions will be issued giving the allotment of troops to this sector, but reconnaissances will be carried out at once by Battalions, of the sector in the vicinity of their billeting area. As a temporary measure the following sectors are allotted :-

- 20th. Bn. - H.3.b.4.C. - B.24.c.1.6. (road inclusive)
- 17th. Bn. - B.24.c.1.6. (road exclusive) to B.12.d.1.5. (road inclusive).
- 18th. Bn. - B.12.d.1.5. (road exclusive) to U.26.c.3.C.
- 19th. Bn. - In Support at B.17. 19th. Bn to reconnoitre whole line.

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

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

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| Locality     | Unit     | Strength | Suggested Disposition.   |
|--------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|
| ERLEHENCOURT | 20th.Bn. | 1 Coy.   | 1 Platoon - B.50.Central |
|              |          |          | 1 " - B.30.b.            |
|              |          |          | 1 " - C.25.a.            |
|              |          |          | 1 " - B.24.d. (Support)  |
| BEHENCOURT   | 17th.Bn. | 1 Coy.   | 1 Platoon - C.19.c.      |
|              |          |          | 1 " - C.19.a.            |
|              |          |          | 1 " - C.13.c.            |
|              |          |          | 1 " - Support            |
| BAVLINCOURT  | 18th.Bn. | 1 Coy.   | 1 Platoon - C.13.a.      |
|              |          |          | 1 " - C.7.c.             |
|              |          |          | 1 " - C.7.b.             |
|              |          |          | 1 " - Support            |

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

Acknowledge

*W. P. MacCallan*

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

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

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

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

MONTIGNY 1/20,000 } Issued  
} to Bns.Headquarters,  
3rd May, 1918.INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 5.

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

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

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

(a) BLANGY Sector:

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

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

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

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

(b) QUERRIEU Sector:

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

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

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

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

See also Appendix I.

(c) MONTIGNY Sector:

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

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

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

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

See also Appendix II.

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

5. In the event of orders being received for moves detailed in this office 4/179 of 2nd May, or para 3 above, extra S.A.A. and bombs will be issued at once.

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

7. Provisional administrative instructions are being issued separately.

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

*W. T. MacCallum*

Captain,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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



APPENDIX I

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 45

3/5/1918.

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

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

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

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

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

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APPENDIX II.

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

1. ALLOTMENT OF FRONTAGE:

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

- 17th. Battalion. Right.
- 19th. Battalion. Centre.
- 18th. Battalion. Left.
- 20th. Battalion in reserve - B 10 b.

2. BOUNDARIES: Brigade Southern Boundary E. and W. line through B 18 c 0 0.
- do Northern do E. and W. line through U 26 d 0 0.
- Boundary between 17th and 19th Battalions E. and W. line through C 7 c 7 0.
- Boundary between 19th and 18th Battalion E. and W. line through C 1 d 5 0.

3. DISPOSITIONS OF TROOPS:

- (a) The outpost line C 13 d 0 0 - C 7 c 7 0 - C 1 d 5 0 - C 2 a 8 9 will be occupied, with supports in MONTIGNY line. The outpost line will be held and outpost positions will not be vacated except by orders of Brigade.
- (b) 19th Battalion will be responsible for defence of Bridge Heads at SAVELINCOURT.
- (c) 5th. A.M.G. Coy. will have 12 Vickers Machine guns disposed\* in the line - 4 guns in reserve. \* *defensively*
- (d) 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. will have 4 mortars disposed defensively in the line and 4 in reserve.
- (e) Brigade Headquarters will be established at MOLLIENS AU BOIS.
- (f) 5th. Field Coy A.E., 5th. Aust. Field Amb., 15th. A.A.S.C., 1/3 S.A.A. Section, D.A.C. and Brigade Transport will be located <sup>in</sup> MOLLIENS AU BOIS or its vicinity.

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

| <u>Order of March</u> | <u>Time of Passing</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Brigade Headquarters  | - Zero                 |
| 15th. A.A.S.C.        | - Zero plus 5 minutes. |
| 5th. Aust. Field Amb. | - Zero do 10 do        |
| 5th. Field Coy. A.E.  | - Zero do 15 do        |
| 1/3 Sec. D.A.C.       | - Zero plus 20 do      |
| Brigade Transport.    | - Zero plus 25 do      |

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

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

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Ref. Maps: Sh. 62D 1/40,000  
 MONTIGNY 1/20,000 } Issued  
 ----- ) to Bns.

Brigade Headquarters,  
 4th. May, 1918.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 6.

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

2. (a) Instructions for the Defensive Nos 4 and 5 will remain in force should hostile action develop in the Southern portion of the AUSTRALIAN Corps front.  
 (b) Reference Instructions No 5, Appendix II. Units will be prepared for the following re-distribution of troops:-

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

Boundaries etc. will remain the same.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Ev. P. MacCallum*

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

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

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No. 4/194.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 7.

Reference Map:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7th A.I.Bde. - N.34. b. - N.34. d.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) BLANGY SECTOR:

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

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

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

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

(b) SOMME SECTOR:

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

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

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

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

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

(c) DAOURS SECTOR:

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

(d) QUERRIEU SECTOR:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A lockdown will be in effect. *Allen*  
Bde. Hdqrs. *Allen* Captain,  
7th May, 1918. *Allen* Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bdo.

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



APPENDIX I.INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 7.

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

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

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

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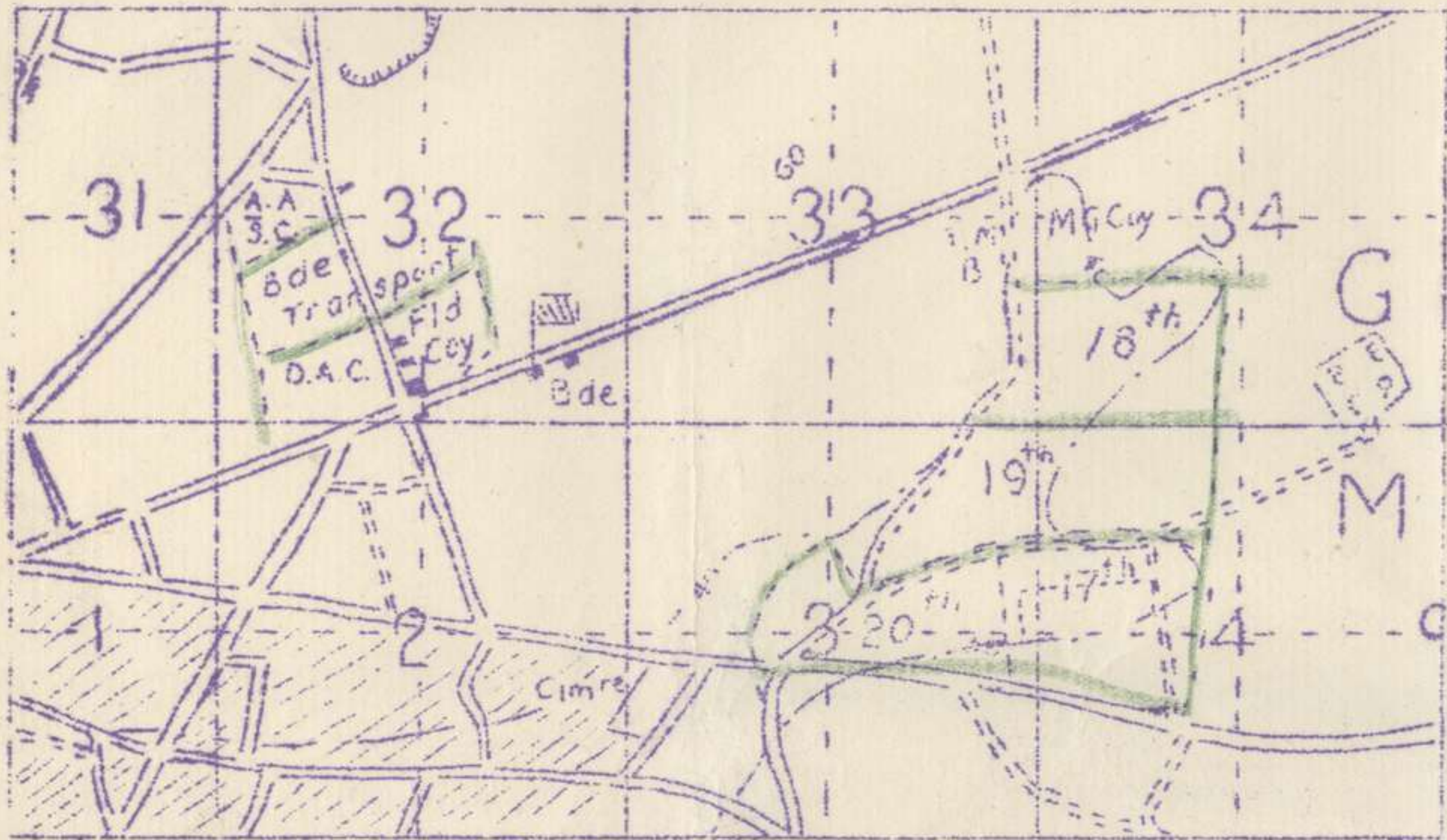
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 7.

1. Should it be necessary to form defensive flank in accordance with para 6, the approximate line G 25 d 0 0 - B 23 central - B 21 central, will be occupied by 2 battalions in depth; 18th Bn, Line Right, 17th Bn. Line left, 20th Bn. Support Right, H 3, 19th Bn., Support Left, B 25.
2. Dividing line between 17th and 18th Bns. - B 24 central - B 29 central.
3. (a) 2 Sections 5th Aust.M.G.Coy. will be attached to 18th Bn; 1 section to 17th Bn.  
(b) 2 Stokes Mortars will be attached to each of 17th and 18th Battalions.  
Remainder of 5th Aust.M.G.Coy. and 5th Aust.L. T.M.Bty. will be in reserve in B 25.  
(c) Remainder of the Brigade Group will stand by pending further instructions.
4. Brigade Headquarters will be at B 25 b 6 3.
5. On order to take up this defensive line, units will move by most direct route in accordance with above instructions, to positions selected.

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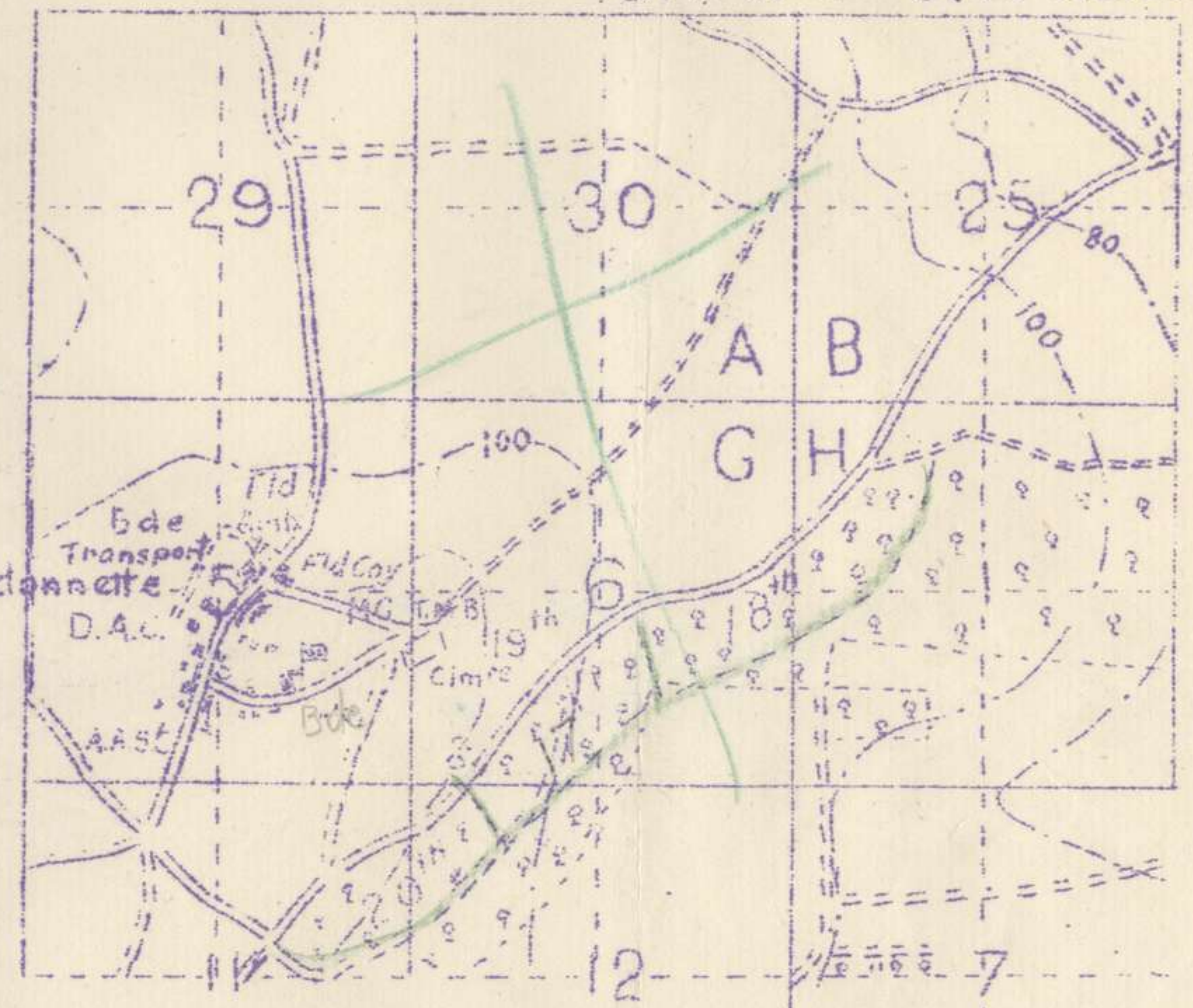
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Part of 68° NW & S.W  
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Map B.

Part of 62° NW Scale 1:20000



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SECRET.FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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Headquarters,  
8th. May, 1918.INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No 8.Ref. Map 63D 1/40,000.

1. All or any unit of this Brigade while in Div. reserve to 3rd. Aust. Division may be ordered to reinforce or counter-attack on any portion of Div. area or its immediate flank.
2. Special Roles:
  - (a) 18th. Battalion will detail Nuclear Garrisons for the ANCRE extension of BAIZIEUX system (1st system, 2nd zone) from I 18 a 0 5 to J 1 a 7 8 and occupy these defences when ordered. Frontage includes posts lettered J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, S, T inclusive, and numbered posts 30 - 36 both inclusive, totalling 17 posts, half garrisoned by L.G. sections and half by rifle sections. An officer in command and 4 other officers will be sent forward with the garrison.
  - (b) 17th. Battalion will detail Nuclear Garrison for portion of the system running from I 20 0 0 to I 18 a D 5, to occupy this when ordered. Frontage includes lettered posts A - I both inclusive, numbered posts 23, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, totalling 16 posts, half to be manned by rifle sections and half by Lewis gun sections. An officer in command and 4 other officers will be sent forward with the garrison.
  - (c) 19th. and 20th. Battalions will be prepared to act offensively or defensively under orders of G.O's.C, 9th, 10th and 5th A.I. Brigades and to garrison bridgehead line.
  - (d) 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. will have 8 positions for mortars to cover ANCRE extension defences for occupation if necessary.
3. In addition to the above
  - (a) 18th. Battalion must as an alternative be prepared to garrison the Right half of Left flank protection of 3rd. Aust. Div. from present Left flank of 10th. A.I. Bde at D 23 central to BRESLE exclusive.
  - (b) 17th. Battalion must be prepared to garrison Left half of above line from BRESLE inclusive to BAIZIEUX trench system in D 7 d.
  - (c) 19th. and 20th. Battalions will be in reserve in readiness for reinforcement or counter-attack.
  - (d) 4 Mortars 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. will be allotted to each of 17th. and 18th. Battalions.

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

*A. F. MacCallum.*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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

SECRET.FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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Headquarters,  
14th. May, 1918."INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 11 - LIAISON"

1. Attention is drawn to this office "Instructions for the Defensive No. 5", 4/134 dated 20.4.18.\*  
The following additional precautions will be taken to ensure thorough liaison:-
2. Front line Battalions will maintain liaison by telephone, visiting officers and runners. During operations an officer will be sent by Battalion Headquarters to remain at Headquarters of flank Battalion. Two runners will be sent to each flank Battalion Headquarters to remain there for use in case of emergency. Front line Battalions must keep in touch with the situation on their flanks.
3. Support and Reserve Battalions will maintain 2 runners with the front line Battalions and will send officers daily to front line Battalion Headquarters in particular about "Stand To".  
The main responsibility of keeping au fait with the situation in front lies with the Support and Reserve Battalions although this information will be supplemented by messages from Brigade Headquarters and front line Battalions as far as possible.  
"B" and "G" Battalions will keep Machine Gun Company Headquarters and Tank Section Headquarters in Quarry, J 9 b informed regarding the situation during operations.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

*K. D. Warden*  
for  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 1 17th. Battalion.
- 2 18th. Battalion.
- 3 19th. Battalion.
- 4 20th. Battalion.
- 5 5th. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
- 6 5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.
- 7 5th. Field Coy. A.E.
- 8 5th. Aust. Field Amb.
- 9 Tank Section.
- 10 File.
- 11/13 War Diary.

\* Not sent to 5th. A.M.G. Coy. of Tank Section.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

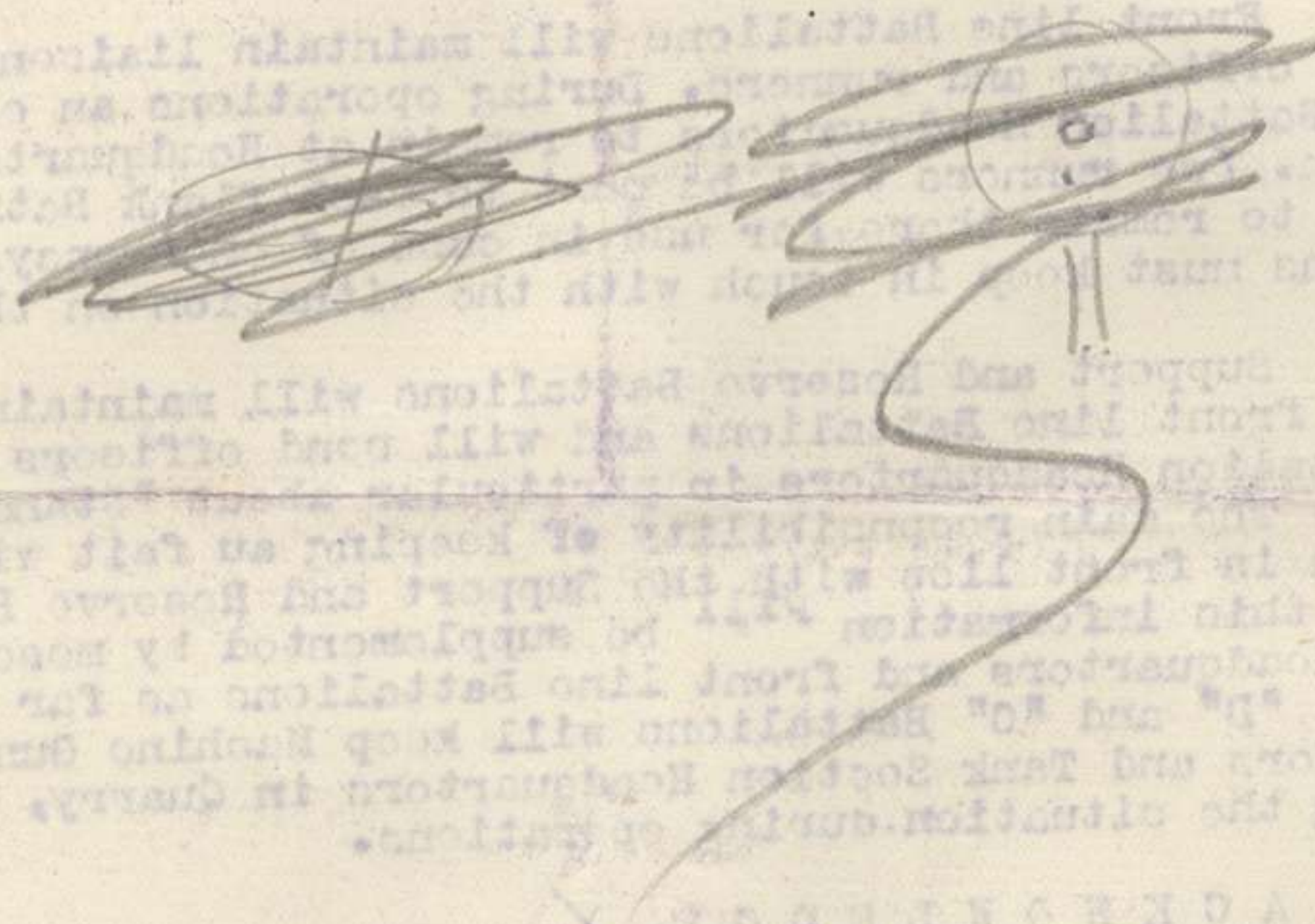
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Headquarters  
14th May 1918

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISTRICT NO. 11 - LIAISON

Attention is drawn to this office "Instructions for the  
District No. 11" dated 14.5.18.  
The following additional instructions will be taken to  
ensure thorough liaison.

Front line battalions will maintain liaison by telephone  
with the Brigade Headquarters. During operations an officer will be  
sent by Battalion Headquarters to the Brigade Headquarters of the  
Battalion Headquarters. Front line  
battalions must in liaison with the  
support and reserve battalions will maintain liaison  
with the front line battalions and will send officers daily to front  
line battalions to maintain liaison.  
The responsibility of keeping in touch with the  
Battalion Headquarters and Reserve Battalions  
will be supplemented by messenger  
Battalions will keep Battalion Headquarters in touch by  
messenger and Task Section Headquarters in charge of  
maintaining the liaison during operations.



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

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Not sent to 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. 5th. 6th. 7th. 8th. 9th. 10th. 11th. 12th. 13th. 14th. 15th. 16th. 17th. 18th. 19th. 20th. 21st. 22nd. 23rd. 24th. 25th. 26th. 27th. 28th. 29th. 30th. 31st. 32nd. 33rd. 34th. 35th. 36th. 37th. 38th. 39th. 40th. 41st. 42nd. 43rd. 44th. 45th. 46th. 47th. 48th. 49th. 50th.

SECRET.FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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Headquarters,  
15th. May, 1918.INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO 12. WORKS.RESPONSIBILITY. 1.

(a) The Brigade is responsible for all works of defence within the Brigade sector back to grid line running N. and S. through J 10 0 0 0.

(b) All works of defence behind this line are to be carried out under Div. arrangements.

(c) This does not include dugout accommodation. No dugouts will be constructed without approval from Bdo. Headquarters and on approval being obtained they will be constructed under Brigade arrangements.

(d) The sub-division of responsibility, see para. (a) above, will be "A" and "B" Battalions front and support lines. "C" and "D" Battalions working under Brigade control on reserve lines, C.T's. etc..

POLICY.

2.

The policy will be to have a continuous front line well wired with a support line 200 to 500 yards in rear, this front line being the main line of resistance. Behind these will be various reserve lines sited mainly for the defence of special tactical features, and there will be a system of C.T's. from the front line back to the reserve lines.

ORDER OF IMPORTANCE OF WORK.

3.

The following is the order of importance of work:-

(a) Joining up of forward line of posts into a continuous firing line.

(b) Wiring of this line.

These two to be carried out simultaneously.

(c) C.T's. capable of being used as switchoc.

(d) Completion and wiring of support line.

(e) Improvement of accommodation.

(f) Improvement wiring of reserve lines.

and

NEW WORK.

4. C.O's. will forward to Brigade Headquarters their proposals for any new work they consider necessary within their sector.

5. A C K N O W L E D G E.*W. P. MacCallum*DISTRIBUTION.Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.17th. Battalion.  
18th. Battalion.  
19th. Battalion.  
20th. Battalion.  
5th. Aust. L.T.M.Bty.  
✓ 5th. Field Coy. A.E.  
War Diary.-----  
*W. P. MacCallum*

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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Headquarters,  
18th. May, 1918.INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE, No. 14."Supplementary "S.O.S." Signals"

1. An issue of message carrying rockets will shortly be made. Units will be notified when they are available. A trial will be made with these rockets for "S.O.S." purposes in foggy or bad weather as an alternative to the bugle call scheme which has not proved altogether satisfactory.
2. A proportion of message carrying rockets therefore will be set apart for S.O.S. purposes, and a continuous chain of alarm posts and repeating stations equipped therewith from front line to artillery will be formed. Positions of these alarm posts will be notified to D.H.Q. when selected and equipped.
3. The S.O.S. message should be prepared and held ready at all times for instant despatch, the racket being specially marked "S.O.S. Message Rocket".
4. Pending the issue of these rockets, the bugle call will continue as a supplementary S.O.S. signal.
5. Bugles will form a chain between Coy. H.Q. in the line and Battalion H.Q. in the line. Neighbouring Battalion H.Q.'s. in the line, support and reserve Battalions or other signal stations that hear the S.O.S. bugle call, will pass on the S.O.S. by signal.
6. The S.O.S. bugle call for this Brigade will be the "Double" for the left Brigade a succession of blasts equivalent to the final numeral of the Battalion followed by a momentary pause.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

W. F. MacCallum

DISTRIBUTION.Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.17th. Battalion.  
18th. Battalion.  
19th. Battalion.  
20th. Battalion.  
5th. Aust. L.T.M. Bty.  
5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.  
5th. Field Coy. A.E.  
5th. Aust. Field Amb.  
War Diary (3).



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

Brigade Headquarters,  
30th April, 1918.

Reference Maps: Sheet 57 D )  
Sheet 62 D )  
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|                                      |
|--------------------------------------|
| 5th<br>AUSTRALIAN<br>FIELD ENGINEERS |
| No. ....                             |
| Date. ....                           |

1. The 2nd Aust. Div. (less artillery) on relief from the line will be in Corps Reserve.
2. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde Group will be disposed in the MONTIGNY - FRECHENCOURT Area
3. Units will move by march route to the above area in accordance with attached table.
4. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will be composed as follows :-

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

5. 5th Field Coy. A. E. and 5th Aust. Field Ambce. are moving to BEHENCOURT - PETIT CHATEAU MONTIGNY, respectively, on night 30th April/1st May. 15th Coy. A. A. S. C. remains at BEAUCOURT.

6. Advance billeting parties will report to Town Major's Office of their respective billeting villages at 2 pm 1st May, where they will receive billeting lists.

- 7 (a) The following minimum distances will be observed on the march :-

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

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

8. Dress: Marching order. Blankets will be moved as per administrative instructions.

9. Completion of move and location of Headquarters will be reported to Brigade Headquarters.

10. Administrative instructions are being issued separately.

11. Brigade Headquarters will close at WARLOY at 12.30 pm 2nd May and re-open at ESBART FARM, C 1 d 30 35 on completion of move.

Reports during the move to the head of the column.

12. Acknowledge.

*J. P. Call*

Captain,  
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 11 pm.

Brigade Major

Distribution.

|         |   |                |       |                     |       |                   |
|---------|---|----------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Copy No | 1 | 17th Bn.       | 9     | 1/3rd Sec. D. A. C. | 15    | S. C.             |
|         | 2 | 18th Bn        | 10    | 2nd Aust. Div.      | 16    | Bde. Sig. Offr.   |
|         | 3 | 19th Bn        | 11    | T.M. WARLOY         | 17    | Bde. T.O.         |
|         | 4 | 20th Bn        | 12    | T.M. BEAUCOURT      | 18    | Bde. Q.M.         |
|         | 5 | 5th ALTM Bty.  | 14    | G.O.C.              | 19    | T.M. BEHENCOURT   |
|         | 6 | 5th AMG Coy.   | 13    | T.M. MONTIGNY       | 20    | T.M. BAVELINCOURT |
|         | 7 | 5th Fld Coy AE |       |                     | 21    | File              |
|         | 8 | 5th Fld. Amb.  | 25/28 | Spares.             | 22/24 | War Diary         |

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Administrative Memorandum to accompany Bde. Order No. 171

**AMMUNITION:** Units will hand over to relieving units the 2 bombs per man and the extra 100 rounds S. A. A. carried in bandoliers on the man. These will be immediately replenished under Bde. arrangements on arrival in new area, being retained in boxes and issued to platoons and not to the men until receipt of orders from Bde. H. Q.

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

**ADVANCE PARTIES:** Para. 7 of Bde. Order No. 170 is cancelled. Advance parties for WARLOY will report for guides at 142nd Inf. Bde. H. Q., Billet 37, WARLOY, at 10 am on 1st May.

Units will take over billets as follows :-

|                      |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 17th Bn.             | 22nd Bn. London Regt.          |
| 19th Bn.             | 23rd do.                       |
| 20th Bn.             | 24th do.                       |
| 5th A. I. E. M. Bty. | 142nd T. M. Bty.               |
| 5th A. M. G. Coy.    | 'C' Coy. 47th Bn. M. G. Corps. |

Advance parties for MONTIGNY area will report at 2 pm 1st May to Town Major of town to which they are allotted.

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

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

**TRANSPORT:** Baggage wagons will report to unit transport lines by 6 pm 1st May. Baggage wagons for 18th Bn. will report at 10 am 1st May. Transport will remain brigaded under Brigade Transport Officer and will move to MONTIGNY as per Brigade Order No. 171, and will remain brigaded.

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

Acknowledged.

*J. John*  
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Captain,  
Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Bde. Hdqrs.  
30th April, 1918

# March Table to accompany Bde Order N° 171.

| Serial No | Date                | Units in order of March                           | Starting Point     | Time head column will pass | Destination             | Route                                    | Remarks                |
|-----------|---------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 1         | 1 <sup>st</sup> May | 18 <sup>th</sup> Bn.                              | as most convenient |                            | Bavelincourt            | Via Contay                               | Clear Warloy by 1 p.m. |
| 2         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> May | 20 <sup>th</sup> Bn.                              | U 23 d 5.6         | 1 p.m.                     | Prechincourt            | Via Contay<br>Bavelincourt<br>Behencourt |                        |
| 3         | "                   | 19 <sup>th</sup> Bn.                              | "                  | 1.15 p.m.                  | Montigny                | Via Contay<br>Beaucourt                  |                        |
| 4         | "                   | 17 <sup>th</sup> Bn.                              | "                  | 1.20 p.m.                  | Behencourt              | Via Contay<br>Bavelincourt               |                        |
| 5         | "                   | 5 <sup>th</sup> A.M.C. Coy                        | "                  | 1.25 p.m.                  | Beaucourt               | Via Contay                               |                        |
| 6         | "                   | 5 <sup>th</sup> A.L.I.M. Bty                      | "                  | 2 p.m.                     | Behencourt              | Via Contay<br>Bavelincourt               |                        |
| 7         | "                   | 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde<br>Mtr & Sig Sect        | "                  | 2.5 p.m.                   | Esbart Fine<br>Crd 2025 | Via Contay                               |                        |
| 8         | "                   | 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde<br>transport<br>brigaded | "                  | 2.40 p.m.                  | Montigny                | Via Contay<br>Beaucourt                  |                        |

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SECRET.FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 172.

Copy No. ....

Brigade Headquarters,  
4th. May, 1918.Ref. Map. 62D 1/40,000.  
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1. (a) The 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. <sup>Group</sup> less 18th. Battalion <sup>v. 5th Signal Coy. A.E.</sup> will move to ALLONVILLE - GARDONNETTE areas tomorrow, 5th instant in accordance with attached March Table.

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

2. Administrative Instructions are being issued separately.

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

4. <sup>6</sup> Brigade Instructions for the Defensive Nos 4 and 5, issued to Brigade Group, will still remain in force. March Table accompanying Instructions for the Defensive No 5 is cancelled.

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

6. 1st. Line transport will accompany Units.

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

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 11.30 pm

*W. P. MacCallum*

Captain,

DISTRIBUTION:

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

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

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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER NO 172.

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

The following distances will be maintained on march :

Between Battalions 500 yards. Between Companies 100 yards.

Between Unit & its Transport 100 yards. Between each section of 6 vehicles 25 yards.

Units will halt independently for 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour, resuming march at clock hour.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM:

(To accompany Brigade Order No 172).

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

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

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

ECHELON: Units will move with mobile echelon complete.

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

BILLETS: Certificates will be rendered to this office by 8 p.m., 5th. instant that billets in MONTIGNY area have been vacated in a clean and sanitary condition.

*[Signature]*

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

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 175.

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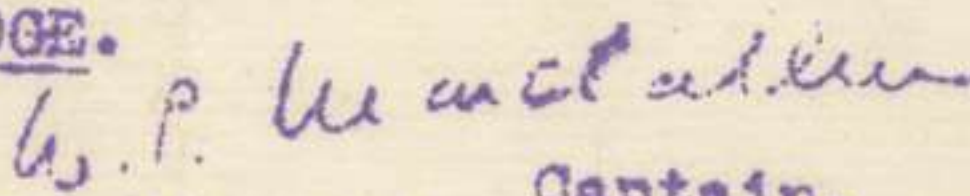
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Headquarters,  
5th. May, 1918.

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

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

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

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

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DISTRIBUTION.

- 1 17th. Battalion.
- 2 18th. Battalion.
- 3 19th. Battalion.
- 4 20th. Battalion.
- 5 5th. Aust. L.T.M.Bty.
- 6 5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.
- 7 5th. Field Coy. A.E.
- 8 5th Field Amb. (Aust)
- 9 15th. A.A.S.C.
- 10 3rd. Soc. S.A.A., 2nd. D.A.C.
- 11 2nd. Aust. Div.
- 12 3rd. Aust. Div.
- 13 8th. A.I.Bdo.
- 14 7th. A.I.Bdo.
- 15 8th. A.I.Bdo.
- 16 9th. A.I.Bdo.
- 17 10th. A.I.Bdo.
- 18 11th. A.I.Bdo.
- 19 Area Commandant, ALLONVILLE.
- 20 Town Major, FRANVILLERS.
- 21 " " LA HOUSOIE.
- 22 " " FRECHENCOURT.
- 23 G.O.C.
- 24 S.C.
- 25 I.O.
- 26 Filo.
- 27 Brigado Q.M.
- 28 Brigado T.O.
- 29/31 War Diary.
- 32 Brigado Sig. Officer.
- 33/36 Sparos.

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All movement in vicinity of LA HOUSOIE and FRANVILLERS is to be reported to the Brigade Headquarters at 7 p.m. A.I.Bdo. Headquarters.

Advanced parties in connection with relief of the A.I.Bdo. will be despatched on evening 27/31 last, to report for orders at 7 p.m. A.I.Bdo. Headquarters.

Administrative arrangements are being made separately.

Command of reserve Brigades will pass to 2nd Sub. A.I.Bdo. at 7 p.m.

Completion of news and relief will be notified to Brigade H.Q.

Brigade Headquarters will also be advised of any developments at FRECHENCOURT at same hour.

ALLONVILLE

Brigade Major, 2nd. Aust. Div.



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
8th. May, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM:

(To accompany Brigade Order No 173).

SUPPLIES:

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

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

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

TRANSPORT:

Transport will be brigaded at B 23 b and d, with the exception of ration limbers and cookers of Units which will be at Q.M. stores, and 2 S.A.A. limbers per battalion which will form a MOBILE DUMP in BOIS MADAME - I 9 a.

COOKING ARRANGEMENTS: All cooking with the exception of the reserve Battalion will be carried out at Q.M. stores. Ration wagons and cookers will deliver to H.Q., Q.M. and Transport officers will reconnoitre routes to front line before 6 p.m. 10th instant. Reserve Battalion can cook in road I 24 - J 13.  
*Battalion*

Q.M. Stores:

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

AMMUNITION:

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

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

GUM BOOTS:

Gum boots will not be taken over by this Bde.

TRENCH STORES etc.

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

PACKS AND BLANKETS:

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

BATHS:

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

ORDNANCE:

I 2 d 7 3.

Brigade refilling point will be CROSS ROADS -

- 2 -

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

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

Left Battalion:-

From R.A.P. - J 11 b 2 2 (Battalion in line) by hand carriage to loading post - J 5 d 23 and R.A.P. J 13 c cent. (Battalion in support) - both cleared by motor ambulance via BONNAY to A.D.S. I 4 b 8 0 - thence to M.D.S. at Chateau at H 10 a 9 4.

GUARDS etc.:

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

(a) Ammunition Dumps:-

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| I 8 c 9 7    | 1 O.R. |
| I 14 b 95 50 | 1 O.R. |
| I 18 b 3 9   | 1 O.R. |
| I 13 c 6 3   | 1 O.R. |

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

(b) Bridge Guards:-

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

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

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

ADVANCE PARTY:

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

BAGGAGE WAGONS:

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

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


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

Distribution as per Brigade Order No 173.

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MOVE AND RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE ORDER No 173.

| Serial No | Date.    | Unit.                                   | In Relief of.                             | Destination  | Route.           | Remarks.   |
|-----------|----------|---|---|--------------|------------------|--|
| 1         | May 9th. | 18th. Bn.                               | 41st. Bn.                                 | FRANVILLERS. | via BEHENCOURT.  | Not to enter FRANVILLERS before 1 p.m. Move to be complete by 2  |
| 2         | do       | 17th. Bn.                               | 42nd. Bn.                                 | LA HOUSSOYE. | via QUERRIEU     | To clear ALLONVILLE by 6.30 am. Move to be complete by 12 Noon.  |
| 3         | do       | 19th. Bn.                               | 43rd. Bn.                                 | do           | do               | To clear ALLONVILLE by 9 am. Move to be complete by 12 Noon.     |
| 4         | do       | 20th. Bn.                               | -- --                                     | do           | do               | To clear GARDONNETTE by 9.15 am. Move to be complete by 12 Noon. |
| 5         | do       | 5th. A.L.T.<br>M. Bty.                  | 11th. A.L.T.M.<br>Bty.                    | FRANVILLERS  | do               | To clear ALLONVILLE by 8.15 am. Move to be complete by 12 Noon.  |
| 6         | do       | 5th. A.I. Bdo<br>H.Q. and<br>Sig. Sect. | 11th. A.I. Bdo.<br>H.Q. and<br>Sig. Sect. | FRECHENCOURT | via St. GRATIEN. |  |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 174.

Copy No.....

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

Headquarters,  
9th. May, 1918.

1. The 5th. A.I.Bdo. will relieve 9th. A.I.Bdo. in the Right Bdo. Sector of the line on the night 10/11th. May in accordance with the attached table.
2. All trench stores, aeroplane photographs, defence schemes, marked maps, works policy and intelligence will be taken over by in-going Units and copies of receipts given forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 12 Noon, 11th instant.
3. (a) Movement E. of FRANVILLERS and LAHOUSOYE will be by platoons at 100 yards distance.  
(b) 17th. and 18th. Battalions will not cross River ANCRE before 9 p.m..  
19th. and 20th. Battalions will not cross River ANCRE before 9.50 p.m.
4. Bugles will be taken in and used in foggy or misty weather to supplement the S.O.S. signal. Buglers will sound the alarm. The call will be taken up by relay stations.
5. Tool echelon will be taken in by Battalions.
6. The 100 extra rounds S.A.A. and 3 bombs per man will be issued before Units move forward.
7. Subject to the terms of this order all details of the relief will be arranged mutually between C.O.'s concerned.
8. Movement in forward area will be restricted to an absolute minimum.
9. Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by priority wire using the code word "BON".
10. Advance Brigade will open at HEILLY at 10 p.m..
11. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued thro'  
Signals at 9 p.m.

*W. J. ...*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

DISTRIBUTION:

- |    |                                |       |                          |
|----|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| 1  | 17th. Battalion.               | 16    | 9th. A.I.Bdo.            |
| 2  | 18th. Battalion.               | 17    | 10th. A.I.Bdo.           |
| 3  | 19th. Battalion.               | 18    | Town Major, FRANVILLERS. |
| 4  | 20th. Battalion.               | 19    | " " LAHOUSOYE.           |
| 5  | 5th. A.I.Bdo. Bty.             | 20    | " " FIECHENCOURT.        |
| 6  | 5th. A.I.Bdo. Coy.             | 21    | S.O.C.                   |
| 7  | 5th. Field Coy. A.I.           | 22    | S.C.                     |
| 8  | 5th. Aust. Field Amb.          | 23    | I.O.                     |
| 9  | 15th. A.A.S.C.                 | 24    | Bdo. Sig. Officer.       |
| 10 | 3rd. S.A.A. Sect., Ind. D.A.C. | 25    | Bdo. Q.M.                |
| 11 | 2nd. Aust. Div.                | 26    | Bdo. T.O.                |
| 12 | 3rd. Aust. Div.                | 27    | Pilo.                    |
| 13 | 6th. A.I.Bdo.                  | 28/30 | War Diary.               |
| 14 | 7th. A.I.Bdo.                  | 31/33 | Sparcs.                  |
| 15 | 8th. A.I.Bdo.                  |       |                          |

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

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

APPENDIX B-5

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 178.

Copy No. 7

Ref. map. Sh. 62D.N.E.  
1/20,000.Headquarters,  
17th. May, 1918.

1. On a date at an hour to be notified later an operation will be carried out with the object of capturing VILLE-sur-ANGRE and straightening our line.

2. METHOD OF ATTACK:

(a) The attack is being made by 5th. and 6th. A.I. Bdes.

(b) 1st. Stage - Attack by the 6th. A.I. Bde. to capture and consolidate the line K 7 b 1 0 to K 7 b 18 75, thence to road at K 1 d 15 25 along road to cross roads at K 1 b 1 4 with a defensive flank facing North from K 1 b 1 4 to Crucifix at K 1 a 45 65 thence to road junction J 6 b 5 5, and an advanced line of posts formed along a general line K 1 d 6 3 - K 1 d 6 7 - K 1 b 8 2 - K 1 b 6 4 - K 1 b 6 6.

In conjunction with this attack the 5th. A.I. Bde. will advance and consolidate on the line K 13 a 7 3 to Cross Roads K 13 b 3 8 - K 7 b 1 0 joining up with the 6th. A.I. Bde. at the latter point. At the same time a line of posts will be established North of VILLE-sur-ANGRE from E 25 c 9 9 - E 25 b 70 46 - E 25 b 6 7.

Objectives are shown on attached barrage map

(c) 2nd Stage - The 6th. A.I. Bde. will mop up VILLE-sur-ANGRE and will establish a line of posts E. of this village from K 1 b 6 6 to E 25 b 7 4 to join up the Northern and Southern portions of their new line

3. The attack will be carried out by the 18th. Battalion. One Coy. 19th. Battalion will be attached to work on C.T. under the orders of 18th. Battalion. Four 3 inch mortars from 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. WILL BE ATTACHED TO 18<sup>th</sup> Bn.

4. JUMPING OFF TAPES:

The 18th. Battalion will advance from their present front line up to K 7 c 6 4. The remaining portion of the attacking troops will be formed up on a jumping off tape from J 12 d 6 4 extending North and joining with 6th. A.I. Bde. jumping off tape at J 12 b 6 0.

The 6th. A.I. Bde. are laying tapes from J 12 b 6 0 to K 7 a 1 0 as a guiding line for the right flank

Tape will be laid from J 12 d 6 4 to K 7 c 6 4 producing it 50 yards beyond the trench line.

Tapes will be laid by 5th. Field Coy. A.E. 18th. Battalion will detail necessary parties to assist, arranging direct with 5th. Field Coy. representative. 18th. Battalion tape-laying party will act as markers and guide attacking troops into position.

5. FORMATION FOR ATTACK:

The attack will be made by 2 Coys. with 1 Coy. in support and for carrying, in one wave of two lines, extension 10 paces between men, distance between lines 20 yards.

The Right Coy. will remain in its present position swinging its left forward to the line of the road K 13 b 0 5 - K 13 a 6 3 to conform with the advance.

6. ACTION OF INFANTRY:

(a) Prior to Zero. Attacking troops will be formed up on their jumping off lines 1 hour before Zero.

Covering posts and all posts in front of the barrage start line will be withdrawn 20 minutes before Zero. 1 Coy. 19th Battalion allotted to dig C.T. will be in position in old French line J 12 c at Zero minus 1 hour. 2 Coys. 19th. Battalion will be in position Sunken Road - J 17 b - -

and AMIENS line, J 17 a J 10 d, respectively. at Zero minus 4 hours.

Remaining Coy. will stay in old French line J 23 b and D.

(b) After Zero: Portion of attacking troops on line J 12 d 6 4 - J 12 b 6 0 will move forward at zero plus 2 minutes conforming to the pace of the barrage.

Remainder of attacking troops from K 7 c 6 4 to K 13 b 6 3 will wait until the other troops have come up into line with them, when the whole line will move forward at Zero plus 17 minutes.

7. ARTILLERY:

(a) Field Artillery: The attack by this Bde. will be supported by the 18-pdrs Right Group (2 Bdes) starting on the line K 13 d 3 2 - K 7 d 0 4 - K 7 a 0 0. It will remain on this line for two minutes and then creep forward at the rate of 100 yards every three minutes, pivoting on the point K 7 d 0 4 until the line K 7 central - K 7 d 0 4 - K 13 d 3 2 has been reached, when it will continue at the same rate to the final protective barrage 200 yards beyond the objective as shown on attached barrage map.

As a signal that the artillery fire on portion K 13 d 3 2 - K 7 d 0 4 is going to lift, it will be intensified from Zero plus 16 to Zero plus 17.

4.5 Hows. will fire on selected targets.

Rates of Fire:

Creeping Barrage: 3 rds per gun per min.

Standing Protective Barrage: 1 rd per gun per min.

4.5 Hows. 1 rd. per gun per minute.

All fire to cease at zero plus 2 hours.

(b) Heavy Artillery: Counter battery work from Zero onwards. Bombardment of selected trenches.

8. MACHINE GUNS:

No Vickers Machine Guns will go forward with the attacking troops. It may be found necessary to push forward one or more guns to the new line after consolidation.

12 guns of the 5th Aust. M.G. Coy. are providing following barrages. 4 guns on each line -

K 8 a 0 6 to K 8 c 2 8

K 13 b 6 5 to K 13 d 9 8

S.O.S. Line K 19 d 4 5 to K 25 a 85 70.

Rates of Fire:

Zero to zero plus 10 minutes, 70 rds a min.

Zero plus 10 min. to Zero plus 2 hours:

100 rds a min.

9. COMMUNICATION GREEN:

As soon as possible after the objective has been captured, one Coy. of 19th Bn. from J. 12. c. will construct communication trench from K. 7. d. 34 to K. 7. c. 613 approx., returning to J. 12. c. on completion of task.

One section 5th Field Coy. A. En. will supervise task and lay out tapes.

10. SUCCESS SIGNALS:

A succession of GREEN Very lights is being used by each Coy. of the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. to show that their objective has been taken.

11. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES:

An officer from Bde. Hdqrs. will synchronize watches with the 18th and 19th Bns. at 4 pm and 10 pm on the evening preceding the attack. 17th Bn and 20th Bn, 5th Aust. M.G. Coy. and 5th Aust. L.T.M. Bty. will send representatives to Headquarters of either 18th or 19th Bns. at these times.

12. CONTACT PATROLS:

(a) A contact patrol will fly over the captured position at the following times :-

Zero plus 2 hours.

Zero plus 3 hours.

Zero plus 6 hours.

Flares will be lit and rifles laid on the trench when called for by the Klaxon Horn.

(b) Counter attack patrols will also be in the air and will signify 'Enemy assembling for counter attack' by flying in the direction of the enemy, sounding Klaxons, and discharging a WHITE Very light.

13. DRESS: Battle order; 220 rds. S.A.A., 2 bombs or rifle grenades per man. Each officer will, in addition, carry an

S.O.S. Signal.

14. LIAISON: (a) 18th Bn. will send Liaison Officer to 22nd Bn. 17th, 19th and 20th Bns. will each send Liaison Officer to 18th Bn. Hdqrs.

Captain R. J. DOWDEN 20th Bn. (attd. 5th A.I. Bde. H.Q.) will act as Bde. Liaison Officer with 6th A.I. Bde. (Advd. Bde. Hdqrs.)

(b) 18th Bn. will detail a special party under an officer to junction with 22nd Battalion on bank at J. 7 b O.I.

15. Administrative Arrangements are being issued as an Appendix.

16. ANTI-AIRCRAFT:

Special steps will be taken by 19th and 20th Bns and Right Coy. of 18th Bn to provide A.A. Lewis Gun protection.

17. QUIETNESS:

Every care will be taken to provide for quietness during forming-up and prior to Zero.



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- 18. RETIRE:  
The word 'RETIRE' must not be used. Each unit must arrange another word to be imparted to officers only.
- 19. MOVEMENT OF TROOPS:  
Ration parties, transport, and all non-fighting troops are to be withdrawn West of HEILLY before Zero - 2 hours.
- 20. HEADQUARTERS:  
Headquarters of Brigade, Battalions and L.T.M. Battery will remain as at present.
- 21. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*W. P. MacCallum*

Issued at 12 midnight.

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

|            | <u>Distribution</u>    |
|------------|------------------------|
| Copy No. 1 | 17th Bn                |
| 2          | 18th Bn                |
| 3          | 19th Bn                |
| 4          | 20th Bn                |
| 5          | 5th A.L.T.M. Bty.      |
| 6          | 5th A.M.G. Coy.        |
| 7          | 5th Field Coy. A.E.    |
| 8          | 5th Aust. Field Ambce. |
| 9          | Right Group Arty.      |
| 10         | 2nd Tank Battalion     |
| 11         | 6th A.I. Bde.          |
| 12         | 8th A.I. Bde.          |
| 13         | 7th A.I. Bde.          |
| 14         | 2nd Aust. Div.         |
| 15         | G.O.C.                 |
| 16         | S.C.                   |
| 17         | Bde. Sig. Officer      |
| 18         | Bde. I.O.              |
| 19         | Bde. T.O.              |
| 20         | Bde. Q.M.              |
| 21         | File                   |
|            | 22/24 War Diary        |
|            | 25/30 Spares.          |

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
18th. May, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM.(Issued in conjunction with Brigade Order No. 178.)AMMUNITION ARRANGEMENTS:

A dump consisting of the following has been established at 18th. Battalion Headquarters:-

|                |   |                   |
|----------------|---|-------------------|
| S.A.A.         | - | 50,000.           |
| No 36.         | - | 1,000.            |
| No 23.         | - | 1,000             |
| Barb wire.     | - | 300 coils.        |
| Screw pickets. | - | 1,500.            |
| Water.         | - | 100. petrol tins. |

Emergency mobile Dump of 8 S.A.A. limbers is held at I 23 d 6 8. Sheet 62D.

Brigade Headquarters will be notified of all ammunition sent forward from Dump at Battalion Headquarters.

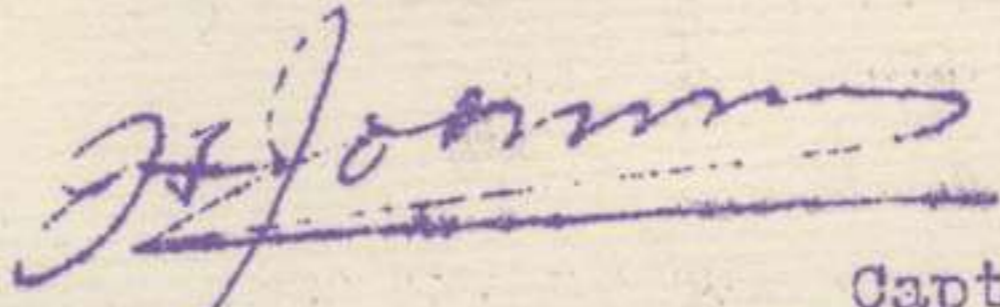
PRISONERS:

The first 3 prisoners, all officers and N.C.O's. will be sent to Advanced 6th. Bde. H.Q.\* All other prisoners will be sent to Prisoners of War Cage at MERRICOURT.

It must be strongly impressed upon all escorts that receipts are to be obtained by them before prisoners are handed over. These receipts are to be forwarded to this office as soon as possible. \* J 11 a 5 9

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

From R.A.P. - J 11 b 2 3 by hand carriage to loading post at J 3 d 2 2, cleared by motor ambulance via BONNAY to A.D.S. - I 4 b 8 0, thence to M.D.S. at Chateau at H 10 a 9 4.



Captain,

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

Issued at 5 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION:Issued to all recipients of Bde. Order No. 178.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 183

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Copy No. 12

Brigade Headquarters,  
30th May 1918.

1. On a date and at a zero hour to be notified later "Z" Special Coy. R.E. will carry out an operation with gas projectors.
2. The operation will only take place provided the wind is between S.S.W. and N. by W. inclusive, with a velocity not exceeding 10 mph.
3. Projectors have been emplaced with object of gassing enemy targets as follows -
  - a) 200 projectors in vicinity of K 1 c 2 4 to fire on cross roads at K 8 b 2 9 and area within radius of 200 yards of this point.
  - b) 150 projectors in vicinity of J 12 d 9 3 to fire on to road junction at K 8 c 6 6 and 200 yards along roads from that point in each direction.
  - c) 50 projectors in same position as in (b) to fire on vicinity of K 14 a 6 6
4. The three above discharges will take place simultaneously. A short artillery bombardment of above targets will commence at zero minus 2 minutes and continue to zero plus 5 minutes to cover projector discharge and destroy enemy gas-proof dugouts.
5. The following officers of "Z" Special Coy. R.E. will be in charge of operations in Brigade sectors -
 

|                      |   |                                  |
|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Right Brigade Sector | - | Lieut. H.G.L. STRANGE, R.E.      |
| Left Brigade Sector  | - | Lieut. E.G. KING, R.E. of troops |
6. Attached map shows the necessary areas to be cleared during the operation and also the areas in which S.B.Rs. are to be worn. A special 'Gas Alert' will be maintained in the vicinity of projector emplacements from the time projectors are loaded until they are discharged. Troops will re-occupy cleaned areas when instructed by R.E. officer in charge of the operation.
7. No postponement of operation will be made. If conditions are unfavourable, the operation will be definitely cancelled for that night.
8. Following code will be used :-
 

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| "BUCKET" | will mean "Operation WILL take place tonight"     |
| "SOAP"   | will mean "Operation WILL NOT take place tonight" |
| "WATER"  | will mean "Operation completed"                   |

"B" Bn will notify this office by wire, using above code, on completion of operation.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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| Copy No. |                   | No. |                       |
|----------|-------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 1        | G.O.C.            | 12  | 5th Field Coy.        |
| 2        | Staff Captain     | 13  | 5th Fld Amb.          |
| 3        | Brigade Major     | 14  | Right Group Arty      |
| 4        | Intellig. Off.    | 15  | Bdo. Q.M.             |
| 5        | Signal Off.       | 16  | Bdo. Transport Off    |
| 6        | 17th Bn           | 17  | "Z" Special Coy. R.E. |
| 7        | 18th Bn           | 18  | 6th A.I. Bdo.         |
| 8        | 19th Bn           | 19  | 7th A.I. Bdo.         |
| 9        | 20th Bn           | 20  | 3th A.I. Bdo.         |
| 10       | 22nd A.M.G. Coy.  | 21  | 2nd Aust. Div.        |
| 11       | 5th A.L.T.M. Bty. | 22  | Filo                  |
|          | 25/25 War Diary   |     |                       |
|          | 26/27 Sparc.      |     |                       |

SECRETFIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
4th. May, 1918.WARNING ORDER

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

ACKNOWLEDGE ✓

*W. P. MacCallum*Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.Issued thro' Signals at 1.15. pm.DISTRIBUTION

17th. Battalion  
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 19th. Battalion  
 20th. Battalion  
 5th. A. G. Coy.  
 5th. A. L. T. Bty.  
 5th. Field Ambulance  
 5th. Fla. Coy. A. E.  
 15th. Coy. A. A. S. C.  
 3rd. Sect. S. A. A., 2nd. Aust. D. A. C.  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,  
6th. May, 1918.

WARNING ORDER AND INFORMATION ABOUT NEW SECTOR.

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

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

2. (a) The 5th. A.I.Bde. will relieve 9th. A.I.Bde. in line Right and 8th. A.I.Bde. will relieve 10th. A.I.Bde in line Left. 7th. A.I.Bde. will relieve 11th. A.I.Bde. in reserve.  
(b) Necessary reconnaissances will be carried out.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Senior Officer will be in command of party.  
Following vacancies are allotted:-

|                   |   |   |           |
|-------------------|---|---|-----------|
| 17th. Battalion   | - | 5 | Officers. |
| 18th. do          | - | 3 | do        |
| 19th. do          | - | 2 | do        |
| 20th. do          | - | 2 | do        |
| 5th. A.M.G.Coy.   | - | 5 | do        |
| 5th. A.L.T.M.Bty. | - | 2 | do        |

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

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

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

11. The front is covered by 2 Brigades Field Artillery, 189th and 108th Army (Bde) R.F.A. under the command of C.O. of 189th. Brigade. There is also 1 Brigade superimposed on the Division front and 1 Mobile Brigade in reserve.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISTRIBUTION.

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 17th Battalion.          |                     |
| 18th Battalion.          |                     |
| 19th Battalion.          | G.O.O.              |
| 20th Battalion.          | S.O.                |
| 5th. A.L.T.H. Bty.       | Sig. Officer (Bde). |
| 5th. A.M.G. Coy.         | File.               |
| 5th. Field Coy. A.E.     | War Diary.          |
| 5th. Aust. Field Amb.    | Bde. T.O.           |
| 15th. A.A.S.O.           | Bde. Q.M.           |
| 1/3 Sect. S.A.A., D.A.O. |                     |

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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8/101.

Headquarters,  
7th. May, 1918.

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

Units will be prepared to move at 20 minutes notice from 3 a. m. 8th instant onwards.

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

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

A C K N O W L E D G E. ✓

*W. P. Kear Callen.*

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

DISTRIBUTION:-

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20th. Battalion.  
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5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.  
5th. Field Coy. A.E.  
5th. Aust. Field Amb.  
15th. A.A.S.C.  
3rd. Soc. S.A.A., 2nd. D.A.C.  
War Diary (3).

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





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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,  
18th. May, 1918.

REFERENCE Brigade Order No. 178.

ZERO Hour will be 2 a.m. 19th. May, 1918.

ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

*W. P. Kear-Calkin*

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

Issued at 2 p.m.

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| 5th<br>AUSTRALIAN<br>FIELD ENGINEERS. |  |
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| Date.....                             |  |

*W. P.*

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.  
24th May 1918.

17th.18th.19th.20th Bns.  
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It has been noticed that there is a great tendency for trenches to be under cut to provide shelter for the men. In view of the unsettled weather and the fact that subsidences will occur, definite instructions must be issued for this practice to cease.

Accommodation will be provided by means of "T" Heads cut in the parapets and roofed over. Units should accordingly salvage all available sheet iron for this purpose.

*W. P. MacCallum.*

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

Copies. 1. 5th Field Coy. A.E.  
3. War Diary.

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Australian Corps.

Engineer Instruction No. 109.....5th. May, 1918.

|                                 |  |
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| 5th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ENGINEERS. |  |
| No.....                         |  |
| Date.....                       |  |

1. (a) Two Coys. 2nd. Aust. Pioneers at present billeted in WARLOY will cease to be employed under C.R.E.-C.T. on defences after work on 6/5/1918.
- (b) The two Coys. will rejoin their Battalion on 7th. instant under arrangements to be made by the C.O. 2nd. Aust. Pioneers.
- (c) On 6/5/18, 2nd. Aust. Pioneers (less 1 Coy) will be employed on defences under orders of C.R.E. R.Z.D. (North)
- (d) One Company will be available for rest or training as at present.
2. (a) 5th. Field Coy on rejoining the 5th. Aust. Infantry Group in vicinity of Frechencourt on 6/5/18 will be placed at disposal of C.E. for work from 7th. instant inclusive.
- (b) 5th. Field Coy AE (less 1 Section) to work on defence line in C.25 - I.1 and I.2 under direct orders of CRE-CT.
- (c) One Section Field Coy to be employed on construction of Ammunition Dump at St. GRATIEN B.20.d.3.3. All details to be arranged direct between O.C. 5th. Field Coy AE and Lieut. Bolton A.E. (billeted with O.C. 238 A.T. Coy RE at Pont Noyelles).
- (d) One Labor Company will be placed at disposal of 5th. Field Coy for work on defences for which separate orders will be issued later.

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*C. D. Sheldon Capt RE  
for*

Brig. General.  
Chief Engineer Aust. Corps.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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- 11. CRE 18th. Division.
- 12. CRE Aust. C.T.
- 13. CRE-RZD (North)
- 14. 2nd. Aust. Pioneers.
- 15. 5th. Field Coy AE. ✓
- 16-18 War Diary.
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C.E. Australian Corps.

6th. May 1918.

O.C. 5th. Field Company AE.

Reference Engineer Instruction No.109 of 5/5/1918.

1. 5th. Field Company (less 1 Section) will arrange to start work on defences in C.25. and I.1. on the 7th. instant. ✓
2. These defences were personally detailed to O.C. 5th. Field Company by C.E. on 2nd. May 1918. ✓
3. The Northern boundary of Australian Corps is the grid line running East and west through C.19. Central. O.C. 5th. Field Company will do no work north of this line, but will get into touch with an Officer detailed by ~~Office~~ Chief Engineer III Corps, so that these defences are properly connected with the Northern portion of the system.
4. 715 Labor Company at present working under 6th. Field Coy will be available for work under 5th. Field Company from the 7th. May inclusive - all details to be arranged direct between 5th. and 6th. Field Coys. and Headquarters, 35th. Group.
5. A daily allotment of RE Stores will be made available to 5th. Field Coy. from Querrieu RE Dump.
6. O.C. 5th. Field Coy will send to this Office at an early date an accurate plan shewing proposed work, and afterwards a concise daily progress report.

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*EP Stibdon*  
per. *Captn RE*

Brig. General.  
Chief Engineer Australian Corps.

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  - CRE 2nd Aust. Divn.
  - CRE CT.
  - 6th. Field Coy.
  - 35th. Labor Group.
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141st INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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5th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ENGINEERS.

Operation Order No.240.

No.....  
Date.....

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

4th May 1918.

1. The 18th Division (less Divnl. Artillery and 55th Inf.Bde.) is being transferred from the IIIrd Corps to the Australian Corps on the 4th and 5th May, and on arrival will be accommodated in the 47th Divisional Area.
2. 5th Australian Inf. Bde. (less 18th Battn., attached 141st Inf. Bde.) is moving to CARDONETTE - ALLONVILLE Area on May 5th under orders of 2nd Australian Division.
3. 18th Battn. (5th Aust. Inf. Bde.) attached 141st Inf. Bde., will move from WARLOY (clearing WARLOY by 1 p.m.) to Shelters in C.5.central on May 5th. Shelters will be drawn from TOWN MAJOR, BAIZIEUX.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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  5. 20th Lon.Regt.
  6. 141st T.M.Bty.
  7. B.S.O.
  8. Staff Captain.
  9. B.T.O.
  10. 18th Battn. A.I.F.
  11. No. 3 Coy. Train.
  12. 518th Fld.Coy.R.E.
  13. 5th Aust.Field Coy.
  14. 47th Division.
  15. Town Major, WARLOY.
  16. Town Major, BAIZIEUX.

*W. M. M. M.*

Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
141st Infantry Brigade.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Copy No.....

Divisional Headquarters,  
 7th. May, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 206.

Issued with General Staff Warning Order G.3/1/835  
 of the 5th. May.

BILLETING

Parties will report in advance to make the necessary  
 arrangements for billeting troops prior to arrival.

AREAS

The following is a list of Town Majors appointed  
 in '3' Divisional Area :-

|               |                |                   |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| LA HOUSOYE    | Lt. ARMSTRONG  | 3rd. Aust. Divn.  |
| QUERRIEU      | Lt. SIMONDS    | -do-              |
| PONT NOYELLES | Major STEWART  |                   |
| MERICOURT     | Lt. BOGLE      | 3rd. Aust. Divn.  |
| RIBEMONT      | Capt. CHISHOLM | -do-              |
| HEILLY        | Lt. RICHARDS   | -do-              |
| BONNAY        | Lt. GIBBS      | -do-              |
| FRANVILLERS   | Lt. CROTTY     | -do-              |
| PRECHENCOURT  | Capt. HARRISON | Cyclist Battalion |
| ST GRATIEN    | Lt. FENWICK    |                   |

MOBILE  
 ECHELON

Full echelon will be carried

AMMUNITION

Railhead - FLESSELLES  
 A.R.P. - I.7. Central  
 Divisional Reserve Dump B.20.d.6.2.  
 S.A.A. Section D.A.C. I.7. Central.

The Divisional Bomb Officer will be located  
 at the A.R.P. to whom all indents for ammunition will  
 be sent. Brigade and Battalion reserves will be left  
 on wheels and the system of guides will be the same  
 as detailed in Administrative Memorandum No. 201.  
 Brigades will advise Divisional Headquarters the  
 locations selected for Brigade and Battalion mobile  
 reserves. In addition to the dumps above mentioned  
 dumps have been established in the defensive systems as  
 follows :-

|                    | Sheet 62D.-        | S.A.A. | T.M.C.ades.    | Gren-<br>S.O.S. |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------|
| <u>BRIDGE-HEAD</u> | I.29.b.6.3.        | 30,000 | - No.23.300    | --              |
| <u>LINE.-</u>      | I.24.b.3.5.        | 30,000 | - No.23.300    | --              |
|                    | J.13.c.5.8.        | 30,000 | - No.23.300    | --              |
| <u>BAIZIEUX</u>    | Vicinity of BONNAY |        |                |                 |
| <u>LINE</u>        | I.16.b.7.9.        | 25,000 | 500 No.23.1000 | 12.             |
|                    |                    |        | No.34.1000     |                 |
|                    |                    |        | No.35. 200     |                 |
|                    | HEILLY Brickworks. |        |                |                 |
|                    | I.6.b.2.7.         | 25,000 | 500 No.23.1000 | 12.             |
|                    |                    |        | No.35. 200     |                 |
|                    | C.30.c.9.7.        | 10,000 |                |                 |
| <u>FRANVILLERS</u> | Vicinity of        | 50,000 | 100 No.23.1000 |                 |
| <u>SYSTEM:</u>     | I.13.c.7.4.        |        | No.35. 200     |                 |

P.T.O.

Qm.S.

FRANVILLERS SYSTEM:  
(Contd)

| Sheet 62D                  | S.A.A. | T.M.C. | GRENADES | S.O.S. |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| <b>BOIS ESCARDONNEUSE.</b> |        |        |          |        |
| Vicinity of                |        |        |          |        |
| I.14.b.9.6.                | 10,000 | 500.   |          |        |

|                   |        |      |             |  |
|-------------------|--------|------|-------------|--|
| <b>LA HOUSOYE</b> |        |      |             |  |
| I.8.b.or.d.       | 50,000 | 500. | No.23 1000. |  |
|                   |        |      | No.35 200.  |  |
|                   |        |      | No.34 1000. |  |

|                                 |        |     |             |  |
|---------------------------------|--------|-----|-------------|--|
| Vicinity of <b>FRANVILLERS:</b> |        |     |             |  |
| C.23.c.3.2.                     | 50,000 | 500 | No.23 1000. |  |
|                                 |        |     | No.35 200.  |  |

LA HOUSOYE SYSTEM:

|             |        |  |  |  |
|-------------|--------|--|--|--|
| I.7.Central | 50,000 |  |  |  |
|-------------|--------|--|--|--|

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|-------------|--------|--|--|--|
| C.26.c.7.6. | 50,000 |  |  |  |
|-------------|--------|--|--|--|

|                |        |  |  |  |
|----------------|--------|--|--|--|
| Wood -         |        |  |  |  |
| C.20.d.4.5.    | 50,000 |  |  |  |
| (Wagon Lines). |        |  |  |  |

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| B.30.b.4.7. | 100,000. |  |  |  |
|-------------|----------|--|--|--|

TRANSPORT

Transport will as far as possible be Brigaded as laid down in Administrative Memorandum No. 201.

BAGGAGE

Kits will be dumped prior to moving into the line and stored by Brigades in accommodation unsuitable for billeting of men. A small guard will be left in charge of packs. Location of dumps will be notified to Divisional Headquarters.

AREA STORES

Will be taken over on relief. A statement of all tents and shelters handed over and taken over will be supplied Divisional Headquarters within 48 hours after relief.

BATHS.

Baths are located at HEILLY - 6 showers - 80 men per hour -

I.12.d.4.2. 6 showers 80 men per hour

H.11.b.5.2. 6 showers 100 men per hour

QUERRIEU 6 showers 100 men per hour

In addition tubs are available in the villages of MERICOURT and RIBEMONT where men can be bathed under Battalion arrangements. Supplies of clean clothing can be obtained from the Divisional Clothing Store at 30 Oxford St. QUERRIEU.

ORDNANCE

B.A.D.O.3. main store will remain at BOIS de MAI H.1.A.O.3. Supplies will be refilled to the forward area. Brigades will communicate with D.A.D.O.S. the most suitable points for refilling Brigade Groups.

TRAFFIC CONTROL STRAGGLER POSTS

The A.F.M. will arrange to take over from the A.P.M. 3rd. Division Traffic Control and Straggler Post duties.

PRISONERS OF WAR

Prisoners of War will be taken over from Units at Prisoners of War Cage HEILLY and escorted by A.P.M. to the Corps Cage MONTIGNY.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Lights will not be used on cars or lorries east of St. POL-AMIENS Road inclusive.

Meter cycles may use headlights but will cover them when halted. Cars and lorries when halted will cover or extinguish side lights except sufficient to mark convoys.

REINFORCEMENTS

Railhead PERNOIS

Reinforcement Wing.

BERTEAUCOURT

Corps Staging Camp

VAUX EN AMIENNOIS

Divisional Staging Camp H.7. Central

Nucleus Personnel

BERTEAUCOURT

Lieut-Colonel A. J. BENNETT, C.M.G., D.S.O. 20th. Bn. will command the Nucleus Personnel and reinforcements, or in his absence the next Senior Officer. He will be responsible for discipline and training. Captain J.S. DOUGLAS will be Adjutant.

BURIALS

Cemeteries are established at :-

HEILLY

BONNAY

QUERRIEU

FRANVILLERS

WATER

The following information is supplied relative to water available in the Divisional Area :-

BUIRE

Wells. Plentiful and good supply requiring mostly one scoop.

RIBEMONT

Mostly well water; plentiful and good supply requiring one scoop.

MERICOURT

Mostly dependent on rain water; good quality.

HEILLY

Good and plentiful supply, mostly requiring one scoop.

LA NEUVILLE

Well supply. Water is plentiful and good, requiring one scoop.

BONNAY

Good and plentiful supply, requiring one scoop.

LA HOUSBOYE

Very bad. Water varies from 3 to 6 scoops.

PONT NOVELLES

Good and plentiful supply, mostly one scoop.

QUERRIEU

Mostly underground tanks; quality good.

FRANVILLERS

Fairly plentiful and good supply; some underground tanks and a few wells unfit.

ST. GRATIEN

Water is scarce and not very good. A good many sources of supply are underground tanks.

PRECHENCOURT

On outskirts of village is a series of spring-heads, which could be easily utilised as a water refilling point. Supply is practically unlimited.

P.T.O.



SALVAGE

*QMS*

The Divisional Salvage Officer will take over and continue the salvage scheme of the 3rd. Division on completion of the Divisional relief. Vehicles returning empty from the forward system will be available for transporting salvage to salvage dumps to be located near refilling points.

DIVISIONAL CANTEN

Will open at FRANVILLERS.

SUPPLIES

Supply forecast will be issued later.

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Lieut-Colonel,  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
2nd Aust. Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
8th. May, 1918.

ADDENDUM to ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 206.

SUPPLIES. 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade 9th. instant.

Supplies for consumption 10th. instant will be delivered to Units by train wagons. Refilling Point ALLOUVILLE at 9 a.m.

10th. instant and following days

Refilling Point PONT NOYELLES. Time 10 a.m. Train wagons deliver to Units.

6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade 9th. instant.

Supplies for consumption 10th. instant will be delivered to Units by train wagons, refilling ~~QUERRIN~~ 9 a.m.

10th. instant and following days.

Refilling Point PONT NOYELLES, time 10 a.m. Train supply wagons deliver to Units.

7th. Aust. Inf. Brigade. 9th. instant.

Supplies for consumption 10th. instant will be refilled into first line transport at 9 a.m. Refilling Point RIVERY.

Supplies for consumption 11th. instant will be delivered to Units by train wagons, refilling RIVERY noon.

10th. instant. No issue.

11th. instant and following days.

Refill PONT NOYELLES 10 a.m. Train wagons deliver to Units.

GENERAL PURPOSE RATIONS

General Purpose Reserve rations are dumped at the following locations :-

- I.29.b.6.3. 600 rations
- I.24.b.3.5. 600 rations
- J.13.c.5.8. 600 rations

Brigades will furnish a return within 48 hours after completion of relief stating the number of rations taken over.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Corps Cage is now located at POULAINVILLE and not MONTIGNY as stated in Administrative Memorandum No. 206.

*for W. W. Wadman Capt*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
A.A. & Q.M.G.,  
2nd. Aust. Division.

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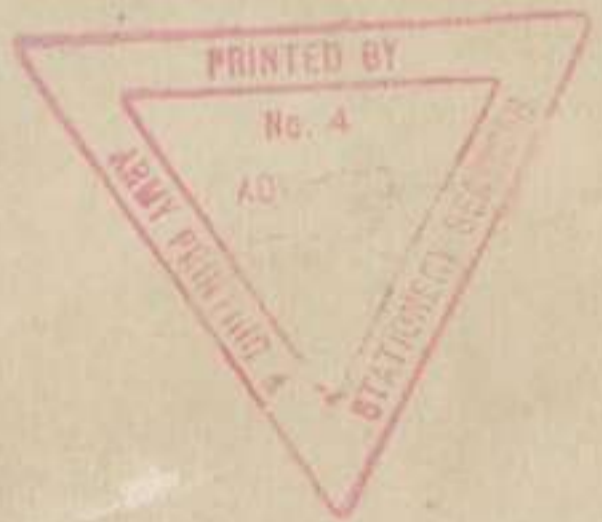
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## WEEKLY WORKS REPORT

For week ending 8 a.m. 17th May 1918

| Nature and Location of work   | Remarks as to progress, etc.  |
|---|---|
| Deep dugout -<br>J.17.b.3.7.  | No 1 Shaft driven 12' - completed.<br>Drive left - driven 6'; drive right driven 4'6";<br>No 2 Shaft 6' x 3' x 24' - Chamber off shaft<br>7' x 6' x 7' completed; Drive left driven 3';<br>drive right driven 5'6".<br>No 3 Shaft - driven 13'6" ; No 4 chamber 3'x3'<br>driven 1'.<br>Hauling gear and skids erected constructed & er<br>erected at No 1 shaft.<br>Progress to Nos 1 & 3 slow - all debris removed<br>in sandbags. |
| J.22.d.2.4.   | Shaft -6' x 3' x 7' - gallery driven 24'6" from<br>No 1 shaft.  |
| J.21.c.4.5.   | Shaft 6' x 3' x 7' - chamber driven 6'; gallery<br>driven 6'9". Frame work erected to new drive<br>& driven <del>xx</del> 1'6".   |
| J.13.c.9.5.   | Shaft -6' x 3' x 6' - Chamber 6' x 6' x 6';<br>stairway 6' x 2'9" driven 10'6".<br>Excavation for new chamber-9' x 2' x 7' excavated.<br>Taped out and Infantry set to task.  |
| Strong Point -<br>K.7.a.6.1.  |   |
| New Communication<br>trench -<br>J.12.d.0.1. -<br>J.12.d.70.15.   | 420 yds excavated - 4' wide 3' deep.  |
| Support Line -<br>K.19.a. - J.24.d.   | 250 yds excavated.  |
| Communication trench -<br>J.19.b.2.6. -<br>J.24.d.4.4.  | 400 yds excavated.  |
| K.13.c.9.4. -<br>K.13.d.1.0.  | Clearing, deepening, firestepping and extending<br>trench.  |
| Splinterproof shelters -<br>J.22.d.2.4.<br>J.24.c.8.4.  | 3 shelters completed; 1 shelter 60% complete<br>1 shelter 60% complete.   |
| Erecting shelters<br>& bombproof revet-<br>ment - I.5.a.2.2.  | 25 shelters constructed and bombproof revetment<br>erected.   |
| Dressing shelter -<br>I.3.b.4.7.  | Timber cut and uprights erected?  |
| R.A.P. -<br>I.30.central  | Chamber opened up at end of drive 8' x 6' -<br>driven 8'.   |
| Waiting-room and<br>bombproof revetment -<br>I.4.d.7.5.   | Cutting timber and erecting uprights.   |
| Gasproofing -<br>J.22.d.2.4.<br>J.16.b.6.3.<br>J.10.c.85.35.  | 1 dugout gasproofed.<br>6 dugouts gasproofed.<br>Entrance sandbagged, frames and blankets fitted.   |
| Constructing gasproof<br>doors and frames -<br>I.5.a.3.2.   | 4 completed.  |
| Making windsail -<br>diameter 1'6"  | 30' completed.  |
| Front Line from K.19.a.7.3. - K.19.c.4.5. and Communication trenches from<br>K.13.c.0.1. - K.13.c.9.3. and K.7.c.10.85. - K.7.c.5.5. taped out<br>and working parties placed on the work. |   |
| Reconnaissance of forward area and survey of trenches and dugouts has<br>been carried out.  |   |
| Forest <del>time</del> timber has been felled and 152 mining sets constructed.<br>R.E. material has been loaded & transported to Forward area by Company<br>transport daily.              |   |

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| Particulars of work | Progress & Remarks |
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| Constructing gas-proof doors & frames - I.S.A.S.S. | 4 completed. |
|--|--------------|

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Making wind-sail - diameter 1'6" | 30' completed. |
|----------------------------------|----------------|

FRONT Line from K.19.a.7.3. to K.19.c.4.5. & Communication trenches from K.13.c.0.1. to K.13.c.9.3. and K.7.c.10.85. to K.7.c.5.5. taped out and working parties placed on the work.

Reconnaissance of Forward area and survey of trenches and dugouts has been carried out.

Forest timber has been felled and 152 Mining sets constructed.

Solder Kiln has been constructed at LAHOUSOYE.

R.E. material has been loaded & transported to Forward area by Company Transport daily.

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*C. M. ...*  
for

Major

O.C. 5th Field Company, A.E.

## WEEKLY WORKS REPORT

For week ending 8 a.m. 24th May 1918

| Nature and Location of work   | Remarks as to progress, etc.  |
|---|---|
| Deep dugout -<br>J.22.d.2.4.  | Distance of Gallery from No 1 Drive -45'6".<br>" " " " No 2 " -40'3"<br>Centre Drive driven 18'6" and connected through to lateral gallery; opened out into Chamber off No 2 Drive; Chamber 10' x 7' completed.   |
| J.21.e.4.5.   | Drive left off No 2 - driven 16'; Drive right off No 2 - driven 4'; distance in No 3 -19' No 1 Drive driven 11'3".  |
| J.17.b.3.7.   | Drive to left from No 1 Shaft -6'; Drive to right from No 2 shaft -4'; Drive to right from No 3 shaft -5'; Southern Gallery driven 7'; Northern Gallery driven 7'6"; Northern Chamber - north face 7', South face 3' on a 9' face. Southern Chamber - North face -6'6" on a 6' face, south face 2'6".   |
| J.13.e.9.5.   | Stirway -6' x 2'9" driven 10'; Chamber 9' x 6'6" driven 5'.   |
| Shelters -<br>J.24.a.7.6.<br>J.24.a.8.6.<br>J.30.a.8.9.<br>J.22.d.2.4.<br>J.24.e.8.4.   | 1 completed.<br>1 completed -(6 x 7')<br>1 completed - excavation for one other completed.<br>Completed & gasproofed.<br>Completed.   |
| Dressing Station -<br>I.6.b.4.7.  | 20' x 18' x 8' completed & fitted with bunks.<br>Bomb-proof revetment erected.  |
| Company Headquarters -<br>J.24.e.7.2.<br>-J.22.d.2.4.<br>-J.21.e.4.5.<br>-I.6.b.8.7.  | Completed and gasproofed.<br>Erecting cupola shelters & repairing dugouts.<br>Gasproofing dugouts.<br>Excavation for 4 shelters 6' X 8' completed.<br>1 shelter complete.   |
| A.M.C. Splinterproofs-<br>I.5.a.2.2.  | 1 complete.   |
| Communication trench-<br>J.24.d.1.8. -<br>J.24.e.3.8.<br>J.24.d.2.3. -<br>J.24.d.1.3.<br>J.24.d.7.4. -<br>J.24.d.2.3. -<br>J.24.d.2.5.<br>J.18.d.7.0. -<br>K.13.e.1.3.<br>J.12.d.4.8. -<br>K.7.c.1.7.<br>K.7.c.1.7. -<br>K.7.c.3.5.<br>K.13.a.6.8. -<br>K.13.a.8.8.<br>K.13.c.9.3. -<br>K.13.c.3.3.<br>K.13.a.6.8. -<br>K.13.a.4.8.<br>K.7.c.7.5. -<br>K.7.d.2.8. | C.T. marked out; 100 yds new trench excavated;<br>300 yds deepened.<br>40 yds trench excavated.<br>400 yds widened & deepened<br>400 yds widened & deepened<br>Sapped across road and widened & deepened 300 yds<br>400 yds trench cleared.<br>100 yds trench cleared.<br>100 yds deepened to 5'; also widened.<br>300 yds widened & deepened.<br>100 yds widened & deepened.<br>350 yds trench dug to average depth of 2'9". |
| Wiring -<br>J.24.d.8.4. -<br>J.24.d.9.4. -<br>K.19.c.2.9. -<br>K.19.a.3.5.  | 300 yds double apron wire fence erected<br>600 yds double apron wire fence erected.   |

| Nature & Location | Remarks as to progress.                         |
|-------------------|---|
| Wiring -          |   |
| K.13.a.8.8 -      | 650 yds double apron wire fence erected.        |
| K.7.c.8.3. -      |   |
| K.7.c.3.8.        |   |
| J.24.d.9.3. -     | 490 yds " " " " "                               |
| J.24.c.95.30.     |   |
| J.12.d.4.8. -     | 400 yds " " " " "                               |
| K.7.c.0.8.        |   |
| K.7.c.3.8.        |   |
| K.7.c.2.8. -      | 160 yds " " " " "                               |
| K.7.c.1.5.        |   |
| J.12.d.5.8. -     | 30 yds " " " " "                                |
| J.12.d.7.7.       |   |
| Support Line -    |   |
| K.19.a.1.1. -     | 400 yds trench excavated 3' wide 3'6" deep.     |
| K.19.a.2.8.       |   |
| K.7.d.0.8. -      | 400 yds sited and taped out.                    |
| K.7.c.9.4.        |   |
| K.7.d.0.8. -      | 200 yds widened & deepened.                     |
| K.7.c.95.60.      |   |
| K.19.a.3.9. -     | 250 yds taped out to Left support line.         |
| K.13.c.30.03.     |   |
| K.7.c.7.3. -      | 80 yds excavated 5' deep -3' top -1'6" bottom.  |
| K.7.c.7.5.        |   |
| K.7.c.7.3. -      | 180 yds cleared.                                |
| K.7.c.7.0.        |   |
| K.13.a.0.7. -     | All front line drained. Draining other trenches |
| K.7.c.7.1. -      |   |
| K.13.a.7.3.       |   |
| K.19.a.1.1. -     | 400 yds taped out for Support line.             |
| K.19.a.3.9.       |   |
| K.19.a.2.8. -     | 230 yds excavated.                              |
| K.13.c.30.03.     |   |

Jumping off tape was laid out from J.12.d.7.4. - J.12.a.7.0. and  
Guide tape from J.12.d.7.4/ - K.7.c.4.4.

Communication trench from K.7.c.5.6. - K.7.d.17. taped out and  
excavation supervised.

Fire trench from K.13.a.5.4. - K.13.a.6.5. taped out.

LAHOUSOYE - solder kiln erected.

82 mining sets and 10 gas proof curtains prepared and forwarded.

R.E. Material loaded and transported to forward areas.

Gasproofing has been carried on at J.10.c.80.15., J.17.b.3.8.,  
J.22.d.2.4., J.1.c.85.35.

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## - WEEKLY WORKS REPORT

For week ending 8 a.m. 31st May 1918

| Nature of work and Location                          | Remarks as to progress, etc.   |
|--|--|
| Communication trench<br>J.24.d.0.3. -<br>J.24.c.9.4. | 50 yds trench excavated; 350 yds trench widened and deepened.          |
| J.24.b.7.9. -<br>J.24.b.6.8.                         | 50 yds trench excavated.   |
| J.18.d.8.0 -<br>J.13.c.0.3.                          | 200 yds trench widened & deepened.                                     |
| J.24.d.5.5. -<br>J.24.c.8.5.                         | 200 yds trench taped out; 150 yds widened & deepened.                  |
| J.24.b.7.9. -<br>J.24.b.4.8.                         | 160 yds trench taped out.  |
| K.7.c.7.3. -<br>K.7.c.5.5.                           | 240 yds trench cleared to allow passage of stretcher.                  |
| K.13.a.0.8. -<br>K.13.a.4.7.                         | 300 yds trench cleared.  |
| J.24.c.3.4. -<br>J.24.d.8.8.                         | 600 yds trench excavated; 300 yds widened & deepened.                  |
| J.23.d.8.8. -<br>J.24.c.9.5.                         | 300 yds taped out.   |
| J.18.b.7.4. -<br>J.13.a.0.8.                         | 200 yds widened & deepened to 4' - to allow passage of stretcher.      |
| K.7.c.5.5. -<br>K.7.c.5.7.                           | 130 yds trench cleared 5' deep and 3' wide at top.                     |
| J.24.d.1.3. -<br>J.24.c.5.7.                         | 300 yds excavated.   |
| J.12.d.8.0.  | 150 yds deepened to 5' and widened to allow passage of stretcher.      |
| J.12.c.7.5. -<br>J.12.d.3.7.                         | 75 yds trench excavated 3' deep x 2'6" wide.<br>Chalk flinty & hard.   |
| J.18.b.8.9. -<br>J.13.d.3.0.                         | 100 yds widened & deepened.  |
| Junction of COBAR support trench & PADDY'S Lane C.T. | 100 yds widened & deepened.  |
| Old Support Line -<br>J.18.b.9.6. -<br>J.18.b.7.5.   | 140 yds deepened to 5'; 150 yds widened to allow passage of stretcher. |
| K.7.c.7.3. - North                                   | 80 yds trench drained & repaired.                                      |
| Wiring - J.18. -                                     | 300 yds double apron wire fence erected in front of BUNBURY trench.    |
| " J.18.b.3.3. -<br>J.18.b.3.5.                       | 170 yds double apron wire fence erected.                               |

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WEEKLY DUGOUT REPORT - Week ending 31st May 1918

| Description            | Location | Size of face           | 6 hr shifts per week | Advance for week L. ft. | No of men per Shift | Remarks |  |
|------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------|--|
| Battalion Headquarters | J.24.d.  | 6' x )                 | 20                   | 15'                     | } 1                 | 5       | 2 shifts lost on Change over of Battalion & Section                  |
|                        | 2.4.     | 7' )<br>9' x )<br>7' ) | 6                    | 14'                     |                     |         |  |
| "                      | J.21.c.  | 9' x 7'                | 10                   | 8'                      | } 1                 | 6       |  |
|                        | 4.5.     | 6' x 7'                | 8                    | 10'                     |                     |         |  |
|                        |          | 3' x 7'                | 8                    | 8'6"                    |                     |         |  |
| "                      | J.17.b.  | 9' x 7' )              |                      | 4'6"                    | } 2                 | 7       | Work held up owing to enemy gas bombardments and shortage of materia |
|                        | 3.7.     | 7' x 3' )              | 16                   | 4'                      |                     |         |  |
|                        |          | 6' x 7' )              |                      | 9'                      |                     |         |  |
|                        |          | 9' x 7' )              |                      | 3'6"                    |                     |         |  |

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|---|---|
| Splinter-proof shelter -<br>A.A.M.C. -I.4.c.8.0.  | 5 shelters completed. 1 -75% complete.<br>Excavations for 2 others completed.<br>10 yds bomb-proof revetment erected. |
| Splinter-proof shelters-<br>I.24.a.7.5.   | Completed.  |
| Dressing Station -<br>I.5.b.7.6.  | 2 bays - holding 6 stretchers- completed.<br>2 " " " " - 50% completed.<br>Erecting bomb-proof revetment.             |
| <del>Erecting-ben</del><br>Splinter-proof shelters-<br>Company Headquarters-<br>J.24.c.9.3. | Completed & gasproofed.   |
| Splinter-proof shelter -<br>J.22.d.1.4.   | Completed & gasproofed.   |
| I.5.c.0.3.  | 1 shelter - 90% complete. 3 excavations 75%<br>complete; 20 yds bombproof revetment erected.                          |
| Company Headquarters-<br>J.23.d.7.7.  | 1 shelter completed & gasproofed; excavation<br>for one other completed.  |
| J.23.d.8.4.   | 1 shelter - 50% complete.   |
| Gasproofing -<br>J.17.d.4.3.  | Completed.  |
| Dressing station -<br>I.30.a.8.0<br>gasproofing   | 6 doors completed.  |
| Dugouts - gasproofing of<br>J.23.b.1.8.   | Completed.  |
| J.23.a.9.2.   | Completed.  |
| J.23.d.4.5.   | Completed.  |
| J.23.d.3.2.   | Completed.  |
| J.23.c.8.9.   | Completed.  |
| J.18.b.3.8.   | Completed.  |
| J.18.b.6.9.   | Completed.  |
| J.17.d.30.05.   | Completed.  |
| Emergency ration dump-<br>J.22 d.0.5.   | 70 % complete.  |
| J 17.b.3.7.   | 90 % complete.  |
| J.21.c.4.4.   | Excavation completed .  |
| Cookhouse - J.17.b.3.7.   | Destroyed by shell-fire - now re-erected.   |
| Windlass - J.17.b.5.7.  | " " " " now repaired.   |
| Constructing wire<br>concertinas  | 160 completed.  |

A Survey has been made of all work carried out during week.

Trench & dugout noticeboards - showing map-location- prepared & erected.

Trucks have been constructed for use in deep dugouts.

Reconnaissance for position of Forward Battalion Headquarters and R.A.P. carried out.

Timber & mining sets, etc., have been prepared, loaded and transported to Forward areas. Guides have been supplied for transport of this material.

One Section have been on 'No Duty' for four days - suffering from after effects of gas.

N.B. - Weekly dugout report on separate pre-forma.

ANALYSIS OF WORK DONE IN DEEP DUGOUTS for week ending 1st June 1918.

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| UNIT                | Average No. of men per shift. |       | Man shifts for week. |       |        | No. shifts for week. |       |       | Total cubic footage. |       |       | Average Cubic footage per shift. |       |       | Average Cubic Footage per man per shift. |       |       |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|--------|----------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|
|                     | Saps.                         | Infy. | Approx. size face.   |       |        | Approx. size face    |       |       | Approx. size face.   |       |       | Approx. size face                |       |       | Approx. size face                        |       |       |
|                     |                               |       | 7'x3'                | 6'x7' | 9'x7'  | 7'x3'                | 6'x7' | 9'x7' | 7'x3'                | 6'x7' | 9'x7' | 7'x3'                            | 6'x7' | 9'x7' | 7'x3'                                    | 6'x7' | 9'x7' |
| 5th Field Coy A.E.  | 1.2                           | 5.8   | 84.0                 | 224   | 174.0  | 12                   | 32    | 24    | 252.0                | 1428  | 1890  | 21.0                             | 44.6  | 72.7  | 3.0                                      | 6.3   | 11.2  |
| 6th Field Coy. A.E. | 1.5                           | 5.0   | 180.5                | Nil   | 449.5  | 28                   | Nil   | 68    | 997.5                | Nil   | 3145  | 35.6                             | Nil   | 46.2  | 5.5                                      | Nil   | 7.1   |
| 7th Field Coy A.E.  | 1.5                           | 4.4   | 611.0                | 160   | 410.0  | 117                  | 20    | 75    | 2999.0               | 380   | 4117  | 25.4                             | 19    | 55.0  | 4.3                                      | 3.2   | 9.3   |
| 2nd Pioneers        | Pnrs.<br>9.3                  | -     | 404.0                | 180   | 476.0  | 40                   | 12    | 55    | 2333.0               | 410   | 3020  | 58.0                             | 34    | 55.0  | 5.8                                      | 2.3   | 6.3   |
| Totals & Averages   | 6.9.                          |       | 1279.5               | 564   | 1509.5 | 197                  | 64    | 222   | 6581.5               | 2218  | 12172 | 33.4                             | 34.6  | 59.3  | 5.1                                      | 3.9   | 8.0   |

| Totals       | 5th Field Coy. | 3570 cubic feet | 482 man shifts | 14.4 saps     | 69.6 Infy per 24 hours (average) |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 6th " "      | 4142 do        | 630 " "         | 20.6 " "       | 68.6 " " " "  | " " " "                          |
| 7th " "      | 7496 do        | 1181 " "        | 49.3 " "       | 133.2 " " " " | " " " "                          |
| 2nd Pioneers | 5763 do        | 1060 " "        | 142.1 Pnrs.    | " " " "       | " " " "                          |
| Total        | 20971 do       | 3353 " "        |                |               |                                  |

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| -48   | +12           | +12              | +12   |
| +5    | +5            | -20 <sup>8</sup> | +5    |
| -6    | 0             | +8 <sup>2</sup>  | +6    |
| +5    | -20           | +5               | +5    |
| -20   | +5            | +5               | +5    |
| -5    | -5            | 20 <sup>28</sup> | -5    |
| +12   | +12           | +12              | -48   |
| +5    | +5            | +5               | +5    |
| +5    | +5            | +5               | -20   |
| -47   | <del>+9</del> | +50              | -35   |
|       | -1            | +13              |       |
|       | +9            |                  |       |
| +5    | +5            | +5               | -20   |
| -12   | -12           | +48              | -12   |
| -5    | -5            | +20              | -5    |
| -59   | -3            | +123             | +1    |
| -5    | -5            | -                | +5    |
| -64   | -6            | 1.23             | +6    |
| +136  | +192          | 3.23             | 206   |
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## APPENDIX "C"

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## TECHNICAL -

- (a) Condition of Sector on taking over - The 5th Field Company, A.E. relieved the 9th Field Company, A.E. on 10th inst. Owing to the nightly offensive operations of the 9th Infantry Brigade during period 5th - 10th May, the line was advanced considerably (vide attached plan) and little consolidation could be effected before relief.
- The general condition of the Sector left much room for improvement, such as widening and deepening trenches, communication trenches; wiring posts and front line and supports; accommodation for Headquarters, Machine-gunners and garrisons.
- The front area was on high ground, on the ridge between the Somme and the Ancre, mostly under observation from either MORLANCOURT or east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX, except for a few valleys running towards the rivers on either side.
- The front line was a series of small posts - not wired and not connected. No support line and no communication trenches to front line system had been commenced. Communication trenches in rear were needed, especially on the Right which was under observation.
- (b) Works Policy - The Works Policy was to connect, dig and wire the front and support lines, the wiring and digging of communication trenches, to form switch lines in case of attack, the maintenance and improvement of existing trenches, and the provision of deep dugouts and splinter-proof accommodation.
- Deep dugouts, already in course of construction, were to be pushed on according to proposed plans.
- (c) Summary of Work - During the month the Sappers were mainly employed on supervision of Infantry parties on the various works and in some cases, owing to pressure of work, after the siting and taping of simple laborious works, the Sappers were withdrawn leaving the work in charge of Infantry Officers for completion.
- The amount of work completed under Engineer direction and supervision and Sapper labour is included in weekly works reports under appendix "b".

MAJOR OPERATIONS -

On the 19th May, at 2 a.m., an attack was made by the 6th Australian Infantry Brigade on our Left, and our Left Battalion, the 18th, to capture VILLE-sur-ANCRE and the high ground held by the enemy on the crest of the ridge, used by him to sweep our defences with direct machine-gun fire. One Section (No 4) under Lieut. Engel was detailed to carry out Engineer services in connection with the operation. These services consisted of the following (a) Laying a jumping-off tape from J.12.d.6.4. to J.12.b.6.0.; and (b) Guiding tape from J.12.d.6.4. to K.7.a.7.4. this latter guiding tape projecting fifty yards forward of the front line.

In connection with the projecting portion, L/Cpl. Curling went ahead with the tape, being kept on line by Lieut. Engel from the trench; when completing this L/Cpl. Curling located a hostile fighting patrol - 20 strong, about 20 yards away. L/Cpl. Curling reported this on reaching front line enabling hostile patrol to be dealt with by our Infantry.

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be dealt with by our Infantry.

At the same time Cpl. Rand with Sapper Swankie, laid out a tape from the pivot point on the Right flank at K.13.a.7.4. to K.13.b.2.8., locating the Right flank to the new front line. The above, combined with the placing of the Infantry on the tapes, comprised the Engineer services prior to Zero.

The barrage opened at 2 a.m. and the Infantry attacked, and were closely followed by Lieut. Engel, Sgt. Lucas, Cpl. Buchanan, Sprs Ward and Treveton, with "C" Company of 19th Aust. Infantry Battalion - their job being to site and dig a communication trench from K.7.c.6.4. to K.7.d.0.8. This was successfully carried out and the trench completed sufficiently to enable communication to be maintained with the front line by day. No casualties occurred during this work. While siting the trench the party came across a hostile Post, which had not been "mopped up". A portion of the working party was detailed to deal with this Post, but failed to locate it. Lieut. Engel with Sapper Treveton then led this party to the Post, capturing same - taking seven prisoners and two machine guns.

RATES OF WORK -

- (a) Digging - Most of the digging was done by moonlight, some in chalk and tasks of 50 cubic feet were completed in approximately 3 - 4 hours.
- (b) Wiring - Fully half the labour was used in the carrying of materials. Parties of 20 men erected 100 yards of double apron wire fence in 3 hours and carried material for same - under good conditions of night work. Average carry was 1,000 yards.
- (c) Mined Dugouts, Shelters, etc. - Average rate of progress was -in the case of deep dugouts- was 2' per shift of 6 hours, the equivalent cubic capacity being 30 cubic feet per Shift, timbering included. Country traversed was either shattered or marly chalk. 3 men excavated for, built, and gasproofed 3-man cupola shelter in about 7 hours.
- (d) Trench Surveying - 1,000 to 1,500 yards per day, but rate very variable.
- (e) Gas Curtains - Two Sappers given material to hand, made and erected 4 gas-proof curtains per day.
- (f) Transport - Transport approached to within 1,000 yards of the front line by night; teams one trip per night - total distance per team about 10 miles.

R.E. STORES -

The estimated tonnage per day was 8 tons, making roughly 250 tons for the month. Fully half of this was wiring material and the balance mine timber-for deep dugouts - previously prepared at Company Headquarters.

The supply of Stores was good, with the exception of hessian sandbags, screw pickets and framing timber -3" x 2", etc.

PERSONNEL -

(a) Strength of unit -  
 Commencement month - Officers 10 O.Rs 236  
 Conclusion month - " 8 " 213

(b) Arrivals - Officers - O.Rs  
 Base - - 9 (previous Hospital evacuations)  
 Hospital - - 8

(c) Departures -  
 Killed in Action - 1  
 Died of Wounds - 1  
 Wounded - 1 3  
 Wounded (gas) 1 18 (includes 2 U.S. Engr N.C.Os)  
 Hospital, sick - 19 (9 of whom went through C.C.S.)  
 Schools of Instn. - 2  
 English Leave - 2  
 Aust. Engrs Training Depot- B'sea - 2

(d) Officer's Appreciation -

The Section subalterns desire to place on record the valuable work, under battle conditions, of the following N.C.Os and men:-

No 1 Section -  
 No 3027 Sgt. J.W.Grundell  
 No 3307 L/Cpl. R.Jackson

No 2 Section -  
 No 3152 L/Cpl. Worland D.  
 No 3141 Sapper. W. Vivian  
 No 2075 Sapper A.O.Betts

No 3 Section -  
 No 3414 Sgt. R.H. Wagner  
 No 3565 Cpl. A.W.Lennie  
 No 6750 L/Cpl. J.A.S.Love  
 No 7873 L/Cpl. S.G.Hall  
 No 2837 Sap. F.S.Campbell  
 No 3077 Sap. P.C.Langdon

No 4 Section -  
 No 105 Sgt. H.V.Lucas  
 No 2194 2/Cpl. F.W.Rand  
 No 2354 L/Cpl. C. Curling. M.M.  
 No 2359 L/Cpl. A.J.Buchanan. M.M.  
 No 5469 Sapper F.L.Ward. M.M.  
 No 7317 Sapper V.Treveton  
 No 3171 Sapper G.S.Neish

## Q.M.S. Department -

(a) Rations :- Rations have been maintained at the usual high standard. Since 14th inst. there has been a daily issue of fresh green vegetables - such as eschelots, lettuce, and radishes and it has proved very acceptable during the recent hot weather. These green vegetables have been procured from the gardens around AMIENS.  
We have also been gathering green fodder (mostly clover) from areas allotted to us, resulting in a saving of 150 lbs of hay daily, since the 16th inst.

(b) Clothing :- The clothing and equipment has been kept in a fairly good state of repair.

The articles of clothing issued during the month were -

|            |       |    |              |       |    |
|------------|-------|----|--------------|-------|----|
| Tunics     | ..... | 32 | Breeches     | ..... | 45 |
| Felt hats  | ...   | 13 | Puttees, prs | ..    | 50 |
| Greatcoats | ...   | 1  | Boots, Aust. |       |    |
|            |       |    | pattern prs  |       | 9  |

(c) Salvage :- Articles salvaged and returned to Salvage dumps:-

|                |    |                     |         |
|----------------|----|---------------------|---------|
| Rifles, M.L.E. | 19 | Web equipment, sets | 17      |
| Wagons -       |    | Bicycles            | ..... 2 |
| Travelling     |    |                     |         |
| Kitchens       | 2  |                     |         |
| Limbers, G.S.  | 2  |                     |         |

N.B. Approximate value of articles, including above, salvaged by the unit during the month ..... £ 700 -

(d) Fat Returns - Weight of surplus fat returned to Railhead - lbs 56. Quality "A" class.

(e) Miscellaneous - A certain quantity of harness has been renewed also 2 binoculars, 2 galvanometers, 6 prismatic compasses, and a few tools. 19 defective small box respirators have been renewed. 1 water cart, 2 wheels for Officers' mess cart and 1 pole for limber were replaced by new.

(f) S.A. Ammunition - A total of 8,000 rounds were expended during the month by Company machine-gun, for enemy aircraft defence.

BATHING - Bath parades have been held weekly at Brigade Baths, HEILLY and clean change of clothing has been provided at each parade.

ORDERLY ROOM - Communication was by telephone to Divisional Exchange and was more or less constantly in use. Two runners were employed between Company Headquarters, C.R.E., and Brigade Headquarters, chiefly with despatches, reports, etc. One draughtsman was continually employed on plans for reports, etc., and plotting the surveys made. Wires and despatches to the number of 700 - 800 were dealt with during the month. Daily and Weekly Work Reports are supplied to C.R.E. and Brigade. Mails arrived and were despatched daily throughout the month.

TRANSPORT -

The chief work of the transport was the forwarding of R.E. material. All the available waggons and limbers together with double limbers from 5th A.I. Brigade were used nightly - forwarding an average of eight tons nightly a distance of approximately 5 miles.

The average mule mileage is estimated at 250 per day.

Water was drawn four times daily by water cart from BONNAY.

A shell burst in the horselines, on evening of 27th, killing 1 horse and four mules and wounding 1 horse and six mules.

Approximately 300 mule and horse shoes were used during the month.

The condition of the horses improved greatly, owing chiefly to the plentiful supply of excellent green fodder, on the evacuated areas near the horselines, and the good watering facilities at BONNAY.

Mtd. Sergeant Booth and Farrier-Sergeant Buchanan were wounded on the 27th instant. Both these N.C.Os had been in the Company since its formation, and I wish to place on record the valuable services rendered to the Company by these N.C.Os, throughout the long period they were with it.

TYPICAL TOUR OF DUTY OF A SECTION -

Works completed during tour of duty of No 1 Section from 19/5/18 to 28/5/18 :-

|                                      |       |            |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Taping out new trenches -            | ...   | 1790 yards |
| Digging new trenches -               | ..... | 1370 "     |
| Deepening & widening trenches ..     |       | 1750 "     |
| Wiring trenches (double apron fence) |       | 3,000 "    |

Number of nights worked - 8 (one night no parties owing to change over of Battalions)

Average number of hours worked on job per night .. 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Average number of men per night - 3 Sappers, 180 Infantry.

Cupola Shelters (for 3 men each) erected ..... 7

Average number of men employed - 1 Sapper, 2 Infantry.

Dugouts fitted with gas-proof doors - ..... 9

Number of men employed - 1 Sapper.

Constructing barbed wire concertinas ..... 250 yds.

Average number of men employed - 1 Sapper, 4 Infantry.

Mined Dugouts - Total Gallery progress 6' x 3' - 73'

" Chamber " 9' x 6' = 32'

Total number of men employed, working in

6 hour Shifts - 9 Sappers, 40 Infantry.

Work of men in Camp -

Preparing mining sets.

Preparing notice boards for front line.

Constructing wire concertinas.

Guiding transport to forward areas.

Loading & transporting R.E. material to forward areas.

Reconnoitring & surveying forward areas & dugouts.

Total number of men employed - 15 N.C.Os & Sappers.