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O 25 c 6 4	1st July.		Weather clear fine and sunny. N.E. wind.	1
		4.30 am.	Situation, Quiet night. Work on cable burying and special jobs continued.	2
		1 pm.	Warning Order re Relief issued.	
		1.15 pm.	Div. Order No 199 for relief received.	
		4.30 pm.	Situation quiet.	
		5.10 pm.	Wire sent out cancelling 4" Stokes gas shoot.	3-6
		6 pm.	Bde. Order No 189 issued.	4/24 - 5
do	2nd.		Weather fine and warm.	7-8
		4.30 am.	Situation unchanged. Scattered shelling during the night. Enemy M.G's. about normal from P 25 d.	
		3.55 pm.	7th. A.I.Bde. Warning Order (for attack) received.	
		6 pm.	Bde. Order No 190 issued.	
do	3rd.		Weather warm but cloudy during the day, clear towards night.	
		12.20 am.	17th Battalion report relief complete.	
		2.30 am.	Relief complete. Command passed. Reported to 2nd. Aust. Div. Brigade H.Q. closed at BOIS L'ABBE and opened at GLISY.	- 9
GLISY.		11.30 am.	G.O.C. left Bde. H.Q. and visited Bde. N.C.O's. School at RIVERY and Nucleus Battalion near LA MOTTE le BREBIERE returning to Bde. H.Q. at 4 p.m.	
		2 pm.	7th. A.I.Bde. Order No 195 received also 2nd. Aust. Div. "Instructions No 1 issued under Order No 200"	
		5 pm.	Units informed Zero hour for 6th Bde. operation 3.10 a.m. on 4.7.18.	
		8 pm.	17th., 18th., and 20th. Bns. instructed to find working party totalling 600 O.R's. for burying cable on 4.7.18 under instructions of 2nd. Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.	
		9.30 pm.	Bde. Liaison Officer left Bde. H.Q. to report to 6th. A.I.Bde. forward H.Q.	
GLISY	4th		Fine warm day occasionally cloudy.	
		6.37 am.	Bde. Liaison Officer with 6th. A.I.Bde. reports 4th, 7th, and 11th, Brigades gained all objectives. 4th. A.I.Bde. captured 400 unwounded prisoners to date.	
		7.51 am.	Liaison reports 6th A.I.Bde. captured 3 Offs. 150 O.R's to date.	
		8.30 am.	" " 4th do prisoners now number 10 Offs. 700 O.R's. Casualties light.	

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<del>0.25.c.6.4.</del> GLISY	4th	11.12	a.m. Liaison reports situation quiet. 6th A.I.Bde. now report prisoners 3 off. and 168 o.r. unwounded <del>prisoners</del> , 32 o.r. wounded and 24 machine guns.	
		10 - noon	a.m. G.O.C. visited Hdqrs of 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. 17th Bn. warned to be prepared to move forward at 15 minutes notice to replace 22nd Bn. in present reserve position (O.28.) and if ordered to move to come orders of 6th A.I.Bde. 20th Bn. also to stand by ready to move at short notice.	
		4 -	p.m. 18th Bn. instructed to place 2 Coys. in AUBIGNY system as Nucleus garrison on night 4th/5th July. Guides etc. to be arranged direct with 24th Bn.	
		8 -	p.m. Brigade Order 191 issued.	
		9 -	p.m. 18th and 19th Bns. ordered to supply party of 200 men for burying cable at 9 a.m. on 5th July.	11
GLISY	5th		<p>Weather fine, sunny.</p> <p>Brigade Major and O.C. 5th Field Coy. rode round units to go into question of deep dugouts for Battalion H.Q. Mined dugouts already exist at O.28.b.1.7. - N.27.d.1.6. and are available for 18th and 20th Bns respectively as Headquarters. Suggestion sent in to Division proposing the construction of mined dugouts at W.35.c.0.6. and N.23.a.9.1. for 17th and 19th Bns.</p> <p>In reply to Div. memo G.32/719, asking for opinion on the proposed anti-tank mines consisting of Mark I, 107 fuze, 2" Mortar bomb placed in the ground flush with the surface, it was stated (4/287) that before giving a definite opinion, a demonstration should be witnessed to obtain further information. That at present there appeared to be no definite ruling as to how sensitive the fuze is. The G.O.C. was not in favour of its employment, especially on the present front of the Division where active operations may be resumed, and would undoubtedly be hampered by patches of mine sown country.</p> <p>In reply to Div. Memo G.41/65 putting forward suggestion that to provide transport for the L.T.M. Battery one of the Brigade H.Q. G.S. Wagons for tools should be allotted and 2 L.G.S. Wagons substituted for it later and asking whether Brigades considered it more important to allot this transport to the L.T.M.Bty. or to retain it for tools. It was stated (9/498) that the Brigade considered it of greater importance to make this allotment than to retain it, as the Brigade tool echelon is not often used while the L.T.M.Bty. is constantly employed. It appears however that the 1 G.S. wagon hardly meets the transport requirements of a L.T.M.Bty. and its equivalent 2 L.G.S. Wagons is far more satisfactory /</p>	
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GLISY.	July. 5th.		more satisfactory. The disadvantages of a G.S. Wagon are - it cannot be used over such broken country, it cannot provide sufficient transport for mortars mobile stores, rations, baggage and echelon of ammunition, having one vehicle only and the difficulty of drawing and delivering rations, transporting mortars, stores and ammunition are greatly increased. The practice in the Bde. for some time past has been to allot definitely to the L.T.M.Bty. one L.G.S. wagon from each Battalion sharing the load out amongst the remaining transport. It has been found that all requirements have been answered in this way.	
		11 pm.	Brigade Order No 192 for relief of 6th A.I.Bde. and portion of 7th. A.I.Bde. by 5th. A.I. Bde. issued.	12
		11.15 pm.	Div. Order No 201 for above relief and giving new inter Bde. boundary received.	
do	6th.		Bright clear day.	
		8 am.	G.O.C. visited Brigade H.Q. in line and made a reconnaissance of the new position.	
			B.M. visited Bde. School.	
		5.30 pm.	Representative Football Team from the Brigade played the 5th. French Division which resulted for a win for the Brigade by 18 points to 10.	
V.B. Sector.				
0 25 c 6 4.		10 pm.	Brigade Staff arrived at Bde. H.Q. in the line. Relief of Battalions reported complete without incident at 3.50 a.m.	
	7th.	11.15 pm.	5th.A.L.T.M.Bty report relief complete.	
do		1.15 am.	17th. Battalion " " "	
		1.47 am.	20th. Battalion " " " (6th. A.I.Bde.)	
		2.15 am.	18th. Battalion " " "	
		2.30 am.	Situation quiet - Scattered shelling along the front.	
		3.30 am.	Wire to Division - Relief complete of 6th. A.I.bde. and Command passed.	
		10 am.	Battalions report a quiet night, slight shelling, M.G's. active. Patrols located enemy post at P 21 c 75 45.	
		2 pm.	B.M. visited Battalions in line.	15
		1 pm.	Memo 8/121 to Bns. re visiting 7th. A.I.Bde. Sector. Memo to Units G.H.Q. desires to obtain some anti-tank gun cartridges (later specimen sent to Div.) Memo on works policy 16/326 sent to Battalions and Field Company.	16
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0.25.c.6.4.7th	6--	p.m.	Memo to 18th Bn. to try and clear up country in P.26.c. and d. to road and suggesting the exploitation of trench P.26.b.6.4. - P.26.b.7.0. - P.26.d.6.7. Notification to Battalions that 4th Division is advancing their line to run P.11.a.3.0. - J.30.d.1.4. tonight south of the SOMME without Artillery barrage. <i>at 10.30 am, 10th Somme at 12.50 am with Artillery Barrage</i>	
	9 -	p.m.	Brigade Order No. 193 issued for reorganisation.	
	9.30	p.m.	Memo received from Division that as temporary measure S.O.S. on 37th French Division front will be a rocket bursting into 2 reds as from 8 p.m. on 7th July.	
	11.25	p.m.	Relief of 19th Bn. and 22nd Battalion complete. Owing to later instruction 22nd Bn did not move right back but remained in AUBIGNY LINE, P.20 and 26. with Bn.H.Q. P.28.a.1.8.	
	8th			
	3.30	a.m.	Weather early, fine and hot, later in the day slight drizzle. Situation normal. Enemy artillery active during the night, considerable reply to our fire at 12.30 a.m. Some retaliation for our 3 a.m. shoot. In conjunction with advance of 4th Division on left, 20th Battalion ("B" Bn) advanced line slightly during the night, P.26.b.9.6. - P.21.c.6.8. No opposition was met with posts dug in and started to connect up. The new line gives considerable advantage in command and view. 4th Aust. Division advanced astride the SOMME an average depth of 600 yards on a front of 3,000 yards, capturing 20 prisoners. G.O.C. went round the 7th A.I.Bde. sector.	
	5 a.m.			
	10.35	a.m.	Situation wire to Division - Situation quiet. 8.45 a.m. party of 6 men seen on road P.29.c.. Our planes active.	
	11.45	p.m.	Wire from 7th A.I.Bde. at 10 a.m. Patrol of left Battalion captured and now hold P.31.b.3.9. - P.31.b.15.45. - P.31.a.0.0., prisoners 13 other ranks and 1 Machine gun. Identification 265 R.I.R., 108th Division.	
	1 -	p.m.	Memo to 18th Bn (9/508) informing them of 27th Battalion action and instructing them to move forward and occupy trench in P.26.b. and d. and wire completion. Memos to Battalions regarding use of Armour Piercing bullets against hostile tanks. Concentrated fire with ordinary S.A.A. more effective, owing to splash, from which effect is really gained. Latter to be used henceforward and not armour piercing.	
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0.25.c.6.4.	8th		Memo 7/444 to units re use of German speakers. It has been found that these men used Divisionally and trained by the Div. Intelligence Officer are of considerable value. Battalions therefore are not to employ other men than "speakers" allotted to them, to be designated by a bayard "German Speaker". Must receive wholehearted support of officers.	
		1 p.m.	Situation wire to Division. Situation quiet. Artillery nil.	
		2.54 p.m.	Situation wire to Division. 2 enemy planes crossed line at 2.40 p.m. driven off by A.A. fire. 1.30 p.m. train seen at Q.33.a. Movement seen on roads P.36.d., Q.32.a., 1.15 p.m. to 1.35 p.m.	
		7. - p.m.	Battalions advised that intercepted Boche wireless. Message reads "There are 3 more Divisions behind". May have reassuring or offensive significance.	
		7.10 p.m.	Message received from 7th A.I.Bde. front line now runs - 0.36.d.50.17. - 0.36.d.65.23. 0.36.d.83.32. - P.31.c.0.9. - P.31.b.13.51. - P.25.d.3.0. - Block established at P.31.b.10.42.	
		10 p.m.	6th A.I.Bde. Instructions for Defensive, Series V, No. 1 received dealing with action of Reserve Brigade.	
			Brigade N.C.Os. school have chance of witnessing stunt with tanks at E.30.b. (sheet 62E) and trial with No. 26 Grenades on afternoon of 10th - permission granted.	
		10.30 p.m.	200 men from 19th Battalion started cable burying on forward sector 7th A.I.Bde.	
		11.15 p.m.	Message sent warning battalions to be on alert as 4th A.I.Bde. report enemy has been registering their new front line during day with 4.2 and 5.9. H.E.	
	9th		Weather cool to begin with and dull. Drizzle started about midday and developed into sharp shower at 7.30 p.m.	
		3.5 a.m.	18th Bn. report having occupied enemy trenches in P.26.b. and d. and taken 1 T.M., 2 machine guns and other material. No enemy seen.	
		3.30 a.m.	Situation quiet and satisfactory. Enemy artillery normal. Some sneezing gas.	
		5 a.m.	<del>Some sneezing gas.</del> Brigade Major went round new line and forward sector.	
		10.10 a.m.	Situation very quiet.	
		noon	G.O.C. Division met G.O's.C. 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. Policy of making ground to be continued and possibility of straightening line and 5th A.I.Bde. taking over more trenches to the south discussed.	
		1 p.m.	Memo sent to battalions urging them to push on with consolidation and wiring. 17th Bn to	

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0.25.c.6.4.	9th <del>XX</del>	1-	pm (contd) ...work on new C.T. and start on C.T. serving 18th Bn. 19th Bn to continue cable burying.	
		2.55	pm Situation 11.40 a.m. - 15/5.9 HE on 0.29.b. - 10.30 and 11.50 a.m. balloons up on T.Bs. 87 and 76 degrees from 0.29.d.9.4. Enemy plane patrolling our lines at 11.45 a.m. and 1.45 pm driven off by AA fire.	
		3.30	pm Situation - during afternoon enemy 4.2 battery firing from 0.20.b.central (approx) registered on front line in P.21.c. and P.26.b. Brigade operation Memo. No. 15 issued dealing with making ground in P.27.a. and c., P.26.c., south of road.	21
		5.45	pm Word received from 7th A.I.Bde. that patrols had occupied enemy line from U.6.a.85.90. and occupied enemy trench from Railway to <del>U.5.b.7.2.</del> 2 M.G's., 2 Granatenwerfers captured. Patrols entering MONUMENT WOOD withdrawn owing to sniping and M.G. fire from SYRIA TRENCH and CRAFT TRENCH. Screed sent to battalions, 6/168, stating treatment with Chlorine neutralises effect of YELLOW CROSS Gas. New list of daily letters and colors used by Allied Aircraft received and issued.	
		7.45	pm 18th Battalions instructions for operation received containing detailed instructions for co-operation with 27th and 20th Battalions by means of pushing forward posts and patrols.	
		7.25	pm Situation - O.P. reports 12.40 p.m. smoke from train travelling south in P.36.a. - Observers 1 p.m. observers in balloon for T.B. of 84° forced from 0.29.d.95.55. forced to descend in parachute by our planes. 4 p.m to 4.15 p.m. - 80/77 and 5.9's. in U.5.b., U.6.a., from direction of MARCHELCAVE. 4.50 pm - 50/77's and 4.2's. on 0.36.c. and d. from same direction. Night firing programme issued. Memo 11/845 dealing with formation of Brigade Signal School issued.	23
	10th	12 m/n	18th Bn. report patrol stunt so far satisfactory.	
		1.10	am 0.24.c. shelled with 77 gas shells. O.P. report apparent minor stunt in progress on either side of road in P.27.	
		2.55	am 20th Bn. report all objectives gained and being consolidated, only one hun seen who fled.	
		2.15	am Enemy put up double GREEN and double RED flares. 10 minutes later enemy opened fairly heavy barrage, 4.2 and .77 with M.G. on front and support lines	
		2.35	a.m Barrage eased but increased again when 1 double RED flare was fired from P.27.b.	
		3.30	am Situation quiet.	

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O.25.c.6.4.	10th	4.30 a.m.	7th A.I.Bde. report 27th Bn. established line from P.31.b.15.50. to P.26.c.0.0. and joined up with 18th Bn at that point. They also occupy trench P.31.b.85.50. to P.31.b.5.2. Enemy party coming up trench in U.5.b.7.2. dispersed by rifle and M.G. fire. Also large party at P.31.c.1.9. Casualties inflicted on German working party P.31.central, P.31.P.13.c.15.65.	
		11.40 a.m.	Situation quiet. 10.10 a.m. horse traffic seen on road in V.5.b. Train seen going north on line in X.19. at 9.50 a.m. - 10.20 a.m.	
		1 - pm	Operation memo No. 16 issued regarding patrol instructions for night 10th/11th instant. Brigade Order 194 giving change of inter-brigade boundary and relief of 18th Bn by 20th and 17th Bn. issued. 19th Bn. to supply 100 men for cable burying (Instructions issued). 18th Bn. to continue digging C.T. P.26.central.	27 28
		1.20 pm	Situation quiet. Traffic seen on road in P.35.c. and d., also P.35.a. between 11 a.m. and 12.10 p.m., 12.15 p.m. train seen in X.19.	
		3.5 pm	Situation quiet. At 2.25 p.m. our artillery silenced guns firing from V.4.c.5.5. Smoke seen for 10 minutes apparently from burning dump. Movement seen in Q.32.c. and W.1. at 1.20 pm.	26
		6.30 pm	Memo 9/517 night firing programme issued.	
		9.10 pm	10th A.I.Bde. Order 117 for relief of 4th A.I.Bde. and 13th A.I.Bde. received.	
		10 - pm	Report on recently occupied trenches and on dugouts asked for by 10 a.m. 11th instant from 18th and 20th Bns.	
	11th	1 - am	B.M. 7th A.I.Bde. reported that patrols (Right and centre) had bumped trouble in P.31.d. between the road and railway and the railway, also the mound. Fairly heavy M.G. fire from the mound and the railway P.31.d.2.4. Left patrol had strengthened established posts, P.31.b.6.4., P.31.b.8.6., P.32.a.2.8. S.O.S. line being drawn in and heavies turned on to hostile M.Gs. located.	
		1.10 am	C.O. 18th Bn. - Kaepfel's patrols had not met with any success, probably due to M.G. fire. 18th were well in touch with flank battalions, will advise Brigade of anything further. I asked about drawing in the S.O.S. line. C.O. 17th and 18th will discuss first and get into touch with front line and let Brigade know.	
		1.15 a.m.	C.O. 20th informed patrols had bumped Bosche in the posts in P.27. and killed several of them, was organising a fighting patrol to clear them out.	

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0.25.c.6.4.11th		1.40 pm	Relief of 17th and 18th Battalion complete. 17th Bn. patrols still out so S.O.S. must remain.	
		1.45 am	O.P. report 12 to 1.20 a.m. our artillery very active both sides of WARFUSEE ROAD. 12 to 1.39 am, 20/4.2's on 0.36 direction V.4.c. - 1.25 am - 4 ORANGE clusters north of our sector, no action. M.G.'s. very quiet.	
		3 - am	Major DAWSON reported that enemy were found by patrols in trenches P.27.c.4.5. and P.27.c.6.6., P.27.c.8.4. with 3 M.G.'s. We occupy trench to about P.27.c.3.9.	
		3.5 am	1.30 to 3 a.m. sector quiet until 2.40 a.m. when enemy sent up one ORANGE cluster followed by single GREEN star shell. 77's. then opened on front and support on right of Brigade sector. M.G. fire nil.	
		3.10 am	Spoke to 20th Bn re above trench which was supposed to be occupied by 18th Bn. on night 9th/10th.	
		3.25 am	Spoke to 18th Bn re above and asked them to get in touch with officer commanding 20th Bn to clear up situation.	
		4.15 am	18th Bn state they are fairly confident that post was established by them in the trench under discussion but MAYNARD, 17th Bn states that he went out expecting to relieve post about P.27.c.45.50. and found post in trench P.27.c.20.45. or what he considers the true location to be. The fact that 20th Bn. worked directly down trench from P.27.a.3.0. expecting to find 18th Bn and found BOCHE instead also points to supposition that 18th Bn were not as far forward as they thought. ROBSON, 18th Bn instructed to go over the whole question with 20th Bn.	
		4.30 am	18th Bn report - 20th Bn say that from their post about 27.a.3.0. they could see 18th Bn post P.27.c.25.45. located fairly definitely and that Boche has pushed in two posts about P.27.c.15.90. and P.27.c.2.8.	
		4.40 am	Spoke to C.O. 20th Bn who verified above statement and also fact that enemy occupied posts in P.27.a.5.5. and P.27.a.4.7. with M.Gs. Suggested to him that definite programme for tonight be fixed up with CRISP and Col. SADLER to bump the Boche posts out. He is going to do this.	
		11.- am	Brigade letter 15/525 in reply to queries about A.R.A. competition despatched to D.H.Q. - Brigade letter 9/518 report on trenches recently occupied forwarded to D.H.Q.	35 34
		11.30 a.m.	Situation report. - Situation quiet enemy planes over 9.30 and 10.30 am. Transport movement noticed on HARBONNIERES - BAYONVILLERS, GUILLACOURT, WEINCOURT and MARCHELCAVE ROADS. 10.5 a.m. 8 men came from WARFUSEE to trench in P.27.b.6.0. - 9.15 a.m. Train going north on line W.17.d. 9.40 a.m. train going south on same line.	

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O.25.c.6.4.	11th	1.- pm	Memo on working parties. 18th Bn parties on C.T's. in P.26.a. and P.20.d. - 19th Bn 100 men on cable burying. 20th Bn and 17th Bn. to concentrate on consolidation and wiring.	
		1.- pm	Situation quiet. 10 a.m. - 12.30 pm, Movement on road in W.16.central, Trench P.28.c.7.8., Road P.30.b.8.2. 11.55 a.m. 10 enemy seen at V.5.d.2.9. 12.10 pm Engine on line Q.33.a. appeared to be drawing truck with gun on it.	
		3.15 pm	Brigade Order No. 195 for relief of 20th Bn by 19th Bn issued.	31
		4.25 pm	Situation quiet. Enemy artillery very quiet.	
		5.45 pm	Situation quiet. 2.50 p.m.-5 p.m. occasional movement noticed in crops and trenches - P 28 a 1 5. 3 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. movement in twos and threes noticed at intervals in crops, roads and trenches in P 29 a.	
		7.30 pm.	Memo 9/520 issued to Battalions with reference to policy on night 11/12th patrolling, posts to be established etc. 9/519 Night firing programme issued to Battalions. 5/221 Location report forwarded to D.H.Q. 7th. A.I.Bde. Order No 200 giving programme of reliefs received. - Night 12/13th instant - 25th. Bn. relieves 27th. Bn. in Line left. Night 13/14th 26th. Bn. relieves 28th. Bn. Line Right.	30 32 33
		10.45 pm.	10.45 to 11.15 p.m. our Artillery fired shrapnel on WARFUSEE.	
		11.20 pm.	Our guns opened fire on P 22 central.	
do	12th	12 M.N.	12 - 1.30 a.m. Sector quiet. Enemy M.G. burst from the right of main road. Enemy 4.2's. fired on O 36 central. for 7 minutes.	
		3.30 am.	3.30 a.m. - 4.30 a.m. Sector very quiet. Occasional bursts of 4.2 H.E. on rear of our front line. M.G. fire nil.	
		5.30 am.	17th. Bn. reports operations allotted to them carried out successfully. Weather cooler than hitherto. Fair intervals with showers of rain. Notification to Div. I.O. 799 of change of locations as at 8 a.m., 13th instant. 19th Bn. P 19 c 1 2, 20th. Bn. O 28 b 8 8.	
		8.15 am.	19th. Bn. Order No. 104 received for relief of 20th. Bn.	
		12 Noon.	Situation quiet - 9 A.M. - 12 Noon. Transport movement in HARBONNIERES - BAYONVILLERS - GUILLAUCOURT Roads. 9.25 a.m. Train with 4 trucks on line W 2 d 8 7. 9.2 Naval gun mounted on one of trucks. Fired 5 rounds in direction of HANGARD. Gun silenced by our artillery and train with trucks disappeared behind BAYONVILLERS. 9.30 a.m. Train with 10 covered trucks went N. on line W 17 d.	
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O 25 c 6 4.	1918. July. 12th	2.30 pm.	Situation quiet. 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m., O 36 lightly shelled at intervals by 5.9 from WARFUSEE. 11.7 a.m. 10 gun flashes from Railway. Gun firing from W 2 d 8 7. Engaged by our artillery. 11.28 a.m. Train with guns retired behind BAYONVILLERS. 1.55 a.m. Gun appeared again and fired 2 shots. Rain prevented further observation.	
		3 pm.	Bde. Letter 11/845 issued giving time and dates of assembly for Signal School. Brigade letter 16/333 on working parties issued. 18th. Bn. to work on completion of C.T. to P 26 central and trace and dig support line P 26 b 3 4 - P 26 central - P 26 c 2 8 - Brigade letter 9/521 issued to 17th. Bn. with reference to siting of front line trench to run P 26 c 0 0 - P 26 c 4 2 - P 26 c 80 45 - P 26 d 6 7 - P 27 c <del>xxxx</del> 95 70 - P 27 c 25 70 - P 27 a 3 0. Brigade letter 9/522 re policy issued to Battalions. Brigade reply 9/497 to Div. letter G 39/104 asking whether the new Battalion organization had been put into effect completely. This has not been done by this Brigade owing to the fact that notification came just as the Brigade moved into the line and it really requires to be done when all the men can be got together, paraded and properly re-organised.	35 37 40
		3.45 pm.	Situation report at 2.5 p.m. One train moved South along line in W 1 central on to main line. Length of train not known. Only smoke from engine visible.	36
		6.35 pm.	Situation quiet. 5.10 p.m. Smoke from train travelling from HARBONNIERES to WIENCOURT observed. 3.5 p.m. Huns in small parties carrying something white moved from P 36 a to P 25 a 5 3 thence to WIENCOURT.	
		7.30 pm.	Brigade Memo 9/524 re 10th. A.I.Bde. Operation issued. Night firing programme 9/523 issued.	39 38
		9.30 pm.	Our 18 pdrs. put over shrapnel on front and support lines P.31.c. and d. and 6 huns were seen running away.	
		9 - 10 p.m.	Enemy putting up flares, double REDS and ORANGE between WARFUSEE and BAYONVILLERS, a long way back 90 and 100 degrees from P.26.b.85.50.	
		10 - 10 pm	Our guns shelling with shrap, medium barrage for about 5 minutes. <del>V.c. b &amp; d</del>	
		10 pm to 10.30 pm	Enemy put 30/4.2 H.E. on front line P.31.a. and c., O.36., O.35.,	
		9.45 pm	Eight 4.2 HE on O.29.	
		11.20 pm	Enemy aircraft dropped 4 bombs on O.28. - Occasional bursts of M.C. fire from right of)	
		11.55 pm	Four 5.9 HE on O.27. VILLERS BRETTONEUX-WARFUSEE Road.) Ordinary WHITE Flares.	
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0.25.c.6.4.13th	12.20	am	9/4.2 H.E. on 0.36. Relief of 20th Bn on left sector by 19th Bn complete.	
	12.30	am	One red flare <del>xx</del> from T.B. of 65° from 0.29.d.95.55. 15/4.2 HE on 0.36. from direction of WARFUSEE.	
	12.45	am	12/4.2 H.E. on 0.23. at seven seconds interval from WARFUSEE.	
	1.10	am	20/4.2 H.E. on 0.36. 5 minutes later 22/.77 on 0.23. from direction of WARFUSEE.	
	1.30	am	- 2.45 am. Searchlight on a T.B. of 89° from 0.29.d.95.55. continuous during this period fair number of searchlights were seen but were well back behind the line.	
	3.30	am	Situation quiet.	
	5.-	am	Reported two prisoners captured by Brigade on left in P.31.d. belonging to 18th I.R. 41st Division, thus establishing the fact that 108 Division has been relieved.	
			Weather fine and clear with intervals of cloudiness and light showers. Cool.	
	1.5	pm	Situation quiet, 9 am to 12 noon, 0.29 and 0.36. lightly shelled at intervals with 4.2 and 5.9 H.E. 9.20 am, P.27.a.2.8. and vicinity shelled with 4.2 and 5.9 HE. 11.20 a.m. 7 men left WARFUSEE, walked to P.29.a.2.2.. After walking backwards and forwards party split up, 3 entered trenches on left of road and 4 entered trenches on right. Party appeared to be reconnoitring trenches.	
	3.-	pm	Brigade letter 16/336 issued.- working parties.	43
	3.18	p.m	Situation quiet. Our artillery shelled roads in V.11.b. and V.12. on which movement was observed. Our planes active over enemy lines. 12 noon to 1 p.m. 5.9 shrapnel bursting over 0.29.d. - 1 every 5 minutes.	
	4.30	pm	Situation quiet. Light 5.9 and 4.2 shelling 0.29 and 36. Foot and transport traffic along roads in V.16.a., b., and d.	
	6 -	pm	Brigade letter 16/337 sent to D.H.Q. re construction of mined dugouts for Battalions in the line. 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 202 received giving effect to reorganisation of Div. Artillery. 2nd Div. Arty. (less D.T.M.O. and M.T.M.Bty.) is relieving 3rd Aust. Div. in "A" Div. Sector between 13th and 17th July.	45
	7 -	pm	Corps Commander's warning re giving information if taken prisoners issued to units and Brigade School, under covering memo No. 7/445. Reply to D.H.Q. queries re stoppages in Lewis Guns. and remedies to same sent off. Memo No. 9/509.	47 476
	7.30	pm	Night firing programme 9/525 issued.	

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O 25 c 6 4.	1918. July 13th	9.43 pm.	Situation wire - 8 p.m. 4.2 H.E. on O 36, 8 - 8.20 p.m. 4.2 H.E. on O 29 central, 8.30 p.m. 4.2 H.E. on O 36 a, 8.43 p.m. Enemy balloon 112°T.B., 9.5 p.m. heavy ground mist, visibility bad. 9.15 p.m. Balloon lowered. 9.43 p.m. Slight 77 mm. barrage on our front line.	
		10.45 pm.	Situation wire - 12 4.2 H.E. on P 25 from direction of MARCELCAVE. 10.30 p.m. 10 4.2 H.E. on P 25 from direction of MARCELCAVE. 10.30 p.m. 12 4.2 H.E. on P 25 from direction of WARFUSEE, 11.5 p.m. One of our planes crossed enemy lines and 6 searchlights appeared on our sector. Tracer bullets used by our planes. 11.20 p.m. Aeroplane flare 76°T.B. 11.30 p.m. 30 77 mm. over P 25 and along road to O 29. 11.45 p.m. One red flare at 60°T.B.	
do	14th	1.30 am.	Sector quiet. Ordinary flares. One green flare 80°T.B. no action.	
		3 am.	Sector very quiet. Nothing to report.	
		3.30 am.	20th. report - 5 fairly bad stretcher cases and 7 walking cases as the result of an accident to working party. One man stuck his pick into a Mills bomb.	
		4.45 am.	Situation quiet.	
		8 am.	Prisoner 15th I.R. 13th Div. captured in P 27 a. Between 6 and 7 a.m. Frenchman escaped from Boche lines and entered front line of left Coy. being shot by accident whilst doing so.	
		9 am.	Div. reply to Memo suggesting site for Battalion H.Q. wished us to select site where double H.Q. could be made. Suggested vicinity of P 25 b. Engineers informed and asked to make further reconnaissances.	
		10.55 am.	Situation quiet - 9 - 10.30 a.m. Slight transport movement on road in V 5 a going to and from MARVELCAVE. Individual movement on roads P 36 going towards LAMOTTE and Q 20 c going in N.E. direction.	
		2 pm.	Situation quiet - 9 to 11.10 a.m. intermittent shelling.- P 19 c & d, P 20 d, P 26 a cent. with 77 and 4.2 H.E. 10.30 a.m.- 11.5 a.m. 80 4.2 H.E. on P 21 a from direction of BAYONVILLERS, 9 a.m. 12.30 p.m. Single movement P 32 d 55 40, Road P 18 c going N.E. and trench at P 27 b 6 0.	
		3 pm.	Memo 16/339 issued re working parties.	
		4.25 pm.	Situation quiet - Enemy artillery normal. Enemy planes nil. 1.20 p.m. train on line W 17 d going S.	
		5.50 pm.	Situation quiet - Light shelling of P 26 b and d and O 30 from direction of MARCELCAVE. Train observed shunting at W 1 b 9 approximately.	
		7.30 pm.	7th. A.I.Bde. report. Two prisoners captured at SYRIA Trench U 5 d. Identified	1st Bn./

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O 25 c 6 4.	1918. July. 14th		1st. Bn., 148th I.R., 41st Div. Normal. At 6 P.M, 7th. A.I.Bde. advanced line which now runs U 5 central - U 5 d 7 7 - along SYRIA trench to U 6 c 5 9 - U 6 central - U 6 b 7 0 - O 36 d 8 0. Met opposition only at U 5 d 7 7.	
		7.30	pm. Night firing programme 9/526 issued and Bde. Memo 16/341 dealing with flattening of parapets and parados in trench work.	50-51
		7.40	pm. Situation wire - 7 p.m. 50 men came from vicinity Q 28 a, lost from sight, dead <del>xxxxxx</del> ground on road and on left of WARFUSEE. 7.25 p.m. 10 men seen in Q 32 a central, carrying white cylindrical object - Moved in direction of BAYONVILLERS.	
		10	pm. Div. G 32/739 Instruction for the Defensive No 43" Right Flank Liaison received. Affects French and 7th. A.I.Bde. only.	
		9	pm. Our artillery active on enemy front line.	
		11.45	pm. Situation wire - 9.35 - 9.50 p.m. 80 4.2 H.E. on O 36. 9.55 - 10.12 p.m. 80 77 mm. on front line and supports. 10.5 to 10.30 p.m. 90 4.2 H.E. on O 36, 10.10 p.m. 8 4.2 H.E. on O 23. 10.30 - 11 p.m. 90 4.2 H.E. on O 23 from WARFUSEE. 11 to 11.15 p.m. 77 mm. on O 35 and O 36. 11.30 to 11.45 p.m. 25 77 mm. on O 35 and O 36.	
do	15th	1.30	am. Situation wire - Sector quiet. An occasional white flare	
		5	am. Situation wire - 1.30 to 2.50 a.m. Sector quiet. Lot of white flares. 2.50 a.m. Our artillery active. Enemy fired 3 Orange flares upon which he replied on front line with 77 mm. 3 to 5 a.m. Everything very quiet, a few 5.9's. fired into Wedge of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX.	
		6.30	am. Situation wire - 4.15 a.m. 1 enemy plane crossed our lines and recrossed over V 13. 4.50 a.m. 8 men moved along road W 2 c to WIENCOURT. 4.55 a.m. 1 G.S. wagon on road W 2 c and 6 wagons on road W 18 moving towards BAYONVILLERS. 5 a.m. 2 men moving from P 28 a to P 28 b. 5.10 a.m. Our artillery active. 5.15 a.m. 4 men harvesting in W 8 b, 5.35 a.m. 10 men on road in Q 31 d moving to Q 31 a. 5.45 a.m. 2 stretcher bearers patrolling P 28 d. 4.50 a.m. train moving in W 8 a to HARBONNIERES. 4.58 a.m. 12 men moving in W 1 d towards WIENCOURT. 6 a.m. Visibility bad and sun rising. 6.30 a.m. motor lorry on V 4 d going to BAYONVILLERS.	
		11	am. Memo 16/343 for working parties issued.	53
		12.12	pm. Situation quiet. 12.5 p.m. 4.2 battery firing from direction of WARFUSEE registering on DOLLS HOUSE O 30 c 95 35. 1 gun appears to have registered firing 4 shots and 2 guns now repeating.	

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O 25 c 6 4	1918. July 15th	2.15	pm. Bde. Major visited all battalions. Explained future policy and verbal instructions were given to 17th and 19th Battalion about advancing line until it ran P 32 central - P 27 c 5 4 - P 27 a 3 0 thence as before. Operation to start forthwith and to be carried out by peaceful penetration <sup>if possible</sup> <del>opposite</del> . A bold front was to be maintained and would probably frighten away opposition. If determined opposition was met battalions were to make a minor operation of it. Line when reached to be consolidated.	
		3.15	pm. Situation quiet. 11.30 a.m. our heavies shelled TAILLOUX Wood, P 23, P 24, P 29, P 30. Squadron of our planes fired on above locality with M.G.'s. flying low. 2.5 p.m. Our 60 pdrs. shelled BAYONVILLERS. 2.55 p.m. 50 4.2 H.E. fell on O 28 c & d, 2.30 p.m. 36 5.9 H.E. on O 27 b. One of our balloons near La NEUVILLE brought down in flames by Boche plane.	
		6.30	pm. Div. Order No 203 received giving instructions for advancing line and change in inter-brigade boundary to P 32 central - O 30 central thence as before.	
		7.30	pm. Night firing programme issued. (9/527)	
		12 Midnight	Situation wire - 20 77 mm. fired on O 28 a. <del>1</del> 30 4.2 H.E. on O 29 a.	54
do	16th	2.15	am. Situation - 10 77 mm. on O 29 a. 12.35 a.m. 8 77 mm. on P 31 a & b. 1.55 a.m. 7 77 H.E. fired on O 36 from 102° T.B. 2.15 a.m. 17th. Bn. reports shelling in P 31 and P 25. M.G. fire heavy on right.	
		4	am. Colonel SADLER reports considerable movement on right of Bde. sector. During the attack enemy fired S.O.S. bringing the barrage in rear of our line. M.G. fire heavy.	
		4.45	am. 17th. Battalion reports attack successful. Our line in Right Coy. Of Bde. sector runs approx. P 32 cent. to P 26 a 6 0. 1 O.R. captured. Prisoner belonged to 18th. I.R. 5th. Coy. Normal.	
		5.10	am. Bde. on right report strong opposition during their attack with the result they had to withdraw. 1 Off. 8 O.R. being killed and 9 O.R. wounded. Situation enemy artillery very active on right coy. front. M.G. bursts of fire during the whole night.	
		6.30	am. 50 of the enemy marching in single file were seen at Q 20 coming towards our line.	
		6	am. Situation wire - Right Coy. 17th. Battalion operation was successful. Enemy offered severe resistance. Line now runs P 32 central - to P 26 d 6 0 approx. 1 O.R. prisoner belonging to 5th Coy. 18th I.R. 41st Div. (Normal) captured. M.G. fire heavy. Enemy put down artillery barrage in rear of our line.	
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O 25 c 6 4.	1018. July. 16th	10.30	a.m. Situation. 10.15 to 10.50 a.m. 50 men in extended order came from Valley in P 35 and took up position in trenches P 34 b. 10.20 a.m. About 100 men seen in vicinity of P 33 central going in twos and threes towards P 27 d. Lost to view about P 27 d 5 4. Artillery active. <i>advised</i>	
		11	am. Memo 16/345 issued re working parties. Later 20th. Battalion not required for cable burying but to supply 50 men for wiring left front of 19th. Battalion.	
		1	pm. Copy Memo from Left Group M.G. to 5th. A.M.G. Coy. instructing them to move guns at O 29 b 4 3 and O 29 b 40 35 forward to P 32 a 9 8 approx. on night 16/17th. Places to be taken by 2 guns 6th. A.M.G. Coy.	
		2.55	pm. Situation wire, Enemy plane over our lines 10.55 a.m. At 11.45 a.m. 2 enemy planes over our lines. Engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire. 9.20 a.m. Movement observed in P 28 c 6 8 - P 27 b 7 9. Stretcher bearers busy in P 27 d. 10 a.m. Movement P 27 b 0 0, P 29 a 5 5, P 36 c 8 5 in ones and twos. 10 a.m. Stretcher bearers busy after our artillery shoot on movement in P 33. 1 p.m. movement of single men trench in P 28 d, P 33 b, V 5 a 25 55 P 33 d 6 0. Latter point man carrying M.G.	
		3	pm. Brigade Order No 196 for inter battalion relief issued. Bde. Order No 197 giving new inter-brigade boundary and projected move in P 32 issued.	57. - 58
		4.25	pm. Situation quiet. 50 5.9 and 4.2- on P 25 d and P 26 c. Few 77 mm. on O 24 d. apparently registering. Enemy planes active at intervals. Appear to be observing for artillery.	
		6.10	pm. 2nd. A.M.G. Bn. Order No 37 received for relief of 5th Coy. in line left sector by 7th Coy. on night 18/19th. July.	
		7	pm. Situation - 2 p.m. our planes destroyed enemy balloon on which all the other balloons were pulled down.	
		7.30	pm. Memo No 9/528 issued to Battalions informing them that 7th. A.I.Bde. would not junction tonight but move forward on night 17th/18th with artillery preparation. Reference Bde. Order 197. Night firing programme 9/529 issued.	59
		7.45	pm. O.C. Detachment No 1 Coy. Special R.E. called and reported that 49 men were returning to cutting O 26 d where they would be living for next few days while they were removing ammunition from Forward Brigade Sector.	
		8	pm. 7th. A.I.Bde. Order No 201 received for advance of 25th and 26th Battalions to line U 6 c 55 80 through U 6 central to railway bridge V 1 b 5 6 to flank of this Brigade at Road exclusive near P 32 central.	
		9.10	pm. Approval for construction of dugouts Coy. H.Q's. at P 26 a 2 7 and double Bn. H.Q's. at /	
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		11.40	pm.	Situation - 10.45 - 11.5 p.m. Our artillery very active N. of WARFUSEE. Enemy M.G.'s. very active. 11 - 11.15 p.m. Enemy shelling with 4.2 gas shells in direction of O 22 from T.B. 98° 11.15 p.m. 15 77 mm. shells fell on O 36 c. 11.25 p.m. 12 77 mm. on O 36 c. 11.40 p.m. 2 orange cluster flares about P 32 a. Enemy put 5 4.2's. directly afterwards on our front line at about P 31 a central. Enemy opened fairly heavy shelling with shrap. and H.E. on front line N. of P 15 d. 11.45	
		11.55	pm.	11.45 p.m. 15 77 mm. shells on O 36 c & d. 11.50 20 77 mm. on O 36 c & d. 77 mm. Gun firing from direction of P 35 b. 11.55 p.m. Enemy showing double searchlight from T.B. of 90°. M.G. fire has been fairly heavy from 10.30 p.m. to 12 Midnight on both sides N. of WARFUSEE.	
do	17th	1.10	am.	20th. Bn. report considerable gas shelling around their H.Q. with light shells probably 77's	
		1.15	am.	Five enemy searchlights at 67, 87, 89, 92 and 93°, 12.10 a.m. Flashes of 4 gun battery observed 53° T.B. 12.25 a.m. enemy battery flashes 72° T.B. 12.45 a.m. 32 77 H.E. on O 30 and O 36 direction of gun WARFUSEE. 12.50 a.m. Seven 5.9 H.E. on P 21 direction MARCHELCAVE. 1.10 a.m. and onwards - Enemy opened up continuous gun fire with 2 batteries, one firing from WARFUSEE, and one from MARCHELCAVE. firing gas shells on our back areas. M.G. fire heavy on both sides on left of our sector between 12 and 12.15 a.m. Flares ordinary white. Shrapnel H.E. and Gas shells falling fairly thick about O 25 d and O 26. Lasted until about 3.30 a.m. Gas on Right Bde. front and support lines also.	
		2.45	a.m.	Spoke to 19th Bn. They say "No gas and everything quite satisfactory" Later G.O. put direct on to G.O.C. - 12 prisoners, 2 M.G.s captured. Our casualties light. No difficulties in getting post at P 27 c 4 4. Situation - 1.30 am. Shelling on rear areas with gas continues. 1.35 a.m. 12 4.2 H.E. on O 36, 1.45 a.m. Searchlight at 65° T.B. 2.15 a.m. Searchlight at 58° T.B. 2.20 a.m. 40 77 mm. H.E. on P 25 2.25 am. 3 double red flares at about 80° followed by heavy and continuous shelling in vicinity of P 25. This lasted for 5 mins. 2.35 am. 4 red flares 86° T.B. followed by heavy shelling also on P 25, Both occasions brought heavy M.G. outbursts. 2.45 am. Intermittent shelling on O 36, direction of guns MARCHELCAVE.	

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O 25 c 6 4.	July, 17th	3.10	am. Colonel MURPHY rang up about heavy strafe on Battalion on left. Got in touch with Bde. on left and they report heavy shelling on front line and little gas back area. Strafe eased off and all quiet again. Colonel MURPHY advised.	
		4.45	am. Situation - Fairly heavy barrage on front line, heavier near road. No M.G. fire. 4.30 a.m. easing off. 4.15 a.m. - 4.45 a.m. enemy shelled P 26 c to O 29 d with 5.9 H.E. about 20 shells close to O.P.. No casualties. At 4.10 a.m. a white parachute flare was fired from enemy aeroplane and eventually fell in P 29 a.. No apparent additional activity eventuated.	
			Major MIDDLETON says they have taken and hold positions required and are in touch with 17th. Bn. who were also successful in their stunt. Another prisoner wounded rather badly coming down by ambulance.	
		4.30	am. Situation Normal. Enemy shelled O 25 and O 26 from 1.10 a.m. to 3.30 a.m. with gas Yellow Cross and Blue also barraged front and support lines. In minor operation 10 Prisoners, 2 M.G.'s. captured belonging to 152nd I.R., 41st. Div.	
		4	am. G.S.O. I and Bde. Major went round Brigade front line calling at 17th, 18th and 19th. Bns. Headquarters.	
		11.38	am. Situation - 9 a.m. One of our planes patrolling enemy lines fired on by M.G. sound bearing 78° T.B. from O 29 d 95 55. 9.6 a.m. and 9.37 a.m. Our planes over enemy lines Slight A.A. and heavy M.G. fire directed against them. 9.45 and 9.57 a.m. a balloon up on a T.B. 71 and 113° from O 29 d 95 55. 8.45 am. 4 stretcher bearers parties each carrying Red Cross Flag searching ground in front of our Right Bde. wandered about for half an hour and picked up two cases. 9.3, 9.20 and 10.25 a.m. Single movement on road P 29 c, trench P 28 b 2 2, and trench P 28 b 6 5.	
		12 Midday.	Brigade major and Sig. Officer visited Brigade N.C.O.'s and Signal School. examined new range. Found everything running smoothly.	
		1	pm. Situation - O 24 c shelled at intervals during the morning with 18 pdr. H.E. 9 a.m. train unloading white cases at W 13 b 5 5. Two limbers stopped and camouflaged at W 8 b 8 1. Smoke seen near this spot. Considerable movement including cyclist near P 29 central. Indicates H.Q. 11 a.m. 2 men walking along road P 24 c.	
		3	pm. Bde. Operation Memo No 17 re 7th. A.I. Bde. stunt issued.	
		3.46	p.m. Wire from D.H.Q. in continuation of previous wire instructing us to send T.M. Officer to witness demonstration at Corps School CHAMP NEUF FARM, REU, by Major DODGSON from Ministry of Munitions. New propellants, blue rings and cartridges to be used. Lieut. WALSH, M.C., 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty to go. Meet car at Cross Roads N 7 d 4 7 at 11. 30 a.m.	61

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O 25 c 6 4	1918. July 17th	3.20 pm.	Situation - At intervals during the day our planes active bombing enemy back areas 11.30 a.m. - 12 Noon Considerable individual movement in P 25 a, b and d. 11. 20 a.m. 9 men seen on road V 16 a 8 8 to V 92 2 carrying 2 bags.	
		4.13 pm.	Situation quiet - 3.10 p.m. - 4 p.m. 70 77 mm's. 4.2's and 5.9's H.E. on P 19 and P 25 b.	
		5.20 pm.	7th. A.I.Bde. Order No 202 received.	
		5.45 pm.	Correction to Zero hour given to 5th. A.I.Bde. Operation Memo sent out in Code. Should read 9.45 p.m.	
		7 pm.	Enemy shelling 1.30 p.m. 20 5.9's. on P 26 a and P 25. 2.45 p.m. 20 77 on P 21 b, and P 21 a. 4.30 to 5 p.m. 30 5.9's on P 26 c appeared to be registration. 3.45 p.m. 150 77's. on P 19 d and P 26 a. 6.30 p.m. 0 30, 0 29, 0 35 and 0 36 heavily shelled with 4.2's and 5.9's. from direction of MARCELCAVE and BAYONVILLERS.	
		7.30 pm.	Bde. Memo 8/122 issued to Battalions giving reliefs on left flank. 9/535 Night firing programme issued to units. Memo B.M. 871 sent to 20th. Battalion with reference to Bde. Operation Memo No 16 instructing them to be prepared to move at short notice under orders of G.O.C., 7th. A.I. Bde. should necessity arise. This is a precautionary measure only as 7th. A.I.Bde. has 22nd. Battalion, 6th. A.I.Bde. placed at its disposal and it is considered improbable that 20th. Battalion will be used unless in extreme emergency.	62 63
		9.45 pm.	Barrage placed on enemy lines by our artillery.	
		10m pm.	Situation - 9.47 pm. Double red flares and numerous whites on whole front, 9.50 pm. Enemy Barrage opened on our front line and back as far as VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Barrage appeared to be very light and scattered. M.G. fire was also very light. 9.50 pm. Numerous double reds and single whites on whole front. 9.50 pm. Enemy double reds and whites appear to be coming from further back than usual. 10 pm. Green flare bursting into 4 fired from P 29.	
		11.15 pm.	Situation - 10.1 pm. Enemy fired incendiary shells into our lines P 31 c and 0 36 d. 10.2 pm. Single green flare from P 33 central. 10.9. Single green flare from P 33 central. 10.25 Barrage eased down by both sides and enemy fire lifted to 0 36. 10.45 pm. Enemy commenced to shell 0 30 heavily. 11.15 Situation again normal.	
do	18th.	12 Midnight	Wire to O.P. cut.	
		2.30 am.	Called 17th. Bn. who reported all quiet.	
		3.5 am.	Relief complete of 17th. Bn. in line right sector by 18th. Bn.	

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	1918.			
	July.			
0 25 c 6 4.	18th.	4	am. Situation 3 to 4 a.m. 150 rounds 77, 4.2 and 5.9's. on 0 29 d.	
		4.35	am. S.O.S. Signal from V 1. Called 18th. Bn. who reported no enemy movement and very little Artillery and M.G. fire. <del>XXXXXXXXXXXX</del> O.P. report no enemy action on our front.	
		5	am. B.M. spoke to 18th. Bn. and O.P. - everything O.K. on our front. Artillery instructed to cease fire.	
		9	am. 7th. A.I.Bde. report general line of objectives gained. Line runs U 5 a 8 6 - U 6 d 0 9 - V 1 b 0 2 - V 1 b 5 6 - P 32 c 0 0 - P 32 a 0 0 - thence to our right post. Prisoners captured about 60, 2 77 mm. guns, 9 L.M.G's, 4 H.M.G's.	
		11	am. Report received from C.O. 19th. Battalion re minor operation.	
		11.7	am. Change in locations of 20th and 19th Bns as at 8 a.m. 19th instant sent to Div. 19th. Bn. - 0 28 b 8 8. 20th Bn. P 19 c 1 2.	
		11.	am. Memo 11/851 referring to next course to be held at Brigade School issued to units. Memo 18/34 patrol pass words issued.	64
		1	pm. 6th. A.I.Bde. Order No 164 for the 7th. A.I.Bde. relief received.	65
		1.50	pm. Situation normal - 11.40 am. LAMOTTE heavily shelled by our heavies. 11.20 am. 6 men on track W 7 going towards V 12 central, 12 - 1 pm. individual movement and slight transport traffic on roads P 35 c - X 21 c - BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT, MARBONNIERES - BAYONVILLERS - Roads.	
		4.	pm. Evening situation - Quiet. 1.30 - 2.30 p.m. 60 4.2's. on 0 35 and 0 36. 10.30 am. 3 enemy planes over our lines. Normal movement of transport and men on roads in rear areas.	
		5.15	pm. 7th. A.I.Bde. Order No 203 for relief received.	
		7.30	pm. Gas shoot 6/120 issued to units. Night firing programme 9/536 issued to units. Notification of reliefs 8/123 issued.	66 67
		9.15	pm. Between 6.30 pm, and 9 pm. movement as follows - Large numbers of men estimated at 1,500 all told first seen on and about tracks at W 1 c and d, W 7 a and b moving in single file towards LA BASTILLE MILL about above locations. They deployed and moved in extended order to V 4 a and b. Engaged by our own artillery at W 7 a and b and V 4 a and b with apparently good results.	68
		9	pm. Memo to Div. 16/337 suggesting P 25 b 7 8 and P 25 b 70 85 as location for Bn. H.Q's. and asking for permission to construct same.	
		9.5	pm. S.O.S. reported by 19th. Battalion.	
		9.7	pm. S.O.S. reported on right of 18th. Bn. by 18th. Bn.	
		9.8	pm. C.O. right Group ordered batteries to cease fire.	
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O 25 c 6 4	1918. July 18th.	9.8 pm.	O.P. report barrage of 4.2 and 5.9 from road South to railway on front line. Smoke shell.	
		9.13 pm.	Message to Div. and flank Bdes. re above.	
		9.15 pm.	Spoke to 20th. Bn. advising them of S.O.S. C.O. postponing his move forward temporarily. Will let Brigade know when he moves forward.	
		9.23 pm.	Artillery asked to put slow rate of fire across 18th. Bn. front South of road.	
		9.25 pm.	G.O.C. spoke to G.O.C. Div. re situation. O.P. report enemy barrage lasted about 5 minutes, lifted and slackened when our barrage opened. Our barrage very good. Our front quiet.	
		9.30 pm.	G.O.C. spoke to M.G. Group and L.T.M.Bty.	
		9.35 pm.	G.O.C., 7th. A.I.Bde. asked had we any more news. Suggest 18th. Bn. might make thrust if Boche seen coming in on 7th A.I.Bde. left. G.O.C. spoke to 18th. Bn. C.O. reports everything O.K. From left Coy. Cannot hear rifle or M.G. fire. Asked to get message to Right Coy. and to keep watch and if he sees movement up on right flank to make demonstration with brisk fire and threaten enemy flank. KAEPPLE's Coy. to form defensive flank along road P 32 a. GRAHAM to be sent through should need arise.	
		9.45 pm.	O.P. report everything quiet.	
		9.47 pm.	Message to Div. re situation.	
		9.50 pm.	Artillery informed that their batteries might cease firing.	
		9.50 pm.	C.O., 20th. Bn. reports things quietened down round about his people and proposes to move forward now.	
		9.55 pm.	Wire received from 18th. Bn. No infantry action on Bde. front. No rifle fire.	
	12 Midnight		Situation - 10.30 p.m. Intermittent shelling. Over VILLERS BRETONNEUX. 10.40 p.m. cessation of hostile shelling. Our artillery active. 10.45 p.m. Searchlight 85° 11.5 p.m. 5 5.9's H.E. on O 23 direction 75° 11.5 Gun flash 85° 11.25 pm. 6 5.9's. on O 29 b direction 8° 11.40 p.m. One enemy plane over VILLERS BRETONNEUX. 4 bombs dropped in rear of village. 11.42 p.m. 12 5.9's. on O 29 b direction WARFUSEE	
DO	19th	1.5 am.	Relief of 19th. Bn. by 20th. Bn. in left sector reported complete.	
		1 12 am.	O.P. report sector quiet. 4.2 and 77's. round VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	
		2.30 am.	O.P. report 4.2 H.E. on O 30 central and 10 77 shrap. otherwise Sector O.K. at 1.30 am.	
		4 am.	O.P. report Situation quiet. Light shelling of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	

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O 25 6 4	July. 19th.	4.15	am. Situation - 2.50 am. enemy fired 30 77 on front and supports P 32 a and b and 15 4.2 on O 29. 2.55 am. 15 5.9 on O 36, 3.20 am. Salvos of 4.2's. on O 36, 30 4.2 and 5.9 on O 30. 3.45 enemy firing fairly heavy barrage 4.2 and 5.9 on O 30 and O 36. Enemy M.G's. fairly active.	
		4.45	am. 20th. Bn. reported one of our front line Coys. had to wear S.B.R's about 4.15 am for some minutes owing to gas. Things are O.K. now and situation is quiet.	
		9	am. Memo received re attachment of Americans. Bde. to detail certain officers and N.C.O's for preliminary instructional duties to be attached to 129th Inf. Regt.	
		11	am. Memo 16/349 re working parties issued.	
		1	pm. Provisional defence instructions received from 10th. A.I.Bde. Situation quiet - 12.30 p.m. 2 enemy balloons seen to come down in flames in vicinity of RAT WOOD. 10.30 - 11.15 am. slight foot traffic in road P 36.	72
		4.32	pm. Situation quiet. Enemy artillery normal.	
		5.30	pm. Memo received from Artillery giving new S.O.S. Line P 32 d 1 8 - P 32 a 0 2 - P 27 d 0 0 - P 27 d 0 4 - P 21 d 0 0 - P 21 d 35 65 - P 22 a 2 0.	
		7.30	pm. Night firing programme 9/537 issued.	74
		9.25	pm. Situation - 9 p.m. Approx. 200 men in small parties came from Direction of BAYONVILLERS visible in P 36 c and d then lost to view. Artillery advised.	
		10	pm. Work proposals received from 20th. Bn. Left Coy. Sector. (1) Extension of wiring further South (2) Cleaning and deepening C.T. (3) Deepening trench linking up posts. Right Coy. Sector (1) Establishing new post between existing posts Nos. 4 and 5 as at present there is a gap of 150 yards (2) Deepening trench connecting up posts (3) Digging C.T. from post P 27 c 3 7 to 18th. Bn. post. No 1 post at present established 80 yds. from Road is now supported by 18th. Bn. post established last night. It is not proposed to wire this Company sector tonight but to wait until such time as sufficient concertina wire be got fixed forward thus enabling the whole front to be wired in one operation. These proposals were approved.	
		10	pm. 6th. A.I.Bde. Instructions for the Defensive VI No 1 received.	
		10.15	pm. Situation - 9.15 pm. Intermittent shelling on O 36 d (4.2 H.E. 5 seconds interval) 9.35 pm. 4.2 H.E. on O 36 from MARCELCAVE. 9.50 pm. Enemy shelled front and support lines for 10 minutes. 10 p.m. Enemy shelling O 29 d with 4.2, 77 and gas 10 mins. 10.5 pm. Shelling O 29 and O 23. 10.15 pm. 14 4.2 H.E. on O 24 direction LAMOTTE.	
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do	20th.	2 4	am. 18th. Battalion report all quiet. am. Situation - 2.30 a.m. Slight shelling of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. 2.50 a.m. Little shelling on whole front line and a little gas on O 26. 4 a.m. All quiet.	
		4.10	am. Situation quiet - Bursts of artillery fire scattered over the whole front during the night Occasional bursts of M.G. fire.	
		10.35	am. Situation quiet. 9.15 am. Enemy balloon destroyed by our aircraft in rear of WARFUSEE.	
		11	am. Memo 16/350 re works for night 20/21st issued.	
		12.43	pm. Situation - Quiet. 10.45 am. P 19 c and O 24 d shelled with 5.9 direction DOG Wood. Single movement on road V 5 a towards BAYONVILLERS, road V 6 b towards WIENCOURT, road P 35 c towards MARCELCAVE. 10.35 a.m. Ambulance wagon V 5 b BAYONVILLERS to MARCELCAVE. 9.55 am. One engine moved from HARBONNIERES to WIENCOURT.	
		4.2	pm. Situation - Quiet. 1.40 p.m. Battery observed firing 100° T.B. from O 29 d 95 55, 3.10 pm. Battery active 940 T.B. from O 29 d 95 55. Engaged by our artillery. Enemy planes nil.	
		6.3	pm. Situation - 4.15 pm. - 4.30 pm. 80 4.2 Blue and Yellow Cross gas shell from direction of WARFUSEE, on O 24 d. 4.40 p.m. 16 men in twos seen at Q 31 c going towards P 36 d disappearing and appearing again getting into trench P 34 d. 5.10 p.m. Similar movement seen.	
		7.30	pm. Memo 15/531 issued regarding the necessity for platoon Commanders to formulate plans for minor stunts and not to go at them baldheaded. Memo 9/539 night firing programme issued.	
		8.17	pm. Situation - 8.5 p.m. about 50 men in parties of about 8 came along GUILLAUCOURT - BAYONVILLERS Road as far as W 2 d and then crossed over to BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT rd, thence along by tracks in W 7 a to V 12 central where they disappeared. Artillery informed. Consolidated list of Salvage returned by units for week ending 18th July, received. Total value for Brigade £6,080. 16. 8.	
do	21st	4.30	am. Bde. Major and Capt. STEELE, 5th. Field Coy went round line. Posts in "A" Bn. sector were definitely located by compass bearing and found not to be so far out as required. Trench newly dug by 20th. Bn. in P 27 c was visited. Men seemed all in good spirits and lacked nothing in the way of food, water and material. On the way back the matter of pushing forward the 18th. Bn. "A" Bn. posts to the line laid down was discussed. Suggested that Engineer Officer make reconnaissance and lay tapes on which line infantry were to dig.	
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	July. 21st			
O 25 c 6 4	21st.	4.30	am. Weather for the last few days has been clear and fine but with showery intervals and occasional thunderstorms. Ground sticky.	
		12.53	pm. Situation - Quiet. <del>30 rounds</del> P 126 shelled at intervals with 30 rounds 4.2 H.E. 9.50 am. Direction approx. W 8 b 15 90. 9 a.m. several enemy seen carrying wire from P 29 central. 9 a.m. 5 wagons seen on LAMOTTE - TAILLOUX Wood Road. 10.20 am. Train seen on line W 2 d moving South. 10.30 am. Stretcher bearers seen carrying wounded towards WIENCOURT. 10.45 am. Movement seen at P 23 c 5 4 and P 23 c 4 6.	
		2.15	pm. Situation - 10.21 am - 11.5 am. 4.2 battery from P 35 a fired on our support lines was engaged by our artillery. 12.25 pm. Same battery again active on Right Bde. support lines. Considerable movement in vicinity of Q 31 central where there appears to be dugouts. Individual movement at P 23 b 9 2 and P 22 d.	
		2.30	pm. Conference of G.O.C., C.O. 5th. Field Coy. and B.M. It was decided to get Engineer Officer to reconnoitre country in P 32 b with a view to pushing forward front line. Approx. line to be taped out and dug on night 22/23rd. Remainder of work to be continued.	80
		3	pm. Works for night 21/22 sent out. (16/351)	
		3.30	pm. B.M. spoke to C.O., 18th. Battalion. G.O.C. wishes post evacuated last night at P 32 b 8 8 approx. to be reoccupied. Post at P 32 a 82 to investigate enemy post P 32 central. Remainder of front to be well patrolled.	
		4.16	pm. Situation - Quiet. 12 Noon. Our 4.5 Hows. and 3" Stokes engaged enemy trenches P 27 c 75 85 - P 27 c 82 45 and trench P 27 c 55 25 exploding small dump and obtaining several direct hits on trenches. Enemy artillery normal. Trench Mortar located firing from P 33 c 10 78	
		7.30	pm. Night Firing Programme 9/541 issued. Disposition Map issued.	
		11.45	pm. Situation - 10.30 pm. Enemy put up 1 Orange and 6 green flares from North of WARFUSEE. No enemy action resulted. 10.45 p.m. 20 4.2's. on O 23. 10 - 11 pm. 23 5.9's. on O 36 and O 35. 11 pm. 10 77's on P 25 a. Searchlight appeared at 90° T.B. until midnight. 11.10 p.m. Light shelling on O 35 from MARCELCAVE. 11.45 pm. Light shelling on O 29.	
		11.55	pm. Situation - Enemy aircraft over VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Dropped bombs in rear of the village. M.G. fire normal. Flares white ordinary, except one which went up on 100 yards left of Main road bursting into 5 whites which floated in line parallel to the ground and remained stationary for 2 minutes showing very brilliant light. Light shelling on O 36 b & d, O 30 b & d, O 23, P 31 a & c. Our planes over BAYONVILLERS dropped 4 white parachute flares.	

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	July.			
	22nd.	12.5	am. Continuous 5.9 shelling of O 35 from MARCELCAVE direction. 1	
		2.15	am. Shelling with 4.2 H.E. and 5.9 H.E. on O 36 O 29 and O 30 from direction of MARCELCAVE and BAYONVILLERS. One red flare from 75°T.B.	
		4	am. Situation - 2.30 - 3 am. 100 4.2 on O 29, 35 and 36. 2.35 - 3.10 am. 77's at rate of 5 per minute fell on O 35 and O 36. 3.15 - 3.25 am. 100 4.2 H.E. on O 29 d and O 35 b. 3.30 to 4 am. 80 4.2 H.E. on O 29 c and d. Weather fine and sunny.	
		9	am. Letter No G 166 received from 2nd. Aust. Div. repeating instructions from Corps for Captain MacCallum, Bde. Major, 5th. A.I.Bde. to report to 65th. American Bde. H.Q., ALLONVILLE on 23rd. instant in relief of Major, SWANSON, 41st. Bn. to be responsible for <del>liaison</del> liaison duty and render assistance in all branches of staff work. Instructions for Defensive No 44 received from D.H.Q. giving new lines of defence and works policy to be followed.	
		9.40	am. Wire received from D.H.Q. instructing Captain BAZELEY attached for instruction in Staff Captain's work to report to D.H.Q. this morning.	
		11.31	am. Situation quiet - 8 - 10am. 50 5.9 H.E. on O 25 c from BAYONVILLERS 9 am. to 11.30 am. Transport and foot traffic W 7 a. 9 - 11 am. Movement vicinity of Q 31 a and Q 31 central. 10.40 am and 11.35 am trains going N. and S. on line W 17 d.	
		2	pm. Situation quiet. Enemy artillery quiet. Light scattered shelling of support lines. 11.30 am. enemy plane driven off by A.A. fire.	
		3	pm. Captain J.J.L.McCALL, G.S.O. 3, 2nd. Aust. Div. arrived to take over duties temporarily of Bde. Major.	
		4. 6	pm. Situation quiet - Our artillery active during the day shelling WARFUSEE and its approaches. Enemy artillery quiet. Light scattered shelling of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and Support lines.	
		7.30	pm. Night Firing Programme 9/542 issued. Amendments to Defence Scheme issued 4/293.	84 - 85
		10.5	pm. Heavy gas shelling of VILLERS BRETONNEUX reported - 77, 4.2, 15 a minute. direction WARFUSEE and MARCELCAVE. Artillery informed and counter-battery work put in hand.	
		10.20.	pm. Gas shelling eased.	
		10.20.	pm. C.O., 20th. Bn. reports their front very quiet. Artillery asked to strafe in C.P. lanes S.O.S plus 200 yards to S.O.S. plus 900 yards. Normal rates.	
		10.30	pm. Gas increased again.	
		10.45	pm. C.O., 19th. Battalion reports gas drifting towards rear. Coys. standing to with gas/	gas/ 42

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O 25 0 6 4.	1918. July 22nd.		gas helmets on. Will have to move 1 Coy. possibly two.	
		11.15 pm.	C.O., 18th. Bn. reports gas from Bombardment of VILLERS BRETONNEUX drifting across support coys. and will eventually reach 20th. Battalion whom he has warned. Enemy has switched guns off Villers Bretonneux to valley in O 23.	
		11.55 pm.	19th. Bn. reports gas cleared from 3 Coys. Wind increasing. Still standing to with respirators.	
			17th. Battalion report gas clear.	
		12 Midnight.	20th. Battalion report very little gas drifted over on to them.	
		12.5 am.		
		do	23rd.	
			O.P. report gas shelling on VILLERS BRETONNEUX recommenced. Area shelled O 24, 30- 35 and behind.	
		12.20 am.	Informed Div. of shelling and situation.	
		12.25 am.	O.P. reports shelling continues. Difficult to recognise locations being shelled owing to having to wear respirators.	
		12.42 am.	18th. Battalion report gas drifting over Battalion H.Q. Coys. O.K.	
		12.45 am.	19th. Bn. report no shells close. Mostly well over in village. Small quantities of gas drifting over. Coys. still standing to with respirators on.	
		1.5 am.	Report to Div. on situation.	
		1.7 am.	O.P. report gas shelling ceased and just an occasional H.E. following. Gas used Green Cross, Yellow Cross and a new gas was suspected. Smell like camphor. Artillery Gas Officer present at the time was unable to identify it.	
		1.15 am.	Adjutant 19th. Bn. reports gas very thick in their area. One Coy. moved from thickest concentration. Cannot get out of gas as whole area is affected. Coys. continue to "stand to" with respirators on. Yellow Cross Gas.	
		1.27 am.	Gas shelling ceased altogether. Gas gradually drifting away. Front and Support line shelled with 77 and 4.2 H.E. 1 shell every 5 seconds.	
		2.5 am.	18th. Bn. report gas drifting to Bn. H.Q. Light concentration. Coys. O.K.	
		2.20 am.	20th. Bn. ask for retaliation. Artillery replied. C.O. 19th. Bn. reports gas still very thick. Unable to move men as a whole. Area is still thick with gas. Men still wearing respirators. No wind.	
		2.28 am.	20th. Bn. report lachrymatory and mustard gas on supports in P 25. Artillery shoot on P 33 a 8 5 succeeded in silencing "Minnie".	
		2.40 am.	17th Bn. report gas shell near Bn. H.Q. Yellow Cross. Gas falling behind Coys.	

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O 25 c 6 4	1918. July. 23rd	3	am. Situation - 1.40 - 2.10 am. 500 mustard gas shells on O 23 and O 29 a. 1.50-2 am. 12 5.9 H.E. on O 30, 2.15 - 2.20 am. 30 5.9 H.E. on O 35, 2.15 -2.50 am. O 28, 29, 30 and 35 shelled with 4.2 H.E's. Few more gas shells on O 23. Wind springs up about 10 miles per hour from S.E.	
		3.15	am. Report on situation to Div.	
		3.20	am. Adjutant, 19th. Bn. reported whole Div. front quiet. Wind dispersing gas.	
		3.40	am. Intermittent shelling of O 35 and O 36.	
		5.5	am. 19th. Battalion report all O.K.	
		5.50	am. G.S. wagons carting in hay along track BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT in W 2 c.	
		9	am. Weather, heavy rain storm.	
		9.30	am. Capt. MacCALLUM left to report to 65th American Inf. Bde. H.Q. Visit from G.S.O. I.	
		12 Noon.	Intermittent showers during the morning.	
		1.40	pm. Situation wire to Div. Quiet on Bde. front.	
		2	pm. Programme for night firing night 23/24th July sent out to Bns. T.M.Bty. and Field Coy. Bde. Memo 6/172 sent to all Bns. T.M.Bty., and Field Coy. Gas projectors on to P 22 b 3 6 at 11.30 p.m. 23rd. inst. by 10th. A.I.Bde. Weather permitting.	89 88
		3.40	pm. Situation wire to Div. "Quiet., 12.50 p.m. 30 77 H.E. on O 36 a & c. 1.45 p.m. 50 77 H.E. on O 36 a & c, 1.35 p.m. 8 lorries went North on road in X 22 d. 1.45 pm. 2 men came to trench V 5 a carrying 1 box similar to our M.G. Boxes. 2.15 pm. 8 wagons going North on road R 19 d.	
		4.30	pm. Situation wire to Div. "Quiet. Light scattered shelling of our sector with 10.5 cm. H.E. Enemy aircraft nil. Weather intermittent showers with intervals of <del>rain</del> sun. Bde. Memo 12/190 sent to Div. <del>for</del> Message Carrying Rockets with suggestions for improvements in same. Bde. Memos 11/855 to Div. stating that there was no Captain in Bde. suitable to act as Instructor at 4th. Army Infantry School. Memo 16/352 to Div. asking for approval for the construction of an R.A.P. for Left Line Bn. at P 20 c 1 3.	
		6	pm. Memo 9/545 sent to Div. re gas bombardment during night and early morning. Approx. gas casualties in this Bde. up to 4 p.m. 3 Officers and 90 O.R's.	90
		8	pm. Bde. Memo 9/546 sent to 17th and 20th Bns. re destructive shoot by 4.5 Hows. tomorrow 24th instant on Y shaped enemy trench in P 27 c.	
		10	pm. Situation quiet on Bde. front.	

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O 25 c 6 4.	1918. July 23rd.	12 Midnight.	From Bde. O.P., Situation quiet on Bde. front. Hostile artillery and M.G's. inactive. Very few enemy flares.	
do	24th	12.10 am.	10th. A.I.Bde. rang up to say their projector bombardment had been cancelled for tonight. owing to weather conditions.	
		12.15 am.	C.O., 20th. Bn. rang up to say Engineers had dumped considerable amount of material in open at P 20 d 3 6 near Bn. Dump. Desired it camouflaged before morning.	
		12.18 am.	Rang 5th. Field Coy. re above.	
		12.45 am.	Message from 17th. Bn. and 18th. Bn. relief complete by 12.30 am.	
		1.30 am.	Bde. O.P. report - Quiet, on O 29 and O 35 at 1 a.m. a few shells. Very few flares going up.	
		3 am.	Bde. OP report all quiet. 1.30 to 2.30 am. 200 10.5 cm. on O 36 from direction of MARCELCAVE. All quiet forward.	
		4.45 am.	3.30 am. Numerous white flares from P 33 and numerous white flares for about 5 minutes. 3.50 am. 3 37 cm. on O 29 d.	
		4.50 am.	Morning situation wire to Div. and flank Bdes. "Quiet night on Bde. front. Hostile artillery and M.G's. inactive".	
		5 am.	Morning situation wires from flank Bdes.	
		11.45 am.	Situation wire to 2nd. Aust. Div. Situation quiet 9.3 am. 30 10.5 cm. H.E. on O 28 c on T.B. 112°, 10.40 am. 10 10.5 H.E. on O 24 a, 97°, 10.50 am. 10 15 cm. on O 23 107° above bearings from P 26 b 85 50.	
		2.5 pm.	Situation quiet - Enemy artillery quiet From 9 am. to 12 noon movement of individuals on roads in W 1 a, Q 31 c, W 7 a.	
		3 pm.	Weather fine during day. Overcast but with intervals of fair visibility.	
		4.15 pm.	Evening report - Following areas lightly shelled at intervals during day O 35, O 36, O 23, P 32 a, P 26 c, O 24 a, O 28 c. At 3.40 p.m. our heavies fired on W 8. set fire to dump causing large volumes of smoke. Visibility good.	
		6 pm.	Situation quiet on bde. front. At 2 pm. 4.5 Hows. carried out destructive shoot on enemy trenches in P 27 c. Infantry observers report shooting excellent.	
		7.45 pm.	Bde. O.P. reports fairly heavy barrage of 77, 4.2 and 5.9 H.E. on U 6 coming from N of MARCELCAVE.	
		8.30 pm.	Barrage on U 6 eased off.	
		8.35 pm.	6th. A.I.Bde. report post in U 5 d raided by Huns under cover of barrage. Post /	

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	24th	8.35 pm.	Post re-established later.	
		8.50 pm.	From Bde. O.P. reports heavy shelling of P 25 and 26 with 4.2 and 5.9 H.E. from between MARCELCAVE and LAMOTTE. 8 or 9 rounds per minute.	
		9.5 pm.	20 <sup>th</sup> Bn. reported Battery of 5.9 or 4.2 on 147° T.B. from P 26 b 85 60 shelling their forward area.	
		9.7 pm.	Informed Left Group Artillery who got C.B's. to work.	
		9.10 pm.	20 <sup>th</sup> . Bn. reported shelling on both 20 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> Bn. fronts. Anew Bty. in P 35 b (4.2 s.) also shelling their front.	
		9.11 pm.	Informed Left Group artillery.	
		9.45 pm.	20 <sup>th</sup> . Bn. reported shelling ceased.	
		9.46 pm.	Informed Left Group Artillery.	
		11 pm.	Situation quiet on Bde. front.	
		12 Midnt.	Situation quiet on Bde. front.	
			The following Memos. were sent out during the day - Bde. No I/41 Change in locations as at 8 a.m. 25th instant. - 19th. Bn.H.Q. - P 19 c 10 20, 20th. Bn. H.Q. O 28 b 8 8. Bde. Memo 15/534 to Div. re supply of No. 36 Rifle Grenades for training purposes. Bde. Memo - 9/547 to all Bns. forwarding notes on "Experiments carried out by 2nd. Army in order to test the penetration of the bullet when fired from a rifle through standing corn". Bde. Memo 11/827 forwarding reports by Commandant on N.C.O's.who attended 5th. Course at Bde. N.C.O's. school. Bde. Memo 9/548 to Bns. Artillery Night Firing for night 24/25th instant.	92
			The following Memos. were received during the day.:-- From 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery - "Warning Order for move of 86th Army Brigade R.F.A. from this Div. Sector (Left Group covering 5th. A.I.Bde.) to 5th. Aust. Div. Sector on night July 26/27th. O.C., 14th Army Bde. R.F.A. will assume command of Left Group Artillery, 2nd. Aust. Div. From 5th. A.I.Bde. School - Syllabus of Training for week ending 27th July for Signal N.C.O's attending the school.	93-94

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O 25 c 6 4.	1918.			
	July.			
	25th	1.15	am. Relief of 20th. Bn. by 19th. Bn. complete without incident.	
		2.30	am. 20th. Bn. reported arrival of all Coys. in reserve battalion area and settled down.	
		2.15	-	
		3	am. Light scattered shelling over forward areas.	
		4.5	am. Situation wire to 2nd. Aust. Div. "Situation quiet. Hostile artillery inactive."	
		5.30	- 6 am. Movement of individuals and transport on roads in W 18, P 28 a, P 28 c, and W 7.	
		7	am. B.M. visited front line 17th. Bn. and all Bns. H.Q's.	
		9	am. Fine warm sunny weather.	
		12 Noon.	Situation quiet on Bde. front.	
		12.45	pm. Intelligence wire for period 9 a.m. to 10.45 am., to 2nd. Aust. Div.	
		3.10	pm. Intelligence wire to 2nd. Aust. Div.	
		4.5	pm. <del>Enemy</del> Evening situation wire "Quiet. Enemy artillery normal. Transport movement on BAYONVILLERS - HARBONNIERES, and WIENCOURT - BAYONVILLERS roads. Harvesting parties seen in V 5 b 6 5 and W 9 b. 1.5 pm. train going North and 2.20 pm. engine going South on line in W 17 d. Visibility good"	
		6	pm. Situation quiet on Bde. front. Weather fine. Visibility good.	
		8 - 8.30	pm. Light shelling of forward areas.	
		10	pm. Situation quiet on Bde. front.	
		11	pm. " " " " "	
			The following Memos. were sent out during the day:- Bde. Daily Intelligence Summary, Bde. Memo 15/530 reference "visits of Officers, N.C.O's. and men of 2nd. Bn., 129th U.S. Inf. Regt. to front line Bns. of this Bde." to Bns. Bde. No 5/225 Locations of Units as at 6 a.m. <del>xxx</del> 28th instant, to Div. Bde No 6/173 to Bns. forwarding 2nd. Aust. Div. Memo G 13/367 re casualties during gas bombardment on night 22/23rd July. Bde. No 9/550 "Artillery Firing Programme night 25/26th July" to Bns. 2nd. Aust. Div. Memo G 37/1/42 received "Use of Wireless Messages invariably to be in code or cipher whenever circumstances permit".	97 98 99 100 95

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O 25 c 6 4.	1918. July, <del>25th</del> 26th	12.57	am. Front line in P 21 c shelled with 77 mm. for 3 mins.	
		1.35	am. 17th Bn. (Right Line Bn.) reported all quiet with the exception of a few minenwerfer bombs on their front line posts.	
		1.35 - 2.15	am. 50 rounds 10.5 cm. H.E. and shrap. on O 35 and 36.	
		3	am. Situation quiet on Brigade front.	
		3.30	am. Intermittent heavy shelling of O 36 with 10.5 cm.	
		4	am. Situation wire - "Quiet. Hostile artillery normally active during night on forward areas.	
		6	am. Situation quiet on Bde. front.	
		10	am. G.S.O. I brought O.C. 2nd. Bn., 129th Inf. Regt. (American) to see G.O.C. to arrange details of attachment of his Bn. to 5th. A.I.Bde.	
		12 Noon.	Weather overcast. Visibility good.	
		1	pm. Intelligence wire to 2nd. Aust. Div.	
		2.30	pm. " " " " " "	
		3	pm. Weather rainy.	
		4.10	pm. Situation quiet - Enemy artillery quiet. 4 p.m. P 32 a shelled with 15 cm. H.E. Enemy aircraft nil. Visibility good between showers of rain.	
		4.50	pm. 4 pm. P 32 a and c heavily shelled with 15 cm. H.E. from T.B. 1200 from O 29 d 95 55. ceasing 4.25 pm. 4.25 pm. Smoke seen coming from house in LAMOTTE P 36 a 1 8. 25 men with full packs up in V 12 central and movement in W 1 a engaged by our artillery.	
		6	pm. Still intermittent showers of rain.	
		8	pm. <del>Rainy</del> Rainy. Situation quiet on Brigade cfront.	
		8 - 9	pm. Heavy shelling of 8" battery at O 25 d 2 1.	
		10	pm. Everything quiet on Brigade front.	
		10.50	pm. 10th. Battalion reported capture of prisoner in P 27.a. Identification at present unknown.	
		11.40	pm. 10th. Battalion Prisoner of 152nd. I.R., 41st. Div. normal. Prisoner lost his way carrying a message from his Coy. Commander.	
		11.45	pm. Reported capture and identification to Div. Situation quiet on Brigade front. The following Memos. Orders, etc., were issued during the day:-	
			Bde. Order 199, Memos 15/539 and 538 relating to attachment to this Brigade of 2nd. Bn. 129th Inf. American Inf. Regt. from 26th instant onwards. Bde. Memo 16/355 Working parties for night 26/27th inst. Bde. Intelligence Summary No 24. Memo 9/552 Artillery Night Firing Programme 26/27th instant. X Memo 5/224 to 2nd. Aust. Div. Locations of A.A. Lewis	108. 103 103 104 105
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O 25 c 6 4.	1918. July. 26th		Guns in Brigade Secotr. Memos. received:- 2nd. A.M.G.Bn. Order No 40 (Attachment of 123 and 129 American M.G's Coys. to 2nd. Aust. Div.) x 2nd. Aust. Div. Order No 205 Attachment of 2nd. Bn., 129th American Inf. Regt. to 5th. A.I.Bde. From 2nd. Aust. Div. "Warning Order" for move of 86th Army Brigade R.F.A. from this Div. sector (Left Group covering 5th. A.I.Bde.) to 5th. Aust. Div. Sector on night July 26/27. O.C. 14th Army Brigade R.F.A. will assume command of Left Group Artillery, 2nd. Aust. Div. From 5th. A.I.Bde. School - Syllabus of Training for week ending 27th July for Signallers attending the School. x	
do	27th	12.15 12.40 4.30	am. 7 21cm. H.E. on battery in O 22. am. 10.5 cm. Bty. firing on O 29 c from Direction of LAMOTTE. am. Morning Situation - During night short bursts of artillery fire on forward area. M.G. fire nil. Flares sent up principally white. Prisoners 1 O.R. 152nd I.R. 41st Div.	
		6 8	am. Situation quiet on Bde. front. Raining heavily. am. Message G 205 from 2nd. Aust Div. Prisoner 1st Coy., 152nd. I.R. confirms order of battle of 41st Div. States that owing to heavy losses 1st and 3rd Bnys. in line and second in support. All four Coys. in line with one platoon each on outpost. No knowledge of offensive but enemy expect attack by us daily. Special vigilance order. every night. Coy. strength 2 Off. 8 O.R's. 5 L.M.G's. A new Div. stated to be coming up to relieve 41st Div. owing to casualties. Main losses through M.G. fire. Enemy troops now of opinion war will not be ended by German offensive. Prisoner 1897 class. Morale poor.	
		9 10 12	am. Still raining. Situation quiet. Div. Commander visited Bde. Commander. am. B.M. and S.C. visited H.Q. 2nd. Bn., 129th U.S.A. Regt. Noon. Rain all morning with short fine intervals. Visibility bad. Trenches becoming very muddy and men suffering owing to lack of shelter.	
		1.20	pm. Situation quiet. At 12 Noon 24 10.5 cm. H.E. on O 23, 20, 15 cm. H.E. on O 26. Visibility bad owing to rain.	
		3	pm. O.C. Stokes Mortar Platoon 129th U.S. Inf. Regt. reported to Brogade to arrange details for attachment of his platoon (6 Mortars, 2 officer and 40 O.R's.) to 5th.A.L.T.M.Bty.	
		4	pm, Enemy situation wire Quiet 10.5 am. to 12 Noon. 50 10.5 cm. on O 29, 1.5 p.m. 42 10.5 cm. on O 23, 2.45 - 3 p.m. P 26 shelled with 10.5 and 15 cm. Scattered and light shelling of/	

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O 25 c 6 4.	1918. July. 27th		of O 22 d O 24 a and P 31. At 2.50 p.m. 5 men appeared to be building dugout at P 34 d. At 3 p.m. 20 men moving on road W 2 d towards BAYONVILLERS. 3.25 p.m. Engine on line W 17 d moving North. Still raining. Visibility bad.	
		5 pm.	Steady rain all the afternoon with occasional fair intervals. B.M. spoke to C.O. 19 th. Bn. re shelter material for men in the line. O.C. 5th. Field Coy. A.E. is arranging to send a supply of corrugated iron forward to dumps tonight.	
		8 pm.	Situation quiet. Still raining.	
		9 pm.	Situation quiet. Still raining. American Bn. moving up into forward area.	
		10 pm.	Situation quiet on Brigade front. Still raining.	
		12 Midnight.	Situation quiet on Brigade front. Rain cleared off. Fine bright night. The following Memos. were sent out during the day.- Bde. Memo 9/555 "Scheme of counter-preparation, provision of and points to consider in drawing them up" to all Bns. Bde. No <del>554</del> 9/554 to all Bns. Forwarding letter from 4th Army re variation in a prismatic compass bearing by the wearing of an S.B.R. Bde. No 16/357 - Working parties, for night 27/28th July. Bde. Intelligence Summary No 25. Memos. received:- 2nd. Aust. Div. & 37/611 forwarding Aust. Corps Memo re "Relations with the enemy" Copies sent out to all Bns. for distribution down to Coys. 2nd. A.M.G. Bn. Order No 41. 6th. A.I.Bde. Defensive Instructions No 3. 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery Defence Scheme.	109 110 x 55
		12 Midnight.	Situation quiet on Brigade front.	
do	28th	12.35 am.	Enemy aircraft dropped two bombs on VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	
		1 am.	2nd. Bn., 129th U.S.A. Regt. settled down in Bde. Sector, 1 Coy. to each Australian Bn.	
		3 am.	Up to 3 am. Bde. front quiet. Occasional scattered shelling of forward area. Flares ordinary white. Raining and foggy.	
		4 am.	Situation quiet on Bde. front. Between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. 15 15 cm. on O 23.	
		6 am.	Quiet on Bde. front. G.O.C. visited front line Bns. and all Bn. H.Q's.	
		10 am.	Fine morning. Rain still threatening.	
		12.40 am.	Situation quiet. AT 10.25 am. 10.5 cm. Bty. at P 36 a 9 8 firing on P 21 a. At 10.40 a.m. P 26 d shelled with 10.5 cm. 11.40 am. Train stationary on line X 21 b.	
		3 pm.	At 1.50 and 1.40 p.m. stretcher bearers busy in V 5 a and V 4 b respectively.	
		4.5 pm.	Evening situation. Quiet on the Bde. front. Light scattered shelling of our forward and rear areas. 2 E.A. over our lines at 9.30 am. Normal movement in enemy forward area and	

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0 25 0 6 4.	1918. July. 28th		and rear areas. 2 enemy aircraft over our lines at 9.30 a.m. Normal movement in enemy forward and rear areas. Visibility good.	
		6 pm.	Situation quiet. Weather fine. Visibility good.	
		8 pm.	Situation quiet.	
		10 pm.	Situation quiet on Brigade front.	
		12 Midnight	Situation quiet on Brigade front.	
			The following Memos, etc., were sent out during the day.	
			Bde. No 16/358 Working parties for night 28/29th July. Total 530 men exclusive of Officers and N.C.O's. Bde. No 9/558 forwarding to Battalions Artillery Night Firing Programme night 28/29th July. Bde. Order No 200 Inter-Battalion Reliefs. X Bde 6/175 "Artillery gas Bombardment of Valley running N.E. & S.W. through WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT night 29/30th July. Memos. etc. received during the day. 6th A.I. Bde. Order No 165. 2nd. Aust. Div. 9/215 Detailing this Brigade to supply 400 diggers nightly for cable burying from 28/29th onwards until further notice. 2nd. Aust. Div. 91/939 Attack by 8th and 14th A.I. Bdes. North of the SOMME night 28/29th July. Zero hour 12.30 a.m. Repeated to Bde Units.	- 111 112 7 113 114
do	29th	12.25 am.	28 10.5 cm. on 0 30 and 0 36.	
		1 am.	Bde. O.P. reported all quiet on Bde. front.	
		2.10 - 2.45 am.	15 10.5 cm. on 0 27 from direction of WARFUSEE.	
		3.10 am.	30 10.5 cm. H.E. on 0 23.	
		4 am.	Morning report. Situation unchanged. Quiet night on Bde. front.	
		6 am.	Fine morning. Slight fog and haze. Visibility indifferent. B.M. visited front line Left Bn. (19th Bn) and H.Q's. 17th, 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns. and 2nd. Bn. 129th U.S.A. Inf Regt.	
		10 am.	Situation quiet on Brigade front.	
		12 Noon.	Fine warm sunny day. Situation very quiet. At 11.45 am. 15 cm. gun firing on T.B. 94° from 0 29 d 95 55 on to back areas. Visibility poor. Ground mist.	
		4 pm.	Evening situation <del>quiet</del> report - Very quiet day on Bde. front. Enemy artillery inactive. Enemy aircraft nil. Visibility bad.	
		6 pm.	Rain still holding off.	
		9 pm.	Heavy artillery opened fire with gas shell on the WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT Valley. Hostile artillery practically nil.	
		10 pm.	Situation quiet on Bde. front.	
		12 Noon.	From Bde. O.P. Everything quiet on front.	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
O 25 c 6 4	1918. July 29th		<p>The following Memos, etc., were sent out during the day.</p> <p>Bde. No 11/866 to 2nd. Aust. Div. nominating Major J.H. McDONALD, M.O. 20th Battalion to attend the next course at the Commanding Officers' School, MONTIERES CHATEAU.</p> <p>Bde No 9/559 Artillery Night Firing Programme 29/30th July.</p> <p>Bde. No 15/541 Relating to periods of attachment of American Troops to Australian Bns.</p> <p>Bde. No 16/360 Working parties Night 29/30th July.</p> <p>The following Memos. were received - during the day. 2nd. Aust. Div. No G 32/1/105 "</p> <p>Keeping troops clear of VILLERS BRETONNEUX" Copies sent to Bns. for information and action.</p>	116 117 118
do	12 Midnight.		Relief of 17th Bn. in Line Right sector by 18th reported complete.	
	1.30 am.		Bde. O.P. report 12 Midnight to 1.30 am. Light scattered shelling over O 35, O 28, P 31 b, O 25 d, P 31 c and O 23. Battery firing from direction of MARCELUAVE.	
	2.30 am.		Bde. O.P. report 2.15 am. to 2.35 am. 10.5 cm. Battery firing on O 36 b & d from V 4 d or V 11 c about 4 rounds per minute. At 2.30 am. Field Artillery opened gas bombardment of WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT valley.	
	3.10 am.		Bde. O.P. report - At 2.35 a.m. a light barrage was put down on O 31 a & c, O 36 c & d, Shells coming from a S.E. direction. Apparently in reply to our artillery bombardment. Enemy M.G's. active on Bde. front and a large number of white flares sent up by the enemy.	
	4 am.		Morning situation wire - "Quiet night on Bde. front."	
	5 am.		Situation quiet on Bde. front.	
	6 am.		Fine morning. Thick ground mist. Bde. I.O. visited front line.	
	8 am.		Situation quiet on Bde. front.	
	9 am.		G.O.C. accompanied by Div. Commander inspected 5th. A.I. Bde. School (N.C.O.'s.) RIVERY.	
	12 Noon.		Fine hot day. Visibility poor. All quiet on Bde. front.	
	1.20 pm.		Situation quiet. - From 8.40 a.m. to 10 a.m. 70 10.5 cm. H.E. on P 31 b, P 32 a from T.B. 142° from P 26 d 72 70. Our planes active over enemy lines. Individual movement observed near CARD COPSE and V 2 b.	
	4 pm.		Evening situation wire "Quiet. Enemy aircraft and artillery inactive". Visibility fair".	
	6 pm.		Quiet on Bde. front.	
	9 - 9.10 pm.		Enemy put down a barrage of 15 cm. on our front line from ACCROCHE Wood as far South as HANGARD.	
	9.20 pm.		Barrage lifted at 9.10 p.m. and was placed on support system for 10 mins. O. 28 and 29 being shelled by 15 cm. Spoke to Battalions. Shelling doing no damage.	
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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918. July.			
O 25 c 6 4.	30th	9.40	pm. Spoke to Battalions re possibility of enemy putting down a retaliatory gas bombardment on our sector tonight. Instructed them to see that a special alert was observed by all troops. Arranged for 19th Battalion to warn Cable burying party of 17th Battalion in P 19 d re possibility of an enemy gas bombardment.	
		10	pm. Situation quiet on Bde. front.	
		12	MidNgt. Situation quiet on Bde. front.	
			The following Memos. etc. were sent out during the day:- Bde. No 16/361 Working party fortnight 30/31st instant - 200 men from 17th Battalion for cable burying work in P 19 c & d.	-122
			Bde. No 9/561 Artillery Night Firing Programme for night 30/31st inst. Copies sent to all Bns.	123
			The following Memos. etc. were received during the day:- 2nd. Aust. Div. "A" Div. Defence Scheme. 129th U.S.A. Inf. Regt. Order No 100. 7th. A.I.Bde. Amrndment No 3 Defensive Instructions (Action of Reserve Brigade). 2nd. Aust. Div. G 5/158 forwarding Fourth Army letter re action to be taken by our artillery and planes in the event of a heavy hostile concentration of fire by night, especially gas shelling. Copies sent to Bde. units.	120
			5th. A.I.Bde. N.C.O's. School. Syllabus of Work for week ending 4th August.	
do	31st	12 Midnight	to 12.30 am. Our artillery very active on enemy forward area.	
			12.35 - 12.40 a.m. Enemy Battery in Q 27 shelled P 19 and P 25 c with 15 cm. at the rate of 5 per minute. for 5 minutes.	
		1	am. Relief of 19th Bn. by 20th Bn. reported complete. Between 12.45 and 3 a.m. the following areas were fairly heavily shelled at intervals VILLERS BRETONNEUX, O 29, O 27, O 35, and P 31.	
		4	am. Morning report. Situation quiet on Bde. front, Hostile artillery and M.G's. active during the night. Heavy fog.	
		6	am. Visibility poor owing to fog.	
		8	am. Weather, sunny and hot.	
		12 Noon.	Situation quiet on Bde. front. Very hot. Visibility poor.	
		1.10	pm. Situation quiet. Very light scattered shelling of our forward and rear areas.	
		4	pm. Evening situation quiet. Enemy artillery normal. At 1.45 p.m. O 22 and 23 shelled by 15 cm. Battery. Between 2 p.m. and 2.15 p.m. P 31 d shelled by 15 cm. Bty. at rate of 10 shells per minute. Enemy aircraft nil. Visibility poor.	

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INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

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## WAR DIARY

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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 93 Syllabus of Training Bde. N.C.Os. School  
 94 do do Signal Wing  
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 30/6/18 to 9 a.m. 1/7/18

#### OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY - Usual harassing fire throughout the night. Commencing at 3.40 a.m. Left group fired for 15 minutes along along 100 yards west of the present S.O.S. line.

TRENCH MORTARS - 35 rounds 3" Stokes were fired on enemy trench at P.28.a.15.60. and 25 rounds on suspected M.G. position at P.25.b.8.2. Result of shoot could not be observed.

Machine Guns - At irregular intervals throughout the night 4,000 rounds were expended as follows :-

1000 rounds on roads in P.14.d.

1000 rounds on roads and tracks in P.20.b.

1000 rounds do P.27.c.

1000 rounds do P.27.a.

PATROLS - 1 Off. and 10 o.r. went out from P.25.b.25.40. and moved E.S.E. for a distance of 100 yards, where the party remained for 15 minutes. Enemy working parties could be heard along his front line. On attempting to move forward enemy opened M.G. fire from P.25.b.80.25. while bombs and flares were fired from a point immediately to the north of patrol position. Judging by the number of bombs fired, the position appears to be strongly held. Patrol suffered 4 casualties.

1 Off. and 12 o.r. with L.G. went out from P.20.c.1.2. and moved 200 yards east thence 50 yards north. Talking could be distinctly heard to the east of patrol position. No sign of any wire was found.

#### ENEMY OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY - Below normal.

Time	Area shelled	Calibre	Direction	Rounds
9.10 pm	O.30.b.	4.2 HE	TB of 1038	
			from O.24.c.3.3.	15 rounds
9.12 pm	O.18.d.	5.9 HE	98° do	8
9.15 p.m.	P.19.c.	4.2 HE	98 do	22
9.30 pm	P.25.	77 mm	WARF USEE.	7
do	Road in O.29.b.			
	and O.23.c.	4.2 HE	BAYONVILLERS	40
9.55 pm	O.29.d.	4.2 HE	98° from O.24.c.3.3.	20
10.20 pm	W.30. & 36.	77 mm		
		& 4.2 HE	BAYONVILLERS	40
10.30 pm	O.29.c.	5.9 & 4.2	-	40
10.50 pm	VILLERS -			
	BRETTONUEUX	4.2. HE	DO	40
11 - 12 pm	do	do	do	20
11 p.m.	O.24.a.	do	WARF. USEE.	20
3.5 am	AUBIGNY	Gun	100° from	
			O.24.c.3.3.	-
3.45 am	O.35.	4.2 HE	126° do	40

TRENCH MORTARS - 2.45 a.m. a few rounds of L.T.M. fell in P.25.a. At 3.15 am 25 rounds of L.T.M. fell in P.20.c. from TB of 78° from P.29.d.95.40.

MACHINE GUNS - Less active than during previous period. Guns in P.31.b. fired into VILLERS BRETTONUEUX and across our Brigade front.

AIRCRAFT - At 8 p.m. a low flying plane crossed our lines but withdrew on the approach of our planes. At 5.40 a.m. 2 low flying planes were driven off by AA fire. During morning (1st inst) balloons were observed on TBs. of 116, 137, 63, 82, 89, 140, and 166 degrees from O.24.c.3.3.

#### MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION.-

At 7.45 p.m. 6 men met at cross roads in P.27.a. carrying telephone wire, and commenced laying lines.

At 4.40 p.m. 2 GS wagons on road in W.2.d. going towards GUILLAUCOURT. At 6.30 pm 4 men came from P.27.b. and entered trench at P.28.b.4.6. At 6.50 p.m. 22 men walked down track in P.22.d. disappearing at P.22.b. At 7.15 p.m. a party of 30 men on road in W.2.d. going towards GUILLAUCOURT. At 8.40 pm 2 limbers on road in W.2.d. going towards GUILLAUCOURT. At 8.45 p.m. 1 GS wagon went north along road in O.28.b. (Artillery notified).

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MISCELLANEOUS - WHITE flares below normal. Visibility good.

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O.24.d.0.3. - O.24.d.1.2. 50 yards trench excavated.  
 HUNTER STREET Widening and deepening  
 DIGGERS SUPPORT do  
 ALBURY C.T. do  
 O.24.c.1.3., O.28.b.5.2., O.21.c.3.3. - Constructing mined dugouts  
 O.29.b.7.6. Building splinter proof shelters  
 O.24.c.2.3. - O.24.d.5.3. Cable buried

Wiring  
 HUNTER STREET 250 yds double apron fence erected along north side  
 of C.T.

In addition new dumps were constructed, and parties  
 worked under engineer supervision building dugouts for P.R. & A.

*W. P. Wiser Callum Capt*  
*for* Colonel,  
 Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
1st. July, 1918.

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17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. A.L.T.H. Battery.  
5th. Field Coy. A.E. 5th. Aust. Field. Amb.

WARNING ORDER.

1. The 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. less 19th. Bn. will be relieved in the line on the night 2nd/3rd July, in accordance with attached table.

2. On relief 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over duties and dispositions of 6th. A.I.Bde.

3. The 6th. A.I.Bde. are taking over the sector as a two battalion front. Inter-battalion boundary, being grid line running East and West through P 19 d 0 0 - D 24 d 0 0.

4. Advance parties consisting of the following are proceeding direct to 17th. Battalion Headquarters this afternoon 1st. July :-

5 Officers and 65 O.R's.	-	23rd. Battalion.	Line
4 " " 69 "	-	21st.	Right. Line
			Left.

5. Transport and Q.M. Stores will remain as situated at present.

6. Dispositions aimed at by 6th. A.I.Bde. for the two Battalions in the line (21st and 23rd Bns.) are two Coys. in line (in depth), one Coy. Support, One Coy. Reserve.

7. Units of 5th. A.I.Bde. will arrange for necessary reconnaissances to be made and advance parties, including proportion of guides to be sent to units of 6th. A.I.Bde. they are relieving.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Collier Call*

Copies to -  
Rear Bde. H.Q.  
War Diary (3).

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

RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE WARNING ORDER  
DATED 1st. JULY, 1918.

Date.	Unit.	Relieved by.	Moves on relief to.	Previously occupied by.	H.Q. to be at.	Remarks.
2/3 July.	17th. Bn.	Part 21st and part 23rd Bns.	H 34 c & d H 35 c.	23rd. Bn.	H 23 d 8 6.	
do	18th. Bn.	Part 21st and part 23rd Bns.	H 26 b, H 29 a, H 27 a.	21st. Bn.	H 28 b 3 5.	
do	20th. Bn.	22nd. Bn.	GLISY - BLANGY Switch.	22nd. Bn.	H 20 d 1 4.	
do	19th. Bn.	-	-	-	-	Remains at present position, 24th Bn. also will not move.
do	5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.	6th. A.L.T.M. Bty.	BLANGY.	6th. A.L.T.M. Bty.	H 14 d 4 7.	

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Reference Map.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
1st. July, 1918.

1. (a) The 5th. A.I.Bde. less 19th. Battalion will be relieved by the 6th. A.I.Bde. in the left Bde. Sector of the Div. front on the night 2nd/3rd July in accordance with attached table.  
(b) On relief the 5th. A.I.Bde. will take over the duties of Reserve Brigade.
2. 19th and 24th Battalions are remaining in present positions.
3. 6th. A.I.Bde. are putting 2 Bns. in the line - 23rd Bn. line right. 21st Bn. line left.  
Inter-battalion boundary a line running E. and W. through P 19 d O C.
4. (a) Defence schemes, aeroplane photographs, marked maps, information and intelligence regarding the sector and trench stores will be handed over.  
(b) Defence schemes, all papers in connection with duties of Reserve Bde. and area stores will be taken over.  
(c) Copies of receipts given and obtained will be forwarded to Bde. H.Q. 24 hours after the relief.
5. (a) Advance parties from 6th. A.I.Bde. are proceeding direct to Battalions concerned on 1st/2nd July.  
(b) Necessary advance and reconnoitring parties will be detailed by units of this Bde. to proceed to corresponding units of 6th. A.I.Bde.
6. Relieving troops will not pass ridge running N. & S. through O.26.b. before 9.45 p.m.
7. All details of relief will be mutually arranged between C.O.'s. concerned, subject to the terms of this order.
8. Administrative arrangements are being issued separately.
9. (a) Completion of relief and move complete will be notified to Brigade H.Q. by priority code wire.  
(b) Command will pass to G.O.C. 6th A.I.Bde. on completion of relief.  
(c) Brigade H.Q. will close at O.25.c.3.4. on completion of relief and re-open at same hour at GLISY.
10. A C K N O W L E D G E.

W.P. Hancock

Issued at 6 p.m.  
thro' SignalsCaptain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.D i s t r i b u t i o n

Copy No. 1	G.O.C.	Copy No. 13	5th ALTM Bty
2	B.M.	14	5th Field Coy. A.E.
3	Staff Captain	15	5th Field Amb.
4	Rear Bde. H.Q.	16	15th A.A.S.C.
5	Int. Off.	17	6th A.I.Bde.
6	Sig. Off.	18	7th A.I.Bde.
7	Bde. T.-Q.	19	13th A.I.Bde.
8	Bde. Q.M.	20	2nd Aust. Div.
9	17th Bn	21	Area Comdt. GLISY
10	18th Bn	22	C.C. Nucleus Bn
11	19th Bn	23	C.C. Bde. School RIVERY
12	20th Bn	24	File
		25/27	War Diary

RELIEF TABLE - To accompany 5th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 189

Date	Unit	Relieved by	Moves on relief to	Previously occupied by	H.Q. to be at	Remarks
2/3rd July	17th Bn	Part 21st and part 23rd Bns.	N.34.c. and d. N.35.c.	23rd Bn	N.23.d.8.6.	Possible dispo- sitions - 2 Coys in Line 1 Coy in support 1 Coy. in reserve.
do	18th Bn	Part 21st and part 23rd Bns	N.26.b., N.29a., N.27.a.	21st Bn	N.28.b.3.5.	do
do	20th Bn	22nd Bn	GLISY - BLANGY Switch	23rd Bn	N.20.d.1.4.	
do	19th Bn	-	-	-	-	Remains at present position, 24th Bn also will not move.
do	5th ALTM Bty	6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	BLANGY	6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	N.14.d.4.7.	

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 4.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m., 1st. July, 1918 to 6 a.m.  
2nd July, 1918.

## OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Usual harassing fire during the night. At 3.40 a.m. Left Group carried out a shoot which lasted 15 minutes.

TRENCH MORTARS: Two mortars each fired 25 rounds on enemy positions at P 25 b 7 4 and P 25 b 30 25. In reply to this shoot enemy retaliated with light artillery fire on front line.

MACHINE GUNS: During the night -  
2,000 rounds were fired on roads and tracks in P 26 d.  
2,000 " " " " " " " " " " P 32 a.

PATROLS: 1 Off. and 10 O.R.'s. went out from P 20 c 30 95 and moved 150 yds. East. Flares were fired and a M.G. opened fire on patrol from approx. P 20 c 5 5. One of the enemy was observed moving about the line of shell holes in vicinity of P 20 c 5 4 firing flares. Patrol threw bombs into this position whereupon enemy replied with bombs and M.G. fire. Patrol returned through P 20 c 1 5. Patrol of 5 O.R.s. went out from P 25 b 5 5 and returned through P 25 b 1 3. Carrying parties were seen behind enemy line and crops were being cut in front of his line.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS:

Time.	Calibre.	Direction.	Area shelled.	Remarks.
9.40 to 9.50 pm.	4.2 H.E.	90 & 100° T.B. from O 22 a.		38 rds.
9.50 pm.	do	O 28 b 8 8.		
10 pm.	do	89° T.B. from O 24 c 3 3.	O 24 c 3 9.	16 rds.
10-11 pm.	do	100° T.B. from O 28 b 8 8.	O 21 a.	10 rds.
10.20 pm.	do	WARFUSEE.	O 29 d.	45 "
10.25 pm.	do	90° T.B. from O 28 b 8 8.	O 16 a.	15 "
10.30 pm.	do	128° T.B. do	O 21 a & b.	20 "
11 pm.	do	100° T.B. do	O 22 d, O 28 a.	19 "
11.30 pm.	5.9 H.E.	128° T.B. do	VILLERS BRET.	18 "
2.25 am.	4.2 H.E.	85° T.B. do	O 9 a & c.	10 "
2.50 am.	do	90° T.B. do	VILLERS BRET.	11 "
3-3.15 am.	do	98° T.B. from O 24 c 3 3.	O 22 d.	12 "
3.25 am.	do	118° T.B. do	VILLERS BRET.	40 "
3.30 am.	do	129° T.B. do	do	40 "
5.25 am.	5.9 H.E.	do	O 30 c & d.	80 "
		84° T.B. do	Back Areas.	20 "

TRENCH MORTARS: Nil.

MACHINE GUNS: More active than during previous period. Tracks and trenches were continuously engaged.

AIRCRAFT: Nil.

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION: During the period stretcher bearers and ambulances were busy in WARFUSEE, V 12 and S.E. corner of VAIRE Wood. At 7.5 pm. 10 men wearing full equipment moved from vicinity of P 27 cont. towards WARFUSEE. At 5.10 pm. 1 horse wagon moved E. along road in W 1 b and W 2 a. At 5.15 pm. small parties of men seen gathering crops in P 35 b. At 6.25 pm. 1 G.S. Wagon on roads in W 17 a & c moved towards BAYONVILLERS. At 7.10 pm. 2 men came from P 29 a to a trench at P 22 a.

At 6 pm. 10 men in parties of 2 wearing white circles on their back moved to trench in P 22 a from P 29 a. No arms were carried. At 7 p.m. 4 men left trench in P 22 a disappearing at P 29 a.

- 2 - Intelligence Summary continued.

MISCELLANEOUS: During the night numerous double and triple rods were fired whilst VILLERS BRETONNEUX and our lines in P 19 and P 25 were being shelled. 1 red bursting into 2 fired from the front line and repeated back brought down light barrage. Visibility good during the evening.

WORK:

ALBURY TRENCH	-	100% widened and deepened.
Front Line.	-	Improved where necessary.
R.A.P. and P.B. & A dugouts.	-	Excavating and timbering.
Cable Burying.	-	450% cable buried. Task now complete to P 19 & 4 2.

In addition R.E. material was carried forward.

*W. P. MacCallum*  
*for* *Colt*  
 Colonel,  
 Commanding, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS.	
No.	4/284.
Date	

Headquarters,  
2nd. July, 1918.

"INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No. 21".

T A N K S.

1. "B" Company, 8th Tank Battalion, situated at N 32 central is co-operating with "A" Division.
2. Its assembly position is the Wood in N 34 c.
3. Its role will be :-
  - (a) If hostile Tanks appear South of <sup>BOIS</sup> L'ABBE to at once attack and engage them.
  - (b) To co-operate in any counter-attack North or South of BOIS L'ABBE by the Reserve Brigade of "A" Division.
  - (c) If the Reserve Brigade of "A" Division does not counter-attack South of BOIS L'ABBE, this Company will be prepared to operate independently South of BOIS L'ABBE, but the attack should be timed with any counter-attack delivered North of BOIS L'ABBE.
  - (d) Two Male Tanks of this Company will be retained ready for immediate action at short notice. In the event of necessity these two Tanks will be moved forward at any time that may be ordered by the G.O.C., "A" Division.
4. Orders for the employment of these Tanks would normally be issued by D.H.Q. through H.Q., 8th Tank Battalion (situated at BLANGY-TRONVILLE), but in case of emergency orders would be issued by D.H.Q. direct to the Company.
5. Co-operation between Tanks and Infantry will be arranged between the Infantry Commanders on the spot and the Officers in command of Tanks.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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

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2nd. July, 1918.C O R R I G E N D U M.

Reference Relieved Table Brigade Order No 189.

For 17th Battalion H.Q. - N 33 d 8 6

Road

N 34 d 8 6.

L. P. MacCallum.

Issued thro'  
Sigs. 4 p.m.Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade.Issued to all recipients of Brigade Order No 189.

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5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 190Brigade Headquarters,  
2nd July 1918.

Reference Map -

Sheet 62d, SW and SE, 1/20,000.

1. On a date and at an hour to be notified, an attack is to be carried out by the 4th Australian Division with a view to the capture of the spur running from the main VILLERS BRETONNEUX Plateau at P.25.central, about 1,000 yards east of VAIRE and HAMEL Woods, east of HAMEL to the present front line at the south east end of BOUZENCOURT.

2. (a) For this operation the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. (less two battalions) is placed at the disposal of the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division, and will be used to capture the objectives on the 2nd Aust. Division front.
- (b) The 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. is at ZERO moving troops forward to occupy the bank from P.25.d.1.4. to P.25.d.1.8. and will join with the right of the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. at approx. P.25.b.2.0.

3. For this operation the O.C. 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. will detail two Mortars and crews to be placed under the tactical control of O.C. 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.

All details will be mutually arranged between O's.C. concerned.

4. (Brigade) Lieut. P.J. TIMMINS, M.C., Brigade Intelligence Officer will act as Liaison Officer with 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. at advanced Brigade H.Q., O.24.c.1.2.

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

W P MacCallum

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

Issued at 6 p.m.  
thro' Sigs.

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3	Staff Captain	15 5th Field Amb.
4	Rear Bde.H.Q.	16 15th A.A.S.C.
5	Int. Off.	17 6th A.I.Bde.
7	Sig. Off.	18 7th A.I.Bde.
8	2nd M.G.Bn.	19 13th A.I.Bde.
9	17th Bn	20 2nd Aust. Div.
10	18th Bn	21 O.C. Nuclear Bn
11	19th Bn	22 O.C. Bde. School RIVERY
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
3rd July 1918.

17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,  
5th A.L.T.M.Bty., 5th Field Coy.,  
5th Field Amb.  
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Reference Brigade Order No. 190 dated 2nd July.

ZERO hour will be 3.10 a.m. on 4th July 1918.

ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

*for* *Cap. Hale*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
4th July, 1918.Headquarters,  
2nd. Australian Division.CONSOLIDATED LIST OF TRENCH STORES TAKEN OVER BY 5th. A.I. BDE. FROM  
6th. A.I. BDE.

ARTICLE.	17th Bn.	18th Bn.	20th Bn.	TOTAL.
S.A.A., rounds.	15,000	24,000	-	39,000
boxes.	-	-	16	16
rounds,	20,000	-	-	20,000
Hills Grenades No 36	192	-	-	192
No 23	392	-	-	392
No 34	216	-	-	216
Biscuits, cases,	12	-	-	12
Bully beef, cases.	12	-	-	12
Water (tins)	200	-	-	200
Trench shelters.	63	50	70	191
strombus Horns.	1	-	-	1
Cylinders.	2	-	-	2
S.O.S.	2	5	-	5
Grenades No 5 (boxes)	-	30	2	32
25 "	-	22	-	22
34 "	-	10	-	10
Rods and blanks.	-	2	-	2
Egg bombs.	-	95	-	95
Smoke Bombs.	-	13	-	13
Hills grenades.	-	86	-	86
" No 36	-	12	-	12
BELL TENT.	-	1	-	1
Shovels.	-	44	-	44
Latrine, seats.	-	12	-	12
Picks.	-	3	-	3
Reserve rations	-	-	-	-
Pressed beef, cases.	-	12	-	12
Biscuits.	-	12	-	12
Soup powder.	-	1	-	1
Water (tins)	-	198	-	198
Table.	-	-	1	1
Form.	-	-	1	1

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

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

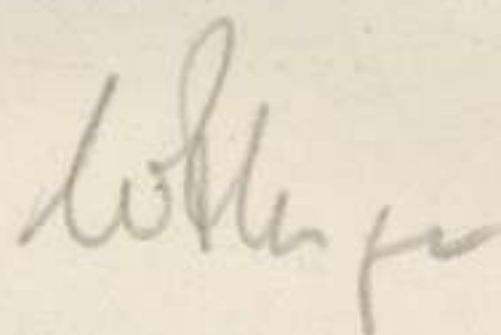
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Headquarters,  
4th July, 1918.Headquarters,  
2nd. Australian Division,

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The following will be the locations of Units of this  
Brigade as at 6 a.m., 7th instant. :-

Bde. H.Q.	.....	N 20 d 2 8.
17th Battalion.	.....	N 34 d 8 6.
18th Battalion.	.....	N 28 b 3 5.
19th Battalion.	.....	N 23 a 9 1.
20th Battalion.	.....	N 20 d 1 4.
5th A.L.T.M. Bty.	.....	N 14 d 4 7.
Transport Lines.	.....	M 17 b and M 18 a.



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

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ORDER No. 191.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
4th July 1918.Reference Map,  
Sheet 62d, SW, 1/20,000.

1. On the night 4th/5th July the 17th Battalion will move forward and occupy position of Reserve Battalion to Loft Brigade, (C.23.c. - O.28.a. - b. - O.29.a.) H.Q. to be at the THREE TREES, (O.28.a.1.8.)
2. The movement from present position will commence at 9.30 p.m.
3. On completion of the move the 17th Battalion will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Completion of move will be notified to 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. and 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
4. The 20th Battalion will stand by after 9.30 p.m. on the 4th July, ready to move forward at 15 minutes notice.
5. A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. P. MacCallum

Issued at 5.45 p.m.  
thro' Sigs.Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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4	Int. Off.
5	Sig. Off.
6	Bde. T.O.
7	Bde. Q.M.
8	17th Bn
9	18th Bn
10	19th Bn
11	20th Bn
12	5th ALTM Bty.
13	2nd Aust. Div.
14	6th A.I.Bde.
15	7th A.I.Bde.
16	2nd M.G.Bn.
17	5th Field Amb.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 192Brigade Headquarters,  
5th July 1918.Reference Map,  
Sheet 62d SW & SE, 1/20,000

1. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde in the left sector of the line on the night 6th/7th and 7th/8th July in accordance with attached table.
2. The inter-brigade boundary is being altered on night 6th/7th July to run-P.25.d.5.3. thence along south side of road to cross roads P.25.c.9.3. - O.30.b.6.0. thence as before. Left will be responsible for the WARFUSEE - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road. (Brigade)
3. (a) Trench stores, defence schemes, air photos, etc., will be taken over.  
(b) Defence schemes, area stores, in reserve Brigade area will be handed over.  
(c) Copies of receipts given and obtained will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. 24 hours after relief.
4. Relieving troops will not pass road running through O.27.b. and d. and O.22.c. before 9.30 p.m.
5. Subject to the terms of this order all details of relief will be mutually arranged between C.O.'s. concerned.
- 6(a) Command will pass to G.O.C. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. on completion of relief.  
(b) Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade H.Q. by Priority Wire in Code.
7. Brigade H.Q. will close at GLISY at 9 p.m. and open at O.25.c.4. at same hour.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. P. Mac Callum

Issued at 11 p.m.  
thro' SignalsCaptain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.D i s t r i b u t i o n

Copy No. 1	G.O.C.	Copy No. 13	5th ALTM Bty.
2	B.M.	14	5th Field Coy. AE.
3	S.O.	15	5th Field Amb.
4	Int. Off.	16	15th A.A.S.C.
5	Sig. Off.	17	6th A.I.Bde.
6	Bde. T.O.	18	7th A.I.Bde.
7	Bde. Q.M.	19	4th A.I.Bde.
8	17th Bn	20	2nd Aust. Div.
9	18th Bn	21	Area Comdt, GLISY
10	19th Bn	22	O.C. Bde. School.
11	20th Bn	23	O.C. Nucleus Bn
12	File	24/26	- War Diary.
27	2nd AMG Bn.	28	Left Group Arty.

RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY FIFTH AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 192

Serial No.	Unit	Date	To	In relief of	H.Q. to be at	Remarks
1	18th Bn	6/7th July	Line right	23rd Bn	O.24.c.15.30.	18th Bn will also relieve that portion of 27th Bn between P.25.d.5.3. and original inter-Brigade boundary.
2	20th Bn	do	Line left	21st Bn	P.19.c.1.2.	
3.	17th Bn	do	Support	24th Bn	O.24.c.15.30.	
4.	5th ALTM Bty	do	Line	6th ALTM Bty	O.22.a.7.6.	
5	19th Bn	7/8th July	Reserve	22nd Bn	O.28.b.8.8.	

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
6th July 1918.

17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,  
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.  
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5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

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

18/33

The following will be the patrol pass words for the  
undermentioned days. -

7th/8th July	...	CAT
8th/9th "	...	DOG
9th/10th "	...	DINGO
10th/11th "	...	FOX
11th/12th "	...	WALLABY
12th/13th "	...	KANGAROO
13th/14th "	...	RABBIT
14th/15th "	...	HARE
15th/16th "	...	BANDICOOT
16th/17th "	...	LION
17th/18th "	...	BEAR
18th/19th "	...	LEOPARD
19th/20th "	...	KIWI

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Please acknowledge.

*W. J. Carr*

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

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

S E C R E T

No. 5

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 pm 6/7/18 to 9.30 a.m. 7/7/18.

## OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Usual harassing fire on roads and tracks in forward area. 4.5 Hows. engaged targets in WARFUSEE!

Machine Guns - 3,500 rounds were fired on road and trenches in P.32.a. and c. and road junction and tracks in P.26.d.

Patrols - The relief of 6th A.I.Bdo. was covered by patrols along the whole front.

A patrol of left Bn. located the enemy in old C.T. at P.21.c.75.45.

Sniping - Our snipers were again active and fired 288 rounds. 10 hits were observed and it is thought that many more casualties were inflicted.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Below normal.

Time	Locality	from	calibre	rounds
6.30-7 am	P.26.b.	WARFUSEE	77mm	30
6.40-7 am	P.21.c.	P.30.b.	4.2 & 77mm	70
7.10-7.20 pm	P.19.	P.30.	5.9 & 4.2.	40
7.25-7.30 pm	P.19.a. & O.24.b.	BAYONVILLERS	5.9 HE	50
11.53 pm	O.29.b.	?	Gas	6
12.30-1 am	O.24.c.	?	4.2 HE & Gas	Green cores.
1 - 1.30 am	O.30.a. & c.	BAYONVILLERS	4.2 & 77mm	light barrage
3.15 am	Front line Diggers Spt. & P.19.c.	?	4.2 & shrap	do
2.45-3 am	VILLERS BRET.	BAYONVILLERS	4.2 & 5.9	150
3.-3.40 am	O.30	do	5.9	150
3.50-4.20am	Front & Supt. & VIL. Brot.	do	5.9, 4.2. & 77	Slight barrage
4.55	Diggers Supt. P.19.c.	?	4.2 & shrap	50
8.15	P.19.b.	?	4.2	28
8.20	P.21.d.	?	4.2	12

Enemy attitude - Very quiet.

Enemy Defences - Trench Mortars - 2 light T.M.Bombs fell in P.27.a.30.70.. Location of Mortar unknown.

Machine Guns - Active during the night. Indirect fire on P.25.c.00.30

Flares - White flares normal. Red and Green flares in two and threes brought down light barrage.

Aircraft - Little activity. At 6.30 pm two low flying E.A. patrolling our lines were driven off by A.A. fire. At 6 pm E.A. dropped rations opposite our left Bn. front.

Movement and Organisation. - Movement of individuals was noticed in trench at P.26.d.2.6., V.3.a., GARD COPSE, P.26.b.7.2., P.26.d.8.8. along road in P.35.a. A stretcher bearer party of 10 came from WARFUSEE and moved along road to P.21.d.

Miscellaneous - Visibility fair

Brig-General,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bdo.

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
7th. July, 1918.

8/121.

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.  
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In view of the fact that this Brigade may have to relieve the 7th. Aust. Inf. Bde. at some later date the G.O.C. desires as many officers as possible to avail themselves of opportunities during the next 3 days to reconnoitre the 7th. A.I. Bde. front and make themselves acquainted with all necessary details.

War Diary (3).

*Colman*  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. <sup>Captain</sup>

*Not diary*

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
7th. July, 1918.

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. Field Coy. A.E.  
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WORKS POLICY.

1. Works will be carried out in the following order of importance :-

- (a) The joining up of the front line posts to form a continuous line.
- (b) Wiring same.
- (c) Organization of existing C.T.'s. and construction of additional ones, utilizing existing trenches where possible.
- (d) Improvement of support line and wiring of same.
- (e) Provision of accommodation.

2. "A" and "B" Battalions will be responsible for (a) and (b) of Para. above and (c) insofar as it affects the immediate vicinity of the front line.

Brigade will be responsible for the remaining works, drawing working parties from "C" and "D" Battalions.

3. Concurrently with the above works the forward area should be put in a sanitary state, as regards the provision of proper latrines, the burial of dead and the cleaning of trenches.

4. Battalions are again reminded that undercutting of trenches must be prevented, and slits cut in the rear wall if need be, (Vide this office 4/274 of 17.6.18)

5. Whilst an active works policy is to be maintained it should not interfere with endeavours to push forward our line of posts wherever it is possible.

From information received it is probable that the Divisions opposite viz:- 13th and 108th, are being relieved, and that the relief started on night 5/6th. The next few days would therefore be the best time to push forward, while the new Divisions are in the line, who have not had time to become au fait with the situation.

*W. H. M. Call*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

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Date.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 193.

Copy No. ....

Brigade Headquarters,  
7th. July, 1918.

Reference Map:62D, S.W. & S.E. 1/20,000.

1. For purposes of thinning out, the following reorganization of troops in the forward area will be carried out on night 8/9th.
2. "A" and "B" Battalions in the line will arrange to hold their sectors in depth, 2 Coys. in the line, and 2 in Support.
3. "C" Battalion in support will be disposed with 2 Coys. in DIGGERS SUPPORT and 2 Coys. in VILLERS Line.
4. "D" Battalion in reserve will be disposed with Companies in O 22 d, O 28 a, O 28 b and O 29 a.
5. Battalion Headquarters will not move.
6. Subject to the terms of this order details will be mutually arranged between C.O's. concerned.
7. Details of new dispositions will be notified to this office.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. F. MacCollum*

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

Issued thro'  
Sigs. 9 p.m.

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3. 19th. Battalion.
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7. 5th. Field Coy. A.E.
8. 2nd. Aust. Div.
9. 6th. A.I.Bde.
10. 7th. A.I.Bde.
11. 4th. A.I.Bde.
12. G.O.C.
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- 18/20. War Diary.
21. Left Group Arty.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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No. 6  
5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS.  
No. ....  
Date .....

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 7/7/18 to 9 a.m. 8/7/18

OUR OPERATIONS -

- During the night our line was advanced without any opposition from the enemy, and now runs :- P.25.d.9.4., P.26.c.10.80., P.26.a.50.00., P.26.a.90.40., P.26.a.0.7., P.27.a.05.75., P.27.a.20.95., P.21.c.3.4., P.21.c.7.8. (P 21 • 3 3)

Artillery: Usual harassing fire. At 12.15 a.m. a fairly heavy fire was brought to bear along the whole front to support the operation of the Division on our left.

Machine Guns - The following targets were engaged :-

Tracks in P.32.d., P.32.a. and c., enemy trench in V.1.a. and trench in P.31.d. - 5,000 rounds were expended.

Patrols - During the time our line was being advanced protective patrols operated on the front and report not having encountered the enemy. After dawn reconnoitring parties moved out 400 yards east from our left battalion. No enemy posts were located. Party report having been fired at from points approximately 1000 yards away.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Normal.

Time	Calibre	Direction	Shelling	Rds
8.5 pm	5.9 HE	127° TB from P.19.d.95.50	Back areas	8
8.45 pm	4.2 HE	95 " 0.29.d.90.40	0.29.d.	12
9 pm	do	120 " P.19.d.95.50	Vil-Bret.	25
9.5 pm	77 HE	160 " do	D.20.d.	6
9.15 pm	4.2 HE	120 " do	P.20.d.	26
9.35 -	77 HE	92 " 0.29.d.95.55.	0.29.a.&b.	32
9.40 pm				
9.45 pm	77 HE	92 " do	0.5.6.c.	12
9.50 pm	77 HE	92 " do	Front line	
			left Bn	30
9.55 pm	4.2 HE	84 " 0.29.d.90.40.	HAMEL Wood	30
10.5 pm	77 HE	95 " P.19.d.95.50	P.19.c&t.	5
10.10 pm	4.2 HE	120 " do	P.20.c.	10
10.15 pm	4.2 HE	96 " 0.29.d.90.40.	0.36.c.	20
10.30 pm	5.9 HE	85 " do	0.24.c.	20
11 pm	do	100 " do	0.29.c.&d.	40
11.15 pm	4.2 HE	120 " P.19.d.95.50	P.20.c.	5
11.45 p.m	5.9 HE	82 " do	P.25.b.	10
12.5 am	5.9 HE	82 " do	do	5
12.10 am	77 HE	98 " 0.29.d.90.40.	P.9.d.	30
12.10 am	4.2 HE	WARFUSEE	0.30.	5
12.20 -	77, 4.2 & 5.9	do on front line, supports	retaliatory	
1 am		& VILLERS BRET.	barrage.	
1.5 am	4.2 HE	82° from P.19.d.95.50.	Xroads	
			P.13.c.	20 gas
1.30 -	4.2 HE	87 & 95 " do	P.20.a. &	
1.50 am			P.19.b.	32
2 am	4.2 HE	104 " 0.29.d.90.40.	0.24.d.	18
2.10 a.m.	4.2 HE	87 " P.19.d.95.50.	VAIRE WOOD	10 gas
2.30 - 3 am	4.2 HE	WARFUSEE	0.29 & 0.35.	70
3.25 am	4.2 HE	110 " 0.29.d.90.40.	0.29.c. & d.	45 gas
6.15 am	4.2 HE	86 " do	0.15.	30

Enemy Attitude: Passive.

Enemy Defences:

Machine Guns. Much below normal.

Flares. White flares normal. Green and single, double and triple red flares brought down light enemy barrage.

Aircraft: Very little activity. At 5.15 pm. one low flying plane crossed our lines but was driven off by A.A. fire. A balloon was observed on a T.B. of 800 from 0 29 d 90 40.

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Movement & Organization -

Railways - At 7.30 p.m. a train with about 15 trucks moved South along line in Q 34 b & d.

At 7.40 p.m. a train was observed shunting on line in Q 34 b & d.

Roads - Slight movement of individuals observed on roads and tracks in forward area.

Between 6.25 p.m. and 8 p.m. small parties of men moved forward from SUSAN WOOD towards Q 20 c and Q 26 cent. (about 70 in all).

Miscellaneous - Visibility fair.

Work -

Front line. - Posts were dug to a depth of 5' and in some cases 15 yds. long.

P 20 d. - Widening and deepening old German C.T.

O 24 c 2 2. - Building R.A.P. (Mined dugout).

P 20 c. - 400 yds of C.T. dug to a depth of 3' and 3'6" wide.

In addition posts of the old front line were improved by their garrisons.

*W. P. Wain Callum Capt*  
for

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

*W. Prater*

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

S E C R E TBrigade Headquarters,  
8th July 1918.18th Battalion  
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1. The 27th Battalion this morning at 10 a.m. advanced their posts to the line P.31.a.0.0. - P.31.b.15.45. - P.31.b.3.9., capturing 13 prisoners and one machine gun without casualties.
2. In the near future the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. are pushing forward to establish their line from P.31.b.3.9. - P.26.c.8.3.
3. You will advance your line and consolidate on the approximate line P.26.c.8.3. - P.26.d.8.8. - P.26.b.6.4. tonight, 8th/9th instant, and in the event of the 7th A.I.Bde. not moving tonight as in para. 2 above, you will be prepared to make special arrangements for the defence of your right flank.
4. Completion of this operation will be notified at once by priority wire in code using the words "DUG IN". A detailed report will be furnished by special D.R.

*William Call*Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.Copy to -  
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN

INFANTRY BRIGADE,

HEADQUARTERS.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 8.7.18 to 6 a.m. 9.7.18. No. 7.

## OUR OPERATIONS:

At about 10 p.m. on the night 8th/9th instant the Right Battalion advanced its position about 500<sup>x</sup> to a line running through P 25 d 35 45 - P 26 c 30 45 - P 26 d 20 45 - P 26 d 4 7 - P 26 d 8 8 P 26 b 5 5.

On the right Patrols covering the advance/camo under rifle and M.G. fire from P 27 c 2 6.

As a result of the operation 1 M.T.M., 2 M.G's., 1 rangefinder and various stores were captured.

Posts have been dug at points along the new line to a depth of 4'3" while the line is continuous from P 26 d 8 8 to P 26 b 55 50 with numerous dugouts. \* A line of concertina wire runs from P 26 c 30 55 to P 26 d 2 6. About 12 dead Germans were counted about the new line. The new position affords a good field of fire.

ARTILLERY - Normal during the day. Usual harassing fire throughout the night especially on P 29 and P 35, Cross Roads in P 33 b.

MACHINE GUNS - The following targets were engaged. Road in V 2 b, Road in P 32 b and tracks in P 33 a. 2,500 rounds were expended.

PATROLS - A patrol of 1 Off. and 19 O.R's. with L.G. went out from P 26 d 1 4 and moved along road to P 27 c 10 40. The enemy were heard about 200 yds. away (to the South of the road) from this location. M.G. post was located at approx. P 27 c 25 50. Talking was heard and rifle and M.G. fire and flares were fired from three positions between P 27 c 20 00 and P 27 c 25 50 approx. The patrol then moved to P 27 c 30 00, thence to P 26 b 50 40 and returned through P 26 d 1 4.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY - More active than during the previous periods. A battery was observed firing from 153°T.B. from P 26 central.

Time	Calibre	Direction	Area Shelled	Rounds.
5.30 pm.	4.2 H.E.	105°T.B. from O 29 d 90 40.	O 36 d.	60
do	77 H.E.	95 do	O 26 b.	20
5.45 pm.	77 H.E.	135 " " P 19 d 95 50.	P 25 b & P 20 c	6
5.50-6 pm.	do	BAYONVILLERS.	O 36	30
5.40-6 pm.	4.2 Shrap.	do	O 29 cont.	6
5.45-7 pm.	4.2 & 5.9	98°T.B. from O 29 d 90 40	O 36, O 35, O 30	90
6.30 pm.	77 H.E.	95 " " P 19 d 95 50	P 19 d.	10
6.40 pm.	5.9 H.E.	125 " do	P 28 a.	25
6.45-9 pm.	8" H.E.	139 " " O 29 d 90 40	O 35 d.	70
7.15 pm.	5.9 H.E.	125 " " P 19 d 95 50	P 13 d.	20
7.35 pm.	4.2 H.E.	95 " do	O 18 d.	16
7.40 pm.	do	87 " " O 29 d 90 40	P 20 c.	12
8.15 pm.	5.9 H.E.	125 " " P 19 d 95 50	P 13 d.	16
7.50-9 pm.	4.2 H.E.	114 " " O 29 d 90 40	O 35 b, O 29 b & d 20.	
8.50 pm.	4.2 H.E.	95 " " P 19 d 95 50)	P 20 c )	20.
		86 " " O 29 d 90 40)	P 26 a )	
9.40 pm.	5.9 H.E.	135 " " P 19 d 95 50	P 20 & P 31 d	20
0.55 pm.	4.2 H.E.	95 " do	P 19 c.	6
9.45 to	4.2 & 5.9	BAYONVILLERS.	O 29 b & d, O 30 a	
10.30 pm.	H.E. & Gas		& c, O 36 a & c. Light	
			Barrago.	
10.30 to	77 & 4.2	do	VILLERS BRET.	do
10.50 pm.	H.E.			
10 pm.	Blue X Gas.	-	O 28 b.	20
10.40 pm.	4.2 H.E.	125°T.B. from P 19 d 95 50	O 24	8
10.50 pm.	5.9 H.E.	112 " do	P 20 d	12
10.50-11	4.2 H.E.	BAYONVILLERS.	O 36.	15
10.55 pm.	do	79 " from P 19 d 95 50	P 20 a.	Gas. 6
11 pm.	do	92 " " O 29 d 90 40	O 27.	" 8
11.25 pm.	5.9 H.E.	112 " " P 19 d 95 50	P 20 d	20
12 Midnight.	77 & 4.2	85 " " O 29 d 90 40	O 24 c & P 20 d.	16
1.10 am.	4.2 H.E.	102 " " P 19 d 95 50	P 19 b.	Gas. 12.
1.35 am.	do	89 " " O 29 d 90 40	P 21 a.	5
1.40 am.	do & Gas.	92 " " P 19 d 95 50	P 14 c	30

\* 8 to 10 feet deep.

Time.	Calibre.	Direction.	Area Shelled.	Rounds.
2.30 am.	Gns.	BAYONVILLERS.		
2.35 pm.	77 H.E.	112° T.B. from P 19 d 95 30.	O 22 d.	30
3 am.	do	85 " " O 29 d 90 40	P 19 o.	20
			P 21 a.	30

#### ENEMY DEFENCES -

Machine Guns - Silent during the day. Active during early hours of the morning firing on a new posts. M.G.'s. fired from approximate positions P 22 c 8 6 and P 21 b 9 1 during the night. The latter gun was silenced by L.G. fire. Between midnight and 2 a.m. a M.G. fired from a T.B. of 144° T.B. from P 19 d 95 30.

Flares - Whites normal. Triple rods from ACCROCHE Wood brought no apparent enemy action. Orange flare fired from a T.B. 65° from O 29 d 95 55 brought no enemy action. Red flares sent up from enemy line in P 21 b was immediately followed by W fire on P 21 a. All flares fired opposite our left Battalion front fell 200 to 300 yds. short of our front posts. Flares fired opposite our new post at P 26 d 8 8 fell 50 to 90 yds. short of that post. When our 18 pdrs. opened up at 10.30 pm. single whites and rods were used by the enemy which was replied to by artillery fire.

AIRCRAFT - At 6 p.m. 6 hostile machines passed over our lines returning to the enemy lines flying in a S.E. direction.

#### MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION -

At 8.15 pm. 3 men ran from house at V 5 a 2 2 towards V 5 c central.  
 8.45 pm. a man seen observing from P 27 b 6 0.  
 8.45 pm. 5 G.S. wagons on road in W 2 d going towards GUILLAUCOURT.  
 8.45 pm. 2 do on road in W 7 b going towards WIENCOURT.  
 9.12 pm. 2 do on road in P 35 c going towards MARCHELCAVE.  
 3.30 am. 40 men seen moving in P 27 c were dispersed by L.G. fire.

#### Dumps -

1.20 am. Dump was seen on fire on a T.B. of 85° from O 29 d 95 55.

#### SNIPING -

P 27 b & c. Our snipers will be able to carry out more effective shooting now that our line has been advanced.

#### MISCELLANEOUS -

Visibility fair.

P 36 d 1 1.

At 5.10 a.m. smoke was seen rising from trench at

#### WORKS -

Front line.

P 21 c 2 6

P 26 b 88 70

P 20 c.

Posts were dug at P 26 c 60 40, P 26 d 85 50, P 26 d 50 80. Posts of the Left Battalion were improved.

Digging O.T. towards post at P 21 c 45 70.  
 " " " " P 26 b 92 70.

Digging O.T.

In addition R.E. material was carried forward.

W. P. MacCallum  
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9th July 1918.

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1. The enemy opposite the Div. sector appears to be disorganised, and during the past 36 hours much ground has been gained by peaceful penetration.
2. The policy of "Making" ground is to be continued.
3. On night 9th/10th instant 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. are reconnoitring the enemy trenches in P.31.b. and d. with a view to occupying them.
4. On night 9th/10th instant -
  - (a) 28th Bn will push out a post to vicinity of houses in P.26.c.0.0. to maintain touch with 7th A.I.Bde. 27th Bn. are being advised of this.
  - (b) Simultaneously 18th Bn will exploit trench in P.26.d.3.7 - P.27.c.1.7.
  - (c) 20th Bn., by means of strong patrols, will work down trench running from P.27.a.3.7. - P.27.a.3.0. - P.27.c.5.4. All trenches occupied will be retained.
5. The 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. will get into touch with C.O's. 18th and 20th Bns. regarding the move forward of Mortars in supports.

*G. P. MacCallum.*

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

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5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS.	
No.	9/514.
Date.	

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.  
5th. Field Coy. A.E.  
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NIGHT FIRING - 9th/10th. JULY, 1918.

1. 14th. Army Brigade R.F.A. Roads and tracks P 23 c & d.  
Trench in P 28 b.  
  
A/86 Track P 22 c 5 0 - P 29 a 0 3.  
Trench P 28 d.  
  
B-/86 Tracks in P 27 b & P 26 a  
East of North and South  
line through P 27 b 5 0.  
  
C/86 Roads and tracks in P 28 d and  
P 29 c.
2. Bursts of fire at 9.50 p.m. - 10.35 p.m. - 2.30 a.m.  
3.25 a.m.
3. Expenditure Balance of allotment not less than 200 rounds  
per Battery.
4. D/86 Gas targets as per programme.
5. A C K N O W L E D G E.

(Sgd) W P MacCallum  
Captain,  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters,  
9th. July, 1918.

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

11/845.

1. It is intended in the near future to form a Signal School to be run in conjunction with the Brigade N.C.O's. School at the HOSPICE, RIVERY.  
The Brigade N.C.O's. School Commandant will be responsible for the discipline and administration of Signal School.

2. STAFF -

Lieut. COOKE, 19th. Battalion - Chief Instructor.

1 N.C.O. instructor not below the rank of Corporal will be detailed by each Battalion.

19th. Battalion will detail one cook. 18th and 20th Bns. each one man as cook's assistant and will supply one fryer each.

3. GEAR - The following signal gear will be supplied -

		17th.Bn.	18th.Bn.	19th.Bn.	20th.Bn.
Flags, small	-	10	10	10	10
Telescopes	-	1	1	1	1
Shutters	-	1	2	2	1
Discs	-	2	1	1	2
Dummy keys	-	As many as can be spared.			

4. CLASSES -

Classes will be held as under -

(a) To train signallers from ordinary regimental personnel for the purpose of reinforcing Battalion signallers.

(b) As a refresher course for regimental signallers.

5. Following men will be detailed by each Battalion to attend courses as under

for (a) 7 O.R's.  
(b) 8 O.R's.

Men for (a) should be keen, intelligent, with some education, likely to make efficient signallers.

6. Classes will be graded on Syllabus drawn up by Captain F.U.J. TINKLER, M.C., 2nd. Div. Sig. Coy. who will superintend the training.

Individual tests on the week's visual work will be conducted each Saturday. The standard required at this course in Lamp, Shutter, Flag and Buzzer is 4 to 6 words per minute.

Courses will last 4 to 6 weeks or until the above standard of proficiency is reached.

7. Instructors and Staff will probably assemble on Saturday 13th. instant and students on Sunday, 14th. instant. 48 hours rations will be carried in each case.

*W. P. MacCallum*

Captain,

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

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5th AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

Brigade Headquarters,  
9th July 1918.

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Herewith copy of PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME, LEFT Brigade  
Sector, "A" Division, AUSTRALIAN Corps.

Please ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. P. MacCallum*

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

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8	Left Group Arty.
9	"B" Coy., 8th Tank Bn
10	6th A.I.Bde.
11	7th do
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## SECTION I

### BOUNDARIES AND TACTICAL FEATURES

A. The tactical features are the village of VILLERS BRETONNEUX and the ridge running N.E. from it, Hill 105, our possession of which is of the utmost tactical and strategical importance. This feature must be held at all costs by us. Possession by the enemy would give him command of the SOMME valley back to AMIENS.

B. (i) The southern boundary of the Brigade runs from P.25.d.5.3. along south side of road to Cross roads P.25.c.0.3. - 0.30.b.6.0. - 0.29.central thence to Railway crossing at 0.28.d.3.4. thence west along VILLERS BRETONNEUX - AMIENS ROAD.

(ii) The northern boundary runs east and west through P.21.central - 0.21.central.

(iii) The inter-battalion boundary - a line running east and west through P.26.b.

5.5.

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## SECTION II

### ORGANISATION OF THE AREA FOR DEFENCE

#### DEFENCES - 1.

The defences of the Brigade area are systematically organised into -

- (a) Front line, at present line of disconnected posts with local support posts.
- (b) Support line (original front line).
- (c) Reserve Lines - DIGGERS SUPPORT and VILLERS LINE.
- (d) Switch Trenches - VILLERS SWITCH and PINEAPPLE SWITCH have been sited as such to be operative should enemy succeed in penetrating into VILLERS BRETONNEUX. The C.T.'s. ARARAT and ALBURY Trenches, YORK and HUNTER St. have been sited and constructed with a view to serving as switches for flank defence.

#### TROOPS - 2.

The troops available for the defence of the sector are one Brigade of Infantry, 1 L.T.M.Bty., and 1 M.G.Coy.

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DISTRIBUTION - 3.

- (a) The normal distribution of Infantry is as follows :-  
 2 Battalions in the line, "A" Right, "B" Left.  
 "A" and "B" Bns have 2 Coys. in the line and 2 Coys. in Support.  
 "C" Bn. is in Support - 2 Coys DIGGERS SUPPORT, 2 Coys VILLERS LINE.  
 "D" Bn. in Reserve in VILLERS SWITCH, PINEAPPLE SWITCH and . . . KEEP F.
- (b) Machine Guns - One M.G. Coy. <sup>with 2 guns.</sup> is allotted for the defence of this sector. All 16 guns are distributed in depth. Positions of guns are given in Appendix 4.
- (c) Trench Mortars - The L.T.M.Bty. has 4 Mortars in the line at the following locations :-
1. P.20.c.70.10.
  2. P.20.c.80.10.
  3. P.21.c.00.73.
  4. P.21.c.10.80. 120 rounds maintained at each gun.

## Alternative positions -

P.25.c.40.50. - P.25.c.70.45.  
 200 rounds at each position.

P.25.a.97.25. - P.25.a.97.28.  
 100 rounds at each position.

4 Mortars are held in reserve at Battery H.Q. O.22.a.8.7.

ARTILLERY - 4.

The left Brigade sector is covered by the Left Group Artillery which consists of 2 Brigades Field Artillery.

Liaison Officers are maintained at Brigade H.Q. and "A" and "B" Bns.

S.O.S. line runs an average distance of 400 yards east of the front line.

On S.O.S. Signal being sent up all guns fire at the following rates :-

18 pdrs- 4 rounds per gun per minute for first 8 minutes.  
 3 " " " " " " " next 7 minutes.  
 4.5 Hows. Half the above rates.

1 anti-tank gun is located at O.29.b.8.5.

Fire will cease at the end of 15 minutes unless the S.O.S. Signal has been repeated. On each occasion when the S.O.S. Signal is repeated within 5 minutes of the end of any period of 15 minutes fire, the whole procedure will be repeated for a further 15 minutes.

GAS - 5.

Dugouts - All Bn. H.Q. are gas-proof and in good condition. Coy. H.Q. at P.25.a.9.3., P.19.d.65.15., P.19.d.9.5., and P.25.a.2.8. are gas-proof shelters. R.A.Ps. at O.24.c.1.3. and O.22.a.5.3. are gas-proof dugouts in good condition. The A.D.S. at O.27.d.7.8. and T.M.H.Q. at O.22.a.7.7. are also gas-proof. In the area are several other dugouts gas-proofed and other dugouts in the course of construction which will be gas-proofed when finished.

Strombus Horns - A continuous chain of Strombus horns runs from the support line in P.19.d. and P.25.b. to Brigade H.Q. All horns are in good condition. Two horns to be placed in recently captured ground have been indicated for but have not yet arrived.

Area Stores - Distributed over the area is a good supply of all necessary anti-gas trench stores which are in good order

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SECTION IIIPRINCIPLES OF DEFENCE

1. The following principles will be adopted in holding the line -

- (a) The front line will be held as thinly as is consistent with security.
- (b) All troops will be distributed in depth. This includes infantry and machine guns.
- (c) A proportion of between 20% and 30% M.Gs. are to be so sited as to be able to bring direct fire (enfilade if possible) to bear on enemy before he reaches our front line. Machine guns are to be prepared to fight to the last to form pivots for the defence.  
Battalion commanders will therefore provide any necessary infantry escorts for Vickers M.Gs. in their area.
- (d) In the event of our front line being heavily bombarded troops will not fall back or move to a flank to escape shelling, but will move forward and take cover in shell holes.
- (e) Active patrolling will be carried out to retain control of No Mans Land and to gain early information of any intended action on the part of the enemy. The enemy will be kept under constant supervision from O.P's. In misty weather and at night battalions will push out listening posts well in advance of our line.
- (f) All systems of defence will be provided with Nuclear garrisons of at least 2 sections per company, half to be rifle sections and half L.G. sections. These garrisons will not move forward for counter attack, but will act as a screen behind which counter attack troops will form up, or as a rallying point in the event of troops in front being forced back.
- (g) Troops will not fall back to successive lines. All ground will be defended as long as possible and positions maintained whether the flanks are turned or not. Front line will be the main line of resistance.
- (h) "A" and "B" Bns. will keep a reserve in hand with which to carry out immediate counter attacks. Plans for such counter-attacks will be thought out beforehand and made known to all reserves.
- (i) In carrying out counter attack to regain any portion of our line which has been lost, the guiding principle will be to reinforce the troops that are holding out on either flank and to attack the enemy in flank instead of delivering a frontal counter attack.
- (j) There will be no withdrawal without orders from higher authority.

2. "A" and "B" Bns. are responsible for the defence of the front line system. The front line will be the main line of resistance.

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SECTION II (contd)

and ready for use.

The boundary of the "alert" Zone is the road junction of 0.25.c.6.5. and road through 0.25.b., c., and d., and 0.19.b. and d. Forward of this point Respirators will be worn at the "alert" position, and behind this point they will be carried slung.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE - 6.

Each battalion will be responsible for the A.A. defence of its area. Crews of A.A. Lewis Guns will have definite written instructions regarding their duties.

P.T.O.

- (a) In the event of our front line being heavily bombarded troops will not fall back or move to a flank to escape flanking, but will move forward and take cover in shell holes.
- (b) Active patrolling will be carried out to retain control of the front line and to gain early information of any intended action on the part of the enemy. The enemy will be kept under constant surveillance from O.P.'s. In misty weather and at night battalions will push out listening posts well in advance of our line.
- (c) All systems of defence will be provided with gas and gas masks. At least 2 positions per company, held to be rifle positions and half L.V. positions. These positions will not move forward for counter attack, but will act as a reserve behind which counter attack troops will form up, or as a rallying point in the event of troops in front being forced back.
- (d) Troops will not fall back to successive lines. All ground will be defended as long as possible and positions maintained. The flanks are manned as well. Front line will be the main line of resistance.
- (e) "A" and "B" Bns. will keep a reserve in hand with which to carry out immediate counter attack. Plans for such counter attack will be thought out beforehand and made known to all reserves.
- (f) In carrying out counter attack to regain any portion of our line which has been lost, the guiding principle will be to reinforce the troops that are holding out on either flank and to attack the enemy in flank instead of delivering a frontal counter attack.
- (g) There will be no withdrawal without orders from higher authority.
- (h) "A" and "B" Bns. are responsible for the defence of the front line. The front line will be the main line of resistance.

## SECTION IV

## ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK

Probable form of enemy attack -

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

- i. A raid.
  - ii. An attack with limited objectives.
  - iii. An attack on a large scale with deeper objectives.
- The enemy may be expected to attack all along our front and the neighbouring fronts.-

(a) In a westerly direction astride WARFUSEE - VILLERS BRITONNEUX ROAD, or (b) In a N.W. direction from BERTHEWOOD in V.7.a., or a combination of (a) and (b).

Action of Infantry -

2. (a) The battalions in the line will probably be able to deal with i.

(b) In the case of ii. "C" Battalion will be prepared to move forward to reinforce or for counter attack purposes to regain ground lost temporarily on any part of the Brigade front. Should communications between "C" Bn and Brigade be cut, the C.O. "C" Bn. will act on his own initiative.

The counter attack will be launched as quickly as possible as soon as the situation is known. Nucleus garrisons of 2 sections per Coy., half of which are to be Lewis Gun Sections, are to be left behind, to act as Nucleus garrisons and rallying points.

"D" Bn. in Brigade reserve will be prepared for the following alternative roles :-

- (i) For deliberate counter attack with artillery preparation should the immediate counter attack fail to restore the position.
- (ii) To garrison and defend the VILLERS and PINEAPPLE SWITCHES in the event of an enemy penetration into VILLERS BRITONNEUX.
- (iii) To operate in the forward system on the flanks of the Brigade. The C.O. "D" Bn will only act at his own discretion according to the demands of the situation should communications with Brigade be cut. *tactical*

(c) If the attack comes obviously under the heading iii. (para 1. above), all forward positions will be held at all costs.

Reconnaissances and Plans -

3. Overland routes and positions of assembly will be selected and reconnoitred forthwith, and definite schemes for counter-attack actions drawn up and communicated to those concerned. On an order from Brigade H.Q. or in the case of communications being cut, at the discretion of their C.O.'s. "C" and "D" Bns. will move to those positions of assembly.

Working Parties -

4. Definite orders will be given to working parties regarding their action in case of enemy attack. They will, in that contingency, be assembled ready for action, the officer or N.C.O. in charge reporting to the nearest Coy. or Bn. H.Q.

Liaison.-

5. Liaison is dealt with in a separate section (VI), but any action dealt with in para. 2 above, calls for the closest Liaison between battalions should it be necessary to send forward troops to replace those engaged in counter-attack or reinforcement.

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SECTION IV

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Stokes Mortars

6. The Reserve Mortars and crews of L.T.M. Battery will be prepared to take up defensive positions or to cover local counter attacks. If communications are cut, they will act as the situation demands under the orders of "A" and "B" Bn C.O's.

The fullest co-operation between Mortars in the line and the Coys. in whose sectors they are emplaced will be maintained.

Engineers -

7. Field Coy. allotted to Brigade will stand to and send an officer to Brigade for instructions.

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"B" Bn. in line. Reserve will be prepared for the following alternative roles:-  
(i) For defensive counter attack with sufficient preparation to enable the Reserve to attack at a moment's notice.  
(ii) In position and ready to move forward in the event of an enemy penetration into the line.  
(iii) In position in the forward area on the flanks of the line. "B" Bn. will act on its own initiative according to the needs of the situation.  
(iv) If the attack comes suddenly under the heading of (i) above, all forward positions will be held as far as possible.

Reserve positions and plans -  
Overhead routes and positions of assembly will be selected and maintained for the Reserve. In the case of a counter-attack, the Reserve will be drawn up and communicated to the line. On an order from Brigade H.Q. or in the case of communications being cut, at the discretion of their C.O's, "B" Bn. will move to these positions of assembly.

Working parties -  
Detailed orders will be given to working parties regarding their action in case of enemy attack. They will, in that contingency, be assembled ready for action, the Officer or N.C.O. in charge reporting to the nearest Coy. or Bn. H.Q.

Liaison -  
Liaison is dealt with in a separate section (VI), but any action dealt with in para. 7 above, calls for the closest liaison between battalions should it be necessary to send forward troops to replace those engaged in counter-attack or reinforcement.

Stokes Mortars

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SECTION 5. v.WORKS POLICY.1. POLICY -

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.

2. ORDER OF IMPORTANCE OF WORK -

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.  
Those two to be carried out simultaneously.
- (c) C.T's. capable of being used as switches.
- (d) Completion and wiring of support line.
- (e) Improvement of accommodation.
- (f) Improvement and wiring of reserve line.

3. RESPONSIBILITY -

"A" and "B" Battalions front and close support lines - improvement, firestepping, wiring and maintenance.

"C" and "D" Battalions will work under Brigade control on reserve lines, C.T's. etc.

4. NEW WORK -

C.O's. will forward to Brigade H.Q. their proposals for any new work they consider necessary within their sectors.

5. ENGINEERS -

A Field Coy. of Engineers is affiliated with the Brigade for work. An Engineer Officer is attached to the H.Q. of each line Battalion to supervise the work in the forward area.

6. WORKS OFFICER -

A Battalion Works Officer will be appointed in each battalion, who will be responsible for the works of the battalion. He will deal direct with the Engineer officer attached to his sector, and will compile the daily works report.

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SECTION VI.

LIAISON

1. Front line Battalions will maintain liaison by telephone, visiting officers and runners. During operations an Officer will be sent by Battalion H.Q. to remain at H.Q. of flank Battalion. Two runners will be sent to each flank Battalion H.Q. to remain there for use in case of emergency. Front line Battalions must keep in touch with the situation on their flanks.
2. Support and Reserve Battalions will maintain two runners with the front line Battalions and will send officers daily to front line Battalion H.Q. in particular about "Stand To".  
The main responsibility for 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 H.Q. and front line Battalions as far as possible.
3. In the event of an attack "O" and "D" Battalions will send an officer and 2 runners to each of "A" and "B" Bns.
4. An Officer detailed by Brigade will maintain Liaison with flank Brigades. He will live at Brigade H.Q.

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ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS1. Reserve Rations and Water Dumps -

Are established as follows :-

No. 1 Dump	P.19.c.3.0.	P.M. Rations	500
		Biscuit Rations	500
		Grocery "	500
		Water (galls)	250

No. 2 Dump	O.24.c.4.5.	P.M. Rations	100
		Biscuit Rations	100
		Grocery "	100
		Water (galls)	50

No. 3 Dump	O.24.c.2.3.	P.M. Rations	500
		Biscuit Rations	500
		Grocery Rations	500
		Water (galls)	250

No. 4 Dump	O.28.b.8.8.	P.M. Rations	400
		Biscuit Rations	400
		Grocery "	400
		Water (galls)	200

No. 5 Dump	O.29.c.2.7.	P.M. Rations	100
		Biscuit rations	100
		Grocery "	100
		Water (galls)	50

No. 6 Dump	O.22.c.7.0.	P.M. Rations	500
		Biscuit rations	500
		Grocery "	500
		Water (galls)	250

2. Ammunition.

Brigade Mobile Reserve consisting of 120,000 rounds S.A.A. and 2000 Grenades is established at N.25.b.2.4. In addition Amm. dumps are situated as follows -

O.22.c.7.0.	S.A.A. Rifle	83,000 rounds
	" M.G.	22,488 "
	" A.P.	1,400 "
	Grenades, No. 36	564
	" No. 23	792
	" No. 35	340
	" No. 34 (Egg)	240
	" No. 27 (Phos)	188
	Very Lights " 1"	450

O.24.c.2.2.	S.A.A. Rifle	20,000 rounds
	" M.G.	16,224 "
	Grenades No. 23	816
	No. 36	660

O.28.b.85.45.	S.A.A. Rifle	19,000 rounds
	" M.G.	8,000 "
	Grenades No. 5	144
	" No. 36	360
	" No. 34	296

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0.24.c.10.15.)  
0.24.d.1.8. ) S.A.A. Rifle 83,650 rounds  
Grenados No. 23 )  
No. 36 ) 2,437

3. Medical Arrangements -

R.A.P's. P.19.d.7.2.  
D.25.b.5.8.

Bearer Relay Posts P.19.c.2.3.  
0.24.d.3.7.  
0.24.c.2.3.

Motor Posts 0.23.c.4.1.  
0.27.d.8.8.

A.D.S. N.26.d.1.3.

Walking wounded N.27.c.3.3.

M.D.S. N.14.d.2.2. St. ACHEUL

Evacuation from both R.A.P's. through Relays to Adv. Ambulance Post at 0.24.c.2.3., thence to forward loading post at 0.23.c.4.1. thence through Tunnel Motor Post, 0.27.d.8.8.

Walking wounded from A.D.S. N.27.c.3.3. to M.D.S., N.14.d.2.2. by Horse Ambulance.

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0.24.c.10.15.)  
0.24.d.1.8. )

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A P P E N D I X      1HEADQUARTERS OF UNITS

Brigade Headquarters	...	O.25.c.6.4.
"A" Battalion H.Q.	...	P.19.c.10.20.
"B" Battalion H.Q.	...	O.24.c.10.25.
"C" Battalion H.Q.	...	O.28.b.8.8.
"D" Battalion H.Q.	...	O.24.c.25.30.
L.T.M.Battery H.Q.	...	O.22.a.8.7.
Machine Gun Coy. H.Q.	...	O.25.c.6.4.
Field Coy. H.Q.	...	N.23.central.

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APPENDIX No. 2TANKS

1. "B" Coy. 8th Tank Battalion situated at N.32.central, is co-operating with "A" Division.
2. Its assembly position is the wood in N.34.c.
3. Its role will be -
  - (a) If hostile tanks appear south of BOIS L'ABBE to at once attack and engage them.
  - (b) To co-operate in any counter attack north or south of BOIS L'ABBE by the reserve Brigade of "A" Division.
  - (c) If the reserve Brigade of "A" Division does not counter attack south of BOIS L'ABBE this Coy. will be prepared to operate independently south of BOIS L'ABBE, but the attack should be timed with any counter attack delivered north of BOIS L'ABBE.
  - (d) Two main tanks of this Coy. will be retained ready for immediate action at shortest notice. In the event of necessity these two tanks will move forward at any time that may be ordered by the G.O.C., "A" Division.
4. Orders for the employment of these tanks would normally be issued by D.H.Q. through H.Q. 8th Tank Bn. (situated at BLANGY-TROMVILLE) but in case of emergency orders would be issued by D.H.Q. direct to the Coy.
5. Co-operation between tanks and infantry will be arranged between the infantry commanders on the spot and the officers in command of Tanks.

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A P P E N D I X 3SIGNALCOMMUNICATIONS

The Signal communications in the " " Bdo. Sector are as detailed below :-

Buried Cable - Telephonic communications, by means of buried cable, extend from Brigade H.Q. to Brigade Forward Exchange (O.26.d.7.9.), thence to Right, Left, Support and Reserve Bns.

Left Group Arty is connected direct by Buried and Overland Cable. Rear Brigade H.Q. (TRONVILLE CHATEAU) and Division (GLISY) are connected by Buried Cable.

Trench and Ground Cables - All Coy. H.Qrs. are connected to their respective Bn. H.Qrs. by trench and ground cables.

Lateral Lines - Brigade H.Q. is connected laterally to Brigades on right and left. Battalions in line are also connected laterally to Battalions on their Right and Left flanks respectively.

Power Buzzer and Amplifier and Wireless - A Power buzzer and A. installed at P.20.d.8.4. and works direct to a similar station at Left Bn H.Q. The latter station works to a P.B. & A. Station at Left Battalion of Brigade on right, which in turn has a Wireless Set working direct to Brigade H.Q.

A P.B. & A. is also installed at Right Bn. H.Q. and works to left Bn of Brigade on right Station, thence wireless to Brigade.

Visual Signalling - Lucas Lamp signalling from Coys. to Bn. H.Qrs. Right, Support and Reserve Bns. work direct to Brigade Visual Station at O.26.b.9.3., the latter being connected by phone to Brigade Forward Exchange. Left Bn. Coys. visual to Bn Forward Exchange which, in turn repeats to Bn. H.Q. Brigade Visual Station works direct to left Group Artillery and Division.

Message Rockets - All Coys in the line can fire Message Rockets to their respective battalion H.Qrs. Left, Right, and Support Bns. fire rockets to Reserve Bn. H.Q. at O.28.b.8.8. Reserve Bn. fires direct to Brigade Visual Station at O.26.b.9.3.

Pigeons - 8 pigeons are supplied daily for Battalions in the line.

Acroplane Contact - "T" Popham Panels - The locations of the Battalion "T" Popham Signal Panels are as follows :-

"A" Bn	-	O.30.a.3.0.
"B" Bn	-	O.24.c.3.5.
"C" Bn	-	O.28.b.7.8.
"D" Bn	--	P.19.c.1.3.

Message Dogs - 3 Message Dogs are kennelled at Brigade Forward Exchange and work from Bns. and Coys. in the Line.

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A P P E N D I X 4MACHINE GUN POSITIONS

Following are the positions of Machine Guns, Sections and Section H.Qrs. :-

Machine Gun Coy. H.Qrs. at :- O.28.b.50.20.

Section at - O.29.b.1.6. Guns at - O.30.a.65.65.  
O.30.a.70.60.  
O.29.b.4.3.  
O.29.b.45.35.

Section at P.29.c.25.20.

Guns at P.20.c.65.95. (2 guns)  
P.19.c.95.85. (2 guns)

Section at P.19.c.90.80

Guns at - P.25.b.8.8.  
P.25.b.6.6.  
P.25.a.6.8.  
P.19.d.60.85.

Section at O.29.d.85.40.

Guns at O.30.b.4.4.  
O.30.c.54.74.  
O.30.c.56.76.  
O.30.c.58.78.

Section at O.24.a.5.1.

Guns at O.24.a.5.1. (2 guns)

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
No. 8.  
HEADQUARTERS.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 9.7.18 to 6 a.m. 10.7.18.OUR OPERATIONS -

During the night 9th/10th our line was advanced without any serious opposition and now runs P 26 d 4 5 along road to P 27 c 45 45 - P 27 a 30 00 - P 27 a 3 4 - P 27 a 25 60 - P 21 c 3 0.

TRENCH MORTARS - T.M's. have moved to P 26 b 20 70, P 26 b 35 70 P 26 b 60 80 and P 20 d 80 25.

ARTILLERY - At 9.50, 10.55 p.m., 2.30 and 3.25 a.m. bursts of harassing fire were put down on roads, tracks and trenches in the forward area.

MACHINE GUNS - The following targets were engaged:- Trenches and road in P 32 d, road, track and trenches in V 2 h, tracks in P 33 a and road in V 1 d. 4,500 rounds were expended.

PATROLS - A patrol of 1 Off. 20 O.R's. and 2 L.G's. went out from P 26 d 2 4 and moved in a N.E. direction to P 26 d 8 8 where the patrol joined a supporting party. A position was taken up at P 26 d 8 7 with supporting party about 100<sup>x</sup> further N. An enemy patrol was seen to move to P 27 c 2 5 from which flares and M.G's. fired. The patrol crawled to within 70 yards of this post and opened fire with bombs, rifles and L.G's. After about 3 minutes firing the enemy was seen to be moving back whereupon patrol advanced and occupied the post mounting L.G's. at P 27 c 20 52 and P 27 c 25 75. Flares of all colours were fired by enemy from trench running from P 27 c 5 4 to P 27 c 35 75. After a lull of 10 minutes enemy opened M.G. fire from P 27 c 50 25, P 27 u 40 60 and P 27 c 35 75 while he bombed immediately in front of these positions. Our Lewis gunners and bombers opened on these latter positions and after 3 minutes we gained superiority of fire whereupon the enemy ran in all directions taking with him some wounded men. Patrol again advanced and occupied trench running from P 27 c 3 4 to P 27 c 5 7 which trench affords a good field of fire, is 8' deep and in good condition. The supporting party was then brought up from P 27 c 1 7 and took over patrol position. During this operation 950 rounds of S.A.A. and 45 grenades were expended. Patrol returned through P 26 d 2 4.

AIRCRAFT - When observation was good, our planes actively patrolled enemy forward area.

SNIPING - By our active sniping during the day 3 casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

ENEMY OPERATIONS - ARTILLERY -

Time.	Calibre.	Direction.	Shelling	Rounds.
5.30-6 pm.	77 & 4.2 H.E.	110° T.B. from	O 36 b.	
		O 29 d 90 40.	P 31 & P 32.	200
6-7 pm.	do	MARCELCAVE.	P 31 b.	60
7.15-7.20	4.2 H.E.	118 & 141° T.B. from	P 19 a.	30
		O 29 d 90 40.		
7.15-7.45	do & Shrap.	do	O 36 a.	40
8.10 pm.	77 H.E.	105° T.B. " P 19 d 95 50.	P 19 a & d.	40
8.45 pm.	do	MARCELCAVE.	O 36 & P 31.	50
9.10 pm.	4.2 H.E.	89° T.B. from O 29 d 90 40.	P 19 c.	30
9.30 pm.	do	118° T.B.	do	30
10.10.45	4.2 & 5.9 H.E.	-	P 25 c.	30
10-11.30	do & Gas.	118° T.B. " O 29 d 99 40.	O 19, 20 & 21	50
10.5 & 10.20	4.2 H.E.	MARCELCAVE.	P 25 b & P 26 a	160
1.10-1.20 am.	do & Gas.	do	VILLERS BRIT.	70
2.15-2.35 am.	77 & 4.2 H.E.	do	O 24 d.	50
			Front & Support lines.	
			Light barrago.	

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Decidedly nervous.

ENEMY DEFENCES -

(a) Work and Wire - Freshly dug earth is visible at P 27 a central. At midnight an enemy working party at P 27 a 4 8 was dispersed by LEWIS GUN fire.

ENEMY DEFENCES -

(b) Machine Guns - Quiet during the day. During our operation mentioned above M.G.'s. at P 27 c 50 25, P 27 c 40 60 and P 27 c 35 75 were active.

(c) Flares - On account of numerous flares of all colours being fired the result of the signals could not be observed.

AIRCRAFT - Several enemy balloons were observed during the day.

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION - Very little movement in the forward area only was observed.

MISCELLANEOUS - Visibility fair.  
Enemy showed very slight opposition during our advance and his morale appears very poor.

WORK -

P 26 central	-	110 yards of new trench deepened to an average depth of 2'6".
Front Line		
Right Bn.	-	50 yards of wire erected.
P 20 d 5 l.	-	40 yards of C.T. dug to a depth of 3'6".
P 21 c 6 8.	-	Posts deepened to 6'.
P 20 d.	-	Digging C.T.
P 26 a.	-	300 yards of C.T. dug to a depth of 3'6".

CABLE BURYING -  
to 0 25 a 3 2.

180 yards of cable buried from 0 34 b 9 8

In addition posts were generally improved, shelters built and R.E. material carried forward.

*W. P. MacCallum* Capt  
for Brigadier General,  
Commanding, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters

10th July 1918

17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,  
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.NIGHT FIRING 10th/11th July

1. 14th Bde. (a) Tracks and Track junctions in P.22.d. and P.29.a.  
(b) P.28.b. (Trench in).
- A/86 (a) Track junction P.29.b.0.3., Roads and tracks in P.28.b.  
(b) Trench in P.28.d.
- C/86 (a) Roads and tracks P.27.d., P.28.c., East of N & S line  
through P.27.d.5.0.  
(b) Trench in P.28.d.
2. Bursts of fire as under :-  
(a) 11 p.m. - 11.25 p.m. - 2.15 a.m.  
(b) 10.10 p.m. - 3.5 a.m.
3. Expenditure - 14th Bde. 200 rounds per battery  
A & C/86 300 rounds per battery.
4. D/86 Gas targets as per programme.

Copies to -  
5th Field Coy.AE.  
War Diary (3)Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

War Diary

5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.No.  
S E C R E T.

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION MEMO No. 16.

9/516.

Brigade Headquarters,  
10th. July, 1918.

## Reference Map.

Sheet 62D. S.E. 1/20,000

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1. During the night 9/10th July, the 7th. A.I.Bdo. established their line from P 31 b 1 5 to P 26 c 0 0, and also occupied trench P 31 b 85 50 - P 31 b 5 2.  
18th and 20th Battalions occupied line of enemy trenches P 27 a 1 9 - P 27 a 3 7 - P 27 a 3 0 - P 27 c 5 4.
2. Tonight 10/11th July 7th. A.I.Bdo. are exploiting enemy trenches North of Railway in P 31 d, V 1 a & b, and are prepared to throw a line of posts across P 32 c to join up with 17th Battalion in making good any ground gained.
3. (a) Tonight the 10th/11th the 20th. Battalion will send out patrols to reconnoitre enemy trench line P 21 c 5 4 - P 27 a 3 7 - P 27 a 5 5 - P 27 c 8 8 - P 27 c 8 4 with a view to occupation on night 11/12th instant. The present line will be consolidated and wired.  
(b) 17th. Battalion by means of patrols will exploit enemy trench line running S.E. from P 32 a 5 5 through P 32 a & d, and trench line running South from P 26 d 9 1 through P 32 b, P 33 a P 32 d. All ground exploited will be retained and consolidated.
4. The final general line to be aimed at for consolidation is P 21 c 5 9 - P 27 c 8 4 - P 33 c 2 8 - P 32 d 8 0.
5. Special provision will be made to ensure complete liaison between Battalions concerned.

W. F. Marshall.

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

## Issued to -

17th. Battalion.  
18th. Battalion.  
19th. Battalion.  
20th. Battalion.  
5th. A.L.T.M.Bty.

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Loft Group Artillery.  
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Order No. 194

Brigade Headquarters,  
10th July 1918.

## Reference Maps -

Sheet 62d SE and SW, 1/20,000

1. The following reliefs and readjustments will take place on night 10th/11th instant.
2. The inter-battalion boundary will be <sup>altered</sup> to run B.27.c.5.4. - P.27.a.0.0., thence E. and W. through P.26.central.
3. (a) 20th Bn will take over from 18th Bn that portion of the front between the original inter-battalion boundary and P.27.c.5.4.  
(b) 17th Bn. will relieve remainder of 18th Bn in line right sector.
4. On relief 18th Bn will become "C" Bn in support in original front line and DIGGERS SUPPORT.
5. Trench Stores etc. will be taken over and copies of receipts forwarded to Brigade H.Q. 24 hours after relief.
6. Battalion H.Q. will not change.
7. Completion of relief will be notified by priority wire in code.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 1 p.m.  
through Sigs.W. P. MacCallum.  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copy No. 1	17th Bn		
2	18th Bn		
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16	Bdo. School		
17	Nucleus Bn		
18	G.O.C.		
19	B.M.		
20	S.C.		

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 9  
5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE  
HEADQUARTERS.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 10.7.18 to 6 a.m. 11.7.18.

OUR OPERATIONS - During the night 10/11th instant posts were in places advanced and line now runs P 26 b 10 45 thence along road to P 27 c 00 45 thence to P 27 c 20 55 - P 27 a 30 00 North along trench to P 27 a 10 90 - P 21 c 7 7. Posts have been established in trench at P 26 d 8 2.

ARTILLERY - During the period the usual harassing fire was maintained on the enemy forward and rear defences.

MACHINE GUNS - The following targets were engaged - Tracks in P 27 b & d, enemy posts in P 27 b and P 21 d. 4,500 rounds were expended.

PATROLS - One Off. and 1 O.R. crawled out towards trench at P 26 d 70 40 and located enemy posts at P 32 b 1 6, P 32 b 50 65, P 32 b 80 65 and P 25 a 50 70.

An Officer and 9 O.R.'s. went out from P 26 c 2 1 and moved 600 yards East. Patrol examined a line of "pot holes" running S. from P 26 c 5 4 which showed no signs of recent occupation. When examining these posts patrol was fired on by M.G. from P 32 a 85 45.

1 Off. and 4 O.R.'s. moved out from P 21 c 4 4 and observed enemy movement at P 21 d 0 0 and flares being fired from P 21 d 4 4.

1 Off. and 10 O.R.'s. with L.G. went out from P 27 a 3 0 at 11 p.m. to reconnoitre trenches in P 27 a 5 5 and P 27 c 85 88. After proceeding 50 yards a party of the enemy (20 strong) was seen moving S. from trench at P 27 c 4 6 while a second party was seen about P 27 c 6 7. Fire was opened on the enemy and several casualties inflicted. Enemy M.G.'s. opened on patrol from P 27 c 8 5, P 27 a 5 6 and P 27 a 1 0. Later a party attempted to move S. along trench from P 27 a 3 0. After a severe bombing encounter in which 6 enemy were killed the enemy commenced to waver but M.G.'s. opened from P 27 c 8 4 and P 27 a 5 3 from which fire we suffered 15 casualties. Our patrol withdrew in order.

SNIPERS - Active - 3 hits are claimed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS - and 9 p.m.

ARTILLERY - Quiet during the day. Between 7.30 p.m./0 35, 0 36 and U 6 were heavily shelled by 4.2 H.E.'s. At 3 a.m. a light 77 H.E. barrage was put down on P 26. During the period 0 24, 0 28, 0 30, P 19, P 20, P 25, P 31 were lightly shelled with . 77 and 4.2 H.E. A 5.9 Battery is suspected in CHALK PIT at P 30 c. Gun flashes were observed on a T.B. of 65, 76 and 109° from 0 29 d 90 40.

ENEMY ATTITUDE - The enemy appears to have re-organised his defences.

ENEMY DEFENCES -

Work and Wire - A line of wire and trenches is being constructed from DOG Wood to RAT Wood in P 24.

Machine Guns - Very active during the night. Positions located at P 27 c 8 5, P 27 a 5 6 and P 27 a 10 00. (For further particulars see patrol reports)

Flares - White flares above normal. 2 single reds brought down a light 4.2 barrage on our front and support lines in P 26 b. Orange clusters followed by a single green brought light artillery fire on P 26.

Aircraft - At 7.30 a.m. an enemy plane flew over the Right Battalion sector to enemy lines.

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION - At 5.50 p.m. one man walked from WARFUSEE to trench at P 23 c. At 6.35 p.m. 9 men seen working in trench at P 32 d 4 4. There is some camouflage in this vicinity. At 8.15 p.m. 2 parties of 5 men each, fully equipped and carrying tools came from rear of enemy lines and disappeared in trenches in P 32 d. At 5.45 a.m. men left these trenches and went down towards Railway in V 2. From 8 to 10 p.m. about 100 men in small parties left enemy forward area around P 33 and went towards MARCELCAVE. Usual amount of foot and transport traffic was noticed on roads and tracks in the rear area. At 5.55 and 6.10 p.m. trains were seen moving S. on line in Q 34. They were engaged by our artillery whose shells fell approx. 1,000 yards short.

P.T.O.

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SNIPERS - Very active from trench in P 27 a 6 5. This trench is strongly held.

MISCELLANEOUS - Visibility good when not raining.

WORK -

Front Line.

P 21 c.	-	Improved.
P 27 a.	-	Improved.
C.T. P 26 a.	-	180 yards of C.T. dig from P 26 a 65 80 to P 26 a 80 50. to a depth of 3'6".

Cable burying.

100 yards of cable buried from O 34 d 4 6 to O 34 d 6 6 approx.

In addition material was salvaged and R.E. material carried forward.

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

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

17th, 20th Battalions  
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.

Brigade Headquarters,  
11th July 1918.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

No.

Date

Reference Map, Snprint S/44, 1/10,000

1. Tonight 20th Battalion will endeavour to connect up posts in P.27.a. and will also bomb down trench to P.27.a.3.0. approx. where a block will be established.

2. In conjunction with above patrol, 17th Battalion will send a patrol north from P.27.a.20.45. to engage enemy post at P.27.c.2.8. from the flank. This post will, if possible be driven out. Every precaution will be taken to avoid unnecessary casualties.

3. A series of posts will then be established running from P.27.a.3.0. to P.27.c.2.6.

4. Posts at P.27.c.0.4. and P.27.c.20.45. will be strengthened and connected across at P.27.c.2.6. approx.

5. Posts at P.26.d.8.2. when withdrawn will be established to form a line of posts along north side of road.

6. O.C. 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. will get in touch with C.O's. 17th and 20th Bns. with reference to preliminary bombardment of enemy post at P.27.c.2.8.

7. Details of combined operation will be arranged direct between C.O's. concerned.

8. Special report on above operation will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

William Callum

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

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ORDER No. 195

Brigade Headquarters,  
11th July 1918.Reference Maps,  
Sheet 62d, SW and SE

1. The 19th Battalion will relieve the 20th Battalion in left sector of the line on the night 12th/13th instant.
2. On relief 20th Bn will be-como "D" Battalion in reserve.
3. The active policy of patrolling and consolidation will be interfered with as little as possible by the relief.
4. Trench schemes, defence schemes etc., will be handed over and receipts forwarded to Brigade H.Q. 24 hours after relief.
5. Completion of relief will be notified by priority wire in code.
4. Subject to the terms of this order all details of relief will be mutually arranged between C.Os concerned.
- 5 ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. I. M. M. Callan.

Captain,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued thro- Sigs.  
3.15 p.m.

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4	20th Bn
5	5th ALTM Bty
6	5th Field Coy.
7	5th Field Amb.
8	2nd A.M.G.Bn.
9	Left M.G.Group
10	2nd Aust. Div
11	6th A.I.Bde.
12	7th A.I.Bde.
13	4th A.I.Bde.
14	Bde. T. O.
15	Bde. T.M.
16	Rear H.Q.
17	Bde. School
18	Nuclear Bn
19	Left Group Arty.
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17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,  
5th Field Coy.  
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.

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Brigade Headquarters  
11th July 1918.

5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS.	
No.	9/579
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NIGHT FIRING 11th/12th JULY.

1. 14th Brigade - Tracks, junctions and selected targets in P.23.c. & d.,  
P.24.c., H.G. at P.22.c.8.6.  
A/88 - Tracks from P.29.a.2.2. to P.22.d.8.0., Road junction  
at P.29.b.0.3.  
B/88 - Houses at P.29.c.0.5., junction P.28.d.65.15. junction  
P.34.b.60.95.  
C/88 - Track junction P.28.d.51.31., Trench P.28.c.6.3.,  
P.28.c.7.1.
2. Bursts of fire at - 9.35 p.m. - 10.50 p.m. - 11.40 p.m. - 2.5 a.m.  
2.40 a.m.
3. Expenditure balance of allotment not less than 200 rounds per battery.
4. D/88 - Gas targets as per programme.

*William Calk* *W.C.*

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Headquarters,  
11th. July, 1918.

Headquarters,  
2nd. Australian Division.

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The following will be the locations of Units of this  
Brigade as at 8 a.m. on 14th instant:-

Brigade H.Q.	....	O 25 c 6 4.
17th. Battalion.	....	O 24 c 25 30.
18th. Battalion.	....	O 24 c 25 30.
19th. Battalion.	....	P 19 c 10 30.
20th. Battalion.	....	O 28 b 8 8.
5th. A.L.T.H. Bty.	....	O 22 a 8 7.
5th. Field Coy. A.E.	....	H 23 central.
Machine Gun Group.	....	H 30 d 90 05.
Nucleus Battalion.	....	H 18 d 1 5.
Transport Lines.	....	H 17 b & H 18 a.

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Col. R.

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

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters,  
2nd Australian Division.Brigade Headquarters,  
11th July 1918.5th AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

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## REPORT ON OUR TRENCHES

Trench running south from P.26.d.60.30. to P.26.b.85.40. is continuous and in fair condition and is dug to an average depth of 4 to 5 feet. In it there are a number of dugouts each capable of holding about 4 men.

Trench running from P.26.d.7.3. to P.26.d.90.00. is merely a line of "pot holes" and shallow trenches.

Trenches running from P.27.c.0.7. to P.27.c.05.40. and from P.27.c.2.7. to P.27.c.2.4. are in bad condition, being badly damaged by shell fire. These trenches are in places about 5 feet deep.

In the 30 yards of trenches running from P.27.c.2.7. to P.27.c.2.4. there is only sufficient accommodation for 12 men. From P.27.a.3.0. north to P.21.c.2.0. the trench is about 4 feet deep and in good condition with a few incomplete dugouts.

Trench running from P.21.c.0.3. to P.21.c.50.45. is well dug and in good condition.

Three new posts have been dug along a line running from P.21.c.4.0. to P.21.c.4.4. to a depth of 5 feet. These are in good condition.

Trenches in P.26.b. are for the most part badly dug and shallow.

In practically <sup>every</sup> case the trenches have been undercut.

Field of Fire -

From the trenches which now form our front line the field of fire is good, being 100 to 150 yards, though in some cases considerably more.

Shelters -

In addition to those mentioned above there are several shelters in trenches from P.21.c.2.0. to P.27.a.3.0.

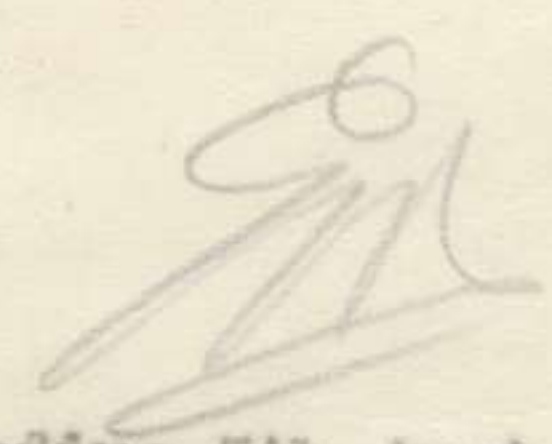
Dugouts -

In P.20.c.60.00. - timbered 8 <sup>deep</sup> feet and about 3' 6" wide  
P.26.b.5.6. do

P.26.d.8.9. Timbered and staired 20 feet deep with 2 entrances.

In trench from P.26.d.8.8. to P.26.b.6.4. there are several dugouts, timbered, 8 feet deep and 3' 6" wide.

The entrances of all dugouts face east.

  
Brig-General,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

11/845.

Brigade Headquarters,  
12th. July, 1918.17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
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July.

In continuation of this Office 11/845 dated 9th.

Staff will assemble at Brigade N.C.O's. School,  
RIVERY by 12 Noon, 13th instant and Students by 2 p.m., 14th  
instant. 48 hours rations will be carried.

Gear referred to in above Memo                      ¶ Para. 3 will  
be delivered to School on 13th instant.

Nominal rolls of Staff and candidates will be  
forwarded to reach this office by 12 Noon, 13th instant. *in*  
*duplicate.*

*W. P. MacCallum*

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

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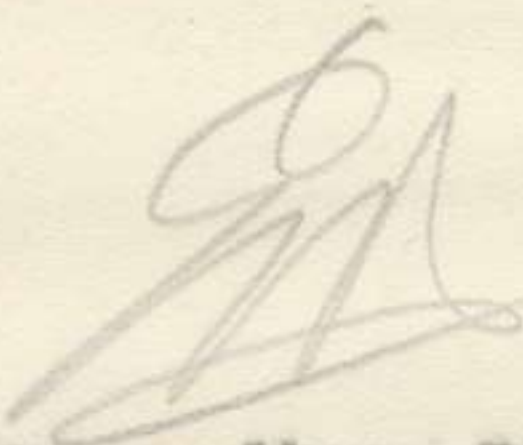
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Headquarters,  
11th. July, 1918.Headquarters,  
2nd. Australian Division.

With reference to your G 28/89 of 9th instant.

- (a) - It is considered that to lengthen the ranges as suggested would enhance the value of training brought out by the competition, but it is pointed out that facilities seldom exist for firing over 400<sup>x</sup> and 500<sup>x</sup> ranges.  
Suggested size of target screen - 8' by 4'.
- (b) - It is suggested that the platoon for competition should be organized according to the establishment obtaining at the time of the competition.
- (c) -
- (1)- The competition in my opinion affords excellent training and should be made a permanent one and fired every 6 months.
- (ii)-
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| (a) - | No. |
| (b) - | No. |
| (c) - | No. |

I would suggest, however, that a better distinction be arrived at for the marks allotted for control, and in this connection marks be awarded or taken off under two headings, fire discipline and control, and control during the bayonet assault.



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

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Brigade Headquarters,  
12th. July, 1918.17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
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1. The policy will <sup>now</sup> be to consolidate our gains in the past few days.  
The front line will be connected up to form a continuous line, firestopped and wired.
2. A special effort should be made to put out wire, possibly. It is also pointed out that the present time is the most favourable for cutting any crops that interfere with the field of view.
3. The defences of the sector in rear will be organised simultaneously i.e. the support and reserve lines and C.T.'s.
4. Any under cutting should be filled in or <sup>turned</sup> into firesteps.  
"T" heads should be constructed in the parados for accommodation.
5. Every effort must be made to <sup>clean</sup> up the trenches.  
Working parties returning from the forward area should bring back salvage with them to Company or Battalion dumps.

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

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

16/533.

Headquarters,  
18th. July, 1918.5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE  
HEADQUARTERS

18th. Battalion.

The following working parties will be supplied on night  
12/13th instant by 18th. Battalion:-

- (a) 40 men on completing C.T. to P 26 central.
- (b) 140 men on constructing Support Line P 26 b 3 4 -  
P 26 central - P 26 c 2 8.  
Officers in charge of parties (a and b) to meet  
Lieut. CROKER at 17th. Battalion H.Q. at 7.30 p.m.
- (c) Party of 20 men to meet 5th. Field Coy. guide at  
17th Battalion H.Q. 9 p.m. carrying mining sets to  
P 25 c 2 7.

*W. H. Call*

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

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5TH AUSTRALIAN  
 INFANTRY BRIGADE  
 HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters,

12th. July, 1918.

No.

Date.

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

NIGHT FIRING 12/13th JULY.

1. 14th. Army Brigade R.F.A.
  - (a) Battery areas in P 30 a & c (RD.56, P.D.51, P.D.52, P.D.54, P.D.42, P.D.58)
  - (b) Trench in P 28 b. M.G. P 22 c 8 6.
- A/86 (a) Trench and occupied areas P 29 a 3 2 to P 29 a 65 65.  
 Centre of activity at P 29 a 82 72.  
 (b) Trench in P 28 d.
- B/86 (a) Buildings P 29 c 0 3. Track P 28 d South of main road.  
 (b) Trench P 28 d.
- C/86 (a) Targets selected at request of Infantry.  
 (b) Trench in P 28 c.
2. Bursts of fire as under-
  - (a) 9.25 p.m. - 10.5 p.m. 2.50 a.m.
  - (b) 10.40 p.m. - 3.20 a.m.
3. Ammunition expenditure. Balance of allotment not less than 200 rounds per Battery.
4. D/86 Gas targets as per programme.

5th. Field Coy. A.E.  
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*William Call*  
 Captain,  
 Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

S E C R E TBrigade Headquarters,  
12th July 1918.17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.  
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.  
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The 39th Bn., 10th A.I.Bde. tonight is advancing their line to approx. P.21.b.5.8. - P.21.b.5.6. - P.21.central to road in P.21.c. where junction will be effected with this Brigade.

Movement will be under cover of darkness without artillery preparation.

The line specified above will be consolidated.

19th Battalion will if necessary conform to the move by swinging their left post forward.

The artillery S.O.S. line has been altered to conform with S.O.S. line on 10th A.I.Bde. sector and will run as before to P.21.c.1.4. thence P.22.a.0.0., along road to P.22.a.15.70. temporarily until final readjustment tomorrow.

*Dr. P. M. M. Callaghan*

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

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Headquarters,  
12th. July, 1918.

17th. Battalion.  
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With reference to this morning's conversation.

The following proposal is made as to the position to be occupied as the front line:-

P 26 c 0 0 - P 26 c 4 2 - P 26 c 80 48 - P 26 d 6 7 -  
P 27 c 05 70 - P 27 c 25 70 - P 27 a 3 0 to be consolidated and wired.

A small post in the nature of an O.P. by day to remain in P 27 c 25 45 and strengthened at night to form a standing patrol.

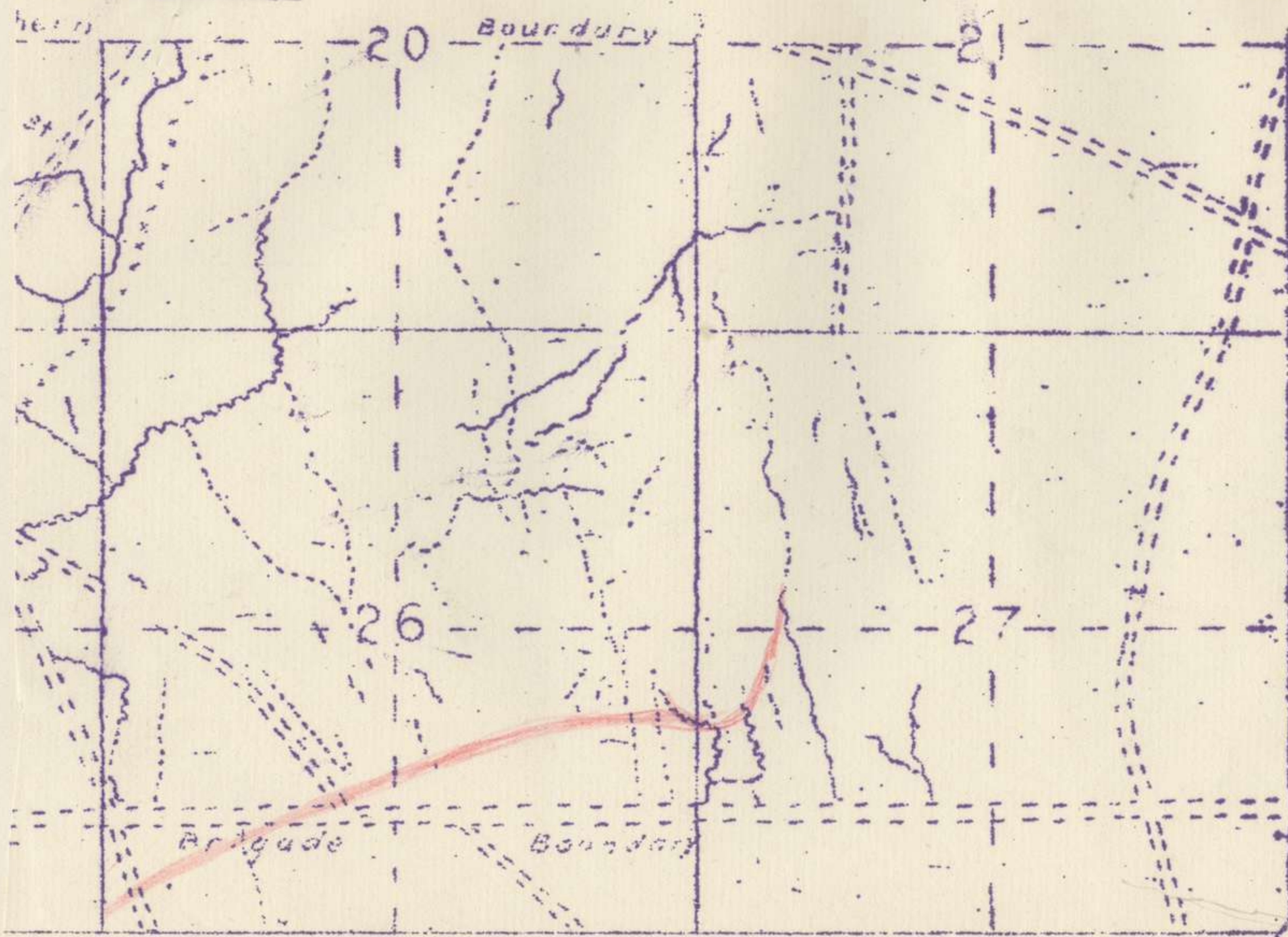
It is not considered that the post as P 27 c 25 45 should be altogether vacated but be maintained i.e. the policy would be to drive enemy out at once should he enter it.

This work should be put in hand at once.

*Robert Galt*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 11.7.18 to 6 a.m. 12.7.18. No. 10.

OUR OPERATIONS - Posts South of Road at P 26 d 8 2 were withdrawn and others established at P 26 d 85 45, P 26 d 85 45, P 26 d 40 45, P 27 c 2 7 and P 27 c 2 9.

ARTILLERY - Usual harassing fire at intervals during the night on tracks trenches and roads in P 23 c & d, P 24 c, P 22 c & d, P 29 a & b, P 28 c & d.

TRENCH MORTARS - 65 rounds were fired on enemy post at P 27 a 4 8. Direct hits were observed.

Machine Guns - The following targets were engaged, trench and road in P 32 d, tracks in P 33 a & c, M.G. position in P 22 c, Roads in P 21 c & d and P 27 b. 5,000 rounds were expended.

PATROLS - Patrols from both Right and Left Battalions covered the parties working on posts at P 27 c 2 7 and P 27 c 2 9.

One Off. and 6 O.R.'s. went out from P 27 a 3 9 at 12.50 a.m. and moved to P 27 a 4 9, thence to P 27 c 4 8. Flares and a M.G. were fired from P 27 a 5 6. No enemy movement was observed.

ENEMY. ARTILLERY - Quieter than during the previous periods. Between 8.45 and 9.45 p.m. 200 4.2's. fell on O 30 c and O 36 a. Between 9.30 and 9.50 p.m. 100 77 H.E's. fell in vicinity of our posts in P 26 c and P 25 d. Gun flashes were observed on T.B's. of 87, 81, 89, 72, and 114 from O 29 d 90 40.

#### ENEMY DEFENCES -

Work and Wire - Belt of wire can be seen running from P 16 c 10 05 to P 16 c 05 35.

Machine Guns - Occasional bursts during the night. Gun at P 27 a 4 7 was silenced by our T.M.

Flares - Single reds brought no enemy action. At 6 p.m. white flares caused enemy artillery which was firing short to cease fire.

AIRCRAFT - At 11.15 a.m. and 7.45 p.m. enemy low flying planes crossed our lines and were engaged by our A.A. guns. Balloons were up on 111 and 600 T.B. from O 29 d 95 65.

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION - In the forward areas much movement was observed in the trenches and shell holes. 20 men at intervals of 10' walked from P 34 a 10 00 to a probable dump at W 1 b 8 4 and returned carrying what appeared to be white bags. 2 horse vehicles moved from W 2 a 00 70 to W 1 b 8 4 where they unloaded. 12 men working party moved from P 33 d 3 9 to P 23 a 5 5. This party appears in this locality each evening at 6 p.m. 6 men carrying rations and dioxies walked from P 29 c 65 80 to P 28 b 50 25. Movement of individuals and limbers was observed on roads in Q 25 a & b and W 1 & 2. 2 men carrying a stretcher moved along road in P 21 d to WARFUSEE. 4 horse vehicles moved from BAYONVILLERS TO WIENCOURT. 5 men were seen to leave trench in P 28 c, moved to trench at P 27 b 6 0 and then moved back to WARFUSEE. Between 8 and 9 p.m. 21 men in ones and twos moved from WARFUSEE to trench at P 27 b 8 0.

MISCELLANEOUS - Visibility good. Enemy are reported to be occupying trenches running from P 27 a 5 9 to P 27 a 8 1, P 27 a 5 6 to P 27 a 55 40, P 27 c 35 80 to P 27 c 4 4 and trenches as far East as a line running N. & S. through WARFUSEE.

#### WORK -

Front Line	-	Improving line of posts running along North
Right Bn.		side of VILLERS BRATONNEUX - WARFUSEE Road.
P 26 c 3 2	-	Posts extended N.E. as far as road.
Front Line	-	Trench dug from P 21 c 15 20 to P 27 a 2 9.
Left Bn.		
P 21 c 6 7.	-	Post deepened.
P 27 a 3 0	-	"T" head built facing South.
P 20 c	-	Improving dugouts and trenches.

O.T. from P 20 c 8 0, P 20 d 50 45 widened and deepened to average depth of 4'.

CABLE BURYING - 136 yards of cable buried from O 35 d 0 5 to O 35/2 4. In addition R.E. material was carried forward.

L. P. MacCallum Cdt  
for Brigadier General,  
Commanding, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

W. Deary



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS.	
No.	107
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# FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

S E C R E T

No. 11

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 12/7/18 to 9.30 a.m. 23/7/18

## OUR OPERATIONS

Posts at P.26.d.85.45, P.26.d.65.45, P.26.d.40.45. were withdrawn and posts established along a line - P.27.a.3.0. - P.26.d.8.7. - P.26.d.2.5. Post at P.26.c.1.5. is being maintained.

Artillery - Usual harassing fire on battery positions in P.30.a. and c. trenches and occupied areas in P.29.a. and P.28.d., buildings at P.29.c.0.3., in bursts at 9.25 pm, 10.5 pm, 10.40 pm, 2.50 am, 3.20 am.

Trench Mortars - 35 rounds fired on enemy post at P.27.a.4.7. Direct hits were observed.

Machine Guns - The following targets were engaged - Junction of trenches and roads in V.2.b., road running through P.32.a. and d., tracks in P.33.c. and road and tracks in P.22.c. 5,500 rounds were expended.

Patrols - One officer and 4 other ranks went out from P.21.c.30.00 at 10.30 p.m. and moved to enemy post at P.27.a.4.7. Upon entering this post enemy (12 men) retired to a machine gun post about 20 yds in rear. Patrol returned at 12.45 a.m. through P.21.c.30.00.

Snipers - Active, 2 hits are claimed.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Very quiet. Our front and rear defences were lightly shelled during the period. The areas receiving most attention being 6.30 p.m. 29 - 5.9 HES. on O.22. 9.30 to 9.55 pm - 35 - 4.2 HES on O.29.d. and 10.10 to 10.30 pm, 30 - 4.2 HES on P.31.a. and c., O.36. and O.35. Gun flashes were observed on a TB of 62, 79, 87, and 140 degrees from O.29.d.90.40.

Enemy attitude - Quiet.

Enemy defences -

Occupied trenches - From P.28.d.4.7 to P.28.a.80.00. and trench at P.27.d.30.75.

Machine Guns - Quieter than during previous periods. One gun located at P.27.a.5.7.

Flares - WHITE flares normal. Single REDS brought no enemy action. Between 9.30 and 10 pm, flares of various colours were fired from a point some distance east of WARFUSEE.

Hostile Aerial activity - Inactive throughout the day. About midnight planes crossed our lines and bombed the back areas. 6.5 a.m. plane patrolled our line and was engaged by A.A. fire

Movement and Organisation - Usual movement of individuals in the forward area. 6.50 pm a party of 20 men carrying bags on their shoulders left DOG WOOD, (P.24.d.) and moved south.

8 pm two parties of 12 men moved along road from P.23.a.45.40. to P.23.d.25.10.

8.17 pm 30 men in small parties moved towards WIENCOURT by road running through V.6.b.

8.50 pm 12 men left BAYONVILLERS and moved west by road in W.1.a.

Movement of individuals on the following roads - Roads in P.24.c., towards LAMOTTE. Roads in P.36.a., P.23.c., P.29.b., W.2.c., P.28.c., P.35.a., and W.1.a.

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Trains - 7.7 pm train moved south through DOG WOOD towards WARFUSEE. Trucks appeared to be loaded with white boxes.  
7.25 p.m. train moving N.E. along line in Q.31.c.  
7.55 p.m. engine and tender moved N.E. along line in Q.31.c.

Miscellaneous - Visibility good. At 8.30 p.m. as a result of our artillery a dump was fired at P.24.c. and burnt for upwards of an hour. At 8.40 p.m. our artillery set fire to a large dump in the vicinity of Q.34.b.

WORK -  
Front line - Taped out from P.27.a.3.0. to P.26.d.2.5.  
P.26.d.7.7. to P.26.d.2.5. 70 yards of trench dug 4' 6" deep.  
P.26.a.2.7. Improving dugout.  
P.26.a.60.25. to P.26.a.8.2. C.T. dug 4 feet deep.  
P.26.b.00.25. to P.26.c.7.9. Digging new support line trench 4' deep.  
Posts were improved along the left battalion front and R.E. material carried forward.

*W. P. MacCallum*  
Capt

Brig-General,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

16/336.

Headquarters,  
13th. July, 1918.

18th., 20th. Bns.  
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The following working parties will be supplied  
tonight 13/14th instant.

18th. Battalion.

200 men on digging support line P 26 a 6 0 -  
P 26 c 2 7 approx. and improving existing support  
trench P 26 a 6 0 towards P 26 b central.

Officers in charge parties to meet Liout.  
WILLIAMSON at 17th. Bn. H.Q. at 7.30 p.m.

20th. Battalion.

100 men (diggers) exclusive of Officers and  
N.C.O's on cable burying (Map and instructions  
attached for 20th Bn. only).

52 men in 4 six hourly shifts of 8 men to  
work on dugout P 25 c 2 7. First shift to be met  
by Sapper, 5th. Field Coy. at 8 a.m., 17th. Bn, thence  
at 6 hourly periods. Work to commence on 14th.  
instant.

*William Calver*

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

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

16/335.

Headquarters,  
13th July, 1918.

20th. Battalion.

Required a digging party of 100 men, exclusive of Officers N.C.O's. to report at 10.30 p.m. tonight the 13th instant. at approx. 0 36 c 10 35.

Trench to be dug to depth of 6 feet, the bottom without hummocks. Infantry officers will allot the tasks and be responsible that the trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout.

When this is completed and passed by the Signal Company Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by Signal Company personnel under the supervision of the Signal Company Officer present.

At his word the Infantry will fill in the trench. When filled in to his approval details may be withdrawn.

Proportion of tools - 1 pick to 2 shovels. Tools to be supplied by you.

Attached hereto diagram showing work remaining to be done in red. Work to be commenced at approximately 0 36 c 10 35 at the end of section allotted to 6th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Route will be taped out by Signal Company personnel before arrival of party at the work.

*Alfred Calh*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
13th July 1918.Headquarters,  
2nd Australian Division.  
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It is proposed to construct mined dug-outs for Battalion Headquarters in the line at P.25.c.2.7. (Right Battalion) and P.20.c.1.3. (Left Battalion).

May permission be granted to commence work there?



Brig-General,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,  
13th. July, 1918.17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.NIGHT FIRING 13/14th JULY.

1. 14th Army Brigade R.F.A.  
Selected targets in P 23 c & d, P 24 c & D. Valley in P 30 a.  
A/86 Tracks P 29 a 3 1 - P 22 d 8 0. Junction P 29 b 0 3.  
B/86 Road P 28 b 0 7 - P 29 c 5 9. Buildings P 29 c 0 3.  
C/86 Road P 34 a 1 0 - P 35 c 0 0. Trenches P 33 a.
2. Bursts of Fire as under :-  
8.30 p.m. - 8.50 p.m. - 9.25 p.m. - 11.35 p.m. - 6 a.m.
3. Expenditure Balance of allotment not less than 200 rounds  
per Battery.
4. D/86 Gas targets 15 and 18 and Junction P 29 b 0 3.

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

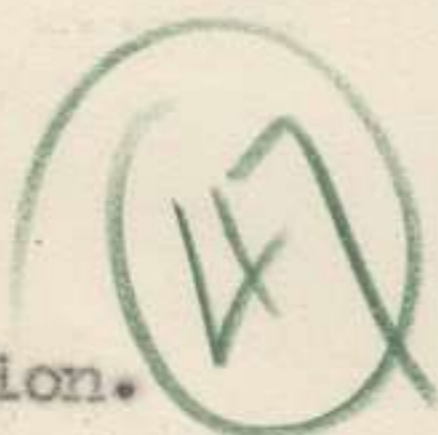
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

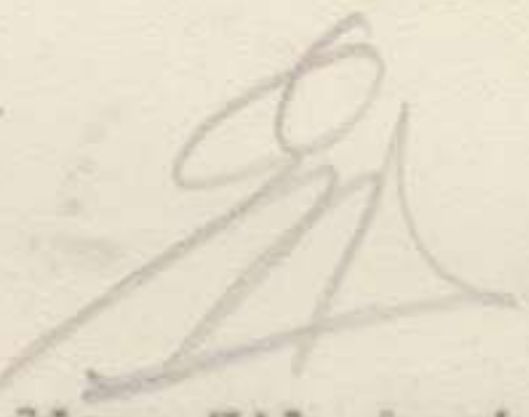
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Reference your G.40/143 of 8th instant.

It has been found that the Lewis Gun generally is very satisfactory. Recently very few stoppages have been experienced. Two of the main causes of stoppages have been remedied -

- (a) By the advent of a serviceable gun-cover which protects the gun from mud, dust and rain.
- (b) By the provision of M.G. bundle-packed ammunition which has lessened the number of stoppages due to faulty ammunition.

It has been noticed that the recent issue of "cartridge guide springs" has given rise to stoppages owing to faulty manufacture, i.e., the weak springs fail to force the cartridge into the chamber. Perhaps if these springs were strengthened, one of the few remaining causes of stoppages would be overcome.

  
Brig-General,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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5th AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 13.7.18 to 6 a.m. 14.7.18. No. 12.

Our Operations -

Artillery - Usual harassing fire was maintained on enemy forward and rear defences during the period.

Machine Guns - The following targets were engaged:- Movement at Railway crossing V 1 b., Trenches and roads in V 2 b, Cross Roads in P 21 d and trenches in P 27 b.. 7,500 rounds were expended.

Rifle Grenades - Numerous R.G.'s. fired in vicinity of enemy post at P 27 c 3 6. Result could not be observed.

Patrols - A patrol of 1 Off. and 12 O.R.'s. went out from P 26 d 2 5 at 10.30 p.m. and moved E. along Southern edge of road for about 300<sup>x</sup>. M.G. was firing from approx. P 26 d 95 25. Patrol then moved S. from road for about 200<sup>x</sup>, thence in a Westerly direction examining "pot holes" from P 26 c 95 10 to P 26 c 6 2 which were found unoccupied, but numerous new stick bombs were found. A M.G. was firing from P 32 a 9 5. Patrol returned at 12.30 a.m. through P 26 c 35 15.

Snipers - Active. 5 hits are claimed for the snipers of the Left Bn.

Identifications - Prisoner captured in P 27 a belonging to 55 I.R., 13th Division. He belonged to the pigeon message service and was carrying 4 pigeons up to a Coy. in the front line, lost his way in the mist and wandered into our lines.

Enemy Operations -

Artillery - Quiet. At 9.20 p.m. a 3 minute barrage - 77 H.E. was put down on P 27 a. O 30 was shelled at intervals during the period with 77 and 4.2 H.E. P 25 with 77 H.E. and O 29, O 36, O 28, O 22 were lightly shelled with 4.2 and 5.9 H.E. Between 1.40 and 1.55 a.m. 25 4.2 Gas fell on O 24 a & c, O 23 d. At 3.10 a.m. 20 4.2 Gas fell on O 17 a & b. Gun flashes were observed on a T.B. 72, 91, and 94<sup>o</sup> from O 29 d 90 40.

Enemy Attitude - Quiet.

Enemy Defences -

(a) Trench Mortars - A T.M. fired a shot opposite our Left Bn. front at 12.30 a.m. The shell fell short falling in enemy lines. The Mortar could not be located.

(b) Machine Guns - Occasional bursts during the night. Guns fired from P 21 d 35 35, P 27 b 20 60, P 27 c 3 7, P 26 d 9 2, and positions are suspected at P 27 c 45 70 and P 27 c 45 50.

(c) Flares - WHITES normal. Single REDS, single GREENS and ORANGE clusters brought no apparent enemy action. Two GREENS were followed by an outburst of M.G. fire. 6 searchlights were active opposite our sector during the approach of our planes.

Enemy Aircraft - At 8.55 p.m. 6 enemy planes were over our lines. 4 appeared to act as a decoy to draw A.A. fire whilst 2 attacked and destroyed 2 of our captive balloons N. of CORBIE. Balloons were up on a T.B. 123<sup>o</sup> from P 26 b 80 50 and 112<sup>o</sup> T.B. from O 29 d 95 55.

Movement & Organization - 1/2 p.m. parties of twos and threes (30 in all) seen on road in V 6 b. moving towards WIENCOURT. 9 to 9.10 p.m. 4 wagons and about 200 men in parties of 20 each seen moving along BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT Road in direction of WIENCOURT. They were engaged by our art. whose shots fell short. Usual amount of transport and foot traffic was observed on the roads and tracks in the rear areas. Individuals were seen during the day moving about the road and trenches in P 17 d, roads Q 25 a and about P 28 b and d.

Trains - At 5.50 and 6.5 p.m. smoke from trains was observed in P 24 d going N.E. 7.30 p.m. train with 10 trucks moving S. on line in W 17 d. 7.45 p.m. train with 3 trucks moving N. along line in W 17 d. 7.55 p.m. train moving S. on line in W.17.d.

Miscellaneous - Visibility poor during the morning. Good during the afternoon.

Escaped Prisoner - At about 5 a.m. this morning, 14th instant an escaped French prisoner approached our lines wearing a German uniform. He was wounded in the leg by one of our riflemen and was taken to the Dressing Station.

Work/  
P.T.O.

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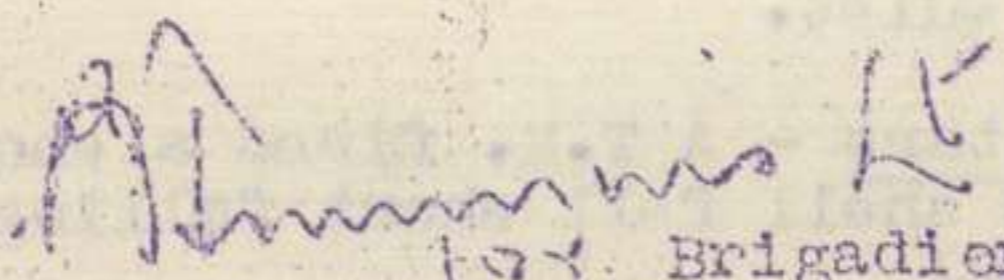
Work -

Front Line.	-	Improving and linking up posts on Right Bn. front. 150 yds. of new trench dug.
		Improving and linking up posts of Left Bn. 215 yds. of new trench dug.
P 26 a 7 2.	-	Improving dugouts.
P 26 b 95 65 to		
P 27 a 35 70	-	Digging new O.T.
P 26 b & a.	-	350 yards of new support line dug to an average depth of 3'6" and 100 yds. widened and deepened.
R.A.P's. at		
O 24 c 25 30		
and in YORK ST.	-	Improving dugouts.

Cable burying -

Cable buried from  
O 35 d 85 35 to O 36 c 10 35.

In addition R.E. material was carried forward.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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16/339.

Headquarters,  
14th July, 1918.

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
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The following working parties will be  
supplied tonight 14/15th. instant.

18th. Battalion.

200 men exclusive of Officers and N.C.O's.  
completing support line from P 26 b 5 5 - P 26 c 1 8.  
Officers in charge to meet Lieut. WILLIAMSON  
at 17th. Bn. H.Q. at 7.30 p.m.

20th. Battalion.

100 men (diggers) exclusive of Officers and  
N.C.O's. cable burying (Instructions and map will  
follow later)

*W. P. MacCallum*

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

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Brigade Headquarters,  
14th July 1918.

17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,  
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.  
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NIGHT FIRING 14th/ 15 July.

1. 14th Army Brigade R.F.A.

Roads and tracks in P.29.a. & b. P.22.d. and P.28.b.  
Dump at P.30.c.55.90.

A/86 C.P. area "U" P.28.b. and d.

B/86 Roads and tracks in P.27.d. and 28.c.

C/86 C.P. area "O" P.27.b. and d.

2. Bursts of fire as under -  
8.40 pm, 9- pm, 4.20 am, 5 am.

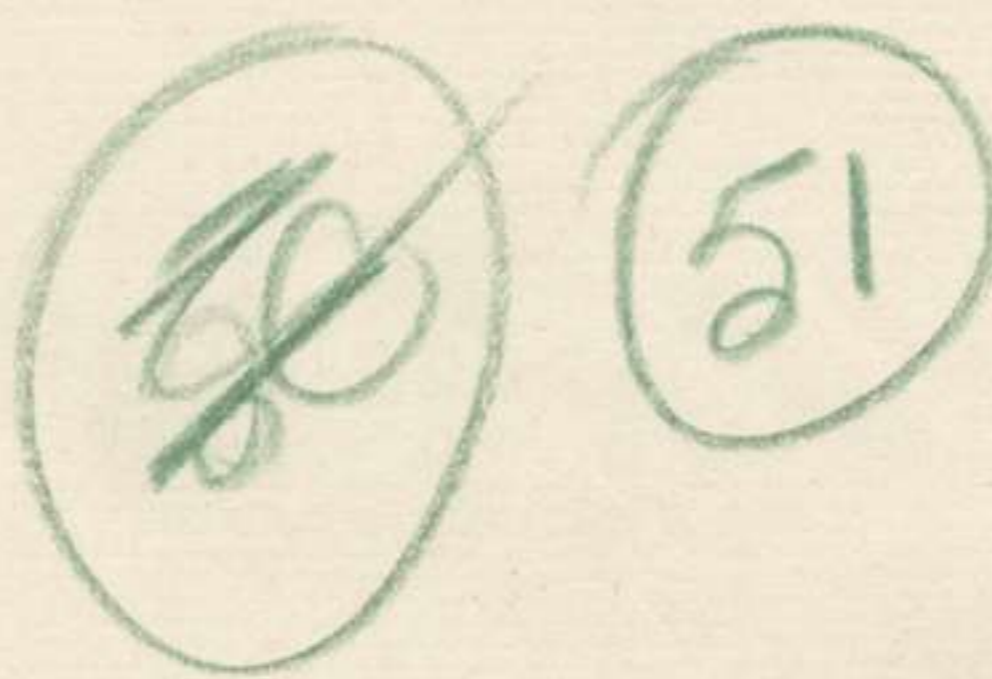
3. Expenditure balance of allotment, but not less than 200 rounds  
per battery.

4. D/86 Gas target 3, dugout at P.28.b.45.25. and H.Q. P.29.c.90.65.

10. P. War Callus.

Captain,  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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16/341.

Headquarters,  
14th July, 1918.

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
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It is considered advisable in the case of new trenches dug that before leaving the work the party engaged on the work should flatten the parapet and parados. This of course would only obtain when the trench gives cover from view by reason of its depth.

The parapet of a trench in the making gives a sense of security by its thinness at the top and by reason of the earth loosely thrown up is more visible as new work. false

*W. P. Mack'allen*

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

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