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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 14.7.18 to 6 a.m. 15.7.18.

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery - The usual harassing fire was carried out during the period on enemy rear and forward defences, and engaging enemy activity reported.

Machine Guns - The following targets were engaged :- Bridge and road in V 1 b, Roads and tracks V 2 a & b. Junction of roads in P 28 b., Roads and tracks in P 22 b & d., Roads and trenches in P 32 d. 11,000 rounds expended.

Lewis Guns and Rifle Grenades - Enemy working party dispersed at P 26 d 90 15.

Trench Mortars - Enemy post at P 27 a 30 50 was engaged by our Stokes mortars. 20 rounds being expended. Direct hits being observed.

Patrols - A patrol of 1 Off. and 10 O.R.'s. with L.G. went out from P 26 d 35 10 at 12.5 a.m. and proceeded in a S.E. direction for about 250 yards. M.G. was located firing from P 32 a 9 5. Flares were also being fired from this position. Patrol returned at 1.55 a.m. through P 26 d 35 10.

The usual patrolling between posts on the Brigade front was carried out.

Snipers - Active - 4 certain hits are claimed for the snipers of the Left Battalion.

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery - More active than during the preceding period.

Between 6.10 and 6.35 p.m. 50 4.2 H.E.'s. fell on O 36 a and O 30 b. from a T.B. of 129° from O 29 d 95 55. At 6.45 p.m. 65 77 H.E.'s. fell on P 25 c from a T.B. of 99° from O 29 d 95 55. At 8.25 p.m. 40 4.2 H.E.'s. fell on O 36 and O 35. From 9.35 to 9.50 p.m. 84 4.2 H.E.'s. fell on O 36. Between 9.55 and 10.12 p.m. 80 77 H.E.'s. from the direction of WARFUSEE fell on our front line and supports. Between 10.5 and 10.30 p.m. O 36 was again shelled by 90 4.2's. Other areas that received light shelling were O 23, O 31, P 27 a, P 20 c, P 25, P 26 b. Between 10.20 and 10.40 p.m. 50 Gas and H.E. fell on O 35 e, 23 gas on O 28 d and 28 gas and H.E. on O 34 b. Gun flashes were observed on a T.B. of 74, 90 and 100° from O 29 d 90 40. It is suspected that 18 pdrs. were used during the shelling last night.

Enemy Attitude - Passive.

Enemy Defences -

(a) Work & Wire - Trenches in vicinity of P 32 a 9 2 appear to be strongly held and an artillery O.P. is suspected in these trenches. A party of 6 men carrying rations were seen to enter these trenches at dusk.

(b) Trench Mortars - A granatenwerfer which could not be located fired a few rounds on the advance posts of the Right Batt.

(c) Machine Guns - Quiet. Guns fired from P 21 d 35 35, P 27 b 20 60 and P 22 a 2 0.

(d) Flares - Whites normal. 4 REDS and 4 GREENS were immediately followed by artillery fire on our support lines. 2 GREENS were also followed by artillery fire.

Enemy Aircraft - At 7.40 p.m. an enemy plane flew over our lines dropping a white flare at P 20 d 5 8 which drew artillery fire to the spot. At 4.20 a.m. an enemy plane flying from WARFUSEE patrolled over VILLERS BRETONNEUX for 15 minutes and then returned in direction of WARFUSEE. Balloons were up on T.B.'s. of 60, 78 and 86° from O 29 d 90 40.

Movement & Organization - There appears to be a dressing station in P 29 c near a suspected H.Q. as 3 cases were carried there during the day. Movement was noticed behind TAILLOUX Wood in P 22 b and P 23 a. At 6.55 p.m. and 7 p.m. 12 men and 30 men respectively came from Q 27 a and disappeared at Q 21 e. At 7.15 p.m. 10 men went towards BAYONVILLERS by Main Road in Q 32 a.

Movement & Organization - 7.15 p.m. 6 men came towards HAZEL Wood from SUSAN Wood. 7.50 p.m. 12 men came from VALERIE WOOD and disappeared near SUSAN WOOD. 8 p.m. 15 men assembled at Cross Roads in V 6 b. picked up some timber and then moved towards WIENCOURT. 9 p.m. Transports followed by foot traffic moved from BAYONVILLERS in direction of WIENCOURT, were engaged by our Artillery, resulting in the transports being disorganised and forcing the foot traffic to retire to the outskirts of BAYONVILLERS. Similar traffic was reported at 9 p.m. on the 13th instant. At 7 a.m. 100 men in parties of about 20 each were seen going along road BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT, and were lost to view at Railway W 7 a. Usual amount of single movement in the forward and rear areas. Normal amount of transport movement was noticed LANOTTE - BAYONVILLERS Road, BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT Road, BAYONVILLERS - GUILLAUCOURT Road and BAYONVILLERS - HARBONNIERES Road.

Trains - At 8.52 p.m. train with 8 trucks went North on line W 17 d. At 8.35 p.m. train going N. on line in R 19 d.

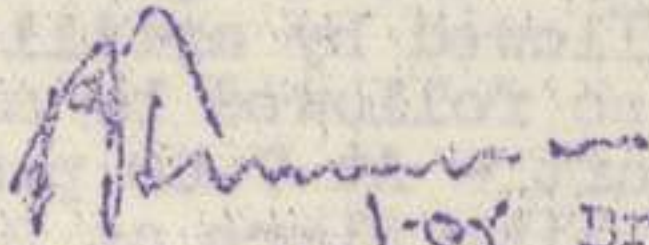
Miscellaneous - Visibility good. At 12.25 a.m. a fire burnt in WARFUSSE for 15 minutes.

WORK -

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|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Front line.           | - | Linking up posts. 90% dug to a depth of 3'6".               |
| Left Battalion.       | - | New trench dug 100% by 2'.                                  |
| P 21 c 70 60 to       | - |                                                             |
| P 21 c 70 40.         | - |                                                             |
| P 27 a 25 65. to      | - |                                                             |
| P 27 a 40 66.         | - | C.T. completed.                                             |
| Front Line.           | - | Linking up posts.                                           |
| Right Battalion.      | - |                                                             |
| Posts at P 26 d 26 60 | - | 100% dug to depth of 3'6" by 4'.                            |
| and P 26 d 65 85.     | - |                                                             |
| P 26 c 35 95. to      | - | 200% of new support line dug to a depth of 4' by 2'6" wide. |
| P 26 c 20 60          | - | 100% of new support line deepened from 1'6" to 4'6".        |
| P 26 a 30 65.         | - | Excavating dugout for Coy. H.Q.                             |

Cable Burying - Cable buried from O 36 c 4 4 to O 36 c 6 4.

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

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

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Brigade Headquarters,  
15th July 1918.

17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.  
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The following working parties will be supplied  
tonight, 15th/16th instant :-

18th Battalion.

200 men exclusive of officers and N.C.O's, com-  
pleting 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. Bde.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
15th July 1918.

17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,  
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.  
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NIGHT FIRING - 15/16th JULY.

1. 14th Army Brigade R.F.A.  
Selected targets in P.24.c. and d. C.P. areas "X" and "T" }  
A/86 Western half of C.P. area "Y", P.29.b. and P.30.a. }  
P.23.c. and P.29.a. }  
B/86 Road P.28.b.0.7. - Limit of range.  
C.P. area "R" - P.28.c.  
C/86 Tracks round P.33.central. Trenches P.33.b.
2. Bursts of fire as under :-  
9.30 pm - 10.15 pm - 11 pm - 5.45 am.
3. Expenditure - balance of allotment not less than 200 rounds  
per battery.
4. D/86 Gas targets will be wired later.

*W. P. MacC...*

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

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L E C T U R E .  
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GIVING AWAY INFORMATION.  
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To be given to every Platoon of the Australian Corps  
at fortnightly intervals.

As you all know, information about the enemy is essential to the winning of a battle. The bulk of the information and the most valuable, is that which is obtained from prisoners of war.

If by any chance one of you should be taken prisoner, the only information which you are required to give is your NAME AND RANK. The enemy knows this as well as you do and resorts to many means of endeavouring to obtain the information which he requires in order to make his plans for the slaughter of your comrades. He will bully you, and threaten you, he may even threaten to shoot you or to starve you, in order to try and bluff you into giving away information. Sturdy men will not be overcome by this means, and so, the enemy resorts to more cunning methods. By a careful collection of information from all sorts of sources, he has obtained the names of a certain number of commanders of battalions and brigades. He has also discovered the movement of certain divisions. He uses this knowledge with great cleverness, and the man is sometimes surprised to find that the friendly German he is talking to, appears to know more about the affairs of the A.I.F. than he himself does. This puts him off his guard and he quite unconsciously gives away information which leads to the loss of lives of many of his comrades.

General Ludendorff in his recent instructions to the German Army on this matter says :- "Recently there has been an increase in the number of French Prisoners who give extraordinary little information. They state as a rule they have recently arrived as drafts or have recently arrived from leave. It appears that they have been trained to give the replies stated above when captured and thus avoid being asked further questions. I direct that the troops be instructed to give similar answers". This method of the French of avoiding giving information is one, which we may well follow. If a man allows himself to be drawn into conversation on military matters he is bound to give away valuable information without the least intention of doing so, and even though he does not know that he is doing so.

The most dangerous method for us, and the cleverest means which the enemy has adopted to outwit our men whom he may capture, is the introduction of decoys for getting information. These are men wearing Australian or British uniforms with Australian or British badges, and with certain knowledge of units to which they pretend to belong. They mingle in an unobtrusive way with the prisoners and listen to their conversation with one another, and engage in conversation with them, and so matters are brought out. These decoys are used in Prisoner of War cages and numerous instances have been discovered where they have been brought into hospitals bandaged up and apparently suffering from wounds. Their dummy wounds are dressed every day and they are put in beds beside the prisoners.



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The enemy has another trick of using a listening instrument which records all conversations carried on between prisoners even when in their huts. Even faint whispers can be recorded by this instrument.

If you want to play the game by your comrades, if you do not want to sacrifice their lives, follow one single rule - SAY NOTHING TO ANYBODY. Avoid conversation, give your NAME and RANK only, do not start trying to bluff, but refuse to give any further information. The enemy at one time captured some of our Australians in the neighbourhood of WARNETON. A German Intelligence Summary spoke of these Australians as absolutely refusing to give any information whatever and refusing point blank to discuss any military matters at all. The Germans paid a great tribute to these men and held them up as an example to the German Army.

A German Summary of the 109 German Division issued in May, which fell into our hands, gave the details of the Headquarters of a Brigade and a camp where Australian troops were billeted in our present sector. These places were immediately shelled and bombed and several of our good men were killed and wounded. A map captured at HAMEL showed a headquarters of one of our brigades in the vicinity, and the headquarters of two of the battalions in the line, and the boundaries between battalions. All of this information was given by men who had been captured.

A man who is captured should not imagine that he is going to gain any further consideration from the enemy by giving information. It will not make any difference to his treatment. Silence and endurance will gain the respect of the enemy - giving information will gain their contempt. In either case you will not receive any very great consideration at the hands of the enemy.

Ludendorff in another instruction to the German Army says that it has been established that the German attack of the 9th June was revealed to the French by the statements of prisoners, and it was due to this information alone that the French were able to meet the German attack. He goes on to say the majority of the men who were made prisoners do not realise to what extent statements, even on insignificant matters, not only endanger the lives of their comrades but compromise the success of their attacks and raids. This is equally true in our case.

Remember that your speech may cause the loss of the lives of your best friends and comrades: that no harm can come to you by maintaining silence and keeping a still tongue!

The most dangerous method for us, and the cleverest means which the enemy has adopted, is the introduction of decoys for getting information. These are men wearing Australian or British uniforms with Australian or British accents, and with certain knowledge of what they pretend to believe. They mingle in an unobtrusive way with the prisoners and listen to their conversation with one another, and engage in conversation with them, and so receive the information. These decoys are used in the vicinity of war zones and numerous instances have been discovered where they have been brought into hospitals, bandaged up and apparently suffering from wounds. Their dummy wounds are dressed every day and they are put in beds beside the prisoners.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 15.7.18 to 6 a.m. 16.7.18.

OUR OPERATIONS - During the night an operation was carried out by the Right Battalion and our line advanced to a depth of 500 yds. approximately on right and 100 yds. on left on a front of 1000 yds. Our line now runs approx. P 32 a 95 20 - P 26 d 6 0 - P 27 c 23 30 - P 27 e 2 7. One prisoner and an M.G. were captured and 7 German dead were left in posts. Our casualties were very light.

Artillery - Active during the period harassing enemy positions in P 29 a & b, P 30 a, Road P 28 b 0 7, Tracks in vicinity of P 33 cent. and trenches in P 33 b.

Machine guns - The following targets were engaged. - Movement reported on road running through P 33 a & c, Enemy posts and tracks in TAILLOUX Wood (P 28 b), Junction of road and trenches in P 28 b. 5,000 rounds were expended.

Snipers - Active. Two hits are claimed.

Identifications - As a result of the operation of our Right Bn. a L/Opl. belonging to 18th I.R., 41st Div. was captured (Normal).

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Artillery - Quiet during the day. Active during the night. At 7.45 p.m. 60 5.9 H.E's. fell on P 27 a, P 21 e and P 26 b. Between 9.30 and 10 p.m. 80 77 H.E's. fell on O 23 and 25. 4.2 H.E. on O 36 and O 35. At 9.50 p.m. 30 4.2's. fell on P 21 e, P 26 b, P 20 c and d. At 11 p.m. O 28 a & b, O 29 d were shelled by 30 77 4.2 H.E. and gas. Gun flashes were observed on T.B. 105 and 117° from O 29 d 90 40. At 12.20 a.m. 45 4.2's. on O 29 b. Between 3 a.m. and 3.20 a.m. a light barrage of 77's. 4.2's. and 5.9's. was put down on our front and support lines. Between 3.10 and 3.30 a.m. 120 4.2 H.E's. fell on O 36. At 4 a.m. P 25 was shelled with 77 Shrap. approx. 40 shells.

Enemy Attitude - In the operation last night marked resistance was encountered from posts occupied by the enemy.

Enemy Defences

(a) Machine Guns - Active. Guns were particularly active during the operation carried out by our Right Battalion.

(b) Flares - Above Normal caused by our operation. YELLOW cluster followed by double WHITE, single REDS, GOLDEN flare, and Rocket bursting into 2 REDS brought no apparent enemy action. Double GREEN and RED flares were followed by a light barrage on our front and support lines. GOLDEN cluster appeared to be a signal for artillery to shorten range.

Aircraft - An enemy plane flew low over our lines at 9.15 p.m. and also from about 4 to 4.30 a.m. Balloons were up on a T.B. of 79 and 84° from O 29 d 90 40.

Movement and Organization - At 5.30 p.m. 6 men observed getting out of trenches in P 28 b and going towards WARFUSEE. At 6.45 p.m. men were seen moving about in these trenches. At 8.5 p.m. 4 men walked S. along road in Q 25 b. At 8.10 p.m. 4 men walked towards Q 19 central in Q 2 from Q 25 b. At 8.20 p.m. 6 men with horse and cart were seen at W 1 a central. At 8.30 p.m. 12 men left trench and examined wire at P 33 d 8 1 returning shortly afterwards. At 5.5 a.m. 5 parties of men 10 in each moved at 50 yards interval along road W 1 b 9 7 towards WARFUSEE. Usual amount of traffic foot and transport was noticed along road in the rear areas during the day. After our artillery shoot on AGCROCHE and TAILLOUX Woods approximately 50 walking wounded also stretcher cases were seen behind the wood.

Miscellaneous - Visibility good. A searchlight was observed on a T.B. of 109° from P 19 c 25 90. Observers state it is in BAYONVILLERS CHURCH as it is high up and they saw lights moving in the church. During the day 2 pigeons were released from the post at P 27 a 5 5.

Information from Prisoner - The regiment left the vicinity of DOUAI recently and moved by train to MARCELCAVE thence to the line where it has been for 2 days. The support battalion of his regiment is dug in along Railway embankment close to end N.W. of MARCELCAVE. He gave his Company strength as being 216. There is little/



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Information from Prisoner (Continued).

little or no sickness in his battalion, but he stated there was a good amount in GERMANY.

Red Cross Flags - At 6.15 p.m. 2 men carrying a red cross flag moved about in P 27 b pointing out features of the ground and were obviously interested in our trench system. They returned after 15 minutes without any wounded to enemy post at P 27 b 3 6 approx.

Work -

- P 26 central to - Improving new support line.
- P 26 e 2 4 - Digging 3 posts to a depth of 4'6".
- P 26 a 4 6. - Building dugout.
- Front line
- Left Battalion.- Connecting up posts. 35<sup>x</sup> dug to a depth of 4'8". 95<sup>x</sup> dug to a depth of 3'.
- P 27 a 20 75 to 80 yds. of new C.T. deepened to
- P 27 a 35 75 - average depth of 3'6".

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

*Cable Drying 87<sup>x</sup> buried from*

*Osbc 64 to Osbc 78.40*

*M. Minnie Lx*

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

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ORDER No. 196

Brigade Headquarters,  
16th July 1918.

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

1. The following inter-battalion reliefs will take place between 17th instant and 19th instant.  
On night 17th/18th, 18th Battalion will relieve 17th Bn. in line right sector.  
On night 18th/19th, 20th Bn will relieve 19th Bn in the line left sector.
2. On relief 17th Battalion will become "C" Bn in Support, and 19th Bn "D" Bn in Reserve.  
Existing dispositions and duties will be taken over.
3. Defence Schemes, Trench Maps and trench stores will be handed over and receipts obtained. Copies of receipts to be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. 24 hours after relief.
4. Subject to the terms of this order all details will be arranged direct between C.O's. concerned.
5. Completion of relief will be notified to this office by priority wire in code.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W.P. ...*

Issued at 3 p.m.  
through Sigs.

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

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8	Left Group Arty.
9	Left Group M.G's.
10	6th A.I.Bde.
11	7th A.I.Bde.
12	10th A.I.Bde.
13	2nd Aust. Div.
14	7th Field Amb.
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ORDER No. 197

Brigade Headquarters,  
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5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS,  
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Date.

Reference Maps,  
Sheets 62d SE and SW, 1/20,000.

1. The Division is pushing forward to consolidate on the line Post at U.6.c.55.80. through U.6.central, to railway at V.1.b.7.5. (Bridge inclusive) thence through P.32.central to post at P.27.c.15.45.
2. The inter-brigade boundary will be adjusted to run from P.32.central to O.30.central thence as before. The present inter-battalion boundary will remain *in force.*
3. (a) Battalions in the line will establish themselves on the line given in para. 1 above within their own boundaries as early as possible.  
(b) "A" Battalion will make special provision for the defence of its right flank until the 7th A.I.Bde. moves forward into line with it.  
(c) "B" Battalion will include the enemy trench P.27.c.5.4. to P.27.a.3.0. in its move forward.
4. The move forward to this line which has already been partially accomplished, will be carried out as far as possible by means of peaceful penetration. When strong opposition is encountered local operations will be carried out with L.T.M. support, or if necessary, artillery support under Brigade arrangements.
5. No move forward beyond the line given in para 1 and para 3 (c) above will be made without reference to Brigade H.Q. (except such minor adjustments as are necessitated by the configuration of the ground).

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W.P. MacCallister*

Issued at 3.30 p.m.  
through Sigs.

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

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Brigade Headquarters,  
16th July 1918.

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5th A.L.T.M.Bty.  
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NIGHT FIRING, 16th/17th JULY.

1. 14th Army Brigade R.F.A.  
Roads and Tracks in P.29.a. & b., P.23.c.  
A/86 Trench in P.28.b. Dugout P.28.b,45.25.  
B/86 Trench in P.28.d.  
C/86 Searching Eastern half of P.27.d.
2. Bursts of fire as under :-  
9.15 p.m. -- 10.35 pm -- 5 am -- 5.30 a.m.
3. Expenditure balance of allotment not less than 200 rounds  
per battery.
4. D/86 Gas targets as per programme.

W. P. MacCallum

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

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 16.7.18 to 6 a.m. 17.7.18.

OUR OPERATIONS - At about 2 a.m. under cover of a Stokes barrage enemy trench from P 27 a 3 0 to P 27 c 5 4 was rushed and occupied by our left battalion. 12 prisoners were captured but on bringing them into our lines the enemy barrage killed 9 and wounded 1. Two of our stretcher bearers were also killed by this barrage. 2 M.G.'s. are reported to have been taken but this will not be definitely known until nightfall as new position is not accessible in daylight.

Enemy Action -

The enemy offered very feeble opposition and on approach of our attacking party retired from his trench in a disorderly manner. Enemy artillery and M.G.'s. opened on the captured position 5 minutes after it was taken. 1½ hours later fairly heavy artillery fire was opened on the whole of the Brigade area.

Our Right Bn. established posts at P 27 c 2 2, P 33 a 6 5, P 32 a 4 5 and post at P 26 d 0 0 was taken over from Brigade on the right.

Our Artillery -

Usual harassing fire by Left Group during the night on roads and tracks in P 29 a & b and P 23 c. Trenches in P 28 b and d, Dugouts at P 28 b 45 25 and searching fire in P 27 d.

Trench Mortars -

At 5 p.m. 8" Stokes registered on enemy position at P 27 c 5 7. direct hits were observed. At 2 a.m. 2 mortars opened a barrage on trench at P 27 c 5 7 which lasted for 2 minutes and then lifted to post at P 27 c 7 6 where it remained for 5 minutes. During this barrage enemy could be heard rushing about amongst the crops.

Machine Guns -

The following targets were engaged:- Road and track in P 23 a, trenches in P 22 b & d, road and trenches in P 23 c, Junction of roads in P 28 b. 6,500 rounds were expended.

Snipers - Active - 2 hits are claimed.

Identifications -

As a result of operation mentioned above prisoners belonging to 5th. Coy. 152nd. I.R., 41st Division were captured.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

Artillery - More active than during previous periods. Between 5 p.m. and 12 Midnight the Valley in O 21 d, O 27 b, O 22 c and O 22 a and Squares O 29 d, O 17 c, O 36, O 18 a & b, O 16 b, O 34 a, O 25 c & d were lightly shelled by 4.2 H.L. and a few 5.9's. Light barrages were put down on the following areas P 19 d, P 25, P 26. Gas was used on the following areas:- O 25 a, O 22, O 23, O 25 d, O 26, O 27, O 28, and O 29 a & c (mainly Yellow with a little Blue and Green Cross). The most active batteries were East of WARFUSEE and in the vicinity of MARCELCAVE.

Enemy Attitude -

The posts attacked this morning, 17th instant offered feeble resistance but when the position was gained heavy M.G. fire was opened from other enemy positions.

ENEMY DEFENCES -

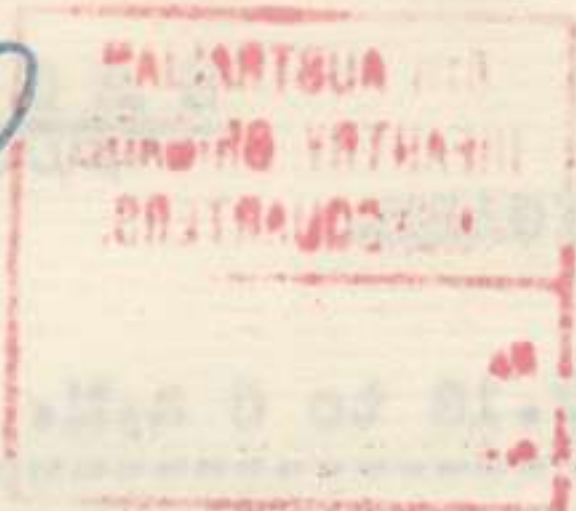
An enemy post slightly wired has been located at P 27 c 50 79.

(a) Machine Guns - Excepting the activity about 2 a.m. fire was normal. On account of the heavy crops it is difficult to locate enemy guns.

(b) Flares - Double RED flares repeated from front line back brought Artillery fire GOLDEN clusters and single GREENS did not bring any apparent enemy action.

Movement and Organization -

Much movement of individuals in the crops in the forward area. During the day stretcher bearers moved about amongst crops. 4 cases were taken away on stretchers. Normal movement of individuals and transport on Roads in W 2 c, Q 31 c, WIENCOURT - BAYONVILLERS Road and LAMOTTE - MARCELCAVE Road. At 6.15 a.m., 17th instant 2 men apparently observers were seen in trench P 27 d 25 80.



Miscellaneous -

Visibility good.

Information from Prisoners -

Prisoners stated that they belonged to a party who came into the line to replace casualties. There were 13 casualties in their post the previous night. Coy. strength was given as 80. Support battalion is about 400 yds. N.W. of WARFUSEE.

WORKS -

- Right Battalion. - Digging posts along the new position.  
O.T. dug from P 26 c 3 5 to P 26 c 5 5.
- Left Battalion. - Connecting posts and improving front line.  
O.T. dug from P 27 a 40 60 to P 27 a 25 63.

WIRING -

- P 21 c. - 100 yards erected.
- New Support line  
P 26 c 30 40 - 300 yards of double apron fence  
to P 26 c 50 60 - erected.
- New Support line. - Widening and deepening from P 26 central to P 26 b 2 3.
- P 25 b 50 75 - Working on R.A.P.
- P 26 a 3 6. - Improving dugout.

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

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

5th AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.  
SECRET  
No  
Headquarters

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OPERATION MEMO, No. 17

Headquarters  
17th July 1918.

Reference Maps,  
62 d SE and SW, 1/20,000

1. On night 17th/18th instant 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. is advancing its line in order to straighten and shorten its front. On the objectives being captured it will be consolidated.

2. The objectives are U.6.c.55.80. through U.6.central to Railway bridge V.l.b.5.6. (both bridge and mound inclusive) to 5th A.I.Bde. flank at road exclusive near P.32.central.

3. The advance will be made by the 26th Bn. right and 25th Bn. left. The inter-battalion boundary will be the railway line, which, with the railway bridge will be inclusive to the 25th Bn. The mound in vicinity of V.l.b.25.60. is inclusive to 26th Bn.

4. Field artillery barrage will be supplied by all Brigades of "A" Division and will open on line V.l.a.55.25. - P.31.c.9.7. - P.31.b.6.2., remaining on same till plus 6 minutes, then lifting in 100 yard lifts at 1 1/2 minute intervals to a line V.l.b.65.45. - P.32.c.70.65. at 13 1/2 minutes, alternate guns firing smoke shell for 1 1/2 minutes to plus 15 minutes. At plus 15 minutes artillery will lift to enemy support trench and remain there till plus 75 minutes.

4.5" Hows. and Heavy Artillery will fire on selected targets.

5. From ZERO plus 75 minutes onwards artillery S.O.S. line will be U.6.c.45.25. - V.l.c.0.4. - V.2.c.0.4. - P.32.d.4.4. - P.27.d.0.4. - P.21.c.9.0. P.22.a.2.0.

6. Special machine gun barrage has been arranged

7. 17th Battalion will take advantage of this operation to make any necessary readjustments to ensure that their line of posts runs from P.27.c.5.4. - P.32.central. Post at P.32.central will be warned to act as Liaison Post with 25th Bn.

8. All Posts should be on the alert to take advantage of any enemy targets presenting themselves.

9. Headquarters for and after the operation will be as under -

26th Bn - "A" Bn	...	0.35.d.25.40.
25th Bn - "B" Bn	...	0.36.a.70.85.
28th Bn - "C" Bn	...	0.28.c.8.5.
27th Bn - "D" Bn	...	as at present.
Bde. H.Q. (7th)	...	0.28.c.8.5.

10. ZERO hour will be 9.30 p.m.

11. 17th Bn. will arrange to send a Liaison Officer to 25th Bn. H.Q. at ZERO minus 2 hrs.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. Morney*

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

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

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*W. P. Callum*

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
17th July, 1918.

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

1. The following inter-battalion reliefs will take place on the nights 17th/18th instant and 18th/19th instant.
2. On night 17th/18th, 38th Battalion relieves 39th Battalion as "A" Battalion.  
39th Battalion becoming "C" Battalion.
3. On night 18th/19th, 37th Battalion will relieve 40th Battalion as "B" Battalion, the latter becoming "D" Battalion.

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

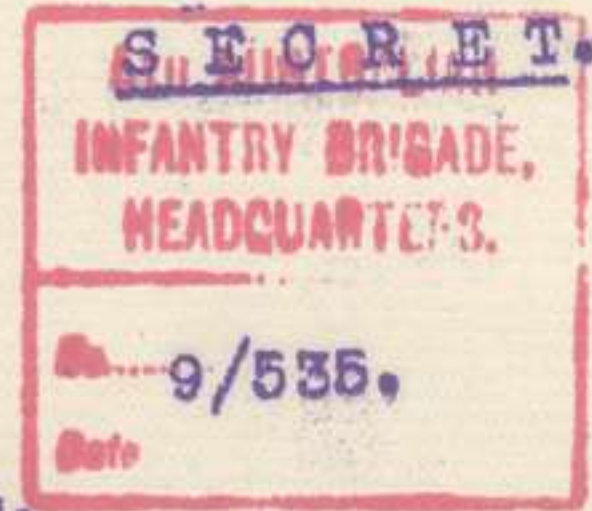
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
17th July, 1918.17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. A.L.T.M.Bty.NIGHT FIRING - 17/18th JULY.1. 14th Army Brigade R.F.A.

Roads and tracks P 22 d., P 23 d, P 24 c.

A/86 Road P 29 b 0 4. - P 23 a 7 0.  
 B/86 Buildings P 29 c 0 3. Road P 29 b 0 4, P 23 d 3 0.  
 C/86 Tracks and trench P 28 c.

## 2. Bursts of fire as under:-

9 p.m. - 11.45 p.m. - 12.15 a.m. - 1.30 a.m.

3. Expenditure Balance of allotment not less than 200 rounds  
per Battery.

## 4. D/86 Gas targets by phone later.

W. P. [Signature]

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
-----5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

No 11/851.

Date

Headquarters,  
18th July, 1918.17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.  
5th. Field Coy. A.E.  
-----In continuation of this office 11/827 dated  
24th June, 1918.The 5th. Course Brigade N.C.O's. School  
terminates on Saturday, 20th. instant, when personnel will  
return to Nucleus.Personnel for 6th. Course will assemble at  
the HOSPICE, RIVERY at 2 p.m., 21st. instant.Only the unexpended portion of the days  
ration will be carried.Previous instructions regarding qualifications,  
clothing, medical inspection, etc. will be complied with.Nominal rolls will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q.  
by 9 a.m. 19th. instant.

W. P. MacCallum

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

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Commandant, Brigade N.C.O's. School.  
Nucleus Battalion.  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS.

No. .... 18/34.

Headquarters, Date 18th. July, 1918.

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

The following will be the patrol pass words for the undermentioned dates:-

Night	20/21st July	.....	APPLE.
	21/22nd.	.....	PEACH.
	22/23rd	.....	PEAR.
	23/24th	.....	PLUM.
	24/25th	.....	GUAVA.
	25/26th	.....	LEMON.
	26/27th	.....	ORANGE.
	27/28th	.....	DATES.
	28/29th	.....	FIG.
	29/30th	.....	CITRON.
	30/31st	.....	GRAPE.
July	31/Aug 1st.	.....	CHERRY.
August	1/2nd.	.....	STRAWBERRY.
	2/3rd.	.....	GOOSEBERRY.

W. P. MacCallan

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

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- 6th. A.I.Bde.
- 7th. A.I.Bde.
- 10th. A.I.Bde.
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SECRET. 5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS. No 6/170.

Headquarters, 18th. July, 1918.

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns. 5th/5th/5th/5th

- 1. The enemy's position in the valley running South from CERISY - GAILLY in Sq. Q 14 b & d and Q 8 d will be subjected to a gas bombardment on the night 18th/19th July (tonight).
2. Corps Heavy Artillery and Field Artillery "B" Div. will participate.
3. Zero hour will be :-
Heavy Artillery .... 9.30 p.m.
Field Artillery .... 3.0 a.m.
4. The operation will only take place if the wind is between the angle N.E. through N. and W. to S. Units will be notified from this office prior to the operation as to wind conditions by one of the following priority messages :-
. 6/170 ..... YES.
6/170 ..... NO.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Secret

Headquarters,  
18th. July, 1918.

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



NIGHT FIRING 18th/19th JULY.

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

1 Battery on hostile Batteries P D 72 P D 76 and new Battery P 35 d 8 9. Remaining Batteries Trenches in P 23 c, Roads and tracks P 29 a and b.

- A/86 Roads and tracks P 29 a 2 1 - P 22 d 75 00.
- B/86 Trench in P 28 b. Trench and Road Junction P 28 b 65 35.
- C/86 Main Road P 28 c 75 40 - P 28 d 35 40 - Track P 34 c 0 9.- P 33 b 12 13.

2. Bursts of fire as under :-

10.45 p.m. - 11.15 p.m., 11.50 p.m. 5.30 a.m.

3. Expenditure Balance of allotment not less than 200 rounds per Battery.

4. D/86 Gas targets will be wired later.

W. P. MacCallum

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

S E C R E T  
AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.  
No 8/123.  
Date

Headquarters,  
18th. July, 1918.

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

Following reliefs are notified for your information :-

On night 19/20th July, 6th. A.I. Brigade relieves 7th. A.I. Brigade.

On relief dispositions of 6th. A.I. Bde. will be -

- 23rd. Battalion - Line Right. H.Q. O 35 d 2 4.
- 22nd. Battalion - Line Left. H.Q. O 28 c 8 5.
- 24th. Battalion. - Support Right. H.Q. O 28 c 8 5.
- 21st. Battalion. - Support Left. H.Q. O 26 c 9 3.
- 6th. A.L.T.M. Bty. - H.Q. O 27 c 1 4.

On relief dispositions of 7th. A.I. Brigade will be -

- 27th. Battalion. - AUBIGNY System.  
H.Q. O 14 b 9 2.
- 28th. Battalion. - 2 Coys. Nucleus Garrison  
AUBIGNY System. 2 Coys. N 23 a.  
H.Q. N 22 a 9 0.
- 25th. Battalion. - 2 Coys. N 28 b. 2 Coys. N 29 a.  
H.Q. N 28 b 3 5.
- 26th. Battalion. - BLANGY CABARET System.  
H.Q. N 34 d 8 5.

G. P. MacCallum

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.  
16/348.

Headquarters,  
18th July, 1918.

17th & 18th Battalion.  
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The following working parties will be supplied  
tonight 18th/19th instant:-

17th. Battalion -

150 men wiring Support line N.E. from P 26 c 4 8  
approx.

Entrenching tool handles will be required.

Officer in charge party to meet Lieut. WILLIAMSON  
at 18th. Battalion H.Q. at 7.30 p.m. tonight.

*W. P. MacCallum*

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

Copies to -

- 19th. Battalion
- 20th. Battalion. } for information.
- 5th. Field Coy. A.E.
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To H.Q., 5th. A.I.Bde.

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



REPORT ON ENEMY TRENCH RECENTLY TAKEN.

Trench consists of series of "pot holes" with shallow trench about 18 inches deep running along on enemy side. In rear of this trench was found a short length of trench wall camouflaged with deep boarded dugout, Two entrances (about 20' deep) accommodate about 15 men. Both trench and dugout in rear were occupied after capture and during enemy bombardment of our forward system on 17th inst. were subjected to enemy fire. The position was also bombarded by enemy mortars and machine gun fire from the right.

Enemy occupies trenches in P 27 c 7 4 and has a little wire at head of sap P 27 c 5 7 - this is an enemy machine gun nest. Enemy is also in trench shown P 27 c 5 2 South of road.

Night of 17/18th garrison of trench was reduced, 2 posts being dug in forward line each with 1 N.C.O., 10 O.R. with 1 Lewis Gun occupy trench in rear with deep dugout.

Approximate positions of posts established in new line are -

- (1) New post on right about 80 to 100 yards from road.
- (2) New post on left about 75 yards from post on right and about 100 yards from right of original line.
- (3) Post in rear about 75 yards in rear.

18th. Battalion forward position is about 60 yards in right rear of deep dugout trench.

The new position to be established by 17th. Bn. South of road could not be seen from our new position but 18th. Bn. are understood to be in position at about P 27 c 0 2 facing South end. EAST

Attached please find report by Coy. Commander re casualties and M.G's. captured. The heavy gun is damaged and is now at Bn. H.Q. The 3 light guns have not been brought in but will be recovered tonight.

18.7.18.

(Sgd) S.E.A. MIDDLETON, Major,  
Commanding, 19th. Battalion.

To C.O., 19th. Battalion.

Reference query re prisoners.

There were at least 10 prisoners taken yesterday morning but about 8 of them tried to double back and were shot by our Lewis Guns. Besides this party there were at least 15 killed in and around the post. 1 large M.G. and 3 light M.G's. were taken and a fair amount of other salvage which I shall endeavour to send down tonight.

18.7.18.

(Sgd) F.A.S. BOYDEN Major.



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W. P. Callan

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5th AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.  
SECRET.  
No  
Date

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 16.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 17.7.18 to 9 a.m. 18.7.18.

OUR OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY -

Usual harassing fire by Left Group during the night on roads and tracks in P 32 d, P 23 d, P 24 c, Road from P 29 b 0 4 to P 23 a 7 0, buildings at P 29 c 0 3,

MACHINE GUNS - The following targets were engaged:- Trenches in P 22 d, roads in P 21 d, 4000 rounds were expended. In addition 30,500 rounds were fired in support of the Right Brigade operation.

PATROLS - An officer and 2 O.R's. went out from P 21 c 55 45 at 2 a.m. No enemy posts were found or any movement observed in P 21 d W. of the road running N. & S. through P 21 d.

SNIPERS - Active - Our Left Battalion claim 3 hits.

AIRCRAFT - Active throughout the day patrolling enemy line and bombing his rear areas in vicinity of MARCELCAVE, BAYONVILLERS, and HARBONNIERES.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY - Active - P 19 c and P 25 were shelled during the afternoon with 4.2 H.E. in bursts of about 20 rounds. Between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. a medium barrage of 4.2 H.E. was put down on O 36, O 29 and O 30. Between 9.10 and 9.25 p.m. medium barrage on P 21 and P 15. Between 3 and 4.30 a.m. about 150 rounds of 5.9 H.E., 4.2. H.E. and 77 mm. fell in O 35 and O 36. O 22, O 28, VILLERS BRETONNEUX, O 29, O 27, and O 23 were also lightly shelled.

GAS . A few rounds of gas fell in O 36 a and P 25 d. The more active batteries were situated East of WARFUSEE in the vicinity of MARCELCAVE and in SUSAN Wood.

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Artillery active. M.G's. normal.

ENEMY DEFENCES -

- (a) Work - Now trench work is visible at P 28 b 7 c.
- (b) Machine Guns - Normal. There is a nest of A.A. Guns at approx. P 29 c 48 73. There is a suspected M.G. position at P 29 c 54 83.
- (c) Flares - WHITE flares normal. ORANGE CLUSTERS brought no apparent enemy action. DOUBLE REDS brought light artillery and H.G. fire.

AIRCRAFT - Only one plane crossed our lines during the period. Balloons were observed on a T.B. of 113 and 98° from O 29 d 9 4.

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION - Normal movement of individuals about the forward area. Movement was observed in the trenches at the following references P 28 b 7 6, P 27 b 65 15, P 27 d 8 6, P 28 d 5 8, P 29 c 5 7, P 28 c 7 4, P 23 a 65 30. A dog left trench at P 28 c 7 4 and moved to WARFUSEE. Normal transport and movement of individuals on the following roads. P 35 c to MARCELCAVE, W 1 d to WIENCOURT, P 35 d to LAHOTTE. At 8.30 p.m. 4 men coming from WARFUSEE entered trench at P 28 d 5 8. 5 minutes later 6 men left this trench and moved to WARFUSEE. Between 6.40 and 7 a.m. 80 men in parties of 5 came down main BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT Road to W 7 b, then across by track to W 7 a towards V 12 central where they disappeared.

MISCELLANEOUS - As a result of minor operation on night 16/17th in addition to captured prisoners mentioned 17th instant 2 light and 1 heavy H.G. were captured and 11 enemy dead counted in the vicinity of P 27 c 30 70.

WORK - Right Battalion - General improvement of posts.  
Left " - P 21 c - 50 yards of wire erected.  
Front line. - Widening and deepening.

In addition rations ammunition and R.E. material were carried forward.

W. P. Callan  
Brigadier General,  
Commanding, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.  
16/349.

Headquarters,  
19th. July, 1918.

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17th. 19th. Bns.  
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The following working parties will be supplied on  
night, 19th/20th.

17th. Battalion.

- (a). 100 men on wiring support trench from P 26 o 5 9  
N.E. Entrenching tool handles required.
- (b). 150 men on linking up posts in P 26 d, P 32 a to  
form new support line.

Officers in charge of parties specified in (a) and  
(b) above will meet Lieut. WILLIAMSON at 17th. Battalion H.Q.  
at 7.30 p.m.

19th. Battalion.

100 men on widening and connecting up support  
line in P 21 c with 10th. A.I.Bde..

Officer in charge of party to meet Lieut. GRAY  
at 20th. Battalion H.Q. at 7.30 p.m.

*W. J. MacCallum*

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

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20th. Battalion.  
5th. Field Coy. A.E.  
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5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 18.7.18 to 9 a.m. 19.7.18.

OUR OPERATIONS:-ARTILLERY -

Our artillery was active throughout the day. Between 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. large parties of the enemy coming from the direction of W 7 a & b towards enemy lines opposite the Brigade on our Right were heavily shelled and it is claimed that many casualties were inflicted. At 9.10 p.m. in response to enemy barrage on front and support lines of our Right Brigade and VILLERS BRETONNEUX our artillery put down a heavy barrage on enemy lines.

MACHINE GUNS -

In co-operation with the artillery and in response to the S.O.S. 4 guns on the right put down barrages on V 2 b 75 90 and V 7 b 4 9. Other targets engaged during the period were trenches P 22 b and d and Cross roads in P 21 d 80 40. 25,000 rounds were expended.

PATROLS -

A patrol of 1 Off. and 15 O.R.'s. with L.G. went out from P 27 c 20 50 at 12.45 a.m. and proceeded in a S.W. direction visiting all posts as far as P 32 a 80 20. Being in the middle of wheat crops made posts hard to locate. On return journey patrol kept 200 yards out in front of posts. No 36 Grenades were fired by our posts in the direction of where enemy flares were coming from with the object of provoking him to open up with his M.G.'s. On several occasions he opened up but the high crops prevented N M.G. posts from being located. High concertina wire was encountered in many places in the crops. Main road is wired at P 27 c 60 45. Some surface mines are laid on the road near P 27 c 60 45. Boxes containing a yellow looking substance being found. Enemy occupies trenches at P 27 c 80 45, P 27 c 75 75, Posts in Mangelwurzel heap at approx. P 27 c 70 40, in trench in P 27 c 50 20 and approx P 32 b 80 30. Patrol returned through P 27 c 20 50 at 3 a.m.

Protective patrols were sent out from Left Battalion front to cover the inter-battalion relief and were withdrawn on the completion of the relief.

SNIPERS -

Active - 7 hits are claimed.

AIRCRAFT -

Were very active over enemy lines throughout the day bombing and carrying out reconnaissances.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -ARTILLERY -

Active during the greater part of the day and night. Our front, support and battery areas were fairly heavily shelled at intervals. At 5.30 p.m. the enemy appeared to be carrying out a registration shoot with 77 and 4.2's on our trenches in P 26 a and b and P 27 a. At 9.5 p.m. a barrage of all calibres (a number of smoke shells being used) was opened up on front and support lines of our Right Brigade O 29, O 30, O 36. On our artillery opening up the enemy lifted his barrage on to VILLERS BRETONNEUX and rear areas and by 9.25 p.m. enemy's barrage had ceased. Between 9.25 and 10.20 p.m. O 30, O 36, and VILLERS BRETONNEUX was intermittently shelled by 4.2 and 5.9 H.E.. Between 3.45 and 4.40 a.m. a medium barrage of 4.2's and 5.9's was put down on O 29, O 30 and O 36. Other areas that received attention during the period were P 19, P 23 c & d, P 32 a & b, P 25, P 26 and O 23. A fair number of gas shells - Blue Cross - fell on P 26 and P 25 a & b at 4.30 a.m. from direction of WARFUSEE. A large number of duds were noticed, periods of shelling. A gun flash was observed on a T.B. of 85° from O 29 d 95.55.

ENEMY ATTITUDE -

Artillery active. M.G.'s. active on our trenches and tracks. General attitude of the infantry seems to be quiet but alert.

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ENEMY DEFENCES -

(a) Trench Mortars - Pineapple bombs were fired occasionally on P 26 c from T.B. 106° from P 26 b 85 60.

(b) Flares - Occasional white flares were fired along the sector during the night.

AIRCRAFT -

At 4.40 a.m. and 6.35 a.m. 2 enemy planes patrolled our lines. Balloons were observed on a T.B. of 77, 82 and 87° from O 29 d 90 40.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION -

At 6.30 p.m. enemy was seen massing in rear of LA BASTILLE MILL and in trenches V 4 b. At 7 p.m. enemy started to move forward in extended order to tram line V 4 a. Between 7.10 and 9 p.m. parties of men (4 to 8) came down BAYONVILLERS - WIENCOURT Road thence along tracks W 7 a & b to V 12 central. using low ground in V 5 c & d they came to rear of LA BASTILLE MILL where they extended and moved forward to trenches in tram line in V 4 a & b, then extending left and right. All men were carrying packs and it is estimated that there were 1,500 altogether. Movement in both V 4 a & b and W 7 a & b was shelled by our artillery and it is thought that numerous casualties were inflicted. Smoke from shell fire prevented observation of amount of damage done. A few minutes previous to the movement noticed observation post in VILLERS BRETONNEUX was shelled by 5.9 H.E., 2 direct hits being obtained.

At 5.20 a.m. 4 men with Red Cross flag were seen moving about near JEAN ROUXIN - V 3 d.

At 5.45 a.m. 3 parties of 4 men each were seen there near V 5 a 2 2.

Usual amount of foot and transport traffic on roads in the rear area was noticed.

MISCELLANEOUS - Visibility fair.

At 8.10 p.m. 2 large columns of smoke rose from WARFUSEE. Our artillery was not firing at the time.

Searchlight was observed on a T.B. of 85° from O 29 d 95 55. From 4.30 to 5 a.m. support Coy. Left Bn. (P 20 d, P 26 b, P 27 a) had to wear S.B.R's. Gas apparently drifting over from P 25 (as that area was being shelled with gas at that time)

During the past few days the enemy has been using the white flag very often and instances occurred yesterday of the abuse of the Red Cross and the White flags. At 10 a.m. 2 men approached our lines and were waved away. They went away to an enemy post and directed the fire of rifle grenades on to our posts. After a time these two men came out again and endeavoured to work into a position so that they could see our trench. The officer in charge of our post opened fire on them and killed both.

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| P 26 d 10 50 to   | - | Wiring new support line. 350' of     |
| P 26 d 30 90      | - | double apron erected.                |
| P 26 d 10 50      | - | Excavating and preparing new site    |
|                   | - | for kitchens.                        |
| New Support Line. | - | Deepening, widening and establishing |
|                   | - | posts.                               |

Owing to enemy barrage early in the evening carrying parties were delayed and works generally interfered with.

Existing trenches and posts were deepened, widened and generally improved and R.E. material was carried forward.

*W. V. Marshall* Capt

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.



Headquarters,  
19th. July, 1918.

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

NIGHT FIRING 19/20th. JULY.

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

Selected targets in P 24 c - P 30 a and P 23 c.

A/86. Road P 22 c 4 0 - to limit of range. Special attention to Junction P 28 c 65 35. and P 29 a 2 2.

B/86. Dugout P 28 b 45 25. Trench in P 28 d.

C/86. Road P 33 b 7 3 - V 5 a 0 5 - limit of range. Tracks and trenches P 33 b.

2. Bursts of fire as under :-

8.30 p.m.    10 p.m.    11.30 p.m.    3.45 a.m.

3. Expenditure - Balance of allotment not less than 200 rounds per Battery.

4. D/86 Gas Targets will be wired later.

*W. P. MacCallan*

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

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## 17th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS BY 17th. BATTALION A.I.F.  
July 16th and 17th 1918.

On the 15th. July, 1918, the front occupied by this Battalion was a line of disconnected posts, running from P 26 c 4 2 - P 26 c 7 4 - P 26 d 4 6 - P 27 c 2 9., with an advanced post at P 26 c 1 6.

Verbal orders were from Brigade that the line was to be advanced to the line P 32 central - P 26 d 6 0 - P 27 c 0 2 - P 27 c 3 3 and connect with Left Battalion, who were to bomb down trench N. and S. P 27 c to P 27 c 5 5.

Orders were issued as follows -

(a) The Right Coy. to send out fighting patrols with supports to attack and occupy enemy post at P 32 a 9 2 and establish a line of posts ~~at~~ between that point and P 26 d 6 0 with two posts for defence of Right flank at, approximately P 32 a 75 20 and P 32 a 60 35.

(b) The Left Company to attack and occupy posts at P 27 c 3 4 and P 27 c 2 7 and establish a line of posts from P 26 d 6 0 - P 27 c 0 2 - P 27 c 3 3.

The operations of both Coys. were successful, the enemy putting up a marked resistance at P 32 a 9 2 and P 26 d 7 0. On the determined advance of our men, however, the enemy fled leaving 7 dead in the posts. He was pursued by rifle and Lewis gun fire and rifle grenades and a good number of casualties inflicted. One prisoner of the 5th. Coy., 18th. I.R. was captured. Our casualties were 2 O.R. killed and 1 Officer and 5 O.R. wounded. One Machine Gun was captured. The enemy machine gun fire was extremely heavy but fortunately erratic. Lieut. A.S. WEST, (Left Coy) with party of 4 men started out from <sup>ground in</sup> the front of his newly captured post at P 27 c 2 7 and encountered a strongly held enemy post about 100 yards in front. He rushed it with his party and after a brief fight Lieut. WEST was wounded and party had to withdraw, after bombing dugouts and blowing up a heavy machine gun. During the day, a number of wounded, estimated at nearly 20 left this post. During the day Lewis Gunners, Rifle Grenadiers, and Snipers in various posts claim to have caused further casualties.

Flares breaking into 2 reds brought down a light barrage. Golden clusters appeared to mean "shorten range". Four platoon posts were established by the right coy. approximately along the line laid down. The Left Coy. established 2 platoon posts at P 26 d 7 0 and P 26 d 9 2 - and enemy post at P 27 c 34 27. One platoon in support.

The post occupied by Lieut. WILLARD (P32 a 9 2) was a fairly well traversed trench in places and in vicinity were fresh large calibre shell holes. (Note) On afternoon of 15th July our heavy artillery had shelled at our request - vicinity of P 32 a 9 2 - as it appeared to be strongly held and to be used as an O.P.

The trench contained 4 dugouts, each about 15 feet deep with accommodation for total of 20 men. There were sufficient small dugouts for a further 20 men. As enemy could be seen about 70 yards approximately due South and could be heard working towards S.W. a trench was dug out towards Road on Right, giving view and command of country S. and S.W. Flank posts were also established in connection with this about 100 yards N.W. The other posts were along road dug by our men.

Daylight showed that owing to want of guiding marks that the two left posts of Right Coy. and Right Post of Left Coy. were not located so as to give mutual support, so one (Lieut. V.J. SULLIVAN, M.C.) was withdrawn slightly and the other two pushed up. All the posts would have an excellent field of fire but for the crops about 2 feet high which surrounded each post.

A great difficulty was experienced in obtaining exact map references in the darkness owing to the flatness of the country and lack of prominent objects.

in order On the night of 16th/17th instant our line was adjusted to conform with the line laid down in Brigade Order No. 197. This necessitated the shifting of two left posts of the Right Coy. and the two right posts of the Left Coy.

The Left Coy. established a post at P 27 c 2 2. This post with others North of Main Road co-operated with bombing attack of Left Bn. on trench P 27 c 5 4 - P 27 a 3 0 by use of Lewis gun and rifle grenades. Post approximately P 26 c 0 0 was taken over by Support Coy. from Left Bn., Right Brigade.

The disposition of Coys. is now - two Coys. in front line. The Right Coy. has four platoons in front line. The Left Coy. has three platoons in line with one in close support, which also acts as close support Left Bn. The Support Coy. now occupies old front line and Reserve Coy. is occupying line in P 26 a Sn3 b.

One Vickers Gun has been emplaced at P 26 c 0 0 for defence of Right flank.

The attitude of enemy towards our stretcher bearers was generally friendly. On one occasion only were shots fired. On other occasions the enemy left his trenches to show the stretcher bearers where our wounded men were.

(Sgd) R.M. SADLER, Lieut. Colonel,

July 19th, 1918.

Commanding, 17th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
-----Headquarters,  
20th. July, 1918.17th., 19th. Bns.  
-----The following working parties will be supplied on  
night, 20/21st.17th. Battalion -

- (a) 100 men on wiring support trench from P 26 b 1 2  
approx. N.E. Entrenching tool handles required.
- (b) 150 men on linking up posts in P 26 d, P 32 a  
to form new support line.

Officers in charge of parties specified in (a) and  
(b) above will meet Lieut. WILLIAMSON at 17th. Bn. H.Q. at  
7.30 p.m.19th. Battalion -100 men on widening and connecting up support  
line in P 21 c.Officer in charge of party to meet Lieut. GRAY  
at 20th. Bn. H.Q. at 7.30 p.m.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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5th AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS,  
17/531.

Headquarters,  
20th. July, 1918.

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
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Events in the last few weeks that the Brigade has been in the line have brought to light a quality in platoon Commanders, which, while demonstrating their courage and fearlessness, shows also that they are lacking in those essentials of leaders of men, i.e. a power of quick decision, the formulation and carrying into effect of a definite plan of operation.

Platoon Commanders should realise the various means at their disposal - Lewis Guns, snipers, rifle grenades and bombers - and should study the objective with a view to gaining the maximum of success with the minimum casualties.

The principle of attacking an enemy post by rushing it blindly is generally unsound.

The G.C.C. wishes Battalion Commanders to impress the above points on all their Platoon Commanders.

*W. P. MacCallum*

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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Headquarters,  
20th. July, 1918.

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. A.L.T.M.Bty.  
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NIGHT FIRING 20/21st. JULY.  
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1. 14th Army Brigade R.F.A.

Tracks in P 30 and P 28 d. Important tracks run approx. Q 25 c 12 42. P 30 d 73 73 - P 30 b 0 7 - S.E. Corner of DOG WOOD. Q 25 c 00 95 - P 30 b 0 7 Q 25 a 0 1 - S.E. Corner of DOG WOOD. Tracks on Map going N. from main road also well used.

A/86. Tracks from P 29 a 2 1 - P 22 d 8 0  
Trench P 28 b.

B/86. Track P 28 a 00 15 - P 28 b 0 2 - P 28 b 50 30.  
A.A.M.G. Post P 29 c 48 22.

C/86. Track P 27 d 6 0 - P 27 b 45 00 - P 27 d 45 65  
P 28 c 70 55 - P 27 d 45 55 - P 28 c 75 42.

2. Bursts of fire as under :-

11 p.m. 11.40 p.m. 12 Midnight. 1.30 a.m.

3. Expenditure Balance of allotment not less than 200 rounds per battery.

4. D/86. Gas targets 12 and 4.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS. 79

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 19.7.18 to 9 a.m. 20.7.18.

CUR OPERATIONS -

Movement in post at P 27 c 25 00 was fired on with rifle grenades. 3 of the enemy were killed and 2 wounded.

ARTILLERY -

Usual harassing fire was carried out by the Left Group during the night on roads and tracks in P 24 c, P 30 a and P 25 c, Road P 22 c 4 0, Road Junctions P 28 b 35/35 and P 29 a 2 2, dugout P 28 b 45 25, trench in P 28 d, track and trenches in P 33 b, Road from P 33 b 7 3 to V 5 a 0 5.

MACHINE GUNS -

Harassing fire on the following:- Trenches at P 22 b and d, Cross Roads at P 21 d 8 4 and movement reported by infantry.

PATROLS -

Patrol of 1 Off. and 12 O.R.'s. with L.G. went out from P 32 a 70 20 at 1.30 a.m. moving in a S.E. direction for 100 yards and then moving along line of posts towards P 27 c 00 50. Owing to the number of enemy flares movement was very difficult. On account of the high crops it is impossible to locate enemy posts. Patrol returned along our line of posts to P 32 a 70 20 at 3.30 a.m.

Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men went out from P 21 c 0 8 at 10.30 p.m. and proceeded East along Road to P 21 d 5 7 thence along front returning at P 27 a 2 7 at 12.30 a.m. No enemy movement was seen. M.G. was located firing from approx. P 21 d 9 9.

Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men went out from P 27 a 2 9 at 10.30 p.m. returning at P 27 a 2 1 at 12.50 a.m. Enemy posts were located at P 27 a 5 9 and P 27 a 40 35.

SNIPERS -

One hit claimed.

AIRCRAFT -

At 6.30 p.m. our planes dropped bombs on enemy positions in front of WARFUSEE. At 6 p.m. French planes dropped pamphlets near TAILLOUX Wood.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY -

Quieter than during previous period. At 7 p.m. 50 4.2 H.E's. fell on P 19 c. Between 8.50 and 9 p.m. 20 rounds from a four gun battery was fired on P 25 from a T.B. of 97° from O 29 d 95 55. From 9.15 p.m. to 9.25 p.m. 120 4.2 H.E's. fell on O 36 c and d from direction of MARCELCAVE. From 9.50 to 10 p.m. a light barrage of 4.2 H.E's. was put down on our front line N. of the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE Road. At 10 p.m. a 3 minutes barrage of 4.2 and 77 H.E. and gas fell on O 29 from direction of MARCELCAVE. At 10.5 p.m. a 3 minutes barrage of 77's. and 4.2's. H.E. from direction of MARCELCAVE was put down on O 29 d and O 25 b. Between 2.45 and 3 p.m. a light barrage of 4.2's. and 5.9's. fell on O 36 b and d, V 1 a and c and U 6 b. Between 3 and 4 a.m. a light barrage of 4.2's and 5.9's. was put down on O 30, P 25 and P 19. Other areas that were shelled during the period were P 14 d, P 15 a and c, P 20 a and b and P 26.

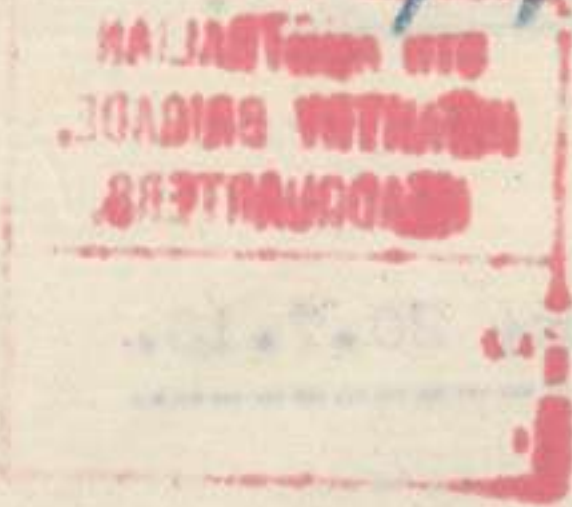
ENEMY ATTITUDE -

Aggressive especially N. of the main road (VILLERS - BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE).

ENEMY DEFENCES -

(a) Work and Wire - A bolt of wire extends from approx. P 27 c 70 70, P 27 c 50 50 to P 27 c 50 45 where it is lost sight of in the crops. Wire is located at various places in P 32 b mostly concertina and appears to have been hurriedly put up.

(b) Rifle Grenades - Active from trench system at P 27 c 8 7, firing 85 grenades altogether on post at P 27 c 25 70. All the grenades fell short with the exception of one towards the last which fell in the post, the enemy evidently having crept forward. The enemy fired about 90 grenades on post at P 27 c 45 60, inflicting 4 casualties. After the supply of No. 36 grenades on this post had given out the enemy were engaged and silenced by one of/



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ENEMY DEFENCES - (Continued)

- (b) Rifle Grenades - of our posts on the left.  
 (c) Machine Guns - Active at times during the day and very active during the night. Guns active from P 27 c 7 6, P 21 d cont. and a position due S. of P 32 a 75 20. Guns are located at approx. P 27 c 80 70, P 27 d 30 80, P 33 a 40 70.  
 (d) Trench Mortars - 3 pineapple bombs were fired at post at P 27 a 35 50 from an unlocated position.  
 (e) Flares - Whites Normal. In many cases flares dropped just behind or on the parapet of our posts.  
 (f) Snipers - Very active from P 27 c 3 3 and P 21 c 9 5.

AIRCRAFT -

At 7.30 p.m. 2 planes flew over our front dropping red and white flares. At 4 a.m. 2 planes flew over our lines.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION -

Normal movement in crops in the forward area. Transport and individuals moved along the following roads:- GUILLAUCOURT to BAYONVILLERS, W 2 c towards WIENCOURT, W 1 d towards WIENCOURT, W 7 a towards BAYONVILLERS, Q 32 a towards BAYONVILLERS, V 5 towards BAYONVILLERS, W 3 c towards HARBONNIERES, W 7 a towards WIENCOURT. At 6.50 p.m. 3 men appeared to be pushing truck at W 2 d 8 6. Between 8.30 and 9.5 p.m. 200 men in small parties moved from BAYONVILLERS to Valley in P 35 a where they were engaged by artillery. At 8.50 p.m. a party of 20 men and 6 G.S. wagons moved along road W 3 c towards HARBONNIERES. At 5 a.m. 2 carts and a few men seen harvesting at P 29 b. At 6.30 a.m. 3 wagons and 200 men moved from WARFUSEE along Road in P 30 a. At 6.30 a.m. stretcher bearer party seen working in P 28 d.

MISCELLANEOUS - Visibility good.WORK -

P 25 d 1 5	-	Building kitchens.
New Support Line	-	Improving posts and accommodation.
P 27 a 35 85 to	-	
P 27 a 30 15	-	180 yards of trench dug.
P 27 c 3 7 to	-	
P 27 c 4 8	-	Linking up posts.
P 20 d 9 2 to	-	Deepening and generally improving
P 26 b 7 8.	-	trench.
P 20 d 9 4 to	-	
P 21 a 2 1	-	Widening and deepening.

WIRING -

P 26 b 2 4 to	-	Double apron fence erected.
P 26 b 4 5	-	
P 21 c 5 2 to	-	Single apron fence erected.
P 21 c 6 6	-	

In addition R.E. material, rations and ammunition were carried forward.

W. P. MacCallum Capt

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

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

No 18/351.

Headquarters, <sup>Date</sup>  
21st. July, 1918.

17th., 19th. Bns.

The following working parties will be supplied  
tonight 21/22nd instant.

19th. Battalion.

100 men cutting new trench between P 26 b 7 C  
and P 26 b 5 4. If possible trench from P 26 b 7 8 to  
P 20 d 4 1 to be deepened.

Officer in charge of party to meet 5th. Field  
Coy. Officer at 20th. Battalion H.Q. at 7.30 p.m.

17th. Battalion.

(a) 100 men wiring from P 26 b 8 4 in Northwly  
direction.

(b) 100 men connecting up trench posts in P 26 d and  
e to form new support line.

Officers in charge of parties to meet 5th. Field  
Coy. Officers at 18th. Battalion H.Q. at 7.30 p.m.

*L. P. MacCallum*

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

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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 Brigade Headquarters,  
 21st July 1918.

5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS. 9/541	
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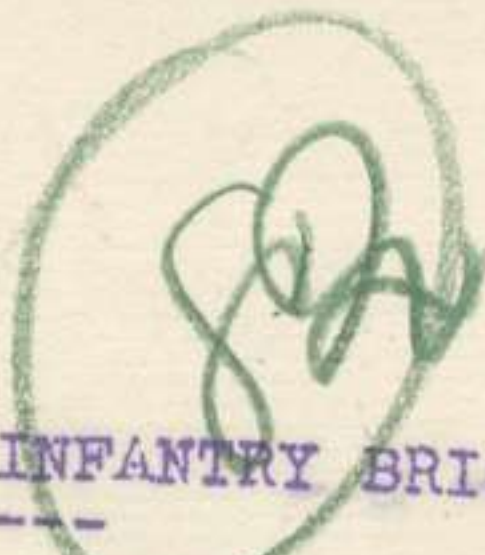
 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,  
 5th A.L.T.M.Bty.
NIGHT FIRING 21st/22nd JULY.

1. 14th Army Bdo. R.F.A. -  
 Road P.23.a.5.5. - P.50.c.90.05. Roads and tracks  
 P.25.f. and P.24.c.  
 A/86 Tracks in eastern half of P.27.d.  
 C/86 Buildings P.29.c.0.3. Tracks and trenches P.33.b.
2. Bursts of fire at 9 pm - 9.50 pm - 1.15 am - 5 am.
3. Expenditure - 14th Bdo. 200 rounds per battery, A and C/86  
 200 rounds per battery.
4. D/86 - Gas targets 5 and 16.

*W. P. MacCallum.*

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

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 FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 20/7/18 to 9.30 a.m. 21/7/18

OUR OPERATIONS

Artillery - During the night the following points were harassed - Tracks in P.30., P.29.a., P.22.d., P.28.a., b., & c., P.27.b. & d., and trenches in P.28.b.

Trench Mortars - 70 rounds were fired on enemy posts at P.27.c.35.50. and P.27.c.5.3. 6 stretcher cases were subsequently carried away.

Machine Guns - During the night our guns harassed trench system P.22.b.7.8., tracks and trenches in P.22.d. and P.22.b., Cross roads V.2.c.15.15. Tracks at V.2.c.7.3., railway V.2.b.00.20. 12,000 rounds were expended.

Patrols - (Right Bn) 2 patrols were out during the night but nothing was seen of the enemy.

(Left Bn) Small reconnoitring patrols located enemy posts at P.7.a.3.7. (M.G.) P.27.a.5.5. (MG) and P.27.a.5.5. (2 MGs). No enemy movement was observed.

Lewis Guns and Snipers - Active firing on observed movement and suspected working parties. 5 certain hits are claimed.

Rifle grenades - 75 grenades were fired at enemy posts at P.27.c.7.4. and P.27.c.7.7. 6 casualties were inflicted.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Quieter than during previous period. Shelling was mainly confined to trenches and tracks in P.20.c. and d., P.26.a. & b. and c., P.27.a., P.10.c. and d. P.25.a. & b., VILLERS LINE and battery positions in rear. There was very little shelling of the front line. 77's and 4.2 were mostly used, and came from MARCELCAVE BAYONVILLERS and east of WARFUSEE.

Gas - 4.30 a.m. 80 rounds of 4.2 Yellow and Blue Cross fell in O.24.d.

Enemy attitude - Artillery quiet. Machine guns active.

Enemy Defences -

Work and wire - The enemy appears to be digging a post P.33.a.3.8. (sounds of working heard). There are small belts of old concertina wire scattered about in crops in vicinity of P.33.b.5.5.

Machine Guns - Active during the night. Bursts of fire on trenches and tracks in forward area. Guns were located at P.27.d.3.9., P.28.c.7.5., P.22 central (approx) P.27.a.6.7., P.27.a.5.5., and P.27.a.5.3.

Flares - WHITE flares normal. RED flares brought no apparent enemy action.

Hostile Aerial activity - Balloons were observed on TB's. of 157 153 124 and 135 degrees from P.26.d.7.8.

Movement and Organisation - Very little movement in the forward area. Individual and transport movement on roads in W.2.d., P.35.c., Q.31.a., W.9.b., W.1.c. and d., W.3.c. At 8 p.m. a party of 25 men carrying white bags was seen moving along sunken road in P.29.a. towards WARFUSEE. At 8 p.m. 50 men in parties of between 6 and 10 moved from GUILLAUCOURT to W.3.d. thence along track in W.7.a. to V.12.central. Here they were lost to sight. Between 8.30 and 2.50 pm 6 wagons moved along road in W.3.c. towards HARBONNIERES. At 5.45 am Infantry movement was seen on road at D.29.b.0.5.

Trains - At 7.55 p.m. a train moved north along line in W.17.d.

Miscellaneous - Visibility good.

Works report overleaf.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY - 2 -

WORKS -

- P.25.d.1.4. Building kitchens
- P.32.b. Connecting posts, 70 yards dug to depth of 3'
- Now Support line Improving trench and accommodation
- P.26.d. 145 yds now trench dug to depth 3' 6"
- P.26.b.6.9. to P.20.d.0.3. Deepening and widening trench.
- P.20.d.2.4. Improving trench
- P.27.c.30.85. to P.27.a.30.15. Linking up posts
- P.27.c.50.00. to P.27.c.28.75. Digging C.T. to Platoon H.Q.
- P.27.a.3.3. to P.27.a.5.5. Widening and deepening sap.
- P.21.c.6.6. to P.21.c.8.9. Deepening and widening.
- P.21.c.0.4. to P.21.c.5.4. Widening and deepening.
- P.21.c. 250 yds support line widened and deepened.

WIRING

300 yds now support line wired D.A. fence. - P 26 b.  
 P.21.c. 70 yds wire erected.

In addition R.E. material ammunition and rations were carried forward.

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



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SECRET Appendix 83  
GRADE, No 20. 158

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 21.7.18 to 9 a.m. 22.7.18.

OUR OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY - During the night roads and tracks in the forward area were harassed by bursts of fire at 8 p.m., 9.30 p.m., 1.15 a.m. and 3 a.m.

TRENCH MORTARS - 15 rounds of 3" Stokes were fired on trench at P 27 c 5 3.

MACHINE GUNS - The following targets were engaged :- Trenches and tracks in P 22 d and P 28 b, V 2 b 3 8, Railway V 2 a 60 30, trenches P 22 b and d, P 28 b and d. 5,000 rounds expended.

PATROLS - Owing to the clearness of the night only small reconnoitring patrols were sent out. Left Bn. patrols observed men working on posts at P 27 a 6 7, P 27 a 5 4. Talking was heard in post at P 21 d 4 5 and flares were fired from approx. P 21 d 1 4.

SNIPERS - Active. 2 men of the Left Bn. crawled out to P 21 d 7 6 and fired on enemy trenches in P 22 a. 10 hits are claimed.

AIRCRAFT - Active - At 7.30 a.m. (22nd inst.) one enemy balloon was brought down in flames.

LEWIS GUNS - Bursts of fire during the night along tracks and trenches. Two enemy ration parties were engaged at 2.30 a.m., subsequently 5 stretcher cases were taken away.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Normal. Front line in P 21 c and P 27 a was lightly shelled. Trenches and tracks in P 20 c, P 26, P 19 c & d, P 25 and battery positions in rear were harassed. 4.2 and 77 mm. were mainly used firing from MARCELCAVE, BAYONVILLERS, E. of WARFUSSE and RAT Wood. Between 12 and 12.15 p.m. a barrage of 5.9 H.E. from direction of MARCELCAVE was put down on O 35.

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Artillery and M.G.'s. normal.

ENEMY DEFENCES -

(a) Trench Mortars - A few rounds were fired from positions located at P 33 a 8 2 approx., TAILLOUX Wood, P 33 c 1 8 approx.

(b) Machine Guns - Normal. Tracks and trenches were harassed during the night.

(c) Flares - WHITE flares normal. Single REDS, double GREENS, ORANGE clusters brought no apparent enemy action. Single GREENS caused enemy artillery which was firing short to lengthen range.

AIRCRAFT - At 8 p.m. 7 enemy planes marked with black cross and ring crossed our lines. At 11.30 p.m. enemy aircraft dropped bombs on Western outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION -

Little movement in the forward area. Considerable movement of troops and wagons carrying hay has been noticed between WARFUSSE and TAILLOUX Wood. Working parties at P 28 d 5 7 were dispersed by artillery fire. At 7.15 p.m. men carried timber from P 23 d 5 4 towards WARFUSSE Cemetery. At 8.55 p.m. 34 men in small parties appeared on railway at V 2 a 30 35 and round to V 3 c 90 75. 20 men at V 3 c 90 75 hurriedly sought shelter upon our artillery opening fire. Normal movement of transport and individuals on the following roads:- Q 31 d to BAYONVILLERS, WIENCOURT to BAYONVILLERS, Q 33 a moving N. (loaded wagons), LAMOTTE to BAYONVILLERS, P 19 c moving W., W 1 a to BAYONVILLERS, W 2 c to BAYONVILLERS, HARBONNIERES to BAYONVILLERS, P 35 c to MARCELCAVE, W 1 to WIENCOURT. At points in the rear areas men were noticed harvesting and wagons moving E. loaded with hay.

TRAINS - At 6.20 p.m. smoke from a stationary train was observed in W 1 a. At 6.54 a.m. engine moved on line in W 17 d. At 7.25 a.m. train moved S. along line in W 17 d. Between 7 and 9 a.m. normal movement of transport and individuals on roads and tracks in rear.

MISCELLANEOUS -

At 6.35 p.m. enemy signal lamp observed on a grid bearing of 121° from P 19 c 15 95. Visibility good.

P.T.O.

WORK -

- P 27 c 20 50 - Digging 100 yards of C.T. back to Coy. H.Q.
- P 25 d 1 4 - Accommodation for kitchens completed.
- Front Line - Connecting posts.
- P 26 d - 140 yards of new trench dug to depth of 3' 3".
- P 21 c 3 4 - Improving C.T.
- Front Line - Deepening and widening trench.
- P 26 b 3 4 to P 26 b 7 8 - Digging C.T.
- P 25 a 3 4 - Work on dugout.

WIRING -

- P 26 b - 300 yards of double apron fence erected along new support line.

In addition R.E. material, rations and ammunition were carried forward.

*William Calhoun*  
*for*  
 Brigadier General,  
 Commanding 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,  
22nd. July, 1918.

5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS.	
No.	9/542.
Date.	.....

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.NIGHT FIRING 22/23rd. JULY.

1. 14th Army Brigade R.F.A.
  - Roads and tracks in P 23 c & d, P 29 b.  
Dump P 30 c 50 90 and tracks loading to it.
  - A/86. Tracks and trench P 28 d
  - B/86 Road P 22 c 5 0 Eastwards to limit of range.  
Special attention to junction P 28 b 7 3.
  - C/86. Road P 27 d 6 0 - P 27 b 5 0. Tracks E half  
of P 27 d.
2. Bursts of fire at 10.50 p.m., 11.30 p.m., 3 a.m. and  
6 a.m.
3. Expenditure Balance of allotment not less than 200 rds.  
per battery.
4. D/86. Gas targets 15 and 1.

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

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Headquarters,  
22nd July 1918.

PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME, LEFT Brigade, 'A' Division, AUST. CORPS

With reference to this office 4/493 dated 9th July 1918,  
Provisional Defence Scheme :-

Section	I	-	para. B.
"	II	-	Defences - 1.
			Distribution - 3 (a) and (c)
			Artillery - 4., nd para.
"	VII	-	Paras & 2

Appendix	1.	-	} are cancelled and the
"	4.	-	
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A D D E N D U M

Appendix 5 - Infantry O.P's. (attached).

*W. H. C. Allen*

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

Distribution as for Provisional Defence Scheme (4/493)

dated 9th July 1918

CORRIGENDA - SECTION I.B, Boundaries -

- (i) The southern boundary of the Brigade runs from P.32cont. - 0.30.central. - 0.29.central - 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 runs P.27.c.5.4. - P.26.b.5.5. - P.26.a.0.5.

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SECTION IIORGANISATION OF THE AREA FOR DEFENCE.

- DEFENCES 1. The defences of the Brigade area are systematically organised into :-
- (a) Front line at present a line of disconnected posts with local support posts on right battalion sector and a connected line on left battalion sector.
  - (b) Support lines P.31.b.9.5. - P.26.d.0.4. - P.26.d.8.7. - P.26.b.6.5. - P.26.b.6.8. - P.21.a.5.0. (under constrn).
  - (c) Reserve line P.31.b.3.8. - P.25.b.3.0. - P.25.b.3.5. - thence along original front line to Brigade northern boundary.  
Subsidiary reserve Lines - DIGGER SUPPORT and PINEAPPLE SWITCH.
  - (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. ALBERT, ARARAT, ALBURY TRENCHES, YORK and HUNTER Street and trench P.26.c.3.7. - P.26.a.4.0. - P.26.b.0.4. - P.27.a.3.6. have been sited and constructed with a view to serving as switches for flank defence.

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 companies in the line, 1 Coy. in support 1 Coy. in reserve.  
'C' Bn. is in support, 2 Coys. original front line, 1 Coy. DIGGER SUPPORT, 1 Coy. VILLERS LINE.  
'D' Bn. is in reserve in VILLERS SWITCH, PINEAPPLE SWITCH and KEEP 'F'.
  - (c) overload.

SECTION II (Contd)

(c) Trench Mortars - The L.T.M.Bty. has 4 Mortars in the line at the following locations -

1. P.26.d.8.7. - b
2. P.26.c.80.43.
3. P.26.b.60.83.
4. P.20.d.80.25.

Alternative positions -

P.20.c.70.10 - P.20.c.80.10.

P.21.c.00.73. - P.21.c.10.80.

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

ARTILLERY. 4. - (2nd para.)

S.O.S. Line runs :- 18 pdrs - P.32.d.2.7. -  
P.33.a.4.4. - P.27.d.0.0. - P.21.d.0.0. - P.21.d.5.6. -  
P.22.a.2.0..

following points :- 4.5 Hows. One How. on each of the

P.33.c.2.7.	-	P.33.a.7.4.
P.27.d.5.4.	-	P.27.d.7.8.
P.27.b.7.8.	-	P.27.b.8.9.

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SECTION VII - ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS2. Ammunition.

Brigade Mobile Reserve consisting of 120,000 rounds S.A.A. and 1,440 Grenades is established at N.23.b.5.4. In addition ammunition dumps are situated as under :-

P.19.c.1.2.	20,000 1,200 6	S.A.A. Grenades No. 36 S.O.S.
Coy. Dumps.	29,000 456 380 22	S.A.A. No. 23 Grenades No. 36 do S.O.S.
O.24.c.4.3.	20,000 16,000 816 680 12	SAA, Rifle SAA, M.B. No. 23 No. 36 S.O.S.
Com. Dumps	26,000 4,000 208 750 18	SAA, Rifle SAA, M.G. No. 23 No. 36 S.O.S.

SECTION VII (contd)

O.24.c.3.3.	30,000	S.A.A. Rifle
	20,000	do M.G.
	280	No. 23
	300	No. 36
	24	S.O.S.
Coy. Dumps	73,000	SAA, Rifle
	8,000	SAA, M.G.
	250	No. 23
	1,400	No. 36
O.29.a.2.8.	31,000	SAA
	24	No. 23
	84	No. 36
O.28.b.8.8.	28,000	SAA
	96	No. 34
	84	No. 36
O.29.c.3.8.	22,000	SAA
	200	No. 23
	200	No. 34
	100	No. 35
	200	No. 36
O.22.c.7.0.	40,000	SAA, Rifle
	20,000	SAA M.G.
	1,400	S.A.A., A.P.
	600	No. 23
	400	No. 35
	640	No. 36
B.22.b.1.3.	40,000	SAA, Rifle
	760	No. 23
	180	No. 27
	442	No. 34
	680	No. 36.
	250	Stokes Shells.
O.23.a.6.5.	200	3" Stokes shells
P.25.b.3.9.	400	do
P.25.c.6.9.	500	do
P.25.a.9.2.	100	do
P.20.c.7.1.	300	do
Gun positions in line	300	do.

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APPENDIX 1.Headquarters of units -

"A" Brigado H.Q.	0.25.c.6.4.
"A" Bn, H.Q.	0.24.c.25. 30.
"B" Bn H.Q.	D.19.c.10.20.
"C" Bn H.Q.	0.24.c.25.30.
"D" Bn H.Q.	0.28.b.8.8. 8.8.
L.T.M.Bty. H.Q.	0.22.a.8.7.
M.G. Coy. H.Q.	0.24.a.5.0. *
Field Coy. H.Q.	N.23.central.

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APPENDIX 4.Machine Gun Dispositions -

P.20.c.70.95.	2 guns	} Machine Gun Coy.
P.26.b.75.50	2 guns	
P.26.a.85.30.	2 guns	
P.19.c.55.45.	2 guns	
P.25.b.6.4.	1 gun	
P.25.b.8.8.	1 gun	
P.26.c.50.15	2 guns	
O.30.b.6.6.	2 guns	
O.30.c.55.75.	2 guns	
O.30.a.6.6.	2 guns	
O.29.b.35.35.	2 guns	
O.28.b.65.20.	2 guns	

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ADDENDUMAPPENDIX 5.Infantry O.P's.

Brigado H.Q.	.....	0.29.d.95.55.
"A" Bn	...	P.26.d.7.8.
"B" Bn	...	P.26.b.85.50.
"C" Bn	...	P.19.c.15.95.
"D" Bn	...	O.28.b.75.95.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 198.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
22nd. July, 1918.

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INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.  
Copy No. ....  
No. ....  
Date. ....

Reference Maps.  
Shoots 62D. S.E. & S.W. 1/20,000.

1. The following inter-battalion reliefs will take place between 23rd. and 25th. instant.
2. (a) 17th. Bn. will relieve 18th. Bn. in line right sector on night 23/24th instant.  
(b) 19th. Bn. will relieve 20th. Bn. in line left sector on night 24/25th instant.
3. On relief 18th. Battalion will become "G" Bn. in support and 20th. Bn. "D" Bn. in reserve, taking over the duties and dispositions of support and reserve battalions respectively.
4. Defence Schemes, aeroplane photographs, trench stores will be handed over. Copies of receipts will be forwarded to this office 24 hours after relief.
5. Subject to the terms of this Order all details of the relief will be mutually arranged between C.O's. concerned.
6. Completion of relief will be notified to this office by priority wire in code
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. F. Innes*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued thro'  
Sigs. 11 a.m.

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| Copy No 1 | 17th. Bn.          |                       |
| 2         | 18th. Bn.          |                       |
| 3         | 19th. Bn.          |                       |
| 4         | 20th. Bn.          |                       |
| 5         | 5th. A.L.T.M. Bty. |                       |
| 6         | 5th. Field Coy.    |                       |
| 7         | 5th. Field Amb.    |                       |
| 8         | 7th. Field Amb.    |                       |
| 9         | 2nd. A.M.G. Bn.    |                       |
| 10        | 2nd. Aust. Div.    | 20 Bde. Sig. Officer. |
| 11        | 6th. A.I. Bde.     | 21 Bde. I.O.          |
| 12        | 7th. A.I. Bde.     | 22 Left Group Art.    |
| 13        | 10th. A.I. Bde.    | 23 File.              |
| 14        | Bde. T.O.          | 24/26 War Diary.      |
| 15        | Bde. Q.M.          |                       |
| 16        | Bde. School.       |                       |
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| 19        | B.M.               |                       |
| 20        | S.C.               |                       |

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE S E C R E T

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 pm 22/7/28 to 9 am 23/7/28

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OUR OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Very active during the day and night harassing the enemies forward and rear defences. During the night the following targets were engaged by the Left Group - Roads and Tracks in P.28.c. and d., P.29.b., Dump P.50.c.5.9. and tracks in the vicinity, tracks and trench P.28.d., road from P.22.c.5.0. eastwards, special attention being paid to road junction P.28.b.7.3. Road P.27.d.6.0. to P.27.b.5.0., Tracks P.27.d.

Trench Mortars - Our 3" Stokes fired 40 rounds on enemy trench P.27.c.7.8.

Machine Guns - The following targets were engaged. Roads V.2.c.15.15., Tracks at V.2.c.7.3., Railway at V.2.b.0.3., movement on road and trenches V.2.b.8.2., movement at P.22.d. and P.28.b., trenches P.22.b. and d. 10,500 rounds expended.

Patrols - A patrol of 1 Officer and 19 o.r. went out with L.G. from P.27.c.05.45. at 11 p.m. Enemy post at P.27.c.50.50 appears to be strongly held but patrol was unable to approach sufficiently close to ascertain strength of post on account of wire and M.G. fire. Patrol returned at 1.15 p.m. through P.26.c.90.10.

Patrol of 1 Off. 6 o.r. with L.G. went out from P.28.a.60.25. at 1.30 am. and found line of potholes P.32.a.80.10. to P.52.b.50.50. strongly held. M.G. positions were located at approx. P.32.b.20.35., P.32.b.20.35. and P.32.b.50.70. No wire of any strength was encountered. Crop in front of "A" Bn. is 2'6" - 3'6" high. Whilst the patrol was out the following flares were fired. - WHITES, GREENS in pairs, and REDS breaking into two. Patrol returned at 3.15 am through P.26.d.95.25.

3 patrols operated on our Left Bn. Front during the night. One of our patrols sighted an enemy patrol in front of his wire ~~on~~ at P.27.c.7.7. who on sighting our patrol fell flat. Not being strong enough to engage the enemy party our patrol went back to one of our posts and directed fire on to the enemy.

Infantry - 1 new post was established during the night on Right Bn front at P.32.b.00.60. Another post was dug but not occupied at P.26.d.92.38.

Lewis Guns, Snipers, Grenades - Our superiority was maintained. Our right battalion harassed enemy posts. 10 stretcher cases and 1 walking case were carried out from one post and 3 stretcher cases from another. 3 certain hits are claimed for the snipers of the left battalion.

Aircraft - Our planes were very active during the day over the enemy lines.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Inactive during the day. A very heavy Gas bombardment of YELLOW CROSS mixed with 77, 4.2 and 5.9 HE was put down on VILLERS BRETONNEUX (0.29. 0.30. 0.35. 0.36.), 0.23.c and d., 0.22.d., 0.28. 0.27., at 10 pm. At 10.25 p.m. our front and support lines in addition were subjected to light shelling with YELLOW CROSS and HE. The bombardment with an occasional lull was continuous until 2 a.m. From 2 a.m. until 3 am the shelling was intermittent, and by 4 am had ceased. It is estimated that 2,500 to 5,000 shells fell on our sector during the period. Guns were located during the bombardment firing from approx. 107, 91, 94, 109 degrees TB from P.26.d.70.80., 96° from P.19.c.15.95., vicinity of RAT and HAZEL WOODS, and rear of WARFUSEE. 3 batteries were also located firing from TB of 92 to 97 degrees from P.20.c.6.5. During the period gun flashes were observed on a T.B. of 146, 100, 83½, 150, and 98 degrees from P.26.d.70.80. It would appear that the enemy has very few guns on this sector and which fire rapidly and switch about.

Enemy attitude - Machine Guns active. Enemy's reply to our bombing and Lewis gun fire was very feeble. Those grenades he did fire fell a long way short of our posts.

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ENEMY DEFENCES

Trench Mortars - A trench mortar at P.28.c.6.5. was silenced by our artillery. A M.T.M. fired on our Right Bn Sector from approx P.33.central.

Machine Guns - Active - Guns located firing from TBs. of 122 109, and 176 degrees from P.26.d.70.80.

Flares - WHITES normal. In reply to our artillery enemy fired GREEN flares which brought weak retaliation.

Aircraft - At 8.40 pm an enemy plane circled over our right Bn front dropping RED and WHITE flares. No apparent enemy action followed.

Movement and Organisation - R.A.P. is located in House V.9.b.3.4. At 9.5 pm party of 30 men and 1 wagon came down road in Q.31.a. to LAMOTTE, 9.5 pm 3 parties of 20 men each came down track in W.7.a. towards V.12.central. 6.20 am party of 20 men on road in W.7.b. going towards BAYONVILLERS. At 6.30 am about 100 men were seen on road in P.29.b.0.5. and were successfully engaged by 18 pdr shrp and HE. Between 5.30 am and 9 am 23rd instant several GS wagons and foot traffic were noticed on BAYONVILLERS and HARBONNIERES ROAD and WEINCOURT - BAYONVILLERS Road. Parties were seen loading crops on to GS wagons at Q.31.c. and W.1.d., W.2.c.1.3., Q.27.b. Stretcher bearer parties were busy in our forward areas probably as a result of our Lewis gun and R.G. fire

Miscellaneous - Visibility good. At 9.30 pm a lamp from a TB of 43° from P.26.b.85.50 sent groups as under -

N - N - N - R - T B - S A B - M E M D - V I R G B B - T 46 -  
S A U X - L R D - E R W - Y D E - A -

W O R K -

P.32.b.2.6. New post, 35 yds to a depth of 2'6"  
12 yds to a depth of 4 feet.  
P.26.d.85.35. New post - 25 yds to a depth of 2'  
P.26.d.90.45. Improving O.T.  
P.27.a.25.90. to P.21.d.4.0. - Digging sap between posts. 40<sup>x</sup> by  
4' X 4' 6"  
P.27.c.3.8. and P.27.a.25.60. Post deepened 20<sup>x</sup> to 4' 6"  
O.T. P.20.d.90.25. - Deepening and widening.

Deepening and widening trench between posts on left Bn front.

WIRING - P.21.d.6.7.- P.21.d.8.9. Thickening wire between posts.  
Support line, P.26.b.7.2. - P.26.b.7.8. - 300<sup>x</sup> D.A. erected.  
Owing to the gas bombardment working parties had to wear their masks which greatly hampered work.  
In addition R.E. material was carried forward.

*[Signature]*  
Brig-General,  
Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

ADDENDUM -Enemy Defences - Work and Wire -

What appears to be a fairly continuous trench line  
wired in front runs from P.27.a.70.15. to P.27.c.60.75.  
P.27.c.75.40., thence to P.27.c.45.25.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters,  
 23rd July 1918.  
 5TH AUSTRALIAN  
 INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
 HEADQUARTERS.  
 No. 6/172  
 Date.

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17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,  
5th A.I.T.M. Bty.,  
5th Field Coy. A.E.

*in 10th A.I.Bde Area*

Wind and weather permitting gas drums will be projected tonight on to target at P.33.b.3.6.

Probable ZERO hour will be 11.30 p.m. 23rd July.

*J. H. M. Lewis*  
 Captain,  
 A/Brigade Major,  
 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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SECRETBrigade Headquarters,  
23rd July 1918.17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,  
5th A.L.T.M.Bty.  
-----NIGHT FIRING - 23rd/24th July.

1. 14th Army Brigade R.F.A.  
 (a) Trenches in P.23.c., P.22.d., P.28.b.  
 (b) Roads and tracks P.29.a. and b., P.30.b.
- A/86 (a) Trench P.28.d.  
 (b) Tracks running N.W. from P.35.b.1.5. (approx)  
 to N. and S. grid line between P.34 and P.35.
- B/86 (a) Trench P.28.d.  
 (b) Tracks running S.E. from P.28.d.0.4. (approx)
- C/86 (a) Trench P.28.c.  
 (b) Tracks P.28.c.
2. Bursts of fire at - (a) 9.35 pm, 3.30 a.m.  
 (b) 10.15 pm and 3.55 am.
3. Expenditure - 200 rounds per battery.
4. D/86 Gas Targets 6 and 19.



*[Signature]*  
 Captain,  
 Brigade Major,  
 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
23rd July 1918.5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

No 9/545

No

Date

2nd Australian Division.

At 10.5 p.m. on 22nd instant VILLERS BRETONNEUX was heavily shelled by 77 cm, 10.5 cm and 15 cm YELLOW CROSS shell and H.E. at the rate of 15 rounds per minute. The artillery were informed and counter battery work was put in hand at once. The enemy fire continued at the above rate until 10.30 p.m. when it was reported to have eased down.

At 10.45 p.m. the gas barrage lifted from VILLERS BRETONNEUX on to squares O.29., O.23.c. and d., O.28.a., b. and d. and O.22.d. This necessitated the moving of one company of the Reserve Battalion.

By this time a thorough but unsuccessful reconnaissance had been made by Officers of the reserve battalion for the purpose of finding an area unaffected by the gas. In the meantime full advantage had been taken of gas proofed dugouts in the area in which 50 to 60 men were sheltered. The remainder of the battalion stood to, wearing S.B.R's.

The atmospheric conditions were highly favourable from the enemy point of view, there being practically no wind during the bombardment. This caused the gas to hang about for a considerable time.

In addition to the shelling mentioned above support and front lines were lightly shelled with YELLOW CROSS which necessitated all garrisons and working parties wearing S.B.R's.

The heavy shelling with occasional lulls was continuous until 2 a.m. From 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. shelling was intermittent, and by 4 a.m. had ceased. Between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. a considerable number of 10.5 cm and 15 cm H.E. were fired into the gassed area.

It is estimated that close on 5,000 gas shells fell in this Brigade area during the bombardment.

What little wind there was during the night was from a south easterly direction and thus a considerable amount of gas was blown into the Brigade area from VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

Prompt measures were taken to treat all gas shell holes and bivouacs with chloride of lime.

Up to 4 p.m. today the total number of casualties (gas) in this Brigade were approximately 3 officers and 90 other ranks.

It is interesting to note that during the bombardment the gas shells were fired from a north easterly direction and H.E. from a south easterly direction.



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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 23.7.18 to 9 a.m. 24.7.18.

OUR OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY - Usual harassing fire during the night. Targets in P 23 a and movement observed by Infantry were engaged. At 8.15 p.m. parties moving into ACCROCHE and TAILLOUX Woods were engaged and casualties inflicted.

MACHINE GUNS - 9,600 rounds were fired in bursts on Cross Roads at P 21 d 80 40, Road Junction at P 28 b 60 40, tracks and roads in P 34 a.

PATROLS - Liaison patrols between posts and flank Bns. only operated on Right Bn. front.

A small patrol of 3 men of the Left. BN, engaged an enemy patrol of 8 men in vicinity of P 21 d 4 5. Upon 1 bomb being thrown by our party enemy dispersed and retired.

The brightness of the night made patrol movement very difficult.

LEWIS GUNS - Occasional bursts were fired along tracks and trenches in the forward area.

SNIPERS - Active during the period. 5 certain hits are claimed.

AIRCRAFT - Enemy forward system was actively patrolled.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY - Marked decrease in activity. Light scattered shelling over the front line in P 21 c, P 27 a, P 26 d and P 32 b by 4.2 & 77's. tracks and trenches in P 20 c & d, P 26, P 25 were harassed with 4.2 & 77's. VILLERS BRETONNEUX, O 28 d and O 33 also received a little attention. The shelling came from E. of WARFUSEE, MARCELOAVE, BAYONVILLERS & WIENCOURT. An occasional 5.0 was fired into VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

GAS - Between 2.30 and 3.15 a.m. lachrymatory gas shells fell on Left Bn. sector.

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Quiet though alert.

ENEMY DEFENCES -

(a) Trench Mortars - Active from P 27 d 5 3 and P 33 a 8 2 firing on our front line posts.

(b) Machine Guns - Occasional bursts during the night on tracks and forward trenches.

(c) Flares - WHITE flares below normal. Double GREENS and double REDS brought no apparent enemy action.

AIRCRAFT - One enemy low flying plane crossed our lines at 9.30 p.m. and was immediately driven off by A.A. Lewis gun fire.

MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION - Excepting stretcher bearer parties movement in the forward area was below normal. At points in the rear areas men were observed harvesting and loading hay on to wagons. Normal movement of transport and individuals on roads leading into BAYONVILLERS, HARBONNIERES, GULLLAUCOURT, and LAMOTTE. and along tracks in W 7 a, V 12 and P 36 a. During the morning (24th) stretcher bearer parties were busy in P 22 d, P 33 b, P 28 b and V 2, carrying cases to WARFUSEE and MARCELOAVE.

TRAINS - Between 6.55 and 7 p.m. 2 trains moved S along line in W 17 d.

MISCELLANEOUS - Visibility good.

WORK -

On account of inter-battalion relief little work was done. Front line posts and C.T's were generally improved. Ammunition, R.E. material and rations were carried forward.

*[Signature]*

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
-----17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. A.L.T.M. Battery.  
-----Headquarters,  
24th July, 1918.NIGHT FIRING 24/25th JULY.

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

Roads and tracks in P 23 c and d. P 24 c. Dump  
P 30 c 5 9. and tracks leading to it.

A/86 Junction P 29 b 0 4. Tracks P 29 a 8 1 - P 22 d 8 0.

B/86 Tracks in P 28 b. A.A.M.G. Nest P 29 c 48 72.

C/86 Roads and tracks in E. half P 27 d. Cross Roads  
P 27 d 5 4.

2. Bursts of fire at:- 10 p.m. - 10.45 p.m. 11.45 p.m. 4 a.m.

3. Expenditure Balance of allotment not less than 200 rounds per  
Battery.

4 D/86 Gas targets 13 and 8.

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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE N.C.O.s SCHOOL.

5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS

6th COURSE.

SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 28th JULY, 1918.

		8.30 to 9	9 to 10	10.15 to 11.15	11.15 to 12	1.30 to 2.30	2.30 to 3.30	Ref Secs.	Remarks.
MONDAY	17	Inspection and Ceremonial Drill.	Cleaning Equipment, Ammunition			Musketry.	Bombing.	M.R.Sec 2 Para 2 12/34.	Lecture 3.30 P.M. Musketry.
	18		do	etc.	do	Lewis Gun.			
	19		do	do	do	Bombing.			
	20		do	do	do	do			
TUESDAY.	17	do.	B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.	Section	Gen Infy.	Lewis Gun.	I.T.Secs. 10/17 & 51 MR Sec 9 Para 84/104 106/113.	Lecture 3.30 p.m. Elementary Map Reading.
	18		Gen Infy	Bombing.	and	B.F. & B.T.	Musketry.		
	19		Musketry	B.F. & B.T.	Platoon	Bombing.	Gen Infy		
	20		Lewis Gun.	Gen Infy.	Drill.	Musketry.	B.F. & B.T.		
WEDNESDAY	17	do.	Gen Infy.	Bombing.	do	B.F. & P.T.	Musketry	I.T.Secs 18/22 & 52 MR Sec 3 P 35/44 Sec 47, P 232/9	Lecture 3.30 Theory of the Rifle.
	18		B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.					
	19		Lewis Gun.	Gen Infy.					
	20		Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.					
THURSDAY	17	do.	Lewis Gun.	Gen Infy.	Artillery Formation.	Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.	I.T.Sec 23/30 & 53 MR Sec 36 to 38.	Lecture 3.30 p.m. Brigade I. O.
	18		Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.					
	19		Gen Infy	Bombing.					
	20		B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.					
FRIDAY.	17	do.	Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.	Section and Platoon Drill.	Bombing.	Gen Infy.	I.T.Secs 31/39 & 54 MR Sec 48 P 240/5, 249/52.	Lecture 3.30 p.m. Bde. Gas Officer.
	18		Lewis Gun.	Gen Infy.					
	19		B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.					
	20		Gen Infy.	Bombing.					
SATURDAY.	17	do.	Lewis Gun.	Musketry.	Section and Platoon Drill.			M.R. Revision. & Le Gret Teacher.	-
	18		Bombing.	do					
	19		Musketry.	Bombing.					
	20		do.	Lewis Gun.					

SUNDAY. CHURCH PARADE.

20th July, 1918.

Commandant 5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BDE. N.C.O. SCHOOL.

Lieut.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

For Week ending 27th July, 1918.

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 AUSTRALIAN  
 INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
 HEADQUARTERS.  
 No 157535  
 Date 24/7/18

SIGNAL WING, 5th AUST. INF. BDE. SCHOOL.

"A" SQUAD.

	8.30 to 9.00 am.	9.00 to 9.30 am	9.30 to 10. am.	10.00 to 10.30 am	10.30 to 11 a.m.	11 to 11.30 am.	11.30 to 12 noon	1.30 to 2 p.m.	2 p.m. 2.30 pm.	2.30 to 3 P.M.	3 P.M. to 4 P.M.
MONDAY.	Inspection.	Flag Drill.	Groups.	Class. Mess.	Buzzer.	Dealing with Examination papers.	Lecture Lucas Lamps.	Lamp ← Groups			Shutter Groups & Stations.
TUESDAY.	Inspection.	Flag Drill.	Flag Groups.	Class. Mess.	L e c t u r e.		Buzzer	Flag Stations.			
WEDNESDAY.	Inspection.	Flag Groups.	Class. Mess.	F l a g S t a t i o n s.		Lamp Groups.	Buzzer	← Lecture			
THURSDAY.	Inspection.	L e c t u r e.		(Lamp Groups.	(Lamp Stations.	Flag Drill.	Flag Groups.	Class. Mess.			Buzzer.
FRIEDAY.	Inspection.	Shutter.	Lamp	S t a t i o n s.		(Buzzer.	Lecture.				Buzzer.
SATURDAY.	Inspection.	T E S T S .									

NOTE - Subjects of Lectures in sequence :-  
 Counting and entering of words.  
 Prefixes.  
 The message form and use of various types.  
 Station Signals.  
 Miscellaneous Telegraphic Signals.  
 Station duties and discipline.

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W. J. ...  
 Lieut.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 27th JULY, 1918.

SIGNAL WING, 5th AUST. INF. BDE. SCHOOL.

"B" & "C" SQUADS.

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	8.50 to 9 a.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 am.	10 a.m. to 10.30 am.	10.50 to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 11.50 am.	11.50 to 12 Noon.	1.30 to 2 p.m.	2 p.m. to 2.50 pm.	2.50 to 3 p.m.	3 p.m. to 3.50 pm.	3.50 to 4 p.m.
MONDAY.	Inspection.	Dealing <sup>with</sup> on Exam. papers and tests.		Flag Drill		Groups.	Lecture.			Shutters	
TUESDAY.	Inspection.	Lecture.		Flag Drill.		Dummy Stations.	Buzzer.	Flag Drill	Flag Groups	Shutters.	
WEDNESDAY.	Inspection.	Flag Drill. & Groups.		Shutters.		Buzzer.	Dummy Stns.	Stations.			
THURSDAY.	Inspection.	Flag Drill. & Shutters.	Flag Groups.	<del>Shutters.</del>	Lecture.		Dummy Stns.	Flag Stations.		Buzzer.	
FRIDAY.	Inspection.	Lecture.		Flag Drill.		Groups.	Buzzer.	Shutter.	Buzzer.	Flag Stations.	
SATURDAY.	Inspection.	← TESTS. →									

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*Note*  
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 9.30 to 10 omitted

*Adapted by  
 Lieut.*

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

G.37/1/82.

Headquarters,  
24th July, 1918.

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5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

The following extracts are taken from G.H.Q. letter  
Ie/1651 forwarded under Aust. Corps 198/151 of 23rd. July.-

- "(a) Meteorological messages, if sent by wireless, should never be sent in clear, while the use of clear English between wireless operators is an exceedingly dangerous practice.
- (b) All wireless messages should be sent in code or cipher whenever circumstances permit. The Commander to whom the wireless station is attached, is responsible for any wireless messages transmitted in clear, and issues orders to regulate such transmission (VIDE S.S. 141, page 2, 3 (1)).
- (c) The Commander, to whom the wireless station is attached, must take steps to ensure that his orders regarding the regulation of the wireless station, are carried out.
- (d) Attached continuous wave wireless messages sent from wireless stations in FRANCE, were intercepted in ENGLAND on 1st and 2nd July, and show that the instructions as laid down in S.S. 141 "Communication by Wireless", have not been adhered to."

Attention is drawn to the instructions contained in (a) above (Meteorological Messages) and to S.S. 141.

Units will take ~~to~~ steps to ensure that these instructions are observed.

(Sgd) E.T. BAZELEY, Capt.  
for Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff.  
Second Australian Division.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 24.7.18 to 9 a.m. 25.7.18.

OUR OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY -

Usual harassing fire during the night. Targets reported by Infantry were engaged.

MACHINE GUNS -

19,000 rounds were fired on the following targets: Tracks, trenches and roads in P 28 b. Cross Roads and trenches in V 7 b 40 90 to V 7 a 70 75. Road in V 7 a. Trenches and tracks in P 23 a & c.

PATROLS -

A reconnoitring patrol of the Right Bn. went out from P 27 c 05 45 and located posts and machine guns at P 27 c 15 20 (strongly held) and P 32 b 8 9. Patrol returned through P 26 d 3 1.

AIRCRAFT -

Usual liaison patrols were also sent out. Active during the night bombing and firing M.G.'s. in enemy forward area. At 6 a.m. our planes forced an enemy machine to land in vicinity of O 26.

LEWIS GUNS & SNIPERS -

Active. No certain hits claimed. Individuals now double across open at all points within a thousand yards of our front line.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY -

More active than during previous period. Tracks and trenches in P 20 c & d, P 26, P 25, P 19 c were harassed by 4.2 and 77 mm. At 8.20 p.m. Right Bn. front line and supports were heavily shelled with 4.2 and 77 H.F. and Shrap. Between 9.20 and 10.45 p.m. the Right Bn. forward system was consistently shelled by 4.2 and 77. VILLERS BRETONNEUX and Valley in O 22 c, O 22 d, O 27 b and O 28 a also received attention.

GAS -

The right Bn. report a new 5.9 shell containing H.E. and gas. Shelling came from WIENCOURT, MARCELCAVE, BAYONVILLERS, LAMOTTE and T.B. of 91 and 89° from O 29 d 95 55.

ENEMY ATTITUDE -

ENEMY DEFENCES -

Slight increase in artillery and M.G. fire.

(a) Trench Mortars - A few rounds of L.T.M. fell in P 27 a and P 26 d. Mortars not yet located.

(c) Machine Guns - Occasional bursts along tracks and trenches in the forward area. Guns located at P 27 c 15 20 & P 32 b 8 9. Suspected positions at P 21 d 4 4 and P 22 a 3 6.

(d) Flares - Whites normal. Single and double reds and yellow clusters brought no apparent enemy action.

Aircraft.

Two planes patrolled our lines between 8 am. and 8.20 am. (25th inst.). Balloons were observed on a T.B. 157 & 148<sup>10</sup> from P 26 b 85 50.

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION - Stretcher bearers again busy in the forward area carrying to WARFUSEE. During the period small parties harvested in P 23 c. Normal movement of individuals and transport on the following roads - P 36 d to BAYONVILLERS, WIENCOURT to BAYONVILLERS, Q 31 d to P 36 d. At 7.7 pm. 3 parties of 2 men (1 leading a dog) moved along track in W 7 a towards V 12 central. At 8.45 am 9 men moved about trenches in P 33 c. At 7 am. 6 men carried timber from P 33 c to P 22 c.

MISCELLANEOUS -

WORK -

Visibility good. Owing to the inter-battalion relief very little work was done.

Front Line Right Bn. - Extending front line posts.

Two new posts were sited at P 32 b 0 8 and P 26 d 45 00. (Digging commenced).

R.E. material, rations and ammunition were carried forward.

*H. L. M. Carr*  
Brigadier General,  
Commanding, 5th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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17th and 19th Bns.,  
129th U.S. Inf. Regt.

Headquarters,  
25th June 1918.

5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.	
No	15/536
Date	

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1. Permission has been granted for officers and other ranks of the 129th U.S. Infantry Regiment to visit the front line trenches occupied by this Brigade.
2. Visits have been arranged as detailed below to enable each party to spend a night in the front line.
3. Visiting officers and other ranks are to be granted every facility to become acquainted, in the necessarily short time available, with our trench organisation, both from a tactical and an administrative point of view.
4. Each visiting party will report to front line Battalion H.Q. at 7 p.m. and must be clear of the forward system of trenches by 9 a.m. the following day.
5. Visiting personnel should wear fighting order equipment with S.B.R's. and carry full water bottles and 12 hours rations. No other kit is required.
6. Programme of visits -

Night 26th/27th July - 4 Officers, 10 N.C.Os. 6 privates of 2nd Bn. 129th U.S. Infantry Regiment will be attached to each battalion 5th Aust. Inf. Bdo. (*front line*)

Night 28th/29th July - and thence nightly till further orders, parties of same strength as above will report to line Bns.

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20th Bn  
5th ALTM Bty.  
2nd Aust Div.  
3rd Bn. 129th Inf. Regt.  
Major FUSSELL, M.C. attd.  
HQ. 129th Inf. Regt.  
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2nd Bn.

*H. M. Law*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
5th Aust. Inf. Bdo.

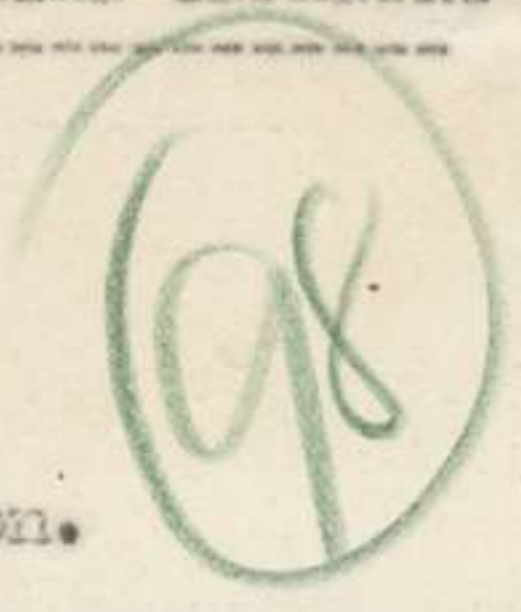
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,  
25th. July, 1918.

Headquarters,  
2nd. Australian Division.

The following will be the locations of Units of  
this Brigade as at 6 a.m. 28th instant:-

Brigade Headquarters	.....	O 25 c 6 4.
17th Battalion. Line Right.	.....	O 24 c 25 50.
18th Battalion. Supports.	.....	O 24 c 25 50.
19th Battalion. Line Left.	.....	P 19 c 10 20.
20th Battalion. Reserve.	.....	O 28 b 80 80.
5th. A.L.T.M. Battery.	.....	O 22 a 8 7.
5th. Field Coy. A.E.	.....	N 23 central.
Machine Gun Group.	.....	N 30 d 90 05.
Nucleus Battalion.	.....	M 18 d 1 5.
Transport Lines.	.....	M 17 b & M 18 a.

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

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Headquarters,  
25th. July, 1918.

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. A.L.T.M.Bty.  
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The following copy of a letter from 2nd. Aust. Div. is forwarded for your information and action:-

"With reference to the gas shell bombardment on the night 22nd/23rd July.

Apparently the greatest number of casualties were suffered by ration and working parties.

Please ensure that definite orders are issued to all parties as to action in case of gas shell bombardment.

It would appear that many casualties occurred through ration parties continuing their endeavours to reach the posts with the rations. As each man has an iron ration, and emergency rations are dumped with the object of meeting such a contingency as a gas barrage, it would be better that ration and other parties should take the nearest cover and remain there with S.B.R's on, or make an orderly attempt to reach clear ground."

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

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,  
5th ALTM Bty.  
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Headquarters, AUSTRALIAN  
25th July 1918.  
HEADQUARTERS,  
9/550

No

Date

NIGHT FIRING 25/26th JULY.1. 14th Army Brigade R.F.A.Roads and tracks and selected targets in P.29.a. and b.  
P.22.d.A/86 Tracks running S.E. from P.28.d.0.4. (approx) eastwards  
to limit of range.B/86 Road P.22.c.5.0. eastwards to limit of range.  
Trench P.28.b.

C/86 Tracks and trench P.28.c.

2. Bursts of fire at - 9.30 pm, 11 pm, 3 am 3.40 am.

3. Expenditure - Balance of allotment not less than 200 rounds  
per battery.

4. D/86 Gas Targets 2 and 9

*J. H. M. G. C.*Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.Copies to -  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.



Headquarters,  
25th July, 1918.

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18th. Battalion.

100 men with proportion of Officers and N.C.O's.  
wiring support line in P 26 c and d.

The following working parties will be supplied tonight  
25/26th instant :-

18th. Battalion.

100 men with proportion of Officers and N.C.O's.  
wiring support line in P 26 c and d.

Officer in charge of party to meet 5th. Field  
Coy. Officer at 17th. Bn. H.Q. at 7.30 p.m.

*J. L. G. Gals*

Brigade Major, 5th. A. I. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.  
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No  
Date

Headquarters,  
26th July, 1918.

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17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.

1. Consequent on the attachment to this Brigade of the 2nd Bn. 129th American Inf. Regt. the programme of visits as set out in this office 15/536 of 25th instant is cancelled.
2. Commanding officers, while bearing in mind the fact that the attached American troops are here in order to complete their training, will nevertheless treat them as an integral part of their own battalion during the period of their attachment. The more these troops share in the ordinary everyday life and work of the battalions to which they are attached the quicker will their training be completed.
3. During the period of their attachment American troops will be under the tactical command of the Australian Officer with whose unit they are serving. At all times, however, attached American troops will be under the administrative control of their own officers who will be responsible for their interior economy and discipline.
4. For the first 8 days of their attachment C.O's. will arrange for 1 American section to be attached to each Australian platoon. For the next 8 days American platoons are to be attached to Australian Companies as a fifth platoon of the company. After this period American battalions will be attached to Australian Infantry Brigades as a fifth battalion of the Brigade.

*J. M. Case*

Captain,

Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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  - 129th Amer. Inf. Regt.
  - Major, Fussell, HQ, .....
  - 2nd Aust. Div.
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

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Headquarters, No. 15/538  
26th July 1918.17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,  
2nd Bn. 129th Amer. Inf. Regt.

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Reference 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 199 of even date.  
American Company Commanders will be accommodated at the H.Q.  
of the Australian Battalions to which their companies are attached.

*J. H. Fussell*Captain,  
A/Brigade, Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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*W.D. Gray*Brigade Headquarters,  
26th July 1918.Reference Maps -  
Sheets 82d SW and SE., 1/20,000

1. 2nd Battalion, 129th American Infantry Regiment will be attached to 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. from 26th instant onwards.

2. The attachment will be carried out as under :-

- (a) 1 Coy. (approx 3 Officers and 185 o.r.'s.), 5 o.r.s. Intelligence personnel, and 3 o.r.s. A.M.C. personnel will be attached to each battalion, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. from 27th instant onwards.
- (b) C.O.'s. 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Aust. Inf. Battalions will each arrange to attach 1 platoon of the American Coy. to each of their own Companies. These platoons will then be divided up into 4 sections each, and attached, 1 section to each Australian Platoon.
- (c) Intelligence and A.M.C. personnel will be attached to Headquarters, Australian Battalions.

3. 2nd Battalion, 129th American Infantry Regiment will move from present location (N.9.d.9.6.) at 8 p.m. 27th instant, with 200 yards distance between Companies, as far as BLANGY TRONVILLE. Forward of this village (up to 5th A.I. Brigade Battalion H.Q.) movement will be by platoons: distance between platoons 200 yards, between Companies 300 yards.

Battalions of 5th A.I. Bde. will have guides ready at their respective battalion H.Q. to take American platoons to their final destination on the 27th instant.

4. Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 129th American Infantry Regiment, will be established at ~~828352~~ at 9 p.m. 27th instant.

5. Administrative Instructions rendered necessary by this attachment are being issued separately.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.Issued thro- Sigs.  
at 3 p.m.*J. J. M. [Signature]*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

P.T.O.

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	8	2nd Aust. Div.
	9	129th Amer. Inf. Regt.
	10	5th Field Coy. AE.
	11	5th Field Amb.
	12	7th Field Amb.
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	14	6th A.I.Bde.
	15	7th A.I.Bde.
	16	10th A.I.Bde.
	17	2nd A.M.G. Bn.
	18	G.O.C.
	19	B.M.
	20	S.C.
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	23	Bde. T.O.
	24	Bde. Q.M.
	25	Bde. Gas Off.
	26	Bde. Bomb. Off.
	27	O.C. Bde. School.
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Headquarters,  
26th HEADQUARTERS

5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS	
No	16/355
Date	

18th, 19th, 20th Bns.  
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The following working parties will be supplied tonight 26th/27th instant :-

18th Battalion

100 men with proportion of officers and N.C.O's. to continue wiring of support line in P.26.c. and d.  
Officer in charge of party to report to Engineer officer at "A" En. H.Q. at 7.30 pm.

20th Battalion

50 o.p's. with Officer and proportion of N.C.O's. to carry wiring material forward for 19th Battalion.

Details to be arranged mutually between C.O's. 19th and 20th Battalions.

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

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 FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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 INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
 HEADQUARTERS.  
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Headquarters,  
 26th. July, 1918.

17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
 5th. A.L.T.M.Bty.  
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NIGHT FIRING 26/27th JULY.

1. 14th Army Brigade A.F.A.  
 Tracks and Roads P 23 d, P 24 c, and P 30 a.  
 Trench P " c and Dump P 30 c 5 9.
- 16th Battery - Tracks and trench in P 28 d.
- 17th Battery - Tracks running E. from P 27 d 5 5 and  
 P 27 d 5 6 (approx.) to Main Road at P 28 d 2 4.  
 Building at P 29 c 0 2.
- 18th Battery - Tracks and trenches P 33 b.
2. Bursts of fire at - 9.30 p.m. 11 p.m. 11.30 p.m. 4.30 a.m.
3. Expenditure. Balance of allotment. Not less than 200  
 rounds per Battery.
4. 106th Battery - Gas targets 6 and 10.

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

5th. Field Coy. A.E.  
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5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 25.7.18 to 9 a.m. 26.7.18

OUR OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY -

Usual harassing fire on enemy rear and forward defences and engaging targets reported by Infantry. (fired 10 rds.)

TRENCH MORTARS -

Our 3" Stokes on enemy post at P 27 c 5 3.

MAACHINE GUNS -

19,000 rounds were fired on the following targets and approaches in P 23 a 4 6 to P 22 b 9 7, Tracks in V 2 c.

Tracks and trench in V 2 cent., Main Road searched and trenches at P 28 c 7 4, Tracks in P 28 b.

PATROLS -

A patrol of 1 Off. and 1 O.R. moved down old German O.T. from P 21 c 6 4 to P 21 d 7 5 at 5.30 p.m. A wire and tool dump was located in sunken road at P 21 d 9 4 and a small dump of 18 pdr. shells in cases at P 21 d 7 5. Unoccupied posts slightly wired located at approx. P 21 d 3 7 and P 21 d 5 3. No signs of recent occupation of posts in trench down which patrol moved were noticed. A dugout at P 21 d 6 4 showed signs of recent occupation and apparently is used to fire flares from as flares fired during night 24/25th instant appeared to be coming from this vicinity. No movement was observed and the enemy's policy seems to be to establish forward posts during the night and withdraw them before daybreak. Patrol returned at 8.30 p.m. through P 21 c 6 4.

2 Patrols operated on the Right Bn. front during the night and the following information was obtained. - Enemy could be plainly heard working all along his line of posts P 32 b 10 15 to P 32 b 70 75. M.G. post was located at approx. P 32 b 8 9 which was lightly wired. An enemy patrol of 9 men was seen close to his wire.

SNIPERS -

Three hits are claimed by the Left Battalion.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY -

Active. Between 8.30 and 9.30 p.m. - P 32 a & c P 26 a & c was heavily shelled with 4.2 and 5.9 H.E. 5.9's from a T.B. of 132° and 4.2's from 124 and 133° T.B. from P 26 d 65 85. Between 10 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. approximately 700 4.2's fell on O 29, O 28, O 18 from a T.B. 133, 104, and 124° from O 24 c 25 40. At 11.30 p.m. 24 4.2's fell in NO-MANS-LAND and vicinity of front line of Left Bn. At 1.45 a.m. 30 4.2's were fired on P 21 c & d, some of the shells falling 300 yards short of our front line. Between 3 and 3.30 a.m. 80 77, 4.2 and 5.9 H.E's. fell on P 26 a, b & c.

ENEMY ATTITUDE -

Quiet.

ENEMY DEFENCES -

- (a) Work - Patrols report that enemy appears to be working along his front line posts opposite our Right Bn.
- (b) T. M's. - L.T.M. at P 33 c 1 8 was silenced by our artillery.
- (c) M.G's. - Active at short intervals during the night.
- (d) Flares - Whites normal. A yellow flare brought no apparent enemy action. 3 Greens and 3 whites fired whilst enemy was shelling caused the shelling to cease.

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION -

Individual movement was noticed in trenches P 32 b, suspected M.G. position P 28 d 5 6 and trenches P 21 d 4 2. Movement of small parties was observed during the day between ACCROCHE Wd. and WARFUSEE. Men were observed cutting crops, loading on to wagons at V 6 d cent., W 8 a & b, Q 32 c 1 2. Between 5 and 6 am (26th inst) considerable transport movement was noticed on Roads in W 8 b, W 7 b and W 7 d going in both directions. At 6.30 a.m. (26th inst) train was observed going S. on line W 6 d. At 6.45 am train going N. on line W 17 d.

MISCELLANEOUS -

Visibility good. Dense cloud of smoke was observed on a T.B. of 116° from P 19 c 15 95. An O.P. is suspected at P 28 b 7 4.

WORK -

- P 32 a 75 30 - P 27 c 05 45 - Linking up posts. 150 yards dug to depth of 5' by 3'6"
- P 20 d 1 0 - Trench-dug for rations 15' dug to depth of 6'.
- P 26 b 6 7 - P 26 b 6 4. - New C.T. connected up and deepened.
- P 27 a 05 80 to P 27 a 12 60 - C.T. deepened. 20' dug to depth of 4'6"
- P 27 a 28 05 tp P 27 a 32 18. - Front line deepened. 40' dug to depth of 4'6"

WIRING -

- P 32 a 4 7 to P 26 c 05 80 - 300' double apron fence erected.
- P 27 a 4 7 to P 27 a 55 80 - 80' single apron fence erected.

In addition R.E. material, ammunition and rations were carried forward.

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

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,  
26th July, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS -

(Issued in conjunction with Brigade Order No 199).

TRANSPORT LINES -

Transport Lines for Brigade H.Q. and Battalions are at M 17 b and M 18 a.

Transport of the 2nd. Battalion, 129th. American Inf. Regt. will be parked with 5th. A.I.Bde. Transport and will be utilized by 5th. Bde. Transport Officer for bringing up supplies to the forward area.

Q.M. STORES -

Quartermasters' Stores are at BLANGY TRONVILLE.

SUPPLIES -

Supplies will be drawn by Supply Officer of 2nd. Bn., 129th. American Inf. Regt. and handed over for distribution to 5th. A.I.Bde. Quartermaster

Personnel of the 2nd. Bn., 129th. American Inf. Regiment will carry 24 hours rations when moving into the forward area.

WATER -

Water may be drawn at GLISY, BLANGY TRONVILLE, and VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

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 (gals)	250
No. 2. Dump.	O 24 c 4 5	P.M. Rations.	100
		Biscuit rations	100
		Grocery "	100
		Water (gals)	50
No. 3. Dump.	O 24 c 3 3	P.M. Rations.	500
		Biscuit rations	500
		Grocery "	500
		Water (gals)	250
No. 4. Dump.	O 28 b 8 8	P.M. Rations	400
		Biscuit rations	400
		Grocery "	400
		Water (gals)	200
No. 5. Dump.	O 29 c 2 7	P.M. Rations	100
		Biscuit rations	100
		Grocery "	100
		Water (gals)	50
No. 6. Dump.	O 22 c 7 0	P.M. Rations	500
		Biscuit rations	500
		Grocery "	500
		Water (gals)	250.

AMMUNITION - Personnel of 2nd. Bn., 129th American Inf. Regt. will, on moving into the forward area, carry 200 rounds S.A.A. on the man.

Brigade Mobile Reserve consisting of 120,000 rounds S.A.A. and 1,440 Grenades is established at N.23.b.5.4.

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## AMMUNITION (Contd.)

In addition Ammunition Dumps are situated as under:-

P 19 c 1 2	20,000	S.A.A.
	1,200	Grenades No 36.
	6	S.O.S.
Coy. Dumps.	20,000	
	456	S.A.A.
	380	Grenades No 23.
	22	" No 36.
		S.O.S.
O 24 c 4 3.	20,000	S.A.A. Rifle.
	16,000	" M.G.
	816	Grenades No 23.
	660	" No 36.
	12	S.O.S.
Coy. Dump.	26,000	S.A.A. Rifle.
	4,000	S.A.A. M.G.
	208	Grenades No 23.
	750	" No 36.
	18	S.O.S.
O 24 c 3 3	30,000	S.A.A. Rifle.
	20,000	" M.G.
	280	Grenades No 23.
	300	" No 36.
	24	S.O.S.
Coy. Dumps.	73,000	S.A.A. Rifle.
	8,000	S.A.A. M.G.
	250	Grenades No 23.
	1,400	" No 36.
O 29 a 2 8	31,000	S.A.A.
	24	Grenades No 23.
	84	Grenades No 36.
O 28 b 8 8	28,000	S.A.A.
	96	No 34 Grenades.
	84	No 36 Grenades.
O 29 c 3 8	22,000	S.A.A.
	200	Grenades No 23.
	200	" No 34.
	100	" No 35.
	200	" No 36.
O 22 c 7 0	40,000	S.A.A. Rifle.
	20,000	S.A.A. M.G.
	1,400	S.A.A. Arm. Piercing.
	600	Grenades No 23.
	400	" No 35.
	640	" No 36.
O 22 b 1 3	40,000	S.A.A. Rifle.
	760	Grenades No 23.
	180	" No 27.
	442	" No 34.
	680	" No 36.
	250	Stokes 3" Shells.
O 22 a 6 5.	200	3" Stokes Shells,
P 25 b 3 9.	400	do
P 25 c 6 9.	300	do
P 25 a 9 2.	100	do
P 20 c 7 1.	300	do
Gun positions in line.	300	do

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BURIALS - Divisional Burial Officer is at BLANGY TRONVILLE.  
The Cemetery is situated at N.28.d.central (AUSTRAL  
CEMETERY).

BATHS - Baths are situated at CORBIE. Arrangements to be made  
direct with 3rd Aust. Division Baths Officer, re change s of  
underclothing and socks.

RETURNS - Casualties to all ranks of 2nd Bn, 129th American  
Infantry Regiment are to be shown under heading "American".

MEDICAL - R.A.P.'s. situated at O.29.d.8.0. - O.24.c.4.8. -  
O.22.a.5.2. - O.27.d.8.3..

A.D.S. N.26.d.1.3.  
Walking wounded station - N.27.c.3.3.  
M.D.S. STACHEUL, AMIENS.  
5th Field Ambulance - H.5.c.2.5.  
6th do St.ACHEUL  
7th do will clear the forward area  
N.26.d.1.5.

Q.M.  
Brigade Transport Officer and Brigade  
will arrange to meet Transport and Supply Officers of the  
2nd Battalion, 129th American Infantry Regiment and make  
arrangements for supply and transport as above.

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

*Robert Hals*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain, 5th Aust. Inf. Bdo.

Distribution as for Brigade Order No. 199

## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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18th and 20th Bns.

The following working parties will be supplied tonight,  
27th/28th July :-

18th Battalion

- (a) 95 men with proportion of officers and N.C.Os. to continue wiring the support line in P.26.c. and d. Officer in charge of party to meet Engineer Officer at "A" Bn H.Q. at 7.30 p.m. tonight.
- (b) 75 diggers exclusive of officers and N.C.Os. to bury cable from O.36.d.3.7. to P.31.c.0.9. Work to commence at 10 pm. Proportion of tools to be carried 1 pick to 2 shovels. Officer in charge of this party will arrange direct with Officer in charge 20th Bn Cable burying party, all further details. 20th Bn. officer will be in charge of whole cable burying party.

20th Battalion - 125 diggers exclusive of officers and N.C.Os. to bury cable from O.36.d.3.7. to P.31.c.0.9. Work to commence at 10 pm. Proportion of tools to be carried 1 pick to 2 shovels. Officer in charge of this party will be in charge of combined 18th and 20th Bn cable burying parties and should meet Signal Coy. Officer at O.36.d.3.7. at 9 p.m. tonight to arrange details of work.

The cable trench to be dug to a depth of 3 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 trench is completed and passed by Signal Coy. Officer cable will be laid in the trench by Signal Coy. personnel under the supervision of the Signal Coy. Officer present. At his word the infantry will fill in the trench. When Signal Coy. Officer is satisfied that the work has been completed infantry working parties will be withdrawn.

*[Signature]*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 26.7.18 to 9 a.m. 27.7.18.

OUR OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY - Active throughout the day and night, harassing enemy tracks, trenches and centres of activity. At 11 p.m. our 18 pdrs. engaged trenches and tracks in P 32 b and succeeded in setting fire to 2 flare dumps.

TRENCH MORTARS - Our 5" Stokes fired 30 rounds on new trench at approx. P 33 a 1 9.

MACHINE GUNS - 11,000 rounds were expended on the following targets - Tracks and posts P 22 b & d and P 23 a & c. Main Road and tracks at P 28 d 1 4.

L.G.'s. & SNIPERS - Two definite hits were obtained by our Lewis gunners on movement at P 28 c 8 4. Snipers of Left Bn. claim one hit.

PATROLS - 1 Off. & 2 O.R.'s. crawled out from post at P 27 c 5 7 to a point 20 yards from Main VILLERS BRITONNEUX - WARPUSSE Rd. examining line of "pot holes" between that post and the road. No signs of the enemy having occupied these posts recently were seen.

IDENTIFICATIONS - A prisoner of the 152 I.R., 41st Div. was taken by one of our posts in P 27 a about 10 p.m., 26th inst. (Normal).

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY - Quiet throughout the day. Active during the night. At 5.30 p.m. smoke was observed from a Bty. of 77 mm. firing from an approx. position V 10 b 2 7. At 9.55 p.m. 70 4.2's fell on P 32 a and P 26 c. At 10.20 p.m. 30 77 H.E.'s fell on P 26 d. At 11.20 p.m. Bty. of 77 mm. firing from vicinity of P 35 b was silenced by our artillery. Between 12 Midnight and 2.15 a.m. O 24 c was shelled with 58 4.2's from a T.B. of 132° from O 24 c 20 65. Between 2.45 and 3.50 a.m. O 29 b was shelled with 33 77 mm's on a T.B. of 134° from O 24 c 20 65. Other areas that received attention during the period were O 23 a, O 30, O 35, O 36, P 31 c & d, P 20 a & d, P 25, and P 27 c. A gun flash was observed on a T.B. of 121° from P 26 d 65 85, 14 seconds elapsing between flash & sound.

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Quiet.

ENEMY DEFENCES -

(a) Work - Now work is visible at P 24 a 2 2.

(b) M.G.'s. - A M.G. was located at P 27 d 85 95.

(c) Flares - WHITES normal. Two single GREENS had the effect of lengthening the range of shelling.

AIRCRAFT - At 8.30 p.m. 4 E.A. flew low over Bde sector. Balloons were up on a T.B. of 45, 57 and 82° T.B. from P 21 c 4 8.

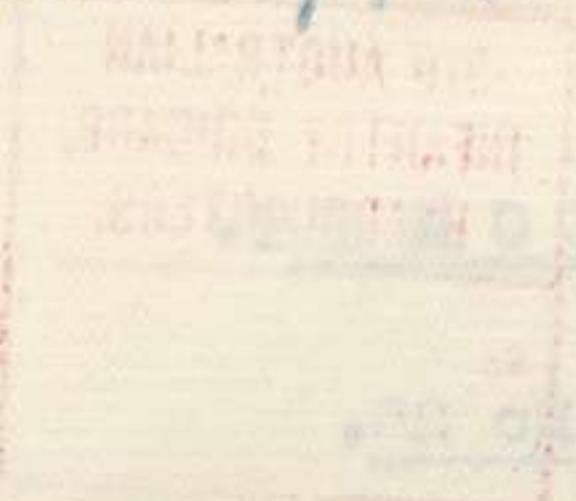
MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION - A man was seen (whenever our art. was firing) observing from trench at V 3 b 7 5. This trench appears to be strongly held. As many as 10 men were seen observing from this trench at once. At 8.35 p.m. 8 men carrying bags were seen moving along road V 9 d 4 4 to V 9 c. A party of 6 men were seen operating a M.G. in wheat crop at P 28 a 4 2. Between 8 and 9 p.m. several men were seen moving from P 21 b 80 00 towards ACCROCHE Wood. Men in twos and threes were seen at the following references - Q 33 d, V 6 d, Road W 2 c, Road W 9 d, In sap P 28 d. Normal transport movement was observed on roads in the rear areas.

MISCELLANEOUS - Visibility good. Enemy was seen flash signalling with Morse Code in P 23.

INFORMATION GIVEN BY PRISONER y Coy. Strength is given as 1 Off. and 80 O.R.'s. with 5 L.M.G.'s. Owing to number of casualties in his battalion caused mainly by M.G. fire he stated that all 4 Coys. were in the line with 1 platoon in support to each. It is believed that a new Div. will shortly relieve them. He does not know of any intention to attack us here, but an attack by us is expected daily. Enemy troops are now of the opinion that the war will not be ended by the late German offensives.

FLARES - Prisoner gave the following information regarding flares - 1 YELLOW = Barrage (S.O.S.) 1 RED = Annihilating fire. 1 GREEN = Shells falling short. ORANGE Cluster = We are falling back. Fire on our evacuated position.

WORKS - Over leaf.



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WORK -

- P 26 d 25 35 - Excavating under road.
- P 32 a 75 35 -  
P 27 o 2 7 - Linking up front line posts.  
150' by 5' by 2' 6" dug.
- P 20 d 15 55 -  
P 20 d 20 65 - 50 yards of trench improved.
- P 36 b 75 95 - 30 yds. trench deepened and improved.
- P 27 a 08 80 - 20 yds. of C.T. deepened to 4' 6".
- P 20 o 80 55 - Coy. H.Q. under construction.

WINING -

- P 32 a 3 7 -  
P 26 d 2 3 - Completion of task. 350 yds. double apron fence erected.

In addition R.E. material, ammunition and rations were carried forward.

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

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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Headquarters,  
5th AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
28th July 1918.

No 16/358

18th and 20th Bns.

The following working parties will be supplied tonight  
28th/29th July :-

18th Battalion (a) 130 men with proportion of Officers and N.C.Os. to dig O.T. forward to support line in P.26.c. Officer in charge of party to meet Engineer Officer at "A" Bn. H.Q. at 7.30 pm tonight to arrange details.

(b) 150 men exclusive of officers and N.C.Os. to bury cable in P.31.a. Work to commence at 10.30 pm. Proportion of tools to be carried - 1 pick to 2 shovels. Officer in charge of this party will arrange direct with Officer in charge 20th Bn cable burying party all further details.

20th Bn officer will be in charge of combined 18th and 20th cable burying party.

20th Battalion - 250 men exclusive of officers and N.C.Os. to bury cable in P.31.a. Work to commence at 10.30 pm. Proportion of tools to be carried 1 pick to 2 shovels. Officer in charge of this party will be in charge of combined 18th and 20th Bn cable burying parties and should meet Signal Coy. Officer at P.31.a.1.3. at 9.30 pm tonight to arrange details of work.

The cable trench to be dug to a depth of 6 feet and the bottom to be without hummocks. Infantry officers will allot the tasks and be responsible that the trench is down to the required depth and uniform throughout. When trench is completed and passed by the Signal Coy. Officer present, cable will be laid in the trench by Sig. Coy. personnel under the supervision of the <sup>Signal</sup> Officer. At his word the infantry will fill in the trench. When Sig. Coy. Officer is satisfied that the work has been completed infantry working party will be withdrawn



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

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5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS. No 9558. 9/58

Headquarters, 28/7/18

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

NIGHT FIRING 28/29 JULY.

- 1. 14th Army Brigade R.F.A. Sub-Group.

Selected roads, tracks and new works in P 22 d, P 23 c & d P 28 a & b.

16th. Battery Activity P 28 d 03 40. Roads, tracks and new works.

17th Battery. Activity P 33 central. Tracks and trenches P 34 b.

18th Battery. Roads and tracks P 34 a and b.

106th Battery. Gas targets to be notified later.

- 2. Bursts at 9.55 p.m. 10.20 p.m. 10.40 p.m. 11.30 p.m. 1.10 am. 2.40 a.m. 2.55 a.m. 3.5 a.m. 3.10 a.m.

- 3. Expenditure- 200 rounds per battery plus balance of daily allotment.

[Signature]

Captain,

Actg. Brigade Major, 5th. A.I. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 200



Headquarters,  
28th July 1918.

Reference Maps -  
Sheets 62d SW and SE, 1/20,000

1. The following inter-battalion reliefs will take place on the  
between 29th and 31st July.
2. (a) 18th Battalion plus attached American personnel will  
relieve 17th Bn., plus attached American personnel, in line right sector  
on night 29th/30th July.  
(b) 20th Battalion plus attached American personnel, will  
relieve 19th Battalion plus attached American personnel in line left  
sector on night 30th/31st July.
3. On relief, 17th Battalion will become "C" Bn in support  
and 19th Bn., "D" Bn in reserve, taking over the duties and dispos-  
itions of support and reserve battalions respectively.
4. Defence schemes, aeroplane photos, trench stores and  
intelligence concerning the sector will be handed over. Copies of  
receipts will be forwarded to this office 24 hours after relief.
5. Subject to the terms of this order all details of the  
relief will be mutually arranged between C.O.'s. concerned.
6. Completion of relief will be notified to this office by  
priority wire in code.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued through  
Sigs at .....p.m.

*[Signature]*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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3	19th Bn	17	Bde Nuclear Bn
4	20th Bn	18	C.O.C.
5	5th AMM Bty	19	B.M.
6	5th Field Coy.	20	S.O.
7	5th Bld. Amb.	21	Bde. I.O.
8	7th Field Amb.	22	Ede. Sig. Off.
9	2nd A.M.C.Bn.	23	Left Group Arty.
10	2nd Aust. Div.	24	15th A.A.S.C.
11	6th A.I.Bde.	25	Left Group M.G.s
12	7th A.I.Bde.	26	2nd Bn, 130 U.S. Inf. Regt.
13	10th A.I.Bde.	27	Stokes Mortar Platoon, 130 U.S. Inf. Regt.
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Headquarters,  
28th July 1918.

No..... 8/175

Date.....

17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Bns.,  
2nd Bn, 129th U.S. Inf. Regt.  
5th ALTM Bty, 5th Field Coy. AE.

1. On the night 29th/30th July the valley running N.E. and S.W. through WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT will be subjected to a gas bombardment.
2. The Corps Heavy Artillery and the Field Artillery of "A" and "B" Divisions will participate.
3. ZERO hour will be :-
 

For Heavy Artillery	-	9 p.m.
Field Artillery	-	2.30 a.m.
4. The operation will take place only if the wind is between the angle running N.E. through N. and W. to S.
5. Units will be notified beforehand whether the wind is favourable or not.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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 5TH AUSTRALIAN  
 INFANTRY BRIGADE  
 SHELDON REPORT  
 Date:

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 pm 27/7/18 to 9 am 28/7/18 No. 26

OUR OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Active especially during the night harassing enemy forward and rear defences and movement reported.

Our 18 pdrs. put down a light barrage of 10 minutes duration on enemy front lines at 9.45 pm and 11.20 pm.

Machine guns - 11,000 rounds were expended as follows :-  
Roads and tracks P.23.a. and b., roads tracks and trenches in P.23.a. and c.

Patrols - A patrol of the right battalion examined a freshly dug position at about P.32.b.9.9. Post was found to be lightly wired and recently damaged by artillery fire. Nothing was seen of the enemy. A patrol of the left battalion which went out from P.27.a.4.8. and returned through P.21.c.6.8. did not see any enemy movement.

Lewis Guns - Tracks and trenches in the forward area harassed  
Snipers - Active. 4 certain hits are claimed by our left Bn.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Much less active than during previous period.

Tracks and trenches in P.26., P.19.c. and d., P.25. were harassed at intervals during the night. Other areas which received attention were - O.29.a. and d., O.23., O.24., O.35., and O.36. 4.2 and 77 mm and an occasional 5.9 were used and came from MARCELCAVE, BAYONVILLERS and LAMOTTE. Flashes were observed on TBs. of 120, 111, 87, 78 degrees from O.29.d.95.55. and 99, and 127 degrees TB from P.26.b.85.60.

Enemy attitude - Passive.

ENEMY DEFENCES -

Trench Mortars - A few rounds of L.T.M. fell on P.23.d. Active mortar was located at P.32.d.central.

Machine Guns - Occasional bursts during the night along the front.

Flares - Very few white flares fired during the night.

Hostile Aerial activity - An enemy plane dropped bombs on

VAIRE WOOD during the night.

Movement and Organisation - Between 5 pm and 7.30 pm men in small parties (2 to 5 men) in full marching order left trenches in V.2.b., V.5.c. and V.2.central and moved towards water towers. Similar movement was seen coming towards these trenches. This movement was hampered by our artillery. At 7.45 pm two parties (No. of which could not be estimated owing to mist) assembled at Cross Roads in V.14.b. and at V.15.central. and afterwards moved towards IGNAUCOURT. At 8.15 pm party of 15 men seen behind hedges near Cross roads at V.9.d.3.2. At 8.15 pm 16 men and 1 wagon came down road in Q.31.d. along tram line to Q.31.c.3.5. to P.36.d.8.2. Single movement was noticed at W.2.c.7.8., track W.7.a., P.24.b., Q.26.b., road Q.31.c.3.5. Normal movement on the main roads of the rear areas.

Trains - At 8.10 am train was observed going south on line X.21.b. At 8.45 am a train on line in X.21.b. was noticed. At 8.45 am train going south on line in X.4.c. At 8.53 am train on line going south in X.21.b.

Miscellaneous - Visibility - variable. Good for short periods. A terrier dog was shot about 100 yards in front of our post at P.21.c.9.9. A patrol went out and examined the dog and it proved to be apparently a stray, as no messages or markings were found. Owing to the amount of movement to and fro in the forward areas and the absence of enemy flares until 11 pm it is suspected that a relief was in progress during the evening.

WORK

Front line P.27.a.5.7. to P.21.c.8.3. Fire step deepened and drained. P.20.d.2.3. to P.20.d.3.3. Trench improved.

Front line right battalion - Linking up posts 120 yds dug depth 5 ft.

WIRING - Posts P.21.c.5.2. and P.21.c.8.6. - Wire put out in front of these posts.

CABLE BURYING - O.36.c.35.65. - O.36.d.15.75. - Digging trench and burying cable to a depth of 6 feet.

*[Signature]*  
 Brig-General,  
 Commanding 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,  
29th July, 1918.

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

NIGHT FIRING 29/30th JULY.

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

Roads, tracks and new work in P 22 d, P 28 a & b,  
P 23 c & d.  
Centre of activity and H.Q. P 29 c 80 60.

2. 16th Battery - Roads, tracks and work P 28 d. P 29 c.

3. 17th Battery - Roads, tracks and work P 34 b and P 35 a.

4. 18th Battery - Roads, tracks and work P 28 c, P 33 b, P 34 a.

5. 106th Battery - Gas targots as may be ordered.

6. Times- 10 p.m. 10.10 p.m. 11.15 p.m. 12.50 a.m. 2.45 a.m.  
3.10 a.m.

7. Expenditure -  
170 rounds per battery plus balance of allotment.

8. Special Concentrations -

10.20 p.m. 16th, 17th Centre of activity P 33 b 20 00  
and 18th. 3 rounds gun fire.  
2.50 a.m. do Trench P 28 c 80 40 do.

*H. J. Cairns*  
Captain,

Copies to - Acting Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

5th Field Coy. A.E.  
2nd. Bn. 129th U.S.A. Inf. Regt.  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS.	
No.	15/559.
Date	5/4/18

Headquarters,  
29th July, 1918.

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17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
2nd Bn., 129th. U.S.A. Inf. Regt.

Reference 5th. A.I. Bde. No 15/559 of 26 th inst. Para 4.

The periods of training will be shortened as follows :-

The first period, attachment of American Sections to Australian platoons, will be for four days instead of eight, i.e. from 28th to 31st July inclusive.

The second period, attachment of American platoons to Australian Companies, will be for four days instead of eight, i.e. from 1st to 4th August inclusive.

On completion of these two periods, total 8 days, the American personnel will be withdrawn from Australian Bns. and reorganized into a Battalion which will be employed as a fifth Bn. of this Brigade. This Bn. will be employed as Support Battalion for the first 2 days and will then be put in and take over a Battalion sector of the Brigade front. Further details as to length of time in the line, etc., will be notified later.

*H. H. [Signature]*

Captain,

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

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-----5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
118/500 P.S.Headquarters,  
29th July, 1918.20th. Battalion.  
-----The following working parties will be supplied by you  
tonight 29/30th July.(a) Digging party of 230 men exclusive of Officers and N.C.O.s  
to bury cable in P 25 a & b. Work to commence at 10.30 pm.  
at approx. P 25 a 8 0.

Proportion of tools required 1 pick to 2 shovels.

Officer in charge of party to meet Div. Sig. Coy. Officer  
at P 25 a 8 0 at 9.30 p.m. to arrange details.(b) Digging party of 20 other ranks under a senior N.C.O. to  
report to Sig. Coy. Officer at O 36 d 95 95 at 10.30 p.m. to  
complete short length of cable trench at this point.Previous instructions re depth of trench required etc.  
will be strictly adhered to.*[Signature]*  
Captain,

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

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 28.7.18 to 9 a.m. 29.7.18.

OUR OPERATIONSARTILLERY

Usual harassing fire during the night. Targets reported by the Infantry were engaged.

TRENCH MORTARS

20 rounds were fired on enemy trench at P 35 a 2 9.

MACHINE GUNS

Following targets were engaged:- Main Road in P 28 d, tracks in P 28 c, Road in P 29 a and c, Tracks and trenches in P 23 a, Cross roads in V 2 c, Tracks and trenches in V 2 b.

PATROLS

A reconnoitring patrol of the Right Bn. did not see or hear any enemy movement.

A patrol moved out from P 27 c 3 6. Sounds of hammering were heard in the vicinity of P 27 c 5 2. Flares were being frequently fired from P 27 c 5 2 and P 27 c 6 6 and an active M.G. was located at approx. P 27 c 6 6. The enemy did not appear to occupy any pot holes or shell holes W. of trench running from P 27 c 5 6 to P 27 c 8 4.

A second patrol did not see any enemy movement in P 27 a nor were any flares fired from positions in this square.

A third patrol noticed flares being fired from a position near trench at P 27 a 45 50.

SNIPERS

Active. 1 hit claimed by Right Battalion.

ENEMY OPERATIONSARTILLERY

Normal. Slight shelling of the front line during the night. Tracks and trenches in P 20 c and d, P 26 and P 25 were harassed. Other areas which received attention were O 36 d, O 22, O 23, O 29 and O 35. Shelling came from the direction of MARCELCAVE, WARFUSEE, BAYONVILLERS, and LAMOTTE. Gun flashes were observed on T.B's of 110, 162, 111, 107, 109, 100, 115<sup>g</sup> from O 24 c 25 60. and 127<sup>o</sup>T.B. from P 26 b 8 6.

ENEMY ATTITUDE

Quiet though alert.

ENEMY DEFENCES

(a) M.G's. - Active firing on patrols, trenches and tracks in the forward area.

(b) T.M's. - A T.M. fired from P 27 c 7 5.

(c) Flares - Above normal. RED and GREEN flares brought down a light barrage.

AIRCRAFT

At 8 p.m. 3 hostile planes flew over our lines and were driven off by A.A. fire.

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION

Owing to the heavy ground the prevailing observation was poor. At 5.25 p.m. 4 men carrying bags walked along road V 8 c to V 9 c. At 5.45 p.m. 15 men were seen moving about at V 14 c central. At 6 p.m. a working party was seen digging in trenches at V 9 e. At 6.25 p.m. working party apparently building dugouts, as they were handling timber were seen in trenches V 8 c and V 14 b. At 7.15 p.m. individual movement in Railway V 2 and V 3. At 8.30 p.m. a dog came from V 9 c and disappeared about V 8 b. At 8.30 p.m. occasional movement of individuals from WARFUSEE along track to approx. P 27 b 8 9 and at 9 pm. several men were seen returning by this route.

MISCELLANEOUS

Visibility *low*

WORK

Front Line Right Battalion - Linking up posts. 50 yards dug.

P 26 b 05 45 to P 26 b 30 45 - Deepening O.T.

P 26 d 6 9 to P 26 d 7 6 - Deepening O.T.

P 21 c 2 5 - 4 dugouts excavated and temporary cover erected.

P 20 d 2 7 - Dugout constructed.

P 20 d 2 2 - 25<sup>x</sup> deepened, 25<sup>x</sup> of new trench dug.

P 26 c 3 5 to P 26 c 3 0 - O.T. dug 200 yards by 2'6" by 2'6".

P 26 b 9 6 - P 20 d 9 4 and P 20 d 9 6 - Constructing dugouts for H.Q's of Companys.

WIRING

Front Line Left Bn. - Thickening existing wire in front of posts. 60<sup>x</sup> double apron fence erected at P 21 c 8 4.

O 36 d 15 75 to P 31 a 05 50 - 516 yds. dug and cable buried.

In addition sump holes were dug along front line, trenches cleaned, shelters made and R.E. material ammunition and rations carried forward.

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



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5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SCHOOL (SIGNAL WING).

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"A" SQUAD (Advanced).

Syllabus for Week ending 3rd August, 1918.

	8.30 to 9 a.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	9.30 to 10 a.m.	10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	10.30 to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 12 noon.	1.30 to 2 p.m.	2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	2.30 to 3 p.m.	3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
MONDAY.	Inspection.	Flag Drill.	Groups.	Lamp	Groups.	Shutters.	L e c t u r e .			Buzzer.
TUESDAY.	do.	L e c t u r e .				Lamp Class. M.S.	S h u t t e r s .	B u z z e r .		
WEDNESDAY.	do.	B u z z e r .			Flag Stations.	Lamp Groups.	Shutters.	L e c t u r e .		
THURSDAY.	do.	L e c t u r e .			B u z z e r .	Flag Groups.	Classn. Ms.	S t a t i o n s Flag or Lamp.		
FRIDAY.	do.	S h u t t e r s .	L a m p	G r o u p s .	B u z z e r .		L e c t u r e .			Buzzer.
SATURDAY.		T	E	S	T	S.				

NOTE :- Subjects of Lectures :-  
 Elementary Map Reading.  
 The D III Telephone  
 Cables and field joints (practical).  
 Laying and Maintenance of Lines.

Lamp Stations may be substituted for groups etc., if lamps become available during the week.

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"B" SQUAD.

SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 3rd AUGUST, 1918.

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	8.30 to 9 a.m.	9 am. to 9.30 a.m.	9.30 to 10.30 am.	10.30 to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 12 noon.	1.30 to 2.30 p.m.	2.30 to 3 p.m.	3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
MONDAY.	Inspection.	Flag Drill.	Groups.	Shutters.	Lamp Groups.	Lecture.		Buzzer.
TUESDAY.	do.		Lecture.		Buzzer.	Lamp Groups.		Flag Stations.
WEDNESDAY.	do.		Flag Stations.		Buzzer.	Shutters.		Lecture.
THURSDAY.	do.		Lecture.	Shutter.	Flag Stations.	Lamp Groups.		Buzzer.
FRIDAY.	do.		Buzzer.	Flag Drill.	Flag Groups & Class Ms.	Lecture.		Buzzer.
SATURDAY.			T	E	S	T		S.

NOTE :- Subjects of Lectures :-  
 Elementary Map Reading.  
 The D III Telephone.  
 Cables and field joints (practical).  
 Laying and Maintenance of Lines.

Lamp Stations may be substituted for groups etc., if lamps become available during the week.

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SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 4th, 1918.

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	8.30 - 9 am.	9 - 10 am.	10.15 - 11.15	11.15 - 12	1.30 - 2.30	2.30 - 3.30	Ref. Secs.	Lectures.	
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MONDAY.	17	Inspection	B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.	Artillery	Gen. Inf.	Lewis Gun.	I.T. Secs 40/46	Lecture The War Sheet.
	18	and	Gen. Inf.	Bombing.	and	B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.	and 57.	
	19	Ceremonial	Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.	Attack	Bombing.	Gen. Inf.	M.R. Paras	
	20	Drill.	Lewis Gun.	Gen. Inf.	Formations.	Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.	207/9.	
TUESDAY.	17		Gen. Inf.	Bombing.	Platoon	B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.	I.T. Secs 47/54	Lecture Elementary Map Reading.
	18	do.	B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.	and	Gen Inf.	Lewis Gun.	do 90/93	
	19		Lewis Gun.	Gen. Inf.	Section	Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.	M.R. Secs 49.	
	20		Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.	Drill.	Bombing.	Gen Inf.		
WEDNESDAY	17		Lewis Gun.	Gen Inf.	Sections	Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.	I.T. Secs 57/62	Lecture Stokes Mortar. Lt. U.K. WALSH. MG.
	18	do.	Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.	.	Bombing.	Gen. Inf.	94/96. M.R.	
	19		Gen. Inf.	Bombing.	Support.	B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.	Sec 41/2 & 44.	
	20		B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.		Gen Inf.	Lewis Gun.		
THURSDAY.	17		Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.		Bombing.	Gen. Inf.	I.T. Secs 63/73	↓
	18	do.	Lewis Gun.	Gen. Inf.	do.	Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.	94/96. M.R.	
	19		B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.		Gen. Inf.	Lewis Gun.	Secs 50/1.	
	20		Gen. Inf.	Bombing.		B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.		
FRIDAY.	17		B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.	Platoon	Gen. Inf.	Lewis Gun.	I.T. Revision.	Lecture Gas. Bde. Gas Off.
	18	do.	Gen. Inf.	Bombing.	and	B.F. & P.T.	Musketry.	M.R. Secs 43 &	
	19		Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.	Section	Bombing.	Gen. Inf.	52.	
	20		Lewis Gun.	Gen. Inf.	Drill.	Musketry.	B.F. & P.T.		
SATURDAY.	17		Bombing.	Musketry.	Platoon			M.R. Use of Eye	-
	18	do.	Lewis Gun.	do.				Disc & Aim	
	19		Musketry.	Lewis Gun.	in			corrector.	
	20		do.	Bombing.	Attack.				
SUNDAY.		CHURCH PARADE.							

*W.B. Knight*

Commandant 5th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE SCHOOL.

*No Gas Drill*

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

5TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, HEADQUARTERS. No 28. SECRET

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 p.m. 29.7.18 to 9 a.m. 30.7.18

OUR OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY - Active throughout the day and night harassing enemy's forward and rear defences, special attention being paid to roads, tracks and now work in P 22 d, P 23 c & d, P 28, P 29 a, P 33 b, P 34 a & b, P 35 a, Centre of activity and H.Q. P 29 c & d, Centre of activity P 33 b 2 0 and trench P 28 c 8 4. 1,640 gas shells were fired during the night.

MACHINE GUNS - 17,000 rounds were expended on the following targets Main road P 28 d, tracks and ration centre P 28 c, Roads P 29 a & c, tracks and trenches P 23 a.

PATROLS - A patrol went out from P 21 c 6 4 at 10.15 p.m. and moved in a S.E. direction. Enemy was heard working in a post at approx. P 21 d 8 7. A M.G. post lightly wired was located at P 21 d 5 4. Patrol returned at 1.15 a.m. through P 21 c 6 4.

Patrol moved out from post at P 27 a 25 75 at 10.30 P.M. and found enemy trench in front of this post to be strongly manned. Work was in progress and from the sounds it was judged that a deep dugout was being constructed. 2 men were soon to come from the rear and jump into this trench. The trench appeared to extend to the South for at least 50 yards. A trench was also located at P 27 c 80 95 but whether this trench is connected with the former enemy trench or not is not known. Owing to the flat nature of the ground and the absence of crops in this part patrolling is very difficult. Patrol returned at 1.30 a.m. thro' P 27 a 2 3.

Protective patrols were out during the night to cover the inter-battalion relief of the Right Line Battalion.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY - Light scattered shelling during the day. More active during the night. Between 5.30 and 6 p.m. P 26 and P 31 was shelled with 30 4.2 H.E's. At 8.45 p.m. VAIRE WOOD and adjoining roads were shelled with 40 5.9's. At 9.35 p.m. O 36 was shelled from the direction of BAYONVILLERS with 48 4.2 H.E's. Between 2.15 and 2.35 a.m. O 36 and P 31 a & c was shelled with 90 77 and 4.2 H.E's from direction of MARCELCAVE. At intervals during the night N 30 c & d were shelled by a 4.2 Battery. Other areas that received attention were P 27 a & c; P 20 d, P 21 c, O 29, O 30, O 35 and U 6 b.

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Quiet.

ENEMY DEFENCES -

(Work & Wire) Working party was heard at approx. P 21 d 8 7. A post is suspected at P 21 d 45 00.

(Trench Mortars) A few rounds were fired during the morning (29th) on P 26 d. Mortar could not be located.

(Machine Guns) Active throughout the night on our tracks and trenches. During our gas bombardment enemy M.G's. were especially active.

(Flares) WHITES normal.

AIRCRAFT - At 8.10 p.m. an enemy plane flew over our lines and was forced to retire by A.A. and M.G. fire.

MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION - Owing to the poor visibility observation on movement in the rear areas was impossible. At 7.30 p.m. 3 horsemen coming from the direction of HAZEL Wood galloped up to P 23 d, then turned and went back again. Fire was opened on movement (in ones and twos) seen during the morning (29th) in rear of trench at P 27 c 8 5. Sounds of transport movement were heard at about 1 a.m. in the direction of MARCELCAVE.

MISCELLANEOUS - Visibility poor owing to the heavy ground mist during the day. At 10.10 p.m. fire was observed burning on a T.B. of 60x from P 26 d 70 85. Whilst our artillery was active at 11.30 p.m. 3 what were apparently dumps were fired between WARFUSEE and MARCELCAVE.

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WORK -

- P 20 d 4 1 - 80 yards of C.T. deepened.
- P 20 d 20 25 - 40 yards of C.T. dug.
- P 26 b 9 6 and P 20 d 9 6. - Constructing Headquarters for Companies.

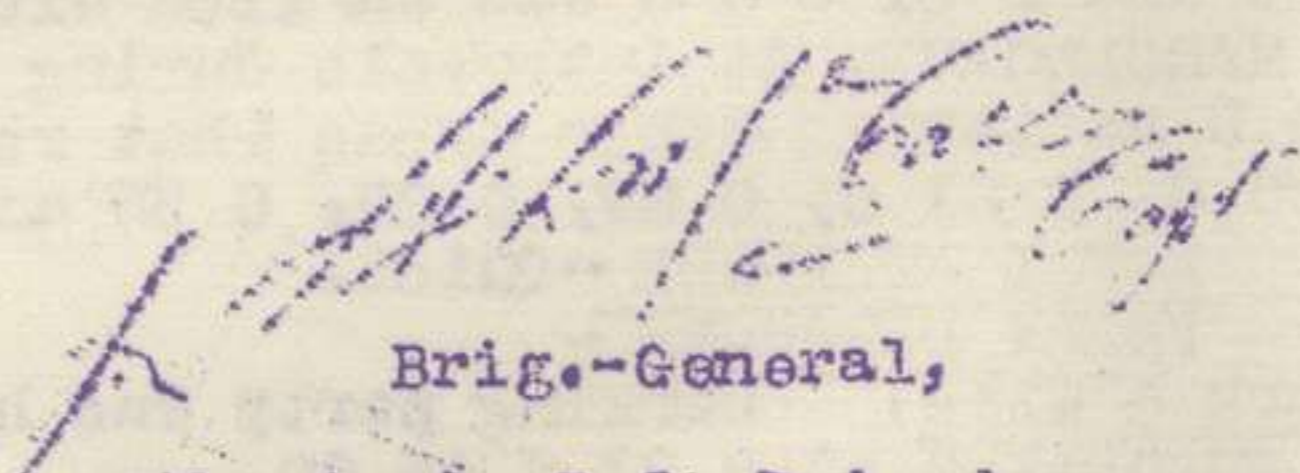
WIRING -

- Front line Left Bn. - Wire thickened and strengthened.

CABLE BURYING -

- P 31 a 05 50 to P 31 a 1 7 - 118 yards of cable buried.
- P 25 c 3 5 along Diggers Support and ALBURY St. to P 25 c 7 9 and from P 25 a 9 0 to P 25 b 0 1. } 345 yards by 6' dug and cable buried.

In addition posts were improved by their garrisons, R.E. material, ammunition and rations were carried forward.



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

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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17th Battalion

5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE  
HEADQUARTERS  
30th July 1918.  
No. 16/361  
Date.

The following working party will be supplied tonight,  
30th/31st instant..

200 men exclusive of officers and N.C.Os. to bury  
cable in P.19.d.  
Work to commence at 10.30 pm at approx P.19.d.3.0.  
Officer in charge of party will report to Div.  
Sig. Coy. Officer at P.13.d.3.0. at 9.30 pm to arrange  
details.  
Cable trench will be dug to a depth of 6 feet and  
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 trench is completed and passed by the Sig. Coy.  
Coy. Officer, cable will be laid in the trench by  
Signal Coy. personnel under the supervision of the  
Sig. Coy. Officer. At his word the infantry will  
fill in the trench. When the Sig. Coy. Officer is  
satisfied that the work is completed infantry party  
may be withdrawn.

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2nd Bn, 129 U.S. Inf. Regt.,  
2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.,  
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*A. H. [Signature]*  
Captain  
A/Brigade Major,  
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
-----Headquarters,  
30th July, 1918.17th., 18th., 19th., 20th. Bns.  
5th. A.L.T.K.Bty.  
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1. 14th Army Brigade R.F.A. Selected roads, tracks and new work and dumps sited in latest intelligence in P 22 d, P 23 c, & d, P 28 a and P 29 a & b.

16th Battery - Ditto P 29 c and P 35 a.17th Battery - Ditto P 28 d and P 34 b.18th Battery - Ditto P 27 d, P 28 c, P 33 b, & P 34 a.106th Battery - Has targets as may be ordered.

2. Times 9.45 p.m., 9.55 p.m., 10.10 p.m., 11.25 p.m. 11.50 p.m.  
1.30 a.m. 2.40 a.m., 2.55 a.m. 3.5 a.m. 3.10 a.m.

3. Expenditure - 180 rounds for batteries engaged in special concentration. 200 rounds for batteries NOT engaged in special concentration.

4. Special Concentration -

10.20 p.m.	14th Bde. All Batteries.	Centre of activity Headquarters P 29 c 90 65.	3 rounds Gun fire from all Batteries.
	16th, 17th and 106th.		

*H. H. C. C.*

Copies to -

Captain,  
Actg. Brigade Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.5th. Field Coy, A.E.  
Left Group H.G's.  
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5TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE  
HEADQUARTERS  
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY from 5.30 pm on 30/7/18 to 9 am 31/7/18 - No. 29

OUR OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Harassing fire during the night. Special attention to P.22.d., P.23.c. and d., P.23.a. and c., P.29.a. and b., P.35.a., P.34.b., P.27.d.

Machine Guns - 16,500 rounds were fired on the following targets - Tracks and roads in P.22.d., Road junction in P.29.a.1.2., Tracks and roads P.23.b., tracks and trenches in V.2.c.6.8., V.2.a.8.1., in P.23.a. and c., and P.34.a. tracks and roads in P.22.d. and tracks in P.27.b. and d.

Patrols - Patrol moved out from P.27.c.05.45. to P.27.c.5.5. Post with I.M.G. was located at P.27.c.5.4. Another active M.G. at P.23.a.4.7. swept the whole front of the right battalion. Other patrols operating on the front did not see any enemy movement.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

Artillery - Normal. Only an occasional shell fell near the front line. Trenches and tracks in P.26.b. and d., P.25., and P.19.d., were harassed by 4.2 HE, 77 mm, and an occasional 5.9 HE. Between 9.30 and 9.40 pm 100 5.9 HE fell in O.23 and O.29. coming from the direction of MARCELCAVE. An occasional 4.2 HE was fired in VILLERS BRETONNEUX from the direction of MARCELCAVE. Scattered shelling over O.22., O.23., O.27., O.28., O.35., and O.36., from MARCELCAVE and BAYONVILLERS. Gun flashes were observed on TBs. of 91 and 87 degrees from O.29.d.95.55. and 92 and 120, 106, and 103 degrees FB from P.26.d.65.85.

Enemy attitude - Quiet, though alert. Enemy is easily alarmed.

Enemy defences - Trench Mortars - A few rounds from an unlocated mortar fell in P.27.c. A L.T.M. fired a few rounds on P.27.a. from a point on a TB of 110° from P.26.b.85.60.

Machine Guns - Quieter than during the previous period. Positions located at P.27.c.5.4. and P.35.a.4.7.

Flares - Whites normal. Yellow clusters brought no apparent enemy action.

Hostile aerial activity - At 7.50 pm plane over VILLERS BRETONNEUX was driven off by A.A. fire. At 6 am three planes patrolling our lines were engaged by AA and Lewis Gun fire.

Movement and Organisation - Movement of individuals was noticed in CARD COPSE, V, 14.b., trench at P.33.c.9.5., LA BASTILLE HILL, and V.9.c. At 5.50 pm 2 wagons moved along road in W.2.c. towards BAYONVILLERS. At 6 pm enemy was seen observing and signalling from LA MOTTE CHURCH. At 6.10 pm 4 enemy stretcher bearers moved from P.29.c.0.5. to P.23.b.8.9.

Miscellaneous - Visibility very poor. Smoke from a small fire was seen on west edge of ACCROCHE WOOD at P.23.a.70.95. A fire apparently started by our artillery burnt from 11.50 pm till 12.20 am on a TB of 87 degrees from P.26.d.65.85.

WORK:

P.26.b.5.4. to P.26.b.65.00. improving trench

Front line - 250 yards dug to connect posts.

Cable buried from P.25.b.0.3. to P.25.b.3.7.

In addition R.E. material, rations, and ammunition were carried forward.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Capt.

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



## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

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Headquarters,  
31st July 1918.  
HEADQUARTERS.  
16/562  
No .....  
Date .....

17th, and 19th Bns.  
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The following working parties will be supplied tonight,  
31st July/1st August .-

17th Battalion

- (a) 100 men exclusive of officers and N.C.Os. to dig C.T. in P.26.c. and P.32.a. Officer in charge of this party will meet Engineer Officer at "A" Bn H.Q. at 7.30 pm to arrange details.

- (b) 150 men exclusive of officers and N.C.Os. to bury cable in P.19. Work to commence at 10.30 pm at P.19.d.00.10. approx. Proportion of tools required - 1 pick to 2 shovels. Officer in charge of this party will be in charge of combined 17th and 19th Bn cable burying parties and will meet the Div. Signal Coy. Officer at P.19.d.00.10. at 9.30 pm to arrange details of work.

19th Battalion -

150 men exclusive of officers and N.C.Os. to bury cable in P.19. Work to commence at 10.30 pm at P.19.d.00.10. approx. Proportion of tools required 1 pick to 2 shovels. Officer in charge of this party will get into touch with 17th Bn officer who will be in charge of combined 17th and 19th Bn cable burying parties and arrange all further details with him.

Trench to be dug to a depth of 3 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 Sig. Coy. Officer present cable will be laid in the trench by Signal Coy. Personnel under the supervision of the Sig. Officer present. At his word the infantry will fill in the trench. When filled in to his approval details may be withdrawn.

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18th and 20th Bns.,  
5th Field Coy.  
2nd Bn, 129th U.S. Regt.  
2nd Div. Sig. Coy.  
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*[Signature]*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

*War Diary*

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Headquarters,  
31st July 1918.  
INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
HEADQUARTERS.

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

NIGHT FIRING - 31st July/1st August.

1. 14th Brigade R.F.A.

Selected tracks, roads, new work, and dumps cited in latest Intelligence in P.22.d., P.23.c. & d., P.28.a. & b., P.29.a. & b.

16th Battery ditto P.29.c. and P.35.a.

17th Battery ditto P.28.d. and P.34.b.

18th Battery ditto P.27.d. P.28.c., P.33.d., P.34.a.

106th Battery Gas targets as may be ordered.

2. Times 9.55 pm, 10.5. pm, 10.20 pm 11.55 pm Midnight  
1.40 am 2.40 am 3.5 am 3.15 am 3.25 am

3. Expenditure - 180 rounds per battery.

4. Special concentration

11.55 pm 14th Bde. All Trench P.28.c. 80.40. 3 rounds gun fire from all batteries.  
batteries  
16th, 17th,  
18th, 106th.

*[Signature]*

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

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INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 201

Reference Map,  
Sheets 62d SE and SW, 1/20,000

Headquarters,  
31st July 1918.

1. On the night 1st/2nd August the 20th Battalion will take over that portion of the 18th Bn front between P.32.b.7.9. and the present inter-battalion boundary at P.27.c.5.4.
2. Details of relief will be mutually arranged between C.O's concerned.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued thro-  
Sigs. at .....!...p.m.

*J. J. Call*  
 Captain,  
 A/Brigade Major,  
 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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| Copy No. 1 | 17th Bn          | 9     | Bde. Major                 |
| 2          | 18th Bn          | 10    | Staff Capt                 |
| 3          | 19th Bn          | 11    | Int. Off                   |
| 4          | 20th Bn          | 12    | Sig. Off                   |
| 5          | 5th A.L.T.M.Bty. | 13    | Bomb. Off.                 |
| 6          | 5th Field Coy.   | 14    | Gas Off.                   |
| 7          | 6th A.I.Bde.     | 15    | 2nd Aust. Div.             |
| 8          | G.O.C.           | 16/18 | War Diary                  |
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|            |                  | 20    | 2nd Bn, 129 US. Inf. Regt. |

War Diary

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 INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
 HEADQUARTERS  
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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 202

 Headquarters,  
 31st July 1918.

 Reference Map,  
 Sheets 62d SE and SW, 1/20,000

1. The southern and northern Divisional boundaries are being readjusted on the night 2nd / 3rd August to run as follows :-

- (a) Southern Div. Boundary - From front line at V.1.b.6.6. along north side of railway to O.35.a.7.0., thence west along grid line through O.34.central to N.32.central - M.30.c.6.0. - M.29.d.0.0. - M.20.b.0.3.
- (b) Northern Div. boundary - From front line at P.21.b.1.3. - QUARRY CROSSING P.20.a.6.4., along south side of road to O.11.d.5.2. - O.10.b.8.0. - O.9.a.7.4. - O.3.c.2.2. - O.2.c.2.2. - O.7.a.2.7. - N.12.b.9.0. - N.7.a.0.0. - M.4.c.7.0.

2. On the night 2nd/3rd August the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the left sub-sector of the Div. front, the 21st Bn taking over the 18th Bn front from P.32.central to P.32.b.7.9, and the 23rd Bn taking over the 20th Bn front from P.32.b.7.9. to P.21.central.

3. On completion of relief the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move back to Reserve positions in the SYDNEY SYSTEM, BLANGY SYSTEM, and GLISY - BLANGY SWITCH.

Brigade H.Q. will be established at GLISY.

Exact distribution of battalions in reserve will be notified later.


4. Pending further orders the 2nd Bn, 129th U.S. Inf. Regt. will remain attached as at present, i.e., American platoons attached to Australian Companies. The reorganisation of the American platoons into a battalion will not take place till ordered.

5. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.

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

 Issued thro-  
 Sigs. at ...

11-30 pm

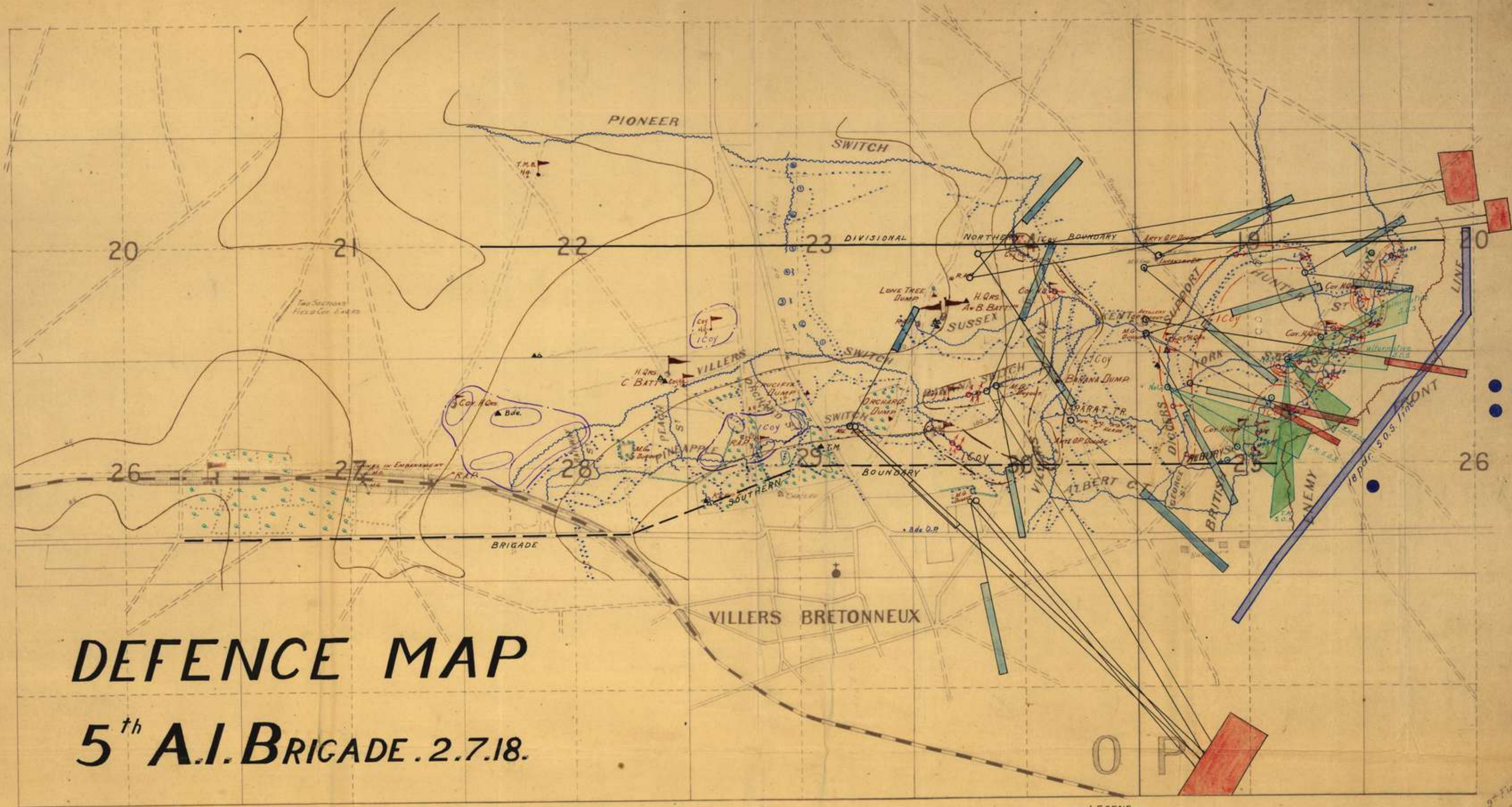

 Captain,  
 A/Brigade Major,  
 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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	3	19th Bn	20	S.C.
	4	20th Bn	21	Int. Off
	5	5th ALTM Bty.	22	Sig. Off
	6	2nd Bn, 129 US Inf. Regt	23	Bde. T.O.
	7	Major FUSSELL, MC.	24	Bde. Q.M.
	8	2nd Aust. Div.	25	Bde. Gas Off.
	9	129th US Inf. Regt.	26	Bde. Bomb. Off.
	10	5th Field Coy. AE.	27	O.C. Bde. School
	11	5th Field Amb.	28	O.C. Nucleus Bn.
	12	7th Field Amb.	29	Left Group Arty.
	13	15th AASC.	30	Left Group M.G's.
	14	6th A.I.-Bde.	32	Stokes Mort. Pltn. 129 US Inf. Regt.
	15	7th A.I.-Bde.	32/34	War Diary
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	17	2nd AMG Bn.	36/38	Sparos.

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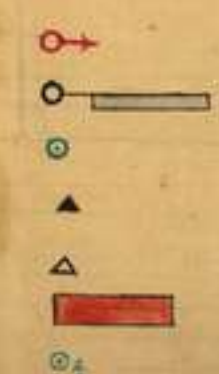
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**DEFENCE MAP**  
**5<sup>th</sup> A.I. BRIGADE . 2.7.18.**

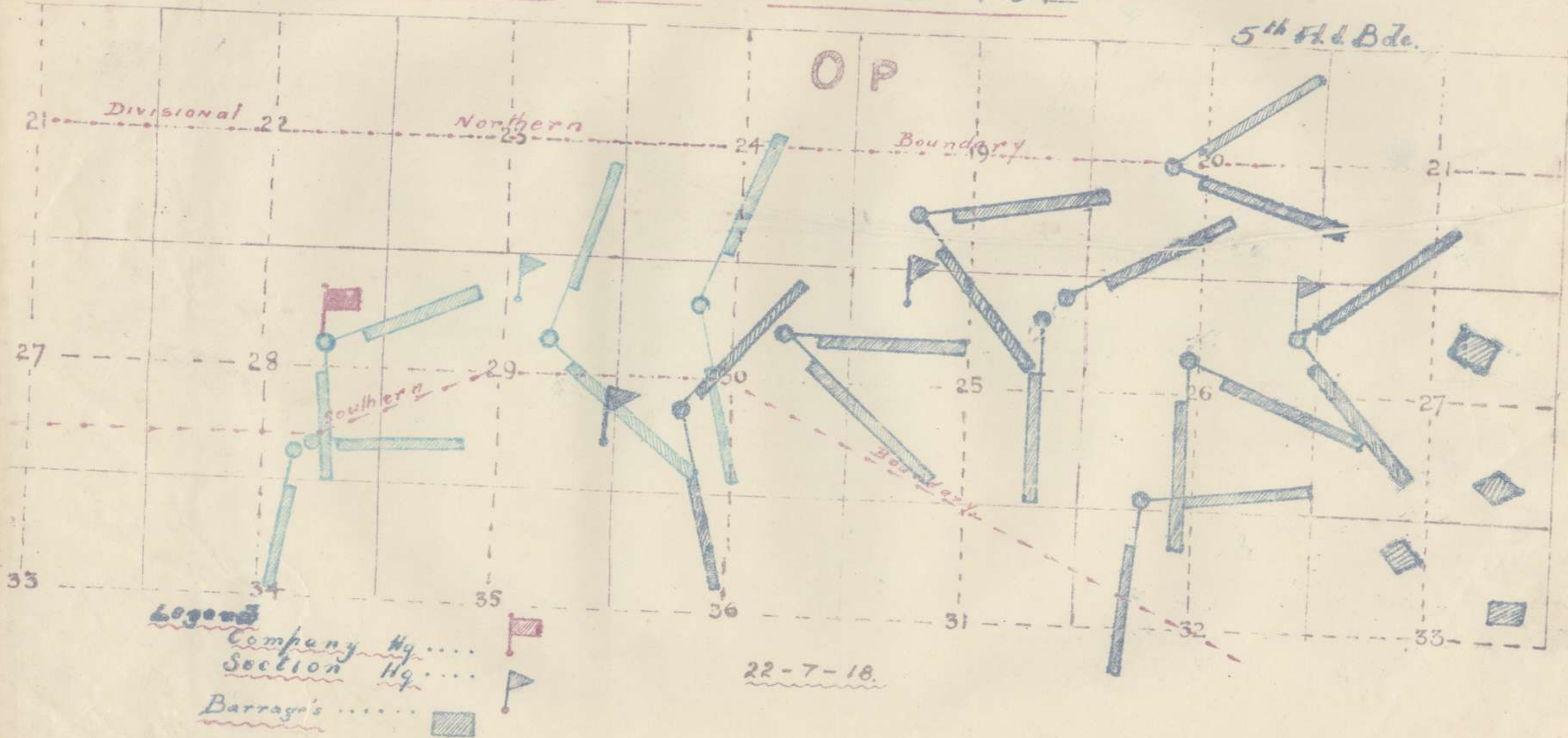
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  - V.M.G.
  - L.T.M.
  - Dumps (Ammunition)
  - " (Reserve Rations)
  - M.G. S.O.S.
  - L.T.M. alternative emp.



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 Australian Engineers  
 27 June 1918*

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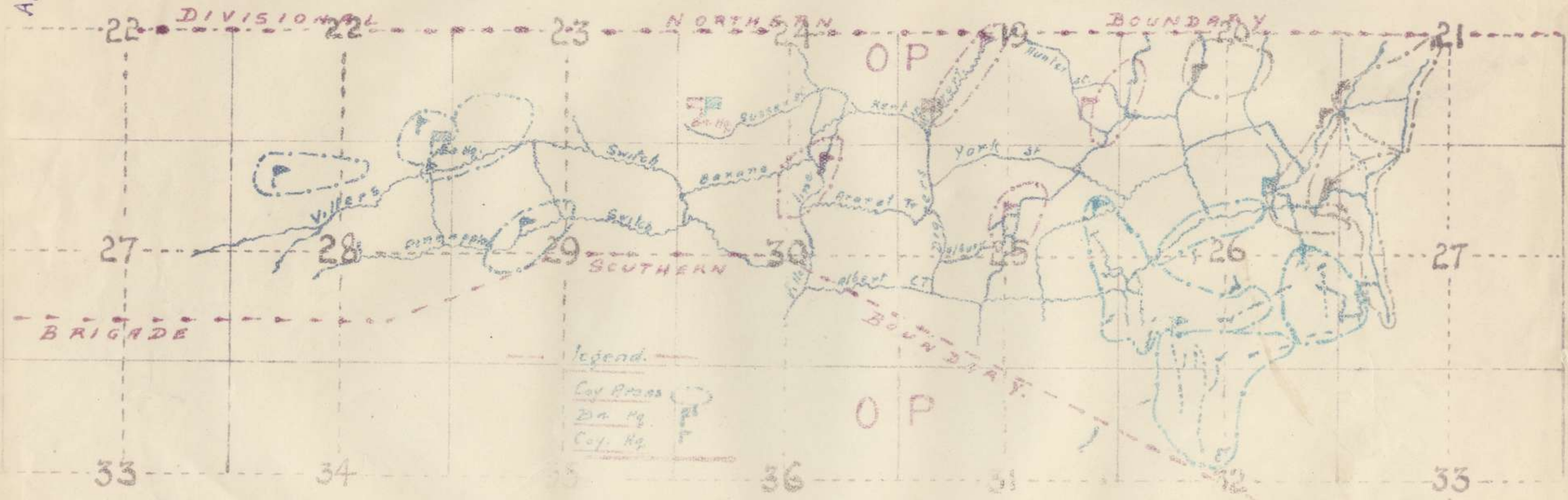
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DISPOSITIONS. — 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. — 21.7.18

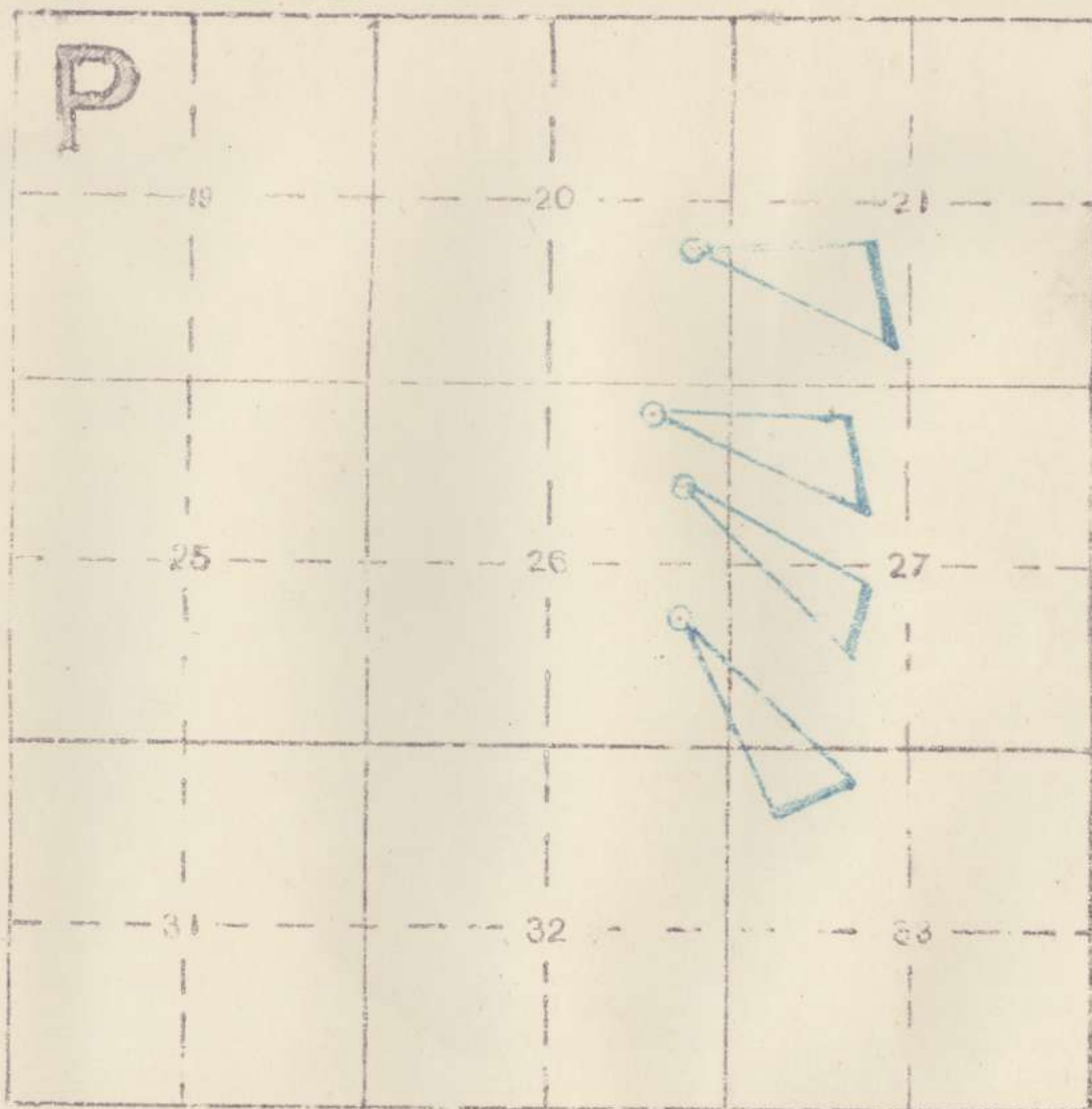
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87 Defence Map Trench Mortars

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5" A.F.



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STATEMENT SHEWING STRENGTH OF THE BRIGADE during JULY 1918

Total strength, 30th June 1918.	171 Off.	3202 O.R.
Arrivals during month	14 "	476 "
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	185 "	3678 "
Departures during month	24 "	662 "
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Strength as at 31st July 1918	161 "	3016 "
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Summary of Casualties, July 1918.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>
Killed	1	35
Wounded	8	183
Wounded (Gas)	7	97
Missing	nil	
Injured		9
Evacuated sick	3	108
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	19	432
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