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HEADQUARTERS, CHATEAU, QUERRIEU. SHEET 62.D. H.17.b.1.5.	1st. JUNE, 1918. SATURDAY.		<p>Completion of relief was not notified to Division until 1.35.a.m. owing to a delay in reports from the left battalion. The whole relief was very late because of enemy activity, but this particular delay was caused by broken communications. The 55th Battalion was the only unit to sustain any casualties and they had one only. By 3.30.a.m. units had arrived in the Reserve Brigade position, in accordance with plan, and two companies of the 56th Battalion had taken over the defence of the PIONEER SWITCH. The remainder of the night was uneventful except for the enemy gas bombardment of VILLERS, which affected the PIONEER SWITCH garrison slightly.</p> <p>The Brigade was out and on the move by 9.a.m. and about that time the G.O.C., 13th Brigade arrived at TRONVILLE CHATEAU. The march to QUERRIEU area was not difficult, and as the day was bright and not too warm, and the men had good clean bivouacs in which to settle down, the day was no hardship. Both the 54th and 53rd Battalions are rather short of cover, but more will be available for distribution tomorrow. We are to have two or three days rest for reorganisation and refitting before commencing training, which will give us time to investigate the resources of the area, and organise sports committees etc.</p>	
	2nd. JUNE, 1918. SUNDAY.		<p>Weather still continues warm and the swimming afforded by the lagoons and streams is very acceptable.</p> <p>The G.O.C. called a conference of Battalion commanders at mid-day and discussed details of administration, training discipline etc. with them. The matters mentioned included defensive arrangements (i.e. the possible courses of action we might have to take in event of attack) upon which a memo is to be issued today; training arrangements, sports committees and competitions, the A.R.A. Competition (which has been for some time a vexed question with us), the formation of a Brigade School and such local administrative questions as protection of crops, anti-aircraft precautions and billet discipline etc.</p> <p>Brigade Instruction for the Defensive No.1.(see Appendix 1.) was issued</p>	App. 1.

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	3rd. JUNE, 1918. MONDAY.		<p>Weather unchanged and still very pleasant. The men appear to appreciate this life of comparative ease and the surroundings certainly add greatly to the comfort and conditions. We have been able to obtain a certain amount of additional shelter and all units are comparatively well off. The 55th Battalion have moved their H.Q. from PONT NOYELLES into the open and the 54th Battalion also intend to move from this village when cover is obtainable. Tomorrow is also to be a rest day and on the 5th we begin training. Brigade Training Memo. no.1. (see Appendix 2) was issued indicating the nature of training to be carried on and the approximate allotment of time. We are tolerably sure of about 6 days work, i.e., in the ordinary course of events, though we may be ordered to move at short notice. We are counting on about 10 days in the area over all, however, for the purpose of our organisation of sports competitions, training, etc. We are going to have a considerable amount of difficulty in finding a favorable place for the tests and training for the A.R.A. Competition. All suitable sites for ranges are already utilised by troops as cover (i.e., the butts) and troops</p>	<p>App. 2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>

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	4th. JUNE, 1918. TUESDAY.		<p>Our third day of rest and our last, since training commences tomorrow. We had rather cooler weather than yesterday with the threat of rain in the afternoon but which ended as a threat only. We were lucky since many of the bivouacs in use would be very uncomfortable if we had any rain.</p> <p>Practically nothing of importance occurred during the day. Units are carrying on with reorganisation and preparation for training, and cricket matches and swimming took up the afternoon. The cricket is still in the "Scratch Match" stage as battalions have not yet chosen their representative teams. We had a meeting of the Brigade Sports Committee who are arranging for an organised program of</p>	

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HEADQUARTERS, CHATEAU, QUERRIEU. SHEET 62.D. H.17.b.1.5.	4th. JUNE, 1918.	WEDNESDAY.	<p>Contd.</p> <p>competitions to culminate in an Aquatic Sports and the finals of the Cricket Competition. The Divisional Commander called at Brigade H.Q. during the afternoon and also visited the 55th Battalion.</p> <p>The Brigade School assembled today; the instructors 3 officers and 6 N.C.Os. in the early afternoon, and the trainees 50 N.C.Os. and senior privates, in the evening, in the Chateau grounds and settled down in preparation for the commencement of their course tomorrow. Captain V.P.M. STANTON (29th Battalion) attached as Brigade Major Trainee, is acting in the capacity of Chief Instructor until a suitable Commandant can be chosen from one of the battalions. It is difficult to find instructors at present, who can be spared, since all units are so anxious to obtain the best results possible for themselves during the few days at their disposal.</p> <p>Each unit submitted its training program to Brigade today for approval. They were all drawn up on the basis of platoon training and on the lines laid down in the Brigade circular.</p>	
	5th. JUNE, 1918.	THURSDAY.	<p>A bright warm day and conducive to good work during the training hours. Each unit was employed, according to program, on P.T. & B.P., platoon training and close order work and elementary musketry. As a Brigade Syllabus of training each battalion is working on its own program arranged in accordance with the Training Memo No.1. (see Appendix 2), the training facilities as was previously mentioned, are not extensive. Units are at present working on the construction of the ranges and bombing ranges and, as range practices will not be begun until the 7th, we will be able to complete them.</p> <p>The Brigade N.C.Os. School (assembled yesterday) began training today, with Captain STANTON (B.M. trainee) as Chief Instructor. The school is on a smaller</p>	<p>each <i>was not issued</i></p> <p>App. 2.</p>

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HEADQUARTERS, CHATEAU, QUERRIEU. SHEET 62.D. H.17.b.1.5.	5th. JUNE, 1918. THURSDAY.		<p>Contd.</p> <p>scale than usual, only 14 candidates per battalion, but it should be possible to do a certain amount of good even in so short a training period as we have before us. A signalling school of 6 trainees per battalion, also assembled under the Brigade Signal Officer with the object of increasing the number of trained signallers in the battalion. The signalling section almost invariably lose heavily in any stunts and we have considerable difficulty in replacing the skilled personnel if we are in the line for any length of time. Each battalion is also carrying on schools for Lewis Gunners, Bombers, and Intelligence personnel from which a great profit should be gained.</p> <p>The Brigade Commander, all Battalion Commanders and the Brigade Major attended a conference at Divisional Headquarters today, assembled with the object of discussing any lessons which arose from our recent tour in the line. The Divisional Commander presided and a very great number of points were brought up, dealing with both operations, administration and training. New lessons however were few, but the general discussion and bringing out of different points of view on such subjects as our future methods of offensive training, defense policy, collection and forwarding of information etc., proved profitable. One of the most popular decisions was that of the Divisional Commander to provide two lorries per day, for the exclusive purpose of the transport of beer.</p>	
	6th. JUNE, 1918. FRIDAY.		<p>Another fine day and very warm. The Brigade Major during the morning visited the 54th Battalion, the 53rd Battalion at training and the 56th Battalion in search of a range suitable for the A.R.A. Competition bullet and bayonet practice. The search was unsuccessful and the one place in the area where it was once possible to carry out the practice without destroying crops or endangering life, has now been covered with a belt of wire about 40 yards wide. It is necessary for units to carry on with the bayonet work on their parade grounds, and to get in what range</p>	

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	7th. JUN., 1918. SATURDAY.		<p>Weather still warm and bright and conducive to the enjoyment of life. If the weather only remains as it is we should, from the point of view of health, obtain a maximum of benefit from our rest period. What with sports competitions, cricket and swimming, and bright warm weather, with practically no enemy artillery activity, we are having a very enjoyable life. All the camps and bivouacs are clean and sanitary and the open air life under canvas is a pleasure rather than a hardship.</p> <p>The 54th Battalion went through the gas chamber today, but the 56th Battalion did not go through in accordance with program, but will go through tomorrow.</p> <p>We were informed that the French on our right anticipate attack within the next two or three days, and that we are to expect a considerable amount of enemy shelling of these back areas and communications, and gas shelling on the forward areas. We know</p>	

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HEADQUARTERS, CHATEAU, QUERRIEU. SATURDAY.	7th. JUNE, 1918. SATURDAY.		<p>Contd.</p> <p>that he has these villages registered and if his bombardment becomes heavy we will have to move out into the open. The 2nd Division (in the left of the Corps Sector) are to advance the greater portion of their line in the near future, with the object of improving their position and gaining a ridge which will enable them to control the enemy back areas. The Division on their right is to conform by swinging their left flank forward. We have not yet been informed of the date of the event.</p> <p>Warning was received today that we will probably relieve the 2nd Aust. Div. in the line in about a week's time. This brigade is to go into reserve, and the 15th and 8th Brigades into the line. Units were informed and instructed to make a general reconnaissance of the Reserve Brigade Area pending the issue of detailed instructions as to their relief.</p> <p>Division issued Instructions for the Defensive No.3. (copies forwarded to units) allotting responsibility for the demolition of bridges across the SOMME and the HALLUE to the three brigades.</p> <p>The 56th Battalion held a mounted sports in the afternoon, open to all comers. They were unfortunate in securing only one event for themselves, but the show was voted a great success.</p>	

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HEADQUARTERS CHATEAU QUERRIEU.	8th. JUNE, 1918.	SATURDAY.	<p>Weather unchanged and with the exception of the 56th Battalion, training proceeded in accordance with program.</p> <p>The Brigade Major visited the 5th Infantry Brigade at FRECHENCOURT to make a preliminary reconnaissance of the area which we will be taking over shortly. As far as living conditions go they will be little different from the existing conditions, but it will be impossible to carry out any training, owing to the large parties called upon for work on the forward areas. We will also find that bombardments will be more frequent as the battalions are situated from 2000 to 4000 yards nearer the line than at present. We will also miss the swimming considerably.</p> <p>The 53rd Battalion held their Aquatic Sports today to choose their representatives for entry in the Brigade Aquatic Sports which take place tomorrow. All other battalions have already chosen their representatives and the program and tables have been issued today (see Appendix 5). The 54th Bn. later in the afternoon held an athletic sports meeting which was well attended and generally voted a success. The ground available was not too good but the enthusiasm of the competitors and the onlookers made up for all deficiencies.</p> <p>The Brigade Staff dined with the C. O. and Officers of the 56th Battalion. Dinners and entertainments are at present the order of the day and are, in their way, extremely useful in the direction of bringing the officers of the four battalions into closer contact with each other and with the Brigade Staff, and so improving the esprit de Brigade.</p>	<p>App. 5.</p>

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HEADQUARTERS CHATEAU, QUERRIEU.	9th. JUNE, 1918.	SUNDAY.	<p>Our first cool day for some considerable period but the event of the day was not materially affected, though some of the competitors found it rather cold. The Sports went off without a hitch and some very good performances were put up. The 15th. Field Coy. (who at present belong to our Brigade Group) gained the highest aggregate of points but are not entitled to the cup presented, as this must necessarily go to a unit in the brigade. The 55th Bn. who secured second place, are thus entitled to hold the cup until next Aquatic Sports. Canteen and Y.M.C.A. stalls catered for all on the ground, and the Brigade Band provided the music to fill in the intervals.</p> <p>5th Division Instructions for the Offensive No.4. were received setting out certain further action which we may be required to fulfil in the event of a successful enemy attack on the front of the 31st French Corps on our right. Instructions will be issued giving details of this action and will be attached to Appendix 1.</p> <p>The G.S.O.II. Intelligence, Corps Headquarters, invited us to send two of our Intelligence Officers up to see him today and to make a tour of inspection of the B. 1. Section, and see their methods of work. We are very glad of such an opportunity but they will go tomorrow instead of today, as all were keen to attend the sports. An afternoon in the Intelligence Branch of Corps H.Q. affords opportunity for many lessons and we will be glad to let all our battalions I.O's. take advantage of the invitation.</p> <p>The G.O.C. invited all Battalion Commanders and the O.C., Field Coy. to dinner at Brigade H.Q.</p> <p>Lieut.-Col. A. C. S. HOLLAND, 53rd Bn. left for the Corps Battalion Commanders Course of Instruction, which is to last one week.</p>	<p>App. 1.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lun</p>

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HEADQUARTERS, CHA TEAU, QUERRIEU.	10th. JUNE, 1918.	MONDAY.	<p>A dull and rather rainy day which rather spoiled our morning's work and made the bivouacs uncomfortable. Training was carried out spasmodically during the clear periods both at the Brigade School and in the units.</p> <p>The G.O.C. attended a conference at Corps H.Q. during the morning which was assembled with the object of discussing the question of the institution of some educational system within the A. I.F. This question has gained considerable prominence within the last year and not too soon, as its inauguration will fill a long felt need. The Canadians have already a scheme in operation and the Imperial Army and N.Z. Force are both more advanced than is the A.I.F.. In the afternoon the G.O.C. and most of the Bn. Commanders attended the 15th Brigade Sports for which general invitations were issued. The weather was not at its best, but the sports went off very well.</p> <p>Two Battalion I.O's. visited Corps Intelligence as mentioned yesterday.</p> <p>Six N.C.Os. who had been nominated for the Cadet Battalion were interviewed by the G.O.C. today and in addition five others who will be sent to an Infantry School for a refresher before being sent on as Cadets. The N.C.Os. interviewed were a very promising batch, particularly those who are nominated for appointment to the Cadet training units.</p> <p>We had news of an enemy attack south of MONTDIDIER which apparently took place yesterday. The French seem extremely confident in the issue, although admitting penetration to the extent of several miles. The 2nd Division carried out the attack (mentioned on the 7th) but no news will be received until morning as zero hour was just before midnight.</p> <p>We had a little shelling of this area during the day with shrapnel and high explosive, but there were no casualties in the brigade and, as far as we know, in any of the units in the district.</p>	

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HEADQUARTERS, CHATEAU, QUERRIEU.	11th. JUNE, 1918.	TUESDAY.	<p>We received news first thing this morning that the 2nd Division attack last night had been very successful. All objectives were gained and over 200 prisoners captured when the report was to hand. The estimate of casualties was less than the prisoners taken so that they could not be considered heavy. The 4th Division in their conforming movement also captured 20 or 30 prisoners. It is understood from prisoners statements that the attack had been expected for some days, but that it was so energetically executed that, had we cared to push on we might easily have reached their guns. The prisoners also anticipate an attack by the Germans in this district on the morning of the 15th, though some are of opinion that the activity in this Corps Sector is only an adjunct to a big attack in the vicinity of ARRAS.</p> <p>Battalions were warned today of the probable date of relief and told the sectors and areas which they will occupy (see Appendix 6) in the new brigade Area. We will be taking over the areas at present occupied by the 5th Brigade. Reconnaissances of the new positions are to be carried out forthwith.</p> <p>Each Battalion nominated its Platoon which is to represent it in the Brigade Elimination for the A.R.A. Competition. Unfortunately while in this area we have not been able to obtain facilities for carrying out the exercise required, with the result that it has been necessary for units to choose more or less arbitrarily, on the general points of drill and musketry, and it is quite possible that they may not have chosen their best team. All Bns. however, are affected equally and the Brigade Competition must be run off correctly. We hope to find a suitable place in the Reserve Brigade area, left Divisional Sector, since we have to nominate our platoon before the end of the month.</p> <p>A List of Training facilities was forwarded to Division today, a copy of which is attached as Appendix 7. This will serve to show the difficulties under which units were working in their endeavour to obtain the best results from their training period.</p> <p>The 55th Bn. had a Transport inspection and competition during the day which, was a remarkably good turnover</p>	<p>App. 7.</p>

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HEADQUARTERS, CHATEAU, QUERRIEU.	12th JUNE, 1918. WEDNESDAY.		<p>Fine and sunny weather once again. Training was carried on in accordance with syllabus, each battalion being employed to a great extent on platoon field exercises and company training. This is the last day of the set syllabus and tomorrow and the following day are to be allotted by battalions for the battalion and company training. We have no ground suitable for battalion training in this area, so it has been necessary to obtain permission from the 15th Brigade to use their battalion training ground for two mornings. Two battalions are to carry out a battalion exercise each morning, the 54th and 55th tomorrow, and the 53rd and 56th on the following day. The training period has not really been sufficiently long for the battalions to work up to battalion training after their long spell in the line because the ^{successful} essence of battalion assault practices and manoeuvres is the development of the imagination of all ranks to enable them to picture situations and events that can be but inadequately represented on a training ground. This stage can only be reached after frequent and thorough training of the platoon and then the company in operations which they might ordinarily be expected to execute. However the Divisional Commander has expressed the wish that we do at least one day on lines similar to those practised before POLYGON WOOD, and though we will find ourselves not so efficient, we will in all probability gain considerably by our mistakes.</p> <p>Owing to a change in the dispositions of the Corps on the right of the Australian Corps (the 31st French Corps) it has been necessary to amend and extend our action in case of attack, and to carry out a reconnaissance of the CAUCY-GENTELLES plateau over which it may be necessary to operate in the event of an enemy success in that region (see Appendix 1.).</p> <p>A warning order was issued today (see Appendix 6) for the move to FRECHENCOURT and the reserve Brigade Area, "C" Division Sector. This Brigade is to move on the 16th instant, and to be in position by 10 a.m. It is not quite clear whether we are to take over direct from the 5th Brigade or whether the 5th Brigade will be relieved by another Brigade staging through to the front system.</p> <p>The 53rd Bn. held a transport inspection this afternoon. The turnout was excellent and the competition between the drivers and grooms in the cleaning up of their limbers and harness was very creditable.</p> <p>The 56th and 55th Battalions played off their semi-finals in the cricket competition this afternoon, the former scoring an easy win by one innings and 3 runs.</p>	App. 1. App. 6.

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HEADQUARTERS CHATEAU, QUERRIEU.	13th. JUNE, 1918.	THURSDAY.	<p>Weather still fine and very warm. The 53rd and 56th Battalions carried on with company training, and the 54th and 55th Bns. with battalion assault practice in accordance with instructions mentioned in yesterday's diary. The 54th Bn. worked on their exercise from 8.a.m. to 10.a.m. and, in the opinion of the C.O. did not have a very successful day from the point of view of smooth running, but on the other hand discovered many weaknesses which are open to remedy. The 56th Bn. who were on the ground from 10.30.a.m. to 12.30.p.m. succeeded only in the same direction, the main fault being as was anticipated, lack of realism. It was also evident that sufficient time had not been available for any elaborate stage management of the defence, an essential factor if the attackers are to be impressed by the necessity of overcoming a strong resistance.</p> <p>Bishop LONG, who is taking a leading part in the preparation and organisation of the educational scheme (mentioned on 10th instant) visited the 53rd Battalion today with the object of explaining his mission and intentions to all ranks and the endeavour to gauge the requirements of that battalion which has been taken as a representative battalion of the A.I.F. A large proportion of the men of this unit are from the western districts of N.S.W. noticeably from the Bathurst district. All ranks appeared very interested in what he had to say, but he remarked afterwards that he was very much surprised because the men did not ask more questions at the conclusion of his address but, when assured that the questions would roll up when the subject had been discussed exhaustively among themselves, he appeared to be more satisfied.</p> <p>The Divisional Order for the move to the Reserve Brigade Area, "C" Divisional Sector, was received tonight. This brigade, was mentioned previously, moves on the 16th instant but we do not relieve the 5th Brigade as we expected, although we move into the area that they at present occupy. As in our move out from the VAIR WOOD sector, the reserve brigade area is to be used as a staging area for the line Brigades moving in and out so that there will be two other brigades in occupation between the departure of the 5th Brigade and our arrival. This will complicate considerably the handing over and taking over of major and area information, but we must hope for the best.</p> <p>This area received a few shells (including gas) from the enemy tonight but the bombardment was quite desultory and no damage has been reported. Air activity was much above normal and heavy tractors and tanks appear to be moving forward in large numbers under cover of darkness.</p>	

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HEADQUARTERS, CHATEAU, QUERRIEU.	14th JUNE, 1918. FRIDAY.		<p>Fine day and evening with a light shower during the night. Air activity was very considerable during the early part of the night and the roads are crowded with heavy transport (including tanks) moving forward. Tomorrow morning has been mentioned as the probable day of the big enemy attack, and presumably the activity mentioned is in preparation for that attack or perhaps as a preparation for some move of our own which we have not yet heard.</p> <p>The Brigade Order for the move on the 16th was issued today (see Appendix 6) Most of the information was already known by units and their reconnaissances have already been made. It means a rather early start for the move to be complete by 10 a.m., but the cool of the morning is the best time for marching and they will have the whole of the day to settle in and build their shelter.</p> <p>Training Memorandum No. 3. (see Appendix 9.) was issued today for the 4th Course at the brigade N.C.O.s. School of Instruction. This school is to carry on during our tour in the line, and the personnel attending are considered as nucleus except that they are under Brigade instead of Divisional control. This offers several advantages, since we may change them over when we wish, they are more accessible than at PERNOIS and the instruction provided will be more in accordance with requirements and applied in the right direction. The Course is to be of three weeks duration instead of the 10 days as was the Course which dispersed today. The latter shows good results even from such a short period and the report by the Chief Instructor (see Appendix 8) is entirely satisfactory. Few only of the students who attended, did not do themselves justice, but the great majority were very promising. The Brigade Signal School also dispersed today and the 6 men per Battalion who attended should be very useful as Company signallers or as additions to the Battalion Signalling Sections.</p> <p>The morning was devoted to Battalion training by the 53rd and 56th Bns. and to Company work by the others. The 56th Bn. assault practice was more successful than those carried out by the other battalions and would be creditable even after a period of battalion training. All ranks knew the work in hand and carried out their tasks remarkably well.</p> <p>Battalion nuclei were told off today and instructions were issued for their move tomorrow. They move by march route to PERNOIS staging the night at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS. The personnel for the brigade School do not move with them but remain with their units until the morning of the 16th instant.</p> <p>An advance officer from the 6th Inf. Bde. came over today and was shown over the area and given all information appertaining thereto, which he needed.</p>	<p>App. 6.</p> <p>App. 9.</p> <p>App. 8.</p>

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HEADQUARTERS, CHATEAU, QUERRIEU.	15th. JUNE, 1918.	SATURDAY.	<p style="text-align: center;">towards evening</p> <p>Weather still fine but decidedly cool/ and during the night. The Battalions were employed on company training during the morning, organisation of nucleus and personnel for the Brigade School, and their final arrangements for their move tomorrow. The 56th Bn. held another mounted sports in the afternoon at which the Brigadier was present, and other battalions all had scratch cricket matches etc., in a determined effort to extract as much sport and enjoyment of our last day in the area as was possible. It was rather too cold for swimming events.</p> <p>The new site for the Brigade School was finally chosen in the BOIS DE MAI and all arrangements were made today for its assembly tomorrow. There have been several changes and additions to the instructional staff and further provision of a subordinate staff and personnel for the administration of the School. There are to be 100 students and the Brigade Band in the camp, so that it forms a unit on its own. We have had a certain amount of difficulty in providing sufficient shelter for all ranks, but with the help of ten tents supplied by Division we have managed to secure enough to consider ourselves well off. Extra training material is also needed and is being obtained, because we are handing over all the facilities in this area in situ. The nucleus moved out today, bound for PERNOIS via VAUX-en-AMIENOIS where they will stage the night. They were approximately 300 strong all ranks which, with the addition of the personnel at the school makes a total of 400 all ranks, a very welcome addition to our strength in the event of our coming tour in the line proving expensive.</p> <p>The Divisional instruction that our move tomorrow was to be complete by 10.a.m. has now been altered, and we may now complete by 1.p.m. We also learned that the 6th Brigade, who at present occupy the area into which we are to move, are not to vacate until our arrival, which will mean that for some time both our Brigade and theirs will be concentrated into the existing cover. This arrangement does not appear to be too satisfactory as, if good observation is obtainable, the enemy can scarcely avoid noticing the abnormal movement. - The instruction changing the Brigade Order is attached to Appendix 6.</p>	<p>App.6.</p>

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HEADQUARTERS CHATEAU, FRECHINCOURT.	16th. JUNE, 1918.	SUNDAY.	<p>Fine during the morning and visibility not good which all helped to make the move easier. No difficulty at all was experienced and all units were settled into position by 1.p.m. though the completion report did not come through from the 55th until after 2.p.m. Signal Communications are very bad in the area at present and will need a considerable amount of attention. To all intents and purposes the 55th (the most easterly Bn.) is out of communication at present and even when we can get them it is only through other exchanges. The take over was not good owing, probably to the fact that the 6th Brigade was only staging through. Some of the battalions received no sector papers or instructions whatsoever; some had a lot of difficulty with their shelter some of which had been removed; others again found the bivouacs in a most insanitary and dirty condition. Units are all a considerable distance from the Brigade and from each other. Locations of Headquarters are as follows (Sheet 62.D.1/40,000):-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>53rd Battalion.</td> <td>O.29.d.3.7.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>54th Battalion.</td> <td>I.10.c.6.8.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>55th Battalion.</td> <td>I.18.d.7.4.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>56th Battalion.</td> <td>I.4.a.3.2.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14th L.T.M.Bty.</td> <td>O.20.d.3.7.</td> </tr> </table> <p>The 53rd and 54th are providing nucleus garrisons for the FRANVILLERS SYSTEM and the 56th occupy the LA HOUSSEY SWITCH. Nucleus garrisons are not kept in the lines but are told off and have reconnoitred their positions in order to be able to occupy them at short notice. The G.O.C. visited the 54th and 56th Bns. in the afternoon and the Brigade Major visited the 56th and 53rd Bns. and the 14th T. Coy. at the same time. They were all comfortably settled in by that time and all satisfied with the exception perhaps of the 54th who have a most open, exposed position under direct enemy observation. The 4th Course at the Brigade B.C.Os. School assembled today at the new site in the BOIS DE MAI. The site is an excellent one and the facilities fair though open to considerable improvement. As the first few days will be devoted to elementary work we will be able to provide more extensive facilities by the time they are required.</p>	53rd Battalion.	O.29.d.3.7.	54th Battalion.	I.10.c.6.8.	55th Battalion.	I.18.d.7.4.	56th Battalion.	I.4.a.3.2.	14th L.T.M.Bty.	O.20.d.3.7.	
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HEADQUARTERS CHATEAU, FRECHEN COURT.	17th. JUNE, 1918.	MONDAY.	<p>Warm and bright again and quite fresh after the rain yesterday evening. All units have settled into their positions and the routine tasks have been begun, working parties, forward reconnaissances etc. We have not yet been called on for very much labour but the usual party of 2 officers and 100 other ranks have been allotted to the Field Coy. and the remaining parties only make about 200 working ranks at present, but will soon mount up.</p> <p>The Brigadier visited the Brigade School during the morning. Things are now working smoothly enough there but will of course improve as time goes on. One problem that is evident not only at the school, but throughout the 53rd and 54th Battalions also, is an epidemic somewhat similar to influenza that incapacitates for from two to four days. We have quite a considerable number on the sick list now and are rather anxious that it should pass over.</p> <p>The G.O.C., visited 53rd and 56th Battalions in the afternoon and the Brigade Major the 54th and 55th Battalions and 8th and 15th Brigades (who both have their H.Q. at BILLY). In future one officer is to go forward to the two line Brigade H.Q. each day in order to maintain liaison and collect any information which may not have come back to us through the official channels. The defence in this sector appears to be very active on both sides, and each night we appear to be raiding or projecting gas etc. Last night the enemy attempted a raid on the right Brigade front but was very severely handled without reaching our trenches or obtaining any identification whatsoever.</p> <p>We have at least been able to locate a site for an A.R.A. competition range. It is not particularly suitable but, provided we can obtain permission to remove some crops now standing, it will be good enough to carry out our Brigade practices. Arrangements are being taken in hand forthwith.</p> <p>Enemy aeroplanes were very active during the early morning and the evening and a large number of bombs were dropped but little damage is reported. Shelling was also very light on the Brigade throughout the day.</p>	

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HEADQUARTERS CHATEAU, FRECHENCOURT.	18th. JUNE, 1918.	TUESDAY.	<p>Cloudy and rather close but with fair visibility. Planes were not particularly active, but one E.A. came over and bagged one of our Observation Balloons during the early afternoon and escaped again without difficulty. The observer came down on his parachute and appeared to land safely. Planes were very active last night and a large number of bombs were dropped but the casualties amounted to a few animals only according to report. No casualties were sustained by this Brigade.</p> <p>The Corps Commander (Lieut.-Gen. Sir John MONASH, M.C.), called to see the Brigade Commander this morning.</p>	
	19th. JUNE, 1918.	WEDNESDAY.	<p>The day was wet, several heavy showers having fallen. Work was commenced on a rifle range for the Army Rifle Association Competition. Some crop was removed and clover cut to obtain the necessary length for the range. The Commander of the Platoon which won the Battalion Series reported at Brigade H.Q. for instructions and was taken over the range.</p> <p>Instructions were received to stock various lines of defence with ammunition and initial steps in accordance were taken.</p> <p>The A.A. & Q.M.G. 5th Aust. Div. (Colonel J.H. BRUCE) called to see the Brigade Commander this morning.</p> <p>There was very little activity during the day, except some shelling in the evening from which little damage resulted.</p>	

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HEADQUARTERS CHATEAU, FRECHENCOURT.	20 th. JUNE 1918.	THURSDAY.	<p>Cloud y and overcast with some rain during the night.</p> <p>Training of the platoons engaged in the A.R.A. Competition was commenced on the new range which was completed this morning. The Platoons were quartered at their Battalion Transport Lines Parment Wood, East of FRECHENCOURT, to obviate long daily marches to the range.</p> <p>The F RANVILLERS System, LA ROUSSEY System and Switch, PONT NOYE LLES Defences, the BOMMAY, ABILLY and Roads Sectors, A NORE bridgehead Defences FRESH Switch and the trenches in I.1. were all reconnoitred with a view to stocking them with S.A.A. - 4000 rounds to be placed every 200 yds. Each dump will be marked with a diamond shaped disc placed on the parapet.</p>	
	21st. JUNE, 1918.	FRIDAY.	<p>Still overcast. Visibility only fair during the day improved towards evening.</p> <p>Battalions continued the improvement of the trenches in which they are situated. Extra shelters were provided and fire steps were completed for a distance of 1300 yards.</p> <p>An epidemic of influenza has been raging in the Brigade during the past few days, the 54th Battalion being chiefly affected, - to such an extent that their A.R.A. Platoon is unable to practice, one third of its members being incapacitated. The proportion of evacuations to the number of men affected has remained very low, - due to the organisation and work of the Battalion Staffs and Medical Officers. From the time men reported ill, they were segregated and well provided with comforts and medicine with the result that in five or six days they were back with their Companies for duty.</p> <p>The beer supply continues to come forward fairly regularly.</p>	

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HEADQUARTERS CHATEAU, FRECHENCOURT.	22nd. JUNE, 1918. SATURDAY.		<p>Still slightly overcast but the sun has been bright intermittently throughout the day.</p> <p>Arrangements were made for the carrying out of the Brigade Series of the A.R.A. Competition for the 23rd. The Platoons from the 53rd, 55th and 56th Battalions are all making good progress.</p> <p>Arrangements were also made for the S.A.A. Section, D.A.O. to deliver S.A.A. to the trench systems to be stocked, the actual work of placing the ammunition in the trenches being delegated to Battalions.</p> <p>Tonight orders were received to the effect that the Brigade will relieve the 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade in the right sub-sector of "C" Divisional Area on the night 26th/27th June. This sector is situated on the plateau between the SOMME and the ANCRE, the right boundary being the line running E. and W. through J.22.c.0.0. as far East as J.23.c.2.0. thence to front line in S.E. by E. direction to K.25.c.0.6. The left boundary is the line running E. and W. through J.11.central.</p>	<p>260</p>															
	23rd. JUNE, 1918. SUNDAY.		<p>Weather is fine and bright and the temperature is rising.</p> <p>A Warning Order was issued to Battalions relative to the forthcoming relief. The 55th Battalion will take over Line Right and 53rd Line Left. 56th and 54th Battalions will be Support and Reserve Battalions respectively.</p> <p>C.O.'s. Battalions with their Intelligence Officers, went forward to reconnoitre the sectors they are to take over.</p> <p>At 2.30.p.m. the Brigade Elimination Test in the A.R.A. Competition was commenced. Despite the ravage of influenza, 54th Battalion entered a Platoon which unfortunately had not had any opportunity to train or practice on the Rifle Range.</p> <p>The Test was judged by the following officers:- Capt. J.N. LAING, M.C., 57th Bn., Capt. L.F. TROUNSON, M.C., 31st Bn., Captain C.R. COLLINS, 47th Bn. (for Bayonet work) and Captain V.F.H. STANTON (Brigade Major Trainee).</p> <p>The result was as follows:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Order.</th> <th>Unit.</th> <th>Total Points.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1st.</td> <td>55th Battalion.</td> <td>483.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd.</td> <td>56th "</td> <td>437.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd.</td> <td>53rd. "</td> <td>411.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4th.</td> <td>54th "</td> <td>245.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Order.	Unit.	Total Points.	1st.	55th Battalion.	483.	2nd.	56th "	437.	3rd.	53rd. "	411.	4th.	54th "	245.	<p>App.10. 10</p>
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HEADQUARTERS CHATEAU, FRECHENCOURT.	23rd. JUNE 1918.	SUNDAY.	<p>Ctd.</p> <p>The 56th Battalion experienced some trouble with their Lewis Gun and lost a large number of points thereby. They scored most with the rifle and bayonet, and with an average total of points from the Lewis Gun Section would have won the Test.</p> <p>Col. J. H. BRUCHE, C.M.G., A.A. & Q.M.G. was present and represented the Divisional Commander.</p> <p>The G.O.C., 5th Australian Division (Major-General Sir J. T. HOBBS, K.C.B., V.D.) and the Brigade Commander motored forward to FRANVILLERS whence they proceeded per horse to reconnoitre the whole of the Corps Line in "C" Divisional Sector.</p> <p>During the day, 500,000 rounds S.A.A. were deposited in the various systems to be stocked by the Brigade.</p> <p>Syllabus of Training at Brigade School for week ending 30/6/18 was issued and is attached as Appendix 13.</p>	<p>App. 13.</p>
	24th. JUNE 1918.	MONDAY.	<p>The Brigade School entered into its second week's work which is similar to that of the first week but of a more advanced nature. Steady progress has been made since the assembly of the School. The students are now ready to fire live ammunition on the Rifle Range and to fire No. 36. Rifle grenades on a range constructed in the vicinity of the School. Good work has been effected in the instruction in the Lewis Gun and in bayonet fighting.</p> <p>Brigade Order was issued for the relief of the right sub-sector of the Divisional Front, and is attached as Appendix 10.</p> <p>The stocking of the reserve trench systems with S.A.A. was completed today. Diamond shaped tin discs mark the location of each dump of 4000 rounds, as far as the supply of such discs permits, as their issue from R.E. dump is slow.</p> <p>A demonstration in the supply of ammunition from aeroplanes was held at the Aerodrome, 3rd Squadron, A.F.C. at 5.p.m. This was attended by a representative from Brigade headquarters. The demonstration was successful, two boxes of ammunition being delivered by means of parachutes to a spot within 50 yds of the trench at which it was</p>	<p>App. 10.</p>

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HBA DQUARTERS CHATEAU, FRECHENCOURT.	24th. JUNE 1918. MONDAY.		<p>Ctd. desired to deliver the ammunition. The boxes descended without damage to the mselves or to the ammunition. Previous tests showed that without parachutes the boxes on reaching the ground were broken and the S.A.A. damaged. It is claimed that aeroplanes can deliver ammunition, rations and even Lewis Guns to isolated posts in case of necessity. The brigade Commander visited the brigade School during the morning, and the G.O.C., 5th Aust. Division, also visited it during the afternoon.</p>	
	25th. JUNE, 1918. TUESDAY.		<p>Weather warmer. Roads drying fast. Westerly winds. The Platoon which won the Brigade series in the A.R.A. Competition continued to train, as the Divisional final will take place on 28th instant. A British aeroplane came down during the morning in the vicinity of LA ROUSSOYE. Assistance to the pilot was rendered by the 56th Battalion for which thanks were returned by means of a message dropped from an aeroplane a few days later when the Battalion was in the line. Advanced parties from each Battalion moved forward to the sectors to be relieved next day.</p>	
	26th. JUNE, 1918. WEDNESDAY.		<p>The day was bright and warm with strong westerly wind. During the day at spasmodic intervals QUESNOY WOOD North of the FRECHENCOURT Chateau was bombarded by a 5.9. n.V. gun. Little damage was sustained. The G.O.C., 5th Australian Division accom panied by the brigade Commander motored forward along the AMIENS-ALBERT Road to reconnoitre a site in the</p>	

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<p>HEADQUARTERS CHATEAU, FRECHENCOURT.</p> <p>HEILLY. Sheet. 62.D. J. 1.c. 45.05.</p>	<p>26th JUNE, 1918. WEDNESDAY.</p>		<p>Otd. vicinity of D.20.c.5.7. Sheet 62.D.N.B. for a Brigade H.Q. The present H.Q. in the village of HEILLY are not considered suitable as the traffic to and from the H.Q. must pass through the village which is heavily bombarded.</p> <p>During the day Advanced parties from Brigade H.Q. moved to HEILLY to take over from 8th. Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q. and Brigade H.Q. details marched out from FRECHENCOURT at 6.30.p.m. The Brigade Commander moved forward at 9.30.p.m. To escape hostile observation, the relief commenced late in the evening, no movement being allowed forward of a line running N. and S. through J.16.central, before 10.30.p.m.</p> <p>The 53rd Bn. moved S. of HEILLY and MERICOURT, and the other battalions moved by a track N. of BONNAY, thence by cross country routes to avoid shelled areas. The BRA Y-CORBIE Road receiving much attention from enemy artillery, was avoided.</p> <p>The Relief was completed by 2.35.a.m. and was not interfered with by the enemy to any extent, only two casualties from grenades being sustained.</p> <p>During the night enemy artillery was quiet, but aircraft bombed our reserve area in the vicinity of Brigade H.Q. at 11.15. and 11.30.p.m. Liaison patrols were maintained throughout the night.</p> <p>On the sector taken over by the Brigade, very little work has been effected since the 2nd Division advanced towards MORLANCOURT on night 10th/11th June, the preceding Brigade having devoted most of their time to raiding. There is practically no wire erected on the sector and the trenches of the front line require deepening on the right Battalion sector, on the right of which posts require linking up to provide a continuous front line. The trenches of the Support and Reserve Systems have been undercut to such an extent that they are dangerous, and require bracing and fire-stepping. The communication trenches are too narrow and require deepening and clearing out in parts. Pioneers are now engaged on the U.I's.</p>	

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<p>HEADQUARTERS, BILLY. SHEET 62.D. J.l.c.45.05.</p>	<p>27th JUNE, 1918. THURSDAY.</p>		<p>Weather has been good but visibility only fair. During the morning the Divisional Commander paid Brigade H.Q. a visit, and during the day representatives from the following units reported for liaison:- Right Group Artillery. "A" Coy. No. 23 Tank Battalion. 5th A.M.G. Battalion. "Z" Special Coy. R.E. Enemy shelling during the day has not been very active, most attention being directed towards Reserve Battalion area, and the Reserve Area near BAWLARAT TRENCH. BILLY was the recipient of 100 rounds of 5.9. and 4.2. shells between 5.30. and 6.30.p.m. Our snipers have been very active and claim three casualties. Our Machine Guns brought harassing fire to bear during the night on roads and centres of enemy activity, while our Lewis Guns dispersed carrying parties. Aerial activity was most pronounced on both sides and several combats resulted. At 6.p.m. a plane was brought down in flames at ARQUAIRE WOOD but its identity has not been ascertained. About 40 of our planes patrolled the line at 8.p.m. but were met with strong A.A. fire whenever they approached close to the enemy lines. At 11.p.m. the enemy bombed back areas including BILLY. During the afternoon the Brigade Commander visited the 54th Battalion and reconnoitred the Reserve Battalion Sector.</p>	
	<p>28th JUNE, 1918. FRIDAY.</p>		<p>Weather fine with Westerly wind. Visibility at first was poor but improved in the evening. Enemy artillery was chiefly directed against the Support Battalion, MARRETT WOOD in J.11. and the Support line of the right line battalion. Our snipers have again inflicted casualties with the result that enemy</p>	<p>72</p>

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HEADQUARTERS, HEILLY. SHEET 62.D. J.I.C.45.05.	28th. JUNE, 1918. FRIDAY.		<p>Ctd. movement and sniping have been much reduced. On night 28th/29th instant, 120 gas projectors were ^{see App.11} successfully discharged / from the right battalion sector against the ravines in A.25.d. which have been centres of much enemy activity. "Z" Special Coy.R.E. had this matter in hand and appear to thoroughly enjoy launching gas cylinders against the enemy. During the day single enemy aeroplanes crossed our lines at long intervals. Our dusk patrols were again very strong and during the night there was much aerial activity. Work on the sector was taken well in hand. The policy adopted embraces deepening the front line and connecting isolated posts to make a continuous line on our right, also to wire the front line. When these have been completed, attention will be concentrated on the support and reserve lines. Two platoons (100 men) of the 5th Aust.Div.Pioneer Bn. are located on the Brigade Sector and are placing the C.T.'s. in a state of high order. BOOTAMUNDRA C.T. on the right is now nearing completion after which they will devote their energies to MANLY C.T., COLLINS ST. and KING ST. which afford communication to the front line left battalion sector. This afternoon the Brigade Commander visited the left line battalion sector. Today the Divisional Series of the A.R.A.Competition was held on a rifle range south of SAVEUSE and resulted in a win for the 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade, the 14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade securing second place, with the 8th Aust.Inf.Brigade third.</p>	<p>App.11.</p>
	29th. JUNE, 1918. SATURDAY.		<p>The day has been very warm with ground mists which prevented good observation until the late afternoon. Our artillery carried out counter-battery work on batteries in MALLARD WOOD and E. of MORLANCOURT, and dealt with roads, dumps and shelters during the night.</p>	

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HEADQUARTERS, BELLILY. SHEET 62.D. J.I.C.45.0 5.	29th. JUNE, 1918. SATURDAY.		<p>Otd.</p> <p>Our patrols were active but encountered no enemy patrols. Two enemy were seen to approach one of his posts, engage it in conversation, and then move on to other posts, stopping at each for a few minutes.</p> <p>At 2.15 a.m. night 29th/30th, 66 Gas Projectors were discharged against the enemy defences in .25.d. These projectors had not been fired the night before. On this night 200 projectors were installed in the left Bn. Sector but were not discharged owing to the wind having veered round to a northerly direction. The angle of safety at this emplacement is much more restricted than in the right sector where the right flank is refused.</p> <p>At 8.25 p.m. and from 9.40 p.m. to 9.48 p.m. the enemy put down two barrages on our front, the latter being very heavy. From 11.45 p.m. to 12. midnight a general bombardment of our brigade front took place and was repeated at 2 a.m.</p> <p>As usual, since the Brigade has been in the line aerial activity was most pronounced at dusk. During the morning enemy planes patrolled our front line system, and our own planes were normally active throughout the day.</p>	<p>App. 12</p>
	30th. JUNE, 1918. SUNDAY.		<p>Fine day. Divisional Commander visited Brigade Commander. Orders were given by the Divisional Commander for this Brigade to carry out a raid and "Chinese Attack" in co-operation with operations elsewhere, and the matter was discussed. Acting Brigade Major went out to 55th Bn. Left Sector. Called at Bn. H.Q. and visited front line and found work on improving sector being carried out satisfactorily. A certain number of the men had been affected by the fever which has been prevalent during last few weeks, but if anything cases were on the decrease. Much aerial activity during the day both hostile and our own.</p> <p>Gas was successfully discharged against enemy defences. Order No. 148 is attached as Appendix. 12.</p> <p>Casualty and Weekly Fighting Strength Returns for the month are attached as Appendix. 14.</p> <p>Plan showing Anti-Aircraft Lewis Guns, Vickers Machine Guns, and 6" Newton Mortars is attached as Appendix 15.</p> <p>Plan showing Dispositions of Brigade is attached as Appendix 16.</p>	<p>App. 12</p> <p>App. 14</p> <p>App. 15</p> <p>App. 16</p>

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Headquarters, HILLY. Sheet 62.D. J.l.c.45.05.	30th. JUNE 1918. SUNDAY.		Ctd. War Diary of 14th A.L.T.M.B. for June is attached as Appendix 17.	App.17.

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WAR DIARY

OF

14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

FOR

J U N E 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
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8.	Report by Chief Instructor, Brigade School.
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14.	Casualty and Weekly Fighting Strength Return for June.
15.	Plan Shewing Dispositions of A.A. Lewis Guns, Vickers Guns, and 6" Newton mortars.
16.	Plan shewing Dispositions of Brigade.
17.	War Diary of 14th A.L.I.M. B. for June, 1918.

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14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Role in Corps Reserve and action in case of attack.

1. (a). Role of Division in Corps Reserve - While in Corps Reserve the Division will normally be employed offensively for the maintenance of the present positions of the forward divisions.
- (b). The Division is disposed in Brigade Groups as follows:-
 - (i). 15th Inf.Bde.Group. ALONVILLE-CARDONETTE, with battalion at FRECHENCOURT.
 - (ii). 8th Inf. Bde.Group. RIVERY CAMON with battalion at LA MOTTE.
 - (iii). 14th.Inf.Bde.Group. QUERRIEU-DAOURS with battalion about LA HOUSOYE.

- 14th Inf.Bde
- 14th L.T.M.Battery.
- 15th Field Coy.A.E.
- 14th Field Amb.
- 15th M.G.Coy.

(c). Disposed as above the role of the Division will be either the retention of the LA HOUSOYE plateau or the covering of AMIENS.

2. The normal role of the 14th Brigade Group is the defence of the LA HOUSOYE system in which the forward battalion is disposed as the nucleus garrison.

All units of the group will make arrangements for the reconnaissance of this system forthwith, with a view to taking over portion of or the whole of the sector occupied by the advanced battalion.

3. The Division may also be employed to meet the following eventualities:-

- (a). An attack south of the SOMME.
- (b). A threat on the left flank of the CORPS.
- (c). Loss of ground to the north of the CORPS necessitating a defensive flank.

4. In the event of 3 (a) and the temporary loss of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX the 14th Infantry Brigade may be called upon (i) to attack in a south easterly direction from assembly positions in O.18. and O.17. or O.21. and O.27.

(ii) To attack in an easterly direction from the general line of the FOUILLOY CACHY ROAD.

For the dispositions and instructions for this action see Scheme I attached.

5. In the event of 3(b) it may be necessary -

- (i) For the Brigade to operate offensively in conjunction with other Brigades of the Division or-
- (ii) To occupy defensively the whole or portion of the BRESLE Switch.

Detailed instructions for action in the event of 5(ii) are given in Scheme 2 attached.

6. In the event of 3(c) the normal action will be the occupation of the spur south of FRECHENCOURT and the St.GRATTEN spur forming a defensive flank facing north.

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Detailed orders as to the action of this Brigade in that eventuality would subsequently be issued.

7. Units will carry out the reconnaissances necessary for the action shown in Schemes 1 and 2, and will formulate plans of action, one copy of which will be forwarded to this office, and one handed over to their relief.

8. One Troop A.L.H. and one platoon of Cyclists have also been detailed to operate with the Division.

ALONVILLE-GARDONNET, with
battalion at FRECHENCOURT.
RIVIERE GARDON with battalion
at LA MOTTE.
CHERBIEU-DACIER with battal-
ion about LA HOUSSOYE.

(1) 1st. Inf. Bde. Group.
(2) 2nd. Inf. Bde. Group.
(3) 3rd. Inf. Bde. Group.

Major,
Brigade Major,
14th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

2/3/18.

(c) Proposed as above the role of the Division will be
either the retention of the LA HOUSSOYE platoon or the covering
of ALONVILLE.
The normal role of the 14th Brigade Group is the defence
of the LA HOUSSOYE system, which the forward battalion is dis-
posed to maintain.
All units of the group will make arrangements for the
contingency of this system falling, with a view to taking
over position of or the whole of the sector occupied by the ad-
vanced battalion.
The Division may also be employed to meet the following
eventualities:-
(a) An attack south of the HORN.
(b) An attack on the left flank of the CORPS.
(c) Loss of ground to the north of the CORPS necessitating
a defensive flank.
4. In the event of 3 (a) and the temporary loss of VILLERS-
BRONNACK the 14th Infantry Brigade may be called upon (1) to
attack in a south easterly direction from assembly positions
in O.18. and O.17. or O.16. and O.15.
(ii) To attack in an easterly direction from the general
line of the FOUILLON GARDY ROAD.
For the dispositions and instructions for this
action see Scheme 1 attached.
5. In the event of 3(b) it may be necessary -
(i) For the Brigade to operate offensively in conjunc-
tion with other Brigades of the Division or -
(ii) To occupy defensively the whole or portion of the
BRUNEL BELTON.
Detailed instructions for action in the event of 3(ii) are
given in Scheme 2 attached.
6. In the event of 3(c) the normal action will be the occu-
pation of the ... south of FRECHENCOURT and the ST. GRATHE
sector forming a defensive flank facing north.

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14TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. <u>G7/1441</u>
Date. <u>13.6.18</u>

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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Role in Corps Reserve and action in case of attack.

further to this office G7/1132 dated 3rd June 1918.

1. Owing to alterations in the dispositions of the 31st French Corps and the consequent alteration in the role of the Division in Australian Corps Reserve, the following additional instructions are issued.

2. To deal with an enemy attack south of the SOMME the task of the Division is to secure the point of junction between the Australian and the 31st French Corps.

3. (a) The main line of resistance of the 31st French Corps is the CACHY SWITCH running through U.3.c. - U.9.a. - U.8.b.& c. - U.7.d. U.13.a.& c. - U.19.a. - T.24.d. (east of CACHY and GENTELLES).

(b) A counter attack regiment (approximately equal to one of our Brigades) is held in readiness in the vicinity of the NICHOLAS SUPPORT (T.3.c.& d. and T.9.a) which has as its task the taking of the CACHY GENTELLES plateau and the main line, in the case of its loss.

4. (a) In the event of 3 (b) the 8th Infantry Brigade will replace the French counter attack regiment in the NICHOLAS SUPPORT.

(b) If the counter attack fails it is possible that 8th and 14th Infantry Brigades will be called upon to counter attack, the 8th from the west and the 14th from the north or northwest.

(c) The position of readiness for the 14th Brigade will be in O.7.d. and O.13.b.

(d) Brigade Headquarters during the operation will in all probability be in the vicinity of TRONVILLE CHATEAU.

5. Reconnaissances will be made forthwith of the areas of the position of readiness and approaches thence to the CACHY GENTELLES PLATEAU.

12th June, 1918.

R. G. L. Major,
Brigade Major,
14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

53rd Battalion.
54th Battalion.
55th Battalion.
56th Battalion.
14th L.P.M.B.
Copies to:
5th Aust. Div.
15th Field Coy.
15th M.G. Coy.
14th Field Ambulance.

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14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO.1.

Headquarters,
3rd June 1918.

1. During the six day training period in this area it is intended that units will utilise the time available in the progressive training of the platoon on the lines laid down hereunder. If training space is available for company training the program for the last two days may be extended to include three or four hours company work.

2. The training period will extend from the 5th June (inc.) and each training day will be of four hours (8.30.a.m. to 12.30.p.m.). It is intended that afternoons should be devoted to sports, recreational training, competitions etc.

3. Subjects of training will comprise a progressive program as follows:-

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|-------------------------|--|
| <u>First two days.</u> | Section and platoon close order work.
Elementary Musketry.
P. Training and Bayonet Fighting. |
| <u>Second two days.</u> | Section and platoon training and Field exercises, Musketry Range Practices and Elementary Musketry. Platoon and Company route marches. |
| <u>Third two days.</u> | Platoon and Company training and field exercises.
Musketry Range practices.
Platoon and company route marches. |

Battalions will submit by 4.p.m. 4th June, proposed training syllabus on the lines indicated above.

4. Training of rifle grenadiers in the use of the 36 grenade will be specially emphasised and as many men of the platoon as possible should receive instruction in the use of this grenade. Training of Signallers, Lewis Gunners, Intelligence personnel must also receive full attention.

5. Fifteen minutes anti-gas drill per day ^{also} must/be included in the syllabus for each unit. Special attention is directed to S.S. 534 "Defence Against Gas" of March, 1918.

6. 14th L.I.M.B. will submit a program for the training period by 4.p.m. 4th instant.

(Sgd) R.G. LEGGE, Major,
Brigade Major,
14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM NO.2.

Headquarters,
3rd June, 1918.

A.R.A. COMPETITION.

1. It is intended to carry out at an early date the Brigade Elimination to secure the representative Brigade team for the above competition. Units will therefore require to select their best platoons as soon as possible and to prepare ranges and facilities for training in the exercise indicated in O.B./1618/D.
2. If no site is available in the battalion area for a 300 yard bullet and bayonet range, training should be carried on without live ammunition until such facilities can be obtained.
3. Copies of O.B./1618/D which lay down the conditions of the contest and the composition of the teams are attached.
The representative team must be from one platoon only and not "packed" with members of other platoons of the Battalion. The object of the competition is the general improvement of all platoons and endeavour must be made to achieve this end.
4. The name of each representative platoon should be forwarded to this office by 11th June.

3/6/18.

(Sgd) n.G.LEGGE, Major,
Brigade Major,
14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

SYLLABUS - BRIGADE SCHOOL, JUNE 5th/14th.

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Hours:- 8.30.a.m. to 12.30.p.m. - 2.p.m. to 5.p.m.

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- 1st. Day. Squad Drill, with and without arms.
Elementary Musketry.
Lewis Gun - Parts - Stripping.
Lecture - Duties of Section Commanders.
Words of Command.
- 2nd. Day. Squad Drill, with and without arms.
Bombing - Grenades No. 23. and 24. - Lecture by Brigade
Bombing Officer - Throwing practice.
Elementary Musketry.
Communication Drill.
- 3rd. Day. Squad Drill, without arms.
Elementary Musketry.
Bombing - Lecture on "Bombing Squads".-Practice with
Dummy Bombs.
Communication Drill.
- 4th. Day. Squad Drill, with arms.
Section Drill.
Musketry.
Lewis Gun - Stripping and assembling.
Communication Drill.
- 5th. Day. Section Drill.
Extended Order Drill.
Bombing - Lecture on No. 36. and Discharger - Practice
with dummies.
Lecture by Intelligence Officer.
Communication Drill.
- 6th. Day. Section Drill.
Lewis Gun-Firing and Stoppages.
Extended Order Drill.
Musketry - Fire Discipline.
Guards and Sentries.
- 7th. Day. Platoon Drill.
Bombing - Live practice with No. 36.
Guards and Sentries.
Musketry - Fire Direction and Control.
Lecture by Brigade Gas Officer.
- 8th. Day. Platoon Drill.
Lewis Gun - Stoppages.
Fire Control.
Marches.
- 9th. Day. Artillery Formations.
Tactics of Lewis Gun in Attack.
- 10th. Day. Bombing raid in trench system.
Attack on Strong Post.

Daily:- $\frac{1}{2}$ Hr. Gas Drill and Preventative Measures against gas.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hr. P. & B.T.

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JUDGES.

Racing Events

Major Murray, M.C., 53rd. Bn.
Major Roberts, 56th. Bn.
Capt. Brock, 14th. L.T.M.B.

Diving

Major Legge, D.S.O., M.C.
Lieut. Burns, 14th. L.T.M.B.
Lieut. Wren, 55th. Bn.

STARTERS.

Lieut. McArthur, M.C. 54th. Bn.
Lieut. Ellsmore, 55th. Bn.

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PRIZE MONEY DONATED BY

5th. DIVISION £ 10
Y. M. C. A. £ 10
14th. BRIGADE £ 5

ENTRIES. Except where otherwise mentioned Entries will be limited to 3 per Unit.

Each Competitor will wear Bn. colours in the form of a cap.

Championship Points 3,2,1. Novelty Events 1 point. Each Competitor starting in Championship events will count 1 point for his Bn.

TROPHY CUP value £3.

Y.M.C.A. are providing on the ground free Cocoa, Cigarettes and Biscuits.

The BRIGADE BAND will be in attendance.

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PROGRAMME.

- 1 p.m. HEATS 100 Yards CHAMPIONSHIP
1st. and 2nd. to compete in final.
- 1 30 p.m. 50 Yards CIGARETTE RACE
Unlimited entries, 1st. Prize value 10/-
- 1 45 p.m. HEATS 50 Yards BREAST STROKE CHAMPIONSHIP
1st. and 2nd. to compete in Final.
- 2 15 p.m. 200 Yards RELAY RACE
Teams to consist of 4 men each, one team per Unit. 1st. Prize value £2.
- 2 30 p.m. CHASE THE BELL-har 1st. Prize value 10/-
Unlimited Entries.
- 2 30 p.m. HEATS 50 Yards CHAMPIONSHIP
1st. and 2nd. to compete in Final.
- 3 15 p.m. 400 Yards CHAMPIONSHIP
1st. Prize value 30/-, 2nd. value £1.
- 3 30 p.m. DIVING COMPETITION, 1 Heat, 1 Fancy
1st. Prize value £1, 2nd. value 10/-

For rules governing Entries etc. see over leaf.

- 4 p.m. PRESENTATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP CUP
by

BRIGADIER-GENERAL STEWART, D.S.O.

Won by 5th. Bn. in the PRENG AREA.

- 4 15 p.m. 100 Yards CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
1st. Prize value 30/-, 2nd. value £1.
- 4 25 p.m. BOAT RACE, 30 Yards
Crews to consist of 6 men, one Crew per Unit.
- 4 45 p.m. 50 Yards CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
1st. Prize value 30/-, 2nd. value £1.
- 5 p.m. 50 Yards BREAST STROKE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
1st. Prize value 30/-, 2nd. value £1.
- 5 10 p.m. PILLOW FIGHT
Unlimited Entries. Prize value 10/-

14TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	<i>912/1405</i>
Date.	<i>12.6.18</i>

SECRET.Copy No. *7*14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.WARNING ORDER.

1. The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) is to be prepared to relieve the 2nd. Australian Division (less Artillery) in "C" Divisional sector between the 14th and 16th June.
2. The 14th Infantry Brigade will be prepared to relieve the 5th Infantry Brigade on the morning of 16th June.
3. Units will carry out reconnaissance of Battalion sectors of their opposite numbers as indicated in this office I.G.33/1383 of 11th June.
4. Headquarters of 14th Infantry Brigade will take over Brigade Headquarters at FRECHENCOURT.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

12th June 1918.

53rd Battalion.
54th Battalion.
55th Battalion.
56th Battalion.
14th L.T.M.B.

A.G. Hunt
Major,
Brigade Major,
14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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14 TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	<i>912/1476</i>
Date.	<i>14.6.18</i>

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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.145.

Reference 1/40,000 Sheet 82.D.

Headquarters,
14th June, 1918.

1. (a) The 5th Aust. Division (less Artillery) relieves 2nd. Aust. Division (less Artillery) in "C" Divisional Sector and area between 14th and 16th June to be completed by 10.a.m. 16th instant.

(b) The 8th Infantry Brigade are moving into line right on night 14th/15th. The 15th Infantry Brigade are moving into line left on night 15th/16th.

2. (a) The 14th Infantry Brigade will move into the Reserve Brigade area "C" Division sector on the morning of the 16th June.

(b) Battalions will move independantly to areas allotted by this office I.G.33/1383 of 11th June and I.G.33/1459 of 14th June.

(c) Moves will be completed by 9.45.a.m.

3. Defence schemes, works policies and responsibility for demolition of bridges and roads will be taken over from units relieved, together with all maps and sector information available.

4. (a) Nucleus personnel will leave for PERNOIS in accordance with instructions issued separately.

(b) Administrative arrangements are being issued separately.

5. Subject to the terms of this order details of relief will be made direct between units concerned.

6. Completion of move will be notified to 14th Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

7. Brigade Headquarters will close at Chateau, QUERREIEU at 9.a.m. and open at Chateau, FRECHENCOURT, at same hour.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. G. Hew Major,
Brigade Major,
14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued through Signals at.....p.m. to:-

	<u>Copy No.</u>
53rd Battalion.	1.
54th Battalion.	2.
55th Battalion.	3.
56th Battalion.	4.
14th L.T.M.B.	5.
<u>Copies to:-</u>	
5th Aust. Div.	6.
8th Aust. Inf. Brigade.	7.
15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.	8.
6th Aust. Inf. Brigade.	9.
14th Field Ambulance.	10.
15th Field Coy. A&E%	11.
15th M.G. Coy.	12.
C.O.C.	13.
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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM.

Issued in connection with 14th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE Order No. 145.

Headquarters,
14.6.18.

1. BILLETING.

Units will arrange for necessary parties to be sent forward in advance to take over billeting areas or camp sites. All Area Stores taken over will be checked and receipt for same given to outgoing units.

2. AMMUNITION.

Railhead - FLESSELLES.
S.A.A. Section - I.7. Central.
Div. Res. Dump - B.20.d.6.2.
Mobile Echelon. Units will move with full echelons

3. SUPPLIES.

Railhead - FOULAINVILLE.
There will be no change in system of supplies and location of dumps with the exception that one day's supplies will be held in Q.M. Store and one day's on dumps.

4. BAGGAGE WAGONS.

Units will demand these direct on Brigade Companies A.A.S.C. They should report to units before 4. p.m. on date of move and must be returned same evening for railhead duty on the following day.

5. WATER.

Water cart and horse watering points have been established at :-

PONT NOYELLES	H.12.a.4.9.
LA HOUSOYE	I.3.d.8.6.
FRANVILLERS	C.28.d.95.20.
ST. GRATIEP	B.27.b.8.4.

Horse watering points only:-

FRECHENCOURT	B.30.b.3.9.
PONT NOYELLES	H.17.b.5.1.

Water cart refilling point only:-

FRECHENCOURT	B.29.c.9.3.
PONT NOYELLES	H.17.b.9.4.

6. BATHS.

Locations as follows:-

LA HOUSOYE	I.3.c.0.6.
FRANVILLERS	C.28.d.95.30.
	I.18.a.2.2.

7. CANTEEN.

Divisional Canteen will open on main road AMIENS to QUERRIEU 300 yards west of QUERRIEU.

8. ORDNANCE.

Ordnance Depot will remain at G.20. central.

9. RESERVE RATIONS AND WATER.

Units on taking over will very carefully check general purpose tins handed over and will give a receipt for same to outgoing units. A return will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 12 hours of completion of relief showing locations and quantities taken over.

10. HANDING AND TAKING OVER RECEIPTS.

Within 12 hours of completion of move units will forward to Brigade Headquarters duplicates of handing and taking over receipts for all trench and other stores handed and taken over.

11. PRISONER OF WAR CAGES.

Div. Cage FRAKVILLERS C.29.c.0.0.

12. BURIALS.

Military cemeteries are established at:-

- FRAKVILLERS COMMUNAL Cemetery Extn. Sh.62D.C.29.b.11.
- x MERICOURT L'ABBE British Cemetery J.4.c.3.3
- x HEILLY Station Cemetery No.1. J.13.b.8.6.
- " " No.2. J.1.c.3.3.
- QUERRIEU British Cemetery H.17.c.1.5
- x BONNAY British Cemetery adjoining Civil Cem. I.17.
- x SAILLY LE SEC British Cemetery. J.23.d.4.4.

Communal Cemeteries with British burials:-

- FRECHENCOURT (British Plot). B.29.b.5.5
- x RIBEMONT D.27.a.9.2.

those marked x may be used only during heavy fighting

13. COMFORTS FUND.

Headquarters Comforts Fund will be at ST. GRATIEN.

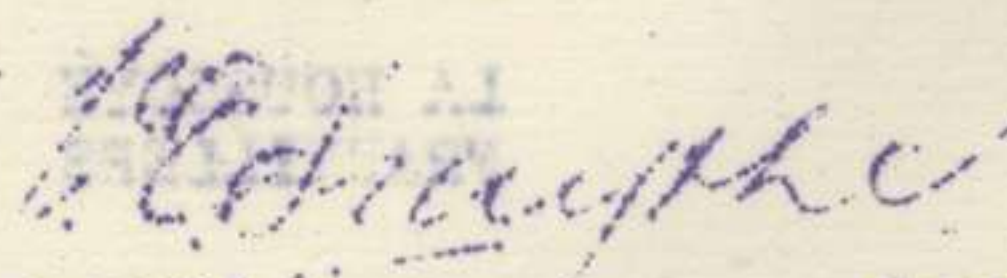
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Headquarters Y.M.C.A. at FRECHENCOURT.

15. TRANSPORT LINES.

All units will notify Brigade Headquarters of location of transport lines within 12 hours of arrival in new area.

16. For the move there will be no extra transport provided. Units will therefore arrange to send all surplus gear and material forward on 15th instant and store it under guard in new area.


 Captain,
 Staff Captain 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade

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No.	612/1505
Date.	15.6.18

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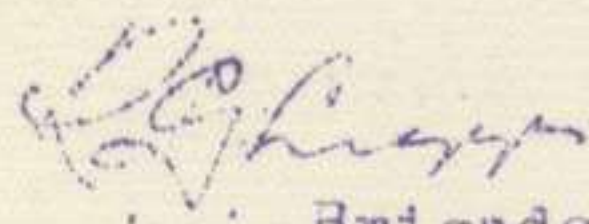
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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 145.

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

Headquarters,
15th June, 1918.

1. Para 2 (a) of above order is cancelled.
2. Moves will be made in accordance with routes shown hereunder and will be completed by 1.p.m. The units of the 6th Brigade are not moving until 1.p.m.
3. (a). The 55th Battalion move by independent route and will clear PONT NOYELLES by 10.a.m. and LA HOUSOYE by 11.a.m.
(b). The 53rd Battalion will move by main AMIENS-ALBERT Road; will clear PONT NOYELLES by 10.15.a.m.
(c). The 54th Battalion will move by main AMIENS - ALBERT Road. Not to enter PONT NOYELLES before 10.20.a.m. and to be clear of LA HOUSOYE by 11.30.a.m.
(d). Move independently but not to pass a north and south line through I.S. central. before 11.30.a.m.
4. Formations not to be closer than platoons at intervals of 50 yards.
5. In para. 7. of above order for 9.am. read 1.p.m.

 Major,
Brigade Major,
14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued to recipients of
14th. A.I. Brigade Order No. 145.

	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Description of Range etc.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
2. Bombing Ranges.	H.23.a.35.10.	Rifle Grenade Live practice. Defence trench 5' deep as cover.	
3. Training and Parade grounds.	H.21.d.70.55.	One parade ground used for four companies. Will allow for limited battalion drill and platoon field exercises.	
	H.11.c.6.8.	Four company parade grounds or battalion parade. Suitable for platoon or company field exercises.	
	G.26.d.5.3.	Two company parades. Suitable for platoon field exercises only. The Bombing Range at I.13.a.8.4. is also used for platoon field exercises.	
	I.14.a.1.4. I.13.c.1.2.	As for G.26.d.5.3.	
	H.29.d.	Four company parade grounds or battalion parade, suitable for platoon and company field exercises.	

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REPORT on 3rd Course, 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade SchoolJUNE 5th/14th, 1918.

1. The Course assembled at QUERRIEU Chateau on June 5th, 1918, and dispersed on June 14th, 1918.
2. The total number of candidates attending the School was fifty, which were furnished equally by the four battalions, and from junior or aspirant N.C.O.'s.
3. The instruction imparted embodied all branches of Infantry work peculiar to the Platoon. Syllabus attached.
4. Those attending had been in the line for a period of four months without a rest, and much time was spent during the first half of the course in the endeavour to smarten them, which resulted in less time being devoted to Mutual Instruction.
The programme therefore proved to be rather ambitious for most of the students and much better results would have been achieved had another week been added to the duration of the course.
5. Discipline throughout has been excellent. With few exceptions all candidates were keen and eager to avail themselves of the instruction afforded.
6. Reports on personnel who attended the course are attached.

15th June, 1918.

*V. P. H. Hancock*Captain,
Chief Instructor.

14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SCHOOL.ORGANISATION AND STANDING ORDERS.OBJECT.

1. The object of the school is to prepare specially selected non-commissioned officers and privates for the duties which devolve on the commander of a section.

ORGANISATION.

2. The school will be organised in four syndicates each under command of an officer, who will be assisted by two sergeant instructors.

ROUTINE.

3. Reveille 7.a.m.
 Breakfast 7.15.a.m.
 Parades (a) Syndicate 8.20.a.m.
 (b) School 8.30.a.m.
 Sick Parade
 Dinner. 12.45.p.m.
 Parades (a) Syndicate 1.50.p.m.
 (b) School 2.p.m.
 Tea. 4.30.p.m.
 Roll Call 10.p.m.
 Lights Out. 10.30.p.m.

DRESS.

4. Drill Order with felt hats will be worn on all parades unless otherwise ordered. Respirators will be carried at all times.

5. No N.C.O. or man will leave the precincts of school without the permission of his syndicate commander, and if wishing to proceed more than 1 mile away will obtain pass signed by the Adjutant.

ALARM.

6. On alarm being sounded all ranks will fall in on school parade ground.

GENERAL.

7. Lines must be clean and kits arranged neatly by 8.20.a.m. Watches will be synchronised daily at 8.a.m.

J. H. Dell Lieut.,
 Adjutant,
 14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade School.

14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SCHOOL.

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR WEEK ENDING 23.6.18.

1st. Day.	8.30.-9.a.m.	Address by Commandant.
	9.a.m.-10a.m.	Drill. (a) Importance of as means to end. (b) Squad without arms. (c) Communicating Drill.
	10.15.-11.15. a.m. a.m.	P.T. & B.F.
	11.15.-12.15. a.m. p.m.	Elementary Musketry (a) Theory. (b) Care of Arms. (c) Aiming, Trigger pressing.
	12.15.-12.30. p.m. p.m.	March Past.
	2.p.m.-3.p.m.	Drill, squad without arms.
	3.p.m. 4.p.m.	Games.
2nd. Day.	8.30.-9.25. a.m. a.m.	Drill, squad without arms.
	9.30.a.m.to 10.25.a.m.	P.T. & B.F.
	10.30.-11.25. a.m. a.m.	Lewis Gun, principles and employment of - How to fire.
	11.30.-12.25. a.m. p.m.	Musketry (a) Rapid-loading, bolt drill. (b) Firing instruction. (c) Fire Orders.
	12.25.-12.30. p.m. p.m.	March past.
	2.p.m.-3.p.m.	Drill, squad without arms.
	3.p.m.-4.p.m.	Games.
	5.30.-6.30. p.m. p.m.	Lecture.
3rd. Day.	8.30.-9.25. a.m. a.m.	P.T. & B.F.
	9.30.-10.25. a.m. a.m.	Drill, squad without arms.
	10.30.-11.25. a.m. a.m.	Bombing (a) Types of Grenades and their uses.
	11.30.-12.35. a.m. p.m.	Musketry (a) Firing instructions. (b) Range Discipline.
	12.25.-12.30. p.m. p.m.	March Past.
	2.p.m.-3.p.m.	Drill, squad with arms.
	3.p.m.-4.p.m.	Games.

4th. Day.	8.30.-9.25. a.m. a.m.	Musketry (a) Rapid loading, bolt drill. (b) Firing instruction. (c) T.O. E.T.
	9.30.-10.25. a.m. a.m.	Drill, (a) Squad with arms.
	10.30.-11.25. a.m. a.m.	P.T. & B.F.
	11.30.-12.25. a.m. p.m.	Lewis Gun.
	12.30 p.m.	March Past.
	2 p.m.-3 p.m.	Extended Order Drill (a) Instruction. (b) Exercise.
	3 p.m.-4 p.m.	Games.
	5.30.-6.30. p.m. p.m.	Lecture (a) Employment of Lewis Gun. (b) Intelligence. (c) Bombing.
5th. Day.	8.30 a.m. to 9.25 a.m.	Musketry, Range practice.
	9.30.-10.25. a.m. a.m.	Drill, squad with arms.
	10.30.-11.25. a.m. a.m.	Bombing, Instruction in.
	11.30.-12.25. a.m. p.m.	P.T. & B.F.
	12.30 p.m.	March Past.
	2 p.m.-3 p.m.	Extended Order Drill (e.g) Use of ground.
	3 p.m.-4 p.m.	Games.
6th. Day.	8.30.-9.25. a.m. a.m.	Drill, squad with arms.
	9.30.-10.25. a.m. a.m.	Lewis Gun. T.O.E.T.
	10.30.-11.25. a.m. a.m.	P.T. & B.F.
	11.30.-12.25. a.m. a.m.	Musketry Range practice.
	12.30 p.m.	March Past.
	2 p.m.-3 p.m.	Extended Order Drill, Use of ground and Fire Orders.
	3 p.m.-4 p.m.	Games.
	5.30.-6.30. p.m. p.m.	Lecture, Co-operation of Tanks and Infantry by Tank Corps Officer.

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14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SCHOOL.
PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR WEEK ENDING 23.8.18.

1st. Day.	8.30.- 9.a.m.	Address by Commandant.
	9.a.m.-10a.m.	Drill. (a) Importance of ad means to end. (b) Squad without arms. (c) Communicating Drill.
	10.15.-11.15. a.m. a.m.	P.T. & B.F.
	11.15.-12.15. a.m. p.m.	Elementary Musketry (a) Theory. (b) Care of Arms. (c) Aiming, Trigger pressing.
	12.15.-12.30. p.m. p.m.	March Past.
	2.p.m.-3.p.m.	Drill, squad without arms.
	3.p.m. 4.p.m.	Games.
2nd. Day.	8.30.- 9.25. a.m. a.m.	Drill, squad without arms.
	9.30.a.m.to 10.25.a.m.	P.T. & B.F.
	10.30.-11.25. a.m. a.m.	Lewis Gun, principles and employment of - How to fire.
	11.30.-12.25. a.m. p.m.	Musketry (a) Rapid loading, bolt drill. (b) Firing instruction. (c) Fire Orders.
	12.25.-12.30. p.m. p.m.	March past.
	2.p.m.-3.p.m.	Drill, squad without arms.
	3.p.m.-4.p.m.	Games.
	5.30.-6.30. p.m. p.m.	Lecture.
3rd. Day.	8.30.-9.25. a.m. a.m.	P.T. & B.F.
	9.30.-10.25. a.m. a.m.	Drill, squad without arms.
	10.30.-11.25. a.m. a.m.	Bombing (a) Types of Grenades and their uses.
	11.30.-12.25. a.m. p.m.	Musketry (a) Firing instructions. (b) Range Discipline.
	12.25.-12.30. p.m. p.m.	March Past.
	2.p.m.-3.p.m.	Drill, squad with arms.
	3.p.m.-4.p.m.	Games.

4th. Day.	8.30.-9.25. a.m. a.m.	Musketry, (a) Rapid loading, bolt drill. (b) Firing instruction. (c) T.O. E.T.
	9.30.-10.25. a.m. a.m.	Drill, (a) Squad with arms.
	10.30.-11.25. a.m. a.m.	P.T. & B.F.
	11.30.-12.25. a.m. p.m.	Lewis Gun.
	12.30.p.m.	March Past.
	2.p.m.-3.p.m.	Extended Order Drill (a) Instruction. (b) Exercise.
	3.p.m.-4.p.m.	Games.
	5.30.-6.30. p.m. p.m.	Lecture (a) Employment of Lewis Gun. (b) Intelligence. (c) Bombing.
5th. Day.	8.30.a.m.to 9.25.a.m.	Musketry, Range practice.
	9.30.-10.25. a.m. a.m.	Drill, squad with arms.
	10.30.-11.25. a.m. a.m.	Bombing, Instruction in.
	11.30.-12.25. a.m. p.m.	P.T. & B.F.
	12.30.p.m.	March Past.
	3.p.m.-3.p.m.	Extended Order Drill.(e.g) Use of ground.
	3.p.m.-4.p.m.	Games.
6th. Day.	8.30.-9.25. a.m. a.m.	Drill, squad with arms.
	9.30.-10.25. a.m. a.m.	Lewis Gun. T.O.E.T.
	10.30.-11.25. a.m. a.m.	P.T. & B.F.
	11.30.-12.25. a.m. a.m.	Musketry Range practice.
	12.30.p.m.	March Past.
	2.p.m.-3.p.m.	Extended Order Drill, Use of ground and Fire Orders.
	3.p.m.-4.p.m.	Games.
	5.30.-6.30. p.m. p.m.	Lecture, Co-operation of Tanks and Infantry by Tank Corps Officer.

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7th. Day.	8.30.-9.25. a.m. a.m.	Musketry (a) Rapid loading, bolt drill. (b) Fire Discipline.
	9.30 a.m. to 10.25 a.m.	Drill, squad with arms.
	10.30.-11.25. a.m. a.m.	Bombing Instruction.
	11.30.-12.25. a.m. p.m.	P.T. & B.F.
	12.30 p.m.	March Past.
	2 p.m.-3 p.m.	Extended Order Drill, use of ground, fire orders and discipline.
	3 p.m.-4 p.m.	Games.

Appendix 10/10

14TH
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.No. 912/1798
Date 23.6.18SECRET.14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.WARNING ORDER.

1. (a). The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 8th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the right sub-sector of "O" Divisional Area on the night 26th/27th June.
(b). The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade on relief becomes Divisional Reserve and will take over present dispositions of 14th Australian Infantry Brigade.
2. The 55th Battalion will move into Line Right, 53rd Battalion into Line Left, 56th Battalion will be Support Battalion and 54th Battalion the Reserve Battalion.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

23rd. June, 1918.

53rd Battalion.
54th Battalion.
55th Battalion.
56th Battalion.
14th L.T.M.B.

H. P. H. Stanke Capt
for Major,
Brigade Major,
14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. G12/1858
Date. 26.4.18

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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 146.

Reference sheets:-
S&L N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000
Headquarters,
24th June, 1918.

1. (a). The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade in the right sub-sector of "C" Divisional Area on the night 26th/27th June.
- (b). Command of right sub-sector will pass to G.O.C. 14th A.I. Brigade on completion of relief.
- (c). The 8th A.I. Brigade on relief becomes Divisional Reserve and will take over present dispositions of 14th A.I. Brigade.
2. (a). The 55th Battalion will relieve 32nd Battalion in Line Right, and 53rd Battalion the 30th Battalion in Line Left. 56th Battalion and 54th Battalion will relieve 31st Battalion and 29th Battalion respectively in support and Reserve positions.
- (b). Brigade Headquarters will be located at J.I.C. 45.05.
- (c). Relieved Battalions of 8th A.I. Brigade will move into positions vacated by their reliefs.
3. Subject to the terms of this order arrangements for the relief and routes to be taken will be made direct between G.O.'s of Battalions concerned.
No movement will be made forward of the line running N. and S. through J.I.C. central before 10.30 p.m. Every precaution will be taken during the relief to prevent observation by the enemy.
4. Advance Parties will move forward on night 25th/26th inst.
5. Defence schemes, works policies and programmes will be taken over on relief.
6. All trench stores, ammunition, S.O.S. signals, shelters, General purpose and reserve rations will be taken over and the usual certificates therefor passed. A copy of the consolidated Handing Over and Taking Over Certificate will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by last D.R. on 27th inst.
7. Administrative instructions will be issued separately.
Completion of relief will be notified by the following Priority wire "G12/146 noted".
8. Acknowledge.

H.P.H. Mawke Capt
for Major,
Brigade Major,
14th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

APPENDIX 10

Issued through Signals at p.m. to:-

- | | <u>Copy No.</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 53rd Battalion. | 1. |
| 54th Battalion. | 2. |
| 55th Battalion. | 3. |
| 56th Battalion. | 4. |
| 14th L.T.M.S. | 5. |
| <u>Copies to:-</u> | |
| 5th Aust. Division. | 6. |
| 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade. | 7. |
| 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade. | 8. |
| 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade. | 9. |
| 25th M.G. Coy. | 10. |
| 14th M.G. Coy. | 11. |
| 14th Field Coy. A.E. | 12. |
| 14th Field Ambulance. | 13. |
| 8th Aust. Div. Artillery. | 14. |
| G.O.C. | 15. |
| Staff Captain. | 16. |
| War Diary. | 17-19. |
| File. | 20. |

Subject to the terms of this order arrangements for the relief and routes to be taken will be made direct between G.O.C. of battalions concerned.

No movement will be made forward of the line running N. and S. between 4.10 central sector 10.30 p.m. Every precaution will be taken during the relief to prevent observation by the enemy.

Advance parties will move forward on night 28th/29th inst.

Defence positions, work positions and programmes will be taken over on relief.

All trench stores, ammunition, S.O.S. signals, shelters, etc. and reserve positions will be taken over and the usual certificates therefor passed. A copy of the consolidated handing over and taking over certificates will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by last D.A. on 27th inst.

Administrative instructions will be issued separately.

Completion of relief will be notified by the following only wire "21/148 noted".

Acknowledged.

119th/120th/121st
 Major
 Major
 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade

14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM.

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 Issued with 14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.146.

Headquarters,
 24th June, 1918.

1. The 14th Brigade will relieve the 8th Brigade on the night of 26th/7th June.

2. All trench and area stores will be handed over in situ.

3. Tents and trench shelters will be exchanged between units. It must be distinctly understood that no tentage or trench covers are to be removed, tarpaulins or wagon covers, the property of units, may be removed.

3.(a). This Brigade has in possession 9 tents and 360 trench shelters distributed as follows:-

	2 Tents.	89 Trench Shelters.
53rd Bn.	2	89
54th Bn.	2	93
55th Bn.	2	87
56th Bn.	2	99
14th L.T.M.B.	-	11
14th Bde. H.Q.	1	1

(b). These will be handed over with the exception of tents and trench shelters in use at Q.M.'s. and Transport Lines which will be retained. Similarly tents and trench shelters held at 8th Bde. Q.M. and Transport Lines will not be handed over to this Brigade.

4. Reserves of Rations and Water.

All reserves of General Purpose Reserve and Supporting Point Rations will be handed over in situ. A separate receipt in triplicate will be received for reserves handed over, and a separate statement showing the exact amount of rations and water taken over together with references of dumps, will be rendered. Notices must be erected at all points where rations and water are stored showing the exact nature of each dump, stating when taken over.

If turned over while unit is in occupation of area information to this effect including date will be affixed to notice.

5. Transport. No extra transport will be provided for the move. Transport will make double trips where necessary in order to get material forward.

6. Transport Lines. Transport Lines will not move from present position.

7. Supplies. Refilling point has moved to H.10.d.7.5. Supplies will be issued 7.a.m. daily.

8. Receipts. Receipts and statements for all stores ^{handed and} taken over will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by last D.R. on 27th instant.

Note. Tents and trench shelters retained at Q.M. Stores and Transport Lines will be shown as both "Handed Over" and "Taken Over".

9. Certificates to the effect that areas were handed over in a clean and sanitary condition will be obtained from incoming units and will be forwarded to this office with other receipts.

W. J. Smythe
 Staff Captain 14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade. Captain,

Issued to recipients of
 14th A.I. Bde. Order No. 146.

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14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 147.

Reference.

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

Headquarters,
28th June, 1918.

1. During the night 28th/29th June 1918, it is proposed to re-emplac the 180 Gas Projectors now at K.19.c.l.O. and to discharge them on the r vines in K.25.d, the same night.
ZERO hour will be 2.a.m.
2. Lieut. S. J. WHITE, M.C., "Z" Special Coy. R.E. will be in charge of the operation.
3. The limits of direction of wind for safe discharge are from S.S.W. through W. to N.E. of a velocity not exceeding 10.m.p.h.
4. 56th Battalion will detail a carrying party of 1 Officer and 60 O.R. to report at J.24.d.7.5. (where C.T. meets road), at 11.30.p.m.
5. The following code words will be used in connection with the operation:-
 - RUST Operation will take place.
 - RUMP Operation cancelled.
 - REST Operation completed.
 - ROLL Operation did not take place.
6. (a). The attached tracing shows the area to be cleared of troops at the time of discharge, and that in which gas masks will be worn from ZERO minus 5 minutes to ZERO plus 15 minutes.
(b). The area to be vacated will be well clear of troops by ZERO minus 15 minutes until ZERO plus 30 minutes. On reoccupying same, troops will take all precautions to prevent surprise in case the enemy has occupied any of our posts.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE by wiro.

H. P. H. Stanke

Captain,
for Brigade Major,
14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

APPENDIX.

Issued through signals at.....p.m. to:-

	Copy No.
53rd Battalion.	1.
54th Battalion.	2.
55th Battalion.	3.
56th Battalion.	4.
14th L.T.M.B.	5.
Copies to:-	
5th Aust. Div.	6.
12th Aust. Inf. Bde.	7.
15th Aust. Inf. Bde.	8.
14th M.G. Coy.	9.
25th M.G. Coy.	10.
2nd. Aust. Div. Arty.	11.
"Z". Special Coy. R.E.	12.
G.O.C.	13.
Staff Captain.	14.
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Operation will take place.

Operation cancelled.

Operation completed.

Operation did not take place.

8. (a) The attached tracing shows the area to be cleared of troops at the time of discharge, and that in which gas masks will be worn from 2.30 minutes to 3.00 plus 15 minutes.

(b) The area to be vacated will be well clear of troops by 2.30 plus 15 minutes until 3.00 plus 30 minutes. On resupplying units, troops will take all precautions to prevent supplies in case the enemy has occupied any of our posts.

ACKNOWLEDGED by wire.

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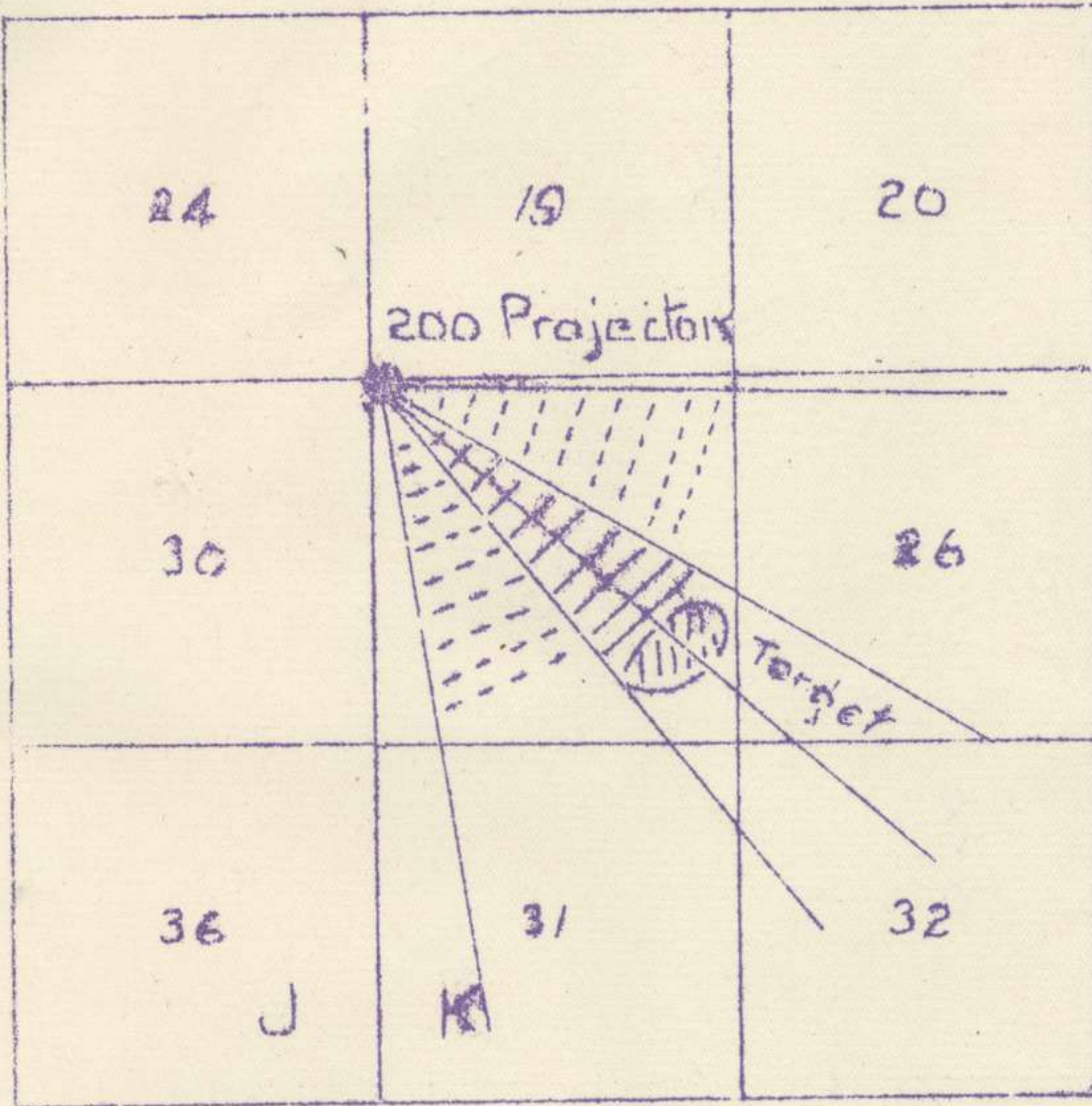
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Danger Area to be cleared

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Cautionary Area in which
masks are worn }

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14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 148.

Reference Map.
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Headquarters,
29th June, 1918.

1. The following operations will be carried out against enemy defences on night 29th/30th June.
 - (a). 200 gas projectors emplaced at K.7.c.2.5. will be discharged on sunken road S.W. MORLANCOURT at K.8.c.9.8.
 - (b). 96 gas projectors emplaced at K.19.c.1.0. will be discharge on the ravine in K.25.d.
2. ZERO hours will be
 - (a). 1.30.a.m.
 - (b). 2.15.a.m.
3. Lieuts. H.SIRANGE.M.C. and S.J.WHITE.M.C., "Z" Special Coy. R.E. will be in charge of operations.
4. Attached are Maps A. and B. shewing area to be cleared of troops at the time of discharge, and area in which gas masks will be worn from ZERO minus 5 minutes to ZERO plus 15 minutes. The area to be vacated will be clear of troops by ZERO minus 15 minutes until ZERO plus 30 minutes. Battalions concerned will take necessary precautions against any surprise or attempt by the enemy to occupy vacated position.
5. Following code words will be used in connection with the operations:-

CALL	Operations cancelled.
COVE	Operations will take place.
CATTLE	Operations completed.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE (Units by wire).

Everkel
Captain,
A/Brigade Major,
14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued through signals at.....p.m. to:-

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56th Battalion.	4.	
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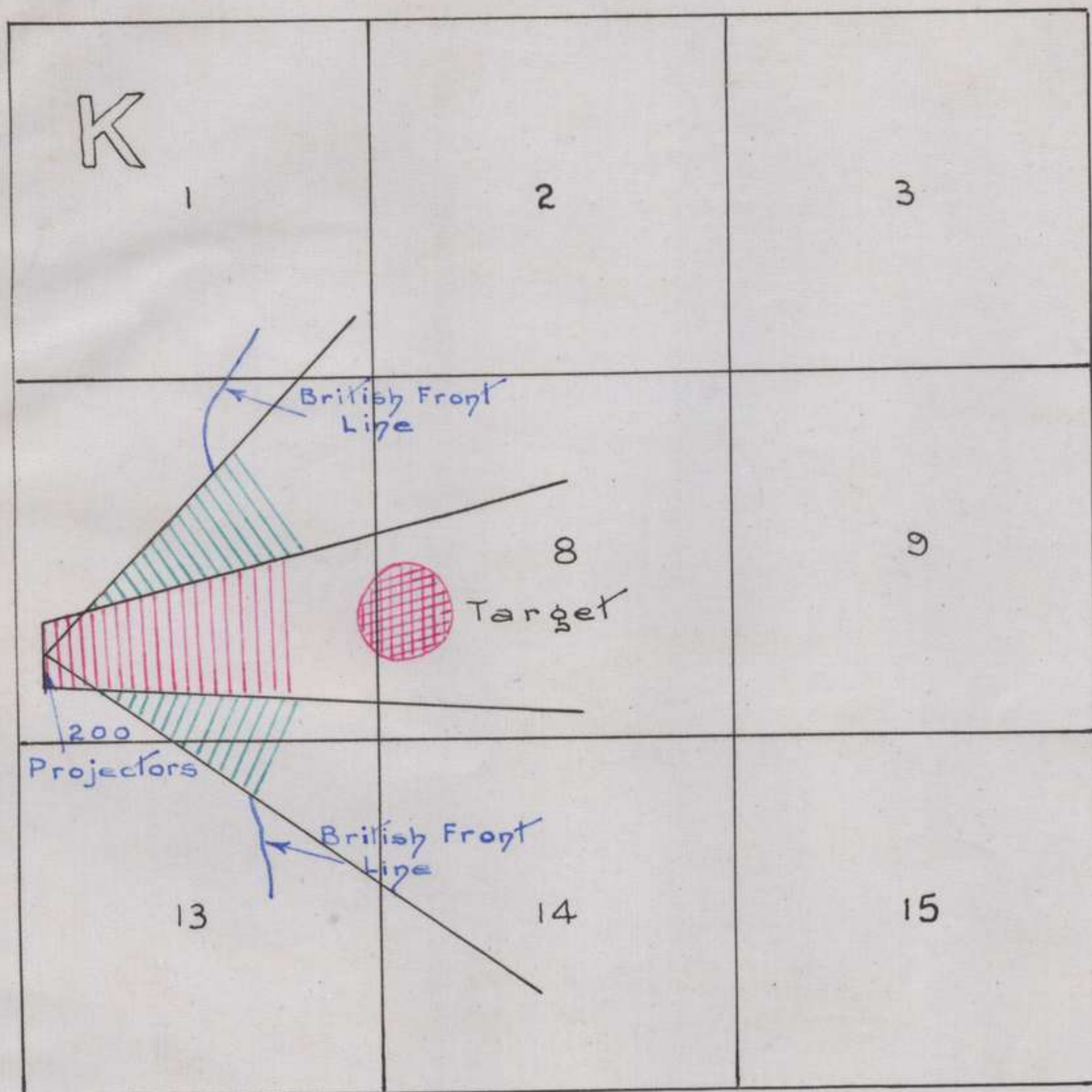
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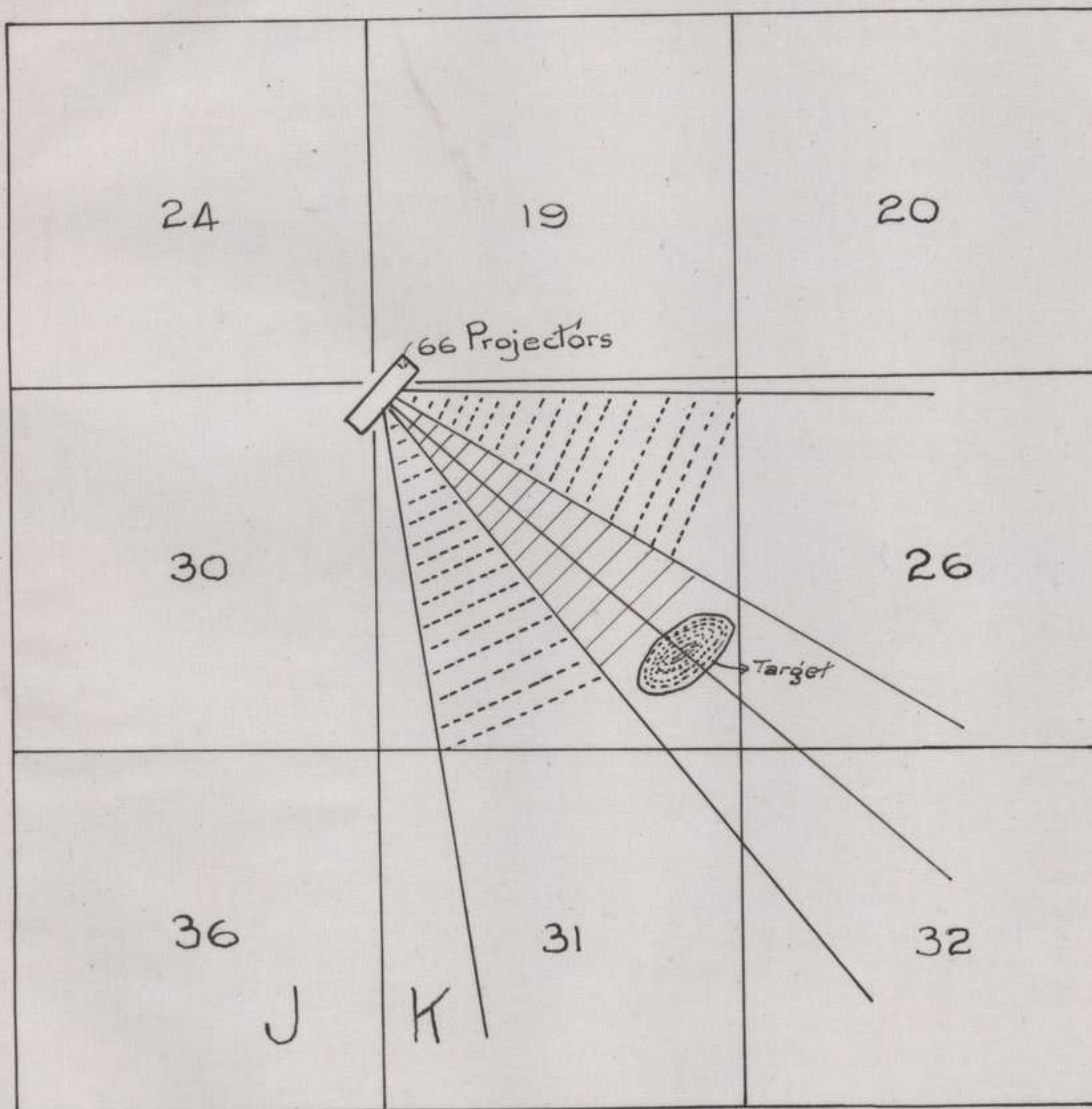
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14th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE SCHOOL.SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 30. 6. 18.

8th. Day. 24.6.18.	Morning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Bayonet Fighting. (Drill, Squad with arms. (Lewis Gun. (Musketry. (March Past.
	Afternoon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Extended Order Drill. (Games. (Lecture.
9th. Day. 25.6.18.	Morning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Physical Training. (Drill, Squad with arms. (Bombing. (Musketry. (March Past.
	Afternoon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Extended Order Drill. (Games.
10th. Day. 26.6.18.	Morning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Bayonet Fighting. (Drill, Squad with arms. (Lewis Gun. (Musketry. (March Past.
	Afternoon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Extended Order Drill. (Games. (Lecture.
11th. Day 27.6.18.	Morning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Drill, Squad with arms. (Physical Training. (Bombing. (Musketry. (March Past.
	Afternoon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Extended Order Work - Platoon attack. (Games.
12th. Day. 28.6.18.	Morning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Bayonet Fighting. (Drill. (Lewis Gun. (Musketry. (March Past.
	Afternoon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Platoon Attack. (Games. (Lecture.
13th. Day. 29.6.18.	Morning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Physical Training. (Drill. (Bombing. (Musketry. (March Past.
	Afternoon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Platoon Attack. (Games.
14th. Day. 30.6.18. (Sunday).	Morning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Church Parade.
	Afternoon.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Recreation.

Weekly Fighting Strength 14th Aust. Inftry. Brigade.

Week ending 1. 260 18.

Unit.	A. Total Strength excluding attached.		B. Not present with Unit and not at disposal of C.O. (included in Column A).		A. minus B. Available fighting strength including personnel of transport and stores.		C. Part. Trained and untrained		Particulars of Increase	Particulars of Decrease		
	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.				
53 rd Bn.	44	681	18	139	26	542			Reinfts absent from Unit but carried on fighting strength until returned. 32	Evacuations T.B. seconded 1		
54 th Bn.	45	725	19	175	26	550			11	Evacuations transferred wounded 10 4		
55 th Bn.	52	756	20	158	32	598			7 13	Reinfts ex Hospital 19 3		
56 th Bn.	37	768	12	176	25	592			1 28	Ex seconded Reinfts 1 28		
Total.	178	2930	69	648	109	2282			19 110	12 54		
54 th Bn.	Increase of Officers.								Decrease of Officers.			
	7Lt	A.W. When	(to Commissioned rank)						(seconded)			
	4Lt	J.A. Evans	(not yet seconded)						55 th Bn Lt. J.G. Murray			
	7Lt	N.J. Palmer	1 from A.D.R.W.						56 th Bn Major F.D.W. Dalley			
	7Lt	H. Gregor	(at A.D.R.W.)						Capt. G.A. Williamson M.C.			
	5Lt	O.C. Johns	(not yet seconded)						Lt. A.W. Grimley			
	5Lt	J. Seymour							Lt. J. Watt M.C. D.C.M.			
	7Lt	W.F. Harrison	(at A.D.R.W.)						Lt. A.A. Neagh			
56 th Bn	Capt	G.A. Williamson	M.C. (ex seconded)						Major G.B. Lucas			
									Lt. J. Bull			
									Lt. G.V. Bartlett			
									Lt. R.M. Wilson			
									Lt. R.F. Keogh			
									53 rd Bn Lt. W. McR. Smythe			

14th Aust. Infly. Brigade.

Weekly Fighting Strength.

Week ending 7. 26. 18.

Unit.	A. Total Strength excluding attached.		B. Not present with Unit and not at disposal of CO. Included in Column A1.		A. minus B. Available fighting strength including personnel of Bn transport and Q.M. Stores.		C. Part trained and Untrained		Particulars of Increase	Particulars of Decrease.			
	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.		O	O/R.		
53 rd Bn	36	728	4	73	32	655			from Sup. Hist. - Cadet Bn Reinfrs	1 63	Included in error previous returns Column A. - seconded wounded evacuations Retd. to Aust.	1 9 4 11 1	
54 th Bn	45	765	16	106	29	659			Transferred Evacuated - Hospital - T.B.	1 21 16 7	Evacuations seconded	1 5	
55 th Bn.	53	765	10	82	43	683			Evacuated - Hospital	1 23	wounded Evacuations	11 4	
56 th Bn	38	790	6	112	32	678			Evacuated - Reinfrs - Sick - wounded - Prisons - T.B.	1 15 22 18 1 1	wounded Evacuations knock off strength	25 8 2	
Total	172	3048	36	373	136	2675				5	189	11	71
Increase in Officers.				Decrease in Officers.									
53 rd Bn	Sr.	W. Waite m.c.	from Sup. Hist. (wounded).		53 rd Bn.	capt	W. Smith	seconded					
	Plt.	L.A. Young	.. Cadet Bn			Plt.	J. Cooke						
54 th Bn	Major	F.V. Buckley	.. 60 th Bn.			Plt.	A. Elliot m.c.						
55 th Bn.	Plt.	J.M. Cochrane	.. Cadet Bn			Plt.	R. Anslow						
56 th Bn	Sr.	A.H. Grimley	.. Seconded (wounded)			Plt.	A.H. Pettifer						
						Plt.	W. Lambertson						
						Plt.	W.S. Selders m.c.						
						Plt.	J. Pinson						
						Plt.	V.P. Barkell 2CM.						
					54 th Bn	Plt.	A.T. Sullivan						

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Weekly Fighting Strength.

week ending 14.6.18.

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Unit.	Total Strength excluding attached.		B. Not present with unit and not at disposal of C.O. (included in column A).		A. minus B. Available fighting strength including personnel of transport and stores.		C. Part. Trained and Untrained.		Particulars of Increase.	Particulars of Decrease.			
	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.		O.	O/R.		
53 rd Bn.	36	743	6	87	30	656			Reinfts	23	Evacuations Transf. to 54 th Bn. Sentenced to 5 yrs P.S.	6 1 1	
54 th Bn.	39	782	5	111	34	671			Ex Hosp wounded T.B. Transferred Reinfts.	11 13 1 2 1	Seconded Evacuations Transferred Ill get absentee	8 6 3 1	
55 th Bn.	55	760	12	77	43	683			Ex Base	2	Evacuations Transferred Absentees	15 1 4	
56 th Bn.	38	823	8	111	30	712			Transfer Reinfts Ex wounded + sick	1 8 27	Evacuations	3	
Total.	168	3108	31	386	137	2722				4		841	
Increase in Officers.										Decrease in Officers.			
54 th Bn.	Capt. E. B. Shaw				54 th Bn.				54 th Bn.	Lt. J. A. Evans Seconded.		Lt. J. G. Holden Seconded.	
	Mk. J. Chester				Reinfts					" Lt. W. W. Winkertons "		" J. C. R. Small "	
55 th Bn.	Capt. N. G. W. Brown				Ex Base					" A. C. Ashman "			
"	Lt. L. V. Horniman									" W. Brewer "			
										" O. B. Ferris "			
										" W. L. Palmer "			

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Weekly Fighting Strength

Week ending 21. 18. 1960

Unit.	A. Total strength excluding attached (included in Column A).		B. Not present with unit and not at disposal of C.O. (included in Column A).		A minus B Available fighting strength (including personnel of B.M. Stores)		C. Part trained and untrained		Particulars of Increase.	Particulars of Decrease.					
	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.		O.	O/R.				
									Reinfts	0	O/R.		0	O/R.	
53 rd Bn.	38	742	9	222	29	520				2	18	Evacuations wounded Cadet Bn		15 2 2	
54 th Bn	39	792	13	222	26	570			Reinfts Transf. from 5 th M.G. Bn	2	26	Secounded Evacuations Cadet Bn wounded	2	15 1 1	
55 th Bn	56	777	24	189	32	588			Reinfts	1	24	Evacuations Cadet Bn		6 1	
56 th Bn	39	832	15	233	24	599			Reinfts	1	21	Transf. to 3 rd Pioneer Bn Prison Illegal Deserter Evacuations		1 2 1 8	
	172	3143	61	866	111	2277				6	90		2	55	
Increase of Officers.									Decrease of Officers.						
53 rd Bn.	1 Lt.	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	54 th Bn.	1 Lt.	16	16	16	16	16
	1 Lt.	16	16	16	16	16	16	16		1 Lt.	16	16	16	16	16
54 th Bn	1 Lt.	16	16	16	16	16	16	16		1 Lt.	16	16	16	16	16
55 th Bn	1 Lt.	16	16	16	16	16	16	16		1 Lt.	16	16	16	16	16
56 th Bn	1 Lt.	16	16	16	16	16	16	16		1 Lt.	16	16	16	16	16

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Weekly Fighting Strength.

Week ending 28/6/18

Unit.	A		B		A minus B.		C		Particulars of Increase.	Particulars of Decrease.		
	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.	O.	O/R.		O.	O/R.	
	Total strength excluding attached.		not present with unit and not at disposal of C.O. included in A.		Available fighting strength (including personnel of Bn transport and A.M. stores).		Part trained and untrained.					
53 rd Bn.	38	732	11	217	27	515			Reinfts.	12	wounded & evacuations	20
54 th Bn.	43	771	16	243	27	528			to Host. O.T.C.	1	evacuations	24
									wounded & Reinfts	1		
55 th Bn.	56	774	26	190	30	584			to Base	3	wounded & evacuations	22
											14 th T. B.	2
56 th Bn.	39	827	14	253	25	574			to Seconded transferred Reinfts	1	Seconded transferred	1
										10	suppl. & evacuations	12
	176	3104	67	903	109	2201				529		168.
Increase of Officers.										Decrease of Officers		
54 th Bn.	Lt.	J. Seymour	Ex Host.	21/6/18.					56 th Bn	Lt. A.M. Whetton	(Seconded)	18/6/18.
	Lt.	A.F. Fraser	O.T.C.	24/6/18.								
	Lt.	R.W.S. Suckerman	Reinfts	26/6/18.								
	Lt.	H.S. Wright	"	26/6/18.								
56 th Bn.	Lt.	A.F. Keogh	Seconded	26/6/18.								
			Lt.									

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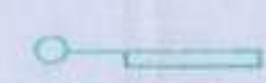



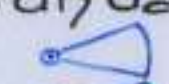
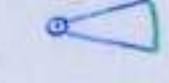
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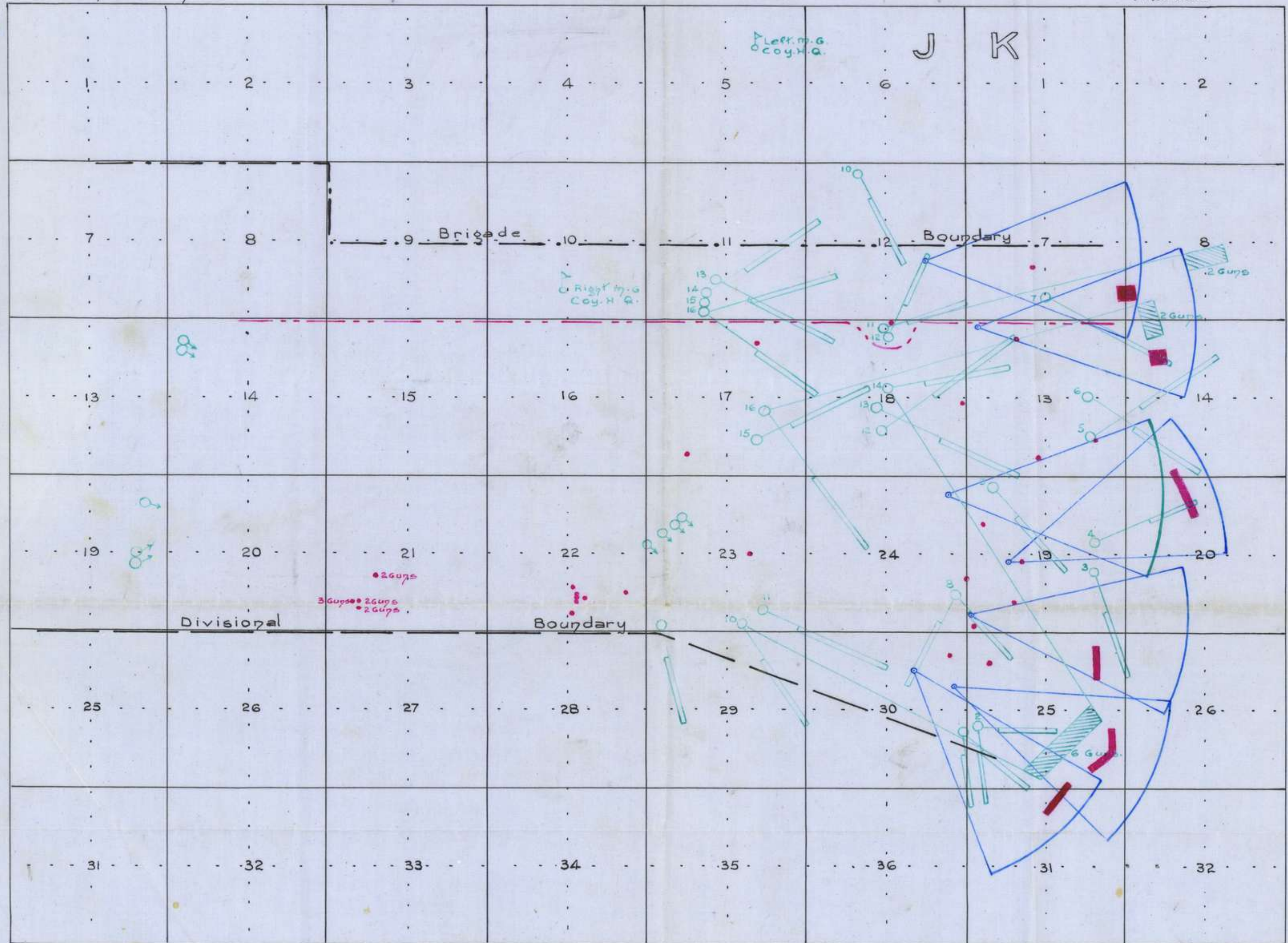
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Anti-Aircraft Lewis Guns	•	Vickers machine Guns	
6 in. Newton mortars	○	V. M. G. S. O.S. Line	
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	—	Reserve Gun	

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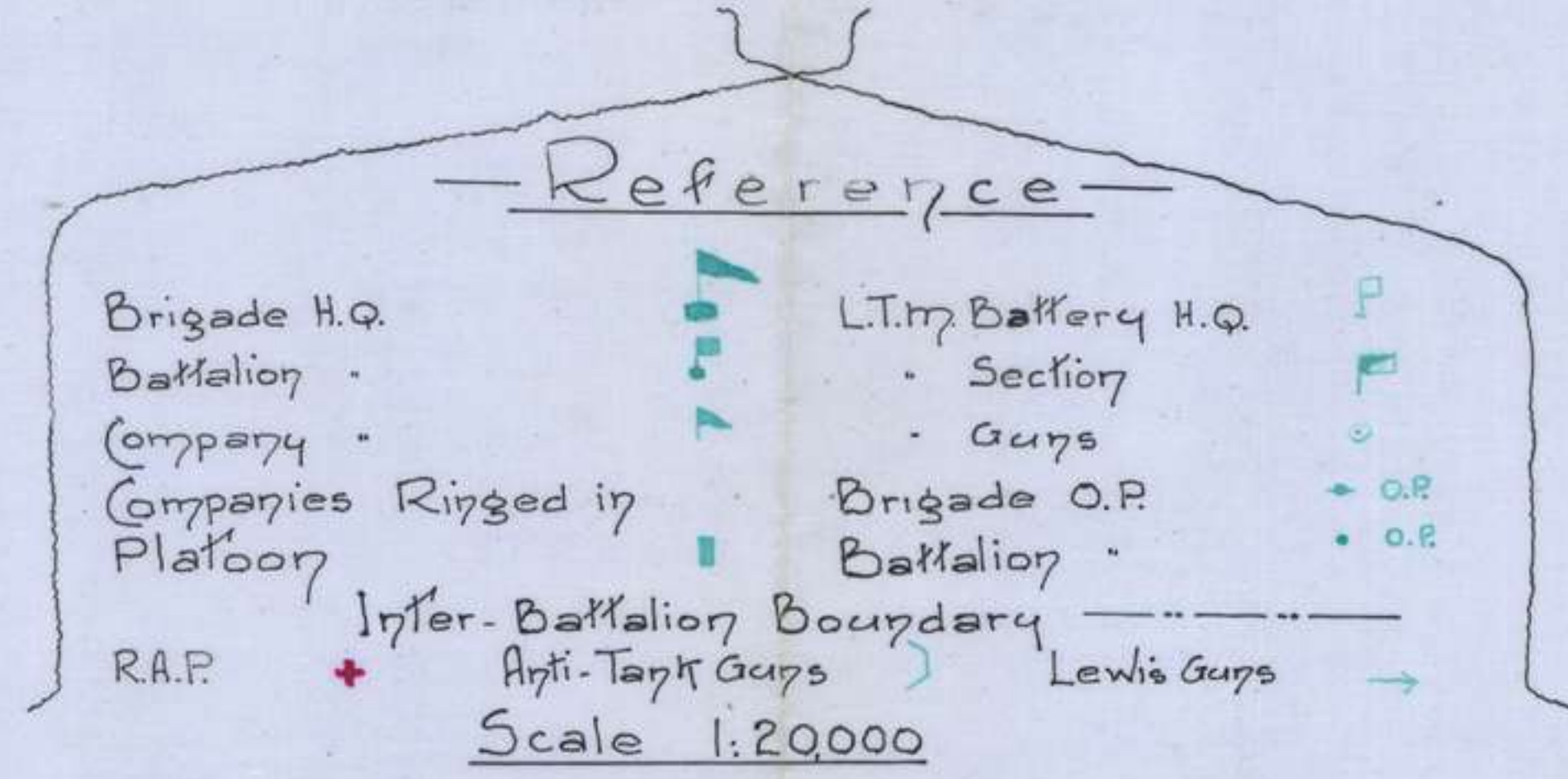
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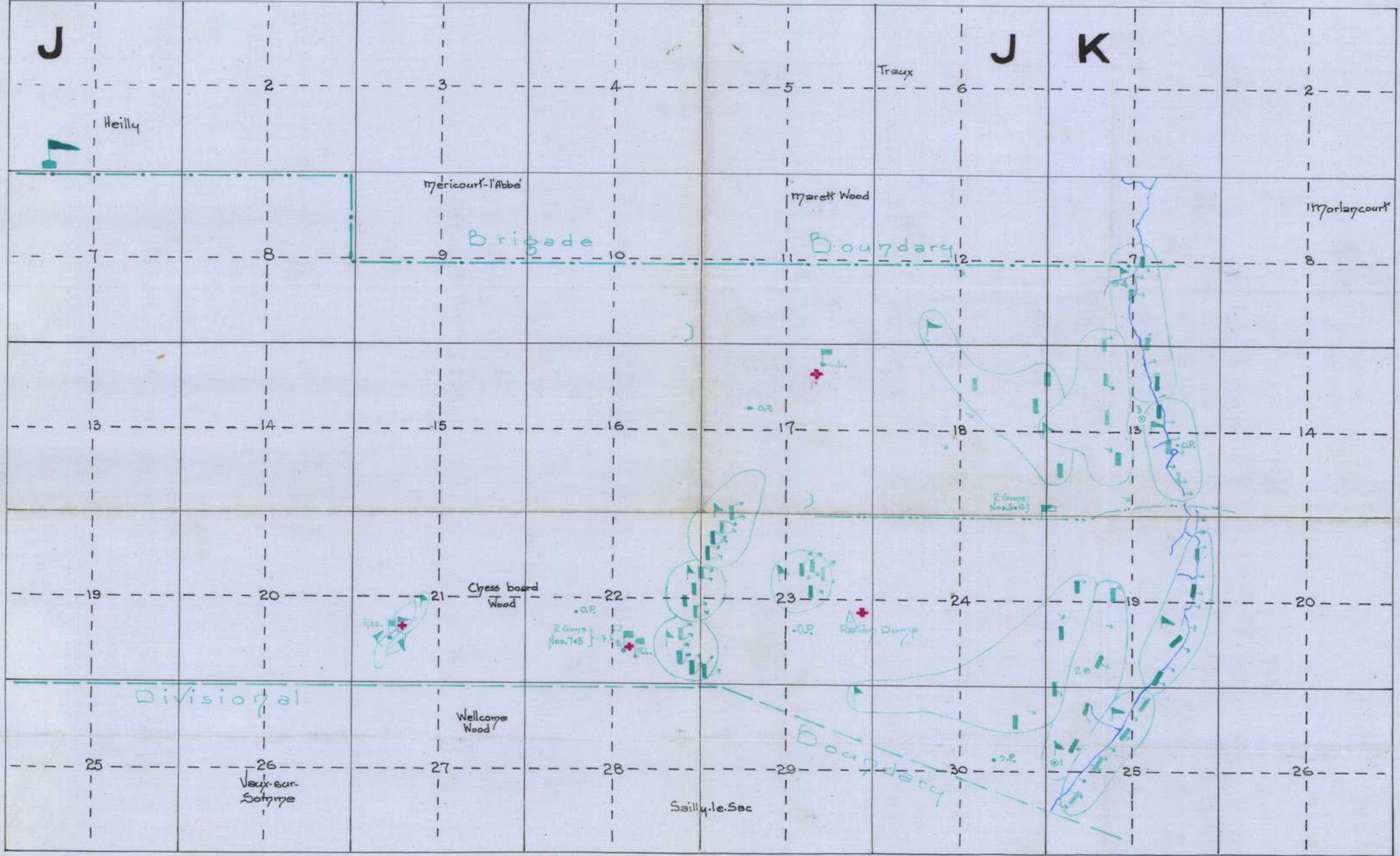
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The first half of the month was spent at QUEMARRILLU as Corps Reserve.

During this period a syllabus of work was carried out including refitting, organising and training. Reconnaissance was also made of the areas in which we might be called upon to operate.

In King's Birthday Honours Gazette, Captain BROCK was awarded a "Mention in Despatches" and Sgt. A. T. McLEAN was awarded the D.C.M.

On June 16th we moved to LA MOUSSOYE into Divisional Reserve.

Training was continued and reconnaissance made of reserve lines of defence also the 8th and 15th Brigade areas.

On June 26th relieved the 8th A.L.T.M. Battery in right Brigade Sector of 5th Divnl. front S.E. of MORLANCOURT. Dispositions 4 guns in line on 3250 yd. front, 2 in close support and 2 in reserve.

Enemy Machine Gun fire very active. In co-operation with infantry patrols and acting on information gained by them, a system of "strafing" machine guns and snipers posts has been carried out with considerable success.

Our casualties 2 Other Ranks wounded.

(Sgd) K. H. BROCK, Capt.,
D.C.M., 14th. A.L.T.M.B.