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OF

2ND AUST. PIONEER BATT.

FOR

OCTOBER 1918.

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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

2nd Aust

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7th Pioneer Battalion

OCT. 1918

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|-------------|------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| SOMME AREA. | OCT. | | Battalion moved into camp at TEMPLEUX-LE-CERARD | app 1 |
| | 1 | | Map Ref L.9.a 3.2. (sheet 62c) | |
| | 2 | | A Coy. employed on repairs and improvements at DIV. HQ | app 2 |
| | | | L.3. of 2.8. B.C. and O coys. employed on Forward Roads & Tracks | |
| | | | 3 OR's to hosp. sick | |
| | 3 | | Boys employed as above. Bn moved into camps in vicinity of NAUROY (as Deseronaal Reserve for operations pending) | app 3 |
| | | 2 K.I.A. 11 wounded. 1 missing wholly employed on Forward Work. | | |
| 4 | | Bn came under Orders of C.O.C. and took over line from 38th British Infy Bde (1st month) and 4th Lieut's | app 4 | |
| | | 2 from hosp. 5 to hosp. sick 1 OR. accidentally injured | | |
| 5 | | Bn in operations ATTACK on MONTBREHAIN. | app 4 | |
| | | K.I.A. 17 OR's D.O.W. 2 OR's 6 Officers and 81 OR's wounded | | |
| | | 1 Officer and 1 OR wounded and P.O.W. Prisoners captured from enemy 8 officers 327 OR's material captured incl. - incl. one H. 2. Howitzer and numbers of MG's | | |
| 6 | | In 35-32 Sgt. Read E.F. M.M. awarded Croix-de-Guerre was unfortunately K.I.A. on day of award. Bn reformed in line by 118th Infy Regt of 30th American Div. & returned to NAUROY | | |
| | | Bn moved from NAUROY camps to camps at L.9.a 3.2. | | |
| | | Capt. Roth M.C. and C.Q.M.S. Black wounded (and evacuated) by H.V. shells in camp. | | |

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

From 1st to 12th Oct 1918

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|------------|-------|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| SOMME AREA | OCT 7 | | <p>By marched to ROSIEL and entrained for ST ROCH Transport provided to TINCOURT and entrained for VICINACOURT Remains of transport provided by Regt. Stages to VAUX. 3 from Hosp. Band informed at ROSIEL</p> | app 5 |
| | 8 | | <p>By arrived ST ROCH about 2 pm and marched to Bullets at PERNOIS arriving at 9.15 am Train transport etc. handed at VICINACOURT and arrived at PERNOIS at 5 pm (approx)</p> | |
| | 9 | | <p>Looking down on Bullets, Regt. Police detailed for Patrol of Bullets and Area generally Lt. Dewey to UK on leave. Capt. Stewart to UK on D. duty. By transport informed By 5 from Hosp sick.</p> | |
| | 10 | | <p>Inspection of all Corps + Depts, Returns of equipment etc, lost information furnished to B.H.Q. and Bullets on DADOS prepared. By Report on Operations in line at MONTBREHAIN completed and forwarded to C.O.C. 6th A.I. Bde. Capt. Phelton + Lt. Robinson to ITALY on leave 6 from Hosp sick</p> | |
| | 11 | | <p>Repairs to Bullets and general cleaning up of Area 3 to Hosp sick</p> | |
| | 12 | | <p>By resting, Repairs to clothing and Boots, General leave given for 30th Area</p> | |

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2nd Aust INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. Pioneer Bn

OCT 1918

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| SOMME AREA | 13 | | Church Service (Memorial Service) Lt Clarke to UK leave 1 from Corp. | |
| | 14 | | Training commenced in accordance with syllabus → app 6 Capt G. Patterson appointed from Major P. E. P. 015 Capt. A. Brown M.C. from seconded list & other ranks from Corp. | |
| | 15 | | Boys training, courses of instruction in signalling and Marking Guns commenced, 1 from Corp, 1 to Corp. | |
| | 16 | | Bn Route March. Lt. Bartley to UK on leave 2/47 Hyett from reinforcements Lt Jenkins to NICE on leave. 50 R from Corp 2 OR to Corp. | |
| | 17 | | Training. 3 to Corp. 10 R increase by transfer | |
| | 18 | | Training Capt. Kertham from leave. 3 to Corp and | |
| | 19 | | Route March. Major King to UK on leave. Award of M.M. to No 1047 Sgt. Lidge, No 1039 Sgt. Howell and No 579 Private Gains. Lt. Brown M.C. and 7 OR from Corp 2 OR on transfer to O.T.C. 1 to A.F.C. + 1 to 1st Div | |

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| SOMME AREA | OCT | | | |
| | <u>20</u> | | Church Parade Lt Travis ^{MC} to UK on leave | |
| | <u>21</u> | | Training | |
| | <u>22</u> | | Training | |
| | <u>23</u> | | Route March. Lecture to Lt Col on Map Reading and Field Sketching by Capt. A. Herwin MC. 1 on transfer to A.P.C. 2 from Hospital. | |
| | <u>24</u> | | Training 3 to Hosp. 2 to A.I.B.D. 1 from Hosp | |
| | <u>25</u> | | Training. Lt Col on practical work Map Reading 5 from Hosp 3 to Hosp sick | |
| | <u>26</u> | | Route March. Lt Col on practical MC Capt Robinson & Lt Robinson from leave to Jenkins from NICE. | |
| | <u>27</u> | | Church Parade, to Hosp sick | |
| | <u>28</u> | | Training, 1 to Hosp sick | |
| | <u>29</u> | | Training, Lecture by Dir Intelligence Officer on "Intelligence" | |
| | <u>30</u> | | Training, Lt Jenkins to UK on leave | |
| | <u>31</u> | | Training, Lecture by Dir Intelligence Officer | |

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WAR DIARY APPENDIX

OF

2ND AUST. PIONEER BN

FOR

OCTOBER 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject. |
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| <u>1</u> | Movement Order re Bn move to TEMPLEUX-LE-GERARD. |
| <u>2</u> | by Commanders Reports on Forward Road Work for 2nd and 3rd Oct. |
| <u>3</u> | Movement Order re Bn move to NAUROY. |
| <u>4</u> | Operation & Administrative Orders, Ref. taking over Line and attack on MONTBREHAIN with MAP, Report of Operation forwarded by 6TH AIB Co, also narrative of Bde re Bn part in operations, and letter from G.O.C 2 nd Aust. Division |
| <u>5</u> | Movement Order no 37 Parts 1 & 2 re Bn move into Rest Area. |
| <u>6</u> | Syllabus of Training for month Oct. |
| <u>7</u> | Veterinary Officers Report |
| <u>8</u> | Q.M. Report for month |
| <u>9</u> | T.O's Report for month |

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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| <u>10</u> | Disciplinary cases for month. |
| <u>11</u> | Casualties for month. |
| <u>12</u> | RMO's Health Report. |
| <u>13</u> | Report on Recreation Facilities in Post Area. |

C. Stammers
capt

To A.B.C.D. Coys. T.O. Q.M. R.S.M.

No. 93. 1:10:18.

In Continuation of our OI of even date. Route now LONGAVESNES.
 ROSIEL - RED ROAD . Starting Point at D.23.b.86. times as follows:-
 H.Qrs. 11.5 a.m.
 D.Coy 11.15 a.m.
 C.Coy. 11.25 a.m.
 B.Coy. 11.35 a.m.
 A.Coy. 11.45 a.m.
 Coy. transport to move with Coys. Lewis Guns and crews to be ready
 for immediate action against E.A. O,C,A,Coy to detail 2 Lewis
 Gunners for duty with H.Qrs.transport. R.S.M. to arrange for L.G.
 from A. Coy. limber for H.Qrs.transport.

B.H.Q. *app.*
 8.15 a.m.,

(Signed) G.B.Patterson *Captn. G. B. Patterson*

To A.B.C.D.Coys. T.O. Q.M. B.L.G.O.

No. 01. 1:19:18.

Battalion will move to TEMPLUX - LE.-GERARD.this morning via HAMEL -ROISEL. Lt. Olfen and an Officer and N.C.O.per Coy. to leave present camps at 8 a.m. for TEMPLUX-LE-GERARD to choose camp sites.Starting times as follows:-

H.Qrs. 9 a.m.
 D.Coy. 9.10 a.m.
 C.Coy 9.20 a.m.
 B.Coy. 9.30 a.m.
 A.Coy. 9.40 a.m.

Transport to move independently. Cookers with Coys.Dry weather tracks along side main roads to be used where possible. Completion of move reports to B.H.Q. Normal distances as previously laid down to be kept on march.

B.H.Q.
 4.30 a.m.

(Signed) G.B.Patterson.

app:

G.B.Patterson

APPENDIX /

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 222.

Copy No.11.

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

1. The division will move to assembly ~~point~~ areas on the 1st. October 1918. in accordance with attached table.
2. Moves will by Brigade Groups as at present constituted.
3. Normal distances will be maintained . Wherever possible dry-weather tracks alongside the main raods will be used.
4. Representatives from D.H.Q. and From Brigade Groups will proceed forward tomorrow morning to reconnoitre bivouac areas.
5. Move of D.H.Q. will be carriedout in accordance with orders ot be issued later.
6. Acknowledge.(Bdes. by wire).

(Signed) C.G.Miles Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff.
Second Australian Division.

7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Copy No.8.

Order No. 226.Headquarters.
October 1st. 1918.Reference Map Sheet 62 C.N.E. 1/20,000.

In continuation of Brigade Warning Order of 30th. September 1918.-

1. (a) The 7th. A.I. Brigade Group will move to assembly areas in vicinity of TEMPLEUX-LE-GERARD on October 1st. 1918., in accordance with attached table.
(b) The 5th. A.I. Brigade Group is moving to the vicinity of HARGICOURT, and the 6th. A.I. Brigade Group to South West of VILLERET.
2. Bivouac areas are being reconnoitered by an Officer from Brigade Headquarters this morning, and will be notified to units as soon as possible.
3. Transport will accompany Units. Mobile Echelon will move with Brigade Headquarters.
4. Normal Distances will be maintained. Wherever possible, dry weather tracks alongside the main road will be used.
5. Units will report arrival and location of H.Q. to Brigade headquarters.
6. Brigade Headquarters will close at present location at 11 a.m. October 1st., and open at the same hour at new Headquarters (to be notified).

Acknowledge.

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(Signed) K. Lee. Major, Brigade Major,
7th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.WARNING ORDER.Reference Map Sheet 62 C. 1/400,000.

1. The 7th. A.I. Brigade Group will move forward tomorrow October 1st. 1918. All units will be ready to move from present positions after 8 a.m.
2. The immediate role of the 2nd. Australian Division is dependent on the success of the operations of the 3rd. and 5th. Australian Divisions.
The 2nd. Australian Division may either -
 - (a) Relieve the 5th. Australian Division tomorrow night October 1st./2nd.,
 - (b) Move forward to support Divisional area tomorrow October 1st.
 In the event of (a) the 7th. A.I. Brigade will be reserve Brigade.
In the event of (b), the 7th. A.I. Brigade Group will move probably to the TEMPLEUX-LE-GUERARD area.
3. (a) In either case, Units will occupy trench systems, bivouacs, or dugouts.
(b) Advance parties, mounted or cyclists, will be held ready to move forward to new area as soon as definite information is obtained.
4. Blankets will be taken forward by units of the Brigade to the new area.
5. Transport will accompany Units.
6. In the event of the 2nd. Australian Division going into the line, it is anticipated that it will carry out an operation within 24 hours after taking over.
7. Acknowledge.
8. Advance parties of the 7th. Brigade Group will meet Major F.H. BERRYMAN, 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery (Attached 7th. A.I. Bde H.Q.) at western edge of TEMPLEUX -le- GERARD, at L.2.c.6.4. at 9 a.m. on October 1st. 1918.

(Signed) K. Lee , Major, Brigade Major,
7th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 224.

Ref. Map.- WIANCOURT.-
Sheet 1/20,000.

1. The 2nd. Australian Division. will attack the enemy on a date and at an hour to be notified.

2. The 5th. A.I.Bde. will attack on the right and the 7th. A.I.Bde. on the left; one Battalion of the 6th. A.I.Bde. will be placed under the tactical control of the G.O.C. 5th. A.I.Bde. as a reserve; the remainder of the 6th. A.I.Bde. will be held in readiness after zero to take over the right portion of the 5th. A.I.Bde. front if necessary.

The 6th. Aust. Field Coy. and 2nd. Aust. Pioneer Battalion will be employed directly under the C.R.E.

(Signed) C.G.C.Miles.
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

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APPENDIX 2

COMPANY REPORTS ON FORWARD ROAD WORK ETC. DURING
OPERATIONS 2nd. & 3rd. OCTOBER 1918.

APPENDIX 2

GENERAL REPORT.

Road from NAUROY to main road H.7.a. passable for traffic (without shell fire.)

Road from NAURY G.6.d.4.7. A deviation & gradient being cut owing to stranded tank in sunken road on to FOLEROPRISE FARM. Heavy shelling was encountered at this point but the work pushed on to main road at B.2.5.d.

Road at ESTREES H.2.a.9.4. to MINT COPSE was put in order. M.G. fire being troublesome at N.W. of ESTRESSY & heavy shell fire at junction of roads at 25.d.

The general conduct of all ranks was excellent in spite of shell and M.G. Fire.

2 Men Killed.

1 Man believed killed.

8 Men Wounded.

1 Officer Wounded.

(signed) E.E. King Major.

O.C. D. Company.

P.S. Tank obstruction at Road Junction NAUROY G.12.a.6.4. Urgent removal necessary.

WORK REPORT.

Road from NAUROY G.12.a.6.4. to G.6.d.4.7. A gradient having to be done at this point owing to Tank obstruction in SUNKEN ROAD to G.6.b.-H.1.a.-b.25.c.- b 25.d.6.8. passable for traffic. From ESTREES H.2.a.9.4. to B. 25.d.b.a. to B.19.c.0.7. This road passable for Motor traffic but under observation and heavily shelled. Hours worked on job. 5½ hours.

Men employed 135

Officers 5

Main ESTREES Road at H.2.c.2.9. also at H.1.d.65.25. Heavily shelled and in vicinity of FOLEROPRISE FARM.

All roads worked on will be patrolled and maintained as considerable work is still required.

(Signed) E.E. King Major.

WORK REPORT.

For 24 Hours ending 5 p.m. 3:10:18.

| Place or Location. | O.C. | No. of men | No. of hrs. | Nature & Progress of Work | Remarks |
|---|---------------|------------|-------------|--|--|
| From G.3.d.8.2. to G.9.b.9.7. to G10.a.0.4. to G10.a.2.2. to G10.a.4.1. | Capt. Dimant. | 105 | 6 | Constructing dry weather track for light traffic, filling in shell holes, trenches etc. Filling & ramping over light rail. way & generally making track passable for such traffic. | Track can now be used for light traffic. N.B. This report has not yet been given to C.R.E. |

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(Signed) Ivan Dimant Capt.
O.C. B. Company.

COMPANY REPORTS ON FORWARD ROAD WORK ETC. DURING OPERATIONS

2nd. & 3rd. OCTOBER 1918.

APPENDIX

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| A. Company | | Progress Report | | Ending | 3:10:18. |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|
| Place or Location. | Officer i/c. | No of men. | Hours Worked. | Nature and Progress of Work. | Remarks. |
| L.3 & 2.8 Div. H.Q. | Lt. Edwards 1st. Shift | 140 | 6 | Clearing out quarters for Div. H.Q. Improving Sanitation. 1 latrine complete 2 others 50% Complete. | About 60 yds. of wide dugout (9' wide) cleared of 1 foot of debrus and rubbish. Entrances improved. |
| | Lt. Bide. 2nd. | | 1st. | Construction of Mess & Cookhouse. Cookhouse 50% complete. Excavation for Mess 50% complete. | |
| | Lt. Rich. 3rd. | | | Work commenced at 8p.M. on 1:10:18 and was continuous till 8 p.m. on 2:10:18 up to which time this report is made | |

(Signed) H.C. Roth. Capt.
O.C. A. Coy.

"C" Company.

Progress Report for 24 hours ending 5p.m. 3:10:18.

| Place of Location. | Officer i/c. | No. of men. | Hours Worked | Nature and Progress of Work. | Remarks. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|--|----------|
| H.7.b.1.8. to B.27.a.9.0 | Capt. Ahlston. | 123 | 6 | 2500 yards of road repaired and made fit for all traffic. | |
| H.27.b.1.8. to H.9.C.90.75. | " | " | " | 2000 yards of road repaired and made fit for all traffic. | |

(Signed) A.C. Ahlston. Capt.
O.C. Coy.

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To. A.B. Coys. | T.O. Q.M.
CD.
No.040. 3:10:18.

H.Qrs. A. and B. Coys will move forward to following locations:-

- H.Qrs. G.18.c.59.
- A.Coy. G.17.d. and G.18.c.3.6.
- B.Coy. Trench system S.E. of A. Coy.

Transport at G.17.d. 5.2. approx.
H.Qrs. and Coys. to move via BLACK RD. Transport via RED RD.
Completion of moves B.H.Q.

B.H.Q.
5 p.m.

(Signed) G.B.Patterson.

Captn G.B. Patterson

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APPENDIX 3

SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

Administrative Order No 39
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PRISONERS OF WAR will be taken over from BATTALION escorts
 at Road Junctions JOHCOURT H.S.b.4.1. and H.S.c.3.2.
 (receipts to be obtained for P.O.W.)

WATER ARRANGEMENTS. Each section will carry 2 petrol tins of water
 in addition to full water bottles.

TOOLS. Shovels will be carried at the proportion of 1 per 3 men.

AMMUNITION RESERVE will be at BATTALION HEADQUARTERS AT H.10.a.1.3.

C. P. Sturmer Capt & Adj.
 for C.O., 2nd Aust Pioneer Battalion.

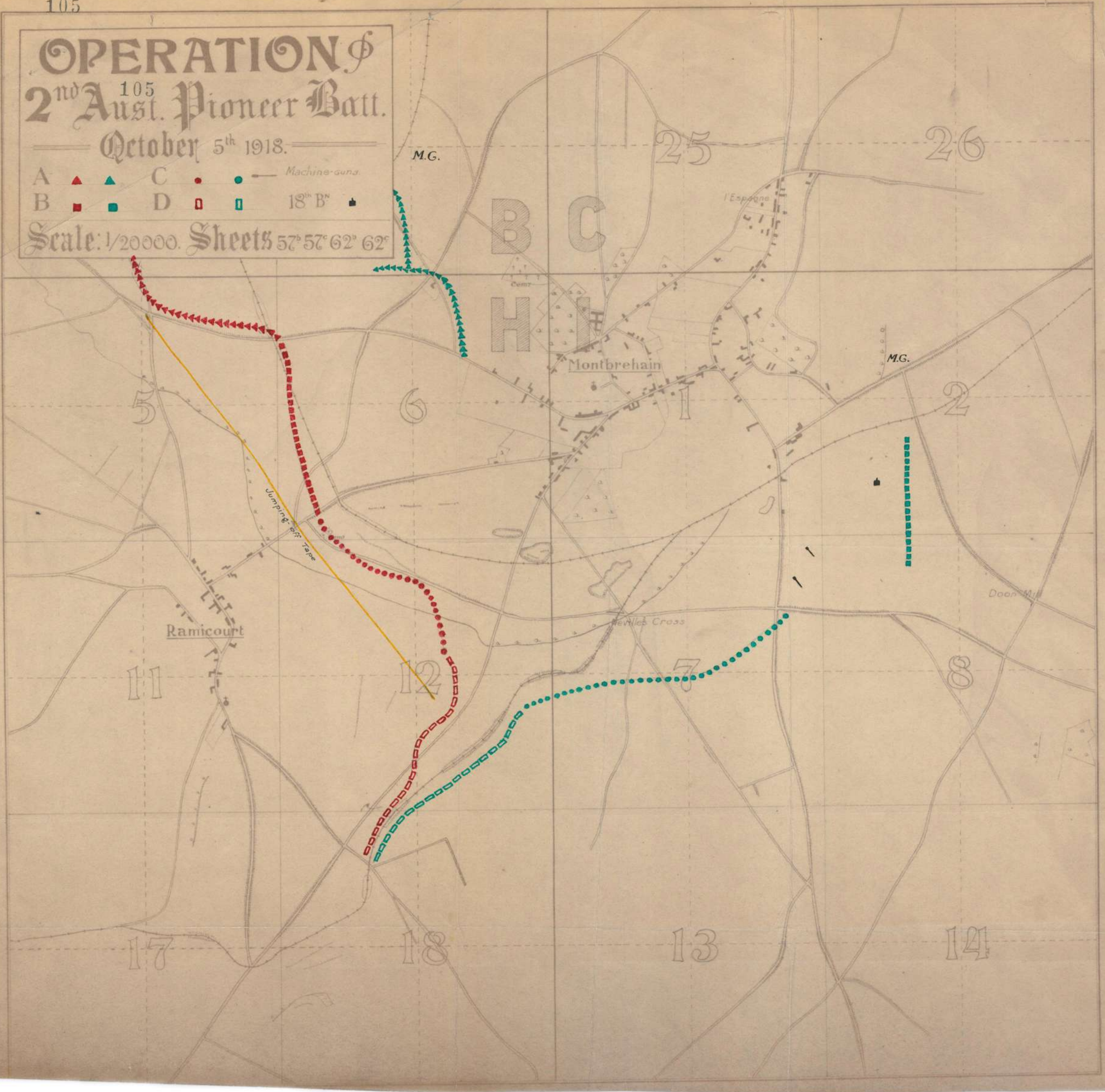
APPENDIX 3

OPERATION ϕ 2nd Aust. Pioneer Batt.

October 5th 1918.

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| A | ▲ | C | ● | — | Machine-guns |
| B | ■ | D | □ | ■ | 18 th B ⁿ |

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Operation Order No 39
REF SHEET WIANCOURT 1/20000.

On the night 4/5 October the Battalion will take over from 38th BRITISH INFANTRY BRIGADE with four Companies as follows
D COY the ^{Right} of line at present held by 1st MONMOUTH BATTALION from H.18.a.7.7. to H.12.b.2.2. C COY Left of line at present held by 1st MONMOUTH BATTALION from SQUARE TRENCH inclusive at H.12.b.2.8. to STATION H.8.C.4.8. inclusive. B COY will receive Right of line at present held by the 4th LEICESTER'S from STATION inclusive at H.8.C.4.8. along Railway line to Road Crossing inclusive at H.5.b.9.8. inclusive. A COY will take of the line at present held by the 4th LEICESTER'S from H.5.b.9.8. inclusive to approx B.29.C.9.0.

1 Officer and 1 Signaller from C and D COYS will accompany C.O. to 1st MONMOUTH'S HEADQUARTERS in Railway Cutting in H.18.C.6.8. to arrange details of reliefs and to meet guides.

1 Officer and 1 Signaller from A and B COYS will accompany C.O. to HEADQUARTERS of 4th LEICESTERS at H.10.b.3.2. to arrange relief details and to meet guides.

The Officers and N.C.O.s of Coys to report to Battalion Headquarters at 4.45 pm.

R.A.P. will be at SWISS COTTAGE at H.10.b.2.8.

Completion of Relief to be reported to BATTALION BATTLE HEADQUARTERS on road at H.10.a.1.3.

On completion of Relief BATTALION will come under Command of C.O.C. 8th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

C. P. Sturges Capt & Adjt
For C.O. 2nd Aust Pioneer Battalion.

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APPENDIX 4

SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

Administrative Order No 39
REF SHEET WIANCOURT 1/20000

- 1 At 06.05. 6th October, 6th A.I. Brigade will attack and capture the VILLAGE of MONTBREMAIN.
- 2 The attack will be carried out by the 21st BATTALION on the Right, 24th BATTALION on the Left. The 2nd AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION to form a Defensive Flank South of the VILLAGE facing South East.
- 3 General Objective line will run H.18.a.5.9.- 17 Central - I.2.d.0.0.- I.2.a.3.2.- C.25.d.9.9.- C.25.a.3.8.- B.30.a.9.9.
- 4(a) 21st BATTALION and 24th BATTALION will advance under an Artillery Barrage, mop up the VILLAGE of MONTBREMAIN and consolidate on the general line I.2.d.0.0.- I.2.a.3.2.- C.25.d.9.9.- C.25.a.3.8. B.30.a.9.9.

(b) 2nd Australian Pioneer Battalion will be withdrawn behind 21st and 24th BATTALIONS at zero minus 15 minutes and will follow these BATTALIONS as they move forward and gradually establish a defensive flank facing South East on general line H.18.a.5.9.- I.7 Central - I.2.d.0.0.
- 5 The BATTALION will pivot on the Right Flank of B COY and closely following the advancing INFANTRY. D.B. and C.COYS will swing to the right and establish the Defensive Flank from H.18.a.6.7. approximately through I.17 Central to I.2.d.0.0.

(b) B.COY will maintain LIASON with 21st BATTALION particularly in consolidating on the final objective. A COY will move approximately along Road through H.8.a. and b. to where that Road enters V VILLAGE completing mopping up of CROSS ROADS in H.8.a and trenches in H.8.a and b. sending small parties through the VILLAGE STREETS to ensure that mopping up is complete and effective finally working through South West portion of VILLAGE to take up a position approximately at QUARRIES adjacent to Road running North East through H.12.b.
Should TANK SQUADRON under Command of Captain Bryce come into action it will assist in mopping up of VILLAGE, and an Officer of Squadron will report to A.COY at about H.12.b.8.9. for instructions as to whether their services are longer required, before withdrawing.
- 6 VICKERS MACHINE GUNS of 6th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY will be attached to the BATTALION for the operation and will go into line with B and C.COYS.
- 7 CONTACT PLANES will fly over OBJECTIVES at 0.7.3.0. and 0.8.3.0. 6th October ground flares will be lit by troops holding lines when these Planes sound Klaxon Horns.

18th and 27th BATTALIONS have been placed under the Order of the G.O.C. 6th A.I. Brigade to be employed if necessary to maintain our new line in the event of hostile counter attack.
18th BATTALION will be concentrated in Trench System
27th BATTALION in B.28a. and c. by zero hour.

The LIGHT MOTOR attached to each 21st and 24th BATTALION

Administrative Order No

Continued.

will be employed under orders of Battalions; Commanders orders,
remaining mortars of 6th AUSTRALIAN LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY
will remain at present location.

Details re evacuation of prisoners, medical arrangements and
other administrative details will be issued separately.
Reports to H.Q.A.I.S.

C. R. Sturman Capt & ADJ.
for C.O., 2nd Aust Pioneer Battalion.

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APPENDIX 4

On the night of 4th/5th. October Battalion took over the line H.18a.6.7. - H.12.d.2.5.-H.12.b.3.3. -H.6.c.4.3. -H.6.a.0.6.-B.2.9.d.0.5. relieving the 1st. Monmouth Battalion and 4th. Leicester Battalion of the 138th. British Infantry Brigade. Relief was completed before midnight. Battalion Headquarters of the 4th. Leicester Battalion being found very unsuitable for Battle Battalion headquarters. Battalion Headquarters moved to H.10.a.1.3.

After taking over the line had been completed touch was obtained with 23rd. Battalion on the left.

The O.C. of the Monmouth Company on the right stated that his flank was in the air and there were no other troops within 500 or 600 yards but patrols sent out from our right Coy located Cyclists of 9th. Corps about 200 yards away the posts being well placed to cover the interval between their left and our right. All Coys patrolled the front and B. Coy secured a prisoner as he was wounded in the leg they decided to guard him until morning rather than carry him in to B.H.Q. but omitted to send in his identification (they have been duly strafed for this omission).

All Coys moving out noted position in which J.O.T. line was being laid.

There was considerable bombing in the vicinity of RAMICOURT while the Coys were moving out and desultory shelling and M.G. Fire during the night. A considerable amount of gas was projected on to H.10.b. and S.E. of WIENCOURT but there were no casualties prior to zero on the 5th. At Zero minus 15 the line was withdrawn to rear of the Infantry on the J.O.T. line excepting the right half of right Coy.

The attack on MONTBREHAIN proceeded according to order (a copy) of Battalion operation Order attached.

The left of right Coy. advanced about 250 yards and extended somewhat to the left to about I.7.c.0.8. They consolidated on an excellent line and placed five captured German Machine Guns in position these guns could bring cross fire to bear on the valley in front of the Coy Sector also that of the Coy on the left.

The centre Coy of our line that was advancing and swinging to the South East encountered considerable opposition particularly from the Sunken Roads Quarries and Railway Lines in H.12.b. and I.7.a., they had very stiff fighting at many points and at times the position seemed critical. Advancing somewhat impetuously S.E. of NEVILL CROSS the Coy got in front of the General line and beyond the line laid down for the final objective. The enemy counter-attacked on both their flanks and for a time the position was critical but LT.W.L.MURRELL of B. Coy which started on the Left of C. Coy ~~and~~ ~~is~~ noted the situation and led his platoon to the right of C. Coy and covered the withdrawal of C. Coy's most dangerous flank. During the episode the German Officer Commanding a post was killed and complete garrison of 40 O.R. captured and taken back by an Officer and One O.R. of C. Coy.

B. Coy which was the left Coy. on that part of our line which was swinging to the right to form the Left of our defensive flank moved by right incline gradually passing across the rear of the 21st. Battalion. The left flank aiming to pass the British a little North of H.6.d. central.

Soon after passing the road running from H.12.b.7.5. N.E. through the village this Coy came under heavy M.G. Fire from ~~Enemy~~ Copse on the Railway near I.7.a.4.2. these M.G.'s were soon silenced by the Coys fire and the aid of two tanks which had been diverted to the south of the Village.

Averting back to LT.MURRELL'S movement to the right of C. Coy to reinforce and cover the drawing back of their right flank a Sgt. and 28 O.R. of an English Corps Cyclist Unit ~~were~~ seen moving up the valley in a Northerly direction. LT.MURRELL signalled them into his line and incorporated them with his own men. It appeared they were a part of two Coys that had moved out of

the Corps on ~~the~~ our Right. and got lost.

The two Vickers Guns under Lt. Wilkinson took up positions in C.Coy's Sector dominating the valley in I.7.c. and d. and I. 13.a. and b.

B.Coy continued to advance towards Sunken Road running from I.1.d.6.1. to I.7.b.7.6. not much opposition was met between the Railway in I.7.a. and this line but immediately beyond the Sunken Road approaching the crest of the hill heavy M.G.Fire was encountered from the direction of Doon Mill and the Sunken Road in front of same.

The advance was continued to final objective on crest facing DOON MILL and line running approx. I.8.a.5.7. to I.2.c. central where our left flank joined up with right of 21st. Battalion. On this line the depleted Coy was subjected to withering fire from DOON MILL and vicinity and from each flank and the line was withdrawn about 50 yards and the men started digging in just behind the crest.

There was an extensive gap on the right of the Coy and the ground hid the Centre Coy. from view.

It was seen that the enemy had a light field gun at DOON MILL and gunners were seen working it. They fired regularly at B.Coy's position but the shells broke harmlessly on the crest in front or the rising ground in rear.

The O.C. B.Coy got a Sgt. of 21st. Battalion to mount a Lewis Gun at I. 7.b.8.9. these considerably relieved the tension in respect to the gap between B. & C. Coys.

Our A.Coy which held the line on our left had been ordered firstly to follow the Infantry generally along the Sunken Road in H.6.a. and b. and with the assistance of the Tanks allotted to the Battalion to complete the mopping of the village and then go into support of our Battalion line at about H.12.b.8.8. During the early part of the attack as they approached the village they came under heavy M.G.Fire from a strong enemy position on the left. Several casualties were sustained in a spirited attempt to capture this position. The Platoon Officer of the left platoon having been seriously wounded the Platoon Sgt. took command and with the assistance of a tank which then came up attacked the enemy post captured 8 M.G.'s and one 4.2 Howitzer with the survivors of the crews. Parties of the enemy were pursued further to the left and the platoon then resumed the mopping of the village.

The Coy moved right through the village and after having got to the outer edge were returning according to orders to take ~~up~~ up their position in support of the rest of the Battalion when the enemy commenced very heavy shelling of the village and some casualties were sustained.

Following this shelling of the village the enemy strongly counter-attacked and drove back men of the 21st. Battalion and 24th. Battalion. well through the village. Noting this Capt. ROTH. of A.Coy. gathered his men and some of the 24th. Battalion and formed a defensive flank running from approx. H.6.d.3.5. to B.3.0.c.9.3.

The 18th. Battalion having been placed at my disposal I sent LT. BRYDEN with 50 of ~~the~~ the 90 available men to reinforce my C.Coy (the centre Coy of our right defensive flank) with instructions should he find that Coy's position stable consult with O.C. of our Left Coy. and if necessary use his men in strengthening line between our left and right of 21st. Battalion.

I had been informed that a M.G. the 21st Battalion had in a house at about I.2.a.5.3. was driven out and the enemy had placed a gun there which was firing on the rear of my B.Coy.

The 28th. Battalion reinforced our posts and also established a post at I.2.a.4.3. About 3.15 p.m. they reported that at that post they had two L.G.'s and plenty of S.A.A. that there was another L.G. post 100 yards on their left but no other in sight up to I.1.b.7.9. They could see the enemy occupying line at about I.3.a. and b.

At about 11 a.m. enemy artillery became active on right of our line and a smoke barrage was put down along the valley in H. 18.b. under cover of which the enemy attempted an advance in skirmishing order was easily dispersed with M.G. Fire. About 12 Noon some movement was noticed about 200 yards in front of our Right flank Coy and suspecting it might be an enemy M.G. Post a patrol went out to investigate and attack but found only a badly wounded member of the Tank Corps.

Artillery Fire having dispersed enemy concentrations in M I.13. and about DOON MILL enemy was seen at about 1340 to withdraw and commence digging a line approx. N&S from about I.8.c.1.0. to I.8.a.00 Artillery was brought to bear on this and on ground in rear.

In the meantime A. Coy on left of Village had extended their left flank in B.30.c and linked up with 23rd. Battalion. That Coy having reported heavy enemy concentrations in Sunken Road in B.30.d. and ^{b:} and the valley in C.25.b. Artillery fire was brought to bear on those localities.

The 20th. Battalion had been placed at my disposal by G.O.C. 5th. Bde. but seeing that the position was becoming stable so far as this Battn. lines were concerned and that a measure of uncertainty in the respect to the position on North end of the Village might render their employment more valuable later on I kept them in hand. COL. FORBES remaining at Battle Battalion H.Qrs. The Battalion was not employed at all in the attack.

Reserves of ammunition and water were brought up to 50 yards east of Station H.5.c.5.3. and the 18th. Battalion in moving up to reinforce our C. Coy took up supplies of ammunition.

R.A.P. was established at SWISS COTTAGE at H.7.b.5.3.

Communications.

It had been intended to establish an O.P. at about H.12.c.3.1 and run a line from there back to B.H.Q. but a general shortage of wire induced one to cooperate with 20th. Battalion and run a line via Swiss Cottage Station to Quarry in H.12.b.88. from which we ran two branch lines.

Battle Casualties were 20 O.R. Killed in action 2 O.R. Died of Wounds One Officer and One O.R. Wounded and missing believed prisoner of war. One O.R. Missing believed Killed, 6 Officers 81 O.Rs. wounded. One O.R. accidentally wounded. Total 7 Off. 106 O.Rs.

Prisoners Captured as per receipts obtained were 8 Officers and 327 O.Rs.

Estimated enemy casualties 450.

Battalion was relieved by 118th. Infantry Regiment of the 30th. American Division, relief being completed by 0200 on 6th. Enemy M.G.'s which had been placed in position and all trench stores in hand were handed over to relieving Coys.

Battalion moved back to bivouacs south of NAUROY, last party arriving there about 0330.

No count was made of captured material but it included one 4.2 howitzer and several M.G.'s.

(Signed) F.W.G. Annand.

Lieut-Colonel
C.O. 2nd. Australian Pioneer Battalion.

EXTRACT FROM NARRATIVE BY 6TH AUST. INFANTRY BDE.

ON OPERATIONS OF 5TH OCTOBER, 1918.

" At 2.30 a.m. news was received from 2nd Aust. Division that the British troops on our right were attacking in the morning and were pushing out strong patrols under an artillery barrage to occupy the roads in Q.14.a. and c. A further party was then to follow them out and occupy MANNEQUIN HILL. Action as above by the British would result in covering our right flank when we established ourselves on the Eastern side of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MONTBREHAIN. Subsequent events proved however that the British were unable to secure their objectives and in consequence the enemy holding MANNEQUIN HILL all day was able to bring enfilading and reverse fire on our troops holding MONTBREHAIN and only the fact that the 2nd Australian Pioneer Battalion held their position South of the village throughout the day in face of very heavy Artillery and Machine Gun fire, the 21st and 24th Battalions would probably been enveloped by an enemy advance from the South of the village.

The credit of the success of the operation on the 5th October is largely due to the 2nd Australian Pioneer Battalion.

This Battalion which was hurriedly concentrated in the NAUROY area on the 3rd October had never before been actively in front line operations. They were called upon to carry out a most difficult relief - the relief of a complete Brigade of Infantry holding a very vague sort of line with troops inextricably mixed up all along the line. They had very little time available for preliminary reconnaissance of the routes forward and of the actual line they were to take over. The relief was carried out in pitch darkness and the rapidity with which it was completed reflects great credit on all ranks of the 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion.

This battalion had to cover the forming up of the 21st and 24th Battalions and then withdraw through them just prior to zero, reform and follow the attacking Battalions forward, a very difficult and complicated manoeuvre.

The fact that all this was done according to plan, that they attacked and captured many enemy strong posts, work which they were then doing for the first time, and then hung on to their positions all day in the face of extremely heavy Artillery and Machine Gun fire, stamps them as soldiers of the finest quality.

The number of Machine Guns and prisoners captured by this Battalion during the day is the best indication of the splendid work performed by them. "

Whitehall Hotel
70 Guilford St.
Russel Square.
LONDON.

Oct. 22nd. 1918.

My Dear Colonel/-

I enclose a letter, a marked paragraph of which I would be glad for you to peruse.

Would you please have a look at Wilson and write me what you think of his suitability for a Cadet Course -

I have today received the final report of our recent operation and I am sure you and your Battalion will appreciate the generous eulogy accorded you. I am delighted you all did so well, and I am sure the operation will always be proudly referred to by your troops. I hope it wont be the last time in which you take part in similar operations.

I am sorry I was unable to see you personally before coming on leave but I should be glad if you would accept for yourself and your officers as well as all your men my very sincere appreciation and grateful thanks for your magnificent work.

Very Sincerely Yours,

(signed) CHARLES ROSENTHAL.

APPENDIX X

TRANSPORT.

Battalion Transport, with exception of 1 Mess Cart, 1 Water Cart, 1 G.S. Wagon (supply), plus 6 Riders and 11 H.D. will move by stages to new area as follows:-

7th. INSTANT. - From Present Area to Eclusier.
Starting Point:- L.S.a.O.O. Sheet 82 C.
Starting Time:- 0800.

Route:- Templeaux-le-Guerard, Rosiel, Hamel, Fdg -de, Bretagne, Halle, Bridge in H.24.b., Herbecourt, thence to billets from Area Commandant, Cappy.

8th. Instant.

Eclusier to Daours.
Starting Point Place:- Cemetery on Road North edge of Cappy.
Starting Times:- 0800.

Route:- Cappy, Bray, Corbie, Laneuville, thence to billets from Area Commandant Daours.

9th. INSTANT. - Daours to Yzeuz.

Starting Point:- Road Junction half mile N.E. Pt. Camon.
Starting Time:- 0800.

Route. Allonville, Poulainville, Vaulx, thence to billets.

COOKERS.

D. Coy Cooker will proceed by Road. A.B. & C Coy. Cookers will proceed by train.

Coy Transport, including Limbers will report to Transport Lines at 0700 on morning of 7th. instant.

GUARDS.

One Guard per G.S. Wagon, and one Guard per Two Limbers will accompany transport en routs.

A.M.C. Cart will also proceed by road route. R.M.O. to arrange for guard of one man to accompany same.

R.Q.M.S. to arrange for necessary guard on supply wagon proceeding with H.Q. Transport by road.

SUPPLIES.

Supplies for personal marching by road as follows :-

7th. instant.:- On man and horse.

8th. instant. :- On supply wagon.

9th. instant.:- To be refilled at Daours night of 8th. instant.

NOTE.

Officers should only carry on train any small kit actually required on journey (and say a blanket) remainder of personal kit to be loaded on wagons proceeding on morning of 7th. instant.

Kits of Officers on leave or evacuated must be carried on Coy. Wagons.

A limited amount of space will be available on Supply Wagon and Coy Cookers proceeding on Train route, which may be used for transport of H.Q., and D. Coy's Dixies, for cooking arrangements on completion of journey and before the arrival of road route transport.

This material must be kept to a minimum and should be ready to load on supply wagon by 1300 on 7th. instant.

Instructions re personnel to follow.

(Signed G.B. Patterson Capt. & Adjt.
2nd. Australian Pioneer Battalion.

To. O.C. A.B.C.D. Coys. R.M.O. T.O. and R.Q.MS.

Reference Movement Order No.37. Battalion will ~~move~~ entrain at ROSIEL STATION at 10.45 a.m. today and detrain at ST ROCH at 4 p.m. where guided will be met from advance party and Battalion will move from present camp in following order and times.

H.Qrs. 9.15 a.m.
 A.Coy. 9.25 a.m.
 B.Coy. 9.35 a.m.
 C.Coy. 9.45 a.m.
 D.Coy. 9.55 a.m.

Marching Order full water bottles and dry rations. Remainder of rations to be carried on Cookers of A.B.C.Coys. which will report to transport lines by 0900 . Mess Cart 1 G.S.Waggon(Supply) 1 Water cart and 3 Cookers will move off from this camp at 1430 and proceed to TINCOURT STATION reporting at 1640 to Lt.BROWN Transport Officer 28th. Battalion. 2/Lt.BARTELS will be Battalion entraining Officer reporting to B.H.Q. at 0830 for states thence to ROSIEL reporting to Brigade Entraining Officer.

A water cart will be at ROSIEL this morning to fill water bottles. Hacks will be ridden to ROSIEL & then sent to Cpl. Craddock H.Qrs. Transport at TINCOURT and must arrive ther by 5 p.m. Reminder. Coys. to be at ROSIEL by 10.45 a.m. this morning.

B.H.Q.

(Signed) G.B.Patterson
 Capt. & Adjt.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 226.

Ref. Maps- AMIENS & LENS -
1/100000.

Headquarters,
6th. October. 1918.

1. The 2nd. Aust. Division (less Artillery) will move to the YZEUX area by train and march route on 7th. October in accordance with the attached table "A".

2. (a) For the move by train and road Bde Group will be composed as follows :-

7th. A.I. Bde. Group.

7th. A.I. Bde.
7th. Field Coy. A.E.
7th. Field Ambulance.
17th. Coy. A.A.S.C.
2nd. Aust. Pioneer Battalion.
No. 1. Sanitary Section.

(b) Entraining Stations will be :-

Personnel. 7th. A.I. BDE GROUP --- ROSIEL.

Transport. TINCOURT.

First train will leave about 1000 on 7th. October.

(c) Detraining station will be ST. ROCH.

(d) Details of trains and train timings will be issued by "Q".

3. Such transport as cannot be accommodated in omnibus trains will move by road in accordance with attached table "B". Bde. Transport Officers will be in charge of all transport comprising their respective Bde. Groups.

(Signed T.J. Borwick Major.

For Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

Second Australian Division.

NOTES ON TRAINING.

APPENDIX 6

1. VERBAL MESSAGES. Method should be to give a verbal message to a runner to take to a given point and repeat to another man, who will act in a like manner. This procedure to be carried out till message is repeated at starting point.
Speed in delivery, and correctness of message are essential. Message sent to be compared with one returned.
NOTE. Care to be taken to send messages which are intelligent and have a bearing on Military Matters, and in addition of an instructive nature.
2. MUSKETRY. (1) Should be so controlled that errors are checked and remedied.
(2) Efficient Control to be maintained over men on Range to prevent accidents.
(3) N.C.O's to be utilised to correct mistakes and to instruct in correct procedure.
4. KNOTTING & LASHING. Useful Military Knots and Lashings only to be taught and instructions given in uses of ~~same~~ same.
5. ROUTE. MARCHING Will be carried out in Marching Order. Correct Intervals, distances, and dressing to be points of importance. No smoking on March (except at halts).
6. PLATOON & COY DRILL Opportunities for improving COMMAND of all N.C.O's should be made, and mistakes checked at ~~once~~ once.
7. ORGANISED GAMES. Are DRILL PERIODS. and men should not be allowed to become lax or loose in any way.
8. Map. READING. Is for all N.C.O's (and any men who wish to attend) who should bring note books and pencils to lecture.

(Signed) G.B.Patterson.

Capt. & Adjt.
2nd. Australian Pioneer Battalion.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING -WEEK ENDING 19TH OCTOBER @ 1918.

| Ist. Week. Day. | 9a.m. to 9.30a.m. | 9.30a.m. to 10a.m. | 10a.m. to 10.30a.m. | 10.30a.m. to 11a.m. | 11a.m. to 11.30a.m. | 11.30a.m. to 12 | Remarks | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| Monday. 14/10/18 | P.T. | Gas Drill. | Bayonet Fighting | Rest. | Organised Games | Platoon Drill | Work carried out. Reports to be forwarded to B.H.Q. daily indicating | |
| Tuesday. 15/10/18 | Musketry | Knotting & Lashing | Organised Games | Rest. | Passing of Verbal Messages. | Bombing. | | |
| Wednesday. 16/10/18 | <u>ROUTE MARCH.</u> | A definite object to be chosen on which to march and opportunity taken to instruct in March Discipline, Ground Features, Siting of Field Works etc. | | | | | | |
| Thursday. 17/10/18. | P.T. | Bayonet Fighting. | Organised Games | Rest. | Platoon Drill | Gas Drill. | | |
| Friday. 18/10/18 | Musketry . | Knotting & Lashings. | Organised Games | Rest. | Passing of Verbal Messages | Bombing. | | |
| Saturday. 19/10/18. | <u>ROUTE MARCH.</u> | As Above. | | | | | | |

(Signed) G.B. Patterson Capt & Adjt.
2nd. Australian Pioneer Battalion.

APPENDIX 6

SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26th. 1918.

| Day. | 9a.m. to 9.30a.m. | 9.30a.m. to 10a.m. | 10a.m. to 10.30a.m. | 10.30a.m. to 11a.m. | 11 to 11.30a.m. | 11.30 to 12. | Remarks. |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <u>Monday.</u> 21/10/18 | P.T. | Gas Drill | Passing of Verbal Messages | Rest. | Organised Games | Platoon Drill. | A Coy Musketry i.e grouping & 5 rounds Application on Range. |
| <u>Tuesday</u> 22/10/18 | P.T. | Knotting & Lashing. | Organised Games | Rest | Bombing | Passing of Verbal Messages. | B. Coy as above. |
| <u>Wednesday.</u> 23/10/18 | <u>ROUTE MARCH.</u> | | | | | | Companies to proceed to localities indicated by map reference. To form up and march back to Billets as a Battalion. Band in attendance. Lecture on Map Reading & Field Sketching by Capt. Nevein M.C. to all Battn. N.C.O's at 7 p.m. at B. Coy's H.Qrs. |
| <u>Thursday</u> 24/10/18 | P.T. | Organised Games | Bayonet Fighting | Rest. | Coy Drill | Gas Drill | C. Coy as above. |
| <u>Friday.</u> 25/10/18 | P.T. | Passing of Verbal Messages | Company Drill | Rest. | Bayonet Fighting | Organised Games | D. Coy as above. |
| <u>Saturday.</u> 26/10/18. | <u>ROUTE MARCH.</u> | | | | | | As above. |

In addition to above, Courses of Instruction in Lewis Gun and Signalling are in Progress.

INSTRUCTORS. B.L.G.O. & S.O.

2 p.m. Friday. Practical work on Map Reading & Field Sketching.

(Signed) G.B. Patterson Capt. & Adjt.
2nd. Australian Pioneer Battalion.

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VETERINARY INSPECTION REPORT.

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To be rendered Monthly by All Units of Formations.

UNIT. 2nd, AUST. PIONEER BATTALION. No. of Horses. 24.
 Division. 2nd. Australian. No. of Mules. 69.
 Corps. Australian. V.O. in Charge. Major Hankin
 Date. 21:10:18.

1. Condition and General
Health and Wastage.

Good.

2. Standings and
Sanitation of Lines.

All animals under cover but
scattered through willage-PERNOIS.

3. Water & Watering.

Good.

4. Food and Feeding.

Good.

5. Bodily Hygiene-
i.e. Cleanliness
Grooming
Clipping
Clothing

Good.

6. Condition of Feet.
and Shoeing.

Good.

Efficiency of
Farriers and shoeing Smiths.

Good.

Remarks on Disease.-

No wastage in this Unit for Month
of September.

(Signed) R. MITCHELL HORE. Major.
D.A.V.S. 2nd. Aust. Div.
Administrative Veterinary Officer.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION

APPENDIX 8

Q.M.'S. REPORT FOR MONTH

The following is the List of Articles received from, and returned to Ordnance for period ending 31st. OCTOBER.

| <u>Articles.</u> | <u>Received.</u> | <u>Retd. U/S.</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Tunics | 4 | 34 |
| Breeches. M.S. | 4 | 25 |
| " D.S. | 44 | 9 |
| Puttees | 70 | 37 |
| Hats | 18 | 24 |
| Braces | 32 | 23 |
| Brushes. Tooth. | 41 | . |
| Housewives. | 22 | . |
| Respirators | 28 | 28 |
| Containers | 5 | 5 |
| Flannelette | 200 | . |
| Wheels. | 13 | 11 |
| Bars Splinttr. | 3 | 1 |
| Saddle (Off) | 1 | 1 |
| Stirrup Leathers. | 24 | 22 |
| Reins Bit. | 12 | 9 |
| Knives Cutting | 2 | . |
| Boots Ankle. | 82 | 48 |
| Soles Half. | 205 | . |
| Rivets Iron. | 40 | . |
| Lifts Heel. | 144 | . |
| Boiler T.K. | 4 | 5 |
| Shoes Mule. | 172 | . |
| " Horse. | 87 | . |
| Axes Felling. | 8 | . |
| Brake Blocks. | 18. | 16 |
| Bicycle Outfits. | 9 | . |
| Nets Hay. | 40 | 45 |
| Bags Nose. | 52 | 53 |
| Brushes Dandy | 16 | 1 |
| " W.C. | 5. | . |
| Kettles Camp. | 2 | 1 |
| Rasps Farrier | 4 | 4 |
| Straps Chin. | 155 | . |
| Towels Hand. | 49 | 20 |
| Nails Tip Heel. | 14 | . |
| Collars Head | 12 | 7 |
| Buckets Water C. | 8 | . |
| Brushes Horse | 20 | . |
| Cuns L.M.G. | 3 | . |
| Magazines | 93 | 3 |
| Pouches Web. | 58 | . |
| Braces Web. | 29 | . |
| Perches Limber | 1 | . |
| Swingle Trees | 6 | . |
| Gloves Leather | 8 | . |
| Stadier Rge. Finder | 5 | . |
| Mounts Field L.M.G. | 1 | . |
| Gloves Worsted | 687 | . |
| Helmets Steel | 12 | . |
| Bayonets | 6 | . |

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| <u>Articles.</u> | <u>Received</u> | <u>Retd.U/S.</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Carrier Mag.L.M.G. | 6 | - |
| Rods Cleaning cyl. | 6 | . |
| Pistol Very | 1 | . |
| Handle Loading " | 12 | . |
| Rods Cleaning " | 3 | . |
| Covers Body " | 1 | . |
| Field Dressings | 227 | . |
| Leather Jerkins | 677 | . |
| Paliasses | 428 | . |
| Gloves Anti Gas | 10 | . |
| " " Cotton. | 20 | . |
| Leather | 40 | . |
| Tips Toe. | 100 | . |
| Coats S.S.Lined. | 8 | . |
| Blankets Rtd. to salvage | . | 60 |

(Signed) HUGH MILLER R.Q.M.S.
for Q.M.S.

RETURNS RETURNED TO A.S.C. FOR OCTOBER.1918.

| | | |
|---------------------|------|------|
| Bread Bags | | 347 |
| Oats Bags | | 151 |
| Sugar " | | 51 |
| Salt Bags | | 3 |
| Jams Cartons | | 1096 |
| Jam Cases | | 24 |
| Butter Cases | | 23 |
| Biscuit Tins | | 71 |
| Rum Cases | | 5 |
| Rum Jars | | 4 |
| Fat | lbs. | 248 |
| Pickle Jars | | 5 |
| Rum Barrel | | 1 |
| Petrol Tins | | 26 |
| Pork & Beans Cases. | | 20 |
| Cardboard. | lbs. | 145. |
| Paper | " | 134 |
| Solder | " | 41 |
| Tobacco Tins. | | 5. |

(Signed) HUGH MILLER R.Q.M.S.
for Q.M.S.

OCTOBER 1st. - 31st .1918.

| Health of Horses | Nature of Work. | Approx.Weight. | Approx. Mileage. |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Destroyed by Shell fire - NIL. | Forward Area. | 6 Tons. | 8 Miles. |
| Evacuations-3. (by Shell fire). | R.Q.M.Stores. | 135 Tons. | 500 Miles. |
| Cases of Optholmia. 3. | Canteen. | 18 Tons. | 200 Miles. |
| Condition. Good. | Baths Material & Dumps. | 12 Tons. | 140 Miles. |
| | Battalion Move. | 150 Tons. | 70 Miles. |
| | Battalion Wood. | 50 Tons. | 150 Miles. |
| | Battalior. Mess-Cart. | 10 Tons. | 360 Miles. |
| | Battalion A.M.C. Cart. | - | 10 Miles. |

(Signed) C.E.DONNELLY. Lieut.

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DISCIPLINARY CASES FOR MONTH.

| | | |
|---|-------|-----|
| A.W. L. in U.K. | | 10. |
| A.W.L. in Field. | | 1. |
| <u>F.G.C.M.</u> | | |
| Desertion | | 2. |
| A.W.L. | | 2. |
| A.W.L. & When in Confinement escaping. | | 1. |

(Signed) G.B. Patterson.
Capt. & Adjt.

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CASUALTIES.MONTH OF OCTOBER.

| <u>Killed in Action</u> | <u>Died of Wounds.</u> | <u>Wounded</u> | <u>Accidentally Wounded</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 23. O.R. | 1 Off. 7 O.R. | 7 Off. 87 O.R. | 1 O.R. |

MISSING BELIEVED KILLED IN ACTION.

1 O.R.

MISSING BELIEVED PRISONER OF WAR.

1 OFF. 1. O.R.

(Signed.) G.B. Patterson.

Capt. & Adjt.

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MONTHLY HEALTH REPORT. FOR OCTOBER.

General Health of this Unit during Month of October was satisfactory. Evacuations to Hospitals being as under.

- Venerial Disease 4.
- Diarrhoea 1.
- Other Cases 9.
- Accidental injuries 4.
- P.U.O. 8.
- Total 26.

During first week this unit moved frequently camping in the open. From middle of second week this Unit occupied Billets, some good some otherwise.

A. Delouser was erected and all blankets fumigated. The whole Unit was inspected for Scabies.

Bath allotments would have been more frequent but moving to new camps and the baths being in need of repair made it difficult.

(Signed) R.H. HUDSON Major.
R.M.O.

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APPENDIX 12.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

RECREATION.

Since arriving in rest area it has been possible to indulge in a certain amount of Recreation. Football having come into its own as the King of Winter pastimes, attention has been chiefly given to this branch of sport. Three complete teams have been raised in the Battalion - Australian Rules- Rugby & British Association. Inter Company matches produced good play & cultivated a great deal of interest, which has been maintained by games played against Infantry Battalions. In spite of having had very few opportunities for playing for over a year, there is every indication that with the players available, all three teams will be able to render excellent accounts of themselves.

For the evenings a great variety of entertainment has been provided. Unfortunately our accommodation - "A bow Hut" - is very limited, and comfort has not been at its maximum height owing to lack of seats and other furnishings - In spite of these drawbacks much enthusiasm has been displayed by the men, and the foresight displayed at previous camps in the salvaging of an electric lighting plant and a piano has been amply rewarded by the valuable help given by these two things. One night a dance was held and the female villagers of all sizes shapes and ages turned up. There was probably more romping than dancing - but an enjoyable time was spent.

A Debating Society has been formed and the opening night was given to a Debate upon the subject - "Which will make the better wife for an Australian, an English girl or the home product" - The men embraced the subject very warmly.

Since then an address has been given by L.Col. Annand on "Public Affairs" and another debate has taken place on the question of "Equal Rights for Women and Men".

Concerts by Battalion performers and also by "the Band" have filled in several evenings all of which have been well attended, shewing that the men are ready to respond heartily to any efforts put forward on their behalf.

(Signed) D. SHERRIS.
Chaplain Rev.

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