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OF

15th FIELD COMPANY A.E.

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MAP REF FRANCE Plot 62C L3 b. 5 g.	OCTOBER 1 st	AM 3	CAPT. CADDY SAW Sgt BRIGADE MAJOR who said clouds were required by 58 th Bn for about to-day arranged for 150 shovels + 50 picks to be sent out to BDE HQs.	
		6:50	Message sent to Lt. GILBERT w/ operations and work to be done	App. 1
		P.M. 12:30	C.R.E. report centre established at BDE HQs and now sent to CRE	App. 2
		1:15	Report on roads received from Lt. GILBERT and forwarded to CRE attack proceeding well.	App. 3
		1:30	Report from Lt HARDINGE received	App. 4
		3:30	Report on accommodation received from Lt. HARDINGE + forwarded to CRE	App. 4
		4:10	BDE has selected three different HQs. so far and was doubtful if they will move or not tonight as the Infantry have come from the line they held this morning.	App. 4
		4:15	Report on accommodation in BELLI COURT received and forwarded to CRE	App. 5
		4:30	Proceeded to BDE HQs. now established at G4. b. 4. 6. saw Q.O.C. who said BDE STAFF returning to old HQs at G3 c. 9 2: tonight. and that 5 th DIV. was to be relieved by 2 nd DIV.	

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MAP. REF FRANCE 62C. 1/40,000	OCT. 1 st	P.M. 5	CRE. visited Coy H.Q. and informed us that we were to be relieved by 2 nd AVST. DIV. and that our back area would be around the village of LONGAVESNES.	
		P.M. 5.15	LT. MARNIE proceeded to LONGAVESNES to look for a suitable camp. found 8 NISSEN BOW Huts unoccupied and took charge of them for the Coy. Suitable sites were also found.	
		6.	returned to Q3C.9.2 and received message from MAJOR GREENWAY D20 that Coy would be moving in the morning.	
		7.	LT. SECOR with No 1 Section + transport proceeded to LONGAVESNES to take charge of camp for the Coy at E25 d. 5.5.	
		7.30	ENGR. INSTRUCTION No 50 received.	App. 6
		8.	Lt BDE HQs arriving at rear Coy H.Q. at 9.30 PM.	
		10	Report on JUMBLE received and forwarded to CRE.	App 7
			Weather fine.	
	2 nd	AM. 1.30	LT. BULLEN with No 2 SECTION + transport proceeded to LONGAVESNES. arriving at 11 AM	
		1.30	ENGINEER INSTRUCTION No 51 received	app. 8

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MAR. REF FRANCE 62C 1/40, 170	OCT 2	AM. 8	LT. HARDINGE + LT. GILBERT with NRS 3 + 4 SECTIONS and transport left for BELVICOURT for LONGAVESNES army at 11.30 AM.	
		9.	LT. MARNIE and remainder of transport proceeded to LONGAVESNES army at 11.15 AM.	
		9.15	MAJOR GREENWAY + CAPT. CADDY worked CRE at HERVILLE and discussed next operations.	
		11.15 P.M.	Coy HEAD Qrs established at E25 d 5. E. HORSE LINES. E25 d 4. G.	
		12.30	LT. CLARK left for EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL. U.K. Weather fine.	
	3	AM. 10	SECTIONS paraded independently and were inspected by SECTION OFFICERS Coy employed cleaning up camp and making quarters comfortable	
		10.15 P.M.	LT. BULLEN with Sec D.R.S. left to fix up BDE HQS.	
		1	LT. SEACOMBE proceeded to ROISEL to fix up a bath for Coy. Weather fine.	
	4	AM. 9	Coy Parade inspected by D.C.	
		9.15	Marched to ROISEL for BATHS + change of clothing	

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MAP REF.		P.M.		
FRANCE.	4	2	HARNES inspected by S.C. everything OK.	
62.C $\frac{1}{40,000}$	6	6	ENCR INSTRUCTION No 52 received	App 9
Coy. H.Q.		8	War N H64 received from CRE	App 10
E25 d. 5. 8		9.30	15 TH BOE. ORDER No 205 received	App 11
HORSE LINES		10	Weather stormy.	
E25 d. 4. 6.	5 TH	9 AM	Coy Parade, sections inspected by Section Officer.	
			SECTIONS moved off independently with section transport to LA CHAPPELLETTE. Sections arrived about 1 pm.	
		9.10	LT. MARNIE with Head Qrs transport moved off. arrived at 12.30 pm.	
		9.15	LT. SERCOMBE and 12 cyclists purchased in LA CHAPPELLETTE to fix up bullets for Coy.	
		9.30	MAJOR GREENWAY + CAPT CADDY proceeded to CRE at HERVILLE to arrange for transport for Postum Waffens in case of move in the future.	
		P.M.	Coy H.Q. established at LA CHAPPELLETTE D. 3 C. 9. 5. Coy Housed in Nissen Bow Huts.	

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MAR REF FRANCE	5	P.M. 3	1 Pattern Wagon collected from park at LE MESNIK OTC 5.5. Other two wagons to be taken by motor bus when Coy moves	
D.S.C.A.5		9.	H.E. 199 received from CRE	App. 12
		11.30	War BOM 196 received from 15 th BDE.	App. 13
			Weather stormy.	
	6.	A.M. 8.30	ENGR. INSTRUCTION NO 53 received	App. 14
		9	Coy Parade inspected by O.C. Section carried on independently with rifle drill till 11.30 A.M.	
		10	MAJOR GREENWAY D.S.O. Left Coy to take up duties as Acting CO.	
		12.15 P.M.	15 th AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER NO. 206 received	App. 15
		3 P.M.	LT LINDSAY + CAPT HARPER DCM left for MARTAINNEVILLE to fix up billets for Coy.	
		3 P.M.	1 st AMENDMENT TO 5 th AUST. DIV. ENGR. INSTRUCTION NO 53 received	App. 16
		10	Weather stormy	
	7 th	A.M. 3.30	REVEILLE.	
		5.	LT GILBERT proceeded to LA CHAPELLETTE station as commanding officer	

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MAR. REF FRANCE	7 th	AM 5.15	TRANSPORT proceeded to Station	
62C 40000		5.30	Cof moved out and proceeded to station.	
0.3 C 9.5		6.30	Commenced unloading horses and loading of waggon.	
		7.30	all horses on board, no difficulty experienced in entering the animals. Great difficulty was experienced loading horses on to waggon, trucks being too small for such large waggons.	
			Owing to scarcity of flat top trucks H Tool carts and G.S. waggons had to be left behind for next train.	
		8.45 PM	Train left LA CHAPELLETTE for MARTAINNEVILLE	
		7	Train arrived at MARTAINNEVILLE.	
		9.30	proceeded to dismount horses and unload transport, difficulty was experienced in unloading of transport, movable ramps being only means of unloading	
		11.	Unloading completed. Cpt HARPER DCM. arrived and informed O.C. that trucks had been secured at BOUVILLANCOURT, EN SERV, 10 miles from MARTAINNEVILLE.	

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MARRE FRANCE	4 TH	PM 11:30	TRANSPORT proceeded to BOUVILLACOURT.	
DIEPPE 100,070	SE	11:35 AM 2	COY. " " " " " Weather stormy.	
BOUVILLACOURT			TRANSPORT arrived BOUVILLACOURT, no stalls being then allowed to	
			Horses had to fix up harness for the night.	
		2:30	Coy arrived and were billeted in barns in different parts	
			of the village.	
		9.	LT. MARNIE with the INTERPRETER, proceeded to search the village	
			for stalls and were successful in getting all harness under cover.	
		10.	Sections employed making their billets comfortable plenty straw	
			being obtained in the village.	
		PM 5.	CRE. visited Coy HQ and discussed matters with CAPT CADDY.	
		10 AM.	Weather stormy.	
	9 TH	10	Sections paraded at Bullis and were inspected by O.C. Sections then called on with Section Bull and left between 11:30 AM.	W.M.

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MAP REF FRANCE DIEPPE 100,570	9 TH	AM 10.30 PM 4 8.	Inspection of Bullets by O.C. C.R.E. with Coy HQ's. Weather stormy and very cold.	
BOUVILLANCOURT	10 TH	AM 10	Coy Parade. Inspected by O.C. Section covered on independently with drill till 11.30 AM.	
		10.15	LT. SECOMBE proceeded to 15 TH BDE HQ's at HUPPY to see if any further work required.	
		10.30	LT. LINDSAY proceeded to 14 TH FIELD AMB. ^{at MAICHEVILLE} to see what was required in way of Huttery etc.	
		11. P.M. 2	O.C.'s report re mine forwarded to C.R.E. 5 TH Div. R.E. Dump established at BOUVILLANCOURT. 15 TH F.C. to take charge of all material and issue re orders from C.R.E.	App 17
	11 TH	AM 10	Weather stormy Coy. Parade. Inspected by O.C.	
		10.30	Inspection of Coy Bullets by O.C.	
		11	lecture on musketry by LT. SECOMBE.	

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MAP REF				
KRANCE	11 TH	PM 3	CRE visited Coy HQs.	
DIEPPE		10 AM	Weather stormy and very stormy.	
100, 101	12 TH	10 AM	Coy Parade. Inspection by OC, section carried on independently with gas drill and rifle exercises till 11.30 AM.	
BOULVA ROUVER		P.M. 2	Haines inspection by Lt. MARNIE.	
		2.30	O.C. proceeded to CRE at DISEMONT to discuss training programme.	
		P.M. 10	Weather fine but stormy very cold.	
	13 TH	10 AM	Section paraded at Bulles. Inspection by OC.	
		P.M. 2	Haines inspection by OC.	
		2.30	Training Programme for period 14-20 Oct issued	Appx 18
		10 AM	Weather fine.	
	14 TH	8.30	as per attached programme.	
		9 AM	Lt. HARDINGE and 5 DR. attached to 15 TH BDE. for work.	
		10 AM	Inspection of lines by OC.	
		P.M. 2	arrangement made by Lt. SECORRE to use sports ground.	

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MAP. REF				
FRANCE	14	PM 10	weather fine, but very cold	
DEPPE	15 th	AM. 8.30	As per programme	
DEPPE 1 WD. FOD				
BAYLONCOURT		10 PM. 2	Inspection of Bullets by OC	
			Inspection of Houses + hangers by Lt MARNIE.	
		2.30	Inspection, sports etc.	
		8	Works report received from Lt. HARDINGE	app
		10 AM	weather stormy and very cold.	
	16 th	8.30	As per programme.	
		9.	O.C. visited 15 th BDE. at HUPPY. and inspection works which were being carried on by the sappers.	
		11. PM	Lt MIDE TO H. T.S. reported work from V.K. leave.	
		3	CRE and Adjutant visited Coy HQs. and discussed training with OC.	
		8	Works report received from Lt HARDINGE	app
	17	AM. 8.30	As per programme	
		10	Inspection of bullets by OC.	

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MAR. REF FRANCE DIEPPE	14 TH	AM 11 PM 2	Inspection by Home + Home of OC. Inspection football match	
TO ODD		5.	Works report received from H HARDINGE.	app
BOULVAH COURT.	15 TH	10 AM 8.30	Weather fine but cold. As per programme.	
		10 PM 2.	Works inspected by OC. Sports. Inspection football match.	
		3.	CRE visited Coy HATS + inspected by Bollett.	
		8.	Works report received from H HARDINGE.	app
	19 TH	10 AM 8.	Weather fine. Parade. Coy marched to BLANCY for Bath return at 11.30 AM.	
		8.30	Wire H.E 201 received from CRE	app 19
		2.	Inspection football match.	
		8.	Weekly works report forwarded to CRE.	app 20
		9	Training programme for weekend period 21-27 th issued	app 21

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MAR. REF. FRANCE,	19 TH	P.M. 11.	Weather fine, but cold.	
DIEPPE 100. STD	20 TH	AM 2	Lt. BULLEN, proceeded to CORPS GAS SCHOOL at MONTIERS.	
		10 P.M. 2.	As per programme. Recreation.	
BOUVILLANCOURT		10 AM 8.30	Weather fine As per attached programme.	
	21 ST	10 P.M. 2	Bullets inspected by OC. Instruction football match.	
		8	Early work report received from Platoon LT HARDINGE	
	22 ND	10 AM 5.30	Weather fine As per programme.	
		10 P.M. 2.	Bullets inspected by OC. Recreation	
		5	Wux N498 received from CRE	App. 22
		8	Work report received from LT HARDINGE.	
		10	Weather stormy	

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NAP. REF	23 RD	A.M. 8.30	As per programme.	
FRANCE		P.M. 2.	Recreation football match.	
PIEPPE		2.30	Capt Caddy + Lt. LINSAY proceeded with S.S.O 5 th Aust. Div to	
10, 070			find out what material was required for Dumps at ST. MAENT, HUPPY	
BORILLANCOURT			and LA CROISELETTE. CAPT Caddy also visited 15 th BDE HQ, M. HUPPY	
			with regard to work being carried out by Lt HARDINGE.	
			Works report received from Lt HARDINGE. Weather stormy.	
	24 TH	8 AM 8.30	As per attached programme.	
		10 P.M. 2.	Inspection of billets by OC.	
			CRE visited Coy HQ.	
		2.15	Intr Coy football match 15 TH V 14 TH AUSTRALIAN RULES. 15 TH Coy	
			won by 60 points to 7.	
			Works report received from Lt HARDINGE.	
			Weather fine.	
	25 TH	10 AM 9.30	As per programme	
		2.	Recreation	

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MAR. REF FRANCE	T.H. 25	PM 8.	works report received from Lt. HARDINGE.	
DIEPPE TOP OFF	T.H. 26	10 AM 8:30	weather fine. as per programme	
BOULEVARD		10 PM 1.	Inspection of Coy Transport and tanks by OC. CRE and ADJUTANT arrived to attend sports meeting. Sports commenced at 1. PM.	app. 23
		8	Works report received from Lt HARDINGE and weekly work report forwarded to CRE	app. 24
	T.H. 27	10 10	Weather stormy in the morning but cleared in the afternoon. Inspection of Goggles MASKS by Section Officer. OC inspected bullet.	
		PM 8	Lt. MIDDLETON + BULLEN awarded M.C. Lt Cpl HARPER D.C.M. Law to D.C.M. Sgt BROOKS awarded D.C.M. 1 BAR and 12 MILITARY MEDALS awarded to Coy.	
		10 10:15	Weather fine. Training Programme for period 28 th - 3 rd next	app. 25

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MAD. REF FRANCE	TH 27.	P.M. 10.30	LT. BULLERY reported UNIT from CORPS. CAR. SO 4004.	
DIERRE 150.000	TH 28.	10.35 AM. 9.30	LT. GILBERT. reported UNIT from PARIS leave. As per training programme	
BOULWANCOURT.		10.	Inspection of letters by S.C.	
		10.30 PM 2.	LT. TRAY. reported inspected the appliances at Coy Bullets. Recreation	
		8.	Works report received from LT. HARDINGE	
		10	Weather fine	
	29th	8.	Bathing parade. Coy marched to Div Bathing at and were issued with winter clothing.	
		10.30	CPL visited Coy HQs.	
		11. P.M. 2.	PAY DAY. Inter Coy Football match. 15 th V. 8 th Rugby. 15 th Coy winning 7 points to 2.	
		8.	Works report received from LT HARDINGE.	
		10	Weather fine	

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M.A.P. REF FRANCE	30 th	AM 8.30	As per training programme. Coy weapons bay passed	
DIEPPE 100, 170		10 PM 2	Inspection of Billie by VC. Introduction football	
BOULVAUCOURT		8	Works report received from Lt. HARDINCE.	
		10	Weather fine	
	31 st	8.30	As per training programme. Coy weapons bay passed	
		11 PM 2	Chk. issued by VC. 8 th Coy football match. 15 th V P th . AUSTRALIAN RULES. 8 th Coy won score 54 - 22.	
		8	Works report received from Lt. HARDINCE.	
		10	Weather fine.	

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LIST OF APENDICIES

1. Message to Lt. Gilbert
2. Wire sent to C.R.E.
3. Report on roads sent to C.R.E.
4. " " accomodation sent to C.R.E.
5. " " " in Bellicourt forwarded to C.R.E.
6. Engineer Instruction No.50.
7. Report on tunnel forwarded to C.R.E.
8. Engineer Instruction No.51.(Map of area attached to original only).
9. " " No.52.
10. Wire N 464 received from C.R.E.
11. 15th Brigade Order No.205
12. Wire HE 179 from C.R.E.
13. " BM 196 " 15th Bde.
14. Engineer Instruction No.53
15. 15th Aust.Inf.Brigade No.206.
16. First Amendment to 5th Aust.Div.Eng.Instruction No.53.
17. O.C. Report on move.
18. Training programme for period 14th - 20th Oct.
19. Wire HE 261 from C.R.E.
20. Weekly works report
21. Training programme for period 21st - 27th Oct.
22. Wire N 498 from C.R.E.
23. Result of Coy.Sports Meeting.
24. Works report
25. Training Programme for period 28th Oct - 3rd Nov.
26. Q.M.S. Notes
27. Summary of operations for months of October
28. Graph shewing strength of coy. for October
29. Mosaic Air photos of Peronne area(attached to original only).

A GILBERT

APP (1)

Attack taking place today
is to establish a line just
ahead of Le CAPELET line
to form jumping off trench
for next Division coming
through.

The 15th Div objective is
CROARET Wood Farm to
junction with 14th Bde
in G 6 area.

When things quieten down
send out a few men on
reconnaissance of roads
water & railways of any
set wells in BELL COURT
developed & notes up.

The red road from BELL COURT
is ~~now~~ the most important
but send reports of any
other roads in Bde area.
You can also continue
report on the tunnel.

Do not send out too many
men but keep most of
your strength in reserve
in case they are required
for anything urgent.

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Send reports on reconnaissance
of roads water etc as
soon as possible you
get them & do not wait
till you have collected a
number.

There is a debris road
dump at L4C65 from
which picks, shovels
woodlasses rope, tape etc
may be drawn if required.

Come & see me before
you go out yourself
& I will let you know
what is doing.

6.50 AM

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No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
DUPLICATE		Service.	From 2
Atm.			By.....	
To			(Signature of "Franking Officer")	
By			By.....	

TO	PEJI		

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
PC 45	1		

Report Centre established at			
G.3029	aaa	officers	just
returned reports	no	Bumps	
on water	located	forward	
of CANAL	aaa	Reports	
on Road	not	yet	
received			

From NUPU.		
Place		
Time 12:55pm		
Use above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z/sad) J.P. Caddy
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name	

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APP 3

Reconnaissance of RED ROAD

From G4C74 Passable for all classes of traffic

At G4C98. Tank obstructing roadway (Tunnellers are now making deviation round same)

Thence to A29C13 in good order (metalled) a shell hole 10' diam & 3' 6" deep. Horse transport can get round it.

Thence to CABARET FARM in good order for all transport, & trees obstructing road here C29C87.

Thence to CABARET COPSE. Dry weather track only suitable for H.T. only.

ROAD from CABARET FARM to A23.49.1

Metalled road 13' ft wide passable for H.T. only, numerous small shell holes throughout.

ROAD from G4C7.4 to G5a8.4.

Dry weather Road in bad order, a few shell holes partly buried with mud & earth. Knocked down by shell fire from tank remaining along side of road not useable at present.

ROAD from G4b45. to A29.a5.9

Sunken road, metalled in places. Impassable



II
on account of DUG-OUTS and
earth work thereon. French
BRIDGE at A28690 completely
demolished.

ROAD MINES

a careful search
failed to reveal any ROAD
MINES.

RAILWAY

3' 4 3/4" Gauge. rails completely
demolished blown at almost
every joint.

TRACK in fair order requires
little repair from G4 C.97. to
G5 C.98.

Received from
St Gilbert timed
1.15 PM.

Job
A.N.

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Situation at 11.30 AM

Inf 57 + 58 Bde held
line approx A24 central
to A20 central.
14th Bde on left and
well up in line with
us and 3rd Div we
could see on outskirts
of ST MARTINS

CABARET FARM to CABARET
COFFE is being constantly
shelled with light stuff.

Water report not
yet in.

Received from
St Gilbert ~~timed~~
1.15 PM.

Job

CRE ORIGINAL & APP 4

Following report received from LE HARTINGE timed 12.55 PM: —

I made reconnaissance of 15th Bde sector forward of the Canal tunnel to line of posts forward of CABARET Farm Wood.

There are no dumps or water that we could see. One well or what appeared to be a well is just in front of one of our posts at about A29 central. Several deep dugouts and shafts in the Canal tunnel and to CATALET line.

Report on accommodation timed 2.45 PM. attached.

On previous report on road road from G4645 to G29a59 should read G4645 to A29a59

3.35 PM
1/10/18
G3C92

J.P. O'Connell
Capt

ACCOMMODATION REPORT.

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LOCATION	NO OF MEN	COVER	REMARKS.
G4600	4		Pill box
G4612	4		" "
G4613	4		" "
G4624	4		" "
G4645	20	40'	2 shafts connected
A28C45			R.A.P.
G4647	50	50'	2 shafts
G464590	50	50'	3 "
A28d63	80	50'	3 "
A28a51	100	50'	3 " 2 connected at bottom
A28a30	50	30'	3 "
A28C3560	40	40'	2 "
G4C65	30	50'	2 "
A29C23	20	40'	2 "
A28d9185	20	25'	2 "

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CRE ~~ORIGINALLY~~

APP 5

Following report received
on accommodation in
BELLICOURT.

Location shown on accompany-
ing sketch.

~~From~~ Number of men
accommodated is without
bunking, which would
be about double it.

ROAD A.

West side

East side

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| (1) 20 men | (1) 16 men |
| (2) 14 " | (2) 10 " |
| (3) 6 " | (3) 50 " |
| (4) 14 " | (4) 12 " |
| (5) 6 " | (5) 25 " |
| (6) 4 " | Chateau 60 " if changed |
| (7) 20 " | out. |
| (8) 10 " | |
| (8a) 8 " | |
| (9) 30 " | |
| (10) 16 " | |
| (11) 8 " | |
| (12) 6 " | |
| (13) 8 " | |
| (14) 20 to 40 " | |
- Deep dugouts
40 men if bunked

Road B

Southern side

Northern side

- | | |
|------------|---------------|
| (1) 14 men | (1) destroyed |
| (2) 30 " | (2) 20 men |
| (3) 20 " | (3) 8 men |

Road C

2 deep dugouts 12 men each.

The above are all cellars
in under the houses.

4.20 PM

1/11/18

G3C92

J. G. Adams
Capt.

Am now going up to
near side A & G5 G4646 but
it is doubtful whether
they will stay there
tonight.

4.25 PM

J. G. Adams

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Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Engineers. *APP 6*

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER INSTRUCTION No. 50.

Reference Map WIANCOURT 1/20000
62B and C 1/40000.

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1. During the night 1st/2nd October 1918 the 5th Australian Division area will be readjusted as follows :-
 - Northern boundary: Point of junction of front line troops of 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions (A.16.central) - A.20.central - thence due west along grid line.
 - Southern boundary: MINT COPSE B.19.c.0.3 - CABARET COPSE A.29.d.9.7 - G.3.central - G.I. central - thence due west.

 2. The following reliefs and moves will take place accordingly :-
 - Night 1/2 October.
 - (a) 14th A.I. Brigade will take over whole of new Divisional front relieving any line troops of 15th A.I. Brigade in that area.
 - (b) 5th A.I. Bde 2nd Australian Division will relieve 8th A.I. Brigade, part of 14th A.I. Brigade and 15th A.I. Brigade in the area between the new divisional southern boundary and the line JONCOURT-WIANCOURT inclusive.
On relief, 8th and 15th A.I. Brigades will move into support and reserve positions respectively, as follows :
8th A.I. Brigade: Sq. F.30.a.2, 5, a.26, approx.
15th A.I. Brigade: Sq. F.19., 20, 25, and 26.
15th A.I. Brigade will stage at the HINDENBURG LINE.
 - (c) Any troops of 8th A.I. Brigade south of the line JONCOURT-WIANCOURT will be relieved by 32nd Division.
Details of relief will be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.

 - 3(a) The 5th Field Co. A.E. will take over work in area to be occupied by 2nd Aust. Division from 8th and 15th Field Companies. Reliefs to be complete by 09.00, 2nd October.
 - (b) 14th Field Co. will complete reconnaissance of BELLICOURT Tunnel and arrange to carry out Engineer work in affiliated Brigade Area.
 - (c) The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will relieve the 5th Aust. Pioneer Bn. on work on roads east of Green Line.
The latter Battalion will continue work on roads west of the green Line under orders of C.E. Aust. Corps until relieved by 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn. on 2nd October.

 - 4(a) The 8th Field Co. will concentrate at E.29.d.2.8, sheet 62C, on morning of 2nd October.
 - (b) 15th Field Co. will move into area verbally indicated by C.R.E., on ^{morning} 2nd October.
 - (c) 5th Aust. Pioneer Bn. will return under the orders of 5th Aust. Divn. after relief by 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn. and will concentrate in vicinity of L.3.b.central. This Battalion will continue exploitation of BELLICOURT Tunnel until completed.

 5. Normal distances will be maintained throughout moves and full precautions taken to avoid enemy air or ground observation.

 6. Completion of moves and reliefs, with locations of Headquarters, transport lines and horse watering points will be wired to C.R.E.'s office, ~~in~~.

 7. Field Companies and Pioneers to ACKNOWLEDGE.

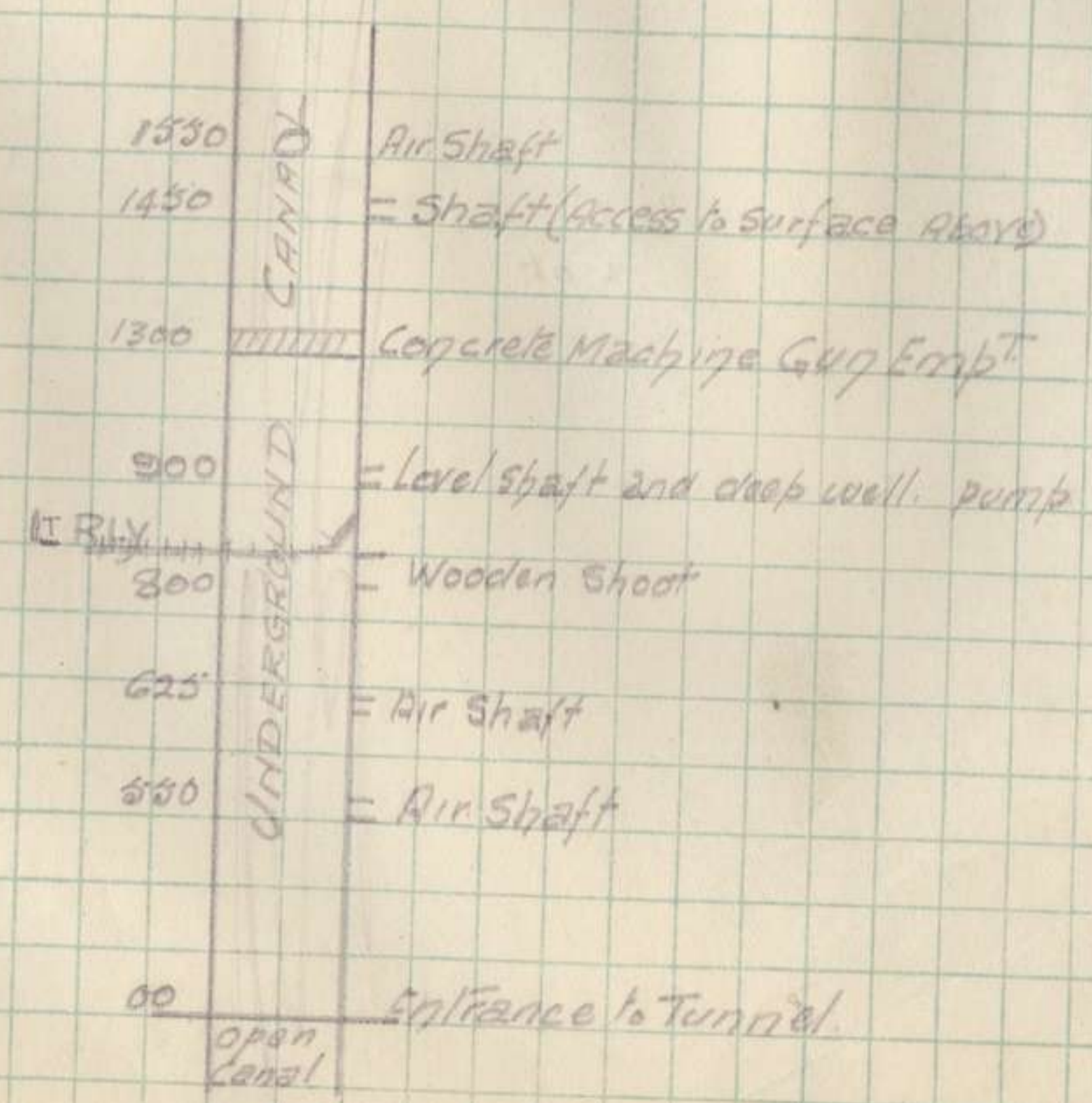
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*Rec**[Signature]*Lieut-Col. A.E.
C.R.E.

5th Australian Division....

DUPLICATE
 APP 7
 RECONNAISSANCE OF UNDERGROUND CANAL
 UNDER THE VILLAGE OF BELLICOURT.
 OO AT CANAL ENTRANCE MAP LOCATION G16 1477.

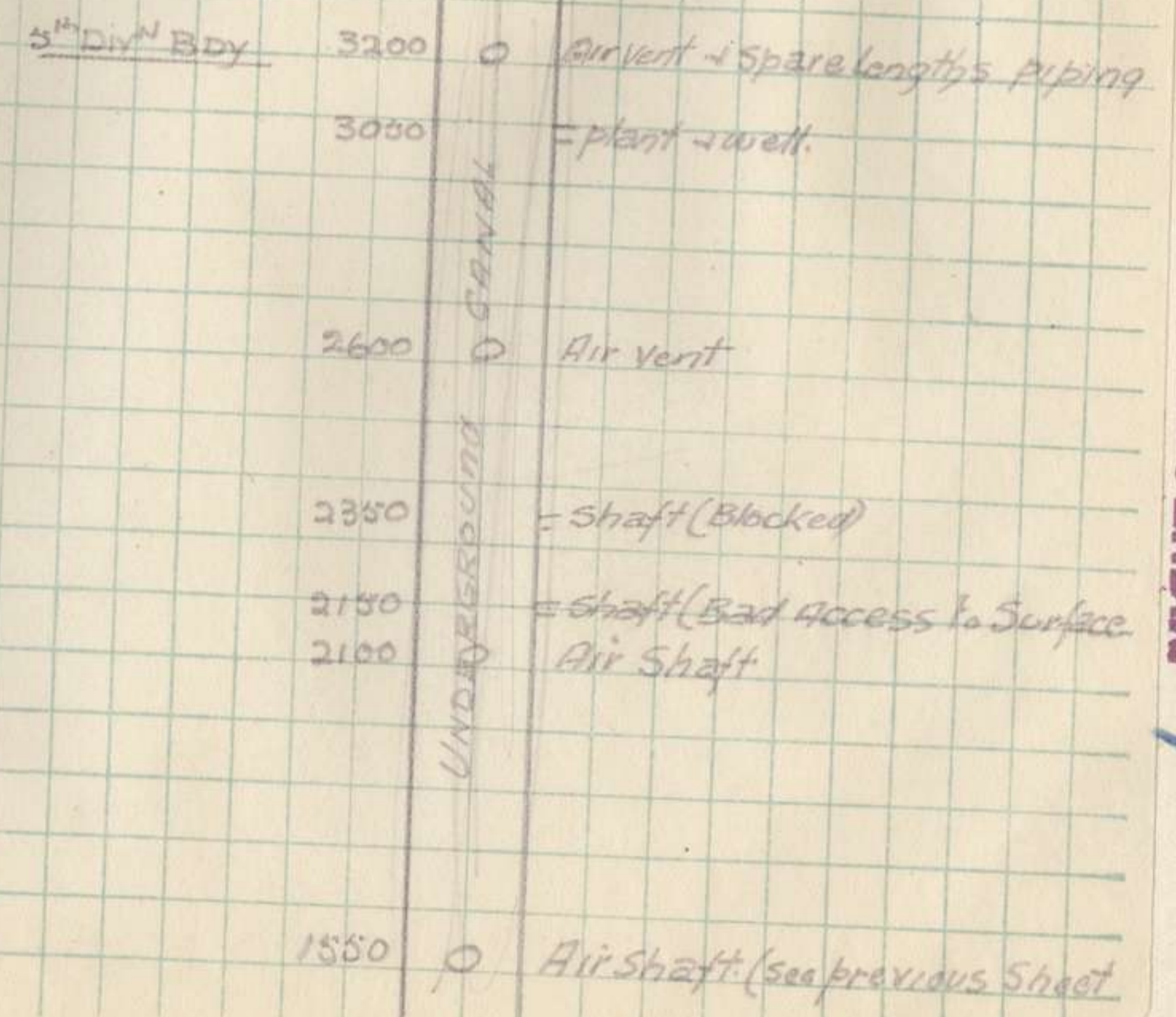
TUNNEL IN PLAN
 SHEET (1) Measurements are in yards.



TUNNEL IN PLAN
 UNDERGROUND CANAL

SHEET (2)

Measurements in yards



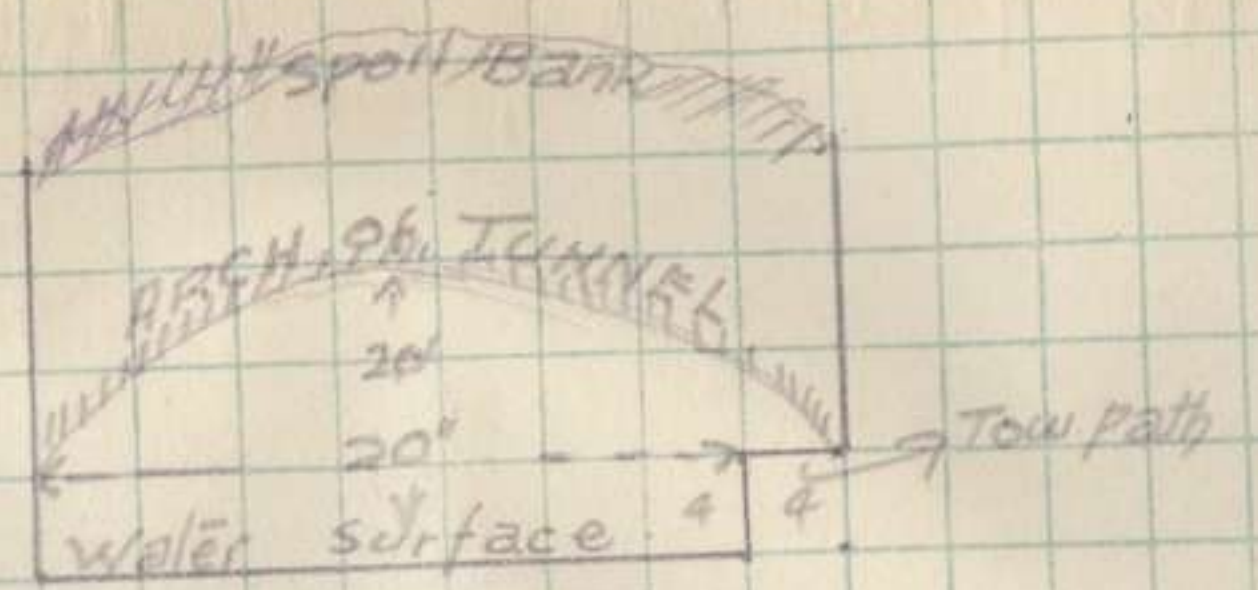
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UNDERGROUND CANAL.

SHEET (3)

CROSS SECTION OF TUNNEL



Remarks on cross section Arch is brick in places & natural chalk in others. Course of channel well defined in most places by spoilt bank.

Remarks of LONGITUDINAL section

at 800 Light Railway enters tunnel on west side & wooden shoot on East side

at 900 There is a belt driven geared pump. 12" stroke 4" column with deep well pump. Diameter 5' of well 5' at water level. Delivery leading up thro' air vent.

at 1300 Concrete wall across the tunnel 2 1/2" thick. Hoopholes for defence against attack from the North.

UNDERGROUND CANAL

Remarks of TUNNEL IN PLAN (CONT'D)

SHEET (4)

at 1400 Shaft giving good exit to surface above opening out in cellar of old house.

at 2800 Shaft thro' to surface above, but unpunished not yet good exit.

at 2350 Shaft entrance to tunnel blocked

at 3050 Well 6' below level shaft diam 5' Air vent above well. Plant consists of belt driven water pump + 2 vented fans

at 3200 Air vent + 30 length of mixed 1" + 2" iron piping for salvage

at 3750 Room holding gas engine 4 1/4" shaft 16" cylinder.

GENERAL REMARKS

at South entrance to tunnel and at 3375 are numerous sunken barges.

Tunnel at present absolutely dark & the air is moist but a fair draft travels thro'

No mines were discovered

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Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Engineers.

APP 8

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER INSTRUCTION No. 51.

1. INFORMATION.

- (a) On the 3rd instant, the advance is to be continued on the Australian Corps Front by the 2nd Australian Division, who will complete the capture of the BEAUREVOIR Line, on the Corps Front and capture BEAUREVOIR HILL, and gain a footing on PROSPECT Hill.
- (b) The 32nd Division on the South is conforming to the advance of the 2nd Australian Division and will occupy the ridge running N.W. from MONTBREHAIN. The 50th Division will also conform on the North by capturing LE GATELET and GOUY.

2. RELIEF.

The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved during the night 2nd/3rd October, as follows :-

- (a) The 50th Division will take over the Divisional front as far South as general line A.23 .d.0.9 to B.1.a .8.5. Troops of the 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade at present holding this portion of the front will be relieved by the 151st Brigade.
- (b) The 2nd Aust. Division will take over the Divisional Front south of line A.23.d.0.9 to B.1.a.8.5. Troops of the 14th A.I. Brigade holding this portion of the line will be relieved by the 7th A.I. Brigade. Command of Brigade sectors will pass on completion of Brigade reliefs.

3. PASSING OF COMMAND.

Command of 5th Australian Divisional Sector will pass to G.O's C. 2nd Australian Division and 50th Division on completion of reliefs of portions of the 14th A.I. Brigade by 7th A.I. Brigade and 151st Brigade, respectively.

4. 5th Aust. Pioneer Bn. will move forthwith to area for Divisional troops as shown on map accompanying 5th Aust. Divn. Battle Instructions Series 'E' No. 18.

5. The 14th Field Co. will hand over Engineer Work in 5th Aust. Divn. Area to 7th Field Co. A.E. in area taken over by 2nd Aust. Divn. and to Field Company affiliated with 151st Brigade in area taken over by 50th Division. Relief to be complete by 10.00 3rd October.

6. Field Companies will get in touch immediately with Headquarters of Brigades of their own numbers and arrange to assist in construction of Headquarters etc. as heretofore, in areas shown on attached map.

7. R.E. Dump is located at L.16.a. central where material may be drawn on signature of a Field Company Officer.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Martin

Lieut-Col. A.E.
C.R.E.

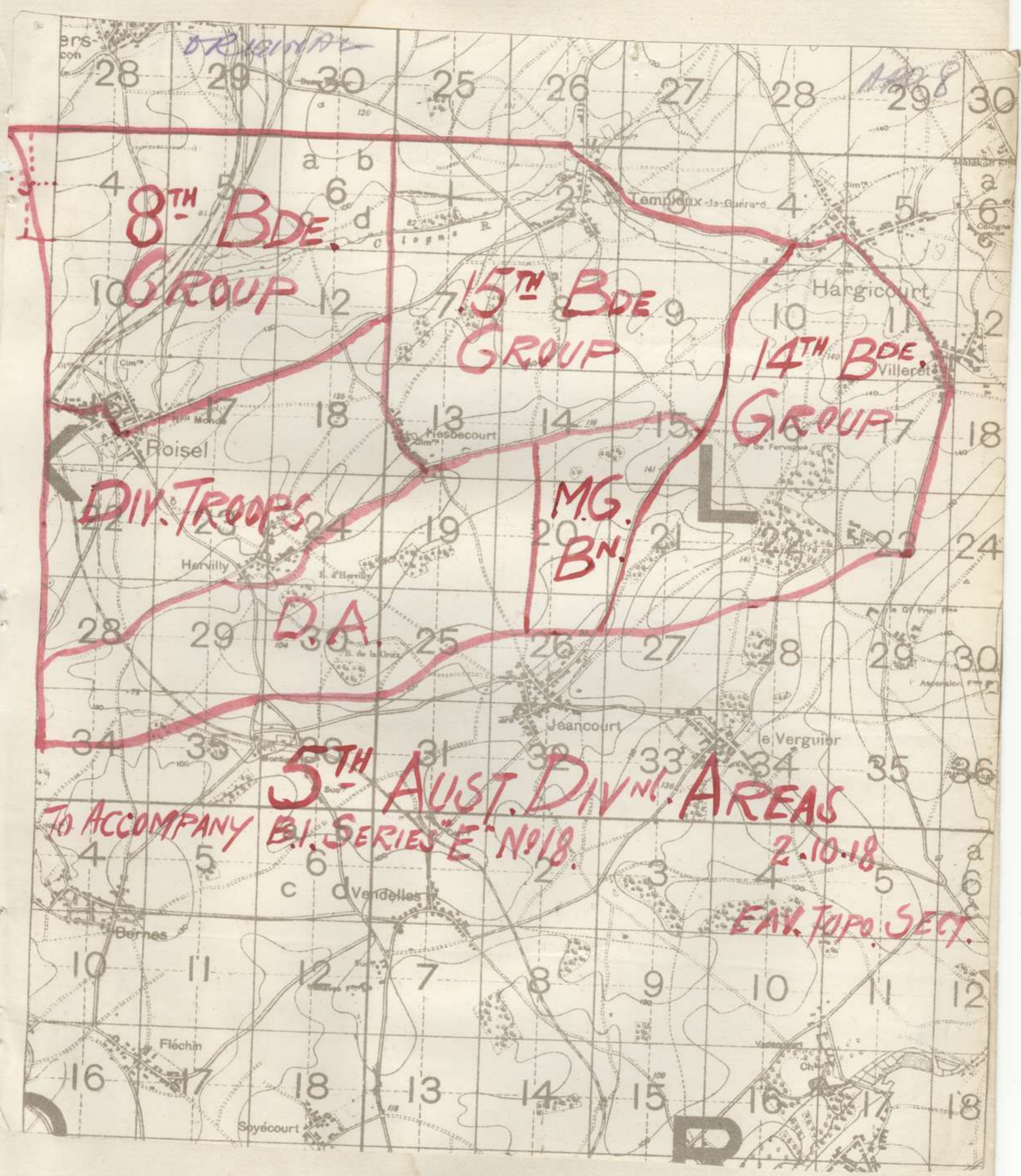
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2nd October 1918

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| | 5 | CRE, 2nd Aust. Divn. |
| | 6 | CRE, 50th Divn. |
| | 7 | 8th A.I. Bde |
| | 8 | 14th A.I. Bde. |
| | 9 | 15th A.I. Bde. |
| | 10 | 'G' 5th Aust Divn. |
| | 11 | 'A' " " " |
| | 12 | C.E. Aust. Corps. |
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER INSTRUCTION NO. 52.

1. The 5th Australian Division is to move to HORNOY area, the 14th and 15th Brigade Groups moving to LE MESNIL area on the 5th instant and entraining at PERONNE and LACHAPELETTE on the 6th instant.
2. Field Companies will move with their Brigade groups under orders issued by Brigades.
3. Field Companies will collect Bridging Equipment and surplus kit from Divl. Engineer Kit Store LE MESNIL on 5th instant.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE (Field Companies).

Chapman

Lieut-Col. A.E.
C.R.E.

5th Australian Division.

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APPENDIX. 10

"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121
(In pads of 100.)

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent		Service.
At.....m.			APP 10	From.....
To.....				By.....
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....

TO O.C. 15th Field Co.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
N 464	4		

With reference to surplus equipment at
 LE MESNIL aaa Two motor lorries will
 collect Lewis Gun and other surplus
 equipment from this kit store on 6th inst.
 and transport it to the new area aaa
 Each Field Co. will leave one man in charge
 of Company surplus equipment to look after it a
 and load on waggons on 6th instant aaa
 These men will travel on lorries aaa

From C.R.E.
 Place 5th Aust. Division
 Time 1915

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

* This line should be erased if not required.

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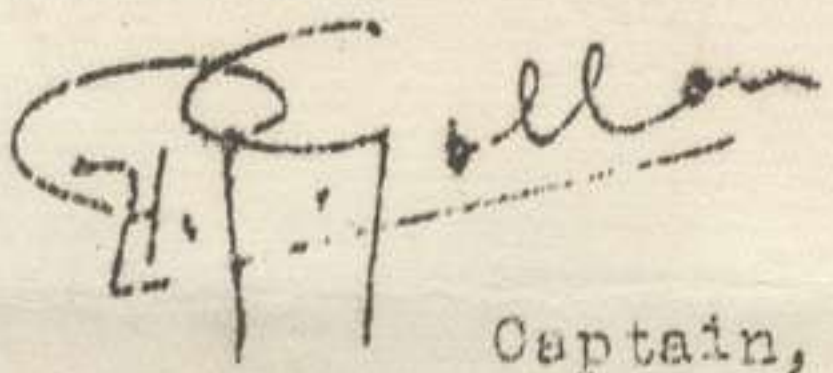
15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 205.

APP 11

Ref: FRANCE
Sheet 62 C 1/40,000.

4th October, 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Division is moving tomorrow to the LE MESNIL AREA. The Division is to move by Brigade Groups.
2. (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will move by march route in accordance with the Move Table issued herewith.
(b) For the purposes of this move the Brigade Group will comprise:
 - 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters.
 - 57th Battalion.
 - 58th Battalion.
 - 59th Battalion.
 - 15th A.L.T.M.B.
 - 15th M.G. Company.
 - 15th Field Coy. A.E.
 - 15th Field Ambulance.
3. Units will move in Marching Order accompanied by 1st Line Transport. Blankets will be carried on the Baggage Wagons.
4. Strict attention will be paid to regulation distances:
 - 100 yards between Companies.
 - 200 yards between Units and Transport.
 - 6 yards between every six vehicles.
5. Advance parties from all Units of the Brigade Group will meet the Staff Captain at the area Commandants Office, LE MESNIL, at 9 a.m. tomorrow 5th inst.
6. (a) Completion of moves together with notifications of New Headquarters will be notified to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible.
(b) Brigade Headquarters will close at present location at 8.30 a.m. and will open in new area on arrival (location will be notified).
7. Acknowledge.



Captain,
Brigade Major,
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 20.00 through Signals to;
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- | | |
|----------------------|----|
| 57th Battalion | 1. |
| 58th Battalion | 2. |
| 59th Battalion | 3. |
| 15th A.L.T.M.B. | 4. |
| 15th M.G. Company | 5. |
| 15th Field Coy. A.E. | 6. |
| 15th Field Ambulance | 7. |

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| C.O.C. 15th A.I. Brigade | 8. |
| Staff Captain | 9. |
| Brigade Transport Officer | 10. |
| Brigade Quartermaster | 11. |
| 5th Aust. Division | 12. |
| 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion | 13. |
| No. 4 Signal Section | 14. |
| 8th A.I. Brigade | 15. |
| 14th A.I. Brigade | 16. |
| Area Commandant LE MESNIL | 17. |
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| War Diary | 19-21. |

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TO	15 th F.C. AF Via 15 th AIBde		
*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
45179	5 th		
Surplus equipment and two pontoon wagons will be moved on 7 th inst from Le Mesnil and not from sixth inst aaa further instructions later.			
210 ⁰ 9 1011			
FROM	C. R. E. 5 Aust Div		
TIME & PLACE			

*This line should be erased if not required.
G. & B. 7890. Wt. W16252/M1623 100.000. 2/17. (E930) Form G/3198

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BM 796	5				
There will be no more					
before 12 noon					
tomorrow aaa warning					
order as to times					
will be issued later.					
FROM	15 A 1 Bde				
TIME & PLACE	7.35 pm				
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Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Engineers APP 14

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER INSTRUCTION No. 53

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1. The 8th, 14th and 15th Field Cos. will entrain at LA CHAPELLETTTE with 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade Group and under orders of 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade and, as detailed in para. 2 of Engineer Instruction No. 52.
2. The 8th Field Co. will move to LA CHAPELLETTTE area on 6th instant; the move is to be complete by 1400, 6th instant. An officer of this Company will be sent to 15th Aust. Inf. Bde Headquarters No. 5 Club Street PERONNE on morning of 6th instant to arrange for billets with staff captain, 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. An officer of this Company and one O.R. will report to C.R.E.'s office at 10.00 on 6th instant to go to new area to arrange for billets..
3. Each Field Company will send a runner to 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters early on 6th instant to bring back despatches to Field Companies.
4. Approximate times of departure of trains are shown on attached table.
5. Lieut. H.W. FRY, MC will pick up an officer and one O.R. from 14th and 15th Field Cos. on 6th instant, to convey them to new area to arrange for billets.
6. Pontoon equipment of 15th Field Co. and surplus equipment of all Field Cos. will be moved to new area on 7th instant. Lorries will report at O.17.b.3.2, sheet 62c, LE MESNIL, at 8 a.m. on 7th instant. The 15th Field Co. will arrange for a M.C.O. to meet these lorries and superintend loading. Each Field Co. will arrange for one sapper to remain with its surplus equipment and move with lorries.
7. Field Companies to ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 22.35
5/10/18

Mathu Lieut-Col: A.F.
C.R.E.
5th Australian Division..

Distribution -

- Copy No. 1 to 8th Field Co.
- 2 14th " "
- 3 15th " "
- 4 8th A.I. Bde
- 5 14th A.I. Bde.
- 6 15th A.I. Bde
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No. of train	Approx. time departure	Entraining Stn.	Detraining Stn.	Field Cos.
4	2359 -6th inst.	LA CHAPELLETTTE	MARTAINNEVILLE	15
12	1600 -7th inst.	"	"	14
14	2000 -7th inst.	"	"	8

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APP 15

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 206.

Ref: FRANCE

(a) Sheet 62 C 1/40,000.

(b) ABBEVILLE 14 1/40,000.

6th October, 1918.

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1. (a) The 5th Australian Division (less artillery) is moving by tactical train to the HUPPY AREA on the 6th and 7th October, 1918.
 (b) On arrival in the new area the Division is to be disposed as follows;

Divisional Headquarters	:	HUPPY.
8th A.I. Brigade	:	OISEMENT sub-area.
14th A.I. Brigade	:	ST. MAXENT sub-area.
15th A.I. Brigade	:	BEHEN sub-area.

 (c) The attached map (limited issue) shows the Divisional area and Brigade sub-areas.

 2. (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will entrain at LA CHAPELLETTE on the 6th and 7th insts. in accordance with the Entrainment Table accompanying this order. Times will be notified separately.
 (b) For the purposes of this move the Brigade Group will comprise;
 - 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Qrs.
 - No. 4 Signal Section A.E.
 - 15th A.L.T.M.B.
 - 15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
 - 8th Field Company A.E.
 - 14th Field Company A.E.
 - 15th Field Company A.E.
 - H.Q. 5th Div. Train.
 - 18th Company A.A.S.C.
 - 28th Company A.A.S.C.
 - 29th Company A.A.S.C.
 - 57th Aust. Inf. Battalion.
 - 58th Aust. Inf. Battalion.
 - 59th Aust. Inf. Battalion.
 - 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.
 - 5th Aust. Mobile Veterinary Section.
 - 5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.

 3. (a) Captain H.R. GOLLAN, M.C. (Brigade Major, 15th A.I. Brigade) will act as Group Entraining Officer at LE CHAPELLETTE.
 (b) Captain R.A. SALMON, M.C. (Staff Captain Trainee 15th A.I. Brigade) will act as Group Detraining Officer at MARTAINNEVILLE.

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E N T R A I N M E N T T A B L E.

to accompany

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 206.

Train No. from LE CHAPELLETTE	Div. Serial	Occupants of Train	Departs at
1st	2.	15th A.I. Brigade H.Q. No. 4 Signal Section A.E. 15th A.L.T.M.B. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance	
2nd	4.	15th Field Coy. A.E., 29th Coy. A.A.S.C.	
3rd	6.	57th Aust. Inf. Battalion	
4th	8.	58th Aust. Inf. Battalion	
5th	10.	2 Companies 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion.	
6th	12.	14th Field Coy. A.E. 18th Company A.A.S.C. H.Q. 5th Div. Train	
7th	14.	8th Field Coy. A.E., 28th Company A.A.S.C.	
8th	16.	Headquarters and two companies 5th Aust. M.G. Battalion	
9th	18.	59th Aust. Inf. Battalion 3 Off. and 100 men 5th Pioneer Battalion. 5th Mobile Vet. Section.	
10th	20.	5th Aust. Pioneer Bn.	

NOTE: (a) Entraining Station, LE CHAPELLETTE, detraining
Station MARTAINNEVILLE.
(b) Trains will depart at intervals of four hours.

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- (c) The entrainment of all Units must be completed an hour before the time for departure of the train.
- (d) Breast ropes for horses will be provided by Units. lashings for "flats" will be on the trucks.
- (e) No troops or transport will enter the station yard without having previously reported to the Group Entraining Officer.
- (f) The D.A.P.M. is arranging to control traffic in vicinity of the Station Yard.

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APPENDIX. 16

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Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

1st. AMENDMENT TO 5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER INSTRUCTION No. 53.

No.4 Train will leave at	0835	on	7.10.18.
No.12 " " " "	0035	"	8.10.18.
No.14 " " " "	0435	"	8.10.18.

W. J. ...
 Lieut-Col A.E.
 C.R.E.
 5th. Australian Division ...

6th. October 1918.

Issued at 0950, to all recipients of E.I.No.53.

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APP 17

Reference move from La CHAPELLETTE
to BOUILLANCOURT. (Extracts from
Admin's Memorandum No 102)

The Coy entrained at La CHAPELLETTE
leaving the station at
0830 on 7th October the
men having a hot breakfast
before leaving.

Our train arrived at
MARTINNEVILLE at 7 PM.
and after waiting for it
to be shunted to the siding
we unloaded our own
transport ^{and 3 APC wagons} and marched
to BOUILLANCOURT arriving
there at 0200 8th inst.

The Coy was met here by
the billeting party and
allotted their billets.

The men carried their
rations for 7th and
consumed them on
the train, which did not

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stop long enough to make
a hot meal on the way
down.

Our APC wagon with
supplies for 8th inst accompanied
the Coy.

These rations were issued
~~at~~ after arrival at
BOUILLANCOURT, and the
Company had a hot
meal about 8 AM.

10/10/18

J. J. G. J. G. J. G.
Capt
of 15th Regt Coy.

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15th FIELD COMPANY A.E.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

For period 14-20 Oct 18

Date	Time	Description of training	Remarks
14	0830-0900 0900-0930 0930-1000 1000-1100 1100-1200 1200-1230	Section parade & inspection Coy. parade, reading of orders etc. Rifle exercises PT and Gas drill ^a Lecture Discipline & general duties. Squad & Section drill Musketry exercises	Sections inspected by Officers as laid down in LT Drivers to parade with sections but not on Coy. Parade. ^a N.C.Os. communication drill.
15	0830-1000 1000-1100 1100-1200 1200-1230	As Above Lecture musketry (Lt Secombe) -1- Short route march drill order Writing report on route passed over	Each man will write report on anything of engineering importance noticed on the march.
16	0830-1000 1000-1100 1100-1200 1200-1230	As above Lecture musketry (Lt Secombe) -2- Musketry exercises Trigger pressure and aiming. Discussion of report written on 15th.	
17		Rifle practice on rifle range	May be interchanged with 18th or 19th accordingly as range is available
18	0830-1000 1000-1100 1100-1200 1200-1230	As above Lecture Message & Report Writing (Lt Gilbert). Reconnaissance scheme Writing Report on above	Small parties to be sent out to reconnoitre roads wells timber available in vicinity etc each party to have definite separate job.
19	0830-1000 1000-1100 1100-1130	As above Lecture MR & FS (Scales contours conventional signs (Lt Lindsay) -1- Practical field sketching.	Each man to be allotted definite small area to sketch.
20	1000	General inspection of billets stables etc.	

NOTES

- 1- As many men as possible employed on duties to attend all lectures.
- 2- Note books & pencils to be carried at all times.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. Army Form C. 2121
(In pads of 100.)

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of :Service.	Recd. at.....m.
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	At.....m.		<i>D.R.L.</i>	From
	To			By.....
	By	(Signature of "Franking Officer")		

TO *15th Field Coy A.C.*

Sender's Number. <i>HE 261</i>	Day of Month <i>18th</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*Reference this office
42/72/25 of 15/10/18 - aaa
Lieut G.L. Bullen will report
not later than 10 am
on 20th inst at Divisional
Headquarters and proceed
to MONTIERES CONVENT by
lorry.*

From <i>G.R.C. 5th Aust. Division.</i>	
Place	
Time	
<i>Use above may be forwarded as now corrected.</i>	(Z) <i>Attorn^y Lieut</i>
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WORKS REPORT For Week ending 19.10.18.

WORK	LOCATION	PROGRESS
Extension of barn for lecture Hall	15th Bde. School ERCOURT	Walls 12ft long 9ft high covered with Malthoid completed.
Bayonet fighting course	do	3 Frames 10ft wide by 8ft high completed
Rifle range	do	12 targets and 6 frames completed
Minature Range	do	Frames for 8 cards completed
COOK Housee	do	6ft x 8ft x 7ft completed
2 Tables 1 Latrine seat 4 Notice boards	do	completed
3 Cook housees 5 Latrinee	Company Billete BOUILLANCOURT	Completed

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WORKS REPORT For Week ending 26.10.18. APP 20

WORK	LOCATION	PROGRESS
Rifle Range	15th Bde. School ERCOURT	Trench 20 yards long 6ft deep 4ft wide dug Range completed with frames & Targets.
Hut for Targets & Discs	do	Size 8ft x 6ft x 7ft high 80% complete
Minature Range	57th Bn. HUPPY	10 targets completed
Minature Range	59th Bn. HUPPY	12 Targets completed
1 Table 6 Forms 2 Ladders 2 Notice Boards	15th Bde School ERCOURT	Completed
Repair of Pumps	57th Bn. HUPPY	2 Pumps repaired
Rebuilding Brick pillar	Div. Baths HUPPY	Pillar 27" x 27" x 9ft high damaged pillar pulled down and reerected twice as high.
Erecting bunks in sick room	14th Fld. Amb. MAIGNEVILLE	8 Bunks completed
Shelves in Recreation Rm.	do	8 shelves 6" wide 5ft long finished
Latrine	do	Shelter 8ft x 6ft completed
Lecture and Recreation Hut	BOUILLANCOURT	Hut 24ft x 42ft 80% Complete
1 Sapper working with Sanitary Section and 2 Sappers with Chief Fire Officer.		

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Date	Time	Description of training	Remarks
21	0830-0900	Section parade & inspection	
	0900-0930	Coy. " "	
	0930-1030	Physical training	
	1030-1230	Musketry	Range instruction & practice in loading firing position etc.
22	0830-0900	Parade	Gas helmets & midday meal to be carried.
	0900-1600	Range practice	
23	0830-0930	As on 21st	
	0930-1030	Lecture map reading(2) Lt Lindsay	
	1030-1130	Rifle exercises & physical training	
	1130-1230	Practical map reading & location	
24	0830-0930	As above	
	0930-1030	Infantry drill & PT	
	1030-1130	Lecture organisation Fld.Coye.& Div.Eng.	
	1130-1230	Gas Drill	
25	0830-0930	As above	Battle order with Transport
	0930-1230	Route march	
26	0830-0930	As above	
		COMPANY SPORTS	
27	1000	General Inspection	

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of :	Recd. at.....m.
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	At.....m.	Service.		From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer")		

TO { 15th Field Coy.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
N498	22	 	

The SSO will call at your head quarters at 1430 23rd unit to pick up an officer to go with him to the Supply Dump in the Divisional Area. to arrange about proposed jobs at this office

From	
Place	
Time	

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	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer")		

TO { ORIGINAL

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will be informed of value of jobs and minimum necessary material, also rough ^{of diagrams} dimensioned sketches of work proposed will be of material assistance here.

From	
Place	C.A.E. 5 th Div. Riv.
Time	

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ORIGINAL RESULTS. 100 yds CHAMPIONSHIP. APR 73

HUTTON. 1.
Hogbin. 2.

100 yds. Handicap.

Heat. 1. Band. 1.
Sullivan. 2.

Heat No 2. Maclean 1.
White 2.

No 3. L.C. Clarke 1.
Armour. 2.

FINAL.

BAND 1.
L.C. CLARKE 2.

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- Wrestling on Horseback. -

- Head Quarters. - 1
No 4 Section. 2.

880 yds. Handicap -

Hutton 1.
Dagerman. 2.

- OFFICERS RACE -

Lt Secombe 1
Lt Lindsey 2
Lt Martin. 3.

- 220 yds Championship -

Hutton. 1
Hurst 2
Toys. 3

- 220 Handicap -

~~W.A.~~ CLARKE. 1
Hogbin. 2
Bourke 3

- High Jump -

~~W.A.~~ CLARKE 1. 4 1/2"
Mutton 2.

Kicking Football.

Burton. 1

- Three legged race -

Teys. 1
Sforzina.

Band. 2
Bird.

- 440 Handicap -

Benson. 1
Maclean. 2

Final Tug of War.

- No 3 - 1.
No 4 - 2.

Throwing Hammer.

Bryant 1.
Brooks 2.

- Relay Race -

No 4. 1
No 2. 2



Long Jump.

W. CLARKE	1	16' 4"
HUTTON.	2	14' 6 1/2"

- Mile Handicap -

W. CLARKE	1.	
ARMOUR.	2.	17' 6 1/2"

- POINT SCORES -

No	1	Section.	15.
"	2	"	31
"	3	"	13.
"	4	"	17
H. P.		"	17.



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PROGRAMME OF TRAINING For Period Oct.28th - Nov.3rd.

Date	Time	Description of training	Remarks
28	0830-0900	Section parade and inspection	S.B.Rs to be carried
	0900-0930	Coy.	
	0930-1030	Gas Drill and instruction	
	1030-1130	Physical training and bayonet fighting	
	1130-1230	Musketry instruction	
29		Bath and change of clothes	
30	0830-0930	As above	
	0930-1030	Lecture organisation of working parties	
	1030-1130	Physical training and Gas Drill	
	1130-1230	Scheme embodying above lecture	
31	0830	Section parade and inspection	Drill Order
	0930	Inspection of Coy. with Transport	
	1030-1230	Route march	
1	0830-0900	Section parade and inspection	SBRs to be carried
	0900-0930	Coy.	
	0930-1030	Physical training and Gas Drill	
	1030-1130	Lecture siting and laying out trenches	
	1130-1230	Scheme embodying above	
2	0830-0930	As above	SBRs to be carried
	0930-1030	Physical training and Gas Drill	
	1030-1130	Lecture Roads (drainage, repair etc).	
	1130-1230	Practical Road reconnaissance.	
3	1000	General inspection of billets Stables etc.	

War Diary For October 1918.

A.S.C.
Supplies.

No difficulty was experienced in the drawing of rations.

The bread as averaged 75% the rest made up of biscuits, rice oatmeal & flour. Fresh meat averaged 50% remainder made up with Bully Beef, Peas, or M & O rations.

A full issue of fresh vegetables was drawn for the month.

On the whole, the rations were very satisfactory.

Fat.

On account of the low percentage of fresh meat we were not able to return any fat. The cook made good use of all the fat we received in making puddings etc. for the men.

Blankets.

During the month the blankets were fumigated & the second blanket was drawn from D.A.D.O.S.

Comforts
funds.

We received a fair amount of comforts during the month.

Ordance
Supply.

Not much difficulty was experienced from this branch excepting in drawing boots ankle sizes 6 & 7. The winter issue of clothing was drawn during the month consisting of Cardigan jackets, Jerkins, gloves etc.

Salvage.

We returned article for article as drawn from D.A.D.O.S.

Boot
Repairing.

During the month the bootmaker has been kept constantly busy repairing boots.

Harness
Repairing.

All necessary repairs to harness has been attended to.

L. J. Wilkes - S. Corp.
Det. C. G. M. S.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 15th FIELD COMPANY A.E.

FOR OCTOBER 1918.

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After the operations near BELLICOURT THE COMPANY moved to LONGAVESNES where three were spent in re-equipping and cleaning up.

On 5th inst the Company moved to La-CHAPELLETTE and entrained on the 7th inst for the Rest Area, detraining at MARTAINNEVILLE.

The arrangements for getting the wagons off the trucks were poor there being only two ramps which had to be pulled to pieces and re erected for each truck. the lighting was also bad. Two acetyline lamps were provided but insufficient carbide was available to run them. Later on oil lamps were obtained from the French railway authorities.

The billets allotted to the Company at BOUILLANCOURT were mainly barns, some of which were not weather proof and were very cold & draughty

After a few days we managed to find better accommodation and with the aid of a small quantity of RE material to make cook houses, latrines, bunks, and to improve the billets, the men were eventually made fairly comfortable. 134 paliasses and straw were also issued.

Arrangements were made for purchase of firewood for 13 France Per cubic metre, and later we obtained wood from a R E Sawmill at GAMACHES free.

A recreation hut 40ft by 24ft was built and provided with tables, forms, and two stoves for the use of the men.

A good field for grazing the horses, and a field for a sports ground were arranged for and a programme of football matches and athletic events carried out in the afternoon under the able supervision of Lt V.C./SECOMBE who acted as Sports Officer.

The Company Sports held on the 26th were a great success. The inter section spirit was encouraged and the competition was very keen.

Lt W.C. GILBERT was sent to PARIS to purchase sporting gear from Company Funds

Four hours per day were nominally set apart for training but as is always the case in a Rest Area there is so much work to be done in providing rifle ranges, baths and general accommodation that there are seldom more than 50 % of the Sappers available for training.

Then again Officers and N.C.Os have to be detailed for various Schools, and the Section Officer never has a chance of utilising what is perhaps the only opportunity in 12 months of knowing and training every man in his section and inculcating the idea that each section is a self contained unit, and should be capable of acting as such, and doing better than any other section on all occasions.

A second blanket, winter under clothes, cardigan jackets and leather or sheepskin jerkins were issued during the month.

There is a distinct feeling with most of the men that the jerkins are not required and will be seldom worn.

The following decorations were awarded to the Company for good work in the operations near PERONNE from Aug 30th to Sept 6th:-

Lt D.B. MIDELTON and 2/Lt G.L. BULLEN Military Cross
T/2/Cpl J.T. HARPER Bar to D.C.M. Sergeant A.A. BROOKS Distinguished Conduct Medal, *SAPPER R.S. WILSON Bar to M.M.*

MILITARY MEDAL

Sapper J.H. BRYANT	Sergeant W.H. KENNAUGH
Corporal H.C. MATTHEWS	Corporal W.E. ROBERTSON
2/Corporal W.A. McDONALD	2/Corporal H.E. NEASBEY
L/Corporal R.J. REID	L/Corporal W. BODYCOAT
L/Corporal F. URQUHART	Sapper L.H. RADFORD
Sapper WG. SIMMONS	Sapper H.C. WRIGHT

Lt E.V. CLARK left for ENGLAND on 2nd to attend a course in connection with the Education Scheme.

Major HAROLD GREENWAY. D.S.O. took over duties of A/C.R.E. on 6th inst. Captain J.P. CADDY commanding the Company in his absence.

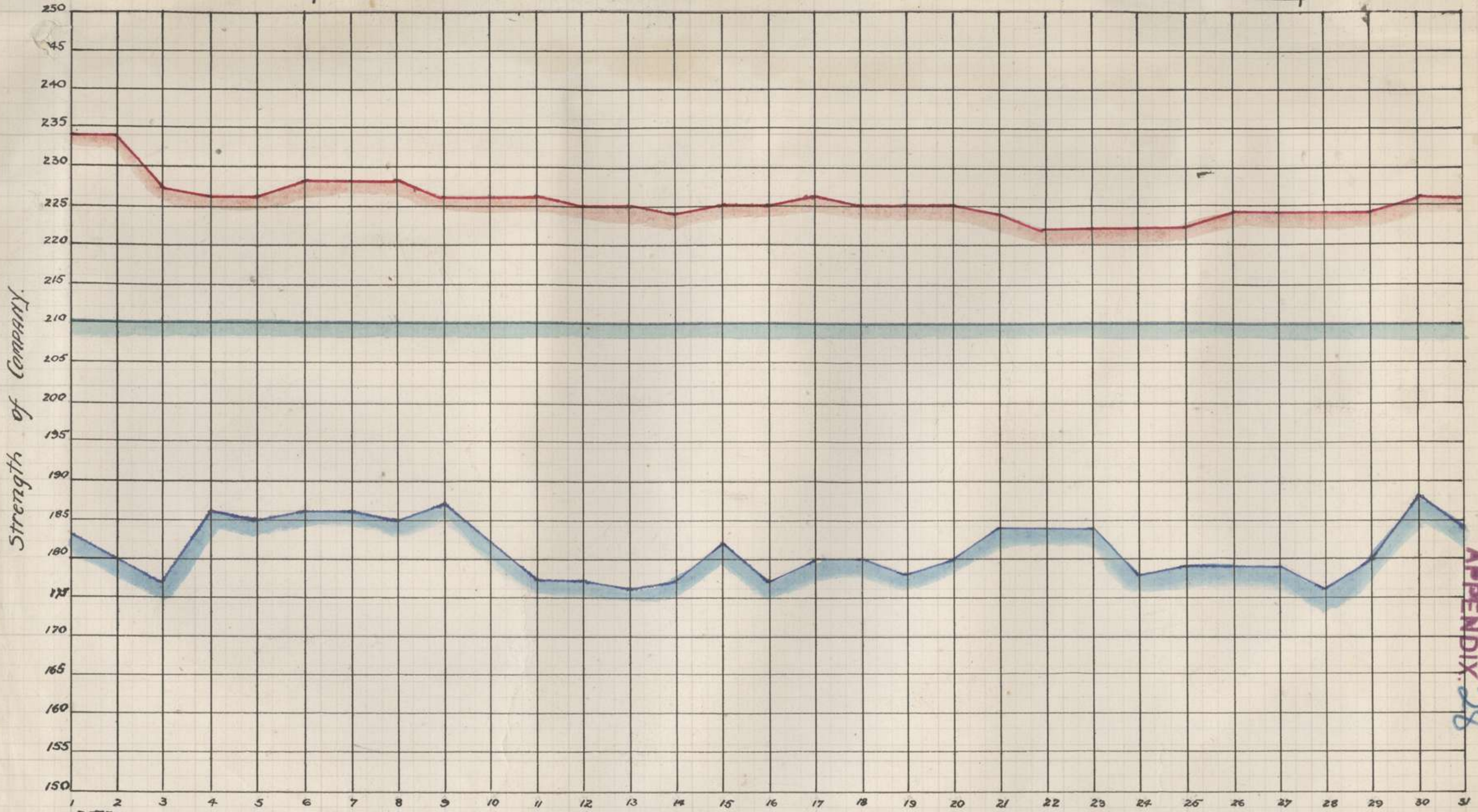
2/Lt G.L. BULLEN. M.C. attended a course at the Corps Gas School from 21st to 26th.

Lt L.R. HARDINGE has been supervising work for 15th INFANTRY BRIGADE for the past two weeks.

(Sgd) J.P. CADDY Captain.

GRAPH SHEWING STRENGTH OF UNIT FOR OCTOBER 1918

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Strength of Company.

DATE

War Establishment
 Strength of Unit.
 Actually with Unit
 THESE FIGURES INCLUDE OFFICERS

GREEN
 RED
 BLUE

APPENDIX 28



