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OF

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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C.O. 25th. A.I. Battalion.

Lieut. Col.

25th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	April 1st. 1918.		Strength 49 Off. 1039 O/Rs. including detached but effective 10 Off. 163 O/Rs. Battalion in LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP. 36 N.W. B-10-d-8-8 as Support Bn. to Right Brigade. "A", "B" & "C" Coys. in LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP, "D" Coy. at LE BIZET. Nucleus Company of 8 Officers and 104 O/Rs. detached forming Brigade Reserve.	
	2nd.		Relieved by 11th. Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers, 8th. Bn. Borders & 9th. Bn. Loyal North Lancs. as per Order No. 39 attached. Appendix A. Bn. moved to KORTEPYP CAMP No. 2. Relief complete by 11pm. All detached parties including Nucleus rejoined Bn.	
	3rd.		Moved from KORTEPYP to STRAZEELE by Bus and March route. Moved by March route from KORTEPYP No. 2 Camp Sheet 28 T-27-a-5-2 to Starting Point T-20-b-2-6. In position at Starting Point at 7-30am. Embussed 9-30am. Route - NEUVE EGLISE - DRANOUTRE - LOCRE - MONT ROUGE - StJEAN CAPEL - METEREN. Disembussed at METEREN. Proceeded by March Route to STRAZEELE. Battalion settled comfortably in billets by 3pm. Orders for this move issued by C.O. to Unit Commanders verbally.	
	4th.		In STRAZEELE.	
	5th.		Entrained at STRAZEELE for HANGEST - SUR - SOMME (AMIENS Map A.1.) as per Order Attached. Arrived HANGEST - SUR - SOMME 9-30pm. and detrained. Proceeded by March Route to StSAVEUR (AMIENS Map C.1.) Appendix B.	
	6th.		Arrived St SAVEUR, settled in billets by 2-30am. Orders received as per Appendix C. to be clear of St SAVEUR by 11am. Battalion passed Starting Point - CROSS ROADS in StSAVEUR - at 10-45am. and commenced journey to BONNAY to relieve 104th. Infantry Brigade. Route - LONGPRE - POULAINVILLE - ALLONVILLE. Arrived ALLONVILLE 3-30pm., when orders as per appendix D awaited the Battalion. Packs taken from the men at ALLONVILLE. Men given a meal. Nucleus of 8 Officers & 200 O/Rs. withdrawn from the Battalion. The Battalion proceeded to DAOURS Sheet 62D N.6.c. and were settled in billets there by midnight. See Appendix E & F as to state of village.	(Appendix E)
	7th.		Order to relieve 104th. Inf. Brigade cancelled. Ordered to relieve 12th. A.I. Brigade, 4th. Australian Division. Battalion was clear of DAOURS by 12 noon and proceeded to StLAWRENCE FARM (62D. C-25-a-10-10) as Reserve Battalion of the Brigade. Battalion Headquarters situated in the FARM. "A", "B" & "D" Coys. in bivouacs round StLAWRENCE FARM. "B" Coy. bivouaced in BRESLE. From the commencement of the move April 3rd. until constructing its own billets at StLAWRENCE FARM, the men marched well - the cases of men falling out were few and far between - such cases as came to the notice of the R.M.O. were genuine. During this move only one hot meal per day was possible.	
	8th.		In StLAWRENCE FARM - Disposition as on April 7th.	
	9th.		Company Officers & N.C.O's. made a reconnaissance of Right Sector Forward Area. No. 4141 Sgt. Thomsett D.E. Killed while on reconnaissance & 2025 Cpl. Zeller G. died as the result of a Gas	
	10th.		Shell bursting near his bivouac.	

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Date.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks.
April 10/11th.	Relieved 27th. Battalion in the Line on Right Brigade Sector. See Appendix. G Relief of 27th. Bn. completed by midnight. Casualties - Nil. Dispositions :- "A" Company in Reserve along sunken road Ref. Map 62D. 1/20,000 D-18-c-1-1 to 4-2. "B" Coy. Left Front Line Coy. from approx. E-19-b-66-95 to E-19-d-6-6 then along railway to E-25-a-1-7. "C" Coy. In Support in line D-24-c-5-5 and E-19-c-50-95. "D" Coy. Right Front Line approx. E-19-c-35-00 to D-30-c-90-20. Battalion Headquarters in QUARRY D-24-a-1-7.	
11th.	Working parties supplied nightly constructing defences - see reports attached.	
12th.	Ditto.	
13th.	Ditto.	
14th.	Ditto.	
15th.	Ditto.	
16th.	Ditto. (While on working party 2 men killed & 7 wounded during enemy bombardment.)	
16/17th.	Relieved by 27th. Battalion See appendices H & I. Battalion proceeded to St LAWRENCE FARM.	
17th.	Battalion in St LAWRENCE FARM. Supplied working parties as per reports attached.	
18th.	Ditto.	
19th.	Ditto.	
19/20th.	Relieved 26th. Bn. in Support in RHEMONT as per appendix J. Relief complete by lam. 20-4-18.	
20th.	Supplied working parties as per attached reports.	
21st.	Ditto.	
22nd.	Ditto.	
23rd.	Ditto.	
24th.	Ditto.	
25th.	Ditto.	
26th.	Ditto.	
26/27th.	Moved as per Order No. 43 to positions owing to adjustment of Brigade boundary. Appendix K.	
27th.	Battalion Sector id from E-13-b-6-5 to E-8-c-2-8.	
28th.	Supplied working parties as per attached reports.	
29th.	Ditto.	
30th.	Battalion relieved by 8th. East Surrey Regiment. See appendix L. Last parties relieved reached FRECHENCOURT by 4am 1-5-18.	
30th.	Strength of Battalion 45 Off. 979 0/Rs. including detached but effective 8 Off. 293 0/Rs.	

During the period in this area Enemy aircraft activity was quiet. Men were not fired at from enemy planes. An occasional plane flew over the lines during nights and dropped bombs in valley in rear of Battalion Headquarters. No damage was done. From 3-30am. to 7-30am. the enemy shelled in vicinity of bivouacs with H.E. and Gas Shells, lachrymatory and phosgene. Box respirators were worn for periods varying from 15 minutes to an hour.

The men were moved onto high ground during the period of shelling.

The sector taken over consisted of a series of posts on the left and railway embankment on the right. The left sector posts were linked up, a continuous fire trench made and the front wired with a double apron. The posts across the line which were only occupied as listening posts at night were improved and shelters constructed. The nature of the ground - 6 inches layer of earth on the surface with chalk below made it difficult to dig trenches. The men worked well and quickly improved the positions.

On taking over the sector sanitation was primitive. A system of ~~box~~ box latrines was soon installed.

Liaison and covering patrols were sent out every night. Reliefs were covered by patrols.

Special patrols went out to obtain identifications. No. 1184, FRANZ SPATH 5 K, 247 Res. I.R.

54th. Division was captured near post in E-25-a-9-6 on 14-4-18.

Every part of the area in front of our posts was scoured by Battalion patrols and no trouble was experienced from enemy patrols.

Total Casualties for the month :-

Killed :- 18,

Wounded:- 43.

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C.O., 25th. Batta., 7th. Inf. Bde.

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FOR

April

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Barrow Capt
for C. 8th Inf. Bn

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Appendix, A

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25th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.


OPERATION ORDER No. 39.

A

Reference Maps Sheets 28 & 36 1/40,000.

April 2nd. 1918.

1. The 7th. A.I. Brigade is being relieved by the 74th. Infantry Brigade and the 75th. Infantry Brigade.
2. 25th. A.I. Battalion is being relieved by 11th. Lanc. Fusiliers, 8th. Borders and 9th. Loyal N. Lancs.
3. All Defence Schemes, Works Policy, Logal Maps, Aeroplane Photographs and information regarding the Front Area and Trench Stores will be handed over to incoming Units. Copies of receipts obtained will be forwarded to Battalion H.Qtrs. within 24 hours after completion of relief.
4. "B" Company and "C" Company less Posts 5 to 10 inclusive will be relieved by 11th. Lanc. Fusiliers.
"C" Company Posts 5 to 10 inclusive will be relieved by 8th. Borders. Relief will be completed as soon after dark as possible.
"A" and "D" Companies at LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP will be relieved by 9th. Loyal N. Lancs. and 11th. Lanc. Fusiliers.
5. "A", "B" & "D" Companies on completion of relief will proceed by march route to KORTEPYP "B" CAMP.
"C" Company will proceed by Light Railway from DEHENELLE SIDING at 8pm. to CONNAUGHT SIDING thence by march route to KORTEPYP "B" Camp.
6. Completion of relief will be wired in code to Bn. H.Qtrs.
7. Transport Lines will move from LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP to HILLSIDE SOUTH CAMP before 3 pm.
8. Q.M. will arrange to move with Echelon complete and carry as many picks and shovels in excess as possible.
9. Instructions re guides are issued separately to persons concerned.
10. Acknowledge.


 Adjutant 25th. A.I. Battalion.

Captain.

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 No. 1 "A" Coy.
 2 "B" Coy.
 3 "C" Coy.
 4 "D" Coy.
 5 Transport Off.

 No. 6 Q.M.
 7 7th. A.I. Brigade,
 8 9th. Loyal N. Lancs.
 9 11th. Lanc. Fus.
 10 8th. Borders.

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 12 (War Diary.
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25th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 40.

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Appendix

B.

Reference Maps Sheet 27 1/40,000.
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4th. April 1918.

1. The 2nd. Australian Division is being transferred from the 2nd. Army to the 3rd. Army.
2. 7th. A.I. Brigade Group will move by train on April 4th./5th.
3. 25th. A.I. Battalion will move by train from STRAZEELE Station on April the 5th. as follows:-
1 Company and 1 Cooker at 2-18am.
25th. A.I. Battalion less 1 Company at 8-18 am.
Detraining Station will be HANGEST - SUR - SOMME.
Train journey is approximately 10 hours.
4. "A" Company with Cooker will report to R.T.O. STRAZEELE at 2 pm. 4-4-18 and be a loading party for all divisional trains.
They will proceed by last train.
"B" Company will report to STRAZEELE Station at 12-30am. and proceed by 2-18 am. train.
"C" & "D" Companies will be at STRAZEELE Station at 6-30am.
5. Major H.H. Page M.C. will report to R.T.O. at midnight and act as Brigade Entraining Officer.
Capt Buttner will report to Brigade Entraining Officer at STRAZEELE Station at midnight 4th./5th. April. He will have an exact entraining state of (a) "B" Company 1st. train. (b) Battalion less "B" Company 2nd. train.
Lieut. J. McSkimming will proceed by 1st. train and be Brigade de-training Officer at HANGEST - SUR - SOMME.
6. Lieut. Eather M.M. with 4 M.C.O's. (one per Company) will proceed by 5-18pm. train 4th. April and report to Lieut. G. Harry M.C.M.M. at HANGEST and act as Battalion Billeting Party.
Each man will be provided with a bicycle.
7. O.C. "C" Company will detail 1 Officer and 10 O/rs. to be a train guard and see that all previous instructions issued on Transport of Troops by train is strictly adhered to.
8. O.C. Coys. will be responsible to see that all troops are correctly dressed before the train reaches its destination, and take steps at an intermediate stop to see that greatcoats are removed and placed in packs.
Troops may not wear greatcoats when proceeding by March Route from Detraining Station.
9. Transport will entrain at 5am. at STRAZEELE Station.
T.O. will arrange for Breast Repeas.
Water carts will entrain full.
Horses will be watered prior to entraining.
Supply and Baggage wagons will remain with Battalion Transport.
10. Acknowledge.

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Captain.

Adjutant 25th. A.I. Battalion.

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- 2 "B" Company
- 3 "C" Company
- 4 "D" Company
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7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Appendix C.

25th. Battalion.

4-4-18.

22nd. M.G.Coy.

You will proceed direct to StSAVEUR and billet there.

You will be clear of StSAVEUR by noon 6th. instant en route as follows:-

25th. Battalion to CARDONETTE.

22nd. M.G.Coy. to ALLONVILLE.

On arrival at destination Units will get into Fighting Order at once and detail Nucleus to be left behind and arrangements re dumping kits will be made.

(Sgd.) G.HARRY Lieut.,
for Brigade Major.

7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

B.M. 56.
6th.- 4- 18.

Appendix D

25th. Battalion.

If you have already dumped your packs and arranged to leave your Nucleus personnel at StSAVEUR leave them there aaa. If you have not bring them to ALLONVILLE where the 27th. Battalion have dumped theirs at LA HARA FARM in ALLONVILLE aaa. You must be at BONNAY at 6pm. to-night aaa. Send your billeting parties to BONNAY if you have not already done so.

(Sgd.) J.E.LEE Major.,

7th. A.I. Brigade.

7th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

B.M. 50.
6th. - 4 - 18.

25th. Battalion.

Appendix E

You will be billeted to-night at DAOURS aaa.
Lieut. Eather has proceeded there to make arrangements for billeting aaa.
Route will be QUERRIEU and PONT NOVELLES aaa.
Be ready to move to Front Line 13th. Brigade Sector to-morrow night aaa.
The relief of the 104th. Infantry Brigade is cancelled aaa. Report
location of Headquarters.
Brigade Headquarters in BONNAY.
Acknowledge.

(Sgd.) J.E.LEE Major.,
7th. A.I. Brigade.

25th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

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Headquarters.,
7th. A.I. Brigade.

The Unit was billeted in DAOURS on the night of 6/7th. April. This village had been thoroughly looted by troops billeted there prior to the arrival of this Battalion.

The billets occupied had not been shelled by the enemy. On examination it was found that furniture crockery and glassware had been wilfully broken, the doors of cupboards broken off, the hinges and the contents thrown about the room, clothes, linen etc torn and rendered unfit for further use. Also books of devotion and private papers were torn up and thrown about the rooms.

Before being dismissed to their billets the men were told they would not be allowed outside the billeted area and warned of the serious consequences that would follow any act of looting. A patrol was also detailed to patrol the area during the stay of the Battalion in the village.

The Battalion marched out at 12 noon on the 7th. April.

24-4-18.

(Sgd.) F.L.DAWSON Lieut. Col.,
C.O. 25th. A.I. Battalion.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 4 Appendix G

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

8th. April 1918.

1. The 25th. Battalion will relieve the 27th. Battalion in the Line - Right on the night of 10/11th. April.
2. Trench Maps Aeroplane photographs, Works policy and disposition of troops will be taken over by relieving Units.
3. Companies will relieve the corresponding Company of the 27th. Battalion.
4. (a) No movement of troops will take place East of LAVIEVILLE - BUIRE ROAD before 8-15pm.
(b) The relief will be covered by patrols of the 27th. Battalion
(c) Details of relief will be arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.
5. Advanced parties of 1 Officer per Coy. and 1 N.C.O. per Platoon and a proportion of Scouts and Observers and Lewis Gunners will be sent forward 24 hours beforehand.
6. Order of march :- "B" Coy. plus 1 Platoon of "C" Coy. "C" Coy. "D" Coy. "A" Coy. and Headquarters.
One Platoon of "C" Coy. to report to O.C. "B" Coy. at Starting point at 8-10pm. 10th. April.
Head of Company column to pass Starting Point as follows :-

"B" Company	8 pm.
"C" "	8-15 pm.
"D" "	8-30 pm.
"A" "	8-45 pm.

Starting Point Cross Roads D-20-b-9-4.
7. Guides from 27th. Battalion will meet Companies at X Roads D-23-d-5-8.
8. Completion of relief to be wired in code to Battalion H.Qtrs.
9. Acknowledge.

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Captain.

Adjutant 25th. A.I. Battalion.

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25th A. I. Battalion
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April 16th 1918.

1. On night of 16/17th April the 27th A. I. Bn. D. Bn. will relieve the 25th Bn. A. Bn. in the front line Right Sector.
2. B and D Coy. will each send out a patrol to cover their respective front during the relief the patrols will be withdrawn on completion of relief.
3. No movement of troops will take place east of LAVIEVILLE - BUIRE Road before 8.15pm.
4. French maps, aeroplane photographs, works, policy and disposition of troops will be handed over on relief.
5. Advance parties from A Bn. as under will be sent back 12 hours beforehand:-
A Coy. 1 Officer and per platoons 1 N.C.O.
B, C & D Coys 1 N.C.O. per platoon.
They will take over from the corresponding Coy. of D Bn.
This party will act as guides to their respective Coys and be at the

Cross Roads at D-21-a-6-7 at 9 pm.

6. One guide per platoon from front line and Chappoys boys will meet the relieving Bn. at Cross Roads at D-23-d-5-8 at 8.30pm. on 16th.
7. Completion of relief will be wired in D. A. G. code to Battalion H.Q.trs.
8. Acknowledge.

Carroll Capt.
Adjutant 25th A. I. Bn.

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2 B.

3 C.

4 D.

5 7th A. I. Brigade

6 26th A. I. Bn.

7 38th A. I. Bn.

8 Col. & J. C.

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War Diary.

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} For information

25th. Australian Infantry Battalion.

Appendix I

During relief on night of 16/17th. April the enemy heavily bombarded the Support Line, roads, tracks and valley immediately in rear with H.E. and shrapnel. "A" "B" & "D" Coys. were caught in enemy barrage inflicting a number of casualties. The troops were hurried out of the barrage zone. Very gallant work was done by 3147 Cpl. Moore R.J. 6884 Pte. Wells J.C. 1906 Pte. Cormack F. and 830 Pte. Corbett A. who volunteered as stretcher bearers and remained in the enemy barrage attending to the wounded. Cpl Moore took charge of the party and did heroic work in directing the bearers to places of safety for the wounded.

G. Carroll Capt

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OPERATION ORDER No. 42.

Appendix J.

Reference Map Sheet 62D. 1/20,000.

18th. April 1918.

1. (a) On the night of 19/20th. April 25th. Battalion "D" Battalion will relieve 26th. Battalion "C" Battalion.
 (b) On completion of relief the 25th. Battalion will be disposed as follows:-
 From Left to Right in trenches in LAVIEVILLE - BUIRE defence system. "A" Coy. less 1 platoon, "C" Coy. less two platoons "B" and "D" Coys.
 (c) "A" Coy. will provide relief of the platoon of 26th. Battalion occupying posts in vicinity of D-18-a-4-9.
 (d) "C" Coy. will provide relief of two platoons of 26th. Battn. occupying trenches in D-17- b and d.
 (e) Battalion Headquarters at QUARRY D-21-c-2-3-.
2. (a) Companies will move independently by cross country route. The ALBERT - AMIENS ROAD to be avoided. 200 yards distance to be maintained between platoons.
 (b) No movement of troops to take place East of the BRESLE - RIBEMONT ROAD before 8 pm.
3. Trench Maps and Stores, Aeroplane photographs, Works policy and disposition of troops will be taken over on relief.
4. Completion of relief will be wired in B.A.B. Code to Battalion Headquarters by Company Commanders.
5. The Transport less Cookers will remain in its present position.
6. Acknowledge.

Chapelle

Captain.

Adjutant 25th. A.I. Battalion.

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Reference Map Sheet 62D. 1/20,000.

23rd. April 1918.

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1. The Northern Bounbary of the 7th. A.I. Brigade has been adjusted to run as follows:- From East to West by a line running through E-8-c-0-8.
 2. The 25th. Battalion will take over from the 22nd. Battalion that portion of the front between the present inter-Brigade boundary at E-13-b-6-5 and the new boundary at E-8-c-2-8 on the night of 24/25th. April.
 3. On completion of relief the 25th. Battalion will be disposed of as follows:-
2 Companies in the Out post line EMMA TRENCH and PIONEER TRENCH.
1 Company in NINE EIMS SUPPORT and steep banks in E-13-a and posts in D-12-d and D-18-b.
1 Company in Posts in D-12-c, D-18-a and trench running through D-17-d and b and D-11-d.
 4. "C" Coy. will relieve "C" Coy. 22nd. Battalion in Right Front Line.
"A" Coy. will re;ieve "A" Coy. 22nd. Battalion in Left Front Line as follows:-
1 Platoon in posts 1, 2 and 3.
1 Platoon in close support in EMMA TRENCH.
2 Platoons in Support in PIONEER TRENCH.
"B" Coy. will take over Support positions at NINE EIMS and banks in E-13-a and occupy posts in D-12-d and D-18-b.
"D" Coy. in Reserve in posts in D-12-c and D-18-a and b & D-11-d.
 5. Guides from 22nd. Battalion will meet fron line Companies at D-12-d-5-5 at 10-15pm.
 6. Order of march "B", "B", "C", "A".
Companies will move independently by most direct route. 200 yards distance to be maintained between platoons. ALBERT- AMIENS ROAD to be avoided.
 7. No movement of troo ps to take place East of LAVIEVILLE ROAD - BUIRE ROAD before 10 pm.
 8. Advance parties as under will be sent up 24 hours beforehand :-
Front Line Companies, 1 Officer per Coy. and 1 N.C.O. and 1 Lewis Gunner per Platoon.
O.C's. Support and Reserve Companies will arrange to reconnoitre their respective positions prior to relief.
 9. Trench Stores Aeroplane photographs, Local Maps, Defence and Works policy will be taken over by relieving Units.
 10. Battalion Headquarters and R.A.P. will be at QUARRY in D-24-a-1-7.
 11. Completion of relief will be wired in B.A.B. Code to C.O PEAR at 22nd. Battalion Headquarters.
 12. Acknowledge.

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Captain.

Adjutant 25th. A.I. Battalion.

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25th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

APPENDIX L

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OPERATION ORDER No. 45.

Reference Map Sheet 62D 1/20,000.

Appendix L

30-4-18.

1. The 25th. A.I. Battalion will be relieved by 8th. East Surreys on night of 30th. April 1st. May 1918.
2. (a) Trench Maps Aeroplane photographs, Defence Schemes, Work policy and all information regarding the front will be handed over to incoming Units.
(b) Trench Stores including two bandoliers of S.A.A. and two bombs per man will be handed over to incoming Units. S.A.A. and bombs will be collected in Platoon Dumps. Otherwise Units will move out complete in everything. Receipts will be obtained for all stores etc. handed over and forwarded in triplicate to Bn. H.Qtrs. by 12 noon 1st. May 1918.
(c) Patrols will be sent out by Front Line Companies to cover relief and will not be withdrawn until completion of relief.
(d) No post or trench to be evacuated until handed over to incoming Units.
3. Guides as under will meet incoming Units at D-16-d-5-8 ALBERT - AMIENS ROAD at 10 pm. 30th. April.
One guide per platoon, one guide per Coy, H.Qtrs, one guide from Battalion H.Qtrs. and one from Transport.
4. "C" Coy. of East Surreys will relieve "C" Coy. 25th. Battalion in Right Sector of the Line.
"D" Coy. 8th. East Surreys will relieve "A" Coy. 25th. Battalion in Left Sector of the Line.
"A" Coy. 8th. East Surreys will relieve "B" Coy. 25th. Battalion in Support.
"B" Coy. 8th. East Surreys will relieve "D" Coy. 25th. Battalion in Reserve.
5. Order of March of 8th. East Surreys :- B, A, D, C Coys. & Battalion Headquarters.
6. Subject to the terms of this order details of relief not provided for will be arranged between O's.C. concerned.
7. On completion of relief Companies will move independently to the junction of FRANVILLERS - ALBERT ROAD and after checking platoons will move independently to FRECHENCOURT via FRANVILLERS - BEHANCOURT.
Distance of 100 yards will be maintained between platoons.
8. Lewis Guns of A, B and C Coys. will be loaded on G.S.Limbers in sunken road at NINE ELMS and those of "D" Coy. at the cookers.
9. Companies will be met by Billeting parties from the Raiders in the vicinity of FRECHENCOURT.
10. Completion of relief will be wired in code to Bn. H.Qtrs.
11. Acknowledge.

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Adjutant 25th. A.I. Battalion.

Captain.

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25th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

WORKS REPORT.

30-3-18.

Date.	Hours Worked.	No. of men employed.	Location.	Nature of Work and Amount.
29-3-18.	4 hours.	1 Off. 30 0/Rs.	UNA TRENCH RESERVE LINE KIWI TRENCH	(Clearing mud from Trenches. Carrying Duckboards (Revetting frames and Corrigated Iron.
30-3-18.	4 hours.	1 Off. 30 0/Rs.	UNA TRENCH.	Clearing mud from Trenches. Trucking Trench material to PIONEER DUMP.

[Signature]

for C.O. 25th. A.I. Battalion.

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Date.	No. of men employed.	Hours Worked,	Location.	Nature of Work and Amount.
31-3-18.	1 Off. 30 0/rs.	4 hours.	C.T. No. 6 Post.	Cleaning Communication Trench. Carrying Trench material from MOTOR CAR CORNER to Right. Support Company Dump.
1-4-18.	1 Off. 30 0/rs.	4 hours.	VIEW TRENCH.	Cleaning Trench and replacing defective Duckboards. Carrying material from MOTOR CAR CORNER to Reserve Dump.

H. Page Major Captain.
for C.O. 25th. A.I. Battalion.

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25th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

WORKS REPORT.

Date.	Hours. Worked	No. of men employed	Location.	Nature of Work	Remarks.
13/14 - 4-18.	6 hours.	38 0/Rs.	D-24-d and D-19-c	Connecting up Support Line from D-24-d-5-3 to E-19-c-2-4. 500 yards long 2 ft. deep.	
"	"	60 0/Rs.	E-19-b-1-4 to E-19-b-2-8 E-19-d-2-6	Digging Trench 250 yds. long 2'6" deep.	
"	7 hours.	6 0/Rs.	D-30-d-34-32	Digging Trench 50 yds. long 2'6" deep.	
"	"	8 0/Rs.	D-30-a-84-32	Arrow Head Trench Dug 30'x4'x5'.	
"	6 hours.	18 0/Rs.	D-30-b-5-2	T Head Lewis Gun Post 14'x2'x3'6"	
"	10 hours.	50 0/Rs.	D-17 & D-18	Fire Trench dug 75' x 2' x 5' Salvaging 200 coils wire & 800 pickets.	
15-4-18	6 hours.	6 0/Rs.	D-30-b-20-15	Digging Fire Trench 60' x 5' x 4'.	
"	3 hours.	30 0/Rs.	E-7 and D-18	Salvaging wire entanglements and carrying same to dump at E-13-b-1-8.	
"	6 hours.	75 0/Rs.	E-19-b-1-6 to E-19-d-2-6	Wiring 300 yds. Double Apron entanglements from E-19-b-1-6 to E-19-d-2-6.	
16-4-18	4 hours.	30 0/Rs.	E-7	Salvaging wire entanglements and carrying same to dump at E-13-b-1-8	
"	5 hours	70 0/Rs.	E-25-a & E-19-d	Putting up double apron wire from E-25-a-5-7 to E-19-d-2-1 400 yards.	
"	4 hours	30 0/Rs.		Carrying wire and pickets from B.H.Q. to E-25-a.	
"	"	20 0/Rs.		Digging Communication Trench from D-30-d-09937 to No.4 Post at E-30-c-9-9.	

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Date.	Hours Worked.	No. of men employed.	Location.	Nature of Work.	Remarks.
18-4-18.	3 hours.	90 0/Rs.	D-23-a & D-23.	Deepening to 4 ft. Widening, Thickening parapet, camouflaging 350 yds. of trench.	
"	"	10 0/Rs.	D-23-d	Carrying pickets and driving same ready for 250 yds. of wire.	
"	4 hours.	100 0/Rs.	E-13-a	Wired 450 yds. carried 600 pickets and 70 coils of wire from dump 500 yds.	
"	3 hours.				
19-4-18	3 hours.	100 0/Rs.	D-23-d	Double Apron wiring 320 yds.	{ Same Party
"	"	100 0/Rs.	D-23-d	Digging trench 200 yds. x 3' x 4'	
"	3½ hrs.	100 0/Rs.	D-24-a & b.	Wiring 600 yds. Double Apron.	
20-4-18.	2 hours	100 0/Rs.	D-24-a	Wiring 600 yds. Double Apron.	
"	2¼ hrs.	100 0/Rs.	D-22-a	Digging Trench 130 yds. x 4' x 2'6" (Ground very hard)	
21-4-18.	2 hours.	100 0/Rs.	D-13-a-8-3	Working on S.Ps. 350 cubic yds. completed.	
"	4 hours.	20 0/Rs.	D-23-a-3-5 & D-17-c-05-10	Improving posts in present positions.	
"	3 hours.	20 0/Rs.	D-17-c-05-10	Improving posts in present positions.	
"	3½ hrs.	50 0/Rs.	E-13-a-3-8 to E-7-c-6-1	200 yds. of C.T. deepened & widened.	
"	"	100 0/Rs.	D-18-c-4-3 to D-17-d-7-8	33 yds. of C.T. dug 5'. Widening and deepening 200 yds. of trench.	
22-4-18	3½ hrs.	100 0/Rs.	D-18-c-4-1 to D-18-c-4-7	Digging C.T. 130 yds. x 4' x 4'.	
"	2½ hrs.	90 0/Rs.	{ D-17-b	600 yds. of double apron wire.	
"	2½ hrs.	10 0/Rs.		200 yds. of pickets driven.	
23-4-18	3 hours.	100 0/Rs.	D-18-c	Digging new C.T. Completed 100 yds. x 4' x 4'	
"	2 hours.	100 yds.	D-17-c & d.	Wiring completed 400 yds. double apron.	
24-4-18.	3 hours.	100 0/Rs.	D-18-c-60-10	Digging C.T. 100 yds. long 4' wide and 4' deep.	

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25-4-18.	4 hours.	100 0/Rs.	Left Bn. Sector.	Completed 120 yds. trench 3'6" deep. Majority of men employed on making sleeping accomodation.	
27-4-18.	4 hours.	60 0/Rs.	E-7-d & E-13-b	Dug 180 yds. 4' x 3' Trench.	
"	"	50 0/Rs.	E-8-c-1	Dug 260 yds. 3' x 2' Trench.	
28-4-18	2 3/4 hrs.	70 0/Rs.	E-8-c-1-4 to E-8-c-2-8	Deepening Trench in front line to a depth of 4 feet.	All front line posts are now connected & connection has been carried on to 26th. A.I. Bn. Trenches still require deepening and widening.
"	"	10 0/Rs.	PIONEER TRENCH	Cleaning and repairing 50 yds. of trench.	
"	3 1/2 hrs.	26 0/Rs.	E-13-b-6-5 to E-13-b-6-6	Digging 70 yds. of trench 3' x 3'.	
"	4 hours.	60 0/Rs.	E-13-b-6-6 to E-8-c-1-4 & E-7-d-7-1 to E-8-c-0-0	50 yds. between posts 3'6" deep & widening & deepening trench. 40 yds. C.T. connecting post at Coy.H.Q. to front line 3' x 3'.	
29-4-18.	2 1/2 hrs.	15 0/Rs.	E-7-d-90-20	Widening & deepening C.T. from E-7-d-90-20 to E-8-a-10-10 to 3' wide and 4' deep.	
"	3 hours.	100 0/Rs.	E-13-b-70-40 to E-8-c-20-80	Widening and Deepening front line trench from E-13-b-70-40 to E-8-c-20-80.	
"	5 hours.	30 0/Rs.		Salvaging 150' timber 3"x 2" and 300' timber 6"x 1" from D-16-b and carrying to new Bn. H.Qtrs. being constructed at E-18-c-05-50.	
"	8 hours each shift.	30 working in 3 shifts of 10 men.	E-18-c-05-50	Working on Dugout and R.A.P. E-18-c-05-50.	

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