

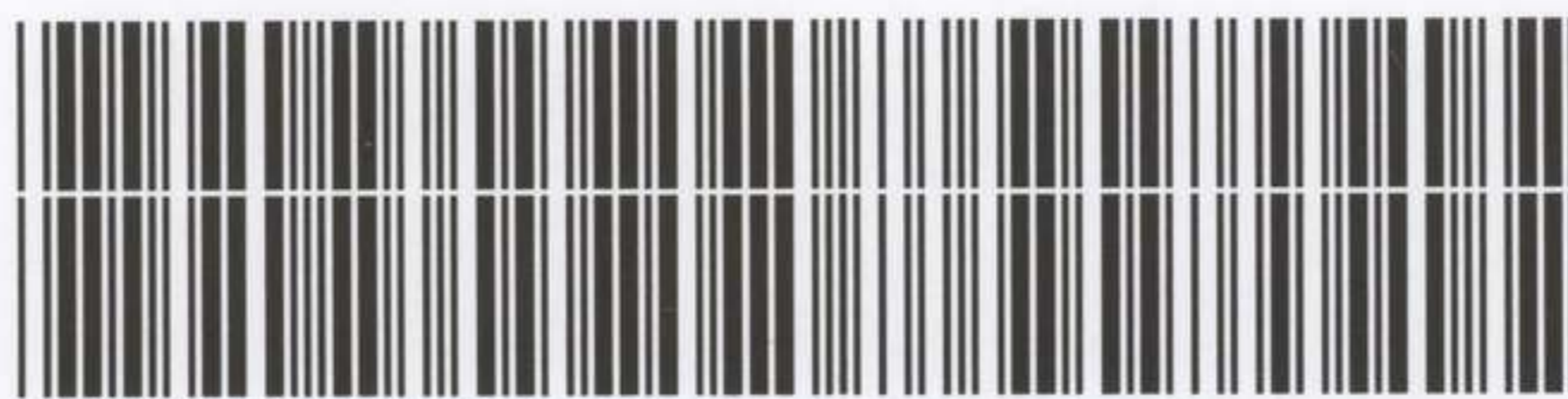
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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

57th Battalion. A. I. F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAMETZ	1/5/17		Training as per Syllabus continued. Beautiful weather prevailed. One Company prepared to carry out an exhibition attack for SOC army.	
	2/5/17		Normal training and recreation carried out	
	3/5/17		A tactical exercise was carried out against a Company of the 60 th by "A" Coy under Capt Mc DONALD.	
	4/5/17		The Battalion was again put through the FAIRCOURT Battle. The Brigadier delivered a lecture to all officers of the Brigade on tactics.	
	5/5/17		Training as per Syllabus was continued. In afternoon Divisional sports were held in beautiful weather.	
	6/5/17	9.30 am	Divisional Holiday for Horse Show held near "Albert". Two of 8 th Re-inforcement Officers joined up Battalion in afternoon Lt Coynt. + 2 nd Lt Thomson.	
	7/5/17		9.30 am Church Parade, followed by Brigade Parade + inspection by Brigadier at 11 am. At 12 noon Brigadier presented prize winners at Brigade Sports with prizes. In afternoon two football matches were played against 60 th Batt. 1 Officers + 1 O. Rank.	
	8/5/17	7.30 am	Training as per syllabus continued. In afternoon Marching Out Parade + Short Route March. 5 PM. Lecture by G. O. C. Division "Duties + Responsibilities of Officers".	
	9/5/17		At 7.30 am. the Battalion less "A" Company moved out as per Appendix No. 54 on arrival at Bapaume, they moved by route march to BEUGNY - YERES line arriving about 3 PM. "A" Company following same route rejoined Battalion about 6 PM as tactical exercise to be done for G. O. C. Army was postponed on account of light rain which fell at intervals during the day.	Appendix 54 - Appendix 54 ^A
Beugny YERES LINE.			7.30 am. C. O. + Company Commanders went forward to front line to look over sector to be occupied. Rest spent day in preparing to move. 8.30 PM Battalion moved as per Appendix No. 55 arriving in front line about midnight relief was completed by 1.40 am with 1 casualty Lt Forrest.	Appendix 55 - Appendix 55 ^A

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

57th Battalion A. I. F. (61)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Front Line (near) Bullecourt	10/5/17		During early morning support line was heavily shelled at 9.20 am a small bombing attack on 58 th Battalion was easily repulsed. Artillery were very active all day, but our casualties only totaled 8. 1 killed 7 wounded. As many men as could be spared worked on cutting forward T heads forward during the day, while others were used as burying parties. During the night patrols + wiring parties were out. The day was fine + quite warm.	
	11/5/17	9.30 PM 9.40 PM	Beautiful day. During the morning Artillery + Aircraft were very active, but slightly quietened in afternoon. About 9.30 a very heavy bombardment started + lasted a couple of hours, at 9.40 all telephonic communications were broken, but were put right before midnight. Our casualties for day numbered 7 killed 16 wounded.	
	12/5/17	3.40 am	At 3.40 am our left Batt. (58 th) in conjunction with Queens Regiment on left attacked successfully. Enemy barrage was very solid all day + our support line was terribly blown about. The weather was rather dull but fine, in evening we prepared for relief.	Appendix 56.
	13/5/17		By dawn we had only 1 platoon relieved, + enemy were shelling very heavily, but relief was continued (as per Appendix No 57) + completed by 8.10 am. The weather was beautiful + when settled down all took advantage of a good rest. Casualties 1 killed 9 wounded.	Appendix 57 Appendix 57 ^a
Bewgny YTRES LINE.	14/5/17		Nice sunny day spent on general clean up of kit.	
	15/5/17	11 PM.	During morning Batt. all visited baths at Fabruil, then work was commenced digging strong points + wiring position. At 11 PM. fatigue party of 60 men were carrying gas to front line. Good weather prevailed.	
	16/5/17		Work of strengthening line continued. Towards evening light rain set in + continued till late next morning. Fatigue of 160 men were again carrying gas + had a wet + dirty time.	
	17/5/17		Close but fine day. In morning same work was continued, early in afternoon word came our sector of line was lengthened to about 2500 yds, so work was started along our whole sector, cleaning + strengthening position.	Capt.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Beugny YEPS LINE	18/5/17		Same work as yesterday afternoon continued. The day was beautifully fine + warm.	
	19/5/17	2am	Work as has was to be discharged by our own troops at 2am. Stand to was called at 1.45 am, but wind was unfavourable Stand down was given at 3.15am. During morning Batt again visited Favreuil baths, before continuing work commenced yesterday.	
	20/5/17		Work as yesterday continued during beautiful weather.	
Biefvillers	21/5/17	11.10am	Prepared for relief which came at 11.10am. as per attached Appendix 58. When relieved Companies moved independently to Biefvillers Camp. During the day light rain fell, but not until Battalion were settled in their tents.	Appendix 58. Appendix 58 ^A
	22/5/17		Owing to heavy rain no parades could be held, so men stayed in + spent day on general clean up. Capt Duffy rejoined Batt. through Becourt Camp.	
	23/5/17		Beautiful day again Companies paraded independently from 8.30 am till noon. then the remainder of the day devoted to sports + games. About 3 PM. 136 other Ranks + 4 Officers (Mr. Anderson Lt. Miller + 2 Lieutenants Staley + McKay) rejoined Batt. from Becourt.	Cpt

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Biefvillers	24/5/17		Companies paraded from 8 am till 12 noon, most of the time being spent on reorganisation of Platoons, + a little smartening up drill to finish up the morning. The day was very warm, but pleasant. The afternoon was devoted to the usual games, after company route marches of 1 hour were finished.	
	25/5/17		Work of constructing a defensive line, as per attached Appendix was commenced, from 8 am till midday. From 1.30 till 2.30 pm. Companies again had route marches after which followed usual games.	Appendix 59. Appendix 59 ^R
	26/5/17		Work on line was continued during the morning, + the afternoon was devoted to usual games. Beautiful warm weather still prevailed.	
	27		Capt LAMG rejoined from leave through Becourt Camp.	
	27/5/17		Church parades with 58 th Battalion were held at 9.30. At 11 am the Brigadier accompanied by Commanding Officers + Adjutants inspected each Battalion Camp. The day was fine + warm, in afternoon usual games.	
	28/5/17		Work as on Saturday continued, + usual games in afternoon. Six Sisters from 3 rd Casualty Clearing Station visited Officers Mess for dinner. Fine day but showery late in the evening.	J.D. [Signature]

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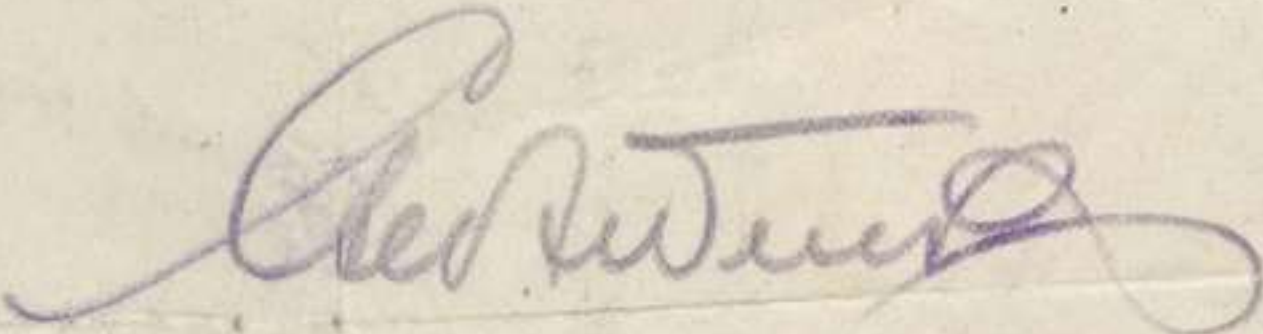
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Biefvillers	29/5/17		Before commencing work on trenches each Company did route march of 1 hour. After lunch C.O. left for Bapaume in route for England where he is to be invested with his D.S.O. The Battalion had usual afternoon games, during beautiful weather.	
	30/5/17		Work same as yesterday except that route march was in Marching Order. Afternoon games were continued during light showers of rain.	
	31/5/17	8-15am	Battalion parade for first half hour, then followed usual work on trenches + wiring + games in afternoon. The weather was beautiful. Officers Messy + 20 Order Books repaired through Bazaar.	
		2.15pm	The Brigade Major gave a lecture on night operations in the Y.M.C.A. Tent to all Company Officers.	
			Effective strength as at 31.5.17	
			Officers	OK
			38	871
			R.M.O	1
			P.M.C. etc	5
			Total	39 876

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 101. 54

Reference - ALBERT 1/40000.
Sheet 57 C.Appendix
8th May 1917

1. The 15th Infantry Brigade (less 15th A.L.T.M.B.) will move to the left forward area on 8th May 1917.
2. (a) Personnel will move by route march to ALBERT, by train to BAPAUME, and by route march to forward position.
(b) Transport will travel by road.
3. (a) The first column, consisting of 57th Battalion, 58th Battalion and 15th M.G. Coy. in that order, will pass the starting point, F.4.C.6-4 at 7.35 a.m. and will entrain at ALBERT at 9 a.m. Train leaves 10 a.m.
(b) The second column, consisting of 15th Brigade H.Q., 59th Battalion and 60th Battalion in that order will pass the starting point as in (a), at 9.35 a.m. and will entrain at ALBERT at 11 a.m. Train leaves 12 noon.
(c) 100 yards distance will be maintained between Battalions.
(d) Units will each detail an entraining officer who will report to the R.T.O.
(e) On arrival at BAPAUME, Units will receive fresh instructions from a Staff Officer.
4. (a) The 1st Line Transport will march at 9 a.m. in order - 60th Bn. 59th Bn., 58th Bn., 57th Bn., 15th M.G. Coy. The Brigade H.Q. transport will be attached to the 60th Battalion.
(b) Route and starting point will be pointed out by the Brigade Transport officer (Lieut. VARLEY).
(c) $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance will be observed between units.
5. Units will leave personnel behind as laid down in section XXX "Instructions for Training of Divisions for Offensive action". This personnel will move to BECOURT Camp on 8th May under orders issued by Major TRICKEY, 60th Battalion.
6. 2 Motor lorries per Battalion and 1 for M.G. Coy. will report at 6.30 a.m.
7. Blankets will be carried on motor lorries.
8. Supplies will be delivered to Units by 29th A.A.S.C. after arrival at new area.


Major
Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

- Issued to - No.
1. 57th Battalion.
 2. 58th Battalion.
 3. 59th Battalion.
 4. 60th Battalion.
 5. 15th M.G. Coy.
 6. Brigade Transport Officer
 7. War Store.
 8. Brigade File.

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Appendix No. 54^A Copy No. 1

57 Battalion AIF

Appendix 54^A

Operation order No 26, 7.5.17

1. The Battalion less A Company and portion of B Company for tactical exercises will move by Route March to ALBERT en route to BEUSNATRIE passing starting point at F.H.C. 6.4 at 7.35 am. Route via F.S.A.S.O.

Order of March:- Headquarters
 B Company
 C
 D

A Company and party detailed for tactical exercises will remain at MAMETZ under Capt McDonald with instructions.

TRANSPORT Battalion Transport will move to BEUSNATRIE under Brigade instructions

DRESS All ranks. Full marching order one blanket rolled round pack to be carried. Surplus blankets to be rolled in bundles of 15 and stacked at Q.M. Store by 6.15 am

BAGGAGE All valises and baggage will be stacked near road, ready for loading, ~~purpose~~ opposite Q.M. Store by 6.30 am.

RATIONS Unconsumed portion of days ration to be carried in haversack, all water bottles to be filled.

Officers & other ranks detailed for training will move to BECOURT under senior officer.

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of adjt |
| 2 | Ward case | |
| 3 | A Coy | |
| 4 | B | |
| 5 | C | |
| 6 | D | |
| 7 | Q.M. | |
| 8 | Transport | |
| 9 | Signals | |
| 10 | Lewis Detachment | |
| 11 | Grenadier officer | |
| 12 | Scout officer | |

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 102.

Reference - Sheet 57 C.
1/40000.

9th May 1917.

Appendix 55



1. The 15th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 2nd Infantry Brigade in the left sector (U.23.C.8-1 - U.28.A.6-7) on the night 9th/10th May.
2. The 57th Battalion will take over the right subsector and the 58th Battalion the left subsector.
Each Battalion will have 2 Companies in the front line and 2 Companies in the support line.
The inter Battalion Boundary will be U.23.C.0-4.
3. The 15th M.G. Coy. will relieve the 2nd M.G. Coy. taking over present dispositions (6 guns now in line). H.Q. in railway embankment.
4. The 59th Battalion will be in support with 2 Companies in the trench U.29.C.8-6 - U.28.D.4-8, 1 Company along the railway line in G.4.B, and 1 Company in a trench in G.4.D. Relieve 6th Battalion.
H.Q. in railway embankment.
5. The 15th A.L.T.M.B. will relieve the 2nd A.L.T.M.B. Headquarters in railway embankment.
6. The 60th Battalion will relieve the 7th Battalion in Reserve in and about NOREUIL. Headquarters at NOREUIL. This relief will be completed by 6 p.m. (Parties not more than 6 when beyond VAULX.)
7. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between C.O's concerned. Completion of any relief to be reported in Code.
8. Unless the weather is very favourable no movement will take place in advance of NOREUIL before 9.30 p.m.
NORTH of VAULX troops will not move in larger bodies than sections.
9. Brigade H.Q. will be opened at C.5.A.3-3 at 9.0 p.m.
10. Brigade Ammunition dumps are situated at
C.10.D.1-9.
C. 5.A.0-5.
U.28.C.90-15.
11. All water is drawn from a well in NOREUIL.
12. Brigade transport will be parked in H.12.C.
13. Command of the Sector passes to the G.O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade on completion of relief.

Geo. Z. Wick

Major.
Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to -

- No. 1. 57th Battalion
2. 58th Battalion
3. 59th Battalion.
4. 60th Battalion.
5. 15th M.G. Coy.
6. 15th A.L.T.M.B.

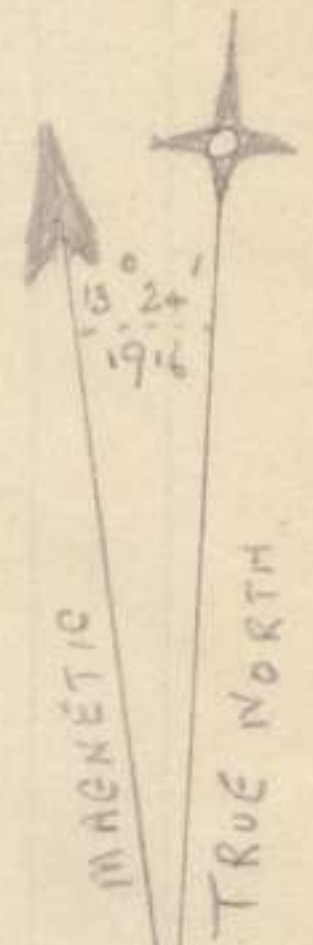
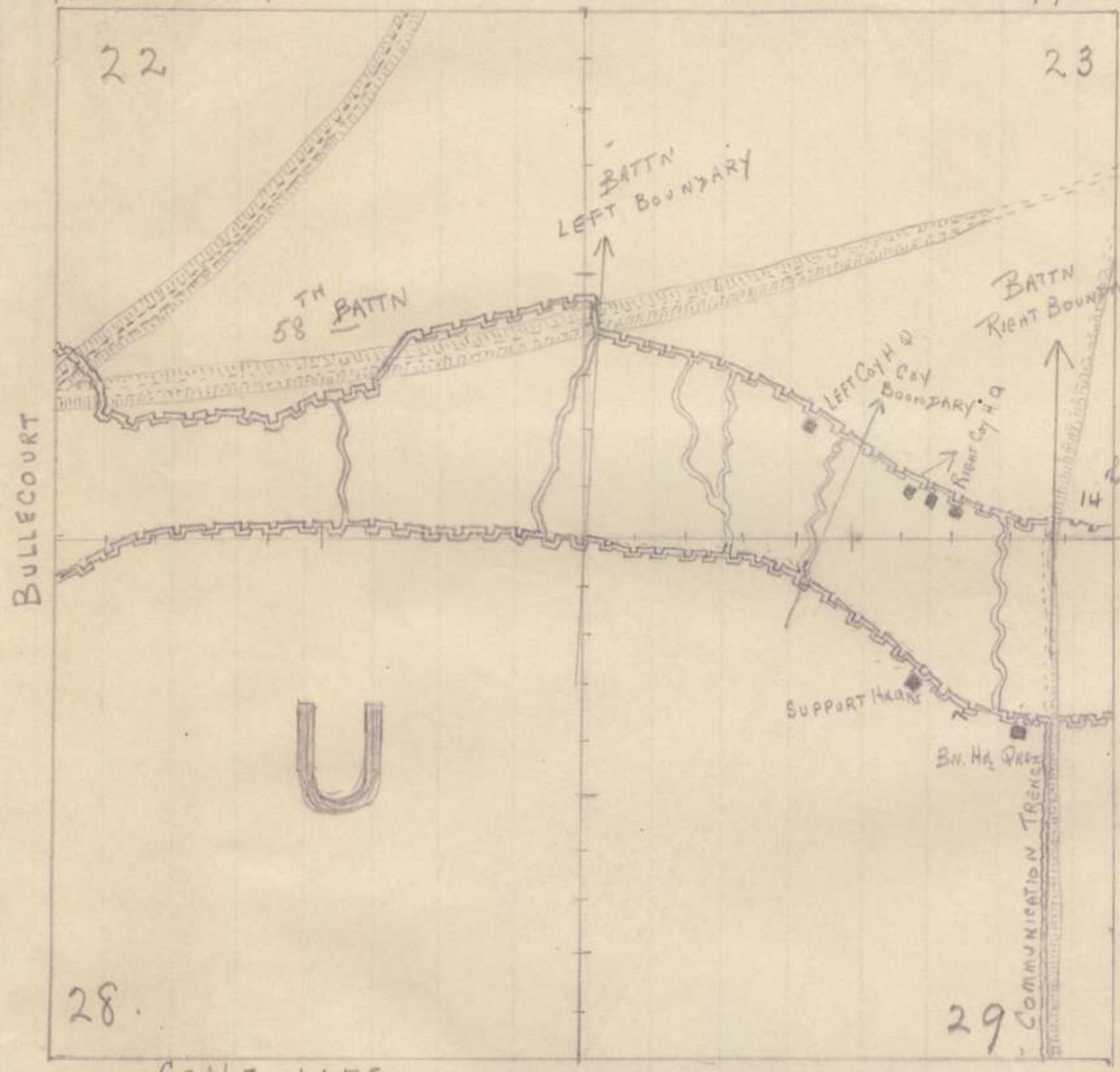
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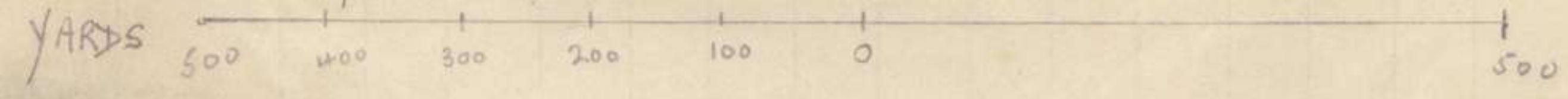
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Operational Order No 27 9. 517 Appendix 55B.

Reference Sheet 57c 1/40000

1. The 15th Inf Brigade will relieve the 2nd Inf Brigade in the left sector U 23. 0 8. 1 - U 23. A. 6. 7 on the nights 9th 10th May 1917.

2. The 57th Batta will take over the right subsector. The inter Battalion boundary will be U. 23. C. 0. 4.

2. Distribution.

Front Line

A company left sector. B Coy Right Sector

Support Line

D company left sector C Coy Right "

3. Companies will be ready to move by 8 pm

Order of March Headquarters

- A Coy
- B "
- D "
- C "

Companies will move off with distances of 50 yards between platoons and will move in file. On passing V A U L X. Companies will maintain

distance of 20 yards between sections
 No movement to take place forward
 of NOREWIL before 9.30 pm
 Guides will be met at

4. Dress. Fighting Order.

2 grenades & 140 rounds per man
 to be carried. 24 hours rations &
 field water bottles also to be carried.

5. Completion of relief will
 be immediately notified to
 Battalion HQ by code.

All receipts given for trench stoves
 etc to be sent to Battalion HQ
 within 12 hours of relief.

C. A. Davis, Capt
 Adjutant

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15th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 103

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Appendix 56

Appendix No. 56

11th May 1917

Reference - ECOUST - ST. MEIN 1/10000

- 1/ On the 12th May the 7th Division (on our left) is to continue its attacks on BULLECOURT.
The 5th Aust. Division is to cooperate as detailed below. The dividing line between the Divisions will be a line through points 88 (U28 a 87) and 82 (U22 c 82).
- 2/ The objective of the 7th Division is the line of the Road through BULLECOURT, i.e. through U22 c 82, U27 b 99 to U21 d 51. This objective will be reached under cover of a barrage which will move at the rate of 100 yds in 6 minutes, starting at zero plus 2 (minutes 100 yards in front of the jumping off line (U28 a 88 - U27 b 75))
Our heavy Artillery is to bombard objectives in rear.
- 3/ At zero plus 4 hours the protective barrage will lift so as to enable patrols to push forward and occupy the line U22 c 72 to U21 d 56 if possible. A strong point is to be established at U22 c 31.
- 4/ The 58th Bn, with 2 Companies of 60th Battalion attached, will capture and consolidate the enemy's position from U23 d 43 to U22 c 92 and will construct a strong point at the latter place with a view to denying to the enemy the road running N.E.
This attack will keep touch with the right of the attacks of the 7th Division, and will ^{make} arrangements regarding passwords.
- 5/ At ZERO one section of M.T.M. will engage the Concrete M.G. emplacement and strong point at U22 d 2530. At ZERO plus 6 minutes this section will cease fire and "Stand by".
- 6/ At ZERO one subsection of the 15th ALT.M.B. will engage M.G. emplacements at U22 d 12 for 14 minutes. One subsection will search the enemy's trench and the Sunken road from U22 d 3530 to U22 c 92 from ZERO for six minutes. Special attention will be given to the dugouts in the road at U22 d 2530.
- 7/ Heavy Artillery will engage the Sunken road from U22 d 03 to U22 b 63 but not South of U22 d 37 after ZERO plus 4 minutes.
- 8/ The 15th M.G. Company will arrange for Machine Gun fire over Square U23 a. Bursts of fire will be kept up from ZERO to ZERO plus ~~one~~ one hour and again from ZERO plus 4 hours to ZERO plus 5 hours.
The fire positions will be selected by the O.C. M.G. Coy ~~who~~ who will also decide on the number of guns required.
Fire will also be opened at other times when asked for through liaison Officers.
- 9/ The following barrage is arranged to cover the attack of the 58th Bn.
From ZERO for 4 hours Square U23 a & b will be searched and swept by our 18 pms.
- 10/ Ground flares will be lit by the attacking troops at 2 hours after ZERO on demand from Contact aeroplane by sounding of ALAXOIT horn or dropping of VERY light.
- 11/ Captain D.B. DOYLE is detailed as liaison with 9th Brigade and Captain H. WRIGLEY, M.C. as liaison with 7th Division.
- 12/ The 2 forward Companies of the 59th Bn are placed under the orders of Lieut Col. DENEHY for use in case of emergency only.
- 13/ The Brigade Signal Officers will arrange to synchronize watches.
- 14/ Brigade HQ remains at C5/a 93.

Appendix No. 10

Geo. E. Wainwright
Bdell Major 15th Inf Bde

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- 1 - 58th Pn
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 - 3 - 15th A.L. MclB
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15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 104REFERENCE - 57^c. 1/40,000.11th May 1917

1. The 15th Infantry Brigade will be relieved in the Left Brigade Sector (U. 23. C. 85.05 to U. 22 d. 3.3.) by the ^{3rd Bn} 173rd Infantry Brigade of 58th Division on the night 12th/13th May.

The command of the sector will pass on completion of relief.

2. On relief units will move to following positions:-

57th Bn - Right subsector BEUGNY - YPRES line

58th Bn - Left do do.

59th Bn - Right do VAULX - MORCHIES line

60th Bn - Left do do

O.S. 15th M.G. Coy and 15th A.L.T.M.B. will distribute their sections in these lines in accordance with existing scheme.

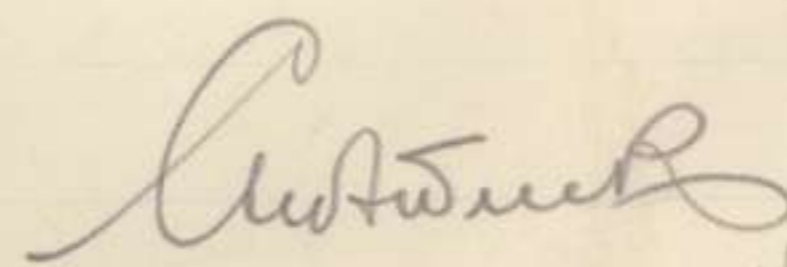
The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade is responsible for the defence of this area and is also available as Divisional Reserve.

3. The details of relief will be arranged mutually between S.O.s concerned.

4. No movement of troops will take place forward of VAULX before 8.45 p.m. except in parties not exceeding four.

5. Completion of each relief to be reported in code.

6. The location of Brigade H.Q. will be notified later.

 Major
Brigade Major, 15th Inf. Brigade

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2 - 58th Bn

3 - 59th Bn.

4 - 60th Bn

5 - 15th M.G. Coy.

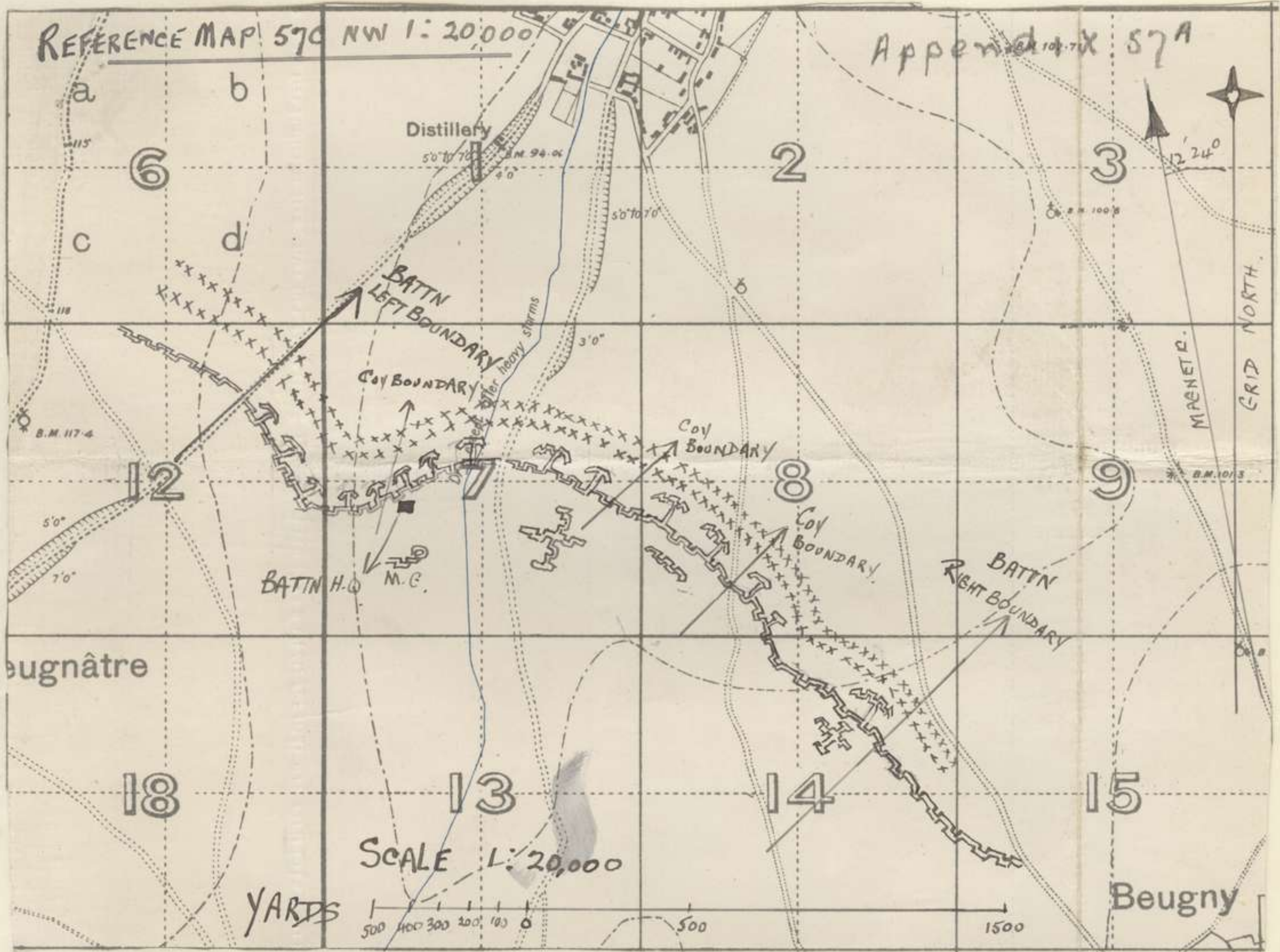
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Appendix No. 57A



57 Battalion AIF
Appendix 57^B
Battalion Order 28

Reference Sheet 57^C 1/40,000 11 5 17

1. The 15th Infantry Brigade will be relieved on the Left Brigade Sector (U 23 C. 8. 5. 05. to U 22 d. 3. 3) by the 173rd Infantry Brigade on the night of 12/13th May.
 2. The ~~Battalion~~ Companies when relieved will move to the right subsector of BEUSNY - YTRES line. One guide per Company will proceed to new site with Lt. Marsden leaving Battalion H Qrs at 10 am on 12th. One man per ~~Company~~ platoon, ^{who will be} guides for incoming Unit to report to Bn H Qrs at 4 pm 12 5 17.
 3. All trench stores will be handed over to incoming Unit and receipts in duplicate obtained. These will be forwarded to Bn H Qrs within 12 hours of handing over.
 4. Completion of relief to be notified to Bn H Qrs by code.
- On arrival at new site Companies will report to Lt. Marsden

CMD Davis Lieut
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Appendix No. 58

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Appendix 58

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.105.

Reference - 57 C.N.W.
1/20000.

19th May 1918.

1. The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) is to be relieved by the 20th Division (less Artillery) in the left Divisional Sector between 21st and 26th May 1918.
2. As a temporary arrangement the 15th M.G. Coy. will relieve the 14th M.G. Coy. in the front line during the night 19th/20th May. The 21st M.G. Coy. will take over the Camp and duties of the 15th M.G. Coy. in the Reserve Brigade Area.
3. The 15th Brigade (less 15th M.G.Coy.) will be relieved by the 61st Infantry Brigade as per attached Table of Moves. After relief the Brigade, with 15th Field Coy. attached, will form portion of Corps Reserve.
4. Units when relieved will move independently to new areas. Troops will march in file when on roads and not less than 200 yards distance will be maintained between Companies.
5. Advance parties will be at the new Camp site not later than 9 a.m. on 21st May.
6. All defence scheme, Maps, plans, etc., relating specially to this Divisional Front will be handed over on relief.
7. Arrival in new Areas is to be reported to Brigade H.Q.
8. Brigade H.Q. will close at H.12. at 11 a.m. and will re-open at the same hour at H.20.A.Central.
9. The 59th Battalion will provide two Companies to act as wardens of the VILLERS-AU-FLOS - BIEFVILLERS line and these will be required to take over by 9 a.m. on 21st May. Separate instructions will be issued regarding the details of taking over.

Geo. Z. Wright

Major.
Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade

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2. 58th Battalion.
3. 59th Battalion.
4. 60th Battalion.
5. 15th M.G. Coy.
6. 15th A.L.T.M.B.
7. 21st M.G. Coy.
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9. 61st Inf.Bde.
10. 2nd Inf.Bde.

Table of Moves issued with 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No.105.

DATE	UNIT.	FROM	TO	RELIEVED BY	IN RELIEF OF
May 21st.	15th Inf. Brigade H.Q.	H.12.C.	H.20.A. Central.	61st Inf. Brigade.	2nd Inf. Brigade H.Q.
	57th Battalion.	BEUGNY-YTRES line.	H.20.A.6-6.	A/61st Brigade.	5th Battalion.
	58th Battalion.	do-	H.20.A.8-4.	B/61st Brigade.	8th Battalion.
	59th Battalion.	FAVREUIL	H.21.D.9-5.	C/61st Brigade.	6th Battalion.
	60th Battalion.	VAULX-VRAUCOURT	H.14.C.5-5.	D/61st Brigade.	7th Battalion.
	15th A.L.T.M.B.	H.12.C.	H.20.A.8-2.	61st A.L.T.M.B.	2nd A.L.T.M.B.

Appendix No. 58

Appendix No. 58^A

57 Battalion Copy No 1
 Operation Order No 78 Appendix 58^A

Refuma Sub 57° N N 1/20000 20 5 17

1. The Battalion will be relieved in the present area by a Battalion of the 61st Infantry Brigade tomorrow 21st and will move to
 On completion of relief Companies will move off to new site independently.
2. One NCO per company and one NCO from Headquarter details and pioneers will move to new site under Lieut. Doughton at 8 am.
3. Dress full marching order. Blankets to be rolled same as fashion around the pack.
4. Baggage all values to be stacked at Battalion HQ ready for loading by 7 am.

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5. All trench shelters, maps
of Area and other trench
plans to be handed over to
relieving Units and receipts
obtained. Receipts in duplicate
to be forwarded to Battalion
Headquarters on arrival at
new sites.

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A/Adjt

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

24th May 1917.

25th and 26th May will be devoted to the completion of trenches and wiring of the VILLERS-AU-FLOS - BIEFVILLERS defensive line.

Sectors are allotted to Battalions as under :-

58th Battalion. H.21.A.4-7 to H.20.B.2-7.

57th Battalion. H.20.B.2-7 to H.13.D.9-5.

60th Battalion. H.13.D.9-5 to H.13.A.2-5.

The trench will be dug continuously except that one gap of 40 yards will be left in every 250 yards length.

The wiring will be completed to at least two rows. The 57th and 58th Battalions will each obtain 18 rolls of prepared birdcage wire at H.19.A.0-5 and the 60th Battalion will obtain a stock of material from G.24.D.5-9.

These quantities will suffice for immediate needs but Units should obtain sufficient wire to complete. Limbers and fatigue parties should collect the above wire early to-morrow morning.

The fire trench will be made to allow fire without the use of a fire step and must be 3 ft. wide at the bottom.

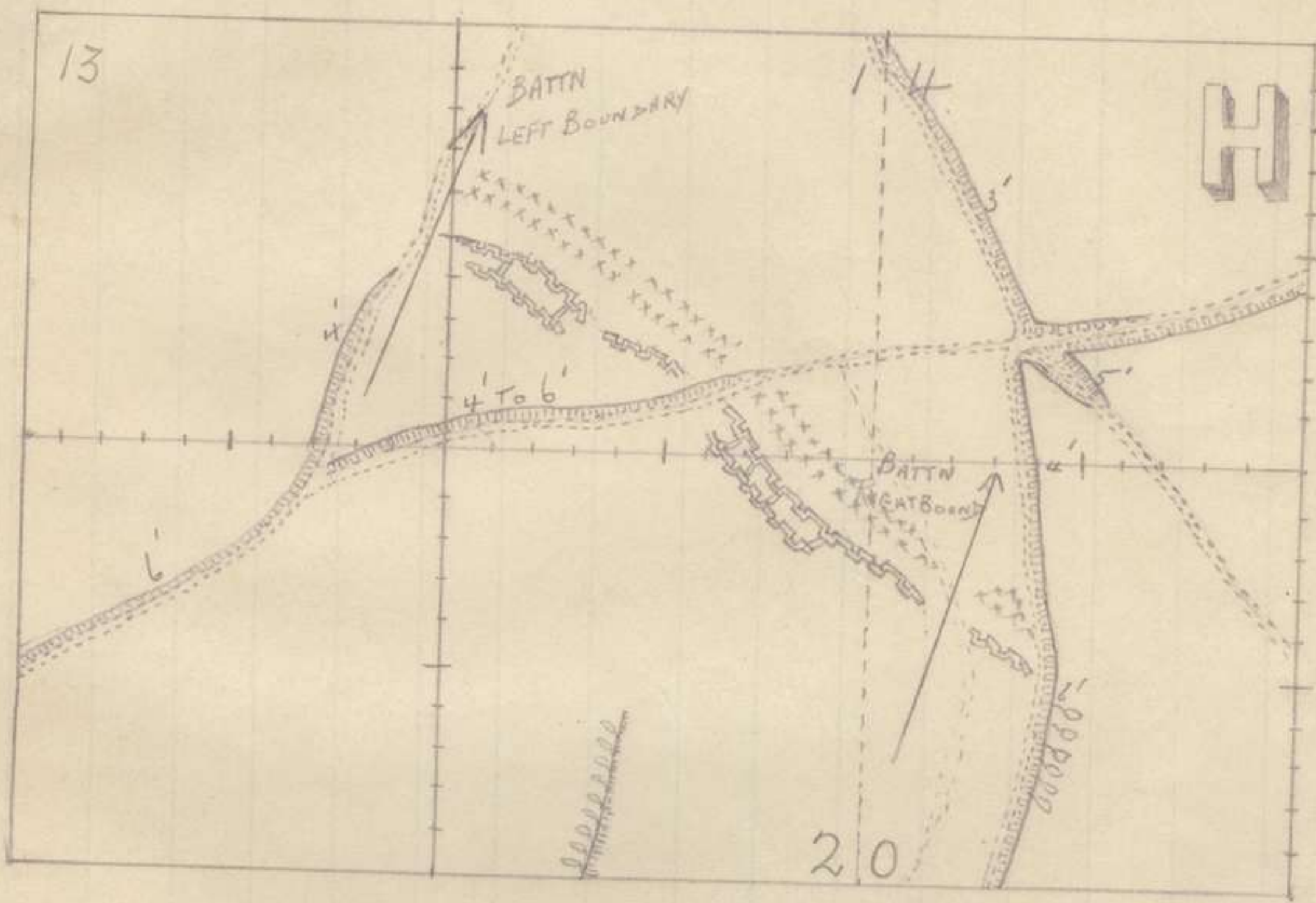
The above work is to be carried out on an instructional basis.

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Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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SCALE 1:10,000

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