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**WAR DIARY**

OF

5<sup>TH</sup> AUST. INF. BN.

FOR

APRIL 1918

Signature of Officer compiling

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRANCE	APRIL			
	1		BN in Reserve at PARRETT CAMP - Sheet 28-N16-B9.8 - Training carried out during morning and afternoon, special instruction being given in Lewis Gun + Bombing. Working party of 1 Officer + 34 O.R.s sent forward to Sheet 28-019-D1.8 to work on Advanced Dressing Station - <del>Sheet 28</del> - at 9 AM.	
	2		BN in Reserve at Parrett Camps. Parade as for 1st inst. Marching out parade practised. 11 O.R.s Reinforcements joined BN.	
	3		BN in Reserve. Parade from 10 AM. to 12 noon. Training in open warfare. Afternoon spent in cleaning equipment.	
	4		BN moved by route march from PARRETT CAMP - Sheet 28-N16-B9.8 to BIRR BARRACKS at Sheet 28-M29-A8.9, as per Operation Order CVO 66 attached.	NO 1
	5		BN moved by Bus from BIRR BARRACKS to STRAZEELE - Sheet 27-W29-A to entrain for SOMME area, as per Battalion Operation order CVO 67 and Administrative Instructions attached. Battalion entrained at about 8.47 pm at STRAZEELE RAILWAY STATION. MAJOR A.B. CAUGHEY acted as entraining officer.	Nos 2 + 3
6		BN arrived at HANGEST - SW SOMME about 6.30 AM and marched to ST. OUVEN. Owing to <del>accommodation</del> accommodation being limited, BN HQs was obliged to		



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	APRIL			
	1918			
FRANCE	<del>FEBRUARY</del>			
	6		move to PERNOIS where billets were found for "Kdavs" and "B" & "D" boys. who had acted as detaining & entraining companies at STRAZERLE + HANGEST-SUR-SOMME. These two boys arrived in billets about 12 midnight on night 6 <sup>th</sup> / 7 <sup>th</sup> APRIL.	
	7		BN in billets at ST. OVEN & PERNOIS.	
	8		"A" & "C" boys moved to PERNOIS by route march. BN together in billets at PERNOIS.	
	9		BN moved from PERNOIS to CARDONNETTE by route march. Route - PERNOIS - VIGNACOURT - FRESSELLES - BERTANGLES - COISY - CARDONNETTE. Reference Maps LENS 1/100,000 + AMIENS 17 - 1/100,000.	
	10		BN moved from CARDONNETTE to PONT NOYELLES as per BN Operation Order NO 68 (SHEET 62 D & 5) (SHEET 62 D - H 17 B & 18 A) MAJOR. H. I. GARHKE (R.M.O.) to hospital. CAPT Mc Caffery attached from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Amb.	NO 4
	11 <sup>th</sup>		BN in billets at PONT NOYELLES - Sheet 62 D - H 17 B & 18 A. "D" boy moved to station at ST. ROCH and acted as entraining company for 2 <sup>nd</sup> BRIGADE - MAJOR. A. R. CAUGHEY acted as entraining Officer at ST. ROCH (near AMIENS) "B" boy moved by first train <sup>at 6.47 AM</sup> to act as detaining company at HAZEL BROUCK - CAPTAIN C. M. E. LILLER - D.S.O. acted as detaining officer at HAZEL BROUCK.	
	12		BN marched <del>to</del> from PONT NOYELLES to ST. ROCH and entrained at 11-30 AM	



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FRANCE	1918 APRIL	12	as per Operation Order No 69 attached.	No 5
		13	BN arrived at <del>the</del> HONDEGHEM, <del>was</del> detrained about 3 AM and marched to Sheet 36 <sup>A</sup> N.E. - D 9. A 5.6 - where packs etc were dumped. BN moved forward to Reserve position as per BN Operation Order No 1 attached. Dispositions were as follows. Hdqs and 1 Coy (A) at Sheet 36 <sup>A</sup> N.E. - D 17. A 5.3 - "B" Coy at D 17. C 5.8 + D 17 - C 6.6. - "C" Coy at <del>D 23</del> D 23 - B - "D" Coy at D 22 - B - "B" Coy who were acting as detraining company at HAZELBROUCK, were moved forward about 3 pm on 12 <sup>th</sup> inst to occupy their position. This was done to strengthen the line at D 17 - C 5.8 + D 17 - C 6.6 where it was reported that the enemy was likely to attack. The Nucleus was left behind at D 9. A 5.6 + was formed into a company under MAJOR A.R. CAUGHEY <sup>5<sup>TH</sup> BN</sup> and was known as "A" Coy of the Composite BN under MAJOR SWIFT - 7 <sup>TH</sup> BN - The other three Coys were formed from 6 <sup>TH</sup> , 7 <sup>TH</sup> + 8 <sup>TH</sup> BN's nucleus. Copy of Defence Scheme for this area attached. BN received order A.Z.B. 87 (copy attached) to be prepared to move forward on receipt of further orders. A.Z.B. 89 from 2 <sup>nd</sup> A.I. Bde (copy attached) received at 5 pm - Order to move forward and counter attack. BN moved and A.Z.B. 90 received on move	No 6 No 6 <sup>A</sup> No 7 No 8 No 9



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FRANCE	APRIL 13		which cancelled order to counter-attacks. BN ordered to Stand-down as per A7B 91 (copy attached) One Company acted as Inlying Picquet each night and was always ready to move. One other rank wounded.	No 10
	14		BN in Reserve. Order to Stand-to from Bde as per copy of A7B 113 attached at 2-30 pm. Stand-down at 4-15 pm as per copy of A7B 117 attached. Roads in vicinity of BN Hdqrs. were lightly shelled. Inlying Picquet mounted at 1 hour before dusk & dismounted at 1 hour before dawn when whole BN stood-to. The morale of the BN. was excellent at this time.	No 11 No 12
	15		BN in Reserve. "B" Coy moved forward to D30-A7.7 to act as supports to 7 <sup>th</sup> BN	
	16		BN in Reserve. Light shelling in vicinity of BN Hdqrs. "D" Coy moved forward to PTE MARQUETTE at Sheet 36-E19-cont as per copy of A7B 132 attached, and also acted as support to 7 <sup>th</sup> BN. A working party of about 150 O.R.s was supplied by "A" Coy for work on Support Line. Guards as per A7B 382 (copy attached) were supplied by BN. to prevent interference with charges laid on bridges and mines laid on Roads. Training carried out by nucleus during morning and afternoon & included B.F. Rapid-loading, fire control, and gas drill.	No 13 No 14



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FRANCE	APRIL 17		BN. in Reserve. Wagon lines were shelled by 11" and therefore it was deemed advisable to move both nucleus and waggon lines. Nucleus was then situated at Sheet 36A-D7-A9.9 and waggon lines at D8-C1.2. During the shelling two men belonging to BN Transport were slightly wounded, but remained on duty. The Bde Ammunition Dump was opposite the nucleus Camp & PTE. BRATT of the 5 <sup>TH</sup> BN. who was acting as guard over the Dump showed a splendid example, when a shell burst in the centre of the Dump this man was on his post about 6 yards away. He never flinched, but sloped arms and marched up and down his beat as if nothing had happened - fatigue party as usual. During the day Farms roads in vicinity of BN. Hdqrs were lightly shelled.	
	18		BN in Reserve & support. Quiet & uneventful day. <del>Very</del> fatigue party as usual.	
	19		BN. relieved by BN. of 4 <sup>TH</sup> Guards Bde as per A.R.B's 217 & 221 and moved to Sheet 27 <del>SE</del> - Q 35. central Waggon lines at Sheet 27 <del>SE</del> V12 - A cent. and nucleus moved to Sheet 27 <del>SE</del> W13 - A 2.8. Billets of BN. shelled at night caused casualties 4 O.R.s killed and 9 O.R.s wounded.	Nos 15 & 16.
	20		BN. in Reserve to Division at Sheet 27 SE. Q 35. central Waggon lines moved to	



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FRANCE	1918 APRIL 20		Sheet 27 - Promotions from 2 <sup>nd</sup> LIEUT. to LIEUTENANT as per list attached.	No 17
	21		BN in Reserve at Sheet 27 - Q 35 central. MASOR. H. I. CARLILE (R.M.O) returned from hospital. CAPT. McCAFFREY - (Temporary R.M.O) returned to 2 <sup>nd</sup> FIELD AMBULANCE. # LIEUT H. I. SIMPSON <sup>L.G. Officer</sup> from hospital.	
	22		BN moved into front line taking over from 1 <sup>st</sup> BN. 4 <sup>th</sup> BN. 5 <sup>th</sup> + 6 <sup>th</sup> BN's in the line + 7 <sup>th</sup> + 8 <sup>th</sup> BN in support. BN. Operation Order No 2 attached. Dispositions as per Sketch attached. Two German prisoners were captured during the relief + they had in their possession all the mail for one of the German Companies on our front, this was forwarded to Bde Hdqrs and was found to be of great interest. The prisoners belonged to 23 <sup>rd</sup> R. I. R. and 62 <sup>nd</sup> R. I. R. LIEUTS PARKER. T, + MADDOX. N. S, 2/LIEUTS KERR. J. W. + DAVIS. joined BN. The two former from hospital + two latter from General Infantry Reinforcements. LIEUT. N. S. MADDOX was appointed Liason Officer with Left Bde + 2/LIEUT J. W. KERR - acted as Liason Officer with 6 <sup>th</sup> BN on the right. 61 O.R.s Reinforcements joined BN and were sent to nucleus Camp. 1 O.R. wounded.	No 18 No 19
	23		BN in front line. Plenty of targets for snipers which were made full use	



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FRANCE	APRIL 23		of many casualties were inflicted on the enemy - 3 O.R.s Killed and 6 O.R.s wounded.	
	24		BN. in line. Shelling by enemy of Roads & tracks in back areas was maintained throughout the day. - Gas was used on the enemy on our front as per Bde memo attached. - 1 O.R. Killed & 6 O.R.s wounded - Shelling in vicinity of BN. Hdqrs by enemy.	No 20.
	25		BN. in line. Our night posts had some casualties which were caused by our own shells falling short. 2 O.R.s Killed and 4 O.R.s wounded.	
	26		BN in line. Enemy shelled Roads & tracks in rear areas. Gas Projectors used against enemy as per Bde memo attached - 2/LIEUT. J.W. KERR - Killed - (Died of wounds) 4 O.R.s gassed & 3 O.R.s wounded. LIEUT. F.W. CORLETT & 3/LIEUT. R.W. LITTLE and 7 O.R.s joined BN. from Hospital reinforcements & were sent to Nucleus.	No 21
	27		BN in line. Sniping by enemy growing less each day owing to keenness of men who made good use of every target that offered itself. By this time No mans land, which was most energetically patrolled by the enemy during the first few nights, was absolutely under our control. 1 O.R killed - 2 O.R.s Died of wounds and 2 O.R.s wounded.	

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FRANCE	APRIL			
	28		BN in Line. Gas Projectors used against the enemy as per Bde Memo attached. Special Harassing fire by Artillery on Roads & tracks behind enemies lines as per BDE Memo attached. During this tour in the Line work was carried on very extensively, special attention being paid to wiring. Report by Works Officer attached	No 22 No 23 No 24
	29		BN in Line. Gas Projectors used as per BDE memo attached. BN relieved by 7 <sup>th</sup> BN. as per <sup>Relief</sup> <del>Operation</del> Order No 1 attached also Addenda attached. Report by Intelligence Officer on tour in the Line is attached	No 25 Nos 26 & 27 No 28
	30		BN in support. BN Hdqrs at Sheet 27-W20-B7.9 and Companies as per Order attached as Appendix. Working parties consisting of 4 Officers and 232 men were sent forward to work on Support Lines. Copy of letter received from C.O. 12 <sup>th</sup> BN appreciating the work done by those the 5 <sup>th</sup> BN & also that of Lieut MADDOX, who acted as Liaison attached - 5 OR's Reinforcements joined BN. Report on work of transport for month attached. Report for month by R. M. O. attached. Report for month by Quarter-master attached	No 29 No 30 No 31 No 32



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7	Bde message A Z B 87
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18	BN Operation Order No 2.
19	Sketch showing Dispositions of BN in Line.
20	Bde message re Gas Projectors. A Z B 16
21	Bde message " " " " A Z B 50
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30	Report by Transport Officer.
31	" " R. M. O. of BN.
32	" " Quarter-master of BN.

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Headquarters 5th Battalion A.I.F.  
4/4/18.

BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 65  
BY LIEUT. COL. D.A. LUTFON D.S.O. COMMANDING.

Start 28 B.W. 1 : 10,000 to 2 : 40,000.

RELIEF.

1. The 5th Bn. will be relieved by 1st East Yorkshire Regt. at PARRET CAMP on the 4th April, and will move to BIRR BARRACKS by route march. Relief to be effected by 2 p.m.

STARTING POINT.

2. On road opposite entrance to PARRET CAMP. Head of column will be at Starting Point by 1 p.m.

ROUTE MARCH.

3. VIERSTRAT, ~~ROAD~~ - to N.19.e.7.O. - to N.29.S.1.9.

ORDER OF MARCH.

4. H.Q. Sigs.; Intell.; "A" Coy.; "B" Coy.; "D" Coy.; and "C" Coy. (less working parties); H.Q. Details; Bn. Guard; Police. The Brass Band will be attached to "B" Coy. for the move.

DRESS.

5. Marching order; blanket rolled round the pack, and ground sheet folded under pack. flap of pack.

TRANSPORT.

6. Transport will move 400 yards in rear of column. Cookers will move with Coys.

CLEANLINESS CERTIFICATES, ETC.

7. Will be forwarded to B.O.R. by 12 noon today.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) A.O. RICE, Lieut. Lt.

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7	O.C. "C" "	"
8	O.C. "D" "	"
9	S. O. A.	"
10	I tell. Off.	"
11	Q.M.	"
12	T.O.	"



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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCOMPANY

BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 66.

ROUTINE.

- 1. Midday Meal 11.30 a.m.; Dress for Parade 12 noon; Quarter Call 12.15 a.m.; Advance 12.30 a.m.; Markers will report to R.S.M. on Battalion parade ground at 12.25p.m..

S.A.A.

- 2. The extra 50 rounds S.A.A. per man will be collected by Companies and placed at the ammunition dump by 11.30 a.m.

OFFICERS  
VALISES.

- 3. To be at Q.M.Store by 10.30 a.m.

REGTL BOXES  
COY RECORDS etc

- 4. To be at Q/M.Store by 11.30 a.m.

AREA & TRENCH  
STORES

- 5. Will be handed over by Lieut. BOOTH and receipts obtained in triplicate.

MAPS PHOTOGRAPHS  
ETC.

- 6. Will be handed over by Intelligence Officer and receipts obtained.

LEWIS GUNS.

- 7. Lewis Guns will be ready by 12 noon when limbers will call for them.

A.A.GUNS.

- 8. A.A. Guns will be carried on cookers ready for use.

A.A.GUARD.

- 9. A.A.Guard will dismount at 12.15 and mount on arrival at new camp.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sg.) A.O.RIGG: Lieut.  
ADJ.



4/4/18.

## BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 67

APPENDIX 2

BY LIEUT. COLONEL D. A. LUTON D.S.O. COMMANDING.

Shoets 27 &amp; 28 S.W. 1 : 40,000.

MOVE.

1. The Battalion will continue move tomorrow, 5th inst., and will embus at Point - Shoet 28 M.23.a.3.7., facing N.E. and will debus at point - Shoet 27 W.23.o.5.2., and will then move to STRAZELLE where the Battalion will entrain.

STARTING POINT.

2. Starting Point - M.29.a.5.8. at 8 a.m.

ROUTE.

3. Starting Point to M.23.a.3.7.

ORDER OF MARCH.

4. H.Q. Signallers, Intelligence, "D", "G", "B" & "A" Coys.;  
H.Q. Details, and Police.

- (b) Troops will be in positions at 8.15 a.m. for embussing, & to be off in groups of 25 (1 Officer to each bus). Groups will be distributed 6 for every 80 yards of road length.
- (c) Capt. R. I. HILLIARD M.C. will be in charge of embussing arrangements.

BILLETING PARTY.

5. Lieut. A. F. BECHERVAISE and 1 N.C.O. per Company, with bicycles, will proceed by first train of Brigade group, from STRAZELLE at 5.18 p.m.

TRANSPORT.

6. Transport will move from LOCRE area to STRAZELLE by route march.

Starting Point. M.29. .O.7.

Order of march. - 5th Bn.; 8th Bn.; 2nd Aust. M.C. Coy.;  
Brigade H.Q.

O.C., Column - Lieut. HARRIS, 8th Bn.

To pass Starting Point at 8.30 a.m.

Route. - Via BAILLEUL, but O.C. Column may vary this should same be considered desirable on account of enemy shell fire.

DISCIPLINE.

7. Attention is drawn to Bn. Order No. 419, para. 1200.

DISTANCES.

8. Distances to be maintained on the march are :-  
100 yards between Companies.  
100 yards between Battalion and Transport.  
500 yards between Battalions.

WORKING PARTIES.

9. (a) Capt. S. RICKETSON D.C.M., Lieuts. H. C. MORRISON and P. J. O'FARRELL, and 100 other ranks to be detailed from "D" Coy., with cooker, will report to R.T.O. STRAZELLE at 11.18 a.m. This party will act as loading party for the entraining of the Brigade Group, and will travel by the last train but one conveying the Brigade Group.  
(b) Capt. E. G. PERMEZEL, Lieut. W. T. WICKLE, 2/Lt. A. M. GILLIES, and 100 Other ranks detailed from "B" Coy., with cooker, will proceed by the first train of the Brigade Group, leaving at 3.18 p.m. and must report to the Brigade Entraining Officer at 1.45 p.m.

P.T.O.



(c) The O.C. of the parties mentioned in (a) and (b) will report to the R.T.O. at the entraining and detraining stations in order to obtain full information as to their duties, and will make arrangements with the Area Commandants concerned for their parties to be billeted as near as possible to the railway stations at which they will be required to work.

(d) Major W.R. CAUGHEY and Capt. C.M. LITTLE D.S.O. will represent the Brigade at the entraining and detraining stations respectively.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgt) A.O. RIGG, Lieut. Adjutant.

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7	O.C. "C" "	"
8	O.C. "D" "	"
9	Sign. Off.	"
10	Intell. Off.	"
11	Q.M.	"
12	H.Q.	"



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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO  
ACCOMPANY BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 63.

DRESS.

1. Marching order; blanket rolled as per Standing Orders.

RATIONS.

2. Midday meal will be carried by all ranks.

OFFICERS  
VALISES.

3. Will be stacked on road opposite Officers' huts  
at 7 a.m.

REGTL. & COY.  
RECORDS.

4. Will be stacked at Q.M. Store at 7 a.m.

LEWIS GUNS.

5. Company Lewis guns, with the exception of ONE Anti  
Aircraft gun per Company, will be loaded on L.G.  
limbers by 7 a.m.  
Anti Aircraft guns will be ready for instant use  
at all times when Battalion is moving.

MARCHING OUT  
STATES & CERTIFICATES.  
OF UNDEBTEDNESS.

6. To be forwarded Battalion Headquarters by 7.15 a.m.

COOKERS.

7. Will be ready to move with the Transport at 7.15 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) A.O. RIGG, Lieut.  
Adjt.



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10/4/18 .

APPENDIX 4

BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 68 BY

LIEUT. COLONEL D.A. LUXTON D.S.O. COMMANDING.

Reference Sheet - AMIENS 1 : 100,000.

- MOVE. 1. Battalion will continue move today and will move to PONT NOYELLE.
- STARTING POINT. 2. Church, CARDINETTE. Head of column to pass Starting Point at 12.30 p.m.
- ROUTE. 3. CARDINETTE, ALLONVILLE, QUERRIEU, PONT NOYELLE.
- ORDER OF MARCH. 4. H.Q. Sigs., Intelligence, "C", "A", "B" & "D" Coys., Headquarters Details, Police.
- DRESS. 5. Marching order with blanket. Waterproof sheet to be rolled round blanket.
- DISTANCES. 6. Between Coys. 100 yards. Between Battalion and Transport 100 yards.
- HALTS/ 7. Of 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour.
- TRANSPORT. 8. Transport will move in rear of the column.
- COOKERS. 9. Cookers will move in rear of their respective Coys.
- A.A. GUNS. 10. Will be carried on Company cooker and ready for instant use.
- VALISES. 11. To be at stacked outside Battalion Headquarters mess by 11.30 a.m.
- REGTL. & COY. RECORDS, ETC. 12. To be stacked outside Battalion Headquarters mess by 11.30 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE/

(Sgd) A.O. RIGG, Lieut. Adjt.

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8	" "D" "	"
9	Q.M. & T.O.	"
10.	Sig. & Intell.Offs.	"



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BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 5960 BY  
LIEUT. COLONEL D. A. LUXTON D.S.O. COMMANDING.

Reference Sheets - Amiens 1 - 100,000.  
Hazebrouck 1 - 100,000.

MOVE.

1. (a) 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will be transferred by rail to SECOND ARMY.
- (b) 5th Bn (less 2 Companies, 2 Cookers and teams) will be in position for entraining at ST. ROCH "A" at 8.15 a.m. on the 12th inst.

STARTING POINT.

2. On road opposite Bn Q.M. Store. Head of column will pass starting point at 5 a.m.

ROUTE.

3. Starting Point - QUERRIEU - ST. ROCH "A".

ORDER OF MARCH.

4. H.Q. Sigs, Intelligence, "A" and "C" Coys, H.Q. details and Police.

DRESS.

5. Fighting Order (O.Rs) Steel helmets will be worn and water bottles must be filled.

DISTANCES.

6. Between Companies 100 yards; between Bn and Transport 100 yards, between Battalions 500 yards.

HALTS.

7. 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour.

TRANSPORT.

8. Transport less Cookers will move under the orders of T.O. and will be in position for entraining at 6.47 a.m. Cookers will move at 5 a.m. and T.O. will detail an N.C.O. to take charge.

A. A. L. GUNS.

9. During the move A. A. Guns will be ready at all time for instant use against enemy air-craft (A & C Coys will carry guns on march to-morrow).

WORKING PARTIES.

10. (a) "D" Coy. will act as loading party for Bde Group at entraining Station.
- (b) Major A. R. Caughey and Capt C. M. Lillie D.S.O. will act as Brigade entraining & detraining Officers respectively.
- (c) "B" Coy. will act as unloading party at detraining Station.



B.O.R. NO. 60 (Continued)

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BILLETING PARTY.

11. LIEUTS. BECHERVAISE and MAUNSELL and one N.C.O. per Company will proceed by first train of Brigade Group.

OFFICERS VALISES  
REGTL & COMPANY  
RECORDS.

12. Will be stacked at Q.M.'s store by 6 p.m. on the 11th instant.

DISCIPLINE.

13. O.C. Train will see that the following instructions are carried out:
- (1) No liquor will be allowed on the train.
  - (2) Riding on the steps or in any dangerous position is forbidden.
  - (3) Troops will not be allowed to leave the train at any time without permission of an Officer or senior N.C.O. To prevent this piquets will be posted in the centre and at either end of the train.
  - (4) Troops if given permission may enter Station buffets for the purpose of obtaining refreshments but no liquor may be purchased. A piquet will be posted to prevent this and will warn the proprietor that the place will be declared out of bounds should an attempt be made to sell any.
  - (5) Lighted braziers will not be allowed.

REPORTS.

14. To head of column.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sg.) A.O. RIGG, Lieut.  
Adj.

Copy No.	to whom	Method
1	File	
2	War Diary	
3	Brigade	Runner
4	O.C. "A" Coy.	"
5	" " " "	"
6	" " "M. "	"
7	" " "O. "	"
8	R.S.M.	











SECRET.

Copy No.

Headquarters 5th Battalion A.I.F. 6a  
16/4/18.

5th BATTALION DEFENCE SCHEME (Provisional) FOR  
MANNING OF SUPPORT LINE OF 2nd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Reference Sheets - 36 <sup>A</sup> H.E. 1 : 20,000.  
27 S.E. 1 : 20,000.

I. DEFENCE OF 2nd AUST. INF. BDE. SECTOR.-

(a) The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. is holding a line on the Right, approximately from K.4.c.2.5. - E.28.c.1.2. On the Left from E.28.b. - E.22.b. - E.17.A.9.8.

(b) BOUNDARIES.-

Right Brigade Boundary  
From K.4.d.2.5. to D.30.d.0.0.

Left Brigade Boundary.  
From E.17.a.9.8. - E.9 Central - D.6 Central.

Inter-Battalion Boundary.  
From E.28.b.1.9. - D.18 Central.

(c) The 7th Battalion, with one Company of 5th Battalion in Support, will be responsible for the defence of Right Sub-sector and the 8th Battalion of the Left Sub-Sector.

The 6th Battalion will be in Support with the 5th Battalion, less one Company, in Reserve.

(d) A Support line will be constructed along the General line LA MOTTE (inclusive) - E.15 Central - E.8.d. - PRADREUILLES in Left Brigade Sub-Sector. PT. SEC BOIS will be constructed as a Defended locality.

II. DEFENCE OF SUPPORT LINE.-

Battalion will defend Support Line as follows :-

DEFENCE OF RIGHT SUB-SECTOR.- As per Appendix II, Scheme.

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5th Bn. Defence Scheme (Provisional). (contd.)

DEFENCE OF DEPT SUB-SUPPORT. - As per Appendix III,  
Scheme II.

DEFENCE OF THE WHOLE SUPPORT LINE. - As per Appendix  
IV, Scheme III.

III. ACTION OF BATTALION IF CALLED UPON TO COUNTER ATTACK  
As per Appendix V.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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APPENDIX 1.

5th Battalion, less one Company, are located at LITRE ANGLAIS and will be ready to stand to arms and move off at short notice. No men must leave the vicinity of their billets except on working parties and should be ready to move to Company Assembly ground.

Battalion may be called upon for the manning of the SUPPORT Line in case of emergency, either of the Battalion sub-sectors, or of the whole, or for counter-attacking as the situation may require.

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APPENDIX II.SCHEME 1.

In the event of the Battalion having to man the  
Right sub-sector.

BOUNDARIES, Right sub-sector.

Right.- D.30.d.0.0.

Left.- E.19.b.9.9.

Inter-Company Boundary E.19.c.5.1. - E.28.c.2.5.

DEFENCE.

"C" Company will be responsible for defence of the  
Right sector and "A" Company for the Left sector, with "D"  
Company in Support in the vicinity of D.24 Central.

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APPENDIX III.SCHEDULE 11.

In the event of the Battalion having to man the  
Left sub-sector.-

BOUNDARIES.

Right.-	D.19.b.9.9.
Left.-	D.9.a.5.8.
Inter-Company Boundary	D.14.b.3.6.

DEFENCE.-

"C" Company will be responsible for the defence of  
the Right sub-sector and "A" Company for the Left sub-sector,  
with "D" Company in Support in the vicinity of D.F.O. and d.

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APPENDIX IV.SCHEME III.

In the event of the Battalion being called on to man the Support Line.

BOUNDARIES.-

Right.- D.30.d.0.0.

Left.- E.9.a.5.2.

Inter-Company Boundaries.-

H.19 Central on the Right.

H.14 Central on the Centre.

H.9.a.5.2. on the Left.

DEFENCE.-

"C" Company will be responsible for the Right sector; "D" Company for the Centre, and "A" Company for the Left sector.

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APPENDIX VI.

IN THE EVENT OF THE BATTALION HAVING TO COUNTER ATTACK  
TO RETAKE ANY PORTION OF THE LINE.-

(a) On the warning to "Stand To" Companies will fall in on Company Assembly Ground and await orders, Company Commanders reporting when ready to move. Battalion will move forward with an Advance Guard, "A" Company acting as Advance Guard. Capt T. HASTIE M.C. will be Advance Guard Commander.

Order of March :- "A" & "B" Companies, Headquarters, "D" Company.

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(in pads of 100).

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	At.....m.		Service.	From .....
	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
	By.....			

TO { 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Battalions

Sender's Number. * AFB 87	Day of Month. 13	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Enemy reported to have broken through between R 10 + E 30 + at E 24 C. Heavy attack near MERRIS. Our present line must be held at all costs. 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion will be prepared to move forward immediately on receipt of orders. 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Bn is moving up to take up a position on line running N + S. through D 5700. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion reports heavy shelling but expect to be able to hold on.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div HQ  
Place  
Time 4.50 PM

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	At.....m.		Service.			Date.....	
	To.....		By.....			From.....	
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			By.....	

TO { 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
* <u>A2859</u>	<u>13</u>		<b>AAA</b>

You enemy officer to have  
broken through on E 22 + E 23.  
You will move up at once  
along LA MOTTE VIEUX BERDON  
Road move through the wood &  
counter attack & establish H.  
line APA you will call at  
7:30 Hdq at 7:24 A12 &  
ascertain position.

From		
Place		
Time		

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Side of Origin and Service Instructions.				
Sent				
At.....m.			Service.	Date.....
To.....				From.....
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

Special Order

CO { 5 <sup>th</sup> Battalion	5 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
4 <sup>th</sup> " "	

Sender's Number. AZB90	Day of Month. 13	In reply to Number. AAA
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5<sup>th</sup> Battalion will stand to & await further orders They will not proceed forward until receipt of orders. This cancels my AZB89 Addressed 5<sup>th</sup> Bm repeated 4<sup>th</sup> + 8<sup>th</sup> Bms.

From 2nd Aus Inf Bde	
Place	
Time 7.53	

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Regulation and Service Instructions.	Sent			Service.
Special PA H2 hats left				From .....
To.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....

TO { 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Sender's Number.	Day of Month,	In reply to Number.	AAA
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5<sup>th</sup> Battalion will stand down  
 Situation is now normal.  
 7<sup>th</sup> + 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion fronts are  
 now the firing line otherwise  
 situation unchanged Acknowledge  
 Also acknowledge my AZB 89 + 90  
 all operation wires must be  
 acknowledged in future

From 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. C. J. B. [unclear]  
 Place [unclear]  
 Time 5.43 PM

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No. of Message 103

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions						Sent	Date.....
Special 1st Bde					At.....	Service.....	From.....
1st Bde					To.....	By.....	
					By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
1<sup>st</sup> Bde

Sender's Number. \* 1228113 Day of Month. 14 In reply to Number. AAA

Enemy appear to have driven  
in 4<sup>th</sup> Bde's extreme left post  
and companies of 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
will move up to the line Escoubert  
to E. 17 central counter attack &  
establish line <sup>renewing</sup> ~~renewing~~  
touch with 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion on right  
& 1<sup>st</sup> Bde on left 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
will stand to arms & be ready  
Addressed 6<sup>th</sup> Bde repeated  
5<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Bde + 1<sup>st</sup> Bde

From 2<sup>nd</sup> Cms 1st Bde  
Place  
Time 2 30 pm

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No. of Message. 12

Prefix.....	Code.....m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/s of 12	Recd. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions					Sent
Special Op to 5 <sup>th</sup> H.A. Co				At.....m.	Service.....
To.....				By.....	
By.....				(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Sender's Number. * AZB 117	Day of Month. 14	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Situation quietening. 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
& two para companies of 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
will stand down. 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
post at E 17 A 28 which was  
driven back has been re-established  
Shony enemy attack at E 22 700  
was repulsed

From 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Inf Bde  
Place  
Time 4 PM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) H. F. Lott Capt

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Army Form C. 2177  
(In pads of 100)

No. of Message..... 13

Prefix.....	Code.....m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on file of: 13	Recd. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent			Service
At.....		To.....		From.....	
By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By..... 13	

Special  
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TO { 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
7<sup>th</sup> " 8<sup>th</sup> "

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

\*AZB 132

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In reply to Number.

AAA

In addition to the company of your unit already sent to vicinity of LA MOTTE if you will move up another company to-morrow to between LA MOTTE - PTE MARQUETTE Area will be reconnoitered this afternoon + if necessary 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion will vacate PTE MARQUETTE. If billets vacated by the two companies moved up are nearer front line than those occupied by the two remaining companies latter will be moved into them. Acknowledged Addressed 5<sup>th</sup> Bn repeated 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> + 8<sup>th</sup> Bns

From 2<sup>nd</sup> Cus Reg Bde  
Place  
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) H. J. Water  
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Army Form C. 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)  
No. of Message..... 241

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

TO { 5 1/2 Bm. 14

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 2213 382	15		

The following guard will be mounted by you at 11 a.m. on 16/4/18:-  
Duty, to prevent interference to charges laid.

① Lock	D. 30. C. 9. 1	} IN. C. 049 men
② BRIDGE	D. 30. T. 0. 6	
③ "	D. 30. A. 5. 4	
④ "	D. 24. A. 1. 2	} IN. C. 043 MEN
⑤ MINE IN ROAD	D. 24. A. 1. 0	
⑥ BRIDGE	D. 17. A. 1. 2	
⑦ "	D. 17. B. 4. 8	} IN. C. 0 + 3 MEN
⑧ "	D. 18. B. 9. 4	
⑨ MINE IN ROAD	E. 8. C. 6. 6	

A sapper will also be stationed at each point

From		
Place	1145m	2nd at Bm
Time		ER 132

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No. of Message.....

Prefix..... Code..... m. Words. Charge. Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at ..... m. Date..... From..... By.....

TO { 5 6 7 8 Dec

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. 15 AAA

2nd Aus Inf Bde will be relieved by 31st Dec & will move into provisional position in area THIBUSBOUR - CASINE - LE PEUPLEIER - ROUGE CROIX on night 19/20th inst detailed orders later

ER 157

ER 158 ack.

From 2nd Aus Inf Bde Place Time

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			To		Date	
			By		From	
			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By	
TO			5 <sup>th</sup> Battalion		16	
			4 <sup>th</sup> Guards Brigade		16	
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		
* AZB 221		18				AAA

5<sup>th</sup> Battalion will be relieved by a battalion of 4<sup>th</sup> Guards Brigade on 19<sup>th</sup> inst. All maps/documents of value to incoming unit will be handed over. Camp kettles + hot food containers will not be handed over. 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion will move at noon from present locations to billets in THIEUS HOUX Area (Sheet 27 SE Sq. 9.35) move will be by platoons at intervals of not less than 100 yds. Completion of move will be notified to Gde Hdqrs Gde Hdqrs will close at 7.24 A.M. on completion of relief papers at LE PEUPIER Acknowledged

From	2 <sup>nd</sup> Div Sig Bde
Place	
Time	

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APPENDIX

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Extract from

Australian Imperial Force List No. 321.

Appointments, Promotions, Etc.

Approved by General Commanding Australian Imperial Force.

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 Headquarters, Australian Imperial Force,  
 In the Field. 19/4/18.
 

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5th. Battalion.

To be Lieutenants/

1st. April, 1918.

2nd Lieut. G. LAVERICK.  
 2nd Lieut. A. M. GILLIES.  
 2nd Lieut. C. F. A. HENDERSON.  
 2nd Lieut. J. H. CRICHTON.  
 2nd Lieut. R. KOPKE.  
 2nd Lieut. H. L. SIMPSON.  
 2nd Lieut. J. A. CATTO, M.M.  
 2nd Lieut. R. C. G. HAMILTON.  
 2nd Lieut. S. V. KIRKWOOD, M.M.  
 2nd Lieut. J. G. HALL.

T. H. DODDS, Colonel,

D. A. G., A.I.F.



BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 2 BYLIEUT.-COL. D.A. LUXTON D.S.O. COMMANDING.Reference Sheets 27 S.E. 1 : 20,000.  
36a N.E. 1 : 20,000.

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RELIEF.

1. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. in the Right sub-sector on the 22nd inst. and night of 22/23rd inst.

5th Bn. will relieve 1st Bn. and portion of the 4th Bn. and will be disposed with 3 companies in the line and 1 company in Support.

Battalion boundaries :-

Right. X.25.c.0.1. to road junction at W.24.c.0.2. along road to W.17.c.4.0.

Left. X.20.c.9.8. - X.19.b.9.9. - W.18.b.9.1.

Inter Coy. boundaries:-

X.25.d.1.8. to W.17.d.4.8. and X.26.a.1.9. to W.18 central.

R.A.P. is situated at X.19.a.4.8.

The line will be held in depth. "A" Coy. will be on the Right; "B" Coy. in the centre; with "C" Coy. on the Left. "D" Coy. will be in Support.

- ADVANCE PARTIES.
- Advance parties from Companies will be sent into all posts
- 
2. on night 21/22nd inst.

- ORDER OF MOVE.
3. "A", "B", "C" & "D" Coys. "A" Coy. will not move till 8.30 p.m. on 22nd inst.
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- Distances.- Distances of 50 yards between platoons and 200 yards between Companies will be maintained.

- DISPOSITIONS.
4. "A" Coy. will take over (from 4th Bn.) 2 posts, and from 1st Bn. 3 posts
- 
- "B" Coy. 5 posts from 1st Bn. and "C" Coy. 4 posts.
- 
- "A", "B" & "C" Coys. will reach here each have 3 platoons in the line and 1 platoon in Support.
- 
- "D" Coy. will be in Support at approximately X.19 central.

- GUIDES.
5. "A" Coy. guides. Guide for 1 platoon at W.24.b.8.5. and guides for 3 platoons at W.23.a.9.4. will meet the Coy.
- 
- "B" & "C" Coys. guides will meet Companies at W.24.b.8.5.
- 
- "D" Coy. guides will move with the Company.

- DRESS.
6. Fighting order, greatcoat rolled in groundsheet and slung over shoulder, unexpended portion of day's rations, one iron ration, waterbottle filled, 200 rounds S.A.A. and 1 grenade will be carried per man.

- BLANKETS.
7. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and clearly marked and dumped at "C" Coy. billet at 2/30 p.m. today. Extra stores and surplus gear will also be dumped at the same place and same hour. Transport Officer will arrange to collect cookers and will send limbers for blankets, etc., and return same to Q.M. Store.

- MAPS.
8. All maps and documents of value will be taken over.

- DISPOSITION SKETCHES.
- Coy. Commanders' disposition sketches will be sent to
- 
9. Bn. Headquarters before daylight tomorrow.

- COMPLETION OF RELIEF.
10. Will be notified to Headquarters by sending the
- 
- code word DRY.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) A.O.RIGG, Lieut. Adj. P.T.O.

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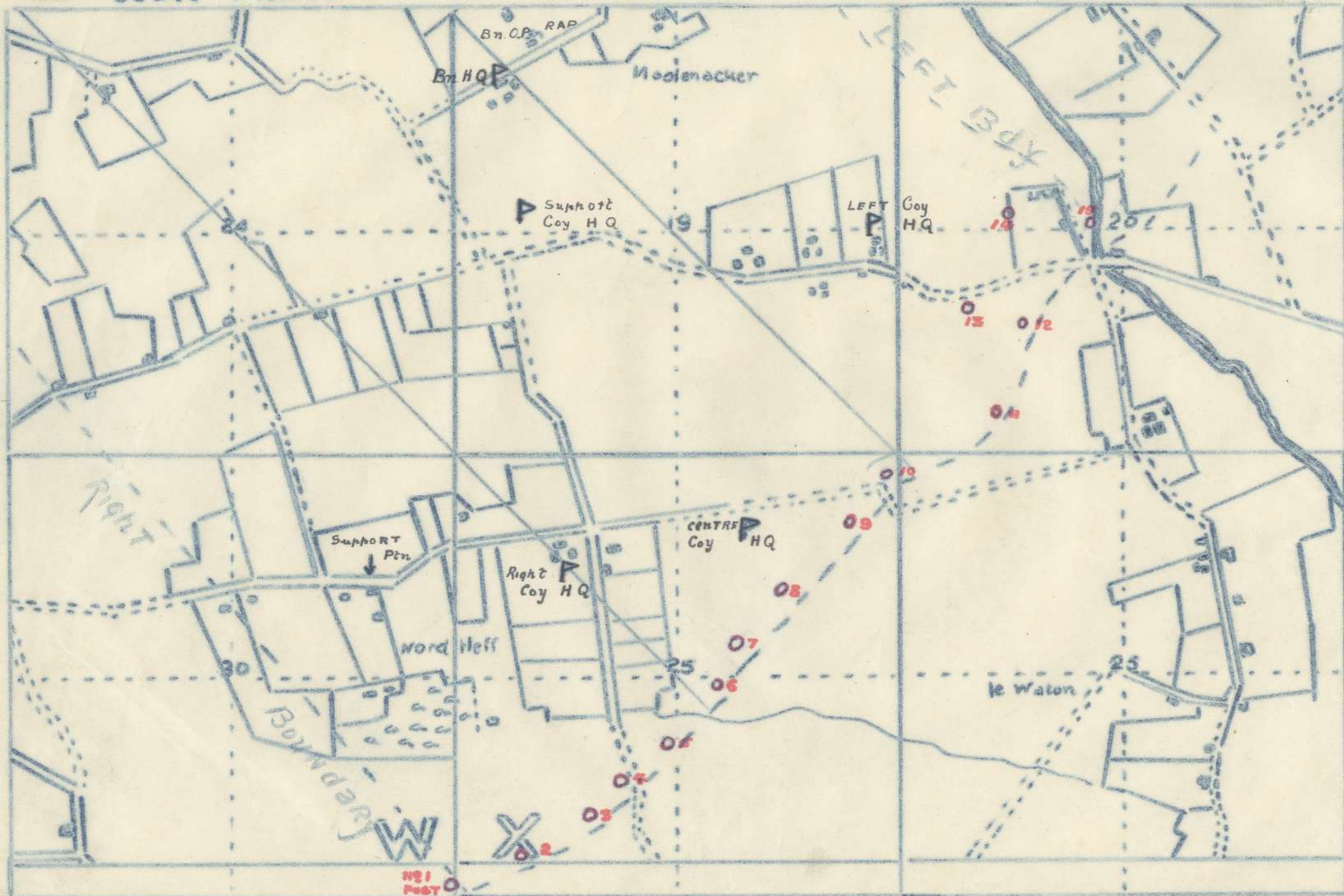


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APPENDIX 19

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"A" Form 20  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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(In pads of 100)

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			Service.
<i>Secret</i>		At.....m.		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	From.....
		To.....			By.....
		By.....			

TO { 5th 6th 7th 8th Bns. 2nd A.L.F. Bty.  
2nd A.M.G. Coy.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* AZB16	24th		

Gas projectors will be fired this evening from W.30.D.7.8. against MERRIS. Troops located in Squares E.6., W.30., X.25 and E.1. will wear respirators from Zero - 5 minutes to Zero plus 15 minutes. Garrisons of posts at X.25.c.3.3. and X.25.C.6.5. will be thinned out previous to the operation as far as is consistent with safety of the posts. Zero hour will be (provided wind is favourable) 10 p.m.

*Acknowledged*

*ER 17/A*  
*ack B*

From 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade  
Place  
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Mathew* Captain  
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"A" Form. 21  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)  
No. of Message

Prefix.....	Cod.....	m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at..... m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Sent
Secret					At..... m.	Service.....
					To.....	From.....
					By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO: 5:6<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 8: Bas 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt TMB  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt C Coy 1<sup>st</sup> Aus Div 92<sup>nd</sup> Bde.  
 9: 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Bde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A2B 50	26		

200 gas projectors will be discharged (provided wind is favourable) on night 26/27: east from approximately X19C51 against enemy's position on vicinity of FME GER FIEDEN. Prior to the operation posts situated at X25C88, X25D91 + X25B42 will be manned at least as is consistent with the safety of their defence. All troops on Sumpers X25, X20C + W30D will wear their respirators from zero - 5 minutes to zero + 15 minutes. Zero hour will be 1.30 AM. Acknowledge ✓  
 6 Corps 12.30 (A2B 59)

From 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Bde  
 Place  
 Time

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 At ..... m. Service.  
 To .....  
 From .....  
 By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO All Bde Bn 2nd MG Coy, 1st Aus Div, 87th Bde, 12th Aus Div, 13th Aus Div

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 \* A2B 83 28

Wind being favourable gas projectors will be discharged to night (25-29:00) from X19D68 against enemy positions on X27A+B. Garrisons of posts situated at X20C central + X20C37 will be thinned out before the operation as far as is consistent with the safety of the defence of the posts. All troops situated on squares X19B+D, X25B + X20A1C will wear respirators from zero-5 minutes to zero + 15 minutes, zero hour will be 12.30 AM. Should it be necessary to alter zero hour the alteration will be notified by wire to all concerned by stating the number of minutes plus or

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 Place  
 Time

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TO

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 \* AAA

minus the alteration is from 12.30 AM. Thus if zero hour is changed to 1.30 AM plug screw will be cured Acknowledged ✓

ER 51

From 2nd Aus Div Bde  
 Place  
 Time

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"A" Form. 23  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 121.  
(In pads of 100.)  
No. of Message

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							To	Service.
							By	From
					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By		

TO 5/10/17/8<sup>th</sup> hrs 2<sup>nd</sup> LT 17 Coy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Coy

Sender's Number. *A/B 916.	Day of Month. 28 <sup>th</sup>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Special harassing fire will be carried out on roads & tracks between 11 pm + 1 am tonight 28/29<sup>th</sup> April on account of suspected relief and counter preparation will be put down tomorrow 29<sup>th</sup> just along whole Corps front from 4.15 am to 4.30 am & from 4.40 am to 4.55 am

From	2 <sup>nd</sup> A S Bde
Place	
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *W. H. Baker* Captain  
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5th Battalion A.I.F.

SUMMARY OF WORK 22 to 29 April 1918.

FRONT LINE

- Posts 1 & 2 Trenches deepened.
- 3 Lengthened and joined up.
- 4 Deepened, parapet thickened. Latrine dug.
- 5 Fire step built.
- Right Coy. H.Q. ) Cellar strengthened (200 6"x2" uprights)  
W30.B5.4 )
- Posts 6 - 10 Deepened, parapet thickened.
- Left Coy. H.Q. Constructed X19.D9.9 with sap to cellar. Trench dug outside for 1 L.G. Section and 1 other section. (400 S.Bags used)
- New Post Dug and manned at X20.A8.0. Accommodation for 20 O.R
- Post at X20.C45.65 Lengthened S.W. for L.G. Section and 5 riflemen. Gave enfilade fire.
- Listening Post at X20.C53.85 (2 men)
- Post at X20.C4.3 Extra accom for 15 men and reserve gun positions established. Parapet made bullet-proof.
- Post at X20.C25.10 Sapped out from right and constructed new L.G. position. Extra accommodation for 10 men.
- Listening Posts in front of posts 11-15.
- Wire 90 yds single concertina from X20.C3.2 to N.W. of Posts 6-7 80yds (in front of posts) 20y out point.

SUPPORT LINE

- Accommodation improved. C.T. to Left Platoon nearly completed. X19.C8.8.
- B.H.Q. X19.A4.7. Cellar strengthened. Trench dug for 10 men.

(Sd.) C. BOOTH Lieut.  
Works Officer 5th Bn A.I.F.



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

TO All Bde Units, 2<sup>nd</sup> A.G. Coy, 1<sup>st</sup> Aus Div. 37<sup>th</sup> Bde 1<sup>st</sup> Amph Bde 3<sup>rd</sup> Aus Inf Bde 5<sup>th</sup> Bde ✓

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. \* A Z B 90 29 A A A

Wind being favourable gas projectors will be discharged to height 99/30 (not) from X19 D68 & X25 A88 against enemy positions on X24 A+B & MERRIS respectively. Gasrooms of fresh squad all X20C central & X20C37 & on X25 A+C will be <sup>in use by gas room</sup> turned out as far as is consistent with the safety of defence of the line. All troops situated in squares X19 B+D, X26 A+C, X25 & W38 D will wear respirators from zero - 5 minutes to zero + 15 minutes. Zero hour will be 1.30 A.M. Should it be necessary to alter zero hour the alteration will be notified by wire to all concerned by stating the number.

From Place Time

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

TO

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. \* A A A

of minutes plus or minus the alteration is from 1.30 A.M. Thus if zero hour is changed to 2 A.M. plus thirty will be used. If it is decided to postpone the operation to a future date the code word "GREEN" will be used. Acknowledge.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Bde Place Time

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SECRET

Headquarters 5th Battalion A.I.F.

29/4/18.

ADDENDA TO BATTALION ORDER NO. 1 OF 29/4/18

BY LIEUT-COLONEL D. A. LUXTON D.S.O. COMMANDING.

Para 1 is amended as follows:-

5th Bn will have two Companies in the area now occupied by the two forward Companies of the Left Support Bn (Squares W.17.C & D and W.16.D.)  
Two Companies (less one platoon and Nucleus garrisons) in the area now occupied by the two forward Companies of the Right Support Bn (Squares E.4, E.3, B & W27.D.)  
Nucleus garrisons of 1 Section per post will be in those posts in the Support Line situated between the portions of the Support Line occupied by the Reserve Companies of the Bns in the line.

Para 4 is cancelled and the following substituted:-

On relief Companies will move to Billets as follows:-

- "A" Company will move to W16.D.8.4
- "B" " " " " W27.D.
- "C" " (less one platoon) will move to E.3.B & E.4 central
- "D" " will move to W17.D.4.8.
- 1 Platoon "C" Coy. will move to the post E.11.A.6.6.

Para 6 is amended.

Lewis Gun limbers will be at Bn Hqrs from 11 p.m. to convey Lewis Guns of B & C Coys to new locations.

Nos 1 of Guns will be in charge of Coy Guns and remain with the limber.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sd.) A. O. RIGG  
Lieut. & Adjutant.  
5th Bn A.I.F.



5th Battalion A.I.F.

REPORT BY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.

Period under Review 22/23 - 29/30 April 1918.

Since this unit took over this sector consolidation has been carried on opposite all our front line posts.

During the first two days of our tour the enemy exposed himself rather rashly, which greatly added to the benefit of our snipers who secured several hits.

The number of hits are claimed as under on the Bn front:-

2nd day 22 3rd day 12 4th day 7 5th day Nil

This proves that we have obtained control of all enemy snipers.

Control of No Mans Land has been maintained throughout and liaison patrols have maintained lateral communication.

Observation has been keen and our Artillery has been put on to several targets.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

I attach hereto letter from C. O. 12th  
Battalion which please forward to C.O. 5th Battalion.

Most valuable assistance was rendered by  
your liaison Officer during the minor operation mentioned.  
Kindly add my appreciation for the services rendered.

27th April 1918.

(Sd.) H. G. BENNETT  
Brig-General.

Commanding 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.



12th Battalion A. I. F.

3rd Inf. Bde.

Will you please convey to the C. O. 5th Bn my appreciation of the assistance rendered by his unit on 23rd inst when we advanced our line near X20 Central.

The Officer Commanding our Right Company states that he was being enfiladed and perhaps would not have been able to maintain his position had it not been for the fact that the 5th Bn sent Lewis Guns forward that cleared the snipers from our right and also brought enfilade fire to bear along our front.

In this connection the work of Lieut. Maddox, Liaison Officer, was of a very high standard. He was tireless in moving from one Bn to the other and whenever we required assistance he personally took the men and placed them where they could render same.

(Sd.) C. H. ELLIOTT Lieut-Col.  
Commanding 12th Bn.

26/4/18.



REPORT ON TRANSPORT FOR MONTH APRIL 1918.

While Battalion was in the forward area at Sheet 36 D  
17 <sup>cont</sup> ~~est~~. Mobile Reserve was taken forward to Sheet 36  
D16.b.9.5 and held there in readiness in case of attack.  
Rations were carried forward to Battalion by limber  
without any trouble.

22/29 Rations carried forward to Battalion by limber with some  
difficulty owing to enemy shelling of roads.

Mobile Reserve was also held in reserve at Sheet 27

W10.a.2.4. Owing to lack of accommodation and the need  
for such large numbers of troops billeted in this area  
the Transport Section was obliged to move about more than  
usual.



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5th Battalion A.I.F. 31REPORT BY R. M. O.FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1918.

Movement. The first three days of the month the Bn was in support near Vermooreel. On the 4th the Bn started moving to the SOMME area and on the 12th were about to go into the line. The division was then withdrawn and sent up near HAZEBROUCK. The Bn then supported the 7th Bn round NIEPPE FOREST. On the 19th the Bn moved to THIEUSHOUK and were counter-attack Bn. On the 22nd Bn moved into the line to the left of METEREN. During these three weeks there was not much with regard to medical work of interest.

On moving into the line on the 22nd the R. A. P. was established in an abandoned farm in MOOLENACKER. The farm had evidently been evacuated in a hurry, the owners moving nothing - consequently the troops were able to avail themselves of fresh milk, poultry, eggs, roast pork and the usual farm products.

Casualties for the month- Killed 14, Wounded 25, Gassed 5,  
Gassed by our own projectors 5, Wounded and remaining on duty 3,  
Total 52.

From the R.A.P. casualties were evacuated by wheeled stretchers.

One unfortunate part of this tour in the line was the number of casualties caused by our own shells, and our own gas projectors.

With regard to the casualties the great majority were either killed outright or only very slightly wounded: this seems to have been due to the highly sensitive nature of the "106 fuse" which the enemy is largely employing, also to the highly explosive character of the explosive that is now being used. The Bn stretcher bearers did their work extremely conscientiously and without fear.

Evacuations. Battle casualties

Killed	14	
Wounded	38	Sick 46
Total	52	

There is a tendency to send men from England to the Bn who are quite unfitted for infantry work. For instance, a N.C.O. wounded on Sept. 20th by a bullet penetrating the upper lobe of his lung from above downwards and fracturing his scapula cannot reasonably be expected to carry on. Neither can an undergrown youth who has been operated on for extensive hydatid cyst of the lung. Another case is that of a L/Cpl with an incision of 7 inches for renal calculus being returned to his unit within five months. Nor is it any good sending men of over ( 50 to an infantry battalion especially when they are suffering from chronic rheumatism.

This sort of thing only increases the difficulties of R.M.Os and shows either carelessness or lack of knowledge of infantry conditions on the part of examining boards.

(Sd.) H. CARLILE Major A.A.M.C.  
R.M.O. 5th Inf. Bn. A.I.F.



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Headquarters 5th Battalion A.I.F.  
2nd May 1918.

Report of Q.M. Work for April.

Rations. These have been of good quality and sufficient quantity.

Bread Ration Has not been as good as last month but has averaged 7 loaves to 2 men throughout.

Fresh Meat Ration This has also fallen below average - the average has been 40% instead of the usual 58%.

Ordnance

Service Dress On account of the constant moving very little of this has been received.

Lewis Guns Four new L.G. have been supplied bringing the establishment to 24.

Discharger Cups 88 have been received, bringing the number on issue up to 96.

*Debohen*  
Lieut. & Q.M.  
5th Bn A.I.F.