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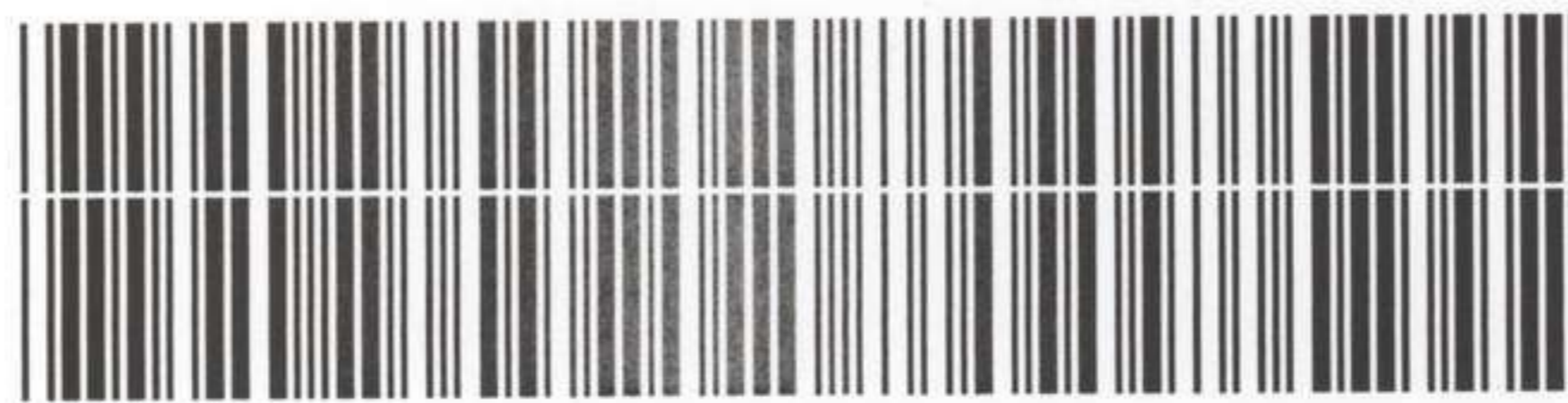
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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Signature of Officer Commanding *Harry Parker Maj*



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FRANCE Sheets 27 SE & 36a N.E. W20.b65.85	July			
	1		Battalion in Support. Dispositions: "A" & "B" Coys at W.20.a.95.9 and "C" & "D" Coys at W.21.b.3.8. Sketch attached. Defence Scheme and Sketch for this area is also attached. This Bn acted as "C" Bn. Usual working parties for work on Support Defences were supplied each evening. Lieut. A. Tavener to 2nd Army Central School and from there evacuated to Hospital. Lieut. R. H. BARBER MC returned from Rest Camp.	No. 1 No. 2
	2		Battalion in Support. Usual working parties supplied. Lieut. T.S.PARKER to 2nd Army Rest Camp. Capt. T. HASTIE MC returned from G.H.Q. Lewis Gun School.	
	3		Battalion in Support. Usual working parties supplied.	
	4		do. do. do. do. do. Lieut. N.W.CUZENS returned from Rest Camp/ 1 O.R. wounded and 1 O.R. wounded (GAS).	
	5		Battalion in Support. Usual working parties. Lieut. H.C.MORRISON returned from XV Corps School. Lieut. A.J.ROBINSON Wounded.	
W.18.d.1.5	6		Battalion moved forward and relieved 7th Bn in front line as per Operation Order and Administrative Instructions attached, also sketch of position held. The relief was completed by 1.30 a.m.. The relief of the left Company was carried out under difficulties owing to a fire at X.19.d.85.80. A party of Officers and O.Rs from the American Army was attached to this Battalion, while holding the front line, for the purpose of instruction. Casualties:- 1 O.R. wounded and 1 O.R. Wounded (GAS).	No.3 Nominal Roll of Americans attached No. 4
W.18.d.1.5	7		(Battalion in front line. Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication during the hours of darkness? Enemy artillery was fairly active during the night. A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 3 O.Rs left X26.b.2.9 at 10.30 p.m. to locate the enemy. It was found that the enemy occupies hedge running to the left from road at X.26.b.35.75 to X.26.b.65.80. While moving parallel with this post a M.G. opened fire at X.26.b.45.80. From sounds heard the enemy appeared to be at work on this position along hedge. Unoccupied enemy posts were located at X20.d.4.0 & X.26.b.2.8. A patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. R.H.BARBER MC) and 1 O.R. left X.26.a.2.3 at 4 p.m. to get in touch with the enemy and reconnoitre ground in front of	



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	July			
	7		our posts. Patrol moved out to X.26.c.10.65 then to C.50.65 C.7.8 A.7.1 & A.2.3 Enemy movement observed on road junction running from F.2.b.6.5 to F.2.b.1.2. Patrol returned at 5.10 p.m. Lieut. J. A. ANDERSON returned from Hospital. Lieut. W.R.TURNER Taken on Strength from Seconded List. Casualties:- 1 O.R. Killed in Action, 6 O.R. wounded & 1 O.R. Wounded and remained on duty.	
	8		Battalion in front line. A patrol of 1 Officer ( Lieut P.J.O'FARRELL) and 6 O.Rs left X.26.a.65.80 at 1.10 a.m. to obtain information and search for enemy. Patrol moved to X.26.a.5.7 then to B.2.6 and returned to X.26.a.65.80 - no enemy movement observed. Many improved shell holes which had been recently occupied by enemy were discovered. A patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. F.W.CORLETT) and 2 O.Rs left X.26.a.20.45 at 5.30 a.m. and proceeded to X.26.a.7.2 - crops afforded good cover. Enemy working parties were heard in X.26.d Breast work post located at F.1.a.3.4 - no enemy encountered. Our right post claim to have silenced sniper at X.25.d.6.6. Patrols sent out during the day were unable to get in touch with the enemy owing to crops not affording sufficient cover. A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.R. left X.26.b.2.9 at 11 p.m. to locate enemy and obtain identification. Enemy working parties were again at work behind hedge at X.26.b.3.7 to X.26.b.8.9 also other working parties were heard in rear of this position. Enemy were protected by screen with M.Gs along hedge which were very alert and fired on patrol. A patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. R.H.BARBER MC) and 1 O.R. left X.26.a.3.2 at 5.45 p.m. to locate enemy. Enemy post at X.25.d.7.5 observed to be well manned - 3 men were seen observing - enemy very alert. Our snipers claim two casualties to enemy at post X.25.d.7.5. Enemy snipers fired at our patrols from X.25.d.7.5. Enemy move- ment behind his line was very noticeable. 1 O.R. Wounded . 1 O.R. Wounded and remained on duty.	
	9		Battalion in front line. A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 2 O.Rs left X.20.d.3.3 at 1.30 a.m. to locate enemy. This patrol worked along hedge X.26.a.8.4 but saw no signs of the enemy. A patrol of Lieut R.H.BARBER MC and 1 O.R. left X.26.a.3.2 at 4.10 a.m. to find out if enemy vacated his posts at dawn. Patrol penetrated "No Man's Land" to a depth of 300 yards X.26.c.2.6.	



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FRANCE Sheets 27 SE & 36a N.E. W.18.D.1.5	9		<p>Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.Rs left X.20.D.5.3 at 1.30 A.M. to locate enemy posts. Patrol worked forward along western side of Becque to X.20.D.7.0 thence to X.26.B.4.9. Owing to heavy rain no enemy movement was detected - patrol returned at 2.45 P.M.. A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 2 O.R. left X.26.A.2.3 at 3.30 P.M. to locate the enemy - no enemy observed. Patrol penetrated No Mans Land to a depth of 150 yards - M.G. fire very active. N.C.O. in charge of patrol wounded in leg, but managed to return to our lines - patrol returned at 4.10 p.m. Liaison and flanking patrols maintained communication. About 2.30 a.m. listening post in front of X.26.B.2.9 observed enemy party about 12 to 15 strong approaching along hedge X.26.B.25.90. Alarm was given and fire opened. Enemy threw 2 egg bombs and then rushed back. An Officer and 6 O.Rs with Lewis Gun immediately gave chase into the crop but could not locate the enemy. The enemy continues to be very alert. A large amount of new enemy work was located behind his lines during the day. Owing to our heavy firing in the vicinity of X.26.B.3.5 a minor operation by our fighting patrol had to be postponed. The object was to attack and capture some of an enemy working party which was at work on his line. Lieut. N.S.MADDOX MC awarded bar to MC. Sgt. A.H.G.LUCAS awarded D.C.M. for work as per previous recommendations. Lieut. C. BOOTH returned from English Leave. Lieut. J. W. MAUNSELL to XV Corps School. 1 O.R. Killed in Action and 3 O.R. wounded.</p>	
	10		<p>Battalion in front line. A patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. F.W.CORLETT) and 13 OLRs left X.26.A.3.5 at 5.45 p.m. to capture enemy M.G. post at X.26.B.2.3 which had been very active. At corner of hedge at X.26/A.8.3 Huns were observed on parapet of trench in rear of M.G. post. Patrol did not fire intending to surprise them. After creeping along the hedge they rushed the M.G. post but found it had been evacuated. The post had been freshly camouflaged and a number of stick bombs were found there. Patrol then went on to the trench and found that also had been evacuated. The M.G. did not fire from that position afterwards - patrol returned at 8.5 P.M. A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 3 O.Rs left X.26.B.1.9 at 11 p.m. and moved to left towards Becque, parallel and about 50 yards away from hedge at X.36. B. where working parties had been heard. Work of patrol was hampered by our bombardment. Inter Company reliefs were carried out as follows:- "B" Coy. relieved "A" in line right and "D" Coy. relieved "C" line left. "A" Coy. then moved to Reserve and "C" to Support. Relief was carried out without incident. Protective patrols traversed No Mans Land while relief was in progress. Enemy appears nervous and retires immediately our patrols approach his posts without firing a shot.</p>	



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FRANCE Sheets 27 SE & 36a N.E. W.18.D.1.5	July 11		<p>Battalion in front line. A patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. D. J. WALTERS) and 6 O.Rs with Lieut. R.F. SCHUYLER ( U.S.A.) left X.26.B.2.9 at 1.15 a.m. and proceeded to hedge at X.26.B.4.8. Hedge was examined from road at X.26.B.3.7 to X.26.B.9.9. Several small dugouts were located along hedge and at X.26.B.5.8 a trench 50 feet long, 2feet 6 inches deep and 3 feet wide - no signs of recent occupation. Several dead Huns were found in this trench. Shoulder straps and articles of food were taken from the trench and forwarded to Brigade. Hedge at X.26.B.5.7 to X26.B.7.7 was examined but no signs of enemy or trenches could be seen. Patrol reported No Man's Land covered with crops in good condition. At X.26.B.5.8 several small shell hole posts were located but there was no sign of recent occupation. Rifle grenades were used by us with good effect during the day - groans being heard after we ceased fire. Four new posts were located during the day. A should' strap marked "5" in red was taken from dead Hun's uniform at X.26.B.5.8 and was sent to Brigade for identification. Lieut. H. W. GARLICK Killed in Action. 1 O.R. Wounded. 1 O.R. Wounded and Remained on Duty. Lieut. Turner to Hospital. Lieut. H.F. MORRISON MC to XV Corps Rest Camp. Lieut. W.B. GRANTHAM wounded. Cpl. Chas/ DEDMAN recommended for M.M. as per memo/</p>	No. 5
	12		<p>Battalion in front line. Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. A.M. GILLIES) and 2 O.R. left X.26.B65.75 at 2.15 a.m. to ascertain position and strength of enemy posts. Patrol proceeded to X.26.B65.75 then to X.26.B.90.55 returning at 3.10 a.m. No enemy seen or heard. Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. D. ROBERTSON) and 8 O.Rs left X.26.A.10.15 at 2 a.m. to reconnoitre No Man's Land. Patrol proceeded to X.26.C.5.9 then to X.26.C.75.20 and returned at 3.30 a.m. No enemy encountered. Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. D. ROBERTSON) and 2 O.Rs left X.26.A.10.15 at 11.15 am to obtain identification. Patrol proceeded to X.26.C.7.6 where enemy post was located. Enemy sentries very alert everywhere. Two other posts were located at X.26.C.7.8 &amp; X.26.C80.85 At X.26.C.7.7 two enemy were found asleep in a post. On being wakened they gave the alarm and as they refused to leave the post were shot. Patrol returned safely under heavy M.G. and rifle fire. At 7 p.m. 1 N.C.O. and 2 O.R. visited same post. One body had been removed. Paybook and papers were taken from the other showing him to belong to 68th I.R. While observing old enemy dugout at X.26.B.20.75 Lieut. H.W. GARLICK was killed on 11/7/18. 2 O.R. Killed in Action. Lieut. A.F. BECHERVAISE on Leave to United Kingdom.</p>	



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FRANCE. Sheets 27 SE & 36a N.E. W 18. D. 1.3	July 13		Battalion in front line. On night of 13/14th Battalion was relieved by 9th Bn in left sector of Brigade sub-sector. <del>Defence Scheme herewith.</del> Patrols were left out by line Companies to cover relief, which was completed without incident. On relief Battalion moved to V.17.C.9.1 and took over duties and dispositions of 9th Battalion, becoming "A" portion of Divisional Reserve. Here Battalion was joined by Nucleus moving up from V.10.C.7.5. During Bns tour of duty in the line, personnel of Nucleus were employed laying cable to BORRE CHURCH from L'HOPLAND. Operation Order No. 21 attached. Lieut. F. R. IMRAY returned from Hospital. Lieut. A. TAVENER from Hospital. Lieut. A.O.RIGG returned from School. Lieut. N.S.MADDOX M.C. awarded Bar to M.C. for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 15/6/18 near STRAZBELE. He took charge of a daylight raiding party, consisting of himself and 5 O.Rs. They raided a series of enemy posts and captured 12 prisoners. His leadership and courage enabled the enterprise to be a great success. It was entirely due to his careful handling that his party was enabled to approach within rushing distance of the enemy. Sgt. A. H. LUCAS awarded D.C.M.
V.17.C.9.1	14		Battalion in Reserve. The day was spent by Battalion in general cleaning up of clothing and equipment. 2/Lieut. S.B.FLEMING left for 2nd Army Musketry School. Lieut-Col. D.A.LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. to 2nd. A.I.Bde.
B.14.C.2.0.	15		Battalion marched to RACQUINGHEM area and took over HURLINGHAM CAMP. Operation Order No. 22 attached.
	16		Battalion in Training Area. The day was devoted to general cleaning up and inspection of kit and equipment. Lieut. N.S.MADDOX M.C. returned from XV Corps School. Lieut. T. S. PARKER returned from Rest Camp. Lieut. W.R.VOLUM returned from Hospital.
	17		Battalion in Training Area. Training carried out as per attached syllabus. A programme of swimming and cricket matches was drawn up. Swimming was a special feature in recreational training. Attached list of fixtures. Lieut. A. J. ROBINSON returned from Hospital (Wounded).

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FRANCE - Sheets 27 SE & 36a N.E. B.14.C.2.O.	July 18		Battalion in Training Area. Training as per syllabus. Lieut. F. W. CORLETT to XV Corps Bombing School.	
	19		Battalion in Training Area. Training as per Syllabus. Lieut. H. F. MORRISON MC returned from Rest Camp.	
	20		do. do. do.	
	21		do. do. Brigade Church Parade. Presentation of medal to Lieut. N. S. MADDOX MC & Bar by G.O.C., A.I.F..	
	22		do. do. Captain T. HASTIE MC and Lieut. A.M. GILLIES on leave to Paris. 2/Lieut. J. H. COLVIN MM to XV Corps Gas School.	
	23		do. do. Training as per Syllabus.	
	24		do. do. do; do. Company competition held.	
	25		do. do. Brigade Swimming Carnival held at Canal. List of Events attached. Lieut. F.L.LANGFORD to 2nd Army S.O. & S.School.	No. 10
	26		do. do. Company competition held. "C" Company chosen to represent Battalion in Brigade competition. Capt. E.G. PERMEZEL on leave to United Kingdom. Lieut. D. ROBERTSON to XV Corps Rest Hostel. Result of Brigade competition :- 5th Bn 255 points 6th Bn - 250; 7th Bn. - 244; 8th Bn. - 232.	
	27		do. do. Brigade Review by G.O.C., 2nd Army, postponed owing to heavy rain. Operation Order No. 24 attached. 2/Lieut. S. E. FLEMING returned from 2nd Army Musketry School.	No. 11
	28		do. do. Church Parade. Lieut. S.V. KIRWOOD from Hospital. 2/Lt. J.H. COLVIN from XV Corps Gas School. Capt. C.M. LILLIE D.S.O. to 1st. Training Brigade.	



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FRANCE Sheets 27 SE & 36a N.E. B.14.C.2.O.	July 29		Battalion in Training Area. Training as usual. Lieut. F. R. IMRAY to 2nd Army Musketry School. Lieut. J. A. ANDERSON to 2nd Army Rest Hostel.	
W.17.D.3.8.	30		Battalion moved by route march from RACQUINGHEM area to V.15.B.8.2. Nucleus formed and billeted at V.10.B.8.5. Battalion moved into Support and relieved 9th Battalion (W.17.D.3.8). Sketch attached. Lieut. A. F. BECHERVAISE returned from Leave. 1 O.R. Killed in Action. 5 O.Rs Wounded. Battalion Operation Order No. 26 attached. Bn. Operation Order No. 25 and Nominal Roll of Nucleus attached	No. 12 No. 13 No. 14 No. 15
	31		Battalion in Support. 1 O.R. Wounded. Lieut-Col. D. A. LUXTON C.M.G. D.S.O. returned from attached Brigade. Capt. F. ANGEL returned from Hospital.	



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5th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

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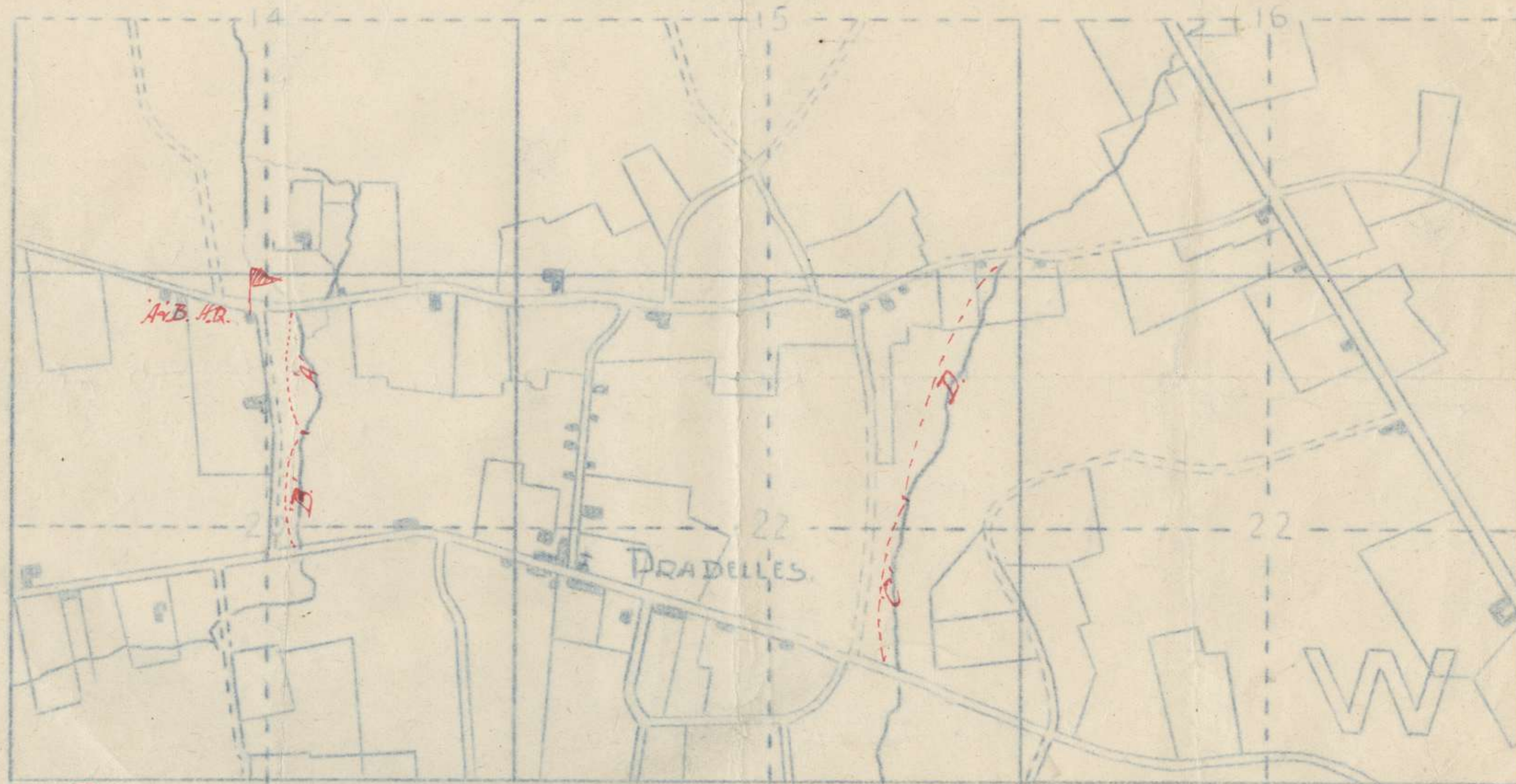
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Disposition Map

4<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bn 26-6-18

Enlarged map Sheet 27 SE 1:20,000

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APPENDIX

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RIGHT BATTALION - LEFT BRIGADE - CENTRE DIVISION - XV CORPS.

## Reference Sheets

27 S.E. )

36A N.E. ) 1/20,000.

## SECTION I.

THE DEFENCES.

The defences and boundaries, headquarters, dumps, etc. are shown on map already issued to Company Commanders. Some details respecting them are set out below.

The Front Line system consists of a series of posts each designed to accommodate a platoon. These posts are not all joined up. In front there is a belt of wire which is not very much of an obstacle and should be improved.

A short distance in rear is the "old Front line" which is a series of more or less continuous posts connected up and which, until recently, constituted the front line.

There is a fair belt of wire in front of this line:

The Support Line is a good, continuous trench line, into which accommodation for the garrison has been built. It is covered by two rows of double apron wire throughout.

The COURTS-CROIX switch, which is the line of main resistance, runs from the defended locality of STRAZELLE to that of COURTS-CROIX. It is a continuous line, well sited and in a fair state of development. Under the scheme as outlined below it assumes a new importance, and will, in consequence, need further development. It is well wired.

In rear are many good defensive lines of which KLITTE LOOP, the ROUGE CROIX Switch, and the Reserve Line complete the Forward Zone.

Behind the Forward Zone is the Second Zone, consisting of "B", "C" and "D" Lines. All these lines are wired and possess a proportion of dug-out accommodation.

## SECTION II.

DISPOSITIONS.

The Brigade is disposed with two battalions forward and two in reserve behind the line of main resistance.

Each Forward Battalion has two Companies in the line; one Company in Support line; and one Company in Reserve in the COURTS - CROIX Switch.

The Right Line Company in each case has three platoons in line and one platoon in Close Support; and the Left Company has two in line and two in Close Support.

The Reserve Battalions are quartered -

"C" Battalion (RIGHT)

2 Coys. in Reserve Line in Square 21.B & D.

2 Coys. in "B" line in " 20.B.

"D" Battalion (LEFT)

2 Coys. in "B" Line in " W.14.B.

2 Coys. in "C" Line in " W.13.B.

Three platoons of the 1st Pioneer Battalion are stationed in the COURTS-CROIX SWITCH in Square W.24.A.3.4.; one Platoon at KLITTE HILL; and one Company at ROUGE CROIX.

The Nuclear Battalion, with Headquarters at V.10.C.6.5., finds two Companies for each of "B" and "C" Lines.

## SECTION III.

POLICY.

(a) The underlying idea of the defence is that the area from the Support line to the line of main resistance must form the buffer to take the enemy's blows, and this having been effected, he can be successfully struck at by fresh troops from the rear and thrown back at least to his original point of departure.



(b) In case of attack, each line will resist to the utmost and any enemy penetrations will be promptly met by counter-attack from Company Supports or Battalion Reserves on the initiative of the Commander on the spot. Promptness and vigour in delivery will secure the best results.

(c) "G" Battalion (Right Reserve), less two Companies, and "D" Battalion are to be considered as counter-attack troops purely and must be prepared to attack in any direction at short notice or to deliver a deliberate counter-attack with or without other troops.

(d) It is absolutely necessary that all officers and as many N.C.Os, as possible should know the routes forward, both by day and night, and all gaps in the wire must be taken particular notice of.

In the event of a general alarm or attack, Liaison patrols will be sent forward to ascertain the situation from the troops in the line.

(e) WORKING PARTIES.

(i) Working parties will always carry their arms with them.  
 (ii) In case of sudden attack working parties in the Forward area will man the nearest fire system and report to the Officer in charge. The location, strength and unit of working party will be sent by wire or runner both to Battalion and Brigade Hdqrs.

(iii) Officers and N.C.Os. in charge of working parties in the Second Zone will always have written instructions as per para. II.

GAS ATTACK.

(i) Gas shell or projector attacks are the most probable forms of gas attack.

(ii) Suitable gas alarms, if not already installed, must be immediately fixed in position. All sentries will be utilised as gas sentries and a most rigid gas discipline enforced.

(iii) Cellars and dugouts unprotected by gas proof curtain are to be evacuated during a gas shell bombardment of the locality and will not be re-entered except on the direct order of an officer.

ACTION DURING PRECAUTIONARY STAGE.

When there are indications of an attack being made within 48 hours a Precautionary Stage will be initiated. The message to Companies will be "Adopt Precautionary Stage". On receipt of this message the following action will be taken :-

"G" Battalion.

(i) One Company (D) will move to COURTE CROIX Switch distributed between W.18.D.5.8. and the Northern boundary W.18.E.8.8. as garrison.

(ii) One Company (C) will move to COURTE CROIX Switch between W.21.A.2.0. and W.23.D.5.5. as garrison.

(iii) One Company (B) will occupy ROUGE CROIX Switch in Squares W.23.A. and 17.A. and C. for counter-attack.

(iv) One Company (A) will occupy the Reserve line in Square W.16 for counter-attack.

"G" Battalion Headquarters will move to W.16.A.4.3.

R.A.P. will be with Battalion Headquarters.

Completion of move will be notified to Battalion Headquarters at the above location.

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ACKNOWLEDGE.



No 3

SECRET.

5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 18.

Reference: 27 S.E. & 36A N.E. 1/20,000?

5/7/18.

RELIEF.

- 1. The 5th Battalion will relieve the 7th Battalion in the Left Section of the Brigade sub-sector on the night of the 5th/7th inst. On relief the 7th Bn. will move back and take over the duties and dispositions of the 5th Bn.

DETAILS OF RELIEF.

- 2. "A" Coy. 5th Bn. will relieve "A" Coy. 7th Bn. in Line Right.
- "C" Coy. 5th Bn. will relieve "B" Coy. 7th Bn. in Line Left.
- "B" Coy. 5th Bn. will relieve "D" Coy. 7th Bn. in Support.
- "D" Coy. 5th Bn. will relieve "C" Coy. 7th Bn. in Reserve.

ADVANCED PARTIES.

- 3. In the case of Line Coys. 1 N.C.O. per post will be sent forward on night of 5th/6th to remain in post till relief. One Officer per Coy. from "A" & "C" Coys. will be sent forward on night 5th/6th and will remain in Coy. area till the relief. In the case of "B" & "D" Coys. reconnoitring will be done by at least 1 N.C.O. per platoon on night 5th/6th. One Officer from each of these Coys. will go forward to reconnoitre and take over trench stores on night 5th/6th, but neither Officers nor N.C.Os. need remain in the Support or Reserve line during the day of the 6th.

RECEIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC.

- 4. Receipts IN TRIPLICATE will be obtained and given for maps; aerial photographs and defence schemes handed over, and taken over forward from the 7th Bn. Aerial photographs will have shown against them in the receipts as to whether they are of "recent" or "old" date and the date of the defence scheme and disposition sketch of Coys. will be shown on the receipts.

TRENCH STORES.

- 5. Area and trench stores will be exchanged and receipts given. The officer taking over from 7th Bn. will give their receipts in QUADRUPPLICATE, retaining two copies themselves. One of these copies must be forwarded to 7th Bn. Hdqtrs. (but addressed 5th Bn.) on night 5th/6th by officer who takes over the stores in line. Officers who take over in Support and Reserve lines will forward one copy of their receipts to present 5th Bn. Hdqtrs. by 6 a.m. on the 6th inst. Receipts for stores, etc., handed over to 7th Bn. in this area will be given in QUADRUPPLICATE, one copy being forwarded to Bn. Hdqtrs. as soon as possible after 7th Bn. officer has made his check.

DISPOSITION SKETCHES.

- 6. Coy. Commanders' disposition sketches, showing strength of each post, and on side of sketch strength of Coy. by platoons will be forwarded to each Bn. Hdqtrs. by first runner on morning of 7th.

ORDER OF MOVEMENT.

- 7. The Bn. will relieve in the order - "C"; "A"; Bn. Hdqtrs.; "B"; "D"; with 500 yards between Coys. and 100 yards between platoons. "C" Coy. will leave at 9.45 p.m.; "A" Coy. at 9.50. Bn. Hdqtrs., "B" & "D" Coys. will then take their place in the column, according to distances as laid down above.

LEWIS GUN LIMBERS.

- 8. L.G. limbers for "A" & "C" Coys. will report to Coys. at 8.30 P.M. Limber for "B" Coy. and Bn. Hdqtrs. at 9 P.M. and for "D" Coy. at 9.15 P.M. The Nos. 1 of Lewis guns will march with limbers in each case. (I.L.A.3.8.) Limbers for "A", "B" & "C" will go to Support Coy. Hdqtrs. with their Lewis guns. Bn. Hdqtrs. & "D" Coy. limbers will go to Bn. Hdqtrs.



- GUILDS, ETC. 9. Company Commanders will make their own arrangements as regards guides.
- GENERAL. 10. Any details of relief not herein provided for will be mutually arranged between O.C. concerned.
- R.I.P. 11. R.I.P. will be at X.19.A.00.60.  
Battalion Headquarters at W.18.D.05.50.
- SYNCHRONIS TIGN. 12. Matches will be synchronised at 6 p.m. on the 6th.
- COMPLETION OF RELIEF. 13. Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Hdqtrs. by sending the wire "Four D.A.L. 27 received."
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd.) S. RICKETSON

Captain,  
Acting Adjutant.

Copy No.	To whom.	Method.
1	File	
2 - 4	War Diary	
5	Brigade	Runner
5	O.C. "A" Coy.	"
7	O.C. "B" "	"
8	O.C. "C" "	"
9	O.C. "D" "	"
10	Q.L.	"
11	T.C.	"
12	Sig. Off.	"
13	Intell. Off.	"
14	R.M.O.	"

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5/7/18.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCOMPANY BATTALION ORDER NO. 18.COOKING.

1. The cooking for the line and Support Coys. will be done at the Wagon Lines for the Reserve Coy. in the cellar in house in their sector. Transport Officer will arrange for cooker to be taken back on the evening of 6th instant leaving present location not later than 7 p.m. Companies will arrange to have evening meal completed before then.

CARRYING.

2. The two line Companies and the Support Coy. are fed by containers. The carrying for the line Company is done by Reserve Coy. - the Support Coy will do their own carrying. The dump for both line and support Coys wet and dry rations will be at support Coy Hqrs. X.19.A1.7.

DETAILS.

3. The O.C. Reserve Coy will be responsible for seeing that his ration party get away to time and he will send his second in Command each night to act as superintendent of the ration dump. In addition an Officer from the reserve Coy. will make a trip forward with each meal to one of the Companies in the line; e.g. to the left with the evening meal and to the right with the morning meal to see that everything is going satisfactorily. Any suggested improvement will immediately be brought to the attention of the Adjutant.

GUIDES.

4. The Companies in the line will be responsible for having Guides waiting at their Company Hqrs or rendezvous to be notified to take ration parties to the posts.

CONTAINERS.

5. As there is a shortage of containers it will be necessary for parties to wait and bring these to the ration dump. Officers in charge of posts will see that ration parties are kept waiting as short a time as possible. Only the men required to carry containers will be kept. O.C. Reserve Company will see that so far as possible a roster is kept and that the distribution of carrying (a) Containers (b) Dry rations and water are fairly apportioned.

TIMES OF MEALS.

6. The evening meal will be brought up by limber to Support Coy Hqrs at dusk and taken straight out to the posts. The morning meal will be at Support Coy Hqrs not later than midnight and will be taken straight to the posts. The O.C. Reserve Coy. will make his own arrangements regarding times of meals regarding his Coy. The times for Support Coy must be governed by the work it is called on to do which will be the improving of the Support line.

AMMUNITION.

7. The dump is at Bn Hqrs but arrangements will be made to establish one further forward at Support Coy Hqrs.

GENERAL.

8. Sgt. C. H. PHILLIPS MM will be the N.C.O. in charge of the ration dump and he will live with the Support Coy. Q.M. will make arrangements for Reserve Coy. camp kettles etc. to be sent forward on night of 6/7th of July. O.C. "A" Coy will detail a cook to report to O.C. "D" Coy. at 7.30 p.m. on evening of 6/7 to remain with Reserve Coy. O.C. "D" Coy. will send two cooks back to the wagon lines with cookers. These cooks may be used by the Q.M. to assist in cooking for "A" Coy. until that Coy. comes into reserve and "D" Coy. moves to the line when the proceedings will be reversed.

(Sd/) S. RICKETSON, Capt.  
A/Adjutant.



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Headquarters 5th Battalion A.I.F.  
9/7/18.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS & O.Rs OF THE  
AMERICAN ARMY ATTACHED TO 5TH BN. FROM 6/7/18 TO 9/7/18.

<u>309 Infantry Regiment.</u>	Captain TAUSSIG Louis F.	Supply Co.
	" SHURMAN J.	Hq Co.
	1st Lt. SANDERS Jnr Frank K.	Adjnt 3rd Bn.
	Sgt. COLL John	Hq Co.
	" HUNT George R.	Hq Co.
	" CHAPMAN Walter E.	Supply Co.
	1c Pte STIEF John	Hq Co. - Orderly.

<u>312 Infantry Regiment</u>	(Intelligence Details)	
	1st Lt. POTT W. S. A.	
	" MEEHER D. Edward	
	Sgt. HONNESS C.F.	
	" POTTER R.	
	" GROENDYKE J. W.	
	Cpl. KEORKLE F. G.	
	" NORBURY C. A.	
	Pte. McDONOUGH J. R.	
	" KULKE W. H.	
	" CAPLES J. J.	
	" HILDER E. C.	
	" SPEERS J. H.	
	" Le DUC A. C.	
	" McCOY B. E.	
	" BOWEN W. C.	
	" MEIHERT E.	



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Extract from Honors and Awards File.

1918

July 11 3105 Cpl. Charles DEDMAN, 5th Battalion A.I.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.  
On 11/7/18 near MERRIS Cpl. DEDMAN took part in a daylight reconnaissance with his Officer and penetrated No Man's Land to a depth of 400 yards, discovering enemy posts which had not been before located. After watching these posts, which were strongly held, and were within 30 yards he crawled along in front of enemy wire and discovered a listening post which was occupied by two of the enemy. On finding themselves covered by a revolver the enemy refused to surrender and one of them showed fight. Cpl DEDMAN immediately shot this man. In the meantime the neighbouring enemy posts had been alarmed, and after dealing with the second prisoner who could not be quietened the patrol had to hurriedly evacuate under heavy enemy bombing, machine gun and rifle fire, with only a shoulder strap as identification. A few hours afterwards this N.C.O. volunteered to return to the post for further identification and at great personal risk he, with one man, succeeded in this and returned with the required papers and paybook to establish identification.

Recommended by Major H. CARTER for M.M.

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RELIEF.

No. 1 The 9th Bn will relieve the 5th Battalion on the night of 13/14th instant in the left section of the Brigade sub-sector.

On relief the 5th Bn will move to V.17.C.9.1 and take over the duties and dispositions of the 9th Bn thereby becoming "A" portion of the Divisional reserve.

DETAILS OF RELIEF.

"B" Coy. 5th Bn - line right - will be relieved by  
2. Coy. 9th Bn. "D" Coy - line left - will be relieved by  
Coy. 9th Bn. "C" Coy 5th Bn - support - will be relieved by  
Coy. 9th Bn. "A" Coy 5th Bn - reserve - will be relieved by  
Coy. 9th Bn.

ADVANCED PARTIES.

3. The following N.C.Os will be supplied as advanced parties by Support and Reserve Coys.  
"C" Coy. two for "C" Coy. and two for "D" Coy. (4)  
"A" Coy. two for "A" Coy and two for "B" Coy. (4)  
These N.C.Os will report to Lieut. G. Booth at Rear Bn Hqrs before 9 A.M. on the morning of the 13th July and be under his instructions for taking over Camp from 9th Bn and for acting as guides for their Coys. arriving from the line.

PHOTOS, MAPS &c.

4. All maps, ~~and~~ aerial photos and defence schemes will be handed over to 9th Bn and receipts in duplicate obtained, and forwarded to reach Bn Hq (a) in case of line Coys on morning of 14th (b) in case of Support and Reserve Coys by 4 P.M. on 13th July. Aerial photos will have shown against them in the receipts as to whether they are of recent date or old date, and the date of the defence scheme and disposition sketch of Coys. will be shown on the receipts.

TRENCH STORES.

5. S.O.S Signals, Ammunition, and trench stores will be handed over and receipts in duplicate forwarded to reach Bn Hq as per para 4 of this order.

LIMBERS.

6. Limbers will report as follows:- Reserve Coy. at Bn Hq at . . . 10.30 pm  
Support Coy. at Coy. Hq at . . . 11 pm  
Line Right Coy. (B) at Support Coy. Hq at 12.30 AM  
Line Left Coy. (D) at Support Coy. Hqrs. at 2.30 AM  
Bn. Hqrs Limber at Bn Hqrs at 10 P.M.  
R.M.O. will make use of Support Coy. limber for his go  
Sgt. G.H. Phillips MM will see that portion of limber not used by "D" & "B" Coys. is filled up with salvago.  
Horses for mounted Officers who are forward with the B will be at Bn. Hqrs. at 11 P.M. for "C" & "A" Coys. and at 1 P.M. for Bn. Hqrs and "B" & "D" Coys.

GUIDES.

7. Coy. Commandors will make their own arrangements with relieving Coys. as to rendezvous for guides.

P. T. O.



COVERING OF RELIEF.

3. Os. J. Line Coys. will have patrol out covering the relief.

GENERAL.

9. Any details of relief not herein provided for will be mutually arranged for between Os. C. Coys. concerned.

COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

10. Completion of relief will be notified to Bn. Hqrs. by sending the wire "H. C. 51 received".

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain,  
Acting Adjutant.

<u>Copy No</u>	<u>To whom</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Time</u>
No. 1	File		
2/4	War Diary		
5	Brigade	Runner	
6.	O.O. "A" Coy	"	
7	" "B" "	" "	
8.	" "C" "	" "	
9.	" "D" "	" "	
10.	" Nucleus Coy.	"	
11	A/Int. Officer	"	
12	Sig. Officer	"	
13.	C.M.	"	
14	T.O.	"	

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Secret.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCOMPANY OPERATION ORDER NO. 21 12/7/18.MEALS.

1. The reserve Company will have their evening meal before being relieved, but the Support and Line Coys. on their arrival in new area.  
Q.M. will arrange for a hot drink to be available for "A" Coy. on their arrival.  
The Y.M.C.A. have a Coffee Stall on the main road which will be available for all troops.

CONTAINERS.

2. These must all be returned from posts on the night of 12/13th instant.

BLANKETS, &c.

3. The Q.M. will arrange for blankets, Officers valises, to be available in new area when the Coys. march in.

BAND.

4. The Band will return to Wagon Lines on morning of the 13th instant but will be quartered in Bn camping area when the 9th Bn marches out.

CANTEEN.

5. The Canteen Officer will arrange to establish a Canteen in new area and have it open to the men returning from the trenches on night, of 13/14th instant.

NUCLEUS.

6. The Nucleus personnel will be rejoining on night of 13/14 instant and will be available for preparing camp for their respective Coys.

GUIDES.

7. Lieut. C. E. BOOTH will have guides for Coys. at (L'HOFFMANN Cr. ) V.23.D.1.6 at following times:-  
"A" & "C" Coys. midnight.  
"D" & "B" Coys. 1.30 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sd.) S. RICKETSON, Captain.  
Acting Adjutant.



14/7/18.

Reference Sheets 27, 36a, 1/40,000.

- INTENTION 1. The Battalion will march to RACQUINGHEM area to-morrow.
- DRESS. 2. Battle order; water bottles filled.
- ROUTINE. 3. Reveille 5.30a.m.; Breakfast 6; Sick Parade 6.30; Dress for Parade 7.30; Quarter Call 7.45; Markers 7.50; Advance 7.55 a.m.
- STARTING POINT. 4. Main entrance gate to bivouac area.
- TIME. 5. 8.5 a.m.
- ORDER OF MARCH. 6. Intelligence, Signallers, Band, "A", "B"; "C"; "D" Coys.; H.Q. Details, Transport.
- ROUTE. 7. V.20.A.8.2 - WALLONG CAPPEL - LYNDE - RACQUINGHEM.
- HALTS. 8. Halts will be at 10 minutes to the clock hour.
- DISTANCES. 9. Distances of 100 yards will be observed between Coys. and also between the rear Coy. and the Transport.
- BLANKETS, VALISES, &c. 10. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10; clearly labelled and dumped near Bn. Headqrs. on a spot to be indicated by Bn. Orderly Off. by 7 A.M. One incomplete bundle in a Coy. is permissible but not in a platoon. Officers' valises, Coy. & Regimental Records boxes and packs of band at same time.
- LEWIS GUN LIMBERS. 11. Lewis guns and signalling gear will be loaded to-night.
- REAR PARTY. 12. Capt. B.M.O'Sullivan and 20 men from "A" Coy. will remain as a rear party to ensure that the camp is left on a scrupulously clean condition. The D.A.D.M.S. will inspect at 9 A.M.
- LOADING PARTY. 13. Officer in charge of rear party will be responsible for having G.S. Wagon loaded when they report at 9 A.M. He will detail 1 N.C.O. and 4 men to march with the wagons to act as guard on them.
- MIDDAY MEAL. 14. Cookers with tea meal, in course of preparation, will move in rear of Coys. Lunch will be at the 11.50 halt. H.Q. Officers will draw their tea from "C" Coy. cooker. Q.M. will arrange with one Coy. to prepare tea for the Transport personnel.
- SYNCHRONISATION. 15. Watches will be synchronised at 7 A.M. 15th instant.
- GENERAL. 16. If the Battalion should pass the Divl. Commander, or the Brigadier, arms will not be sloped. Men, however, will cease smoking and talking. Officers will salute but no other compliments will be paid.
- REPORTS. 17. To head of column.

ACKNOWLEDGE.(sd.) S. RICKETSON, Captain.  
Acting Adjutant.

Copy.	No.	To whom	Method
1		File	
2		War Diary	
3		Brigade	Runner
4		O.C. "A" Coy.	"
5		" " "B" "	"
6		" " "C" "	"
7		" " "D" "	"

8 Q.M. & T.O. Runner  
9 Sig. & Intel. Officers



Headquarters 5th Battalion A.I.F.  
16/7/18.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR 5th INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

Hours of Training :- Morning 8 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.  
Afternoon 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Tues

Wednesday, 17th. Morning.

1/2 hr Bn. Fall in and Inspection;  
1/2 hr Physical training.  
1 hr Squad and platoon drill without arms  
1/2 hr Musketry - elementary.  
1/2 hr Sentry drill & duties of sentry  
1/2 hr March discipline.

Afternoon.

Recreational training.

Thursday, 18th. Morning.

1/2 hr Bn. Fall in & Ceremonial.  
1/2 hr Bayonet fighting.  
1 hr Squad and Platoon drill with arms.  
1/2 hr Musketry - elementary.  
1/2 hr Sentry drill & duties of sentry.  
1/2 hr Marching and march discipline.

Afternoon.

Recreational training.

Friday, 19th. Morning.

Musketry on Rifle Range.

Afternoon.

Recreational training.

Saturday, 20th. Morning.

1/2 hr Bn. Fall in and Inspection.  
1 hr Squad and platoon drill  
1/2 hr Musketry - Rapid loading - rapid aiming - belt drill.  
1/2 hr Anti Gas Drill.  
1/2 hr Lecture on Discipline by Company Commanders.  
1/2 hr Bayonet fighting.

Afternoon.

Recreational training.

Sunday, 21st.

Church Parade.

Afternoon.

Recreational training.

Monday, 22nd. Morning.

Musketry - Rifle at rifle range.

Afternoon.

Recreational training.

Tuesday, 23rd. Morning.

1/2 hr Bn. Fall in and Inspection.  
1 hr Company drill.  
1/2 hr Musketry - Fire discipline and control by Section Commanders.  
1/2 hr Bayonet fighting.  
1/2 hr Lecture on bombs & rifle grenades.

Afternoon.

Recreational training.

Wednesday, 24th. Morning.

Musketry on Rifle Range.

Afternoon.

Recreational training.

Thursday, 25th. Morning.

1/2 Bn. Fall in & Inspection.  
1 & 1/2 hr Lecture and demonstration of platoon in attack.  
1/2 hr Musketry.  
1/2 hr Bayonet fighting.  
1/2 hr Company drill.

P.F.O.



Friday, 26th. Morning.  
1/2 hr Bn. Fall in & Inspection.  
1 hr Battalion drill.  
1 & 1/2 hrs Platoon in attack  
and discussion.  
1/2 hr Platoon drill & rifle exercises.

Afternoon.  
Recreational training.

Saturday, 27th. Morning.  
1/2 hr Bn. Fall in & Inspection.  
3 hrs Route March.

Afternoon.  
Recreational training.

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



INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCOMPANY TRAINING SYLLABUS.

1. Battalion will fall in and be inspected by the C.O. before moving to Company Parades.
2. Route Marches (including marches to training area by Companies) are for the purpose of hardening up the men. Strict march discipline will be kept and frequent changes of inner and outer files will be made. Where possible, moving from column of route and adopting Artillery Formation when on the move will when possible be practised.
3. Musketry. Rapid loading will be practised frequently. It will be impressed on all men that rapid fire is only used in sudden emergencies. Deliberate and well aimed fire controlled by Section Leaders will stop almost any hostile advance. Special attention must be paid to fire discipline and fire control.
4. In the tactical exercises to be carried out by platoons and Companies, the Officer in charge will work out the scheme a day previously so that no time will be wasted when carrying out the exercises.
5. During 'Smoke' Officers will lecture to their men on recent fighting.
  - (a) Advantages and disadvantages of certain forms of fighting.
  - (b) Tactical use of Lewis Guns and Rifle Grenades.
6. Signallers will be trained in a special Signalling Class under the Battalion Signalling Officer.
7. Intelligence Section will be trained under the Battalion and Brigade Intelligence Officers.
8. When specialist Officers are attached to Companies, they are there to give technical advice and assistance only. Platoon Commanders must prepare themselves beforehand to carry out all instruction.
9. All men will take part in Recreational Training. Games in which only a few are employed at a time whilst the majority are only spectators such as 'twos and threes' and ring games are forbidden. Swimming will form part of Recreational Training. Timetable for swimming, matches &c. will be arranged by the Adjutant.

(Sgd.) A. O. RIGG, Lieutenant,  
Adjutant.



RECREATIONAL TRAINING.List of Cricket Matches to be played.

Wednesday, 17th. at 5 p.m. on Motor Transport Ground.

5th Battalion versus Motor Transport.

Thursday, 18th. at 2 p.m. on 5th Battalion Ground.

"D" Coy. versus Headquarters.

Friday, 19th. at 2 p.m. on 5th Battalion Ground.

Battalion Officer versus "B" Coy.

Saturday, 20th. at 2 p.m. on 5th Bn. Ground.

"A" Coy. versus Headquarters.

" " at 5 p.m. 5th Battalion Ground.

"B" Coy. versus "D" Coy.

Sunday, 21st. at 2 p.m. on 5th Battalion Ground.

Bn. Officers and Headquarters versus Rest of Bn.

All men who do not participate in the cricket matches will attend swimming parades.

SPORTING MATERIAL.

Sporting Material may be obtained from Sgt. DAWSON; Battalion Hqrs. The greatest care must be taken of sporting material, and it must be returned each day to Sgt. DAWSON.

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



July 21st	5th Battalion M.G.Coy. 7th Battalion 6th Battalion	V V V V	T.M. Battery ✓ Bde. H.Qrs. Pioneers 3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.
			8th Battalion a Bye.
July 22nd	B.Hqrs. T.M.Bty. Pioneers 8th Battalion	V V V V	5th Battalion M.G.Coy. 6th Battalion ✓ 3rd A.S.C.
			7th Battalion a Bye.
July 23rd	7th Battalion 5th Battalion M.G.Coy. 6th Battalion	V V V V	T.M.Bty. Pioneers 8th Battalion ✓ B.Hqrs.
			3rd A.S.C. a Bye.
July 24th	3rd A.S.C. 6th Battalion Pioneers B.Hqrs X	V V V V	5th Battalion 8th Battalion M.G.Coy 7th Battalion ✓
			T.M.Bty a Bye.
July 25th	3rd A.S.C. T.M.Bty 7th Battalion M.G.Coy	V V V V	B.Hqrs. 6th Battalion 8th Battalion ✓ 5th Battalion ✓
			Pioneers a Bye.
July 26th			Swimming Carnival. ✓
July 27th	Pioneers 8th Battalion 6th Battalion 5th Battalion	V V V V	3rd A.S.C. T.M.Bty. M.G.Coy. 7th Battalion ✓
			B.Hqrs a Bye. →
July 28th	B.Hqrs. 3rd A.S.C. Pioneers 7th Battalion 8th Battalion a Bye.	V V V V X	T.M.Bty. M.G.Coy. 8th Battalion 6th Battalion
July 29th	5th Battalion T.M.Bty. 3rd A.S.C. 8th Battalion	V V V V	6th Battalion Pioneers 7th Battalion B.Hqrs.
			M.G.Coy a Bye.
July 30th	T.M.Bty 8th Battalion B.Hqrs. M.G.Coy	V V V V	3rd A.S.C. 5th Battalion Pioneers 7th Battalion
			8th Battalion a Bye.

Cricket competition for cup to be obtained from amounts collected from each unit on basis, 25 Francs from each Battalion and 10 Francs from each other unit.  
The team obtaining the highest points on matches played to be the winner absolute.

Points to be scored -  
 3 for win outright  
 2 for win on 1st innings.  
 1 for ~~for~~ tie  
 Nil for draw.

Play to commence 1-30 p.m. till 4-15 p.m. - Tea 4-15 p.m. to 4-45 p.m. -  
 4-45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Team on whose ground matches played to provide ball. ~~XXXXX~~  
 Hard Wicket.



2nd A.I. Bde Swimming Carnival.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1	1.30 p.m.	50yds Heats.	9	4.10 p.m.	Officers Race.
2	1.50 "	Barrel Race, Heats	10	4/20 p.m.	50 yds Final.
3	2.15 "	100 yds, Heats	11	4.30 p.m.	Breast Stroke, Heats
4	2.35 "	Relay Race, Heats.	12	4.50 p.m.	Relay Race, Heats.
5	2.55 "	Greasy Pole.	13	5.10 p.m.	100 yds Final
6	3.15 "	Fancy Diving	14	5.15 p.m.	Relay Race, Final
7	3.30 "	Exhibition by	15	5.20 p.m.	Breast Stroke, Final.
8	3.45 "	Lieut. LONGWORTH			
		200 yds Heats	16	5.30 p.m.	200 yds Final.

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5th BATTALION A.I.F.

AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE SWIMMING CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 25th JULY, 1917.

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Judges. Capt. O'SULLIVAN, " CARNE " FOX " LEITH

Starter. Lieut. PARKER,

Race Stowards, " H.C. MORRISON, Sgt. E. J. H. BARKER,

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PRIZE MONEY.

Table with 2 columns: Event Name and Prize Money. Events include 50 yards race (breast stroke), 50 yards sprint, 100 yards, 220 yards, Squadron race, Greasy Pole, Tub Race, Fancy Diving, and Post sustained character (In and Out of water).

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The first event will take place at 1.30 p.m. All Competitors will be marched down to the Carnival and taken to Special Reserve set apart for them. In the Fancy Diving Event each Competitor will have 3 dives.

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CANTEEN. Cantens will be established on either side of the Canal bank. Men will carry dioxies for the purposes of obtaining beer.

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CONCERT.

At the conclusion of the Carnival, A Brigades Concert will be held on 6th Battalion parade ground at 7 p.m.

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BATTALION ORDER No. 24.

## Reference Sheets -

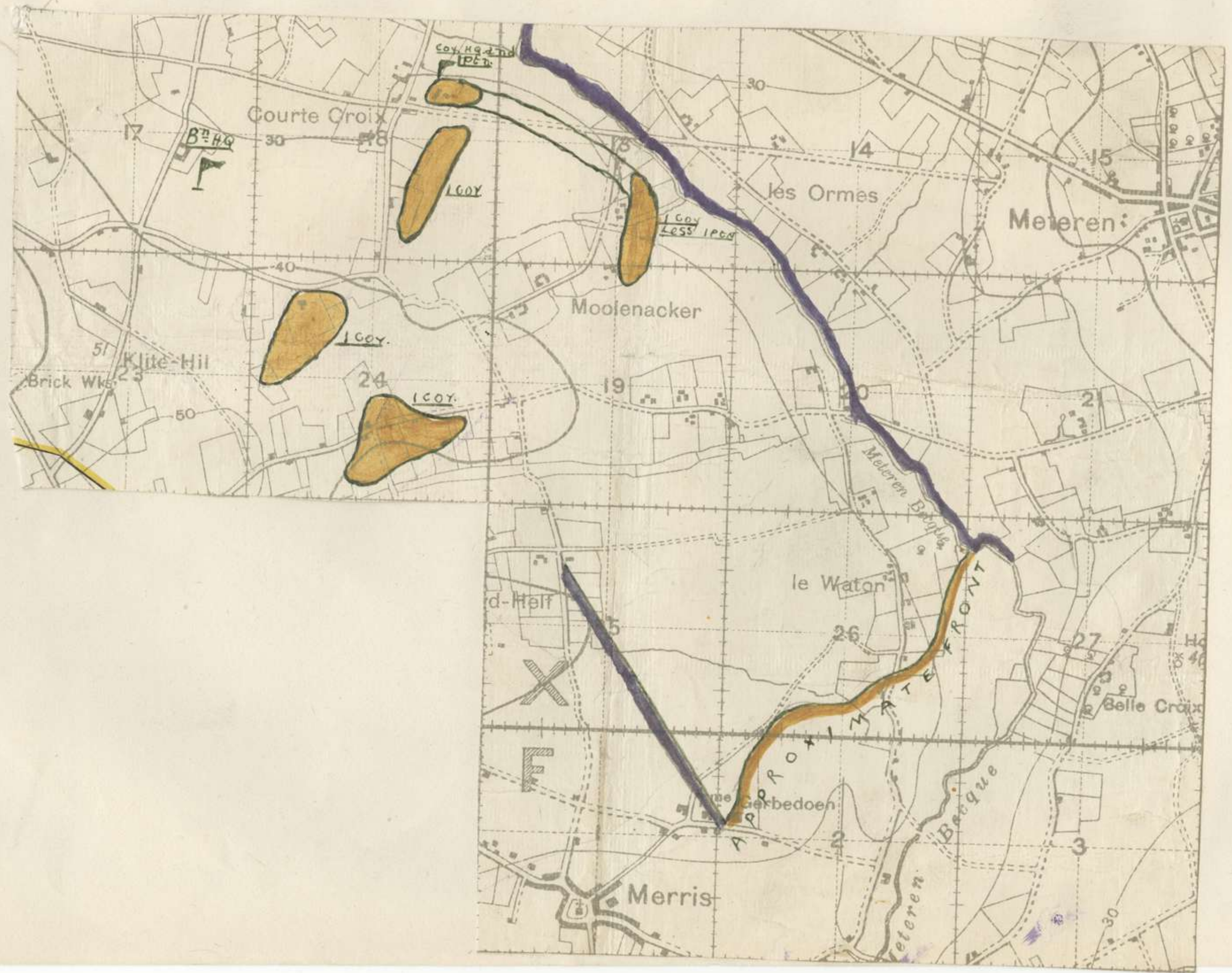
36A N.W. & attached tracing.  
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1. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bdo. (less Transport) will be reviewed by the G.O.C., 2nd Army, on 27th inst. at B.26.D.5.5.
2. The Battalion will parade at 8 a.m. on battalion parade ground in close column of companies at 7 paces distance.
3. Battalion band will take up position as shown on attached tracing and will march at the head of the battalion, falling out after passing the saluting base and playing the battalion march. Band will then immediately cease playing and fall in in rear of battalion. 5th Battalion band will play the General salute.
4. Flags will mark the flanks of Battalions, the corners of the parade ground and the saluting base.
5. Drill order with waterproof sheets rolled. All Signallers will not carry flags but will move with rifles at the slope.
6. Immediately on coming into position Battalions will fix bayonets and officers will take post in review order.
7. When giving a command, the Brigade Commander will raise his right hand, and the drop of his hand will be the signal for each Battalion Commander to give the last word of command, thus 'The Brigade will slope' Battalion Commander will give '5th Battalion Slope' and wait for the drop of the Brigade Commander's hand before giving the executive word 'Arms'.
8. The following programme will be carried out :-  
The Brigade will come to attention and slope arms.  
General Salute, the Brigade will present arms (5th Battalion band to play).  
The Brigade will slope arms.  
Inspection by G.O.C., Second Army.  
Officers will take post.  
The Brigade will march past in column of platoons. (C.Os. will immediately carry out the march past of their battalions. On passing the saluting base C.Os. will wheel and join the G.O.C., rejoining their Battalions when they have marched past.)  
On reaching the corner flag, after passing the saluting base, battalions will move to their original positions and formations and stand at ease.  
The Brigade will come to attention and slope arms.  
Officers will take post in review order.  
The Brigade will advance in review order.  
The Brigade will halt.  
General Salute, the Brigade will present arms (5th Battalion band to play).  
The Brigade will slope and order arms.  
The Brigade will unfix bayonets and stand at ease.  
The Brigade will march past in column of fours, leaving the parade ground by the northern entrance.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.(Sgd) A.O. RIGG, Lieut.  
Adjutant.

Copy No.	To whom.	Method.
1 - 3	War Diary	
4	File	
5 - 6	O.C. "A" Coy.	Runner
7 - 8	O.C. "B" "	"
9 - 10	O.C. "C" "	"
11 - 12	O.C. "D" "	"
13	Sig. Off.	"
14	Intell. Off.	"
15	R.S.M.	"
16	Sgt. Watson	"







SECRET.5th BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 26.

30/7/18.

Reference Sheet 27.RELIEF.

1. (a) The 5th Bn. will relieve the 9th Bn. in Support -  
Left - on the night of 30/31st.  
(b) "A" Coy. 5th Bn. will relieve "A" Coy. 9th Bn.  
"B" " " " " " " " " " "  
"C" " " " " " " " " " "  
"D" " " " " " " " " " "

ORDER OF MARCH. 2. H.Q. Sigs. & Intelligence; H.Q. Details & Companies.DRESS.

3. Fighting order, great coat rolled and carried on top of haversack.

TIME OF STARTING.

4. Head of column will pass entrance to camp at 8 p.m.

ROUTE.

5. V.15.B.95.30 - V.16.B.7.4. - V.23.A.4.8. - V.18.A.5.0. thence to W.16.C.7.3 where guides will meet Coys.

DISTANCES.

6. The following distances will be maintained:-
- 
- Between Companies 100 yards.
- 
- " Platoons 100 yards.

GUIDES.

7. Will meet Companies at W.16.C.7.3.

ADVANCE PARTY.

8. Advance party of 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. per Company will proceed to Companies of 9th Battalion on 30th. These parties will call at 9th Bn. Headquarters at W.20.B.6.9 for instructions.

COOKERS.

9. Q.M. will arrange to have Company Cookers in position at new location of Companies on the 30th.

LEWIS GUNS.

10. Lewis Guns will be carried on Company Lewis Gun limbers which will proceed with Companies.

BLANKETS?

11. Will be carried on Lewis Gun limbers.

COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

12. Completion of relief will be notified to BN. Hqrs. by sending the code word "SANDY."

ACKNOWLEDGE.(Sd.) A.O.RIGG, Lieut.  
Adjutant.

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5	Brigade	Runner
6	O.C. "A" Coy.	"
7	" "B" "	"
8	" "C" "	"
9	" "D" "	"
10	Q.M.	"



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ADDENDA TO BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 26.

MAPS, &c.

1. (a) All maps, plans of work, aerial photographs, defence schemes and special duties will be exchanged with the outgoing Unit.
- (b) S.O.S. Signals, ammunition, area and trench stores will be taken and handed over and receipts given and obtained. 2 copies of these receipts will be forwarded to Bn. Hqrs. by 9 a.m. on 31st July.

DISPOSITION  
SKETCHES.

2. Company Commanders disposition sketches will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 3 a.m. on 31st July.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued to all recipients of Bn. Operation Order No. 26.

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## 5th AUST. INFANTRY BATTALION OPERATION

APPENDIX 14

ORDER NO. 25

28/7/18.

Reference Sheets - 36A. N.W.; 27 S.E.  
and 36A. N.E.

MOVE.

1. 2nd A.I. Bde. will move from RACQUINGHAM area to the Divl. Reserve area on 29 and 30th July.  
5th Inf. Bn. will move on the 30th July, 1918.

STARTING POINT.

2. Head of column will pass starting point - B.14.C.1.O. - at 8 a.m.

ROUTE.

3. B.14.C.1.O. - BLARINGHAM S. SEROUS, - V.15.B.8.2.

ORDER OF MARCH.

4. H.Q. Sigs. & Intoll.; Band; "A", "B", "C"; & "D" Coys.;  
H.Q. Details - Lieut. SIMPSON in charge -; A.M.C., Police,  
Transport.

DISTANCES.

5. Following distances will be maintained on the march -  
Between Coys. - 100 yards  
Between Bn. & Transport - 100 yards

HALTS.

6. At 10 minutes to each clock hour.

DRESS.

7. Fighting order; <sup>will be carried on haversack</sup> steel helmets/supported by supporting straps

TRANSPORT.

8. Transport, less cookers, will move in rear of Battalion and on completion of move will be brigaded and occupy the lines at V.21.B.

COOKERS.

9. Will move in rear of Coys., with midday meal in course of preparation.

LEWIS GUNS.

10. Lewis guns, except A.A. gun, which will be carried on Coy. cooker, will be carried on limbers.

AREA STORES.

11. All tents, trench shelters, etc., will be left standing and receipts in DUPLICATE together with certificate of cleanliness of camp will be obtained from Advance Officer of 2nd A.I. Bn. by Lieut. S.V. KIRWOOD M.M.

NUCLEUS COY.

12. Nucleus Coy. will be reformed and will report to Major SWIFT (7th Bn.) at V.10.C.6.E. at 3 p.m. on 30th inst?

REPORTS.

13. To head of column.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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1	Filo		
2 - 4	War Diary		
5	Brigade	Runner	
6	O.C. "A" Coy.	"	
7	" "B" "	"	
8	" "C" "	"	
9	" "D" "	"	
10	Q.M.	"	
11	T.O.	"	
12	Sig. Off.	"	
13	Intoll. Off.	"	



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28/7/18.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCOMPANY

BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 25.  
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VALISES.

- 1. Valises of Company Officers will be stacked on road near Officers' lines by 6.30 a.m. on 30th. Valises of H.Q. Officers will be stacked at Q.M. Store by 6.30 a.m. on 30th.

RECORD BOXES.

- 2. Regtl. and Coy. record boxes will be stacked at Q.M. Store by 6.30 a.m.

PACKS & BLANKETS.

- 3. Will be stacked in separate dumps at entrance to the camp at 7.45 a.m., packs on the left of the guard tent and blankets, rolled in bundles of 10 and clearly marked, on the right of the guard tent. Packs of Battalion will remain at EBBLINGHAM in charge of a pack guard of 2 men to be detailed by O.C. "B" Coy. Packs of Nucleus only will be stacked near Canteen Hut by 7.30 a.m. All blankets will be conveyed to wagon lines at V.21.B.

GREATCOATS.

- 4. Will be rolled in bundles of 10 and clearly marked and stacked near Canteen Hut by 7 a.m. Greatcoats of battalion (and packs of Nucleus) will be conveyed to V.15.B.8.2.

A.M.C. & MESS STORES.

- 5. Mess canteen and malleo canteen will report at Mess and R.A.P. respectively at 6.30 a.m.

DUTIES.

- 6. (a) O.C. "A" Coy. will detail a party of 1 Officer and 8 O.Rs. to load and unload blankets.  
 (b) O.C. "A" Coy. will detail 1 Sgt. and 8 men to load and unload greatcoats and the packs of the Nucleus.  
 (c) O.C. "A" Coy. will detail 2 N.C.Os. & 12 men to relieve 1st Brigade Guard at BORRI railway crossing - V.24.A.9.2. - at 4 p.m. on the 29th inst., 24 hours rations to be carried. This guard will be relieved on the 30th by 3rd A.I. Bdo.  
 (d) O.C. "B" Coy. will detail 2 men for duty as pack guard as per para. 3 of these instructions.

A C K N O W L E D G E /

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Adjutant.



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NOMINAL ROLL OF 5th BATTALION NUCLEUS COMPANY.

Officers.-

Capt. E. G. do T. Permozol (leave)	Lieut. F. R. Inray (School)
" F. Angol	" W. J. Ellison "
Lieut. J. A. Anderson (Senior Offs. S (Rost camp.)	" W. J. Walters
" F. W. Corlett (School)	" A. J. Robinson
" D. Robertson (Rost camp)	" F. Langford (School)
" M. D. Thompson	" C. L. Booth
	" J. W. Mansoll (School)

Headquarters.

24 RSM A. H. P. Fleming MC  
409 Sgt. C. St. V. Dawson MM  
5741 Sgt. J. Petersen  
4925 Cpl. J. O. Smith  
6806 L/Cpl. F. T. Roberts  
444 Pte. R. G. Owens  
Battalion Band

H.Q. Signallers.

3981 Pte. W. Pinkerton (School)  
6609 " D. J. Linchan  
3496 " W. Reynolds  
5773 " S. E. Thoms

"A" Company.

7553 Sgt. R. M. Reid  
1207 Cpl. M. R. Allison

Lewis Gunners.

5984 L/Cpl. R. J. Colville  
3369 Pte. H. J. O'Brien  
6356 " W. D. Sanders  
249B " W. Wholand

Riflemen.

7286 Pte. P. P. Meaney  
6978 " C. R. Curran

Scouts & Snipers.

7590 Pte. A. Yates  
7391 " T. A. O'Connor  
5436A " W. A. S. Ross

Signallers & Runners.

7035 Pte. J. G. W. Kirk  
1846 " A. Kilpatrick (School)

Batman.

3861 Pte. A. E. Hicks.

5359 L/Cpl. L. R. Dixon (leave)

7515 Pte. F. F. Morris (Harvesting)  
6282 " W. J. Hodgkinson "  
4259 " M. Nowton "  
7496 " J. Irvine "

1623B " A. De Fonte "  
1709B " G. H. Thomas "

7125 " D. E. Mix "

236B Pte. J. Bray (School)

"B" Company.

3849 Sgt. R. A. Hagar MM (Rost camp)  
3868 L/Sgt. E. Hungorford (Harvesting)

Lewis Gunners.

540B L/Cpl. N. C. Barnes  
7460 Pte. F. H. Cooper  
7580 " E. G. Ueborgang  
7547 " P. Roberts

Rifle grenadiers.

6330 Pte. E. A. Killendor  
5784 " C. A. Withors (Rest camp)

Scouts.

7255 Pte. R. Gabell  
7593 " D. W. Bull

Signallers & Runners.

7038 Pte. L. Kresson  
7192 " L. Baggs

6660 Cpl. T. F. Cass  
7004 L/Cpl. A. F. Frazer

6760 Pte. R. J. Jones (Harvesting)  
1630B " A. S. Lawrie "  
6858 " R. Chapman "  
2587 L/Cpl. A. O. Dixon (School)

6531 Pte. H. Podger (Harvesting)  
7582 " P. F. Womersley "

5698 Pte. A. J. Goodwell (Harvesting)  
6526 " W. A. Lillie (School)

3439 Pte. R. G. Wills (School)

P.T.O.



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40th Company.

7473 Sgt. E.W. Folton  
1336 Cpl. R.O. Allen

Lewis Gunners.

6312 Pte. R. Moonoy  
6826 " H.L. Turner  
7583 " R. Wagland  
7492 " D.G. Henderson

Rifle Grenadiers.

877 Pte. H.J.B. Stansfield  
7123 " P.L. Aitkens

Riflemen.

3040 " W.B. Brown

Scouts.

2294 " W. Bulford  
2295 " A.V. Cooper (School)

3337 L/Cpl. P.V. Masson

5682 Pte. W.H. Evans  
4738 " G.E. Baulch  
1700B " P. Moss  
7541 " E. Ritchie

1826 " A. Williams  
2286 " T. Quinn

1922A " W. Crawford

7614 " A. Griffiths  
3464 " S.O.T. Ezard (Rest Camp)

41st Company.

907 Sgt. A.T. Morrison DOM (School)  
2591 " J.J. Foster (School)

Lewis Gunners.

7245 Pte. D.L. Morris

Riflemen

5459 Pte. P.A. Trophop (Harvesting)

Grenadiers.

6825 L/Cpl J.J. Toomoy " "  
833A Pte. H.R. Burns " "  
7615 " A.E. Young " "  
2827 " N.J. Free " "

Signallers & Runners.

6841 Pte. G. Forbes (School)

Stretcher bearer.

4789 Pte. F.G. Budd

Sanitary.

6390 Pte. M. Sweeney

Batman

3995 Pte. L. Vandy (School)

337 Cpl. T. Spandlove (School)  
716 CQMS T.J. Ling

4258 Pte. J.D. Mackinnon (Harvest)

6904 Pte. A.E. Tennant

3060 " H. Cameron  
6221 " W. Balman  
7193 " G.R. Mawson  
3891 L/Cpl O.L. Knight

4811 Pte. J.C. Frank

ADDENDA.

377 T/CQM L.E. Cook  
6252 Cpl. J.P. Fogarty  
120 Cpl. E. Atkins  
5459 Pte. V. Banton  
3724 " N. Browning

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



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*March: RL*

Reference your LAwt 4379/33/5 of 27/7/18. List of strength of Battalion on the undermentioned dates is given for inclusion in the War Diary for the month of July.

Date	Officers	Other Ranks
6 July	54	851
13 "	53	858
20 "	50	835
27 "	49	870

*Lawry*  
*Annex to War Diary*  
*12/8/18*

7 AUG 1918

*G. Booth*  
Lt. Assistant Adjutant

APPENDIX

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R.M.Os REPORT FOR MONTH OF JULY 1918.

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The first two weeks of the month were spent in the forward area and front line; the last half of the month in camp near RACQUINGHEM.

The tour in the forward area was uneventful. The fortnight at RACQUINGHEM gave the men a much needed spell. Bathing in the canal was freely indulged in every afternoon, the conditions for bathing being ideal.

With regard to these rest camps there are four features which could well be changed.

- (1) Reveille should be at 7 a.m. instead of 6 a.m.
- (2) Evening meal for men should be later than 4.30 p.m. as this is really their last meal for the day.
- (3) 11 men per tent is far too many - 7 should be the maximum.
- (4) More care should be taken with regard to selection of camp sites.

The most regrettable incident during the rest was on the morning of Saturday the 27th instant. The men were kept in pouring rain for two hours for the purpose of being reviewed by the Army Commander, who did not turn up, and the men were soaked to the skin.

An occurrence like this has a most deleterious effect both on the health and spirits of the men. It must be remembered that the men have no dry clothes to change into, so that they simply have to sit in their tents and let their clothes dry on them. I should have thought that some senior Officer could have acted on his own initiative and declared the parade off.

Evacuations for the month:-

Killed or Died of Wounds	5
Wounded	17
Gassed	2
Wounded (remained on duty)	1
Sick	70
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	95

Total

Sickness was comparatively light. Influenza has died right out and there is very little Scabies.

Now that the Division is going to a different area after being in the line since December 14th. I should like to point out the splendid way in which all ranks have "stuck it" during an arduous and trying time. Never once has the spirit or dash been impaired.

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