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LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP.	1/1/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and misty. Battalion to relieve 19th Battalion in the left sector of the Brigade front line (vide appendix 1/J/18.)	1/5/18.
LOEGSTEERT AREA.		10 a.m.	Advance parties of 1 Officer and 4 N.C.O's from each Coy. moved forward to reconnoitre positions to be taken over.	
		2.30 p.m.	Battn. H.Q., 'B' and 'C' Coys. moved forward.	
		4 p.m.	'A' and 'D' Coys. moved forward from FUSILIER LOUP. The following dispositions were taken over:- 'A' Coy. Line right - 'C' Coy. Right support. 'D' Coy. Line left - 'B' Coy. Left reserve.	
		6.37 p.m.	Relief completed without incident. Battalion sector of front line extends from (Sheet DEULEMONT 1/10000) U.28.d.75.00 through U.29.b. and d. to U.23.b.60.35. Actual fighting strength of Battalion: 48 Officers and 975 O.R's.	
		9.30 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. Maxwell) 25 O.R'S and 1 L.G. went out for 4 hours to PLANTATION FARM and reconnoitred buildings in PONT ROUGE. No contact with enemy. Casualties 'Nil'. (Patrol Report marked "No. 1".)	Patrol Report attached. 2/5/18.
	2/1/18.	2.30 a.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. Brown) 25 O.R's and 1 L.G. went out for 4 hours to reconnoitre ground between U.23.b.70.30, TRIANGLE FARM and MOAT FARM. No contact with enemy. Casualties 'Nil'. (Patrol Report marked 'No. 2'.)	Do 3/5/18.
		3 a.m.	Working party of 1 Officer and 80 O.R's for digging new support line.	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
		5.30 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer, 25 O.R's and 1 L.G. went out for three hours to examine bridge at TRIANGLE FARM, PLANTATION FARM and intervening ground to U.23.b.20.30. No contact with enemy. Casualties 'Nil'. (Patrol Report marked 'No. 3'.) Captain W.N.Higgins evacuated sick.	Do 4/5/18.
		10.30 p.m.	Working parties were supplied as follows:- 1 Officer and 25 O.R's carrying R.E. material to U.22.d.7.6. (approximately). 1 Officer and 30 O.R's - 1 Officer and 40 O.R's revetting and building up parapet	5/5/18 / of

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PLOEGSTEERT AREA.	2/1/18.	10.30 p.m.	of UNA SUPPORT and UMPIRE DRIVE south. 1 Officer and 67 O.R's carried 120 coils of barbed wire, 150 long, and 120 medium pickets, to Right Coy. H.Q. Two parties, each of, 1 N.C.O. and 12 men to complete digging of Strong Points in front of Posts 15a and 15b.	5/5/18
	3/1/18.	12.30 a.m.	A Patrol of 2 Officers (Lieuts. Irvine and Maxwell) went out for three hours to investigate PONT ROUGE Bridge and if possible get in touch with the enemy. No contact with the enemy. Casualties 'Nil'. (Patrol Report marked 'No. 4'.)	Patrol Report attached 6/5/18
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
		5 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. Brown) 25 O.R's and 1 L.G. went out for three hours to examine bridge at TRIANGLE FARM - MOAT FARM and intervening ground to U.23.b.20.30. No contact with enemy. Casualties 'Nil'. (Patrol Report marked 'No. 5'.)	Do 7/5/18
			Two carrying parties each of 1 Officer and 50 O.R's carried R.E. material forward to dumps at U.23.a.1.7. - U.22.b.75.10 - U.29.a.30.25. Capt. C.Checchi (R.M.O.) - leave to U.K. Capt. G.M.Whish - relieving R.M.O. 2/Lieut. S.M.Clark - to Corps School. Lieut. V.J.Frewin returned from Brigade duty in Paris.	
		10.30 p.m.	Two parties each of 1 Officer and 50 O.R's continued with digging and revetting of new support line.	8/5/18
	4/1/18.	12.30 a.m.	Patrol of 2 Officers (Lieuts. Maxwell and Hunter) 25 O.R's and 1 L.G. went out for three hours to examine PONT ROUGE and bridge. No contact with enemy. Casualties 'Nil'. (Patrol Report marked 'No. 6'.)	9/5/18
		4.30 p.m.	Weather: Fine and clear. 'B' Coy. relieved 'D' Coy. in front line, left Coy. sector.	
		6 p.m.	Relief completed. 'D' Coy. moved back and took over dispositions of left Reserve Coy. at LANCASHIRE FARM.	
		4.45 p.m.	Patrol of 2 Officers (Lieuts. Clayton and Brown) 35 O.R's and 1 L.G. went out for four hours to lie in wait for the Hun at MOAT FARM) PATROL FOR 3 HOURS. If nothing eventuates attempt to reconnoitre TRIANGLE BRIDGE. Engage any enemy patrols seen. No contact with enemy. Casualties 'Nil'. (Patrol Report marked 'No. 7'.)	10/5/18

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PLOEGSTEERT AREA.	4/1/18	10 p.m.	Orders received from Brigade re anticipated relief by 19th. Battalion.	11/5/18
		10'45 p.m.	Two working parties each of one officer and 50 O.R. continued with digging and revetting of new support line.	
			Two parties each of one officer and 50 O.R. carried R.E. material forward to front line. Situation during previous 24 hours - Quiet. - Machine Guns inactive. - T.M.'s active during early part of night.	
	5/1/18	12'30 a.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. Maxwell) 25 O.R. and 1 L.G. went out for 3 hours to examine PONT ROUGE Bridge at U.29.b.70.38 and MOAT FARM and to engage any enemy patrols seen. No contact with enemy. - Casualties, Nil. - (Patrol report marked No. 8)	Patrol report attached. 12/5/18
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine. Thick mist.	
		2'30 p.m.	"C" Company relieved "A" Company in the front line on right company sector.	
		5 p.m.	Relief completed. - "A" Company moved back and took over position previously occupied by "C" Company in right support.	11/5/18
			Capt. J.L.O'Donnell returned from hospital.	
		4'30 p.m.	Party of 1 Officer and 50 O.R. carried 75 'A' frames and 50 duckboards forward to new support line.	
			Party of 1 Officer and 40 O.R. carried 125 coils barbed wire and 200 long pickets forward to dump at U.28.d.7.4.	Patrol report attached. 13/5/18
		5 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. McLaren) 20 O.R. and 1 L.G. went out for 3½ hours to examine ground from U.23.b.70.30. to MOAT FARM and engage any enemy patrols seen. - No contact with enemy. - Casualties, nil. - (Patrol report marked No. 9)	
		10'45 p.m.	Two parties each of 1 Officer and 50 O.R. continued revetting of new support line.	
			Two parties each of 1 Officer and 50 O.R. carried 220 coils barbed wire and 150 long and 180 medium pickets forward to front line.	Patrol report attached. 14/5/18
		12 midnight	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. Hunter) 25 O.R. and 1 L.G. went out for 3½ hours to examine houses in PONT ROUGE and bridges also MOAT FARM and engage any enemy patrols seen. - No contact with enemy. - Casualties. Nil. - (Patrol report marked No. 10)	
			Situation: Quiet - U.27. shelled during day with 4.2 s	
	6/1/18	7 a.m.	Party of 11 O.R. supplied for revetting in UNA SUPPORT.	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine with light mist.	

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PLOEGSTEERT AREA.	6/1/18	4 p.m.	Battalion Order No.1. with relief table re anticipated relief on 9th.inst. issued.	
		4'30 p.m.	Party of 1 Officer and 15 O.R. carried curved iron and water pipes to UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	15/5/18
		5 p.m.	Party of 1 Officer and 60 O.R. carried 120 coils barbed wire, 200 long pickets, and 160 short pickets to point at U.22.b.75.10.	
		10'30 p.m.	Patrol of 2 Officers (Lieuts.Harrison and McLaren) 20 O.R. and 1 L.G. went out for 4 hours to river bank at about U.23.b.7.4. and reconnoitre country and river bank to MOAT FARM and engage any enemy patrols seen. - No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil - (Patrol report marked No.11)	Patrol report attached. 16/5/18
		12 midnight	Party of 2 Officers and 100 O.R. supplied for revetting and fixing parapet in UMPIRE SUPPORT. Situation; Quiet. M.G's and T.M's inactive.	
		7/1/18.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut.Hunter) 20 O.R. and 1 L.G. went out for 4 hours to examine country from PAPER HOUSE to PONT ROUGE examining PONT ROUGE Bridge and returning via MOAT FARM. No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil - (Patrol report marked No.12)	Patrol report attached. 17/5/18
		7'30 a.m.	Party of 1 Officer and 15 O.R. supplied for erecting shelters in UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	
		9 a.m.	Party of 1 Officer and 30 O.R. supplied for revetting and fixing 'A' frames and duckboards in UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	18/5/18
		1 p.m.	Weather: Fine and clear. Working parties supplied as follows:- Parties of 1 N.C.O. and 12 men, and 1 N.C.O. and 8 men, and 1 N.C.O. and 5 men for cleaning dugouts near UMPIRE SUPPORT.	19/5/18
		4 p.m.	Three parties each of 1 Officer and 50 O.R. for revetting and duckboarding UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	
		5 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut.Harrison) 20 O.R. and 1 L.G. went out for 4 hours to go to MOAT FARM and to river opposite DOLLS HOUSE and examine country from there to northern boundary. No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil - (Patrol report marked No.13)	Patrol report attached. 20/5/18
		8/1/18.	Situation: Quiet - Scattered fire from M.G's and T.M's.	
		12'30 a.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut.Hunter) 20 O.R. and 1 L.G. went out for 4 hours to visit MOAT FARM thence to bridge at TRIANGLE FARM, to PONT ROUGE Bridge, to PLANTATION FARM, and PAPER HOUSE. No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. - (Patrol report marked No.14)	Patrol report attached. 21/5/18
		7'30 a.m.	Working parties were supplied of 1 N.C.O. and 16 men, and 1 N.C.O. and 8 men for cleaning and draining dugouts in UMPIRE SUPPORT and near left Company Headquarters.	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine with light mist.	

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LOEGSTEERT AREA.	8/1/18.	4 p.m.	Two parties each of 1 Officer and 50 O.R. and party of 1 Officer and 30 O.R. continued with revetting and fixing of parapet in UMPIRE SUPPORT.	22/5/18 Patrol report attached. 23/5/18
		4'45 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. Harrison) 20 O.R. and 1 L.G. went out for 4 hours to lie in wait at MOAT FARM for enemy patrols. - No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. - (Patrol report marked No.15) Situation: Quiet. - U.27. shelled with 4'2s. - M.G's inactive. - Light T.M. fire.	
	9/1/18.	12'30 a.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. Hunter) 20 O.R. and 1 L.G. went out for 4 hours to lie in wait at MOAT FARM for enemy patrols, and return via PONT ROUGE Bridge and PLANTATION FARM. - No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. - (Patrol report marked No.16) Working parties were supplied as follows:-	Patrol report attached, 24/5/18 25/5/18
		4 a.m.	Two parties each of 1 Officer and 50 O.R. and one party of 1 Officer and 30 O.R. to continue with revetting and building up of parapet in UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	
		7'30 a.m.	Four parties totalling 6 N.C.O's and 70 O.R. were employed in cleaning dugouts and erecting shelters in UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	
		11 a.m.	Advance billeting parties from Battalion H.Q., "B" and "C" Coys. moved back to take over INGERSOLL CAMP from 19th. Battalion.	
			Advance parties from "A" and "D" Coys. moved back to take over stores etc. from two companies of 19th. Battalion in support at FUSILIER LOOP, vide Battalion Order No.1., appendice 2/J/18.	
		6'10 p.m.	Relief completed without event. - Battalion moved back and took over dispositions of 19th. Battalion in support. - Battalion H.Q., "B" and "C" Coys. at INGERSOLL CAMP- "A" and "D" Coys. at FUSILIER LOOP.. Total casualties during tour of duty in the line: Killed, 1. - Wounded, 1. - Evac. sick, 20. Weather: Fine and dull.	26/5/18
	10/1/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and cloudy.	
		9'30am	Battalion carried on with cleaning up of equipment clothes, etc. and footwashing.	
	11/1/18	9 a.m.	Companies carried on with inspection of arms and ammunition.	
		1 p.m.	Allotment of baths for battalion at PAPOT baths. Lieut.-Colonel G.F. Murphy, D.S.O. to A.F.C. course for Field Officers. Major R.M. Sadler, M.C. Temp. C.O. of Battalion during absence of C.O.	
INGERSOLL CAMP.	12/1/18.	2 p.m.	Battalion Order No.2 re inter company relief issued.	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Snow fell during the night of 11/12th. and continued throughout the day.	

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INGERSOLL CAMP.	12/1/18.	9 a.m.	Baths allotment at PAPOT Baths for "B" Company.	27/5/18
		2'30 p.m.	"C" Company moved forward and relieved "A" Company in support at FUSILIER LOOP in accordance with Battalion Order No.2. - appendix 3/3/18.	
		5'30 p.m.	Relief completed. - "A" Company moved back and took over billets vacated by "C" Company.	
	13/1/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	27/5/18
		11 a.m.	Church parades.	
		2'30 p.m.	"B" Company moved forward and relieved "D" Company in support at FUSILIER LOOP in accordance with Battalion Order No. 2 - appendix 4/1/18.	
		5'50 p.m.	Relief completed. - "D" Company moved back and took over billets vacated by "B" Company.	
	14/1/18.	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	28/5/18
		9'30 a.m.	Companies carried on with cleaning up of equipment, clothes etc.	
		11 a.m.	Companies carried on with footwashing.	
		10 a.m.)	
		to	) Baths allotment at PAPOT baths for "A" Company.
		1 p.m.)	
	15/1/18.	10 a.m.	Battalion Order No.3 re anticipated relief of 19th.Battalion in front line, issued. Lieut.J.N.Doyle rejoined unit from "struck off".	
		9 a.m.	Weather: dull with slight falls of snow and rain.	
		9'30 a.m.	to 11'30 a.m. Coys. carried on with cleaning of arms and ammunition.	
	16/1/18.	10 a.m.	to 12 noon. Baths allotment at PAPOT baths for Battalion. Lieut.C.M.Fairclough rejoined unit from Supernumerary List.	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear during day. Heavy rain set in at nightfall and continued during night.	
	17/1/18.	9'30 a.m.	Inspection of arms and ammunition. One hours bolt drill.	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Heavy rain fell throughout day and night.	

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PLOEGSTEERT AREA.	17/1/18.	9 a.m.	Battalion to relieve 19th. Battalion on left sector vide Battalion Order No. 2. - appendix 5/5/18	28/5/18
		10 a.m.	Advance parties moved forward to reconnoitre positions to be taken over from 19th. Battalion.	
		2 p.m.	Battalion H.Q., "A" and "D" Coys. moved forward.	
		3'30 p.m.	"B" and "C" Coys. moved forward from FUSILIER LOOP. Dispositions taken over from 19th. Battn. as follows:- "B" Company - Line Left. "C" Company - Line Right. "A" Company - Support Right. "D" Company - Reserve.	
		6'55 p.m.	Relief completed without incident. Fighting Strength of Battalion - 51 Officers, 1013 O.R. Trenches taken over were in a very flooded condition, and in some instances had fallen in. Parties were detailed immediately, working under company arrangements, to drain trenches as much as possible.	
		8 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. Hunter) and 10 O.R. went out for two hours to examine and report on the condition of ground and river and to visit PAPER HOUSE and PLANTATION FARM. No contact with enemy. Casualties: Nil. - (Patrol report marked "A 1")	Patrol report attached. 29/5/18
		10'15 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. McLaren) and 10 O.R. went out for two hours to examine and report on condition of KATHERINE POST and state of ground and river in front of sector. - No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. - (Patrol report marked "A 2") Situation: quiet. M.G's and T.M's inactive.	-do- 30/5/18
	18/1/18.	3 a.m.	Patrol of 1 N.C.O. (Sgt. MacKenzie) and 10 O.R. went out for two hours to examine and report on state of ground and river in front of Battalion sector. Also examine approaches to MOAT FARM from our side. - No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. - (Patrol report marked "A 3")	Patrol report attached. 31/5/18
		9 a.m.	Weather: showery. All available men employed on cleaning and draining trenches and dugouts during the day.	
		6 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. Hunter) and 10 O.R. went out for 3½ hours to visit PAPER HOUSE and PLANTATION FARM and houses in PONT ROUGE if possible and report on the state of the water and ground. - No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. - (Patrol report marked "A 4")	Patrol report attached. 32/5/18
		10 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. McLaren) and 10 O.R. went out for 2½ hours to go to waters edge and follow it down and visit MOAT FARM, and to report on state of water and ground. - No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. - (Patrol report marked "A 5") Situation: quiet. - M.G's inactive. - Light T.M. fire in U.23.c.	-do- 33/5/18

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PLOEGSTEERT AREA	19/1/18.	1 a.m.	Patrol of 1 N.C.O. (Cpl. Starr) and 10 O.R. went out for 2½ hours to visit PAPER HOUSE and PLANTATION FARM and houses in PONT ROUGE if possible and report on state of water and ground. No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. + (Patrol report marked "A 6")	Patrol report attached.
		3 a.m.	Patrol of 1 N.C.O. (Sgt. MacKenzie) and 10 O.R. went out for 2½ hours to go to waters edge and follow it down to MOAT FARM and report on the state of the ground. - No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. - (Patrol report marked "A 7")	34/5/18 -do- 35/5/18
			Working parties were supplied as follows:-	
		6 a.m.	One officer and 30 O.R. for cleaning and draining UMPIRE AVENUE.	
		7 a.m.	One officer and 15 O.R. for cleaning and draining No.15 Post.	
			One N.C.O. and 18 O.R. for cleaning and draining LANCASHIRE SUPPORT FARM.	36/5/18
		7'15am.	One N.C.O. and 10 O.R. for cleaning and draining between HETTY POST and No.16 Post.	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and dull.	
		4'30 p.m.	Party of 1 Officer and 30 O.R. supplied for cleaning and draining UMPIRE AVENUE.	
		6 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. Burt) and 10 O.R. went out for 3 hours to PONT ROUGE and bridge and return via PLANTATION FARM and PAPER HOUSE. - No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. (Patrol report marked "A 8")	Patrol report attached.
		10 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. Brown) and 10 O.R. went out for 2½ hours to MOAT FARM and thence along the waters edge to boundary. No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. Situation: Quiet. - U.27. shelled with 4'2 s - M.G's and T.M's inactive.	37/5/18 -do-
	20/1/18.	1 a.m.	Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 10 O.R. went out for 2½ hours to visit PONT ROUGE and bridge and return via PLANTATION FARM and PAPER HOUSE. - No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. - (Patrol report marked "A 9")	Patrol report attached.
		3'30 a.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut. Brown) and 10 O.R. went out for 2½ hours to MOAT FARM and thence along waters edge to northern boundary. - No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. - (Patrol report marked No. "A 10")	38/5/18 -do- 39/5/18
			Working parties supplied as follows:-	
		7 a.m.	Two Officers and 50 O.R. carried 40 'A' frames from LE GHEER Dump and 50 shovels from UMPIRE SUPPORT to, and work on draining and re-duckboarding UMPIRE AVENUE.	
			One Officer and 30 O.R. for draining and clearing UMPIRE AVENUE.	
		8 a.m.	One N.C.O. and 12 O.R. for draining and cleaning drain along road passing near Battalion H.Q.	40/5/18

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PLOEGSTEERT: AREA	20/1/18	9 a.m.	1 N.C.O. and 10 O.R. for draining and cleaning UNA AVENUE between HETTY POST and No.16 Post.	
			1 Officer and 15 O.R. for draining and cleaning No.15 Post.	
		9'30 a.m.	1 N.C.O. and 6 O.R. to patrol all trenches in Battalion Area.	
			Weather: Fine and clear.	
		4 p.m.	Changes in Officers: 2/Lieut.J.Maxwell returned from hospital.	
		6 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (lieut.Brown) and 10 O.R. went out for 3 hours to visit MOAT FARM and follow river to northern boundary reporting on state of ground and water.	Patrol report attached.
			No contact with enemy - Casualties: Nil - (Patrol report marked "A 11")	H1/5/18
			Situation: Quiet, during day. Scattered T.M. fire during early part of night.	
			M.G's inactive.	
			Working parties supplied as follows:-	
			Party of 1 Officer and 30 O.R. carried on with general construction of UMPIRE AVENUE.	
			Party of 2 Officers and 50 O.R. continued with general cleaning and draining of UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH forward of left Company Headquarters.	H2/5/18
			Party of 1 Officer and 15 O.R. for draining and cleaning No.15 - 15a and IDA POSTS	
			Party of 1 Officer and 15 O.R. for draining and cleaning No.16 Post.	
		10 p.m.	Patrol of 2 officers (Lieuts.Irvine and Maxwell) and 20 O.R. went out for 3 hours to go along PONT ROUGE Road and examine old buildings and report on state of ground and river. - No contact with enemy - Casualties: Nil - (Patrol report marked "A 12")	Patrol report attached.
	21/1/18	1 a.m.	Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 1 O.R. went out for 3 hours to follow river to northern boundary. -No contact with enemy - Casualties: Nil.	H3/5/18
		3'30 a.m.	Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 10 O.R. went out for 3 hours to PONT ROUGE Road examining old buildings. - No contact with enemy. - casualties: Nil.	
		7 a.m.	Working parties were supplied as follows:-	
			Party of 1 N.C.O. and 12 O.R. for repairing and maintaining trenches, under sappers supervision.	
			Party of 1 Officer and 15 O.R. for draining and cleaning No.15 -15A and IDA POSTS	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and misty.	
		4 p.m.	Changes in Officers: Capt.C.Checchi (R.M.O.) returned from leave.	
			Capt.G.M.Whish (Relieving R.M.O.) returned to 5th.Field Ambulance.	
			Lieut.W.F.Jones went to Australian Corps Lewis Gun School.	
			Situation during previous 24 hours: Quiet with scattered shelling with 4'2s -Huns lightly shelling during early part of night from T.M's. - M.G's inactive.	
		5 p.m.	Working parties were supplied as follows:-	
			Party of 1 Officer and 30 O.R. for cleaning and draining of UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH forward of Company Headquarters.	H4/5/18

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks
PLOEGSTEERT AREA	21/1/18	5 p.m.	Party of 1 Officer and 10 O.R. for draining and clearing No.15 and IDA POSTS.	
			1 N.C.O. and 10 O.R. for draining and clearing WARNAVE LANE.	HH/5/18
			1 N.C.O. and 10 O.R. for draining and clearing UNA SUPPORT LINE.	
		5'30 p.m.	1 Officer and 20 O.R. for building up and strengthening parapet of left sector.	
			1 Officer and 20 O.R. for building up parapet on right sector.	
		6 p.m.	Two parties each of 1 N.C.O. and 5 men to drain and clear KATE and KATHERINE POSTS	
			Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut.Brown) and 10 O.R. went out for 3 hours to MOAT FARM and	Patrol 45/5/18
			follow river to northern boundary reporting on state of river and ground. No contact	report
			with enemy. -Casualties: Nil. (Patrol report marked No."A 13")	attached.
		7 p.m.	Operation Memo.No.1 (appendice No. 6/J/18) re S.O.S.signal test, issued.	
		10 P.M.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut.Maxwell) and 10 O.R. went out for 3 hours to move along	Patrol
			road to PONT ROUGE examing old buildings and reporting on state of river and ground:	report
			No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil - (Patrol report marked No."A 14")	attached.
	22/1/18	1 a.m.	Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men went out for 3 hours to visit MOAT FARM and follow	46/5/18
			river to northern boundary. -No contact with enemy. -Casualties: Nil. -	
		5'30 a.m.	Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men went out for 3 hours to examine old buildings in PONT:	
			ROUGE. No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil.	
		7 a.m.	Working party of 1 Officer and 15 O.R. supplied for building shelters in UMPIRE	
			SUPPORT.	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
			Working parties supplied as follows:-	
		4'30 pm:	1 Officer and 15 O.R. for draining and clearing No.15 and IDA POSTS.	
			1 Officer and 15 O.R. " " " " FLAX ALLEY.	47/5/18
		5'30 p.m.	1 Officer and 20 O.R. for building up parapet on left sector.	
			1 Officer and 20 O.R. " " " " right sector.	
			1 Officer and 20 O.R. for clearing and draining UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH.	
		6 p.m.	Situation: Quiet, T.M's and M.G's inactive.	
			Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut.Brown)and 10 O.R. went out for 3 hours to MOAT FARM and	Patrol 48/5/18
			along river to northern boundary. No contact with enemy. -Casualties: Nil. -	report
			(Patrol report marked "A 15")	attached.
		8'45 p.m.	S.O.S.Chain test (vide appendice 6/J/18) was carried out with success.	
		10 p.m.	Patrol of 1 Officer (Lieut.Maxwell) and 10 O.R. went out to go round PONT ROUGE	48/5/18
			Road and examine old buildings, reporting in state of ground and river. -No contact	-do
			with enemy. - Casualties: Nil. - (Patrol report marked "A 16")	49/5/18

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PLOEGSTEERT AREA	23/1/18	1a.m.	Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men went out for 3 hours to MOAT FARM. No contact with enemy. Casualties: Nil.	
		3'30 am	Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men went out for 3 hours to go round PONT ROUGE Road and examine old buildings. -No contact with enemy. - Casualties: Nil.	
			Working parties were supplied as follows:-	
		7 a.m.	1 Officer and 15 O.R. for building shelters in UMPIRE SUPPORT.	
			1 N.C.O. and 12 men for work with engineers.	
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
		11 a.m.	Battalion to be relieved by 19th.Battalion, vide Battn.Order No.5. (appendix 7/5/18)	
			Advance parties of H.Q., "A" and "D" Coys. moved back to take over INGERSOLL CAMP	50/5/18
			Advance parties from "B" and "C" Coys. moved back to take over stores etc. from 19th.Battalion at FUSILIER LOOP.	
		4 p.m.	Changes in Officers: 2/Lt.S.M.Clark returned from Corps Bomb School.	
		6'35 p.m.	Relief completed without event.	
			H.Q., "A" and "D" Coys. being relieved moved back to INGERSOLL CAMP.	
			"B" and "C" Coys. took over FUSILIER LOOP.	
INGERSOLL CAMP.	24/1/18	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
			Coys. carried on with cleaning and bathing parades.	
		11 a.m.		
		to 1 p.m.	Allotment of PAPOT Baths to Battalion.	
	25/1/18	2'30 pm	"A" Company moved forward to relieve "C" Company, as forward working Coy. at FUSILIER LOOP.	
		5'30 pm	Relief completed. -"C" Company on relief moved back and took over billets vacated by "A" Company at INGERSOLL CAMP. - Changes in Officers -	
			Capt.J.B.Lane rejoined from Reinforcements.	
			Capt.W.J.Graham, M.C. and Lieut.J.N.Doyle to attachment to Right Group Artillery.	
			Lieut.F.J.Brown to Intelligence Course at Australian Corps School.	
		7 p.m.	Brigade Order and Administrative Memo. re anticipated relief on 28th.inst.received	
	26/1/18	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine with slight mist.	
			Coys. carried on with cleaning and bathing parades.	
		10 a.m.to		
		12 noon	Allotment of PAPOT baths to Battalion.	
		2'30 p.m.	"D" Coy. moved forward to relieve "B" Coy. as forward working Coy. at FUSILIER LOOP.	
		5'15 p.m.	Relief completed. "B" Coy. moved back and occupied billets vacated by "D" Company at INGERSOLL CAMP.	
			Changes in Officers: Lt.-Col.G.F.Murphy, D.S.O. to conference of senior officers.	
		6 p.m.	Battalion Order re anticipated move on 28th. inst. issued.	

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INGERSOLL CAMP	27/1/18	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
		9'30 a.m.	Inspection of arms and ammunition and general cleaning parade.	
		11 a.m.to:)		
		1 p.m.	) Allotment of PAPOT baths to Battalion.	
		4 p.m.	Changes in Officers: Lieuts.H.J.Flockart, W.A.Temple and C.J.Brosseis proceeded on leave to England.	
			Personnel from Brigade School and the Raiding Platoon rejoined unit.	
			Billeting party of 1 Officer (Lieut.Daniel) and 1 N.C.O. per Coy. and Battn.H.Q. proceeded to KORTEPYP 'B' Camp.	
			Brigade Order re anticipated move by train to LUMBRES AREA received.	
KORTEPYP CAMP.	28/1/18	5 a.m.	Forward working Coys. ("A" and "D" Coys.) relieved by 42nd.Battalion at FUSILIER LOOP. On relief Coys. moved back to KORTEPYP CAMP (T.29.a.4.4.)	51/5/18
		9 a.m.	Battalion H.Q., "B" and "C" Coys. moved from INGERSOLL CAMP to KORTEPYP CAMP vide Battalion Order No.6.	
			Transport moved in rear of Battalion to CREMLIN LINES.	
		10 a.m.	Move completed. Battalion now became portion of reserve brigade to 3rd.Aust.Divn.	
		2 p.m.	Football matches and sports indulged in.	
		4 p.m.	Changes in Officers: 2/Lt.E.S.Bonham to hospital, sick.	
			Capt.W.J.Graham,M.C. and Lieut.J.N.Doyle rejoined unit from Course at Right Group Artillery.- Lieut.A.G.A.Walters from Brigade School and Lieut.G.J.G.Clayton from raiding platoon.	
		5 p.m.	Battalion Order No.7 re anticipated move to LUMBRES AREA, issued.	
	29/1/18	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	
			Billeting party of 1 Officer (Lieut.Irvine) and 1 O.R. per Coy. proceeded by motor lorry to LUMBRES AREA.	
		9'30 a.m.	Inspection of arms and equipment by Company Commanders and general smartening up to 11'30am: drill.	
		2 p.m.to:)		
		3'30 pm.:)	Companies carried on with Section, Platoon and Company drill.	
		4 p.m.	Changes in Officers:- nil.	
			Battalion Administrative Memo.No.1 re move on 31st.instant, issued.	
	30/1/18	8 a.m.	Transport Section less kitchens moved by road under Brigade Transport Officer to LUMBRES to arrive on afternoon of 1st.February 1918.	52/5/18
		9 a.m.	Weather: Fine and clear.	

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KORTEPYP CAMP	30/1/18	9'30 a.m.	Companies carried on with Platoon and general smartening up drill during the day,	
			also general cleaning of camp etc. and packing of gear preparing to move on 31st.in:	
		4 p.m.	Changes in Officers: Lieut.C.H.Burt proceeded to Corps Gas School.	
	31/1/18	9 a.m.	Weather: Fine with Heavy fog.	
		11'15 a.m.	Battalion moved vide Battalion Order No.7 and Administrative Memo.No.1 by route	
			march to DEKENNEBEK siding.	
		2'8 p.m.	Battalion entrained for LUMBRES.	
LUMBRES. AREA.		5'50 p.m.	Arrived at LUMBRES and marched to billets.	
			Battalion H.Q., "A" and "C" Coys. and Transport Section at SENINGHEM.- "B" and "D"	
			Coys. at AFFRINGUES.	
		9 p.m.	Move completed.	

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No.26. (Copy No.11.)

Battalion Headquarters,
31st. December 1917.

Reference :- Sheet 36 1/40000
Sheet 28 1/40000

1. (a- The 18th. Battalion will relieve the 19th. Battalion in the left sector of the Brigade front line on night of 1st/2nd. January 1918.
(b) The 18th. Battalion will take over the following dispositions:-
"A" Coy. - Line Right. "C" Coy. - Support.
"D" Coy. - Line Left. "B" Coy. - Reserve.

2. Men will move to the line with Battle Order, Greatcoat, one blanket and W.P. Sheet, and Shaving Gear.

Unconsumed portion of days ration, one emergency ration and 24 hours rations will be carried.

In the case of "B" and "C" Coys. all gear for C.M. Store will be ready for loading near Company H.Q. by 12 noon, 1st. prox.

All gear to be moved to the line will be ready for loading at 1 p.m.

3. All billets, huts, and trenches, will be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Certificate to this effect will be obtained from advanced parties of 19th. Battalion, and copies forwarded to Battn. H.Q. by 10 a.m., 2nd. prox.

4. In relief all dumps, trench stores etc. will be taken over and receipts given. Two copies of receipts, signed by representatives of both units will be forwarded to Battalion H.Q. by first runner after relief is complete.

5. Advanced parties of 1 officer and 4 N.C.O's per company will move to new positions on morning of 1st. January 1918.

6. Gum boots will be issued to "A" and "D" Coys. on 1st. January.

7. "A" and "D" Coys. will move as soon as visibility permits, under orders of C.O. 19th. Battalion. - Battn. H.Q., "C" and "B" Coys. will be in readiness to move at 2 p.m. from present camp.

8. Completion of relief will be wired in code to Battn. H.Q.

9. Disposition reports giving location of Lewis guns and number of rifles on each post, will reach Battn. H.Q. by 7 a.m. 2nd. January 1918.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 7 p.m. by runner.

L. Roberts
.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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No.1. File.

2. "A" Company.
3. "B" Company.
4. "C" Company.
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PATROL REPORT.

DEULEMONT

M. Reference Map Sheet.

~~XXXXXXXXXX (2/Lt. Maxwell) XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

P. Personnel of patrol.

1 Officer (2/Lt. Maxwell) 25 O.Rs, 1 L.G.

P. Place of going out. (Map reference)

IDA POST

T. Time of going out.

9'30 p.m.

P. Purpose of going out.

Visit PLANTATION FARM and reconnoitre buildings in PONT ROUGE.

P. Place of return. (Map reference)

KATHERINE POST

T. Time of return.

11'30 p.m.

C. Casualties.

Nil.

I. Information gained.

I went out from IDA POST to PLANTATION FARM which was unoccupied. I struck the river bank at about U.29.a.90.15. and then went on meeting the road at U.29.b.50.35. From here I noticed that new wire had been put up round PONT ROUGE Bridge and what appeared to be a newly dug trench behind the wire. No enemy movement could be seen or heard. Taking the Sgt. and one man I moved down to river bank at about U.29.b.50.15. leaving the remainder of the patrol on road. PONT ROUGE bridge appears to be badly smashed in the centre. There also appears to be a plank running across the river underneath the bridge. I then rejoined the patrol and returned through KATHERINE POST. There was no machine gun or Trench Mortar fire whatever.

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Maxwell Hunt

PROGRAMME OF PATROLS FOR NIGHT OF 1st/2nd. January 1918.

No.	Strength.	Place and time of going out.	Place and time of return.	Special Instructions.	PASSWORD
1.	1 Officer 20 O.R. "A" Coy. 1 L.G. & 5 men "C" Coy.	IDA POST 9'30 p.m.	KATHERINE POST 11'30 p.m.	Visit PLANTATION FARM and reconnoitre buildings in PONT ROUGE.	"SUGAR"
2.	1 Officer 20 O.R. "D" Coy. 1 L.G. & 5 men "B" Coy.	28 Post U.23.b.25.30. 12'30 a.m.	22 Post 2'30 a.m.	Strike to river bank at about U.23.b.70.30. thence along to bridge at TRIANGLE FARM thence to MOAT FARM searching intervening ground thoroughly.	"SUGAR"

All posts will be acquainted with this programme by nightfall or as soon as possible afterwards.

ON NO ACCOUNT WILL THIS PROGRAMME BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.

Patrol leader will report to Battalion Headquarters on completion.

When patrol returns, company will wire word "PIGEON"

.....*Ans. J. ...*.....Lieut
Intelligence Officer, 18th. Battalion.

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M. Reference Map Sheet.

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P. Personnel of patrol.

1 Officer (Lt. Brown) 25 O.Rs and 1 L.G.

P. Place of going out. (Map reference)

28 Post - U.23.b.25.30.

T. Time of going out.

12'30 a.m.

P. Purpose of going out.

Strike to river bank at about U.29.b.70.30. thence along to Bridge at TRIANGLE FARM and then to MOAT FARM, searching intervening ground thoroughly.

P. Place of return. (Map reference)

22 Post.

T. Time of return.

2'30 a.m.

C. Casualties.

Nil.

I. Information gained.

I went out from U.23.b.25.30. and proceeded to river bank at about U.23.b.70.30. Numerous flares went up on our right. Owing to extremely good visibility I withdrew the patrol to Hedge at U.23.d.75.55, ~~and then to the river bank~~ where I established a standing patrol. Taking 6 men I reconnoitred the river bank between U.23.b.7.3. and MOAT FARM. While at U.23.d.75.55. a Trench Mortar opened fire from approx. U.24.a.6.2. and fired over 40 rounds, in vicinity of 28 Post. I attempted to reconnoitre between U.24.c.1.4. and DOLLS HOUSE but was fired on three times from a machine gun firing from vicinity of DOLLS HOUSE. I then rejoined the patrol and returned.

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M. Reference Map Sheet. DEULEMONT 1/10000

. Personnel of patrol. 1 Officer (Lieut. Brown)
25 O.Rs (including 1 L.G.)

P. Place of going out. U.23.c.90.30.

T. Time of going out. 5'30 p.m.

P. Purpose of going out. Attempt to visit bridge at TRIANGLE FARM and explore country between MOAT FARM and river bank in direction of TRIANGLE FARM.

P. Place of return. KATHERINE POST

T. Time of return. 8'45 p.m.

C. Casualties. Nil

I. Information gained. Went along road from No.22 Post to U.29.b.10.90. Thence direct to ditch within 150 yards S.W. of TRIANGLE FARM (about U.30.a.50.80.) Saw two men between me and TRIANGLE BRIDGE. They appeared to be retiring on to bridge. Waited about 20 minutes and then attempted to move forward. A M.G. opened at once from about U.30.a.90.90. I then came back to about U.24.c.20.00. Here I found a track leading forwards to MOAT FARM. Between this spot and MOAT FARM I picked up a telephone wire. I cut a piece out of this: split my party into three groups and surrounded MOAT FARM on Southern, Eastern and Western sides. I myself with 5 men followed the wire. When we got to within 30 to 40 yards of the FARM, we heard sounds of tins or iron rattling. At the same time a flare went up on the extreme left. By its light I saw 8 or 12 men moving in single file N.E. along the MOAT at U.23.d.9.3. Owing to darkness and broken ground we could not follow them. At the same time a messenger from party on Southern side reported that a party of about 5 men was moving in the vicinity of U.30.a.3.7. About 5 minutes later a M.G. opened from vicinity of DOLLS HOUSE firing straight into MOAT FARM and at the same time the M.G. at U.30.a.90.90. (already mentioned) opened. I consider it probable that the former party retreated from U.23.d.8.2. to U.24.c.2.5. (river bank) thence south along river to DOLLS HOUSE (tracks visible in photo No.69 B.194) Just about sufficient time elapsed between the time of their departure from MOAT FARM and the opening of M.G. from DOLLS HOUSE for them to have covered the distance to opposite DOLLS HOUSE. I did not deem it advisable to proceed further. After 10 minutes I withdrew and came in via KATHERINE POST.

The ground was beginning to thaw but was everywhere quite passable. No flares were thrown up on the battalion sector during the time of my patrol except on the extreme right. Sounds of traffic were heard at times from DEULEMONT - like the sounds of road metal being unloaded and of carts moving over newly metalled road.

2/1/18
(Signed) Fred. J. Brown, Lieut.

5/5/18

WORKS PROGRAMME

APPENDIX 3

2nd/3rd January 1918

Coy.	Strength.	Time.	Report to	Work
'B"	1 Officer 25 men.	10'30 pm.	LE CHEER R.E.Dump	Carrying 20 A frames, 20 sheets iron 10 duckboards to junction of UNA SUPPORT TRENCH and UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH - 22.d.7.6.(approx)
'B"	1 Officer 35 men.	10'30 pm.	Engineer Officer at junction of UNA SUPPORT	To dig borrow pit and build up parapet, under supervision of engineer.
B"	1 Officer 40 men.	10'30 pm.	TRENCH and UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH. 22.d.7.6.(app)	Clearing and deepening trench. This party will require gum boots.
C"	1 Officer 67 men.	10'30 pm.	LE CHEER R.E.Dump.	Carrying 50 coils wire, 85 long pickets, to point 50 yards ahead of "A" Coy.H.Q. along UNA AVENUE.
C"	1 N.C.O. 12 men.	10'30 pm.	Junction of UNA AVENUE and UNA LANE. (To Capt. Graham)	To complete digging of strong point in front of 15A and to go out and return through 15A Post.
C"	1 N.C.O. 12 men.	10'30 pm.	Junction of UNA AVENUE and UNA LANE. (To Capt. Graham)	To complete digging of strong point N. in front of IDA POST and to go out and return through IDA POST.
C"	1 N.C.O. 10 men.	7'30 a.m.	Engineer Off. Junction of UNA SUPPORT TRENCH and UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH.	For revetting.

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.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th.Battalion, A.I.F.

Reference. Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000.

Personnel: 2 Officers (2/Lieut. Maxwell and Lieut. Irvine) 25 O.R.'s with Lewis Gun.

Place of going out: IDA POST.

Time of going out: 12.30 a.m.

Purpose of going out: Investigate PONT ROUGE BRIDGE and if possible get in touch with the enemy.

Place of return: 21a Post. U.29.a.50.75.

Time of return: 3.45 a.m.

Casualties: Nil.

Information gained: We went out to river bank at about U.29.c.4.3. and thence along to PLANTATION FARM and then to hedge at U.29.b.3.3. I left main patrol with Lewis Gun along the hedge in an old trench. 2/Lieut. Maxwell, two men and myself searched all the old houses thoroughly, all of which with the exception of an old cellar at U.29.b.45.38. show no signs of recent occupation. PONT ROUGE bridge is an iron structure about nine feet wide with thick iron railings about eight feet high. It is very similar to English railway bridges. About the centre of the river the bridge has collapsed leaving a space of about ten feet of water. On the eastern side of the break is what appears to be a pontoon about four feet by three feet. On the northern side of the bridge is a single raised duckboard track about two feet above the water. It has wooden railings about four feet high.. It is quite undamaged and I am of the opinion that it has been used by three men within the last 24 hours, as there are tracks across it on the snow which lead to cellar at U.29.b.45.38. and along river bank for about 20 yards southwards from bridge. There is concertina wire running from about U.29.b.50.30 to U.29.b.60.40. It is practically no obstacle. Another double duckboard bridge runs across river from U.29.b.70.38. to U.29.b.75.30. It is also undamaged and has been used fairly recently. The duckboard continues along hedge to about U.29.b.50.60. There is a well worn path on the river bank between the two bridges. Sounds of stifled coughing and whispering could be heard from the opposite bank of river about U.29.b.55.25. A searchlight played once from about U.29.d.70.60. There was no M.G. fire and no flares while the patrol was out.

.....Lieut.

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18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Programme of Patrols for night of 2nd/3rd. January 1918.

Strength.	Time and place of going out.	Time and place of return.	Instructions.-PASSWORD
1. 1 Officer 20 O.Rs "D" Coy. 1 L.G. & 5 men "B" Coy.	5'30 p.m. U.29.a.5.8.	8 p.m. U.23.b.2.3.	Examine bridge at TRIANGLE FARM, PLANTATION FARM and intervening ground to U.23.b.20.30. "BREAD"
2. 1 Officer 20 O.Rs "A" Coy. 1 L.G. & 5 men "C" Coy.	12'30 a.m. U.29.c.10.35.	3 a.m. U.29.a.60.30.	Follow river bank from about U.29.c.30.30. to PONT ROUGE bridge and examine same. "BREAD"

All posts will be acquainted with this programme by nightfall or as soon as possible afterwards.

ON NO ACCOUNT WILL THIS PROGRAMME BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.

Patrol leader will report to Battalion Headquarters on completion.

When patrol returns, Coy. will wire word "GOOD-BYE"

..... *Awot ruine* Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 18th. Battalion,
A.I.F.

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M. Reference Map Sheet.	DEULEMONT 1/10,000
P. Personnel of patrol.	1 Officer (Lt. Brown) 25 O.Rs and 1 L.G.
P. Place of going out.	U.29.a.5.8.
T. Time of going out.	5 p.m.
P. Purpose of going out.	Examine bridge at TRIANGLE FARM, MOAT FARM and intervening ground to U.23.b.20.30
P. Place of return.	U.23.b.20.30.
T. Time of return.	9 p.m.
C. Casualties.	Nil
I. Information gained.	<p>I went to hedge at about U.29.b.50.65 and thence to about U.24.c.30.10. and to U.24.c.20.55. and on to MOAT FARM. MOAT FARM was thoroughly searched. It was too dark to see any fresh tracks about the farm. Since last visiting hedge at U.23.d.60.35. about 11 days ago there has been some fresh concertina wire about 6 yards long put around old footbridge. No sign of the enemy was seen and only one burst of machine gun fire from DOLLS HOUSE. The ground is frozen hard and the moat is passable anywhere.</p> <p>Our artillery fired into traffic in DEULEMONT and horses could be heard galloping after the shells burst.</p>

Lt. Brown

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3rd/4th. January 1918. 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Coy.	Task No.	Strength.	Time.	Report to	Task.	Remarks.
"B"	1	1 Officer 50 O.Rs.	10'30 p.m.	Task.	Cleaning and preparing SUPPORT line trench for 'A' frames and revetting-125 yards.	This party will require Gum boots.
"B"	2	1 Officer 50 O.Rs	10'30 p.m.	Task.	Cleaning and preparing Support line trench for 'A' frames and revetting - 125 yards.	This party will require Gum boots.
"C"	3	1 Officer 50 O.Rs	As early as visibility will permit.	LE GHEER Engineers Dump.	(a) Carrying 25 'A' frames and 25 duckboards to point on road running from LE GHEER through U.22.central to point U.23.a.1.7. (b) Carrying 50 'A' frames and 50 duckboards to support line trench near isolated tree U.22.b.75.10.	
"C"	4	1 Officer 50 O.Rs	As early as visibility will permit.	LE GHEER Engineers Dump.	Carrying 50 rolls barbed wire, 400 short pickets, 200 long pickets, to Gas Guard U.29.a.30.25.	
"B"	5	1 N.C.O. 10 O.Rs	7'30 a.m.	Junction UNA SUPPORT and UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH.	Revetting.	This party will require Gum boots.

Officers in charge of parties will make themselves familiar with the task to be done and see that necessary tools are available.

W. J. P. H. H. H.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A. I. F. Lieut.

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M. Reference Map Sheet. - DEULEMONT 1/10,000
P. Personnel of patrol. 2 Officers, 25 O.Rs and 1 L.G.
P. Place of going out. IDA POST
T. Time of going out. 12'30 a.m.
P. Purpose of going out. Examine PONT ROUGE and bridge.

P. Place of return. KATHERINE POST
T. Time of return. 3 a.m.
C. Casualties. Nil

I. Information gained.

We went to river bank at U.29.c.40.40. and thence to PLANTATION FARM. Thence along river bank to U.29.a.80.15. From there to U.29.b.50.40. Main patrol was left at this place and 2 Officers and three scouts moved forward to river bank overlooking bridge.

While there a mortar opened fire from about U.29.d.95.80. A machine gun was firing from the vicinity of DOLLS HOUSE into MOAT FARM. A working party was heard about U.30.a.20.70.

No sign of the enemy could be found although ~~signs~~ sounds of movement could be heard close to opposite bank.

Sgd. J. Haswell

APPENDIX 9/5/18 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Programme of patrols for night of 3rd/4th. January 1917.

No.	Strength.	Time and place of going out.	Time and place of return.	Instructions	PASSWORD
1.	1 Officer 20 O.Rs "D" Coy. 1 L.G. & 5 men "B" Coy.	5 p.m. U.29.a.5.8.	8 p.m. U.23.b.2.3.	Examine bridge at TRIANGLE FARM, MINNATION FARM and intervening ground to U.23.b.20.30.	" "BUTTER"
2.	1 Officer 20 O.Rs "A" Coy. 1 L.G. & 5 men. "C" Coy.	12'30 a.m. U.29.c.10.35.	3 a.m. U.29.a.60.30.	Follow river bank from about U.29.c.30.30. to PONT ROUGE Bridge and examine same.	

All posts will be acquainted with this programme by nightfall or as soon as possible afterwards.

ON NO ACCOUNT WILL THIS PROGRAMME BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.

Patrol leader will report to Battalion Headquarters on completion.

When patrol returns, Coy. will wire word "ARMY"

..... *C. W. Smith* Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 18th. Battn.
A.I.F.

PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000.

Personnel of Patrol: 2 Officers (Lieut. Clayton and Lieut. Brown) 30 O.R.'s (including Lewis Gun).

Place of going out: U.29.a.5.8.

Time of going out: 4.45 p.m.

Purpose of going out: To go out to MOAT FARM and lie in wait for HUN patrol for 3 hours. If nothing eventuates attempt to reconnoitre TRIANGLE ~~XXXX~~ BRIDGE. Engage any patrols seen.

Place of return: U.23.b.2.3.

Time of return: 9.30 p.m.

Casualties: NIL.

Information gained: Proceeded to U.23.d.6.4. At this point there is a bridge across the Moat covered with brushwood and French wire. The latter are so arranged that only one man could pass at a time. The 2 Officers and 3 other ranks then reconnoitred the farm and found it unoccupied. The remainder of the patrol were placed in position from U.29.d.9.3. to U.23.d.8.2. and waited in this position from 5.15 p.m. until 8.15 p.m. While waiting no movement whatever was seen. The searchlight mentioned in previous reports flashed three times from URAL HOUSE (approximately). It flashed once direct upon MOAT FARM and remained stationary for about $\frac{1}{2}$ a minute. Three bursts of M.G. fire were opened, one each from guns at about DOLLS HOUSE, U.30.a.3.2. (approx.) and U.24.c.7.9. (All these suspected positions already reported). X Scouts patrolled about 150 yards east of Moat but beyond this distance ground was marshy and impassable. Returned via U.23.b.2.3. No traffic heard in DEULEMONT.

.....Lieut.

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Programme of patrols for night of 4th/5th. January 1918.

No.	Strength.	Time and place of going out.	Time and place of return.	Instructions	PASSWORD.
1.	1 Officer 30 O.Rs Spl. platoon "B" Coy. 1 L.G.	4'45 p.m. U.29.a.5.8.	9 p.m. U.23.b.2.3.	Go out to MOAT FARM and lie in wait for hun patrol for 3 hours. If nothing eventuates attempt to reconnoitre TRIANGLE BRIDGE. Engage any patrols seen.	"WU" JAM
2.	1 Officer 20 O.Rs "A" Coy. 1 L.G. & 5 men "C" Coy.	12'30 a.m. U.29.c.15.85.	3'30 a.m. U.29.a.38.45.	Examine PONT ROUGE bridge and bridge at U.29.b.70.38. and MOAT FARM. Engage any patrols seen.	"TEA" JAM.

All posts will be acquainted with this programme by nightfall or as soon as possible afterwards.

ON NO ACCOUNT WILL THIS PROGRAMME BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.

Patrol leader will report to Battalion Headquarters on completion.

When patrol returns, Coy. will wire word "DAN"

Geo. J. Irvine
.....Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 18th. Battn.
A.I.F.

WORKS PROGRAMME.

4th/5th. January 1918.

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Coy.	No.	Strength.	Time.	Report to.	Task	Remarks.
"B"	1.	1 Officer 50 O.Rs	10'45 p.m.	Task.	Cleaning and preparing SUPPORT LINE for 'A' frames and revetting - 125 yards.	This party will require Gum boots.
"B"	2.	1 Officer 50 O.Rs	10'45 p.m.	Task.	Cleaning and preparing SUPPORT LINE for 'A' frames.	This party will require Gum boots.
"C"	3.	1 Officer 50 O.Rs.	As early as visibility will permit.	LE GHEER Engineers dump.	(a) Carrying 50 'A' frames and 25 duck boards to point on road running from LE GHEER through U.22.central to point U.23.a.1.7. (b) Carrying 25 'A' frames and 25 duck boards to support line trench near isolated tree at U.22.b.75.10.	
"C"	4.	1 Officer 40 O.Rs	As early as visibility will permit.	LE GHEER Engineers Dump.	Carrying 200 medium pickets and 125 coils barbed wire from LE GHEER Engineers Dump to point in UNA LANE U.28.d.7.4.(approx.)	
"B"	5.	1 N.C.O. 10 men.	7'30 a.m.	Junction of UNA SUPPORT and UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH.	Revetting.	This party will require Gum boots.

Officers in charge of parties will make themselves familiar with the task to be done and see that necessary tools are available.

Battn.H.Q.
4/1/18.

Le Robson
.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000.

Personnel of Patrol: 1 Officer (2/Lieut.Maxwell) 25 O.R.'s and L.G.

Place of going out: U.29.c.15.85.

Time of going out: 12.30 a.m.

Purpose of going out: Examine PONT ROUGE BRIDGE and bridge at
U.29.b.70.38. and MOAT FARM and engage any
patrols seen.

Place of return: U.29.a.38.45.

Time of return: 3.30 a.m.

Casualties: NIL.

Information gained: We went out to river bank at about U.29.c.55.50.
and thence along river bank to PONT ROUGE BRIDGE
Myself and three scouts went forward and examined
duckboard bridge at U.29.b.70.38 and found it to be
in good order. No sign of the enemy could be
seen and no sound of movement heard at all. We
rejoined remainder of patrol and went to MOAT FARM
and found it unoccupied. The Moat is frozen hard
and passable. There was no M.G. fire and
practically no flares while patrol was out.

.....2/Lieut.

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18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Programme of patrols for night of 5th/6th. January 1918.

No.	Strength.	Time and place of going out.	Time and place of return.	Instructions.	PASSWORD.
1	1 Officer 15 O.Rs "B" Coy. 1 L.G. & 5 men "D" Coy.	U.23.b.20.25. 5 p.m.	U.23.c.6.1. 8'30 p.m.	Go out to river bank at about U.23.b.70.30.to DOLLS HOUSE. Thence to MOAT FARM. Engage any patrols seen.	"MILK"
2.	1 Officer 15 O.Rs "C" Coy. 1 L.G. & 5 men "A" Coy.	U.29.c.15.75. 12 midnight.	KATHERINE 3'30 a.m.	Examine houses in PONT ROUGE and bridges, and MOAT FARM. Engage any patrols seen.	"MILK"

4'5 Hows. will be firing on DEULEMONT at 10'5 p.m.

All posts will be acquainted with this programme by nightfall or as soon as possible afterwards.

ON NO ACCOUNT WILL THIS PROGRAMME BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.

Patrol leader will report to Battalion Headquarters on completion.

When patrol returns Coy. will wire word "JOHN"

.....
Intelligence Officer, 18th. Battalion,
A.I.F.

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Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000.

Personnel: 1 Officer (2/Lt. McLaren) 15 O.R.'s and 1 L.G.

Place of going out: U.23.B.20.25.

Time of going out: 5 p.m.

Purpose of going out: Examine ground from U.23.b.70.30. to MOAT FARM and engage any patrols seen.

Place of return: U.23.c.6.1.

Time of return: 8.30 p.m.

Casualties: NIL.

Information gained:

I went out to hedge at about U.23.b.70.30 and followed it down to duckboard track at U.23.d.65.55. At this point I spread the patrol out in extended order and went in line right through MOAT FARM searching ground and everything thoroughly. No sign of the enemy was seen and no M.G. fire during the time the patrol was out. Sounds of fairly heavy traffic could be heard in DEULEMONT.

The ground is rapidly thawing and the marshy parts are almost impassable.

APPENDIX 13/5 18th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

Programme of patrols for night of 6th/7th. January 1918.

Strength.	Time and place of going out.	Time and place of return.	Instructions.	PASSWORD.
1 Officer 15 O.Rs "B" Coy. 1 L.G. & 5 men "D" Coy.	U.23.b.20.10. 5 p.m.	U.23.6.90.15. 9 p.m.	Go out to river bank at about U.23.b.7.4. and reconnoitre country and river bank to MOAT FARM, and engage any patrols seen.	"BEEF"
1 Officer 15 O.Rs "C" Coy. 1 L.G. & 5 Men "A" Coy.	U.29.c.10.34. 12 midnight.	U.23.c.60.02. 4 a.m.	Examine country from PAPER HOUSE to PONT ROUGE examining PONT ROUGE Bridge and returning via MOAT FARM. Engage any patrols seen.	"BEEF"

Last identification on this front, Dec. 29th. - 5th. Bavarian Div. - then in line.

All posts will be acquainted with this programme by nightfall or as soon as possible afterwards.

ON NO ACCOUNT WILL THIS PROGRAMME BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.
Patrol leader will report to Battalion Headquarters on completion.
When patrol returns, Coy. will wire word "BULLY"

Distribution.

"A", "B", "C", "D" Coys.
25th. Bn., 20th. Bn.,
5th. A.I. Bde.
File.

Lawrence
.....Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 18th. Battn.

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R. Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10,000
P. Personnel of patrol: 1 Officer (Lt. Hunter), 15 O.Rs and 1 L.G.
P. Place of going out: U.29.c.15.75.
T. Time of going out: 12 midnight.
P. Purpose of going out: Examine houses in PONT ROUGE and MOAT FARM.
P. Place of return: KATHERINE POST
T. Time of return: 3'30 a.m.
C. Casualties: Nil.

I. Information gained:

I went out from IDA POST to river bank about U.29.c.4.4. thence on to PONT ROUGE bridge. From there I went along road and ~~exam~~ and searched all the houses thoroughly. From about U.29.b.20.70. I struck across towards MOAT FARM. I examined the Farm and found it unoccupied. While at MOAT FARM a flare was sent up which appeared to come from this side of the river. I went on to about U.24.c.00.60. but could find no trace of anything.

The ground was beginning to thaw and the marshes are rapidly becoming impassable. No traffic was heard in DEULEMONT at all and only one burst of a Machine gun was fired into MOAT FARM.

W. D. Hunter
18th Dec 1918

WORKS PROGRAMME.

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18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

5th/6th. January 1918.

Coy.	Strength.	Task No.	Time.	Report to	Task	Remarks
"A"	1 Officer 40 O.Rs	1	10'45 p.m.	Junction of UNA SUPPORT and UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH. 22.d.7.6.	Cleaning and preparing traverses of new support line for revetment, and 'A' frames.	This party requires Gum boots.
"A"	1 Officer 50 O.Rs	2	10'45 p.m.	-do-	Revetting and fixing of parapet of NEW SUPPORT LINE.	This party requires Gum boots.
"D"	1 Officer 40 O.Rs	3	10'45 p.m.	Left Company H.Q.	To carry all wire and pickets forward from XXXXX Left Coy.H.Q. to point clear of head of communication sap. In report state quantity moved.	
"D"	1 Officer 50 O.Rs	4	10'45 p.m.	LE GREER Dump.	To carry 100 medium pickets, 138 coils barbed wire. to Gas Guard U.29.a.30.25.	
"D"	1 N.C.O. 10 O.Rs	5	7'30 a.m.	Junction of UNA SUPPORT and UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH. 22.d.7.6.	Revetting.	This party requires Gum boots.

Officers in charge of parties will make themselves familiar with the task to be done and see that necessary tools are available.

When forwarding works return, please state time at which the party returned.

18th. Bn.H.Q.
5/1/18.

RobsonLieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000.

Personnel of Patrol: 2 Officers (Lieut. Harrison and 2/Lieut. McLaren)
20 O.R.'s and L.G.

Place of going out: U.23.B.20.10.

Time of going out: 5 p.m.

Purpose of going out: Go out to river bank at about U.23.b.7.4. and
reconnoitre country and river bank to MOAT
FARM, and engage any patrols seen.

Place of return: U.23.c.90.15.

Time of return: 9 p.m.

Casualties: NIL.

Information gained: We went out to river bank at about U.23.b.60.40
and followed river bank down to old track and
thence along to hedge at U.23.d.70.50. From
there the patrol was spread out into extended order
and MOAT FARM and surrounding ground was thoroughly
searched. The ground is rapidly thawing and in
places almost impassable.

There were only two bursts of M.G. fire and
no flares during whole time patrol was out. No
traffic heard in DEULEMONT, and no signs of
enemy movement at all.

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Programme of patrols for night of 7th/8th. January 1918.

No.	Strength.	Place and time of going out.	Place and time of return.	Instructions.	PASSWORD
1	1 Officer 15 O.Rs "B" Coy. 1 L.G. & 5 men "D" Coy.	U.29.a.50.75. 5 p.m.	U.23.b.20.25. 9 p.m.	Go to MOAT FARM and to river opposite DOLLS HOUSE. Examine "BISCUITS" country from there to northern boundary and engage any patrols seen.	
2	1 Officer 15 O.Rs "C" Coy. 1 L.G. & 5 men "A" Coy.	U.29.a.38.45. 12'30 a.m.	U.29.c.15.85. 4 a.m.	Go to MOAT FARM thence to bridge at TRIANGLE FARM to PONT ROUGE Bridge, to PLANTATION FARM, and PAPER HOUSE and engage any patrols seen.	"

All posts will be acquainted with this programme by nightfall or as soon
as possible afterwards.

ON NO ACCOUNT WILL THIS PROGRAMME BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

Patrol leader will report to Battalion Headquarters on completion.

When patrol returns, Coy. will wire word "HARD"

Distribution.

File	"D" Coy.
"A" Coy.	5th.A.I.Bde.
"B" Coy.	25th.Battn.
"C" Coy.	20th.Battn.

.....Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 18th. Battn.

PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000.

Personnel of Patrol: 1 Officer (Lieut. Hunter) 20 O.R.'s and L.G.

Place of going out: U.29.c.10.34.

Time of going out: 12 midnight.

Purpose of going out: Examine country from PAPER HOUSE to PONT ROUGE, examine bridge and return via MOAT FARM.

Place of return: U.23.c.60.02.

Time of return: 4 a.m.

Casualties: NIL.

Information gained: I went out to PAPER HOUSE, to PLANTATION FARM and thence to PONT ROUGE. All houses were examined thoroughly and no traces of occupation found. From house at U.29.b.50.40 we went across to MOAT FARM and searched it thoroughly and found no trace. The ground is rapidly thawing and has become boggy and soft. The marshy parts are becoming almost impassable.

There were no flares and no M.G. fire during patrol. No traffic heard in DEULEMONT.

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18th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

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Night 6th/7th. January 1918.

Coy.	Strength.	Task No.	Time.	Report to	Task	Remarks.
"D"	1 N.C.O. 6 men.	1.	2'30 pm.	Task	Cleaning and draining dug-outs.	This party will require Gum boots.
"D"	1 Officer 50 O.Rs. 15	2.	As soon as visibility permits.		Carrying curved iron and water pipes to UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	
"D"	1 N.C.O. 10 men.	3.	7'30 am.	End of duck-boards UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	Revetting.	This party requires Gum boots.
"D"	1 Officer 15 men.	4.	7'30 am.	Task	Erecting shelters UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	The same party of men as employed on Task No.2 will complete this task.
"D"	1 Officer 60 O.Rs.	5.	as soon as visibility permits.	LE GHEER Dump.	Carrying 120 coils barbed wire, 200 long pickets, 160 short pickets, to point near wire in front of isolated tree, U.22.b.75.10.	
"A"	1 Officer 50 O.Rs.	6.	10'30 pm.	Task.	Revetting and fixing parapet of UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	This party requires Gum boots.
"A"	1 Officer 50 O.Rs.	7.	10'30 pm	Task.	Revetting and fixing parapet of UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	This party requires Gum boots.

Officers in charge of parties will make themselves familiar with the task to be done and see that the necessary tools are available.

18th. Bn. H.Q.
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Le Hobson

.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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26th/8th January 1918.

Co.	Strength.	Task No.	Time.	Report to.	Task.	Remarks.
A"	1 Officer 50 O.Rs.	1.	4 p.m. If misty 2 p.m. 7/1/18.	Task.	Revetting and fixing parapet of ^{temporary} Support line.	This party will require gum boots.
A"	1 Officer 50 O.Rs.	2.	4 p.m. If misty 2 p.m. 7/1/18.	Task.	Revetting and fixing parapet of Umpire Support trench.	This party will require gum boots.
D"	1 N.C.O. 30 O.Rs.	3.	7.30 a.m. 8/1/18.	Task.	Fixing 'A' Frames and revetting and duckboarding Umpire Support trench.	This party will require gum boots.
"D"	1 N.C.O. 15 O.Rs.	4.	7.50 a.m. 8/1/18.	Task.	Erecting shelters Umpire Support trench.	
D"	1 N.C.O. 12 O.Rs.	5.	1 p.m. 7/1/18.	Task.	Cleaning up dugouts and blocking and opening dugout near Umpire Support trench.	
"D"	1 N.C.O. 8 O.Rs.	6.	1 p.m. 7/1/18.	"B" Coy. H.Q.	Cleaning up dugout near left Coy. H.Q.	This party will carry up pump near junction of UNA SUPPORT and UMPIRE DRIVE south to 'C' Coy. H.Q.
"D"	1 N.C.O. 5 O.Rs.	7.	1 p.m. 7/1/18.	"C" Coy. H.Q.	Cleaning up and blocking end of dugout near 'C' Coy. H.Q.	
"D"	1 Officer 50 O.Rs.	8.	4 p.m. If misty 2 p.m. 7/1/18.	Task.	Revetting and fixing 'A' frames and duckboards in UMPIRE SUPPORT line.	This party will require gum boots.

Officers and N.C.O's in charge of parties will make themselves familiar with the task to be done and see that the necessary tools are available.

18th Bn.H.Q.
7/1/18.

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Adjutant 18th Battalion A.I.F?

APPENDIX

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PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10,000.

Personnel of patrol: 1 Officer (Lt. Harrison) 20 O.Rs and 1 L.G.

Place of going out: U.29.a.50.75.

Time of going out: 5 p.m.

Purpose of going out:
~~MEMORANDUM RETURN:~~ To go to MOAT FARM and to river opposite DOLLS HOUSE. Examine country from there to northern boundary and eggage any patrols seen.

Place if return: U.23.b.20.25.

Time of return: 9 p.m.

Casualties: Nil

Information gained: Went first to hedge at U.23.d.5.3. thence worked through farm from north to south (starting from hedge at 23.d.8.4.) Posted three groups at, respectively, 23.d.55.35. 23.d.90.00. and 23.d.65.45. with the object of watching for any enemy movement in the vicinity of the Farm. Waited for 1½ hours but no movement was seen whatever. After waiting for 1½ hours, went to ditch at 23.d.80.55. There is a sleepered bridge roadway here leading E.N.E. along the ditch towards the river. The bridge is composed of sleepers 6" x 3" about, and about 7' wide, and well laid. Trees have fallen across the track in places and one or two direct hits have taken place on it. Patrolled down bridge to U.24.c.00.65. The marsh alongside the bridge at this point is very thick and impassable. Went from this point to hedge at 23.b.40.20. and thence re-entered. Only one burst of M.G.fire, while approaching MOAT FARM,. No Trench Mortar activity. Flares - at regular intervals on left of our front.

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18th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

Patrol programme for night of 8th./9th. January 1918.

o.	Strength.	Place and time		Instructions	PASSWORD
		of going out.	of return.		
1.	1 Officer 15 O.Rs "B" Coy. 1 L.G.& 5 men "D" Coy.	KATHERINE POST 4'45 p.m.	U.23.d.20.80. 9 p.m.	Go to MOAT FARM and lie in wait for enemy patrol.	"RICE"
2.	1 Officer 15 O.Rs. "C" Coy. 1 L.G.& 5 men "A" Coy.	KATHERINE POST 12'30 a.m.	IDA POST 4 a.m.	Go to MOAT FARM and lie in wait for enemy patrol. Return via PONT ROUGE Bridge and PLANTATION FARM.	"RICE"

All posts will be acquainted with this programme by nightfall or as soon as possible afterwards.

ON NO ACCOUNT WILL THIS PROGRAMME BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.
Patrol leader will report to Battalion Headquarters on completion.
When patrol returns, Coy. will wire word "CHOW"

Distribution.

"A" Coy.	File.
"B" Coy.	5th.A.I.Bde.
"C" Coy.	25th.Battn.
"D" Coy.	20th.Battn.

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Intelligence Officer, 18th. Battn.

PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10,000

Personnel of patrol: 1 Officer (Lt. Hunter) 20 O.Rs and 1 L.G.

Place of going out: U.29.a.38.45.

Time of going out: 12'30 a.m.

Purpose of going out: Go to MOAT FARM, thence to PONT ROUGE Bridge, to PLANTATION FARM and PAPER HOUSE and engage any patrols seen.

Place of return: U.29.c.15.85.

Time of return: 4 a.m.

Casualties: Nil

Information gained: I took patrol to about U.23.d.70.05. From there I took three scouts forward towards MOAT. When about 10 yards from the MOAT at U.23.d.75.15. I heard two men cough and then some sounds of whispering from across the MOAT. I immediately sent a scout back and brought the patrol forward and placed them in position about U.23.d.80.40. I took scouts forward again and searched the Farm and cellars thoroughly with no result. I found three new stick bombs at about U.23.d.90.20. It was only 10 minutes from the time I first heard the coughing until I found the bombs. There is a well worn path leading along southern side of MOAT towards the river. We went to about U.24.c.15.35. and moved southwards. When about U.29.b.90.90. several bursts of M.G. fire came from the direction of URAL HOUSE. I examined all the houses in PONT ROUGE thoroughly.

No traffic was heard in DEULEMONT. PLANTATION FARM unoccupied.

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18th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

Programme of patrols for night of 18th/19th. January 1918.

o. Strength.	Place and time of departure.	Place and time of return.	Instructions	PASSWORD
1 Officer 10 O.Rs "C" Coy.	IDA POST 6 p.m.	U.29.a.35.45. 9'30 p.m.	Visit PAPER HOUSE and PLANTATION FARM and houses in PONT ROUGE if possible and report on state of water and ground.	"VIPER"
1 Officer 10 O.Rs "B" Coy.	U.23.b.25.30. 10 p.m.	KATHERINE 12'30 a.m.	Go out to waters edge and follow it down and visit MOAT FARM. Report on state of water and ground.	"
1 N.C.O. 10 O.Rs "C" Coy.	1 a.m.	3'30 a.m.	S a m e a s No. 1.	
1 N.C.O. 10 O.Rs "B" Coy.	3'30 a.m.	6 a.m.	S a m e a s No. 2.	

All posts will be acquainted with this programme by nightfall or as soon as possible afterwards.

ON NO ACCOUNT WILL THIS PROGRAMME BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.

Patrol leader will report to Battalion Headquarters on completion.

When patrol returns, Coy. will wire word "POISON"

Distribution.

"A" Coy. File.
 "B" Coy. 5th.A.I.Bde.
 "C" Coy. Left Battn.
 "D" Coy. Right Battn.

.....Lieut.
 Intelligence Officer 18th.Battalion.

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PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000.

Personnel of Patrol: 1 Officer (Lieut. Harrison) 20 O.Rs and 1 L.G.

Time of going out: 5 p.m.

Place of going out: KATHERINE POST.

Purpose of going out: Go to MOAT FARM and wait for enemy patrol.

Place of return: U.23.d.20.80.

Time of return: 9 p.m.

Casualties: NIL.

Information gained: I went out to MOAT FARM which was unoccupied.
I then split the patrol up into four posts
and established them round the FARM.
We remained therefor three hours. No sound
or movement of any sort could be heard.

John C. Harrison Lt.

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PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000.

Personnel of Patrol: 1 Officer (Lieut. Hunter) 20 O.Rs and 1 L.G.

Place of going out: KATHERINE POST.

Time of going out: 12.30 a.m.

Purpose of going out: Go to MOAT FARM and lie in wait for enemy patrol. Return via PONT ROUGE bridge and PLANTATION FARM.

Place of return: IDA POST.

Time of return: 4 a.m.

Casualties; NIL.

Information gained: I went out to MOAT FARM and occupied it with my patrol for three hours. No sign of enemy could be found. We returned via PONT ROUGE bridge to PLANTATION FARM.

There were no signs of enemy movement and no M.G. fire or flares during time of patrol.

The ground is again freezing hard and the marshy ground should be passable in a few hours.

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WORKS PROGRAMME.

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Coy.	Strength.	Task No.	Time	Report to	Task	Remarks
"A"	1 Officer 50 O.Rs.	✓ 1	4 a.m. 9/1/18.	Task	Revetting and fixing parapet of UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	This party will require Gum boots.
"A"	1 Officer 30 O.Rs.	✓ 2	4 a.m. 9/1/18.	Task	Revetting and fixing parapet of UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	This party will require Gum boots.
"D"	3 N.C.Os 30 O.Rs.	✓ 3	7'30 a.m. 9/1/18.	Task	Fixing 'A' frames, revetting and duckboarding UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	This party will require Gum boots.
"D"	1 N.C.O. 15 men.	✓ 4	7'30 a.m. 9/1/18.	Task	Erecting shelters in UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	
"D"	1 N.C.O. 8 men.	✓ 5	7'30 a.m. 9/1/18.	Task	Cleaning and blocking up dugouts near UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	This party will require Gum boots.
"D"	1 N.C.O. 20 men.	✓ 6	7'30 a.m. 9/1/18.	Task	Cleaning up saps and dugouts near "B" Coy.H.Q.	This party will require Gum boots.
"D"	1 Officer 30 O.Rs.	✓ 7	4 a.m. 9/1/18.	Task	Revetting and fixing parapet of UMPIRE SUPPORT LINE.	This party will require Gum boots.

Officers in charge of parties will make themselves familiar with the job to be done and will see that the necessary tools are available.

LeRobson

.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 1.

Battalion Headquarters,
7th. January 1918.

Reference Maps:- Sheet 28. 1/40,000.
Sheet 36. 1/40,000.

1. (a) The 18th. Battalion will be relieved by the 19th. Battalion in the line (left sub-sector of Brigade front) on 9th. January and night of 9th/10th. January 1918.
(b) After relief, 18th. Battalion will take over dispositions of 19th. Battalion in support, according to relief table attached.
2. Advanced parties of 1 O.R. per platoon and Coy. H.Q. for "B" and "C" Coys. and 1 Officer and 5 O.R. per Company for "A" and "D" Coys. will move according to attached table.
3. In relief, all trench stores etc. will be handed over and receipts obtained. "A" and "D" Coys. will take over stores etc. in FUSILIER LOOP. Two copies of all receipts will be forwarded to Battalion H.Q. by 10 a.m. on 10th. inst.
4. GUM BOOTS - "A" and "D" Coys. will retain gum boots in their possession, at the time of ~~actual~~ relief. All gum boots in possession of "B" and "C" Coys. will be handed over at KEEPERS HUT by parties to be specially detailed for the purpose, to C.Q.M.S. Meads. They will then be delivered direct to Q.M. Store by Transport.
5. Lewis guns of "B" and "C" Coys. and all gear for transport will be loaded at KEEPERS HUT. Transport Officer will detail necessary transport to be at KEEPERS HUT at 3'30 p.m. 10th. inst.
6. On arrival at new area, immediate steps will be taken to clean up equipment, clothes etc..
All men will be shaven and ready for inspection, if called upon, by 11 a.m. 10th. inst.
7. Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion H.Q. by code wire
8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 4 p.m. 7/1/18
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Distribution.

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2. "A" Company.
3. "B" Company.
4. "C" Company.
5. "D" Company.
6. T.O. & Q.M.
7. 19th. Battalion.
8. 5th. A.I. Bde.
9. War Diary.
10. "
11. "

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R E L I E F T A B L ETo accompany 18th. Battalion Order No. 1.

To be relieved.	To be relieved by	To move on relief to	Advanced parties.	Route and Remarks.
"C" Coy. 18th. Bn.	? Coy. 19th. Bn.	} INCERSOLL CAMP B. 10. a. 70. 80.	Report to Lieut. Johnson at Battn. H.Q. 11 a.m. 9th. inst.	UMPIRE ROW - UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH - UMPIRE DRIVE - KEEPERS HUT - FLOEGSTEERT - LE ROMARIN.
"B" Coy. 18th. Bn.	? Coy. 19th. Bn.			
"A" Coy. 18th. Bn.	? Coy. 19th. Bn.	} FUSILIER LOOP.	Independently, to reach respective new areas by noon 9th. inst.	At discretion - "A" Coy. to move clear of saps in vicinity of Battalion H.Q.
"D" Coy. 18th. Bn.	? Coy. 19th. Bn.			
H.Q. 18th. Bn.	H.Q. 19th. Bn.	} INCERSOLL CAMP	As for "B" and "C" Coys.	KEEPERS HUT - LE ROMARIN.

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No.2.

Copy No. 8

Battalion Headquarters,
11th. January 1918.

Reference Maps:- Sheet 28. 1/40,000
Sheet 36. 1/40,000

1. (a) Following inter company reliefs will take place on dates as under:-

12th. January 1918 - "C" Coy. will relieve "A" Coy.
13th. January 1918 - "B" " " " " "D" Coy.

(b) After relief, "A" and "D" Coys. will take over billets at INGERSOLL CAMP at present occupied by "C" and "B" Coys. respectively.

(c) The work at present carried out by "A" and "D" Coys. will be taken over by "C" and "B" Coys. without interruption.

2. Lewis guns etc. of ingoing Coys. will be ready for loading alongside road near Coy. lines at noon on the day of relief.

Transport Officer will arrange to move gear of ingoing Coys. to LANCASHIRE COTTAGE and to pick up gear of outgoing Coys. at the same place after relief. Packs and gear for storage will be stacked by noon.

3. (a) One copy of receipts for stores etc. will be forwarded to Batta. H.Q. by noon on the day subsequent to relief.

(b) Gum boots will be handed over on relief to the ingoing Coys.

4. Subject to the terms of this order, details will be arranged mutually by the Coy. Commanders concerned, subject to the proviso that the sequence of working parties must not be interrupted.

5. Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion H.Q. by wire in code.

6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A. I. F.

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2. "A" Company.
3. "B" Company.
4. "C" Company.
5. "D" Company.
6. T.O. & Q.M.
7. 19th. Battalion.
8. War Diary.
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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 3.

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Battalion Headquarters,
14th. January 1918.

Reference Maps:- Sheet 28. 1/40,000
Sheet 36. 1/40,000

1. (a) The 18th. Battalion will relieve the 19th. Battalion in the left sector of the front line on night of 17th/18th. January 1918.
(b) Dispositions will be taken over by the 18th. Battalion as follows -
 - Line Left - "B" Company.
 - Line Right - "C" Company, (plus personnel from "A" Coy. as in para. 1 (c))
 - Support - "A" Company, (less personnel as in para. 1 (c))
 - Reserve - "D" Company.
(c) "A" Coy., "B" and "C" Coys. will arrange mutually for the attachment of sufficient personnel from "A" Coy. to "C" Coy., to bring "C" Coy. to necessary strength. This party will report to "C" Coy. not later than 3'30 p.m. 17th. inst.
2. The usual advanced parties will be detailed to proceed to corresponding parts of 19th. Battalion on morning of 17th. inst.
3. All gear to be moved to the line from "A" and "B" Coys. will be ready for loading at 1 p.m. 17th. inst.
Gear for M. Store will be ready for loading at noon 17th. inst.
4. All billets, huts, and trenches vacated will be left in a clean and sanitary condition and certificate obtained from advanced parties of 19th. Battalion. Copy of certificates will be forwarded to Bttn. H.Q. by 10 a.m. 18th. inst.
5. In relief, all dumps, trench stores etc. will be taken over and receipts given. Two copies of all receipts will be forwarded to Bttn. H.Q. by first runner after relief is complete.
6. Gun Boots. - "B" and "C" Coys. will retain boots at present in possession.
M. will arrange to draw 85 pairs boots from drying shed and to issue 40 pairs per Coy. to "A" and "D" Coys. by noon 17th. inst.
7. "A" and "D" Coys. will be ready to move from present camp at 2 p.m. 17th. inst.
"B" and "C" Coys. will move from FUSILIER LOOP as soon as visibility permits.
8. Completion of relief will be reported to Battalion H.Q. by code wire.
9. Disposition reports giving number of rifles on each post etc. will reach Battalion H.Q. by 7 a.m. 18th. inst.
10. A S A N O F F E D G N.

Le Robinson

Issued at 10 a.m. 15/1/18
by runner.

..... Lieut. 4
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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| Copy No. 2. "A" Coy. | 8. Transport Officer |
| 3. "B" Coy. | 9. Int. Officer. |
| 4. "C" Coy. | 10. 19th. Battalion. |
| 5. "D" Coy. | 11. 5th. A.I. Sde. |
| 6. Sig. Off. | 12. War Diary |
| 7. C.M. | 13. " |
| | 14. " |

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PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000
Personnel of Patrol: 1 Officer (Lieut. R.D.Hunter) and 10 O.Rs.
Place of going out: IDA POST.
Time of going out: 8 P.M.
Purpose of going out: Go out to PAPER HOUSE and PLANTATION FARM and report on state of ground and river.

Place of return: 26 post.

Time of return: 10 p.m.

Casualties: NIL.

Information gained: I went out from IDA POST to PAPER HOUSE . The river is up to about 10 yards of PAPER HOUSE and appears to be about 100 yards wide. I then went along hedge running from PAPER HOUSE to PLANTATION FARM. The water is up to eastern edge of PLANTATION FARM. The low ground north of PLANTATION FARM running back to road U.29.a.55.10 is under water. I then returned through 26 post. No enemy movement could be seen or heard.

R.D. Hunter

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PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000

Personnel of Patrol: 1 Officer (2/Lieut. McLaren) and 10 O.Rs

Place of going out: 28 Post.

Time of going out: 10.15 P.m.

Purpose of going out: Report on condition of KATHERINE POST and state of ground and river in front of sector.

Place of return:

Time of return: Midnight.

Casualties: NIL.

Information gained: I went out from 28 post to approximately U.23.b.50.20. striking edge of river. I then went along waters edge which runs to hedge at U.23.d.70.55. thence along hedge to U.23.d.45.35 I then went on to MOAT FARM which is partly under water. We crossed the MOAT on N.W. side and found the farm unoccupied. All low lying ground between MOAT FARM and the river is under water and impassable on foot. I then went back to KATHERINE POST thence along road to U.29.c.90.50. No enemy movement was seen or heard.

W. J. J. J.

PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000
 Personnel of Patrol: 1 Sgt. and 10 O.Rs.
 Place of going out: U.23.d.15.85.
 Time of going out: 3 a.m.
 Purpose of going out: Report on state of ground and river in front of sector. Also examine approaches to MOAT FARM from our side.
 Place of return:
 Time of return: 5 a.m.
 Casualties: NIL.
 Information gained: Went out at 3 a.m. from U.23d.15.85. and struck waters edge about U.23.b.50.20. I followed it down to about U.23.d.60.50. and then struck road about U.23.d.40.20. and went along road to MOAT through water knee deep. I did not go into FARM as MOAT appeared impassable. I came back to KATHERINE and thence to line about U.23.c.65.05. I am of the opinion that KATHERINE is not fit to be occupied as the posts are full of water. There were several bursts of M.G. fire from the direction of DOLLS HOUSE.

Sgt. Mackenzie.

APPENDIX 31/2/18 18th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

Programme of patrols for night of 19/20th. January 1918.

No.	Strength.	Time and place of departure.	Time and place of return.	Instructions.
1.	1 Officer 10 O.R. <i>Right Coy</i>	U.29.a.35.45. 6 p.m.	IDA POST 9 p.m.	Visit PONT ROUGE and bridge and return via PLANTATION FARM and PAPER HOUSE.
2.	1 N.C.O. 10 O.R. <i>Left Coy</i>	KATHERINE 10 p.m.	U.23.b.25.30. 12'30 a.m.	Go to MOAT FARM and thence along water's edge to northern boundary.
3.	1 N.C.O. 10 O.R. <i>R Coy</i>	1 a.m.	3'30 a.m.	Same as No.1.
4.	1 Officer 10 O.R. <i>L Coy</i>	3'30 a.m.	6 a.m.	Same as No.2.

PASSWORD - "RATTLER"

All posts will be acquainted with this programme by nightfall or as soon as possible afterwards.
ON NO ACCOUNT WILL THIS PROGRAMME BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.
Patrol leader will report to Battalion Headquarters on completion.
When patrol returns, Coy. will wire word "TROUSERS".

Distribution.
"A" Coy. File.
"B" Coy. 5th.A.I.Bde.
"C" Coy. Right Battn.
"D" Coy. Left Battn.

Lt Robson
.....Lieut.
Intelligence Officer, 18th. Battn.

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PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10,000
 Personnel of Patrol: 1 Officer (Lieut. Hunter) and 10 O.Rs.
 Place of going out: IDA POST
 Time of going out: 6 p.m.
 Purpose of going out: To visit PAPER HOUSE and PLANTATION FARM and houses in PONT ROUGE if possible, and report on state of water and ground.

Place of return: U.29.a.35.45.

Time of return: 9'30 p.m.

Casualties: Nil.

Information gained:

I went out from IDA POST to PAPER HOUSE and on to the edge of the river which is still flooded. There is no decided difference in the height of the river during the last 24 hours. I then moved along the hedge running from PAPER HOUSE to PLANTATION FARM, the water being close up to the hedge the whole way along. Then I moved back, striking the road at about U.29.c.50.95. and moved along the road to PONT ROUGE Bridge. The low ground between PLANTATION FARM and PONT ROUGE is under water. The water is flowing over the top of PONT ROUGE Bridge and running very swiftly. I then moved back along the road to about U.29.b.20.65. thence across to MOAT FARM which is still partly inundated and shows no signs of occupation. I then returned through U.29.a.35.45. Both KATE and KATHERINE Posts are under water. The nature of the ground in front of our line is very marshy and boggy.

Robert Hunter

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W. M. Farny ^{2nd} Lt.

PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10,000

Personnel of patrol: 1 N.C.O. (Cpl. Starr) and 10 O.R.

Place of going out: IDA POST

Time of going out: 1 a.m.

Purpose of going out: To go out to PAPER HOUSE and PLANTATION FARM and examine houses in PONT ROUGE and report on state of water and ground.

Place of return: U.29.a.35.45.

Time of return: 3'30 a.m.

Casualties: Nil

Information gained: I went to PAPER HOUSE and PLANTATION FARM, thence across to road at about U.29.b.20.80. Then I went along road to river bank overlooking bridge. The banks of the river at the bridge are practically the same owing to height and the water runs very swiftly. It would be impossible for anyone to cross the river here. While there a flare was fired from about U.30.a.30.20. No other sign of movement was noticed at all.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10,000
Personnel of patrol: 1 N.C.O. (Sgt. Mackenzie) and 10 O.R.
Place of going out: U.23.b.25.30.
Time of going out: 3 a.m.
Purpose of going out: To go out to water's edge and follow it down to MOAT FARM and report on state of ground.

Place of return: KATHERINE POST
Time of return: 5'45 a.m.
Casualties: Nil

Information gained: I went out to water's edge at about U.23.b.50.30. and followed ~~water's~~ water's edge along to ditch at about U.23.d.50.40. It was too deep and wide to cross so I came back and got on to road about KATHERINE POST and followed it to about U.23.d.65.35. After about U.23.d.45.25. the water on the road is over knee deep and almost impassable. The water in the farm itself appears to be fairly deep around the walls. The water and the ground are in about the same state as last night. I came back along the PONT ROUGE road and examined old houses at about U.29.b.3.6. The water on both sides of the road is fairly deep, but the road is quite passable.

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18th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

WORKS PROGRAMME.

Co	Coy.	Time	Strength	Work	
	"A"	6 a.m. - 8'30 am.	1 Officer 30 O.R.	Cleaning and drainage of UMPIRE AVENUE.	
	"A"	7 a.m.	1 Officer 15 O.R.	To report to O.C., "C" Coy. at 7 a.m. to clear No.15 Post.	
	"D"	7'15 a.m.	1 N.C.O. 10 men.	To report to O.C., "C" Coy. at 7'15 a.m. to drain between NETTY POST and No.16 Post.	
	"C"	4'30 p.m.	1 Officer 30 O.R.	Cleaning and drainage of UMPIRE AVENUE.	
	"A"	-	1 N.C.O. 2 men.	To patrol WARRAVE and clear possible obstructions.	
	"D"	7 a.m.	1 N.C.O. 18 men.	To meet sapper at LANCASHIRE SUPPORT FARM at 7 a.m.	

As many as possible to wear Gun boots.

Le Hobson

.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

19th. January 1918.

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1 Officer (Lieut. Burt) and 10 O.Rs.

U.29.a.35.45.

6 p.m.

Visit PONT ROUGE and bridge and return via
PLANTATION FARM and PAPER HOUSE.

IDA POST

9 p.m.

NIL.

I went out and struck old wall about U.29.a.8.5.
and thence along to road junction and thence along
PONT ROUGE road to about U.29.b.4.4. All the old
houses on road were examined. On both sides of
river the water is very deep and impassable. I
returned via PLANTATION FARM and PAPER HOUSE. There
was no M.G. fire and no flares during patrol.
No signs of enemy movement. The river at PLANTATION
FARM appears to be about 400 yards wide and is
running fairly strongly.

PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000
 Personnel of patrol: 1 Officer (Lieut. Brown) and 10 O.Rs.
 Place of going out: KATHERINE.
 Time of going out: 3.30 a.m.
 Purpose of going out: Go to MOAT FARM and thence along waters edge to northern boundary.

Place of return: U.23.b.25.30.
 Time of return: 12.30 a.m.
 Casualties: NIL.
 Information gained: Went out & at KATHERINE POST and proceeded to MOAT FARM along waters edge. MOAT FARM still being totally submerged except for one wall. I then patrolled along waters edge to U.23.b.50.40. The water edge follows contour 15 in U.23.b. and d. River water is flowing at rate of approximately 5 to 6 miles per hour. Nothing unusual occurred during patrol. Traffic was heard in direction of DEULEMONT and judging from sound in my opinion only a few vehicles were moving. The ground from our trenches to waters edge is quite passable for patrols.

Lieut. J. H. Brown

18th Battalion.

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PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10,000
 Personnel of patrol: 1 Officer (Lieut. Brown) and 10 O.R.
 Place of going out: KATHERINE POST
 Time of going out: 6 p.m.
 Purpose of going out: To visit MOAT FARM and follow river to northern boundary reporting on state of ground and water.
 Place of return: U.23.b.20.25.
 Time of return: 9 p.m.
 Casualties: Nil.
 Information gained: I went out from KATHERINE POST and proceeded to water's edge, and after visiting MOAT FARM patrolled the river to about U.23.b.50.40. No sign of the enemy was seen.
 The water has receded about 10 yards. The ground is now passable for infantry to the water's edge.
 No sounds of traffic could be heard.

Lieut. Brown Lieut.

WORKS PROGRAMME.

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Date... 19/20th. January.

18th. BATTALION, A.I.F.

Coy.	Strength.	Task No.	Time.	Report to	Task	Remarks
"B"	1 N.C.O. 6 O.R.	✓ 1.	9'30 a.m.		To patrol all trenches in Battalion Area.	N.C.O. to report to Lieut. Daniel at Battn. H.Q. at 7'30 a.m. - This party requires gum boots.
"B"	2 Officers. 50 O.R.	✓ 2.	As early as possible.	UMPIRE AVENUE	To carry 40 'A' frames from LE CHEER Dump & 50 shovels from UMPIRE SUPPORT. <i>to work on UMPIRE AVENUE.</i>	
"C"	1 Officer 30 O.R.	✓ 3.	7 a.m.	Task	Draining and clearing UMPIRE AVENUE.	All these parties
"C"	1 N.C.O. 10 O.R.	✓ 4.	9 a.m.	O.C. "A" Coy.	Draining and clearing UNA AVENUE between HETTY POST and GAS GUARD.	require gum boots.
"B"	1 Officer 15 O.R.	✓ 5.	9 a.m.	O.C. "A" Coy.	Draining and clearing No.15 Post	
"C"	1 N.C.O. 12 O.R.	✓ 6.	8 a.m.	Task	Draining and clearing drain along road passing near Battalion H.Q.	

B 1 N.C.O. 18 Others 7 7 a.m. Lancashire Support Work with Sappers. *Require Gum Boots*
Officers in charge of parties will make themselves familiar with the task to be done and see that the necessary tools are available.

Battalion H.Q.
19/1/18.

L. Hobson
.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/40,000
 Personnel of patrol: 1 Officer (Lieut. Brown) and 10 O.R.
 Place of going out: KATHERINE POST
 Time of going out: 6 p.m.
 Purpose of going out: Visit MOAT FARM and follow river round to northern boundary, reporting on state of ground and water.

Place of return: KATHERINE POST
 Time of return: 9 p.m.
 Casualties: Nil

Information gained: I went out at KATHERINE POST and patrolled the water's edge to Battn. northern boundary. The water's edge was lying just below the 15 m contour passing through 23.d.6.4. I returned along the water's edge and visited MOAT FARM. The bank of the Moat on the western side is clear of water. The farm itself is surrounded by water. There was no sign of anyone near the farm. Thence I went to PONT ROUGE and investigated old buildings at 29.b.25.60. and dump (old) at cross roads (29.b.20.65.) In building at 29.b.25.60. were found papers which are forwarded with this report.
 I returned along road to KATHERINE POST.

Lieut. Brown

18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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20/21st. January 1918.

Coy.	Strength.	Task No.	Time	Report to	Task	Remarks
"B"	1 N.C.O. 12 O.R.	1. ✓	7 a.m.	LANCASHIRE SUPPORT	Repairing and maintaining trenches under sapper's supervision.	
"C"	1 Officer 30 O.R.	2. ✓	5 p.m.	Task	General construction and repairing to UMPIRE AVENUE between O.G.I. and UMPIRE ROW.	All these parties require Gum Boots.
"C"	1 Officer 30 O.R.	3.	7 a.m.	Task	General construction and repairing to UMPIRE AVENUE between O.G.I. and UMPIRE ROW.	
"B"	2 Officers 50 O.R.	4. ✓	5 p.m.	O.C. "D" Coy.	General clearing and draining of UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH forward of Company Headquarters.	
"B"	1 Officer 15 O.R.	5. ✓	5 p.m. to 9 p.m.	O.C. "A" Coy.	Draining and clearing No.15, 15A, & IDA POSTS.	
"B"	1 Officer 15 O.R.	6. ✓	7 a.m. to 11 a.m.	O.C. "A" Coy.	Draining and clearing No.15, 15A, & IDA POSTS.	
"C"	1 Officer 15 O.R.	7. ✓	5'30 p.m.	O.C. "A" Coy.	Draining and clearing No.16 Post.	This party requires Gum boots, heavy wire cutters, shovels, & axe.

Officers in charge of parties will make themselves familiar with the task to be done and see that the necessary tools are available.

L. Robson
.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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PATROL REPORT.

APPENDIX

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000.

Personnel of Patrol: 2 Officers (Lieuts. Maxwell and Irvine) and 5 O.Rs.

Place of going out: IDA POST.

Time of going out: 10 p.m.

Purpose of going out: Report on state of river and examine houses in PONT ROUGE.

Place of return: U.23c.6.1.

Time of return: 1 a.m.

Casualties: Nil.

Information gained: We went to waters edge at U.29.c.4.3. thence along rivers edge to PLANTATION FARM. Followed bank of river to U.29.a.70.42 and then across to road at about U.29.b.30.45. The bank of river runs through U.29.c.4.3. - U.29.c.43.45 - U.29.c.60.85 - U.29.c.50.98 - U.29.c.60.98 - U.29.a.85.15 - U.29.a.95.35 - U.29.b.40.40 and U.29.b.50.30. From U.29.b.30.45 we moved forward along road to about U.29.b.40.43. Lieut. Maxwell and myself then moved forward to bank overlooking bridge. The bridge is partially submerged and duckboard track is under water. The water is running very strongly here and can be heard from a hundred yards away. It would be impossible for enemy to cross river there at present. Duckboard bridge at U.29.b.70.40 is partially under water and is washed away for a space of about twenty feet in the centre. Owing to being bright moonlight ~~were~~ were observed and a M.G. from U.29.b.65.20 fired at point blank range, chipping bricks near us, a piece of which slightly wounded Lieut. Maxwell in the hand. We went down road to U.23.c.98.12 and thence along to edge of moat at U.23.d.55.30. Lieut. Maxwell and I then went alongroad to corner and into MOAT FARM. The farm is not under water now, and cellars and ground were thoroughly searched. The water is up to U.23.d.80.20. We returned via KATHERINE POST which has drained fairly well.

Arthur Lunn
Lieut.
 18th Battalion A. I. F.

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Coy.	Strength.	Task No.	Time.	Report to	Task	Remarks
"B"	1 Officer 30 O.R.	1.	5 p.m.	Task	General clearing and draining of UMPIRE AVENUE SOUTH, forward of Coy.H.Q.	This party requires Gum boots.
"C"	1 Officer 10 O.R.	2.	5 p.m.	Task	Draining and clearing of No.15 and IDA Posts.	This party requires Gum boots.
"C"	1 N.C.O. 10 O.R.	3.	4 p.m.	Task	WARNAVE LANE and junction of UNA SUPPORT.	This party requires Gum boots.
"B"	1 Officer 15 O.R.	4.	4'30 p.m. 7.0 am	Task	Building shelters UMPIRE SUPPORT.	This party requires Gum boots.
"B"	1 Officer 20 O.R.	5.	5'30 p.m.	Task	Building up and improving parapet of LEFT SECTOR. Borrow pit to be dug where necessary, not closer than 12 ft. from edge of trench.	
"C"	1 Officer 20 O.R.	6.	5'30 p.m.	Task	Building up and improving parapet of RIGHT SECTOR. Borrow pit to be dug where necessary, not closer than 12 ft. from edge of trench.	
"C"	1 N.C.O. 5 O.R.	7.	6 p.m.	O.C. "A" Coy.	Draining and clearing KATE POST.	This party requires Gum boots.- "A" Coy. to provide protection.
"B"	1 N.C.O. 5 O.R.	8.	6 p.m.	O.C. "D" Coy.	Draining and clearing KATHERINE POST.	This party requires Gum boots.- "D" Coy. to provide protection.
"C"	1 N.C.O. 10 O.R.	9.	4 p.m.	Task	Draining and clearing UNA SUPPORT.	This party requires Gum boots.

Officers in charge of parties will make themselves familiar with the task to be done and see that the necessary tools are available.

L. Robson
.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10,000

Personnel of patrol: 1 Officer (Lieut. Brown) and 10 O.R.

Place of going out: KATHERINE POST

Time of going out: 1 a.m.

Purpose of going out: To visit MOAT FARM and follow river along to northern boundary and report on state of ground and water.

Place of return: U.23.b.20.25.

Time of return: 3'30 a.m.

Casualties: Nil.

Information gained: I went through KATHERINE POST along road to MOAT FARM which is still under water and knee deep around it. From there I struck northwards along the water's edge. The river has gone down fully 10 yards along the front. We went to about U.23.b.5.3. and returned via U.23.b.20.25. No sign of the enemy or and movement was heard.

Lieut. Brown

PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10,000

Personnel of patrol: 1 Officer (Lieut. Maxwell) and 10 O.R.

Place of going out: U.29.b.50.75.

Time of going out: 10 p.m.

Purpose of going out: To go out to rivers edge opposite front and follow it round to PONT ROUGE Road examining old buildings and reporting on state of ground and river.

Place of return: IDA POST

Time of return: 12'45 a.m.

Casualties: Nil.

Information gained: I went out at 10 p.m. through No.17 Post direct to water's edge about U.29.a.6.1. and followed waters edge to about U.29.b.00.30. thence road to within 40 yards of PONT ROUGE bridge.
A M.G. from about U.29.b.70.20. was playing constantly down the road and it was impossible to approach more closely. I tried for about 20 minutes to approach more closely then retraced my steps via 29.b.20.05. to PLANTATION FARM.
The water has gone down about 15 inches since last night and is well below 15 m contour. The river is running strongly at the bridge.
On reaching PLANTATION FARM on return journey, sounds of work were heard from the vicinity of 29.d.50.20.- sounds of dropping timber.
I returned via IDA POST about 12'45 a.m.

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22/23rd. January 1916.

Coy.	Strength.	Task No.	Time	Report to	Task	Remarks.
"B"	1 Officer 20 O.R.	1. ✓	5'30 p.m.	Task	Building up and improving parapet of LEFT SECTOR. Borrow pit to be dug where necessary, not closer than 12 feet from edge of trench.	This party will require Gum boots.
"C"	1 Officer 20 O.R.	2. ✓	5'30 p.m.	Task	Building up and improving parapet of RIGHT SECTOR. Borrow pit to be dug where necessary, not closer than 12 feet from edge of trench.	This party will require Gum boots.
"B"	1 Officer 20 O.R.	3. ✓	5'30 p.m.	Task	General clearing and draining of UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH forward of Company H.Q.	This party will require Gum boots.
"B"	1 Officer 15 O.R.	4. ✓	12'30 p.m.	Task	Draining and clearing No.15 and IDA POSTS.	This party will require gum boots.
"B"	1 Officer 15 O.R.	5. ✓	4'30 p.m.	Task	Draining and clearing No.15 and IDA POSTS.	This party will require gum boots.
"C"	1 Officer 15 O.R.	6.	7 a.m.	Task	Building shelters in UMPIRE SUPPORT.	This party will require gum boots.
"C"	1 Officer 15 O.R.	7. ✓	4'30 p.m.	Task	Draining and clearing FLAX ALLEY between 'C' Coy.H.Q. and new SUPPORT LINE on right.	This party will require gum boots.
"B"	1 N.C.O. 12 O.R.	8.	7 a.m.	LANCASHIRE SUPPORT.	Work with sappers.	This party will require gum boots.

Officers in charge of parties will make themselves familiar with the task to be done and see that the necessary tools are available.

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.....Lient.
Adjutant 18th.Battalion, A.I.F.

APPENDIX
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PATROL REPORT.

Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10000
Personnel of patrol: 1 Officer (Lieut. Brown) and 10 O.Rs
Place of going out: KATHERINE POST.
Time of going out: 1 a.m.
Purpose of going out: Visit MOAT FARM and follow river to northern boundary, reporting on state of ground and water.

Place of return: U.23.b.20.25

Time of return: 3.30 a.m.

Casualties: NIL.

Information gained:

I left KATHERINE POST at 1 a.m. and proceeded to waters edge and thence to MOAT FARM which is still surrounded by water. I then patrolled the river and its northern boundary. I did not see or hear anything of the enemy. During this patrol M.G's were fairly active from near PONT ROUGE bridge and DOLLS HOUSE. The river waters have receded about 10 yards during the past 24 hours. I returned at U.23.b.20.25.

Lieut. Brown

18th Battalion.

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

(Copy No. 17.)

Battalion Headquarters,
21st. January 1918.

OPERATION MEMO. No. 1.

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1. In order to test the efficiency of the S.O.S. Signal Chain from front to rear, a test will be carried out on the Battalion front on a night to be notified.
2. The S.O.S. Signal will NOT be used for the purposes of the test. Two Red Very Lights fired simultaneously will be substituted.
3. Each S.O.S. position and each repeating station will be issued before 4 p.m. 21st. instant with two Very pistols and four Red flares, and the N.C.O. in charge of station will be issued by the Company concerned with a copy of the instructions attached.
4. An officer from Battalion H.Q. will fire the initial test signal.
5. The Sig. Officer will arrange for the two Fullerphone stations at
U.29.a.30.20.
U.23.C.80.48.
to be connected through to Battalion Headquarters ten minutes before the time appointed for the test.
An observer will be posted outside each of these stations and immediately on observing the initial signal, the signaller on duty will buzz a succession of dots to Battalion Headquarters.
6. The time and date of the test will be notified to all concerned (excluding those taking part in test) by the following message in B.A.B. Code at least four hours in advance -

"Rockets (date) (time) "

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. K. Robson

.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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 10. 5th. A.M.G. Coy.
 11. 5th. A.I. Brigade.
 12. 6th. A.I. Brigade.
 13. Left Battalion.
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 16. 22nd. A.M.G. Coy.
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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Headquarters,
21/1/18.

Headquarters,
5th A.I. Brigade.

Reference Operation Memo No. 14 and
18th Battalion Operation Memo No. 1.

In accordance with Para 4 of your memo, all concerned were informed by a wire sent at 3.25 p.m. that the test would take place at 8.45 p.m. on 21st inst.

When it was decided to hold the test at this time the weather was threatening and a drizzling rain was falling. Unfortunately, at about 6 p.m., the weather cleared and the visibility from 7 p.m. onwards was excellent.

Each S.O.S. position and repeating station was issued on the afternoon of the 21st inst. with four red lights and 2 Very pistols. No one within the Battalion beyond the Headquarters Staff was informed of the time of the test. The only instructions given to the personnel manning the stations were that a test would be carried out during the present tour in the line, and that for the purposes of the test, the red flares issued would be substituted for the genuine S.O.S. signal.

At 8.35. p.m. the two forward Fullerphone stations (G x 4 and G x 5) were connected through direct to Battn. H.Q. and instructed to speak the word "Fired" as soon as the initial signal was observed. At the same time arrangements were made to signal the time that the final signal of the chain was fired at Support Coy. H.Q., CONVENT LANE.

The Intelligence Officer fired the initial signal from about U.23.d.20.90. Owing to the good visibility, all the signals could be seen from Battn. H.Q. The signal was repeated first at left Coy. H.Q., then at the post at U.22.d.25.05, then by right support Coy. H.Q.

The times registered were as follows:-

Initial signal - 8 h. 44 m. 30 secs.

Final signal at right support Coy H.Q. - 8 h. 45 m. 10 secs

These times were registered only by the second hand of an ordinary watch.

R. M. Sadler
.....Major
T/Commanding 18th Battalion A. I. F.

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Battalion Headquarters,
26th January 1918.

"A", "B", "C", "D" Coy.
Sig. Officer - G.M.

WARNING ORDER.

1. (a) The 5th. A.I. Bde. will be relieved by the 11th. A.I. Bde. on 28th. January and night of 28/29th. January 1918.
(b) The 18th. Battalion will be replaced by the 42nd. Battalion and will move on relief to KORTEPYP, B Camp, T.26.b.9.5.
The Battalion is to be clear of FUSILLER LOOP by 5 a.m. and clear of INGERSOLL CAMP by 9'30 a.m. on 28th. January.
It is not yet determined whether it will be necessary for "A" and "D" Coys. to rest in INGERSOLL CAMP or to proceed direct to KORTEPYP.
2. Advanced parties of 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. (H.Q.) and two N.C.O's per Company will proceed to KORTEPYP on afternoon of 27th. inst.
3. Usual arrangements with regard to handing over of stores and receipt Duties will be handed over to relieving Battalion, including the detailing of guards at TOUQUET BENTHE, and GASOMETER CORNER.
4. No work will be done by the forward Coys. on night of 27/28th. inst.
5. N.C.O's at Brigade School and No. 9 Platoon will rejoin on 27th. inst. "C" Coy. will arrange to absorb No. 9 Platoon into their present accommodation.
6. Gun Boots will be returned to G.M. Store on evening of 26th. inst.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lo Hobson
.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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Reference Map Sheet: DEULEMONT 1/10,000 .

Personnel of patrol: 1 Officer (Lieut. Maxwell) and 10 O.R.

Place of going out: IDA POST

Time of going out: 10 p.m.

Purpose of going out: To go to river's edge opposite front and follow it round to PONT ROUGE Road and thence along road examining old buildings and reporting on state of ground and river.

Place of return: U.29.a.50.75.

Time of return: 1 a.m.

Casualties: Nil.

Information gained: I went out from IDA POST to the water's edge near PAPER HOUSE thence moved down along the water's edge to PONT ROUGE Bridge. Then I went along the road to about U.29.b.15.70. and across to MOAT FARM which is surrounded by water. No sign of the enemy could be seen or heard.

The water has receded about 10 yards.

I then returned through KATHERINE POST which is still under water.

Jeff Maxwell Lieut

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 5. (Copy No. 12...)

Battalion Headquarters,
21st. January 1918.

Reference Maps - Sheet 28 1/40,000
Sheet 36 1/40,000

1. (a) The 18th. Battalion will be relieved by the 19th. Battalion in the left sector of 5th. Brigade front line on the 23rd. and night of 23/24th. instant.
(b) On relief the 18th. Battalion will take over the present dispositions of 19th. Battalion, according to attached table.
2. Advanced parties of 1 O.R. per platoon and Coy. H.Q. for "A" and "D" Coys. and 1 Officer and 5 O.R. per Coy. of "B" and "C" Coys. will move according to attached table.
3. In relief, all trench stores will be handed over and receipts obtained.
Two copies of all receipts will be forwarded to Battalion H.Q. by 10 a.m. 24th. instant.
4. Gum boots will be retained by "B" and "C" Coys. All gum boots in possession of "A" and "D" Coys. will be handed over at KEEPERS HUT by parties to be specially detailed for the purpose, to a N.C.O. from Q.M. Store. They will then be delivered direct to Q.M. Store by transport.
5. Lewis guns of "A" and "D" Coys. and all gear for transport will be loaded at KEEPERS HUT.
Transport Officer will detail necessary transport to be at KEEPERS HUT at 8'30 p.m. on 23rd. instant.
6. On arrival in new area, immediate steps will be taken to clean up equipment, clothes etc.. All men will be shaven, cleaned and ready for inspection if called upon by 11 a.m. 24th. instant.
7. Completion of each Company relief will be notified to Battn. H.Q. by priority code wire.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Le Robinson
.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 11'10 a.m. 21/1/18
by runner.

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5. "D" Company.
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7. Q.M. & T.O.
8. 19th. Battalion.
9. 5th. A.I. Brigade.
- 10/12. War Diary.

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T A B L E (to accompany 18th.A.I.Battalion Order No.5.)

to be relieved	;	To be relieved by	:	To proceed on	:	Advance parties.
	:		:	relief to	:	
B" Coy. 18th.Bn.:	:	? Coy. 19th.Bn. :	)	FUSILIER	:	To proceed direct to
	:		)	TERRACE	:	new area.
C" Coy. 18th.Bn.:	:	? Coy. 19th.Bn. :)		:	
	:		:		:	
A" Coy. 18th.Bn.;	:	? Coy. 19th.Bn. :	)		:	To report to Lt.Johnson
	:		)	INGERSOLL	:	at 11 a.m. 23rd.inst.
D" Coy. 18th.Bn.:	:	? Coy. 19th.Bn. :	)	CAMP	:	at Battalion H.Q.
	:		:		:	
H.Q. 18th.Bn.	:	H.Q. 19th.Bn. :)		:	

EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER NO. 6.

(Copy No. 6...)

Battalion Headquarters,
26th. January 1918.

Reference Maps: Sheet 28. 1/40,000
Sheet 36. 1/40,000

1. (a) The 18th. Battalion will march on the morning of 28th. inst. to KORTEPYP 'B' Camp (Sheet 28. 7.26.b.9.5.) in accordance with march table attached.
(b) On completion of the move the battalion will become portion of the Reserve Brigade to the 3rd Aust. Division.
2. Advanced parties of 42nd. Battalion will report to Coys. on night of 27/28th. inst.. All area stores, trench stores, etc. will be handed over to them, receipts obtained and two copies of all receipts forwarded to Battalion H.Q. by noon 28th. inst.
3. No work will be done by the forward companies on night 27/28th. inst.
4. Personnel from Brigade School and No. 9 Platoon will report back on afternoon of 27th. inst.
5. Advanced parties consisting of Lieut. Daniel, 1 N.C.O. from H.Q. and 1 N.C.O. per Coy. will assemble at INGERSOLL CAMP at 2 p.m. 27th. inst. and will proceed before night to KORTEPYP 'B' Camp.
6. Dress - "A" and "D" Coys. will carry fighting order, one blanket and greatcoat.
"B" and "C" Coys. will carry marching order, greatcoats in packs, and two blankets rolled in V.P. Sheet round pack.
Packs and extra blanket of "A" and "D" Coys. will be picked up by them at KORTEPYP 'B' Camp.
7. Transport - ~~No~~ 40 litters will be detailed to be at LANCASHIRE COTTAGE by 4'30 a.m. 28th. inst. to take Lewis Guns etc. of "A" and "D" Coys. direct to new camp.
Kitchens for "A" and "D" Coys. will be at KORTEPYP Camp by 7 a.m. 28th. inst.
Remainder of transport will proceed independently, but will be clear of present lines by 9'30 a.m. 28th. inst.
8. Baggage - Gear for transport will be reduced to a minimum and will be ready for loading by 8 a.m. near Battalion Orderly Room.
"B" Coy. will detail 1 Sgt. and 6 O.R. to report to a N.C.O. from Q.M. Store at 8 a.m. at B.O.R., as loading party.
9. "C" Coy. will detail rear parties as follows:-
(a) 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 15 O.R. for INGERSOLL CAMP. - Officer detailed will report to Adjutant at 6 p.m. 27th. inst.
(b) 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.R. to report to Lieut. C.B. Greaves at Transport lines at 8 a.m. 28th. inst.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Distribution.

No. 1. File.	No. 6. Q.M.
2. "A" Coy.	7. I.O.
3. "B" Coy.	8/9. War Diary.
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MARCH TABLE. (To accompany 18th Bn. Order 6).

Coy.	To move from	To move to	Starting Point.	Head to : pass at :	Route.
"A"	FUSILIER	KORTEP B	Cross roads		via ROMARIN - LIENSTER
"B"	TERRACKS		Sheet 28	5 a.m.	Road - Cross roads
"C"			U.25.c.85.45.		at (28) T.27.b.40.80.
"D"					
"E"	INGERSOLL	KORTEP B Camp	House at Sheet 36.		via ROMARIN - LIENSTER Road - Cross
"F"	CAMP.		B.4.c.65.30.	9 a.m.	roads at (28)
"G"					T.27.b.40.80.
Trans:	BRUNE GAYE	CREMLIN	Independently.		
Port.:	CAMP.	LINES			

(a) East of Cross roads at T.29.d.4.4. march will be by platoons at 100 yards interval.

(b) Elsewhere march will be by Coys. at 100 yards interval.

WENTHURST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 7.

(Copy No. 6...)

Battalion Headquarters,
28th. January 1918.

Reference Maps:- HAZEBROUCK 5a 1/100,000
Sheet 28. 1/40,000

1. The 5th. A.I. Bde. will be relieved in the KORTPEYF area by 9th. A.I. Bde. on 31st. January 1918.
2. (a) The 5th. A.I. Bde. (less Transport) will move by train to LUMBRES Sub Area on 31st. inst.
(b) The 18th. Battalion (less transport and personnel as in sub para. c(ii)) will march to DEKENNEK 7.3.b.30.10. on 31st. inst., will there entrain for LUMBRES and will thence march to billets at APPRINGUE and SENSINGHEM.
(c)(i) Transport sections less kitchens etc. will leave on morning of 30th. inst. marching under Brigade Transport Officer in accordance with Table "A" attached.
(ii) Remainder of Transport section, one cook per company and nine signallers with bicycles will march to BAILLEUL West, will move by Omnibus train to IZERNES Station, and will march thence via LUMBRES to APPRINGUE in accordance with Table "B" attached.
3. (a) Lieut. J.N. Doyle will act as Battalion Entraining Officer and will report to Brigade Entraining Officer (Major L.G. Fussell, M.C.) at DEKENNEK Siding at 12'30 p.m. 31st. instant.
(b) Lieut. E.B. Daniel will act as Battalion Detraining Officer, will proceed by troop train leaving DEKENNEK Station at 1'38 p.m. 31st. inst. and will report at LUMBRES to Brigade Detraining Officer (Major R.C. Robertson, M.C.)
4. Dress - Men will carry full marching order, and one blanket rolled in W.P. Sheet round pack.
All officers below the rank of Company Commander will carry revolver, field glasses and steel helmet and packs.
All ranks will wear hats.
5. and Baggage -
(a) Transport will be available on 31st. inst. for 50 lbs. of baggage per officer. All above this amount will be at Q.M. Store by 6 p.m. 29th. inst. and will be sent forward on baggage wagons.
(b) On 31st. inst., remaining officer's gear (as above) and one blanket ~~blanket~~ man will be ready for loading at Q.M. Store by 7 a.m. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 under the supervision of an officer. Officers' blankets will not be rolled in valises, but will be rolled in bundles separately.
(c) One Lewis gun and two panniers will be carried by each of "A" and "D" Coys. for use as in para. 8. These will be removed from limbers by 6 p.m. 29th. inst. and the remainder of L.G. gear will be loaded by that time.
6. All huts will be cleared by 10 a.m. 31st. inst. and battalion will parade at 10'15 a.m. on the camp square in readiness to march off. Markers will report to the R.S.M. at B.O.R. at 10 a.m.
7. Rear party of 1 Officer and 15 O.R. will be detailed by "E" Coy. to stand by at B.O.R. at 10 a.m. 31st. inst.
8. On arrival in new billets, "A" and "D" Coys. will each mount one Lewis gun and crew for A.A. duty. Compliance will be reported to Batin. H.Q. within 5 hours of departure from LUMBRES Station on detraining.
9. Coys. will report arrival at new billets to Battalion H.Q.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Distribution:

1. File.
2. "A" Company.
3. "B" Company.
4. "C" Company.
5. "D" Company.
6. Lieut. Irvine, M.C.
7. Sig. Sgt.
8. M.C.
9. War Diary.

The 1st A.I. Bde. will be relieved in the 1st A.I. Bde. on 21st January 1950.

(a) The 1st A.I. Bde. (less transport) will move by train to LUNDA on 21st Jan.

(b) The 1st A.I. Bde. (less transport) and personnel as in para. 1 will march to LUNDA on 21st Jan. at 08.00 hours.

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TABLE "A" (To accompany 18th.Bn.Order No.7.)

Transport proceeding by road.

To leave present lines.:	To pass Bde.S.P.:	Route to S.P.	Vehicles etc.
30th. instant.	: DE SEULE - Main	: 3	G.S. Wagons,
5 a.m.	: 10'10 a.m.	: 8	G.S. Limbered wagons
: (following 17th.Bn:	: S.27.b.O.I.	: 1	Water cart,
: transport Section:	:	: 7	Rides,
:	:	: 4	Pack,
:	:	: 2	Spare L.D.

Brigade Starting Point -
Cross roads S.27.b.O.I. (Sheet 26)

Halts 30/31st.Jany. - STRAZELLE Area
31/1st. Feby. - RENESCURE Area

Guide will ~~maintain~~ await arrival of Transport at LUMBRES on
Route Nationale from 3 p.m. 1st. February.

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TABLE "R" (To accompany 18th.Bn.Order No.7.)

Transport proceeding by Omnibus Train.

ate	To leave	To arrive at	Route	Vehicles etc.
	present:	BAILLEUL West		
	lines.	Station.		
31st.			via DE SEUIL -	4 Kitchens
primary	12 noon	2'30 p.m.	main BAILLEUL	1 C.S. wagon, supply.
918.			Road - S.27.b.O.1.	1 Water cart
			- S.21.c.2.3.	1 Maltese Cart
				4 Riding horses,
				9 bicycles.

- 1 Cook will travel with each kitchen.
- 1 Signaller will travel with each bicycle.

Sgt.J.Fergus will be in charge of 18th.Battalion party and will report to Capt.R.J.Dowden, 20th.Battalion at entraining station.

Brigade guide will meet Transport at FIZERNES.
Battalion guide will meet Transport at LUMBERS.

APPENDIX 52/3/18 Battalion Headquarters,
29th. January 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No.1.

Reference - 18th. Battalion Order No.7.

1. Arrangements for the move of personnel and transport are given in 18th. Battalion Order No.7.
2. Billeting - Lieut. A. W. Irvine M.C. and one N.C.O. per Coy. will proceed on 29th. inst. to LUMBRES Sub Area as billeting party and will meet battalion on arrival at LUMBRES Station.
It is probable that Battn. H.Q., "B" and "D" Coys. will be at AFFRINGUES, and "A" and "C" Coys. at SENINGHEM.

3. Routine - 31st. January 1918 will be as follows:-

Reveille	- 6 a.m.
Breakfast	- 6'30 a.m.
Sick Parade	- 7'30 a.m.
Dinner	- 10'30 a.m.

Kitchens are to be in readiness to leave at 11'15 a.m.

On arrival at LUMBRES Station, hot cocoa etc. will be provided by the Y.M.C.A.

Extra dixies are being sent forward by motor lorry and as complete as a meal as possible will be prepared for troops on arrival at billets.

4. Entrainment - Strict discipline will be maintained on the march to DE KENNEBER, during entrainment and throughout the journey. As far as possible, it will be arranged that a N.C.O. is in charge of each compartment.

Orders will be issued as to discipline during train journey and will be strictly complied with.

5. On arrival at billets, accommodation will be arranged as far as possible so that Sgt's and W.O's are billeted separately and that a Corporal is in charge of each billet. Coy. Commanders will also arrange as far as possible to billet each platoon together.

6. Fire - Orders for precautions against fire are contained in S.S. 611 and Battalion Standing Orders, each of which has been issued to Coys. A certificate will be forwarded to Battalion H.Q. by noon 30th. inst. stating whether these are in possession. A copy of S.S. 611 will be posted in each billet and its terms stringently enforced at once and continuously.

7. In the new area -

Baths will be located at SENINGHEM.

Divisional Canteens will be opened at HENNEVEUX and HARLETTES on 29th. inst.

Brigade Cinema and Concert Troupe will be opened at a time and place to be notified later.

Brigade School, will re-assemble in continuation of the present course, on 1st. February 1918. Staff will report on that date at 10 a.m.; N.C.O. students will report at 2 p.m. 2nd. February 1918.

Distribution.

- No.1. File
2. "A" Company
3. "B" Company
4. "C" Company

..... Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No.4.

(Copy No.)

Battalion Headquarters,
18th. January 1918.

1. (a) The following inter company reliefs will take place on 19th. January and night of 19/20th. January 1918.
"A" Company will relieve "C" Company in the right Company sector of the Battalion front line.
"D" Company will relieve "B" Company in the left company sector of the Battalion front line.
(b) On relief "C" and "B" Coys. will take over respectively, the duties of Support and Reserve Companies.
2. The usual advanced parties will be detailed.
3. (a) All trench stores etc. will be handed over and receipts obtained.
(b) Instructions regarding gum boots will be issued later.
(c) One copy of all receipts will be forwarded to Battalion H.Q. by 10 a.m. 20th. instant.
4. The ingoing Coys. will each detail 1 N.C.O. and 10 men to report to the Headquarters of the Company in the line at 4 p.m. on the day of relief. These parties will patrol the sector front to cover the relief.
5. Subject to the terms of this order, O's C. Coys. concerned will arrange mutually the details of the reliefs, provided that the continuity of the work of maintenance and improvement is not interrupted.
6. Completion of the relief will be reported to Battalion H.Q. by wire in code.
7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

L. Hobson

.....Lieut.
Adjutant 18th. Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 5'30 p.m. 18/1/18.
by runner.

Distribution.

1. File.
2. "A" Company. ✓
3. "B" Company.
4. "C" Company.
5. "D" Company.
6. 5th. A.I. Brigade. *D.W.*
7. Right Battalion.
8. Left Battalion.
- 9/11. War Diary.

