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| VILLERS BRETONNEUX AREA. | 1918. August | 1st. | Battalion holding the Line. Dispositions as per attached Table. Appendix No. 1. Works Report for 24 Hours ending 6 a.m. 1.8.18. Appendix No. 2. Intelligence Summary for 24 Hours ending 6 a.m. 1.8.18. Appendix No. 3. Patrol Reports for night 31st/1st. Appendix No. 4. Warning Order C/23. issued Appendix No. 5. Bn Order No. 164 issued Appendix No. 6. Bn Armourer proceeded to D.A.D.O.S. for duty. 1 O.R. arrived from Base. Casualties.- 3 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.</u> - 3 O.R. <u>Weather.</u> - Warm. | |
| " | " | 2nd. | Battalion in Line. Dispositions - No change. Works Report for 24 Hours ending 6 a.m. 2nd inst. Appendix No. 7. Intelligence Summary for 24 Hours ending 6 a.m. 2nd. Appendix No. 8. Patrol Reports for night 1st/2nd. Appendix No. 9. Battalion took over extended Line as per Bn Order No. 164. Lieut. J.L. Watt M.C. & Bn Orderly Room Cpl proceeded to Aust. Records Section, 3rd Echelon, on duty. 2/Lt. W. Whitbread and 8 O.R. arrived from Base and marched in to Nucleus Battalion. Casualties.- 2 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.</u> - 8 O.R. <u>Weather.</u> - Very wet day. | |
| " | " | 3rd. | Battalion holding the Line. Dispositions as under.- <u>Line Right.</u> - "B" Coy. Capt. A.R. MacNeil M.C., O.C. Coy Hqrs.- P. 31.d. 6.3. Post No. 1.- V. 1.b. 55.70.) 1 Platoon Post No. 2.- V. 1.b. 65.80.) & 2 L.G.s. Post No. 3.- V. 1.b. 70.90.) 1 Platoon Post No. 4.- P. 31.d. 65.00.) & 2 L.G.s. Post No. 5.- P. 31.d. 60.25.) Coy Hq. Details. Post No. 6.- P. 31.d. 85.35.) 1 Platoon. Support.- P. 31.d. 15.10.) 1 Platoon. <u>Line Centre.</u> - "C" Coy. Lieut. W. McConnochie O.C. Coy Hqrs.- P. 31.d. 45.95.) 1 Off., 1 N.C.O., 13 Others. Post No. 7.- P. 32.c. 00.60.) 3 N.C.O.s, 12 Others. Post No. 8.- P. 32.c. 25.95.) 2 N.C.O.s, 9 Others. Post No. 9.- P. 32.a. 35.05.) 2 Off., 2 N.C.O.s, 10 Others. Post No. 10.- P. 32.a. 45.25.) 2 N.C.O.s, 9 Others. Support Platoon - APOLLO SUPPORT - 1 Off., 6 N.C.O.s, 19 Others. <u>Line Left.</u> - "D" Coy. Lieut. E.B. Mason M.C., O.C. Coy Hqrs.- P. 26.c. 4.4.) 1 Off., 2 N.C.O.s, 15 Others. | |

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| VILLERS BRETONNEUX AREAS | 1918. | | | |
| | August | 3rd. | <p>Post No.11.- P.32.a.65.30. 1 N.C.O.7 Others,1 L.G.</p> <p>Post No.12.- P.32.a.75.25. 1 Off.,2 N.C.O.s,11 Others,1 L.G.</p> <p>Post No.13.- P.32.a.95.40. 2 Off.,2 N.C.O.s,16 Others,2 L.G.s.</p> <p>Post No.14.- P.32.b.05.70. 1 Off.,2 N.C.O.s,9 Others,1 L.G.</p> <p>Post No.15.- P.32.b.20.95. 3 N.C.O.s,3 N.C.O.s,15 Others,1 L.G.</p> <p>Post No.16.- P.26.d.30.05. 2 N.C.O.s,10 Others,1 L.G.</p> <p>Post No.17.- P.26.d.40.15. 1 Off.,2 N.C.O.s,11 Others,1 L.G.</p> <p><u>Support Coy.-</u> "A" Coy. Lieut. J. Sullivan M.M., O.C. Coy Hqs.- P.31.d.65.65. 1 Platoon.- APOLLO SUPPORT South of ASHFIELD AVENUE. 1 Platoon.- APOLLO SUPPORT North of ASHFIELD AVENUE. 1 Platoon.- In Trench. P.26.c.4.4. 1 Platoon.- In Trench. P.26.c.3.3.</p> <p><u>Battalion Headquarters.-</u> 0.30.d.95.25. Deep Dugout in APSLEY AVENUE.</p> <p>Works Report for 24 Hours ending 6 a.m.3rd. Appendix No.10. Intelligence Summary for 24 Hours ending 6 a.m.3rd. Appendix No.11. Patrol Reports for night of 2nd/3rd Appendix No.12. Lieut.-Colonel B.O.C. Duggan D.S.O. returned from Corps Gas School. <u>Evacuations.-</u> 3 O.R. <u>Casualties.-</u> 1 O.R. Wounded. <u>Weather.-</u> Improving.</p> | |
| | " | " | 4th. | <p>Battalion holding the Line. Dispositions - No change. Works Report for 24 Hours ending 6 a.m.4th Appendix No.13. Intelligence Summary for 24 Hours ending 6 a.m.4th Appendix No.14. Patrol arrangements for night of 3rd/4th Appendix No.15. Patrol Report for night 3rd/4th Appendix No.16. 2 Other Ranks proceeded on English Leave. 2 Other Ranks on French Leave. 4 Other Ranks rejoined Unit from Base. <u>Casualties.-</u> Nil. <u>Evacuations.-</u> 3 O.R. <u>Weather.-</u> Fine.</p> |
| " | " | 5th. | <p>Battalion holding the Line. Dispositions - No change. Works Report for 24 Hours ending 6 a.m.5th. Appendix No.17. Intelligence Summary for 24 Hours ending 6 a.m.5th Appendix No.18. Patrol Reports for night 4th/5th Appendix No.19. American Troops attached to the Battalion were withdrawn to Reserve as per Appendix No.20. Orders, Movements, Memoranda, etc. re. American Troops attached to this Unit Appendix No.21. 1 O.R. on English Leave. Bn Order No.165. issued. Appendix No.22. 56 O.R. rejoined Bn Forward from Bde Nucleus Bn. Capt. A.R. MacNeil M.C. promoted to Temporary Major. 1 O.R. arrived from Base. <u>Casualties.-</u> 2 O.R. Killed 1 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations.-</u> 2 O.R. <u>Weather.-</u> Raining.</p> | (B) (9) |

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| VILLERS BRETONNEUX AREA. | 1918 August | 6th. | Battalion holding the Line. Dispositions - No change. Works Report for 24 Hours ending 6 a.m. 6th. Appendix No. 23. Intelligence Summary for 24 Hours ending 6 a.m. 6th. Appendix No. 24. Patrol Arrangements for Night 5th/6th. Appendix No. 25. Battalion was relieved by the 22nd Aust. Bn and moved back to Supports. Relief complete by 7 O.R. rejoined Unit from Base. <u>Casualties</u> . - Nil. <u>Evacuations</u> . - 7 O.R. <u>Weather</u> . - Showery. | |
| " | " | 7th. | Battalion in Supports. Dispositions as under.- <u>Battalion Headquarters</u> . - 0.30.c.95.25. <u>Regimental Aid Post</u> . - 0.29.a.55.10. <u>"A" Company</u> . - Lt. J. Sullivan M.M., O.C. In DIGGER SUPPORT between ARARAT TRENCH & ALBERT C.T. <u>"B" Company</u> . - Major A.R. MacNeil M.C., O.C. QUARRY in 0.36.d. & ALTONA SUPPORT. <u>"C" Company</u> . - Lt. W. McConnochie O.C. APSLEY AVENUE in 0.36.a. <u>"D" Company</u> . - Lt. E.B. Mason M.C., O.C. ASHBURTON TRENCH in 0.36.b. & c. Instructions for the Defensive - Right Battalion Support - issued. Appendix No. 26. Corps Commander's Message to all ranks on coming offensive. Appendix No. 27. Lt. G. Bailey Wounded in Action. Lt. E. J. Quirk rejoined Bn from Sick List. Lt. H. Smitheram rejoined Unit from 5th Tng Bn, England. Lt. T. L. Brett returned from English Leave. Lieut.-Colonel B.O.C. Duggan from Rear Bn Hqrs to Liaison Duty between 5th, 6th, & 7th Brigades. Lt. W. H. Roberts rejoined Forward Bn from Rear Hqrs and took over command of "D" Company. Lt. A. E. Reilly M.M. proceeded to Forward Bn from Rear Hqrs. Lt. H. Smitheram & Lt. T. L. Brett marched in to Bde Nucleus Bn. Lt. J. Horsburgh D.C.M., M.M. proceeded to Forward Bn from Bde Nucleus Bn. 3 O.R. proceeded on English Leave. <u>Casualties</u> . - Nil. <u>Evacuations</u> . - 3 O.R. <u>Weather</u> . - Fine. 6th A.I. Bde Intelligence Summaries from 5.30 p.m. 31.7.18. to 9 a.m. 7.8.18. Appendix No. 28. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summaries from 5.30 p.m. 31.7.18. to 5.30 p.m. 7.8.18. Appendix No. 29. 6th A.I. Bde Instructions for the Defensive - Present Sector. Appendix No. 30. 7th A.I. Bde Instructions for the Defensive - present Sector. Appendix No. 31. 2nd Aust. Divn Medical Arrangements Appendix No. 32. Bn Order No. 166., Amendments, and Plans Appendix No. 33. 5th A.I. Bde Order No. 207. Appendix No. 34. 6th A.I. Bde Order No. 170., with Amendments. Appendix No. 35. 7th A.I. Bde Order No. 211, with Amendments Appendix No. 36. 2nd Aust. Div. Administrative Memo. No. 222. Appendix No. 37. Code Calls for Contact Aeroplanes Appendix No. 38. Code Calls for 5th, 6th, & 7th A.I. Bdes, Appendix No. 39. Map showing Enemy Sector Organisation Appendix No. 40. Map showing Hostile Batteries and Smoke Screens Appendix No. 41. Map showing Assembly Areas, Objectives, and Boundaries, Appendix No. 42. Field Artillery Barrage Map Appendix No. 43. | |
| " | " | 8th. | 2 a.m. Bn Hqrs moved from 0.30.c.95.25. to 0.30.c.55.40. 3.10 a.m. Companies reported in position on J.O.T. 3.30 a.m. Enemy Artillery put down a barrage on our J.O.T. Men were moved into convenient shell holes and trenches for shelter. | |

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| EAST OF VILLERS BRETONNEUX. | 1918. | August 8th. | <p>8.5 a.m. Following messages to "A" & "D" Companies by Runner. To "A" Coy. - "Bn Hqrs P.32.d.9.1. "D" Coy in position between V.4.c.10.30. & V.4.d.10.10. in touch with Canadians. Party of 30 under 2/Lt. F.W. Blencowe & Lt. A.L. Cope at V.3.c.3.8. to 300 Yards East of that point. Particulars of casualties required at once." To "D" Coy. - As above and add. "A" Company in position astride Railway at V.4.c.00.30."</p> <p>8.15 a.m. Following to 7th A.I. Bde by mounted Orderly. - "We have discovered a Bn Hqrs at JEAN ROUXIN MILL. Consider documents may be of highest importance, and am sending direct by mounted orderly. The place is stored with documents and records of all kinds, but having no German Speaker we are greatly handicapped."</p> <p>8.20 a.m. Major A.E. Reed D.S.O. & Lt. R.K. Bazley M.C. inspected positions occupied by "A" & "D" Coys.</p> <p>9.33 a.m. Following to 7th A.I. Bde. - "D" Coy has moved from position reported in previous message and now occupy a line of posts from V.3.c.3.8. to V.3.d.5.6. and have linked up with the detached party of 2 Officers and 30 O.R. 1 bundle of Maps and 1 Bundle of Papers herewith captured at JEAN ROUXIN MILL." Message from 21st Bn Liaison Officer with 26th Aust. Bn (Lt. A. Peck) .- "26th Bn report holding Line through V.5.a. & V.5.c. approx. N. & S. Casualties fairly heavy."</p> <p>9.45 a.m. Telephone message received from Bde Major, 6th A.I. Bde, instructing Bn to move to "B" Concentration Area.</p> <p>10.00 a.m. Following message sent to Companies. - "Send by bearer your present strength and report as early as possible at Bn Hqrs ready to move to "B" Concentration Area. Urgent."</p> <p>11.00 a.m. Battalion, less "B" & "C" Companies, moved to "B" Concentration Areas.</p> <p>12.3 p.m. Message sent to 6th A.I. Bde. - "Move to "B" Concentration Area completed."</p> <p>3.00 p.m. Lieut.-Colonel B.O.C. Duggan D.S.O. reported to Battalion (Forward) and took over command from Major A.E. Reed, who reported back to Bde Nucleus Battalion.</p> <p>Messages, Telegrams, Memos, Etc. received during the operation Appendix No. 44. Messages, Maps, etc., received from O.C. "A" & "D" Companies, Appendix No. 45. Air Photographs of Sector attached, also sketch showing reported information about enemy forward areas. Appendix No. 46.</p> <p>Q.M. Store and Transport moved from LAMOTTE BREBIERE to O.13.d. central.</p> <p><u>Evacuations.</u> - Nil. <u>Casualties.</u> - 2 O.R. Killed. 17 O.R. Wounded. <u>Weather.</u> - Fine. Very foggy only in morning.</p> | |
| | " | " | 9th. | <p>Battalion in Reserve. Dispositions. - In old front line.</p> <p>8.40 a.m. Received orders to move.</p> <p>9.00 a.m. Bn moved forward from old front line trenches to P.5.c.5.3. where the Brigade shook out into Artillery Formation and waited for further orders.</p> <p>2.00 p.m. Orders received and Bn moved forward again in Artillery Formation for a distance of 3,000 Yards and halted at W.7.b.&d. to await orders.</p> |

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| NEAR WEINCOURT L'EQUIPEE. | 1918. | | | |
| | August | 9th. | <p>Lt. J.L. Watt (Adjut) returned from Aust. Records Section Duty and took over duties of Adjutant from Lt. R.H. Farndon who reported back to Rear Hqrs. Lt. R.A. Gibson & 2/Lt. W.J. Eaton M.M. reported back to Bde Nucleus Bn from Bn. Lts. E.J. Quirk and T.L. Brett reported for duty from Nucleus. Report by C.O. (Temp.), 21st Bn, on operation near MARCELCAVE 8th August 1918. Appendix No. 47. Report by Lieut. A. Peck, Liaison Officer with 26th Bn, Appendix No. 48. Recommendations for Honours and Rewards for services rendered during the operation. Appendix No. 49. 4 O.R. proceeded on English Leave. Lt. A. Peck proceeded on English Leave. Q.M. Store & Transport moved to ACEROCHE WOOD. P. 22. a. <u>Casualties</u>.- Nil. <u>Evacuations</u>.- Nil. <u>Weather</u>.- Fine and cool.</p> | B |
| | " | " | 10th. | <p>Battalion in Reserve. Dispositions.- Bn bivouaced in W.7.b.&d. Bn resting. Lt. E.B. Mason M.C. & 6 O.R. proceeded to Nucleus Bn to attend the King's Review on 12th inst., as per Appendix No. 50. 2nd Aust. Div. Intelligence Summaries from 8th to 10th. Appendix No. 51. Warning Order & Bde Order No. 171. received. Appendix No. 52. (Cancelled). 2/Lt. W.J. Eaton M.M. left for 4th Army Musketry School. Q.M. Store and Transport moved to VICINITY OF W.7.b. <u>Casualties</u>.- Nil. <u>Evacuations</u>.- Nil. <u>Weather</u>.- Fine.</p> |
| NEAR HARBONN- IERES. | " | " | 11th. | |
| | | | <p>Battalion in Reserve. Dispositions - No change. 10.30 a.m. Battalion moved forward to old line of trenches at W.12.b.&d. & X.7.a.&b. as per Appendix No. 53. 12.30 p.m. Arrived at new position. 10.30 a.m. Rear Bn Hqrs moved from LAMOTTE BREBIERE to W.8.c.2.8., arriving at new position at 11.45 a.m. 2/Lt. A. Hardie M.M. reported back to Rear Hqrs from Forward. Lt. H. Smitheram & 2/Lt. W. Whitbread reported to Bn for duty from Nucleus. 9.15 p.m. Bn moved forward as per Bde Order No. 172. Appendix No. 54. Battalion relieved the 18th Aust. Bn. Relief complete by 12 midnight. <u>DISPOSITIONS</u>.- Battalion Headquarters and Regimental Aid Post in wall of Moulin de VAUVILLERS at X.8.b.9.3. Left Support (Defensive Flank) "B" Coy. T/Major A.R. MacNeil M.C., O.C. Coy Hqrs.- R.32.b.1.1. Right Platoon R.32.d.2.6. to R.32.b.2.0. Left Platoon R.32.a.9.3. to R.32.a.6.7. 40th Aust. Bn on left flank at R.26.c.7.4. Reserve. Right Company. "A" Company. T/Capt. J. Sullivan M.M., O.C. Coy Hqrs.- X.8.a.0.9. 1 1/2 Platoons at X.8.a.0.6. & X.2.c.0.1. 1/2 Platoon at X.7.b.9.9. 1 Platoon at X.1.d.8.1.</p> | D |

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| DAOURS. | August | 21st. | Battalion as Corps Reserve. Dispositions - As before. Inspections and Organised Games carried out. Lt. J.A. Gray M.C. & 6 O.R. to Corps School. (This cancels previous advice appearing in Diary for 16th). Cricket Matches and Swimming Competitions carried out. Bathing Parade. Congratulatory Order & Message from Aust. Corps & IV Army Commander Appendix No. 63. 50 O.R. & 1 Limber on Infantry Task. Lt. J. Horsburgh D.C.M., MM. on English <u>Weather</u> .- Fine. Very Warm. <u>Casualties</u> .- Nil. <u>Evacuations</u> .- (Leave.) | (B) |
| " | " | 22nd. | Bn in Corps Reserve. No change in Dispositions. Inspections & Organised Games Carried out. 50 O.R. & 2 Limbers on Infantry Task. Swimming Parades. 2 O.R. on English Leave. <u>Weather</u> .- Fine. Very warm. <u>Evacuations</u> .- 5 O.R. <u>Casualties</u> .- Nil. | (B) |
| " | " | 23rd. | Bn in Corps Reserve. No change in Dispositions. Inspections and Organised games. Swimming. Clothes of Battalion put through the Foden-Lorry Delousing Plant at DAOURS BATHS. Lt. S.J. Bennie proceeded on English Leave. <u>Weather</u> .- Fine. Warm Day. <u>Evacuations</u> .- 2 O.R. <u>Casualties</u> .- Nil. | (B) |
| " | " | 24th. | Bn in Corps Reserve. No change in dispositions. Inspections and Organised Games. Swimming. Bn Blankets put through the Foden Lorry, 5 O.R. proceeded on English Leave. <u>Weather</u> .- Showers during early morning. Dull and sultry. <u>Casualties</u> .- Nil. <u>Evacuations</u> .- Nil. | (B) |
| " | " | 25th. | Battalion in Reserve. Brigade Church Parade held. Church Parade States. Appendix No. 64. 12 noon. Bde Warning Order received Appendix No. 65. Bde Move Order received just prior to embussing. Bde Order 176 & Bn Messages, Etc, in connection with the move. Appendix No. 66. 7.30 p.m. Bn embussed at O. 8. a. 1. 5. 8. 45 p.m. Busses moved off. 11. 15 p.m. Bn debussed at Q. 24. b. 5. 7. and marched to bivouacs in R. 7. 1. 30 a.m. "All correct" reported to Brigade, Transport, Q.M. Store and Rear Hqrs moved to Q. 12. c. (62D). <u>Weather</u> .- Fine during day. Heavy fall of rain between 9 p.m. & 10.30 p.m. <u>Casualties</u> .- Nil. <u>Evacuations</u> .- 3 O.R. Lt. E.B. Mason M.C. proceeded on English Leave. | (B) |
| MERICOURT PROYART AREA. | " | 26th. | Battalion resting in Bivouacs in R. 7. 3 p.m. Bn Order No. 168 issued. Appendix No. 67. 6.15 p.m. Bn moved forward and relieved the 10th Aust. Bn. 11.55 p.m. Relief completed. Bn took over the following line.- G. 33. b. 2. 0. - G. 27. b. 3. 4. - G. 21. d. 8. 5. - TIVOLI WOOD - G. 21. a <u>Dispositions</u> .- Bn Hqrs and R.A.P.- G. 26. c. 5. 0. Line Right.- "C" Coy. Capt. O.V. Hoad O.C. G. 33. b. Coy Hqrs G. 33. b. 4. 7. Line Centre.- "B" Coy. T/Major A.R. MacNeil M.C., O.C. G. 27. d. Coy Hqrs.- G. 27. a. 1. 1. Line Left.- "A" Coy. T/Capt. J. Sullivan M.M., O.C. G. 27. b. Coy Hqrs.- G. 26. c. 7. 7. Support Company.- "D" Coy. Lt. F. Gawler M.C., O.C. Gully G. 26. c. Coy Hqrs.- G. 26. d. 6. 0. | (B) |

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|----------------|----------------|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| EAST OF CAPPY. | 1918. 26th. | Aug. | Unit on Right 22nd Bn A.I.F. River SOMME Left Boundary. <u>Casualties</u> .- 1 O.R. Wounded. <u>Evacuations</u> .- Nil.- <u>Weather</u> .- Fine. | ⊙ |
| " | 27th. | " | Battalion in Line. Patrols kept in contact with the enemy who was retiring and fighting a rear-guard action. At dawn our line ran as follows.- G.34.d.8.8. - G.29.c.2.2. - G.23.d.2.1. - 1 Prisoner captured (Wounded). Intelligence Summary from 12 midnight 26.8.18. to 9 a.m. 27.8.18. Appendix No. 68. Patrol Reports Appendix No. 69. Situation Messages Appendix No. 70. 3 p.m. Bn Hqrs moved to G.38.c.2.7. (62C). 8 p.m. Dispositions as follows.- Bn Hqrs and R.A.P. G.33.c.2.2. & G.28.d.5.5. respectively. Line Right.- "C" Coy. Capt. O.V. Hoad O.C. G.35.a.0.3. to G.29.c.75.60. Support Platoon G.34.a.7.4. Coy Hqrs G.28.d.7.0. Line Centre.- "B" Coy. T/Major A.R. MacNeil M.C., O.C. Line Left.- "A" Company. T/Capt. J. Sullivan M.M., O.C. G.29.b.0.2. to G.29.c.1.9. Support Platoon in EXCLUSION QUARRY. Coy Hqrs with Support Platoon. Support Company.- In Gully G.26.c. Coy Hqrs at G.26.c.1.2. "D" Coy. Lt. F. Gawler M.C., O.C. Lt. A.E. Reilly M.M., & 2/Lt. F.W. Blencowe M.M. left Rear Bn Hqrs for Corps Rfct Camp, CORBIE, en route to IV Army Musketry School, Lt. W. McConnochie for IV Army Inf. School, Lt. H. Smitheram as O.C. 21st Bn Details, CORBIE, & Lt. R.R. Neal for English Leave. 2 O.R. on English Leave. <u>Casualties</u> .- 2 O.R. Wounded. 4 O.R. to C.C.S. <u>Weather</u> .- Showery. Transport, Q.M. Store, and Rear Bn Hqrs moved to Gully L.35.c.2.9. (62D). | ⊙ |
| " | 28th. | " | Battalion in Line. Unit kept in contact with the enemy forcing him to retire and fight a rear-guard action. 6 a.m. 2 Prisoners were captured. 6.30 a.m. Bn Hqrs moved to G.28.d.5.5. 10 a.m. Line runs.- G.36.b.3.5. thence North including HOSPICE WOOD (G.24.d.0.5.) and BOUCHER WOOD (G.19.a.) then West to G.24.central. Dispositions as follows.- Bn Hqrs & R.A.P. - BULLS WOOD. Line Right.- "C" Coy. G.30.d. - G.36.b. Coy Hqrs G.30.d.6.4. Line Left.- "B" Coy. G.30.a. Coy Hqrs at G.30.a.7.6. Left Defensive Flank.- "A" Coy. G.24.d. Hqrs at G.24.d.7.7. Support Company.- "D" Coy, who had previously moved to G.33.b. moved up to BULLS WOOD (G.29.b.). 12.15 p.m. Bn Hqrs and R.A.P. moved forward to G.29.b.9.1. Throughout the day close contact was maintained with the enemy who offered a stubborn resistance. Much sniping and M.G. Fire came from FRISE & Trenches in G.19.a. & G.13.c. Frequent bursts of artillery fire were discharged over the Bn Sector from the direction of HERBECOURT, being chiefly 77mm H.E. Liaison with Artillery was poor during the morning but quite alright during the afternoon with occasional counter-battery work and destructive fire on the points giving opposition. | ⊙ |

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OF

21st BATTALION A. I. F.

FOR

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MAP
1st A. Div. Sector
2nd A. Div. MAP

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APPENDIX NO. II.

| | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Works Report A. Coy | Dugout Construction | Continuous | 1 NCO + 12 OR |
| 030053 | | | |
| Bn Hqrs | | | |
| D Coy Hqrs | Carrying Iron | Tasks Completed | 1 off + 2 NCO + 30 ORs |
| Left Line Coy | Timber + for construction | | |
| | New Hqrs | | |
| C Coy Hqrs (Central Coy) | Ration Party | | 1 NCO + 14 ORs |
| | 9:30 pm + 1:30 pm | | |
| B Coy Hqrs | Carrying Party | | |
| Right Line Coy | SAM. Combs Latrine Completed. | | 1 NCO + 12 ORs |
| | Boxco. Sandbag | | |
| 030094 | Fatigue Party preparing | Reported | 1 NCO + 6 ORs |
| | road under supervision of engineers | SAM | |
| In addition he had to carry own Rations. | | | |

| | | | |
|------------------|------------------|---|------------------------------|
| B Coy | | | |
| Dolls House | Carrying Rations | 10:30 pm 10 off + 17 OR | Carrying Lino + bottles back |
| Coy Hqrs | | 2 am 1 off + 13 OR | |
| V1666 | Deepening Trench | N01 + 2 now connected by trench 4 ft deep | 4 OR |
| V1675.80 | Deepening Trench | N0 2 + 31 Deepening trench but 45 x hole done | 4 OR |
| P31d 65:30 | Deepening Trench | 30 ft of new trench put down to 4'6" | 4 OR |
| Along front Line | Box Latrines | 4 put in | |

C Coy

P31 d 70-50 Deepening Deepened 2 WCO + 1 WCO +
 P31 d 7095 Lench. 37 yds of 20 men 8 men
 Lench 2 ft Taken off
 for carrying
 job 1 hour
 before lunch

P31 b 4-3 Carrying party Carried 1 WCO
 for Engineers Lumber for
 Dig. pits 8 men

Water fatigue of 5 men carrying
 water bottles to rear for filling

D Coy

No 10 post Improved No 9 Post by
 sand logging same
 dug 10 yds of C.T. towards
 No 9 post 4 ft deep 3 ft
 wide. CT will be
 completed in about
 2 more nights +
 then 89 + 10
 posts will be
 connected up
 Dug latrine + put in
 seat (spare men of Garrison)

I Coy

No 9 post. Dug 15 yds of C.T. towards
 No 10 post 3 feet deep 2 ft
 wide.
 Dug latrine + put in
 seat (spare men of Garrison)

No 8 Post. 9 ft of trench settled with
 sand bags where it had
 fallen in.
 Deepened C.T. toward No 9.
 from 2 ft to 3'6" for 15 yds
 (spare men of Garrison)

Appollo
Support

2 ORs deepened 6 ft of
 trench another 8"
 Dug latrine + put in
 seat.

Coy HQs dug-out another night
 excavated 2 1/2 ft digging up
 deeper 7'10 x 8 required

Intelligence Reports

Blas On Operations

Artillery Harassing fire during night on roads & approaches near front more than usual

12 MW Working Party heard in V2 & successfully engaged with shrapnel

T.M.s Nil
M.G.s 950 rounds harassing fire from 2 guns fired during night.

Bombing 44 Bombs No 36 and 26 bombs No 23 used during 24 hours on enemy

M.G.s + working parties in Jaffa trench
Sniping Claim one hit made yesterday morning on man behind Jaffa trench
Bde snipers hardly got a shot.

Patrols Nil.
Miscellaneous. Harassing fire from M.G.s & shrapnel bombs kept enemy quiet till 2.30 am up till which time he could be heard working. From then on the

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(Blas) fight for superiority of fire has been ^{very} constant, hence our large expenditure for the night.

(Blas) Enemy Operations

| Artillery Area Shelled. | Times | Size | Density of High/Lo | Sound bearing or where from |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| P31d 55.37 | 9 am | 5.9 | 50 rds | Der la Bastille Hill |
| P31d 567 | 12.45 pm | 4.2 | 38 rds | ? but think as above |
| V1b 27 | | 5.9 | | |
| P31d 55 | 2 pm | 4.2 | 33 | 10° N. La Bastille Hill. |
| " " | 6.35 pm | 4.2 | 6 | " |
| T.M.s P31d 33 | 4.30 am | ? light. | 12 | Somewhere across by Bde |

M.G.s Quiet till 2.30 am when sudden activity commenced & has been going since

Snipers. One suspected in crop about 2 am was silenced by bomb.

Bombing Nil.
Patrolling seen None seen

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18.

(B Coy) Contd)

Movement. Movement observed in Jaffa
trench from No 1 post.
Enemy Defences. New earth showing on parapet
of Jaffa trench & second line
about 300-400 yds in rear. This
has been visible each morning.
Rifle bomb dropped in Jaffa
trench yesterday afternoon
blew pieces of wood like
dug out frames into the air.
Flares. 3 am Green flares fired from
well back (about 1 km) no
apparent result
White. Normal
More active than previously
since 2.30 am this morning
Daytime very quiet.

C Coy Our Operations
Artillery.

Very little firing was done by
our artillery.

T.M.s

M.G.s

Bombing

Sniping

Patrols

Miscellaneous

Hardly fired a round all night
Flare Kings were bombed from
No 6 post each time a flare
was fired

Fixed a few rods into working
party morning in one front
Patrol of 1 off + 4 others went
out from No 6 about 11 pm

Found it very hard to pick up
enemy Machine guns firing
cannot keep down the enemy
fire with L.G.s + Rifles without
the aid of the Vickers.
Our M.G.s were silent all
night.

D. Coy.
 Boats, Nil.
 Sniping Little scope for sniping up to date
 Patrols. Patrols in front of our post
 from 11 pm to 3 am. Both reported
 working parties, one in front of
 9 post one in front of 6 post.
 Visiting patrols were sent from
 10 post to left Pw at 11.45 pm
 1.30 am 3 am.

Miscellaneous. Four enemy aeroplane
 hovered over our lines 8.30 pm
 to 8.55 our anti A.G then
 opened up & turned them back
 Enemy M.G. situated somewhere
 in back on right causes a good
 deal of trouble to our post as
 it fires almost directed into
 back of posts.
 What appeared to be enemy raid
 took place on our left at 4.15 am
 a few small "minnies" only dropped
 on our front. No S.O.S. was observed
 to be fired. On account of

dense cloud of smoke caused
 by barrage. I found it
 necessary to stand to until 6 AM

Enemy Operation

| Artillery Area | Time | Distance | Direction | Sound heard |
|------------------|----------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Shelled | 9.10 am | 4.2 | about 20 | Right of hand |
| " | 12.15 pm | 5.9 | 15 | Dir " |
| " | 2 pm | 5.9 | 20 | " " |
| Aerodrome | 3.45 pm | 4.2 | 30 | " " |
| Vicinity between | 9- | 8 | 40 | |
| Lone Pine + | 9.35 pm | 4.2 | | |
| Aeroplane | | | | |

T.M.s Rear of 9+10 posts
 1.45 am
 25
 Half right from No 9 post + about 400 yds distant

M.G.s Active all along front, particularly on right of Left Pw but generally quieter than previous 24 hours

D Coy
 Sniping Very little sniping
 Bombing Nil
 Patrolling Nil
 Movement Movement by working party in front of No 10 post dispersed by our M/G fire
 Enemy Defences No wire has been observed in front of enemy position
 Stars Whites were very plentiful up to midnight, after which very few were fired
 Attitude Passive directly in front aggressive on left.

Enemy Artillery (49 Observers)

| Commencing | Finish | Area/Shell | Direction | Size | Shell | Round |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------|-------|
| 4:35 am | 4:45 | Monument Wood | 118° mag | 0.6 | | 10 |
| 4:46 | 4:50 | " | " | 0.6 | | 4 |
| 5-10 | 5-20 | Rear Area | 108° | 4.2 | | 20 |
| 5:45 | 5:55 | Villers-Bret | 105° | 7.7 | | 12 |
| 6:20 | 6:35 | " | 125 | 4.2 | | 15 |
| 9.0 | 10 | Nangai P23C | | 5.9 | | 20 |
| | | + on X Roads | | | | |
| 10 | 10:30 | OP 0.30.C | | 4.2 | | 30 |
| 11 | 11-10 | Villers-Bret | | 5.9 | | 20 |
| 12-5 | 12-35 | " " | 103 | 4.2 | | 21 |
| 12:45 | 1-30 am | Rear Village | | 4.2 | | 30 |
| 1-18 | 1-22 | Support Line | | 7.7 | | |
| 1-35 | 1-40 | 31 P.C 3.4 | | 4.2 | | 6 |
| 2-5 | 3-10 | Support | | 1.5 | | |
| 1:30 | 2-0 | Rear Villers Bret | 10 | 5.9 | | 15 |
| 1-55 | 2-5 | Villers Bret | 105 | 7.7 | | 20 |
| 3-5 | 3-10 | Support | 105 | 7.7 | | 20 |
| 3-10 | 3-25 | Rear Villers Bret | 10 | 5.9 | | 15 |
| 3-50 | 4-0 | Villers Bret | - | 7.7 | | 15 |
| 4-15 | 5-0 | Support for back areas | | 11E | | 50 |

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Heptamer
Aerial

31-7-18

7:30 pm Enemy Balloon $142^{\circ} - 153^{\circ}$
8 " " " drawn down
5-20 " " " up 123° TB

PATROL REPORT

Personnel.. 10 of 4 OR
 Place of Departure.. No 6 Post
 Place of Return.. No 8 Post
 Time of Departure.. 11 PM
 Time of Return.. 1 AM
 Casualties.. NIL

Task set & Instructions given..

Try & locate enemy posts in front
 Password Carrot Left Bz Cherry

Information obtained..

Patrol left our line at P31 d 85 35 and proceeded in a NE direction for about 400 yds. Enemy flares were fired frequently from P32 C 1035 and also M.G fire from here. Patrol moved along N.M.L. for about 200 Y and was frequently under heavy M.G fire from approximately P32 C 76 and P32 7075. Enemy heard working about P. 32 C 24. No enemy encountered during patrol. Flares and M.Gs active along whole front.

A. Peck SA.
 I/c Patrol.

Headquarters,
 6th A.I. Brigade.

Forwarded.

Lieutenant
 Intelligence Officer, 21st Bn., A.I.F.

Appendix 4

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APPENDIX NO. ~~IV~~ V.

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1-8-18

Warning Order

C/23

21st A.I. Bn

On the night of the 2/3rd August
 A Coy 21st A.I. Bn will take over from
 B Coy 18th A.I. Bn that portion of the
 line South of the road at P3267-9.

At the same time B Coy 21st Bn will
 take over from C Coy Post No 6.
 D Coy will take over Post No 7 from
 C Coy.

When relieved of these posts C Coy
 21st Bn will take over the following
 dispositions -
 3 Platoons in Apollo Support,
 1 " in trench system astride
 Villers-Brotornoux - Warfussee main
 road at approximately P26c 3-4

Headquarters of Battalions + Coys will
 remain unaltered for the present

Further details later *Handwritten signature*
 21st Bn

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121. (In pads of 100.)

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

TO { 21st 23rd Bns

Sender's Number, Day of Month, In reply to Number, A A A

In continuation of bearing order the 9.00 orders you to have anyway one Coy in support when you take over your new post

From, Place, Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected, (Z) L. P. N. Bridge

* This line should be erased if not required. (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

SECRET.6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

21st Bn.
22nd Bn.
23rd Bn.
24th Bn.
6th T.M.Sty.

WARNING ORDER.P.26c
3.44

1. The system of holding the Corps front has been altered and in consequence the 2nd Aust. Divn. Front will be shortened and held by ~~23rd~~ Brigade.
The other two Brigades will be disposed west of VILLERS BRETONNEUX
2. To carry this out the ~~23rd~~^{6th} A.I.Bde. will be relieved on the night 2nd/3rd August in positions South of the Railway, and will relieve the 5th A.I.Bde, and in addition take over a further hundred yards of line to the North.
3. On the night 2nd/3rd August the 21st Bn. will take over from the 18th Bn. that portion of the line South of the road at P.32.b.8.9.
4. On the night 2nd/3rd August the 23rd Bn. will take over the line from P.32.b.7.9. to P.31.central from the 18th & 19th Bns. and the right Bn. of the 3rd Divn.
The road from P.32.b.7.9. to P.28.d.2.4. and the main road west of this point will be inclusive to the 23rd Bn.
5. The 22nd Bn. will be moved into support East of VILLERS BRETONNEUX between the Railway and the main road the same night and the 24th Bn. on relief by a Bn. of the 4th Aust. Div. will move into support on the left.
6. On the night 3rd/4th August the 24th Bn. will relieve the 23rd Bn. in line ~~Right~~^{Left}.
7. Location of new Hqrs. will be notified later.

Acknowledge.

W. E. N. Budge
Major.
Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copy to 5th A.I.Bde.

APPENDIX NO.VI.

COPY No.

SECRET.

21st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No. 164.

Ref. Map Sheets 52D. S.E. & S.W. 1/20,000.

1st August 1918.

1. The 6th A.I. Brigade will take over the whole of the Divisional Front on the night of 2nd/3rd August. The Brigade boundaries will then be:-
Southern.- Along the North side of the Railway from V.1.b.6.6. to O.35.a. 7.0. thence due West.
Northern.- P.21.b.1.3. to QUARRY CROSSING P.20.a.6.4. along South side of Road to O.11.d.5.2.
Inter-Battalion.- Along South side of road from P.32.b.7.9. to P.26.d.4.4. thence along ~~North~~ ^{SOUTH} side of Main Road.
2. The following reliefs will be carried out by 21st Bn on night of 2nd/3rd August.- (a) "A" Coy, 21st Bn., will take over from "B" Coy, 18th Bn., that portion of the line between the old Brigade Northern Boundary and the new Inter-Battalion Boundary.
 (b) "B" Coy will take over Post No. 6. from "C" Coy.
 (c) "D" Coy will take over Post No. 7. from "C" Coy.
 (d) "C" Coy will take over APOLLO SUPPORT with 3 Platoons and the trench South of the main VILLERS-BRETONNEUX - WARFUSSE ROAD at approx P.26.c.3.4. with 1 Platoon.
3. On the completion of these reliefs the dispositions of the Bn will be as shown in attached Table.
4. During night of 1st/2nd, O.C. "A" Coy will withdraw the 2 Platoons at present in O.36.d. & P.31.a. to VILLERS LINE. Move to be completed before daylight & completion to be advised to Bn Hqs by Runner.
5. Advance parties as arranged by O.S.C., "A" & "C" Coys, with 18th Bn., will be sent to new positions on night of 1st/2nd August.
6. Guides for "A" & "C" Coys will report at the Headquarters of these Companies by 10 p.m. on the night 2nd/3rd.
7. Companies will arrange the departure of their parties so that no party arrives at its destination before 11 p.m. Evening meal will be served before moving off.
8. Dress.- Fighting Order; Overcoat rolled in W.P. Sheet 230 Rounds S.A.A. & 2 Bombs per man will be carried.
9. Completion of relief will be reported to Bn Hqs per ~~xxxx~~ 'phone by use of Company Commander's name.
10. All Trench Stores, S.A.A., Bombs, Anti-Gas Suits, Etc., will be taken over and copies of receipts obtained will be forwarded to Bn Hqs by noon 3rd inst.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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 10. 6th A.I. Bde.
 11. Right Bn.
 12. Left Bn.

13. Americans.

(Signed.) R.H. Farnden,
Lieutenant and A/Adjutant,
21st Battalion A.I.F.

 TABLE OF DISPOSITIONS ON COMPLETION OF RELIEF

| Position. | Headquarters. | Distribution. |
|-----------|---------------|---|
| Right. | P.31.d.7.9. | 3 Platoons Posts Nos.1 to 6 between V.l.b.55.70. 1 Platoon close support P.31.d.20.13. |
| Centre. | P.31.d.5.9. | Posts Nos.7 to 10.between P.32.c.60.60.& P.32.a.45.25. |
| Left. | P.26.c.3.4. | Line of Posts between P.32.a.45.25.& P.32.b.7.9. |
| Support. | P.31.d.70.66. | 3 Platoons APOLLO SUPPORT. 1 Platoon in Trenches in P.26.c. |

(Signed.) E.H.Farndon,
 Lieutenant and A/Adjutant,
 21st Battalion A.I.F.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Brigade Headquarters,
2nd August, 1918.

AMENDMENT TO 6th A.I.BDE. ORDER NO. 166.

1. Para 1. Amend Northern Divisional Boundary to - P.21.b.1.3. to Cross Roads P.21.c.5.9. along South side of road to FOUILLOY.
2. Acknowledge. ✓

W.F.N. Bridges
Major.
Brigade Major, 6th A.I. Brigade.

Copies to:-

- All Bns.
- 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.
- 3rd Bn. 129th Regt. U.S.A.
- 37 M.M.Platoon, 129th Regt. U.S.A.
- 10th A.I.Brigeade.
- 6th Field Coy.

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 166.

Ref. map Sheet 62.D. S.E.&S.W. 1/20,000.

1st August, 1918.

1. The Divisional Boundaries are being readjusted to run --
Southern Boundary: - Along the North side of the Railway from V.1.b.6.6. to O.35.a.7.0. thence due west. *CROSS ROADS P.21.c.5.9.*
Northern Boundary: - P.21.b.1.3. to QUARRY CROSSING P.20.a.6.4. along south side of road to O.11.d.5.2. *FOUILLOY, (Bde Memo N° 126.2/1/17)*
2. The 6th A.I.Bde. will take over the whole of the Divisional front on the night 2nd/3rd August. The 7th A.I.Bde. will then move into support positions in the AUBIGNY Line and the 5th A.I.Bde. will be in reserve in the BLANGY System.
3. On completion of the necessary moves and reliefs the dispositions of the Brigade will be those given in the attached appendix.
4. The following reliefs will be carried out on the night 2nd/3rd August.
- The 24th Bn. will be relieved by the 13th Bn. and will move to support left, taking over the dispositions of the 17th Bn.
 - The 21st Bn. will take over from the 18th Bn. that portion of the line between the old Bde. Northern Boundary and the New Inter Bn. Boundary.
 - The 23rd Bn. will relieve the 20th Bn. in the line between the New Inter Bn. Boundary and the new Northern Divisional Boundary.
 - The 22nd Bn. will be relieved of its garrison duties in VILLERS BRETONNEUX by 9.30 p.m. on the 2nd August by the 28th Bn. and will move into Support Right.
 - On relief of the 4 Stokes guns South of the Railway by the 4th A.L.T.M.Bty. the 6th A.L.T.M.Bty. will relieve the four forward guns of the 5th A.L.T.M.Bty.
5. On the night 3rd/4th August the 24th Bn. will relieve the 23rd Bn. On relief the 23rd Bn. will move into support left.
6. There is to be no movement of troops East of VILLERS BRETONNEUX before 10 p.m.
7. Marked maps, aeroplane photographs and local intelligence will be taken over and handed over by each unit on relief.
8. Advance parties will be sent into the line on the night prior to relief in each case.
9. The 23rd Bn. will arrange to garrison in conjunction with the 38th Bn. a post in the front line on the left flank.
10. Other details of the relief will be arranged mutually between C.O's.
11. Completion of relief will be reported to Bde. Hqrs. by priority wire in code.
12. Brigade Headquarters remains at O.25.c.5.3. *(O.26.c.9.3)*
13. Disposition reports are to reach Bde. Hqrs. by noon on the 3rd August.

A c k n o w l e d g e.

W. F. N. Bridgman
 Major.
 Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Distribution:-

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. 21st Bn. | 12. Right Group Arty. | 23. G.O.C. |
| 2. 22nd Bn. | 13. " " M.G's. | 24. Bde. Major |
| 3. 23rd Bn. | 14. Medium T.M.Bty. | 25. Staff Capt. |
| 4. 24th Bn. | 15. Heavy T.M.Bty. | 26. Bde. T.O. |
| 5. 6th T.M.Bty. | 16. 6th Field Coy. A.E. | 27. " B.O. |
| 6. 3rd Bn. 129th Regt. U.S.A. | 17. 7th Field Ambulance | 28. " Sig Off. |
| 7. 37 mm Platoon 129th Regt. U.S.A. | 18. 4th A.I.Bde. | 29. Off. 1/c Bde snipers |
| 10. Left Group Arty. | 19. 5th A.I.Bde. | 30. File |
| 11. " " M.G's. | 20. 7th A.I.Bde. | 31-2 War Diary |
| | 21. 10th A.I.Bde. | 33-5 Spares |
| | 22. 2nd Aust. Divn. | |

APPENDIX TO 6th A.I. BRIGADE ORDER No. 166.

Dispositions on completion of reliefs.

1. Inter Bn. Boundary.

Along Southern side of road from P.32.b.7.9. to P.26.d.-2.4. thence along the Southern side of the main road.

2. Line Right - 21st Bn.

Hqrs. O.30.d.0.3.

Three Coys in Line.

One Coy in support in APOLLO support and trenches in P.32.a.

3. Line Left - 23rd Bn. (on 4th August 24th Bn.)

Hqrs. P.19.c.1.2.

Three Coys in line.

One Coy. in support in P.26.a.&b.

4. Support Right - 22nd Bn.

Hqrs. O.30.b.2.1.

Coys disposed in trenches between APOLLO Support (exclusive) and VILLERS BRETONNEUX (exclusive) and railway and the E.W. grid line through O.30.central.

5. Support Left - 24th Bn. (23rd Bn. on 4th August).

Hqrs. O.24.c.2.3.

One Coy P.25.b. P25b

One Coy. P.19.d. and P.20.c.

One Coy. DIGGERS SUPPORT P.19.c..

One Coy. VILLERS Line O.30.b.

6. 6th A.L.T.M. Batty.

Hqrs. O.22.a.8.7.

6 guns in the line

2 guns in reserve.

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APPENDIX NO. VII.

Unit, *9 Coy 21st Bn* (21)

8/8/18

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING

| Location. | Nature of work. | Details of progress | Remarks. |
|--|--|---|-------------|
| 0.30 C 9.3 (Bn HQs) | 1 NCO + 15 men engaged on making + extending Bn HQs Dugout | continuous | 1 NCO + 15% |
| 0.30 C 9.4 | 1 NCO + 6 other ranks working under Engineer supervision strengthening Roadway over Trench Willer's line | Completed | 1 NCO + 6% |
| 0.30 C 9.3 1 NCO + 16 other ranks 1 NCO + 16 other ranks | barraging Sandbag etc. Ration party | at point 220 3AM. carrying to Centre Coy HQs " Left Coy HQs | 1 NCO + 10% |

Sullivan Lt
D. B. Foley

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| Adj't. |
| 21 st Bn. |
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UNIT *B Coy 2nd Bn* WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING *4 am 2/8/15*

| Location. | Nature of work. | Details of progress | Remarks. |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 <i>Dell's House Coy HQ</i> | <i>Ration carrying</i> | <i>10:15 pm 1 off + 17 OR 1.30 am 1 Sgt + 9 OR</i> | <i>trip takes an hour each time</i> |
| 2 <i>V1 + 77</i> | <i>connecting 2 + 3 posts.</i> | <i>45' trench 2 feet deep dug. 1 off + 10 OR. Some going, American officer. Had 7 extra men on the last hour.</i> | |

*Phaciel Capt
B Coy*

*4 am
2/8/15*

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Adj't.

21st Bn

Per favour of "C" Coy

Flora

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WORKS REPORT

C. Coy Battalion 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 2/8/15

| Location.- | Nature of work.- | Details of progress made and wire used.- | Personnel employed | Remarks.- |
|------------|-------------------|--|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 9.500 4.5. | Deepening Trench. | Deepened 16 yds of trench 2 ft. Carried rations from dump to support line & then out to Posts. | 19100 & Barr Support Line | |

NOTE:- Work of parties carrying Engineer material to be included

W.M. Conacher
OC C. Coy

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WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING *2/8/18*

| Location. | Nature of work. | Details of progress | Remarks. |
|-------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 10 post | Digging C.T. between 10 & 9 posts (Garrison) | 20 yds dug 2'6" deep 3'6" wide | These are three very good posts now |
| 9 " | Digging C.T. between 9 & 10 posts (Garrison) 4 sheets of iron salvos and 2 trench shelters erected. Additional fire sheet put in & sandbagged | 15 yds dug 2 ft by 3 ft wide | |
| 8 post | Fire sheet put in and sandbagged Latrine dug and seat put in | | |
| 1st field company | Long Hqs dug out 1 H.C.O & 10 others Latrine dug & seat put in | Dug excavation completed. 10x8 x 7 ft deep | |
| 7th polo support | Trench generally improved 2 trench shelters erected | 30 sand bags & 2 pieces of iron used. | |
| Carrying party | Morning meal carried from Bb to outposts | (1 H.C.O & 10 men) | |

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1st BATTALION, AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

24 hours ending 4 a.m. 2.8.19.

B Coy.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.--

Our artillery has been firing more rounds on the forward area during the past 24 hrs than previously.

TRINCH MORTARS.--

Nil

MACHINE GUNS.--

170 rds fired by L Co. harassing fire + at working party during night.

MORTARS.--

38 No 36s and 28 No 23s fired during night mainly on counter battery work. We had the last 3 shots.

MINE LAYING.--

1 hit obtained this morning. Mine sent 5 Bs out to carry the case in.

PATROLS.--

Nil. Our front could do with a patrol or two to put the wind up some of the gentlemen who come out + snipe during the night.

MINE LAYING.--

Please send up some more Intelligence + Works pro formas. Large quantities of bombs also needed.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS.

| ARTILLERY.- | Area shelled. | Times. | Size. | Density or No. of Rounds. | Sound Bearing & where from. |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|-------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | V1b-35 | 7.45 pm | 5.9 | 9 | Dir. Card Copse |
| | P31d55 | during evening | 4.2 | 24 | ? |
| | " | 15 mins later | 4.2 | 34 | ? |

| TRENCH MORTARS.- | AREA Shelled. | Times. | Size. | Density or No. of Rounds. | Sound Bearing & where from. |
|------------------|--|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---|
| | V2b-68 | 6-6.45 am | medium | 15 rounds | 180° TB from Coy HQ. |
| | Several targets including road one (above) | 9.30 pm till 12 m.m. | light + med. | bursts of 6 to 10 rounds | The same three reported yesterday + another from direction of S edge of Card Copse + about 800' from here (flash) |

MACHINE GUNS.- Positions of guns previously reported are confirmed though one at V1b-75 was quiet last night.

SNIPERS.- Sniper active during morning + evening from P32c 1.2.

BOMBING.- Between 100 + 150 rifle bombs thrown over during night. Heard less things + you can see them coming. Held out fire till 3 am when working party withdrew + then shot him up. Could have silenced him anytime if we had had enough bombs. We are armed with the better article.

PATROLLING.- Nil

MOVEMENT.- Individual movement seen on roads + tracks in V2d + V9a. Occasional movement in Jaffa trench at V1b-95. Timbers again heard on Sth. side of railway about 1 am. Can hear them going home empty, very distinctly.

ENEMY DEFENCES.- New earth again visible on parapet of Jaffa line near rly. 1 coil of concertina wire is at V1b-95.80, believed to have been put up during night 31st/1st. A new wooden cross has been put up on grave just behind Jaffa trench at P32c 10.15-

FLARES.- White flares normal. No coloured flares. Fired shells giving out white flare at our aeroplane this morning about 7 am.

ATTITUDE.- Aggressive with rifle bombs, but lacking guts when properly dealt with.

A Macneil Capt.
O.C., "B" Coy, 21st Battalion.

NOTE.- When reporting information always give time, Map location or Bearing. Be concise but do not make general statements such as "T.M. quiet." Say "T.M. fired 5 rounds on J.S.B. at 2 a.m." or "No hostile T.M. fired."

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

24 Hours ending a.m. .5.18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

TRENCH MORTARS.

MACHINE GUNS.

Active sniping from Posts with Lewis Guns.

BOWLING.

Fired Rifle Bombs at 7 last. Kingo

SIPING.

PATROLS.

Patrol of 4 out past 91° 6 Post at 11-30 pm.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Hun seemed to have a lot of working parties in front of 91° 6 & 7 Posts. & we caused him a lot of trouble with the L.G.s.

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ARTILLERY. Area Shelled. ENEMY OPERATIONS. Times. Size. Density or No. of Rounds. Sound bearing or where from.

N.E.
 of my
 position.

4-15 Minnies approx
 30 Rds

TRENCH Area Shelled. MORTARS. Times. Size. Density or No. of Rounds. Sound bearing or where from.

B. Coy. 2. am Light. 2 or 3 per shoot Same as last night.
 frequent shoots during night.

MACHINE GUNS.

Very quiet during night.

SNIPERS. Nil.

BOMBING. Nil.

PATROLLING. Nil.

MOVEMENT. Fair amount of movement behind his front line.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

FLARES. Less fired than usual.

ATTITUDE.

W. M. Conroy
 O.C., "C" Coy, 21st Battalion.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

24 Hours ending a.m. .6.18.

OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

10 15 am 8 shot (18 pounders) on enemy outposts left of position
 10 50 " 8 " " (Ahrapint) "well over enemy line"
 3 0 25 " " heavy fire West of Marcel came
 4 10 18 pounder, heavy fire West of Marcel came
 our guns were very persistent all night as usual
 shelling area directly in rear & to the left of Marcel came

TRENCH MORTARS.

Nil

MACHINE GUNS.

200 Rd were fired from No 10 post

BOMBING.

Boys on right used a number of rifle grenades during night

SHIPPING.

Normal

PATROLS.

our front (posts 8 to 10) was patrolled
 between 12.30 am & 2.30 am. Nothing
 doing.

MISCELLANEOUS.

at 9.5 am & 2.40 pm one of our planes
 dropped 4 bombs on enemy line on left of
 our outposts.

Our planes were very active during evening.
 several squadrons of 10 flew over enemy line

at 5 pm an enemy plane brought
 down 4 of our balloons

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

| <u>ARTILLERY.</u> | <u>Area Shelled.</u> | <u>Times.</u> | <u>Size.</u> | <u>Density or No. of Rounds.</u> | <u>Sound bearing or where from.</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | V. B. | 8.15 | 42 | 32 | |
| | Wood in rear of V.B. | 10.40 | — | 6 | |
| | Rear of embankment | 12.0 | — | 12 | |
| | " | 4.30 | 48 | 2.5 | Marellan |
| | " | 7.25 | 25 | 5.9 | |
| | " | 7.40 | 35 | 5.9 | |

| <u>TRENCH MORTARS.</u> | <u>Area Shelled.</u> | <u>Times.</u> | <u>Size.</u> | <u>Density or No. of Rounds.</u> | <u>Sound bearing or where from.</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|

| | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------|--------------------|----|---------------------|
| | No man's land | 4.20 am | 10 lbs (pineapple) | 20 | Right of the 8 post |
|--|---------------|---------|--------------------|----|---------------------|

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MACHINE GUNS. Fairly active but little quieter than previous night

SNIPERS. Nil

BOMBING. Nil

PATROLLING. Nil

MOVEMENT. Nil

ENEMY DEFENCES.

FLARES. Green flares were fired to indicate T.M. falling short in this morning's demonstration

ATTITUDE. Passive

A. B. Mason
O.C., "Coy, 21st Battalion.

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APPENDIX NO. IX.

PATROL REPORT

Personnel. 10 off 4 OK
 Time of Departure. 12.30 am
 Place of Departure. No 8 P32c2595
 Time of Return. 2.30 am
 Place of Return. No 10 P32a4525
 Casualties. -

Task set & instructions given. -
 Proceed E & try locate enemy posts MGs
 etc. Return NW through No 10.
 Password Cauliflower Left Bow Shawberry.
 Information obtained. - Patrol left our line at P32c2595
 and proceeded East for about 60 yards. Enemy has a
 flanking at P32c 3'075. M. G. very active all approx.
 P32c 7065 - and P32c.7085. Each time patrol moved
 the rustling of the crop drew fire in short sharp bursts
 from E.M.G.s. Flares normal. No enemy encountered
 or enemy movement heard.
 A Peck Lt.
 i/c patrol.

Headquarters,
 6th A.I. Brigade.
 3/8/18

Forwarded.
 Lieutenant
 Intelligence Officer, 21st Bn., A.I.F.

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UNIT B Coy 21st Bn WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 4 am 3/8/18

| Location. | Nature of work. | Details of progress | Remarks. |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Dolls House to Coy HQ. | Carrying rations & tools | left 170R. 10.15 pm left 15 " 1.30 am | 5 faces bombed + 4 bags rocks |
| V1477 line. | Deepening Draining & taling. | 60R. about 20% deepened to 3 ft. All spare men. | |

Intelligence

NIL

Work

Posts were in a very bad state
on a/c of the rain. Men on post
worked endeavouring to drain them.
2 fire steps were commenced in
N: 5 Post.

3/8/18 5 AM
Sullivan Lt
O. G. A Coy

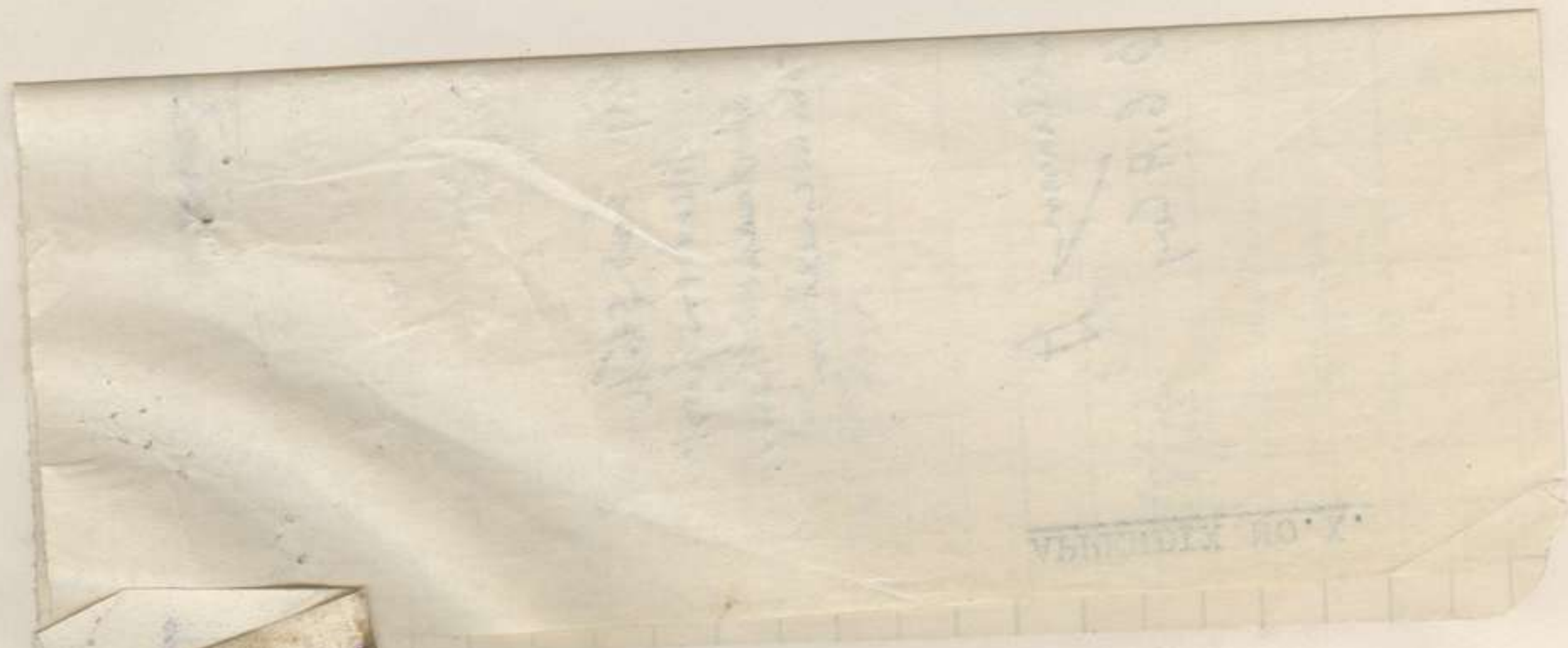
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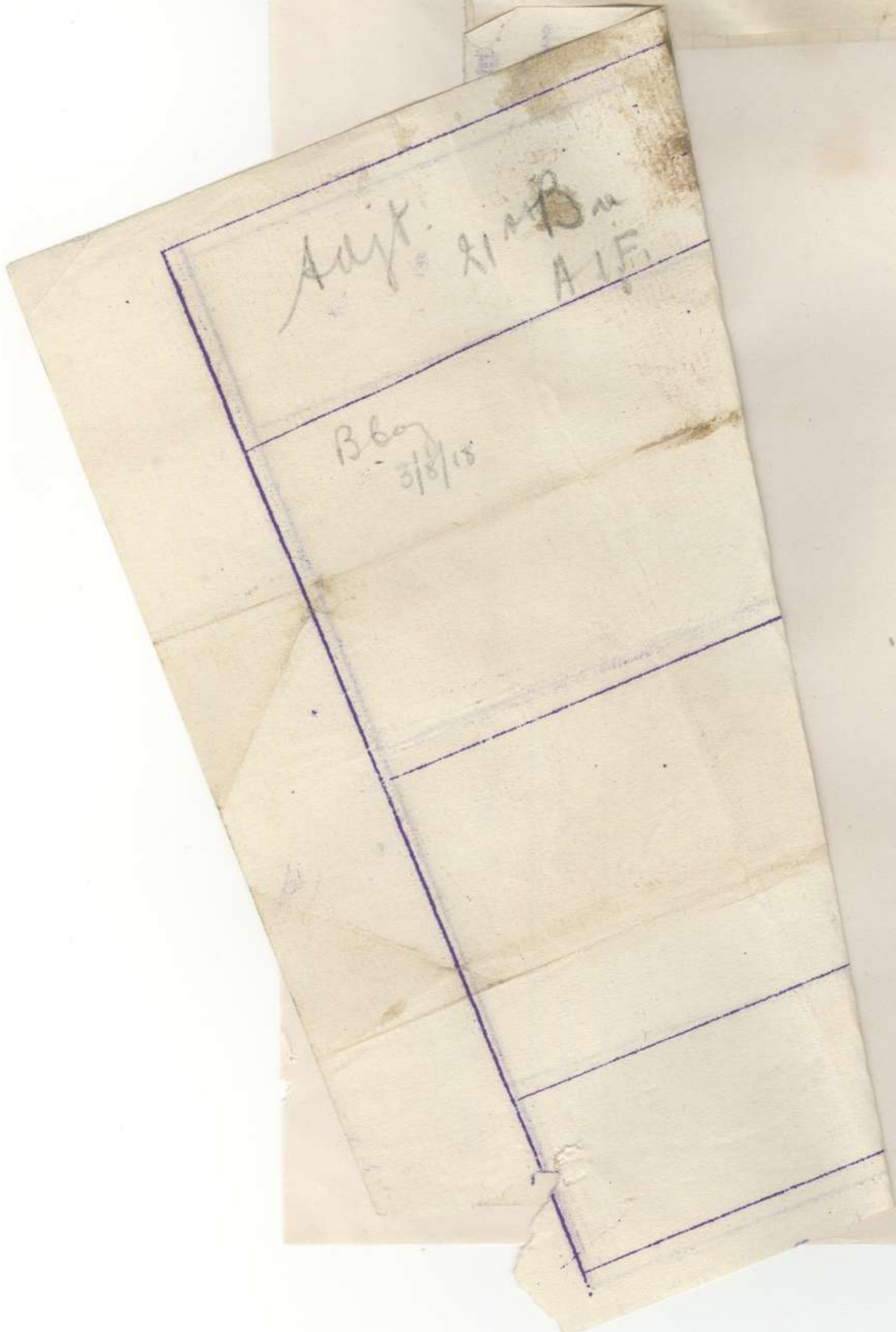
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Авт. 21240
AIF

B60
3/8/15

Unit. *D Coy 21st Bde*

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING *Jan 3/8/18*

| Location. | Nature of work. | Details of progress | Remarks. |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------|----------|
| <i>Carrying parties.</i> | <i>1 H.C. & 16 men evening meal from Bde to outpost.</i> | | |
| <i>1 "</i> | <i>12 - morning meal & bombs "</i> | | |
| | <i>Men on posts were engaged all night in ^{water} baling out, & cleaning mud out of trenches. These were got into fairly good order before daylight.</i> | | |

*B. Mason Lt
OC D Coy*

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APPENDIX NO. XL.

ENEMY SHELLING.

| TIME | Commencing | Finishing | Area Shelled | Direction | Size of Shell | Rounds |
|---------|------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------|
| 4.30 pm | 5.10. | | O.36 B & 30 D. | 112° | 44. | 30. |
| 5.10 | 5.35 | | P.25.A. | 90° | 5.9. | 20 |
| 6:45 | 6:50 | | O 36 D & C | 120° | 77 | 16 |
| 6:45 | 6:48 | | V. Brett | 20° | 4-2 | 5 |
| 6:55 | 6:58 | | O 36 C & D | 120° | 77 | 9 |
| 6:53 | 6:55 | | P 31 C | 120° | 77 | 3 |
| 6:53 | 6:55 | | O 36 C & D | 120° | 4-2 | 8 |
| 6:58 | 7:02 | | 716 A+B | unknown | 7-7 | 5 |
| 7:10 | 7:12 | | V 7 A+B | 120° | 7-7 | 3 |
| 9 | 9:22 | | SE VILLES BRET | 118° | 4.2. | 25 |
| 9:30 | 9:30 | | P.31. 7.7 | 120° | 4.2. | 15 |
| 10 PM | 11.15 | | O 30. C. 2.3 | 105° | 77 | 37 |
| 11:30 | 11:45 | | VILLES BRET. | 90° | 5.9 | 8 |
| 11:30 | 11:40 | | SW." | | SARAPNEL | 5 |
| 7.14 | 7.30 | | VILLES BRET | 130° | 4.2. | 15 |
| 2.30 am | 4 am | | RAILWAY CUTTING SE VILLAGE | 103° | 77 | 25 |

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ENEMY SHELLING

| Time | Comm. Fin. | Area Shelled | Direction | Size of Shell | ROUNDS |
|---------|------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|--------|
| 10 20 | 10 30 | VILLES BRET | 92° | 4.2 | 6 |
| 10 30 | 10 31 | 8 24 | 95° | 7 7 | 8 |
| 11.40 | 11.45 | RAILWAY SEVILLE BRET | 120° | 77 | 9 |
| 12.05 P | 12.25 | O 36 D | Unknown | 4.2 | 5 |
| 1.40 PM | 1.50 | V.I. B | 100° | 4.2 | 8 |
| 2.15 | 2.30 | O.30 A | 100° 5' | H E | 5 |
| 2.40 | 2.45 | O 30 D | 95° | 7 7 | 6 |
| 2.45 | 3.0 | San Villes BRET | " | 4.2 | 5 |
| 3.12 | 3.30 | O 30 D | " | 7 7 | 30 |
| 3.45 | 3.50 | Villes BRET | 120° | 7 7 | 15 |
| 3.50 | 3.55 | Villes BRET | 120° | 5.9 | 5 |
| 4.15 | 4.30 | Pine Apple Switch | 90° | 4.2 | 20. |

Appendix

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

24 hours ending 7 a.m. 3.8.18.

OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

12 pm 50 shots (18 pdrs) on enemy lines to right of Marcelcane
 9.45 (18 pdrs) opened on transport in vicinity of Marcelcane.
 10.30 to 12.30 as usual our guns were very active between these hours.

TRENCH MORTARS.

Nil

MACHINE GUNS.

As usual our Lewis guns replied to every burst from enemy M.G. keeping their fire well down.

BOOMING.

A few rifle grenades were fired from right of R's front.

SNIPING.

Normal. One burst sniped on post about 200 yds in front of No 9 post.

PATROLS.

Patrols were out in front of 7 & 8 posts between 11 pm & 2.30 am. Nothing unusual reported.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Heard firing from post directly in front of No 9 post at one of our planes was sniped by our H.C. on that post. Was taken away by stretcher bearers. There were also fired on sentry they put up the white flag.

Enemy transports were very plainly heard in Marcelcane from 8.45 until 9.15. Each night they are heard about this time.

Just before daylight a big gun (evidently brought up on railway) was opened firing from behind bunker to left of Marcelcane (flash of guns could be seen).

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

| <u>ARTILLERY.</u> | <u>Area Shelled.</u> | <u>Times.</u> | <u>Size.</u> | <u>Density or No. of Rounds.</u> | <u>Sound Bearing where from.</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Morning exceptionally quiet | | | | | |
| | Front of Villiers-B | 12.10pm | 4.2 | 15 | Manielcane |
| | Aerodrome | 2 | 4.2 | 20 | |
| | Left of aerodrome | 4.10pm | 5.9. | 10 | Left of Max cleave |
| | Villiers-B | 5.0 | 5.9 | 8 | |

TRENCH MORTARS.

at intervals light minnie opened up from position about half-sight from No 9 post. These fell well in rear of posts.

MACHINE GUNS.

Machine gun fire seems to slacken off a little more each night.

MINES.

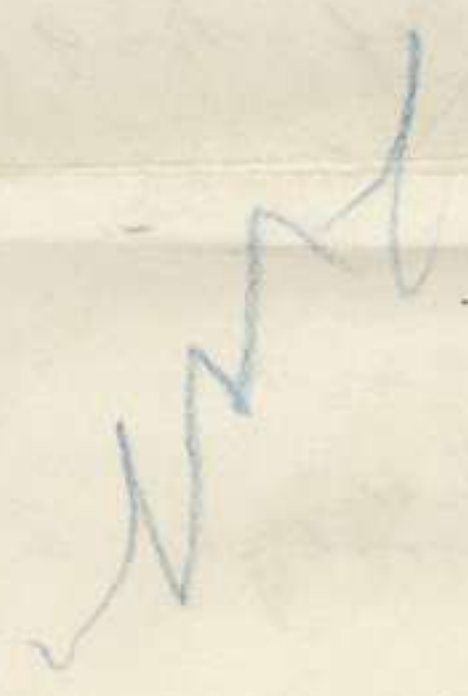
owing to men having to move overland on account of mud sinking was a little better than usual.

POWERS.

Nil

PATROLLING.

Nil



MOVEMENT.

No movement observed in No man's land.

ENEMY TRENCHES.

FLARES.

Normal

ARTILLERY.

Normal

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CB Marcor Lieut.
 O.C., "Coy, 21st Battalion.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

24 Hours ending 4 a.m. 3.8.18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.-

Harassing fire during night heavier than normal.

TRENCH MORTARS.-

Nil

MACHINE GUNS.-

250 rounds fired by L.G.s. Harassing fire

BOMBING.-

8, N° 23 & 16, N° 36's used on Jaffa trench during day & night.

SNIPING.-

On morning about 9.30 pm 2/8/18 six men walked N on parapet at VI b 9.50. Engaged by rifles, L.G. & bombs. Several hits claimed as cries were heard for a few minutes after.

PATROLS.-

Nil

MISCELLANEOUS.-

Coy H.Q. moving to P31 & 63 this morning. This places a small reserve garrison in N° 5 post which was vacated last night by platoon taking over N° 6 post. This relief was complete without any hitch by 1 a.m.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

| ARTILLERY.-- | Area shelled. | Times. | Size. | Density or No. of Rounds. | Sound & where from. |
|--------------|---------------|--------|-------|---------------------------|---|
| | Vib 07 | 9pm | 5.9 | 9 | ? 7 ft. shot on balcony 1000 ft. |
| | 1st | 1am | 5.9 | 14 | ? 2 ft. shot on N.M.L. other near bridge. |

| TRENCH MORTARS.-- | Area Shelled. | Times. | Size. | Density or No. of Rounds. | Sound Bearing & where from. |
|-------------------|---------------|--------|-------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Vib 7090 | 3am | heavy | 4 | ? Vib 02 Direct hit in trench. |

MACHINE GUNS.-- Quiet. Following guns fired during night.
Vib 95 - P32 c 00 - P32 c 13 - P32 c 34

INFANTRY.-- Inactive. Few shots from Vib 95 on movement in new trench between 2 & 3 posts.

BOMBING.-- Tried throwing spud machine at No 3 post block without success. Also put some different type of rifle bomb into No 5 post.

PATROLLING.-- Nil.

MOVEMENT.-- Slight individual movement in Jaffa trench at Vib 96 & P32 c 13. Timbers heard direction card case about 9.30 pm for about 2 hours. Four men seen and fired on at P32 c 42 at 4.13 this morning.

ENEMY DEFENCES.-- Were erected in front of Jaffa trench as a trade off during night 1/2nd.

FLARES.-- Below normal. No flares fired when 5.9s or minnies dropped. Shot except the last shot this morning which brought up 2 single greens.

ATTITUDE.-- Very passive. No attempt to harass us at all except by minnies & odd arty.

S. R. Macauley Capt
O.C., 13 Coy, 21st Battalion.

NOTE.-- When reporting information always give time, Map location or bearing. Be concise but do not make general statements such as "T.M. quiet." Say "T.M. fired 6 rounds on J.G.B. at 2 a.m." or "No hostile T.M. fired."

TO BE FORWARDED TO BDE. HDQRS. BY FIRST MORNING D.R.

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PATROL REPORT

Officers

O.R's

Personnel.-

1 Sgt

4 Men

Place of Departure.-

No 7 Post P32c 0060

Time of Departure.-

1 am

Place of Return.-

No 7 Post

Time of Return.-

~~2.30 am~~ 2. AM

Casualties.-

Nil

Information obtained.-

Patrol moved out about 120 yards on right of No 7 Post. No movement or sound of enemy seen or heard. Machine gun about 200 yds. could see about another 50 yds but could not see any enemy posts. Spies very few.
Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

Proceed direct East for 200 yds to edge of crop & try to locate enemy posts. Lie down here for half an hour then return by No 7 Post.
Password Turnip
Left by Gooseberry
(Signed) *C. E. Smith* Sgt
I/c Patrol.

Headquarters
6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded

Commanding Lt.-Col.,
Battalion

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PATROL REPORT

| | <u>Officers</u> | <u>O.R.'s</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Personnel.- | 1 | 4 |
| Place of Departure.- | No 8 Post P32C 2595 | |
| Time of Departure.- | 11 PM. | |
| Place of Return.- | No 8 Post | |
| Time of Return.- | 1 am. | |
| Casualties.- | | |

Information obtained.- Patrol left our line at P32C 2595 and proceeded S.E for about 100 yds to enemy flares coming from approx P32C 5050 cleared at approach of patrol and an enemy M.C opened fire from approx P32C 6065. Patrol moved to within 50 yards of enemy post at approx P32C 6065 and while lying down heard Germans talking. One of them

Task set & instructions given to patrol.-

Proceed from No 8 for 100 yds then NE for 100 yds & see if enemy is holding improved steel holes at P32C 58. If they are not occupied move around crop & return through No 8 Post.

(Signed).....
I/c Patrol.

Headquarters
6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded

Lt.-Col.,
Commanding Battalion

was heard to say "working all day and no thing to eat" (Interpreted as American food) Flares and M.C's becoming lively when next patrol moved, our patrol came back to our line at P 32C 2595.

"A" Form. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form O. 1341. (In pads of 100.)

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| Prefix | Code | m. | Words | Charge | This message is on w/o of: | Recd. at | m. |
| Office of Origin and Service Instructions. | | | | | | Sent | Date |
| DR | | | | | At | m. | Service |
| SECRET | | | | | To | | |
| | | | | | By | (Signature of "Franking Officer.") | By |

TO { 21st Bm

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| Sender's Number. | Day of Month. | In reply to Number. | AAA |
| # FS205 | 3. | | |

Party for over 1000
 shelter construction not
 now required AAA
 party of 90 workers
 of 22 Bm are working
 on ALTONIA support in 036d
 tonight. AAA they have
 been instructed to report
 to you in case of enemy
 attack, and in such
 an emergency you will
 assume tactical command
 AAA Acknowledged

From 21st Bm
 Place
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Halegar
 Censor. Signature of Addressee or person authorized to telegraph in his name.

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
 Wt. W 8253/P511, 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

APPENDIX NO. XIII.

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WORKS REPORT

A Coy. 21st Battalion 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 4/8/18.

| Location.-- | Nature of work.-- | Details of progress made and wire used.-- | Personnel employed | Remarks.-- |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|------------|
| No. 12 Post P 32a 7.3 | Cleaning & draining trench | 75 yards cleaned out & drained. 2 fire steps put in | 6 men of garrison | |
| No. 13 Post P 32a 8.4 | do Deepening trench between 13 & 14 Posts | Post drained & 70 yards of interval deepened 2 feet - 3 fire steps put in. | Garrison in Post. | |
| No. 15 + 16 Posts P 32b 1.8 | 1 do. | Posts cleaned out & drained & about 60' of interval between 15 & 16 Posts marked out & dug 9" deep | Garrison on Posts | |

NOTE:- Work of parties carrying Engineer material to be included



WORKS REPORT

.....battalion 24 hours ending 6 a.m.....

| Location.- | Nature of work.- | Details of progress made and wire used.- | Personnel employed | Remarks.- |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| 16+17 Pobs P26d 3.1 P26d 3.1 | Cleaning & Draining trench. | Both Pobs Posts cleaned out & made good. Putting in 4 fire steps | Garrison on Pobs. | Two Ration Parties carrying our own Rations. |
| <p>J. Sullivan OC Army 2/1/41</p> | | | | |

NOTE:- Work of parties carrying Engineer material to be included

W O R K R T

B Coy 2nd Battalion 24 hours ending 4 a.m. 4/8/18

| Location | Nature of Work.- | Details of progress made and wire used.- | Personnel employed.- | Remarks.- |
|---------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Dully House to Line | Ration carrying | One trip 10.30pm " " 1.30am | 1 off 18 OR 1 off 9 OR. | |
| NOS post. | Deepening | Deepening small C.T. leading to post to provide more rest accommodation. | 6 OR. | |
| All posts | Cleaning & training | — | all spare men. | Weather fairly dry. |
| V1 b 77 | Deepening | 10 yds new trench deepened to 3 ft. | 2 OR. | |

4 am
4/8/18

J.R. Macneil Capt
B Coy

NOTE:- Work of parties carrying Engineer material to be included.-

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A.I.F.

B. Coy
4/8/18

WORKS REPORT

C Coy. 21.....Battalion 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 4/8/5.

| Location | Nature of Work.- | Details of progress made and wire used.- | Personnel employed.- | Remarks.- |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|-----------|
| Apollo Support | Drainage + Cleaning Trench. | Drained water off + cleaned up 100 yds of Trench. | 20 ORs | |

NOTE:- Work of parties carrying Engineer material to be included.-

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NOTE: - Work of parties carrying Engineering material to be included. -

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Unit. *D Coy 2nd Btn*

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING

Jan 4/8/18

| Location. | Nature of work. | Details of progress | Remarks. |
|-------------------------|---|---|------------------------|
| <i>Carrying parties</i> | | | |
| <i>17</i> | <i>o. Ranks evening</i> | <i>meal Btin to outpost</i> | |
| <i>17</i> | <i>o. Ranks morning</i> | <i>meal + S.A.G</i> | <i>Btin to outpost</i> |
| <i>Long Hdqrs</i> | <i>Construction of dug out (3 men)</i> | <i>completed sand bagging & felling in (dug. but completed)</i> | |
| <i>No 10 post</i> | <i>1 Trench shelter for 2 men</i> | <i>completed</i> | |
| | <i>Spare men on posts were out benches after the rain</i> | <i>Kept busy cleaning</i> | |

*G.P. Mason Lt
of D Coy*

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

| ARTILLERY. ACTIVITY. | Area Shelled. Map Square. | Times. | Calibre | Intensity No. of rounds. | Sound bearing where from. |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|--|---------------------------|
| | P 26 c | 8:10pm | 5.9 | } During these times approx 200 shells fell in this area. Direction BAYONVILLE | |
| | P 25 d | 10:50pm | 4.2 | | |

| TRENCH MORTARS. | Area Shelled. | Times. | Size. | Density or No. of Rounds. | Sound Bearing where from. |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | P 26 c + d | 8pm | medium | about a dozen rounds | Direction P 33 central |

At 4 AM. Large Mimmie fell in front of our No 5 Post & was immediately followed by green flare - to mine wire fence

INFANTRY MACHINE GUNS.

Not so active as previous 24 hours.

SNIPERS.

BOMBING.

PATROLS.

FLARES.

MOVEMENT. Enemy transport heard 10pm on Road about V 3 central - this is the second occasion on which we have heard transport at the same time & approx same place.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Posts.

M.G.'s.

T.M.

Snipers. 1 located approx. P 32 a 9.2 fired on.

H.Q.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

ATTITUDE.

MISCELLANEOUS. Working party about V 32 to 9.9 engaged by Lewis Gun at 10.30pm. Movement heard V 32 to 4.7 & engaged by Lewis Gun

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Sullivan
 O.C., "A" Coy. 21st Battalion.

21st BATTALION, AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

24 hours ending 6 a.m. 4/8/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

TRENCH MORTARS.

MACHINE GUNS.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

PATROLS.

SNIPING.

BOMBING.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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[Note: When reporting information give time, location or bearing. Be concise but do not make general statements such as "K. died" "B. T. died" "K. died" etc.]

G.O. Coy. 21st Bn. I.F.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

24 hours ending 9 a.m. 4/8/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY.

9.10 am 25 6" shells to right of Marcelcare
 10.20 " 10 " " " " " "
 1.30 pm 12 shots in front of Marcelcare
 2.20 " 12 "heaves" in rear of "
 3.15 " 12 shots on enemy line in front of our outposts
 7.49 a.m. 25 " in front of Marcelcare
 Shelling was very constant throughout the night

TRENCH MORTARS.

Nil

MACHINE GUNS.

400 rds fired in counter - M.G. work.
 Vickers guns were very active between 11.15 & 11.45

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Not so marked as usual

PATROLS.

2 fighting patrols left 9 & 7 posts at 10 am & 2.15 am respectively. No enemy was encountered. Working party was heard in front of B Coy

SNIPING.

Normal

BOMBING.

Nil

MISCELLANEOUS.

Between 2 & 2.15 am 4 18 bombs (duds) were dropped between our outposts & supports. Fired from left of Villers-Brethenoux.

Transport was heard in Marcelcare about 10 pm much later than on previous nights.

Very heavy stuff was fired

ENEMY - OPERATIONS.

| <u>ARTILLERY.</u> <u>ACTIVITY.</u> | <u>Area</u> <u>Shelled.</u> | <u>Times:</u> | <u>Calibre</u> | <u>Intensity</u> <u>No. of rounds.</u> | <u>Sound bearing</u> <u>where from.</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------|----------------|---|--|
| | <u>Map</u> <u>Square.</u> | | | | |
| | Road Right of V.B. | 9am | 4.2 | 6 | Marcellana |
| | aerodrome | 7.20am | 4.2 | 10 | Rear of staple " |
| | Trellis south | 9.30 | 4.2 | 8 | Right of Marcellana |
| | left of Aerodrome | 10.50 | 4.2 | 12 | left " " |
| | Wood R of V.B. | 11.20 | 5.9 | 10 | rear " " |
| | Big increase in artillery out previous 24 hrs | | | | |
| | ambulance | 4.15am | 5.9 & 8" | 30 | |

| <u>TRENCH MORTARS.</u> | <u>Area</u> <u>Shelled.</u> | <u>Times.</u> | <u>Size.</u> | <u>Density or No.</u> <u>of Rounds.</u> | <u>Sound Bearing</u> <u>where from.</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|--|
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|--|

Nil

INFANTRY MACHINE GUNS.

Normal

SNIPERS.

Kept our fellows in the mud!

BOMBING.

Nil

PATROLS.

Nil

FLARES.

Green was used as signal to lengthen

MOVEMENT.

Digging heard behind enemy posts facing our E. side

ENEMY DEFENCES. Posts.

M.G.'s.

T.M.

Snipers.

H.Q.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Active during afternoon

ATTITUDE.

Normal

MISCELLANEOUS.

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[Signature]
O.C., "Coy. 21st Battalion.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

| Area Shelled. | Time | Calibre | Intensity No. of rounds. | Sound bearing where from. |
|---------------|------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|---------------|------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------|

91 P31 d 58 11.30pm 4.2 6
" " " " 6

TRENCH MORTARS.

| Area Shelled. | Times. | Size. | Density or No. of Rounds. | Sound Bearing where from. |
|---------------|--------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|---------------|--------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|

P31 d 32 10.30pm light 20
2am medium 20
V16 7095 3.15am heavy 3

INFANTRY MACHINE GUNS.

Very slight activity + that not of persistent nature. Following night 1 V16 95 3 P32 c 14
2 V16 96

SNIPERS.

Sniping very active. More so than previously. Two positions V16 95 (loophole) and P32 c 0.0

BOMBING.

Couple of rifle bombs at Bde snipers from V16 95 at 7pm.

PATROLS.

Nil

FLARES.

Only from V16 95 and occasionally P32 c 13. From latter one green after 3rd Heavy T.M. shot. and abt. 12 full shot.

MOVEMENT.

See Sniping. 6.30am horse + cart going E in V9 board. Also individual movement in same area.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Posts. See front M.G.s. See M.G.s. T.M. See T.M.s. Snipers. See Sniping. H.Q. ?

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

1 EA over at 7pm. Not engaged

ATTITUDE.

Persistent sniping main feature of a very passive 24 hrs.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Nil.

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4 am
4/8/18

A.R. Macneil Capt
O.C., "B" Coy. 21st Battalion.

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APPENDIX NO. XV.

COPY NO.

21st BATTALION A. I. F.

PATROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIGHT OF 3/4 Aug 1918.

Scouts

| No. | PERSONNEL. | PLACE AND TIME OF GOING OUT | PLACE & TIME OF RETURN | INSTRUCTIONS. | PASS WORD. |
|---|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------|
| 1 | 10/4 OR | No 13 Post P32094 10.30 PM | No 16 Post P26040 1 am | Proceed NE along Hun outposts locate enemy MGs working parties. Gain knowledge of Hohmann's band | Parasnip |
| <p>Information Gained :- Special Report attached. W Peck H.</p> | | | | | |

The above Patrol arrangements also Pass Word will be notified to all Posts & others concerned by 7 p.m. Officers and N.C.O.s i/c Patrols will send their reports to Bn Hqrs IMMEDIATELY after Patrol returns.

RIGHT BN PASSWORD. - _____ LEFT BN PASSWORD. - _____

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution. - 1/2 War Diary. 3/6 Coys. 7 Bde. 8 Right Bn. 9 Left Bn. 10 Spare.

W Peck H. Lieutenant, Intelligence Officer, 21st Bn.

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21st BATTALION A. I. F.
PATROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIGHT OF 3/4 Aug 1918.

COPY NO.

Scouts

| No. | PERSONNEL. | PLACE AND TIME OF GOING OUT | PLACE & TIME OF RETURN | INSTRUCTIONS. | PASS WORD. |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------|
| 2 | INCO 40R | No 7 Post P32c 06 1am | No 8 Post P32c 2595 3am | Proceed E for 200 yds + examine shell holes in vicinity at approx P32 c 36. Then N & return by No 8 Post Locate enemy posts Mqs working parties etc | <u>Passwrd</u> |
| <p>Special Report Attached.</p> <p>APR 21</p> | | | | | |

The above Patrol arrangements also Pass Word will be notified to all Posts & others concerned by 7 p.m. Officers and N.C.O.s i/c Patrols will send their reports to Bn Hqrs IMMEDIATELY after Patrol returns.

RIGHT BN PASSWORD.-

LEFT BN PASSWORD.-

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution.- 1/2 War Diary. 3/3 Coys.
7 Bde. 8 Right Bn. 9 Left Bn. 10 Spare.

R. Bayley Lieutenant,
Intelligence Officer, 21st Bn.

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| To..... | | From..... |
| By..... | | (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By..... |
| TO { | 21 st Pm | } Information |
| | 22nd | |
| | 23 rd Pm | |
| Sender's Number. | Day of M. | In reply to Number. |
| * BM 102 | 2 | AAA |
| <p>The enemy has evacuated DERNAN COURT and there have been indications of retirement at MONT DIDIER AAA It is important that his intentions on this front be ascertained AAA The G.O.C. wishes line Pons to send out ^{at nightfall} fighting patrols (not less than 1 officer and 10 ORs with L.G.) with the object of capturing a prisoner at nightfall AAA If the first patrol fails another is to be sent out AAA Times at which patrols go out and return and result is to be wired to this office AAA acknowledge by wire</p> | | |
| From | 6 th A/Bde | |
| Place | P30C 15.00 | |
| Time | 6.25 Pm | |
| The above may be forwarded as now corrected. | | (Z) W.P.N. Bridges |
| Censor. | Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name. | |
| * This line should be erased if not required. | | |
| (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 6-0,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W.&V., Ld. (E, 1187.) | | |

APPENDIX NO. XVI.

Patrol Report 21st Batt

Patrol of 1 off. 1 A.C.D & 6 O.R.S
 at 2 P.M. Patrol moved out from
 No 7 Post P. 32 C 00.00 and moved
 South East silently for about 40 yds
 laid down for about five minutes
 then pushed forward another 50 yds
 but could not see any enemy
 movement. Officer and A.C.D.
 pushed forward again for another
 thirty yds what we thought
 looked like at first turned out
 to be shell holes, A.C.D. went
 back and brought up Patrol
 laid down for about half hour
 heard working Party working
 approx. P. 32 C 4530, but could not
 get near enough for machine gun
 fire, then a late Patrol it began
 to get to light, so returned
 back by No 7 Post about
 2.15 P.M.

E. Ennett Sst
 of Patrol

Patrol Report: 21st Bn.

A patrol of 1 Cpl. & 12 O.R.s with Lewis Gun left our line at 12.15 AM. Patrol proceeded in an E.S.E. direction for 200', moving as silently as possible, and crawling for the last 100'. Flares coming from P 32C 65-85 stopped on approach of patrol and M.G.s opened fire from approx P 32C 78 and P 32C 75-85.

Flares recommenced from between these two M.G.s as though enemy flare king had moved back on approach of patrol.

Wheat crop here made silent moving impossible and patrol moved N.E. towards another flare king at approx P 32C 75-95.

Before proceeding for 40' M.G. fire was opened from the vicinity of the flare post, and several of the patrol narrowly escaped being hit, the bullets coming

very low through the crop.
 Patrol moved N.E. to
 road at P. 32 a 85-15 - and
 lay dogs in ditch on
 S.W. side of road.
 Patrol officer with a scout
 moved forward to reconnoitre
 enemy posts, but M.C. fire
 from front and S. flank,
 unaccompanied by numerous
 flares, caused them to
 return to patrol.
 In no case did patrol
 approach closer than 40
 yards to the enemy, and
 crops hindered a rush
 towards enemy posts.
 Enemy M.C. appear to
 be extremely numerous, very
 alert and active, and
 each guarding the flank
 of the next one by it.
 Patrol moved back
 due need to pin our
 line, followed by M.C. fire
 from enemy posts.

A Peck Lt.

APPENDIX NO. XVII.

WORKS REPORT

.....Battalion 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 5/8/18.....

| Location.- | Nature of work.- | Details of progress made and wire used.- | Personnel employed | Remarks.- |
|--|------------------|--|---------------------|-----------|
| Between 9 & 10 posts | Digging C.T. | 14 yds put in 3 ft deep 2 ft wide | Sparsmen on post | |
| <u>Carrying parties.</u> | | | | |
| Evening meal 1 N.C.O + 16 others | | | | |
| morning 1 " " 12 " | | | | |
| a portion of No 10 post fell in & had to be cleared away | | | | |
| E.B. Mason Sgt "P" boy | | | | |

NOTE:- Work of parties carrying Engineer material to be included

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UNIT ... *B-21st* WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING *4am 5/8/18*

| Location. | Nature of work. | Details of progress | Remarks. |
|-----------|---|--|----------|
| <i>1</i> | <i>Dolls House to line Ration carrying.</i> | <i>10.15pm - 1off 180R. 1.30am - 12pt 90R.</i> | |
| <i>2</i> | <i>Drawing</i> | <i>Old men when they could be spared</i> | |

*4am
5/8/18*

*A. R. Macdonald
Capt
101st B Coy*

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Unit. Alloy 21st Bn

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 5/8/19

| Location. | Nature of work. | Details of progress | Remarks. |
|------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| No 16 & 17 Posts | Connecting up Posts the stepping | 12 yards of trench completed 2 feet deep - 4 firesteps (4' long) put into No 17 Post & 3 firesteps of a like size completed in No 16 Post | Garrison work Garrison work. |
| 11 12 13 14 15 } Posts | Deepening existing trench trace between Posts. | This work was pushed on as much as possible but was greatly interrupted by the departure of Ration Parties on three during the night. about about 70% however was completed to the depth of existing posts. | J. Sullivan Alloy |

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5-8-18. ENEMY SHELLING.

| TIME | C O M M. | FINISHED | AREASHELLED | BEARINGS | Calibre | ROUNDS |
|-------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| 4.45 | | 4.55 | 039 B 4.5 | " " | 2.25 shells | 20. |
| 5.20 | | 5.25 | Rail cutting | " " | 4.2 | 5. |
| 5.20 | | 5.40 | 036 D 8.8 | 124° | 4.2 | 40 |
| 6.0 | | 6.40 | V10 Cl. 6.4. | 123° | 4.2 | 25 |
| 6.30 | | 7.15 | V15 B. 5.6. | 128° | 4.2 | 20. |
| 9.30 | | 10.30. | VILLERS BRET | 125° | Gass | 30. |
| 10.45 | | 11.10. | Rail cutting | " " | Shells | 30. |
| 12. | | 12.30. | VILLERS BRET | 90° | 5.9 | |
| 12. | | 12.30. | VILLARS BRET | 90° | 4.2 25 | 25 |
| 1.20 | | 1.35 | VILLERS BRET | 123° | 4.2 | 20 |
| 2.30 | | 3.30 | " " | 124° | 4.2 | 20 |
| 4.30 | | 6.30 | Monument & Wood | 114° | 5.9 | 25. |

APPENDIX NO. XVIII

AERIAL.

TIME

4.15 pm One Enemy Balloon up at 133°

4.30 AM 4/8/18

S.O. 21st Batt

Heavy Long Range T.M. at P. 25. C. 15.10 will register at 5.30^{AM} with about 10 rds onto ruins at V. 2. A. 70. 20. Line of fire will cross P. 31. D. Central

H. T. M. Bly
 1/2 section
 H. T. M. Bly

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By.....

Handed in at. Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO 909 A.

| * Sender's Number. | Day of Month. | In reply to Number. | AAA |
|---|---------------|---------------------|-----|
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| <p><i>During the early hours of this morning we heard the movement of timber & tractors or tanks were plainly to be seen. They seemed to be coming from the Western Front & must have been plainly visible to the Enemy.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. W. Coates Lt</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>OC Coy</i></p> | | | |
| <p>FROM _____</p> <p>PLACE & TIME _____</p> | | | |

* This line should be erased if not required.

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24 hours ending 6 a.m. 5/8/1918.

OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

Normal harassing fire only
Heavy firing to our right lasting an hour
at 9 pm and 3.45 am.

TRENCH MORTARS.

Morning summit. 6" Newton. T.M. positions. Satisfactory
7.30 pm. - 6" Newton - T.M. positions near bank copse +
V2 602 - 12 rounds - Satisfactory

MACHINE GUNS.

200 rounds harassing fire during night.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

More than normal

PATROLS.

Nil. Was going to do one but things got too
busy in the "A Q" department.

SNIPING.

NIL. Hardly a head showing.

BOMBING.

6, N° 36 + 8 N° 23 used on active M Gs during night.

MISCELLANEOUS.

B Coy dispositions now are:-

N° 1 post - 8 OR with L G

2 " - unoccupied.

3 " - 17 OR with 2 L Gs

4 " - 90 R. with L G - ~~officer~~

Coy HQ - P 31d 65.20 - 1 off + 80 R. } Lt Gray

5 post - 90 R.

6 " - 10 OR with 2 L Gs

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

| Area Shelled. Map Square | Times. | Calibre. | Intensity No. of rounds. | Sound Bearing where from. |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| P31d | 10 a.m. | 5.9 | 6 | ? 2 shorts |
| P31d | 7.45 p.m. | 4.2 | 20 | ? |
| P31d | 9 p.m. | 4.2 | 30 | ? |
| P31d | 9 p.m. | 5.9 | 6 | ? 3 very short |
| P31d | 1.30 a.m. | 4.2 | 20 | ? brought green flares. |

TRENCH MORTARS.

| Area Shelled. | Times. | Size. | Density or No. of rounds. | Sound Bearing where from. |
|---------------|--------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| V170.95 | 9 p.m. | heavy medium | 12 | Sedg hard copy |

INFANTRY MACHINE GUNS.

Very quiet.

SNIPERS.

No shots fired

BOMBING.

Nil

PATROLS.

Nil

FLARES.

Burns on two occasions (single & repeated twin) when Arty or T.M. fell short. White flares more restless than last night.

MOVEMENT.

Nil.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Pests. As reported before
 M.G.'s. active at - V170.95 - P32c0.0 - P32c25
 T.M. old positions.
 Snipers. Nil
 H.Q. Nil

Give approx
Map Ref

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Nil

ATTITUDE.

Restless, but not offensive.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Between 3am + 5.30am 7 or 8 red fires occurred on N edge of Marcel cave. No explosions heard

(Note.- When reporting information always give time, Map Location or Bearing Be concise but do not make general statements such as "T.M. quiet". Say "T.M. fired 6 rounds on J.G.b. at 2 a.m." or "No hostile T.M. fired." etc.)

A.P. Macmillan
 O.C., "B" Coy., 21st Battalion.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

24 Hours ending 6 a.m. .6.18.

OUR OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.FRENCH MORTARS.MACHINE GUNS.

our Lewis Guns engaged hostile M.G. positions immediately. The latter opened up. 500 rounds of SAA were fired for this purpose, with good results.

BOMBING.

about 12 "drip pots" (Rifle Grenades) were fired on No 12 Post at 11 pm. Grenades were fired from hostile position about P 32 a 8.2 fell in front of our position - we replied by using No 36 grenades in sniping which resulted in cessation by him.

SNIPING.

No definite Targets were seen through the day but sniping was carried out against enemy M.G.s with good results.

PATROLS.

1 N.CO + 4 other ranks left No 13 Post (P 32 a 8.4) at 1.30 AM. returned at 3 AM. Nothing was seen of the enemy except a flare thrower.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.ARTILLERY.

| Area Shelled. | Times. | Size. | Density or No. of Rounds. | Sound Bearing & where from. |
|---------------|--------|-------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 78. | | | | |

No enemy artillery of any importance was noted. at 2 pm enemy shell which landed in his own lines was immediately heralded by green flares

TRENCH MORTARS.

| Area Shelled. | Times. | Size. | Density or No. of Rounds. | Sound Bearing where from. |
|---------------|--------|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| P 26d | 8.30pm | Medium | 14 rounds | P 33 f 22 |

MACHINE GUNS.

also fired - But their fire was successfully dealt with by sniping & Lewis guns.

SNIPERS.

Sniping was carried out by our snipers against enemy MGs

BOMBING.

14 grenades fired in reply to his salvo of 12. at 10.30 flare thrower was made to withdraw from No. 10's land

PATROLLING.MOVEMENT.

Transport was again heard at 10 o'clock tonight in vicinity of V 3 central.

ENEMY DEFENCES.FLARES.ATTITUDE.

active towards dawn

(Note.- When reporting information always give time, Map location, or Bearing. Be concise but do not make general statements such as "T.M. quiet." "Say" "T.M. fired 6 rounds on J.S.B. at 2 a.m." or "No hostile T.M. fired.")

Sullivan
O.C., "A" Coy, 21st Battalion.

Intelligence 5/8/18
24 hrs ending 7 am 1918

Artillery enemy
320 shells chiefly 4.2 & 5.9 were
fired between 6 am & 6 pm on targets
in rear of our sector (chiefly
near aerodrome & in vicinity of 2.B.)

Batteries firing from Marcelcave
& Right & left of same village
At 9.20 pm "heavies" opened on
& near embankment. Several shots
fell & the usual green flares (for
lengthen) was sent up.

Our artillery normal during
day. Very active during night

M.G. enemy Very much quieter
than usual

M.G. our own. Active. 550 Rds were
fired from 9 & 10 posts

Intelligence (contd)

Miscellaneous: Enemy was
unusually quiet during the
night.

Casualty dump blown up
in Marcelcave at 2.15 am, and
several other "red glare" resembling
dumps being blown up ~~where~~
seen in various positions in front
between 3 & 4 am

Between 4 & 5 am noise
of tanks moving up could
be very plainly heard from
our outposts. They would
be able to hear them easily
in his front line

E. B. Mason Lt
10 D. Coy

TO BE FORWARDED TO BDE. HDQRS. BY FIRST MORNING D.R.

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PATROL REPORTOfficersO.R's

Personnel.--

1 off 6 Banks

Place of Departure.--

No 11 Post P 32 a 6 3

Time of Departure.--

~~10~~ 11 PM

Place of Return.--

No 11 Post P 32 a 6 3

Time of Return.--

1 am.

Casualties.--

NIL.

Information obtained.--

Patrol moved S. side of road for about 150 yards and lay doggo. Enemy very quiet. Few flares and little m. G. fire. No movement or sounds heard about P. 32 central. Patrol moved S. W and returned to own own line through P. 32 a 6 3.

Task set & instructions given to patrol.--

Proceed S E along Sth ~~bank~~ ^{side} of road in ditch for about 150 yds & lie doggo & reconnoitre enemy's position in this vicinity with a view to a future raid. Any activity noticed about P 32 central to be reported to No 12 Post to be engaged by rifle grenade & L G on return.

(Signed).....

I/c Patrol.

Headquarters

6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Forwarded

..... Lt.-Col.,
Commanding Battalion

Patrol Report 21st Batt

Patrol of 1 N.C.O and 3 O^r moved
out between No 13 + 14 Posts
about 50 yds layd down for quarter
of hour then came in by No 14
Post went out again between
No 14 + 15 Post about 40 yds
turned left and came in on
right flank of No 15 Post
No enemy movement seen flank being
about 100 yds in front of No 15 Post
No. 15 seem to be well back.

Time of going out 1.15 P.M.

Time of coming in 2.30 P.M.

Casualties Nil

C. Everett Sgt

1/0 Patrol

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APPENDIX No. XX

COPY No.

WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS ATTACHED TO
21st AUST. BATTALION.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

5th August 1918.

1. The remainder of the American troops attached to this Battalion will be withdrawn this afternoon.
2. Times and routes to be followed are set out in attached memo.
3. All movements must be through C.T.s and strictest orders to this effect must be issued to all American personnel before they move out. Parties must not exceed five in number and will move at intervals of not less than five minutes.
4. O.C., "A" Coy, will be responsible for the organisation and departure of the American troops attached to "C" Coy who are located in trench in which "A" Coy are situated.
5. The American troops will report at Railway Embankment in O.27. where they will come under the command of C.O., 3rd Bn., 129th U.S.A. Regt.
6. Company Commanders will report by 'phone to Bn Hqrs when all Americans have left.

(Signed.) R.H. Farndon, Lieutenant,
A/Adjutant, 21st Battalion A.I.F.

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S E C R E T.

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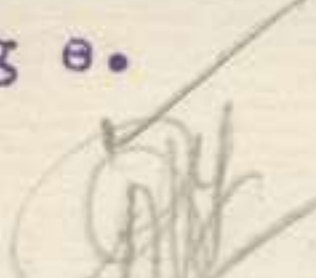
6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.168.

Ref. Map Sheet 62 D. S.E. 1/20,000.

5th August, 1918.

1. Consequent on the withdrawal of attached American troops, alterations in dispositions as under will be effected tonight.
2. One Coy. 23rd Bn. will be moved forward of ALBURY Line and will be at the disposal of C.O., 24th Bn. for restoring his positions should the enemy penetrate them.
The remaining Coys. 23rd Bn. will occupy ALBURY LINE.
3. The Coy. of the 22nd Bn. in ALTONA Support will from 6 p.m. today be at the disposal of C.O., 21st Bn. for restoring his positions should the enemy penetrate them.

Acknowledge.


 W. F. N. Bridges
 Major.
 Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at 3 P.M.

Distribution:-

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. 21st Bn. | 15. 10th A.I. Brigade. |
| 2. 22nd Bn. | 16. 2nd Aust. Divn. |
| 3. 23rd Bn. | 17. G.O.C. |
| 4. 24th Bn. | 18. Brigade Major. |
| 5. 6th T.M. Bty. | 19. Staff Captain. |
| 6. Left Group Artillery | 20. Bde. Transport Officer |
| 7. Right Group Artillery | 21. Bde. Bomb Officer |
| 8. Machine Gun Group. | 22. Bde. Sig. Officer. |
| 9. 2nd M.G. Bn. | 23. Brigade Snipers |
| 10. 6th Field Coy. | 24. War Diary. |
| 11. 7th Field Ambulance. | 25. " " |
| 12. 13th A.I. Brigade. | 26. File. |
| 13. 5th A.I. Brigade. | |
| 14. 7th A.I. Brigade. | |

Albury line is the name given to the old
 British front line from P 25 612 to P 20 A 20

APPENDIX NO. XXI.

American Troops

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3rd BATTN. 129th U.S.A. Reg.

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SECRET.6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

21st Bn.
 22nd Bn.
 23rd Bn.
 24th Bn.
 6th T.M.Bty.
 3rd Bn. 129th U.S.A.Regt.
 37 MM. Platoon, 129th U.S.A.Regt.



The 3rd Bn. 129th U.S.A.Regt. will be concentrated at the railway embankment in O.27 by 4.30 p.m. today.

Aust. Bns. will be responsible that ~~their~~ movement, which will be by groups of not more than 5 men, is carried out in such a way as to be unobservable by the enemy.

The C.O., 3rd Bn., 129th U.S.A.Regt. will assume command of his men on their arrival at the embankment.

The 37 MM. gun platoon and the Stokes Mortar platoon will be concentrated in the vicinity of 6th A.L.T.M.Bty. Hqrs. by 4 p.m. today.

Further orders as to the movement of American troops will be issued during the day to C.O., 3rd Bn., 129th U.S.A. Regt. and the two platoon commanders.

W. F. N. Bridges

Major.
 Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Copies to:-
 65th U.S.A. Bn.
 129th U.S.A.Regt.

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C. 31

D. 17

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S E C R E T.6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
4th August, 1918.

21st Bn.
22nd Bn.
23rd Bn.
24th Bn.
6th T.M.Bty.
3rd Bn. 129th U.S.A. Regt.
37 M.M. Platoon, 129th U.S.A. Regt.

1. The American troops attached to this Brigade are being withdrawn.
2. All Americans in front line posts to which movement in daylight is impossible, and half the remaining Americans with line Bns. will be withdrawn and concentrated in and near the embankment in 0.27. before dawn. *An arrival these troops revert to the Command of CO 3rd Bn 129th U.S.A. Regt.*
3. The rest of the 3rd Bn., 129th U.S.A. ^{Regt} and the Stokes Mortar and 37 MM. gun platoons of the 129th Regt. will be withdrawn tomorrow under orders to be issued later.

A c k n o w l e d g e.

W. F. N. Bridges
Major.
Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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129th U.S.A. Inf. Regt.
65th U.S.A. Brigade.

Secret6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,
2nd August, 1918.

21st En. ✓
 22nd En.
 23rd En.
 24th En.
 6th T.M.Bty.
 3rd Bn. 129th U.S.A. Regt.
 37 MM. Platoon, 129th U.S.A. Regt.



The Platoon Stokes Mortars of 129th American Inf. Regt. now attached to the 5th Brigade will be attached to, and come under the command of the 6th A.I. Brigade from the time at which the relief of the 5th A.L.T.M. Battery by the 3th A.L.T.M. Battery on the night 2nd/3rd August is complete.

This platoon will be allotted to the 6th A.L.T.M. Bty. American personnel will be given an opportunity of ~~seeing~~ becoming familiar with line work, on the guns, the arrangement of reliefs, the supply of rations and ammunition.

The Hqrs. of the Platoon Stokes Mortars, 129th American Regt. will remain at O.22.a.8.7.

W. F. N. Bond
 Major.
 Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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 2nd Aust. Divn.
 129th U.S.A. Inf. Regt.
 65th U.S.A. Brigade.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SECRET.

1st Bn.
 2nd Bn.
 3rd Bn.
 4th Bn.
 3rd Bn. 129th Regt. U.S.A.
 6th A.L.F.M. Coy.
 37th MI Platoon, 129th U.S.A. Regt.

Brigade Headquarters,
 1st August, 1918.



1. In connection with this office letter 128 of 31st ult. the period of attachment of American platoons to Australian Coys. is likely to be increased.
2. No action by way of withdrawal of the American platoons and the reorganisation of the 3rd Bn., 129th U.S.A. Regt. will be taken until further orders are issued from this office.

W. F. V. Bridges
 Major.
 Brigade Major, 6th A.I. Brigade.

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 129th U.S.A. Regt.
 6th U.S.A. Bde.

SECRET.6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,
1st August, 1918.

21st Bn. ✓
 22nd Bn.
 23rd Bn.
 24th Bn.
 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.
 3rd Bn. 129th U.S.A.Regt.
 37 mm. Platoon, 129th U.S.A.Regt.



1. In connection with 6th A.I.Bde Order No.166 the 3rd Bn. 129th American Regt. will take over the Hqrs. of the 18th Bn. at O.24.c.1.2. when they are vacated on the night 2nd/3rd August.
2. The C.O., 3rd Bn. 129th American Regt. will make the necessary arrangements direct with the C.O., 18th Bn.
3. Completion of the move will be reported to Brigade Hqrs. by wire.

W. K. M. Bridges
 Major.
 Brigade Major, 6th A.I. Brigade.

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5th A.I. Brigade.
 2nd Aust. Divn.
 129th U.S.A.Regt.
 65th American Bde.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SECRET.Brigade Headquarters,
31st July, 1918.C.O.,
21st Bn.Attached American Troops.

1. The 37 mm. gun platoon 129th U.S.A. Regt. will move into the 6th Brigade area on the 31st July.
It will then come under the tactical command of the G.O.C. 6th A.I. Brigade.
It will be attached to the 6th A.L.T.M.Bty. and share their Headquarters at O.27.c.1.4. Guns will not be taken into the line except under orders from Brigade Headquarters.
2. *constituted*
RWF All platoons of the 3rd Bn., 129th U.S.A. Regt. will be re-~~constructed~~ tonight (31st/1st) One platoon will remain attached to each Australian Company, but will be employed as an extra platoon in the Company to which it is attached.
3. During the next four days each platoon of the American Coys. attached to the line Bns. is to be given a tour of duty in the forward posts.

W. R. M. Borden

Major.
Brigade Major, 6th Australian Inf. Brigade.

Copies to:-

ALL Bns.
6th T.M.Bty.
O.C. 37 mm gun platoon 129th U.S.A. Regt.
129th U.S.A. Regt.
2nd Aust. Divn.
3rd Bn. 129th U.S.A. Regt.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
29th July, 1918.

C.O.,
21st Bn.

1. The period of training for the attached American troops has been shortened.
2. American sections will be attached to Australian platoons for 4 days instead of the 8 days laid down in this Office letter No.36 of the 26th inst.
3. Similarly American platoons will be attached to Australian coys. for 4 days only.
4. After this all American troops will be withdrawn, the Bn. reorganised, and held in support for two days. It will then relieve the left line Bn.

W. F. N. Bridges
Major.
Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copies to:
All Bde.Units.
3rd Bn. U.S.A.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
-----Divisional Headquarters,
27th. July, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 220.
-----Issued with General Staff memo
28/682 of 26th. instant.SUPPLIESLieut. COX 20th. Coy A.A.S.C. is attached to
the 129 American Supply Coy for two weeks.Whilst the units of the 65 American Brigade are
attached to units of this Division American units will
continue to be rationed by the 129th American Supply CoyTo enable the free distribution to detachments
in the forward area the following system will be
adopted -Rations will be delivered from American
Supply Services to their Battalions where they will be
broken down. Rations for the Companies detached will
be taken delivery of at the American Battalion
Headquarters by the Company Quartermaster Sergeant and
conveyed by 1st. Line Transport to the Battalions of
Second Australian Division to which attached. The
C.Q.M.S. will remain with the rations and supervise
cooking and delivery to American personnel in the
forward area. Units will arrange mutually the
attachment of cockers but it is desired that the
cookers of the American Units be attached one to each
Company.BATTALION
TRANSPORTCaptain T. FARRELL, M.C. 23rd. Battalion and Captain
J.C. LITTLE, M.C. 26th. Battalion are detached for a
period of two weeks.Two limbers will be attached to each Company
of American personnel and will be located at the
transport lines of Battalions to which attached. Two
limbers will also be attached to the Brigade Mobile
Ammunition Reserve. These vehicles will work forward
all rations and ammunition for their own personnel.P.T.O.

Pack mules of the 2nd. and 3rd. Battalions 129th. U.S. Regt. will work with the packs of Brigades to which attached. The same system will be applied to Machine Gun Companies.

Units in carrying out these instructions are requested to render any advice and assistance to the American Units that will advance their training in the forward area. This can best be done by arranging for free interchange of personnel in the various branches of the service.

J. M. ...

Lieut-Colonel,
A.A. & C.M.G.,
Second Australian Division.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.~~SECRET.~~AUSTRALIA
INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Brigade Headquarters,
26th July, 1918.C.O.,
21st Bn.American M.G. Coy Personnel.

1. M.Guns of the 129th American M.G. Coy. will relieve M. Guns of 6th and 22nd M.G. Coys. as under on 26th inst. and night 26th/27th inst.

An American gun will relieve a gun of 6th M.G. Coy. at each of the following places :- 0.34.c.95.05., 0.35.d.60.20., 0.36.a.70.40., 0.34.b.45.25. In addition an American gun will be attached to a Gun of the 6th M.G. Coy. at 0.35.c.90.60. and one to a gun of the 22nd M.G. Coy. at 0.34.a.60.25.

In consequence of above reliefs, 4 guns of 22nd M.G. Coy. will go into reserve at LAMOTTE.

Acknowledge.

Hodumblat Major.
Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copies to:-
All Bde. Units.
6th Field Coy.
War Diary.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
26th July, 1918.

C.O.,
21st Bn.

1. The period for which the 3rd Bn. 129th Regt. is attached to the Brigade is 28 days.
2. (a) For the first 16 days one American Coy. will be allotted to each Bn. of the 6th A.I. Bde.
 (b) For the first 8 days of this period, American sections will be allotted to Australian platoons.
 (c) For the second 8 days American platoons will be allotted to Australian Coys.
 (d) During this 16 days American Units will be treated as component parts of the Australian units to which they are allotted.
3. For the remaining 12 days of the attachment the 3rd Bn., 129th American Regt. will be employed as a complete Bn.
4. Details of the arrangements for the attachment of American Stokes Mortar Platoon to Australian Units will be notified later.

W. F. M. Bridges
Major.
Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copies to:-
All Bns.
6th T.M. Bty.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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- 21st Bn.
- 22nd Bn.
- 23rd Bn.
- 24th Bn.
- 6th T.M.Bty.

Brigade Headquarters,
26th July, 1918.



Attachment of American Troops.

ATTACHMENT. The 3rd Bn. 129th Regt., U.S. Army is being attached to the 6th A.I.Bde. from the 27th inst.

| <u>DETAILS OF THE ATTACHMENT.</u> | (a) | I. | Coy. | 3rd | Bn. | 129th | Regt. | will | be | attached | to | the | 23rd | Bn. |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|------|----|----------|----|-----|------|--------|
| K. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 22nd " |
| L. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 24th " |
| M. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 21st " |

- (b) Each American Coy. (strength about 200) is organised in 4 platoons each of 7 sections. These sections will be attached to Australian platoons. Each section will take part in all work of whatever nature, carried out by the platoon to which it is attached.
- (c) The Coy. Hqrs. of American Coys. attached to line Bns. will, in the first instance, be attached to Bn. Hqrs.
- (d) Hqrs. 3rd Bn., 129th Regt. will be accommodated from the 27th inst. with the Support Bns in the quarry at O.29.c.8.5.
- (e) American snipers (about 10 in number) belonging to the Intelligence Section of Bn. Hqrs. will be attached to the Brigade Snipers.

American Observers of the Intelligence Section will be attached to the Bde. Observers in the first instance.

These troops report at Bde. Hqrs. at 4 p.m. on 27th inst. Officer I/C Bde. Snipers will have a guide there to meet these snipers.

American Scouts of the Bn. Intelligence Section are being attached to their own Coys. Australian Bns. will give these scouts ample opportunity of doing patrol work.

COMMAND OF ATTACHED TROOPS.

From the time of arrival in the forward area the attached American troops will for all tactical purposes be under the command of the C.O. of the Unit to which they are attached. For administration and discipline they remain under their own officers.

TRANSPORT SECTION

3rd BN. 129th REGT. This section will take up lines in the vicinity of LAMOTTE on the 27th inst. Location will be notified later.

RATIONING OF ATTACHED TROOPS.

- (a) The 3rd Bn. 129th Regt. will draw rations from its own supply Coy. These rations will be split up into Coy. lots and taken by the American 1st Line Transport, in the first place, to the transport lines of Bns. to which American Coys. are attached. Thence the American ration carrying vehicles will accompany the Bn. ration convoys forward.
- (b) Rations for the Intelligence Section (less Scouts) of the 3rd Bn. 129th Regt. will go up with 24th Bn. rations.
- (c) Rations for 3rd Bn. Hqrs. will go up with 21st or 24th Bn. rations in accordance with arrangements to be made by C.O. 3rd Bn. 129th Regt.

COOKING.

After delivery forward all rations will be pooled as between each Bn. and the American troops attached to it. American Coy. cooks will work with the Australian cooks on the Australian Cookers. Time and place at which these cooks report will be arranged direct between Australian Bn. Commanders and American Coy. Cdrs.

MOVEMENT OF AMERICAN TROOPS.

All arrangements for the moving of American troops up to join the Australian Bns. will be made direct between Bn. Cdrs. and American Coy. Cdrs.

- 7. MOVEMENT OF AMERICAN TROOPS. (Contd.) Rations, ammunition, and equipment etc., to be carried by American troops will be similarly arranged. To enable the officers concerned to get into touch early, each Bn. will send a mounted orderly with a saddled riding horse to report at Hqrs. 3rd Bn., 129th Regt. M.16.d.9.4. at 8 a.m. on the 27th inst. These orderlies will guide U.S.A. Coy. Cdrs. to support Bn. Hdqrs. (O.28.c.8.5.) Guides from Line Bns. will pick up O.C's. I and K. Coys. there, and take them to their respective Bn. Headqrs. The riding horses will remain at the disposal of American Coy. Cdrs. all day.
- 8. Transport Officers and Quartermasters of the Bde. will get into touch with their opposite numbers of the 3rd Bn. 129th Regt. as early as possible.
- 9. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. American sick and wounded will be evacuated through Australian medical channels.
- 10. Officers and N.C.O's. at present attached to the 3rd Bn. 129th Regt. as instructors will rejoin the Nucleus Camp on the 27th inst. except Lt. Bazley M.C. who will rejoin his Bn. on the night 27th/28th July.

W. F. W. Bridges
Major.
Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copies to:-

- 1. 2nd Aust. Div.
- 2. 3rd Bn. 129th Regt. U.S. Army.
- 3. 3rd Tirailleur Regt.
- 4. Bde. T.O.
- 5. 6th Fld. Coy. A.E.
- 6. R.Q.M. 21st Bn.
- 7. " 22nd Bn.
- 8. " 23rd Bn.
- 9. " 24th Bn.
- 10. Officer I/C Bde. Snipers.
- 11. 7th Aust. Fld Ambulance.
- 12. War Diary.
- 13. " "
- 14. File.

Left Bde. Special OP 530th

3rd Battalion 129th U.S. A. Regiment
casualties

A.I.F.
21st Battalion

| NO | RANK | NAME | NATURE OF CASUALTY | DATE OF CASUALTY |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1976544 | Pte | Pflasterer | J.W. Wounded. | 30 7 1918 |
| 1382172 | " | Ruff | J. Wounded. | 29-7-1918 |
| 1397498 | " | Baker | E. " | 29-7-1918 |
| 1382082 | " | Giffen | H.S. " | 29-7-1918 |
| 1382148 | " | Lockett | B. " (Died of Wds) | 29-7-1918 |
| 1382151 | " | Leonard | J.S. Accid. Injury | 30-7-1918 |
| 1406783 | " | Wyckoff | A. Wounded. | 29-7-1918 |
| 1382075 | " | Brunner | W.J. " | 1-8-1918 |
| 1976351 | Alpce | Obendorf | A. " (Shell) | 3-8-1918 |
| 1976504 | Pte | Skilewski | J. " " | 3-8-1918 |
| 1976600 | Alpce | Piggott | W.E. S.I.W. (Rifle) | 3-8-1918 |
| 1382148 | Pte | Lockett | Wounded | 28-7-1918 |
| 1076839 | " | McDonald | F. " | " |
| 1382146 | " | Leonard | J.S. Injured (S.I.) | 31-7-1918? |
| 1976366 | " | Teetode | J. N.Y.D | 4-8-1918 |

Nominal Roll U.S.A. attn.

| No | Rk | Name | Remarks | No | Rk | Name | Remarks |
|---------|------|---------------|---------|---------|------|-----------------|------------|
| 2056339 | Pte | Mason R. | | 1382187 | Pte | Lody R.C. | Coy Sigs |
| 1382092 | Cpl | Mulligan J. | | 1382190 | " | Yasile F. | HQ Scont. |
| 1382157 | Pte | Mackowitz J. | | 1976357 | ajpl | Ostendorf H.N. | W 43 |
| 1976350 | " | Oggin J. | | B Coy | | | |
| 1382163 | " | Pachard G.H. | | | | | |
| 1382059 | bpl | Palmer V.O. | | 1382096 | Cpl | Lavers J.W. | |
| 1976295 | ajpl | Poole D.C. | | 1976843 | Pte | Mines A.L. | HQ Scont. |
| 1382168 | Pte | Polletto J.A. | | 1976574 | " | Schneider H.G. | |
| 1976852 | " | Press E.H. | | 1976857 | " | Schrader L.H.T. | |
| 1976600 | ajpl | Piggott W.B. | W | 1976274 | " | Renolds R. | |
| 1976736 | Pte | Puce A.M. | S.B. | 1382065 | Cpl | Bates E.E. | |
| 1976353 | " | Reader C.C. | | 1382085 | Pte | Hickey L.T. | |
| 1976275 | " | Roberts G. | | 1976355 | " | Rueminde W. | |
| 1382066 | Mch | Shattock C.L. | S.B. | 1382133 | " | Stuff A.H. | Coy Scont. |
| 1382175 | Pte | Schmuck F.F. | | 1976544 | " | Pflasterer J.H. | W |
| 1165469 | Sgt | Schultz J.F. | | 1976837 | " | Loeffler P. | |
| 1382185 | Pte | Spindell G.R. | | 1382099 | " | Bennett G.W. | |
| 1976666 | " | Shorest H. | | 1382195 | " | Zucchato N. | |
| 2056731 | " | Selliger G. | | 1382157 | " | Morhouse A.R. | |
| 1976358 | " | Schroeder P. | | 1382107 | " | Buckman G.A. | S 4/78 |
| 1976853 | " | Selliger A. | S.B. | 1382062 | Cpl | Forden B.M. | |

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| No | Rk | Name | Remarks | No | Rk | Name | Remarks |
|---------|------|-----------------|---------|---------|------|------------------|--------------|
| 1382165 | Pte | Peterson L.W. | | 1976543 | Pte | Peters JH | |
| 1382146 | " | Lenard C.D. | | 1382112 | " | Blair M R | |
| 1382071 | Cpl | Anderson JG | | 1382147 | | Levit B | |
| 1382118 | Pte | Dagian R.J. | | 1382132 | | Holmolka J | |
| 1382153 | " | McIntosh R.W. | | 2162842 | | de Wilde JG | |
| 1382172 | " | Ruff J | WV | 1976775 | | Heath J | |
| 1399498 | " | Baker E | W | 1976559 | | Rohlfuehner H.G. | (387) |
| 2162838 | " | Dahlquist VE | | | | Coy | |
| 1382082 | " | Griffin H.S. | W | | | | |
| 1382129 | " | Heil R.A. | | 1382063 | Sgt | Kroon A.I. | |
| 1382123 | " | Felman J | | 1382130 | " | Hettrick L.B. | |
| 1382038 | Sgt | Miller P.F. | | 1382143 | ajpl | Kunde A | |
| 1382060 | " | Roulandson L.J. | | 1382086 | Pte | Arney L | |
| 382083 | ajpl | Hall A.W. | | 1397442 | " | Houcek R | -Coy Sign |
| 1976507 | Pte | Schmeig G. | Runner | 1382086 | Cpl | Rose E.D. | |
| 1976273 | " | Radcliff O.H. | Runner | 1382174 | Pte | Schempp L | |
| 1382049 | " | Wales H.H. | Cook | 1382134 | " | Johnson E | |
| 1382055 | Cpl | Walter W.H. | | 2162079 | " | Carlson E | |
| 2056744 | Pte | Ohling B | Hq/Comd | 1796279 | " | Shockley W.S. | Coy Sanitary |
| 1397510 | " | Friedman C | | 1976254 | " | Sery C | |
| 1399258 | " | Calvert E | | 1382097 | Cpl | Walwers B | |

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| Coy. Nominal Roll | | | | USA. att'd | | | |
|-------------------|------|------------------|---------------|------------|------|-------------|----------|
| No | Rank | Name | Remarks | No | Rank | Name | Remarks |
| 1976349 | Pte | Nonn AX | | 1976848 | Pte | Ottens H | |
| 1382192 | . | Ward JE | | 1382167 | . | Pleskus M | |
| 1397266 | . | Honick JAF | | 1382093 | Cpl | Rade A.B | |
| 1382170 | . | Reynolds O | | 1052151 | Pte | Leonard JG | acc ing |
| 1332179 | . | Sellick R.C. | | 1976271 | . | Ontis M. | |
| 1976765 | . | Kaiser J. | Helpants | 1397686 | . | Manes DL | |
| 1382152 | . | McAnnally O. | | 1382139 | . | Johnson HW | |
| 1976847 | . | Nick M. | | 1382064 | Cpl | Bowley E.H. | 38 |
| 138264 | . | Perrill J. | | | | | |
| 1382081 | Cpl | Fairweather C.S. | | | | D Coy | |
| 1076839 | Pte | McDonald J. | | 1382070 | Cpl | Allard J | |
| 1382176 | . | Schneider M. | | 1382105 | Pte | Bricker LC | |
| 1382140 | . | Kilts F. | | 1382106 | . | Briddick W | |
| 1976366 | . | Sabode J. | S 4 8/8 | 1382102 | . | Bockhus FE | |
| 1397346 | . | Hammond FA | | 1382100 | . | Bentley WA | |
| 2057007 | . | Leahman P | | 1382044 | Sgt | Chandler JG | |
| 2057013 | . | Hielke A. | | 1382114 | Pte | Cornwell JD | |
| 1382037 | Cpl | Mitchell CB | | 1392573 | . | Dietz G.A. | |
| 1397560 | Pte | Agnew W. | | 1382119 | . | Demond W. | |
| 1382148 | . | Lockett B. | D 29 NW 18 | 1382121 | . | Downing G | |
| 1379851 | . | Donnis C | | 1382122 | . | Ducan S | Helpants |

Nominal Roll - U.S.A. attd

| No | Rk | Name | Remark | No | Rank | Name | Remark |
|---------|-----|------------------|----------------------|---------|------|----------------|---------|
| 1976753 | Pte | Eggemeyer DH | | 1976853 | Pte | Rohlfing AW | |
| 1382059 | Cpl | Georgeson M. Mac | | 1976276 | . | Rumple J | |
| 382126 | Pte | Gierat M. Mac | | 1406773 | . | Sparks J.A. | Coy Sig |
| 1397441 | . | Gordon J. B. | | 1382183 | . | Signer L.V. | |
| 1382044 | Sgt | Hastings R.B. | | 2656782 | . | Simolke J.J. | |
| 1165481 | Cpl | Johnson H.J. | | 1976280 | . | Sitter B | |
| 1382088 | Cpl | Keller E.E. | | 1382179 | . | Smith P.F. | |
| 1382137 | Pte | Kaufman J.H. | | 1976357 | . | Samuel T | |
| 1976593 | . | Lohmann W.F. | | 1397382 | . | Stabelski E.E. | |
| 1976266 | . | Longs D.E. | | 1382189 | . | Syree J.S. | |
| 1382144 | . | Lahendorf J.C. | Coy Sanitary Duty | 1382188 | . | Syner J.H. | |
| 1382161 | Cpl | Lambert J.B. | | 1406783 | . | Wyckoff A | W |
| 1382154 | Pte | McNally H.L. | | 1382098 | Cpl | Whitney S.D. | |
| 1976547 | . | Neely A.D. | | 1382191 | Pte | Waller A.F. | |
| 1382160 | . | Neidenhorn J.B. | | 1382047 | . | Dearth J.H. | |
| 1382162 | . | O'Neil E. | | | | | |
| 1976637 | . | Paschbaker R.H. | | | | | |
| 1976857 | . | Pinkerton G.D. | | | | | |
| 1382166 | . | Pizell E.E. | | | | | |
| 1397541 | . | Rebberford H.H. | | | | | |
| 1382169 | . | Resmerman S | | | | | |
| 1976778 | . | Roodersheimer B | | | | | |

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| Nominal Roll U.S.A. | | | |
|---------------------|--------|--------------|--------------------------|
| No | Rank | Name | Remarks |
| H Co | | | |
| 1382042 | Sgt | Marshall RA | Lt Sgt |
| 1382043 | " | Huntress OJ | Gas Sgt |
| 1382048 | " | Woods | Sgt Cooks |
| 1382057 | Cpl | Lambert JW | Clerk |
| 1382075 | Pvt | Bruner WJ | Runner - Act Clerk W 178 |
| 1382180 | " | Spackman C | Runner |
| 1382124 | " | Gehrke P | Batman |
| 1382467 | " | Menke | Sigs |
| 1382100 | " | Bentley WA | Runner |
| Offs | | | |
| | 2nd Lt | A. Tritchler | A Coy |
| | | | B Coy |
| | 2nd Lt | RW Bearing | C Coy |
| | 2nd Lt | W.J. McGeer | D Coy |
| | Lt | W. Gustason | H Co. |

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Nominal Roll. U.S.A.

| No | Rank | Name | A Coy |
|---------|------|----------------|---|
| 1382051 | Cpl | Andrews M | |
| 1382103 | Pvt | Boring B T | |
| 1382068 | Pvt | Carlson R C | S.B. (Transport ^{3rd Coy 12th Regt} Line) 2 nd T ⁸ |
| 1382115 | ' | Countryman A G | |
| 1382117 | ' | Cox A G | |
| 1382120 | ' | Doughty J C | Cooker |
| 1397232 | ' | Eckel J B | |
| 1382128 | ' | Gordon S B | |
| 1382087 | ' | Jones J P | |
| 1382039 | Sgt | Johnson R W | |
| 1382127 | Pvt | Knapp F J | |
| 1382141 | Pvt | Krohn L A | H.Q. Secty. |
| 1382150 | ' | Martin W M | |
| 1976504 | ' | Meleski J | |
| 1382149 | ' | Marcellus J D | |
| 1976842 | ' | Merians J B | |
| 1976772 | ' | Merod J B | |
| 1976844 | ' | Morgan A G | |
| 1382155 | ' | Messenger E B | |
| 1397467 | ' | Mumble J R | H.Q. Sigs. |
| 1976252 | ' | Murray R A | Coy Sanitary Duty |

Appendix 91

"A" Form. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121. (In pads of 100.)

No. of Message

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

TO: Australian Signal Corps

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----|
| Sender's Number. | Day of Month. | In reply to Number. | AAA |
| * PB 90 | 2 | | |

Ref 2860 AMERICAN
 Code CALLS AAA
 Column 6 is now
 in force

From: [Signature]
 Place: [Signature]
 Time: [Signature]

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
 Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18. B. & S. Ltd. (E2389.)

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None
K. J. Keefe
K. J. Keefe
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2860 33rd

✓ Confidential

Station Code Calls.
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| Name of Unit | Code |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| 33 rd Amer Div Hqs | WEKA ✓ |
| 65 th Inf Bde | WE SA ✓ |
| 129 th Reg | WE RA ✓ |
| 1st Bn | WE WA ✓ |
| 2nd | WE RA ✓ |
| 3rd | WE FA ✓ |
| 129 th Amer M G Coy | TE HA |
| 130 th Inf Reg | WE QA ✓ |

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| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1st Bn | WE DA ✓ |
| 2nd Bn | WE BA ✓ |
| 3rd Bn | WE FA ✓ |
| 123 rd M G Bn | WE TA ✓ |
| 1st Coy | WE GO ✓ |
| 2nd " | WE LO ✓ |
| 3rd " | WE HD ✓ |
| 4th " | WE VD ✓ |
| 130 th Amer M G Coy | TE VI ✓ |
| 66 th Inf Bde | WE JO |
| 131 st Inf Reg | WE ZO |
| 1st Bn | WE NO |
| 2nd " | WE KO |
| 3rd " | WE SO |

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|--|--------|
| 132 Inf Reg | WEMO |
| 1st Bn | WEWO |
| 2nd " | WERO |
| 3rd Bn | WEPO |
| 124 th M G Bn | WEQD |
| 1st Coy | WE DO |
| 2nd " | WE BD |
| 3rd " | WE FO |
| 4th " | WETO |
| 122 nd M G Bn ^{with Troops.} | TEGE |
| 1st Coy | TELE |
| 2nd " | TEHE |
| 108 th Eng Reg + Train | TEVE ✓ |
| 108 AD Sig Bn | TEJE |

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| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 108 th Train HQ + MP | TEZE |
| 1st Coy | TENE |
| 2nd " | TEKE |
| 3rd " | TESE |
| 108 th Supply Train | TEME |
| 129 th Mtd Group + Amb Co | TEWE ✓ |
| 130 th " " | TERE |
| 131 st " " | TEPE |
| 132 nd " " | TEQE |
| Arty | |
| 58 th Arty Bde | TEDE |
| 122 nd " Reg | TEBE |
| 123 rd " " | TEFE |
| 198 Amm Train | TEGI |

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108. T M Bly ⁵
 124th Art Reg

TELI
 TETE

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6th
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE
3201

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
19th July, 1918.

C.O.,

21st Bn.

1. The 65th American Bde. is being attached to the Austn. Corps for training in the line for a period of approximately 6 weeks.
2. On arrival the Brigade will be accommodated in the Army line from 20th to 23rd inst.
3. On 24th inst. 1 Bn. of 129th Regt. and one M.G.Coy. - both of the 65th Bde. will be attached to the 6th A.I.Bde. for a period of at least 4 weeks.
4. During this period these American Units will be under the tactical Command of the G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde., but their own Regimental H.Q. will remain responsible for the interior economy and discipline. The Command of the units will be exercised by their own Officers. American troops will serve invariably under the executive command of their own Officers.
5. Employment in the trenches will be progressive, commencing with the attachment of individuals and small parties of officers and men for short periods, then by platoons, and finally complete relief by the Bn. The Bn. will not go into the line by Coys. This period is known as Period "B" in the American programme of training.
6. Personnel as detailed hereunder will report on 20th inst to the American Units attached to the Bde. for the purpose of giving instructions in trench routine, during the period the 65th Bde. is in the Army System.

21st Bn. will detail Lieut. R.K.BAZLEY, M.C. to report to the Bn. Hqrs.
C.O.Nucleus Personnel will detail 4 officers and 16 N.C.Os. to report to the Bn. H.Q. for attachment to the Coys. If possible these should be 1 Off. and 4 N.C.O's. from each Bn.

The names of those selected will be sent to Bde. H.Q. by 9 p.m. tonight.

Details as to place and time of reporting and to which Bn. will be notified later.

Godwin Sab

Captain.
A/Brigade Major, 6th A. I. Bde.

Copies to:-
All Bns.
C.O.Nucleus
War Diary.
" "



6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
24th July, 1918.

Ref. 3201 American attachments.

The Officers and N.C.O's. now attached to American Forces will remain there till 26th instant.

On that date para. 3 of above memo. comes into force.

Edmund Sale Left Major.
Brigade Major, 6th A.I.Bde.

Copies to:
All Bns.
6th Bde. Nucleus.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
30th July, 1918.

Orders
C.O., 21st Bn.



The American troops attached to the Division have not yet had any practical experience of gas shelling.

All units to which American Troops are attached will therefore give them every assistance to ensure that they are thoroughly conversant with all anti-gas measures.

Edmund Sale Left Major.
Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copies to:-
All Bns. *21st Bn.*
3rd Bn. U.S.A. for information.

21st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No.165.

Ref. Map. 62D.S.E. & S.W. 1/20,000.

5th August 1918.

1. RELIEF. The 21st Aust. Bn will be relieved by the 22nd Aust. Bn on the night 6th/7th August 1918.
2. DISPOSITIONS. "A" Coy, 22nd Bn, will take over Posts Nos. 1 to 5.

| | | | |
|-----|--------|--------|-----------|
| "B" | - do - | - do - | 6 to 9. |
| "C" | - do - | - do - | 10 to 13. |
| "D" | - do - | - do - | 14 to 17. |
3. "C" COY RELIEF. "C" Coy, 21st Bn, will not be relieved by 22nd Bn. They will not vacate their present positions until instructions are received from Bn Hqrs to "Carry On".
4. POSITIONS. On relief Coys will move to the undermentioned positions.-
 "A" Coy to DIGGER SUPPORT between ARARAT TRENCH & ALBERT C.T.
 "B" Coy to QUARRY in O.36.d. & ALTONA SUPPORT.
 "C" Coy to APSLEY AVENUE in O.35.a.
 "D" Coy to ASHBURTON TRENCH in O.36.b. & c.
5. MOVEMENT. Company Commanders will ensure that all movement will be by small parties at intervals of at least 100 Yards.
6. PATROLS. Patrols furnished by the Bn Scouts will cover the relief. Particulars will be notified later.
7. ADVANCE PARTIES. Company Commanders will detail one Officer per Coy & 1 O.R. per Platoon to be at Bn Hqrs at 2 p.m.
8. GUIDES. "A", "B", & "D" Coys will send one guide per post for ingoing Unit to report at Bn Hqrs 9.30 p.m. Guides for Coys moving out will be arranged by Coy Commanders.
9. RATIONS. No rations will be sent to front line on night of relief. On arrival at new positions Companies will send carrying parties under an Officer to draw hot meal and an issue of rum for all ~~ENR~~ ranks.
10. AMMUNITION. 220 Rounds S.A.A. & 2 Bombs per man and all petrol tins must be brought out. Shortages must be made up as much as possible before coming out.
11. RECEIPTS. Copies of receipts for all stores handed over and taken over will be forwarded to Bn Hqrs by noon on 7th inst.
12. COMPLETION. On completion of relief Coy Commanders will wire their surnames to Bn Hqrs.
13. BN HQRS. Bn Hqrs will remain at O.30.c.95.25. R.A.P. will move to O.29.a.55.
10.

ACKNOWLEDGE.(Signed.) R.H. FARNDON,
Lieutenant & A/Adjutant,
21st Battalion A.I.F.Distribution.-

1. File.
- 2/3. War Diary.
- 4/7. Coys.
8. 24th Bn.
9. 30th Bn.
10. 6th A.I. Bde.
11. C.O.
12. T.O. & Q.M.

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Copy No 7

22nd Battalion Operation Order No 53/18.

Ref. Map. Sheet 62 D. SW + SE. 1/20000 5-8-18.

1. The 22nd Batta. will relieve the 21st Batta in front line on night of 6/7th inst.

DISPOSITIONS.

A. Coy. 22nd Batta. will take over Posts Nos. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

B. Coy. 22nd Batta. will take over Posts Nos. 6. 7. 8. 9.

C. Coy. 22nd Batta. will take over Posts Nos. 10. 11. 12. 13.

D. Coy. 22nd Batta. will take over Posts Nos. 14. 15. 16. 17.

2. All trench stores will be taken over & copies of receipts forwarded to Batta. HQrs. by noon 7th inst.

3. Details of relief not covered by this order will be arranged mutually arranged between O.C. concerned.

4. Move will commence immediately after evening meal.

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5. Disposition report will be forwarded to Batta. HQrs. by 7 a.m. 7th inst.

6. 1 Guide per post will report to Batta. HQrs. & will be sent to Coy. HQrs.

7. Batta. HQrs. will remain in present position at O. 30. c. 90. 20. R.A.P. will be at O. 36. b. 72. 60.

8. Acknowledge

Alford
Capt. & Adj.

Distribution

| | | |
|----------|-----|-------------------------|
| Copy No: | 1 | File |
| " | 2-6 | Coy. & HQrs. |
| " | 7 | 21 st Batta. |
| " | 8 | 24 th " |
| " | 9 | Right " |

SECRETCOPY No. 1

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 169

Ref. Map Sheet 62.D. S.E. 1/20,000

5th August, 1918.

1. The 22nd Bn. will relieve the 21st Bn. in the Right Bn. Sector on the night 6th/7th August, 1918.
2. On completion of the relief the 22nd Bn. will have four Coys. in the line each finding its own supports, and the two forward Coys. of the 21st Bn. will be at the disposal of C.O., 22nd Bn. for restoring his front should the enemy penetrate it.
3. Details of the relief will be arranged between C.O's concerned.
4. Completion of the relief will be reported to Bde. Hdqrs. by priority wire in code.
5. Disposition reports will reach Bde. Hdqrs. by noon 7th August.

Acknowledge.- *[Signature]*Issued to Signals at..... *1170P*Distribution.-

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. 21st Bn. | |
| 2. 22nd " | |
| 3. 23rd " | |
| 4. 24th " | |
| 5. 6th T.M.Bty. | |
| 6. Left Group Arty. | |
| 7. Right " " | |
| 8. M.G.Group | 21. Bde. Bomb Offr. |
| 9. 2nd M.G.Bn. | 22. " Sig. " |
| 10. 6th Fld. Coy. | 23. " Snipers |
| 11. 7th Fld. Amb. | 24. File |
| 12. 13th A.I.Bde. | 25. War Diary |
| 13. 5th A.I.Bde. | 26. " " |
| 14. 7th A.I.Bde. | 27.- 30. Spares. |
| 15. 10th A.I.Bde. | |
| 16. 2nd Aust. Divn. | |
| 17. G.O.C. | |
| 18. Bde. Major | |
| 19. Staff Captain | |
| 20. Bde. Transport Offr. | |

W. F. N. Bridges
Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

"A" Form. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121. (In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

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| Prefix..... | Code..... | m | Words. | Charge. | This message is on a/c of : Service. | Recd. at m. |
| Office of Origin and Service Instructions | | | Sent | | | Date..... |
| AM 22/10/44 | | | At..... m. | | (Signature of "Franking Officer.") | From..... |
| | | | To..... | | | By..... |
| | | | By..... | | | |

TO { 21st Bn 22nd Bn

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

* BM 112 5

22nd Bn will relieve the 21st Bn night 6th 7th AAA on relief the 22nd Bn will have 3 coys in line and one in APOLLO SUPT. or nearby. AAA 21st Bn will have not more than one coy north of main WAR PUSSE road and it will be east of VILLERS LINE AAA The two forward coys 21st Bn will be under the tactical command of 22nd Bn AAA order will be issued tomorrow

From 6th AI Bde Place 7.15 pm Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) W.F.N. Bridges Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required. (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 630,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E, 1187.)

APPENDIX NO. XXIII.

Unit. *A Coy 21st Bn.*

WORKS REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING *6 AM 6/8/18.*

| Location. | Nature of work. | Details of progress | Remarks. |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|----------|
| <i>Pots Nos 11 to 17.</i> | <i>Cleaning out trenches</i> | <p><i>after the rain trenches needed cleaning out - This was done on all posts - By virtue of this essential work, carrying Rations & the limited garrison at our disposal connecting up had to be abandoned.</i></p> <p><i>5 PM 6/8/18. Sweeney U.C. A Coy.</i></p> | |

Appendix 93

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121. (In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

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

TO { 21st Bn

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number.
* BM 119 6 AAA

Please arrange to cut or remove the belt of old German wire which runs from about P31C70 to P31D35 before you go out tonight AAA at present it is a serious obstacle. AAA It should be stacked in shell holes after being cut AAA Please report completion of this task

From 6th A.I. Bde
Place 5 25 72
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) W.F.N. Bridges
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1617. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

Work report 2/8/18

Spaw men on posts were engaged all night in clearing mud from trenches and rebuilding parapets which crumbled down owing to the rain.

E. B. Macintosh
V.C. D. Bay

