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WAR DIARY

OF

HEADQUARTERS, 2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

FOR

JUNE **1918.**

Signature of Officer compiling

H. F. Watson

Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Signature of Officer Commanding

Gen. Stairs

Brig-General,
Commanding 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.



WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SERCUS	June 1st		Fine and Warm. Contact Aeroplane demonstration held in the afternoon	(App ^{CXXIII})
	2nd		Fine. Brigade Church parade held, attended by Corps and Divisional Commanders	
V.10.A.6.0	3rd		Fine. Brigade Moves to Support Area in accordance with Brigade Order No 102, relieving 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade. Brigadier visits Headquarters of Brigade in the Line	(App ^{CXXIV})
	4th		Showery. Bde. Major visits Headquarters of Bde. in the Line and makes necessary arrangements for the relief. The Brigade relieves 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. in the line in accordance with Bde. Order No 103	(App ^{CXXV})
BORRE W.25.A.5.8	5th		Fine. Brigadier visits three forward Battalions. Fairly quiet day, 6th Battalion area alone rather heavily shelled.	
	6th		Fine. 6th Battalion forward positions shelled throughout the day. 7th Bn. succeed in advancing their posts an average depth of 300 yards. Bde. Major visits right and centre Battalions' areas.	
	7th		Fine. The Divisional sector is to be re-organised and held on a Two Brigade frontage. Brigade Order No 104 issued accordingly	(App ^{CXXVI})
			Two successful daylight enterprises carried out by 5th Bn. In one two of our men raided an enemy post, capturing 2 prisoners, in the other three of our men captured nine of the enemy and a M.G. We had no casualties. 6th Battalion carry out a raid at night but the enemy escaped.	
	8th		Fine. Brigadier visits front line Battalions. Re-adjustment of Divisional sector completed by 2.15 a.m. (9th inst) 6th and 7th Battalions are now in the front line with 7th on the Right 8th Bn. is in Support and 5th Bn. in Reserve, 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. is on our Left.	
	9th		Fine. Very quiet day	
	10th		Fine, Very quiet day. Brigadier visits forward units	
	11th		Fine day. Situation quiet. Projected gas discharge by Division on Right postponed on account of unfavourable weather (S8813) G.O.C. visited forward Battalions	
	12th		Fine day. No incident of importance took place. G.O.C. visited line during afternoon. 8th Bn. relieved 6th Bn. 12/13th June, as per R.O. 105.	(App ^{CXXVII})
	13th		G.O.C. visited line Battalions-Fine day. 5th Bn. relieved 7th Bn. 13/14th. 7th Bn. carried out successful minor Operation on right of STRAZEELE Railway Line. 49 Prisoners of 205th R.I.R., 9 M.G.'s and 1 T.M. were captured. Line advanced average depth of 425 yards on 650 yards front.	(App ^{CXXVIII}) app(CXXIX)

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BORRE	14th June		Fine day, rain at night. G.O.C. visited Line Battalions also Bde. Major 5th Battalion repulsed an attack made against their posts by 120 enemy and took 10 prisoners and 2 M.G's.	
	15th		Fine day, cold at night. G.O.C. visited line Bns. 5th Bn. carried out a daylight raid securing 12 prisoners. <i>Bde memo G/4710 issued.</i>	<i>app(cxxxix) app(cxxx)</i>
	16th		Fine day, slight showers. G.O.C. visited all units. Night 15/16th 8th Bn. relieved 11th and 6th by 12th Bn. in accordance with Bde. Order No 107	<i>(app cxxxv)</i>
	17th		Defence Scheme, Right Brigade, Centre Division, XV Corps issued Fine day. G.O.C. visited all units. 5th Bn. relieved by 9th Bn. and 7th Bn. by 10th Bn. Reliefs completed in accordance with Bde. Order No 107 by 12.30 a.m.	<i>(app cxxxvi)</i>
SERCUS	18th		Showers in morning, fine later. Bde. moves to SERCUS where units are quartered in tents AZB156 Men in good spirits as a result of their complete domination of the Hun during recent tour in line. <i>Brigade training programme issued.</i>	<i>(App cxxxvii) app(cxxxiv)</i>
	19th		Showers in morning, fine later. Brigade Commander, Bde. Major and Staff Captain visits all units in Brigade. Units engaged in Training	
	20th		Fine with Light showers. Brigade Commander, Bde. Major and Staff Captain visit Bns. Units engaged in Training, Musketry and Bombing being given prominence.	
	21st		Fine day. G.O.C. Bde. and Bde. Major visit all units in Training.	
	22nd		G.O.C. Bde. and Bde. Major visit all units at their training areas. Weather fine. Afternoons devoted to Sports and Recreational training. Concert in SERCUS each evening.	
	23rd		Weather fine, but cloudy. Brigade Church parade attended by Bde. Commander, Bde. Major and Staff Captain Brigade under orders to be ready to move at half an hours notice. AZB 195	<i>(App cxxxv)</i>
	24th		Weather fair, with showers at intervals. G.O.C. Bde. and Staff Captain visited all units. Bde. Order No 108 issued.	
	25th		Bde. Continues training G.O.C. Bde. and Staff Captain visit all units in morning. Brigade Athletic sports held in afternoon. Attendance very large and interest maintained to the last. Cup won by 5th with 6th 2nd, 7th 3rd and 8th 4th. In the evening a successful concert held in Y.M.C.A. tent.	<i>(App cxxxvi)</i>

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SERCUS	26th June		Weather mostly fine, with periods of drizzle. G.O.C., Bde. Major and Staff Captain visit all units.	
	27th		Fine and Warm. Units move to Bivouac Area at LA KREULE in accordance with Bde. Order No 108 marching past G.O.C. Division and Brigade en route. 6th Bn. relieved Reserve Bn. 1st Brigade on arrival at Reserve position left Sub-sector	(App)
	28th		Fine and warm. Night of 27/28th relief of 1st Bde. completed in following order 7th Bn. line left, 8th Bn. Line right, 5th Bn. Support 6th Bn. in Reserve.	
	29th		Fine day. G.O.C. Brigade accompanied Generals WALKER and GLASGOW on visiting Brigade Area and Battalions in line. 8th Bn. advance 3 posts depth of 250 yards. Brigade Major and Staff Captain visited forward area.	H/Cxxxvii)
	30th		Fine and Warm. G.O.C., Bde. Major and Staff Captain visit units in Forward area. Gen. Sir H.B. WALKER, on relinquishing Command of the Division conveys his appreciation of work of Division.	(App Cxxxviii)
			Strength as at noon 30th June Reinforcements received during month Casualties for month Schools attended during month <i>Brigade Intelligence Summaries.</i> <i>Brigade Disposition Map. 17-6-18</i> <i>Brigade Memo G/4376 C. dated 11-6-18</i>	(App Cxxxix) (CXL) (CXLi) (CXLii) (CXLiii) (CXLiv) (CXLv)

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APPENDIX

OF

HEADQUARTERS, 2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE,

FOR

JUNE, 1918.

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CONTACT AEROPLANE DEMONSTRATION.

Reference Sheet. 36A.

1. A contact aeroplane demonstration will take place on 1st June.
2. The objects of the demonstration are :-
 - (a) To demonstrate the various methods of indicating our positions to aeroplanes.
 - (b) To enable troops to judge the various heights at which aeroplanes are flying.
 - (c) To practice transmitting messages by means of aeroplanes.
3. For the purpose of the demonstration trenches will be manned as under :-
 - 5th Battalion - Trench running from C.16.B.2.3. - C.10.D.4.0. - C.10.D.8.2.
 - 7th Battalion - Trench running from C.10.D.8.2. (exclusive) - C.11.C.2.C.
 - 6th Battalion - Trench running from C.16.B.7.3. - C.17.A.1.6.
 - 8th Battalion. - Trench running from C.17.A.1.6. (exclusive) - C.17.A.55.95.
4. The following troops (not less than 400 per Battalion) will attend the demonstration :-
 - (a) All Lewis Gunners.
 - (b) All Signallers.
 - (c) All Officers and men who are not thoroughly familiar with contact aeroplane work.
5. All Troops will be in position by 1-50 P.M.
6. The following methods of indicating positions to the contact aeroplane will be employed :-
 - (a) Groups of four rifles each rifle at an interval of one foot from the next will be laid on the parapet about every 60 yds. with muzzles facing towards the front.
 - (b) On the aeroplane calling for same by means of its claxton horn ground flares will be lit in the bottom of the trench.

It should be explained to troops that in actual practice only the most advanced troops must light flares.
7. To indicate the height at which ^{the} aeroplane is flying the following lights will be fired :-

500 feet	White
1000 Feet	Red
2000 Feet	Red and White in succession.
3000 feet	Red and Green in succession.
8. Lewis Gunners will take particular notice of these lights and it should be impressed on them that Lewis gun fire is practically useless against aeroplanes when flying above 3,000 feet. Lewis guns will be mounted in the trenches and A.A. sights employed. No loaded magazine must be in the possession of any Lewis gunner.
9. Aeroplane signalling stations will be established at or on the vicinity of Brigade Headquarters, C.9.D.7.4.; 5th Battalion Hqrs., C.16.L.2.4.; and 7th Battalion Hqrs., C.11.C.5.7. Ground sheets and POPHAM panels will be used and short messages signalled from each Battalion Headquarters to the aeroplane which will then drop them at the Brigade Headquarters station.

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9. C.O.'s will arrange for short lectures to be delivered to the men prior to the demonstration, explaining to them what it is intended to carry out, and also the importance of contact flying.
10. In conjunction with the aeroplane demonstration message rockets will be used. Each Battalion will fire between the hours of 2 P.M. and 3 P.M. two rockets bearing messages to Brigade Headquarters. C.C. No.4 Signal Section will arrange to post sentries in the vicinity of Brigade Headquarters to warn all passers by and to collect the rockets.
11. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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 Captain,
 Brigade Major,
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

No.	To whom.	Time	Method.
1	File.		
2/4	War Diary		
5	5th Battalion	3 P.M.	D.R.
6	6th Battalion	"	"
7	7th Battalion	"	"
8	8th Battalion	"	"
9	2nd A.L.F.H. Bty.	"	"
10	1st Australian Division	"	"
11	No.4 Squadron R.A.F.	"	"
12	Brigade Major		
13	No.1 Signal Section.		
14-16	Spare.		

SECRET.

Copy No.

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No.102.

HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
2nd JUNE, 1918.

Reference Sheets 27 & 36A
1:40,000.

1. The 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve the 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade in the Divisional Support Area on the 3rd instant in accordance with the relief table overleaf.
2. (a) Defence Schemes and information of value to the incoming units will be handed over.
(b) Area Stores, Surplus S.A.A., bombs etc., and extra water carts at present with units will be handed over and receipt obtained for same. Two copies of these receipts will be forwarded to this Office by noon 4th instant.
(c) All tents and trench shelters will be left standing.
3. The following distances will be maintained between units on the march :-

Between Companies	=	100 yards
Between Battalions	=	500 yards
Between Unit and its transport	=	100 yards
4. There will be halts of 10 minutes ^{at 10 minutes} to each clock hour.
5. Transport will move with the unit to which it belongs. On completion of the move transport will be brigaded and will occupy the lines vacated by 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade transport at V.14.C.5.C.
6. On completion of relief 5th Battalion will be in close support to the line brigade and will take over the dispositions and plans of the 4th Battalion.
7. Completion of moves will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by wire.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at C.9.D.3.C. (Sheet 36A) at 9 A.M. on 3rd instant and reopen at V.10.A.C.C. (Sheet 27) at the same hour.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

N. J. Watson
Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Copy No.	To whom.	Time, How.
1	File	
2/4	War Diary	
5	5th Battalion	2-30P.M. D.R.
6	6th Battalion	" "
7	7th Battalion	" "
8+	8th Battalion	" "
9	2nd A.L.T.M. Bty."	" "
10	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	" "
11	1st Aust. Divn.	" "
12	1st Aust. Inf. Bde."	" "
13	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde."	" "
14	1st H.G. Bn.	" "
15	Area Comdt. SERCUS "	" "
16	Brigade Major	
17	Staff Captain	
18	No. 4 Sig. Section	
19	Camp Comdt.	
20	Bde. Intel. Officer	
21-25	Spares.	

Relief Table to accompany Brigade Order No.102.

Units in order of march.	From.	To.	Unit relieved.	Starting Point.	Time of passing S.P.	Route.
8th Battalion	C.11.C.6.6.	W.8.C.7.9.	4th Battalion	C.5.C.2.4.	7-30 A.M.	C.5.C.2.4.- C.6.Cent.- V.25.Cent - V.19.B.4.5. - V.20.B.8.2.
7th Battalion	C.11.C.5.7.	V.16.A.8.1.	1st Battalion	do	8 A.M.	do
6th Battalion	C.17.A.7.8.	V.4.D.1.2.	3rd Battalion	do	8-20 A.M.	do
5th Battalion	C.16.B.2.4.	V.8.D.3.5.	2nd Battalion	do	8-40 A.M.	do
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	C.16.B.1.8.	V.18.A.1.8.	3rd A.L.T.M.Bty.	do	9-10 A.M.	do
2nd Aust.Inf.Bde. Headquarters.	C.9.D.3.8.	V.10.A.6.0.	1st Aust.Inf.Bde. Headquarters.	do	9-20 A.M.	do

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 103.

HEADQUARTERS,
2nd JUNE, 1918.

Reference Sheets 27 and 36A. 1:40,000

1. The 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve the 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade in the line on the 4th instant and night of the 4th/5th instant in accordance with the relief table overleaf.
2. Advance parties of all units will be sent into all posts on the night 3rd/4th instant.
3. (a) All maps, plans of work, defence schemes and information of value will be exchanged with the out-going units.
(b) Area and trench stores will be taken and handed over and receipts given and obtained. Two copies of these receipts will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by noon on 5th instant.
4. In order to ensure continuity of policy the existing dispositions of units will be taken over and will not be altered, except in minor details, without reference to Brigade Headquarters.
5. Company Commanders' disposition sketches will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 10 a.m. on 5th instant.
6. (a) The Nucleus Battalion will be re-formed and will relieve the Nucleus Battalion of the 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade on the CORRE and PRADELLES defences.
(b) Personnel from units to join the Nucleus Battalion will report to Major SWIFT (7th Battalion) at 7th Battalion Headquarters V.10.A.8.1. at 1 p.m. on 4th instant.
A nominal roll will accompany each party and one copy will be sent to Brigade Headquarters.
7. Transport lines will not move.
8. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between C.O.'s concerned.
9. Completion of reliefs will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by sending the code word "WINDY".
10. Command of the Sub-sector will pass to the G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade on completion of relief.
11. Brigade Headquarters will close at V.10.A.8.0. at 9 p.m. and re-open at W.25.A.5.8. at the same hour.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. F. Lester
Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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1	File		
2/4	War Diary		
5	5th Battalion	5 P.M.	D.R.
6th	5th Battalion	"	"
7	7th Battalion	"	"
8	5th Battalion	"	"
9	2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
10	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
11	1st Aust. Divn.	"	"
12	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
13	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
14	Right Bde. 9th Div.	"	"
15	Left Bde. 29th Div.	"	"
16	1st Aust. M.G. Bn.	"	"
17	Brigade Major		
18	Staff Captain		
19	No. 4 Sig. Section		
20	Camp Commandant		
21	Bde. Intel. Officer		
22-24	Spare.		

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Relief Table to Accompany Brigade Order No. 103:

Unit.	From.	To.	Unit relieved.
5th Battalion	V.8.D.3.5.	Line Left.	9th Battalion
6th Battalion	V.4.D.1.2.	Line Centre.	10th Battalion
7th Battalion	V.16.A.8.1.	Line Right.	12th Battalion.
8th Battalion	W.8.G.7.9.	Reserve	11th Battalion
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	V.18.A.1.8.	Line	3rd A.L.T.M.Bty.
2nd Brigade Nucleus Bn.	-	V.24.D.6.7.	3rd Brigade Nucleus Battalion.

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 104.

Reference Sheets 27 S.E. and 36A N.E.
1:20,000 and attached map.HEADQUARTERS,
7th JUNE, 1918.

1. A re-organisation of the Divisional Sector on a two Brigade frontage will take place on the 8th instant and night 8th/9th instant.
2. On completion of reliefs the 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will be disposed in accordance with map attached (Issued to Brigade units and 1st Australian Division only.)
3. Boundaries will be as under :-
 - (a) Inter-Brigade. E.6.B.8.7. - W.29.B.9.3. (inclusive to left Brigade) - W.23.C.4.3. (inclusive to right Brigade). - W.21.A.3.2. - W.19.B.7.2. - V.23.B.central
 - (b) Inter-Battalion. E.6.C.2.4. - W.20.A.0.0.
4. In order to effect the above re-organisation the following reliefs will take place :-
 - (a) 1st Battalion will relieve that portion of the 5th Battalion now occupying the area between the line X.25.B.35.45. - X.19.C.00.50. - W.24.B.05.85. and the left boundary of the Division.
 - (b) 4th Battalion will relieve those portions of the 5th and 6th Battalions now occupying the area between the line X.25.B.35.45. - X.19.C.00.50. - W.24.B.05.85. and the new Inter-Brigade boundary as laid down in para 3 (a) above.
 - (c) 3rd Battalion will relieve that portion of 6th Battalion now occupying the area North of the new Inter-Brigade boundary as laid down in para. 3 (a) above.
 - (d) 1st A.L.T.M. Battery will relieve that portion of 2nd A.L.T.M. Bty. now occupying the area North of the new Inter-Brigade boundary as laid down in para. 3 (a) above.
5. Combined posts will be established as under :-
 - (a) Front line at E.6.B.C.7. manned by a garrison of half a platoon from each 5th and 4th Battalions under an Officer of 6th Battalion, with a Lewis Gun from 4th Battalion.
 - (b) Support line at W.50.A.0.0. manned by 1 section from each 6th and 4th Battalions.
 - (c) Reserve line at W.21.D.4.9. manned by 1 section from each 5th and 3rd Battalions.
 - (d) 'B' line, Second Zone at W.20.B.1.4. manned by 1 section from each 5th and 3rd Battalions.
 - (e) 'C' line, Second Zone at W.19.A.5.2. manned by 1 section from each 5th and 2nd Battalions.
6. 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade Nucleus Battalion will move to V.C.D.3.5. on the morning of 8th instant. Move will be completed by 11 A.M.
7. Advanced parties of all relieving units will be sent into all posts 24 hours in advance.
8. (a) Defence Schemes, plans of works and information of value to the incoming units will be handed over.
(b) Trench and area stores, ammunition etc. will be handed over and receipts obtained. Two copies of these receipts will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by noon on 9th instant.

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- 9. Details not herein provided for will be mutually arranged between C.O.'s concerned.
- 10. Completion of reliefs will be notified by wire to this Office by sending the code word "STRONG".
- 11. Command of the left subsector will pass to G.O.C. 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade on completion of relief.
- 12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. F. Watson

Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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7	7th Battalion	"	"
8	8th Battalion	"	"
9	2nd A.L.T.K.Bty.	"	"
10	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
11	1st Australian Division	"	"
12	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
13	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
14	36th Inf. Bde.	"	"
15	26th Inf. Bde.	"	"
16	1st Aust. F.A. Bde.	"	"
17	2nd Aust. F.A. Bde.	"	"
18	12th Army Bde. A.F.A.	"	"
19	64th Army Bde. A.F.A.	"	"
20	Bde. Liaison Officer	"	"
21	2nd. Bde. Nucleus Bn.	"	"
22	Brigade Major	"	"
23	Staff Captain	"	"
24	No. 4 Signal Section	"	"
25	Bde. Intcl. Off.	"	"
26	Bde. Works Off.	"	"
27	Bde. Gas Off.	"	"
28	1st Aust. M.G. Bn.		
29-30	Sparcs.		

(1) Suppose this is W.G.O.A.O.O. manned by 1 section from each 5th and 6th Battalions.

(2) Suppose this is W.G.O.A.O.O. manned by 1 section from each 5th and 6th Battalions.

(3) Suppose this is W.G.O.A.O.O. manned by 1 section from each 5th and 6th Battalions.

The Aust. Infantry Brigade Liaison Battalion will move to W.G.O.A.O.O. on the morning of 23rd instant. Move will be completed by 11 A.M.

Advanced parties of all relieving units will be sent into all posts 24 hours in advance.

(a) Advance parties, plans of works and information of value to the relieving units will be handed over.

(b) French and other stores, munitions etc. will be handed over and receipts obtained. Two copies of these receipts will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by noon on 23rd instant.

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Appendix (CXXVII)

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APPENDIX

Copy No.

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 105.

HEADQUARTERS,
9th JUNE, 1918.

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

1. Inter-Battalion reliefs will take place on the 12th and night 12th/13th instant as under :-
 (a) 5th Battalion will relieve 7th Battalion in the right section of the Brigade sub-sector.
 8th Battalion will relieve 6th Battalion in the left section of the Brigade sub-sector.
2. On completion of reliefs the 6th and 7th Battalions will move back into the areas now occupied by and take over the duties of 5th and 3th Battalions respectively.
3. Advanced parties from relieving Battalions will be sent into all posts 24 hours prior to reliefs.
4. (a) All maps, documents and information of value to the incoming units will be handed over.
 (b) Area and trench stores will be exchanged and receipts given. One copy of these receipts will be forwarded to this office by noon on the day after the relief.
5. Original company Commanders' disposition sketches will be sent to this office by noon on the day after the reliefs take place.
6. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between C.O's concerned.
7. Completion of reliefs will be notified to this office by sending by wire to this office the code word "HELMET".
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. J. Hunter

Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Copy No.	To whom.	Time	How.
1	File		
2/4	War Diary		
5	5th Battalion	10 P.M.	D.R.
6	6th Battalion	"	"
7	7th Battalion	"	"
8	8th Battalion	"	"
9	Nucleus Battalion	"	"
10	2nd A.L.T.M. Bty	"	"
11	1st Aust. Division	"	"
12	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
13	36th Inf. Bde.	"	"
14	1st Aust. M.G. Bn.	"	"
15	Bde. Liaison Officer	"	"
16	Brigade Major		
17	Staff Captain		
18	Bde. Intel. Off.		
19	Ede. Works Off.		
20	Bde. Cas Off.		
21	No. 4 Sig. Section		
22-24	Spares.		

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions					Service.
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At.....m.					
To.....				From.....	
By.....				By.....	

TO: *5/6/7/8. Bns nucleus of 2nd
24. 2.2 B Bde 88 mtd Bde
10th Aust Div.*

Sender's Number. <i>030111</i>	Day of Month. <i>13th</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
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*5th Bn will relieve 7th Bn in the
right section of the Bde subsector.
on night 13/14th inst. On completion
of relief 7th Bn will move back
into Bde Reserve & take over the
quarters now occupied by 5th
Bn. Bde units Acknowledge*

From	<i>2nd A Bde</i>
Place	
Time	

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

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Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of: <i>War Dept</i>	Service.
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SECRET	At	m.		
	To			
	By	(Signature of "Franking Officer")		
TO <i>5/6/18 Bns 2nd L.T.M. Bde 3rd M. Coy 1st M. Coy 1st Div 1st A.I. Bde</i>				
<i>86th Inf Bde 2nd Hd Coy 1st P. Coy 1st A.F.A. Bde 2nd A.F.A. Bde</i>				
<i>64th Army Bde R.F.A. 12th Army Bde A.F.A.</i>				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA	
AZB 105	12th			

On night 12/13th inst. 7th Bn. will attack and capture enemy's posts at E.11.D.4.5., E.11.D.4.7. E.11.D.7.9. and E.11.B.7.5. Attack will be carried out by 1 Coy. Support Coy. moving forward and occupying front line posts vacated by attacking troops and Reserve Coy. those vacated by Support Coy. At Zero minus 15 minutes attacking troops will be in position on a line approximately 150 yards from the Objectives. At Zero minus 2 minutes, 2nd A.L.T.M. Bty. will open rapid fire with one Mortar on each of the Objectives. At Zero minus one minute the Mortar firing on E.11.D.4.7. will switch on to E.11.D.7.9. At Zero, the barrage will lift to 200 yards in rear of the objectives and the positions will be rushed. 64th Brigade R.F.A. will bombard enemy's positions at E.12.C.4.3., E.12.C.5.9., and E.12.A.8.3. from Zero hour onwards. Prisoners will be sent direct to Bde. Headquarters. Identifications will be wired to Brigade Headquarters as quickly as possible. Zero hour will be 1 a.m. Acknowledge. Addressed all concerned.

From	2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade
Place	
Time	
<i>The above may be forwarded as now corrected</i>	(Z) <i>W. H. H. H. H.</i> Captain
Censor.	Bde. Major
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name	

Secret7th Aust Bn Order No. 43.

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Reference Map Sheet 36.A. 1/40000.

Information: 7th Aust Bn will carry out a minor operation on nights of 12/13th June 1918.

Zero Hour: zero hour 1 a.m.

Intention: To capture enemy positions as und and establish posts.

1. Road junction E. 11. D. 45.
2. Strong Post. E. 11. D. 47.
3. Road junction E. 11. D. 79.
4. Strong post. E. 11. B. 75.

Attacking Troops: No. 7. Platoon will capture enemy position No. 1. above and establish a post.

No. 5. Platoon will capture enemy position No. 2. above and establish a post, withdrawing to support position when consolidation well advanced.

No. 6. Platoon & No. 10. Platoon will capture enemy position No. 3. above, and establish a post. (No. 10 platoon attacking from the North.)

No. 11. Platoon will capture enemy position No. 4. above and establish a post.

Assembly: At zero minus 15 minutes attacking platoons will be in position in No Man's Land on a line approximately parallel to the objectives. In the case of No. 11. Platoon approximately parallel to the railway line and in all cases at a distance of 100 yards from the objective.

Consolidation: Three sections each of a strength of 1 N.C.O. & 15 men, and detailed from D. Coy. will follow closely in rear of No. 5, 6, and 7 platoons respectively. One section to each platoon.

Two sections each of a strength of 1 NCO + 15 men & detailed from A Coy will follow closely in rear of No 10 + 11 platoons respectively one section to a platoon.

Consolidation: Each man of these sections will carry one pick and one shovel, and the sections will be used to consolidate the captured positions.

Immediately consolidation is well advanced attacking troops will be thinned out.

Troops thinned out will return to their original posts and covering troops will withdraw to reserve and support lines respectively.

Patrols: Immediately objectives are captured strong patrols will be thrust forward to cover consolidation.

Mopping up In each platoon 3 men will be

Parties: detailed to mop up and pass prisoners to rear.

Rifle Grenadiers: A screen of rifle grenadiers will cover each attacking platoon during the preliminary bombardment and advance following closely in rear of first line of attacking troops.

Artillery Actions: At zero minus 2 minutes all the objectives will be bombarded by 2nd A.L.T.M. Bty. which will use 4 mortars to assist in the attack. One mortar to each position and using 25 rounds per mortar per minute. At zero minus 1 minute the mortar firing on position No. 2. will switch on to No. 3. position.

At zero fire will decrease to half rate and range will be lengthened by bounds to 200 yards, and fire

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Artillery will be maintained until situation
Action (Conto) is clear.

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At zero minus 2 minutes 2nd A.M.T.M. Bty will bombard the objectives and at zero will switch to known targets in rear of objectives, and also to right flank of objectives.

Harassing fire will be maintained by D. Bty 64th Bde Field Artillery from zero minus 2 minutes on known enemy positions in and around rear and flank of objective and particularly on roads in rear of objective, also along railway lines.

3rd M.G. Coy will maintain harassing indirect fire on known enemy positions in rear of objectives firing from zero onwards.

In each instance information will be sent from Bn H.Q. to Artillery T.Ms. and M.Gs. as soon as it is considered advisable to cease fire.

Dress: Battle Order

Covering A. Coy will detail 2 platoons to occupy
Troops: positions vacated by Nos 10. & 11. platoons.

D. Coy will detail 3 platoons to occupy positions vacated by Nos 5. 6. & 7 platoons. Covering troops will occupy these positions as quickly as possible on attacking troops moving to assembly. Consolidating sections detailed as above will be supplied from these covering troops.

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Communication: (1) A signal station equipped with 1. Lucas lamp and 1. telephone will be established at E. 11. B. 26. and will move forward with attacking troops and establish at E. 11. B. 4550.

The station will keep touch with left Coy N. Gns.

(2) A signal station equipped with 1. Lucas lamp and 1. telephone will be established at E. 11. B. 30. and as opportunity offers this station will move forward keeping touch with parties attacking No. 3. objective.

This station will keep touch with right Coy N. Gns.

2 runners and 1. H.Q. scout will be attached to each attacking platoon.

Supplies: Dumps at

- 1. C. Coy N. Gns. E. 11. A. 49.
- 2. B. Coy N. Gns. E. 11. A. 22.

From these Coy N. Gns. adequate supplies of S.A.A. bombs, and water will be pushed forward.

Reports: All reports to Forward Bn N. Gns.

Medical: R.A.P. at E. 4. D. 30.

Prisoners: All prisoners will be sent through nearest Coy N. Gns. where identifications will be established and prisoners at once dispatched to Bn N. Gns.

Forward Bn N. Gns.: At B. Coy N. Gns. E. 11. A. 22.

Acknowledge.

Officer
Lieut
Adjutant

over

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Service Instructions			By <u>[Signature]</u>	To	
			By	By	

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TO QUNA

*Sender's Number <u>GR 192</u>	Day of Month <u>13</u>	In reply to Number <u>—</u>	AAA
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all objectives
obtained aaa am
consolidating

FROM	<u>KOOV (7th Co)</u>
TIME & PLACE	<u>2.7 am</u>

*This line should be erased if not required

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			From <u>KOQ</u>	At <u>12</u> m.	
Charges to Collect			By <u>[Signature]</u>	To	
Service Instructions			By		

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TO QJNA

*Sender's Number <u>GK 503</u>	Day of Month <u>13</u>	In reply to Number <u>—</u>	AAA
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Amended line now
runs E11C83 - E11D44 -
E11D99 - E12A04 - E11B98
not as in morning
situation report sent
by runner

[Signature]

FROM KOQU (74Bn)

TIME & PLACE

*This line should be erased if not required

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~~2nd A.I. Force~~ Lawton
 C.R. 501 13/6/45
 Morning Situation Report AAA
 Situation quiet AAA (19)
 Operation successful AAA
 Line now runs E11C83 - E11D44 -
 E11D989 - E11B94 - E11B98 -
 AAA. Enemy ^{E12A04}relaxation quiet
 AAA. Estimated prisoners 50
 Unwounded AAA. Estimated casualties
 20 wounded AAA.
 Wind 2 miles West.

~~13/6/45~~ after dark
 Light
 Wounded
 (19)

"C" Form.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message 50

Prefix <i>M. K. A.</i>	Code	Words <i>17</i>	Received <i>WAKE</i>	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
Charges to Collect			From	At	
Service Instructions <i>WAKE</i>			By	To	
Handed in at			Office	m.	Received <i>10:00</i> m.

TO *2nd a 2 Bde.*

*Sender's Number. <i>2195</i>	Day of Month. <i>13th.</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*please accept my
congratulations on this
mornings very successful
enterprise*

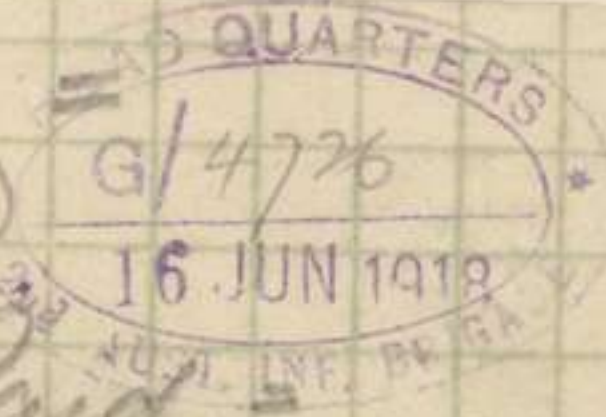
FROM *General Walker*

TIME & PLACE

*This line should be erased if not required.

REPLACES—John Walker, E.M.—3217—3101, FORM C 312E

= No. 11. Platoon
 (Appendix CXXIXA)
 15/6/18. = Daylight Raid =



At 6:13 p.m. a patrol consisting of Lt. Maddox M.S. 5. or. left post E.11.D.5.3. and proceeded south to "Plate Beque Rau" crossed Beque at E.11.D.9.2. & proceeded to E.12.C.2.0. Here they were fired on from sentries on a nest of posts. Lt. Maddox & 2 men immediately rushed the posts, leaving two (2) men alongside the Beque to cover their rear. The sentries immediately surrendered and it was seen that the post consisted of a series of pot-holes occupied by two or three men in humpies well concealed with earth, the two men in rear immediately reinforced & each man took a post. All were asleep & surrendered gladly except two N.C.O.'s who squealed & surrendered on the gentle persuasion of Boots & Butt end of revolvers. The raiding party & prisoners moved back & crossed Beque and on to road north of it. At this moment one of the raiders fired a shot near the heels of the prisoners & the race for Coy Headquarters commenced.

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The prisoners numbering 12. lead all the way with their hands up. and were headed for Company Headquarters by men on their flanks firing revolvers.

Arrangements were made for both Lewis Guns to cover either flank of raid from post E. 11. D. 5. 3. It was not found necessary to bring these into action.

The prisoners passed through our post at 6.27. pm.

Neilsenmaddox Lt.
Co. 11 Platoon

Adj't
5 Bn

Forwarded

G. Lillie Capt
O.C. Coy

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SECRET

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

NO.

HEADQUARTERS
15th June 1918



Reference sheets 27 S.E. & 36A N.E.
1:20.000

1. From information received, it is believed that the enemy intends to attack on the Corps front on the morning of the 16th inst. All troops must be informed of this and told how much depends on their personal courage and determination to maintain the defences of the Forward Zone.
 2. An intense bombardment with H.E. and Gas and probably a heavy smoke screen may be expected along the whole front. As S.O.S. signals may not be seen, short blasts on Strombus horns lasting ten seconds will be used as a supplementary S.O.S. Signal. These horns will be installed in the front line forthwith. All ranks will be warned that this signal will differ from the Gas alarm, in that the signal will not be continuous, but in short blasts.
 3. The main line of resistance on the Divisional front will be the COURTE CROIX Switch - STRAZEELE - STRAZEELE Avenue - Reserve Line and must be held at all costs. But at the same time the Brigade must keep its lines forward of this main line of resistance intact and if necessary counter attacks will be delivered for this purpose. The men must realize that all posts must be held to the last.
 4. With a view to meeting the attack, the following steps will be taken and must be completed before midnight 15/16th inst.
 - (a) The Picquet Line will be thinned out. In each company in the Picquet line there will be three platoons in the firing line and one platoon in close support.
 - (b) The Coy. from the Support Battalion detailed for the Defence of STRAZEELE will man all trenches. Definite orders will be given to this Coy. by C.O. Support Battalion and the garrison will be told off to definite posts by platoons.
 - (c) One Coy. from the Support Battalion will man STRAZEELE Avenue from STRAZEELE Defences to the Reserve Line. This Coy. may move up in daylight today in small parties, taking advantage of the cover of hedges and the Avenue. It will be told off by platoons to definite posts. Living accommodation for this Coy. is available in trenches immediately in rear of STRAZEELE Avenue.
 - (d) Two Coys. from the Support Battalion will man the Reserve line North of STRAZEELE Avenue.
 - (e) The Reserve Battalion will man the Reserve line South of STRAZEELE Avenue.
 - (f) 2nd Brigade Nucleus Battalion will provide nucleus garrisons for 'B' and 'C' Lines. They will be told off by platoons to posts to be selected by C.O. Nucleus Battalion.
 - (g) C.O. Left Battalion will select alternative Headquarters to which to move in the event of his present Headquarters being damaged by shell fire and will arrange for telephone Communication from location selected.
- C.O. Reserve Battalion will establish his Headquarters at the Headquarters of the Support Battalion
 C.O. Nucleus Battalion will select his Headquarters.
 All Headquarters must be in communication with Brigade Hqrs. who will be informed of their locations.

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(h) Anti-aircraft Lewis guns will be mounted in all trenches where troops are situated to deal with low flying hostile aircraft.

(i) All crops and hedges which obstruct the field of fire must be cut or thinned out. Sickles, shovels, entrenching tools, etc. will be used for this purpose.

5. (a) Roads at E.11.C.7.3. and E.6.A.7.3. will be mined and mines exploded before midnight 15/16th inst.

(b) The responsibility for exploding other mines in the Brigade sub-sector is allotted as under :-

Line at E.3.D.2.C. to C.O. Right Battalion

" " W.29.C.5.2. to C.O. Left Battalion

" " W.29.A.6.5. and W.23.C.4.1. to C.O. STRAZEELE Defence Coy.

These mines will not be exploded except in the event of our troops being driven back.

6. The G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade will assume Command from noon 15th inst. over all the Defences in advance of the 'B' Line within the Brigade sub-sector and any Nucleus garrisons posted therein.

7. Acknowledge.

H. F. Watson

Captain
Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

Copy No	To whom	Time	Method
1	File	10 a.m.	
2/4	War Diary	"	
5	5th Battalion	"	D.R.
6	6th "	"	"
7	7th "	"	"
8	8th "	"	"
9	2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
10	2nd Bde. Nucleus Bn.	"	"
11	1st Aust. Div. (for information)	"	"
12	1st Aust. Inf. Bde. do	"	"
13	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. do	"	"
14	83th Infantry Brigade	"	"
15	1st Aust. M.G. Bn. do	"	"
16	1st Aust. Pioneer Battn.	"	"
17	Brigade Major	"	"
18	Staff Captain	"	"
19	Bde. Int. Officer	"	"
20	No 4 Signal Section	"	"
21 - 25	Spares	"	"

21 - 25 2nd Coy Aust. Engineers

(a) The Coy. from the Support Battalion will man the Reserve Line North of SIMONS AVENUE.
(b) The Reserve Battalion will man the Reserve Line South of SIMONS AVENUE.
(c) The 2nd Brigade Reserve Battalion will provide nucleus garrisons for 'B' and 'C' Lines. They will be held out by platoons to be selected by C.O. Nucleus Battalion.
(d) C.O. Left Battalion will select alternative Headquarters to which he will move in the event of his present Headquarters being damaged by shell fire and will arrange for telephone communication from location selected.
(e) Reserve Battalion will establish his Headquarters at the Headquarters of the Support Battalion.
(f) C.O. Nucleus Battalion will select his Headquarters.
All Headquarters will be in communication with Brigade HQ. who will be informed of their locations.

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2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 106 APPENDIX CXXXI 28

HEADQUARTERS,
13th JUNE, 1918.

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

1. On the 16th and night 16th/17th instant the 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade in the right sub-sector of the Divisional Sector in accordance with the relief table overleaf.
2. On completion of relief the 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will move back into Divisional Reserve in accordance with the move table overleaf.
3. All maps, photos, plans of work and Defence schemes connected with the respective areas and Special duties supplied under Divisional orders will be exchanged.
4. S.C.S. signals, ammunition, trench and Area stores will be handed over on relief and receipts obtained. Two copies of these receipts will be forwarded to Brigade Hqrs. by 6 p.m. on 17th instant.
5. Advance parties of one officer and one N.C.O. per Battalion and one N.C.O. from 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. will be sent to the SERCUS Area on 15th instant to take over their respective camps etc. from outgoing units of the 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade.
6. On relief the 2nd Brigade Nucleus Battalion will be disbanded and personnel will rejoin their respective units.
7. (a) Transport will move with the unit to which it belongs.
(b) Brigade Transport Officer will arrange transport for 2nd A.L.T.M. Battery.
8. Completion of reliefs and moves will be notified to Brigade Hqrs. by wire.
9. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between C.O's concerned.
10. Command of the Brigade sub-sector will pass to G.C.C. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. on completion of relief.
11. Brigade Headquarters will close at W.25.A.5.8. on completion of relief and reopen at SERCUS (C.9.D.3.9.)
12. Acknowledge.

H. F. Watson

Captain
Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade

Copy No	To whom	Time	Method
1	File	2 p.m.	
2/4	War Diary	"	
5	5th Battalion	"	D.R.
6	6th Battalion	"	"
7	7th Battalion	"	" 21 Brigade Major
8	8th Battalion	"	" 22 Staff Captain
9	2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	"	" 23 Bde. Int. Officer
10	2nd Bde. Nucleus Bn.	"	" 24 Camp Commandant
11	Bde. Transport Officer	"	" 25 No 4 Signal Section
12	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	" 26-30 Spares
13	1st Aust. Division	"	"
14	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
15	3rd " " "	"	"
16	88th Infantry Brigade	"	"
17	1st Aust. M.G. Bn.	"	"
18	1st Aust. F.A. Bde.	"	"
19	64th Army Bde. R.F.A.	"	"
20	Area Commandant Bn.	"	"

RELIEF TABLE

Date	Unit	From	To	Relieving Unit
Night 16/17 June	5th Battalion	Line Right	'A' Bn. Bivouac Area V.23.B.	9th Battalion
do	6th Battalion	Support	'D' Bn. " " V.22.B.	12th Battalion
16th June	7th Battalion	Reserve	SERCUS Area C.16.E.2.4.	10th Battalion
Night 16/17 June	8th Battalion	Line Left	'B' & 'C' Bns. Bivouac Areas V.17.C. and V.23.A.	11th Battalion
do	2nd A L.T.M. Bty.	Line	T.M.B. Bivouac Area V.17.D.	3rd A L.T.M. Bty.
16th June	2nd Bde. Nucleus Bn.	V.8.D.3.4.	Respective units	3rd Bde. Nucleus Bn.

MOVE TABLE.

Date	Unit	From	To	Starting Point	Time of passing Starting point	REMARKS
16th June	7th Battalion	Reserve	C.16.E.2.4.	V.16.B.7.4.	On relief	Route V.16.B.7.4. -
17th June	8th Battalion	V.17.C & V.23.A	C.11.C.6.5.	do	9 a.m.	V.15.D.1.5. - V.15.D.2.3
do	5th Battalion	V.23.B.	C.11.C.5.7.	do	9.20 a.m.	-V.20.B.9.7. - V.20.B.9.
do	6th Battalion	V.22.B.	C.17.A.7.8.	do	9.40 a.m.	V.19.B.4.5. - V.25.Cont
do	2nd A L.T.M. Bty	V.17.D.	C.16.B.1.8.	do	10.10 a.m.	-C.C. Central - C.5.C.2.4

Distances to be maintained between units on the march:
 Bet. Coys 100 yards
 Bet. Bns. 500 "
 Bet. units & its Trans'pt 100 "
 Halts of 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour

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HEADQUARTERS
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade
15th June 1918

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

1. 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No 106 is cancelled.
2. On the 16th and night 16/17th inst. and 17th and night 17/18th inst. the 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade in the Right Sub-sector of the Divisional Sector in accordance with Relief Table overleaf.
3. Units on relief will move back into Divisional Reserve and will come under orders of G.O.C. 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade until completion of relief of the whole of the 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.
4. All maps, photos, plans of work and Defence Schemes connected with the respective areas and special duties supplied under Divisional orders will be exchanged.
5. S.O.S. signals, ammunition, Trench and Area stores will be handed over on relief and receipts obtained, 2 copies of these receipts will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 6 p.m. on 18th instant.
6. Completion of reliefs will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by sending by wire the Code word 'BELL'.
7. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between C.O.'s concerned.
8. Command of the Brigade sub-sector will pass to G.O.C. 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade on completion of relief on the night 17/18th inst.
9. Brigade Headquarters will close at W.25.A.5.8. on completion of relief on the night 17/18th inst. and will re-open at W.10.A.6.0.
10. Acknowledge.

H. F. Watson

Captain
Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Copy No	To whom	Time	Method
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2/4	War Diary	"	D.R.
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6	6th "	"	"
7	7th "	"	"
8	8th "	"	"
9	2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
10	2nd Bde. Nucleus Bn.	"	"
11	Bde. Transport Officer	"	"
12	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
13	1st Aust. Division	"	"
14	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
15	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
16	88th Infantry Brigade	"	"
17	1st Aust. M.G. Bn.	"	"
18	1st A.F.A. Brigade	"	"
19	64th Army Bde. R.F.A.	"	"
20	Bde. Major	"	"
21	Staff Captain	"	"
22	Bde. Int. Officer	"	"
23	Camp Commandant	"	"
24	No 4 Signal Section	"	"
25-28	Spares	"	"

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RELIEF TABLE to accompany Bde. Order No 107

Date	Unit	From	To	Relieving unit
Night 16/17th June	6th Battalion	Support	'D' Battalion Bivouac Area V.22.B.4.6.	12th Battalion
do	8th Battalion	Line Left	'B' Battalion Bivouac Area V.17.C.7.3.	11th Battalion
do	2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	Line	F.M.Bty. Bivouac Area V.17.D.1.4.	3rd A.L.T.M.Bty.
do	2nd Bde. Nucleus Battalion	'B' and 'C' lines	Nucleus Bn. Bivouac Area V.17.C.	3rd Bde. Nucleus Battalion
Night 17/18th June	5th Battalion	Line Right	'A' Battalion Bivouac Area V.23.B.2.8.	9th Battalion
do	7th Battalion	Reserve	'G' Battalion Bivouac Area V.23.A.5.9.	10th Battalion

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REAR DIVISION
Squadron, 2nd Cavalry
1945

Date Unit From To Relieving unit
 Night 16/17th June 6th Battalion Support 'D' Battalion Bivouac Area V.22.B.4.6. 12th Battalion
 do 8th Battalion Line Left 'B' Battalion Bivouac Area V.17.C.7.3. 11th Battalion
 do 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. Line F.M.Bty. Bivouac Area V.17.D.1.4. 3rd A.L.T.M.Bty.
 do 2nd Bde. Nucleus Battalion 'B' and 'C' lines Nucleus Bn. Bivouac Area V.17.C. 3rd Bde. Nucleus Battalion
 Night 17/18th June 5th Battalion Line Right 'A' Battalion Bivouac Area V.23.B.2.8. 9th Battalion
 do 7th Battalion Reserve 'G' Battalion Bivouac Area V.23.A.5.9. 10th Battalion

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2nd Bde Nucleus Battalion.

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Reference Brigade Order No 107 2/A.L.T.M.Bty
and 2nd Brigade Nucleus Battalion will be
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From 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.
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2nd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

DEFENCE SCHEME
(Provisional)

RIGHT BRIGADE - CENTRE DIVISION - XV CORPS

16th June 1918

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RIGHT BRIGADE - CENTRE DIVISION - XV CORPS

Reference Sheets 27 S.E. & 36A N.E. 1:20,000
and Attached Map.

1. BOUNDARIES.**(a) Brigade -**

The Southern boundary of the Brigade runs from
E.11.D.5.2. - E.11.C.8.0. - E.11.C.0.0. - E.3.D.2.6. -
V.29.C.8.9. (Railway inclusive).

The Northern boundary of the Brigade runs from
E.6.B.8.7. - W.29.B.8.3. (exclusive) - W.23.C.4.3. (inclusive)
- W.21.A.3.2. - W.19.B.7.2. - V.23.B. Central.

(b) Inter-Battalion

From E.6.C.2.4. - W.23.A.0.0.

2. ORGANISATION OF DEFENCES.

(a) The Defences of the Brigade Sub-sector are organised in a Defensive Zone known as the Forward Zone. This Zone is organised in three systems - The Firing Line System, the Support System and the Reserve System. In addition there are two defended localities - STRAZELLE and PRADELLES.

(i) The Firing line system is organised as a Picquet Line. Its function is to hold up the enemy's attack, or, by resisting to the last, delay it so that the troops of the Support System and Reserve Companies may have time to deal with it effectively. No picquet should be of less strength than 1 platoon, either in one post, or in mutually Supporting posts - 60 yards is maximum distance between mutually supporting posts. The gaps between the picquets should be strongly wired and the whole system is to be gradually developed into a chain of connected Strong Points, protected by wire.

(ii) The Support System is organised as a line of posts connected by a traffic trench and has a continuous belt of protective wire.

(iii) The Reserve System is a continuous fire trench and is protected by wire, which already forms an effective obstacle.

(iv) From the centre of the firing line system of the Left Section to immediately South of PRADELLES, there runs a Communication trench known as STRAZELLE Avenue. This trench is well constructed and suitable for a firing trench, protecting as it does the STRAZELLE - PRADELLES RIDGE from an attack from the South.

(v) The defended locality of STRAZELLE forms the Southern prominence of STRAZELLE - ROUGE CROIX RIDGE. This Ridge screens a large portion of the Brigade Area from enemy ground observation. The defended locality forms a Strong Point which supports the SUPPORT SYSTEM.

In addition, it flanks a hostile advance along the Railway and directly opposes any general attack against the Brigade Front.

Works provide for all round defence.

(vi) A Strong Point has been established at PRADELLES, whose object is to deny a hostile advance, or, to form a pivot for our troops if required.

The village is situated on the reverse slope of the STRAZELLE - ROUGE CROIX RIDGE, is distant 2,000 yards from both these points and is overlooked by practically the whole of that Ridge. It is virtually in the Reserve Line, Forward Zone.

Works have been constructed to meet attack from -

(a) STRAZELLE Village

(b) The S.E. if an enemy advance breaks our line in the vicinity of the MONT DE MERRIS, and an advance takes place astride the Railway.

(c) The N.E. from the STRAZELLE - ROUGE CROIX Ridge.

The Brigade in the Line is responsible for the defence of this Zone.

(b) In rear of the Forward Zone, is the Second Zone, also organised in three Systems - 'B' Line, 'C' Line, and 'D' Line.

Between 'B' and 'C' Lines, is situated the defended locality of BORRE

3. ALLOTMENT OF TROOPS.

The troops available for the defence of the Sub-sector are :-

- 2 Brigades F.A.
- 1 Infantry Brigade
- 1 M.G. Company
- 1 Company Divisional Pioneer Battalion

4. DISPOSITION OF TROOPS.

(a) Infantry

The line is held with two Battalions, each with two Companies in the Firing Line System, one Company in the Support System, and one Company in Reserve in rear of the Support System. One Battalion (less 1 Company detailed for the defence of STRAZELLE) is in Support with two Companies in the Reserve System, and one Company in the vicinity of E.1.B.6.7. One Battalion is in Reserve in V.23., V.24., and V.30. One Company of the Divisional Pioneer Battalion is in the PRADELLES Defences and is responsible for the defence of that village.

(b) Machine Guns

The Machine gun defence is disposed in depth with guns emplaced at :-

No	Gun location	Alternate position
1	E.10.A.25.85.	E.10.A.25.70
2	E.4.C.3.2.	E.4.D.45.00.
3	E.4.A.00.25.	E.3.B.80.35.
4	E.4.A.10.55.	E.3.B.95.55.
5	W.27.C.30.25.	W.27.C.10.10.
6	W.27.C.3.4.	W.27.C.3.1.
7	W.27.A.75.20.	W.27.A.70.15.
8	W.27.A.0.4.	W.27.A.7.6.
9	E.4.B.6.2.	E.4.B.2.2.
10	E.4.B.9.5.	E.4.B.9.8.
11	W.28.C.25.35.	W.28.C.30.55.
12	W.28.C.55.65.	W.28.C.45.65.
13	W.28.D.55.70.	W.28.D.75.75.
14	W.29.C.15.55.	W.29.C.25.50.
15	W.29.D.65.95.	W.29.D.80.98.
16	W.29.B.55.55.	W.29.B.6.5.

(c) Trench Mortars

Light Trench Mortars are emplaced at :-

W.30.C.7.0.	E.6.A.4.4.	E.6.A.2.3.
E.5.B.75.00.	E.11.A.75.55.	E.11.C.6.8.

In addition Medium and Heavy Trench Mortars are situated at :-

E.5.C.3.2. and W.30.B.3.7.

(d) Headquarters are located as under :-

Brigade Headquarters	W.25.A.5.8.
Right Line Battalion	E.3.C.0.8.
Left Line Battalion	E.4.B.9.9.
Support Battalion	W.21.C.1.8.
Reserve Battalion	V.24.D.5.7.
M.G. Company	W.27.D.6.4.
T.M. Battery	W.28.A.2.7.
Nucleus Battalion Hqrs.	V.3.D.3.5.

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PRECAUTIONARY PERIOD.

When there are indications of an impending attack, a pre-cautionary stage will be initiated.

On adoption of Precautionary stage being ordered, G.O.C. the Brigade will assume Command over all Defences in advance of 'B' Line and any Nucleus garrisons therein. One Company of the Support Battalion will occupy defended locality of STRAZELLE and one Company STRAZELLE Avenue. The remaining two Companies of the Support Battalion will man the Reserve Line, North of STRAZELLE Avenue and the Reserve Battalion the Reserve line South of STRAZELLE Avenue. Nucleus Battalion will provide Nucleus garrisons for 'B' and 'C' Lines.

ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

The functions of the Battalions in the Firing line System, are to hold up the enemy's attack, or, by resisting to the last, delay it sufficiently to enable Support and Reserve units to deal with it effectively.

Three forms of attack may be anticipated :-

- (a) A Minor attack in the form of a raid to secure identifications or to seize a locality.
- (b) (i) A deliberate prepared attack with Artillery bombardment
- (ii) An attack without preparatory bombardment.

Minor Attack

The Methods of dealing with this form of attack are well understood by all concerned.

General Attack

(a) An attack of this nature, whether made with or without preparatory bombardment will probably be made in conjunction with attacks on other parts of the Corps Front. It is anticipated that the enemy will make his strongest efforts in the following directions.

- (i) Along the METEREN BECQUE with the object of turning the defences of the METEREN or STRAZELLE Spurs.
- (ii) On STRAZELLE-KLETE HILL in conjunction with (i)
- (iii) Along the low ground past STRAZELLE STATION in conjunction with (ii) with the object of turning the Defences of the STRAZELLE SPUR.

(b) A surprise attack is possible but improbable owing to the facilities of Observation which we possess.

Should the enemy succeed in effecting a local penetration, the Reserve Companies of the Battalions in the line will be used to expel him. The Support Companies situated in the Support System will not move forward except on receipt of orders of G.O.C. the Brigade.

The Support Battalion (less the Companies detailed to the STRAZELLE STRAZELLE/Avenue Defences) and the Reserve Battalion are available for Counter Attack and will be ready to move forward on receipt of orders from the G.O.C. the Brigade.

Should the enemy succeed in penetrating on one of our flanks, assistance will, if possible, be given to the neighbouring Brigade, by Counter Attacking the enemy on his flank. If this is not possible, a defensive flank will be formed, a retirement will on no account take place in consequence of an enemy penetration on our Right or Left.

WORKING PARTIES.

- a) Working parties will always carry their Arms with them.
- b) Officers and N.C.O's in charge of working parties in the Second Zone, will always have written instructions as to what to do in case of attack.
- c) As a General Principle, in default of orders, detached parties will man nearest defences and report to and act under the orders of the nearest unit who will immediately report the strength and particulars of the party to Brigade Headquarters.

8. GAS ATTACK.

- (a) Gas shell or projector attacks are the most probable forms of gas attacks.
- (b) Appliances, such as shell cases, are to be installed for the purpose of spreading alarms. Gas sentries must be posted at all posts or billets and the most rigid gas discipline insisted on.
- (c) Full details regarding the action to be taken in the event of a Gas attack are given in 'Standing Orders for Defence against Gas'.
- (d) Cellars and dugouts unprotected by gas proof curtains are to be evacuated during a Gas shell bombardment of the locality and will not be re-entered except on the direct order of an Officer.

9. WORKS POLICY.

- (a) Working parties will be detailed by platoons or Companies where possible. They will invariably be accompanied by their Officers. All tasks should be laid out on the ground before parties arrive.
- (b) All tasks will be allotted as piece work.
- (c) In order to ensure continuity of policy, programmes of work will be handed over to relieving troops.
- (d) Before relief, Officers are responsible for showing relieving Officers over the works for which they are providing Working Parties.
- (e) The order of importance of work on all Systems is as follows:-
- (i) M.G. emplacements
 - (ii) Wiring. Tactical wiring sited with reference to M.G. positions is the most urgent and Forward Zone is to have preference.
 - (iii) Provision of splinter proof cover for garrison and M.G. detachments.
 - (iv) Connecting the various posts and Strong Points in defensive systems and defended localities.
 - (v) Construction of C.T's from Reserve to Support Systems and from Support to Firing Line Systems.
- (f) All Strong Points, M.G. positions, Headquarters etc will be clearly marked by Notice Boards, and direction boards placed where necessary.

10. ANTI TANK GUNS.

Are situated at E.4.D.00.80. and E.5.A.15.75.

11. ANTI AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

Anti Aircraft Lewis guns will be mounted wherever troops are situated. When possible, they will be mounted in pairs. The crews will always be in possession of written orders.

12. COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Communications are available in the Right Brigade Sub-sector-

Right Bde. Hqrs. to Division.

Two metallic telephone lines, one of which is super-imposed for telegraph working.

Right Bde. to Brigades on Right and Left.

Two metallic telephone lines to Brigade on Left and one to Brigade on Right.

From Right Brigade Headquarters to Battalions available lines are as under, with 'T's' to 'O.E.R.' (Runner Relay Post) and Linesmen's post) at W.26.B.05.15.

To Left Battalion in Line.

A direct earth return laddered line consisting of three main 'legs' laddered approximately every 100 to 200 yards, and a direct 'looped' metallic line for telephone and Fullerphone working.

To Right Battalion in Line.

A direct 'looped' metallic line for use as above.

To Support Battalion

A direct 'looped' metallic line as above.

To Reserve Battalion

A direct 'looped' metallic line as above.

Battalions are connected laterally by a metallic telephone line from Right Battalion in Line to Left Battalion in line and from Support Battalion to Right Battalion in Line.

Nucleus Battalion Headquarters at V.8.C.1.7. is connected to Divisional Signal Office direct.

Field Ambulance and Field Company Engineers at BORRE are connected to Right Brigade Headquarters by direct telephone lines (metallic). All lines from Brigade Headquarters to the two line Battalions, Support and Reserve Battalions may be converted to earth return laddered lines at a moments notice. In the event of a 'Dis', Battalions will do this immediately if the lines are being heavily shelled.

Fullerphones

Are installed and working between Brigade Headquarters and all Battalions and from Brigade Headquarters to Brigades on Right and Left.

Visual Signalling.

A Visual Station is established at Right Brigade Headquarters in direct touch with Support Battalion and Left Battalion in line, and Right Battalion of Left Brigade at Brickworks at W.22.D.9.8.

Power Buzzer and Amplifier Stations

A Power Buzzer only is installed at Left Battalion Headquarters in touch with an Amplifier at Brickworks W.22.D.9.8. for S.O.S. use only.

Wireless

A wireless station is erected at Right Brigade Headquarters working to Brigades on Right and Left and to Divisional Wireless Station.

Runners

Runner Stations are established at both line Battalions, Support and Reserve Battalions and at Right Brigade Headquarters. At present go direct to Battalion Headquarters by Bicycle. In the event of this not being practicable, a runner relay post will be established at W.26.B.85.15.

Message Rockets

A limited supply of Rockets is available. Routes for same to Brigade Headquarters should be taken as follows :-
 Right Battalion in Line to Brigade Headquarters 'Direct'
 Support Battalion to Brigade Headquarters 'Direct'
 Left Battalion in Line to Right Battalion in Line, thence to Brigade Headquarters by Phone or Rocket.
 Sentries or Gas guards must be instructed to keep a sharp lookout for rockets falling in the vicinity of a Headquarters. The spot may be Identified by a cloud of smoke given off by the Rocket after falling, by day, and a flare by night. Rockets may be seen travelling through the air by this means also.

H. F. Watson
 Captain
 Brigade Major
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

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ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Lagon Lines and Q.M. Stores

Brigade Headquarters)	
5th Battalion)	
6th Battalion)	V.14.C.5.0.
7th Battalion)	
8th Battalion)	
2nd A.M.G. Company		V.16.C.4.9.
2nd A.L.T.M. Bty. (Q.M. Store)		V.24.D.5.7.
2nd Field Coy. A.E.		V.15.D.9.9.
No 5 Coy. A.A.S.C.		U.17.D.1.7.

2. Supply Dump

Is located at Y.17.D.2.7.

3. Cooking

No Cooking can be done in the Forward Area during Daylight, except at Right Battalion Headquarters and Support Battalion.

4. WATER

The Water Supply from wells at the various Farm houses is good, but is getting scarce. Units are carting Water from rear, and one Water cart per night is brought to Brigade Headquarters.

5. Regimental Aid Posts.

Are located as under :-

Right Battalion	E.4.D.4 0.
Left Battalion	W.28.B.1.2.

An Aid Post for Local casualties is established at Chateau, PRADELLES.

A.D.S. is located at the BRASSERIE, BORRE

M.D.S. is located at V.9.B.1.5.

D.R.S. is located at U.5.A.9.3.

Wagon Loading Point has been established at W.28.A.2.7.

6. Ammunition Supply.

(a) Brigade Ammunition Dump is located at W.19.A.0.2. from which supplies are drawn by Units direct.

Brigade Ammunition Refilling Point is at the same location, to which the D.A.C. deliver supplies, and at which are kept 6 Pack Animals.

Ammunition Reserves are located at -

Brigade	W.19.A.0.2.
Right Battalion	E.3.C.C.U.
Left Battalion	E.4.B.9.9.
Support Battalion	PRADELLES
L.T.M. Battery	W.22.C.4.2.

(b) In the Defended Localities of STRAZELLE and PRADELLES, 300 rounds of S.A.A., per rifle, 10 No 23 grenades per man, 15 No 36 grenades per Cup Discharger, and 5,000 rounds per Lewis Gun will be maintained.

7. S.P. Rations

Supporting Point Rations are held as follows :-

	<u>Preserved meat</u>	<u>Biscuits</u>
Right Battalion	16 cases	32 tins
Left Battalion	16 "	12 cases
Support Battalion	4 "	8 tins

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3. Accommodation

Troops not used in garrisoning trenches, are billeted in Farm houses in Forward Area. Tents etc. are in use at Wagon Lines.

9. Ordnance Advanced Dump

is established next Brigade Supply Dump at U.17.D.2.7., from which clean clothing is obtained on Indent.

10. Traffic Control

In the Forward Area during Daylight, no parties of more than 2 men are allowed to move, and then only on duty, in which case men must move along hedges and avoid open fields.

No loitering is permitted at any point.

11. Prisoners of War

Are taken direct to A.P.M., 1st Aust. Division by Military Police attached to Brigade Headquarters.

12. Straggler Posts

In the event of Battle, Straggler Posts, where Stragglers would be collected and returned to their units, would be established at the following locations.

No 1	W.19.C.7.8. (On Main road)
No 2	E.1.B.8.9. (Road junction)

13. Baths

A small Bath house has been improvised by the Y.M.C.A. behind their store in Main street, BORRE. Capacity about 30 men per hour. Working hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

14. Cometeries.

Military Cometeries have been established at :-

W.20.A.8.4. and at BORRE.

A Chaplain's services may be obtained for all Burials by notifying Brigade Headquarters.

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TO *(all the units Nucleus Bn 1st Aust Div 3rd Coy adsc 1st + 3rd Aust Bdes)*

Sender's Number. AZB.156	Day of Month. 18.	In reply to Number. AAA
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2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. will move by march route to SERCUS AREA this afternoon 18th instant. Order of march, times of passing Starting Point, and destinations will be 8th Bn. 3 p.m. C.11.C.6.6. 5th Bn. 3-20 p.m. C.11.C.5.7., 7th Bn. 3-40 p.m. C.16.B.2.4., Bde.Hqrs. 4-10 p.m. C.9.D.3.9., 6th Bn. 4-15 p.m. C.17.A.7.8., 2nd A.L.T.M. Bty. 4-35 p.m. C.16.B.1.8. Starting Point V.16.B.7.4. Route V.16.B.7.4. - V.15.D.1.5 - V.15.D.2.3. - V20.B.9.7. - V26.B.8.2. - V.19.B.4.5. - V25.Cent. - C.6.Cent. - C.5.C.2.4.

Usual distances and halts will be maintained on the march. Nucleus Bn. will be disbanded and personnel therefrom will march with their respective units. Transport will march with the unit to which it belongs. Bde.Hqrs. will close at V.10.A.6.0. at 4 p.m. and re-open at C.9.D.3.9. at the same hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

From 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Place

Time 1 P.M.

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Captain

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APPENDIX (CXXXIV)

HEADQUARTERS, 44
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,
18th JUNE, 1918.

TRAINING.

While Brigade is in Divisional Reserve training will be carried out as under.

Hours :- Morning 8am to 11 a.m.; Afternoon 5 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Afternoon Parade to be devoted to
Recreational training, hours of which may be varied at discretion of
C.O.'s if weather conditions render it necessary, providing duration
of parade is two hours. As many men as possible to be included in
all games etc.

Programmes of training to be submitted to Brigade Headquarters by
6 p.m. on 19th instant.

Following subjects will be taught :-

- Musketry: Bayonet Fighting.
- Platoon drill (A)
- Lewis gun training (B)
- Rifle grenades (C)
- Model Platoon exercises (at least one each day).
- Patrols (D)
- Anti-Gas training
- Route marches by Companies.

A Brigade Parade will be held on a date to be notified later.

NOTES -

- (A). To be of short duration and punctuated by verbal instruction in lessons from recent minor operations, either by lecturettes or mutual discussion.
 - (B). It is suggested that men graded 'A' and 'B' for ^{class} purposes, and that 'A' class, composed of trained men, be taught Lewis Gun tactics. With the present number of guns available this should be possible.
 - (C). Special attention to be paid to instruction in use of Cup
Pischoinger and No.36 grenade.
 - (D). All men to be exercised.
Suggested that gas masks with anti-dimming solution on eyepieces be used, thus causing a "night effect" and at the same time combining gas training. Night patrols will also be practised.
- Rifle ranges will be allotted to camps as during previous training in SERCUS Area. Full use will be made of range morning and afternoon.

H. F. Watson

Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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The Brigade will be prepared to move at half an hours notice. In the event of a move being ordered, the order sent will be "Move to LA KREULE Zero hour ---". The route to be taken will be as on the march down. Starting point will be C.5.C.2.4. Order of march and times of passing Starting point will be - 8th Bn. Zero hour, 5th Bn. Zero plus 20 minutes, 6th Bn. Zero plus 40 minutes, Bde Hqrs. Zero plus 60 minutes 7th Bn. Zero plus 70 minutes, 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. Zero plus 90 minutes. Units will move to the respective bivouac areas occupied by them prior to moving to the SERCUS Area. Fighting Order will be worn with great coats and ground sheets rolled. Packs and blankets will be dumped at present camps and a small guard left in charge of same. Transport will accompany units and on arrival at LA KREULE Area will be Brigaded and occupy lines occupied prior to move down. On arrival at LA KREULE, Nucleus Bn. will be reformed with Major SWIFT (7th Bn) in Command. Bde. Hqrs. in the event of a move will close at SERCUS at Zero hour and reopen at V.10.A.6.0. at Zero plus 45 minutes. In the event of the Brigade being required to counter attack, 7th and 8th Bns. will be in the line with 8th Bn. on the Right and 5th and 6th Bns. in Support.

ACKNOWLEDGE

From 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade

Place

Time

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2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade No. 108.

HEADQUARTERS,
24th JUNE, 1918.

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

1. On the 27th instant the 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will move from the SERCUS Area to the Forward Area in accordance with the Move Table overleaf.
2. On the 27th instant and night 27th/28th instant the 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve the 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade in the Left Sub-Sector of the Divisional Sector in accordance with the Relief Table overleaf.
3. Advance parties of all relieving units will be sent into all posts on the night 26th/27th instant.
4. Each unit will leave two wardens in camps at present occupied to hand over same to 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade. On arrival of that Brigade these wardens will join the 2nd Brigade Nucleus Battalion.
5. (a) All maps, plans of work, aerial photographs and defence schemes will be exchanged with the outgoing units.
(b) S.O.S. Signals, ammunition and area and trench stores will be taken and handed over and receipts given and obtained. Two copies of these receipts will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by noon on 28th instant.
6. Company Commanders' disposition sketches will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 10 A.M. on 28th instant.
7. (a) The Nucleus Battalion will be reformed and will take over the duties and quarters of the Nucleus Battalion of 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade.
(b) Personnel from units to join the Nucleus Battalion will report to Major CAUGHEY (6th Battalion) at V.10.C.6.5. at 3 P.M. on 27th instant.
8. Transport will accompany units on the march. On completion of the move it will be brigaded and occupy the lines at V.14.C.5.C.
9. Completion of reliefs will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by sending by wire the code word 'SLEEP'.
10. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between C.O.'s concerned.
11. Command of the Sub-sector will pass to G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Infantry Bde. on completion of relief.
12. (a) On 27th instant Brigade Headquarters will close at C.9.D.7.5. at 9 A.M. and reopen at V.10.A.6.C. at the same hour.
(b) On night 27th/28th instant Brigade Headquarters will close at V.10.A.6.C. at 9 P.M. and reopen at W.8.C.7.9. at the same hour.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE:

H. F. Watson
Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Copy No.	To whom.	Time	How.	
1	File			
2/4	War Diary			13 1st Aust. Div.
5	5th Battalion	10.30 AM	D.R.	14 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
6	6th Battalion	"	"	15 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
7	7th Battalion	"	"	16 S. African Bde.
8	8th Battalion	"	"	17 1st Aust. M.G. Bn.
9	2nd A.L.T.K. Bty.	"	"	18 Brigade Major
10	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"	19 Staff Captain
11	Bde. Transport Off.	"	"	20 No. 4 Sig. Section
12	Major CAUGHEY (6th Bn.)	"	"	21 Camp Commandant.
				22-24 Spares.

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MOVE TABLE.

Date.	Units in order of March.	FROM.	TO.	Starting Point.	Time of passing S.P.	REMARKS.
June 27th.	6th Battalion	C.17.A.7.8.	V.17.C.9.1.	C.5.C.2.4.	8 A.M.	Route - C.5.C.2.4. - C.6. Cont. - V.25.Cont. - V.19.
do	5th Battalion	C.11.C.5.7.	V.23.B.2.8.	do	8-20 A.M.	B.4.5. - V.26.E.8.2. - V.20.B.9.7. - V.15.D.2.3. -
do	6th Battalion	C.11.C.6.6.	V.17.C.7.3.	do	8-40 A.M.	V.15.D.1.5. - V.16.E.7.4. Distances to be maintained on march -
do	7th Battalion	C.16.B.2.4.	V.23.A.5.9.	do	9-10 A.M.	Between Bns. 500 yds.
do	2nd A.L.T.H.Bty.	C.16.B.1.5.	V.17.D.1.4.	do	9-30 A.M.	" Coys. 100 "
do	Bde. H.Qrs.	C.9.D.7.5.	V.10.A.6.0.	do	9-35 A.M.	" Unit and its transport 100 yards. Halts of 10 mins. at 10 mins. to each clock hour.

RELIEF TABLE.

Date.	UNIT.	FROM.	To.	Unit Relieved.	REMARKS.
June 27th	6th Battalion	C.17.A.7.8.	RESERVE.	1st Battalion	Relief to be completed by 12 NOON.
Night 27/28th.	8th Battalion	V.17.C.7.3.	Line Right.	3rd Battalion	-
do	7th Battalion	V.23.A.5.9.	Line Left.	2nd Battalion	-
do	5th Battalion	V.23.B.2.8.	SUPPORT.	4th Battalion	-
do	2nd A.L.T.H.Bty.	V.17.D.1.4.	LINE.	1st A.L.T.H.Bty.	-
27th	2nd Bde. Nucleus Battalion.	"	V.10.C.6.5.	1st Bde. Nucleus Battalion.	-

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HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
26th JUNE, 1918.

Amendment to 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No.108.

Reference Sheet 27 S.E.

1. Paragraph 4 of Brigade Order No.108 is cancelled.
2. On 27th instant camps will be struck by 7 a.m. and all tents and trench shelters stacked at entrances to camps. Stained tents will be kept separate from unstained. Lorries will convey tents and shelters to camps in Forward Area and on arrival they will be erected by units, excepting 3th Battalion who will detail a party to guard same at V.14.C.5.5. until arrival of 1st Battalion.
3. In Move Table under heading 'To' and in Relief Table under heading 'From':-

For V.17.C.9.1.	road	W.B.C.1.3.
" V.23.B.2.8.	"	V.15.B.8.3.
" V.17.C.7.3.	"	V.17.C.9.1.
" V.23.A.5.9.	"	V.23.A.2.8.
" V.17.D.1.4.	"	V.20.A.8.3.
4. Packs will be dumped at entrances to camps by 9 a.m. on 27th instant and a guard of two Other Ranks per Battalion and 1 Other Rank from 2nd A.L.T.H.Bty. left in charge of same. These guards will accompany packs to LE NIEPPE to which destination they will be conveyed by lorries and will remain in charge of same while the Brigade is in the line. 8th Battalion will detail one N.C.O. to take charge of these guards.
Each Unit will send one guide to SERCUS Church by 8-45 A.M. to guide lorries to their respective camps.
5. Brigade units acknowledge.

H. F. Watson

Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

(To all recipients of Brigade Order No.108.)

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Headquarters,
8th Battalion A.I.F.

Headquarters

2nd A.I. Brigade.

With permission of G.O.C. Brigade, we propose to advance our line tonight. on the RIGHT CENTRE and CENTRE to approximately FL 5.8. FIA 6' 8". and X25 D 3.3. , about 250 yards thus denying the enemy any of the high ground overlooking our position and forcing him further down the reverse slope towards the left of MERRIS.

I propose to have zero at twelve midnight . We do not want artillery and desire that they be told of the proposed alteration.

I have personally observed the position and consider it can be done without loss, and when completed will certainly give us a better position for dealing with his posts etc.

We cannot at present observe his line. Unless you wire otherwise we will go ahead at zero .

W. Mitchell
.....Lieut- Col.
Commanding 8th Battalion A.I.F.

29.6.18.

Yes
At

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

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

TO { TOKA.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* AA 61	30 th	✓	

Line advanced satisfactorily.
 Regt centre & centre now at
 FIA 58. FIA 88 + X25
 D 3.3 little opposition encountered.
 Positions consolidated. Casualties
 one O. P. killed three wounded.

From	FDBV		
Place			
Time	5.30 am		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)	
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. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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To units for personality



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
DIVISIONAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

To -
All officers, N.C.Os., and men
of the 1st Australian Division.

After nearly 4 years service in this Division, first as
Commander of the 1st Brigade and for the last 3 years in Command of
the Division, I am being transferred to another Command and must
say farewell to you.

Having been so closely associated with the Division's
glorious career from the landing in GALLIPOLI; at LONE PINE;
POZIERES, its advance to BAPAUME, LAGNICOURT, BULLECOURT and YPRES
up to this day you will realise with what regret I leave you.

No one can appreciate more than I do or has had better
opportunities of appreciating than I have had the valour, initiative,
steady self reliance and all those qualities which go to make a
fighting man and a soldier which have been so consistently
exhibited by all ranks in this Division. It has indeed lived up
to the motto which it laid down for itself in its earliest days.

No Divisional Commander has been served better, for as
well as I have been and I am proud to have commanded you.

I shall watch the future career of the Division and it's
inevitable successes with the deepest interest and I wish each one
of you the very best of luck and eventually a safe return to
AUSTRALIA.

H B Walker Major General.

FRANCE,
June 30th, 1918.

4 per Bn
1 2nd A57MB
2 Nuclear Bn
1 To be parked outside Bde office for information of men on Bde Hdqrs
1 To Bde Transport Coy.

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Return No. 1.
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Unit.	Establishment				Attached.						
	Off	Ors	Total	Horses	Off	Ors	Total	Horses			
2nd Aust									5th Bn	1	8
Inf Bde	7	23	30	19	7	65	72	4	6th "		1
Hqrs.									7th "		1
									8th "		1
									D H Q		1
									D A C		1
									A P C		3
									Interp		1
									YMCA		7
									Arty		11
									Liaison	3	3
									3rd Bde	1	1
									U S A	2	
									Salvage		1
2/ALTMB.	3	47	50								
5th Bn	33	657	690	55	2	3	5		AMC	1	
									Chap	1	1
									AAPC		1
									Staff Clerk		1
6th Bn	23	630	653	53	3	4	7	1	AMC	1	
									AVC	1	1
									Chap	1	
									AAPC		1
									5th Bn		1
									Salvage		1
7th Bn	28	576	604	53	1	1	2		AMC	1	
									Interp		1
8th Bn	35	688	723	54	2	2	4		AMC	1	
									Chap	1	
									AAPC		
									AOC		1
5th Nucleus	3	91	94								
6th do	15	102	117								
7th do	12	112	124								
8th do	1	69	70								
T.M.B. do		7	7								
4 Sig Sec.	2	72	74	6		28	28				
TOTAL	162	3074	3236	240	15	103	118	5			

Officers... 177
Other Ranks... 3177
Total... 3354
Horses... 245
Date... 30/6/1918.

[Signature]
Captain.
Staff Captain.
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Return of Reinforcements received during the Month.

Unit.	Reinforcements		Casuals.		Remarks.
	Offs	Ors	Off	Ors	
5th Battalion.	2 %	4	7 @	130	% 2/Lt J.H. Colvin. 2/Lt F.E. Fleming. @ Lt C.C. Hanson. Capt E. Permezel. Lts A. Rigg H.W. Garlick. A.J. Robinson W.J. Ellison. D.B. Harris M.C.
6th Battalion.	5 %	2	6 @	86	% 2/Lts J.J. Palmer/J. Barker M.M.E.P. Hitchcock D.C.M. F.E. Trotter. H.J. Southey. @ Capt A.G. Carne Lt W.E.M. Thompson. Lts M. Abson. P.L. Raeurt M.C. J.S.P. Stafford. W.E. McShane.
7th Battalion.	3 %	7	3 @	41	% Lt A.J. Waters 2/Lts J. Caddy D.C.M. E.G. Summers. @ Lts A.G. Swift R.L. Piercey W.G.S. Poole
8th Battalion.	2 %	3	4 @	120	2/Lts P.L. Angwin. W. Kennet. @ Lt L.A. Blackman Capt G.T. Lovett Lts T.H. Witherden. P.A. Waters M.C.
2/A.L.T.M. Bty.	-	-	-	3	
	12	16	20	380	

30/6/1918.

W.M. [Signature]
 Captain.
 Staff Captain.
 2nd Aust Infantry Brigade.

2nd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Return of Casualties for month ending 30th June 1918.

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Unit.	Killed		Wounded		Missing.		Remarks.
	Officers	Other Ranks	Officers	Other Ranks	Officers	Other Ranks.	
5th Battalion.	1 %	7	1 @	31	1 x	4	% Lt G.W.P.Kay. 6/6/18. @ Lt R.C.G.Hamilton 14/6/18. x 2/Lt H.S.Davis W & M 16/6/18.
6th Battalion.	-	17	5	55	-	-	Lt G.W.Buller 6/6/18. Capt W.P.Adams (gassed) 7/6/18. Lt H Collins (rem duty) 7/6/18 Lt L.Cadell (gassed) 9/6/18. Lt R.T.Pollard 13/6/18.
7th Battalion.	-	6	2	45	-	-	Lt P.L.Edgoose 13/6/18. Lt O.G.Reynolds 28/6/18.
8th Battalion.	-	2	2	32	-	-	Lt J.G.Pitt 13/6/18. Lt. J.R.Blackman M.C. 28/6/18
2/A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	2 %	-	3	-	-	% 1 O.R. died of Wounds.
	1	34	10	166	1	4	

HM
 Captain.
 Staff Captain.
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

APPENDIX CXLI

2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Personnel proceeded to schools during the Month of June, 1918.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Signalling	1	24
Infantry	8	11
Lewis Gun	5	14
Gas	3	13
Musketry	3	8
Veterinary Duties	1	5
Musketry and Lewis Gun Combined.	2	3
Scouting, observation and Sniping.	1	2
Light Trench Mortar		4
Intelligence	2	-
Cookery	-	3
P. & B. F.	-	1
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TOTAL	26	88.
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SECRET.2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Intelligence Summary No.1.

From 6 A.M. 4/6/18 to 6 A.M. 5/6/18.Headquarters,
5th DIVISION, 1918A. OUR OPERATIONS -I. Infantry -

- (a) Reliefs. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. relieved the 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde in the line on the night of 4th/5th June. Relief was completed by 1-40 A.M.
- (b) Patrols. Communication was maintained laterally between Battalions of the Brigade and also with flanking units. A patrol from the left section penetrated No 1ans Land to a depth of 200 to 300 yards in K.25.B. & D. and F.1. A. & B. without encountering the enemy. A patrol of the centre section left our lines from E.6.B.2.1. and reports that running parallel to our front line system and about 50 yards distant are two unoccupied lines of enemy trenches. There is no wire in front of these trenches excepting a single trip wire which is not continuous. It was the intention of the patrol to reconnoitre house at E.6.D.4.9. but this was not made possible owing to our artillery shelling same. No machine guns fired whilst patrol was operating.
- (c) Machine Guns - Our Vickers guns maintained indirect harassing fire on known enemy occupied positions and tracks usually used by the enemy.
- (d) Stokes Mortars - 42 rounds were expended in harassing fire on targets in E.6.B. and D. and roads in F.1.A.
- (e) Aerial - Our planes maintained their usual activity over forward areas and frequently penetrated into enemy territory. 1 of our machines is reported to have been brought down by 4 enemy planes in the direction of MERVILLE.

2. Artillery -

Throughout the day our Field batteries carried out harassing and destructive shoots on to known enemy occupied positions opposite the front. Our 18 pndrs. caused a fire in house at E.6.D.4.9. Our heavies were active on enemy rear areas. An ammunition dump at F.26.C.1.8. was exploded as a result of our shelling. The shooting on the suspected telephone exchange about E.24.A.9.5. appeared to be accurate.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.I. Hostile Activity -

- (a) Infantry - Nothing of the enemy was seen and our patrols could not gain touch, nevertheless he remains on the alert. Centre Battalion report that M.G.'s have not been as active as might have been expected after recent operations, but the Left Battalion report greater activity than usual.
- (b) Artillery and Trench Mortars - During the day, enemy artillery was comparatively quiet, but at night he became particularly active at intervals, shelling forward area of centre Battalion. Practically all the shelling at night was of a harassing nature. Road from W.29.C.3.5. to W.30.C.3.2. was subjected to heavy harassing fire of 10 cm. shells throughout the night. Shelling map attached (Division)
- Gun flashes -
- | | |
|-----------|--|
| 8.45 a.m. | H.V. gun in L.14.A. firing on Right Div. rear areas |
| 9.30 a.m. | 4 gun battery at L.9.C.7.9. firing on Right Div. front |
| 10 a.m. | 155 deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. fired on W.30.C. |
| | 165 deg. 156 and 155 deg. grid from W.29.B.1.2. |
- (c) Aerial - At 4 p.m., 4 enemy planes flew at a high altitude in a S. direction towards MERVILLE and brought down one of our machines. At 9.30 a.m., an enemy plane flew over our lines for a few minutes and was driven off by our A.A. guns. At 9.25 a.m., 5 planes attempted to cross our lines, but did not succeed in penetrating beyond forward area.

Aerial Contd.

Balloons were up on the following grid bearings from W.28.B.1.2. 162, 139, 150, 152, 154 degrees and from W.29.B.6.4. 144, 117, 155, 157, 158, 143, 145 148 and 110 degrees.

(d) Movement -

8.35 a.m. 4th. Party of 6 moved along road in E.24. in direction of VIEUX BERQUIN.

9.45 a.m. 4 men walked along a track from BLEU through F.19.A and B. towards VIEUX BERQUIN.

12 noon, 2 men seen laying telephone wire at E.24.A.9.C.

5.30 a.m. 20 men moved S.E. along road in F.21.C.

6.30 a.m. 10 men at F.14.C.4.3. moved to HUTE MAISON.

6.35 a.m. 6 men at F.20.D.7.7. disappeared at F.21.C.0.4.

(e) Defences -

2 machine guns are suspected on either side of house at E.6.D.4.C.

2. Miscellaneous -

Smoke was seen rising from house at F.3.D.3.2.

At 12 noon, houses in F.26.C. were burning.

3. Identifications -

Herewith a letter found by Centre Battalion yesterday morning sent to a man of 3 E 57 R.I.R. (13th Res. Div) attached to Div.

W.D. Dickinson Lt
for Captain
Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

A N N E X EInformation from other sources -Austrian Artillery - C.E.Q. Summary.

Reports have been received that shrapnel fired at our aircraft were observed to burst with a Pinkish colour. A Pink burst is typical of Austrian Anti-aircraft and Field guns shrapnel. This fact may assist in the detection and Identification of Austrian artillery units, and should be brought to the notice of all observers. Specimens are required of the enemy's anti-aircraft E.E. shell and shrapnel, particularly from areas where Pink bursts have been observed.

Screens - Enemy screens opposite the left Division front have been considerably used and it is important that observers should report the creation of any screens opposite our own front.

Intelligence Summary No. 2.

From 6 A.M. 5/6/1918 to 6 A.M. 6/6/1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
6/6/1918.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry.

- (a) Minor Enterprises. During the night 5/6th instant the 7th Bn. advanced their front line to an average depth of about 300 yards without opposition. The Right Battalion front now runs as follows, E.5.D.8.3., E.11.B.9.3., E.11.A.9.7., E.11.A.8.2., E.11.C.8.7., E.11.C.9.3.
- (b) Patrols. Lateral communication was maintained throughout the hours of darkness. Patrol observation is becoming very difficult owing to crops.
- 5th Battalion. A sentry was seen in a post at X.20.C.6.4. but as this was a daylight patrol and wire about 20 yards in front of post, our party thought it advisable to return with the information gained. A house at X.20.C.6.5. was found unoccupied. A flare was fired from about X.20.C.9.2. Hedge at about X.20.C.65.35 was occupied.
- 6th Battalion. Patrols were out covering alterations in dispositions. Special patrols were also out but owing to the change in dispositions and daylight patrol reports could not be sent from the front line.
- 7th Battalion. Patrols were out in order to clear enemy from the positions which it was decided to advance the line to. No opposition was met. M.Gs. apparently doing indirect fire were active from about E.11.D.2.2. and E.11.D.3.6.
- (c) Machine Guns. Our Vickers guns were active during the night firing on to known enemy tracks and targets.
- (d) Rifle Grenades - Left Coy. Left Battalion report that rifle grenades were used with good effect on to enemy post opposite them.
- (e) Stokes Mortars - Harassing fire was kept on targets in E.8.C and D. and trenches in F.1.A. 59 rounds being expended and some good shooting was observed.
- (f) Aerial - Our planes actively patrolled forward areas and frequently crossed over enemy territory. At 5.30 p.m. one of our planes was forced to land apparently in E.23. being driven down by A.A. and M.G. fire. It was noticed that enemy M.G.'s did not fire on our aircraft until they were well within his territory. Our bombing planes were active at night.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars -

Our artillery has again been active, MERRIS and Fmc GERBEDOEN being engaged amongst other targets. METEREN was heavily shelled by our heavies. At 4.40 p.m., a dump in F.21.C. was fired by our artillery. Our heavies (9.2's) shelled farm at F.14.B.2.1. and fires lasting 3 hours were the result. Fires were also seen at VIEWK DERQUIN and VERTE RUE. House at F.15.B.9.C. was shelled by 9.2's and two explosions resulted. Medium T.M. fired on house at F.1.A.5.4.

B. INEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. Hostile Activity.

- (a) Infantry - It is evident that he does very little patrolling but he remains very alert and fires M.G.'s whenever opportunities occur.
- (b) Artillery and Trench Mortars - During the day, enemy artillery showed greater activity, shelling particularly the Eastern slopes of STRAZELLE and Right Bn. front line. When the Right Bn. moved their line forward, intermittent shelling took place on NO MAN'S LAND and in vicinity of new positions. W.18. came in for a good deal of attention during the period under review. Very little shelling takes place west of a general line E.4. - W.22. - W.17. Shelling Map attached (Division)

Artillery & T.M.'s contd.

House at X.25.A.5.C. was destroyed by shell fire at 2.30 a.m.
12 heavy Mortar bombs fell into the hop field at E.6.B.3.5. doing
no damage. Position of Mortar could not be located.

Gun flashes observed as follows :-

1.15 p.m. 131½ deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. at about F.22.C.8.3.
7.7 am. gun firing onto W.30.C.

3 p.m. 142½ deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. firing onto Right of
Sector.

At 3.30 p.m. and 4 p.m., 145 deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. This gun
is apparently a large howitzer and fires on our back areas. Approx.
location L.30.B.

165, 110, and 128 deg. grid from E.6.B.1.5.

134 deg. grid from W.30.C.3.7. 3 guns are firing from this
bearing on to W.30.C.3.7.

(c) Aerial - Planes were over our lines at the following times -
6.15 a.m., 7.15 a.m. 7.50 p.m. (3 at a great height) and 9 p.m.
Planes came over singly always approaching our line at a high
altitude.

Two of our balloons in the direction of MONT DE CATS were brought
down by E.A. at 7.50 p.m.

Balloons were up on the following grid bearings from W.29.B.6.4. -
102, 106, 167, 114, 121, 128, 135, 142, and 145 deg.

From W.28.B.1.1. - 153, 136, and 150 deg.

At 4.30 p.m. on a grid bearing of 142 deg. from W.29.B.6.4., ten
small balloons for distributing pamphlets left the ground at 3 min.
intervals and floated towards MERVILLE.

(d) Movement - 6.5 p.m., 2 men seen at F.20.B.7.3. and entered house
at F.21.A.1.5.

7.55 p.m., 3 men at F.14.C.6.3. disappeared at F.14.B.2.1.

8.15 p.m. movement was again seen at F.14.C.6.3. where they appeared
to be carrying.

Individual movement from F.19.B.9.9. to E.24.A.2.6.

At 6.45 a.m., 3 men at E.24.A.9.6. disappeared at F.19.B.3.2.

Movement throughout the day at F.7.C.6.1. and F.13.A.6.9.; at the
latter position, a man was seen carrying a pack.

6 men seen at F.2.D.1.1.

tracks leading to house at F.2.B.4.7. where movement was observed
and also a track to post at X.26.A.1.9.

(e) Defences. Posts located at X.20.C.6.4., X.26.A.3.9., X.26.A.1.9.
Earth appears to be thrown up at F.1.A.0.4. and it is thought that
a post is probably being dug here.

Flares fired from F.1.A.2.7., from hedge at E.11.B.5.5. and from
building at E.11.B.7.3.

Sniper and observer located at X.20.C.5E.10.

Machine Gun suspected at F.1.A.05.50. and located at E.11.B.7.3.,
E.11.C. and X.26.C.6.5.

Wire was seen about X.20.C.5.2. with a post just east of it
(possibly X.20.C.6.4., see post located above.)

Opposite the Centre Battalion no wire has yet been erected as far as
patrols can judge

2. MISCELLANEOUS. Flares breaking into yellow clusters and green flares
leaving a trail of green sparks were fired but no apparent action
followed.

At 9-45 a.m. a train in F.C.A. travelled S. Smoke visible 5 minutes
apparently light railway.

W. R. Pinkerton
Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Intelligence Summary No 3

From 6 a.m. 6-6-18 to 6 a.m. 7-6-18

HEADQUARTERS
7th June 1918

A. OPERATIONS.

I. Infantry.

(a) Minor Enterprise - During the night 6-7th inst. the left Coy. of 7th Battalion advanced their front line posts, which now run as follows :- E.11.B.6.C. - E.11.B.3.C. - E.5.D.25.40. - E.6.C.30.15. - E.6.C.7.7.

(b) Patrols - Lateral communication was maintained between flank units throughout the night.

5th Battalion - Night 5/6th June - Patrol left from X.25.B.4.5. and penetrated NO MAN'S LAND for a distance of 300 yards without encountering any enemy wire or hostile patrols.

A fire breaking out in NOORD-HELF made return of patrol very difficult and enemy M.G.'s and snipers took advantage of the opportunity offered.

3 enemy rose from about X.25.D.5.5. on approach of one of our patrols and hurriedly retreated to their own lines. On investigation, no post was there, but tracks were plainly visible in a low crop.

A small L.P. in X.25.D.5.6. showed no signs of recent occupation.

A post at X.25.B.3.1. was examined and found unoccupied.

Night 6/7th June - An enemy post located about X.20.A.9.6.

6th Battalion - Night 5/6th June - A patrol penetrated NO MAN'S LAND in L.C.B. to a depth of about 150 yards without seeing or encountering any enemy.

Night 6/7th June - A house at E.6.D.4.5. was investigated and found in ruins, and on the southern edge of the ruins a party of the enemy was encountered, and a hand to hand fight took place. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy and as Bosche reinforcements were arriving, our patrol considered it advisable to withdraw to our lines, and from there bombed the place with rifle grenades.

A patrol was fired on by rifles and granatwerfer bombs from a post at E.6.D.1.C. Our patrol withdrew and then fired rifle grenades into the post with good results as cries could be heard.

Later on, another patrol visited this post and encountered a party of 15 enemy. The leader of them was shot and the remainder showed fight. As our patrol was too small, they withdrew and then came back with more men, but as it was getting dawn and owing to the heavy rifle fire coming from spot, nothing more could be done.

7th Battalion - Enemy M.G. located at E.11.B.5.4.

End of road at E.11.D.3.4. found unoccupied.

Enemy opened fire on patrol from E.11.D.3.C.

Traces of old wire along side of road from E.11.D.3.4. to E.11.D.3.B. consisting of a few iron posts and one or two wires.

Enemy M.G. fired from approx. E.11.B.9.5.

Enemy post at E.11.B.3.4. found unoccupied.

Enemy could be heard talking and working in copse at E.11.B.7.1. This place appears strongly held.

A M.G. fired tracer bullets at patrol from about E.11.D.6.C.

A M.G. also fired from about E.11.B.3.5.

(c) Machine guns - Our Vickers guns fired 6,000 rounds and our Lewis guns were active during the night, firing on known enemy roads and tracks. 50 rounds were expended by our M.G.'s on suspected enemy post at E.6.D.7.C. and flare activity ceased.

(d) Rifle grenades and snipers - Rifle grenades were again used to advantage by our left section on to enemy posts opposite them.

Enemy party at E.6.D.4.9. was engaged with rifle grenades, but results could not be seen.

Rifle grenades were also fired into post at E.C.D.1.C. and cries could be heard.

One hit is claimed by sniper of Centre Section.

(e) Stokes Mortars - 38 rounds were expended on to houses and other targets opposite the Brigade Sub-sector. Good detonations were observed.

A M.G. firing from E.11.D.5.9. was effectively silenced.

(f) Aerial - Our post planes actively patrolled the front system during the day and appeared to be carrying out artillery shoots in many instances. Enemy territory was frequently penetrated and our machines were subjected to heavy M.G. and A.A. fire.

A thrilling encounter occurred at 6 p.m. when 4 of our planes surrounded

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Aerial (contd)
 and attacked an enemy plane which did some fine manoeuvring. The enemy plane was forced to descend to a very low altitude and ultimately struck a hedge and came down in V.15.B.
 (g) Wiring and Work - E.G.B.9.7. 15 yards double apron wire erected. Improvement to occupied posts and consolidation of posts recently pushed forward being carried on with.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars.

Our Artillery has again been very active and good shooting by our 18 pndrs. has been observed. Our heavies were active, firing on MERRIS, OUTERSTEENE and MEPERIN. Our counter batteries silenced enemy 4.2 and 5.9's firing from direction of OUTERSTEENE.

D. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

I Hostile Activity -

(a) Artillery - On MONT DE MERRIS, the enemy is now using M.G.'s and Trench mortars, snipers are also active. He was more active with these arms last night than previously, and has probably just received new weapons after our recent attack. Along the whole front, he remains particularly alert and none of his patrols have yet been met.

(b) Artillery and Trench Mortars - His artillery has been very active during the period under review and most of the shelling has been on the centre battalion front systems.

C.T. from E.5.B.6.2. to E.5.D.9.9. was continuously shelled throughout the night.

STRAZELLE Station was subjected to destructive fire. He was much more active along the reserve line and in PRADELLES area than for some time past.

Map showing principal areas shelled attached. (Division)
 Trench Mortars have been active on the Centre Battalion front, particularly on the recently captured positions, some of his shooting being very accurate.

Gun flashes as follows -

- 6.20 a.m. 131 deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. battery 4.2 firing on W.30.C. and D.
- 12.40 p.m. 112½ deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. 4.2's firing on E.G.
- 1.15 p.m. 100 deg. grid from do 5.9 firing on ROUGE CROIX, located at F.4.C.7.5. approx.
- 3.20 p.m. 123 deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. 5.9's firing on STRAZELLE, located at F.3.B.7.2. approx.
- 10.25 a.m. 123 deg. grid from E.G.B.10.15.
- 10.28 a.m. 125 deg. grid from do
- 120 deg. grid from V.18.D.1.4. 4.2 battery fired on X.19.D. and E.20

(c) Aerial - Enemy plane brought down about 6.15 p.m. in V.15.D. was a 'FOKKER DEVIL'. The pilot was unwounded and the plane was not very much damaged.

During the day enemy aircraft was fairly active and on several occasions crossed our lines.

At 2.45 a.m., enemy plane flew over our right Battalion front lines and dropped alares. - Red followed by two whites. Enemy artillery became more active on that portion of the sector.

Balloons were up as follows :-

- 149, 140, 125, 154½, 154, 127, 132 ½ deg. grid from W.28.B.1.1.
- 53, 98, 163, 133, 155, 138 and 153 deg. grid from E.6.B.10.15.
- 134½, 140, 157½, 153, 144, 126, 111, and 153 deg. grid from E.29.B.3.

(d) Movement - 2 men observed carrying something at F.2.B.5.2. Movement at F.3.C.3.2.

Individual movement at following positions :- E.18.B.5.5., E.18.D.7.0., E.18.A.7.5., E.24.B.1.6., VIEUX BERQUIN.

Small working parties at E.12.A.5.4.

At 5.15 a.m. 6th inst., 15 men walked in single file ab out F.13.B.7. At 8.30 to 9.30 a.m. working party of 15 men in F.13.B and C., some carrying poles and 2 using picks.

(e) Defences - Listening posts - Suspected X.25.D.5.5., X.25.D.5.6. (unoccupied), X.20.C.3.0.

Posts - X.25.B.3.1. and E.11.B.6.4. (unoccupied); located at E.11.D.05.10., E.11.D.4.7., E.6.D.1.6., E.6.D.3.0., X.26.A.9.0., E.6.D.1.6., E.6.D.4.9. (approx), Cops at E.11.B.7.1. appears strongly held.

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Defences (contd)

M.C.'s - E.11.B.5.4., E.11.B.9.3., E.11.D.6.3., E.11.B.6.5.,
E.11.B.8.2., E.11.D.4.7., E.11.D.1.2., and E.11.D.5.9.

Sniper - E.11.D.3.8.

T.H.'s - Fired from vicinity of F.1.A.1.5. (house)

Work - Appears camouflaged at E.12.C.3.2.

Work carried on at E.12.A.5.4. and F.13.B. and C.

Wire - 2 strands of old wire along road from E.11.D.3.4. to
E.11.D.3.8.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

On two silver sprays being fired, search lights became active
On enemy firing Red flares, his artillery ceased fire.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Paybook and papers taken from dead Germans on MONT DE MERRIS showed
them to have belonged to 13 R.I.R. and 57th R.I.R., 15 Reserve Div.

H. F. Watson

Captain
Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

Later -

At 5.30 a.m. this morning, 2 prisoners were captured in
X.20.C. Identification 5 K, 267 R.I.R. 81st Res. Div.
Later in the morning, 9 more prisoners belonging to the same unit
were also captured in X.20.C. Details later

A N N E X E.

Brigade on right report as follows -

'Enemy defences recently captured by us were concealed
with great skill. M.G. posts were made as nearly as possible to
resemble shell holes. At the bottom of the hole or trench, small
recesses were cut and the sides held up with timber. This enabled the
garrison of the post to crawl in out of sight, so that anyone looking
down from above would think that the post was unoccupied.
About 10 yards from each M.G. post, was a small bombing pit. All
paths were most carefully concealed. The enemy in no place dug a
continuous trench, but always held his forward positions with small
round posts.

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.Intelligence Summary No. 4.

From 6 A.M. 7/6/1918 to 6 A.M. 8/6/1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
8/6/1918.A. OUR OPERATIONS.I. Infantry.

(a) Minor Enterprises - i. At 5 a.m. (7th inst) Cpl. SCHEWAB 5th Bn. left from X.20.C.5.5. with 2 men and proceeded to X.20.C.72.20 from which position 2 men could be seen in a post at X.20.C.75.20. Our men crawled forward, captured the two huns and returned to our lines with them without other hostile posts opening fire. Wire was noticed in front of a post at X.20.C.75.25. Immediately in front of post the crop was cut for a distance of about 20 yards leaving only a narrow strip of corn, sufficient to screen post.

ii. At 9 a.m. Sgt. MORRISON and 2 men, 5th Bn. decided that they could capture some prisoners and they left our line from X.20.C.2.2. and proceeded towards hostile post at X.26.A.C.8. A continuous trench with wire in front was crossed and it was observed to be lightly occupied about X.26.A.C.0.92. Crossing over road the enemy post at X.26.A.C.8. was rushed, garrison of 9 completely surprised and brought back to our lines, together with a M.G. which was in the post. A few shots were fired at returning party from X.26.A.C.0.92. but no damage was done. We had no casualties in these daylight raids. The post was well stocked with Ammunition and also with a quantity of our Mills grenades.

iii. Lieut. PARKER and 3 other ranks of 5th Bn. left from X.20.C.7.7.

at 10.45 a.m. 7th inst. to raid enemy post at X.20.C.7.2. When party was about 20 yards from post, they were observed by a sentry so they rushed the post immediately. A very brisk fight took place in which 3 huns were killed. M.G.'s opened fire from various positions and it was not possible for our party to gain identification. Our party returned without casualties. The post rushed forms part of a continuous trench.

iv. One party of Lieut. McINTOSH and 20 Other Ranks and another party consisting of C.Q.M.S. KIRBY and 20 Other ranks (all of 6th Bn.) left our lines about 12.50 a.m. to raid enemy posts at E.C.D.25.25. and farm at E.C.D.4.9. On both occasions enemy garrison left the positions and ran in an easterly direction on approach of our parties. The retreating enemy was fired on, but result could not be observed. A Light M.G. was brought back from E.C.D.2.5. and a pack from E.C.D.4.9. After thoroughly searching the two positions our parties returned to our lines.

(b) Patrols - Flanking patrols maintained lateral communication throughout the hours of darkness.

5th Bn. - No MAN'S LAND in X.25.B.5.4. was heavily shelled by enemy. A patrol was held up at X.25.B.9.4. by a M.G. firing from X.26.A.1.4. 4 Rifle grenades were fired into a post about X.26.A.1.3. but results could not be observed.

6th Bn. - An enemy unoccupied post was discovered at X.25.C.5.4. A M.G. fired from approx. F.1.A.5.5.

7th Bn. - The Southern portion of hedge at E.11.B.6.4. was occupied and a good deal of wire is distributed round the hedges and across the field at about E.11.B. Central.

A Strong Post with M.G. exists at about E.11.B.35.30.

Patrol had difficulty in returning owing to a fire in vicinity of SERAZELLE Station.

(c) Machine Guns - 7,000 rounds S.A.A. were expended by our Vickers guns, in harassing fire on enemy targets including - House and tracks at E.12.D.36.CC., Railway, Trakway and tracks at F.7.C.C.9., X.27.B.10.90., X.21.C.95.75., F.3.A.75.50., roads in X.26.D. and F.2.B. and D.

(d) Rifle grenades and snipers - At 12.15 a.m. enemy posts in X.20.C. were subjected to a severe bombardment with No 27 and No 36 grenades. Results could not be observed owing to smoke. Lewis guns assisted in this demonstration.

2 casualties are claimed by the Right Battalion snipers.

Few opportunities are given by the enemy for sniping.

(e) Stokes Mortars - 35 rounds were expended in harassing fire on M.G. positions and occupied enemy posts. Enemy tracks in F.1.A. were subjected to frequent bursts.

(f) Aerial - Our planes were very active throughout the day and often crossed over enemy territory.

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B. Artillery and Trench Mortars

Our Field Batteries were very active on enemy Defences West of MERRIS and they kept a constant harassing fire on tracks, roads etc.

Our Counter Battery work was very effective and frequently caused enemy batteries to cease down considerably.

A hostile battery reported to and engaged by our Counter batteries, has not since fired.

A fire caused by our artillery was observed in OUTERSTRENE.

A working party at F.14.C.6.3. was dispersed by our artillery.

The copse at E.11.D.7.9. was fired on by our heavies at 10.30 a.m. and white flares were sent up from this position.

75 rounds were expended by our Medium T.M.'s on enemy houses, posts and cross roads opposite the Brigade Sub-sector.

Firing table attached (Division)

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.1. Hostile Activity(a) Infantry

Enemy remains very alert at night, but appears to be very careless about observation from the front line during the day.

He is certainly not aggressive and his patrols have not yet been met with.

(b) Artillery and Trench Mortars

With the exception of heavy destructive shoots all day on COURTE CROIX and intermittent destructive shoots against STRAZELLE Stn. and the Support area of the Centre Bn., his shelling has been of a harassing nature. He paid a great deal of attention with heavy calibre guns to his recently lost positions.

At 10.30 p.m. an old ammunition dump at E.5.C.2.5. was fired by hostile shelling.

The road from E.3. Central to FEE SEC BOIS was subjected to 'Hurricane Barrages' of 0 a.m. and 77 a.m. between 6 and 6.30 a.m. 7th instant. Shelling map attached (Division)

Gun flashes as follows :-

120 deg. grid from W.13.D.1.4.

9.50 p.m. 1 flash 142 deg. grid from E.6.A.70.35.

10 p.m. 2 flashes 123 deg. grid from do

10.13 p.m. 1 flash 114 deg. grid from do

10.20 p.m. 1 " 138 " " " do

10.50 p.m. 2 " 110 " " " do

Trench Mortar activity on a slightly less active scale continues to be reported by Centre Battalion.

At 2 a.m. 6 rounds on E.6.A.7.5.

10.25 p.m. 4 " from 151 deg. grid from E.6.A.7.3. fell in E.6.A.

12.30 p.m. 4 " fell in E.6.A.4.3.

(c) Aerial - During the morning, 3 planes were over the front and again in the evening about 7 p.m., there was a little activity. Our A.A. guns and H.C.'s effectively stopped hostile planes from crossing over our lines.

Balloons were up as follows :-

1315, 117, 120, 90, 130, and 112 deg. grid from W.20.D.6.4.

141, 123, 115, and 136 deg. grid from W.13.D.1.4.

110, 115, 116, 121, 151 and 165 deg. grid from W.28.D.11.

113, 133, 126, 144, and 142 deg. grid from E.6.A.70.35.

(d) Movement - At 6.45 p.m., 6 men observed moving about F.14.C.6.3. During the early morning, much movement observed in vicinity of F.13.D.7.9.

10-30 A.M. 5 men observed working at house at F.8.A.4.3.

7.20 p.m. 7 men appeared to be running out wire from F.13.B.9.5. to F.8.C.2.1.

2 men entered house at F.8.A.5.6. and five minutes later 2 men left house. Several flashes observed at this house, as of telescopes, and an O.P. is suspected.

Movement also observed at BLEU, E.12.D.9.2., E.6.C.5.6. and hedge E.12.A.2.4.

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Defences - Post at X.20.C.75.25. wired
 " " X.26.A.60.92 (in trench)
 " " X.26.A.1.3.
 " " X.25.C.5.4. (unoccupied)
 " " E.6.D.25.25
 Strong Post at E.11.B.65.30.
 Posts at E.12.A.2.4., E.11.B.6.4., E.11.D.7.9., E.6.D.1.6.
 E.6.D.4.9. and F.1.A.15.90.
 A signal was given to a H.G. at E.11.B.65.30, by a man at
 E.11.B.6.4.
 Wire 2 strands 18" high from X.26.A.2.8. - X.26.A.5.9.
 Wire distributed round field at E.11.B.5.5.
 H.G. X.26.A.1.4., F.1.A.55 approx.
 E.11.B.65.30., E.11.B.6.4., F.1.A. Central and Cross roads
 in F.1.A.
 T.M. 131 deg. grid from E.6.A.70.35.
 Work Appears to be going on at F.13.B.7.9.
 J.P. Suspected in house at F.8.A.5.6.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

During our demonstration with Rifle grenades against hostile posts, in X.20.C., enemy fired flares - Red over Red, followed by 5 lots of Green over Green.
 During the raid on enemy post at X.20.C.7.2., green flares were sent up.
 At 3.10 a.m., 2 enemy shells fell on his post at E.11.D.7.9. Two white flares were sent up and shelling ceased.
 During the bombardment of one of our posts, enemy shells fell short near his own posts. Double red flares were sent up by enemy and range lengthened.
 At 1.10 a.m. one flare bursting into 4 greens was followed by fairly heavy H.G. Fire.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

11 prisoners were captured during the morning of 7th inst. in X.20.C. giving identification 5K 267 R.I.R. (81st Res. Div)

W. Dickinson Lt
 for Captain
 Brigade Major

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

From 3 a.m. 8-6-18 to 6 a.m. 9-6-18

HEADQUARTERS
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade
8th June 1918

A. OPERATIONS.

I. Infantry

(a) Reliefs - The 1st and 3th Battalions relieved the 5th Battalion complete and portion of the 3th Battalion in the front line from E.C.B.3.7. on the South to the Divisional Northern Boundary. The boundary between the 1st and 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigades is as shown in 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No 104 para 3 (a) and units of the 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade occupying positions North of that line were relieved by units of the 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade. Relief was completed by 2.10 a.m. Inter-Company reliefs were carried out by both Line Battalions, reliefs being complete by 1.30 a.m. The new Inter-Battalion boundary as shown in Brigade Order No 104 para 3 (b) has now been adopted.

(b) Patrols - Covering patrols were out, covering the reliefs and only a few special patrols were later sent out. Communication was maintained between flank units throughout the night.

7th Bn. - A suspected M.G. post at E.11.D.1.3. was rushed but found unoccupied.

Grenades were thrown into probable occupied positions behind hedge at E.11.D.3.4. Enemy replied with bombs and M.G. fire from about E.11.D.3.4.

Movement was observed at E.11.D.2.3.

Enemy digging about E.11.B.60.35. and movement also seen here. Wire is in front of this position.

Movement and work again heard in copse at E.11.B.6.1.

2 enemy walked from E.11.B.6.1. towards our patrol to E.11.B.55.20. where they spoke to men in a post. Our patrol threw 4 Mills bombs and inflicted casualties. Enemy were much superior in numbers and our party considered it advisable to return to our lines.

(c) Activity - Enemy attempted to erect wire at E.C.D.10.35. and on seeing this, our posts opened fire. Huns immediately dropped wire and pickets and ran towards their lines. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy party.

(d) Machine Guns - 10,000 rounds S.A.A. were expended by our Vickers guns in harassing indirect fire on X.23.B.05.90, X.23.B.40.50., X.27.B.10.90., X.27.Central, X.26.B.30.42., E.12.B.45.46., E.12.C.2.2. and F.7.C.3.0.

(e) Stokes Mortars - Firing was hampered last night owing to reliefs but registration and harassing fire was carried out against the copse at E.11.B.9.1., Cross Roads at E.11.D.5.2., E.C.C.6.3., E.C.D.1.6., E.C.D.3.9., 47 rounds being expended.

(f) Rifle Grenades - Enemy post at E.C.D.4.9. was bombarded with Rifle grenades and some good bursts obtained.

56 rounds were also expended against enemy post at E.11.D.3.4.

(g) Aerial - Our planes were again active and frequently crossed over enemy territory.

(h) Wiring - E.C.C.3.9. 50 yards apron wire erected
W.25.C.3.3. 45 do do

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars.

Destructive and harassing fire was carried out during the period under review.

Cross roads at F.13.A.7.2. and F.13.B.7.3. were engaged.

Direct hits observed on houses at E.12.C.5.9. and E.12.D.3.9. at 3 p.m. At 3.40 p.m. our artillery caused a fire in F.19.B. and good shooting was observed by our heavies on VIEUX BERQUIN. Counter battery work which called for effectively silenced enemy artillery.

Whilst our 15 pdrs. and 6" Newtons were shelling enemy posts in E.11.B. at 4 p.m. parties from 2 posts were seen to evacuate and some of them take refuge in house at E.11.B.7.3. Full advantage of the targets given was accepted by our Lewis gunners, 3 casualties at least were inflicted. 9.2's carried out a very effective destructive shoot on hostile 4.2" howitzer battery at F.15.A.6.2. which had been firing on E.C. Direct hits on pits were reported.

64 rounds were expended by our M.T.R. battery, on to enemy M.G.'s, trenches and other known occupied positions opposite the Sub-sector.

Firing report herewith (Division)

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

I. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry - Enemy remains very alert and our patrols find it difficult to approach his positions without discovery. More flares than usual were used and Machine gunners and snipers are reported by the left Battalion to be more active.

(b) Artillery and Trench Mortars - Enemy artillery during the day was active, particularly so on MONT DE MERRIS in the morning, but there was a noticeable decrease at night, the only shelling of importance being gas shells in E.6.D. and GE SEC BOIS.

W.27. was shelled at 3 a.m. with gas.

Shelling table attached (Division)

Trench Mortar activity showed a decrease on Left Battalion front. Gun flashes observed as follows :-

6.30 p.m. 4 guns firing on left Sub-sector, 100 d.g. grid from W.29.B.6.4. (near Church) Steerwerck

9 p.m. 1 flash on grid bearing of 35 d.g. from E.6.A.0.1.

(c) Aerials - At 9 a.m. 1 enemy plane was over our front; after this time A.A. was inactive.

(d) Movement - Observation was poor and little movement could be observed.

At 6.45 a.m. 5 men walked along road at E.13.A.6.3.

At 3.20 p.m. 2 men walked along road at E.7.C.6.4.

At 5.30 a.m. 2 men seen at E.12.C.4.9.

At 3.20 p.m. 2 men seen at E.C.B.2.8.

At 6.10 p.m. 3 men entered dugout at E.14.C.6.8

At 8 p.m. 2 men appeared to be mending wires at E.20.B.7.6.

(1) Defences -

1. Boils - E.6.D.4.9. (reoccupied), E.6.D.1.5., E.10.B.48.08.,

E.11.D.1. to E.11.D.40.15., E.11.B.6.4., E.11.D.3.4.

11. Wire - Attempt to erect wire at E.3.D.10.65.

String wire at E.11.B.60.35.

11. M.G.'s - E.6.D.2.8. (2 guns firing at planes), E.6.D.4.7.,

E.6.D.75.65., E.6.C.9.5., E.11.D.3.4. & E.11.B.60.35.

2. M.G.'s - E.6.D.7.7., and E.3.D.5.5. firing on left Battalion

V. Work - Carefully camouflaged work was picked up at E.13.A.3.5,

along hedge to E.13.A.3.9., continued to E.C.D.1.4. This is approx.

enemy line on left Company Right Battalion front.

Enemy working to repair post at E.11.B.6.4.

B. Miscellaneous.

On a Red Flare being fired, enemy put over a number of rifle grenades or to E.11.D.10.4. and vicinity.

Enemy sent what appeared to be similar to our message rockets from house at E.10.A.4.5. to wood in E.7.D.

C. Identifications.

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Intelligence Summary No. 5.

From 6 a.m. 9/6/18 to 5 a.m. 10/6/1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
10/6/1918.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

(1) Infantry.

(a) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained touch with flanking units during the night.

7th Battalion. - Sounds of working heard at E.12.A.5.3.

One enemy crossed railway at E.12.A.4.5.

House at E.12.A.15.65. showed no signs of recent occupation. Enemy dead in E.12.A. were found to be wearing our small box respirators.

An endeavour was made by the enemy to outflank one of our patrols in E.11.B., but from a concealed position a bomb was thrown by one of our party and this succeeded in frustrating enemy's intention.

H.G. fire was very heavy and came from the following positions :- E.11.B.58.76., E.11.D.60.96., E.11.D.70.96., E.11.B.70.05., E.11.E.33.40.

24 bombs were thrown by the patrol and casualties are believed to have been inflicted on the enemy.

An unoccupied Listening Post was discovered at E.11.B.3.2.

As our patrol had thrown all their bombs they returned to our own lines and consider that the road and hedges in E.11.B. central to E.11.D. central are strongly defended localities.

6th Battalion. Patrols were out during the night but patrol reports have not yet come to hand.

(b) Machine Guns. Our Vickers Guns expended 5,000 rounds S.A.A. in indirect harassing fire on targets amongst which the following are included :- Track and house at E.12.B.45.46., Houses at E.12.C.85.25., E.12.D.36.96., E.12.C.50.05. and Railway, tramway and tracks at F.7.C.3.0.

(c) Stokes Mortars - 60 rounds were fired by our L.T.M's on the following targets - Track at E.11.D.5.2., Edge of copse in E.11.B. and D., H.G.'s in E.C.C. and D. and a post at E.6.D.4.0. good shooting resulted

(d) Rifle grenades - Enemy wiring party near house at E.6.D.4.0. was dispersed by our No 36 Rifle grenades, and casualties are believed to have been inflicted.

(e) Aerial - Our planes were again active and patrolled our front continuously throughout the day. They repeatedly crossed into enemy territory and drew his A.A. and H.G. fire.

At 4.30 a.m., 2 of our planes dropped bombs on enemy lines opposite left section.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars

Good shooting by our 13 pndrs. was observed at 7.15 p.m. on E.11.E.4.3. and at 7.45 p.m. on E.11.B.5.3. and also on E.C.B.3.4. At 11.15 p.m. and 2 a.m. harassing fire on E.11.E. and D. appeared to be well directed.

At 7 a.m. an enemy working party of about 25 men from F.13.A.5.0. to F.13.B.1.0. was dispersed by our artillery.

Counter battery work was effective, particularly in one case of an enemy gun firing from about F.7.D.

Our L.T.M's fired 41 rounds on to known enemy occupied positions, the copse at E.11.D.7.9. receiving particular attention. Firing report attached (Division)

Gun flashes as follows :- 80 deg. ^{grid} from E.C.A.9.0.
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B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry - Enemy is alert and opens H.G. fire on the slightest movement. He does absolutely no patrolling opposite the left Battalion. His wiring parties are reported persistent, as he has attempted to wire his positions during the last two nights, each time being dispersed by rifle and grenade fire. The left Battalion reports very considerable increase with Direct and indirect H.G. fire.

(a) Artillery and Trench Mortars. - Enemy shelling has shown a noticeable decrease. The only shelling of importance being at 11.15 p.m. when he placed a light barrage of 7.7 c.m. on E.5.Central for about 10 minutes.

The areas to which he pays attention with his harassing fire are mostly E.4., E.5.C. and D., and W.50.C.

Shelling map attached (Division)

At 1 a.m. 2 H.F. bombs fell in vicinity of E.C.C.5.3.; otherwise inactive.

(c) Aerial - Enemy planes showed a little more activity than during the previous 24 hours, but throughout the day only 3 planes were over the forward area, with the exception of 1 plane which flew over CORRE at 2.30 p.m.

Balloons were up as follows :-

150, 150, 110, 130 and 134 deg. grid from W.20.E.6.4.

113, 138, 151 and 140 deg. grid from E.3.E.10.15.

(d) Movement - 6 a.m. 3 men walked along track from F.2.D.2.1. to E.3.E.10.95.

7.45 a.m. 2 men walked along track from F.2.D.2.1. to F.3.E.10.95. Individual movement observed in F.14.C.

Considerable movement observed about F.13.E. 7. 7. (See Defences v work)

7.30 a.m. 3 small parties of 4 and 5 men left F.13.B.7.7. and disappeared at F.14.A.3.3.

8.55 p.m. 4 men, 2 of whom were packs, walked from F.7.A.1.7.

For the past 5 days, movement has mostly been seen in F.13.A and B and F.14.A.

(e) Defences - i. Posts E.C.D.1.6., E.C.D.4.9. (both previously reported).

Flares were fired E.11.D.4.2.

ii. M.C.'s - E.11.D.50.76., E.11.D.60.96., E.11.D.70.96., E.11.E.70.05., E.11.E.65.40., E.C.D.4.9., F.1.A.5.7. (probably F.1.A.5.5.), E.17.E.1.6., E.11.D.2.1., and E.11.D.3.2.

iii. Wire - Attempts have been made by the enemy to erect wire across road at E.C.D.5.9. and south of the house at E.C.D.4.C. Opposite Right Battalion enemy does not appear to have any wire opposite his forward posts.

iv. T.L.'s - Approximately E.C.D.9.3.

v. OPK - F.13.A.1.0., F.15.B.5.0., F.13.B.1.0., and working party heard at E.12.A.5.8.

vi. Snipers - E.C.D.10.75.

2. Miscellaneous

On enemy shells falling short in E.11., 2 golden cluster flares were immediately sent up and shelling ceased.

2 double red and one red bursting in three greens was followed by a light barrage on left sector. One double green and cluster of reds repeated to rear and the barrage ceased.

3. Identifications.

Letter and shoulder strap herewith (Division) found in E.12.A. (GR 138 I.R.)

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From 6 a.m. 10-6-18 to 6 a.m. 11-6-18

HEADQUARTERS
11th June 1918

A. OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry.

(a) Patrols - Liaison patrols maintained touch with Flank units.5th En. - Flight 9/10th Inst - Wire found protecting building at E.C.D.4.9. A working party carrying ^{wire} and pickets was dispersed by a number of bombs.

No enemy posts exist between E.G.B.5.5. and E.S.E.9.2.

Wire was being erected about F.1.A.1.6., but a M.G. from Left section effectively stopped the working.

Enemy M.G. fired from about E.S.L.3.6.

Post was located at E.S.D.1.6. (previously reported)

Patrolling is difficult on the left section as all men must move over the sky line.

His increased activity in M.G. and Rifle fire is sufficient proof that silhouettes are noticeable.

7th En. - A patrol reached E.11.B.5.1. just before dark and lay watching enemy movement from this position. One man moved from house at E.11.B.55.10. and jumped into a trench at E.11.B.6.3. Movement then became general and a sentry was posted at E.11.B.5.0. and a M.G. placed at E.11.B.50.05.

There is a crop 5 feet high in front of the M.G. post at E.11.B.50.05. and no listening post was pushed out in front whilst our patrol was observing.

The shooting of our 10 pndrs. on to copse at E.11.B.6.0. was very good. No enemy wire was encountered.

(b) Machine guns - 7,500 rounds were expended on enemy tracks in F.7.C., E.12.D., E.10.B., and F.1.A. and C. and also on houses E.12.C.2.2. and F.7.A.2.0. Larassing fire on the copse at ab out E.11.B.6.0. was reported by a patrol to have been good shooting.

Our Lewis guns actively engaged working party at F.1.A.1.5. and were pushed forward in to shell hole positions from where frequent bursts were fired at enemy movement.

(c) Stokes Mortars - 80 rounds were expended throughout the night on to M.G. positions and posts opposite our front. Good shooting was observed.

A working party in the copse at E.11.B.6.1. was reported and at 1 a.m. 1 gun was moved forward and 12 rounds rapid fired.

Enemy replied with bombs, rifle and M.G. fire and used many flares.

(d) Rifle grenades and snipers - No opportunities for sniping have been given by the enemy but a number of No 36 Rifle grenades were fired on to enemy post at E.S.L.4.9. and on to M.G. post at E.11.D.35.20.(e) Aerial - During the period our aircraft has been particularly active constantly patrolling our lines and crossing into enemy country. Enemy artillery apparently did not wish to fire whilst our aircraft was so active.

At 5.5 a.m. several bombs were dropped on enemy front posts opposite Left section.

During the night, our planes were also well over the enemy's lines and enemy searchlights were observed operating.

(f) Firing - Our positions are being steadily wired and posts generally improved.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars.

Throughout the period under review, our guns were active. Very good shooting by our 10 pndrs. was observed by our patrols on centres of activity in E.11.E. and D. They also fired shrapnel on a line E.S.D.9.7. to F.1.A.2.5.

Our heavies fired on targets in OUTERSTEWNE and vicinity and also in E.12.B., c and D. Targets in F.12.C. and D. were also engaged. House at F.7.D.4.5. was fired.

Medium trench mortars fired on enemy positions and M.G. emplacements at E.11.D.35.40. and direct hits were obtained.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

(1) Hostile Activity.(a) Infantry - enemy is not at all aggressive; although a good watch

Infantry (Contd)

was kept from a close range, no L. Posts were pushed forward on the right flank. The slightest movement draws rifle and H.G. fire. His indirect H.G. fire is becoming more active.

(b) Artillery and Trench mortars.

Enemy shelling has been less than usual and he apparently carried out only two destructive shoots, one on STRAZELLE and the other on posts in E.5.D.

The low ground in E.5.C. was subjected to gas shelling at 3.15 a.m. this morning, whilst the recently captured positions were again harassed.

Shelling map attached (Division). Gun flashes as follows :-

4 p.m. 135 deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. one heavy gun firing in direction of ROUGE COIX, time between flash and report 17 sec. Located E.22.D.15.20.

5.5 p.m. 129 deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. 4-15 p.m. firing on to left sector.

3.15 p.m. 151 deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. Heavy howitzer firing on left. Located in L.15.C.

3.50 p.m. 129 deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. 10 c.m. howitzer firing on left sector, located in E.22.A.

At 5 a.m. 3 H.G. bombs fell at E.6.B.9.7. Mortar could not be located.

About 10.30 p.m., a group of 3 men working near E.11.B.5.0. were apparently placing a L.T.M. into position as bombs from that position fell 2 hours later in vicinity of Right flank posts.

(c) Aircraft. Enemy planes were inactive. Balloons were up as follows :-

Grid bearing from W.29.B.6.4. - 115, 122, 131 1/2, 155, 134, 144 and 147 deg.

Grid bearings from W.29.B.1.1. - 132, 141, 145, 147, and 154 deg.

Grid bearings from E.6.B.10.15. - 122, 142, 127, 127, 127 and 133 deg.

2. Movements.

Small parties of enemy again seen moving in F.14. and F.2.

At 1.25 p.m., 2 men observed walking in L.1.A.

At 7.25 p.m., 2 men entered a house in L.8.A.

3. Defences.

i. Posts - Trench at E.11.B.6.5., E.11.B.5.0., E.6.D.1.2. and E.6.D.4.9. (previously reported), E.12.A.0.3. No enemy posts between E.6.B.5.5. and E.6.B.9.2.

House at E.12.B.35.10. (occupied)

ii. H.G. - E.6.D.3.3., E.11.B.50.08., E.11.D.35.20., E.12.B.7.2. probably at E.17.B.3.5. fires along VIEUX BERGAIN-STRAZELLE Road (previously reported) E.6.D.05.45

iii. Wire - Wire found protecting building at E.6.D.4.0. Wire being erected at E.1.A.1.6.

Enemy has commenced to build a strong line of wire from E.12.C.5.3. to E.12.D.0.5. About 200 yards appears to be completed.

iv. T.M.'s - E.11.B.5.0. (L.T.M.) E.6.D.90.35 (previously reported)

4. Miscellaneous.

On enemy artillery firing short in E.6.B., one golden spray and single red rockets were fired.

5. Identifications.

Horoweth papers and letters found in dug-out at E.5.C.2.5.

3K 57 R.I.R.

Shoulder straps horoweth and papers found in E.6. show 13th, 30th and 57th R.I.R. (To Division)

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From 6 a.m. 11-6-18 to 6 a.m. 12-6-18

Headquarters
12th June 1918

A. OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry

(a) Patrols - Usual Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication with flank units.

7th Bn. - Owing to the evacuation of posts from 10.30 p.m. to 2 a.m. no patrols operated on this front during the night.

6th Bn. - Strong opposition was met from an enemy post about E.6.B.9.2. Enemy fired rifles and bombed our patrol, who retaliated in a like manner, but owing to being enfiladed from a S.W. direction, our patrol could not gain touch with the enemy post. Garrison of the enemy post is estimated at from 8 to 10.

Some old Gorman dugouts about E.6.C.6.4. were examined and nothing found.

NO MAN'S LAND is reported in good condition.

(b) Machine guns - 6,750 rounds S.A.A. were expended in harassing fire on known enemy targets in F.7.A., F.1.D., E.12.B.C. and D., and E.18.B.

350 rounds also expended against hostile aeroplane which flew low over our lines for a few minutes at 6.35 p.m.

Lewis guns were pushed forward 50 yards from E.11.C.7.3. and fired on M.G. position at E.11.D.3.4.

(c) Stokes Mortars - Harassing fire and destructive shoots on enemy occupied positions were carried out throughout the night, 39 rounds in all being expended.

Right Battalion reports that M.G. firing from E.6.C.50.25. was effectively silenced.

(d) Rifle grenades - Were used throughout the night on enemy posts at E.6.B.9.2., E.11.D.7.3., hedge from E.11.D.1.0. to E.11.D.4.1.

(e) Aerial - Observation was not good during the morning owing to ground mist, and our planes did not become active until the afternoon when they continuously patrolled and crossed the enemy lines.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars -

Our 18 pndrs. maintained their usual activity throughout the day and good shooting was observed on enemy posts in E.11.B. and D.

Our heaviest shelled LYNDE FLE., VIEUX BERQUIN, vicinity of OUTTER-STEINE and MERRIS.

A house at F.15.A.6.7. was fired by our artillery at 11.55 a.m.

80 rounds were expended by our M.T.'s on known and suspected enemy occupied positions opposite this Brigade front.

A flare dump at E.11.D.3.4. was set on fire at 9.30 p.m.

Firing table attached (Division)

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry - His infantry still remains quiet and alert and continues to do no patrolling beyond their own forward posts.

Left Bn. reports that his snipers are always on the watch for movement on the skyline at MONT DE MERRIS. This applies also to M.G.'s which sweep the skyline and play indirect fire on C.T. from E.6.A.4.3. to E.5.B.5.2.

(b) Artillery and Trench Mortars - Generally speaking, artillery was less active than previously with the exception of the shelling on MONT DE MERRIS.

At 9.45 and 10.15 p.m., counter battery shoots with 10 c.m. took place on batteries in W.27.

Very little shelling on this subsector takes place West of the Reserve Line.

Shelling map attached (Division)

Enemy Trench Mortars have been inactive during the period under review.

Gun flashes as follows :-

From W.29.B.6.4.

8.5. a.m. 143 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. grid firing on Right Sector located approx.

F.27.A.7.6.

1.30 p.m. 145 deg. grid firing on Right Sector located F.20.D.5.5.

(approx)

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Gun flashes (contd)

7.55 p.m. 146 deg. grid, 4 guns firing on to Right Sector.
From E.6.B.10.15.

136 deg. grid 1 flash.

144 deg. grid, 2 flashes (approx F.20.B.4.C.)

(c) Aerial - During the morning, inactive.

In the afternoon, 8 planes were over our lines.

At 4 p.m., 1 plane flew low over our lines in the vicinity of the Railway for about 15 minutes.

At 9 p.m., 2 bombs (small) were dropped in F.27.

Balloon was up at 113 deg. grid from E.6.B.10.15.

(d) Movement - Movement has again been observed in F.13. and F.14., especially about E.13.B.6.7.

5 men were seen at F.14.C.6.4. and 2 men at F.14.C.5.3.

Men were seen entering and coming out of house at F.21.C.0.4.

2 men at F.7.D.2.3. appeared to be mending wire.

12 men moved S.E. across F.21.C. at 8.30 a.m.

Movement was also seen at E.24.A.9.6., E.18.C.5.1., E.24.A.5.7. and E.11.B.6.4.

(e) Defences -

i. Posts - E.6.D.85.15., E.6.D.2.8., E.6.D.4.9., and E.6.D.1.6. (both previously reported).

Sniping from hedge at E.11.D.00.09 and E.11.D.45.15., E.6.D.25.60 is unoccupied, but new earth suggests recent occupation.

ii. M.G.'s - E.13.B.25.20. (indirect), E.6.D.9.9., F.1.A.1.4., E.6.D.2.8., E.3.D.45.60., E.11.D.7.9., E.11.D.3.4. (Last 5 previously reported), E.11.D.4.6. and E.6.C.50.25.

iii. T.M.'s - None located during period.

iv. Work - At F.14.C.5.7., 2 men observed working.
200 yards of camouflage in F.7.A. along rd lway.

3. Miscellaneous.

A flare dump at E.11.D.3.4., was exploded by a bomb from our M.T.L.'s. Various coloured flares were set on fire.

It is believed that enemy used our 18 pdr. shrapnel over E.10.B. firing from direction of OUTPOST.

5. Identifications.

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Intelligence Summary No 9
-----From 6 a.m. 12-6-18 to 6 a.m. 13-6-18
-----HEADQUARTERS
13th June 1918.

A. OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry -

(a) Reliefs - Inter-battalion relief was carried out in the Left section of the Sub-sector, 8th Bn. relieving 6th Bn. in the Front line, relief being completed without incident by 12.40 a.m.

(b) Minor Entorprise - 7th Bn. carried out ~~an~~ at 1 a.m. 13th June 1918 in co-operation with Light and Medium T.M.'s. After preliminary bombardment strong enemy posts along a front of approx. 650 yards in E.11.B. and D. were attacked and captured after brisk fighting. Enemy showed great skill and determination in manning Hedges and ditches and in a number of instances individual Huns had to be killed as they would not surrender. Enemy delivered an immediate counter attack on post at E.11.D.4.7. from direction of E.12.C. central, but this was repulsed by well directed fire from our Lewis guns. Up to 6 a.m., 44 prisoners 8 of whom were wounded, had passed through. 4 hostile Machine guns were captured in the newly occupied positions. It is estimated that there are 40 enemy dead in and round captured area. It is believed that there are a few remaining Huns to be collected from shell holes and crops. As a result of this successful operation, we advanced our line on the right flank on a front of about 680 yards, an average depth of 425 yards. Our line now runs as follows :-

E.11.C.8.3. - E.11.D.4.4. - E.11.D.4.7. - E.11.D.9.9. - E.11.B.8.4. - E.11.B.9.8.

Our Stokes Mortars expended 454 rounds in bombardment of enemy positions and giving covering fire to our attacking troops whilst a 4.5" Howitzer harassed principal enemy tracks leading towards scene of operations.

(c) Patrols - Flanking patrols maintained lateral communication throughout the night.

6th Bn. - Night 11/12th inst - Enemy heard wiring in trees in E.6.D.0.5 Crank handle of an M.G. was heard working at E.12.B.15.90.

Movement was seen at house at E.6.D.4.9., but this position could not be approached owing to the lavish use of flares and M.G.'s.

Concertina wire was found on the road at E.6.B.7.0. with a gap at E.6.E.60.05.

Old German trench at E.6.B.9.5. showed no signs of recent occupation. Machine gun opened fire from about F.1.A.5.7.

8th Bn. - Our artillery activity made it extremely difficult for our patrols to penetrate to any appreciable distance into NO MAN'S LAND and owing to the relief little patrolling could be done beyond becoming familiar with the country.

(d) M.G.'s. - 12,000 rounds S.A.A. were expended in Barrage and harassing fire on enemy track from E.12.B.5.4. to E.18.B.45.65. during the operation, and harassing fire until dawn.

1,500 rounds were also expended in harassing fire on target from E.12.D.00.53. to E.12.F.38.00., between dusk and dawn.

Lewis guns were instrumental in repulsing enemy counter attack on newly occupied captured position at E.11.D.4.7.

(e) Stokes Mortars - 454 rounds were expended in bombarding enemy positions, placing a barrage on objectives in E.11.B and D. for attacking troops and silencing enemy M.G.'s liable to interfere in the success of the operation by our Right Battalion.

(f) Rifle grenades and snipers - Active sniping was carried out about daylight by ~~section~~ on suitable targets.

Rifle grenades were also used to advantage against enemy M.G. posts.

(g) Aerial - Our planes were particularly active during the day and large formations frequently crossed into enemy territory.

One of our planes was forced down about X.20.C. at 12 noon.

(h) Wiring - E.6.C.3.5. 105 yards concertina wire erected.

E.6.C.5.6. 45 yards concertina wire erected.

E.6.C.8.9. 50 yards double apron erected.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars.

Enemy tracks and positions opposite the subsector ~~was~~ ^{were} subjected to harassing fire throughout the day, and our 18 pndr. shrapnel was observed to be bursting with good effect.

Artillery and French Mortars (Contd)

Our heavies were very constant -- engaging MERRIS, OUTARSTINE and other positions in rear.

A house at F.21.C.0. was fired and an explosion at house at F.8.C.0. 25. was caused. This latter position is suspected as a Headquarters.

A 4.5" Howitzer co-operated in the Operation by the Right section from 1 a.m. onwards and subjected enemy principal tracks to severe operations with harassing fire.

33 rounds were expended by our Medium H.G.'s. in assisting operation of Right Battalion.

100 rounds harassing fire were also used on targets in E.11.B. and F.1.B. and C. (firing table attached Division)

D. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

A. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry -- Showed determination and grit in attempt to hold and stop re-capture positions on the Right flank. He made very good use of hedges and ditches on this occasion. Enemy remains alert and strictly defensive. H.G.'s opened fire on the least movement.

(b) Artillery and French Mortars -- Enemy artillery showed activity on left section forward system during the morning, but throughout the day, his artillery was very quiet.

At E.10.E. and E.5.C. a very heavy destructive sheet of 5.9's was placed near old Ammunition dumps.

E.11.A. and C. was shelled with 77's and 10 c.m.'s from 4 a.m. to 5 a.m. this morning, but beyond this, practically no retaliation as a result of our operations.

Shelling map attached (Division)

Between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m., about 20 H.G.'s fell in vicinity of E.6.A.9.4.

Gun flashes as follows :-

3 a.m. 143 deg. grid from W.29.B.8.4. firing on right sector

11.5 a.m. 144 deg. grid do do do

(c) Aerial -- Enemy E.A. was more active than usual and on two occasions flew low over our forward area. On each occasion they were heavily engaged by our A.A. and H.G. fire.

Enemy balloons were up as follows :-

143, 125, 137, and 142 deg. grid from W.26.B.1.1.

138, 139, 120, and 129 deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4.

(d) Movement -- during the day individual movement was observed at F.21.C.0.4. including 3 cyclists. Movement was also observed at F.14.D.3.3., F.20.B.5.27, F.14.D.0.4. and F.2000.

Between 6.30 a.m. and 8 a.m., considerable movement was observed between VIEUX BERQUIN and BLEU, 6 parties of from 3 to 15 being observed.

(e) Defences -

i. Posts - Old german trench at E.6.B.9.6. showed no signs of recent occupation.

ii. H.G.'s - E.12.B.15.00., F.1.A.5.7., E.6.B.0.0., E.6.D.3.8.

E.6.D.4.7. F.1.A.0.5., F.1.A.1.4. (last 2 previously reported)

Enemy H.G.'s put up a stout resistance against our attacking troops during the operation, until blown out by Stokes mortars or bombs.

iii. T.H.'s - Nil

iv. Wire - E.6.D.0.5., E.6.E.7.0. (along road with a gap at E.3.E.80.05.) E.6.D.4.9., F.1.A.1.5.

E. Identifications -

5th and 7th Boys, 205th Reserve Inf. Regt. (40th Res. Div) prisoners captured in E.11.B. and D.

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A 77 gun which appears to be very forward (E.6.A. approx) has been firing on E.6.A. and C.

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2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.
Intelligence Summary No.10.From 6 a.m. 13/6/18 to 6 a.m. 14/6/18.
-----HEADQUARTERS,
14th JUNE, 1918.A. OUR OPERATIONS.1. Infantry.

(a) Reliefs. 5th Battalion relieved the 7th Battalion in the right section of the subsector. Relief being completed by 12-24 a.m. without incident.

(b) Patrols - Usual liaison patrols maintained lateral communication throughout the hours of darkness.

5th Bn.:- Hostile M.G. fired from about E.6.B.08.00.

Movement was again seen at post at E.6.D.4.9.

Snipers were located along hedge at E.6.D.3.6. It was the intention of patrol to gain identifications, and this post was approached to within 10 yards when our party was observed and fired on, the officer being wounded. As rifle fire was heavy and well directed our patrol thought it advisable to return to our lines.

5th Bn.:- Patrols report that No Man's Land is in good condition and that several enemy dead still remain there.

(c) M.G.'s. - 7,500 rounds were expended by our Vickers guns on known enemy occupied positions and roads and tracks in use, including hostile aircraft during the day.

Two drums from a Lewis gun were fired into enemy positions at E.6.D.3.6.

An enemy M.G. at E.6.D.4.8. and sniper in vicinity thereof was engaged by our Lewis gunners.

(d) Stokes Mortars. 22 rounds were expended by our Stokes Mortars in harassing fire on known targets at E.6.C.6.3., E.6.C.9.5. and E.6.D.2.0. Good bursts were obtained.

Owing to the establishment of new positions on the right section, no firing could be done.

(e) Rifle Grenades and Snipers - No opportunity was afforded right section to fire rifle grenades, but the left section engaged M.G. at E.6.B.9.1. and enemy post at E.6.B.6.6. The snipers of this latter section claimed two hits.

(f) Aerial - Our planes were active throughout the day and one flight of 5 planes flew well over enemy territory without opposition from M.G. or A.A. guns. Several planes also appeared busy directing our artillery fire.

(g) Work and Wiring. - The recently captured positions have been consolidated and wiring commenced.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars.

Enemy posts at E.6.D. and E.12.A. were engaged by our 18 pdrs. and some good bursts were observed. The field batteries carried out harassing fire on known enemy tracks and communications during the period under review.

Counter battery shoots were carried out on hostile guns in vicinity of VIEUX BERQUIN and OUTERSTEENE, whilst our heavies engaged targets in F.26. and F.15. Approaches to both MERRIS and OUTERSTEENE were kept under fire.

At 4-30 p.m. 2 men were observed running in a South-west direction across F.27.B. Our heavies were shelling this position at the time. 26 rounds were fired by our H.T.s. on known enemy targets in E.12.C., E.17.B. and F.1.B.

(Firing table attached Division.)

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.1. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry. - On the left section front his activity remains confined to sniping and M.G. fire.

At 2-50 a.m. this morning enemy placed a barrage of all calibres up to 15 cms. on E.11.L, B. & C., under cover of which about 100 of the enemy moved forward and attempted to regain the posts in E.11.B. & D. which we captured on night 12th/13th instant.

The attack was completely repulsed, and in only one instance did the enemy get close to our positions. Our Lewis guns again proved their efficiency and in one case of a party of 10, evidently intent on

Infantry (Contd.)

capturing a Lewis gun, were all killed. Up to the present it has not been possible to estimate the number of enemy casualties but they were certainly heavy. As a result of this unsuccessful attack 9 Huns and two H.G.'s remain in our hands. Our casualties were very light.

(b) Artillery and Trench Mortars.

Enemy artillery has shown a slight increase in the last 24 hours. At 3 a.m. a very heavy area shoot, lasting 20 minutes, was carried out on E.6.C. & D. and E.11.A. & B. calibre used being 10 cm. and 15 cm. About 3-30 p.m., one E.A. flew low over W.28. and F.22. Immediately after returning to its own lines enemy artillery opened on W.23.B. and W.22.C. with 15 cm. and 10 cm. This fire was apparently searching for gun positions. The shelling continued until 10-45 p.m. being heaviest between 9-30 p.m. and 10-30 p.m. Vicinity of STRAZELE Station was intermittently shelled during morning (13th instant) with 10 cm. 7.7's.

Map showing principal areas shelled attached (Division).

Two enemy T.H.s. fired on left section from E.6.D.4.8. and E.6.D.9.8. Gun flashes as follows :-

3 p.m. 3 flashes 144 deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. in L.4.J. heavy calibre firing on right sector

3-55 p.m. 142 deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. in F.27.B. firing on NIEPPE FOREST.

4-40 p.m. 143 deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4. in F.27.D. 10 cm. firing on right section front.

(c) Aerial - During the day several low flying planes flew over the subsector, apparently trying to discover the situation after our attack on night 12th/13th instant.

At 5-30 p.m. one E.A. flew low over the subsector and immediately after returning enemy artillery fired on W.23.B. and W.22.C.

At 8-12 a.m. an enemy plane which appeared over our lines was driven back by our planes.

At 6-5 a.m. enemy balloon up on a grid bearing 152 degrees from W.28.B.1.2.

(d) Movement - Between 6-30 a.m. and 7-30 a.m. movement was observed in E.24.A. and D. This movement appeared to be carrying parties. Throughout the day individual movement has again been observed in F.21.C. especially at F.21.C.0.4. and F.21.C.6.0.

At 5-40 p.m. three men observed apparently mending telephone wires from E.27.D.5.6. and F.27.D.55.50.

(e) Defences -

(i) Posts - E.6.D.4.8.; E.6.B.6.6.; E.12.A.4.1.;

Snipers along row of trees from E.6.D.3.6. to E.6.D.30.95. Opposition was met at approx. E.11.D.7.4.

House at E.12.A.4.0. was approached to within 40 yards but nothing could be heard.

(ii) M.G.s. Very active during the night.

E.6.B.68.00., E.6.B.9.1., E.6.D.45.90, E.6.B.7.5., E.6.B.6.6., E.12.C.3.6.

Hedge from E.11.C.9.0. to E.11.D.7.2. is held by four M.G.s. located at E.11.D.70.35., E.11.D.5.1., E.11.D.3.1., E.11.C.95.00.

(iii) T.H.s. - E.6.D.4.8.; E.6.D.9.8. (previously reported)

(iv) Wire - None located.

(v) Work - E.12.C.4.5.

L.4.A.7.3. to L.4.A.8.2. camouflage erected.

L.11.D.0.1. to L.11.D.4.2. camouflage erected.

2. Miscellaneous - Several shells which burst into clusters of small stars high in the air behind enemy lines is believed to be message rockets.

A Red Cross Hospital situated about L.5.A.6.0.

Fires caused by our artillery at E.14.A.3.5. and one in vicinity of BIEU.

3. Identifications -

1st and 6th Coys. 205 B.I.R. 44th Res. Div.

Prisoners captured in E.11.E. and D. as result of unsuccessful enemy attack. These coys. apparently relieved elements of 5th and 7th Coys.

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4. Our Patrols (Contd.)

Three patrols left the 5th Battalion lines and information is included under Defences

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Captain,
Brigade Major,
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ANNEXE *-

The following are the captures by this Brigade in E.11.E. and D. :-

(a) Prisoners -

Night 12/13th	5 K 205 R.I.R.	53	
"	7 K 205 R.E.R.	14	47
Night 13/14th	1 K 205 R.I.R.	5	
"	6 K 205 R.I.R.	3	
"	7 K 205 R.I.R.	1	
			<u>9</u>
			<u>53</u>

(b) M.G.s.

Night 12/13th	0	
" 13/14th	2	<u>11</u>

(c) L.T.L.'s.

ight 12/13th	1	<u>1</u>
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Notes on enemy's positions captured in E.11.E. and D. :-

Enemy's general line of resistance ran from E.11.D.2.2. - E.11.D.5.9. - E.11.E.9.5. No attempt had been made to dig a continuous line, the line being solely a system of fortified shell holes. The shell holes were cleverly constructed and camouflaged in such a way as to avoid being located by either ground or aerial observation. The shell holes were dug about 6 feet 6 inches long, 4 feet wide and 3 feet deep, roofed with planks or iron and the earth dug out placed on top. Grassy sods were then laid over the earth. Sufficient room was left for a man to crawl out under the roof and stand against side of shell hole from which position M.G., rifle or bombs could be used.

Listening Posts usually dug 50 to 60 yards in advance of front posts were not covered and left as far as possible similar to shell holes.

He did not appear to move forward of his listening posts. Practically no wiring has been erected.

From 6 a.m. 14/6/18 to 6 a.m. 15/6/18.

HEADQUARTERS,
15th JUNE, 1918.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

I. Infantry.

(a) Patrols - Lateral patrols maintained communication with flank units.

5th Bn.: Night 13/14th :-

An endeavour was made by an N.C.C. and 3 men to obtain identification and to locate enemy about E.12.C.4.1. Patrol worked 50 yards either side of road running from E.11.D.4.4. to E.12.C.2.2. Strong opposition was met with from about E.11.D.7.4. and bombs were exchanged, but the N.C.C. in charge of the party clearly saw that the enemy post completely outnumbered his party, so he gave the order to retire. He was following up the rear himself and was last seen getting through a fence at E.11.D.7.3. and although several attempts have been made to find him they have been unsuccessful.

No Man's Land is reported in good condition.

Two special patrols were out covering the Right Company front until daylight and no enemy movement or anything unusual occurred.

A patrol proceeded along BECQUE to E.12.C.2.4. No enemy movement was observed, but a few unoccupied posts were encountered.

At 10 p.m. 3 enemy approached our post at E.11.D.3.4. and when challenged by our men attempted to run back to their own lines. All 3 men were killed and it was noticed that they were wearing full marching order and belonged to 2 K. 205 R.I.R. The fact that No. 1 K. was identified about this position yesterday appears to indicate that an inter-company relief was taking place.

6th Bn.

Snipers are again reported from the hedge about E.6.D.3.7.

Our Rifle Grenades were fired into those positions and it is believed that casualties were inflicted.

Southern side of road from E.6.B.2.C. to E.6.D.3.9. has wire about 3 feet high. M.Gs fired from E.6.D.35.05. and E.6.D.25.95. Phosphorous bombs were then thrown at these latter M.Gs and wire could be plainly seen in front of the posts. A L.G. was effective in silencing these M.Gs.

(b) M.G'S. Our Vickers guns expended 6,000 rounds on known enemy tracks in E.12.B. and D. and E.18.B.

1,100 rounds were also expended against hostile low flying planes.

Our Lewis Guns effectively silenced hostile M.Gs at E.6.D.35.95. and E.6.D.25.95.

Lewis Guns cooperated in the raid by the Right Brigade by bringing fire to bear on enemy occupied positions.

(c) Stokes Mortars - During the period under review 111 rounds were expended by our Stokes Guns in harassing fire and registration on enemy known positions in E.11.B. and D., at E.6.C.6.3., E.6.D.1.6., E.6.D.2.8., E.6.C.9.5., E.6.D.4.7. and E.6.D.4.9.

Good shooting was observed.

About 3 a.m. 20 rounds were expended on enemy positions in E.17.B. in support of raid by Right Brigade.

(d) Rifle grenades were freely used against enemy hedges opposite Left Company, Right Section.

Rifle grenades of Left Section effectively silenced a M.G. firing from E.6.B.6.1.

(e) Aerial. - Our aircraft showed considerable activity and frequently patrolled enemy lines.

(f) Work and wiring -

E. 6.B.7.0.

50 yds. apron wire erected.

The recently captured posts are being improved and wiring carried on.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars - At 2 a.m. about 60 rounds 6" and 9.2's with 106 fuzes were fired onto E.18.A. and B. and E.12.D. in order to harass any possible enemy concentration.

Artillery fire opposite the Right Section front was increased considerably throughout the night in order to harass the enemy.

Artillery and Trench Mortars (Contd.).

Suitable targets opposite the subsector were engaged both by field and heavy batteries.

65 Rounds were expended by our H.T.Ms on targets in E.12.A. and B. and F.1.B. and C.

At 5-30 p.m. as a result of our T.M. fire several of the enemy were dispersed at enemy posts at E.12.A.50.45.

Firing table attached (Division).

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.1. Hostile activity.

(a) Infantry. - Enemy remains alert and appears to be very noisy. M.Gs were active with indirect fire.

(b) Artillery and T.M's. - With the exception of a barrage placed in rear of front posts Right Section between 2-40 and 3-10 a.m. this morning enemy indulged in very little artillery fire. E.6.A. and C. were the only squares which received noticeable attention on the left Section front.

A counter battery shoot took place about 3-30 a.m. on batteries in W.19. and V.24.B. Shelling map attached (Division).

Hostile T.Ms. fired 40 rounds during the period under review on to front line posts and supports in E.C.A. and B. Guns could not be located.

Gun flashes observed as follows from W.29.B.6.4. :-

10-30 a.m. 143 deg. grid firing on right sector (approx. F.21.C.5.5.)

1-45 p.m. 142½ deg. grid firing on right sector (approx. F.27.B.4.4.)

5-15 p.m. 145 deg. grid.

(c) Aerial. - Between 4 and 6 a.m. this morning, one low flying plane flew over our right section forward area.

At 6 p.m. one plane over MERRIS STREET and Left Section H.Qrs.

At 11-30 a.m. one plane over our lines for about 10 minutes.

(d) Movement. - Considerable individual movement was observed in F.21.C. and many men entered and left the house situated at F.21.C.0.4. Aerial photo 4.E.1496, dated 11/6/18, shows considerable movement along the water course running South East and N.W. and the house mentioned is possibly a H.Qrs.

A party of the enemy in the vicinity of BLEU was dispersed by our artillery fire.

At 3-15 and 4-30 p.m. pigeons were observed to leave house at E.12.B.7.8. and fly in an easterly direction.

Movement was observed during the day at E.12.A., E.19.C., E.24. and F.26.

At 7-35 a.m. movement was observed at F.1.B. 7.3.

Men moving from the front to the rear used a track along BECQUE through E.13.B. and F.13.A. and were lost to view about E.13.A.9.1.

(c) Defences.

(i) Posts. - E.12.A.50.45., (enemy dispersed from this post by our M.T.Ms.)

Sniping from E.6.D.3.7. (previously reported) and E.6.D.1.3.

(ii) M.G'S. - E.6.D.35.95., E.6.D.25.95., (both wired), E.6.B.6.1. (possibly E.6.D.7.1. previously reported), E.12.A.5.5., E.12.C.4.7.

(iii) Wire. - Southern side of road from E.6.B.2.0. to E.6.D.8.9., three feet high.

2. Miscellaneous.

Yellow cluster flares appears to be the enemy signal for a barrage.

3. Identifications.

2 K. 205 R.I.R. (44th Res. Div.) 3 men killed about E.11.D.3.3.

Reports taken from dead forwarded herewith (Division).

1 K. 205 R.I.R. man wounded some days and discovered in a crop in E.11.D. was brought in this morning.

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Captain,
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2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

NOTE

Man of K. 205 R.I.R. after being out in a crop in E.11.D. at least two days was brought in making the total captures of this Brigade since 12/13th instant to 57. In Annex to Summary No. 10. of 14/6/18 amend No. of M.Gs. captured night 13/14th instant to 3, making a total of 12 M.Gs. captured since 12/13th instant.

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2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Intelligence Summary No. 12.

From 6 a.m. 15/6/18 to 6 a.m. 16/6/18.

HEADQUARTERS,
16th June 18.

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry

(a) Minor Enterprise - At 5-30 p.m. Lieut. MADDOX and 5 other ranks of 5th Battalion carried out a daylight raid on enemy post at E.17.B.75.95. As a result of this operation 12 prisoners were captured. They belonged to the 205 R.I.B.

(b) Patrols - Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication throughout the night.

5th Battalion - Patrols report considerable number of enemy dead in Han's Land, as a result of our recent attack and the enemy's counter attack. - Shell holes show evidence of the wounded - blood and pieces of field dressing.

3th Battalion - Patrols were out throughout the night working along the front, but no item of importance occurred.

No enemy movement was observed.

Snipers were active, but could not be located definitely.

(c) Machine guns - Our Lewis guns expended a number of rounds during the day, firing at enemy aircraft, and at night were active engaging enemy snipers and wiring parties in E.6.B. and D.

(d) Stokes Mortars - 22 rounds were expended in harassing fire on road in E.12.C. and on hedge in E.11.B.9.4.

House at F.1.A.1.5. was engaged with good results.

(e) Rifle grenades and snipers - Our Left section snipers claim 3 hits and were busy throughout the day.

Considerable number of Rifle grenades were fired into hedges in enemy country in E.12.A. and E.6.D.

(f) Aerial - Our planes showed a good deal of activity throughout the day; this activity was carried out during the night and a number of bombs were dropped in the enemy forward area.

Two of our planes were destroyed this morning; one about 4 a.m. came down in flames in direction of OUTERSTEENE the other in vicinity of STRAZELLE Station. It is thought that the latter plane received a direct hit from one of our heavies which were firing at the time.

(g) Wiring - E.6.B.5.1. 50 yards trip wire was erected in front of one of our posts.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars

Our artillery showed activity during the period under review. Good bursts were observed from our 18 pndrs. on enemy position at E.6.D.7.5. Harassing fire was carried out on known enemy tracks in use throughout the night.

Our counter batteries indulged in a good deal of shooting on enemy gun positions.

Houses at F.15.D.0.9. and F.21.C.0.4. were fired by our artillery at 4.10 p.m. and 7.15 p.m. respectively.

Our medium Trench Mortars expended 51 rounds on enemy positions opposite the Sector, Firing table attached (Division)

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. Hostile Activity

(a) Infantry - Left section report that enemy opposite were exceptionally quiet and that his H.G. fire and sniping was much less than usual.

Right Section report that enemy was alert by night, but apparently sleepy during day, as a number of them were captured by a small patrol in daylight.

(b) Artillery and Trench Mortars - Enemy shelling was much below normal during the period under review, positions receiving most attention being Squares E.11., where harassing fire was carried out, and E.2. where 2 counter battery shoots were indulged in at 4 a.m. and 5.30 a.m.

Shelling Map attached (Division)

Enemy trench mortars were inactive.

Gun Flashes were observed from W.29.E.6.4. :-
 9.15 a.m. 143 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. grid (approx L.4.C) 15 cm. firing on STRAZELLE-TRADELLES Road
 11.5 a.m. 136 deg. grid (Approx. F.22.C) 10 cm. How. firing on to Right Sector
 12.45 p.m. 146 deg. grid 10 cm. How. firing well back across NIEPPE Forest.
 1.15 p.m. 114 deg. grid (approx NOCTE BOON) firing on ST JANS CAPPEL.
 3.20 p.m. 145 deg. grid (approx F.27.A) 10 cm. firing direction NIEPPE Forest.
 8.10 p.m. 146 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. grid 2 heavy guns firing on HAZEBROUCK.

(c) Aerial - During the day, enemy planes crossed our lines on several occasions. They were all engaged by our A.A. guns and driven off.

At dawn today, a low flying plane was active over right section front posts.

2 hostile balloons were shot down yesterday afternoon, one by our shelling and the other by one of our planes.

An enemy balloon was also observed to break its moorings and drift away well towards the rear of enemy's lines.

Whilst two of our Stokes Mortars were firing at 3.50 a.m., enemy plane apparently spotted flashes and turned i.e. on them.

Balloons were up as follows :-

From W.20.B.1.2. - 144, 151, 140, 149 deg. grid.

From W.29.E.6.4. - 139, 133, 127, 142, and 120 deg. grid.

(d) Movement - A good deal of individual movement was observed in F.2.D. and F.3.D., F.14., F.20. and BLEU and the house at F.3.C.2.1. was entered.

Movement was observed at the earthworks F.20.B.4.3. and also in a N. direction along road to F.21.C.3.4.

At 5.25 a.m., 30 of enemy in F.19.A. were dispersed by our Artillery fire.

(e) Defences -

i. Posts - 2 posts have been dug on northern side of PLATE BECQUE but they have not yet been manned.

ii. T.R.'s - E.6.D.7.5.

iii. Wire - Firing party observed at E.6.D.1.5. and from E.6.B.6.0. to E.6.B.7.2. These parties were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire and Rifle grenades.

2. Miscellaneous.

Several balloons during the afternoon floated in an Easterly direction over the enemy's lines and leaflets dropped at intervals. According to watches on prisoners, enemy time is one hour ten minutes ahead of ours.

The enemy post at E.17.B.75.95. is similarly constructed to those observed on night 12/13th, and one man only at a time can crawl out through the narrow opening.

3. Identifications.

1 E, 205 R.I.R. man wounded and taken prisoner at E.11.D.7.4.

3 E, 205 R.I.R. prisoners captured at E.17.B.75.95.

Shoulder strap showing (132' herewith (Division)

This was found in E.11.D. on a man who had been dead some days.

Total prisoners captured since 12th inst - 70.

[Signature]
 Captain
 Bde. Major
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

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The 12 prisoners captured at E.17.B.75.95. were found asleep. They came into the front line on night 14/15th, one night earlier than they expected and state that the reason for this was the number of casualties recently inflicted upon them. They volunteered the information that the 5th and 7th Coys. had received very heavy casualties. (These were the Coys. encountered on night 12/13th) As soon as they get into the front posts, the Coy. Cdr. did not go near them, and left no instructions as to patrols, Listening posts etc. - therefore no posts were pushed forward. Their tour of duty in the front line is 4 days and reliefs usually arrive from about 1.2.44.

Intelligence Summary No 15

From 6 a.m. 16-6-18 to 6 a.m. 17-6-18

Headquarters
17th June 1918

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry

(a) Reliefs - Inter-battalion reliefs were carried out on the night 16/17th, 11th Battalion relieving 8th Battalion in the Left section (Line) and 12th Battalion relieving 6th Battalion in Support. Relief was completed without incident by 1.30 a.m.

(b) Patrols - Usual Liaison patrols maintained lateral Communication throughout the night.

5th Bn. - At 5 a.m. 16th, Lieut. DAVIS and 5 Other Ranks left our lines from E.11.B.9.3. to locate new enemy works from about E.12.A.3.0. N. to Railway. Three enemy were killed by our patrol in an encounter which took place and unfortunately Lieut. DAVIS was wounded. One of the men remained with him in a shell hole and although patrols operated throughout the night endeavouring to get both in, attempts were unsuccessful.

(16th/17th) Patrols were out during the hours of darkness opposite Right Coy. front and although Movement was heard in enemy's lines, it could not be located.

8th Bn. - At 4.30 p.m., 2 men crawled from E.6.C.6.7. and entered an old unoccupied trench in NO MANS LAND. No movement was observed. A number of letters were found (forwarded to Division)

11th Bn. - After relief had been completed, little time was left for patrolling, but protective patrols were out covering relief.

(c) Machine Guns - Enemy known positions and tracks were engaged by our Lewis guns, who were also active against low flying aircraft.

(d) Stokes Mortars - 53 rounds harassing fire were expended by our Stokes mortars against hedge at E.11.B.9.4., house and M.G. at E.6.C.6.3., M.G.'s at E.6.D.2.8. and E.6.C.9.5.

(e) Snipers - 2 hits are claimed by Left Section during the day.

(f) Aerial - Our planes were abnormally active throughout the day and night. At 1.30 p.m., one of our planes flew low along the enemy's lines and fired M.S.G. into posts in E.6.D.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars.

Our Artillery maintained its activity during the day. 18 pndrs. fired on his Support line in F.1.C., at about 5 p.m. and good bursts were observed.

Heavies fired on houses in E.12.B. and indulged in counter battery shoots on enemy positions in the vicinity of CUTTERSTEENE.

Roads and tracks in F.20., F.14.D., F.21.C., F.27.A. were subjected to bursts of harassing fire throughout the day.

4 explosions were observed as a result of our heavies firing; F.21.A.1.5., F.21.C.6.0. and F.15.C.8.5.

90 rounds were expended by our M.T.M.'s on various roads and trenches opposite the sub-sector.

Firing table attached (Division)

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry - Right section report that the enemy was keenly alert throughout the day. As usual he fired his M.G.'s on the least opportunity.

(b) Artillery and Trench Mortars - There was noticeable decrease in Artillery fire, the only position receiving any attention being STRAZELLE Station and vicinity thereof. Shelling Map attached (Division) Trench Mortars were inactive.

Gun flashes observed as follows :-

From W.29.B.6.4. -

9.12 a.m. 141½ deg. grid (5 guns firing on Right sector) approx. F.21.C.

9.32 a.m. 143½ deg. grid (firing on STRAZELLE Station) approx. F.27.D.

(c) Aerial - An enemy plane flew over STRAZELLE in a W. direction at 9.30 p.m.

E.A. showed activity during the day, but owing to the abnormal activity of our planes, hostile planes did not venture into our country.

Balloons were up as follows :-

130, 148, 116, 127½, 141, 157 deg. (133 deg. approx L.6.C.8.7.) grid from W.29.B.6.4.

Aerial (contd)

All enemy balloons remained up throughout the day. This is unusual as the majority descend during the afternoon.

(d) Movement - At 8.20 a.m., 20 men, in parties of 4, moved along road in F.26.B.

Working parties and movement observed in F.19., F.25., BLEU, F.20. and F.30.

Movement observed in enemy support line in F.1.C. throughout the day. 2 men moved across E.12.B. in a N.W. direction towards house at E.12.B. 1.3. Our snipers wounded one of these men.

(c) Defences -

Posts - E.12.A.3.1. Snipers active from F.1.A.05.65. (Sh.36A N.E. Ed. 7A Local)

N.C.'s - F.1.A.05.65. (Sh.36A N.E. Ed. 7A Local) E.12.C.45.95.

O.P.'s - An O.P. is located at F.1.C.4.7. The O.P. is built behind screen of bushes, and Observer was picked up by sun shining on glass of binoculars.

Work - Large working party in vicinity of BRACKEN FARM (F.19.C.4.1.) was dispersed by our artillery.

2. Miscellaneous

Various papers were found in MONT DE MERRIS in the present NO MANS LAND, showing 23 R.I.R., 15th Res. Division.

W. D. Dickinson Captain
for Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

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Reference Brigade Summary No 12 (Minor Enterprise), further details as follows -

When Lieut. MADDOX and party arrived at E.12.C.0.2. they were fired on by enemy sentries from a nest of posts. The officer and 2 men immediately rushed the posts, leaving 2 men to cover them. The sentries immediately surrendered and it was observed that the post consisted of a series of small holes occupied by 2 or 3 men in well concealed shelters. The two men in rear rushed up and each man selected a post; occupants were asleep and willingly surrendered excepting two N.C.Os who caused a little trouble, but these two decided that discretion was better than valour and so surrendered. No difficulty was experienced in bringing prisoners back to our lines, after an arrangement (a few revolver shots aimed at the ground) had been put into execution. Lewis guns were ready to cover the flanks, but no assistance from them was required by our patrol.

Air photo taken on 15th inst. shows one of our recently established posts at E.11.D.45.38. and not at E.11.D.40.30.

The hedge running South from near the junction roads at E.11.D.35.40 is incorrectly placed in some maps and should be 60 yards from junction.

Intelligence Summary No 1

From 6 a.m. 27-6-18 to 6 a.m. 28-6-18

HEADQUARTERS

28th June 1918

A. OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry -

(a) Reliefs - 7th Bn. relieved the 2nd Bn. on the Left section, and 8th Bn. relieved the 3rd Bn. on the Right section, of the Left sub-sector. (line)

The 5th and 6th Bns. respectively relieved the support and Reserve Bns. All reliefs were successfully carried out by 12.30 a.m. (line)

(b) Patrols - Liaison patrols maintained lateral Communication throughout the night and protective patrols covered the reliefs. The whole sub-sector front was patrolled and although NO MAINS LAND was penetrated to a considerable distance, touch with the enemy was not gained.

Enemy shell hole positions at X.26.A.0.5. were examined and found unoccupied. Listening Posts at X.25.D.9.7. were also found empty, with the exception of one which contained a few bombs.

At 4 p.m. 27th inst. a patrol of 1 officer and 5 O'R of 3rd Bn. endeavoured to obtain identifications. Enemy post at X.25.C.6.0. was approached to within 40 yards but observers were apparently alerted as M.G. and Rifle fire was directed on to our patrol. It was deemed advisable to return, so this was done and a L.G. played on to enemy post with good results.

(c) Machine guns - 3,000 rounds were expended by our Vickers guns on known enemy tracks and occupied trenches in harassing fire. The A.A. guns also expended 2,300 rounds at E.A.

On completion of relief our Lewis Guns tested by firing occasionally on enemy positions.

(d) Stokes Mortars - Owing to the relief, our Stokes Mortars did no fire.

(e) Aerial - Our aircraft maintained their usual activity and frequently crossed enemy lines in both large and small formations. At 4.15 a.m. 27th inst., 2 of our planes brought down an enemy low flying plane in X.26.C.

At 3.45 p.m. enemy plane crashed in direction of BAILLEUL.

At 5 a.m. 28th inst. our fighting squadrons drove off 2 E.A. which were patrolling our front.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars.

Our Field batteries were active on enemy forward posts in F.L.A. throughout the day and harassing fire was placed on enemy Communications and occupied positions.

Our heavies shelled METEREN, MERRIS and OUTERSTEENE at various intervals throughout the day.

At 6 a.m. this morning our artillery co-operated in connection with operation on the right.

Our counter batteries successfully dealt with enemy batteries causing trouble in W.30.A. and B. about 1 a.m.

Our Medium T.M's actively engaged enemy M.G. positions and roads opposite the sub-sector and 120 rounds were expended.

Firing table attached (Division)

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.1. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry - Enemy remains very alert throughout the day and night, frequently using his M.G's and the Right section report the use of very many flares.

He did not appear to be at all aggressive.

(b) Artillery and Trench Mortars - With the exception of light barrages in X.19., X.20. and W.30., shelling throughout the period under review has been light. The light barrage placed on W.30.A and B. between 12.15 and 1.30 a.m. appeared to be a box barrage.

Enemy replied on the forward system about 5 minutes after our barrage commenced at 6 a.m. this morning.

Map showing principal areas shelled attached. (Division)

Enemy T.M's showed slight activity only, X.25.D. receiving a few rounds.

Artillery and T.M's (contd)

Gun flashes as follows -

At L.16.C.03.30., L.22.A.20.99. and at 113 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. grid from W.30.D.2.2.

(c) Aerial - E.A. were more in evidence than usual and frequently patrolled our lines. 2 enemy planes were brought down, one in X.26.C. at 4.15 a.m. 27th inst. and the other in flames in the direction of BAILLEUL at 3.45 p.m. Both these machines were brought down by our planes.

One balloon only was observed during the day and this was up for 25 minutes on a grid bearing of 109 deg. from W.30.D.2.2.

(d) Movement - Very little movement was observed throughout the day. One Hun only being seen at 7.5 a.m. on road in F.3.A.

(e) Defences - Unoccupied Listening posts were found at X.26.A.6.5. and X.25.D.9.7. Bombs were found at latter position.

M.G's fired from F.1.A.5.6. and F.1.A.5.4. whilst M.G's in F.1.A. and C. were active throughout the night.

Work was in progress at F.1.A.2.2.

(f) Miscellaneous - Some distance to the left of our sub-sector double red flares went up without any apparent action by the enemy.

It is quite evident that golden cluster flares are the signal for a barrage, for these were answered by enemy artillery at 6.5 a.m. this morning.

2. Identifications

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[Signature]
 Captain
 Brigade Major
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

ANNEXE.

The following articles are required in accordance with Divisional Summaries previously issued :-

GERMAN CLOCKWORK FUZE. Specimens of the German clockwork fuze 'Dopp.Z.I.C' are urgently required. Specimens, both fired and unfired, should be forwarded to ~~SV Corps General Staff Intelligence~~ ^{Intelligence}

This fuze, which is used with 15 cm. and 24 cm. Naval guns, is chiefly used against balloons. It has a brass body with steel cap and steel housing.

Specimens of the undermentioned German articles for technical examination :-

(a) Gas mask with Collinoid mouthpiece clamped on to the base in the baseplate of the mask.

(b) Necktie or steak (this is made of grey material and is worn round the neck to prevent the jacket chaffing the skin)

(c) Machine gun belts.

Specimens of the above articles when captured will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

Intelligence Summary No 2

from 6 a.m. 28-6-18 to 6 a.m. 29-6-18

HEADQUARTERS

29th June 1918

A. OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry.

(a) Patrols - Usual Liaison patrols were maintained with Flanking units throughout the hours of darkness.
7th En. - Old dugouts at X.26.A.0.6. and X.26.A.4.5. were examined and found unoccupied.

Working party was heard behind trees from X.26.A.9.4. to X.26.B.3.5. On our 10 pndr. shrapnel bursting in vicinity of party, work ceased. Sniping also came from these trees.

Although patrols visited ruined houses at X.26.B. Central, enemy could not be located.

8th En. - A patrol penetrated as far as F.1.A.8.7. and attempted to capture an enemy patrol which had been reported. The hostile patrol however hurriedly returned to his own line s.

Patrols reported that hostile M.G.'s were much quieter than on the previous night.

(b) Machine guns - 2,000 rounds were fired by our Vickers gun in co-operation with minor operation by Right Brigade, fire being brought to bear on road at F.2.B.6.3. and bridge at F.2.B.7.2.

During the night, harassing fire was carried out on known enemy tracks and support trenches, 3,000 rounds being expended.

500 rounds were also used against E.A.

Lewis guns of Right section also gave covering fire to Left section of Right Brigade in their minor operation.

(c) Stokes Mortars - 20 rounds were expended on enemy posts in X.26.A. and good bursts were observed.

(d) Rifle grenades and snipers - Enemy snipers at X.25.C.8.0. were engaged by Rifle grenadiers of Right section.

During the operation at 6 a.m. 28th inst. our snipers had a few opportunities and one hit resulted.

(e) Aerial - Both our Scouting and Observation planes were particularly active right throughout the day, and frequently penetrated over enemy country.

At intervals during the afternoon, the absence of enemy A.A. M.G. fire was very marked.

(f) Wiring - X.26.A.5.5. 125 yards French wire erected

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars

Our artillery has been abnormally active during the period under review, shoots being carried out at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. in support of operations by Right Brigade. Good shooting was observed by our 10 pndrs. on buildings in X.26.B. & D. whilst our heavies carried out effective destructive shoots on to MERRIS.

150 rounds were expended by our Medium Trench Mortars in harassing fire on known enemy posts, M.G. positions and houses.

Firing table attached (Division)

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.1. Hostile Activity.

(a) Infantry - Enemy remains nervous and the Right flank posts of the Right section report that the enemy ^{retreated} very hurriedly before our attacking parties got near them. He therefore continues to be alert and inoffensive.

(b) Artillery and Trench Mortars - Enemy artillery showed a considerable increase during the period under review, undoubtedly the result of our operations. He was rather slow in putting down his barrages which had been asked for by his Infantry.

Our batteries in vicinity of PRADELLES were heavily shelled from 6.30 pm. onwards.

As a result of enemy artillery, fires were caused at X.15.A.1.0. and X.19.A.9.9. at 8.30 and 9.30 a.m. respectively.

Map showing principal areas shelled attached (Division)

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Artillery and Trench Mortars (contd)

Gun flashes observed as follows :-

120 deg. grid from W.29.B.6.4.

122 deg. grid from W.30.A.2.1.

120 deg. grid from W.30.C.6.3.

121 deg. grid from W.30.C.6.3.

5.30 p.m. 128 deg. grid from W.23.A.7.5. 6 rounds fired on to Right section from about F.9.D. This appeared to be a How. and on a Railway. Enemy trench Mortar at F.1.B.6.5. showed slight activity throughout the day on Right section front.

(c) Aerial - At 7.10 a.m. E.A. dropped 2 bombs on W.22.D.9.9. when flying at a very low altitude. At intervals throughout the day, he patrolled his forward positions, but owing to the abnormal activity of our planes, he was unable to penetrate our lines.

He did not appear anxious to get in touch with our aircraft.

1 balloon up grid bearing 134 deg. from W.30.C.6.3.

(d) Movement - Slight movement which was engaged by Lewis guns, was seen at F.1.A.5.6.

On two occasions (6.23 and 8 p.m.) men were seen walking along road F.3.C.22.35. and disappeared in trench F.3.C.5.9.

(e) Defences - i. Posts. Located at F.1.A.1.3.

Sniping from hedge from X.26.A.9.4. to X.26.B.3.5. and also from X.25.C.8.0.

Ruined houses at X.26.B. Central unoccupied.

ii. M.G's - F.1.A.1.3. (in post), X.25.D.8.3., X.21.Cent., this latter gun fires on X.20.C.8.5.

iii. T.M's - F.1.B.6.5.

iv. Wiring - Right section report that no wiring has been heard opposite their front nor has any wire been located by patrols.

v. Work - Work was being carried on from X.26.A.9.4. to X.26.B.3.5.

2. Miscellaneous.

Yellow cluster flares were again used at 6 p.m. to bring down artillery barrage.

Double red flares were also put up at the same time.

At 12.20 p.m. smoke rose from ruins about X.26.B.5.3.

3. Identifications.

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W. P. Richardson Lt
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Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

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From 6 a.m. 29-6-18 to 6 a.m. 30-6-18

HEADQUARTERS

30th June 1918

OUR OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry -

(a) Minor Enterprises - At about 12 midnight our Right Section advanced portion of their line to an average depth of 300 yards. Little opposition was met with in the shape of M.G. fire, whilst positions were being consolidated, new posts have now been dug at F.1.A.8.8, F.1.A.8.8, and X.25.D.3.3. Our casualties were light.

(b) Patrols - Usual Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication during the hours of darkness.

7th Bn. - NO MAN'S LAND in X.26.A. was clear of the enemy up to edge of copse at X.26.A.8.5., but a working party was heard in the copse at about X.26.A.8.4. A patrol engaged this working party and enemy replied with heavy M.G. fire. Enemy was heard in posts at X.26.A.7.4, and X.23.A.8.3, and a limber hurriedly moved easterly along road about X.26. Central.

METEREN BECQUE was patrolled from X.20.D.5.2. to X.26.B.8.8. and an enemy L.P. of 2 men was observed at X.26.B.9.8. Shots were fired at this L.P. and the 2 men immediately ran back to a S.P. 70 yards in rear. Patrol then worked along the creek until opposite the S.P. into which 8 Mills grenades were thrown. Heavy M.G. fire then compelled our patrol to return to our lines.

8th Bn. - A patrol was sniped at from an enemy post at X.26.C.2.6, and working could be heard slightly N.E. of this position. A L.G. was later taken out by this patrol and 3 drums fired into the working party. At 4.30 p.m. 29th inst., Sgt. SHEPPARD crawled through crop and located an enemy L.P. of 2 men at about F.1.A.9.8. The Sgt. attempted to bring in 1 man, but he refused, so was promptly shot. The other occupant who had just awakened was also shot. Owing to the proximity of another enemy post at F.1.A.7.7., Sgt. SHEPPARD found it necessary to return to our lines quickly.

Considerable movement was noticed in a trench at about F.1.A.5.3, and a M.G. fired from near this position.

(c) Machine guns - Harassing fire was carried out during the night by our Vickers guns on known enemy centres of activity at :- X.26.D.3.6., F.2.B.45.20.-F.2.B.7.1., X.26.B.5.5.-X.26.D.8.8., F.2.D.3.8., X.26.D.3.8.-X.26.D.5.8. and F.2.B.4.2.-F.2.B.60.05., 7,000 rounds SAA being expended.

(d) Stokes Mortars - 35 rounds were expended on M.G. positions at X.25.D.4.4. and X.25.D.8.3. (both temporarily silenced), and on suspected working party at X.26.A.9.4. good bursts being observed.

(e) Rifle grenades and snipers - A considerable number of grenades were fired on enemy posts and M.G. positions throughout the period under review. The No 36 Rifle grenades are being used to good advantage right along the Sub-sector front. Snipers of Right section claim 5 hits, whilst Left section report that enemy was careful and did not give snipers any opportunities.

(f) Aerial - During the day, our Fighting and Reconnaissance machines showed considerable activity, and frequently crossed enemy lines - At night bombing planes were also active, well over enemy lines. One R.E.8 was brought down in flames by A.A. guns near BLEU.

(g) Wiring - W.24.B.9.5. 150 yards double apron erected
X.25.D.7.8. 50 " do do
X.25.D.9.9. 40 " concertina erected

Existing belts in front of Left section posts were also strengthened. Posts are continually being strengthened and lengthened.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars.

Our artillery maintained considerable activity throughout the period under review.

18 pndrs. burst shrapnel well over road from X.26.D.5.0. to X.26.B.1.5. Heavies firing from direction of HAZEBROUCK set alight a dump in about F.2.D. at 8.45 p.m. METEREN, MERRIS and VIEUX BERQUIN were heavily shelled.

90 rounds were fired by our Medium Trench Mortars on to positions at E.6.D.9.9., F.1.A.8.3., F.1.B.6.1. and F.1.B.8.8.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

1. Hostile activity.

(a) Infantry - Enemy H.G.'s have shown a marked increase on the Left Section front :- This applies also to the sniping all of which comes from the Northern side of the LETEREN BECQUE in X.21., (this position dominates our Left section forward area) Right Section report the use of many flares, his attitude being that of alertness.

Hostile Light Trench Mortars were in action for the first time on Left Section front.

(b) Artillery and Trench Mortars - Enemy artillery showed a considerable decrease over the period previous 24 hours, and no area in particular received special attention. Shelling map attached (Division)

Gun flashes as follows :-

8.20 p.m. 130 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. grid (approx. F.15.C.) from W.23.A.7.5. 10 am. firing on Right rigade section.

Our Right section report enemy Mortars very active on Right Sub-sector front from 6 to 9.30 p.m.

About 25 rounds Granatenwerfer bombs fell in rear of Left section posts.

(c) Aerial - Enemy planes were considerably more active than has been the case for some days. Between 4.30 and 5 p.m. two E.A. patrolled the area from front line to STRAZELLE - these were apparently photography flights as the planes flew regardless of I.G. and A.A. gun fire. At 8.20 p.m. and 9.10 p.m. 2 E.A. again patrolled the front. At 4.15 a.m. 1 plane flew well over our forward and Reserve systems at 5,000 feet.

Balloons were up on the following grid bearings from W.23.A.7.5. - 104, 111, 112, 130 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 147 degrees.

From W.30.A.10.25. - 129 deg.

(d) Movement - Enemy is particularly careful still as regards his movements, and only 1 small party of men was seen at F.1.A.9.7.

Trains were observed as follows :-

3.27 p.m. left ARLENTIERES travelling S.W.

7.53 p.m. 141 deg. grid from W.23.A.7.5. travelling S.W.

8.26 p.m. 130 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. do do do

(e) Defences - i. Posts - X.26.A.5.2. (approx) X.26.A.8.4., X.26.A.7.4., X.25.A.8.3., X.26.B.9.B. (L.P.) X.27.A.0.9. and X.26.C.2.6.

Snipers posts at about F.1.A.5.5.

ii. H.G.'s - X.26.A.5.2., X.26.A.8.4., X.27.A.0.9., X.26.C.2.6., X.25.D.0.3., reported at approx F.1.A.6.4. and F.1.A.5.5.

iii. T.L.'s - F.1.C.5.9., B.1.B.5.3., 3 Granatenwerfers from approx. X.27.A.5.6. (see air photo 1767 27/6/18 track leading to a position at X.27.A.61.65.)

iv. Work - Work was again carried on at X.26.A.8.4. A post at X.26.Central is being carried on.

v. Wire - Strong wire at X.26.C.7.9. (see air photo 1769 (27-6-18) post at X.26.C.8.9. apparently wired)

Wire from F.1.A.8.7. to F.1.A.5.5.

Left section report that no wiring appears to be done opposite their front.

2. Miscellaneous.

A large Red cross flag observed flying on a bearing of 136 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. grid from W.23.A.7.5. (approx. at road junction in F.21.B.) Red cross flags also flew on following grid bearings from W.23.A.7.5. - 141 $\frac{1}{2}$ (approx L.11.D.) 142, 141 $\frac{1}{2}$, 129 $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees.

Balloons remained up throughout the afternoon. This is unusual. On our artillery opening fire at 2.30 a.m. to the south of our Sector, enemy put up flares bursting into two greens.

Both sections report that no noticeable action followed the firing of golden cluster flares.

It is thought that enemy H.G.'s which place Indirect fire on squares W.24. and 30, X.25 and 19., fire from F.2.D., F.2.C., F.1.D., F.7.B.

3. Identifications.

Nil.

[Signature]
Captain
Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

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Intelligence Summary No 4

from 6 a.m. 30-6-18 to 6 a.m. 1st July 1918

HEADQUARTERS
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
1st July 1918

A. OUR OPERATIONS.

1. Infantry

(a) Patrols - Flanking patrols as usual maintained lateral communication throughout the hours of darkness.

7th Bn. - Rifle grenades were fired into enemy positions about X.26.A.8.4. and the first bomb was observed to be effective as cries of pain were distinctly heard. Patrol was sniped at from X.26.A.9.4. Movement was heard in the cove at X.26.A.9.4. and in vicinity thereof. Enemy post in vicinity of X.26. Central was bombed and direct hits obtained.

An enemy patrol of about 8 men was observed at about X.26.C.6.5. and they did not make any attempt to go into NO MAN'S LAND. Our patrol was too small to attempt to capture this hostile party, particularly as they remained well within their lines.

Between 4.30 and 5 a.m. (30th inst) two officers moved along the road from X.26.A.3.5. to X.26. Central and located enemy posts with M.G.'s at X.26.A.9.3. and X.26.A.9.1. A telephone wire running between two posts was cut, but hostile fire forced the Officers to return.

8th Bn. - Patrol left from X.25.D.9.9. and penetrated about 200 yards into NO MANS LAND without encountering the enemy, but rifle fire came from direction of X.25.D.8.3.

A patrol observed a working party wiring and digging at position F.1.A.5.5., but not so much movement was observed last night as was reported the previous night. (In Summary No 3). The 3 M.G.'s were again active from this position.

(b) Machine guns - Continuous harassing fire was carried out by our Vickers guns on enemy targets at F.2.B.45.25., F.2.D.30.35., X.26.D.45.85., X.27.D.20.70., X.26.A.9.4. and X.26.D.35.50., 5,000 rounds being expended. 750 rounds were also fired against low flying hostile planes.

A working party at F.1.A.5.5. was engaged by our Lewis Guns, but results could not be observed.

Lewis guns were also active against aircraft throughout the 24 hours. (c) Stokes Mortars - 45 rounds were expended against M.G. positions at X.25.D.4.4., X.25.D.8.3., and enemy post at X.26.A.9.4. Good detonations were observed.

(d) Rifle grenades and snipers - Rifle grenades were used with good effect against enemy post at X.26.A.8.4. and also into position at X.25.D.8.3.

Once again, no opportunities were given to our Left section, but the Right Company, right section claim 2 casualties.

(e) Aerial - Both sections report that our planes frequently flew over enemy territory without being engaged by hostile defences. With the exception of about 1 hour in the morning, our planes maintained their usual activity.

At 11.10 a.m. 1 plane was forced to land about F.7.A.

(f) Wiring - W.24.B.9.5., 130 yards apron wire erected.

X.20.D.2.0., 40 " concertina wire erected

X.26.A.2.2., 50 " " "

X.25.D.9.9., 70 " " and trip wire erected.

Improvement of recently advanced positions has been carried on.

2. Artillery and Trench Mortars.

Our artillery continues to harass the enemy and at 12.30 p.m. a very heavy area shoot was placed on OUTERSTEENE.

Counter Battery work was also freely indulged in, 18 pndr. shrapnel burst well over Cross roads F.1.A.6.3. and harassing bursts H.E. and Shrapnel were fired on roads in X.26.D. and F.2.B. and D.

A direct hit was observed on building at F.9.C.4.1. at 3.5 p.m.

4.5 Hows. were requested to fire on T.M. positions in X.27.A. and X.20.D. at 2 a.m. The T.M.'s were effectively silenced by 2.30 a.m.

A fire was caused by our artillery on a grid bearing of 129 Gg. from W.29.B.6.4.

Artillery and Trench Mortars (continued)

At 6.30 p.m. a dump was fired at F.9.A.4.5.

110 rounds were fired by our M.T.s on two positions in F.1.A,B, and C., consisting mostly of harassing fire on known centres of activity.

B. ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.1. Hostile activity.(a) Infantry

All along our front enemy remains keenly alert and fires many flares. The right section think that enemy attempted to gain the upper hand in sniping yesterday as he was particularly active.

A patrol was observed by the left section but this party was not at all venturesome.

The right Company of our right section are of opinion that a relief took place opposite them last night.

M.Ws and G.Ws have most certainly increased their activity during the past 48 hours, and last night at least 4 were very troublesome; - two opposite each section.

(b). Artillery and Trench Mortars.

Enemy Artillery were slightly more active than during the previous 24 hours, but it cannot yet be classified as above normal.

X.19. and 20 were the squares which received most attention with the exception of a light concentrated shoot on CASSTRE.

Map showing areas shelled attached (Division).

Gun-flash observed at 1.45 p.m. 128 $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees grid from W.23.A.7.5.

One 15 c.m. gun (approx. F.9.A.4.3.) fired on right section.

Trench Mortars again showed activity on left section front, and the bombs fell mostly in X.20.D. Our artillery fire effectively silenced mortars.

The right section report that a G.W. which could not be located fired at irregular intervals in conjunction with his rifle grenades (shrapnel effect).

(c). Aerial

It has been the practice the last two days for E.A. to be very active at dawn and dusk.

Low flying planes coming from direction of beyond MERRIS have on several occasions flown towards STRAZELLE and returned in same direction.

One enemy plane was brought down near FLETRE at 1.15 p.m.

One balloon is reported to have been brought down in flames by our air-craft at 11.15 a.m.

Balloons were up on following grid bearings:-

From X.19.D.9.9. 124, 140, 144 degrees

From W.29.B.4.5. 102, 107, 115, 129, and 130 degrees.

From W.23.A.7.5. 119, 131, 115, 113, 111 and 136 degrees.

(d). Movement.

Talking and movement was heard at X.26.B.9.9.

At 7.10 a.m. and at 9 a.m. one man on each occasion was seen moving along track from F.2.D.6.3. to F.2.D.9.1. and from F.3.C.2.3. to F.3.C.4.8. respectively.

(e). Defences.

(i) Posts. - X.26.A.9.1., X.26.A.9.3.%, X.26.A.8.4.%, F.1.A.4.5., F.1.A.7.6., F.1.A.9.9. (L.P.).

Sniper at X.25.D.8.E.

(ii) M.G.s - X.26.A.9.1., X.26.A.9.3.%, F.1.A.9.9., X.26.C.2.6. (possibly sniper).

(iii) T.L.s. - X.27.A. central%, X.21.B.5.4., F.1.C.5.9.%, F.1.B.9.3., F.1.A.9.2.

(iv). Work.

X.26.A.8.4. (our first night in this sector, the vicinity was reported unoccupied, but during the past three nights this place has been the centre of activity). F.1.A.9.2.

Digging and wiring in front of position at F.1.A.5.5.

% Previously reported.

2. Miscellaneous.

At 9.30 p.m. lamp signalling from STEENWERCK Church.

The enemy artillery barrage line on our front appears to be on the following general line - X.20.A.8.2. - X.25.B.8.8. -

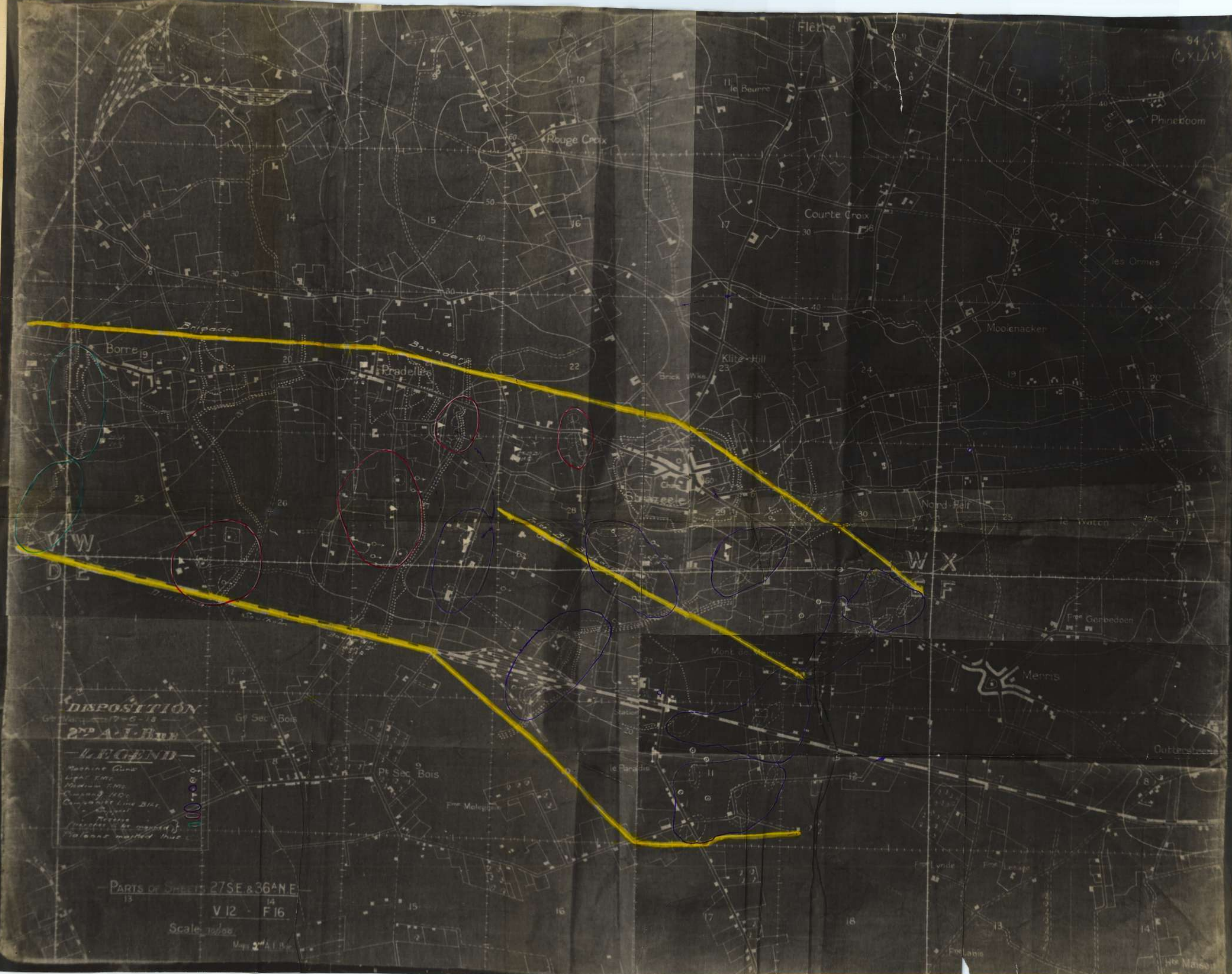
Miscellaneous (Contd)

X.25.A.8.1. - W.30.D.6.9. - W.30.C.5.3. , shelling being particularly heavy between the first two and last two locations.

3. Identifications.

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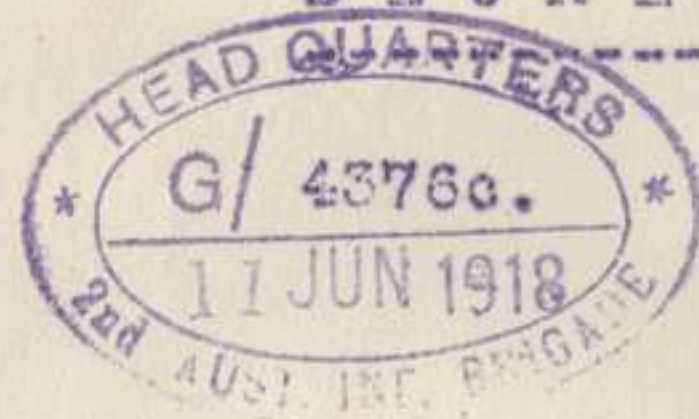
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 2nd A.I. Div
LEGEND
 Machine Gun
 Light T.M.
 Medium T.M.
 Company HQ
 Company Line Bk
 Platoon
 Section
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 Platoon marked line

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In all cases for "Line Brigade" read - "Right Brigade",
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W.M. [Signature]
Captain,
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