

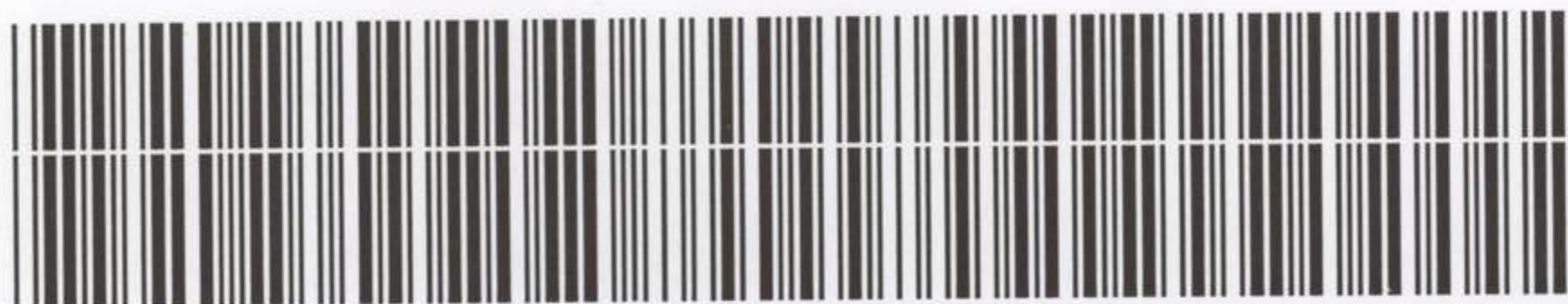
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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO 577
By Lieut-Col A.R. HERON, D.C.O.
Commanding 41st Battalion A.I.F.

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HEADQUARTERS.

26th MAY 1918.

TAKEN ON
STRENGTH.

1. The following man discharged from Hospital is taken on strength dated 24.5.1918.
766 Pte WOODS, C.S.

STRUCK OFF
STRENGTH

2. The following men killed in action are struck off strength dated 26.5.1918.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 678 Pte BYRNES, A.H. | 3257 Pte ARCHBOLD, W.J. |
| The following men wounded in action are struck off strength dated 26.5.1918. | |
| 762 L/Cpl WILLIAMSON, E.H. | 2099 Pte JAMES, W. |
| 912 Pte WAYMAN, H.G. | 159 L/Cpl DONALDSON, A.C. |
| 604 " EAST, G.T. | 2627 L/Cpl NUTTALL, P.F. |
| 2327 " HARDY, W.J. | 2889a Pte BOURNE, R.C. |
| 644 " FREEMAN, G. | 31 " KIRKMAN, H.G. |

Signed R.F. DICKERING Captain.
Adjutant 41st Battalion A.I.F.

B R O 577 Part II.

A.I.F. List
333 of
31.5.1918.

To be Lieutenant.
2/S. L. ROBINSON..... Dated 25.4.1918.

Signed R.F. PICKERING Captain.
Adjutant 41st Battalion A.I.F.



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Intelligence Summary up to 8a on 26-5-18.
Ops Operations.

Artillery. Maintained a harassing fire on
 enemy F.L. and back areas, counter-
 position to hostile gas bombardment very
 heavy.

T.M.S. Between 12 mid. and 2a on our T.M.S. fired
 about 40 rounds on new earth near MONUMENT
 WOOD and RAILWAY with good effect.

Sappers No. 1's alarmed.

Patrols Two patrols operated. Right Patrol
 report enemy firing Very Lights and 3
 rifle grenades from a post 20' N of the track.
 Left Patrol report sounds indicating
 hostile working party N of MONUMENT Digging
 in line. MONUMENT 11-11

Enemy Operations.

Artillery. Between 7-45 pm and 11-15 pm a heavy
 gas concentration was put down on O33 and
 O34, U3 and U4, coming from direction of
 HAMEL. A large percentage of the gas was
 Yellow Cross.

At 3a on enemy recommenced gas shell
 bombardment of our positions on O33 and 34.

U3 and U4
M.G.s Inactive. One seen located 1.2.1.1.1.



General New work showing on Snoring P.L.
Rifle Grenades on both sides active

EB Freeman ~~AK~~
A/1/1/0

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

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

TO { V U O O

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

Table with 4 columns: Continuation, gas, shelling, AAA. Rows contain handwritten notes like '27, 28', 'line', 'shelling', '1/2', 'mass', 'being', 'find'.

From, Place, Time

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. (11.50.) Wt. W 4921. 1647. 65,000 Pads. 5/17. H.W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)



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

TO { VUDO

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <u>MM170</u>	<u>26</u>		

about aerial activity AAA
 hostile shelling as per
 AAA observations - this morning
 up at 140 - 153 + 156 TB from
 0900-35 later pulled down
 AAA observations seen at
 10.30am at UoC 54 & 11.40
 further movement at same
 place AAA signs of work
 last night at UoC 3550.

From Acrid
 Place
 Time 3pm

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 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.
 11160.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 65,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

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

TO { VUDO

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <u>MM170</u>	<u>26</u>		

<u>Enemy</u>	<u>gas</u>	<u>shelling</u>	
<u>obs</u>	<u>seen</u>	<u>ceased</u>	
<u>12</u>	<u>morning</u>		

From [Signature]
 Place
 Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]
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* This line should be erased if not required.
 11160.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 65,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ld. (E. 1187.)

APPENDIX 24

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HEADQUARTERS.

27th MAY 1918.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

1. The following Officer, NCO and men were admitted to Hospital on 26.5.1918.
 Lieut. L.H. ROGERS. 1887 Pte CHAPMAN, W.
 1800 Cpl SIBBLES, F.
 The following man was admitted to Hospital on 27.5.1918.
 2424 L/Cpl SHERWIN, G.E.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH

2. The following Officer, NCO and men admitted to Hospital are struck off strength dated 27.5.1918.
 Lieut. L.H. ROGERS. 1800 Cpl SIBBLES, F.
 1887 Pte CHAPMAN, W. 2424 L/Cpl SHERWIN, G.E.

The following Officers N.C.O.'s and men evacuated wounded are struck off strength dated 27.5.1918.

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| Captain R. McILROY. | Lieut. A. J. BROWNE. |
| Lieut. R. BREWER. | Lieut. R. TREDENICK. |
| Lieut. J. T. MITCHELL. | |
| 721 L/Cpl JAMES, G. | 5027 Pte HENSLEY, A. J. |
| 7497 Pte KEWLEY, C. J. | 5076 " McINTOSH, F. S. |
| 2892 " WATSON, A. W. F. | 2081 " HOGAN, T. J. |
| 287 " STEINE, W. E. | 2562 " CHADWICK, T. |
| 7457 " BURNS, G. H. H. | 3217 " McLENNAN, R. |
| 726 2 " HEENAN, M. | 887a " PERKINS, W. E. |
| 2341 " KEW, F. C. E. | 2331 " MISCAMPBELL, J. |
| 2767 Sgt BERTLING, A. E. L. | 488 " HALL, S. |
| 2035 Pte BELLINGHAM, T. | 3522 Cpl GREEN, H. T. |
| 315 2 " WALSH, C. J. | 157 Pte COOPER, E. R. |
| 5 063 " MARRIOTT, G. H. A. | 2612 " MORGAN, T. P. |
| 4863 " KINSMAN, E. | 3380 " SHOLTZ, R. |
| 102 L/Cpl McDOUGALL, D. N. | 2652 " STEVENS, S. H. |
| 5 590 Pte HOBBS, T. W. | 5789 L/Cpl EUSTACE, W. C. |
| 690 " O'NEILL, J. | 1045 Pte HICKEY, M. E. |
| 281 " SIMPKINS, J. | 2261 " GIBLIN, J. R. |
| 2525 Sgt CHERRY, H. E. | 3280 " CONEY, T. |
| 25 21 " TAYLOR, B. | 7225a " CROSSLEY, W. F. |
| 714 Pte COLLINS, P. W. | 2856 " McFARLANE, J. |
| 2175 " WELLSRING, T. C. | 3283 " DANIEL, E. |
| 265 0 " SCHWINGHAMMER, C. | 3318 " KUBLER, H. H. |
| 917 " MILLER, J. | 1883 " BROOKS, P. |
| 75 79 " COLLINS, S. E. | 6842 " McCURLEY, A. C. |
| 35 92 Sgt DOUGHERTY, V. | 2029 " BROWNLIE, W. R. |
| 2298 " COCKBURN, E. | 3090 L/Cpl LEATHAM, G. |
| 712 Pte COUSINS, W. A. | 87a Pte LEAVEY, H. |
| 277 " SHERWOOD, J. H. | 4999 " BURNS, N. |
| 5 991 " PEARMAN, A. | 3447 " KACHEL, L. W. |
| 198 L/Cpl HUTCHISON, J. | 1865 L/Cpl MAWHINNEY, W. A. |
| 3578 Pte FREDERICKSON, R. M. | 3404 Pte COWLEY, S. W. |
| 3228 " BUTTENSCHAW, F. J. | 1081 Pte SCHEILER, P. C. |
| 106 7 " McLEOD, F. A. | 7451 " BALCHETT, R. C. |
| 107 Sgt ROLFE, E. G. | 184 " HOBBS, O. |
| 134 Pte BUCHAN, A. | 7560 " WAKEMAN, H. G. |
| 3422 " Mc KELSO, R. J. | 2297 " COOK, H. |
| 5045 " JONES, R. H. | 2097 " KNAPP, A. A. |
| 5034 " BARRIE, T. F. | 1923a " WHITE, E. G. B. |
| 4766 L/Cpl HERBERT, J. | 5054 " LANBOURNE, F. H. |
| 4804 " THORPE, E. A. A. | 2853 " McDONALD, J. P. |
| 2694 Pte JONES, P. A. | 3291 " NOLAN, M. J. |
| 276 " SHEA, T. "M. M." | 2855 " McKELVEY, G. R. |
| 5 149 " WHITELEY, P. | 1047 Cpl HOLLINGWORTH, H. O. |
| 3073 L/Cpl EVANS, H. | 2266 Pte DOWNWARD, W. G. |
| 7603 Cpl MURRAY, N. S. "M. M" | 28 78 Pte STEVENSON, J. |
| 196 8 Pte PRATT, J. | 3457 Pte NIXON, G. H. |
| 6 34 " DOUGHERTY, C. A. | 316 " WATT, T. |
| 2 130 " MORTIMER, H. C. | 118 " BAILEY, C. R. |
| 2346 " LEWIS, D. J. | 161 " DELL, T. H. |
| 6 86 " O'DONNELL, E. | 2827 " JOHNSON, C. W. A. |
| 1795 Cpl BORN, A. W. | 677a " BOWER, R. |
| 2629 Pte O'SHAUGHNESSY, T. | 1797 L/Cpl CLARK, C. |

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STRENGTH
(Cont)

2888 Pte TIGELL, L. D.	1104 Pte BRECHLEY, G. W.
715 " PETTIT, C.	2415 L/Sgt STACK, E. J.
160 L/Cpl DONALDSON, J. F.	2770 Pte WILKINSON, W.
145 Pte WALSH, E. T.	4996 L/Cpl WHITE, C. E.
1887 Pte PRATT, D.	4996 Pte BARBER, H. K.
2858 " MCKINLEY, J.	2785 " BILSTON, O. E. L. A. J.
2606 " LANG, F. W.	142 Cpl CHADWICK, C. G.
1011 L/Cpl BURROWS, J. E.	4625/Cpl NOTTERSHEAD, T. J.
112 Pte QUIGLEY, A.	249 Pte O'CONNELL, J.
1962 " NUGENT, M.	3861 " CUMMINS, T. P.
25 97 " KIRBY, P.	542 " WICKMAN, H.
2887 " THORNTON, R. B.	1265 " HOWARD, T. McL.
2677 Cpl MARTIN, W. R.	238 " McCULLOUGH, J.
7625 Pte EDWARDS, I. T.	27 " BARNES, W.
89 " BAUMGARTNER, J.	289 T/CSM SAUNDERS, R. V.
26 88 Cpl DAVIES, P. A.	686 Pte LYON, J. L.
298 Pte TOOMEY, E. F.	2408 " WRIGHT, F.
745 0 " BLAIR, W. M.	227 " MAUDSLEY, A. J.
1836 L/Cpl HAWKINS, J. H.	2542 " BRANDT, A.
1890 " REID, A. J.	197 " LOBWEIN, W.
2365 Pte McQUEEN, F.	2927 L/Cpl MORLEY, F.
175 " GREENSILL, F. W.	3396 Cpl GRABBS, A.
301 " WISEMAN, J.	3193 Pte WALKER, J. W.
1912 " RUDD, R. J. P.	1880 " ORR, S. G.
7350a " MURPHY, J.	2864 " PILKINGTON, A.
675 " TOOHEY, E.	5935 " DOCKERY, J.
144 " CLARKE, N. W.	

BOX RESPIRATORS
DEMANDS FOR
ABNORMAL SIZES.
G.R.O. 4095
of 24.5.1918.

3. Box Respirators sizes 0 and 5 may in future be demanded on indents countersigned by either a Divisional Gas Officer or a Chemical Adviser (instead of only Chemical Advisers of Armies or L. of G as at present). This procedure is the same as that already laid down for the No 1 size.

SPECIAL D.R.O.
422 para 1912.

4. The undermentioned men did not take part in operations which were carried out by 3rd Australian Division whilst holding "C" Divisional Area, for the following reason:-

Illegally absent and subsequently convicted of "DESERTION" or "ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE"

- 3396 Private J. J. SPERDY.
- 3386 Private S. R. DOUGLEY.
- 3480 Private G. F. DWYER.

This order will be read out to all ranks on parade at the first convenient opportunity.

SALVAGE-
JAM CARTONS.
D.R.O. 424
para 1919.

5. As a process has now been discovered by which the wax and pulp contained in the carton containers in which jam is issued can be recovered and used again, these will now be collected and returned to Base. They will be bundled separately from paper and cardboard and the packages will be clearly labelled "JAM CARTONS" and with the name of the Unit. The filled sacks of cartons will be disposed of in the same manner as salvaged paper and cardboard. All jam cartons must be returned to Q.M. Store.

Signed R.F. PICKERING Capt ain.
Adjutant 4 1st Battalion A.I.F.

B R O 578 Part 11.

REVERSION.

1. The following NCO reverts to the rank of Sergeant on evacuation to Hospital dated 26.5.1918.
289 T/CSM. SAUNDERS, R. V. Pay book No 106166.

Signed R.F. PICKERING Captain.
Adjutant 41st Battalion A.I.F.

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N O T I C E S.

DRIPPING.

1. Dripping forwarded to Railhead for week ending 24.5.1918.

"ANCHOR".....	140	lbs
"AERIAL".....	239	"
"ANVIL".....	634	"
"ARMOUR".....	487	"
TOTAL.....	1500	lbs

PAPER AND CARDBOARD.

2. Paper and Cardboard forwarded to railhead for week ending 24.5.1918.

	PAPER	CARDBOARD.
"AERIAL".....	5,500 lbs	= lbs
"ARMOUR".....	84	64
TOTAL.....	5,524 lbs	64 lbs

SALVAGE.

3. Value of salvage returned by Units for week ending 18.5.18.

"AERIAL".....	66.	10.	11
"ANVIL".....	127.	10.	7
"ADMIRAL".....	62.	1.	11
TOTAL.....	255.	9.	29

For week ending 24.5.1918.

"AERIAL".....	9.	1.	9
"ANVIL".....	7.	14.	8
"ADMIRAL".....	130.	9.	1
"ARMOUR".....	35.	13.	11
TOTAL.....	181.	37.	30

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Board of Directors
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B. R. O. S. (2)

NOTICE

1. Shipping forwarded to Railroads for week ending 21.5.18.

"ARMOUR"	140 lbs
"ARMOUR"	130
"ARMOUR"	134
"ARMOUR"	127
TOTAL	1300 lbs

2. Paper and cardboard forwarded to Railroads for week ending 21.5.18.

"ARMOUR"	3,800 lbs
"ARMOUR"	34
TOTAL	3,834 lbs

3. Value of supplies received by Units for week ending 18.5.18.

"ARMOUR"	50. 20. 11
"ARMOUR"	187. 10. 7
"ARMOUR"	63. 1. 11
TOTAL	299. 31. 28

"ARMOUR"	5. 1. 7
"ARMOUR"	7. 14. 6
"ARMOUR"	130. 8. 1
"ARMOUR"	88. 12. 11
TOTAL	130. 35. 25

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Confidential

AERIAL 27-5-18

Intelligence Summary pp to 8a m 27-5-18

State Operations

Artillery

Active throughout the day. Very heavy on
counted - preparation between 3-30a m and 4a m

T.M.S.

Found on party of enemy at 12-30a m, 100' N of
TANK, good results

11p m jammed out short - between TANK and
MONUMENT WOOD

Patrols

Trans-parties operated over Bin Front during the
night. A party of Boche, ^{about 20} was seen making towards
MONUMENT WOOD, while small parties were seen at
11-30p m both N and S of TANK. Artillery was active
and a few 18pds were fired.

M.F. located at 0550 90.30. Talking and movement
heard in house at 0625 085

Enemy Operations

Artillery

Very active. Engaged in counted - battery work

T.M.S.

Nil

Patrols

None encountered

Aircraft

Nil

General

Although the movement was done somewhat in
enemy lines, little work was heard, consequently
a relief was suspected

movement heard at 4-15p m at location 400-500
yards N of MONUMENT WOOD

R.B. Freeman 1/2



Patrol Report

B Coy.

No. 1 Left No. 14 Platoon Post at 10.30 pm.
Observed small parties of Boche
on both sides of TANK. About
11.30 pm. Saw about 20 Boche
making towards MONUMENT
WOOD. Reported to Officer in Line
who brought Artillery to bear.
Located M.G. at U5B 90/30 (approx)

No. 2 Left 03605.1 at 11 pm. Heard
talking in house on road U6A 50/90
otherwise quiet.

No. 3 Left No. 14 Plat. post at 12.30 A.M.
Saw no sign of enemy or movement.

No. 4 Left 03605.1 at 1. A.M.
Heard movement in house at
U6A 50.90

Thos Wright Lt
27/5/18



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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO 579

By Lieut-Col A.R. HERON, D.S.O.
Commanding 41st Battalion A.I.F.

APPENDIX

28th MAY 1918.

HEADQUARTERS.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS. 1. The following men were admitted to Hospital on 28.5.1918.
2545 Pte BELL, M.J. 3406 Pte GRIERSON, G.R.
376 L/Cpl BYRNES, P.A.

The following man was admitted to Hospital on 25.5.1918.
638 Pte PURRY, C.B.

The following men were admitted to Hospital on 27.5.1918
3326 Pte BATES, F.S. 2219 Pte BRADY, E.P.
671 " O'CONNOR, T.P.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH 2. The following men admitted to Hospital are struck off strength
dated 28.5.1918.

2545 Pte BELL, M.J. 3406 Pte GRIERSON, G.R.
376 L/Cpl BYRNES, P.A. 638 Pte PURRY, C.B.
3326 Pte BATES, F.S. 2219 Pte BRADY, E.P.
671 Pte O'CONNOR, T.P.

The following men evacuated wounded are struck off strength
dated 28.5.1918.
2305 Pte DOYLE, D. 1875 Pte McNEILL, D.W.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH 3. The following N.C.O. and men discharged from Hospital are
taken on strength dated 26.5.1918.

3174 Pte BLACKMAN, T. 2229 Pte LOUGHMAN, P.
3046 " COOKE, J.C. 35 L/Cpl GRAHAM, A.M.
2647 " SKIFFINGTON, T.P. 5123 Pte SPREADBROUGH, I.R.
181 Cpl GREGORY, E.F. 769 " WATERS, H.
5016 Pte FAWKNER, S.F. 679 " SMITH, J.A.

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*. The following men are struck off strength dated 28.5.1918.

Signed R.F. PICKERING Captain.
Adjutant 41st Battalion A.I.F.

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Intelligence Summary up to 8 am 28-5-18
Our Operations

Artillery Maintained harassing fire on enemy F.L. & trenches. At 12.45 am - 1.43 am 18 pds at request of infantry fired bursts at enemy working parties on U6 a 8.9 & edge of MONUMENT WOOD. Good results observed.

TMS fired 30 rds on enemy movement near MONUMENT WOOD on U6 a 3.5, 2.5 rds on TANK, dispersing working party. At 5 pm 6" Howitzers fired 30 rds on MONUMENT

LG's Two guns engaged movement on U6 a 3.5

Sinipers No hits claimed

Enemy Operations

Artillery Very active on support line, village, & O2 Pz & attached report.

MG's 10 30 p m active from DOLL'S HOUSE, firing tracer bullets into village

Sinipers 5 shots, unobserved, none fired; no hits.

Movement At 12.30 am a light tank seen & noise heard on TANK, but speedily covered on LTM shot. 1.20 am working party was observed carrying sheets of iron from TANK to MONUMENT WOOD. Effectively engaged by 18 pds. & rendered O.P. report

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41ST BATTALION, A.I.F.Battalion Headquarters,
28th May 1918.DIVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME"C" BATTALION, 11TH INF. BDE.Reference Map 62^D S.W. 1/20000 ED 2A LOCAL.
BOUNDARIES.

The Southern Boundary of the Brigade Area is the East-West Grid Line through U.3. Central, U.4 Central and U.5. Central.

The Brigade Northern Boundary is the East-West Grid Line from P.25 Central through O.30 Central to O.29 Central, thence to Railway Crossing at O.28. d. 3.4. and thence west along Main Amiens-Villers Bretonneux Road.

DISPOSITION.

"C" Bn is the Right Support Battalion and has one Company in the Aubigny System, one Company in Ladmanne Trench and part of the Aubigny Switch and one Company forward in approximately O.34 in Cache Line. These dispositions provide for a Right Defensive Flank.

ACTION IN ATTACK

"C" Battalion will hold a Right Defensive Flank of the Brigade from the North-South Grid Line between U.4 and U.5. along Aubigny Switch to U.2. Central.

In the event of "C" Battalion having to man the Aubigny Switch to form a Right Defensive Flank "B" Company will man from the North-South Grid Line between U.4 and U.5. to the road running through U.4 a. 40.00, road inclusive.

"D" Coy will man from U.4 a. 40.00 road exclusive to approximately U.3 a. 60.00.

"E" Coy will man from U.3 a. 60.00 to U.2. Central.

RECONNAISSANCE.

Reconnaissance of these positions will be made by all concerned at once.

MACHINE GUNS.

Officers of "C" Battalion must be in close liaison with Section Commanders of all Guns 1500 yards west of front line so that they may know what covering fire they may expect in the event of counter-attack.

INTERNATIONAL POSTS.

"C" Battalion will maintain two international posts with the French - one in Lachy Line at U.3.6.57.10. (D Company) and the other in the Aubigny line at U.1.a.95.35. (C Company)

NUCLEUS GARRISONS.

In the event of "C" Company quartered in the Aubigny System moving forward for any purpose, they will inform the Commanders of the two Companies of the Reserve Brigade now quartered in that system who will be responsible for providing Nucleus Garrisons in the Aubigny systems throughout the Divisional Area.

All troops garrisoned in the Lachy line or east of it will, if they move forward to reinforce or counterattack leave behind a Nucleus Garrison of one section per platoon.

LIASION.

Lieut. L. Jackson, with two runners, will remain with "A" Battalion to act as Liaison Officer.

Should the enemy attack, Lieut. E. Freeman, with one runner, will immediately report to Motor Wagon Relay Post at O.27. d.8.9. and will, with the M.O.'s approval, question the wounded and forward all information, together with a statement as to its reliability, to "A" and "B" Battalions and Brigade Headquarters.

WORK.

work of "C" Battalion for period of 8 days commencing night 29/30th May is attached - Appendix A.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications between Companies and Battalion Headquarters is at present by phone. In the event of a move forward it will be by Visual and runner and by any other means provided at the time.

(Sgd) J R Stewer

Lieut Col.
Commanding 41st Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION:-COPIES TO

1. File
2. Brigade H. Qrs
3. Ofc 11th Field Coy
4. C.O.
5. B Company
6. C Company
7. D Company
8. Lieut Burdook
9. " Jackson
10. " Freeman
11. War Diary

APPENDIX "A"

PROGRAMME OF WORKS.

"C" BATTALION.

B COMPANY.

Commence night 29/30th Work on dugouts O. 34. b. c. b. and O. 34. c. 50.05. Improvement of accomodation and wiring in vicinity of its quarters.

10 men will report to 11th Field Company Engineer Representative at 8 AM daily at O. 34 b. c. b.

20 men will report to 11th Field Coy. Engineer Representative at 6 AM daily at O. 34. c. 50.05 and the same number of men will report there daily at 1 pm.

C COMPANY.

Commence night 30/31st wire trench C.T., Bachy line, Reserve line and the Southern side of Railway in O. 34. C and d., O. 35. C. and U.A. wire to be sited in conjunction with Vickers Guns in that area.

D COMPANY.

(a). Commence night 29/30th 1 Platoon to do one night's work only in constructing obstacle across the Railway line at O. 36. C. 40.45, to report to Representative 11th Field Company at Nation Point at O. 35. a. 5.0. at 9.30 pm.

(b). Commencing night 30/31st Dig Support Line through Villers-Bretteux, from Hedge in O 35. d. 75.40. across Railway line to link with C.T. in O. 36. c. 4. 8.

HEADQUARTERS.

1. N.C.O. and 10 men to report daily at 6 AM to Engineer Representative at B. H. Qrs. commencing on 30th May.

Necessary reconnaissance to be made by all concerned immediately. Lieut K. A. Murdoch is appointed Battalion Works Officer and will work in close cooperation with Company Commanders.

A report of work done the previous night will be forwarded to reach B. Headquarters at 10 pm daily.

J. McWood Lt
For Co. C. B.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO 580

By Lt-Col A.R. HERON, D.S.O.

Commanding 41st Battalion A.I.F.

APPENDIX

29th MAY 1918.

HEADQUARTERS.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

- 1. The following N.C.O. and men were admitted to Hospital on 28.5.1918.

35 94 Sgt LINGARD, J.L.	766 Pte WOODS, C.S.
919 L/Cpl MORROW, C.	671 Pte O'CONNOR, F.B.
	953 " QUINLIVAN, G.

 The following men were admitted to Hospital on 29.5.1918.

3396 Pte HORNSBY, V.	2891 Pte WRATTEN, W.J.
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STRUCK OFF STRENGTH

- 2. The following NCO and men admitted to Hospital are struck off strength dated 29.5.1918.

35 94 Sgt LINGARD, J.L.	766 Pte WOODS, C.S.
919 L/Cpl MORROW, C.	671 " O'CONNOR, F.B.
3396 Pte HORNSBY, V.	2891 " XXXXXXXX WRATTEN, W.J.

 The following N.C.O. and men evacuated wounded are struck off strength dated 28.5.1918.

792 Pte XXXX	474 Driver MARKWELL, C.S.
713 Pte PETERSON, A.O.	

TAKEN ON STRENGTH

- 3. The following NCO and men discharged from Hospital are taken on strength dated 27.5.1918.

789 L/Cpl WRATHER, L.	1022 Pte DANN, C.A.
2769 Cpl MESH, G.H.	2349 " LOUGHIE, G.
446 Drv. HODGON, W.J.	1901 " DODD, C.J.W.
2377 Pte PERRY, T.	3264 " BROWN, W.H.
1877 " NICHOLSON, J.E.	

 The following Officer is taken on strength from Training Battalion K.K.K. dated 27.5.1918.
 Lieut J.E. WOODFORD.

HOSPITAL ADMISSION

- 4. The following NCO was admitted to Hospital on 28.5.1918.
701 Sgt MAY, G.A.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH

- 5. The following NCO (admitted to Hospital) is struck off strength dated 29.5.1918.
701 Sgt G.A. MAY.

Signed R.F. PICKERING Captain.
Adjutant 41st Battalion A.I.F.

B.R.O. 580 Part 11. 29.5.1918.

SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE.

- 1. In the case of 3286 Private DOUGHLEY, S.R. sentenced to Three (3) years Penal Servitude on charge of "DESERTION" the Army Commander has suspended such sentence. The sentence will be brought forward for reconsideration on 24th August 1918.

Signed R.F. PICKERING Captain.
Adjutant 41st Battalion A.I.F.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO 531

Lieut-Col A.R. HERON, D.S.O.

Commanding 41st Battalion APPENDIX

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30th MAY 1918.

HEADQUARTERS.

HOSPITAL
ADMISSIONS.

1. The following man was admitted to Hospital on 29.5.1918.
3487 Pte HOUGH, J.C.
The following men were admitted to Hospital on 30.5.1918
366 L/Cpl AUSTIN, W. 5084 Pte O'LOUGHLIN, T.F.
679 Pte SMITH, J.A.

STRUCK OFF
STRENGTH

2. The following men admitted to Hospital are struck off
strength dated 30.5.1918.
3487 Pte HOUGH, J.C. 366 L/Cpl AUSTIN, W.
679 " SMITH, J.A. 5084 Pte O'LOUGHLIN, T.F.
The following man evacuated to Hospital wounded is struck
off strength dated 29.5.1918.
Private O'CONNELL, A.G.

TAKEN ON
STRENGTH

3. The following man discharged from Hospital is taken on
strength dated 29.5.1918.
946 Pte PACE, W.
The following man discharged from Hospital is taken on
strength dated 29.5.1918.
476 Pte MILLER, A.G.

Signed R.F. PICKERING Captain,
Adjutant 41st Battalion A.I.F.

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SPECIAL ORDER

by

Major-General Sir JOHN MONASH, K.C.B., V.D.

Commanding, Third Australian Division. -

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TO ALL RANKS OF THE THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION:-

As I am about to take up other duties, the time has come when I must relinquish the command of the Division. -

Closely associated with you as I have been, since the days of your first assembly and War Training in ENGLAND, and, later, throughout all your magnificent work during the past nineteen months in the war zone, it is naturally a severe wrench for me to part from you. -

I find it quite impossible to give adequate expression to my feelings of gratitude towards all ranks for the splendid and loyal support which you all have, at all times, accorded to me. - I am deeply indebted to my staff, to all Commanders and to the Officers and troops of all Arms and Services for a wholehearted co-operation upon which, more than upon any other factor, the success of the Division has depended. -

It is my earnest hope, and also my sincere conviction, that the fine spirit and the high efficiency of the Division will be maintained under the leadership of my successor, Brigadier-General GELLIBRAND; and if the men of the Division feel, as I trust they do, an obligation to perpetuate for my sake the traditions built up by them during the period of my command, they can do so in no better way than by rendering to him a service as thorough and a support as loyal, as I have been privileged to enjoy at their hands. -

In formally wishing the Division good-bye and good-luck, I wish simply, but none the less sincerely, to thank each and all of you, for all that you have done. -

Divisional Headquarters,
30th. May 1919. -

John Monash
Major-General. -

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(In pads of 100.)

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(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

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VU 170

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

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at intervals during day H 1 gun
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 at 02040 26 from Marckevale
 444 at 3pm 100 yds 150m from
 032 C from direction movement
 wood. A44 at 9pm 18 shells H 1
 fell in 032a 70 35 from same
 direction A44 only 1 hostile plane
 seen

From

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

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Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO 1
 By Lieut-Col A.R. HERON, D.S.O.
 Commanding 41st Battalion A.I.F.

31st MAY 1918.

HEADQUARTERS.

- HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS. 1. The following men were admitted to Hospital on 30.5.1918.
 694 Pte PATERSON, D.J. 3100 Pte LAWTON, J.H.
 1901 " DODD, C.J.D.
 The following man was admitted to Hospital on 31.5.1918.
 5147 Pte BROOKS, G.W.
- STRUCK OFF STRENGTH 2. The following men admitted to Hospital are struck off strength dated 31.5.1918.
 694 Pte PATERSON, D.J. 3100 Pte LAWTON, J.H.
 1901 " DODD, C.J.D. 5147 " BROOKS, G.W.
 The following man xxx evacuated wounded is struck off strength dated 31.5.1918.
 713 Pte PEARSON, A.D.
- EMPTY. AMMUNITION BOXES S.A.A. 1000 Pounds .E. 303 inch G.R.O. 4976 of 22.5.1918. 3. Attention is called to G.R.O. 3343, dated 7.2.1918. The number of S.A.A. boxes that are being returned from the front is still unsatisfactory. It is essential that every effort should be made to salve and return these boxes to Base in order to avoid curtailment of the supply of S.A.A.

Signed R.F. PICKERING Captain.
 Adjutant 4 1st Battalion A.I.F.

B.R.O. Part 2. 31.5.1918.

- SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE 1. In the case of 2310 Private GRAHAM, C.S. sentenced to Tw 3 years I.H.L. on a charge of "Disobedience", The Army Commander has suspended such sentence. The sentence will be brought forward for reconsideration on 26th August 1918.

Signed R.F. PICKERING Captain.
 Adjutant 41st Battalion A.I.F.

Cont. detailed. Aerial Rec.
 Intelligence Summary up to 8 am
 31-5-18

Our Operations
 Aircraft very active over 55 planes
 were seen over our lines during
 the day.
 Enemy Operations.

Time	alt	no. obs.	Quality	Direction from
12.15	105	13	O27200	Hayward Wood.
11.30	77	17	O34a	Marcelbase
11.30	105	122	O26b	"
3.0	15	20	O26b	Unknown
2.35	15	9	O32c	Marcelbase
4.30	15	55	O26d	Unknown
7.5	105	20	Lochay	

Miscellaneous.
 enemy balloon up at 82° TB from
 O326 2580.
 13 enemy planes seen during the
 day. 3 were observed to cross our
 lines a short distance.

W. Macpherson



Summary 41st Bn for month ending 31-5-

The month opened with our being relieved and it was accomplished without casualties. Both Echelons were billeted in FRANVILLE our 'B' Echelon having spent the previous week in trenches after the evacuation of BONNAY. A medal, designed by one of the Battalion wits, was awarded to the members of our 'B' Echelon labelled "Retreat from Bonnay"; much to their annoyance. Our stay in FRANVILLERS was short, and the time was spent in reconnaissance of the many systems which surround this place, while training was carried out by ~~other~~ those officers who were not so engaged. It was with a sigh of relief that we left this village on receipt of orders, for not only was the place dirty and the billets poor, but enemy H.V. Guns had been paying it a good deal of attention.



for 2 or 3 days prior to our departure. Our destination was PONT NOYELLE and after one night there we were fortunate enough to procure sufficient tents to put 3 companies into a fine green field with a beautiful lagoon only a stones throw away. The other company had to remain in PONT NOYELLE. As we then became the reserve division training and sports formed the principal items in our existence. Sports took the form of swimming & the usual running and athletics events, all of which events were keenly contested. Training was concentrated on musketry, Lewis gunnery & gas with a certain proportion of time devoted to drill etc. While in reserve several interesting events are worth recording. An inspection of the Bde with transport complete by Genl Sir D. Haig which was a fine turnout and earned the praise which he bestowed on its



conclusion (A copy of his remarks is included in the war diary as an appendix)

2nd A presentation of medals & ribbons to the Division by Genl Birdwood, at which we had about 20 representatives

3rd A Bde transport competition & turn out which resulted in the Bw getting the prize for the best vehicle on the ground (A Coy cooker which however was got into show condition by Bw Horn cooks) and

4th the prize for best turned out personnel

4th A Bde ceremonial drill competition in which we were defeated by 44th Bw

5th The Bde final of the A RFA competition in which we were opposed by 3 platoons of the 42nd Bw & which under the brilliant leadership of Lieut Morarty M.M. of No 9 Platoon we won with 50 points to spare (This entitles all members of the platoon to a bronze medal and to compete in the Divisional final).

6th The publication of the honours awarded

for our successful work in our last fighting area which are as follows.

Lieut H J. WILES Distinguished Service Order
(the 2nd Lieut in the Bn to gain this high decoration).

Lieut C. H. BUTLER Military Cross + bar

Lieut F J BURTENSHAW " " (since killed)

Lieut S L ROBINSON " "

and a number of Military Medals + 1 D C M.

which is a highly satisfactory result.

7th A Battalion dinner to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the departure of our Battalion from Queensland 16-5-16 at which Genl Cannon, Colo Clarke + Farrell + Major Vasey were present in addition to all our Bn officers.

After a stay of 10 days as reserve, we received orders to relieve the 15th Bn who were holding the VILLERS-BRETENOUX sector and the necessary reconnaissance was made at once. During the preliminary reconnaissance we were unfortunate enough to lose one of our



best and most gallant officers in the person of Lt Burtenshaw M.C. who was killed by a stray shell on ~~the~~ of the roads. He was accorded a full military funeral and was buried by Major Mills M.C. in the cemetery at QUERRIEU. ~~to~~ On the 20th at noon we left QUERRIEU to conduct the relief and staged at a pleasant spot near BLANGY-TRONVILLE where all ranks had a dip in a fine lagoon near by, and had their evening meal. We then moved forward to the relief at dusk and it was completed without casualties by midnight. We then became the right battalion of the British Armies in France and garrisoned with the French at an international post just outside Villers-Brethenoux. Our associations with the French were most pleasant and we realised that in the 3rd Zouaves and later on the 2nd Zouaves we had alongside us troops of a very high fighting standard. Visits by various commanders were interchanged.

and altogether relations were most cordial, the Zouave expressing frequently his great admiration for Australian troops. Several humorous incidents are naturally associated with two bodies of men, neither of whom can speak the others language. One perhaps is more worthy of repetition than others and is as follows: Our men took the trouble to initiate the Zouaves into the mysteries of the 2 salvaged Stokes mortar guns which were handy and which they promptly named the "toute suite" gun. After they began to understand the gun, one could at almost any time of the day see a party of more or less excited Frenchmen sending over Stokes mortar shells to the accompaniment of cries of "Bon eh" to any Australians who happened to pass. Considering the usual amount of attention given to T.M.'s by Boche artillery, it is very rarely one sees more than the necessary number of men about, instead of a crowd of say, 20 or 30 all having a shot.



Our period in the line was marked by a gradual increase of hostile activity, particularly artillery which culminated in an exceptionally heavy bombardment of our area with mustard and other gas on the night 25/26th. This was the worst experience we have yet had with gas and as the bulk of it descended on our 'A' company + Bn Hqs. the next morning witnessed a very distressing scene. One by one the members of 'A' Coy began to complain of sore eyes + by 1 PM the whole company, officers + all had been evacuated gassed, a good proportion of them blind or partially blind. Luckily casualties in the other companies were light chiefly because the gas concentration was not so great. The casualties also included our respected padre Major A Mills MC + our M.O. Capt. Miller who were both affected through breaking wounded + a good proportion of Bn Hqs. personnel. After the gas attack came relief by



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The 43rd Bn which took place without any casualties, and we returned to a support position in the famous Bois l'Abbe. During our stay in the line, two American officers were attached to us for experience and remained for 5 days. These were practically the first Americans to be attached to Bns. Our position in support where we are at present is a pleasantly situated in the Bois and is not heavily shelled, + our work consists of wiring and digging to improve the defences which are not yet up to our ideas. In conclusion with the exception of 25/26th the month has been a fairly happy one we are now reduced to 3 companies but hope that many of those evacuated will not be away for long. Our transport, cooks etc are well up to standard & have not had any losses either in horses or personnel. Our Q M's staff has worked smoothly.



food bathing etc have been very satisfactory & our salvage bill should be a large one for the month. The band, which was largely used last month for working parties, came into action again when we were relieved and has done excellent service in the amusement of all ranks. It is at present doing a weeks tour of Abbeville playing at the war hospitals etc. The weather has been practically Australian throughout the month and is welcomed by all. Little or no wet weather has been experienced; clothing etc is quite good in consequence. Foggy moonlight hampered our patrol work in No Mans Land. Morale remains excellent and sickness is practically absent, a few cases of P.U.O being the chief complaint, while feet troubles are totally absent. On the last day of the month our representative platoon competed for the Divisional final but was defeated by

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a Tasmanian Bn in the 10th Bde.
Leave opened on the same day and we
got one officer away. The following
mentions in dispatches appeared also
on the 31st in the London Gazette.

- Lt Col A R Heron D.S.O
- Capt P M Swanson ofc A Coy
- Lt F W MacGibbon Intell officer
- Lt (Plat) W Fraser (on special service).

Alex R Heron Lt Col
Comdg 41st Bn AIF

1/6/18



WAR DIARY.

"B" Coy May 1918.

During the night 1/2 the company was relieved from the front line after being in the area for 36 days. The men were looking very tired but were in the usual good spirits. They marched when relieved to HIELLY where they were supplied with a hot meal at 1 PM. On the 2nd we continued the March to FRANKVILLIERS where we were billeted. A hot drink of tea was served here. The next day was a day of rest & preparation for the commencement of training, which was commenced on the 3rd after a fine days stay here orders were received to move on the 6th morning we moved to Pont NOVELLES. These were good comfortable billets & all were quite contented. Training was continued & parties made reconnaissances of the new Sector in VILLERS BRETONNEUX. A Sports meeting was held which was well attended. Opportunities were afforded for swimming parades which were much appreciated. At noon on the 20th we moved from PONT-NOVELLES & halted near BLANCY-TRONVILLE tea was served here. At 8 PM we moved forward to the line by platoons at intervals on account of the enemy shelling roads. At 9.30 we met the guides of the Trench garrison, who led us to our positions. Relief was completed at 10.30. By 12 midnight 20/21 all available men were digging a new support line & did good work. On the evening 24th the enemy bombarded the area with HE & Gas shells. This continued till 10.30. Yellow cross (mustard) gas was mostly used. Work ceased & men put on gas masks. At 11 PM the order gas clear was given & work was resumed on 6 T. at 1 AM. On the 25 the Coy was warned that enemy would resume shelling just before dawn. At 2 AM work ceased & men 'stood to' at 3.15 enemy commenced bombardment of gas shells till 5 AM. At 5.30 Gas clear was given & masks were removed. There were no casualties during this period. Enemy further shelled with ~~HE~~ ^{HEAVY} shells in area on nights 26.27.28. On night 28/29 company was relieved & became support Coy. Here the Coy was again subjected to heavy shell fire HE & Gas. Gas masks were worn for hours on several occasions & all precautions were taken & no men were evacuated from its effect. Two men were evacuated sick & 2 wounded. On May 17th the Coy was present at a review held by Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig. This "turnout" was very good & a credit to all concerned.

Sydney W. Chen Capt
of "B" Coy
41st Bn A.I.F.

C Coy

To C/O KOMO.

The following is submitted as an appendix to the War diary being the doings of "C" Coy during May 1918.

1st May This was the last day of our long stay between the Somme & the Ancre. We were relieved that night by a Bn of the 4th Bde & left without regret a Sector which we had entered 35 days before as N.M. Land. The relief was accomplished without incident. The men were given a good hot meal on the way at HIELLY, and proceeded thence to billets at Frankvillers. Frankvillers was utilised for reorganisation & training & was a busy time for the officers on account of the great amount of reconnaissance they had to do of emergency positions. The last days of our stay were marked by a little shell fire of the town. On the 9th May we moved further back to PONT NOVELLES, where we remained in billets one night only & on the 10th "C" Coy with "A" moved in the cool of the evening to the fields West of QUERIEU & formed a Tent Coy, a change which we appreciated. The weather was on the whole excellent & we passed the remainder of our shell happily enough here. Training was carried on as normally. Interesting events of this period were the Bde Ceremony on the 16th. The inspection of the Bde at FILLONVILLE by the commander-in-chief of the British armies in France, the turnout being the subject of general congratulation. The men of the Coy were by now very fit & they then air life. Daily swim in the lagoons & regular work telling favourably. But the important event from a company & in fact from a Battalion point of view was the winning by No 9 Platoon (Lieut Moriarty) of the Brigade's churning competition in connection with the Army Rifle Association Platoon Competition for all British Divisions. No 9 Platoon at QUESQUES in March had won the Bn Competition. (No 13 & 11 being 2nd & 3rd) & had been selected accordingly to represent the Bn in the Bde competition. Four platoons competed 3 of the 42nd & 1 of the 41st; 43rd & 44th were not represented. No 9 won rather easily, justifying their selection & apart from the small money prize they earned the Bronze medals provided for the Bde competition. In the same day Saturday the 18th May a Sports meeting was held in the fields by our camp, at which the Coy was very successful gaining four firsts & two seconds out of 3 events.

20th May In this date our pleasant stay in QUERIEU ended we marched to BLANCY TRONVILLE en route for the front line



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2 in VILLERS-BRETONNEUX sectn "E" Coy was left front
 Coy with the Town just behind them & Coy HQs in a building
 on the outskirts x our line lay astride the Railway & for the most
 part faced the MONUMENT WOOD. The rations of hot meals came
 up nightly at about 1 A.M. Activity by day was almost nil
 trenches & communications being poor & the enemy at an
 average of 120' away x at night a good deal of rifle
 grenades by both sides took place but little other
 activity except work x our casualties were very light
 3 O.R. & one or two sent out sick. We were relieved within
 our own Brigade on the night 28/29 losing 1 O.R. wounded
 on the way out & came back into support. to me of the most
 pleasant spots we have ever been in - the shady depths
 of the "Bois l'Abbe" Here we lived very peacefully
 with perfect freedom of movement by day &
 work parties on wiring by night

So that for "E" Coy a rather uneventful
 month ended as happily as it began

12/6/18

sd P. Calow Capt
 ofc "E" Coy
 K.M.O



War Diary

D Coy 41st

For month of May 1918

On the night of 1st/_{2nd} May, battalion was relieved by 35th Bn. & came out to the village of Fromvilliers, a hot meal being given the men just outside Heilly which was very acceptable, arriving at their billets at 2 AM on the 2nd.

The men slept until midday when they received a hot meal, afterwards cleaning up the billets, which were in a filthy state.

On the 3rd the men were taken down to the Rivier Ancree between Bonny & Heilly, by platoons rail had the opportunity of a good wash.

Training commenced on the morning of the 4th particular attention being paid to rapid loading Gas, & the efficiency of the weapon with which each individual section is armed.

During the afternoon of the 4th the men visited the sports which were held by 47th Batt. near "Lahoussoye", afterwards attending a performance given by Div. Perrote.

On the 5th church services were held by the Padre. From then on, the training continued as usual a vast improvement being noticed daily.

About 11 P.M. on the 8th Boche commenced to throw over a few H.E.'s into the village.



On the 9th a thorough inspection was made preparatory to the move to Pont Royelles and all men turned out very well. The spirits of the men & their health had been added to a lot while in Fromvilliers.

We cleared the village by 12.45 P.M. being relieved by the 18th Bact. whose officers were very pleased with the clean state of billets vacated by us. marched to within 1000 yards of Pont Royelles where the men were supplied with a hot-meal.

The Coy arriving in Pont Royelles about 7 P.M. where we went into billets, remaining in same until the 12th inst, when we moved out into tents outside 'Quercu'.

The tents being much appreciated by the men a huge lagoon being only 50 yds. away, in which the men indulged in swimming etc.

On the 13th inst. we were notified that Lieut Wiles had been awarded the D.S.O. for work in the line on 1st 2nd May.

On the 15th inst. in Cookers Inspection Coy took with 6 Coy for 1st place.

It was with deep regret that we learned at 5 P.M. that while on his way back from a reconnaissance of Villiers Bataillon's action, Lieut Buteashaw M.C. had been killed.

He was buried on the 16th inst. in Quercu cemetery, the whole of the Coy being present at the burial.

On the 17th we were inspected by Lt Douglas Haig at 'Allonville'.



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on the 18th inst. Bata. sports were held in the afternoons, but were postponed owing to rains.

The continuation of the sports on the 19th D Coy. collected about 100 francs, in prize money. Pte Ochlmann row very well in 100 yard Hge. championships.

on the 20th we struck camp & marched to Blangy Tronville. halted there until 8.15 pm. when we moved forward & relieved the 15th Bde. at Villers Bretonneux in the front line.

D Coy held from about 200 yds south of the road running through Monument Wood to where we joined with the French, with whom the men are good friends.

From then until 28th inst. we remained in the front line system being right 2. L. Coy of Bata. No 13. platoons having the honor of being the right flank of the British Army.

During the turn in the day advanced the front line to an average distance of 70 to 80 yds over the whole Coy front, which proved to be good subsequently when the Boche attempted to raid the 43rd Bata after our relief, being unable to penetrate same.

While in we had five men wounded, when the Boche gassed L'Abbe Wood the Coy only had one casualty from Yellow Cross.

Were relieved on the night of the 28th inst. when went back to support line on southern side

+

of wood, remaining there for eight days,
 working parties were sent up right by to
 work on Southern side of railway near
 Vellors Brestonway station & had a few men
 wounded from shell fire.

The spirit of the men during the whole
 of the time in the line was excellent.

The weather being beautiful & warm
 during the whole of the period.

signed

J P Stanley Lieut
 of D Coy.

41st Bata

6/6/18

War 101

2. M. report for May 1918

Total

A systematic salvage of all war material for month ending 31.5.18 resulted as follows £ 5,617.3.9.

Fat

The undermentioned quantities of fat were saved by this unit & despatched to railhead

1617 lbs

During the first half of the month the Bn was in reserve, so that we were again able to get the hoiking down outfit into working order & maintain a good average for the month.

Paper

The undermentioned quantities of paper & cardboard were despatched to railhead

Cardboard

Paper 7194 lbs

Cardboard 125 lbs

Most of the paper was saved by the battⁿ from the part of the line they were holding. The paper was new & in rolls of about 100 lbs each. It was untouched by shell fire etc. & was stacked handy to Troop Bn H Qrs. From there it was carted by the battⁿ first line transport to railhead.

Canteen

The profit derived from the canteen (Regimental) for the month resulted as follows

1693 - 410 francs

As the decision ^{was} being more fortunately placed in regard to transport than in the two previous months, the battalion was able to maintain a good assortment of goods, which was much appreciated by the men.

During the latter half of the month the Bn was in the line & it was found possible to keep the canteen going both in & out of the line & tobacco & cigarettes were plentiful.

sgt E. Chadwick Lt

of 2. M.



Summary of Work Month Ending 31st May 1918

In this merry month the Bn firmly established their right to be termed "Diggers". Of the early part say up to the 19th I have little to write. The work done during this period consisted mainly of the construction of shelters. "D" Coy were despatched by motor lorry to dig in the vicinity of Frankville. Three platoon posts which I am informed were as a shining example to all labour units. This occupied one night only.

One relieving the 4th Aust. Bde at MILLERS-BRETONNEUX the urgent necessity of a new defense in depth became apparent to all. We relieved on the night 19/20 & found that the whole Bn was disposed within an area the western boundary of which was within 200' of the front line.

The support line was not continuous & certainly offered inadequate accommodation for the reserve Coy. The support Coy were crammed into pot holes without any back blast protection, dug into a death trap railway embankment. The front line was shallow undercut & not continuous badly sited & without wire. Having briefly put into words the proposition which lay before us let me say how we set about meeting it. Contrary to custom we commenced work on the night of relief. The support Coy & Reserve buried themselves immediately - the former in the much needed protection & the latter in extra living accommodation.

An inspection of the ground next day showed the best position for the reserve Coy & the dispositions were changed. Formerly they had been front line left to right "C" & "D" Coys "H" Coy in support & "B" in reserve. Now the function of "H" & "B" Coys were changed, the former becoming the reserve Coy in trenches 800 yds from the front line.

From the night 20/21 work began in earnest. "H" & "B" were engaged in extension & improvement of the Support line & had a few nights later a continuous line of trench of which every bay in its 800' of bays & traverses was carefully sited & constructed. Next, in order ^{alphabetical} comes "C" Coy. They were kept fully occupied in improvements to their front line, removing the undercuts, deepening & widening. Some new work was done though & this consisted of 100' of C.T. 4' deep done in one night (40 men engaged) & 130' of trench to link with the new line of the left Bn.

"D" Coy were earnestly engaged in the construction of a new front & performed very creditably. During the 7 days remaining of our tour in the front line "D" Coy completed 510' of new front, correctly traversed etc

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 varying from 60' to 100' in front of original one taken over
 Having finished the line their attention was drawn to wiring, which
 they commenced on the night 26/27 & by the 28th 936' double apron
 wire was completed. Thus "D" Coy's exhibit was for 8 days was a new
 front line wired throughout with a double fence of good strong wire.
 of course this new line necessitated a new CT & the construction of this
 was left to "B" Coy. Two platoons cleaned & deepened the old trench &
 continued it to the front line giving it a fairly good means of communication
 which now bears the name of our Coy Lt 60 Heron W S O.

Before doing this phase of the chronicle of work
 mention must be made of our new support line, now known
 as BRETT-SWITCH. This line was urgently required to accommodate
 one platoon of "C" Coy & to provide defence in depth for the right
 sub sector. The line was laid down on the 26th & that
 night "H" Coy consisted of 72 men from the 43rd Bn dug 350'
 of trench to 4 feet. This work was so well done that the
 trench was occupied next evening. Relief by the 43rd Bn came on
 the night 28/29 & we became "C" Bn. This meant that our work would
 be confined to the areas further back. Nevertheless on the night 29/30
 one platoon from "D" Coy constructed a tank trap on the R. of
 quite near to the front line. Working parties were resumed on 30/31
 & despite the handicap of only having 3 Coys ("H" Coy was gassed on 26th)
 the Bn did excellent work both digging & wiring. "B" Coy were
 absorbed in working shafts & dugouts but despite this fact were able to
 erect 100' of wire to improve their own trench. "C" Coy were engaged in wiring
 the French communication T & erected 720' in the 2 nights remaining in May.
 To "D" Coy had been entrusted the rather difficult job of extending the
 support line across the R. & through the village to link up on the N.
 180' of this line was completed in the 2 nights. So May drew to a
 close as many other months have done leaving us well in
 touch with the work & with a strong determination to put
 all France under sandbags & wire

Sydney K. A. Murdoch Lieut
 41st Bn

Signalling

During the month signalling has been carried out in the battal under two headings, namely training and active operations in the line.

Training This period was practically the first half of the month, and consisted chiefly of training the signallers in visual work both by day and by night.

In the day lamp, shutter and flag work also reading by observing with periscope. In the night training lamp only being used.

During this period of training many appointments were made with 2 Squadron of the A.F.C. to demonstrate "contact" between Infantry and Aircraft by means of the new "Popham" J.I. signalling panel. But owing to adverse weather conditions only 3 appointments were effected these proved very successful and impressed the signallers with the results obtained, showing clearly that the method now adopted was far more

efficient than previous arrangements
Thus these evidences of actual work
gives a signaller confidence in his
work.

The second half of the month was
employed on active operations in
the Villers Bretonneuve sector.

Here the Telephone, Lamp, Power
Buzzer, message Rocket, messenger
Dog, and Pigeon were all used

Telephones being the most common
in use and being the fastest of
all. But always or very nearly
always being put out of action
if an enemy staff put down
These were ~~quite~~ of very much
used and called for a good deal
of maintenance.

Lamp, owing to the village and
lay of the land, only one lamp
came into operation, that one being
the right front Company, and
proved of good value.

Power Buzzer being at the left
front company, and was installed
as a S.D.S. signal, daily tests
showed this to be working OK.

Message Rockets This was also another means for SOS. But owing to a scarcity of rocket's experiments could not be carried out.

Dogs Messenger This means of communication being indifferent according to the dog employed some dogs being OK and others a failure. Several messages were sent by one dog which proved to be reliable and carried several messages back in from 12 to 14 minutes. This being a good run for a dog in training.

Pigeons This is the most reliable means of any of the SOS communication with exception to the SOS Rocket. The only difficulty being that the pigeon has to fly so far and it takes according to experiments during this month from 60 minutes to 90 minutes to get a message from the left to the Batta Head quarters.

SOS Rockets These were on hand at all company Headquarters & Batta observation posts but during our stay in the line did not require to be brought into action.

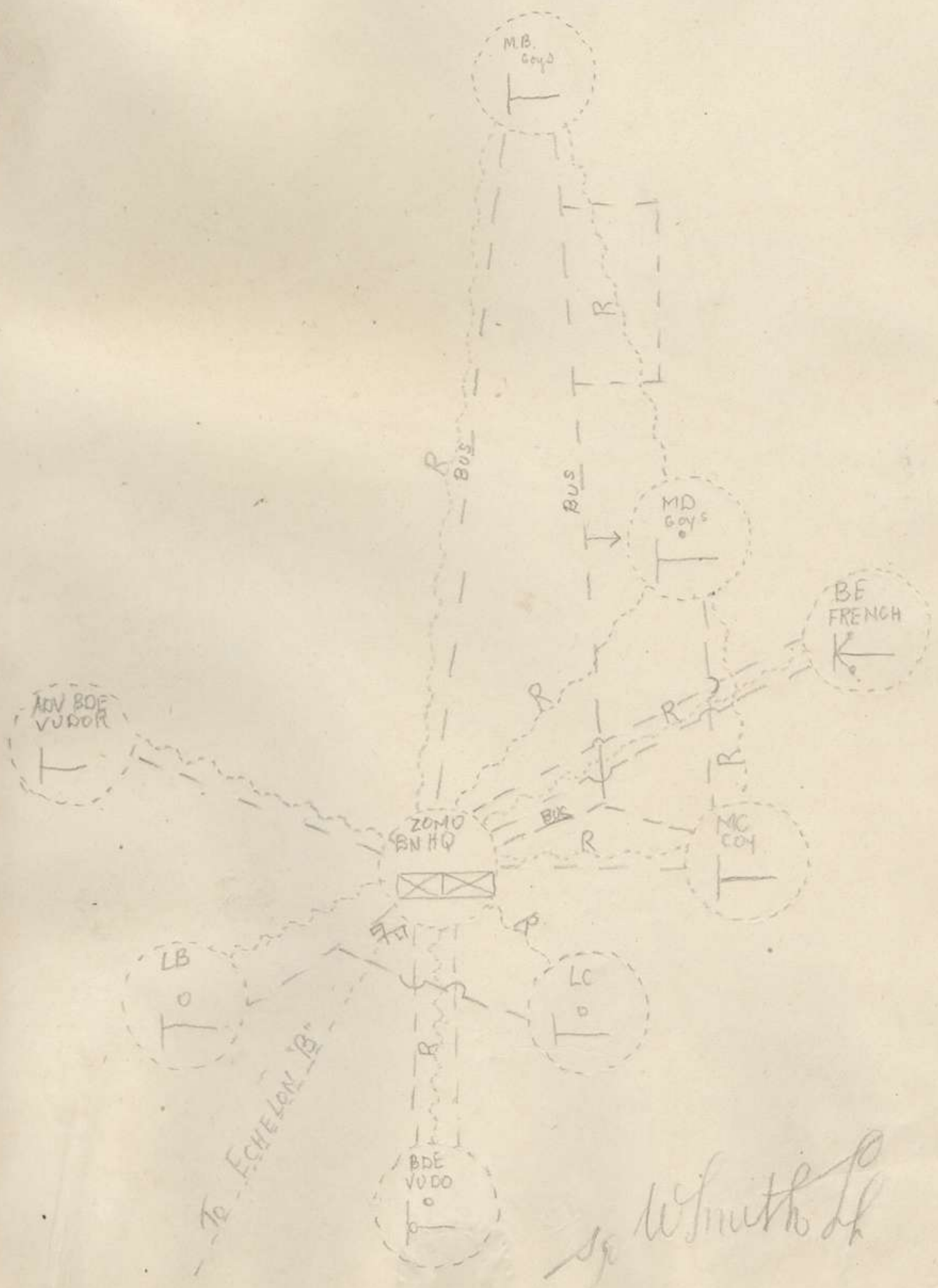


Diagrams herewith ~~are~~ two
Diagrams of communications
employed during time of tour
in Sector.

W. Smith
Sig. Ofc.



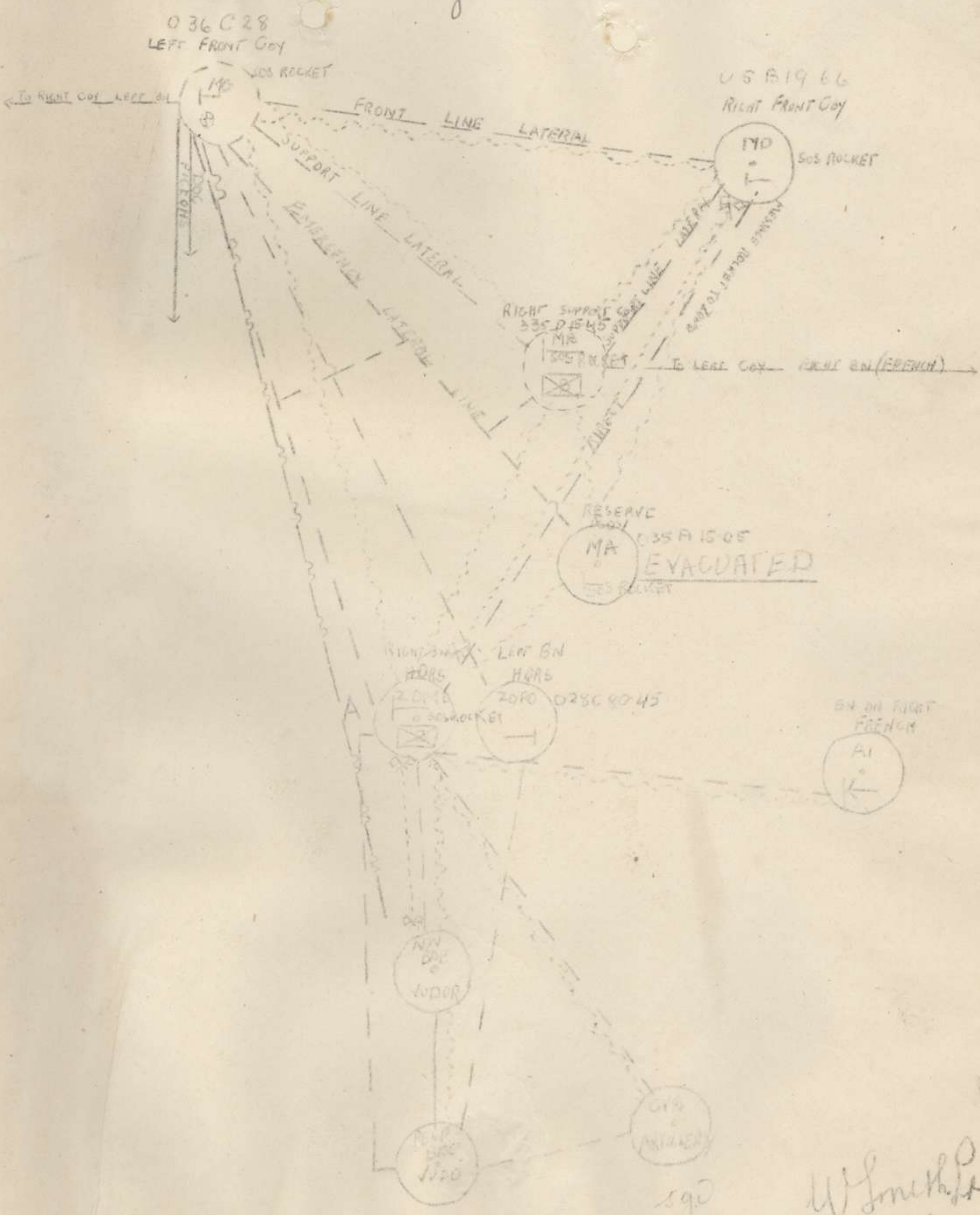
Circuit Diagram Zomo



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breach Diagram Zomo



W. J. Smith
25.5.18

N O T I C E.

The following letter has been received by the C.O. 41st Battalion from the B.R.F. Subsection, Australian War Records, dated 11.5.1948.

"It is desired to express this section's appreciation of the
"fine efforts being made by your Battalion to ensure its
"recognition in the National Museums. The trophies being
"received from the 41st Battalion have now placed it amongst
"the best, if not the very best of any Unit in the A.I.F. in this
"respect, and I hope you will spare no pains to continue to send
"us all articles of sentimental or historic interest, as in the
"past.
"The trophies handed in by your Unit have been placed to the
"credit of the QUEENSLAND War Museums.

Signed S.W. GILLET Lieut.

Officer i/c B.R.F. Sub-section A.W.R.S."

THE QUEENSLAND WAR MUSEUMS





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1st. Cavalry Division.
10 - 4 - 18.

My Dear Monash.

I was hoping to have come to see you, when the battle allowed, to thank you, your Brigade R.A. and your Brigades, who were alongside of my own Division for your most valuable and encouraging support and assistance, especially on 30th. March, when we had a hard fight to keep the Bosche out of our position. I was very much struck by the courtesy of your Officers in coming to see me personally, and for your own and their keen desire to do everything in their power to help.

As you know we have a curious collection of Units to deal with, and it was a very real relief to know you had your stouthearted fellows on my left flank, and later on my right flank, and that all worry was therefore eliminated as to the safety of my flanks. Your order for the placing of your heavy guns and batteries so as to cover our front was a very real assistance, and incidentally they killed a lot of Huns, and was much appreciated by us all.

Will you convey to all concerned, my own appreciation and that of all ranks of the 1st Cavalry Division. It was a pleasure and an honour to be fighting alongside troops who displayed such magnificent moral. I only hope we have the chance of cooperation with you again and under more favourable circumstances. We have been kept on the move and very busy trying to re-fit at the same time, and have left your area for the moment, or I should certainly have been myself to tender you our thanks and congratulations.

Yours sincerely.

(sgd) R. L. MULLENS.

Major-General.
Commanding 1st. Cavalry Division.

Capt Swanson
Please pass to
"B" Echelon

Post Capt



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THE BITE OF THE AUSTRALIANS.

The retaking of VILLE-sur-ANCRE.

In one month the Australians have captured 1,800 prisoners and have taken part in numerous conflicts.

(From our special War Correspondent accredited to the British Army)
(Between the SOMME and the ANCRE- 31st May 1918)

The AUSTRALIANS are only happy when they are given plenty of hard work. It was an Australian Captain who, simply, emphasized this trait in their character, so often exemplified, and he seemed, on his part quite satisfied. And quite justly too, for his company was one of those which, the day before yesterday, on Whitsun Eve, contributed towards the success which you know resulted in the retaking of VILLE-sur-ANCRE. It was a splendid surprise blow, sturdily carried out and it is worth reporting in some detail.

The artillery preparation lasted barely an hour. At 2 a.m. the first AUSTRALIAN wave went over the top.

There was a splendid moon. It was a pleasure to go, the Captain tells us. Our lengthened shadows as we leapt from hole to hole running across the so country, doubled, in the eyes of the enemy, the number of his assailants. His barrage was out up too late. The attack, made on a front of little more than three kilometres, developed right and left of the village, peat bogs prevented it being assaulted from the front.

Advanced posts and garrisons- in the neighbourhood of 1000 men- found themselves surrounded ere they had a chance to retaliate. Nevertheless the Battalion which held the village- men of the 117th Division, young classes mostly- notwithstanding the futility of all resistance, defended themselves valiently. It took two hours searching the cellars to overcome, with the aid of bombs, the obstanacy of some of them. 400 prisoners, all but a few less remained in our hands, and at least as many dead lay on the field. I say enemy dead, for our own losses were negligible.

One comic incident- which always exists in every drama- was the finding, amoungst the small fry (wastrels) captured, of a civilian from BERLIN- rara avis- whose sole baggage consisted of a register of subscriptions for he was a collector of War Savings, charged with receiving on the spot the mites of the combatants. It would appear glancing at his notebook, that the liberality of the contributions were not very considerable.

Another incident, this time of a dramatic nature: we had taken an officer who, according to custom, had advanced to meet us hands up. Seizing a moment to drop them, he hastily snatched his revolver from the pocket of his tunic and fired it point-blank at the stomach of the guard who was marching at his side. This example of Hunnish perfidy earned the end it merited.

The taking of VILLE-sur-ANCRE - known by some as VILLE-sous-CORBIE- has the advantage of securing for us valuable observation direct on MORLANCOURT, and amoungst other things, on four roads and on the enemy flank towards ALBERT.

This success, furthermore, is the last in point of date of a whole series of fortunate operations which, in the course of a month, have meant the capture by the AUSTRALIAN CORPS of 1,800 prisoners, of whom half are to the credit of the two Brigades which retook VILLIERS-BRETONNEAUX.

Hereunder, unembellished but how eloquent, is a statement of their feats of arms during the past fortnight:-

Night 30th April/1st May 1918.

Line advanced 400 metres in depth on a front of 800 metres. Post established East of the village of TREUX.

Night 1st /3rd May 1918.

Further advance - total gain of 600 metres in depth on a front of 1400 metres.

Morning 6th May 1918.

Capture of the whole German second line of defence S.W. of MORLANCOURT. The occupants and their ration-carriers killed or captured. Prisoners 163 including 4 officers.

Morning 8th May 1918.

Three local operations - all successful. Line advanced 5 00 metres on 600 metres of front East of SAILLY-le-SEC and of 300 metres on 5 00 metres West of MORLANCOURT. About 20 prisoners and heavy enemy casualties.

9th May 1918.

Return of enemy offensive. They secured a footing for an instant in Australian trenches N.W. of ALBERT, but were immediately thrown out.

14 th MAY 1918.

Two German Companies belonging to 18th and 199th Divisions attempted to regain the trenches lost by them S.W. of MORLANCOURT. At one point they broke into the Australian lines, a spirited-counter attack, not only re-est ablished the position, but lost country to the enemy and left 52 prisoners on our hands, as a result of the encounter.

18th May 1918.

The Australian attacked, at full midday, a strong post advanced towards MORLANCOURT, captured the whole garrison - 22 men and 1 Officer - and withdrew having suffered no casualties.

When the Germans think of attacking, this is the kind of adversary he will have to reckon with.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.
17th May, 1918.



C.O.,
41st Battalion.
42nd Battalion.
43rd Battalion.
44th Battalion.
11th M.G. Company.
11th T.M. Battery.
11th Field Company.
870th Coy., A.S.C.
11th Field Ambulance.

-COMPLIMENTARY.-

At conclusion of to-day's Ceremonial the Field Marshal, Sir Douglas HAIG, Commander-in-Chief British Armies in FRANCE, expressed himself as follows:-

" I am deeply grateful for the very important part played
" by this Brigade, being the first formed Unit to establish a
" firm defence on the high ground between ANCRE and SOMME on
" 27th March.

" The subsequent offensive defensive maintained by the Brigade
" up to 1st May was a very fine performance, and the fact that
" the Brigade can perform so well at a Ceremonial parade so
" closely following a long period in the line is a fine tribute
" to the sterling qualities of its members and also to the re-
" source and enterprise of its leaders.

" Australian troops have to-day shown that their performance
" at a Ceremonial parade is on as high a plane as their fighting
" qualities.

" The 'turn out' of animals, vehicles, and harness is also
" most creditable and the drivers are to be congratulated for
" their efforts.

" Our enemy is a strong and determined foe and it will require
" all our energy and resources to defeat him, but a continuance
" of the determination at all times shown by members of the
" Third Australian Division will do much to secure our final
" superiority over the enemy."

The Commander-in-Chief was particularly impressed with the physique and also the good marching of the Brigade.

(R.B.)

R. B. Hannan
Brigadier-General.
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde. A. I. F.

*Letter to boys HQ
Hannan*

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Extract from LE FIGARO of Friday 10th May 1918.

"These Australians of General BIRDWOOD are amongst the most magnificent soldiers of the British Army. They are the famous Anzacs of the terrible battle of GALLIPOLI.

It is nearly four years since they left their distant land; And what losses they have sustained. And not one single leave; But their spirit has remained the same ^{as} during the first days of the War. They would not defend their own villages other than they are defending ours. Our country has become theirs. All the ideal nobility of our common cause dwells in the broad bosoms of these bronzed men, who have come from the Antipodes and resemble the warriors of the bas-reliefs of Egina.

They and their leaders when spoken to of AMIENS repeat the immortal words of the "poilus" of VERDUN - "They will not pass"

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Army Form C. 2121
(in pads of 100)

U.S. No. of Message

This message is on a/c of: Recd. at.....m

Service Date.....

From.....

By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO All Coys.

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

Information from prisoners taken in recent action against VILLE-SUR-ANCRE indicates clearly that enemy gained knowledge of our intentions through overhearing our telephone conversations AAA. It is to be taken as a direct order that the telephone is only to be used for essential conversations & matters of routine & all messages containing any information whatsoever about ourselves are to be sent by some other means.

4 copies
3 Coys
1 HQ

From
Place
Time

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.
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41st BATTALION A.I.F.

11th INFANTRY BRIGADE

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD ENDING 31st MAY 1918.

DATE	MORNING 7.30 - 9.30 a.m.	AFTERNOON. 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.	REMARKS.
MONDAY 27th.	XXXXXXXXXX Special Parade Fall in at 8.30 a.m.		Marching and squad drill and recreation including swimming.
TUESDAY 28th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour P.T. & B.F. 1 hour Musketry $\frac{1}{2}$ hour Gas Drill		Same as above
WEDNESDAY 29th			Musketry on range. All day.
THURSDAY 30th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour P.T. & B.F. 1 hour Musketry $\frac{1}{2}$ hour Gas Drill		Marching- Squad Drill and Recreation including swimming.
FRIDAY 31st	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour P.T. & B.F. 1 hour Musketry $\frac{1}{2}$ hour Gas Drill		Squad drill- Gas drill and Recreation including swimming.

Signed W. UREN Captain
O.C. "B" Echelon 41st Btn A.I.F.

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Casualties

41st Battalion A.I.F

May 1918

Cohort	Strength		Off	Killed		Off	Wounded		Off	Sick	
	Off	O. Ranks		O. Ranks	Names		O. Ranks	Names		O. Ranks	Names
1	45	960									1
2	45	957									3
3	45	957									6
4	45	953									11
5	45	942									10
6	45	934									4
7	45	927									2
8	45	940									3
9	45	940									1
10	45	941									8
11	45	945									6
12	45	944									3
13	45	949									4
14	45	949									3
15	45	949	1		Co. F. J. Burdett Pvt	1			Co. S. L. Robinson released on duty		
16	45	943									2
17	45	945									2
18	45	949									2
19	45	946									8
20	45	932					2				2
21	45	932					2				1
22	45	926					1				3
23	45	921			1				3	Williamson on duty	5
24	45	914									
25	45	911									
26	45	913			2						1
27	45	902									1
28	39	744					170 (gross)				4
29	39	744					4				8
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Co. L. H. Pope

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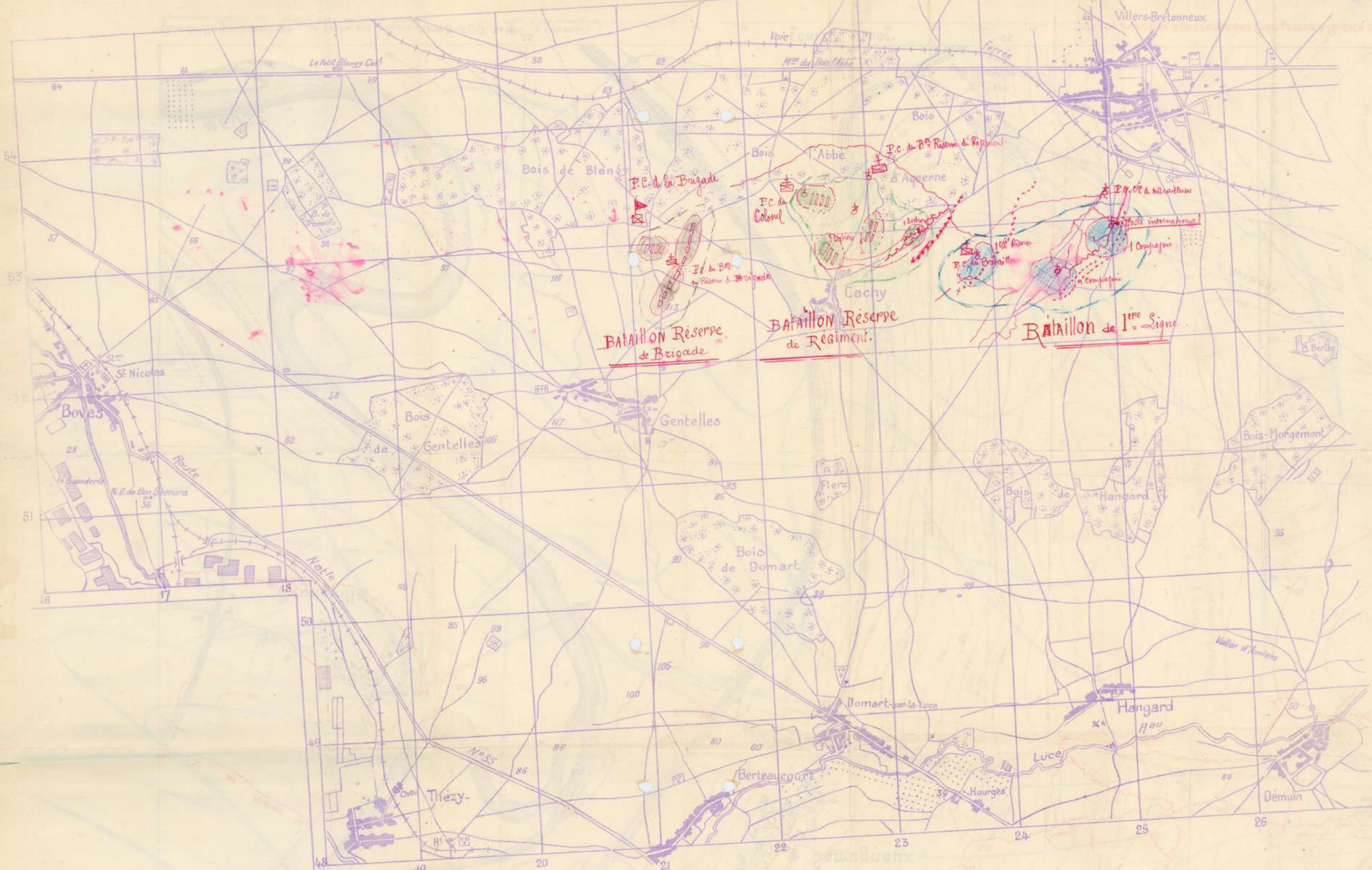
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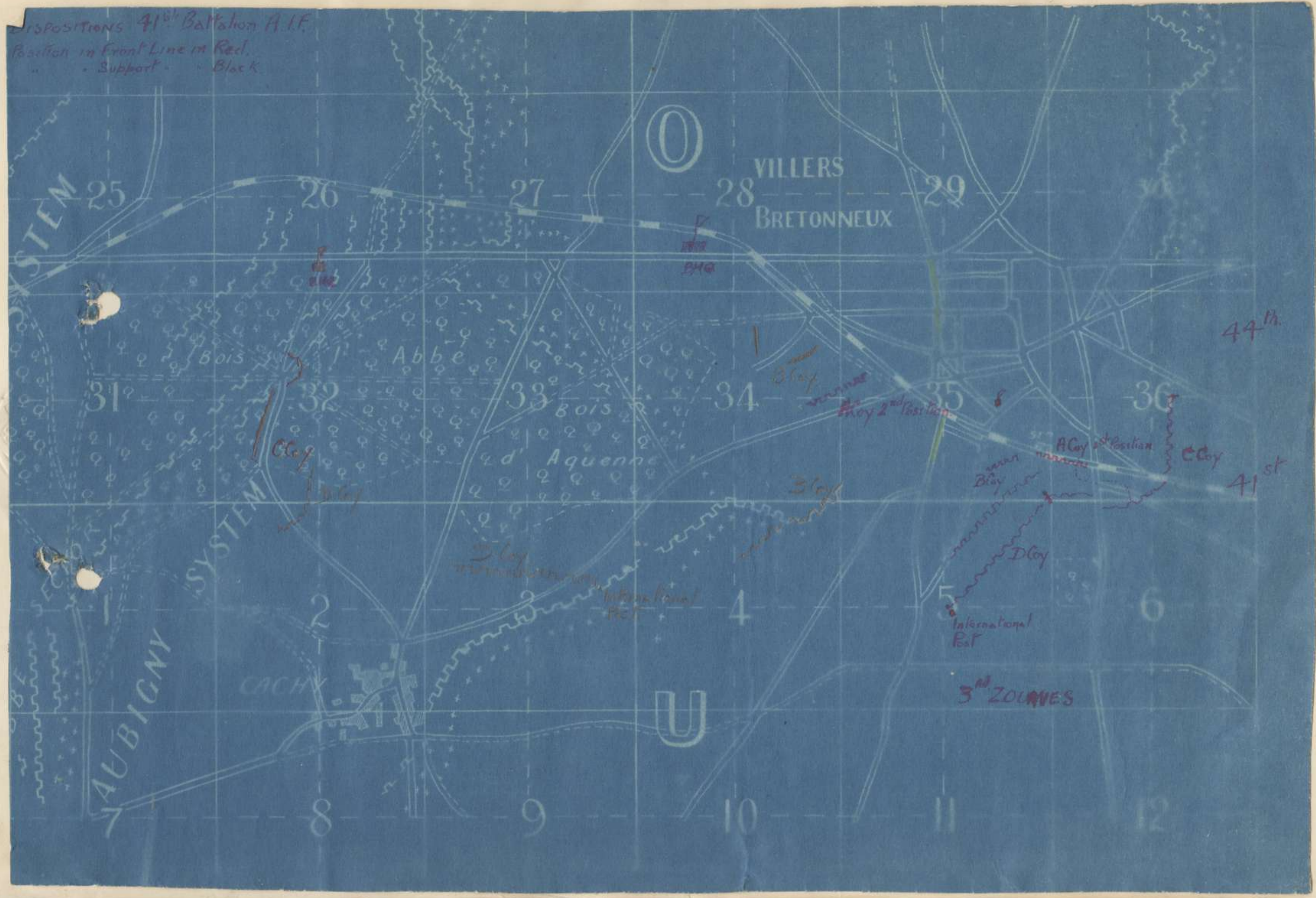
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	<u>Sniping School</u>	<u>Mont de laide</u>		<u>1</u>
	<u>Sniping School</u>	<u>Longpre</u>		<u>2</u>
	<u>Levin Gun School</u>	<u>Lt Longuet</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>Corps Levin Gun School</u>	<u>Berthoucourt</u>		<u>1</u>
	<u>Cookery School</u>	<u>Port Remy</u>		<u>1</u>
	<u>Corp Gas School</u>	<u>St Ouen</u>		<u>1</u>
<u>Honours and Awards.</u>	<p>The following decorations have been awarded during the month:-</p> <p><u>Distinguished Service Order</u> <u>1</u> <u>Widener (sic)</u> <u>1</u> <u>6</u></p> <p><u>Legion of Honour</u> <u>5</u> <u>6</u> <u>1</u> <u>6</u></p>			
<u>Pay</u>	<p>The following amount was distributed during the month</p> <p><u>69,775 francs</u></p>			
<u>Officer Report.</u>	<u>A. W. L.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Widening F.O.C. 3710</u>	<u>1</u>



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DISPOSITIONS 41st Battalion A.I.F.
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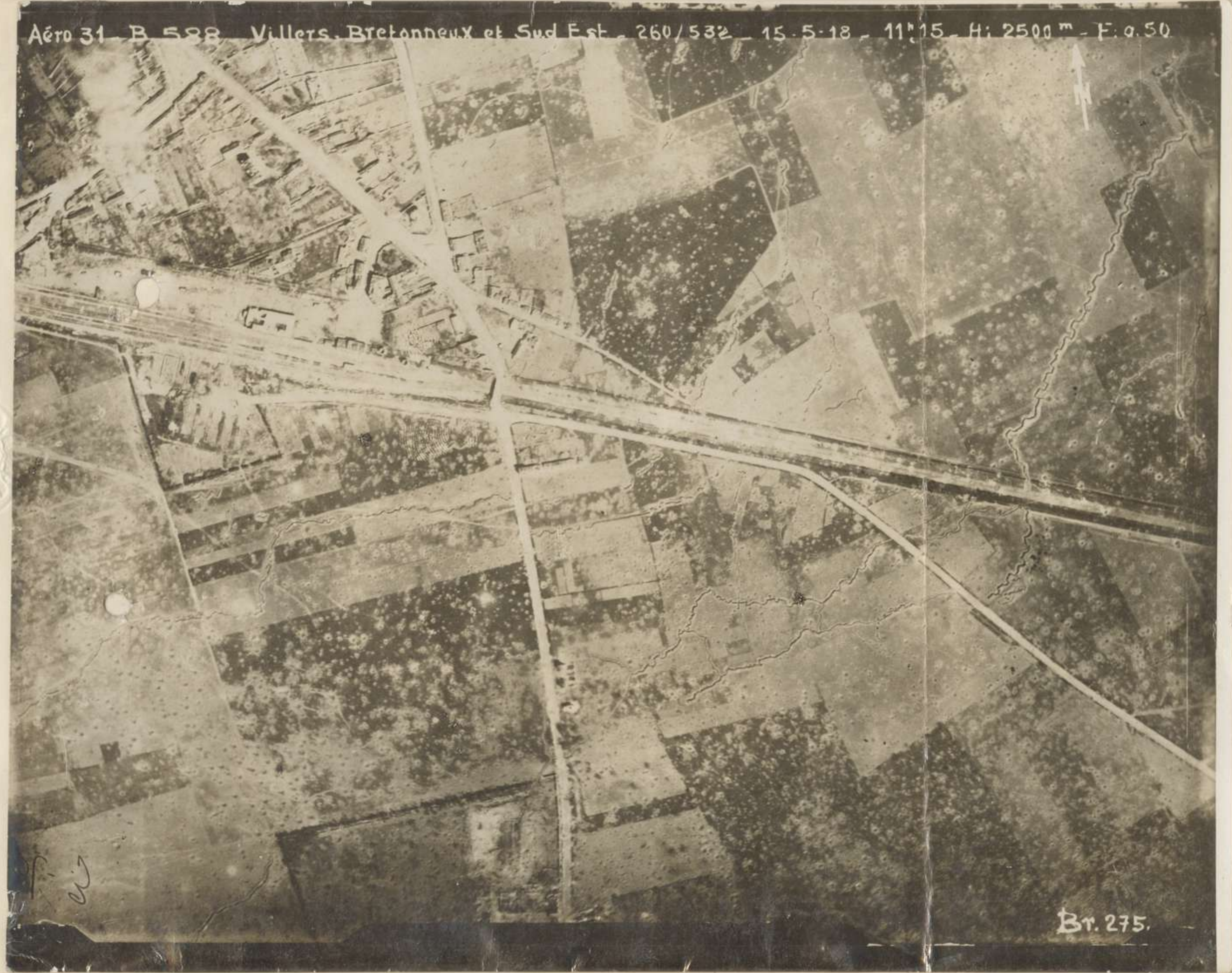


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