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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*51st Battalion*

FOR

*August* 191*8*

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51<sup>st</sup> Bn (1)  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>August 1918</u>				
GLISY.	1 <sup>st</sup>	"	Packs of men dumped & sent to Bde dump at RIVERY by motor lorry. 100 rds extra S.A.A & 2 Bombs issued to each man, arrangements made for move to front line. weather fine & clear. Battalion relieved a Battalion of 332 <sup>nd</sup> Regt of French Infy in front line at DOMART-SUR-LA-LUCE. Relief Successfully completed at A.M. Copy of Battalion Order <del>no</del> <sup>re</sup> no is attached & marked I	re I
DOMART-SUR-LA-LUCE.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"	Battalion & Company dispositions at 8 A.M. are attached & marked II. 49 <sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bn on Right & 8 <sup>th</sup> Chasseurs, French Inf, on left. Scattered shelling of Bn Area during day. weather <del>fine</del> Showery.	II re
"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	"	Weather fine. Scattered shelling of Bn Sector. Right Coy of 49 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieved from front line by one of Reserve Coys ("C" Coy) Relief completed at A.M. Copy of Battalion Order no 80 attached & marked III	III re
"	4 <sup>th</sup>	"	Enemy <del>Patrol</del> attacked our Right front line Coy at 3 A.M. & succeeded in penetrating our position. Report on the operation is attached & marked IV. Battalion & company dispositions as at 8 A.M. are attached & marked V. Light shelling of Battalion area. weather Showery & dull.	IV re V re





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August 1918				
DOMART-SUR- LA-LUCE	5 <sup>th</sup>	"	Weather showery. Light Hostile shelling over Bn Sector, Canadian officers reconnoitring whole of Bn Sector. Protective & reconnaissance patrols out on Bn front during hours of darkness, enemy wounded & captured 373 <sup>rd</sup> Regt	RC
"	6 <sup>th</sup>	"	Weather fine, Light Hostile shelling, Patrols out on our front as for night of 5 <sup>th</sup> . no contact with enemy. Disposition of Companies at 8 AM attached marked	RC V.A
"	7 <sup>th</sup>	"	Weather fine. Hostile shelling light, Bn was relieved by 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Infy Bde. who formed up for attack on enemy positions. Relief successfully completed at 2-45 AM. after relief Bn marched to Billets in LONGEAU. copy of Bn Order No 81 is attached & marked	RC VI
LONGEAU	8 <sup>th</sup>	"	Sketch showing Dispositions of Bn from 1 <sup>st</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug et attached & marked	VII
"	9 <sup>th</sup>	"	Bn in Billets all Ranks resting & cleaning equipment. weather fine	RC.
"	9 <sup>th</sup>	"	Battalion embussed in motor lorries at 8-30 AM & moved to HAMEL. Remained until 8 P.M. & marched to MORCOURT & relieved 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn Aust Inf. holding Canal defences Sth of CHIPILLY. Relief Complete at 12-35 AM. weather fine, Patrols out along SOMME CANAL no enemy seen.	RC
MORCOURT	10 <sup>th</sup>	"	Disposition of Companies & Battalion as at 8 AM are attached & marked * VIII day quiet fine & clear. I	VIII RC



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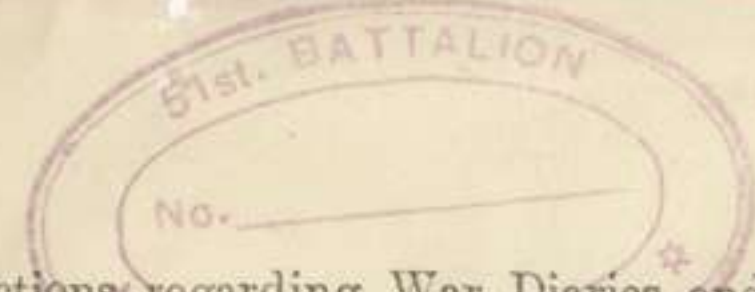
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MORCOURT	10 <sup>th</sup>	"	Battalion moved to Nth of SOMME. R. 1500' N of CHIPPILLY in support to 49 <sup>th</sup> & 50 <sup>th</sup> Bns. B Coy 51st Bn was detailed to assist 50 <sup>th</sup> Bn in an attack N of ETINEHEM. by securing the exits from this village until dawn <sup>on 11<sup>th</sup></sup> then "mop it up" copy of instructions communicated to ofc B Coy are attached & marked IX. Remainder of Bn in positions as shown in sketch attached to order & marked IX. weather fine	IX
CHIPPILLY	11 <sup>th</sup>	"	at 6-30 AM ofc B Coy (Lieut R Finlason MC) reported that village of ETINEHEM had been cleared only one enemy seen getting away & he was shot. 1 light machine gun captured, 2 platoons dug in. Dispositions of Bn as at 8 AM are attached & marked X. 5 prisoners were found in dugouts in GRESSAIRE WOOD they stated that all 5 had been there for 2 days & were living on wheat grain which they were then carrying in their pockets, weather fine & warm. D Coy moved to position E of ETINEHEM in support to 50 <sup>th</sup> Bn on left of B Coy.	X, RC
"	12 <sup>th</sup>	"	Dispositions of Bn as at 8 AM attached & marked XI. weather fine & warm. Order from 13 <sup>th</sup> and Inf Bde for B Battalion to attack enemy position on Spur immediately S.E of ETINEHEM. Copy of instructions issued to company Cdrs with <del>sketch</del> map showing assembly points, barrage lines, & objective are attached & marked XII. enemy shelled GRESSAIRE WOOD & valley in vicinity of Battalion Hqs with Gas Shells from 4-30 AM to 6 AM all ranks wore gas respirators for 2 hours	XII RC





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August	1918			
CHIPATILLY	13 <sup>th</sup>	"	Disposition of Battalion as at 8 AM is attached marked XII Operation as per 13 <sup>th</sup> Bde order no 142 - Bn operation memo no 2 successfully carried out Report of same is attached - marked XIII, A weather warm & fine, B. C. & D Coys relieved from front line by 1st Bn 131st U.S. Infantry relief complete by 3:15 AM. "A" Coy moved into support position in rear of 49 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieving 1 Coy 2nd Bn 131st U.S. Infantry relief completed 9:30 P.M. Copy of Battalion order no 82 is attached - marked XIV	XIII XIII A XIV. Re
"	14 <sup>th</sup>	"	Disposition of Battalion as at 8 AM is attached - marked XV, B. C. & D Coy resting, weather fine # Enemy bombarded GRESSAIRE WOOD with Gas shells during night.	XV. Re
"	15 <sup>th</sup>	"	Weather fine & warm. scattered shelling of Bn area by enemy artillery. Supply of clean underclothing complete change for each man received all ranks in small parties bathed in pools adjacent to R. SOMME - underclothing changed, Copy of Daily strength return attached - marked XVI, Copy of Daily Intelligence Summary from 1st to 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug is attached - marked XVII	Re XVI XVII Re
"	16 <sup>th</sup>	"	Salvaging Rifles & Equipment from Captured area in vicinity of Battalion Positions working party of 1 n.c.o & 20 O.Ranks erecting dugouts for 13 <sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde H.Q. Hostile shelling scattered over Bn area weather fine	Re
"	17 <sup>th</sup>	"	Salvaging & working parties as for 16 <sup>th</sup> weather fine very light hostile shelling over area A Coy relieved from support position to 34 <sup>th</sup> Bn by 1 Coy of 50 <sup>th</sup> Bn Relief complete at 11 PM	Re X



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August 1918				
CHIPILLY	18 <sup>th</sup>	"	weather fine & warm. Reconnaissance of front line held by 34 <sup>th</sup> Bn on BRAY-CORBIE Road by units C O & O/C Coys. Instructions received from 13 <sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde that Bn would relieve 34 <sup>th</sup> Bn. at 9 A.M. <del>Message</del> message received from 13 <sup>th</sup> Bde at 3-30 P.M. cancelling instructions for relief of 34 <sup>th</sup> Bn. & orders Received for Bn to move to SAILLY-LE-SEE Area, Battalion moved at 8 P.M. & arrived in Bivouac Area in J36 a (Shut 62d NE 1/1000) at 9-30 P.M. <del>Copy of Bn order no 83. attached marked X VII</del> <del>RE</del> <del>RE</del>	RE RE
SAILLY-LE-SEE	19 <sup>th</sup>	"	weather fine & warm, Battalion remained in Bivouacs until 5 P.M. when in accordance with Bde order 145 it marched to an embussing point on Road S.E. of VAIRE-SOUS-CORBIE & embussed at 8 P.M. & travelled to HARBONNIERES & debussed on W edge of that village then marched to Reserve position in X 22 d. <del>Copy of Bn order no 83. attached marked X VII</del> (Ref Sheet 62 d 1/40000) & relieved 1st Battalion 132 <sup>nd</sup> Regt U.S. Infantry Relief completed 12-15 A.M. Copy of Battalion order no 83 is attached & marked <del>XVII</del> XVIII	RE XVIII
ROSIERES				
X 22 D Ref Sheet 62 d 1/40000	20 <sup>th</sup>	"	weather fine & warm, Battalion erecting dugout shelters, & salvaging equipment & RE material.	RE
"	21 <sup>st</sup>	"	weather fine & very warm. work & salvaging as for 20 <sup>th</sup> .	RE
"	22 <sup>nd</sup>	"	do do	
"	23 <sup>rd</sup>	"	weather fine & warm, Battalion Bathed, all men received change of underclothes at 4 <sup>th</sup> Dawn. Baths 800 yds E of HARBONNIERES.	RE
"	24 <sup>th</sup>	"	weather fine & warm. Battalion was relieved from Reserve position by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn 59 <sup>th</sup> Regt French Infantry, marched to HARBONNIERES & embussed on motor Buses & moved to Bellets at RIVERY. Copy of Battalion Order no 84 is attached & marked XIX.	RE XIX



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August <del>RIVERY</del> RIVERY.	25 <sup>th</sup>		Battalion arrived in Bullets at 6-30 AM. all Ranks resting during day. weather fine - clear.	Re
"	26 <sup>th</sup>	"	Reorganization of Companies, issue of clothing & Equipment repairs to Boots & clothing - general cleaning up of all ranks. Battalion nucleus rejoined Bn	
"	27 <sup>th</sup>	"	Companies training, general stiffening up of discipline & drill. weather fine	
"	28 <sup>th</sup>	"	as for 27 <sup>th</sup>	
"	29 <sup>th</sup>	"	Training as per Syllabus, copy of Syllabus for week ending 31/8/18 is attached & marked XX <sup>II</sup> , all Ranks bathed & received change of clean underclothing from Dunal Baths at the Hospital RIVERY	XX <sup>II</sup>
"	30 <sup>th</sup>	"	Training as per Syllabus.	XX <sup>I</sup> Re
"	31 <sup>st</sup>	"	do do do Copy of Daily Strength Return attached marked XX <sup>II</sup>	XX <sup>II</sup>
			Diagrams of Signal Communications from 1 <sup>st</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> August attached marked XX <sup>III</sup>	XX <sup>III</sup> Re
			Plan showing Dispositions from 9 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> August attached marked XX <sup>IV</sup>	XX <sup>IV</sup>
			Table of sick evacuations for month attached marked XX <sup>V</sup>	XX <sup>V</sup>
			" of Reinforcements joined & casualties for month attached marked XX <sup>V</sup>	XX <sup>V</sup>
			Diet Sheet of Rations received by Companies for 1 week while in front line trenches is attached & marked XX <sup>VI</sup>	XX <sup>VI</sup>

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C.O. 51<sup>st</sup> Battalion



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## WAR DIARY

OF

51st. BATTALION.

FOR

AUGUST 1918

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
I	✓ Battalion Order No. 79.
II	✓ Battalion Disposition 8 a.m. 2nd. August 1918.
III	✓ Battalion Order No. 80.
IV	✓ Report on Enemy Raid 4th. August 1918.
V	✓ Battalion Disposition 8 a.m. 4th. August 1918.
V.A.	✓ Battalion Disposition 8 a.m. 6th. August 1918.
VI	✓ Battalion Order No. 81.
VII	✓ Plan showing Battalion and Coy. Dispositions from 1st. to 7th. August 1918.
VIII	✓ Battalion Disposition 8 a.m. 10th. August 1918.
IX	✓ Battalion Operation Memo No.1. with map attached.
X	✓ Battalion Disposition at 8 a.m. 11th. August 1918.
XI	✓ Battalion Disposition at 8 a.m. 12th. August 1918.
XII	✓ Battalion Operation Memo No.2. with map attached.
XIII	✓ Battalion Disposition 8 a.m. 13th. August 1918.
XIII.A.	✓ Report on Operation carried out on night of 12th/13th August 1918.
XIV	✓ Battalion Order No. 82.
XV	✓ Battalion Disposition 8 a.m. 14th. August 1918.
XVI	✓ Copy of Daily Strength Return 15th. August 1918.
XVII	✓ Daily Summaries of Intelligence from 2nd. to 15th. August 1918.
XVIII	✓ Battalion Order No. 83.
XIX	✓ Battalion Order No. 84.
XX	✓ Syllabus of Training for week ending 31st. August 1918.
XXI	✓ Copy of Daily Strength Return 31st. August 1918.
XXII	✓ Diagrams of Battalion Signal Communications 1st. to 24th. August 1918.
XXIII	✓ Map showing Battalion and Coy. dispositions from 9th. to 24th. August 1918.
XXIV	✓ Table of Sick evacuations for month ending 31st. August 1918.
XXV	✓ Reinforcements joined and Casualties for month ending 31st. August 1918.
XXVI	✓ Diet sheet for period in Line from 2nd. to 7th. August 1918.



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1st. August 1918.

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1. (a) 51st. Battalion will relieve the Left Battalion of 332 Regiment French Divisional Infantry in the Right Sector of the 4th. Aust. Divisional Front on the night 1st/2nd. August 1918.  
(b) 49th. Aust. Inf. Bn. will be on the Left and the 332 Regiment French Inf. on the Right.

INSTRUCT-  
IONS.

2. (a) Dispositions. Front Line - "A" Coy. Right at Cross Roads in C.9.b.2.9., Left at C.4.a.8.4.  
"B" Coy. Support, Right at C.2.b.1.8 (sheet 66E), Left at U.27.d.8.0.  
"C" Coy. Reserve, in trenches at T.24.d.  
"D" Coy. Reserve, in trenches at T.24.a. and T.25.b.  
Bn. H/Qrs. at U.26.central.  
(b) The Battalion will move off in the following order :-  
H/Qrs. "A", "B", "C", "D" Coys.  
(c) Starting Point - Corner of Wood in N.32.a.5.1.  
(d) Time. H/Qrs. 8.30 p.m.  
"A" Coy. 8.35 p.m.  
"B" " 8.45 p.m.  
"C" " 8.55 p.m.  
"D" " 9.05 p.m.  
(e) Coys. will march with 100 yards distance between platoons and 200 yards distance between Companies.  
On arriving at point on main road approx. U.17.d.8.4.  
Platoons will move by Sections at 50 yards distance.  
(f) Lewis Guns, Picks and shovels will be loaded on 2 G.S. Limbered Wagons. One Wagon will contain "A" & "B" Coys. Lewis Guns and tools, and will march in rear of "A" Coy to Bn. H/Qrs. Wagon containing "C" and "D" Coys. Guns and Tools will march in rear of "C" Coy. and be unloaded at their respective Coy. H/Qrs. From Bn. H/Qrs. "A" and "B" Coys. will carry Lewis Guns and tools forward.  
(g) S.A.A. & Bombs. 220 rounds S.A.A. and 2 bombs will be carried by each man (except Lewis Gunners who will carry 100 rounds S.A.A.).  
(h) Area Stores. No Area Stores are being handed over by French, but all information sketches and plans of works proposed and in progress will be taken over.  
(i) When new positions are taken over 2 Lewis Guns in each Coy. will be mounted for A.A. Defence.  
(j) All movement will be by small parties and between the hours of dusk and dawn.

AID POST.

3. A.A.P. will be at Bn. H/Qrs. U.26.central.

REPORTS.

4. (a) Completion of relief will be at once notified to Bn. H/Qrs. in the following code 152 received.  
(b) Disposition reports with sketches from each Coy, and Platoon Commanders, showing dispositions of their units, position of Lewis Guns and A.A. Guns will be forwarded to reach Bn. H/Qrs. by 6 a.m. on morning 2nd. August 1918. Sufficient sketches for this purpose are forwarded with this order.

(signed) A.C. TOWNSEND, Lieutenant &  
Asst/Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.



1st., August 1918.

RATIONS AND WATER.

1. Rations will be delivered daily to the Quartermaster at Bn. Transport Lines, where they will be packed by C.Q.M.Sgts. by "Posts" in sandbags and taken up to Coy. at night.  
All cooking will be done on Coy. Cookers at Tpt. Lines and hot food and tea sent up in food containers, arriving at Coys. at 10.30 p.m. and 2 a.m. each night.  
"C" Coy. will furnish a permanent party of 1 Officer and 2 N.C.Os. and 16 men to carry rations to "A" Coys. Posts. Remainder of Coys. will arrange to carry their own.

TRANSPORT.

2. Transport Lines will be at S.12.d.5.5.

S.A.A. & BOMBS.

3. A Battalion dump will be at Battalion Headquarters, U.26.central.

PACKS.

4. All Officers' baggage and Packs of the men are dumped at the HOSPICE, RIVERY under a guard. Officers and O/Ranks who require to draw from this dump any baggage, must be in possession of an order signed by the Adjutant before the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of the dump guard will deliver same.

COMMUNICATIONS.

5. Telephones. All Battalion and Coy. H/Qrs. in the new sector are connected by telephone, but all the french telephones are ringing sets.  
In order, therefore, that the enemy shall not obtain any information about the relief through his listening sets, the following will be the procedure :-  
(a) The French telephonists will remain with their telephone at the Bn. or Coy. H/Qrs. until the relief of their Bn. or Coy. is complete, and until that time all messages will be sent in French.  
(b) The 49th. and 51st. Battalions will be temporarily provided with one ringing telephone each for the use of their Headquarters and these will be substituted for the French telephones on the completion of the Battalion relief. They will be drawn subsequently as arranged by the Brigade Signal Officer.  
(c) As each Company is relieved and the French telephonist goes, buzzer units will be substituted for ringing sets and tested through, but no conversations or messages whatever will be sent until 6 a.m. on 2nd. August, unless the tactical situation demands otherwise. Every care must be taken to ensure that this restriction is observed by signal personnel as well as Officers.  
(d) As regards the 50th. Bn. :- the Headquarters being taken over is at present a French regimental exchange. The Brigade Signal Officer will be at this H/Qrs. on completion of the relief, and when the French telephonists go, he will make the necessary allotment of lines for Brigades and Battalion use, and will arrange buzzer connections between Brigade and 50th. Bn.  
(e) While the French telephonists are there, the French code calls only will be used, but after they have gone the 4 letter code calls (series 5) will come into use.

Bde. H/Qrs.	PUHO
Right Bn. (51st. Bn)	NOZE
Left " (49th. Bn)	NOVE
Support" (50th. Bn)	NOJE
Front Line Coy (A Coy 51st)	SIGA
Support " " (B " " )	SIGE
Forward Reserve Coy (XC Coy 51st)	SIGI
Rear " " (D " " )	SIGO
French Bn. on Right (332 Regt)	POMPÉE
Bn. O.P. (51st. Bn).	OP



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RUNNERS.

6. By Day. Runners must NOT use the main DOMART Road. Despatched for Brigade will be forwarded to the Brigade Forward Report Centre U.20.d.1.6 and Battalion runners will pick up despatches there for their Battalion. At night. Cyclist Orderlies will use the main road and despatches will be forwarded between Battalions and the Brigade direct.

WIRELESS  
SETS.

7. Wireless loop sets are being installed at Brigade Headquarters and at the Headquarters of both line Battalions.

PIGEONS.

8. Pigeons will be distributed to Front Line Companies.

(signed) A.C. TOWNSEND, Lieutenant,  
A/Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.



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51st. Battalion, A.I.F.

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Disposition report as at 8 a.m. on 2nd. August 1918.

Reference sheets 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.  
 " " 66E. 1/40.000.

Bn. Headquarters. and R.A.P. - U.26.a.95.13.

One Company in the Front Line from C.9.b.3.8 Right to C.4.c.95.80 Left

Forward Company disposed in posts.

Poste International. 1 N.C.O. and 10 men 51st. Bn. plus 1 N.C.O.  
 and 10 men 332 French Regiment at C.9.b.3.8.

One Platoon in two posts C.3.d.50.35 and C.3.d.80.05. L.G. with  
 each post.

One Platoon in two posts C.4.c.00.15 and C.4.c.2.2. L.G. with  
 each post.

One Platoon in two posts C.4.c.70.35 and C.4.c.9.7. L.G. with  
 each post.

Forward Company H/Qrs. - C.3.d.9.8.

Support Company. In posts on the North bank of the RIVER LUCE.  
 From the Right.

No. 1 Post.	-	6 O.R.	-	L.M.G.	C.2.b.00.25.
" 2 "	-	9 "	-	Rifle Grenades.	C.2.b.4.5.
" 3 "	-	14 "	-	L.M.G.	C.3.a.1.4.
" 4 "	-	6 "	-	L.M.G.	C.3.a.6.3.
" 5 "	-	19 "	-	L.M.G.	C.3.a.9.4.
" 6 "	-	14 "	-	L.M.G.	C.3.b.15.70.
" 7 "	-	4 "	-	Bombers.	C.3.b.65.80.

Coy. H/Qrs. - U.26.d.9.2.

Two Companies in Reserve are disposed as follows -

One Company in continuous trench from T.29.b.57.95 Right to  
 U.19.a.1.1. Left.

Company H/Qrs. - T.24.d.40.83.

One Company in continuous trenches from T.24.c.55.65 to T.24.b.07.45  
 and from T.23.b.65.35 to T.24.a.37.90.

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51st. Battalion Order No. 80.  
Reference sheets 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.  
66E. 1/40.000.

3rd. August 1918.

INTENTION.

1. (a) "C" Company 51st. Bn. will relieve the right Company of 49th. Bn. A.I.F. in front line on night 3rd/4th. August 18.  
(b) 49th. Bn. will be on the left and "A" Company 51st. Bn. on right. Complete Liaison will be maintained with both units.

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2. (a) Dispositions -  
Front line taken over by "C" Company will extend from approx. right at C.4.a.7.7 (sheet 66E) to left at U.28.b.3.5 (sheet 62D. S.W).  
(b) Relief will commence at about 11 p.m.  
(c) Necessary Guides will be arranged by Os.C. Companies concerned.

REPORTS.

3. On completion of relief the following words will be wired to Bn. H/Qrs. - "Relief received".

(signed) A.C. TOWNSEND, Lieutenant &  
A/Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.



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51st. Battalion,  
4th. August 1918.

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Report of enemy raid on Right Front Line Company.

At 2.45 a.m. enemy put down heavy artillery barrage on our Front Line and after about 15 minutes bombardment lifted same on to support Line and village of DOMART.

At 3 a.m. enemy attacked 4 of our posts and succeeded in driving them back to village of HOURGES.

The Company Commander (Capt. M. AUROUSSEAU, M.C.) at once re-organized the Company and succeeded in clearing and restoring our original line by 4 a.m.

Losses inflicted on enemy definitely known were 9 Killed including 1 Officer.

Our casualties were :-

2 O/Ranks	Killed.	
3 Officers	(Capt. M. AUROUSSEAU, M.C.)	
	(Lieut J.D. FRYER.	)
	( " R.A. WOOD.	) and
11 O/Ranks	Wounded.	
6 "	Missing.	

Copy of report of Company Commander and sketch showing posts raided are attached hereto.

*R Christie*

Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion.



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COMPANY COMMANDER'S REPORT ON RAID.

Attack came at 3.00 a.m. apparently in three lines of 20 - 30 men who followed quickly on barrage. No. 5 post first attacked, then No. 4 and 3. No. 4 forced back on to village and occupied positions on either side of road. Party attacking No. 5 worked over road and bombed No. 6 post. L.G. of No. 6 post still in our hands. Positions of Nos. 4 and 5 promptly re-occupied by details under M.C.Os. and H/Qrs. in a state of defence. Patrols and scouts sent out for information. Boche was into No. 3 and 4 very quickly after his barrage which was very sharp and lasted on us about 10 minutes passing slowly back to DOMART. Cannot tell extent of casualties, Lt. WOODS ~~his~~ slightly wounded, Lt. FRYER and self also hit. Am sending half BRIDGER'S Platoon to No. 6 post, remainder to 3 and 4. One prisoner (Boche) taken. Some of our must have been captured. Just reported by patrol that Boche has withdrawn to the ELBE TRENCH and is talking loudly.

I would make special mention of C.S.M. ROSENDELL and 2/Lt. HAY for prompt action on their own initiative in re-organizing details to re-man posts and C.H.Q. and for patrolling promptly.

4.45 a.m.

(signed) M. AUROUSSEAU, Capt.  
O.C. "A" Coy.

Boche prisoner states he is Polish, 373rd Regt. and which only came in last night.

4.50 a.m.

(signed) M. AUROUSSEAU, Capt.  
O.C. "A" Coy.



Amended Disposition Report as at 8 a.m. on 4th. August 1918.

Reference sheet 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.

"C" Company moved from position in T.24.d. and occupied positions as here stated.

Coy. H/Qrs. and O.P. U.27.d.6.5.

One Platoon in two posts at U.28.c.6.6. and U.28.d.37.40.

One Platoon in two posts at U.28.b.30.37 and ~~U.28.b.30.37~~ U.28.b.05.47.

One Platoon from U.28.a.2.5. to U.28.a.6.6.

Other dispositions as previously shown.

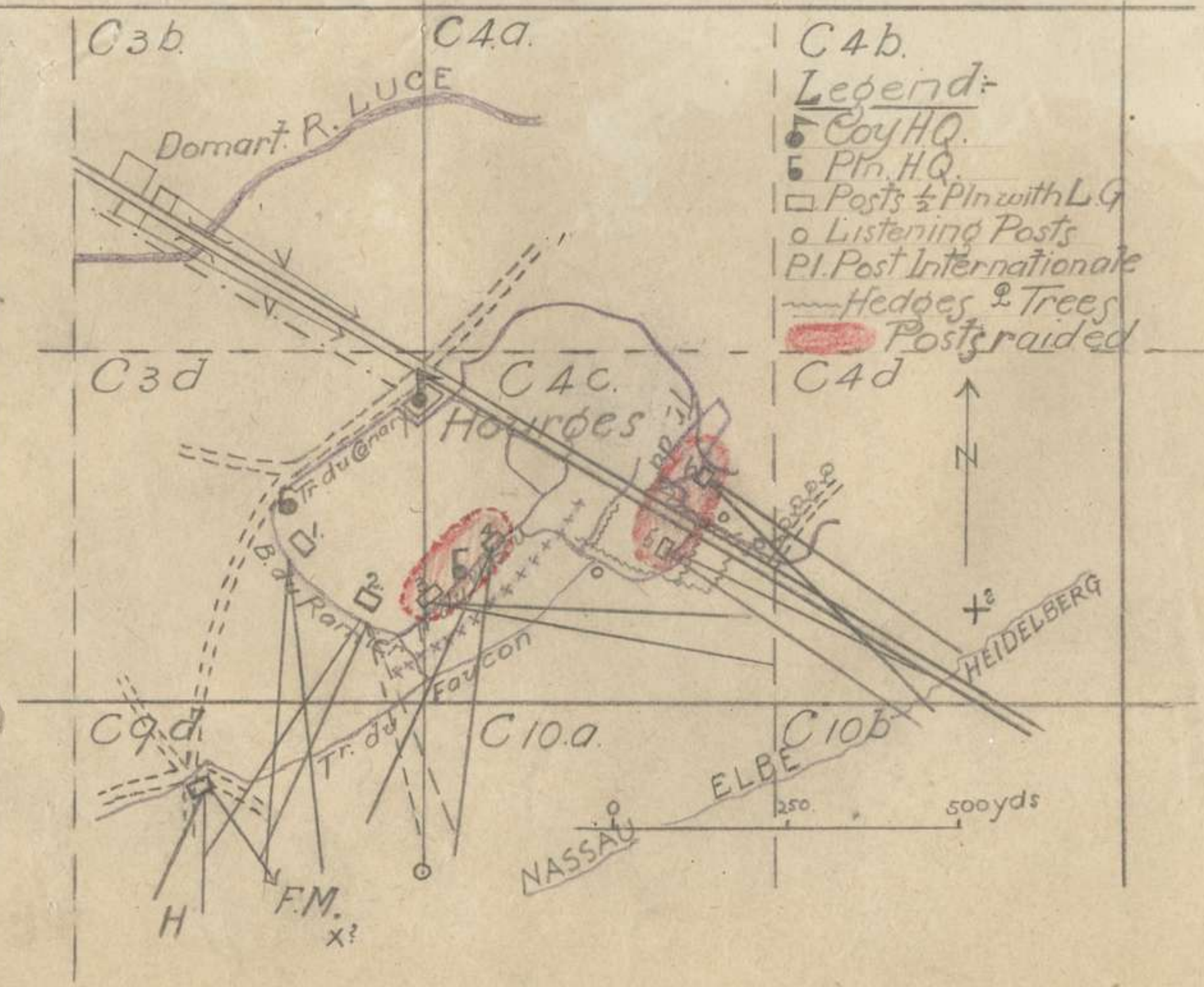
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Amended Disposition Report as at 8 a.m. on 6th. August 1918.  
Reference sheet 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.

"D" Company moved from position in T.24.a. and disposed as under :-

Coy. Headquarters - U.27.a.1.5.  
2 Platoons. - U.26.b.9.1. Right to U.27.a.10.55.  
One Platoon - U.26.d.4.6.

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reference sheet 210 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.  
 " part " 66E. 1/20.000.

7th. August 1918.

INTENTION.

1. (a) The Battalion will be relieved from the Front Line on night 7th/8th. August 1918 by 8th. and 9th. Canadian Infantry Brigades.  
 (b) On relief Companies will march to Billets in LONGEAU.

INSTRUCT-  
IONS.

2. (a) Front Line. "A" Coy. will be relieved by a Bn. of 9th. Canadian Inf. Bde. "C" Coy. will be relieved by 1st. C.M.R. Bn.  
 (b) Support & Reserve Coys. "B" and "D" Coys. will march out on order being received from Bn. H/Qrs.  
 (c) Guides. 2 Guides from each platoon and one from Coy. H/Qrs., "A" and "C" Coys. will report at Bn. H/Qrs. U.26. central at 10.15 p.m. sharp.  
 (d) Relief will commence about 11 p.m.  
 (e) Dress. Fighting Order with greatcoat and W.P. sheet. Every man to be fully equipped on leaving line.  
 (f) All Lewis Guns and magazines will be carried out by platoons, complete.  
 (g) All picks and shovels that were taken in the line will be carried out by Coys. to new Area.  
 (h) Formations on relief. Platoons will assemble at Bn. H/Qrs. and will march back by half platoons at a distance of 50 yards to GENTELLES WOOD when they will be closed to platoons for remainder of journey.  
 (i) Route. Main DOMART - AMIENS Road.  
 (j) Trench Stores, all S.A.A. and Bombs in posts will be handed over and receipt obtained. S.O.S. Signals will not be handed over, they will be taken to new area.

REPORTS.

3. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. H/Qrs. by the following code word - SET. Company Comdrs. will also report personally to Bn. H/Qrs. when moving out. Platoon Commanders will report to Billeting Officer (Lieut. J.J. CONNOR) on reaching LONGEAU.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(signed) A.C. TOWNSEND, Lieut &  
 Asst/Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.



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From 2-8-18. To 4-8-18.

do. 4-8-18. To 6-8-18.

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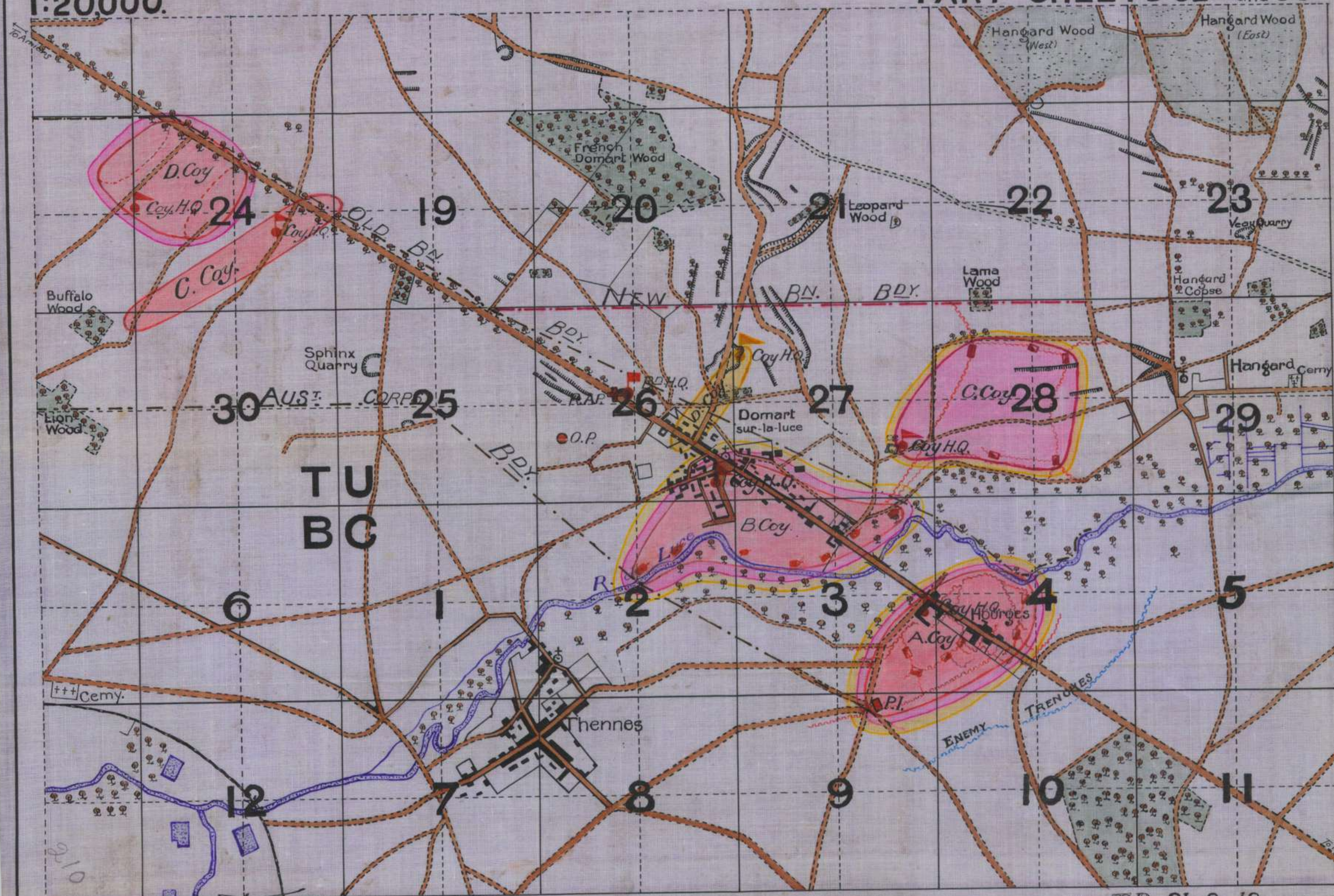
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## 51<sup>ST</sup>. BATTALION

FROM 1-8-18. TO 7-8-18.

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PART SHEETS 62<sup>D</sup>. and 66<sup>E</sup>.



R Christod. Lt. Col. 51<sup>ST</sup>. Bn.

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APP VIII

Disposition report as at <sup>8 AM</sup>~~11.30~~ p.m. on <sup>10th</sup>~~9th~~ August 1918.

Reference sheet 62D. S.E. 1/20.000.

Battalion in position and disposed as under -

Bn. H/Qrs. and R.A.P. - Q.15.d.82.45.

Two Companies Forward.

Right Coy. H/Qrs. Q.16.b.1.1. disposed in platoon posts from  
Q.16.d.9.5. Right to Q.16.a.7.7. Left.

Left Coy. H/Qts. Q.16.a.4.8. disposed in platoon posts from  
Q.16.a.7.7. Right to Q.9.b.7.6. Left.

Two Companies Support.

Right support, H/Qrs. Q.15.d.82.45. From Q.15.d.7.2. Right to  
Q.16.c.2.7.

Left Coy. Support. H/Qrs. Q.9.c.9.9. Coy. in sunken roads,  
Q.9.central.

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APPENDIX 9

51st. Battalion Operation memo No.1.  
Reference sheet 62D. N.E. 1/20.000.

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10/8/18.

1. (a) The 49th. and 50th. Bns. are attacking North of River SOMME and securing objectives as shown on map attached.  
(b) "B" Coy. will assist in this operation by securing the exits of ETINEHEM until dawn when it will "mop up" the village. The Company will be supported by 4 Stokes Mortars and 4 vickers M.Guns. There will be no artillery barrage.
2. (a) The 49th. and 50th. Bns. are assembling in CRESSAIRE WOOD at approx. positions shown on attached map, by 9 p.m.  
(b) "B" Company will assemble immediately behind the 50th. Bn. by 9.15 p.m.  
The remainder of the Bn. will be in Bde. Reserve in CRESSAIRE WOOD.
3. All troops will carry 24 hours rations, 2 bombs, 2 sandbags and a pick or shovel each.

*R Christy*  
*Gallagher*

Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion.

Communicated personally to  
Coy. Comdrs. at 5 p.m.

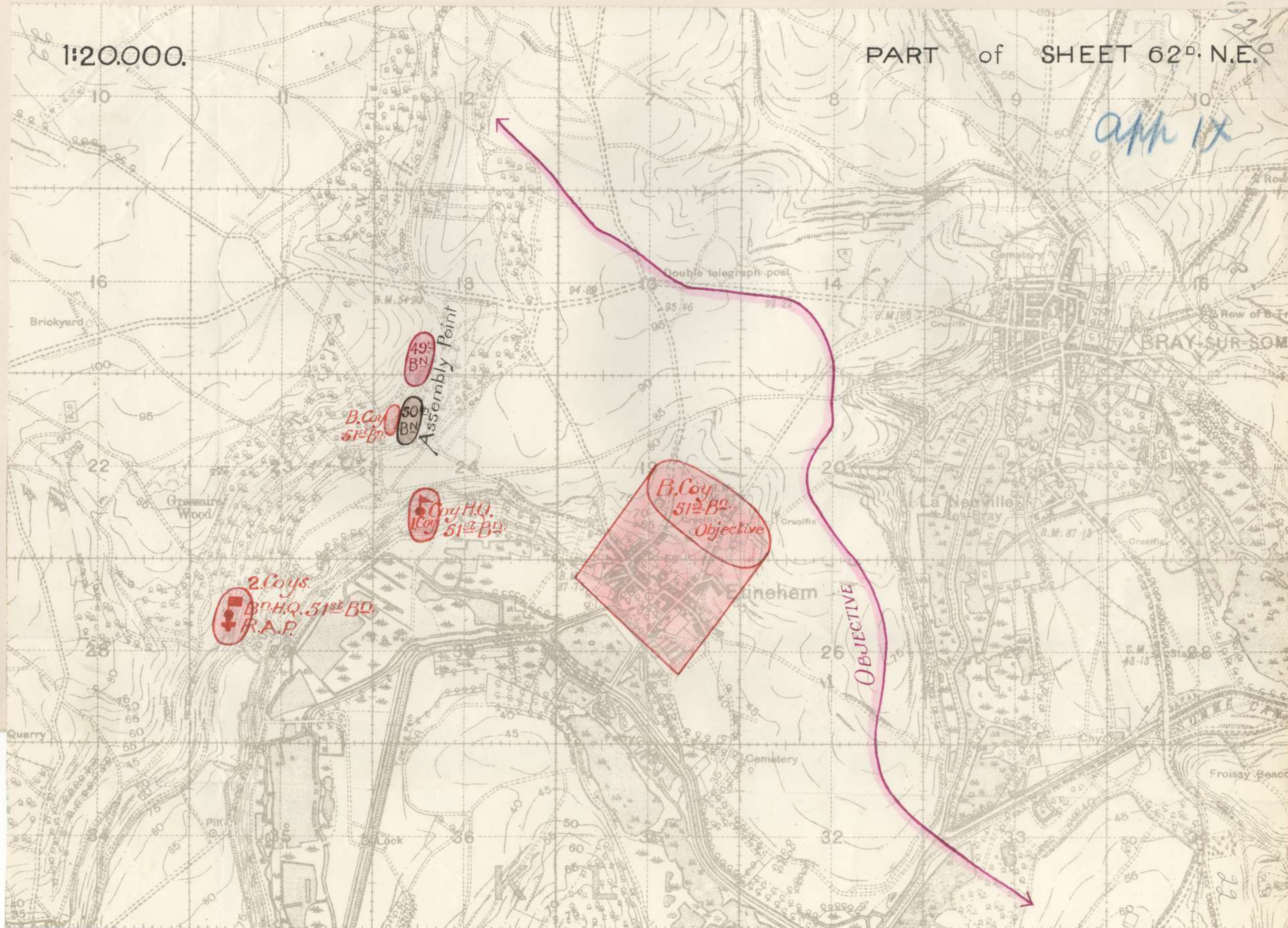




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Disposition report as at 8 a.m. on 11th. August 1918.  
 Reference sheet 62D. N.E. 1/20.000.

Bn. H/Qrs. and R.A.P. K.29.a.45.30.

One Coy. forward. Coy. H/Qrs. L.19.d.9.4.  
 1 platoon L.25.a.1.8. to L.25.a.7.4. 1 Platoon L.25.a.74. to  
 L.25.d.3.8. 1 Platoon L.19.d.9.4. to L.20.c.4.2.  
 One Coy. Support. Coy. H/Qrs. K.24.c.57.52. Coy. in banks from  
 K.24.c.6.3 right to K.24.c.6.6. Left.  
 Two Coys. Reserve in banks from K.29.a.4.1 Right to K.29.a.5.4. Left.

4 Vickers Gns. L.26.a.2.5.  
 L.19.d.9.8. L.25.c.2.1.  
 L.17.b.4.2.

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Amended Disposition Report as at 8 a.m. 12th. August 1918.  
Reference sheet 62D. N.E. 1/20.000.

Bn. H/Qrs. and R.A.P. K.29.a.45.30.

Two Coy. Forward.

Right Coy. disposed in half platoon posts. Right L.15.a.6.5.  
L.15.a.9.1. L.15.d.3.8. L.15.d.5.9. L.15.b.7.1.  
L.15.b.9.1. Coy. H/Qrs. L.15.a.8.5.

Left company. disposed in half platoon posts.  
Coy. H/Qrs. L.19.d.7.3. Posts. L.26.a.1.2. L.26.a.2.6.

L.20.c.2.2. L.20.c.35.40.

Support Platoon L.19.d.9.5. to L.19.d.7.2.

One Coy. Support K.24.c.

One Coy. Reserve K.29.a.

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51st. Battalion Operation Memo No. 2.  
Reference sheet No. 62D. N.E. 1/20.000.

12/8/18.

1. Reference 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 142. of 12/8/18.  
Tonight the 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. are to clear the enemy from the Southern Slopes of the ETINEHEM SPUR and organize the position defensively.
2. (a) The 51st. Battalion will attack and "mop up" the whole of the Southern Area of the SPUR, and then establish strong points on the low ground covering the Bridges and possible crossings of the River SOMME.  
(b) The 50th. Bn. will operate on our Left and establish a strong position covering the exits of BRAY.  
(c) The Battalion attack will be covered by a creeping barrage of 18 pounders which will remain on enemy front line for Zero plus 6 minutes and will then move forward at rate of 100 yards in 2 mins.
3. Dispositions for the attack.  

Right Front	-	"C" Company.	
Left "	-	"D" "	
Support	-	"B" "	who will remain in our old

 Front Line trenches.  
 Reserve - "A" Company. will remain in present position.  
 Assembly points, objective and Barrage tables will be as shown on attached map.
4. Patrols, on gaining the objective, Os.C. Coys. will at once arrange to thoroughly patrol the western bank of River SOMME and ensure that touch is maintained throughout and that the whole area is clear of enemy.
5. Zero hour is 1 a.m.
6. Password for operation will be "PERTH".
7. Advanced Bn. H/Qrs. will be established at K.24.d.8.2 where all reports will be forwarded.

R Christie

Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion.

Communicated personally to  
Coy. Comdrs. at 6 p.m.







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Disposition Report as at 8 a.m. 13th. August 1918. *amx 111*

Reference sheet 62D. N.E. 1/20.000.

Bn. H/Qrs. and R.A.P. K.29.a.45.30.

Right Company. Coy. H/Qrs. L.33.a.1.3.

In Half platoon posts. L.M.G. with each post.

1 Officer (14 O.R. L.32.d.1.2.  
(15 " L.32.d.4.4.

1 Officer (15 O.R. L.32.d.9.9.  
(15 " L.33.a.1.2.

1 Officer (15 O.R. L.33.a.2.5.  
(15 " L.33.a.10.75.

Left Coy. Coy. H/Qrs. L.26.b.4.4.

Half platoon posts.

L.27.c.1.0. L.26.d.9.2. L.26.b.9.5.

L.26.b.8.8. L.20.d.8.4.

2 Vickers Guns. L.33.a.2.2.. L.27.c.2.4.

1 Coy. in Support. H/Qrs. - L.25.b.55.30.

- in posts (half platoon).

L.25.d.4.5. L.25.d.8.6. L.25.d.9.8.

L.26.a.0.2. L.26.a.1.8. L.20.c.2.1.

2 Vickers Guns (American) L.26.a.2.4.

1 Coy. Reserve. K.29.a.

*R Christo*

Lieutenant-Colonel,

COMMANDING 51st BATTALION



APP X111A

## 51st. Battalion.

Report on operations carried out by 51st. Battalion on  
night 12th/13th. August 1918.

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Reference sheet 62D. N.E. 1/20.000.

In accordance with 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 142 and 51st. Bn. Operation Memo No. 2. of 12/8/18, a very successful attack was made last night on Southern Slopes of ETINEHEM SPUR.

At 2.10 a.m. message received from Capt. W.R. HARBURN, MC O.C. "C" Company, Right attacking Coy., that his Company had gained all objectives and were in touch on Left flank.

2.30 a.m., message was received from Capt. E.D. McBURNIE, O.C. "D" Coy. m Left attacking Company, that his Coy. had gained all objectives and were in touch on both flanks; several machine guns captured and number of prisoners being sent back.

The new positions were consolidated and enemy was entirely cleared from the Southern end of the Spur by 2.30 a.m.

The enemy retaliation to our Artillery barrage was fairly heavy and fell on Left of our line and on 50th. Bn.

Our artillery support was very good. During the operation were captured 1 Officer and 174 O/Ranks prisoners, 20 machine guns and 1 Light Trench Mortar also 5 horses were taken. Our total casualties were 5 Other Ranks wounded.

The following is an extract from report by G.O.C. 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. on this operation :-

"The two Companies of the 51st. Battalion participating in the attack put up a splendid performance. They advanced the line a distance of one mile on a front of 2,500 yards, securing all bridges and possible crossings over the SOMME. In the course of this they took 1 Officer and 170 O/Ranks prisoners and captured 20 machine guns. Their total casualties were 5 O/Ranks Wounded".

13th. August 1918.

*R. Christie* Lieutenant-Colonel,  
Commanding 51st. Battalion.







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Disposition report as at 8 a.m. on 14th. August 1918.

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reference sheet 62D. N.E. 1/20.000.

Bn. H/Qrs. and R.A.P. K.29.a.45.30.

1 Coy. in support to 49th. Bn. Coy. H/Qrs. K.18.a.5.0.  
Company disposed in 7 posts of 8 O.R. from K.18.d.70.05 Right  
to K.18.b.70.20.

1 Coy. in K.24.c.

2 Coys. in K.29.a.

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51st. Battalion.

Daily Strength Return.

15th. August 1918.

Actually:		In		Tempy. detached.														Total
with	Attached	Hospital	leave	Schools	Brigade	Other		duties	duties									
Unit																		
Offs:	O.R.:	Offs:	O.R.:	Offs:	O.R.:	Offs:	O.R.:	Offs:	O.R.:	Offs:	O.R.:	Offs:	O.R.:	Offs:	O.R.:	Offs:	O.R.:	
33	632	1	2	-	10	2	29	3	21	-	16	-	38	39	748			

ARRIVALS.

5 O/Ranks from U.K. Leave  
 3 " from Hospital.  
 7 " from School.

DEPARTURES.

10 O/Ranks to D.Duty.  
 1 " to School.  
 4 " to U.K. Leave.  
 2 " Killed in Action.  
 12 " Wounded in Action.  
 4 " Gassed.

R Christo

Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion.



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Our Operations.

Reference sheets 62D. 1/40.000.  
66E. 1/40.000.

Relief. The 51st. Battalion relieved the Left Battalion of the 332nd. Regiment, French Divisional Infantry in the Front Line on the night of 1st/2nd. August 1918.

The sector was quiet during the relief which was completed by 1.40 a.m.

Artillery. Was very quiet during the night.

Machine Guns. Were silent.

Trench Mortars. None reported.

Identification. Nil.

Patrols. Touch has been maintained along the RIVER with the FRENCH on our Right and the 49th. Battalion on our LEFT.

Observation. Nil.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery. At 12.10 a.m. about 30 77 mm. shells fell in U.26.c.

At intervals a few 77 mm. shells fell in the low ground along the River LUCE.

Machine Guns. An occasional burst was fired over our forward positions.

Trench Mortars. Nil.

Miscellaneous. Nothing unusual occurred during the period.

Gas. A few gas shells fell approx. U.26.a.5.5. Nature of gas unknown.

*R. Christie*  
LIEUT. COL.  
COMMANDING 51st BATTALION

Our Operations.

Reference sheets 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.  
66E. 1/40.000.

Artillery. Was very quiet during the period.

Machine Guns. Were silent.

Trench Mortars. None reported.

Patrols. A patrol of 1 Officer and 10 O/Ranks left our lines 1.30 a.m. returning 3 a.m.

Liaison was maintained with the FRENCH on the Right and with the 49th. Bn. across ~~with~~ the River LUCE.

Observation. Visibility was fairly good.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery. About 20 77 mm. shells fell on HOURS, C.4.a.1.9 at 9.50 a.m. From 10 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. salvos of two and three shells 4.2" were dropped in DOMART at about 10 minutes interval.

Trench Mortars. At 4 p.m. a "Minnie" bomb fell approx. C.4.c.3.3 fired from approx C.10.b.3.1.

Machine Guns. Intermittently active especially a hostile gun from C.4.d.1.2 which played along the HOURS - DOMART Road.

Air-craft. At 6 a.m. one plane sailed over front line and DOMART and was driven back from A.A.Guns.

Gas. Nil.

Miscellaneous. Flares were fired from approx. C.10.b.3.6 and were put up much more frequently than on the night of 1st/2nd. August.

At 9.30 p.m. enemy transport could be heard at WOOD approx. C.10.b.9.6 and at 10 p.m. on road in C.10.d.

Movement of limbers was heard at irregular intervals during the night in Wood in C.10.b and d.

*R. Christie*  
LIEUT. COL.  
COMMANDING 51st BATTALION



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Summary of Intelligence from 6 a.m. 3/8/18 to 6 a.m. 4/8/18.

Our Operations.

Reference sheet 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.

Relief. "C" Company of the 51st. Bn. relieved the Right Front Company of the 49th. Bn. on the night of 3rd/4th. August 18. The Sector was quiet during the relief which was completed by 2.15 a.m.

Artillery. 18 pdrs. and 4.5 how. were registering on the BOIS de DQDU during the afternoon.

Machine Guns. None reported.

Trench Mortars. None reported.

Aircraft. A few planes patrolled the front from 4.45 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 5.25 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Observation. Visibility good, movement observed in C.10.c., C.10.central and C.10.d.

Patrols. Liaison patrol reports -  
An Officer's patrol was out during the night. Strength - 1 Off. and 6 O/Rs. Owing to the Officer being wounded in the hostile raid no report concerning patrol. Later Two patrols were out strength each - 1 N.C.O. and 4 O/Rs. These patrols were driven in by the Hostile raid at 3 a.m. One patrol was in front of Left Platoon, C.4.c. the other in front of Centre Platoon, C.10.a.

Identification. A badly wounded German was brought in after the hostile raid on the Right Company. The prisoner stated he belonged to the 393 R.I.R. PRUSSIANS but he himself was a POLE. He stated his Regiment had taken over the line on the night of 2nd/3rd. August 18. Prisoner died shortly afterwards. Prisoner had no identification papers in his person.

Enemy Operations.

Raid. With the aid of a heavy preparatory and standing barrage, the enemy raided the Right Company Posts in C.4.c. Full report under separate cover.

Artillery. Enemy shelled at intervals during the afternoon. Barrage for raid fell on Front Line at 2.50 a.m. then lifted and remained stationary along the low ground of the River LUCE. Shelling continued until 4 a.m.

Machine Guns. Quiet until hostile raid when they opened on the HOUSES - ~~MOXK~~ DOMART Road.

Trench Mortars. Bombed posts at U.28.a.3.7. during time Raid was in progress. Heavy T.M. observed firing from approx. U.28.d.9.2. 3 small T.M. observed firing from position running from approx. U.28.d.8.9. to U.29.c.1.6.

Aircraft. Few enemy planes over.

Gas. Some gas shells fell along River LUCE during shelling at about 3 a.m.

Miscellaneous. Nil.

*R. Chrutch*  
LIEUT. COL.  
COMMANDING 51st BATTALION



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Summary of Intelligence from 6 a.m. 4/8/18 to 6 a.m. 5/8/18.

Our Operations.Reference sheets 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.  
66E. S.W. 1/20.000.

Artillery. From 3 a.m. to 4 a.m. our heavies constantly shelled enemy support positions. At 11.30 a.m., 4.5 hows. fired on trench near C.10.c.5.7. and for 17 minutes slow fire. At 1.20 p.m. heavies fired on MOREUL for 30 minutes.

Machine Guns. Remained silent during the period.

Trench Mortars. None reported.

Aircraft. During the early part of the day our planes were constantly over enemy's lines. Hostile A.A. and machine guns active. In the evening our observation patrols patrolled the front.

Patrols. Our patrols were continually patrolling the front. Liaison was maintained with the French and the 49th. Bn. and across the River between Companies. One of our patrols of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men working toward Poste International heard digging at approx. C.10.a.1.4. Enemy covering party threw bombs and our patrol retaliated and dispersed the working party. Our patrol casualties - Nil.

Observation. Visibility was good during the day, except for the low ground along the River LUCE where a thick mist hung during the morning. A good deal of the enemy noticed but always in small parties never exceeding 4 men. Movement seen in front of DUDU Wood in C.10.a.d.&c.

Identification. Nil.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery. Generally quiet. Intermittant shelling of HOURGES and DOMART was carried out by day and night, calibre 77 mm. At approx. C.3. 8.9, 24 77 mm shells fell at 8.27 p.m. and at 8.44 p.m. 12 - 77 mm. shells at approx. C.9.a.2.7.

Machine Guns. Except for 4 or 5 bursts along DOMART ROAD very little machine gun activity noticed.

Trench Mortars. A Minerwerfer appeared to be registering on a post at U.28.d.4.4. during the afternoon finishing at approx. U.29.a.7.8. At 11.50 p.m. Light T.M. fired 20 shots on post at U.28.b.1.6. - no damage done. Position of T.M. emplacement not located. From 4 a.m. to 4.30 a.m. heavy Minerwerfer straffer platoon in U.28.a.4.6 trenches blown in. Casualties Nil.

Aircraft. Two high flying planes over our lines at 8.15 a.m. 3 high flying planes over our lines at 8.30 a.m. Our A.A. defences were active.

Gas. Nil.

Miscellaneous. About 12 midnight two boches, 1 Officer and 1 man walked into Poste International and were captured by the French. It was noticed by men in the outposts, Left Company, that the enemy barrage fell on the morning of the 4th. August 18 by the signal of a flare breaking into two Green lights, and barrage ceased when a flare was fired breaking into two white parts.

*R. Christie*  
LIEUT. COL.  
COMMANDING 51st BATTALION



Summary of Intelligence from 6 a.m. 5/8/18 to 6 a.m. 6/8/18.

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### Our Operations.

Reference sheets 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.  
66E. N.W. 1/20.000.

Artillery. Our Artillery was quiet during the day. The 18 pdrs. had two casual shoots to the West of DODU WOOD. At 1.55 p.m. for 10 minutes on C.10.b.5.6 - C.10.d.0.9. At 2.25 p.m. for 5 minutes on C.10.b.4.0. During the night our heavies shelled HEIDELBURG Trench at approx. C.4.d.6.1. Sorting was apparently good as there was a marked decrease in machine gun fire from this point.

Machine Guns. Inactive for the period.

Trench Mortars. None reported.

Aircraft. Our planes patrolled the front from 11.45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Patrols. Touch was maintained with the Units on our flanks and across the River LUCE. Constant patrols patrolled the Bn. and Company fronts. Working parties were heard in front of ELBE trench in C.10.b. and a.

Observation. Visibility was very poor during the day. Frequent showers made observation difficult, especially over low lying ground.

Identification. About 9.35 p.m. a single boche walked towards our post at X C.4.c.5.3. He was fired on, wounded and captured. He belonged to the 2nd. Bn. 373 IR. He states he was a native of LORRAINE, and had only been forward for 2 days. He did not take part in the raid on the night of the 3rd/4th. August and did not know definitely how many prisoners were taken. Had heard that three were captured.

### Enemy Operations.

Artillery. DOMART and DOMART - AMIENS road shelled repeatedly during the day, calibre - 77 mm. and 4.2. At 1.35 a.m. DOMART was shelled for 10 minutes by 4.2".

Machine Guns. Occasional bursts were fired on our posts in C.4.c. The guns used were situated approx. C.4.d.6.2., C.10.b.4.6, C.10.a.1.2. Occasional bursts over posts in U.28.d.5.3.

Trench Mortars. None reported.

Aircraft. At 7.30 a.m. one plane flew over along our line, flying very high.

Gas. Nil.

Miscellaneous. At 3.30 p.m. one of our snipers firing from C.9.b.9.9 scored a hit on a boche entering dugout at C.10. 15.20. A machine gun is reported to fire from this dugout. Several working parties were heard during the night in ELBE Trench.

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Our Operations.

Reference sheets 62D. S.W. 1/20.000.  
66E. N.W. 1/20.000.

Artillery. A few 18 pdrs fell on C.10.c.9.2 at 7.20 p.m. At 9.20 p.m. reserve areas were shelled for 20 minutes with heavies.  
Machine Gun. Inactive for the period.  
Trench Mortars. None reported.  
Aircraft. Our observation planes constantly patrolling the front. Hostile A.A. and M.Guns were very active.  
Patrols. Touch was maintained with both flank Units. and across the River LUCE. Constant patrols patrolled the Bn. front. One patrol reported a hostile patrol at C.4.c.8.3. An Officer's patrol immediately went in search of the hostile formation, located and dispersed them.  
Observation. Visibility was generally good through the day and much individual movement of boche on the ~~km~~ ridges was ~~observed~~ observed. At 5.45 a.m. 2 limbers were seen at U.24.c.8.2.  
Identification. Nil.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery. Throughout the day DOMART was constantly shelled with 4.2" and 77 mm. During a shoot in U.26.central a 77 mm. shell hit a S.A.A. and grenade dump at U.26.central. Dump was ignited and destroyed. Our post in U.28.d.8.3 was shelled for 5 minutes with 77 mm - time - 8 p.m. The same thing again occurred at 11.30 p.m.  
Machine Guns. Generally very quiet, an occasional burst fired from approx. C.4.d.4.1. and C.10.a.25.10.  
Trench Mortars. No activity reported.  
Aircraft. No activity during the day. At 10.20 p.m. a plane crossed over U.28.d. and c. flying towards our back area.  
Gas. Nil.  
Miscellaneous. Enemy limbers heard in HANGARD at 10.30 p.m.

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Summary of Intelligence from 6 a.m. 10/11/ 8/18 to 6 a.m. 11/8/18.

Our Operations.

Reference sheets 62D. S.E. 1/20.000.  
N.E. 1/20.000.

Assembly. The Battalion moved into assembly positions by 9.30 p.m. 10/8/18. Bn. H/Qrs. and Two Companies in K.29.a. One Coy. K.24.b.5.5. One Coy. at K.23.b.7.0.  
Advance. The Company assembled at K.23.b.7.0 moved forward in conjunction with the 50th. Bn. and took up position from K.19.c.4.7 to K.19.d.8.5 where they dug in and remained until dawn 11/8/18 when they proceeded to mop up the Village of ETINEHEM. No Huns were encountered in the village. One Light Machine Gun was captured.  
Artillery. Our artillery was constantly harrasing enemy's battery positions.  
Aircraft. Our aeroplanes were very active during the period.  
Patrols. One Coy. situated at ETINEHEM is in touch with the 50th. Bn. No touch can be got with the 10th. Bde. across the RIVER.  
Identifications. Nil.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery. Active with harrasing fire especially in K.18.c., K.23.b. and c. Enemy strafed Bn. Area from 4 a.m. to 5 a.m. - 4.2" and 5.9" shells.  
Aircraft. Enemy patrols penetrated our forward position several times during the day. Enemy bombing machines dropped bombs on K.24.a. at about 10.30 p.m.  
Gas. Nil.  
Miscellaneous. 3 Huns were found in a dugout in K.29.a.8.8.

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Summary of Intelligence from 6 a.m. 11/8/18 to 6 a.m. 12/8/18.

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Reference sheets 62D. N.E. 1/20.000.  
S.E. 1/20.000.

## Our Operations.

One Company moved forward from Support in K.24.c. and took up position from L.26.a.0.2 Right to L.20.c.35.40 Left. and are in touch with "B" Coy. Right and the 50th. Bn. Left.

Artillery. Our artillery was very active during the period on enemy's rear areas. At 5.30 p.m., 18 pdrs. shelled enemy positions in L.26.c. shoot lasted 20 minutes and appeared to be very effective chasing some of the enemy out of the trench.

Machine Guns. No activity reported.

Aircraft. Our planes were active during the afternoon. One contact plane flying very low circled round ETINEHEM and signalling from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Patrols. Touch was maintained with the 50th. Bn.

Observation. Visibility good, Q

Identification. Nil.

## Enemy Operations.

At 12.50 p.m. small parties of boche about 10 men each advanced over the crest line in L.26.b. and d. L.32.b and proceeded to dig in on general line running from approx. L.26.b.5.5 to L.32.central. Number of boche is estimated at 100 men.

Artillery. Enemy bombarded L.19 and ETINEHEM with 77 mm. 4.2" and 5.9" from 10 a.m. 11/8/18 to 6 a.m. 12/8/18. The bombardment was most persistent and heavy during the period. At 4.30 a.m. blue Cross H.E. shells fell in GRESSAIRE WOOD.

Machine Guns. and Snipers. Both were active during the period mainly from L.32.b.

Aircraft. During the afternoon single planes penetrated our lines. Our A.A. M.G. defences were very active. At 10.30 p.m. enemy dropped bombs in vicinity of K.28.b.

Gas. Re-entrant K.29.a. filled with blue cross gas as the result of shelling of GRESSAIRE WOOD from 4.30 a.m. to 6 a.m.

Miscellaneous. At 9.15 p.m. an enemy flare dump was fired by our artillery. Dump approx. L.35.b.

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Summary of Intelligence from 6 a.m. 12/8/18 to 6 a.m. 13/8/18.

## Our Operations.

reference sheet 62D. N.E. 1/20.000.

Tactical Operations. In accordance with 13th. A.I.Bde. Order No.142 2 Companies of the 51st. Bn. assembled on the jumping off mark by 3p minutes before Zero. The 50th. Bn. co-operating liaison was established before zero by a section comprising of representatives of both Bns.

At 1 a.m., barrage fell. It was well placed and was of good density. Very little opposition was encountered from enemy and by 2.5 a.m. a verbal message per runner was received at Bn. H/Qrs. stating Right Coy. reached objective. Confirmation came in writing later.

A message from Left Coy. 2.30 a.m. stated "Have reached limit of objective, am in touch with both flanks". Bn. holds lines from L.32.d.1.2 Right to L.20.d.8.4. Left. We captured 1 Officer, 168 O.Ks. unwounded prisoners and 6 O/Ks. wounded, 20 machine guns, heavy and light, and 1 Trench Mortar.

Our casualties were light, - 5 wounded. We are well dug in and positions consolidated. One platoon of L Coy. 131 Inf. U.S.A. reported to Left Coy. and are now in support. They arrived too late to be put in to outposts. No hostile shelling of new positions reported to date.

Artillery. Active during period.

Aircraft. -

Patrols. Have been pushed out to RIVER SOMME along front and along Right Flank to P.31.d.7.7.



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Identifications. 17 Bn. Pioneers 43 Reserve Division.  
 137 Regt.) 108 Division. 119 Regt., 26 Reserve Division  
 265 " )

Enemy operations.

Artillery. -  
Machine Guns. Occasional bursts from L.32.a. during early  
 part of night.  
Aircraft. -  
Gas. A few green cross shells fell in K.19.a. at  
 2.15 a.m.  
Miscellaneous. Summary of statements of prisoners herewith.

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Summary of Intelligence from 6 a.m. 13/8/18 to 6 a.m. 14/8/18.  
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Our Operations.

Reference sheet 62D. N.E. 1/20.000.

Relief. The 51st. Battalion was relieved in the front line  
 L.26.b. and d. L.32.b.d. by the 1st. Bn. 131st. American Regt.  
 The relief was complete by 3.15 a.m.  
 "A" Company moved from Reserve position and relieved the 2nd.  
 American Battalion in the support Line from K.24.b.5.2. to  
 K.18.b.9.9. Relief complete by 9.30 p.m.  
Artillery. Our artillery was very active during the period  
 on different targets in enemy's lines. 4.5" hows. shelled  
 NEUVILLE - LES-BRAY at 2.40 p.m. lasting 5 minutes and again at  
 5.40 p.m. for 3 minutes  
Machine Guns. No activity reported.  
Trench Mortars. Nil.  
Patrols. Patrols were constantly working along the front  
 by the river, No enemy encountered.  
Observation. Parties of boche seen constantly moving in  
 Quarry L.34.a.9.5.  
Identifications. Nil.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery. Very active during period amounting to harrasing  
 fire, L.28.b and d constantly shelled with 5.9".  
Machine Guns. None reported.  
Trench Mortars. Nil.  
Aircraft. Hostile planes constantly over our lines.  
 Usually flying single. A.A. and M.Guns active.  
Gas. The re-entrant running through GRESSAIRE WOOD  
 shelled with yellow cross shells about 2.15 a.m.  
Miscellaneous. An observation balloon was elevated at 2.15 p.m.,  
 withdrew 3.45 p.m. Direction - 84' Grid from L.29.a.9.3.

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Summary of Intelligence from 6 a.m. 14/8/18 to 6 a.m. 15/8/18.  
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Reference sheet 62D. N.E. 1/20.000.

Our Operations.

Artillery. Our artillery carried out harrasing shoots on enemy positions during the period and was especially active during the afternoon from 3.45 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.  
Aircraft. Our contact planes and fighting formations constantly patrolled the area. Hostile A.A. Defences active.  
Observation. -  
Identification. Nil.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery. Showed considerable activity especially shelling GRESSAIRE with 4.2" H.E. and blue cross shells from 6.30 p.m. and at intervals throughout the night.  
Machine Guns. None reported.  
Trench Mortars. None reported.  
Gas. Te re-entrant running through GRESSAIRE WOOD was constantly filled with blue cross gas from 6.30 p.m. throughout the night.  
Miscellaneous. Two balloons were elevated during the day.  
7.15 a.m. 56° grid from K.29.a.9.3.  
3.45 a.m. 120° " from K.29.a.9.3.

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## APPENDIX 18

B.H.

51st. Battalion Order No. 83.

Reference sheet 62D. 1/40.000.

19th. August 1918.

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INTENTION.

1. The Battalion will move forward to HARBONNIERES Area today, 19th. inst. to relieve 132nd. Regt. U.S. Infantry.

INSTRUCT-  
IONS.

2. (a) The Battalion will march to embussing point near VAIRE-sur-CORBIE.
- (b) Order of March - H/Qrs. "A", "C", "B", "D" Coys.
- (c) Starting Point - Road Junction, J.35.b.2.3.
- (d) Route. - SAILLY-le-SEC - BOUZINCOURT - VAIRE.
- (e) Time. - 6 p.m.
- (f) Movement. - The Battalion will move by Companies at 100 yards distance.
- (g) Lewis Guns with 20 magazines per gun will be carried.
- (h) 24 hours rations will be carried, and water bottles will be filled.
- (i) Dress. - Fighting Order with W.P. sheet and greatcoat.
- (j) Transport will move under Brigade arrangements.

REPORTS.

3. On arriving at HARBONNIERES Area, a Marching-in-state will be rendered to Bn. H/Qrs.

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Captain &amp;,

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.



Battalion Order No. 84.  
reference sheet HALBONNIERES, 1/40.000.

24th. August 1918.

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RELIEF.

1. The Battalion will be relieved from Reserve position in X.22.c. tonight 24th/25th. August 1918 by the 3rd. Battn. 59th. French Regiment.  
On relief the Battalion will move by Motor Bus to RIVERY.

INSTRUCT-  
IONS.

2. (a) Guides. 2 Guides per Coy. will report to Adjutant at 9.30 p.m. These Guides will meet the relieving Battalion at the Church ROSIERES.  
(b) Lewis Guns, Signalling gear etc. will be loaded at Bn. Headquarters by 7 p.m.  
(c) On relief Coys. will move back independently by platoons to embussing point at  
(d) All Trench stores will be dumped at Bn. H/Qrs. and will be handed over to Bn. H/Qrs.

TRANSPORT.

3. Transport will move independently under orders of Bde. Transport Officers.

REPORTS.

4. On arrival at Billets a marching in state will be rendered also a list of billets occupied by Companies.

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Captain &,

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.



51st. Battalion,  
27th. August 1918.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING - 31st. AUGUST 1918.

Date.	9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	11.30 a.m. to 12 noon.	2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
Thursday. 29th.	Musketry, Fire control and Fire Discipline. Rapid Loading.	Platoon in attack practice. Normal formations.	Company Close Order Drill.	Training of Lewis Gun- ners, Bombers, Signal- lers. Physical Train- ing & Bayonet Fighting.
Friday. 30th.	Musketry. Description and recognition of targets. Fire orders, Rapid Loading.	Platoon in attack. Small tactical exercises arranged by Coy. Commanders.	Battalion Close Order Drill.	do.
Saturday. 31st.	Musketry, Fire Orders, Des- cription of targets. Judging distances.	Company in attack practice. Normal formations.	Battalion Drill.	Recreational Parades.

Os.C. Companies will arrange with their Platoon Comdrs. the night previous, details of work for following day.

All Coy. Signallers will report to the Bn. Signal Officer at 2 p.m. daily at Bn. Headquarters.

Musketry range practices will be arranged when Rifle Range is available.

The Lewis Gun Officer, Bombing Officer will assist Platoon Commanders in the training of their Lewis Gunners and Bombers.

All Company Scouts will report to the Bn. Intelligence Officer at 2 p.m. daily.

Instruction in writing messages and reports will be given to all Platoon Commanders by C.O. at 4.30 p.m. on

Thursday 29th. August 1918.

Instruction in practical map reading to all Platoon Commanders by C.O. on Friday at 4.30 p.m.

Particular attention is to be given to smartening up of Discipline and Saluting.

Gallbrech Captain &  
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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Daily Strength Return.

31st. August 1918.

Actually :		In :		Tempy. detached. :															
with :		Attached :		Hospital :		leave :		Schools :		Brigade :		Other :						Total	
Unit :										duties :		duties :							
Offs:O.R. :		Offs:O.R. :		Offs:O.R. :		Off:OR. :		Off:O.R. :		Off:O.R. :		Off:O.R. :		Offs:O.R. :					
36	687	1	3	1	9	7	47	3	19	1	16	-	29	49				810	

ARRIVALS.

2 Officers (Lieuts. A.C. TOWNSEND & E.F. HARRIS) from Leave.  
 7 O/Ranks from Hospital.  
 6 " from Leave.  
 4 " from D.Duty.

DEPARTURES.

1 O/Rank to D.Duty.

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Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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# DIAGRAMS - of - SIGNAL - COMMUNICATIONS

## 51<sup>ST</sup>. BATTALION

FROM 1.-8.-18. TO 24-8.-18.

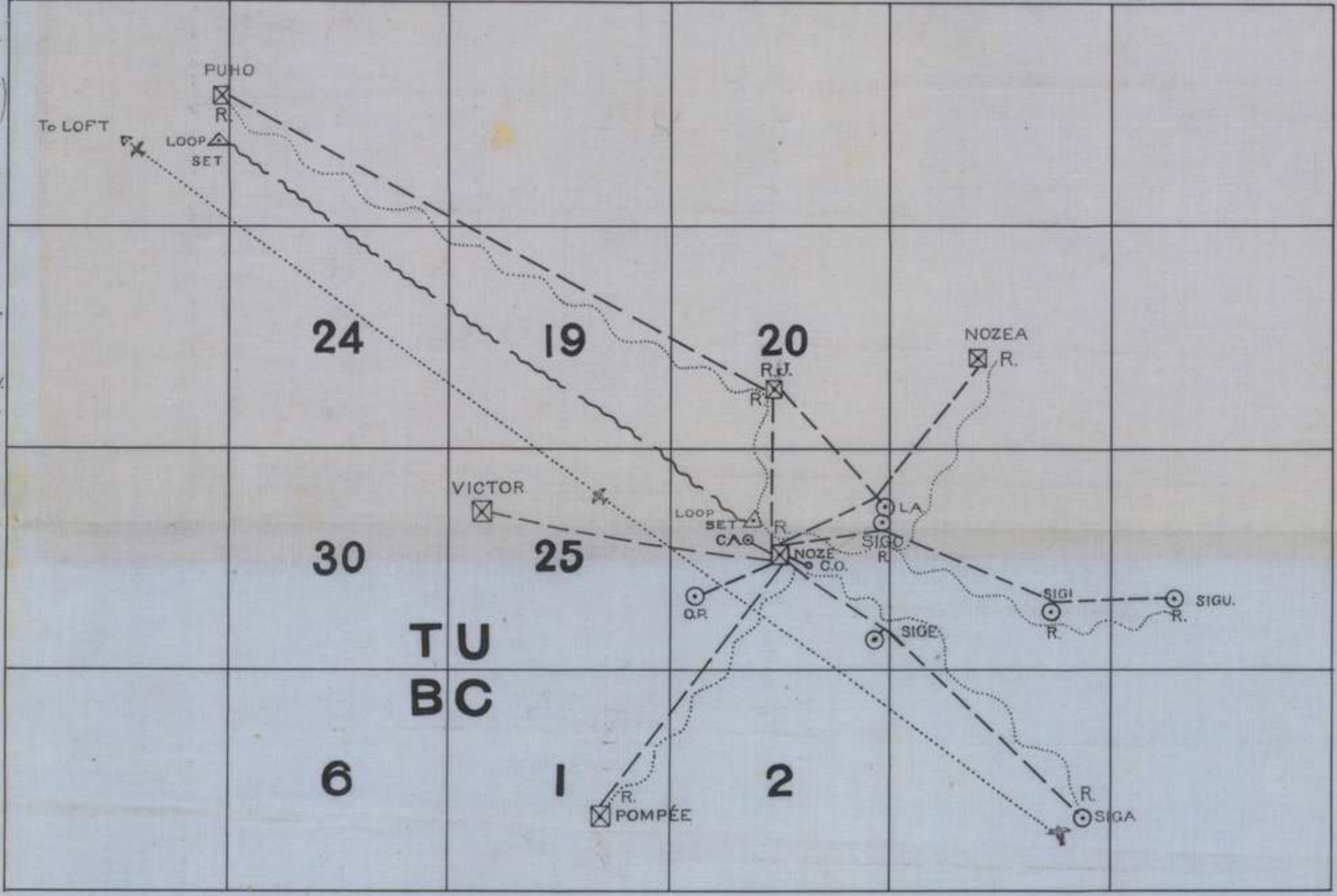
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### Legend:-

- NOZE Bn. H.Q.
- SIGA R. Coy. H.Q. (Front)
- SIGI L. Coy. H.Q. (Line)
- SIGU L. - Platoon
- SIGE R. H.Q. Support
- SIGO L. - - -
- POMPÉE Bn. H.Q. on Right
- NOZEA - Relay - Left
- C.O. Commanding Officer
- O.P. Observation Post
- C.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian M.G. Bn.
- LA - - - Coy
- R.J. Forward Bde H.Q.
- PUHO BDE. H.Q.
- VICTOR Regimental H.Q.
- of Unit on Right
- RUVO BDE. H.Q.
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- J.A. A. Coy
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- J.D. D. do

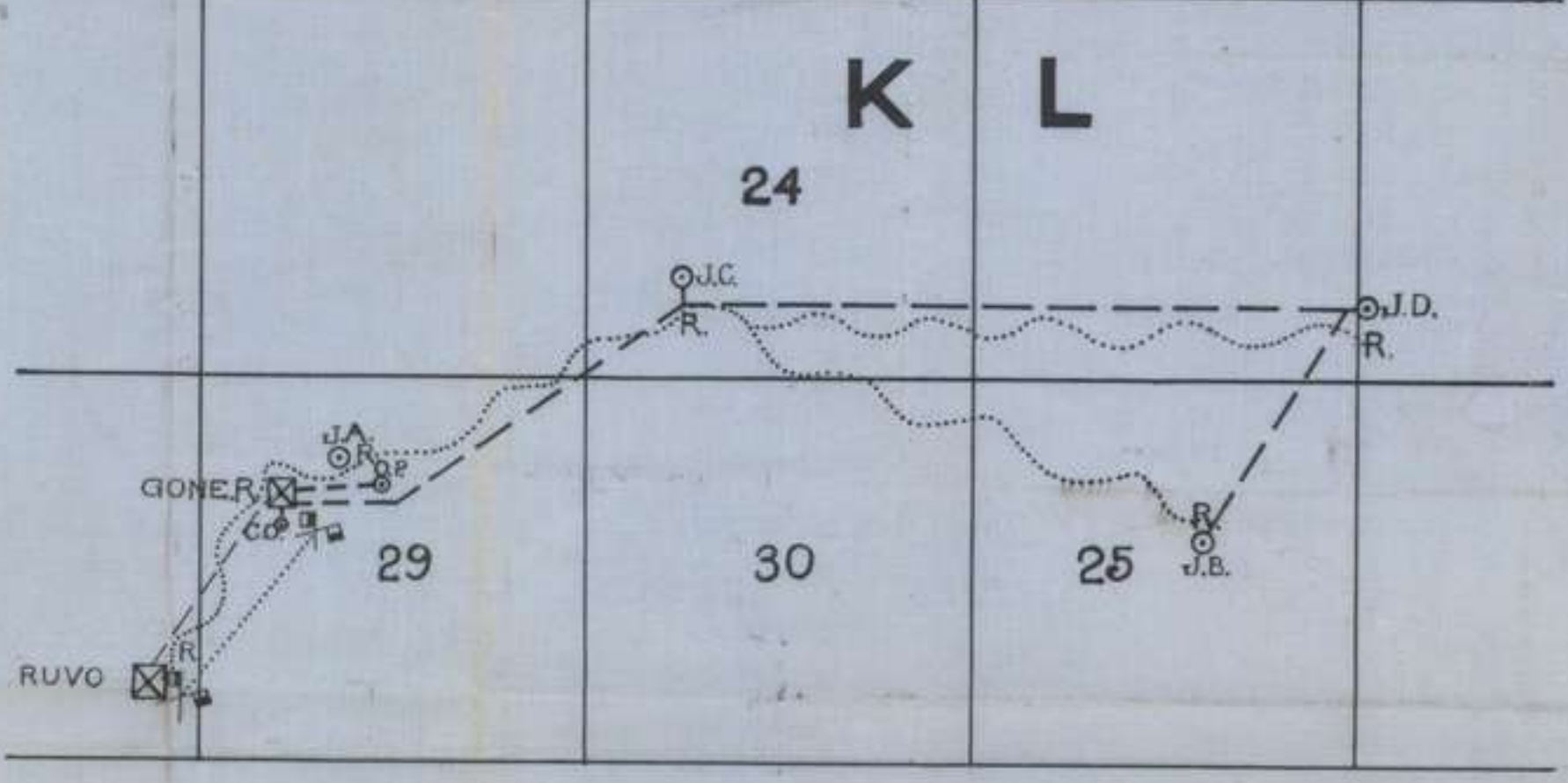
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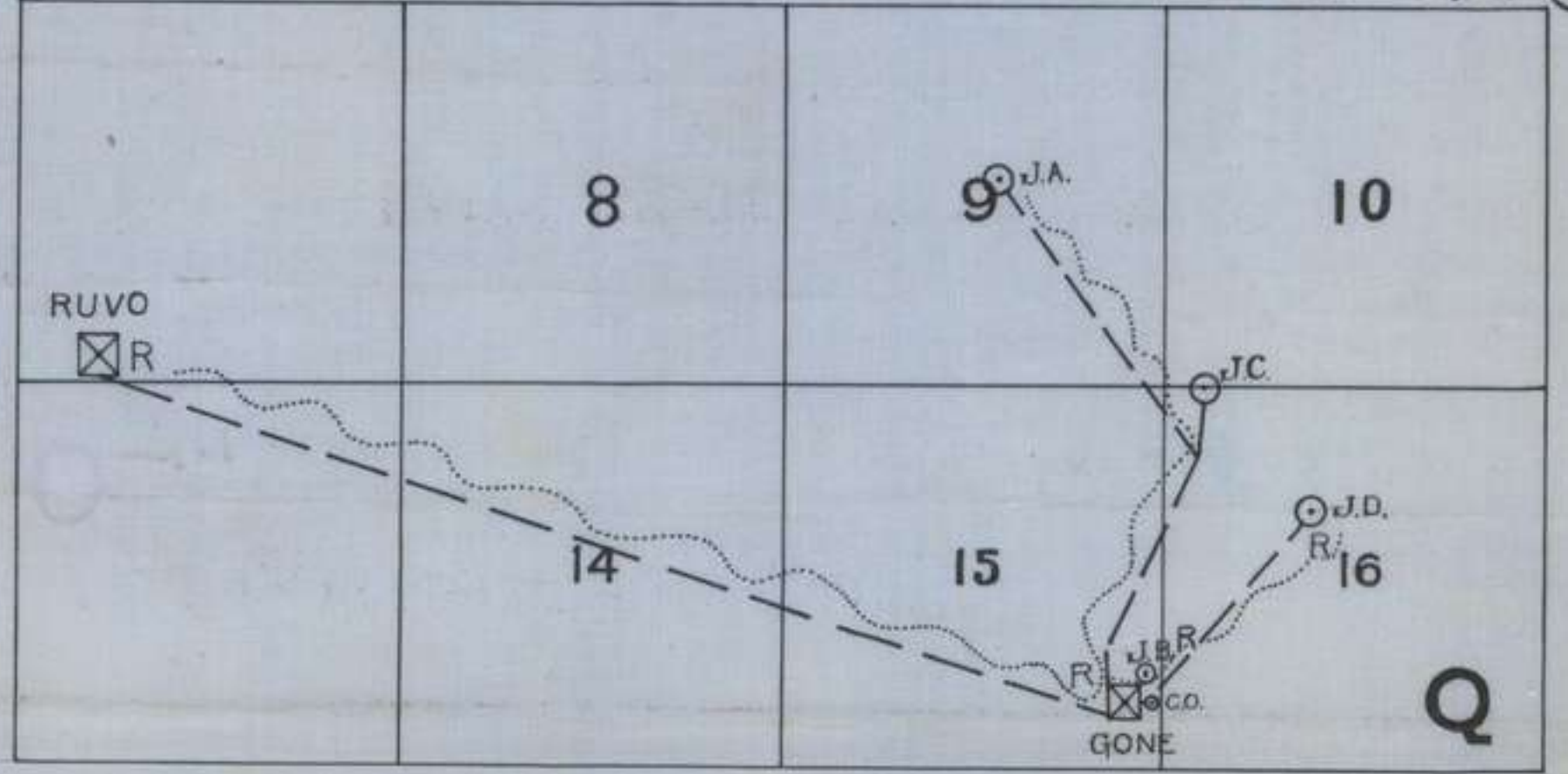


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- (2) FROM 9-8-18. TO 11-8-18.
- (3) FROM 11-8-18. TO 12-8-18.
- (4) FROM 13-8-18. TO 18-8-18.

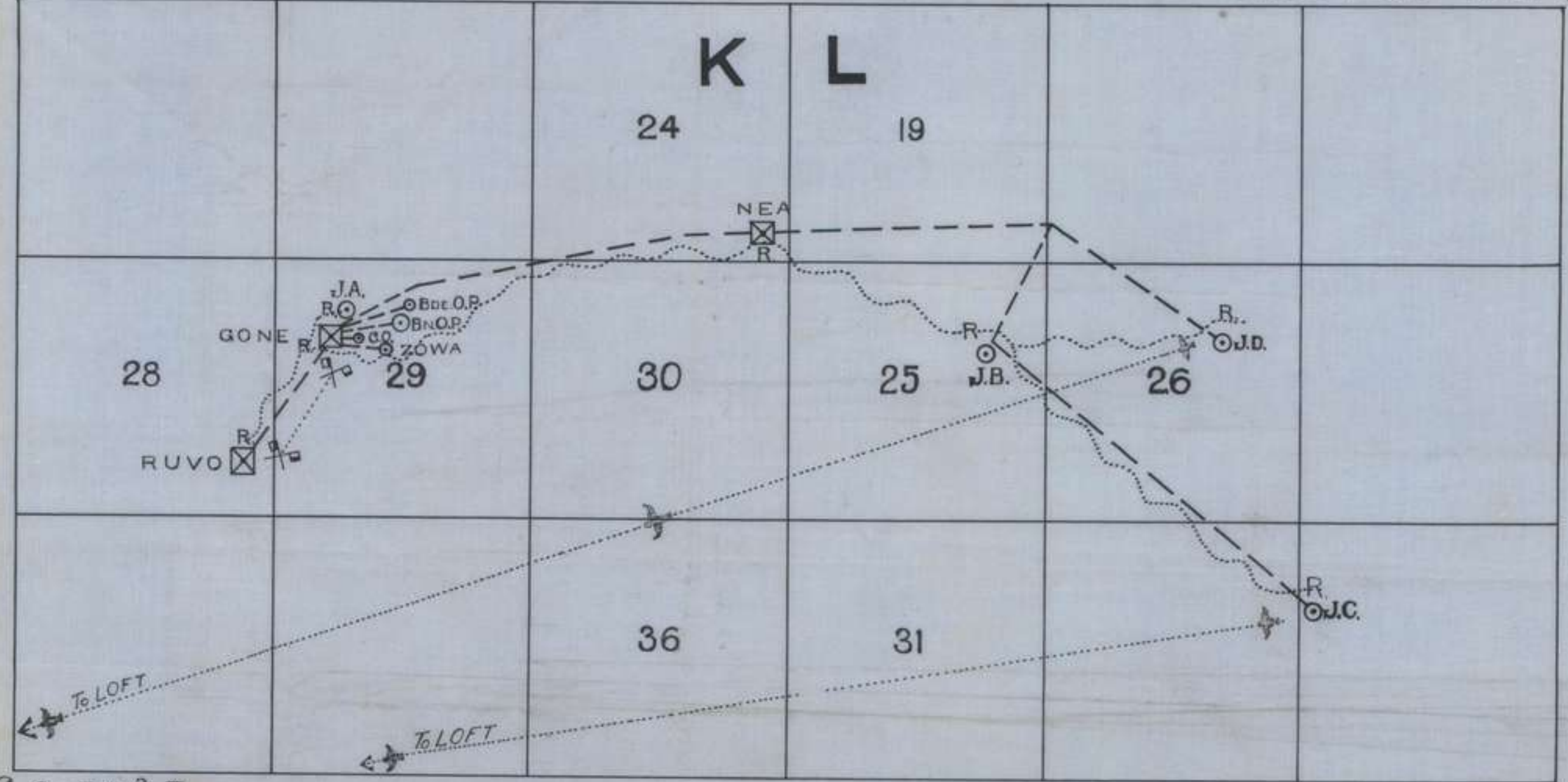
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Lt. Col. 51<sup>ST</sup>. Bn.

McLannan Crocker Lt. Signal Officer.

T.R. 1.-9.-18.



Legend: — **PLAN** — SHOWING — **DISPOSITIONS** —  
— of —

From 9-8-18. To 11-8-18.  
do 11-8-18. do 12-8-18.  
do 12-8-18. do 13-8-18.  
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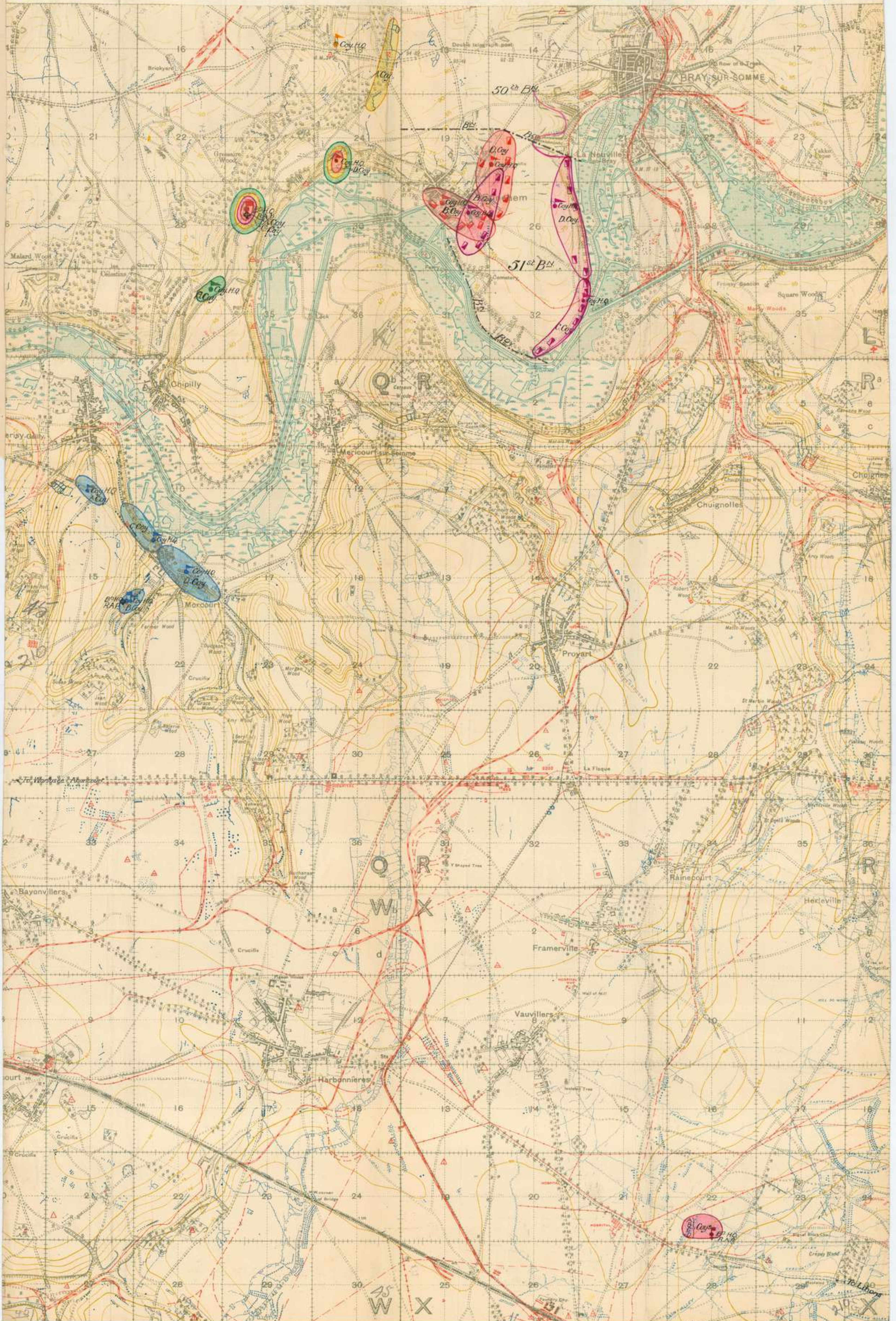
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FROM 9 8. 18. TO 24 8. 18.

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Month ending 31st. August 1918.

Number of men evacuated sick - 55. (Evacuated sick from Line.)

Influenza	18
Bronchitis & Pleurisy	9
Diarrhoea	6
Synovitis	5
Rheumatism & Lumbago.	5
Dermatitis	4
V.D.	4
Ruptured Tympanium )	
Gingivitis )	4
Fungulosis )	

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Total 55.

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Evacuated from Nucleus.	13.
" from U.K. Leave.	4.
" " Rest Camp, etc.	8.
Total.	80.

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WAR - DIARY.

Month ending 31st. August 1918.

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>
Reinforcements. (new).	11	110
Rejoined from Hospital, wounds.		140
Evacuated sick.	1	80
Evacuated Wounded.	4	57
Killed in Action.		6
Missing in Action.		6

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51st. Battalion.

DIET SHEET FOR PERIOD IN FRONT LINE  
FROM 2nd - 7th AUGUST 1918  
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Two hot meals sent forward daily in hot food containers.

August	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Breakfast.	Tea & Bacon. (One Coy. Tea and Nissols)	Tea & Bacon	Tea & Bacon	Tea & Bacon	Tea & Bacon	Coffee & Milk Irish Stew.
Dinner.	Tea Currie, rice.	Tea Braized Steak roast Potatoes Vegetables rice Coquets	Tea Roast Beef & Potatoes rice and Custard	Tea (2 Coys) Boiled Beef & Potatoes (2 Coys) Currie & rice. nissols & Beans Sweet Fritters:	Tea Haribot Stew	Tea nissols Boiled Sweet rice, Milk.

During this period gifts from Australian Comforts Fund consisting of Golden Syrup, Sweets, Tinned Fruits, Relish, Pickles and Tommy Cookers were forwarded to the men in the line.

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