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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.CONFIDENTIAL.HEADQUARTERS,
13th May, 1918.Headquarters,
4th Australian Division.

With reference to your No. G.5/561 of the 11th instant.

Forwarding herewith attached reports from the Commanders of both Field Artillery Groups covering the Divisional Front.

I have made a careful investigation of all the reports of short shooting received and endeavoured by all means available to trace and locate the gun, Battery or Batteries affected.

From the consistent and corroborative statements received from our Infantry, there is no doubt in my mind that short shooting has taken place, and for some days past most earnest and exacting tests have been made by Brigade and Battery Commanders to detect the cause, but up to the present no explanation has been obtained.

The utmost care and supervision will be exercised by all concerned. Zero Lines, switch angles, angle of sight, range and calibration corrections are being again checked and all sights and clinometers tested. S.O.S. Line, range and M.P.I. have been again registered in the presence of Infantry Officers concerned, and found O.K.

The Headquarters of the Heavy Artillery and the Commanders of R.G.A. Brigades who normally fire over our Divisional Sector, have been in every case promptly communicated with, and notified of all reported "shoots" of heavy shell.

It is unnecessary for me to repeat the statements of my Field Artillery Group Commanders and to assure you how this - or any shortshooting - is deplored by all gunners.

During the present war, the Field Artillery have been required to most closely cover and protect our Infantry both when moving and stationary, and to do this, the covering Batteries are frequently called upon to place their shells far within the safety limits laid down in our Text Books.

The Infantry will, I think, admit that this has been done, often under very adverse conditions, with a certain amount of success, by their supporting Artillery, and particularly so when the tremendous expenditure of ammunition and inevitable extended normal "life" of the gun is remembered. As an example. During the last 14 days over 107,300 shells (exclusive of Heavy Artillery) have been fired by the Field Batteries covering the Infantry of the 4th Australian Division.

The Infantry, I know, fully realise and appreciate the effort of the gunners to support them - both in attack and defence - to the utmost limits of our guns and endurance of our detachments. If we fail, it is seldom due to lack of care on the part of our personnel.

In conclusion, may I express the hope that the percentage of shells which have recently fallen within our outposts, will not reduce or discontinue the trust and confidence of the Infantry in their Supporting Batteries which has been so well established - and perhaps merited - during the last three years.

(Sgd.) W.L.H. BURGESS, Brig.General.
C.R.A., 4th Australian Division.

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All Battalions.

With reference to the reports received about short shooting on the Divisional Front, every effort is being made to correct any faults that may have occurred, and it is hoped that there will be no reason for complaint in future.

A copy of report received from C.R.A. on this subject is forwarded for your information.

15-5-18.

H.Q.	
12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	2553/18
Date.	15.5.18.

[Signature]
 Major.
 Brigade Major.
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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REF. MAP, Special.

PRINCIPLES FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR DEFENCE OF SECTOR.

N. Boundary P 20 a - 55th Battalion, 5th Division.
S. " Cross Roads in P 25 b - 45th Battalion.
Support Trench, - N & S through P 19 c.
Reserve " - VILLERS LINE O 18 d.
Battalion Headquarters O 24 c 2530.
R.A.P. O 24 c 2430.
O.P. - P 19 c 3 6.

1. Sector is composed of line of platoon posts, 7 in number, connected and held by 2 Companies with 9 L.G. and covered by 3 V.M.G. and 1 T.M., dispositions as per Map.
SUPPORT LINE continuous wired and about 300 yards in rear held by 2 Companies and 7 L.Gs.
RESERVE LINE. 1 Company 4 L.Gs.
2. OUTPOST LINE holds enemy advance at all costs, immediately informing Support Companies.
3. Support Companies assist with L.Gs and rifle posts between gaps in line of Outposts and stand ready to reinforce Outpost Line if necessary.
Support Line is MAIN LINE of RESISTANCE.
4. RESERVE COMPANY stands-to ready to move by previously reconnoitred routes to Support Trenches.
5. Flanks of Support Company push out Garrisons for their advanced posts covering flanks of Battalion Sector and in readiness to form a defensive flank on their nucleus garrisons.
6. Artillery and T.M. fire concentrated fire on S.O.S. lines until ordered to cease normally. This lasts for 8 minutes, then half rate for 7 minutes.
7. Light signals as per arranged code will be put into operation to O.P. who will re-transmit to Battalion Headquarters.
8. Reserves move to Support Line when required. Only Stretcher Bearers remove wounded to rear.
9. The principles of immediate local counter-attack by subordinate (i.e. Company Commanders) to be practised in event of loss of posts. Full advantage to be taken of enemy practice of reinforcing only the successful point of his attack. Nucleus garrisons to be on alert for this.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

15/5/18
Distribution. NORMAL.

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Lieut.Col.
C.O. SOBE.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 6.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 15-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our Artillery very active during the day, particularly on the BOIS de VAIRE and enemy forward areas. Observed movement by our 18 pdrs. was engaged. Our heavies were active on enemy back areas.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off. (Lt. VINCENT)	11 p.m.	Left P.25.C.75 75.	Patrol moved out to P.25.C.7 0. and from this point 7 rounds of S.A.A. were fired. Reason being that enemy believes this road to be held and still fires pineapple bombs into it. Patrol then moved along Company front and returned to our lines. No enemy movement was heard but enemy machine guns were active and troubled the patrol a good deal.
4 O.R.	11-45 p.m.	returned to P.25.C.50 40.	
1 Off. 3 O.R.	12-45 2 p.m.	Left P.25.C.70 70.	Patrol then moved forward to third Hangar and located enemy Post at P.25.C.90 35. Machine Gun was active from this point. Patrol crawled to within 20 yards of Machine Gun and threw bombs after which M.G. was inactive. This Post could be plainly seen as enemy fired a flare which struck a beam in the roof and illuminated the vicinity. Patrol then returned without casualties.

Strong protective patrols were sent out between 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. to prevent surprise by the enemy during relief. Listening patrols remained out in front of our positions but have nothing special to report. The usual Liaison patrols were out hourly till dawn.

(c) Machine Guns. Usual indirect fire was carried out at irregular intervals by our guns in O.30.A. Targets fired on were P.26.D.90 60. and P.22.A.90 30. Ammunition expended 3,000 rounds. Anti-Aircraft Machine Guns were also active against low flying 'planes expending 600 rounds.

(d) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(e) Bombing. One of our patrols bombed enemy Machine Gun position at P.25.C.90 35.

(f) Sniping. Our snipers active causing the enemy to keep under cover.

(g) Aircraft. Our 'planes were active during the day flying low over our and the enemy forward areas, at times being heavily engaged with A.A. and M.G. fire. At 11 p.m. a large squadron of our 'planes flew over the enemy lines.

(h) Relief. 45th and 47th Battalions relieved the 46th and 48th Battalions in the front line last night, reliefs being complete by 12-44 a.m.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Enemy artillery unusually active during the day firing on VILLERS BRETONNEUX, Reserve Line in O.18.D., Road running North East and South West through O.24.A. and O., area about O.15.D. and O.21.D., and also searching for our Batteries.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS. (contd.)(a) Artillery (contd.)

From 9 to 10 p.m. he shelled rather heavily with 5.9's areas in O.15.D. and O.21.B. Between 3 and 6 p.m. O.20.C. and D. and O.20.A. and B. were shelled with 5.9's and a few gas shells. Between 9 and 10 p.m. O.21.B. and D. and O.27.A. were lightly shelled with Blue Cross gas shells. A few gas shells fell in O.30.C. and D. Between 4 and 4-30 a.m. enemy artillery were very active on the whole of our Support Battalion Areas.

(b) Machine Guns. Enemy's usual activity, enfilading wood in P.19.C. and searching reverse slope in O.29.B. and O.23.D. Enemy Machine Gun located at P.25.C. 90 35.

(c) Trench Mortars. 6 Pineapple bombs were thrown which fell behind our Right Flank at P.25.C. 4 3.

(d) Aircraft. During the morning enemy aircraft was very active flying continuously over our lines. They were engaged by L.C. fire. In the afternoon our 'planes arrived and enemy airmen were less active. At 6-50 p.m. 8 enemy 'planes flew along our Sector at a low altitude. At 3-15 a.m. enemy bombing 'plane flew over our lines in the direction of AILIENS. At 4-10 p.m. enemy bombing 'planes dropped 4 bombs in O.27.B. and 10 in O.27.D.

(e) Balloons. 5 enemy balloons up opposite our front during the afternoon. At 5 a.m. 3 enemy balloons were put up, magnetic bearings from O.20.D. 95 30. being 96 degrees, 170 degrees and 182 degrees.

(f) Movement. Small parties of enemy were seen moving in the vicinity of P.29.A. 50 60. At 2 p.m. enemy transport were seen leaving WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT going in the direction of TAILLOUX Wood.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Marked increase in aerial and artillery activity. Otherwise unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS. Weather - Warm cloudy day with good visibility.

200. *A. M. L. M. A. / M. M. M.*
Lieut.
Intelligence Officer.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
14th May, 1918.

DEMOLITIONS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 13

1. Demolitions of Roads and Bridges.

Attached hereto are tables showing :-

- (a) Road Demolitions.
- (b) Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition.
- (c) Railway bridges

within the Divisional Area.

2. Responsibility for Demolition of Roads.

The 172nd Tunnelling Coy. and 2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy. will be responsible for guarding, and for actual demolition of roads referred to in Table 'A' under instructions from Divisional Headquarters. In the event of the enemy appearing at close quarters before these orders are received, the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of the crater will blow the charge on his own initiative.

3. Responsibility for demolition of Bridges.

- (a) The 172nd Tunnelling Coy. will also be responsible for guarding, and actual demolition of Bridges referred to in para. 'B', and 263rd Railway Coy., R.E. for those in para. 'C' on receipt of orders from Divisional Headquarters.
- (b) In the event of a withdrawal, Officers Commanding rear guards will inform bridge-head parties when their command is clear of bridges.
- (c) The C.R.A. will advise O/C 172nd Tunnelling Coy. of number of guns he proposes bringing over each bridge. Artillery Officers will be responsible for informing bridge guards when their guns are being withdrawn.
- (d) Failing receipt of definite information, and on the close approach of the enemy, Officers and N.C.Os. in charge of demolitions will give orders for the destruction of bridges at their own discretion.
- (e) The Tanks, which will normally be amongst the last to cross the bridges marked 'T', have orders to cover the demolition of bridges and the withdrawal of the bridge-head defending troops.

4. Field Engineers for Demolitions.

Capt. BURNELL, M.C., has been detailed by ^{the} C.E., Australian Corps as Field Engineer for demolitions throughout the Corps Area, and units will give him every facility to enable him to keep in touch with the work and arrangements.

5. Instructions for the Defensive No. 7 dated 5th May, 1918 are cancelled.

G. S. Mait
Lieut.-Colonel,
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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TABLE OF DEMOLITIONS.

A. ROAD CRATERS.

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Responsibility for Demolition.</u>
V	M. 22. B. Central.	172nd Tunnelling Coy.
Xa	M. 34. B. 2. 9.	do do
Xb	N. 19. D. 8. 6.	2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.
Xf	O. 27. C. 0. 3.	172nd Tunnelling Coy.
Xg	O. 34. D. 3. 7.	do do

B. Bridges prepared or to be prepared for Demolition :-

<u>Location.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Description.</u>	<u>to Carry.*</u>
<u>CAMON GROUP.</u>			
M. 16. D. 5. 5.	CAMON 1	Road over river (new) 60' steel trusses on masonry abutments.	XT.
M. 15. B. 2. 2.	" 2	Road over river (existing) continuous girder bridge with centre pier.	8 tons, 3 on 1 axle.
M. 15. B. 2. 1.	" 3	Road over stream (existing). small steel bridge.	do do
<u>LONGUEAU GROUP.</u>			
M. 22. B. 6. 1.	LONGUEAU 1	Road over stream (new) 19' span girder bridge on masonry abutments.	XT.
M. 22. C. 3. 4.	" 2	Road over river (new) 'A' Heavy Bridge.	XT
M. 22. C. 4. 5.	" 3	Road over river (existing) masonry arch 38' span.	T
M. 21. B. 2. 2.	" 4	Road over stream (existing) 2/20' masonry arches.	T
M. 21. B. 2. 2.	" 5	Road over stream (new) NOT YET ERECTED.	T
<u>CAGNY GROUP.</u>			
M. 34. A. 9. 2.	CAGNY 1.	Road over river (new) 60' 'A'.	XT
M. 34. A. 8. 4.	" 2	Road over river (new) 60' 'A'.	XT
<u>VILLERS GROUP.</u>			
O. 36. C. 4. 3.	VILLERS 1.	Road over rail (existing)	T
O. 34. B. 9. 8.	" 2.	Road over rail (existing) charges withdrawn, 6/5/18.	T
O. 28. D. 3. 4.	" 3.	Road over rail (existing) charges withdrawn 6/5/18.	T
O. 25. C. 7. 4.	" 4.	Road over rail (existing) charges withdrawn 6/5/18.	
O. 35. A. 5. 1.	" D.	Rail over road.	

* T denotes Tanks, XT all traffic except Tanks.

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TABLE OF DEMOLITION

C. Railway bridges.

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Responsibility for demolition.</u>
C.	N. 13.D.9.1.	263rd Railway Coy.
H.	N. 20 Central	

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12th Aust. Inf. Bde.	5
13th Aust. Inf. Bde.	5
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C. R. E.	4
4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.	1
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.	1
8th Tank Bn.	1
172nd Tunnelling Coy.	1
2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.	1
263rd Railway Coy. R.E.	1

DASH GROUP

DASH I		
DASH II		

VILLERS GROUP

VILLERS I		
VILLERS II		
VILLERS III		
VILLERS IV		
VILLERS V		
VILLERS VI		

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 7.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 16-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was active during the day. Our 18 pdrs. ranged on enemy's lines and Hangars. Shooting observed to be good. Our 60 pdrs. fired on squares P.31.B. - P.32.B. and D. and P.35.B. At 3-45 p.m. our heavies fired salvos into HARBONNURS causing fires. At 7-30 p.m. one of our shells exploded a dump in approx. P.22.C. Central which burnt for some time. Shortly after explosion stretcher parties were seen leaving the spot. At 8 p.m. our 4.5's fired on main road in P.26.C. and D. At 8-55 p.m. our shells exploded dump in approx. P.27.C. At 9-5 p.m. our shells exploded a big dump of which the exact location could not be learned but was on magnetic bearing of 72 degrees from O.29.D.95 30.

(b) Patrols.

Strength	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off. (Lt. HENDERSON) 3 O.R.	11 a.m. 12-15 a.m.	Left P.25.C.7 7. returned to P.25.C.7 5.	Patrol moved forward 50 yards beyond sunken road whereupon enemy machine gun engaged them. They moved back 20 yards and then moved towards the Hangars at P.25.C.75 35. where enemy was heard talking. This trench is apparently strongly held
1 N.C.O. 1 O.R.	1 a.m. 2 a.m.	Left P.25.C.70 45. returned to P.25.C.70 50.	Patrol moved up to the junction of sunken road and main AMIENS Road and saw enemy working party 15 strong at about P.25.C.9 3. They appeared to be improving a trench. Patrol then returned and Lewis Guns at P.25.C.4 3. opened fire on the enemy Party. Patrol then went out again and learned that the party had been dispersed by the L.G. fire but talking could be plainly heard in the trench. Patrol then returned to our lines.
1 Off. (Lt. STOREY) 3 O.R.	Midnt. 2-30 a.m.	Left P.19.D.85 45. returned to P.19.D.85 40.	Patrol moved forward about 100 yards and fired short bursts with Lewis Gun in observed enemy working party with apparently good results as fire was followed by groans from the enemy Post. Patrol discovered enemy Machine Gun emplacement and brought in the gun which showed signs of recent use. Numerous flares were fired by enemy and machine gun was fired on patrol from Right Flank. Patrol returned to our lines.

Patrols were continually out during the night to maintain liaison with units on either flank.

(c) Machine Guns. Direct fire by forward guns in P.25.D. on enemy Post 40 yards in front - 100 rounds expended. Our A.A. Machine Guns were active against low flying enemy planes, 2,000 rounds being expended. At 8-45 p.m. A.A. Machine Guns claim to have driven down enemy plane out of control. Planes came down in P.22. No A.A. Guns and none of our planes were in the vicinity. From 9-45 p.m. to 4 a.m. our Machine Guns in O.30. threw an indirect fire on enemy tracks in P.26.D. and P.32.A. 4,000 rounds being expended. Total expenditure of ammunition 6,100 rounds.

OUR OPERATIONS (contd.)

(d) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(e) Bombing. No. 36 Grenades were used with good effect against an enemy sniper at approx. P.19.B.98 55.

(f) Sniping. Our snipers were active all day and kept down enemy snipers except from one or two isolated positions which could not be located.

(g) Aircraft. Our 'planes were active from 5-40 a.m. till noon and from 6 p.m. till dusk. They flew along enemy front line and were at all times engaged with enemy A.A. Guns. Our 'planes brought down one enemy observation balloon and three enemy 'planes during the day. At 9-30 p.m. our bombing 'planes flew over enemy lines and dropped bombs just in rear of his front line; later in the night they again crossed the line on a bombing expedition.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Enemy artillery was quiet on our forward areas but from 10 a.m. onwards VILLERS BRETONNEUX was subjected to usual harassing fire with H.E. and shrapnel. At 1-30 p.m. O.17.D. was shelled and again during the afternoon. At 3 a.m. Railway cutting in O.25.D. was shelled with 5.9's. At 2-30 p.m. valley in O.20.B. and D. was lightly shelled with 5.9's.

(b) Machine Guns. Enemy Machine Guns were much less active due to the fact that our Lewis Guns concentrated on any enemy machine guns that opened fire; but light intermittent fire was thrown during the night on our front and support lines, road in P.19.C. and Reverse slope in O.30.A. and O.24.C. One enemy machine gun believed to be located in Mangle heap in P.25.B. but is probably only brought forward to that point during the night time.

(c) Aircraft. Enemy 'planes were active from 8 a.m. to noon and from 6-40 p.m. till dusk. They flew high over our lines and were at all times engaged with our A.A. M.G's and on 2 occasions with our A.A.G's. At 11-30 p.m. enemy bombing 'planes crossed our lines flying in direction of AMIENS. At midnight 3 enemy 'planes dropped 9 bombs on VILLERS Support Line at approx. O.36.D. 25 55.

(d) Balloons. From O.P. at O.22.C.10 10, 3 enemy balloons observed on magnetic bearings of 90, 85, 72 degrees. This morning 6 enemy balloons were up on grid bearings of 86, 156, 145, 175, 66, and 95 degrees from O.29.D.9 3.

(e) Movement. Movement was observed early this morning in enemy Post at Hangar. Rifle fire brought to bear resulting in the killing or wounding of 1 man. Enemy transport observed at intervals during the day on BAYONVILLE - WEINCOURT Road. An enemy working party was engaged with L.G. fire with good effect during the night.

MISCELLANEOUS. Flares. During the night enemy flares were constantly up. At 2 a.m. the enemy put up the usual white and blue chain flares and white stationary lights. Searchlights were constantly trained on our 'planes.

Weather. Fine, warm day with good visibility.

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Lieut.
Intelligence Officer.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Headquarters,
12th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Ref. L.F.M. in my Sector at P 19 d 1 1.

O.C. Trench Mortars informed me that this gun, the only one in my Sector, was available for any work it may be called on for.

The crew state however that their orders are to fire on S.O.S. line only and cannot therefore take on fleeting opportunity targets.

As there seems some misconception regarding this gun and O.C. T.M. is not within reach when a target presents itself for a minute or two, could some practical arrangement be made whereby the gun could be utilised to it's best advantage in quickest possible time, say while target waits.

17/5/18.

W. Gage
Lieut. Col.
C.O. GAGE.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 8.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 17-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Quiet in the morning. In the afternoon 18 pdrs. registered on the enemy trenches in P.26.A. and C. Shooting was excellent. Our 60 pounders registered on Hangars in P.31.B. At 5-15 p.m. our heavies shelled the Western edge of MARCELCAVE Village. At 6-15 p.m. enemy dump was exploded on magnetic bearing of 115 degrees from O.29.D.8 5. Our Artillery kept up a harassing fire during the night.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off.	1 am.	Left P.25.C.50 40.	Patrol moved out beyond
(Lt. LEDDY)	2-30 am.	returned to	sunken road into a ploughed
2 O.R.		P.25.A.80 00.	field. They then worked to the
			left for a distance of 200
			yards. No enemy was seen or heard but flares
			were fired which fell inot sunken road. A M.G.
			was firing from the direction of the third Hangar.

A second patrol which moved forward also reported the enemy M.G. located in the third Hangar.

Other patrols were sent out during the night and located enemy Post at approximately P.25.D.85 80. but have nothing further to report. Liaison was maintained hourly through the night with the units on either flank.

(c) Machine Guns. Our indirect fire guns were active during the night from 9-30 p.m. till dawn. Target fired on was track in P.26.D. Ammunition expended - 4,000 rounds. Our Anti-Aircraft Machine Guns were extremely active all day firing on low flying enemy 'planes, 3,200 rounds being expended. Total expenditure of ammunition 7,250 rounds.

(d) Trench mortars. At 8-30 p.m. stokes ranged on third Hangar. By arrangement at 12-30 a.m. 12 rounds were fired. Shooting was accurate. Bursts were good and much damage was done.

(e) Aircraft. Very active the whole day continually patrolling our and the enemy's lines. One of our 'planes was driven down by enemy aircraft and landed just behind our lines. 'Plane was burnt and wounded airman carried off by stretcher bearers. During the night our bombing 'planes crossed the enemy lines in large numbers. At 4-30 p.m. 3 of our 'planes drove down an enemy 'plane which fell in the vicinity of CORBIE.

(f) Sniping. Our snipers were active all day and claim at least 3 victims who were seen to fall.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Again quiet on forward areas but back areas were subjected to the usual counter-battery and harassing fire. During the day he shelled with 5.9's the Railway cutting in O.26. and O.27. The Wood in O.26.B. and O.27.A. and the low lying country in O.20. and O.21. About 9 p.m. enemy put down a direct barrage with light guns in O.23.B. and D. At 7-50 a.m. enemy appeared to register on communication trench in O.30.B. firing 6 4.2 shells. At 8-10 p.m. a 4.2 gun fired from a position of which the magnetic bearing from O.29.D.8 5. is 100 degrees. From 8-15 to 9-50 p.m. the enemy fired about 35 rounds into our back area and one of his Howitzers fired about 30 rounds in the direction of AUBIGNY. A grid bearing on gun reads 71 degrees from 30.D. During the day enemy fired approx. 16 4.2's and 25 77's into VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

* for "behind" read in front.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS (contd.)

(b) Machine Guns. Intermittent fire during the night on our front and support lines. Reverse slope in O.30.A. and O.24.C. and the Wood in P.19.C. were subjected to usual harassing fire.

(c) Trench Mortars. 3 Fish tailed Mortars were fired on our front line at 8 p.m.

(d) Aircraft. Very active during the whole period. Frequent attempts by enemy planes, singly and in squadrons to cross our lines were generally beaten off by our A.A. and M.G. fire. Those that did get across flew very high. Enemy bombing planes were extremely active at night and bombs were dropped in the vicinity of the Railway Line running through square O.25. and O.26. One enemy bombing plane was engaged and forced to land at O.21.D.50 60. Plane was a Gotha, four-seater, twin engine, and carried 10 small and 6 large bombs with a crew of three. One of the crew was captured but 2 escaped under cover of darkness and have not yet been caught.

(e) Movement. Enemy transports were seen moving along road running through P.28.B. and P.22.C; also along road running through V.6.A. to LaBASTILE FARM in V.4.D. Much enemy movement was going on in the enemy trenches, their troops exposing themselves a good deal but by noon they were more cautious as the result of our sniping. During the day movement was observed of parties of 25 or 30 men in the vicinity of WARFUSEE Cometary at P.29.C. and also in and around the BOIS de VAIRE. Our artillery shelled these places intermittently. Fires, apparently dumps, were observed burning at

10-20 p.m.	215	Magnetic bearing from	P.19.O.2.8.
10-45 p.m.	90	" " "	" "
2-5 a.m.	70	" " "	" "

(f) Balloons. 4 enemy balloons came up on our Sector at 5-30 a.m. Bearings taken from O.20.D.8 5. reads 90 degrees, 134 degrees, 147 degrees and 177 degrees.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) Flares. At 11 p.m. small parties were sent to the sunken road to fire flares and rifles in order to deceive the enemy as to the exact position of our front line.

(b) Weather. Bright day with good visibility.

[Handwritten Signature]
 Lieut.
 Intelligence Officer.
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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 9.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 18-5-18.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Generally active throughout the period, and at intervals put down short intense bombardments particularly by 18 pdrs. on enemy trenches; also counter-battery work by guns of larger calibre. At 5 p.m. a heavy barrage of all calibres was put down on MONUMENT WOOD and lasted for 10 minutes. During the night our artillery shelled intermittently the enemy forward and back areas.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off.	12-30 am.	Left P.25.C.7 9.	Patrol moved out to sunken road about 50 yards to the right of LONE TREE. After listening for a few minutes patrol moved forward another 30 yards and could hear sounds apparently caused by tools and also orders given to the party but nothing could be seen. They then moved about 40 yards in direction of Hangars where they could hear talking which seemed to come from an enemy covering party about 10 yards in front. A machine gun at this point fired occasional bursts in reply to a Vickers H.G. firing in rear of our lines. Enemy line is about 100 to 150 yards in front of the sunken road. Patrol returned and Lewis Gun was then turned on enemy party.
2 O.R.	1-30 am.	returned to P.25.C.7 9.	

Other patrols were sent out and reported disused trench at approx. P.20.C.30 75. also 35 yards of four ft. deep trench running in North Easterly direction from P.20.C.30 75.

During the night listening patrols were constantly out and liaison was maintained with the flanking units.

(c) Machine Guns. Our forward guns in P.25.B. fired during the night on enemy working party, 500 rounds being expended. The party was dispersed. Our A.A.M.G.'s were active during the day firing on low flying enemy 'planes. Ammunition expended - 3,600 rounds. From 9-20 p.m. till dawn one or two indirect fire guns put intermittent bursts on new enemy tracks in P.26.C. and D. Ammunition expended - 4,000 rounds. Total expenditure of ammunition - 8,100 rounds.

(d) Trench Mortars. During the night 3 Stokes Mortars were fired at the Hangars and 15 rounds in machine gun position West of Hangar with good results.

(e) Aircraft. Our patrolling 'planes were active all day flying low over the enemy's lines. They were at all times engaged by enemy Machine Guns and A.A. fire. All through the night our bombing 'planes were over enemy's lines bombing his back areas, a few bombs being dropped on WARFUSEE.

(f) Sniping. During the last few days our sniping has been so effective that opportunities for our snipers are now lessened but 3 victims are claimed from our Posts.

EMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery?

Time.	Location.	No. rounds.	Calibre.
9/9-30 a.m.	O.17.A.	17	5.9.
9-30/9-45 a.m.	N.18.	7	"
9-55/10 a.m.	O.21.A.	6	"
10-10 a.m.	N.18.A.	18	"
10-20 a.m.	O.22.A.8 9.	3	9.2.
10-30 a.m.	N.18.A.	20	5.9
10-45 a.m.	O.25.A.	10	"
"	N.18.A.	30	"
10-50 a.m.	O.17.	3	4.2
10-55 a.m.	O.25.D.	3	5.9
11-5/11-15	O.25.D.	6	"

ENEMY OPERATIONS (contd.)(a) Artillery (contd.)

Time.	No. rounds.	Location.	Calibre.
11-30 a.m.	2	O.26.C.	5.9
11-30 a.m. / 12 a.m.	23	O.26.C.	"
1-45 p.m.	20	O.16.C. and D.	"
1-55 p.m.	10	O.16.C. and D.	"
1-55 / 2-10 p.m.	23	O.16.B.	4.2
4-45 / 5 p.m.	18	O.21.B.	5.9
6-45 p.m.	13	O.34.Bz	4.2
8-15 p.m.	25	O.11.D.	5.9

VILLERS BRETONNEUX was subjected to the usual continuous harassing by enemy guns of all calibres.

(b) Machine Guns. Very active against our aircraft. During the night enemy machine guns fired intermittently on our front and support lines. The usual attention was paid to O.30.A. - O.29.B. and the sunken road in P.19.C.

(c) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(d) Aircraft. Active during the period. Several attempts to cross our lines were frustrated by our A.A.M.G. fire. At 10 a.m. a 'plane flew very low over our battery positions in O.20. At 11 a.m. an enemy 'plane was brought down by aerial combat, 'plane falling at O.30.A. 00 30. During the night enemy bombing 'planes crossed our lines and dropped a number of bombs, 3 falling in the vicinity of BANANA SWITCH in O.30.A. at 11-40 p.m. and causing one casualty.

(e) Balloons. 4 enemy balloons were observed from our Sector of which the magnetic bearings from O.29.D. 8 5. read 90 degrees, 139, 147, and 177 degrees.

(f) Movement. Enemy horse and motor transport were seen on road in W.7.F. and W.2.C. A fire probably a dump was seen at P.36.D. At 9 p.m. an enemy party of about 20 was seen to enter the Southern edge of the BOIS de VAIRE. At 4 p.m. enemy limber was seen moving along road in P.23.C.

MISCELLANEOUS. Flares fired from our patrols enabled Lewis Gun Posts at approx. P.25.B. 92 90. to disperse an enemy working party. Weather was fine with good visibility.

for
A. W. ...
 Lieut.
 Intelligence Officer.
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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No.	Strength. Off. O/rs.	Time.	Place.	Work Done.
1.	25 & Garrison.		No.1 Post P 25 b 5258.	Connected with 45th Battn. left. Dug average depth 2 feet. 35 yards.
2.	Garrison.	10 p.m. to 2.30 a.m.	No.3 Post to P 19 d 7005.	60 yards trench dug 3 feet wide, 3'6" deep.
3.	Garrison.		No.3 Post.	50 yards wiring.
4.	1 40	10.30 p.m. to 2.30 a.m.	Support Line.	300 yards trench widened and deepened to 3'6"
5.	1 25.	11 p.m. to 3 a.m.	Left Post P 19 b 9555.	38 yards trench dug 3' X 3' to connect with posts 5 & 6
6.	Garrison.	Right Support.		100 yards single apron wire put out. 230 yards single apron strengthened and trips fixed.
7.	Garrison.		Outpost Line.	Gaps between posts reduced by XXXX approx. average 8 yards in each case to full depth.
8.	1 30		Left Support.	Strengthened 300 yards wire extra strands and trips.
9.	30	11 p.m. to 2 a.m.	Left Support.	Deepening and improving support line.
10.	30		Dump to Outpost.	Carrying rations, 2 trips.
11.	30		Dumps to Line.	Carrying R.E. Stores from dump and collecting wire in area for use. S.A.A. etc.

17th May 1918.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 10.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 19-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was active all day firing on targets in enemy support lines and in rear. At 12-5 p.m. a dump was set on fire in WARFUSEE - ABANCOURT. From 3-15 p.m. to 3-35 p.m. our 18 pounders registered on enemy trenches in P.26.C. Our heavies were active throughout the day mostly on counter-battery work.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off. (Lt. MORONEY) 3 O.R.	1-45 am. 3 am.	Left P.25.C.9 9. returned to P.25.C.7 5.	Patrol moved out to about 60 yards from enemy trench and then turned in direction of Hangar. Talking could be heard in enemy trench but no movement could be seen. Patrol then returned to sunken road from where 6 rifle grenades were fired at enemy trench. Patrol then returned to our lines.

A second patrol went out to investigate the Post at approx. P.25.B.95 75. There were no signs of enemy occupation but rifle grenades were fired at the patrol from the direction of P.26.A.15 70. While patrol was out an enemy machine gun at approx. P.25.B.95 35. opened up and sprayed No Man's Land.

A third patrol went out and at 2-20 a.m. with the aid of flares sighted an enemy party on the skyline. Artillery was informed and engaged party. After sending up numerous flares the enemy opened fire with machine gun from the direction of P.20.Central.

During the night patrols were constantly out and liaison was maintained with our flanking units.

(c) Machine Guns. Our indirect fire guns fired on tracks in P.26.C. and B. We commenced at 8-20 p.m. and fired intermittently till dawn, 4,000 rounds being expended. Our A.A.M.G.'s were active against low flying enemy planes and expended 2,750 rounds. Total expenditure of ammunition, 6,750 rounds.

(d) Trench Mortars. During the night 5 rounds were fired on enemy machine gun silencing it. In the afternoon 10 rounds were fired on enemy aircraft formation effectively dispersing them.

(e) Aircraft. Active all day. At 9 a.m. 1 enemy plane was brought down in the enemy's lines by our aircraft. Our planes intermittently patrolled our and the enemy's lines and were engaged by enemy A.A. and M.G. fire.

(f) Sniping. Our snipers were constantly alert but very few targets were offered.

(g) Bombing. Our rifle grenadiers were active on enemy targets throughout the night on one occasion silencing an enemy machine gun.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery.

Time.	Rounds.	Location.	Calibre.
6-40 a.m.	9	O.30.B. and D.	4.2
6-45 a.m.	4	P.25.B. and D.	"
8-55 a.m.	6	O.30.B.	77
9-50 a.m.	3	P.25.A.	4.2
1-12 p.m.	4	P.25.D.	77
2-10 p.m.	25	VILLERS BRETONNEUX	5.0
2-15 p.m.	6	P.25.C.	4.2
5 p.m.	12	O.30.C. & O.36.A.	"
5-5 p.m.	0	VILLERS BRETONNEUX	5.29

ENEMY OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery. (contd.)

At 2-15 p.m. enemy gun on armoured train was observed at approx. W.S.B. 10 80. It fired 6 rounds and at 2-55 p.m. moved off to about W.2.D. 5 6. At 9-30 p.m. a big gun flash was seen at point where gun on armoured train first fired from.

(b) Machine Guns. The enemy fired intermittent bursts throughout the night on our front and support lines. The usual indirect fire was carried out. Enemy M.G.'s were active against our 'planes.

(c) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(d) Aircraft. Enemy 'planes were active during the day occasionally flying low over our lines. They were engaged by M.G.'s and Stokes Mortars. During the night enemy bombing 'planes crossed our lines.

(e) Balloons. During the day 5 enemy balloons were up on our front. Magnetic bearings from O.29.D.8 5. read 83 degrees, 147 degrees, 175 degrees, 60 degrees, and 160 degrees.

(f) Movement. Small enemy parties were observed at dusk and again at daybreak moving in the vicinity of AGRICHE WOOD.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Infantry very alert but not aggressive.

MISCELLANEOUS. Weather - bright day with good visibility.

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12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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WORKS REPORT GAGE. 18/5/18.
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No.	Strength. Off. 0/rs.	Time.	Place.	Work Done.
1.	1 40	11 p.m. to 2.45 a.m.	Connecting No.4 to No.2 Post.	105 yards trench dug, average depth 2'6".
2.	20	11 p.m. to 2.45 a.m.	Connecting No. 2 Post to P 19 d 7005.	90 yards trench dug, average depth 3'3"
3.	Garrison.		No.3 Post.	30 yards good apron wire in front. Makes 80 yards here.
4.	Garrison.		No.1 Post.	50 yards special trip wires put out.
5.	1 40	11 p.m. to 2.45 a.m.	Connecting Nos. 5 & 6 Posts and to left boundary.	170 yards decent trench dug to average depth 3' and width 3' right to left Div. boundary.
6.	Garrison.		Wiring left sector.	Wired all posts on left Company with special trip wires.
7.	Garrison.		Connecting 4 & 5 posts.	40 yards trench dug and existing trench widened.
8.	2 30	11 p.m. to 2 a.m.	Wiring left support.	Wired 110 yards with light wire.
9.	Garrison.		Right support.	Spider wire put out. apron strengthened.
10.	Garrison.	11 p.m. to 3.30 a.m.	Right support.	Improving parapet and fire steps.
11.	20		Carrying from Dumps to Outpost.	Stores, ammunition, wire stakes and wet and dry rations.

Posts connected with flank Battalions on both flanks now, both in Support and in outposts;

Amley
Lieut. Col.
C.O. GAGE.

No.	Strength. Off.O/rs.	Time.	Place.	Work Done.
1.	1 40	10.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.	Support Line.	Widening and deepening support line to 3' wide and 3'6" deep. Leaves 90 yards to complete widening.
2.	1 20	10.40 p.m. to 2.40 a.m.	Nos.2 & 3 Posts.	183 yards trench dug. Not finished.
3.	1 20	11 p.m. to 2 a.m.	Nos.5- & 6 Posts.	Improved sap to Div.bound-ary 80 yards, and dug 5 yards new trench, all 4'6" deep.
4.	Garrison.		Left Sector.	Wiring front of Company Sector completed.
5.	Garrison.		Right Sector.	Wiring 30 yards on right new. Thickened up remaining wire to decent strength.
6.	Garrison.		Support Line Right.	Digging new posts for advanced guns, firestepping trench; 200 yards trip wires.
7.	Garrison.		Support Line Left.	Firestepping 200 yards trench and digging new positions.
8.	Garrison of Support Carrying Party.			Carrying rations, wire, and stakes, S.A.A. and bombs to front line. 3 trips.

19/5/1918.

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 C.O. GAGE.

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SECRET.12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 11.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m., 20-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was fairly quiet during the morning but active during the afternoon and all through the night. Our 18 pounders ranged on enemy front line trenches in P.25.B. and D. and P.31.B. and A., also on Hangars in P.31.B. Our 6 inch guns ranged on enemy support line in P.25.D. and Hangars in P.31.B. At 8-45 p.m. our artillery opened barrage on squares P.14, P.20., and P.21. Shooting was good. Our heavies were engaged throughout the day mostly on counter-battery work.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off. (Lt. MORONEY)	11-45 pm. 12-50 am.	Left P.25.C.80 90. returned to P.25.C.60 40.	Patrol left our trenches and moved forward to about 60 yards in front of sunken road. About 20 yards in front of sunken road there is a strip of crop about 20 yards through and extending to the main AMIENS Road. From here the patrol moved to house at P.25.C.90 50. which was found to be unoccupied. Door was wired with our own wire. A small trench in front of house was also examined and found to be unoccupied. From here one enemy was seen at P.25.D.0 4. moving from one post to another. Voices could be heard in the distance along the main road at about P.25.D.60 30. Machine Gun flashes were noticed at approx. P.25.D.20 90.
2 O.R.			
1 N.C.O. 2 O.R.	1-15 am. 2 am.	Left P.25.C.60 50. returned to P.25.C.80 80.	Patrol moved out on Left side of AMIENS Road for about 150 yards where a hedge was encountered. From this point a party of the enemy, five strong, was observed in the third Hangar. A burst of M.G. fire from Hangar was fired at patrol. One German was seen to walk from the North West corner of Hangar towards the road where he disappeared. Patrol then returned to our lines.

2 Standing patrols each consisting of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men with Lewis Gun, were established at P.20.C.30 80. and P.25.B.90 85. respectively. These patrols went out at dusk and withdrew at 3-15 a.m. The usual patrols were out hourly during the night to maintain liaison with flanking units.

(c) Machine Guns. Our A.A.M.G.'s were active against low flying enemy 'planes, in many cases frustrating their efforts to cross our lines, 2,700 rounds being expended. At night our indirect fire guns in C.30.A. fired intermittently till dawn on enemy tracks in P.26.D., P.32.A., and P.21.C., 5,000 rounds being expended. Total expenditure of ammunition - 7,700 rounds.

(d) Trench Mortars. During the day stokes fired on enemy Machine Guns and other targets selected by Infantry, 47 rounds being expended.

(e) Aircraft. Our 'planes were very active all day flying well behind enemy lines. They were at all times engaged by A.A. and M.G. fire. During the night our bombing 'planes were very active on enemy support line and back areas.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(f) Sniping. Opportunities for snipers have decreased owing to enemy being more cautious. One victim claimed. He was seen to fall. During the night we sniped at all flare shooters.

(g) Bombing. Our rifle grenadiers were busy at times throughout the day firing into enemy trenches and M.G. positions. Shooting was good.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

Time.	Location.	No. rounds.	Calibre.
8/10-50 a.m.	VILLERS BRETONNEUX	80	4.2 and 5.9
1-30/2-40 p.m.	O.15.B. and O.16.A.	34	"
2-55 p.m.	O.26.B.	12	5.9
3/4 p.m.	O.20.B.	9	"
"	O.16.B.30 10.	18	" and 4.2.
"	O.22.B.40 40.	10	4.2
4-15 p.m.	O.16.A. and B.	15	5.9 and 4.2
5-5 p.m.	O.19.B.	8	"
5-15 p.m.	O.16.B.5 5,	10	Shrapnel.
6-15 p.m.	O.16.B.	20	4.2
6-30 p.m.	O.9.D.	6	"
7-15 p.m.	O.15.B. and D.	8	"
8 p.m.	O.16.A.	6	"

At 2-30 p.m. enemy armoured train was observed which came into action at approx. V.12.D.4 9. and fired 6 rounds.

(b) Machine Guns. Active against our 'planes during the day. At night intermittent sweeping fire was directed against our forward and support lines. Indirect fire was thrown on Reverse slopes in O.30.A. and O.24.C. and the sunken road in P.19.C.

(c) Trench Mortars. Enemy T.M's only fired once a pineapple bomb which fell about 20 yards in rear of our line.

(d) Aircraft. Enemy 'planes were active at times during the day but did not cross our lines many times owing to the activity of our aircraft. During the night enemy bombing 'planes crossed our lines and flew in the direction of AMIENS.

(e) Movement. At 3-35 a.m. a party about 12 strong, carrying bundles, was observed coming towards their front line from approx. P.26.A.Cent. Our Lewis Guns opened fire on them with good effect and they were forced to take cover. At 1-20 p.m. enemy in small parties of ones and twos were observed at the cross roads in P.28.B. Enemy transports were seen at intervals during the day on roads in W.7.B., W.2.C. and D., V.5.A. and W.8.B.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very alert.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 11-15 p.m. a large enemy dump was fired which burnt for over an hour in the vicinity of MARCELCAVE. When enemy 'planes crossed our lines during the night a red round flare was lit in rear of enemy's line in P.25.B.
Weather - bright day with good visibility.

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Intelligence Officer
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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WORKS REPORT SOBE. 20/5/18.
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No.	Strength. Off. 0/rs.	Time.	Place.	Work Done.
1.	1 50	10.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.	Support Line.	Carried 40 coils wire from Lone Tree dump. Completed widening and deepening Support Line 3' wide 3'6" deep to 5th Division.
2.	1 20	10.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.	Nos. 2 & 3 Posts.	50 yards trench deepened to 3'6", 3' deep wide.
3.	1 20	10.40 p.m. to 2 a.m.	Nos. 4 & 5 Posts.	50 yards trench deepened to 3'6". 10 yards trench dug 3' wide 3'6" deep.
4.	Garrison.		Left Sector.	Thickening wire in front of sector.
5.	Garrison.		Right Sector.	Thickening wire. 12 lengths of concertina put out.
6.	Garrison.		Left Support.	100 yards double apron (wood pickets) erected. This completes wiring of support line to Div. boundary.
7.	Garrison.		Right Support.	Fire stepping 100 yards trench. Removing earth and making fire parapet.
8.	Garrison.		Support.	Carrying rations, S.A.A., Bombs, Wire, Pickets, and sundries to support and front lines. 3 trips.

Work completed last night now leaves Sector -
 SUPPORT LINE. Completed to 5th Div. Width 3', depth 3'6" clear. Double
 apron wired.
 OUTPOST LINE. Small section of trench to be dug between Nos. 4 & 5 posts,
 2 & 3 posts. Otherwise continuous line.
 WIRE. Small gaps and thickening needed. Owing to shortage of
 concertina wire and screw pickets this work not completed.

20/5/1918.

Appinley
 Lieut. Col.
 C.O. SOBE.



Dispositions 46th Battalion

B3 HQ O 18 d 25 15 Strength 6 off 34 7/15
RAP O 24 c 48 1 3

Front line

Post No 1	P 25657	1 off 15 of R	1	Jewels Gun
2	P 25669	1 " 20 "	2	Do
3	P 19d 75 15	1 " 24 "	2	Do
4	P 19d 85 35	- " 25 "	2	Do
5	P 19d 95 50	1 " 30 "	1	Do
6	P 19d 90 65	1 " 29 "	1	Do
<u>Bay HQ</u>	P 19d 65 20	1 " 11 "	<u>9</u>	-
		<u>6 " 154</u>	<u>9</u>	

Note B Coy occupies nos 7 & 2 posts Strength 2 1/2 35
C " " " remainder 6 " 154

Support A Coy P 25a 32 75 to P 19c 97
Coy-HQ at P 25a 38 Strength 4 off 111 men
B Coy HQ is together with A.
The following B3 bay men are in
the trenches

	<u>1 " 12</u>
	<u>5 " 123</u>

A Coy has 4 Jewels Guns evenly
distributed in trench

Reserve D. Coy 3 off. 94 of R. B3 Coy 1-30 = 4 " 124
Location in Killers Reserve Trench.

Right P 306-20 25 Left P 24d 15 60 Coy HQ P 24d 25 20
A bay has 3 Jewels Guns in trench
B " " 2 " " " " 14/5/18

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All Units.

Anti-Tank Guns. 5 15 pounder B.L.C. Guns are located at the following map locations for Anti-Tank Defence and are manned by Div. Trench Mortar personnel.

No.	1	Gun.	O.35	A.35	82.
	2	"	O.50	J.60	52.
	3	"	O.29	B.84	47.

17-5-18.

H.Q.,	
12TH AUSTRALIAN	
INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	2608/18
Date.	17-5-18

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Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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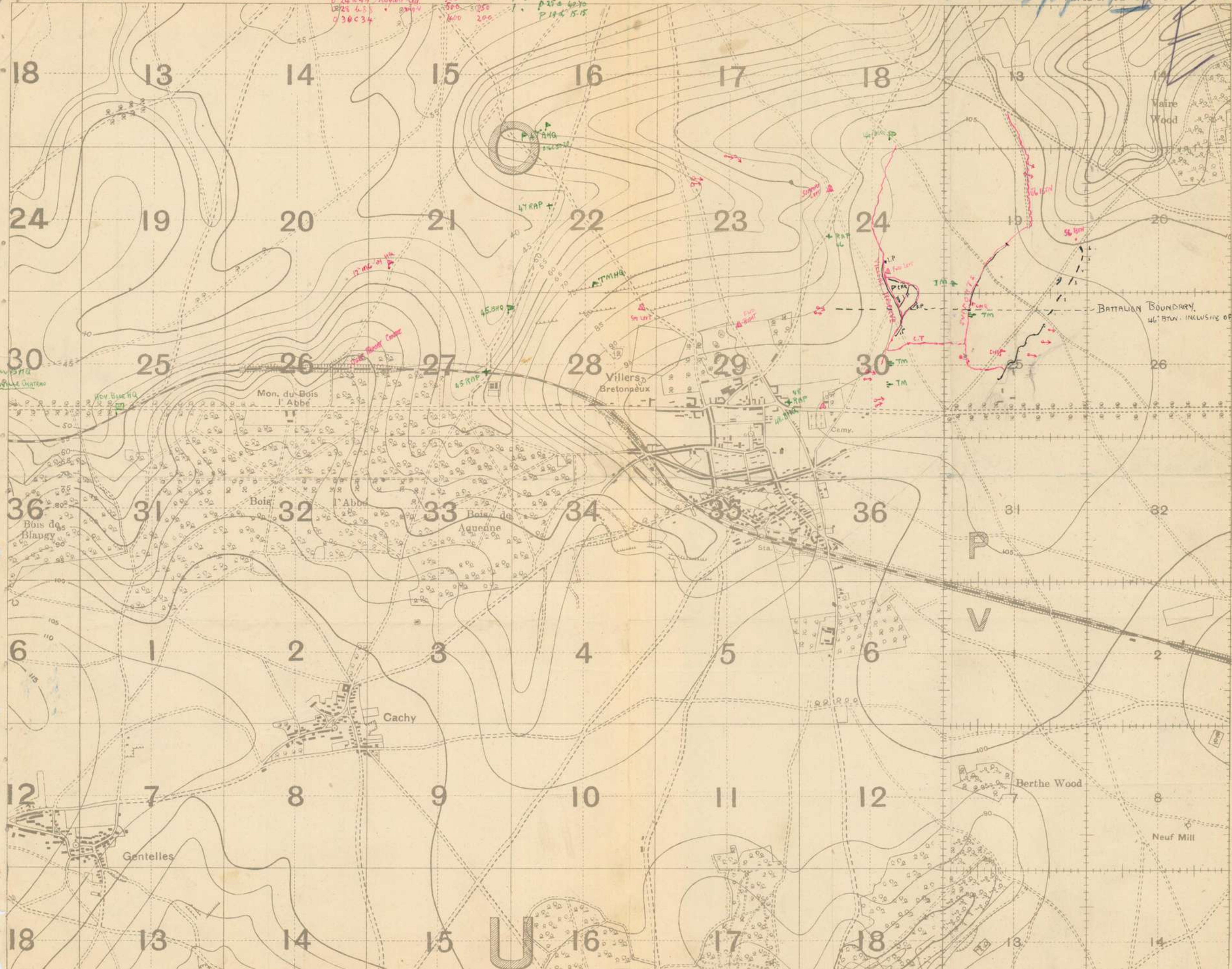
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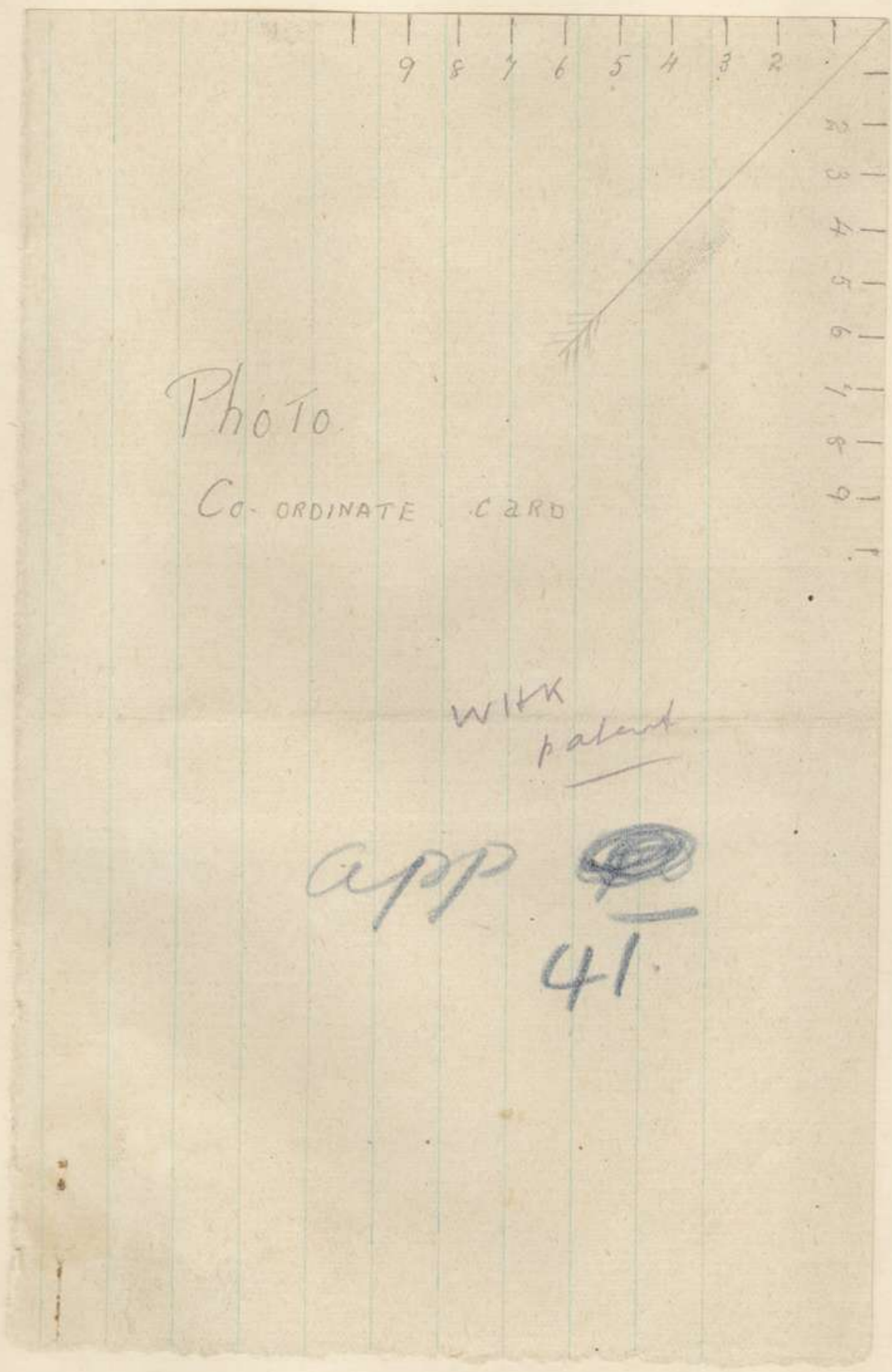


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REFERENCE MAP.
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IN THE FIELD.
21st MAY 1918.

1. Battalion will be relieved to-night by 33rd Battalion who will take over as per Dispositions shown hereunder.
D Coy. 33rd relieves A Coy. 47th Bn.
C " " " D " " "
A " " " B & C Coys 47th Bn. (Support)
D & C Coys. 33rd Bn. leave one platoon in Support Line.
2. Relief as arranged mutually between Company Commanders concerned.
3. Battalion, on relief, proceeds to HOSPICE (M 2 a) RIVERY AREA near AMIENS.
4. Troops will return via BUSHY TREE TUNNEL, AMIENS ROAD to RAILWAY LINE, N 29D, where guide will direct to COOKERS (N 29 d) Distance of 50 yards between sections will be maintained until troops reach AMIENS ROAD, thence platoons at 100 yards. Special steps will be taken re stragglers.
5. Hot meal has been arranged for at Cookers where troops will bivouac before proceeding to HOSPICE via BLANGY TRONVILLE, LAMOTTE, M 18 a, - 11 c & d, 10 b, to MAIN Road. Guides will be posted by Intelligence Officer at various directing points.
6. Lewis Guns and panniers will be dumped at BUSHY TREE and will be ~~dumped~~ placed on limbers by L.G. Sergeant.
7. Petrol tins and food containers will also be brought to this point.
8. Trench Stores, Maps, Air photos, will be handed over and receipts obtained in triplicate. Receipts will be forwarded this office on arrival in new area.
9. Troops will come out complete with equipment and 120 rounds S.A.A. All excess in S.A.A. and Bombs will be handed over.
10. Completion of relief will be notified by wire, Code word BOWEN.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE and destroy after perusal.

Distribution - NORMAL.

W. Brewer

CAPTAIN.
ADJUTANT SOBE.

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Received from A Coy 47th -
 2 Maps
 3 Air photos
 "Base de l'air" Cards
 P19 d. 62 D. 120.000
 H. R. Baker
 for C.O. D. Coy 53th

TRENCH STORES

Handed over by A Coy 47th
 Taken over by 1 D Coy 33th

S.A. or	15000	Rounds
Granades	36 + 73	42 Boxes
S.O. Rifle	3.	
Wire cutters	2.	
Shovels	97	
Picks	6.	
Gloves	13	White packets
do	5	Gr.
do	5	R.
Barbed wire	47	coils

Checked by J. H. [unclear]
 Captain
 cc.
 21/5/18
 H. R. Baker
 for C.O. D. 33

<u>Trench Stoves</u>		
<u>Mills Grenades</u>		
Bases		25
Loose		15
<u>S.A.A.</u>		
Bases		11
Bandoliers		40
<u>Tools</u>		
Picks		10
Shovels		40
Mattocks		2
<u>S.O.S Rifle Grenades</u>		5
<u>Special Rockets</u>		
Rockets		7
Cartridges	Illuminating 1 inch	30
"	Signal (Red) "	30
"	" (Green) "	30
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Taken over from B Coy 47th		
Batt A.I.F. by <i>Al Handland</i>		
21.5.18 For O.C. Coy 33rd Bde		

to copy 44 th Battalion		21	5	18
French Stores				
S.A.A.	35 bases			
Grenades (No. 11)	3 1/2 Boxes			
Shovels	38			
Picks	2			
Flares	5	Packets Green		
	5	Red		
	2	White		

Handed over by
Brace Capt

Taken over by
All Journalist Hunt # 17 lg. 3302



Trench stores handed over by DG, 47 Bn, 21/10/41

	Bombs	Hales	Shovels	Picks	SIS	V. Kerosene	line
SAA.	5	23	36				
16000	187	96	337	90	82	4	7 170 36 cals

1 Tin Chloride lime
 7 line blanks for grenades
 40 iron picks

Handed over by. J. M. Anderson Capt

Taken over by. J. Hardy Capt
 SAAAF



23 List of French Stores handed over by 47th Bn A.F. to 33rd Bn A.F. on night 21/22nd May 18.

Maps, air photos etc		Dump Bn Hqs O24 C2530.	
Administrative Map. Corbie	1	Red round flares	14 tins
Bois De Vaire 47 th Bn lumber	4	S.O.S. (3 Whites)	18 only
" " (Blanks)	3	S.A.A.	5 Cases
Dispositions 45 th Bn (Right)	1	Grenades (36)	6 "
" " 55 th " (Left)	1		
Aerial Photographs Sector	23	"Two Tree" Dump. O24 A 44.	
Trace enemy defences	1	XV of Biscuits	11 c/s
Tranches in area	1	Corned Beef	6 c/s
Extracts from Defence Scheme	2	Grocery Rations	125 tins
" " Works Policy	1	Water	30 coils
Copy 13 to Map A.2	1	Barb Wire	2 Drums
46 th Bn infantry Map (Trace)	1	Chloride Lime (60 lbs tin)	30
47 th " " " (To date)	1	Gas flappers	9
No 2 Disposition Map	1	Rattles (Gas)	4 Boxes
" 3 Communications Map	1	Flares 1" (White)	
" 4 General Map of Sector	1		

"Bushy Tree" Dump O24 C76.		Dump Cookers O.16. Cent	
Grenades - 36	68 c/s	Food Containers	4
" 23	63 "	Picks	90
Flares White 1"	3 1/2 "	Shovels	150
S.A.A.	60 "		
Smoke Bombs	22 only		
Grenades 35	1 c/s		
" 20	3 "		
" Newton Pippins	3 "		
" 34	2 "		
" 5	9 "		
Rods Cartridges (23)	3 1/2 "		

Handed over by W. Breimer Capt 47th Bn
 Taken over by M.C. Mason first
 Adj 33rd Bn.
 21.5.18

Bn Hqs.
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To: Headquarters,
12th Aust. Inf. Bde.

I have to report having completed in left Battalion sector

1. A continuous line of trench from right where connected with 45th Battalion to left with junction to 55th Battalion (P 20 c 1 9) leaving the width of the road there (4 yards) undug **only**. Trench 3' 6" to 6' deep (exclusive of parapet) with posts as per map herewith.
2. Support Trench a continuous line connecting at right with 45th Battalion and left with 55th Battalion. A decent commodious trench, traversed, varying in depth from 4' to 6' 6" exclusive of parapet.
3. Continuous wiring along whole front of both support and front lines, 40 yards in front. Majority double apron, some single apron, some concertina, style varying according to nature of material and quantity available at time.

21/5/18.

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Lieut. Col.
C.O. SOBE.



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To: Commanding Officer,
33rd Battalion A.I.F.

Extract from WORKS policy as applied to left Battalion
Sector of left Brigade, VILLERS BRETONNEUX area.

1. Connect Support line to front line at Northern end.
2. Establish M.G. post on echelon between front and Support line.
3. Deepen Support line and widen at Northern end, and improve whole length.
4. Widen new trenches between posts in front line.
5. Wire W side of road in P 25 b, behind and parallel to front line.
6. Wire with double apron or spider web wire front line the whole length, in addition to existing wire.
7. Trench from Battalion H.Q. to road and to be camouflaged.
8. Camouflage tracks.
9. C.T. from Support to VILLERS line.

22nd May 1918.

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LIEUT. COLONEL.
COMMANDING 47th BATTALION.A.I.F.



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EXTRACTS FROM DEFENCE SCHEME LEFT BATTALION OF LEFT BRIGADE.
For information of 33rd Battalion, 22nd May 1918.

1. Front line garrisoned by two and a half Companies (130 men) with 12 Lewis Guns in 8 posts in continuous line lightly wired. 2 T.Ms firing on sector.
 2. 2 Vickers Machine Guns are placed on road P 19 c near Point 104, the only M.Gs in the sector.
 3. One and a half Companies (60 men) man support line 400 yards to rear with 8 Lewis Guns, 2 of which are thrown forward between support and front line in positions covering gaps in front line.
 4. One Company of Support Battalion (100 o/r) is in VILLERS Line with 4 Lewis Guns. This trench is well wired and connected by switches to rear.
 5. Until C.Ts are dug troops cannot move to front line in daylight in left sector, but can go to either Support or Reserve (Villers) line.
 6. V.M.Gs are sited in right sector to sweep rear of Support line and Villers line.
 7. Support Battalions (2) are in valley W of Battalion H.Q. (O 24 c 2 3).
 8. Observation posts are at Point 104 (P 19 c 2 7) by day and night, and at Battalion H.Q. by night. Connected by phone, as are all Companies and flank Battalions.
 9. The front line is wired 40 yards in front and nearest point of enemy trench is 150 yards away and is heavily wired.
 10. The country is flat and featureless and every post has a field of fire of at least 300 yards.
 11. No.36 Grenades reach his trenches easily.
 12. Listening posts are established at each post.
 13. S.O.S. Line is right on enemy front trench as per maps. Rate of fire is 6 per gun per minute until cease is ordered.
 14. Liaison Officer is on duty for 48 hours at Support line and is in direct touch with Artillery group.
 15. Our policy has been one of vigorous harassing day and night by T.M, Artillery, ~~and~~ Lewis Guns, Rifle Grenades and sniping and patrolling and dispersing his carrying parties, and has been successful in retaining superiority.
 16. Policy of defence is to maintain our outpost line at all cost. In event of attack Support Coys. stand to ready to counter attack on initiative of local Commander, and the Reserve Coy. moving up into Support Line at once. After that, as the fight decides, action will be taken on part of Battalion Commander.
 17. Ammunition dumps are shown on maps, and situated in each system; also reserve rations and water.
 18. R.A.P. is at Battalion Headquarters.
- A.A.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 12.

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. '21-5-18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Active during the whole period. During the day our 18 pdrs., 4.5 Howitzers, and 6 inch guns ranged on enemy trenches in P.25.D. and P.32.A. At 12-30 p.m. our 6" guns fired 12 rounds at enemy armoured train in W.8.A. At 3-30 p.m. our 4.5 Howitzers fired about 50 rounds at enemy transports, and what appears to be a dump in P.33.B.6 3. It was too misty to observe result. During the night our artillery opened two light barrages on Hangars. Shooting was excellent.

(b) Patrols.

Strength.	Time.	Route.	Remarks.
1 Off. 2 O.R.	2 am. 3-15 am.	Left P.19.D.85 15. returned to P.25.B.60 80.	Patrol moved out to standing patrol at P.25.B.85 85. from where enemy could be heard wiring in front. Patrol then moved forward to an old trench to investigate. On entering trench an enemy machine gun 50 yards distant opened fire on them. Patrol threw bombs at the enemy who withdrew leaving their Machine Gun. Patrol then returned to our lines with the enemy machine gun which is of a light pattern.
1 Off. 3 O.R.	11-30 pm. 1 am.	Left P.20.C.10 85. returned to P.20.C.05 50.	Patrol moved forward to 50 yards beyond our standing patrol at P.20.C.30 80. From this point enemy could be heard talking and moving about. Enemy party could be heard challenged on two occasions by enemy sentries. A few flares were fired and a burst of machine gun fire came from the wood. Patrol returned to our lines and informed the Trench Mortars who fired on enemy party with good effect
1 Off. 2 O.R.	12 midnt. 1-15 am.	Left P.25.D.60 40. returned to P.25.C.80 90.	Patrol moved forward until they could hear enemy working party at approx. P.25.D.00 40. Patrol then moved to the left 150 yards but no movement was seen. Flares were being fired from trench in front. Patrol then returned to our lines and Lewis Gun and Rifle Grenades opened on enemy working party.
1 N.C.O. 2 O.R.	1-30 am. 2-20 am.	Left P.25.C.8 9. returned to P.25.C.8 9.	Patrol moved out to 30 yards beyond sunken road where enemy trench could be observed. Enemy machine gun was seen firing about 300 yards on the left of enemy trench. Flares were being fired from the rear of the third hangar. No enemy movement could be observed. Patrol then returned to our lines.

Liaison was maintained during the night with the units on our flanks.

(c) Machine Guns. Our M.G.'s were active at times during the day firing on enemy aircraft. The usual harassing fire was kept up during the whole night.

(d) Trench Mortars. During the morning stokes fired on enemy Post at approx. P.25.B.80 50. Much groaning was heard and 5 stretcher cases taken away from the spot. At 7-45 a.m. enemy machine gun position was fired on and gun silenced. During the night 30 rounds were fired on targets selected by the Infantry. Observers report that shooting was highly satisfactory.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

(e) Aircraft. Our 'planes were very active during the morning and again at dusk. At 6 p.m. over 30 of our 'planes crossed the enemy lines and dropped bombs. They were engaged by enemy A.A. and M.G. fire. Our bombing 'planes were active against the enemy back areas during the night.

(f) Sniping. Our snipers claim 2 victims including an officer. Other targets were fired at but result of shooting could not be ascertained.

(g) Bombing. The shooting of our rifle grenadiers was most effective. A machine gun firing at our aircraft was engaged and silenced, gunner being either killed or wounded. Enemy working party was also engaged and at least one grenade fell right into their trench. A second working party was located near the third hangar and was dispersed with rifle grenades.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.(a) Artillery.

Time.	No. rounds.	Location.	Calibre.
4 a.m.	3	O.30.D.	4.2
7-40 a.m.	27	P.25.Central	77
8-5 a.m./8-30 a.m.	10	P.29.D.	4.2
9-45 a.m./9-50 a.m.	8	O.35.B.	" and 5.9

During the day VILLERS BRETONNEUX was subject to the usual harassing by shells of all calibre.

At 10-40 a.m. enemy gun was seen on armoured train in W.8.A. At 1-9 p.m. it moved into the wood behind BAYONVILLERS.

(b) Machine Guns. Enemy M.G.'s were active during the day against our aircraft, and at night fired occasional bursts on our front line. One enemy M.G. was located at P.32.A.30 45. Our Artillery was informed and silenced the gun.

(c) Trench Mortars. Nil.

(d) Aircraft. A few enemy 'planes patrolled our lines but were not as active as usual. During the night enemy bombing 'planes crossed our lines flying in the direction of AMIENS.

(e) Balloons. 3 Balloons were up on our Sector. Bearings taken from O.36.D.80 50. read 97 degrees, 170 degrees, and 165 degrees.

(f) Movement. During the day transports were seen on the roads in the following squares - P.20.B., P.21.C. and D., W.2.D., W.7.A. and P.33.B. where there appears to be a dump. At 2-10 a.m. an enemy party, 6 strong, were observed working on front line trench. Our Lewis Guns dispersed them.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy appears to be connecting up his front line as fresh earth was evident. Enemy trench is in places wired, screw pickets being used.

MISCELLANEOUS. Judging by movement and scarcity of flares it is believed that enemy relieved his front line troops last night. Small parties were seen coming and going. Our Lewis Guns engaged them. Weather - slightly misty, otherwise visibility very fair.

W. J. ...
W. J. ...
 Intelligence Officer
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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All Units.

In view of the proposed reorganisation of the 12th Aust Inf Brigade and the redistribution of the 47th Battalion Transport 45th, 46th and 48th Battalions, Brigade Headquarters will parade their worst Transport, animals and harness at 47th Battalion Transport Lines at 3 p.m. to-morrow, 23rd instant.

All Battalion Transport Officers will attend. The exchanging will be carried out under the Staff Captain.

Location of 47th Battalion Transport Lines "Hospice StVictor RIVERY.

22/5/18.

(Sgd) A.L.VARLEY.

Captain.

Staff Captain.

12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

SECRET.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copy No. 2

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 83.

Subject :- Reorganisation of Brigades on a Three Battalion Basis.

1. REORGANISATION.

Reorganisation of 13th Aust. Infantry Brigade will take effect immediately by withdrawing the 47th Battalion. The designation "47th Battalion" thereafter will apply to the Training Unit of the Brigade.

2. PERSONNEL.

Personnel of 47th Battalion will be distributed, territorially as far as practicable, within the Brigade, including all officers on the Seconded List of the Battalion. Officers on the Supernumerary List will remain as such and will not be transferred.

Officers of the 47th Battalion seconded for duty at the time with the Training Battalion will be transferred to another Battalion of the Brigade and then seconded for duty with the 47th Battalion. Similarly officers belonging to other Battalions of the Brigade and seconded for duty with the Training Battalion (other than on Battalion Headquarters) will automatically be seconded for duty with the 47th Battalion.

Officers "Missing" will remain on the Battalion List until struck off at expiration of three months from date of being reported "Missing".

The Assistant Adjutant and Q.M. will be transferred to the Training Battalion for a tour of duty on the Permanent Cadre.

Officers holding appointments such as Adjutant, etc., will automatically relinquish such appointments on transfer unless posted in a similar appointment.

Numbers by units of transfers and postings to be reported to this office on the day they take place. Posting of officers to be submitted as soon as possible for publication in A.I.F. orders.

3. TRANSPORT.

The Battalion Transport will be kept intact pending further instructions, and will be available for work under the Corps Transport officer. In the meantime it will be handed over to C.O. 4th Aust. Div. Train for administration and discipline.

4. MOBILIZATION STORES.

All Mobilization Stores, except Transport Equipment will be returned to D.A.D.O.S. accompanied by detailed lists in triplicate marked "ON REPAYMENT". Original and Duplicate lists will be signed by D.A.D.O.S., one for preservation with Battalion Records and one for submission to this office. List of stores to be transferred with Battalion Transport attached.

P.T.O.

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on completion the following return will be rendered :-

M.O.B. Etab. A.F.G.	Stores vide laid down in Nos 8/110.	Returned to DADOS.	Surplus.	Deficiency.	Explanation of Deficiency.

5. RECORDS.

The Battalion Records will be written up to date and sent to the officer i/c Australian War Records Section, Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., LONDON.

6. REGIMENTAL FUNDS.

These Funds will be distributed within the Brigade pro rata with Transfers, after audit by a Regimental Board.

Headquarters,
23rd May, 1918.

Lieut-Colonel,
A.A. & Q.M.G.,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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APP 50



Report Centre M. 2a. 47.49 Sheet 62^o SW.

HOSPICE by AMIENS

25 May 1918

"Ave Caesar te morituri salutant."

Zero hour 7.30pm. Stretcher-bearers at 24:00 Lengthens at 9pm.

Tapes laid to M. 2a. 52.51

Handwritten signature



Ref. Map FRANCE 62D S.W. 1/20,000.
FINIS 47b, n ve. 1-1918.

INTENTION.

1. The 47th Battalion less Other Ranks will entertain the surviving members of the Brigade to a Farewell Dinner in accordance with Table of Relief. Zero hour has been notified by secret message and Preliminary reconnaissance will be made 15 minutes earlier.
DETAIL.
2. Guides will meet arriving Units Staffs at M 2 a 4854 and each Officer will receive his direction ticket from Lieut. W.H. KEOGH. Lieut. F.A. PATERSON will be responsible for distribution of maps.
3. Parties as enumerated overleaf will be allotted for discipline and rations as per table in accordance with instructions given.
4. On no account will any Officer leave the Column without notifying the C.O. at Report Centre M 2 a 4854.
5. On arrival at M 2 a 4854 and on receipt of card each party will be guided to WATERPOINT by Lieut. MORLEY and handed to their opposite numbers who will be in readiness and who are responsible for their accommodation.
6. The following Officers are detailed as under and will at once report to O.C. Operations for detailed instructions.
Lieut. W. BAXTER O.C. Signals. Lieut. T.T. MORLEY O.C. Dry Rations
" F.A. PATERSON O.C. Wet Rations. Capt. C.H. KING O.C. Spl. Coy.
" H.G. SMITH, O.C. Tapes, Lieut. W.R. WISHART O.C. Vice
7. All Officers are enjoined to co-operate towards attaining our objective in accordance with Programme, and each phase of the operation will be opened by Signal from O.C. Operations and instant action must occur.
8. Objectives as taken and consolidated will be reported by Code Word ONE DOWN at (giving map reference) and in event of enemy learning meaning of this immediate action on the part of subordinate Officer on the spot must be taken.
9. Hopping up party consisting of three selected Officers will come into action on Special Signal from O.C. Operations.
10. Lines of evacuation for casualties via opening at M 2 a 5051 to M 2 a 5351 where tapes will be laid.
11. Battalion O.P. M 2 a 4855 report centre M 2 a 4749.
12. In event of S.O.S. Signal being observed mutual support and local action will be taken by flank Units and reports made to Battalion O.P. in PLAYFAIR.
13. Password is ABQHP XSFGR FUFIR FCFZH RSQ (PLAYFAIR Current word).
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

DISTRIBUTION EXTRAORDINARY. Copies.

G.O.C. & Staff 12th A.L.Bde.	5.	LATE ADJUTANT 47th BATTALION.	CAPTAIN.
C.O. 45th Battn. and Staff	3	C.O. 12th A.L.T.M.B.	1 Copy
C.O. 46th " " "	3	Officers concerned	7
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- TO FIND, TO EAT, TO HAVE, TO HEAR. -

FINIS						47 bn. 1918				
22	Mock Turtle	23	Boiled Chicken	24	Roast Sucking Pig	19	20	If I may come to you	21	
28	N.M. The King	29	Rhubarb Pie	30	Jelly and Custard	25	26	Compôte of fruit and Custard	27	Good-bye
34	Anzac Army	35		36	Welsh Rarebit	31	32	The long long trail	33	2nd A.I. Bde. H.Q. Staff
4	Les Merveux	5		6	Dessert	1	2	Coffee	3	
10	Chanson Française	11		12	Cigars	7	8	Cigarettes	9	Hymn Clementine
16		17		18	vin blanc	13	14	Beaucoup boire	15	Toreador
			Bon soir demoiselle				3am.			

The 47th are sorry,
The 47th are sad,
The other Battalions are happy,
And so they should be glad.
For they have missed the smash-up,
And pleased they all should be,
But the password of the 47th
Is "Come and have a drink with me."

The 47th are sorry,
The 47th are sad,
The 47th are sorry
Now the A.I.Fs gone mad.
We've never, never quarrelled,
We've never disagreed,
So the password of the 47th is
"Come-an'-ave-a-drink with me."

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Ha, ha, ha ! Hee, hee, hee !
The 47th are on the spree.
They don't care, now they say
They've been - - - well thrown away.

2.

Ha, ha, ha ! Hee, hee, hee !
The diggers all say "It won't do me,
This break up is no bon,
I'm not going to soldier on."

3.

Ha, ha, ha ! Hee, hee, hee !
Bill says "Q.M. won't do me",
The money they say he'll have to pay,
Will be 250 quid at the end of May.

4.

Ha, ha, ha ! Hee, hee, hee !
Poor old Brem's like a ship at sea.
Smithy they say is on the Staff
Where Brem can't help him, what a laugh.

5.

Ha, ha, ha ! Hee, hee, hee !
Northy came back, his pals to see.
Now they say he's liable to click,
With a platoon in the 46th.

6.

Ha, ha, ha ! Hee, hee, hee !
Our I.O's some class you see.
He thought that he was getting a lift,
But now he's going to the Forty-swifts.

7.

Ha, ha, ha ! Hee, hee, hee !
Our C.O's in high glee.
He says that perhaps some day
The 47th will return to the fray.

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AIR :- "The ANZAC Army."

We are the Forty seventh,
But soon we'll be no more,
We've got to go in half a mo,
It is a - - - - -
But though we have to scatter
Amongst another lot,
When the Anzacs get to Berlin,
We'll be right on the spot.

We were a merry party,
The chocolate and blue;
We often swore, alas ! no more,
Because we lived on stew.
We're losing our old colours,
It is so very sad.
I suppose our friends in the 12th Brigade
Are feeling jolly glad.

We have a merry Colonel,
A rare and decent sport;
Our Adjutant, Norm Bremner,
Could never pass for nought,
But just a good old favourite,
He's born of the right stuff;
We don't know much about him,
But he likes a bit of "fluff."

Our Colonel, he's a bonzer,
A soldier and a man,
We know him well, and truth to tell
He'll do us to a man;
We're sad we're parting from him,
But wherever we may be,
I'll bet a bob, so help me gob,
He'll reach Berlin on the Spree.

We are the Nucleus Army,
The 47th are we,
We're broken up, but like a pup
We breathe again quite free.
And when they get to Berlin,
The Kaiser he will say
"Hock, hock mine Gott, the 47th lot
Are not with us to-day."

They are the dinkum Army,
We, the neglected few.
We do not hoot, although we loot,
What - - - use are we.
And when we get to Berlin
With the other mighty three,
"What, what, mine Gott, where is that lot
That always pestered me?"

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What's up laddies! What's up laddies!
What's up laddies, why are you looking so glum?
Sadly we are breaking up,
 Breaking up, breaking up,
Sadly we are breaking up,
To reinforce our pals.

Why so laddies, why so laddies,
Why so laddies, what has the Brig to say?
I'm very sorry you've got to go,
 Got to go, got to go.
I'm very sorry you've got to go,
But something must be done.

Queensland's failed us, Queensland's failed us,
Queensland's failed us, and won't fill up the gaps.
So I'm breaking up the very best,
 The very best, the very best.
I'm breaking up the very best,
So you have got to go.

Cheer up diggers, cheer up diggers,
Cheer up diggers, there's a kick in the brave boys yet.
You'll put spirit in the new units,
 New units, new units,
You'll put spirit in the new units,
And bring honour to their ranks.

Raise your glasses, - Raise your glasses,
Raise your glasses, a Health before we go.
Here's to our re-formation,
 Re-formation, re-formation,
Here's to our re-formation,
It's coming, that I'm sure.

List to me while I tell you of the slackers who blighted our fate.
List to me while I tell you of the story I now will relate.
'Twas at the Referendum they beat us,
I watched their cold-footed Brigade,
And whilst we went out to tackle the Hun,
The Blighters they all voted NAY.
Oh yes! Oh yes! But we've sworn that we'll have our revenge.
So when we catch the cold feet, the slackers, the don't want to war,
With pride for our country we'll look for their - !! - gore.
So when we catch the bounders, they are sure to look ill.
When we catch the blighters, the cowards we'll kill,
They shall die! They shall die! They shall die I tiddle ti ti ti ti
ti ti ti They shall die! They shall die!
For we'll raise a commotion down by the Southern Ocean,
When we catch the slackers Good-night.

List to me while I tell you of the welcome we just got to-day.
List to me for we've transferred and a few words I now want to say.
The Colonels all gave us a reception,
That none of our boys could deny,
So now it's our duty to buck up and help them,
For the Hun we will always defy.
Oh yes! Oh yes! For we must all help to finish this show.
Now whether you're all blue or pale blue or yellow or white,
This little function will bind our good friendship to-night.
Have a drink. Don't be dry, don't be dry, I tiddle ti ti ti ti ti
ti ti ti, don't be dry, don't be dry.
Now there's whisky and wine and champagne and sherry,
For our merry parting to-night.

1. GOOD-BYEE.

Our Popular C.O.

Told us all we'd got to go
For some sun of a gun, just out of pure fun,
Has - - - the whole damn show.

So the old Battalion's done,
And that's why we're looking so glum.
And we're here to-night,
With no spirit left for fight,
So will just have a drink and say

Good-bye, Good-bye,
Hide the tear soldier dear in your eye-ee.
Though it's hard to part we know,
We'll be worried to death to go,
We'll sigh-ee, we'll sigh-ee,
P'raps there's a silver lining in the Sky-ee,
Bon soir, old thing, Cheerio - I'm hit!
Here's the map, take charge; Good-bye.

2.

Yet we know who are to blame -
It's the boys who never came.
For they're safe there at home,
With no fear of a comb,
The - - - who are not game.
So we're all being split right up,
And we've bought a blessed "Dip",
But we'll hope and say,
We'll come back some day,
When we'll then no longer sing.

Good-bye, -

Ref. Map FRANCE 62D S.W. 1/20,000.
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INTENTION.

1. The 47th Battalion less Other Ranks will entertain the surviving members of the Brigade to a Farewell Dinner in accordance with Table of Relief. Zero hour has been notified by secret message and preliminary reconnaissance will be made 15 minutes earlier.
2. Guides will meet arriving Units Staffs at M 2 a 4854 and each Officer will receive his direction ticket from Lieut. W.H. KEOGH. Lieut. F.A. PATERSON will be responsible for distribution of maps.
3. Parties as enumerated overleaf will be allotted for discipline and rations as per table in accordance with Instructions given.
4. On no account will any Officer leave the Column without notifying the C.O. at Report Centre M 2 a 4854.
5. On arrival at M 2 a 4854 and on receipt of card each party will be guided to WATERPOINT by Lieut. MORLEY and handed to their opposite numbers who will be in readiness and who are responsible for their accommodation.
6. The following Officers are detailed as under and will at once report to C.C. Operations for detailed Instructions.
Lieut. W. BAXTER O.C. Signals. Lieut. T.T. MORLEY O.C. Dry Rations
" F.A. PATERSON O.C. Wet Rations. Capt. C.H. KING O.C. Spl. Coy.
" H.G. SMITH, O.C. Tapes, Lieut. W.R. WISHART O.C. Vice
7. All Officers are enjoined to co-operate towards attaining our objective in accordance with Programme, and each phase of the operation will be opened by Signal from C.C. Operations and instant action must occur.
8. Objectives as taken and consolidated will be reported by Code Word ONE DOWN at (giving map reference) and in event of enemy learning meaning of this immediate action on the part of subordinate Officer on the spot must be taken.
9. Hopping up party consisting of three selected Officers will come into action on Special Signal from C.C. Operations.
10. Lines of evacuation for casualties via opening at M 2 a 5051 to M 2 a 5251 where tapes will be laid.
11. Battalion O.P. M 2 a 4853 report centre M 2 a 4749.
12. In event of S.O.S. Signal being observed mutual support and local action will be taken by flank Units and reports made to Battalion O.P. in PLAYFAIR.
13. Password is ABQNP XSFQR FUFIR FCFZH RSQ (PLAYFAIR Current word).
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED FROM 47th BATTALION to
45th BATTALION on 25/5/1918.

2373	Cpl.	AFFLECK.	A.J.	2583	Pte.	ALLAN.	W.D.G.
2393	Pte.	BRADFORD.	W.J.	1636	"	BISHOP.	W.H.
3033	L/Cpl.	CARMICHAEL.	W.H.	3550	L/Cpl.	CATCHPOLE.	W.H.R.
3724	Pte.	CAIRNS.	A.E.	2143	Pte.	GARNE.	H.H.
7265	"	DUNBABIN.	W.	3355	"	DILLON.	H.T.C.
3153	"	DAVIDSON.	C.W.	2652	"	GODWIN.	C
2290	"	HARRIS.	W.A.	2669	"	JOLLY.	A.E.
3162	"	KINGSTON.	H.J.	1714a	"	OWENS.	A.E.
3189	"	PAINÉ.	S.C.	5272	L/Cpl.	STEWART.	A.G.
3406	Cpl.	SEEGER.	M.A.	1784	Pte.	WARD.	L.J.
2373	Sgt.	MANUS.	M.J.	3017	Sgt.	BODYCOTE.	C.E.
2285	"	WILLIAMS.	H.S.	1985	"	CARROLL.	L.F.
3159	Cpl.	THURECHT.	N.D.	1685	L/Cpl.	SCHULZ.M.	W.B.
2375	L/Cpl.	MCDONALD.	P.A.	2688	"	GRAHAM.	G.C.
2753	Pte.	WOLFE.	F.W.	3207	Pte.	SMITH.	E.E.
1744	"	TAYLOR.	L.F.	511	"	REAL.	P.
3042	"	CLARKE.	A.R.J.	1903	"	GRIFFITHS.	H.F.
1874	"	BARNES.	A.G.	3578	"	MASSEY.	G.
1967	"	TULLEY.	E.H.	3645	"	McLEAN.	R.W.
3613	"	PYE.	A.	3311	"	RUNNEGAR.	J.W.
2373	"	WILLIAMS.	P.J.	5216	"	WOLFE.	R.E.
3729	"	TUIE.	C.	2113	"	ATKINSON.	T.H.
2495	"	READ.	J.	3001	"	ADAMS.	L.
1870	"	BUTT.	J.H.	2432	"	HENDERSON.	E.C.
1844	"	CASEY.	P.	1382	"	MELTON.	C.
1710	"	OLIVER.	T.J.	1957	"	SMITH.	G.C.
1959	"	STOTHARD.	J.W.	2769	"	WELSH.	W.
1730	"	RAY.	S.A.	4409	"	SMITH.	C.G.
3018	"	BURTON.	A.W.	3479	Sgt.	GREENWOOD.	A.L.
4100	Sgt.	WARREN.	L.J.	4102	Cpl.	LAWS.	C.W.G.
1877	Cpl.	ANDERSON.	J.D.	5252	Pte.	LUTTRELL.	J.J.
2392	Pte.	BEATON.	C.	4610	"	WATSON.	E.
3715	"	PELLISSIER.	F.L.	3694	"	McLEAN.	E.W.
732	"	WOTTON.	H.F.	727	"	ELLIS.	R.N.
1623	"	BROWN.	D.R.	4135	"	BATES.	W.S.W.
4526	"	HOSKINS.	J.G.	2475	"	MCDONALD.	A.
3671	"	WILKINSON.	H.P.	7194	"	ARBUCKLE.	A.
3774	"	CHARGOIS.	O.H.	2036	"	HULIN.	J.
4162	"	GRAY.	W.	2745	"	WALSH.	E.
4260	L/Cpl.	VAUGHAN.	T.	2675	"	KIRK.	D.
2311	Pte.	IRVINE.	D.C.	8080	"	DUGGAN.	P.C.
2954a	"	QUICK.	W.R.	2423	"	FERRETT.	A.C.
2613	"	BROWN.	J.	4216	"	NEILSEN.	H.D.
2726	"	TOFT.	A.S.	1669	"	HARRIS.	H.B.
1662	"	HUMPHREY.	R.F.	2649	"	DUMOULIN.	W.E.
4573	"	OVEREND.	A.S.	3801	"	WEST.	H.
5068	"	COOPER.	T.	3642	"	MAHCOOP.	J.S.
3237	"	REOCH.	R.	3121	COMS.	PLATT.	B.M.
2344	Cpl.	BOLDERSON.	P.C.	1781	"	KELLY.	S.F.
2740	Pte.	WITTON.	G.	311	Pte.	REVIE.	J.
1782	"	McLEOD.	D.	1955	"	HUMPHREY.	W.
2512	"	THOMASCH.	W.J.	3021	"	CLEAR.	L.
2061	"	KAIR.	W.	3038	"	VERRALL.	F.H.
4038	"	ENNIS.	F.P.	2534	"	SOUTHGATE.	F.J.
2948	"	HAIER.	J.E.	2685	"	MITCHELL.	C.B.
1705	"	NUGENT.	J.	2453	"	LYONS.	M.
5111	"	LY HIRD.	T.	1645	"	COOK.	H.
2757	"	MARTIN.	W.	2967	"	ZIRBELS.	F.W.
1700	"	HENDERSON.	S.	2528	"	BARTLETT.	C.A.
4284	"	BOOBYER.	J.	3173	"	McPHERSON.	N.
1991	"	WHILP.	H.E.	1643	L/Cpl.	ELMS.	A.F.
1785	Pte.	WAKEFIELD.	H.	4622	Cpl.	PENTECOST.	R.F.

NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED FROM 47th BATTALION to 46th BATTALION. on 25/5/1918.

1683 Pte.	BRETHERTON.	A.V.	2153 Pte.	BURTON.	A.L.
2884 "	BEASLEY.	A.W.C.	1772 L/Sgt.	BAINBRIGGE.	A.
2774 "	CARTHRIGHT.	J.	2178 Cpl.	HEALY. MM.	A.K.
3180 "	HOKINS.	A.	2532 Sp1.	LANGTREE.	J.
2067 "	McIVER.	N.C.	3401 Pte.	PUTT.	W.R.
3841 "	REGAN.	D.	3201 "	ROSS.	D.T.H.
3160 "	SMITH.	E.E.	3801 "	WILLIAMSON.	W.
2105 "	WEBBER.	C.	2743 "	YOUNG.	P.
267 CSM.	BULL.	G.F.	2012 Sgt.	HILL.	A.R.
2487 Pte.	PASCOE.	G.W.J.	2404 Pte.	LINNINGTON.	W.H.
2418 "	DAUNTON.	J.D.	135 "	SHERRIN.	E.
3395 "	O'SHEA.	M.J.	7115 L/Cpl.	McBRIDE.	L.D.
3590 "	MURPHY.	R.H.	3195 Pte.	ROSS.	J.E.
4283 "	CURTIS.	H.	2225 "	O'DONOHUE.	J.
6828 "	SMITH.	H.S.	2463 "	LANE.	M.J.
3551 "	CHRISTIE.	J.H.	1246 "	NYSTROM.	F.O.
3636 "	LANGTREE.	J.	2997 "	HINGHCLIFFE.	A.
2984 "	EICHSTADT.	J.O.	5084 "	EVANS.	G.M.
2385 "	BARBER.	W.	3362 "	HILL.	T.J.
1923a "	GORDON.	J.C.	2705 "	RILLEY.	J.A.
3469 "	EDWARDS.	A.H.	7780 "	SEALE.	P.A.
3741 "	WALSH.	J.V.	3712 "	OSBORNE.	A.E.
4175 "	HUTCHISON.	C.	4057 CQMS.	MASTERTON.	C.
4041 Sgt.	WESTWOOD.	J.	4843 L/Cpl.	LOHLMANN.	A.A.
3487 L/Cpl.	WARD.	W.E.	4298 Pte.	AKES.	E.R.
2901 Pte.	GRAHAM.	G.H.	3460 "	DEVLIN.	T.
2398 "	CHRISTOFSEN.	C.C.	3621 "	PORCH.	L.R.
2488 "	POLEROY.	W.H.	532 "	TOOTH.	A.E.
3337 "	CAMPBELL.	T.A.	5208 "	WELLS. MM.	C.
3205 "	SMART.	J.	3156 "	INGRAM.	A.
5133 "	HEVEY.	D.G.	5203 "	TYERS.	T.A.
2465 "	LOHLMANN.	A.J.	2162 "	DAY.	J.H.
2684 "	MORRISH.	E.R.	1024 Sgt.	CONLEY.	C.J.
4432 Sgt.	BARNECOTT.	R.S.	1741 CQMS.	RAYNER.	W.R.
1825 Pte.	EDWARDS.	W.H.	5227 Pte.	BULL.	S.C.
301 "	WHITE.	W.H.	2543 "	CONLEY.	R.
2213 "	MARTIN.	A.	2691 "	MELLIFONT.	P.J.D.
2019 "	WARREN.	H.	3151 "	HAGEN.	L.
1420 "	GOOK.	G.E.	3968 "	WILLIS.	W.W.
5222 "	KYMASTON.	C.G.			

TRANSFERRED FROM 47th BATTALION to 46th BATTALION on 27/5/1918.

3137 Pte.	FURSDEN.	W.	1952 Pte.	SENIOR.	G.W.
4930 "	CLARK.	R.T.	4150 "	BIEGEL.	H.

TRANSFERRED FROM 47th BATTALION TO 46th BATTALION on 28/5/1918.

3422 Pte.	COLLINS.	E.O.	3423 Pte.	DOWSE.	H.W.
763 "	FRASER.	W.	4205 "	MUDGE.	A.W.
4059 "	MURRAY.	J.T.	4069 "	PRYOR.	W.
2376 "	RUFFIN.	W.J.	204 "	ROBINSON.	A.
2707 "	RAMSBOTTOM.	E.	138 "	SMITH.	E.H.
2248 "	SMITH.	H.J.	1264 "	WILLIAMS.	G.
1699 "	McMILLAN.	J.	2370 Cpl.	HILTON.	T.
3389 Cpl.	McLAREN.	A.F.	2737 Pte.	ROWLEY.	P.
2061 Pte.	DUNN.	E.G.			

TRANSFERRED FROM 47th BATTALION to 46th BATTALION on 29/5/1918.

3382 Pte.	MITCHELL.	F.A.	3713 Pte.	PASHEN.	J.W.
4599 "	SHAW.	C.G.	3619 "	DAVIS.	T.
1174 "	DEACON.	J.H.	3349 "	BROOKS.	H.G.

NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED FROM 47th BATTALION TO
48th BATTALION on 25/5/18.

1673a Pte.	BLAKE.	J.					
2970 L/Cpl.	CHANT.	B.	3761 Pte.	DOWLING.MM.	V.		
3621 Pte.	EMMERSON.	W.D.	3295 Sgt.	FITZGERALD.MM.	G.		
3138 "	FERRIS.	F.A.	2460 Pte.	KEEN.	N.C.		
724 "	MALLORY.	R.H.	5163 "	FRIEST.	S.R.		
2851 "	TILNEY.	F.R.	91 Sgt.	WILSON.	M.		
3413 "	WAGIN.	J.	5163 Cpl.	RACKLEY.	P.		
5176 Cpl.	STOKER.	J.E.	4284 "	CONLAN	E.		
2382 L/Cpl.	AHERN.	F.D.	2483 L/Cpl.	NICHOLSON.	E.		
2663 "	HETHERINGTON.	G.F.	2791 Pte.	STEPHENSON.	G.F.		
9209 Pte.	MANN.	G.	3463 "	TAYLOR.	G.		
8697 "	NUNN.	C.L.	2401 "	CRANEY.	T.W.		
2621 "	BOOTLE.	W.	2696 "	NICHOLS.	S.L.		
2786 "	HOWARD.	A.	3693 "	WALLEN.	G.S.		
2899 "	FLEMING.	G.R.	2626 "	BELL.	J.W.		
2398 "	LEONARD.	W.	3009 "	MARTIN.	T.		
2031 "	WRIGHT.	A.	4941 "	WHITE.	H.E.		
2632 "	COLLIER.	D.S.	2775 "	GRAVEN.	R.J.		
3910 "	CONDON.	T.R.	3797 "	LAWRENCE.	E.		
1457 "	SUTHERS.	A.	1767 "	KINROSS.	R.C.		
2609 Sgt.	McARTHUR.	T.A.	2450 Sgt.	HOWELL.	H.		
165 "	McLEISH.	J.	3370 "	MILLICAN.MM.	E.C.		
5197 Pte.	THOMAS.	R.P.	2153 Pte.	DUNN.	W.A.		
107 "	BONNAR.	D.	4352 "	PENRIDGE.	E.		
3612 "	MIDDLETON.	A.W.	3766 "	BRYANT.	R.T.		
3263 "	CAMERSON.	A.A.	2412 "	CROCKER.	S.G.		
1984 L/Cpl.	THOMPSON.	T.	3079 "	RAMSAY.	J.R.		
3247 Pte.	SUHLE.	P.	1457 Cpl.	TAIT.	J.		
2644 Sgt.	TRACKSON.	B.	4159 Pte.	DOIG.	A.J.B.		
5144 Pte.	OAKLEY.	D.	4251 L/Cpl.	TROUTEN.	W.		
5079 "	DRY.MM.	G.E.	3203 Pte.	SMITH.	H.N.		
143 CQMS.	GRAY.	C.	4591 Pte.	ROBINS.	J.H.		
4286 Pte.	CHARMOCK.	F.	1485 "	STAFFORD.	P.G.		
5170 Sgt.	REES.	E.R.	4128 Cpl.	ANNAN.	J.D.H.		
3040 Cpl.	WEIR.	T.	2975 L/Cpl.	WEEKS.	J.C.		
2621 Pte.	MABLEN.	V.W.G.	2692 Pte.	MUIR.	T.H.		
2662 "	HENLEY.	J.A.	3199 "	RANKIN.	J.M.		
4159 "	LARNER.	F.	4227 "	PAINE.	H.R.		
3030 "	BRYETT.	T.T.					

NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED FROM 47th BATTALION TO
48th BATTALION on 26/5/18.

2397 Pte.	BOURKE.	W.F.	3196 CQMS.	PITT.	C.C.		
1877 Cpl.	PITCHFORD.	J.	3254 Pte.	CRONK.	A.E.		
4317 Pte.	HOY.	C.	2691 "	O'CONNOR.	T.		
2516 "	WEBSTER.	H.	143 CQMS.	GRAY.	E.		
2411 "	COOK.	V.F.	3021 Pte.	REID.	W.J.		
5233 "	LEE.	C.	3745 "	LAWRENCE.	L.		
4552 "	PENRIDGE.	F.	2979 "	DELLAWAY.	G.F.		
3428 "	WAKELY.	J.W.	1936 L/Cpl.	MARTIN.	E.		
2484 "	C'NEILL.	J.	2470 Pte.	MALONE.	J.		
2755 "	WINTERS.	A.J.	1736 "	SUTTON.	L.A.		

NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED FROM 47th BATTALION TO
48th BATTALION on 28/5/18.

3003 Pte.	JONES.	F.C.	2333 Pte.	RONALD.	R.		
3232 "	WATERS.	H.F.	2493 "	ROCHFORD.	J.		

NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED TO 48th BATTALION from 47th
BATTALION on 29/5/18.

4476 Pte.	COWLIN.	A.	3737 Pte.	ELLIOTT.	J.M.		
4306 "	CUSACK.	W.					

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TRANSFERRED FROM 47th BATTALION to 45th BATTALION. on 28/5/18.

2505	Csm.	HEADING. DCM.M.	J.H.	3114	L/Cpl.	BAIN.	A.
4189	Pte.	BATES.	S.	4477	Pte.	CROSSAN.	W.
5081	"	COLLINS.	W.O.	3039	"	CHALLERS.	J.
7349	"	CARROLL.	C.P.	1198	"	HYLAND.	P.
1004a	"	HODGE.	W.	1675	"	JOHNSTON.	F.W.
2035	"	JENKINS.	A.B.	3424	"	JONES.	G.
1894	"	LINNEHAN.	F.	2949	"	MOIR.	F.
1704	"	NICHOLLS.	A.B.	2734	"	WINTER.	G.
2893	Cpl.	CALPBELL.	K.D.	4588	"	WHITE.	C.P.
1780	Cpl.	HOLLANDS.	O.J.	2738	Pte.	GIBSON.	W.A.
2048	Pte.	LAVENNE.	J.	5142	L/Cpl.	NEWBERRY.	T.H.

TRANSFERS ex DETACHMENT.

The undermentioned personnel DETACHED as shown were TRANSFERRED ex detachment as from 28/5/18.

TRANSFERRED ex DETACHMENT to 45th BATTALION.

4541	Pte.	LUCAS.	W.V.	Detached to	D.A.D.O.S.	14/12/17.
4583	"	POWELL.	A.W.	"	"	4th Div. Traffic Control 14/2/18
4605	"	WHITE.	W.	"	"	4th Div. H.Q. May 1917.
1904	"	GRIFFITHS.	W.S.	"	"	13th A.I. Bde YMCA duties 3/7/17
3673	"	MARSDEN.	H.	"	"	"
5179	"	SHIPP.	J.W.	"	"	" as runner Nov. 1918.
2504	"	SOUTH.	C.	"	"	A.W.L. since 24/4/18.
4136	"	BUNCE.	J.R.	"	"	A.W.L. " "
4115	"	FITZGERALD.	H.	"	"	A.W.L. in U.K. since 8/3/18.
4453	"	BROWN.	T.	"	"	12th A.I. Bde. 28/5/18
1667	"	HOLE.	F.T.	"	"	"
4254	Sgt.	TIDY.	H.	"	"	"
3099	Cpl.	WILSON.	H.E.	"	"	"
4620	"	GRATTON.	M.H.G.	"	"	"
4075	Pte.	SAWARD.	P.C.A.	"	"	"
3587	Sgt.	COX.	H.	"	"	"
2422	Pte.	DUNCAN.	N.	"	"	"
1745	"	VERRAN.	W.	"	"	"
3111	Cpl.	PRANCE.	T.	"	"	"
3707	Pte.	BIRLEY.	W.H.	"	"	"
1932	"	DENTON.	C.	"	"	"
2530	"	WEBBER.	W.	"	"	"
3470	"	ELERSON.	W.	"	"	"
4483	"	ELLIOTT.	R.	"	"	"
2521	"	WATSON.	E.	"	"	"
1896	"	MOULE.	F.S.	"	"	"
2043	Cpl.	LAGUTIN.	N.	"	"	"
2504	Pte.	SHANG.	DCL.LM. C.J.	"	"	"
2723	Dvr.	BAKER.	V.R.	"	"	4th Aust. Div. Train as from 28/5/18.
1890	"	DALEY.	T.	"	"	"
3637	"	HILDER.	R.	"	"	"
4511	"	HENSLER.	C.E.	"	"	"
1701	"	LAURER.	C.E.	"	"	"
4217	"	NOUD.	R.	"	"	"
5266	"	SMYTH.	G.J.	"	"	"
1955	"	STOCKWELL.	J.	"	"	"
2908	Pte.	MARSH.	S.W.	"	"	"
3202	L/Cpl.	Dvr. TAGGART.	D.O.	"	"	"
3386	Pte.	MULLEY.	J.	"	"	12th A.L.T.H. Battery
2677	"	LEWIS.	F.P.	"	"	"
3010	"	BALFOUR.	A.	"	"	"
3009	Cpl.	BEALE.	MI. R.D.	"	"	"
2770	Pte.	McGILLICUDDY.	T.	"	"	"
3257	"	WAMAGE.	S.W.	"	"	"

TRANSFERS.

The following Officers of the 47th Battalion were transferred to the Battalion as shown, dated 26/5/1918.

45th BATTALION.

Captain A.E.MORGAN.
" E.H.W.HURD.MC.
Lieut.F.E.PARSONS.
2/Lieut.G.H.SMITH
Lieut.F.A.PATERSON.

Captain C.E.YOUNG.DSO.
Lieut.G.C.REID.MC.
" S.J.HILL.MC.
2/Lieut.B.R.MOORE.
LIEUT W.J.BONE ex 47th A.I.T.M.B.

46th BATTALION.

Captain (T/Major F.R.NORTH.
Captain J.BRACK.
Lieut.B.R.BIRD.MC.
" D.C.ROSE.
2/Lieut.H.L.DUNNETT.MC.
Lieut.M.J.McGHIE.MC.

Captain T.V.RILEY.
Lieut.G.P.STOREY.
" W.E.BROUGH.
" W.H.KEOGH.MC.
2/Lieut.J.J.MOLPHY.

48th BATTALION.

Lieut.H.TAYLOR.DSO.
" W.BAXTER.
" H.E.CORSER.
" G.L.SWAN.
2/Lieut.T.T.MORLEY.

Captain A.M.ANDERSON.
Captain C.H.KING.
Lieut. L.N.WARD.MC.
2/Lieut.C.S.L.McBRIDE.
" J.G.O'NEILL.

TRANSFERS ex DETACHMENT.

The following Officers now detached as shown were transferred ex detachment as from 26/5/1918.

TO 46th BATTALION.

Captain C.A.SYMONS Detached TO GHQ. SOS School 19/5/18.
Lieut.A.V.PATERSON.MC. Detached to 12th A.I.Bde.H.Q. 7/1/18

TO 48th BATTALION.

Lieut.H.PRIOR.DSO. Detached at Meteren Dump 23/3/18.
~~Lieut.W.J.BONE. Detached 12th A.I.T.M.B. 23/3/17.~~

DETACHMENTS AND TRANSFERS.

The following Officers were detached as shown on 26/5/1918 and were transferred ex detachment on 26/5/1918.

TO 46th BATTALION.

Captain N.F.BRENNER.DSO. Detached to 47th Battalion.
Lieut.H.G.SMITH.MC.DCM. Detached to 12th A.I.Bde.H.Q.

TO 48th BATTALION.

Hon.Lieut.W.R.WISHART. Detached to 47th Battalion.
2/Lieut.F.H.HOHNEN. Detached to 12th A.I.T.M.B.

REJOINED UNIT FROM ATTACHMENT.

Captain J.P.FARRELL Attached 47th Battalion as R.M.O. rejoined 12th Aust.Field Ambulance 26/5/1918.

TRANSFERS.

The following personnel of the 47th Battalion were transferred to 48th Battalion on 28/5/1918.

3128 Pte. COHEN.	A.	4310 Pte. GRAHAM.	W.
4508 " WHITE.	C.P.		

The following soldier was transferred was transferred from 47th Battalion to 46th Battalion on 28/5/1918.

4042 Pte. GUEST. J.

TRANSFERS ex DETACHMENT.

The following personnel of 47th Battalion detached as shown were transferred ex detachment as from 28/5/1918.

	TO 45th BATTALION.			
1701 RSK. LINDSAY.MC.	H.	Detache	13th A.I.Bde.H.Q.	28/5/18
2971 Pte. TROON.	B.A.	"	"	"
4628 Cpl. PENTECOST.	R.W.	"	"	"

TRANSFERS.

The following personnel were transferred from 47th Battalion to 45th Battalion on 30/5/1918.

3226 Pte. ABBOTT.	C.F.	2970 Pte. PATMORE.	J.
3034 " BREST.	H.F.	5072 " COSTELLO.	M.C.
3140 " HANSEN.	J.	3539 " CURTIS.	C.C.
3646 " McNAMEE.	J.		

The following N.C.O. was transferred from 47th Battalion to 49th Battalion on 30/5/1918.

4218 Sgt. NEWHAM. C.B.

TRANSFER ex DETACHMENT.

The following soldier now detached as shown is transferred to 12th Q Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q. as from 26/5/1918.

3409 Pte. MAWBY. G. Detached to 12th A.I.Bde H.Q. 3/12/17.

TRANSFERS or DETACHMENT. (Continued)

TRANSFERRED (ex DETACHMENT) to 48th BATTALION. (Continued)

1014	Dvr.	MARTIN.	J.	Detached to 4th Aust.Div.Train 28/5/18	
3906	"	MYERS.	C.E.	"	"
3407	"	O'SHEA.	J.	"	"
2641	"	STUART.	J.S.	"	"
4249	"	THOMPSON.	P.	"	"
4259	"	VINES.	P.	"	"
2961	CSE.	HARE.DCM.	H.J.	"	12th A.I.Bde H.Q.
4061	Sgt.	McDOUGALL.VC.MM.	S.R.	"	"
2779	"	BROWN.DCM.MM.	W.E.	"	"
1611	"	DICKSON.DCM.	W.D.	"	"
2662	"	KEENAN.	J.P.	"	"
4040	Sgt.	FRANKS.DCM.MM.	L.N.	"	"
3523	Pte.	WILLIAMS.	W.	"	"
5247	Cpl.	YOUNG.MM.	J.	"	"
4346	L/Cpl.	SWEET.MM.	A.	"	"
2380	Pte.	ARMSTRONG.	G.	"	"
2914	"	KNIGHTS.	R.	"	"
3222	"	WILLIAMS.	W.	"	"
2527	"	SCOTNEY.	P.	"	"
3007	aSgt.	ARNALL.	C.A.	"	47th Battalion.
3446	Pte.	BARDON.	G.	"	"
3747	"	WARREN.MM.	W.R.	"	"
1904	"	BIRMINGHAM.	W.J.	"	"
4032	"	DAVIDSON.	G.	"	"
2638a	"	CROCKETT.	F.R.	"	12th A.L.T.M.Battery
4480	L/Cpl.	DULLAHIDE.	J.E.	"	"
4163	Pte.	LEE.	R.E.	"	"
5245	"	SIMPSON.	C.W.	"	"
3898	"	WALKER.	J.K.R.	"	"
2954	"	CONACHER.	P.R.	"	12th A.I.Bde.H.Q.
3031	"	GAFFELL.	G.H.	"	"
2498	"	SALMON.	H.W.	"	"
2936	"	KING.	H.	"	"
1993	"	EAGER.MM.	E.G.	"	"
3622	"	POWELL.MM.	W.F.	"	"
2429	"	GARELLI.	J.D.	"	"
5975	Dvr.	DICKENS.	R.J.	"	4th Aust.Div.Train

REJOINED UNITS FROM DETACHMENT.

The following personnel detached have joined their respective units as from 30/5/1918.

45th BATTALION.		45th BATTALION.	
2971	Pte. TROON.	B.A.	1667 Pte. HOLL.
3587	Sgt. COX.	H.	2422 " DUNCAN.
1749	Pte. VERRAN.	W.	2504 " SHANG.DCM.MM.
45th BATTALION.		45th BATTALION.	
2206	Sgt. LAWRENCE.MM.	J.C.	2732 L/Cpl. WARD.
2966	" KEATING.	F.W.	5160 Pte. SMITH.
51	Pte. MORGAN.	G.W.	3025 " EWYER.
3212	" SCOTT.	T.	1721 " MORGAN.
2674	Dvr. KEARNEY.	M.L.	1764 " WILLIAMS.
48th BATTALION.		48th BATTALION.	
4061	Sgt. McDOUGALL.VC.MM.	S.R.	2779 Sgt. BROWN.DCM.MM.
1611	" DICKSON.DCM.	W.D.	2668 " KEENAN.
3523	Pte. WILLIAMS.	W.	5247 Spt. YOUNG.MM.
4346	L/Cpl. SWEET.MM.	A.	2380 Pte. ARMSTRONG.
2914	Pte. KNIGHTS.	R.	2527 " SCOTNEY.

TRANSFERRES ex DETACHMENT (Continued)

TRANSFERRED (ex DETACHMENT) to 46th BATTALION.

3443	Pte.	PATCHETT.	W.	Detached to G.H.Q. S.O.S. School 18/5/18.
5160	"	POWELL.	A.E.	" " 12th Bde. Canteen 18/4/18
4371	"	MCODDLE.	W.	" " A.S.C. as Dender, Dec. 1918
4596	"	SINGER.	L.W.	" " " " July 1918
3040	"	CHAWNER.	W.H.	" " 12th A.I. Bde H.Q. 7/1/18
4085	"	WRIGHT.	W.A.H.	A.W.L. since 27/4/18
3744	"	TRELBATH.	C.	" " " "
4187	"	LEWIS.	W.H.T.	A.W.L. Failed to return from leave to United Kingdom 23/5/18
4126	Dvr.	ADCOCK. LL.	F.	Detached to 4th Aust. Div. Train 28/5/18
3953	Pte.	BOYLES.	C.F.	" " " " " "
4037	Dvr.	CRAWFORD.	C.	" " " " " "
3037	"	DEBNAI.	G.H.	" " " " " "
4051	"	HILLS.	P.	" " " " " "
1437	Sgt.	MAYWOOD. LL.	E.	" " " " " "
2694	Dvr.	McLENNAN.	N.	" " " " " "
3847	"	SCOTT. LL.	A.	" " " " " "
2977	"	WHITING.	J.	" " " " " "
485	"	MOODY.	C.	" " " " " "
2906	Sgt.	LAWRENCE. LL.	J.C.	" " 12th A.I. Bde H.Q." "
4337	"	HERMAN.	G.W.	" " " " " "
2732	L/Cpl.	WARD.	J.	" " " " " "
2966	Sgt.	KEATING.	F.W.	" " " " " "
2971	Pte.	TROON.	B.A.	" " " " " "
5130	"	SMITH.	S.A.	" " " " " "
51	"	MORGAN.	G.W.	" " " " " "
3334	L/Cpl.	HAMILTON.	E.	" " " " " "
3090	Pte.	BOTTON.	P.S.	" " " " " "
3457	"	CLARK.	L.H.	" " " " " "
4492	"	DUNN.	L.	" " " " " "
3025	"	DWYER.	D.	" " " " " "
3213	"	SCOTT.	T.	" " " " " "
1764	"	WILLIAMS.	G.	" " " " " "
3046	"	MORRIS.	T.	" " " " " "
9674	Dvr.	KEARNEY.	M.L.	" " " " " "
1721	Pte.	MORGAN.	B.O.	" " " " " "
2781	QMS.	MILLS.	M.E.	" " 49th Battalion" "
3680	Pte.	ARUNDELL. LL.	W.J.	" " " " " "
3474	"	McLACHLAN.	G.P.	" " 12th A.L.T. B. Battery "
3860	Cpl.	MACIVER. LL.	A.	" " " " " "
3016	Pte.	PALMER. LL.	S.G.	" " " " " "
4053	"	JARMAN.	S.L.	" " " " " "
2230	"	RINKEVICH.	O.	" " " " " "

TRANSFERRED (ex DETACHMENT) to 46th BATTALION.

314	Pte.	WINTON.	D.	Detached Dump Guard, Veteran 23/3/18
2459	Sgt.	KELLY.	J.M.	" " " " " "
2186	Pte.	HOWELLS.	O.H.	" " 12th Bde as Runner 23/1/18
3757	"	WILLIS.	R.D.	A.W.L. since 26/3/18
2551	"	LOSBERG.	B.	Failed to return from leave U.K. 23/2/18
4460	Dvr.	BISHOP.	T.	Detached to 4th Aust. Div. Train 28/5/18
4451	"	BISHOP.	C.F.	" " " " " "
4459	"	BISHOP.	W.H.	" " " " " "
3124	"	CARTER.	W.	" " " " " "
1757	"	ELLEMS. LL.	F.W.	" " " " " "

LIST OF ARTICLES FORWARDED TO AUSTRALIAN WAR MUSEUMS DURING MAY 1918.

Helmets, Gas, German	1
Lewis Gun & Box No. 73628	1
Machine Gun, German, damaged	1
Rifle Bolt, German	1
Machine Gun Block, German	1
Sparking Plugs "	1
Machine Gun Stand "	1
Aircraft M.G. " damaged	1
L.G. British Aircraft "	1
L.G. " used by 47th Battalion for 2 years, damaged	3
Model Cannon	1
Telephone Transmitter, German	2
Raiding Club "	1
Pistol, Mag., Auto., "	1
Pack "	1
M.G. Box Feed and Belts "	2
Helmet, Pikel Haube "	1
Bayonet, "	1
Steam Condensers "	2
Belt Boxes & Belts "	6
Telephones "	2
" Receiver "	1
Flare Pistols, old type "	3
" " new "	3
14 bags Rifles each containing 8 Rifles.	

Collected at:- Pozieres
Mouquet Farm
Bullecourt
Bapaume
Gonnellieu-Cambrai
Villers Brettoneux
Dernancourt
Passchendaele
Zonnebeke
Wyschaete
Messines
Guedecourt
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47 TH BN AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE CM 72/18 29-5-18
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To: Headquarters,
 12th Aust. Inf. Bde.
 C.O. 45th Battalion.
 C.O. 46th Battalion.
 C.O. 48th Battalion.
 O.C. 12th A.L.F.M. Battery.

The following personnel of 47th Battalion now transferred to Units ~~have been~~ recommended for direct commissions. Those marked * have already had papers sent in, but owing to withdrawing of Battalion, were held over.

- * 4269 Sgt. H.S. WARFIELD. DCM.
- * 2206 Sgt. J.C. LAWRENCE. MM.
- * 4505 CSM. J.A. HEADING. DCM. MM.
- * 4072 Sgt. J.R. STEWART. MM.
- * 1961 CSM. A.R. TWEDDELL. MM and Bar.
- * 3295 Sgt. G. FITZGERALD. MM.
- * 223 Cpl. D.D. HAUENSTEIN. Now 12th Aust. Field Ambulance.
- 2379 Sgt. M.J. McMANUS.
- 6898 Pte. H. SELWYN SMITH.
- 4627 Sgt. G.W. HERMAN.
- 3007a Sgt. C.A. ARNALL.
- 2973 Sgt. P.J. COLL. DCM. MM.
- * 2176 Sgt. S.E. WILLIAMS.
- 2280 Sgt. H.S. WILLIAMS.
- 1985 Sgt. L.T. CARROLL.
- 799 Sgt. A.W. SHOGBRIDGE as Transport Officer ~~12th~~ Battn.
- 2781 WO. II. M.E. MILLS. as Q.M. ~~12th~~ Battalion.

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LIEUT. COLONEL.
 COMMANDING 47th BATTALION. A.I.F.

29th May 1918.



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<p>47TH BN AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE</p> <p>OSM. 71/18. 29-5-18.</p>

To: Headquarters,
12th Aust. Inf. Bde.

- C.O. 45th Battalion.
- C.O. 46th Battalion.
- C.O. 48th Battalion.
- O.C. 12th A.L.T.M. Battery.

The following personnel of 47th Battalion now transferred are recommended for Officers' Cadet Battalion, England, when opportunity offers.

Those marked # have already been to Corps or Army Schools, also any of those included on Direct Commission list.

		Transferred to
	223 Cpl. D.D. HAUENST EIN.	12th Field Ambulance.
#	3350 L/Cpl. W.H.R. CATCHPOOLE.	45th Battalion.
	2378 Sgt. M.J. McMANUS.	45th "
#	3373 " J.H. STEWART. MM.	W 15/5/18
#	1611 " W.D. DICKSON. DCM.	48th "
	1673 " O.V.R. JONES. DCM.	W 12/10/17
#	4040 " L.N. FRANKS. DCM. MM.	48th "
	3406 Cpl. M.A. SEEGER.	45th "
	2206 Sgt. J.C. LAWRENCE. MM.	46th "
	2061 " S.R. McDOUGALL. VC. MM.	48th "
	2230 " H.S. WILLIAMS.	45th "
	1685 L/Cpl. W.B. SCHULZ. MM.	45th "
	2505 CSM. J.A. HEADING. DCM. MM.	48th "
	4627 Sgt. W.E. BROWN. DCM*. MM.	48th "
	3018 L/Cpl. A.W. BURTON.	45th "
	1714 Sgt. W.T. MATTHIAS. MM.	W 25/6/17

29th May 1918.

A.P. Inlay
LIEUT. COLONEL.
COMMANDING 47th BATTALION. A.I.F.



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<p>47TH BN AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE</p> <p>0577. 73/18. 29-5-18.</p>

to: Headquarters,
 12th Aust. Inf. Bde.

C.O. 46th Battalion.
 C.O. 46th Battalion.
 C.O. 48th Battalion.
 O.C. 13th A.L.F.H. Battery.

47th BATTALION N.O.s and N.C.O.s READY FOR CORPS OR ARMY SCHOOLS.

The following from 47th Battalion transferred to Units opposite their names are recommended for a Course at Army or Corps Schools when opportunity offers.

			Posted to
3350	L/Cpl. W.H.R. CATCHEPOLE.		45th Battalion.
3373	Sgt. J.H. STEWART, M.M.	H.Q. Grenade Sergeant.	
2066	" J.P. KEENAN.	H.Q. Musketry "	48th "
2039	Cpl. D.D. HAVENSTEIN	13th Field Amb.	13th Field Amb.
3013	L/Cpl. A.W. BURTON.	General Work.	45th Battalion.
2378	Sgt. M.J. McMAHON.		45th "
3007a	" C.A. ANNALL.	S.R. Sergeant.	48th "
1671	" W.D. DICKSON, DCM.	To Army School.	48th "
6598	Pte. H. SEWEN FLEM		46th "
7730	" P.A. SEALE.		46th "
2306	Sgt. J.C. LAWRENCE, M.M.		48th "
2304	Pte. C.J. BRANT, DCM, M.M.		48th "
4627	Sgt. W.E. BROW N, DCM, M.M.		48th "
4661	" S.R. McDONNELL, VC, M.M.		48th "
3985	" G. FITZGERALD, M.M.		48th "
1714	" W.T. MATTHEIAS, M.M.		
2973	" P.J. COLL, DCM, M.M.		48th "
4040	" L.S. FRANKS, DCM, M.M.		48th "
2732	L/Cpl. J. HAYD.	P. & S.I. Instructor.	48th "

29th May 1918.

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 LIEUT. COLONEL.
 COMMANDING 47th BATTALION, A.I.F.



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<p>47TH BN AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE</p> <p>Comd 7/1/18 30.5.18</p>
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To: Headquarters,
13th Aust. Inf. Bde.

C.O. 45th Battalion.
C.O. 46th Battalion.
C.O. 48th Battalion.

The undermentioned N.C.Os. of 47th Battalion now away detached, wounded or sick, are recommended for observation with a view to promotion and commission for their past work in the field.

2973 Sgt. P.J. COLL, DCM, MM.	Wounded 3/4/18.
1714 Sgt. W.T. MATTHEIAS, MM.	" 5/4/18.
1612 CSM. C. DAVIES.	" 2/5/18.
4072 Sgt. J.B. STEWART, MM.	" 15/5/18.
4289 Sgt. H.S. WARFIELD, DCM.	" 9/5/18.
1961 CSM. A.R. WOODWELL, MM.	" 2/5/18.
4637 Sgt. G.W. HERRMAN.	Detached to 13th Brigade H.Q.
3191 Cpl. T. FRANCE.	" " " " "
3046 Pte. T. MORRIS.	" " " " "

Included in this recommendation are the following who are at present with units as shown.

3370 Sgt. E.C. HILLICAN, MM.	48th Battalion.
3395 " H. FITZGERALD, MM.	48th "
1024 " C.J. CONLEY.	46th "
2360 Cpl. A. MACIVER, MM.	48th "
5176 " J.E. STOKER.	48th "
1877 " J. PITCHFORD.	48th "
1677 " J.D. ANDERSON.	48th "
2373 " A.J. ASPLECK.	48th "
2970 L/Cpl. B. CHANT.	48th "
2791 " A.G. STEWART.	48th "
3483 " H. NICHOLSON.	48th "
2382 " F.D. AHERN.	48th "
1678 Pte. J. BLAKE.	48th "
1968 " H. WARFIELD.	48th "
2665 " J.A. HENLEY.	48th "

A.P. Dunday
LIEUT. COLONEL.
COMMANDANT, 47th BATTALION, A.I.F.

30th May 1918.



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AUSTRALIAN
IMPERIAL FORCE
OM 7-4/18
30-5-18

To: Headquarters,
12th Aust. Inf. Bde.

- C.O. 45th Battalion.
- C.O. 46th Battalion.
- C.O. 48th Battalion.
- O.C. 12th A.L.T.M. Battery.

The undermentioned personnel of 47th Battalion, now transferred to Units as marked, have been recommended for Special 6 months leave to Australia on Transport Duty, in order of merit as hereon shown, and list is forwarded for your consideration.

			Original Unit.	Transferred to
165	Sgt. McLEISH.	J.	9th Battalion.	48th Battalion.
801	Pte. WHITE.	R.H.	15th "	46th "
143	CQMS. GRAY.	C.	15th "	48th "
1042	Cpl. CONLEY.	C.J.	15th "	46th "
1427	Sgt. MAYWOOD. ML.	E.	15th "	46th "
				(Detached 4th Div. Train)
211	Pte. REVIE.	J.	9th "	45th Battalion.
1382	" MELTON.	C.V.	2/9th "	45th "
763	" FRASER.	W.	9th "	46th "
1264	" WILLIAMS.	G.	15th "	46th "
1198	" HYLAND.	P.	15th "	45th "
51	" MORGAN.	G.W.	12th "	46th "

UNALLOTTED WOUNDED.

- 1124 Sgt. MURRAY. A.J. 12th Battalion.
- 1174 Pte. DEACON. J.N. 15th "

UNALLOTTED DETACHED.

- 1113 Cpl. YATES. R.G. 15th Battalion. Detached to 12th Training Battalion.

30th May 1918.

A. J. Inlay
LIEUT. COLONEL.
COMMANDING 47th BATTALION. A. I. F.



Q.M.'s Resumé

WAR DIARY

May 1918

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>In the Field</u>	<u>May 1st</u>		The Q.M.'s Store has been located as shown, during the month.	Sheet No. 62D
<u>CAMON</u>	<u>1st to 7th May</u>		<u>Supplies</u> :- The usual standard has been maintained as regards the Army ration, but this issue was supplemented regularly by purchases of vegetables and other stores from <u>REGIMENTAL FUNDS</u> , in order to give variety to the dieting of the men. The amount spent during the period under review being <u>£63-16-0</u> .	1/20,000
<u>LAMOTTE</u>	<u>7th May to 21st May</u>		The <u>BREAD</u> and <u>FRESH MEAT</u> issue has been a full one, <u>BISCHITS</u> only being drawn in the proportions laid down. <u>JAM</u> still reaches us packed in <u>CARDBOARD CARTONS</u> . With the result that the warm weather of late has had its effect - much waste being caused thereby.	
<u>RIVERY</u>	<u>21st May to 31st May</u>		During the Battalion's tour of duty in the front line and forward area, <u>HOT MEALS</u> have been served twice daily to the personnel - the Cooks being located at O 17 Central.	
			<u>COMFORTS</u> . Two cases of parcels were received for distribution	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
IN THE FIELD CAMON M 16 Cent.	May 1st		from the AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND and met with the usual appreciation from the men	SHEET N° 62 D
LAMOTTE N 14 D 50 80	15 7th		ORDNANCE SERVICES - Stores continue to arrive satisfactorily though there has been a shortage of AUSTRALIAN PATTERN BOOTS and CLOTHING - It has been proved by experience that the substitutes issued in lieu of these articles do not stand anything like the wear of the AUSTRALIAN article.	1/20,000
RIVERY M B 40 50	May 7th to 21st		BOOTS - The boots of the Battalion have been carefully attended and regularly examined - The repairs during the month were 231 pairs including clumping whilst 27 new pairs have been issued. Two tradesmen were kept with the Cookers whilst the Battalion was in the forward area, in order to effect repairs as soon as same became necessary. - This method has appreciably reduced the number of issues of new boots.	
	15 31st		The Regimental TAILOR has been continuously employed on repairs and alterations to clothing	
			FAT. The quantity returned to Base during the month was 710 lbs. - This being recovered without detriment to the feeding of the Troops -	

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>IN THE FIELD</u> <u>CAJON</u> M 16 Cent.	May 1st to 7th		<u>SALVAGE</u> - Special attention has been paid to this branch and considerable quantities of valuable material solved and returned to Base through the proper channel.	Sheet 62D 1/20,000
<u>LAMOTTE</u> N 14 D 50 80	May 7th to 21st		<u>FOOD CONTAINERS</u> - The food containers issued by the Army has been found to be too cumbersome. It takes two men to carry it, and should they become casualties on their journey from the Cooks to the line, the food lost is 50 rations so very hard to replace. A new device has been adopted and proved a great success. An ordinary petrol tin is packed in either straw or sawdust, in a wooden casing and it is found that the food will keep <u>HOT</u> for at least 9 hours when so transported. These hold approximately 20 rations of Stew, or Meat and Vegetables, or 16 rations of Tea. Two can be carried by lack man, thus minimising the danger of losing rations in large quantities, whilst the food so dispatched is easier divided when sections of the Battalion are in isolated posts, for with the Army issue containers, it is difficult to ration small numbers with <u>hot</u> food as the containers - once opened - does not retain its heat sufficiently.	
<u>RIVERY</u> M B 40 50	May 21st to 31st			

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
IN THE FIELD CAMON M 16 Cent	1919 May 1st to 7th		long, to permit of this being done. - This improvisation makes all the difference between practicability and waste.	Sheet no 62 D 1/20000
LAMOTTE N 14 D 50 80	May 7th to 21st		<p><u>DEMobilIZATION</u> - The demobilization of the Battalion was ordered on and from the 26th inst. - This means that all stores shown on the mobilization store table, and those authorized from time to time by General Routine Orders have to be returned to Base Ordnance. - This includes expendable stores as well as those which have proved to be useless to units operating in France. - In the case of this Battalion I would quote as instances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Picketing gear 2 Soap Bars 231 Emerg Cloth 2 Sheets Drubbing 12 lbs Oil burning 12 pints Oil lubricating 84 pints Beeswax 1 oz Turpentine 6 pints Max Black 4 ozs 	
RIVERY M B 90 50	May 21st to 31st		<p>Picketing gear has never been used by this unit in France and in consequence has not been replaced when</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
IN THE FIELD CAMON M 16 Cent	May 1st to 7th		found deficient. As regards the other items quoted, it will be observed that all are expendable stores and subject to every day use. In the ordinary way it would be assumed that any shortage of the nature could and would be adjusted by a book entry at the Ordnance Depot concerned, but in this case the whole of these small items have to be demanded by the Unit on its D.A.D.O.S., submitted to the Base, packed, for despatch, railed to the Unit requiring the supply, collected by D.A.D.O.S. and then the Unit return it by the same tedious method. - The waste of energy, (that could be more profitably used) is the outstanding feature of the whole of this farcical procedure. - Losses of equipment and stores must be expected when Units are employed in the forward areas, and are not, instead of employing a common sense and labour saving method of dealing with shortages of stores of a Unit placed as this one is - the whole of the stores have to be handed over intact in order to gratify the whims of the priceless mind who conceived such a proceeding and who doubtless retains his present position	Sheet 62D 1/2000
LAMOTTE N 14 D 50 80	May 7th to 21st			
RIVERY M B 40 50	May 21st to 31st			

N.P. Richards Lt. Col. G.M. 47 B.A.A.T.

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47TH BN
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bois L'Abbe	1918 May		Resume By R.M.O. for Month ending May 31 st 1918.	Ref Map 62 D
In support.	1 st .		<p>Whilst in support, on the evening of the 1st, a slight Gas Barrage was put over in vicinity of R.A.P. and our Support Company. Gas shells were combined with H.E. Result of this was 7 Gas Cases (in 2 of these the men were also wounded by shells). The Gas Cases, met with, gave evidence of their complaint within less than one hour after the shelling. One Case only was showing severe gastric symptoms when evacuated. All trace of Gas was removed from R.A.P & Company dug-outs by means of small fires etc. No trace remaining within less than half an hour. Men showing slight traces of Gas undoubtedly received benefit from Inhalation by mouth from the Annuoma Capsules. No sickness was reported, although circumstances did not permit of good accommodation or sanitation.</p>	1/40000
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
026 B.80	1918 May			Map.
Front Line	2 nd			67D
0	1 5 th		Whilst in Front line, on the morning of the second, the Battalion carried out an attack. As a result 41 Casualties, all of which were Bullet wounds, were treated at the R.A.P. all of these Cases, with the exception of one Abdominal Penetrating and one Complicating the Shoulder Joint, were regarded as slight. No Gas Cases were seen. During remainder of tour of duty in Front line, there was nothing to report. No Difficulty arose in Evacuating wounded, who went through the 4 th Aust. Field Ambulance.	1/40000
In Reserve.	5 th			
028.C.	7			
Aubigny Singtel Trench.	8 th		Whilst in Reserve, no Casualties nor Sick Cases were seen. Sanitation was Fairly Good. On the afternoon of the 4 th Battalion marched to Blangy, Trouville. Men appeared tired, but Health of troops was good.	

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Summary of Events and Information

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
O 16 C.	1918 May		
In Support.	9 th		Battalion moved to supports on the evening of the 9 th .
	15 th		7 Casualties, all of which were shell wounds, were treated and evacuated. 1 Case (P.U.O) and 1 Case of Hemorrhage (accidental injury) were also sent back for treatment. The Aid Post in this sector was a good one, but its situation was bad, in as much as it was (1) In a definite valley (2) Alongside a Cross Roads. Result was, that had definite action taken place, Cases would probably have been unable to approach R.A.P. and a move would have been necessary, which would have disarranged all lines of evacuation for the Sector.
Front Line	15 th		Battalion moved to the front line on the night of the 14 th -15 th . One Casualty (B.W.) was evacuated during the Relief.
O 18 D.	22 nd		

Map
62 D
1/40,000

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
018D	1918			
Front Line	May			Map
	15 th		<p>During tour of duty in line, Splendid weather prevailed and No sickness of any type was reported. 9 Casualties (all with the exception of one case) being not serious. All were due to Bullet Wounds except one slight shell wound. One case died of wounds close to R.A.P. No Gas Cases were seen. On night of 21st - 22nd Battalion was relieved by 33rd Bⁿ 13th 3rd Division and. Medical stores, as per list of trench stores appended, were taken over by the RMO of that Battalion. Battalion moved to Rivery arriving on the morning of the 25th the March was completed, without mishap, by all troops. Sanitation at Rivery (Victor Hoopice) was very bad and fatigue parties were required for its improvement.</p>	62D
	1			1/40000
	22 nd			
Rivery	22 nd			
M2 A.				
	June			

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
M27. Rivery	1918 May	22 nd 1	Whilst at Rivery, one case of mild Trench Fever was evacuated. and one man was sent to Corps to be examined by an Eye Specialist.	627. 1/40000
	<u>Finis</u>		<u>To sum up.</u>	
			Health of Troops has been excellent for whole period two or three Cases of T. Fever being the only Cases. No V.D. & no infectious disease of any type. Feeding of troops has been good except for the absence of, in my opinion, a <u>sufficient fruit issue.</u>	
			J. Farrell. Capt. adml. RMO. 47 th B.M.A.I.	F. 59

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Strength of Battalion.

Date.	Act. Strength:		Act. with Unit.:		Sick.		Detached, Schools, etc.	
	Off.	O/rs.	Off.	O/rs.	Off.	O/rs.	Off.	O/rs.
1/5/18	33	501	32	475	1	-	5	26
6/5/18	37	488	34	464	-	-	3	24
13/5/18	37	488	34	464	-	-	3	24
20/5/18	39	491	37	474	-	-	2	17
27/5/18	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

Leave to United Kingdom during month - NIL.
 Leave to PARIS during month - - - - NIL.

To Schools during month.

School.	Off.	O/rs.
<u>Australian Corps School.</u> Gas Course.	-	2
<u>G.H.Q. Lewis Gun School.</u> Lewis Gun Course.	-	2
<u>G.H.Q., S.O.S. School.</u>	1	1
TOTAL.	1	5

Crimes during month.

C.O. Orderly Room.	F.G.C.M. Trials.
5.	1

List of absentees as at 1/5/18.

No. 2470	Pte.	J. MALONE.
" 3921	"	M.W. RYAN.
" 4085	"	W.A.R. WRIGHT.
" 2744	"	C. TREMBATH.
" 4115	"	H. FITZGERALD.
" 2531	"	R. LOSBERG.
" 4197	"	W.H.T. LEWIS.
" 2504	"	C. SOUTH.
" 4126	"	J.R. BUNCE.
" 2751	"	R.D. WILLIS.

Apprehended during month.

No. 2470	Pte.	J. MALONE.
" 3921	"	M.W. RYAN.

Absentees as at 26/5/18.

No. 4085	Pte.	W.A.R. WRIGHT.
" 2744	"	C. TREMBATH.
" 4115	"	H. FITZGERALD.
" 2531	"	R. LOSBERG.
" 4197	"	W.H.T. LEWIS.
" 2504	"	C. SOUTH.
" 4126	"	J.R. BUNCE.
" 2751	"	R.D. WILLIS.

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<u>Sick evacuations.</u>	O/rs.
1st May 1918.	1
3rd " "	1
4th " "	1
9th " "	2
10th " "	1
11th " "	1
13th " "	2
14th " "	3
16th " "	2
20th " "	1
21st " "	3
25th " "	2

Casualties.

Date.	Killed.		Died of Wounds		Wounded.		Missing.	
	Off.	O/rs.	Off.	O/rs.	Off.	O/rs.	Off.	O/rs.
1/5/18.	-	-	-	-	3	17	-	-
2/5/18.	-	1	-	-	-	16 ^{1*}	-	1
3/5/18.	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-
13/5/18	-	-	-	-	-	6 ^{2#}	-	-
15/5/18	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
16/5/18	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-
19/5/18	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
21/5/18	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
TOTALS.	-	4	-	1	3	54	-	1

* Accidentally wounded.

Remained on duty.

Reinforcements marched in.

Date.	From Base.	Off. O/rs.
1/5/18	-	6
8/5/18	2	-
10/5/18	-	4
11/5/18	-	8
19/5/18	1	16
21/5/18	-	1
23/5/18	-	14
29/5/18	-	11
30/5/18	-	5
TOTAL.	3	65

W. Brewer
.....Captain
Adjutant 47th Battn. A.I.F.

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H.Q. 10 Bde.

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Reference 5th April —

Herewith is statement from 2 men
concerned.

18th
18th

A.P. Dalry
11th Coy
Co 24710th A.W.

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Statement.

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On morning of 5th inst when Enemy attacked, I was on right of A Coy near Railway VIADUCT and was sent along to 52nd Bn for bombs; on my 2nd trip there about 10 am with Hooley we were coming back when we saw Germans come over the line and under Railway viaduct - I asked a 1st Lieut of 52nd Bn what we had better do, he said come along with us, I think I would know him again, so we went back with them up the hill and when we got to the top met a lot more who said they were going back to railway line. We joined up with them & attached ourselves to a Lewis gun in shell holes near the top of the ridge this side of Cemetery.

Our post which was with 52nd was knocked out and I only saw one man of them named DILLON come back with us. There would only be 3 of us altogether. We stayed with 52nd for about an 1/2 hour and then joined our supports. The 52nd officer telling us to report to Hooley.

It was about 10 o'clock on the

Morning when we left the Railway line with 52nd Bn, our own men were still on railway line but we could not join them on account of the Enemy being between us & the 47th.

When we got to the hill I saw a little fat officer of 52nd chasing his men back to railway line with a revolver. I would know him again.

15/4
1878

1784 2^d of 9th Ward
2669th of 47th Bn
Hooley 47th Bn

Statement

On 5th April 1918 I was in my section on right of B Coy near Railway Viaduct at Beuvry cover. When the bombardment was on the 52nd Bn were on the right and an officer of 52nd was on our side of the crossing. A few TM shells began to fall on the line & suddenly a Supt Major of 52nd who was very excited came running along saying they are coming over on right. The officer then told us to move along to right with him and I & 4 others did so & we saw Germans on the railway line then. We joined B Coy of 52nd and stayed with them some time until my mates were wounded. Then B Coy retired making straight for the ccd on the hill. I got behind a turnip heap and I could see a lot of 52nd going over the hill towards ANZAC Road. I was told that night that it was 1016 platoon of 52 who had left before B Coy. We stayed on the hill that day and some men came back at night I went to them Bn HQ's as I was advised to do by an officer and I remained there till I got a note.

From the Colonel to my Battalion saying where I had been - As far as I know I was the only one of my Battalion with them, the others were all wounded or killed. I saw Germans coming through the Railway Viaduct at about 10 or 10.30 am also over the line to right of our Battalion. and as far as I know my Battalion was still on the railway line. I would not have gone to the other side of the Viaduct if it were not for the order by the officer who I thought was in charge of the crossing.

3355 H. J. C. Dillon
Pte 47th Bn

18th 18.

May War diary
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 Original report
 of Co 47 Bn to
 Bde HQ
 on operations up to
 DERVAN COURT
 April 5 1918

 A.P. Finlay
 Co 47 Bn. Lt Col
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War diary.

8th Jan. Rec'd orders to Embus. for BASSEUX
 area (less 11. 100000). and
 establish dump at Meteren. M Prior D80
 remaining in charge with small guard.
 1 blanket per man & all surplus gear
 being left behind. P
 9³⁰ P.M. moved off on full m. o. to Embus
 at Nam. at and remained
 in buses all day. until
 11.40 pm arrived at Beaumont (#4 9389.)
 without instructions. So decided to wait
 in buses until they were received.
 17th Jan. Learnt from a cyclist that
 P.M. was to be located at Berles au Bois
 (#4. 6133.) So in absence of orders on
 billeting parties decided to march
 there across country. While forming
 up a few heavy shells fell near us
 from vicinity of Arras. Marched &
 reached Berles au Bois at 12.50 am
 & billeting parties & were informed
 that enemy was only 4 1/2 miles away
 & also an enemy.
 1.30 am dispatched pickets to guard
 roads leading E and all officers
 & NCOs reconnoitered roads &
 trenches in vicinity in event of an
 attack. This occupied most of

25th remaining hours of darkness. All
 positions had been consumed & transport
 had not arrived but the QM (M) without
 command a car & brought them
 along in advance of transport.

26th Jan. Rec'd news from Pde that
 Enemy had broken thru at Hebuterne
 (Kilo E) & was advancing in armoured
 cars to Sovastré (-) No guard all
 roads. At 9.30 am I ordered C Co
 under (Capt) Williams to establish outpost
 on POMMIER RD & D Co (Capt) Rhymon
 on BRENNIERS RD. Patrol B (Capt) Young
 occupied benches N of town & advised
 45th Bn. A Co remaining in town
 in town. Transport arrived at this
 juncture & was immediately dispatched
 to rear. Patrols were sent out
 to the E in meantime all sorts of
 refugees began to arrive but without
 any information. Patrols kept
 except enemy 10 miles away, so
 thinking the attack would come
 late. I withdrew C Co to town &
 left standing patrols out.
 7 pm. Flying patrol returned having
 found Hebuterne & Gommecourt
 found both places quite free of
 Enemy & also reported 4th Aust Bde
 moving to attack Hebuterne

16th 5pm Ordered to proceed by road
 with transport to Hennesdamps
 530 moved out & had barely proceeded
 500^x when ordered to return sawant
 orders. Standing by ready to move.
 7.30pm Orders received to proceed to
 Selms by road with transport.
 via Pannvillers Starting point (H/4 4411
) at 10 pm Enaste - Longueaux
 Bertranchant - Forceville Medaiville
 Julis. Establishing protection
 on the march. An adv guard
 under Lt Smith & Schulz acted in
 this capacity & as flank guard
 when required.

Men were very tired after
 being all previous day in cars very
 little sleep during night & morning
 about all day had to bring a 17 mile
 march on them was testing them.
 Packs were dumped at Berles au Bois
 & a guard consisting of 4 McBride &
 nucleus men remained in charge.
 The march continued right thro' the
 night which was exceptionally cold
 without casualty, hourly halts being
 observed and a steady pace being
 maintained throughout. of 10.8 per minute
 which experience proved to be the
 maximum speed for long marches

of troops are to be fit for anything at
 completion.
 27th March SENLIS was reached, the head
 of the Column being greeted with
 a few shells from AVELLY way which
 caused no damage.
 The town was found deserted in view
 of enemy advance & accommodation
 was found where men could breakfast
 & change shoes & attend to their feet.
 As the day might bring forth any
 thing it was just as well to be
 prepared.
 Orders received to move to 428 d
 & concentrate with Brigade, so at
 10am moved out leaving transport at
 Senlis under T.O. 19th M.
 Nam arrived at rendezvous under
 shell fire which caused no casualties
 owing to moving in wide formations.
 Orders received to move forward
 at once and stem the tide, first by
 establishing a line from Timens-Albert
 to inclusive 1000 x to S through 7 central
 with 48th batt on left. 2 Cos in
 line & 2 in support. Details:
 D Co (Capt Symons) 143 9/11 to left with
 B Co (Capt Young) 138 9/11 in support
 & C Co (Capt Williams) 136 9/11 on right with
 A Co (Major Hammar) 143 9/11 in support

27th 11 am

Before moving out, I established
cookers in quarry at 128d under
charge of Major H. M. Oughlin
with instructions to see hot meals
regularly to men in the line.
Rations being brought there by B.M.
& T.O. from dump which will be
established to day at Contay ()
hence removed from Serlis.

11:30. Instructed 1 off per Coy & Captain
O/R as nucleus (P. Crill) to
proceed to transport lines in accordance
with S.S. 135.

~~29th~~

31st

27th Further instructions before moving to
 relieve any British troops on post &
 at night to push on to railway line
 Demancourt - Albert.

10. Moved off in artillery formation &
 being fairly lightly shelled en route
 only losing one man, & took up
 position at E7 Central & pushed forward
 spahals & post etc.

2³⁰ Ordered to advance front line to
 a line E8 E14 Central. This necessitated
 movement on forward slope of hill in
 full view of enemy who shelled us
 causing casualties which were
 minimised by adopting loose formations
 & dribbling men thru. I finally taking
 up position on line indicated at 4¹⁵ pm
 4¹⁵ pm who were to have moved at
 same time has not yet put on any
 appearance.

4¹⁵ pm Forward Coy's report connected with
 4¹⁵ pm Bn on left. 2 support Coy
 800' behind. & still being shelled
 by enemy.

5.30 P.C.S. of 6 R.O.S.B. 9th Seaforth
 6th Royal Scot 15 Royal Scot asked
 us to take over their line on
 railway line but they could not
 give much information regarding
 the position. Guides were arranged.

27/11 to meet at Pt. HQ (D12d) at 8pm but at that time, South Africans: 19 NF & various small parties also sent guides making part of 8 Battalions to relieve on a line from E 20 b 25 along railway line to E 9 d 24. C Coy on right occupied E 20 b 25 to E 5 Central & D Coy to E 9 d 24. On railway embankment overlooking R Amere valley and the heights to the E occupied by enemy using ground behind the Albert-Anne Road whereon support Coys are situated. Coys set to work to dig trenches for defence purposes & patrols sent out to get into touch with enemy & keep them at distance. Casualties during day necessitated C Coy being reinforced by 2 platoons of R Coy. Total casualties today 88
 + Capt William Mc Kay Hanway, Lt Carter, Lt St Robertson, being wounded and Lt C. R. Rasmussen & P. W. Lane killed. Sporadic shelling in morning continued throughout the night, but every body on alert & confident of resisting any attack.
 Operations 28th as per staff sheet.

29th. Indications of expected attack proved wrong the rain apparently leading Enemy against it. Much Enemy movement in front which kept the men with rifles & L gas busy all day. It is estimated that 600 or 700 Casualties must be inflicted on the enemy. The trenches absolutely carpeted with empty Cte cases fired by the hoop.

445. Advised of impending relief by 45 Bn much against wishes of men who once in would prefer to stay in being broken by success and keenly alert & confident.

9th Btn relieved by 45 Bn & moved to open ground at E18 Central in support to 45 Bn. 1 Coy (A) remaining in its present position in close support to 45th under its tactical orders. B Coy pocketed high ground behind North's position ready to move at a moment or event of attack. Day generally quiet on sector but much enemy movement visible behind front wire net, men uncomfortable but cheery.

30th. Kept every body busy all day making shelters & improving position as far as possible. Salvaging equipment

30th Gen. etc. left by English regts on our left right the Speaks volumes for our discipline that when we leave a place or camp, the value of material left behind is practically about 4^d. whereas it is our experience that English Battos leave enough to equip a Coy as a rule. In this particular case, Blankets, rags, ground sheet, food etc were left behind in painful profusion & were salvaged by us.

31st work continued, this raining all day rendering ground very sloppy & minor shelling all day but only 3rd Abn Casualties. Making out Casualties so far 171. (12 officers 159th Lt Gibson (A/W) Lt Darg Lt Smith (new) Lt Robinson (duty)

1st pm Orders to proceed to Laureville - Mullen court line with Bn HQ & 2 Coy leaving A Coy still in same position with 45th Bn. Bn to remain in support to right Bn. Work completed at 9 pm & found trenches we were to occupy half filled with water necessitating a fresh digging effort before any rest could be obtained. Raining when morning & continued thru night



31st Bn HQ situated in chalk quarry
 behind Laventie (B2NE D4C36) &
 3 Coy's in trenches between B10 & D4
 & V25 d.
 Troops in good health reports and
 ready for any emergency.
 Strength of Bn off op
 actually with Bn. off op
 remainder being distributed over
 Men on leave, nucleus of BC roll
 Band, transport, guards at Metrum
 Berles au Bois & Reinforcement Camp.
 DM's resume attached
 RMO's report attached.

No 15. A. Bode

Position generally on this sector is quiet from left to right.
 During the night patrols went out in front of railway line but were unable to proceed very far in the left sector on account of migs. so listening posts were sent forward to signal movements back to company with Stokes & artillery both of which were utilised during the night with good effect & good results were observed.

In light our patrols took how about of line except village side of line preventing any movement by enemy in that quarter of a surprise nature connections were made with flanks throughout the period transport was seen at cross roads. Artillery directed on other points where movement was noticed.

Patrol attempted to go into manor but were detected over the open ground & forced on, proving the occupation of the village.

The N. Co. were reinforced during night by H.I. & became confident on their sector.



Conversions & arrangements were made
with 45° on right rear in event of
Emergency, such as attacks on
a firm Demancourt

Rifle grenades proved of great
value in disturbing enemy, but if
some incendiary bombs could be gotten
for removing track from trucks, they
could be well employed.

Stokes mortars did good work under
at HENYON.

More rifle grenades, hand grenades are
needed & wire to wire along
in front of line.

On the whole, the position looks
good, the men & dogs have had the
time of their lives during past 24 hrs
with the targets available.

Ground is now wet & muddy &
going heavy

59³/₁₅

Gage

189. 12 A. I. Bds

29 3 15

To day was comparatively quiet after yesterday on right Bn sector, very little shelling on area, only few 77^{mm} on front line (railway line) and in vicinity of E14 doing practically no damage. Enemy sniping & sniping maintained throughout day the sniping primarily from buildings in DERNANCOURT. Communication by wire was restored to front line & a good many artillery targets located. Much enemy movement as per table attached was visible from railway line & artillery were appraised. It seems, judging by the nature of the enemy infantry movement, as if something in the nature of a relief was being effected in DERNANCOURT area, men were moving in twos to & from there during the day. Enemy has been very busy working on dumps & putting Camps E of railway line and trench digging on ridge E24 - E29. Our men on front line have been kept busy with rifle targets all day and are in good spirit.

At Dmday
Co. Gage

