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Appendix.

- 14th (Contd.) Wire erected in front of both strong points. Shelters constructed in Strong Point W.19.c. 2/Lt.S.C. RUDD proceeded on Signal Course III Corps Schl. 2/Lt.S.J.ADAMS rejoined from H.P.
- 15th Another quiet day. Considerable amount of work carried out at night. CAREY, MELBOURNE & MURRAY TRs. deepened. Shelters dug in Strong Point W.19.c. Latrines made in MELBOURNE & Strong Pt. W.19.c Ladder in W.21.d. reconnoitred by 4 Officers patrols from "p" Coy. Enemy were met with by all patrols. Casualties sustained - Sgt. BADCOCK killed and 1 C.R. wounded.
- 16th Another quiet day. Considerable amount of work done in improving & strengthening wire. C.T. commenced from MELBOURNE TR to S.P. W.19.c. Major A.R. SKILLS proceeds on leave. Lt. E.L. COLES to hospital for dental treatment.
- 17th Another quiet day. C.T. to S.P. W.19.c continued. Assistance given to "A" Coy by "C" Coy for this purpose.
- 18th Quiet. Usual work carried out.
- 19th Quiet. No work carried out after 11 P.M. Raid carried out by "p" Coy on Machine Gun post at W.21.d. 15.30. For preparation & report see Appendices 4a & 4b. Enemy post found to be evacuated & partially filled in, but other-wise raid was successfully carried out. One man was wounded by our barrage. 4a & 4b
- 20th The Battalion was relieved by 11th Royal Fusiliers and side-stepped to take over dispositions of Right Bn, Right Brigade, from 10th Essex. Relief was carried out without interruption. Weather broke into a drizzle. 2/Lt. R. COCKLE rejoins from Hospital. 5
- 21st Dispositions - Rt. Front - "A" Coy E.2a, Left Front "B" Coy W.26.c. Support - "C" & "D" Coys in MELBOURNE TR. W.25.c. & E.1.a. Garrison of MILLINGHUNT Defences - one Platoon from each of "C" & "D" Coys in MILLIE TR. D.6.a. Bettn H.Q. V.30.b. 15.40. Very quiet day. Standing patrols in E.2.b & W.26.d provided by "A" & "D" Coys respectively. Considerable amount of work done on accommodation done in front line & BRISBANE SUPP. Wiring carried out in front of SUN TR & Advanced L.G. post at W.26.c. 75.

Mess Kit, to a rendezvous V.35.d.7.2. leaving starting point at 9.45 pm.

6. Water - 10 tins per Coy - 6 for Bn. H.Q. - will be delivered at Rations pumps at 1 am. 14th. Location of pumps to be notified later.

7. Completion of relief will be reported by wire using the Coy Comdrs surname as Code word, and time.

8. Men's pack & Officers Kits will be ready at 5 p.m. to be conveyed to Transport Lines on return Ration Limbers.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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APPENDIX 4a.

Proposed Scheme for
RAID ON M.G. POST AT W.21.d.15.30.

Reference Map: Additions to Special Sheet "SMILLIS".

1. Five parties of ten commanded by officer or N.C.O.
"1" Party to go for M.G. Post at junction of tracks.
"2" Party to work round left of it, and clear trench behind it and to the left as far as Post shown on Aeroplane Photograph 35 A E B 1303 to the N of the M.G. Post.
"3" Party to work round right of it and clear trench behind it and to the right in S W direction for 100 yards.
"4" & "5" Patrols with Lewis Guns to watch the right and left flanks respectively 100 yards from M.G. Post and 50 yards from the trench.

2. Forming up line in accordance with artillery. Parties to get as close to barrage as possible between Z-5 and Z. Artillery.

First Phase - from Z-5 to Z.

(1) One Battery 18 pdrs on Post and New Trench, W.21.d.30.65
(2) " " " on Post 100 yards N.E. of M.G. Post, W.21.d.25.42.
(3) " " " on M.G. Post W.21.d.12.55.
(4) " " " on Trench 100 yards S.W. of M.G. Post.
(5) 4.5 Howrs. on Quarry W.27.b.80.90.

Second Phase - Z to Z + 30 minutes.

(a) W.21.d.60.88.
(2) Trench E side of Hairpin, W.21.d.70.85.
(3) Trench running across track, W.27.b.4.9.
(4) 150 yards further S down track.
(5) Trench leading from QUARRY - 100 yards left.

Machine Guns.

2 M.Gs indirect on Quarry.
2 M.Gs " " Trench at S. end of Hairpin from W. 27.b.40.95 to W.27.b.60.95.

Stokes Mortars.

in bursts from Z - 5 to Z + 15 on Post and new trench

W.21.d.30.65.

Troops will withdraw 2 + 20 minutes. Artillery will cease fire for two minutes and 2 Green lights will be fired by Coy Commanders from shell hole in W.21.c.9.3.

Dress. Rifles and Bayonets Bandoliers, 2 bombs per man
20 Mookurics.

Hot meal before starting.

Run on returning.

Zero time 12.5 am.

APPENDIX 4b.

RAID CARRIED OUT BY 7th "QUEENIE" - NIGHT

19/20th June, 1918.

1. The parties formed up at 11.35 pm without any interference and without suspicion of the enemy being aroused. At 11.50 pm an enemy patrol was reported in front working to our right, but nothing further was seen of it.
2. At two minutes before midnight two of our machine guns opened rapid fire from a position on our left rear, but it did not arouse suspicion. One white Very light was fired from a position about W.27.b.1.9 falling close to the road at W.27.c.7.0, but no fire proceeded from this point subsequently.
3. The artillery opened at midnight, and the 3" Stokes Mortars at the same time; very few short bursts are reported and only one man was wounded from this cause. The artillery and T.H.Fire seemed good throughout the whole operation.
4. The parties moved forward on the artillery opening to get as close under the barrage as possible. The ground in spite of the rain was in very fair condition.
5. The centre party under 2/Lt.HOLLINS reached the M.C. Post at the road junction W.21.d.15.00 and found that it was unoccupied and almost filled up. As touch had been lost with 2/Lt.MARSHALL'S party on the right, this party then withdrew. In the meantime, 2/Lt.MARSHALL'S party on the right, who had crossed the road too soon, got up to the wire in front of the trench about W.2.a.1.2 and found it was very high concertina wire and apparently thick. Some bombs were thrown at them from the trench and they throw bombs back but without knowing with what effect. The Green lights for withdrawal were then sent up, and this party withdrew. Both this party and 2/Lt.HOLLIN'S party report enemy M.C.fire in short-bursts from the direction of the Orchard or possibly from the post at W.21.d.2.4. The left party under 2/Lt.SMITH, lost touch with 2/Lt.HOLLINS soon after starting, and keeping too far to the left came under fire from an enemy M.C. which they took to be in the post W.21.a.2.4. He sent out a runner to get in touch with 2/Lt.HOLLINS, but he never returned. This party withdrew on the Green lights going up.
6. The enemy sent up two Green Very lights about 12.25 am and subsequently a Red light breaking into two Reds on the right. The enemy opened up about 12.35 with a scattered fire of 4.2's and 77 sms and subsequently 5.9s.
7. One Battery of our 1st pdrs did not cease fire as arranged from Zero + 20 for two minutes as a signal for

withdrawal; the other batteries did.

3. There was one man wounded.

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APPENDIX 5.

20th June, 1918.

7th Bn. "THE QUEEN'S" ORDER NO.9.

Reference Map: Special Sheet "351118"

1. The Battalion will be relieved in present dispositions by 11th R.Fusiliers and 2nd Bedford Regt, and will take over the dispositions of 10th Essex in Right subsector of Right Bde sector on night 20/21st June.

Battalion on Right - Bn. of 173rd Bde.
Battalion on Left - 8th E.Surrey Regt.

2. Order of relief, guides, rendezvous and times as per attached Table.

3. Coy Comdrs. of relieving units will visit this sector today. Each Coy will detail 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. per Platoon, to proceed to H.Q. 10th Essex this afternoon to take over dispositions and Trench Stores. These parties should accompany guides to rendezvous to help lead in their Coys.

4. Receipts for Trench Stores handed and taken over will be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. by 9.0 a.m. 21st.

5. No transport will be provided for move. Rations will be delivered to Coy Dumps at 1.30 a.m.

6. Completion of relief in this sector will be wired by code word "UNITED" and relief of 10th Essex by code word "STATES".

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