

## APPENDIX No. 2

§ THE STRIFE FOR IDENTIFICATIONS ON AUSTRALIAN CORPS FRONT, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1917.  
TO 19TH MARCH, 1918

## (1) ENCOUNTERS DUE TO GERMAN ACTIVITY

(Note.—Only encounters of some importance, or those from which identifications resulted, are here listed)

Date.	Nature of Activity	Australians Identified by Germans.	Germans Identified by Australians
1917. Nov. 14 ..	Patrol south of Bee Farm bombed post of 53rd Bn. Two Germans lost way and wandered into 55th Bn. Officer's patrol of 153rd I.R. raided post of 59th Bn. A German corps order says that the post defended itself "most stubbornly."	One Australian captured	Two Germans of 93rd I.R. (8th Div.) left dead. Two Germans of 72nd I.R. (8th Div.) captured
Nov. 18 ..	Germans in three parties raided post of 8th Bde. near Kiwi Farm, reaching the trench but being heavily bombed.		Three Germans (of 102nd and 103rd I.R., 32nd Div.) killed and a man of storm detachment of 32nd Div. captured. A wounded machine-gunner of 93rd I.R. (8th Div.) captured
Nov. 21 ..	Raiding party (officer and 23 men) approached post of 54th Bn north of Bee Farm but was driven off. Strong patrol of 19th Bav. I.R. (5th Bav. Div.) tried to raid post of 3rd Div. near Pont Rouge. Australians tried to cut off some of its members, but these escaped.	Four men of 54th Bn. captured, but one of these (Pte. West) escaped.	A dead German of 93rd I.R. found; and next day one of the raiding party captured
Nov. 22 ..	Raid by officer and 26 men on isolated post of 54th Bn. near Spider House. At second attempt the Germans got in.		

(1) ENCOUNTERS DUE TO GERMAN ACTIVITY—*continued*.

Date.	Nature of Activity.	Australians Identified by Germans.	Germans Identified by Australians.
1917. Nov. 22 ..	Raid by 177th I.R. (32nd Div.) on post of 5th Div. failed to secure identification.		
Nov. 24 ..	A German ration party strayed towards a company H.Q. of 54th Bn. The sentry (Pte Casimir <sup>1</sup> ) secured their capture, after a fight.		Two Germans of 93rd I.R. captured and two shot.
Nov. 26 ..	A German sergeant lost his way north of Gapaard.		Sergeant wounded, captured, and found to be of 102nd I.R.
Nov. 27 ..	Two patrols of 177th I.R. and storm troops tried to raid 8th Bde. east of Steignast Farm, but driven off.		The leader and some others were hit, and 177th I.R. was identified.
Nov. 28 ..	A German patrol moved west of Lys near Pont Rouge. Two patrols of 9th Bde. tried to cut it off.		Machine-gunner of 7th Bav. I.R. (5th Bav. Div.) killed.
Nov. 30 ..	Patrol of 10 Germans tried to raid post of 56th Bn. east of Green Wood. They were seen but allowed to approach and then fired on.	Wounded man of 59th Bn. captured.	Two of 153rd I.R. (8th Div.) killed.
Nov. 30 ..	Raid by 72nd I.R. on post of 59th Bn. which "fought desperately"		
Dec. 2 ..	Patrol of 20 crossed Lys at Pont Rouge and met one from 9th Bde. which drove it off.		19th Bav. I.R. identified from German caps left behind.
Dec. 3 ..	A man of 102nd I.R. strayed into Australian lines near Gapaard.		Man of 102nd I.R. captured.

Dec. 5 ..	Patrol of 177th I.R. ambushed and seized a contact patrol (2 men) of 30th Bn. One, Pte. Sterling, <sup>2</sup> tried to escape, was shot, dragged along, and left for dead, but got away. A German private wandered into 60th Bn. lines.	Pte. Barclay <sup>3</sup> captured.	Man captured (93rd I.R.).
Dec. 7 ..	Raid on post of 8th Bn. east of Green Wood. Parties of 7th and 8th Bns counter-attacked and retook all prisoners except one.	Four Australians captured, but three retaken.	Seven Germans killed, and two officers and four others (of 4th Pioneer Bn. and 153rd I.R.) captured.
Dec. 20 <sup>4</sup>	Raid on post of 2nd Div. opposite Frelinghien driven off. Later Germans tried to establish a bridge-head here, but were repelled with loss. The Austrians searched for their dead, but these had been carried away. Raid by 72nd I.R. on post of 6th Bn. east of Joye Farm. The neighbouring posts counter-attacked, but the Germans got clear in the fog.	The garrison was captured.	
Dec. 24 ..	A reconnoitring patrol ran upon post of 3rd Div. south of l'Épinette. It was allowed to approach and then fired on.		A man of 14th I.R. (4th Div.) was captured and two were killed.
Dec. 26 ..	A German patrol met one from the 1st Div. near Gapaard.		A wounded corporal of the 102nd I.R. was captured.
Dec. 28 ..	Patrol of 153rd I.R. wearing white overalls met one of 1st Div. similarly clothed.		

<sup>1</sup> Pte. Casimir Guillaume (served as 2628 G. Casimir, 54th Bn.) Nièvre, 23 March, 1869. Died of wounds, 3 Sept., 1918.

<sup>2</sup> Pte. R. G. Sterling (No. 4654; 40th Bn. & 6th M.G. Coy. Railway clerk; of Orange, N.S.W.; b. Orange, 25 April, 1898.

<sup>3</sup> Pte. L. C. Barclay (No. 5137; 30th Bn.). Compositor; of Cessnock, N.S.W.; b. Adelaide, 1899.

<sup>4</sup> This day the Germans threw 12 gas bombs or projectors into the lines of 2nd Div. south-west of Warneton.

Baker; of Nièvre, France, and Bathurst, N.S.W.; b. Fourchambault,

## (I) ENCOUNTERS DUE TO GERMAN ACTIVITY—continued.

Date	Nature of Activity.	Australians Identified by Germans.	Germans Identified by Australians.
1918. Jan. 3 ..	A German found killed on 2nd Div. front.		Ascertained to belong to 21st Bav. I.R. (5th Bav. Div.).
Jan 4 ..	Attempted raid by 72nd I.R. and 4th Pioneer Bn. (8th Div.) on posts of 1st Div. Raiders afterwards reported loss of 7 hit and 1 missing.		A dead man of 4th Pioneer Bn. found east of Wambeke.
Jan. 18 ..	German patrol near Factory, south-west of Warneton, lost one of its men to a patrol of 2nd Div.		He proved to be of 228th R.I.R. (49th Res. Div.), which had just relieved 32nd Div.
Jan 20 ..	Man of 226th R.I.R. (49th Res. Div.) wandered into lines of 1st Div near Blauwepoortbeek.		He was captured.
Jan 21 ..	Four Germans, probably deserters, were fired on by post of 1st Div. north of the Wambeek.		Two were killed and two captured—of 72nd I.R. and 4th Pioneer Bn.
Jan 26 ..	Patrol approached post of 2nd Div. near Factory south-west of Warneton German found killed near Hollebeke.		Officer of 424th I.R. <sup>5</sup> and a man of 228th R.I.R. killed. Ascertained to belong to 93rd I.R. (8th Div.).
Jan. 27 ..	Patrol entered lines of 1st Div. near Kiwi Farm German approached 4th Div. post north of Hessian Wood		Five wounded and leader killed (226th R.I.R.). Killed (1st Bav. R.I.R., 1st Bav Res. Div.).
Jan. 29 ..	Patrol, 20 strong, met patrol of 3rd Div near Moat Farm, opposite Deulemont, who chased it Dead German found east of Wambeek.		The Germans, 15 strong, ran away, dropping their bombs, and escaped Proved to belong to 4th Pioneer Bn. (8th Div.)

Jan. 31 .	Patrol of 1st Bav. R.I.R. rushed a post of 14th Bn near Potsdam Farm.	The two men in the post were captured	Two men of 21st Bav. I.R. captured.
Feb. 1 ..	Patrol of 21st Bav. I.R. met one of 3rd Div. which cut off part of it.		
Feb. 2 ..	Two Germans strayed into post of 5th Div near Gapaard.	Garrison captured.	Two of 163rd I.R. (17th Res. Div.) captured.
Feb. 5 ..	Raid on post of 4th Div. near Belgian Wood.		
Feb. 7 ..	A Polish corporal strayed into 8th Bde. lines north of Wambeek.		Captured (162nd I.R., 17th Res. Div.).
Feb. 8 ..	An officer and N.C.O., reconnoitring 8th Bde's wire near the Wambeek, were fired on. The officer escaped, though wounded.		N.C.O. captured (163rd I.R.).
	Man found killed near Hollebeke.		Proved to be of 76th R.I.R. (17th Res. Div.).
Feb. 9 ..	Attempted raid on 3rd Div. at La Basse Ville driven off by supports.		Patrol was captured (162nd I.R.).
Feb 23 ..	Patrol of two men ran into listening post of 5th Div. near March Farm.		The leader and 5 men were hit but were not identified.
	Patrol of 226th R.I.R. tried to raid post of 5th Div near Kiwi Farm.		Two men of 466th I.R. (239th Div.) captured
Feb. 25 ..	Attempted raid on pillboxes of 4th Div. north of Hessian Wood.		On 4th Div front a German officer and several men were captured (76th R.I.R. and 9th Pioneer Bn., 17th Res. Div) 5th Div. captured a man of 76th R.I.R. and a light machine-gun.
Mar. 1 ..	A large party raided southern posts of 4th Div. and northern posts of 5th Div. between Ypres-Comines canal and Hollebeke and captured part of garrison but was caught on retiring.	Seven of 10th Bn captured.	Man of 225th R.I.R. was found killed.
Mar. 5 ..	Attempted raid by 225th R.I.R. on 5th Div. near the Windmill failed.		

\* Probably a reinforcement of 228th R.I.K.

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1918. Mar. 8 ..	Strong patrol of 177th I.R. crossed Pont Rouge and ran into similar patrol of 2nd Div.		Two Germans killed, two captured (177th I.R., 32nd Div.).
Mar. 10 ..	Officer's patrol reconnoitring east of Deconinck Farm was fired on by post of 5th Div.		Patrol was captured (163rd I.R., 17th Res. Div.).
Mar 13 ..	Patrol of 228th R.I.R. strayed into post of 2nd Div. at Warneton.		Two killed, one captured (228th R.I.R., 49th Res. Div.).
Mar. 15 ..	Strong raid on 1st Div. south of Ypres-Comines canal.	Leader killed, and eight others hit.	Leader killed, and 12 of 70th I.R. (31st Div) captured
Mar. 19 ..	Patrol of 2nd Div. near Moat Farm (opposite Deulemont) was met by German patrol. Patrol came on a post of 2nd Div. opposite Frelinghien which fired.		Wounded man of 102nd I.R. (32nd Div.) captured.

Number of encounters, etc., listed: 54. Germans secured identifications on 10 occasions and left them on 42.

## (II) ENCOUNTERS DUE TO AUSTRALIAN ACTIVITY

Date.	Nature of Activity	Australians Identified by Germans.	Germans Identified by Australians.
1917. Nov. 15 ..	Three men of 5th Div. Salvage Coy wandered into German lines in fog.	All three were captured.	

Nov. 21 ..	A dead man of 153rd I.R. (8th Div.) was found. Patrol of 53rd Bn. tried to enter German post at Wam Farm, but found garrison too alert. Raid by 39th Bn. on railway near Warnton.	153rd I.R. identified.
Nov. 30 ..		Two of II/103rd I.R. captured.
Dec. 1 ..	Raid by 40th Bn. at same point.	One Australian was captured.
Dec. 5 ..	15th Bde (after reconnaissances by Lieut. Heron, <sup>6</sup> 60th Bn., and others) tried to raid Rifle Farm but found Germans too alert.	Two of 12th Pioneers and man of III/103rd I.R. captured.
Dec. 6 ..	60th Bn. tried to ambush German post at Rifle Farm, but failed.	
Dec. 7 ..	Patrol of 9th Bde. searched the Pont Rouge.	
Dec. 8-9 <sup>7</sup>	"Dummy" raids by 3rd and 5th Divisions.	
Dec. 18 ..	Patrol of 1st Div. penetrated line of 177th I.R. east of Steignast Farm, but was cut off.	Three Australians captured.
Dec. 21 ..	A man of 1st Div. strayed into German lines east of Steignast Farm.	He was captured by 177th I.R.
1918.		
Jan. 30 ..	An Australian patrol approached post of 72nd I.R., which drove it off. (No mention in Australian records. <sup>8</sup> )	One of the Australians was captured (unit not stated).

<sup>6</sup> Lieut. C. V. Heron, 60th Bn. Bank official; of East St. Kilda, Vic., b. Brighton, Vic., 21 Nov., 1896. Died of wounds, 27 June, 1918.

<sup>7</sup> On the morning of December 9 the commander of the 177th I.R. was killed by an Australian sniper, when visiting his post north of Warnton.

<sup>8</sup> This is mentioned in the *History of the 72nd I R*

(II) ENCOUNTERS DUE TO AUSTRALIAN ACTIVITY—*continued*.

Date.	Nature of Activity.	Australians Identified by Germans.	Germans Identified by Australians.
1918 Feb. 10 ..	Raid by 37th and 38th Bns. at Warneton.	An officer and man were captured by the enemy.	33 Germans (228th R.I.R., 49th Res. Div.) were captured.
Feb 19 .	Patrol of 13th Bde met a German patrol on Bassevillebeck		Four Germans killed proved to belong to 408th I.R. (239th Div.) and 3rd Bav. R.I.R. (1st Bav. Res Div.). Seven of 162nd I.R. captured
Mar. 1 .	14th Bde. raided post at Groeneinde Cabaret. Patrol of 8th Bde. tried to penetrate enemy wire east of Gapaard, but failed.		A German is said to have been captured, but escaped
Mar. 3 ..	Patrol of 3rd Div. met German patrol in Moat Farm, opposite Deulemont. 3rd Div. repeated raid at Warneton.		An officer and 10 men (228th R.I.R.) were captured. (a) Two of 226th R.I.R., and (b) two of 162nd IR were captured. 228th R.I.R. was identified.
Mar 5 ..	5th Div. raided (a) at Kijwi Farm, and (b) south-east of Green Wood. 3rd Div. repeated raid on Warneton.	Several wounded of 3rd Div. were missing	
Mar. 11 ..	Raid by 5th Div on post south of Windmill. Raid by 5th Div. on post north of Blauwepoortbeek.		Three of 225th R.I.R. captured Three of 163rd IR. captured.
Mar. 14 ..	Raid by 5th Div. on Rifle and July Farms Raid by 5th Div. at Datum House, near Kijwi Farm		Four of 163rd I.R. captured. Two of 226th R.I.R. captured

Number of encounters, etc., listed: 25. Australians left identifications on 7 occasions and secured them on 14