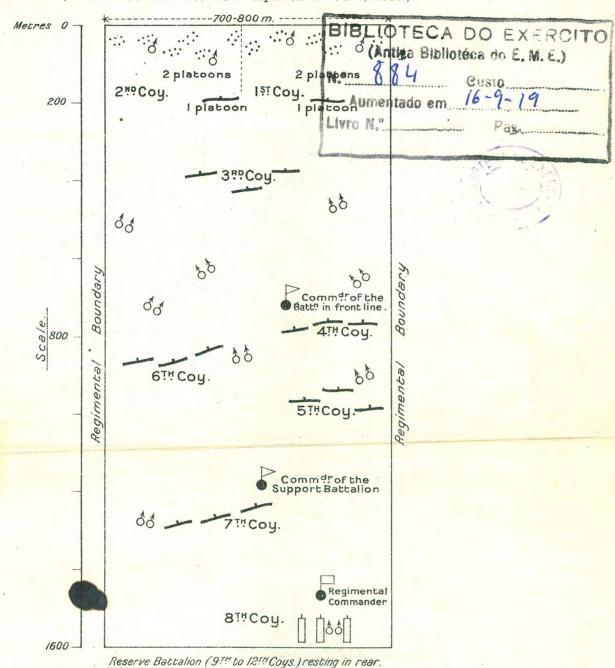
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DIAGRAM SHOWING THE ORGANIZATION OF A REGIMENTAL SECTOR.

(From a German Document captured in June, 1917.)



NOTE BY GENERAL STAFF.

This diagram (which is also undated) differs from that published as S.S. 559, Annexe to Adv. G.H.Q. Summary No. 131, in the following particulars:—

(a) There are only 2 companies in front line instead of 3.
(b) The commander of the battalion in front line has only his own 4 companies at his disposal instead of 5.

(c) The support battalion is distributed in depth, instead of 3 out of the 4

companies being concentrated in the 2nd line position.

(d) The number of machine guns immediately behind the front trench has been reduced from 8 to 4, the bulk of the remainder being distributed some 400 to 800 yards behind the front line.

The note attached to the diagram lays down that:-

(e) during a hostile bombardment, the trench garrisons are to take cover in shell holes in front of their trenches and there await the attack,

(f) the front line should not be held by individuals at regular intervals, but the garrison should be distributed in small groups each under a reliable, stout-hearted man,

(g) the companies of the support battalion will be formed up in accordance with the nature of the ground; this will often necessitate their being in file or even in single file.