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# WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

## OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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*A. & Q III Corps 1916*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ENENCOURT	25 <sup>th</sup>		Ammunition Expenditure Divisional Artillery 24,619 rounds Heavy Artillery 2,367 rounds  Reinforcement 9 <sup>th</sup> Division 3 officers, 142 O.R. 15 <sup>th</sup> " 5 " 63 " " 50 <sup>th</sup> " 2 " 100 " " Corps Troop 1 " 5 " "	101  S.B
ENENCOURT	26 <sup>th</sup>		Ammunition Expenditure Divisional Artillery 25,150 rounds Heavy Artillery 3,413  Reinforcements 9 <sup>th</sup> Division - 6 officers 4 O.R. 15 <sup>th</sup> " 1 " 60 O.R. 50 <sup>th</sup> " 1 " 90 " " Corps Troop 2 " 100 " "	CH 2

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HENENCOURT	27 <sup>th</sup>	64.	<p>Ammunition Expenditure Divisional Artillery 25,919 rounds  Heavy Artillery 4316 "</p> <p>Reinforcements 9<sup>th</sup> Division 1 Officer 7.0.R.  15<sup>th</sup> " 4 " 36 ""  50<sup>th</sup> " 6 " 85 ""  48<sup>th</sup> " 5 " — ""  Cof. Troops 5 " 46 ""</p>	102
HENENCOURT	28 <sup>th</sup>	64	<p>180<sup>th</sup> Tunneling Coy R.E. joined III Corps.</p> <p>Ammunition Expenditure Divisional Artillery 22,959 rounds  Heavy Artillery 3253 rounds</p> <p>Reinforcements 15<sup>th</sup> Division 4 Officers 15.0.R.  48<sup>th</sup> " 3 " 6.0.R.  50<sup>th</sup> " 3 " 2. ""  Cof. Troops 1 " 1. ""</p>	

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HEMENECOURT	29 <sup>th</sup>	Ditto	Ammunition Expenditure Divisional Artillery 25,910 rounds Heavy Artillery 3,008 rounds  9 <sup>th</sup> Division less Artillery left III Corps. Reinforcement 15 <sup>th</sup> Division 5 officers 108. O.R. 48 <sup>th</sup> " 1 " — " " 50 <sup>th</sup> " 3 " 5 " " Corps Troops 1 " — " "	103
HEMENECOURT	30 <sup>th</sup>	Ditto	Ammunition Expenditure Divisional Artillery 20,687 rounds Heavy Artillery 2,329 " "  3 Infantry officers with experience in road making detailed to supervise road making. Reinforcement 15 <sup>th</sup> Division 1 officer 15. O.R. 48 <sup>th</sup> " 2 " 6 " " 50 <sup>th</sup> " — " 13 " " Corps Troops 2 " 2 " "	

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HENENCOURT	6th	31 <sup>st</sup>	<p>Ammunition Expenditure 23381 rounds, Divisional Artillery                      3194 " Heavy Artillery</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Division joined III Corps.</p> <p>III Corps now consists of 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup> less Artillery, 50<sup>th</sup> Division and 23<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Divisional Artillery.</p> <p>Reinforcement 15<sup>th</sup> Division 186 officers 74 O.R.</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>23<sup>rd</sup></td> <td>"</td> <td>RFA.</td> <td>"</td> <td>19</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50<sup>th</sup></td> <td>"</td> <td>RFA.</td> <td>"</td> <td>13</td> <td>"</td> </tr> </table>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	"	RFA.	"	19	"	50 <sup>th</sup>	"	RFA.	"	13	"		
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF AMMUNITION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.  
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A.	A.X.	B.	B.X.	B.Com.	B.S.K.	BPS.	BOBR.	THER	W.	W.X.	D.	D.X.	DSK.	DPS	DJ.	K.	K.X.
346489	247848	475	207957	1465	982	416	1092	27	438	2482	28023	27354	587	203	23	1619	4400

P.	F.	S.	M.	M Gun.	MAP.	T.	U.	Q.	Q.X.
27126	6076	14461	10714	41	123	74	87	1366	1847

APPENDIX 3  
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III CORPS.  
Total known Casualties from noon 1 10 / 16 to noon 31 / 10 / 19

Division etc.	OFFICERS			OTHER RANKS.			All Ranks.
	K.	V.	H.	K.	V.	H.	
1st Divn.	-	4	-	1	36	-	41
9th "	38	83	13	473	2186	524	3317
15th "	7	38	1	158	1024	58	1286
23rd "	64	60	4	323	1455	217	2123
47th "	27	61	4	616	1822	715	3245
50th "	23	39	-	450	1043	13	1568
Corps Troops.	2	11	-	17	81	-	111
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2038</b>	<b>7654</b>	<b>1535</b>	<b>11707</b>

GRAND TOTAL Offrs. 480 O.R. 11227  
GRAND TOTAL 11707



APPENDIX 4

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RELIEF OF 15th BY 48th DIVISION

SECRET.

III Corps.  
No. A.Q.S/14/16.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 43  
dated 31:10:16.

To come into force in the event of the operations referred to in para. 2 Corps Operation Order No. 152 dated 30:10:16 being postponed until 5th November.

1. RAILHEAD. No change.
2. SUPPLY COLUMNS. No change in location.  
The 48th Divisional Supply Column will be laid up in accordance with III Corps No. Q. 3/7/3/16 dated 9/6/16 from midnight 2/3rd November and will find the 20 lorries daily for R.K. Services, from 3rd November.  
The 15th Divisional Supply Column will be taken into use as may be necessary.
3. SUPPLY REFILLING POINT.  
48th Division W. 29. d. 5. 7. from 3rd November.  
15th Division D. 7. A. from 3rd November.
4. TRAIN. No change.  
The 12 Water Wagons now on charge of 15th Division will be handed over to 48th Division on relief.
5. TRANSPORT. 1st Line Depots of both Divisions will accompany Brigades under Divisional arrangements.  
Those of 48th Division will take up standings vacated by 15th Division on CHAPEL SPUR.  
The 50 pack animals now on charge of 15th Division will be handed over to 48th Division on relief.  
The pack saddles now on charge of 15th Division will be handed over to 48th Division on relief.
6. ATTACHED UNITS. Units attached to 15th Division for Administration (see Schedule A for Left Division attached) will be transferred to 48th Division from midnight 2/3rd November.  
Arrangements to be made between Divisions direct.
7. STORES. From midnight 2/3rd November the 48th Division will take over from 15th Division all dumps at Bomb Stores, Trench Stores and Reserve Supplies.  
For this purpose 48th Division will send forward advanced parties.  
Dumps will be handed over approximate to establishment laid down in A.Q.S/3/16 dated 14/8/16.  
Salvage Stores will be handed over by 15th Division and their personnel withdrawn from the area.
8. BATHS. The baths being erected at CONTALMAI ON and now on charge of 15th Division will be handed over to 48th Division.

/CAMPS.

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9. CAMPS. All Camps, Tents, and Shelters in the respective Divisional areas will be taken and handed over by 15th and 48th Divisions.

For this purpose Divisions will send forward advanced parties. A detailed statement signed by Staff Officers of both Divisions to be rendered to Corps Headquarters.

10. 60. c.m. RAILWAY. The 48th Division will continue the extension of the L.G.W. 69. c.m. line towards WARLENCOURT. It should be pushed forward as far as possible/facible.

11. ROADS. The Road policy laid down for the Left Division under III Corps A.Q. 3/16/16 dated 3/10/16 will be maintained.

12. Receipts where necessary will be given and taken.

13. HONOURS & REWARDS. 15th Division will submit recommendations for Immediate Rewards early.

14. 48th and 15th Divisions to acknowledge.

Issued at 10. a.m.  
31/10/16.

*J.P. Packe M.C.*

Brigadier General,  
D.A. & Q.M.G., III Corps.

DISTRIBUTION :- Normal.  
15th and 48th Divisions by S.D.R.

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Arrival of 1st Division. (less Artillery)

SECRET.

III Corps.  
A.M. 3/14/18

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 42.  
dated 23:10:18

1. RAILROAD ALBERT, Oct 31st.  
SUPPLY COLUMN BHEMENCOURT.  
TRAIN. brigade Groups.  
SUPPLY DEPARTING POINT. O.18.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS.

A. Brigade	BHEMENCOURT Camp.
B. " plus Pioneer Battalion,	BAIZIEUX
C. "	
Division Headquarters,	BAIZIEUX
3. Staff Officer to meet buses at J.20.b.s.s. and direct troops to their camps
4. 1st Division to acknowledge.

*Felix Hambro*

Issued at 4-46 p.m.  
23th Oct. 1918.

Brigadier General,  
D.A. & W.S.S., III Corps.

Copies to :-  
1st Division (by telegram, priority)  
normal, plus copies to Town Majors at  
BHEMENCOURT, BAIZIEUX, BHEMENCOURT, BAROLE.

DEPARTMENT OF 9th. DIVISION.

S. E. C. R. & T.  
SECRET

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III Corps.  
A.Q.S/14/18

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 41.  
dated 20:10:18

1. RAILHEAD.

Railhead for 9th Division, less Artillery, from 28th inst will be notified later.  
For Artillery - ALBERT.

2. Supply Column.

The proportion of No. 9 D.S.O. for Artillery will remain on departure of the rest of the Division and will move to ALBERT on morning of 28th Oct. and replace section of 1st Division.

3. TRAIN.

The Headquarter Company of the Divisional Train will remain its present location to supply the Artillery.

4. SUPPLY.

The supply personnel for the above will remain behind on the move of the Division under Divisional arrangements.

The supply Refilling Point for the above will be at E.S. central under Divisional arrangements.

5. A.S.P.

No. 9 A.S.P. will remain under the command of the G.C. Corps Ammunition Park in its present location.

6. ORDNANCE STORES.

Prior to departure, all tents and tarpaulins, other than those not standing in camp, and all stores that are Corps property, which have been issued on loan, will be returned to Ordnance under arrangements to be made by A.D.O.S.

9th. DIVISION by 48th. DIVISION in RESERVE AREA.

7. TENTAGE.

All tentage on charge of 9th. Division to be handed over to 48th. Division.

A statement showing number of tents handed over will be forwarded to III Corps headquarters on completion of relief.

8. BANITATION.

The 50th Division will temporarily assume charge of the Right forward area, in addition to its present area.

9. 9th Division to acknowledge.

10. PERSONNEL.

All Traffic Control Posts will be relieved under orders of the A.P.M. on a date to be notified later.

Issued at  
on 28th. Oct. 1918

*J. C. Packard Col*  
Brigadier General.  
D.A. & Q.A.S. III Corps.

DISTRIBUTION :- Normal, To 9th & 48th Division by S.D.R.

move of 1st & 48th Divisions (all less Artillery)

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III Corps  
A.O. 3/14/16

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 40  
dated 26:10:16

Subsequent on III Corps Operation Order No. 151, dated 25:10:16, the following changes in Administrative arrangements will take place as stated :-

1. CHANGES IN RAILHEAD

From 28th Oct., 48th Division to ALBERT.  
From 29th Oct., 1st Division to REBENCOURT.  
From 29th Oct., 9th Divisional Arty. to ALBERT.  
(Others no change)

2. SUPPLY COLUMNS.

From 28th Oct., 48th D.S.C. - FRANVILLERS.  
From 28th Oct., 1st D.S.C. - REBENCOURT.  
On 28th Oct. 9th D.S.C. will evacuate BEBENCOURT before noon and will accompany 9th Division (less the section left to feed the artillery) to the TALLES area.

3. SUPPLY REFILLING POINTS, DIVISIONAL TRAINS, AND TRANSPORT LINE

As Divisions arrive in their new areas, the locations will be taken up as laid down in III Corps No. A.O. 3/16/16 dated 19:10:16. "Instructions on winter Butting and stabling." and the work on standings etc. will be at once commenced on the following distribution :-

Right Division in the line	-	50th Division.
Left " " " "	-	15th Division.
Reserve Division	-	48th Division.
Division in Training	-	1st. Division.

Issued at 10.30 a.m.  
28th Oct. 1916.

*H. C. Packe Lt Col*  
for

Brigadier General,  
D.A. & Q.M.G., III Corps.

*Distribution Normal  
1st & 48th Divs by S.D.R.*

4. ALTERATION.

As the return of the 1st Division has now been postponed, the dates for which these changes will come into force, as far as 1st Division are concerned, are cancelled.

The positions allotted to the 1st Division will however hold good when their move takes place

62. RAILWAYS.

In future, the telegraphic and C.M.L.S. address of the C.C. "B" Echelon, 7th Field Coy., A.S., will be "CENTIMETRE", III Corps.

All correspondence in connection with the construction, traffic, etc., on the III Corps C.M. systems should accordingly be addressed "CENTIMETRE, III CORPS".

63. WATER SUPPLY.

- (i) Tanks for 500 horses have now been erected at X.22.b.3.7.
- (ii) One 8,000 gallon tank for horses, and one 8,000 gallon tank drinking water, with water bottle filler and cart filler, are now installed at X.17.b.5.3.
- (iii) One 8,000 gallon tank for horses has been installed at X.17.d.3.8.

64. MAIL BOAT SERVICE.

The timings of the Mail Boat services of the BOULOGNE - FOLKESTONE Route for November are as follows :-

SOUTH EASTERN & CHATHAM RAILWAY.  
 FOLKESTONE - BOULOGNE Mail Service, November, 1918.  
 Charing X. Folkestone. Departure of Boat from BOULOGNE.

	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Boat from BOULOGNE.
Wed. 1st	11-45 a.m.	1-40 p.m.	3-20 p.m.	1-30 p.m.
Thu. 2nd	12-25 p.m.	2-25 p.m.	3-0 p.m.	2-35 p.m.
Fri. 3rd	2-0 p.m.	4-0 p.m.	4-00 p.m.	4-5 p.m.
Sat. 4th	3-25 p.m.	5-15 p.m.	6-0 p.m.	5-30 p.m.
Sun. 5th	4-35 p.m.	6-35 p.m.	7-15 p.m.	6-45 p.m.
Mon. 6th (No train from London)			9-0 a.m.	8-30 p.m.
Tue. 7th	7-0 am.	8-50 a.m.	9-50 a.m.	9-20 a.m.
Wed. 8th	7-50 a.m.	9-40 a.m.	10-20 a.m.	10-0 a.m.
Thu. 9th	8-40 a.m.	10-35 a.m.	11-15 a.m.	10-45 a.m.
Fri. 10th.	8-40 a.m.	10-35 a.m.	11-15 a.m.	11-0 a.m.
Sat. 11th.	8-40 a.m.	10-35 a.m.	11-15 a.m.	11-0 a.m.
Sun. 12th.	9-35 a.m.	11-25 a.m.	12-5 a.m.	11-30 a.m.
Mon. 13th.	9-37 a.m.	11-40 a.m.	12-20 a.m.	12-0 noon
Tue. 14th.	10-35 a.m.	12-25 a.m.	1-5 p.m.	12-30 p.m.
Wed. 15th.	11-5 a.m.	1-0 p.m.	1-45 p.m.	1-15 p.m.
Thur. 16th.	11-45 a.m.	1-40 p.m.	2-30 p.m.	2-0 p.m.
Fri. 17th.	1-10 p.m.	3-0 p.m.	3-40 p.m.	3-0 p.m.
Sat. 18th.	2-10 p.m.	4-0 p.m.	4-40 p.m.	4-0 p.m.
Sun. 19th.	3-10 p.m.	5-0 p.m.	5-45 p.m.	5-15 p.m.
Mon. 20th.	4-20 p.m.	6-10 p.m.	6-50 p.m.	6-20 p.m.
Tue. 21st.	4-55 p.m.	7-0 p.m.	7-45 p.m.	7-15 p.m.
Wed. 22nd.	7-0 a.m.	8-50 a.m.	9-30 p.m.	9-0 a.m.
Thu. 23rd.	7-20 a.p.	9-10 a.m.	10-0 a.m.	9-30 a.m.
Fri. 24th.	7-50 a.m.	9-40 a.m.	10-30 a.m.	10-15 a.m.
Sat. 25th.	8-20 a.m.	10-15 a.m.	11-0 a.m.	10-50 a.m.
Sun. 26th.	8-20 a.m.	10-15 a.m.	11-0 a.m.	11-0 a.m.
Mon. 27th.				

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Mon. 27th.	8-40 a.m.	10-35 a.m.	11-30 a.m.	
Tue. 28th.	9-30 a.m.	11-25 a.m.	12-15 p.m.	11-0 a.m.
Wed. 29th.	10-35 a.m.	12-25 p.m.	1-10 p.m.	11-45 a.m.
Thu. 30th.	11-45 a.m.	1-40 p.m.	2-20 p.m.	12-40 p.m.
				1-30 p.m.

*Frederick Sturges*

26th October 1918.

Brigadier General,  
D.A. & Q.M.G., IHI Corps.

Distributions:-

Divisions .....	26 copies each.
IHI Corps H.A. ....	20 copies.
Corps H.Q. Offices. ....	1 copy each.
N.D.M.S. ....	10 copies.
Corps Troops Unit. ....	1 copy each.

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HEADQUARTERS. III CORPS.

"Q" Summary, (38).

85. RAILWAYS.

With reference to "Q" Summary (35) para.55, the tranship station from Broad Gauge to 60.c.m. in SAUSAGE VALLEY at X.26.a.5.8. will be called "CHAPEL SPUR STATION".

86. WATER SUPPLY.

Water carts may now be filled from stand pipe at H.35.c.3.6.

Owing to the possibility of this water supply being cut by shell fire no water is to be drawn except during hours of darkness.

Filling point for water carts and dixies installed at S.3.c.5.4.

*Ferry Hanks*

31st October 1916.

Brigadier General,  
D.A. & Q.M.G., III Corps.

Distribution :- Normal.