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<p>ROUGE DE BOUT & PERTILLON SECTOR of FIRING LINE</p>	<p>1916 JUNE 6</p>	<p>2130 2400</p>	<p>On the night of Tuesday 6th June the 10th Batta moved from billets - ROUGE de BOUT. to right sector Top firing line PETILLON SECTOR - from BOND ST to near NINE AVENUE - in accordance with operation order attached - marked A - we suffered only one casualty - viz. PRIV 2958 SEARLE of D Coy - who was wounded in the neck by indirect M.G. fire whilst coming along IMPERTINENCE AVENUE - shortly after midnight our Artillery shelled the Germans - otherwise - with exception of occasional bursts of M.G. fire the night was quiet -</p>	
	<p>7</p>		<p>Considerable Artillery activity on both sides our right Company's trenches were heavily shelled & parapets breached in several places - repairs were however effected during night - before daylight - V.C. AVENUE was also shelled & damaged in several places D & C Coys - were subjected to Rifle grenades - casualties - one man killed viz. 2675^B PRIV HEATH. C.R. & 3474^B Capt. CROSTON - R.I.P. severely wounded -</p>	
	<p>8</p>		<p>At 1600 enemy severely shelled our Right Coy A - Considerable damage was done to parapets & several dug outs - casualties - one man slightly wounded - heavy rain set in at 2000 & continued throughout the night - making the trenches very muddy & uncomfortable</p>	

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RIGHT BATT ⁿ IN FIRING LINE PETILLON SECTOR	1916	2130	At about 2130 enemy shelled A Coy (The 1st Flank Coy) lines - N. 8. d. 4.8 - 20 HE + shrapnel, doing considerable damage, breaking phone line. Capt HAMILTON - wisely removed his men to flank, away from position of line being shelled. By 2230 he reported all well & effected repairs to parapets - rain fell almost continuously during the night. Engineer working party was covered by a party of 2 officers - LUTHERVILLE & BOYCE and 27 OR.	
	JUNE 8		At about 1800 the enemy heavily shelled our A & B Coy. V.C. Avenue, Iron Post & along 300 line also PINNAY AV. - By 1825 enemy's shelling was so severe I called out Artillery to retaliate - but by 1900 the duel finished - not much damage was done - but one man killed - Lieut Inglis & BOYCE & 27 OR. sent out as a covering party to Engineer working party	
	9		During afternoon enemy shelled all along our front TROU POST V.C. Avenue - & 300 YD. line - one man killed - A party of 250 men from Pioneer BATT were working in no man's land. We furnished 3 officers & 50 OR as a covering party - one man of party was killed - LIEUT INGLIS - MELVILLE & BOYCE - in charge of covering party	
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FIRING LINE PETILLON SECTOR RIGHT BN 3 BCD	JUNE 11	1600	At 1600 the enemy retaliated to our Artillery fire & landed a number of heavy shells in our lines - doing damage to parapet & several dug outs. A large number of shells fell in Punney Avenue & in the vicinity of Batts HQ. 100 men in B Coy were wounded - the usual covering party for Honors was sent out three officers - Lt Inglis, Melville & Boyce - 50 O.R. - no casualties.	
	12	1300	48 Reinforcements reported @ 1715 a heavy Artillery duel took place & altho 13. Minenwerfers dropped about 25 yds in rear of A Coy parapet doing considerable damage to dug outs only one man was slightly wounded. The weather was very wet, but the usual covering party of 3 officers & 50 O.R. was sent out one man of party was killed & 2 slightly wounded.	
	13.		Very wet day, trenches in a dreadfully muddy condition, the usual Artillery duel during afternoon - Lieut McNeil was wounded in chest from a piece of shell - no work was done by Honors during night on account of heavy rain - a very wet & cold night	
	14		Quiet day @ midnight watches were put on an hour - at midnight enemy shelled us heavily & our Artillery responded vigorously - the duel lasted until about 2 AM - only one man slightly wounded.	

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FIRING LINE PETILLON SECTOR	JUNE		Fairly quiet day. Lieut Boyce & 6. OR sent out as patrol to ascertain whether a certain trench in No man's Land was occupied by Germans, during the night - but they found it empty. & apparently it had not been occupied.	
RIGHT BN 3 rd Bgd	15		We had a gas alarm @ abt 01:25 - but no gas came along @ 01:45 - we had all clear signal.	
	16		Lt Melville & 6. OR sent out into No man's Land for purpose of ascertaining whether the report that the Germans were sending out a very large armed party in No man's Land every night - the patrol returned @ 01:30 & reported that they had not seen any such party.	
	17		Our Artillery was particularly active all day, but the Enemy did not respond until abt 16:30 then they shelled us pretty heavily for over an hour but did very little damage. - Pioneer Battalion working out in front again & we furnish 2 officers & 50 OR as covering party - On account of heavy shelling & M.G. fire the Pioneers did not go out but Lieut Thomas who was out with our covering party captured 2 Germans of 16 th Bavarian Regt. - Lt Thomas wounded one of the men captured, by revolver fire the other prisoner was not wounded. - after this event the covering party was withdrawn as the Pioneers were not working.	

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FIRING LINE PETILLON SECTOR RIGHT COY of 3 Bgde	1916 JUNE 19	1000	At 1000 Enemy shelled our line + 300 yds TROU + BEE posts doing considerable damage + wounding 2 men - A covering party of 50 OR + 2 officers sent as protection for Pioneer Platoon working in No mans land - Three men were killed on night of 18/19 June the patrol sent out on night of 19/20 was shelled by Enemy - One officer Lieut Walsh was wounded - scalp wound on top of head had he not been wearing a steel helmet he would certainly have been killed - one other rank killed + 7 wounded	
		20	during the shelling of 300 line @ 1000 - several men were wounded 2105 ^B Piv PETER KING - gallantly rescued one wounded man under heavy shell fire -	
			Between 1300 + 1400 - heavy artillery duel - one man killed + damage done to trenches + parapets 2 men badly wounded - at 2230 heavily shelled our front line + our Artillery responded paratroops C Coy sector badly breached -	
		22	between 1700 + 1800 heavy Artillery duel - covering party for Pioneer reduced to 2 officers + 25 OR - between 2330 + 0010 on 23 rd D Coy of 51 st AIF relieved our D Coy - At 2330 gas alarm - but no gas came - all clear given at midnight	

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FIRING LINE.	1916 JUNE	22	Two men were wounded whilst out on covering party -	
PETILLON SECTOR	23	23	At aft 1630 Enemy shelled us very heavily no less than 250 shells falling in our area - PINNEY + VC Troop damaged - no casualties but one man of 51 Bn + 1. T.M. By man wounded - A heavy thunderstorm broke over our lines during the shelling making the trenches very wet + muddy - rain fell thro' night + the Germans kept shelling our materials, but did no damage -	
RIGHT Coy 373900	24		@ 2245 Enemy shelled our lines but did very little damage. shortly after midnight our B Coy was pulverised by B Coy of 51 Bn.	
	25		Quiet day - but @ 1115 enemy shelled VC Troop doing some little damage -	
	26		During afternoon enemy heavily shelled VC + PINNAY AT + @ about 2330 again shelled our trenches - one man in 51 st + one man in A Coy killed - the shelling during night was close to Bn HQ - but fortunately they did no damage -	

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FIRING LINE PETILLON SECTOR Push of Line 3 Bgn	1916 JUNE 26.		At 1500 heavy Artillery duel until 1600, at 2100 heavy rain fell & continued until abt 2300 - C. Coy + M.G. Sec of 51 Bn. relieved our C. Coy + M.G. sect. & at midnight I handed over command of trenches to Col Ross 51 Bn. & proceeded to Bill M Wood SAILEY. - reaching there at abt 2 AM on 27 th June	
	28		During night our A Coy - Bombers - Intelligence + Super were relieved by 51 st Bn. - Operation order for relief from trenches marked B. & attached	

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 2Appendix No. A

by Lieut. Col. (Hon. Col.) S. Price Weir, V.D. Commdg. 10th. Inf. Batt. A.I.F.

In the Field. 5th. June 1916.

MOVE.

1. The Battalion less details mentioned below (Advance party) will move forward to front line, PETILLON SECTOR on night of 6/7 June relieving the 9th. Battalion.

2. Order of march & times.

"B" Company 9.30
~~7/7~~ "C" Company 9.30
 M.G. Section 9.30
 Specialist Section 9.30.
 "A" Company 1030
 "D" Company 1100

The support or Post platoon of each Company will march in rear.

3. ROUTE. "B", "A", "M.G. Sect.", Intelligence, & H.Q. Bombers, TWO TREE FARM thence V.C. Avenue.

"C", "D", Signallers & Pioneers Weathercock House emergency Road to RUE de BOIS, Impertinence Avenue, thence by Pinneys Ave.

4. POSITION. Front Line, A, B, C, D Coys. less 1 platoon each, "A" Coy on the right.

TROU POST 1 platoon "C" Coy., BEE POST 1 platoon "A" Coy.

300 yards line. 1 platoon each "B" & "D" Coys.

Specialist Section will relieve Specialist Section of 9th. Batt.

INSTRUCT- 5. DRESS. Marching Order with W.P. Sheet and 1 Blanket. Water bottle
 IONS. to be filled, 24 hours & iron rations to be carried on the man.
 120 rounds of ammunition.

6. Baggage. Baggage will be reduced to an absolute minimum. ALL surplus Stores, are to be packed securely, marked distinctly, & together with the second blanket rolled in bundles of 25 marked returned to Regtl. Store by ration waggon on 5th. inst. The second blanket will be available for re-issue on return from the trenches.

7. TRANSPORT. One limber waggon will be available for Company Officers baggage, waggon will be ready for loading at "A" Coy. at 2130 on 6th. inst. and will proceed to "D", "C", & "B" Coys., respectively. Batmen to proceed with waggon and unload at Transport Dump, TWO TREE FARM, then carry baggage forward.

8. WATER CARTS. will be filled and taken to 9th. Batt. Aid Post RUE DE BOIS on night of 5th. inst., and A.M.C. Detail (less R.M.O. & Corpl.) will proceed with the carts. Battn. Water Carts will be brought back by 10th. Batt. Transport the personnel for these carts will hand over their duties and return also.

9. CAMP KETTLES. The Sergt. Cook will collect 80 Camp Kettles from Coys., and have them stacked with the billet stores to be handed over at Battn. Hdqs., obtaining a receipt from 9th. Battalion representative. He will then proceed to trenches and take over 80 kettles from 9th. Battalion.

10. ADVANCE PARTY. One Officer per Company, 1 N.C.O. per platoon and Specialist Section, R.S.M., Pioneer Corpl., and 1 Sanitary man per Company and six signallers will form the Advance Party. This party will assemble at Battn. Hdqs. at 1000 on 6th. inst. The senior Officer will command, and report at 9th. Batt. Hdqs by 1130 same date.

The advance party will take over all trench and post stores giving a receipt for same. Copy of receipt will be forwarded to Batt. Hdqs on 7th. inst. The R.S.M. will check and have a list prepared of all stores, maps etc., at Battalion Hdqs. ready for signature.

The N.C.Os. of advance party will act as guides meeting their platoons or sections at the entrance to the Avenues, V.C. or PINNEYS. Advance party will carry water bottles filled, balance of day, 24 hours and iron rations.

R.M.O. & A.M.C. Corpl. will be at 9th. Batt at 1400 ready to take over

11. WORKING PARTIES. No working parties will be provided between 1400 on 6th. and 0800 on 7th.

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- 12. SALVAGE. A salvage party of the Orderly Officer, 1 N.C.O. per Company and 1 man per billet will be left behind to collect all spare equipment and to ensure that the billets are left clean. The Officer will report at Batt. Hdqs with party on completion.
- 13. Company Commanders will impress upon all ranks the necessity for silence and strict obedience to orders during the move. Smoking is prohibited.
- 14. Addenda to Brigade Defence Scheme, Additions to trench standing orders, and Time Table issued herewith.

G. H. Hagen
 Capt. & Adj. 10th. Inf.

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1	File	14.50.
2	"A" Coy.	
3	"B" Coy.	
4	"C" Coy.	
5	"D" Coy.	
6	M.G. Sect.	
7	Signallers.	
8	Intelligence.	
9	Bombers.	
10	Senior Major.	
11	Q.M.	
12.	Spare.	

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Operation Order No 3

by Lt Col (hon Col) A. Price Weir. V. D.
Commdg 10th Infy Bn A. I. F.

Front line trenches 22.6.16

Relief (1) The Bⁿ will be relieved by the 51st Bn (13th Infy Bn) by boys, on dates as stated below:-

- D boy night of 22/23 June.
- B " " " 24/25 "
- C " " " 26/27 "
- A " " " 28/29 "

Head Qrs less Bn Bombing & Scout Platoons
26/27 June

Machine Gun Section, Bn Bombing and Scout
Platoons 28/29 June.

Machine Gun Section, Bn Bombing and Scout
Platoons of 51st Bn will move in on night of 22/23 June

Advance (2) Capt Hamilton, 1 NCO per Parties platoon
of "D" boy, 1, NCO and 3 Sigs will report at
Bn Hdqrs at 1000 22nd inst ready to proceed to
near SAILLY to take over Billets and Billet stores.
This party will find Guides to meet boy at
NORTH of SAILLY BRIDGE about 23.45, 22nd inst
boys will reconnoitre billets, take over stores and
provide guides at NORTH of SAILLY BRIDGE for other
boys or parties as follows:-

- D boy for B boy
- B " " C "
- C " " A " Machine Gun Sec, Bn Bombing
and Scout Platoons
- B " " H. Q.

Capt. Hamilton will notify Bn Hd Qrs, by 1800
on 23rd inst, where Bn Hd. Qrs, will be situated
(giving map reference) also stating accommodation.

French Stores.

French stores will be handed over to Advance Parties of 51st Bn and receipts obtained, copy of receipts to be forwarded to Bn H.Q. by 1200 on 29th inst.

Battn Stores.

All Bn stores periscopes, leather jackets etc, will be returned to Q.M. stores on RUE DE BOIS by boys on day on which they move out.

Transport.

One lumbered wagon will be available for boy and Bn H.Q. officers baggage at 2200, Q.M. Stores RUE DE BOIS, on the night boy and Hd Qrs move. The Bn Transport will be used for supplies to 51st Bn, untill further orders.

The Bn, will be supplied with Transport under arrangements made by O. C. Divisional Train

(Signed)

G. C. Magenis Capt
Adjut 18th Inf Bn.

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| 2 | "A" Coy. |
| 3 | "B" Coy |
| 4 | "C" Coy |
| 5 | "D" Coy. |
| 6 | M.G.O |
| 7 | Signalers. |
| 8 | Intelligence |
| 9 | Bombers |
| 10 | Senior Major |
| 11 | I. No. |
| 12 | 51 st Batt. |
| 13 | Spare. |