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Date	Place and Time	III rd Aust Bn	Remarks or References to appendices attached
1 st Sept	VICTORIA CAMP	<p>During the forenoon training was carried out by Companies in Musketry Bayonet fighting Physical training Rifle exercises Guards & Sentries Lewis M & G Signalling The Intelligence Platoon was reorganised by Lt Ross and instruction imparted in Map reading etc.</p>	VOLUME VII
2 nd	"	<p>During the afternoon the Co. held a Battalion Parade and Inspection.</p> <p>General Training was carried out under Coy arrangements. Two members proceed to Sniping School at CAMIERS. Move orders were received to take up Reserve</p>	W. H. H. [Signature]

Date	Place		Remarks or References to Appendices attached.
1916	and time		
2 nd Sept.		Camp at a place known as Dominion Camp. The Bn moved out at 1.30 by Route March and arrived at new location at 3 P.M. when the men were dismissed for the day.	J.R. Roberts L.C.
3 rd Sept.	DOMINION CAMP.	Church Services were held during the morning. The C.O. Lt-Col ROBERTS left for 7 days leave to ENGLAND and the Command of the Bn was taken over (Temporary) by MAJOR J.S. DENTON D.S.O. Two members of the Signal Section proceeded to ZUYPTEEENE to attend a course in Signalling.	J.R. Roberts L.C.
4 th "	"	Training under Coy arrangements were carried out as per Syllabus. The 2 nd in Command V.M.C. attended course of instruction at Gas School.	

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14 th Sept.	DOMINION CAMP	<p>1/ Lt LYONS and party of 10 O.R. returned from Lewis M. G. School.</p> <p>2/ Lt. PROUT & 2 N.C.O proceeded to CAMIERS for course of instruction in Rifle Grenades etc. A party of 86 reinforcements arrived from ETAPLES and joined the Bn, making the strength of the Bn 30 officers 813 O.R. Total 843.</p> <p>A Party of 2 officers & 3 N.C.O (Captain HEMINGWAY & Lt KRÜGER) visited the front line trenches for the purpose of reporting on conditions of same with a view of moving troops etc if called upon to occupy same.</p> <p>The Chaplain (Rev JOHN FAHEY D.S.O) —</p>

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Date	Place		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
1916 4 th Sept.	DOMINION CAMP	Left for IRELAND on 14 days leave of absence.	
5 th	"	Training was continued during the day under Coy arrangements in, Physical Training, Signalling, Buzzes, Telephone, Lewis Gun, Stoppages, Mechanism, J. D. Range Cards, Bombers, Platoon Drill, Dummy Bombs throwing, Trench tactics, Bayonet fighting. Coys: Gas lecture, Arm Drill & Smoke, Lecture on Scouting & Patrols, Route March, Musketry, Foot inspection, Guards & Sentries, mutual support. Captain HERDER, Major DENTON, Lt HALLAHAN, 3 N.C.O.s & one Messenger visited the front line today to inspect & report on same, with a view of being of assistance on taking over the line.	RR Robt Wyle

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1916 6 th Sept.	DOMINION CAMP	<p>General Training in the following Subjects were carried out under Coy arrangements:-</p> <p>Visual Signalling, Physical Training, M. G. Stoppages, Stripping, T. D. Bayonet fighting, Platoon Drill, Bomb Throwing, Route March, Rifle Exercises, Musketry Instruction.</p> <p>A Party of 4 men considered unfitted for trench work (various causes) were sent to D.H.Q. to take on light duty. Lt BROOKS and seven men left to take charge of Grenade Stores etc, taken over from the Canadian Division. 11 other ranks rejoined from hospital. 1/2 DENT-YOUNG & BARRY & 1 messenger H.Q. & 2 N.C.O. visited the front line.</p>	<p>Mr Roberts 10/6</p>
7 th	"	<p>General Training in the following Subjects were carried out under Coy</p>	

Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
7 th Sept	DOMINION CAMP	<p>arrangements, Inspection of Arms & Equipment, Training of P.V. & Coy Signallers, Visual Buzzer, & Telephone, S.G. Detachment, Mechanism, Stripping, Stoppages, Semaphore Sig, Bombs:- Route March, Firing Rifle Grenades & Bombs, Coys:- Inspection of Arms & Equip, Gas Lecture, Physical Drill running, Musketry instructions, Bomb Practice, Bayonet Fighting, Coy to Platoon Drill, Section Guards & Sentries, Route march, Foot inspection.</p> <p>MAJOR DENTON D.S.O visited the front- line with the view of getting information regarding the route for moving in etc. Two Officers (Lts R. HALL & D. HARDY) and 6 other ranks attended at D.I.V. Gas School for a 2 days course in Defensive Gas measures. Lt. Col BIRDWOOD visited</p>

J.R. Robb
1/10/16

Date	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appendix attached
1916 8/9/16	DOMINION CAMP	<p>the Camp today.</p> <p>Training was carried out under Coy arrangements in the following subjects: Semaphore Signalling, Lewis M.G. Detachments & Bombing Platoon proceeded to Divisional School for instruction under dist instructors. Coys carried out the following: Gas Lecture, Physical Instruction, Rifle Exercises, Bayonet fighting, Platoon Drill, Musketry Instruction, Extended Order, Mutual Support, Route March. N° 4294 Pte SMITH F.H. & N° 5236 Pte WEARMOUTH R. returned from SHIPING SCHOOL. Lt BELFORD & BEASLEY & 2 N.C.O.s 1 Pte Messinger visited the Front Line at 0400 today.</p>
9/9/16	"	<p>Training was carried out by Coys as follows: Instruction in the use and fitting of the new Gas. Rose (Small) Respirator</p>

*JP Robb
1916*

Date	Place & Time		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
9 th Sept- 1916	DOMINION CAMP	<p>issued today, in addition instruction in the following Subjects were carried out; Signalling, Small Flag & Telephone, J.D. Physical Training, Bomb Throwing and Trench Tactics, Rifle Exercises, Bayonet fighting & general Revision of work.</p> <p>²/LT BEATTIE and two men proceeded to Sniping School at MONT DES CATS.</p> <p>²/LT LONG & Sgt BROWN proceeded to Infantry School of Instruction at CAMIERS</p> <p>Lieut C. G. ROSS & ²/P. W. LYONS visited the front line today at 0200.</p>	<p>Robert Lobel</p>
10 th Sept-	"	<p>Church Parade was held today at 0900 at RENINHELST.</p> <p>Protestant Parade 10¹⁵ & 11¹⁵ Pms on 11th Pm Parade Ground. The DIVISIONAL Com^{DR} attended</p>	

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10 th Sept.	DOMINION CAMP	this parade. The C.O Lt-Col ROBERTS returned from leave. The following officers and other ranks returned from Courses of instruction Lt PROUT & 3 O.R. from Grenade School, Sergt BATHGATE from Infantry School.	Lt Roberts file
11 th " "	"	Lts R. HALL & D. HARDY with 3 N.C.Os visited the front-line trenches. Bathing Parades were held during the morning by camp. The whole of the Bombing Platoons of the Bde held a competition in the following: 1. Rifle exercises by Platoons under own officers. 2. Throwing Practices Teams of 12 men. 5 Bombs at Bull's Eye target at each Range. Distances - 25, 30 & 35 Yds - 3. Rifle Grenades. Teams of 8 men. 5 Grenades each at	Lt Roberts file

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11 th Sept	DOMINION CAMP	<p>unknown Range, firing from a trench.</p> <p>4. Throwing Practices. Teams of 1 N.C.O & 7 men throwing from behind a Screen. 3 Bombs each Range. N.C.O. to direct fire, distances 25 & 30 Yds.</p> <p>5. Bayonet fighting Teams of 1 N.C.O & 6 men. 6 Trench tactics. Teams of 1 N.C.O & 7 men. Clearing 100 Yds of trench to a flank. 7 Relay Race. Teams of 12 men. distance 100 Yds. N° 8. Tug of War. Teams of 12 men aside. Our Bombing Platoon (LT. R. A. CLARKE) was successful in winning N° 2, 4, 6 7 & 8 Events. The competition in each case being very keenly contested.</p> <p>Serge D. ROBERTSON returned from Instructional School ETAPLES where</p>	<p>Roberts Hoy</p>

Date 1916	Place and Time		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
11 th Sept	DOMINION CAMP	he has been acting as an Instructor at the Training Camp.	
		The following officers & OR visited the front line: 2/Lts AYLING & COOKE with 3 other ranks	R Roberts J. B. L.
12 th	" "	Training was carried out by Coy's during the morning as under: No. Signaling, Telephone courses, Bomb throwing, Physical Training, Rifle Exercises, Bayonet fighting, & Musketry instruction.	
		During afternoon, preparation to move into line in close support. Left DOMINION CAMP at 1900 by route march for BRADDOCK, arriving at 2000. Entrained for SPRES, arriving 2100. Thence by route march to the following positions: A Coy BATTERSEA (I. 23. G. 8. 2.) B Coy to S. P. 9	R Roberts J. B. L.

Date	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
1916 12 th Sept	Railway Dug. I 28. D. 45.9. C. Coy less 2 Platoons to FOSSE- OUTS. I 21. C 558 WAY I 22. D. 7.25. Bn Hd. Also Signallers, Intelligence Platoons, Bombers, 2 Platoons C Coy & D Coy to RAILWAY DUGOUTS I 21. C 558. Relieving the 3 rd Bn 1 st Inf. Bde at 7.30 without accident or hitch of any kind. 2 nd Lieut. RIEGES and 3 OR returned from C.M.G. Course. 20 other ranks reinforcements joined the Bn making a total of 30 officers & 840 OR. Strength of Bn. The transport was able to bring Rations, water etc to RAILWAY DUGOUTS, and then moved back to H. 13. C. 8. 3. MAP for all above SHEET N.W. 28 I. 20,000. MAJOR J. S. DENTON, D.S.O left for England on 7 days leave of absence.	Copy of orders attached J.R. Roberts J.L.
13 th Sept	The Coy & 2 Platoons of C Coy at Bn Hd Qtrs were employed in cleaning up the Camp & building, repairing dugouts	

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1916	to time		
Sept-13 th	RAILWAY DUG OUTS I. 21. C. 5 1/2. B	They were detailed into working parties to carry out work in the front line, as under: Two parties of 1 officer 150 O.R., 1 party of 1 officer 140 O.R., 1 party of 1 officer 175 and one party of 25 O.R. to move out after dusk.	
Sept-14 th	"	The General Officer Commanding 1 st Anzac Corps visited the front line today. Lt Col ROBERTS C.O. 11 th Bn with the D.O. (Lt ROSE) also visited the front line and the Corps and Detachments of the Bn at their positions. Casualties to date 1 man killed (snipped) No 3305 Pte F.W. CRACKNELL C Coy. Enemy fairly quiet except for constant snipping. Working parties were again supplied as above, and two additional parties of	J.R. Roberts 13/10

Date 1916	Place & Time	Remarks or References to Appendix attached
14 th Sept	RAILWAY DUG OUTS I. 21. C. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. 8	<p>one officer & 20 or there parties are employed in the front line trenches, and as carrying parties. The trenches are in a deplorable condition, and they are being made deeper & generally cleaned up, the duck boards taken up and relaid etc. No 479 Corp T. J. SANSON "B" Coy was killed today by a sniper, at the corner of VERBRANDEN & JACKSON ST. (I 28. B. 4. 5)</p> <p>1. 20000 N. W. 2/ Lieut. A. C. ELLIOTT reported for duty from wounded list.</p> <p>The C.O. Lt. Col ROBERTS & Lt. Ross visited the Coy in their positions. The following officers are at present with the Bn in the operations:- Bn Staff- C.O. Lt. Col S. R. ROBERTS, Adj. CAPT K. McLENNAN, M.O. Capt E. M. FISHER. I.O. Lt. C. G. ROSS, Sig. Off.</p>

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14 th Sept.	RAILWAY DUG OUTS. I. 21. C. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. 8.	Lt. A. C. BRODIE, L.M.G. off. 2/Lt. L. G. RICHES, Bombing off. Lt. R. A. CLARKE, "A" Coy. Capt. R. HEMINGWAY DE. Coy. officers 2/Lt. W. DENT-YOUNG, 2/Lt. P. W. LYONS, 2/Lt. D. HARDY & 2/Lt. W. W. GRAHAM, "B" Coy. Capt. (Temp) W. KRÜGER DE. Coy. officers, 2/Lt. J. L. BARRY, 2/Lt. C. PROUT, 2/Lt. W. A. AYLING, "C" Coy. Capt. DIXON. HEARDER DE. Lt. R. HALL, 2/Lt. R. BEATTIE, 2/Lt. F. R. BEASLEY, 2/Lt. A. C. ELLIOTT, "D" Coy. Capt. (Temp) W. R. HALLAHAN. DE. Lt. W. C. BELFORD, Lt. J. M. AITKEN, 2/Lt. L. C. COOKE, T. off. Lt. A. G. BURGESS, R.M. Lt. G. EGG.
15 th Sept.	"	Working parties furnished for work on trenches etc the same as yesterday. The C.O. & the J.O. M.O. visited the Coy's in their positions, 2/Lt. R. BEATTIE & 3 OR returned from Sniping School. 22 OR

W. R. Beattie
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Date	Place and Time		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
1916	RAILWAY	joined the Bn as Reinforcements, Defensive	attached
15 th Sept	DUG-OUTS	Scheme for present Situation drawn up	Copy attached.
	I. 21. C. 54. 8	and measures for Safety arranged.	
16 th "	"	<p>The Fatigue parties for night-work were cancelled with the exception of three parties i.e. one of 15 O.R. for tunneling, two of 1 N.C.O & 20 O.R. reporting at Hd Qtrs 1930 also one party of 1 officer and 50 O.R. reporting at 0530 for reclaiming work at JACKSON'S DUMP. The party of 30 O.R. assisting the 1st Bn Pioneers in building dugouts at RAILWAY DUG-OUTS reported as usual. The Coys A & B & 2 Platoons of C Coy were busy improving the trenches in their positions. Generally the enemy quiet during the day.</p>	SR Rodak 1916
17 th "	"	Fatigue parties supplied as usual, but numbers increased by 1 officer	

Date	Place	Remarks or References to appendices attached
1916	and time	
17 th Sept	RAILWAY DUGOUTS and 20 O.R., 36 Reinforcements & 8 W.A. I. H. C. 53.8	from wounded joined the Battalion, making fighting strength of P.M. a total of 27 officers & 824 O.R., The C.O. B. Col S. R. ROBERTS and the J.O. R. C. G. Ross visited the front line trenches with the view of taking over on the night of 19/20, and orders issued accordingly copy attached.
18 th	"	Coys supplied the usual working parties for duty on same scale as yesterday. The work is rendered very difficult owing to the very wet weather prevailing. Both sides very quiet today, very little in the way of firing being done on either side.
19 th	"	The usual fatigues supplied for front line. Preparations for taking over

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Date 1914	Place and Line		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
19 th Sept-	RAILWAY DUG OUTS I. 21. C. 5 1/2. 8	The Front Line from 9 th P.M. Left RAILWAY DUG OUTS at 8 P.M. and arrived at 9 th P.M. Hd Qtrs MARSHALL WALK at 8.45 P.M. all Camps taking over their respective positions by 11 P.M. without a hitch x	x Copy of
20 th Sept-	MARSHALL WALK I. 29. C. 2 1/2. 5 1/2 1/10000 MAP ZILLEBEKE N. V. H.	The night was fairly quiet on our front positions but the weather conditions were very bad and trying for the men on the front trenches owing to the want of suitable shelters, All available men were employed in improving the front line trenches, and building dugouts in support trenches as shelters for the men. At 8.30 P.M. a small mine was fired by The CANADIAN TUNNELLING Coy near the Crater, resulting in some damage to enemy trenches and some considerable groaning was	W.R. [Signature]

Date 1916	Place Tinne	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
20 th Sept	MARSHALL WALK was heard coming from the direction I. 29 C. 25. 55	of many benches, some damage was caused to our own front benches and we had one man injured by a fall of earth. The Chaplain reported back to duty from leave (Capt. The Rev. JOHN FAHY)
21 st	"	Working parties still active on repairs to benches etc. The parties are now organised in Squads of 5 under a Sapper, this arrangement of working giving very good results. The weather is still very wet & cold, but as all parties are provided with Gumm Boots and dry socks the health of the Bn remains good, Whale oil is issued for the purpose of being rubbed on the feet to keep

John Fahey
H. H. H.

Date	Place	Time	Remarks or References to Appendix attached
1916 21 st Sept	I. 29, C. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Therm warm & it acts with good results Soaks are changed daily & dry ones brought up to the line at night by transport. Enemy very quiet.	R. P. [Signature]
22 nd Sept	"	Working parties are still busy on repairs to tunnelling etc. Enemy shelled RAILWAY DUGOUTS this morning, doing some damage to dugouts, and causing some casualties otherwise the day passed off fairly quiet. Enemy snipers were however active and killed one Sapper & one of our men, No 5453 Pte PETTIGROVE C. in one of the observation posts. The weather has improved a little & the trenches are drying up. Our air craft very active. At 6 P.M. the enemy shelled the Dump with minnewerfers	

Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Documents attached
22 nd Sept	MARSHALL WALK	<p>for about 1/2 an hour without I. 29. C. 2 1/2. 5 1/2 doing any damage, but Stokes Guns replied, firing about 100 Rds and silenced the enemy & causing him some damage, Major DENTON D.S.O. reported for duty from leave in England.</p>
23 rd "	"	<p>Fatigue parties furnished as usual today and as the weather has cleared up the conditions in the trenches are very much improved, one man slightly wounded by piece of shell Lt BELFORD left today to act as an Instructor at the Divisional School of Instruction. The MUNRO, MAY & SMITH reported at Div H Bto to undergo examination for the Royal Flying Corps. During the afternoon the</p>

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Date	Place or Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached.
1916 23 rd Sept	MARSHALL WALK I 29, C. 2 1/2, D 1/2	<p>Enemy shelled our support trenches and demolished one of our dugouts killing one man, No 4347 Pte W. E. LACEY & wounding No 3383 Pte H. J. JONES, after a few rounds was fired by our Artillery the enemy shelling stopped, Enemy snipers were fairly active again today and No 531 Sgt. L. M. DELBRIDGE was killed by them at 8 P.M. in one of our advanced posts, otherwise the day passed fairly quiet; The C.O. and Coy officers of the 10 Bn visited our various trenches & posts with a view of releasing the Bn at an early date, orders for relief received at 2200 today.</p>

M. Roberts
Pte

Date 1916	Place & Time		Remarks or References to Appendix attached.
24/9/16	MARSHALL WALK I. 29. C. 25. 5 ^{1/2}	<p>Fatigues carried on as usual today. Representatives from 10th Bn arrived at 0500 and began to check and take orders trench stores etc. ready for tonight's move. Enemy very quiet today. Relief completed at 2300 without a hitch. Our Coy's moving out independently to the Railway near the Asylum at YPRES the last of the Companies (D) arriving at 0400 0400, we had to wait for 1/2 an hour for our train. The Bn entrained and left at 0200 arriving at VLA MERTINGHE at 0230 and at HALIFAX Camp at 0330 when Coy's were detailed to their Huts.</p>	<p>Remains of References to Appendix attached.</p> <p>JR Robb JH</p>
25/9/16	HALIFAX Camp.	<p>General clean up during the forenoon. During afternoon Coy's</p>	

Date	Place		Remarks or References to
1916	Time		All appended
25/9/16	HALIFAX CAMP.	had the use of the Hot-Baths and all the men had a Hot-Bath.	Photographs M. W. L.
26/9/16	"	Training and reorganising was carried out in the following:- Inspection of Arms, Equipment & Clothing & check of shortages, Musketry instructions, Fire Control & direction, Bayonet Fighting, Lecture Scouts & Patrols, Drill with Small Box Respirators. Major DENTON D.S.O left the Bn to take Command of the 10th Bn.	M. W. L.
27/9/16	"	Training carried out under Coy arrangements in above with addition of training in rapid construction of wire entanglements. & instruction of Raiding Teams.	M. W. L.

Date 1916	Place & Time		Remarks or References to Appendices
27/9/16	HALIFAX CAMP	Capt. G. F. MASON reported for duty from Seconded list. (A.P.M.)	attached,
28/9/16	"	Training was carried out under Coy arrangements viz:-	R Roberts HBE
		Physical training, Coy drill, Bomb throwing, Gas drill, Musketry instruction, Bayonet fighting, Patrols, Working, Route march, Raiding teams. 24 men, miners & earth workers marched out to join 1st Pioneer Bn. The Bn was inspected by Major Genl. H. B. Walker C.B. D.S.O. during the afternoon, straight on parade 24 officers, 648 other ranks.	R Roberts HBE
29/9/16	"	Training under Coy arrangements carried out as above. Capt. G. F. CAMPBELL reported for duty from	

by
Lieut-Colonel S.R.ROBERTS,
Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
DOMINION CAMP. 12/9/16.

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- MOVE. (1) The Battalion will move into the Close Support Lines at YPRES on night of 12/13th September and will be distributed as follows:
Bn.Hqrs, Bombers and Signallers and Intelligence Platoon =
Railway Embankment.
'A' Coy. = BATTERSEA FARM.
'B' Coy. = STRONG POINT 9.
'C' Coy. = FOSSEWAY AND SUNKEN ROAD.
'D' Coy. = RAILWAY EMBANKMENT.
- ROUTE. (2) Consequent upon the above the Battalion will march at 1900 on 12th Sept., to entrain at BRANDHOER at 1945. It will detrain at the Asylum, YPRES, where guides (except for 'D' Coy) will be furnished by 3rd Battalion.
As soon as the station is cleared by the 9th Battalion the Companies will move independently to their respective posts maintaining a distance of not less than 200 yards between units.
- DRESS. (3) Full marching order plus blanket and oil sheet.
- TRANSPORT. (4) Stores and camp equipment will be sent forward by Regimental Transport leaving at 1930. Companies will supply necessary fatigues.
- RATIONS. (5) One days rations will be carried on the man.
- ADVANCE PARTIES. (6) Advance Parties will be sent forward to take over trench stores etc. A list of the articles taken over to be sent to the Bn.Hqrs. by 0600 on 13th September.
- REPORT. (7) Companies will report to Bn.Hqrs., when relief has been effected and will detail a messenger to remain at Bn.Hqrs.
- PRECAUTIONS. (8) Companies will make provision for protection against gas and Attack by the enemy.
- TELEPHONE MESSAGES. (9) Except in case of urgent necessity only routine messages will be sent by telephone. So far as practicable runners are to be employed. Secret instructions have been issued in regard to the above.
- Q.M's & etc. PERSONNEL. (10) The Transport and Quartermaster's personnel will be at H.13.C.8.3.
- REPORTS. (11) Reports are to be rendered punctually and regularly in accordance with instructions issued under separate cover.
- ORDER OF MARCH. (12) D.A., Signallers, Bombers, B & C Coys.
- STARTING POINT. (13) The head of the column will pass on to the main road at 1900.

S.R. Roberts
.....Captain,
A/Adjutant, 11th Battalion.

15.9.16

HILL 80 Sector from TRENCH 38 inclusive to
FOSSEWAY TRENCH.

Reference Map - ZILLEBEKE. 38.N.W.4. N.E.3. (Parts of 1/10000)

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APPRECIATION. (1) The Front Line is in a very bad condition, it contains a limited number of pipe positions and fire steps.

The parapets are weak and thin, generally speaking the Front Line is not a formidable barrier to a determined onslaught by the enemy.

At present it is weakly held and communication trenches for the Front Line are in disrepair. The Front Line is held by a chain of posts and machine guns only sufficiently strong to localize an enemy's raiding party but not sufficiently strong to resist a determined attack made in force.

ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK BY ENEMY. (2) a- Two Companies hold the Front Line supported by 8 Lewis Guns and 4 Stokes Mortars.

In the event of attack the Front Line Companies will man the parapets and resist the enemy's advances.

b- Two Companies are in the support lines. The Company in Right Support will move by MARSHALL WALK and man parapets in METROPOLITAN RIGHT from MARSHALL WALK to BENSHAM ROAD.

The Company in Left Support will man the parapets in METROPOLITAN LEFT from BENSHAM ROAD to ZILLEBEKE SWITCH.

c- The Company in STRONG POST NO. 9 will take its orders from the C.O. Battalion in the Forward Line. It will move via JACKSON STREET, thence by JOHNSON STREET across CUTTING and hold itself in readiness in BENSHAM ROAD TO METROPOLITAN RIGHT AND THERE AWAIT ORDERS.

d- The Australian Pioneer Detachment (28 details) will move across CUTTING via ~~TRENCH 4711~~ in rear of the DUMP near RAILWAY ARCH and man parapets in TRENCH 38.

e- Two sections of the 3rd Canadian Tunnelling Company (160 details) will move across CUTTING via TRENCH ~~KMXX4711~~ in rear of the DUMP. One section (80) will then take up position in WYE STREET and DIAGONAL TRENCH TO ACT AS SUPPORTS TO garrison in TRENCH 38 and to protect the Right flank. The remaining section (80) will take cover in the DUMP and its vicinity acting as a reserve and there await orders.

f- The Headquarters Bombers of the Battalion in the Front Line will be detailed as follows for action as outlined hereunder.

Two teams under Bombing Sergeant will remain in readiness in ~~REAR~~ METROPOLITAN RIGHT close to junction with MARSHALL WALK. The two remaining teams will remain in readiness in ALLAN STREET near junction of METROPOLITAN LEFT. Each team will be accompanied by 4 Rifle Grenadiers. Each team will carry 160 bombs and 80 rifle grenades.

Should the enemy secure a footing in the Front Line Trenches the bombers will push down communication trenches on the enemy's flanks and drive him inwards, the teams on either flank working towards each other. The rifle grenadiers will work in rear.

g- Lewis Guns of Battalion in Support. The two Lewis Guns and teams from the Company in STRONG POINT NO. 9 will, in accordance with arrangements already made, report to the Bombing Officer of the Battalion in the Front Line and co-operate with the Bombers.

Two Lewis Guns with teams of 'D' Company will move too and report to the Battalion Headquarters in the Forward Line and await orders. Forty loaded magazines will be carried.

Party, if working in K TRENCH, will remain to defend that trench, sending a party to their Company Headquarters for a supply of bombs and S.A.A.

Party in FOSSEWAY and ZILLEBEKE SWITCH will at once organise and await orders from the C.O. of the Supporting Battalion. The remainder of Battalion will assemble at their respective Company Headquarters ready for immediate action.

All working parties, if in the Front Line System, will be under the orders of the C.O. Battalion in the Front Line and will at once send to his headquarters to report where they are, numbers and dispositions. Should time not admit of this they will be under the orders of the Senior Officer on the spot.

The Adjutant will report to Brigade Headquarters.

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GENERAL. (3) Every endeavour must be made to keep the enemy confined to any trench in which he may obtain a footing. Flanking Platoons and Bombers will ensure this is in order that the counter attack may be delivered on as narrow a front as possible.

All maps, orders and papers of interest to the enemy will be collected and if possible sent to the rear, otherwise they must be destroyed.

SR Roberts

.....Lieut-Colonel,
Commanding 11th Battalion.

Copies to:-

1. O.C. 'A' Coy.
2. O.C. 'B' Coy.
3. O.C. 'C' Coy.
4. O.C. 'D' Company.
5. B.O.
6. L.M.G.O.
7. Intell. Officer.
8. C.O.
9. File.
10. War Diary. -

by
 Lieut-Colonel S.R.ROBERTS,
 Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
 IN THE FIELD. 18/9/1916.

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- RELIEF. (1) The Battalion will relieve I.A.31. in the Front Line on the night 19/20th September 1916.
- DISTRIBUTION (2) The distribution of the Battalion will be as follows:-
- (a) 'B' Coy., in Front Line, Posts 38 to 41 inclusive and will keep in touch with Battalion on Right by patrols.
 - (b) 'A' Coy., in Front Line, Post 41 to GAP.
 - (c) 'D' Coy., in close support manning METROPOLITAN LEFT.
 - (d) 'C' Coy., in Reserve occupying position in LARCH WOOD and will find Officer and Machine Guns for posts in GAP.
 - (e) Headquarters Bombers - Half in DUMP dugouts, remainder in Infantry Tunnel. They will provide at night 10 bombers for FOSSE POST, 10 for GLASGOW POST and 3 for BERRY POST.
 - (f) Intelligence Platoon - Corner of MARSHALL WALK and METROPOLITAN RIGHT.
 - (g) Regimental Aid Post - LARCH WOOD.
 - (h) Headquarters Signallers - Near Battalion Headquarters.
 - (i) Pioneers - In DUMP.
 - (k) Battalion Headquarters - In MARSHALL WALK.
- LEWIS GUNS. (3) In right sector Front Line - 'B' Coy., 2 guns and crews and 1 gun and crew of 'D' Coy.
 In left sector Front Line - 'A' Coy., 2 guns and crews.
 In METROPOLITAN LEFT 'D' Coy., 1 gun and crew.
 'C' Coy., guns in reserve by day. By night 1 gun and crew FOSSE POST, 1 gun and crew BERRY POST.
- RELIEF. (4) Relief will be carried out independently by Companies after dark; following routes to be taken:
- 'A' Coy., - via KNOLL ROAD, METROPOLITAN LEFT, ALLEN STREET to Front Line.
 - 'B' Coy., - via VERBRANDEN ROAD, VERBRANDEN TRENCH, MARSHALL WALK to Front Line.
 - 'C' Coy., - via VERBRANDEN ROAD, JOHNSTON STREET, to LARCH WOOD.
 - 'D' Company - via KNOLL ROAD to METROPOLITAN LEFT.
 - Headquarters - via JACKSON CUT, JOHNSTON STREET and MARSHALL WALK.
- ADVANCED PARTIES. (5) Reporting 0500 on 19th inst., at I.A.31 Battalion H.Qrs.
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| Intelligence Officer. | Signalling Officer and 4 Signallers. |
| Reg. Sgt. Mjr. | Cook Sergeant. |
| Water Orderly (A.M.G.) | 4 H.Qrs. Runners. |
| Lewis M. Gun Officer, and | 8 guns and crews. |
| 1 Officer per Company. | Company Sergeant Majors. |
| 1 N.C.O. per Platoon. | Company Gas Corporals. |
| 2 Signallers per Company. | |
- To report at Battalion H.Qrs., I.A.31 at 200 on 18th inst., 1 Officer, 1 sgt., and 1 Machine Gun Sgt., from 'C' Coy., for duty with Posts in GAP.
 Company Commanders or Second in Command of Coys., will take over trench stores on morning of 19th inst.
- GARRISON AND DUTIES. (6) Company Commanders will ascertain strength of each Post and all duties furnished by the Companies which they will relieve, and detail Officers and men accordingly beforehand.
- COOKING. (7) One ~~per~~ cook per Company to be sent to Reg. Transport Lines on night of 18th inst. ^{through} All fresh meat will be cooked, ^{there} ~~else~~, all cooking to be done under cover; only coke to be used. No fires will be permitted in front lines.
- RATIONS AND WATER. (8) Rations and water will be conveyed to JACKSON DUMP by Regtl. Transport from thence it will be carried ~~to~~ ^{into} kitchens in support lines by fatigues furnished by Company in reserve. At kitchens, rations will be split up by Coy. Q.M. Sgts who will live with Company in reserve.
Company Storeman to be with Regtl. Transport.

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KITS AND
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- (9) (a) To be handed over to Regtl. Transport on night of 18th inst. Companies to detail a man to be left in charge of them under the direction of the Quarter Master.
 (b) Greatcoats and oil sheets and change of socks to be taken into the line.

PRECAUTIONS
AGAINST GAS.

- (10) Whilst the Battalion is in the Front Line box respirators will always be worn in the "Alert" position.

SILENCE.

- (11) The relief must be carried out in silence, no talking beyond whispers to take place in front line at any time.

REPORTS.

- (12) Companies to report at once to Battalion Headquarters when relief is effected.

Copies:-

- 1 File
 2 A
 3 B & L & O.
 4 C
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[Handwritten Signature]
 Captain,
 Actg. Adjutant, 11th Battalion.