

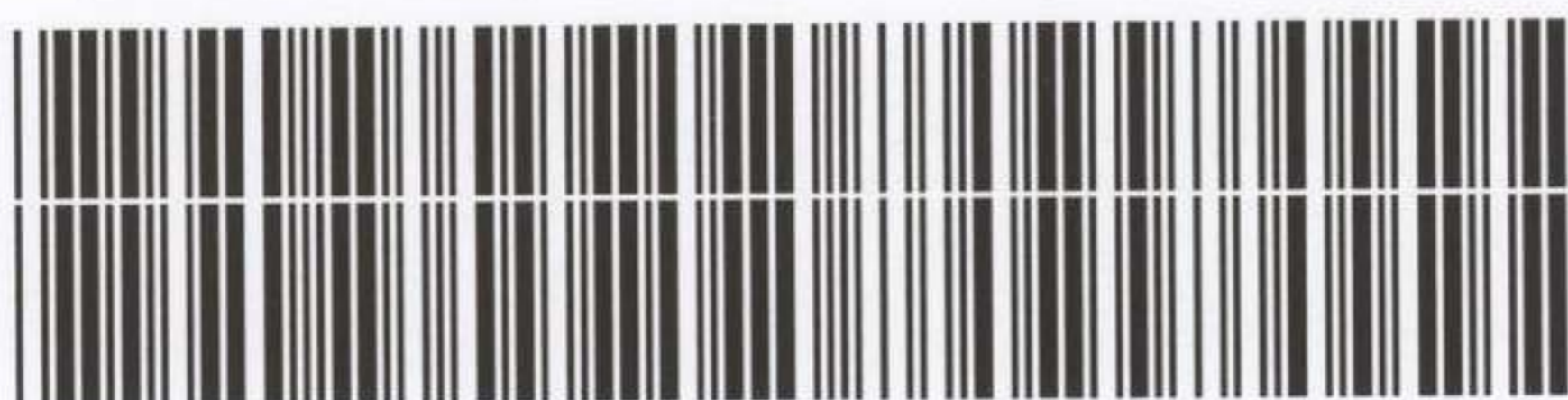
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Date	Place	VOLUME IX 11. <i>Boon</i>	Remarks or References to appendices attached
1916	S. 22, D. 6, H	<p>The whole of the Battalion was employed on fatigue work viz. "repairs to main roads" all day, 3 officers visited the front-line trenches viz. Lt R. HALL, Lt DENT-YOUNG, and Capt HALLAHAN, and they report that the roads & trenches are in a very bad state owing to the amount of rain falling there is a depth of 15 inches of liquid mud. The C.O. Lt Col G. HILMER SMITH visited the vicinity of DELVILLE WOOD in quest of new camping ground for the Battalion.</p>	<i>Hilmer Smith</i>
2nd	"	<p>The following fatigue parties were furnished by the Boon today, 200 N.C. or 200 men for telephone line repairing, 3 officers or 147 OR. for Railway work, 5 officers or 200 OR. for road repairs, and at 1915 a party of 8 officers or 300 OR. for carrying R.E. stores to forward dumps.</p>	

Date	Place	Remarks or References to appendices attached
1916	to Linn	
2 nd Nov	BERNHEBY S. 22. D. 6. 4	The weather conditions are still very unfavourable rain still falling during the greater part of the day. The men are however fairly comfortable, hot meals being supplied to them, also dry socks, today each man was issued with a sheep skin jacket which are very comfortable, the health of the members of the Battalion is good.
3 rd "	"	The weather conditions has improved today a fairly strong wind blowing consequently the ground is drying up rapidly. Fatigue parties furnished today 8 officers and 347 O.R. for road and Railway work. The remainder of the Battalion were employed in a general clean up of their arms and equipment and an inspection of their Ammunition etc. Every effort is being made to keep the men supplied with dry socks and a Dugout has been fitted up as a drying

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Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
3 rd Oct	BERNHEIM S. 22. D. 6. 4.	Room with success, members are also able to get most of their clothing dried in this manner.
4 th	"	The greater portion of the Battalion was again employed on fatigue duties as under: (1) 3 Off. & 150 O.R. Railway construction, (2) 5 Officers and 200 O.R. for work at Quarry, (3) 2 Officers and 100 O.R. for work on Tramway, during forenoon, and the following party at 1900 for carrying material to forward Base Hd Qtrs 5 Officers and 250 O.R. The following parties left for course of instruction in Lewis Guns & Stokes Gun respectively 6 O.R. 2/18 L. 1011 proceeded to ANZAC Corps Hd Qtrs for duty as Road Supervisor.
5 th	"	The following fatigue parties were furnished by the Battalion for work on Railways & Tramways. 8 Officers and 350 O.R. A voluntary Church Service was

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Date	Place	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
5 th	<p>1916 June</p> <p>1101. BERNAFFY held in the 12th Pn lines (C of B). 7 O.R. rejoined S. 222.6.4 from 1st PIONEER BN, Lt BEASLEY & 7 O.R. returned from Stokes & Lewis Gun Course. More orders were received for the Pn to ^{Relieve} support the 1st Battalion, in support, at DELVILLE WOOD & FLERS, on the night 6/7.</p>	<p>Palmer with gold Copy of more orders attached.</p>
1 th 6 th	<p>" " "</p> <p>Preparations for more tonight are being made, and issue of Rations, S. G. A. Bombs, Sand Bags & whale oil etc the weather conditions have improved. Capt HALLAHAN and 3 other ranks left for Lewis M. G. Course at LE TOUQUET. Major DIXON HARDER, The I. O. and Coy Commanders visited the 1st Pn ^(Grand Pine Trenches) lines in connection with the relief tonight. The Pn left BERNAFFY in accordance with more orders issued. The relief of the 1st Pn was completed by 1905 without any hitch although the woods and trenches were in very bad conditions, the men wading through a regular sea of liquid mud.</p>	<p>Palmer with gold Copy attached</p>

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1916	Time	
7/11/16	DELVILLE WOOD FLERS	<p>The C.O. O. Col E. HILMER SMITH C.B and the Coy Commanders visited the Front Line Trenches with the view of relieving the 3rd Battalion A.I.F. on the night of 7/8 (Copy of orders attached). Transport of food supplies etc to the Pon is now conveyed by pack horses owing to the bad conditions of the roads. The health of the members of the Battalion, notwithstanding the bad weather conditions, remains fairly satisfactory. The relief as above was carried out by 1930 satisfactorily, one casualty took place. No 5001 The BLYTHE of the Bombing Platoon was wounded by shell fire. A COOK & one other rank left for ENGLAND on leave of absence. The night passed fairly quiet; but rain fell almost continuously. One of the Lewis Guns was put out of action by shell fire.</p>
8/11/16	FLERS	Weather conditions improved slightly. August

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Date	Place	Time	Remarks or Reference to appendices attached
8/11/16	FLERS		and shelters are being improved with all possible N. 25, C. 3 1/2, 2 1/2 S. speed, hot tea was conserved ^{both morning & evening} to the boys in the trenches.
	GRUGUECOURT		from FLERS where it was possible to light fires
1/10,000			Plan Hd Qld N. 31. 6 3/4. 1. Map 57 C S. W 1/20,000 was shelled fairly heavily, B" Coy had ^{three} two men badly wounded No 5469 Pte H. J. SMITH & No 5439 Pte BECKETT W. R., No 3484 Pte C. G. R. TREVOR.
9/11/16	"		Weather conditions has improved very much and the ground & trenches are drying up fast; The air craft very active this morning both ours and the enemy's, during the night 8/9/11/16 our front line trenches were heavily shelled by the enemy and the trenches were damaged to some extent, and some men buried, the following casualties took place in D' Coy: Killed No 930 Sgt W. M. McCALLUM, 2207 Pte C. E. S. WOOD, 3942 Pte H. T. SADDLER, Wounded: - "C" Coy 13 O.R. number examined sick 56 O.R. owing to the continuous rain the improvement

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Date	Place		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
1916	June		
9/11/16	FLERS N. 250. 34. 20	of the front & support line trenches is rendered most difficult; The enemy shelled the front line trenches freely during the afternoon, and also in the vicinity of P.W. Hd Qtrs but without causing much damage, we had no casualties, improvement of shelters & work in tunnel for P.W. was carried on during the day & good progress made. The two Coys in the front line trenches C & D Coys were relieved by A & B Coys and brought back to support trenches during the early part of the night. The C.O. visited the front trenches during the morning.	J. H. Longley D. H. [unclear]
10/11/16	"	Weather conditions greatly improved and trenches are drying up well. The C.O. 112nd in Command visited the front line trenches during the day, five O.R. wounded by shell fire, 61 O.R. evacuated sick suffering from the effect of the weather conditions, Rheumatism & trench	

Date 1916	Place and Time		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
10/11/16	FLERS N. 250 3 1/2	feet; work in connection with Digouts & Trenches were pushed on with all possible despatch, and duckboards laid in the communication trenches. The day was fairly quiet as regards to enemy shelling, but air kept active.	E. H. Mearns 11/10/16
11/11/16	"	The C.O. visited the front line trenches, which are now much improved with the change in weather conditions, two men wounded, one by m.g. fire and one by shell fire when out on patrol duty during the night 10/11/16, this patrol returned after obtaining contact with 9th Bn on our left, the night was fairly quiet on our front. 3 men reported back from Hospital, and 16 men evacuated sick with influenza & Rheumatism.	E. H. Mearns 11/11/16
12/11/16	"	Brigadier Genl GLASEFORD 12th Bde, and Lt. WATERHOUSE 12th Inf. Bde were rather severely wounded by shell fire in CHALK LANE early in the morning and had their wounds dressed at Bn Aid Post, and	

Date 1916	Place Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
12/11/16	FLERS N. 250. 3 rd 2 nd	<p>on arrival at Br Hd Als they were made as comfortable as possible and sent back with all possible speed to the Advanced Dressing Station. The Brigadier's Despatches etc were handed over to the C.O. Lt. Col. E. HILMER SMITH C.B. for despatch to Brigadier Genl. ANTIL, 2nd Pde, During the afternoon, from 1500 to 1600 the enemy shelled our front line trenches with Gas shells, but doing little damage, otherwise the day passed off fairly quiet, during the night 11/12/16 two fatigue parties were sent out under the command of Capt. MASON for the purpose of burying the dead which were lying about in our sector, the bodies were all of British Regiments which took part in the first advance. The Padre of the 3rd Bn accompanied the party 63 bodies were buried and their effects were collected and forwarded to 1st Pde Hd Als, Small crosses were erected over the graves of those who had</p>

E. H. Hilmer Smith
 Lt. Col.

Date	Place	References or Remarks (ie as found as attached)
1916	Time	
12/11/16	FLERS	any means of identification on them, and on the N. 25, 29, 35, 37 others, the words "Unknown British Soldier" were had one man wounded whilst on this duty. Relief orders were received and arrangements made by the H 7 ¹⁵ Pm. Lt Col FLINTOFF and Coy officers visited the front-line trenches accordingly. The relief began at dusk and was completed at 11.05, the Pm moving back to BERNAFAY Camp in small parties arriving at 2400. One man was wounded during the relief, and 28 O.R. evacuated sick.
13/11/16	BERNAFAY	The Pm moved to Camp at POMMIERS at 1330, the roads were still in a very bad state, which made marching very difficult. The following officers joined the Pm today - Major J. B. ARONS, & Capt J. P. O'NEIL with 23 O.R. from ETAPLES. Lt F. R. BEASLEY was sent to Hospital sick. Great difficulty was experienced in moving the transport owing to the condition of the roads.

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Date	Place	Time	Remarks or References to appendices attached
14/11/16	BERNIFAY POMMIERS		The Battalion moved from POMMIERS at 1000 to Camp at FRICOURT arriving at 1230. The transport moving at a separate body and did not arrive until 2200. The Coy Cookers were sent on ahead of the Bn and arrived in time to have a hot meal ready for the men on arrival. One officer and 50 OR were detailed for fatigue duty at FRICOURT Siding, they were employed from 2000 on 14/11/16 to 0300 on 15/11/16, weather fine but cold.
15/11/16	FRICOURT.		The Bn moved to Huts at FRICOURT. F2 d. 8. 2 1/2 Reference Map ALBERT 1/40,000, but as the Huts were occupied. Arms were piled, Equipment taken off and laid down in line, then two officers per Coy & every available fit man were detailed for duty on road repairs under the C.R.E 1st Anzac. This party was under the command of Major HARRONS.
16/11/16	"		More orders were received to proceed to BUIRE and thence by Bus to 'A' Area near AMIENS, then

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Date	Place and Time		Remarks or References to Appendix attached
16/11/16	FRICOURT F.Z.A. 8.2 1/2 ALBERT 1/40000	These orders were cancelled however and the full available strength of the Bn was employed on road repairs & unloading material at FRICOURT Siding. Capt. HEMINGWAY commanded the party. The following officers reported for duty - Lt. MACKEAN & 5 O.R. The weather conditions are very cold with some frost. All mobile S.A.A. & Bombs were handed over to the 11th Anti Park at BUIRE.	
17/11/16	"	Weather conditions still cold & frosty. The whole of the fit men of the Bn were employed on road repairs under the C.R.E. 12th Army. The following officers and 3 O.R. sent to Hospital with Influenza - Lt. W.C. BELFORD. 2 Lt. A.W.B. PETTIT and 20 O.R. joined the Bn from Reinforcements & Hospital. Sgt. BATHGATE and 2 O.R. returned from School of Instruction.	
18/11/16	"	All fit members of the Bn were employed on road repairs under the C.R.E. 12th Army. The party were under the command of Major BARONS.	

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 Lt. Col.

Date	Place	Time	Remarks or References to other documents
18/11/16	FRICOURT	at-1100	Instructions were received from 3 rd Inf F.2.C.8.23 Brigade to recall all working parties and to move to BUIRE. The parties were recalled with all speed possible, they were all back in Camp by 1345, in the meantime orders were issued for the move to BUIRE (Copy attached, The Pm left FRICOURT at 1515 by route march, arriving at Bille's BUIRE at 16 1730.
19/11/16	BUIRE	The Pm left BUIRE by motor Bus for COISY arriving at the latter place at 1600. Bille's allotted etc to Coy. orders)	<p style="text-align: right;">Should P. H. M. J.</p>
	ALBERT	The Bille's in this village are not of a comfortable nature, and steps are being taken for their improvement.	
20/11/16	COISY	The morning was devoted to the inspection of near Equipment, Clothing, Boots etc by Coy Commanders and Requisitions for requirements prepared, and a general overhaul. During the afternoon the Battalion carried out instructional work in AMIENS	

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1916	Tonne		
20/11/16	Coisy	accordance with the attached Syllabus, Several of the men are suffering from the effects of colds, and the M.O has established a Hospital Ward where cases that are not serious enough to be evacuated, are receiving special treatment, and made comfortable.	
21/11/16	"	Instructional work as per Syllabus, Some leave of absence to England is now granted, and one man left today on 10 days leave, in addition 5% of members may be granted 1 days leave to AMIENS for the purpose of making small purchases etc.	
22/11/16	"	The Pn carried out Instructional work as per Syllabus, Capt. HEMINGWAY and 1 N.C.O. (Sgt. BUNNY) left for FLEXICOURT to attend Course of Instruction in L.M.G. one other hand proceeded to England on leave of absence, weather conditions are now very much improved.	W. J. Hemingway

Date 1916	Place Time	Remarks or References to Appendix attached
23/11/16	COISY	The Battalion carried out instructional work as per syllabus, Lt. PROUT and one other rank proceeded to England on leave of absence.
24/11/16	"	Instructional work carried out by the Battalion as per attached syllabus, two other ranks proceeded to England on 10 days leave of absence, two other ranks rejoined the Bn from Hospital, weather conditions were good. Seven O.Rs proceeded to L.M.G. School, and 8 O.Rs to Stokes School, at TIRAN COURT.
25/11/16	"	The Bn Paraded for instruction as usual, but owing to the state of the weather (heavy rain) the Coys were moved back to their Bields, and instruction, and lectures were delivered by Coy Commanders, Batches have now been established and advantage was taken of the weather conditions, to have as many men put through as possible. The Genl Officer Comdg 1st Aust Division (Genl WALKER, C.B.D., S.O visited the Bn today, a lecture was delivered to the officers

W. W. Smith

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1916			
25/11/16	COISY	of the Battalion on "Contact-aviation".	
26/11/16	"	A Brigade Church Parade was ordered for 0955 today but owing to the weather conditions the parade was cancelled. The R.C. members of the Bn paraded for divine service at 0830, attending the service in the Village Church.	
		The officers of the Bn attended a lecture given by Lt. Col. Fook C.M.G. at 3 rd Brigade Hd Qtrs.	
		Lieut A. NORRIS & one man joined the Battalion from Reinforcements, three ORs returned from C.M.G. Course of Instruction, Capt. CAMPBELL proceeded to School of Instruction at TIRAN COURT to act as Instructor, Lieut FITKEN and 5 ORs left for England on 10 days leave of absence.	
27/11/16	"	During the day the Battalion carried out instructional work in accordance with Syllabus, a lecture was given by Lt. Col. BRAMEY to the officers	

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Date	Place		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
1916 27/11/16	COISY	of the Bn, Capt'n TEBBIE (M.O.) reported for duty to relieve Major SAWERS (M.O) who is transferred to the 14 th Aust. Field Ambulance. Three O.A. proceeded on 10 day leave of absence to England.	attached
28/11/16	"	Instructional work was carried out by Battalion in accordance with Syllabus (Tactical Scheme) the weather conditions very foggy but otherwise fine.	
29/11/16	"	The Battalion was exercised in instructional work in accordance with Syllabus. The weather conditions are still very cold and consequently many of the men are suffering from the effects of colds etc. More orders were received for a move to LAHOUSOYE.	More orders
30/11/16	"	Left COISY by route march at 0730 and arrived at LAHOUSOYE at 1130 same day. The Coys were told off to their billets which were fairly comfortable. 61 men were evacuated sick on leaving Coisy suffering from the effects of colds & sore	

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 8,

by

Major E. HILMER SMITH C.B.,
Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

IN THE FIELD. 5/11/1916.

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- INFORMATION. (1) The 11th Battalion will relieve the 1st Battalion on the night ~~at~~ 6/7th Nov. 1916 and move to support Left Sector. 1st Battalion on relief move to BERNAFAY.
- MOVE. (2) Headquarters, Signallers, Runners, Pioneers, Bombers, and A.A.M.C. attached will move to support Battalion Headquarters situated at FLEURS. C & D Coys will move to forward position SWITCH TRENCH and take over from the two Companies of the 1st Battalion occupying this trench, C on the Left and D on the Right. A & B Coys. will move to dugouts situated South of DELVILLE WOOD about from S.17.D.9.4. to D.9.6. A Coy taking dugouts closer to DELVILLE WOOD.
- TRANSPORT. (3) The Transport will remain in present lines at POMMIERS until further orders. Kitchens of A & B Coys. to DELVILLE WOOD returning to transport lines on Coys. moving forward. Those of C & D Coys. will return to Transport Lines at POMMIERS on Coys. leaving BERNAFAY Camp. C & D Coys. will carry an adequate number of camp kettles for use while in Support Lines.
- TIME. (4) Time of move will be notified later.
- ROUTE. (5) Headquarters, C & D Coys. by path from S.22.D.1.8. running parallel with road through LONGUEVAL crossing road near WATER POINT thence along COCOA ALLEY. A & B Coys. by above path to DELVILLE WOOD.
- ORDER OF MARCH. (6) Coys. will move independently in the following order:- Headquarters and attached, C, D, A, & B Coys. Headquarters and C & D Coys will move in parties of not more than Platoon strength maintaining a distance of 200 yards between each Platoon. A & B Coys. will move in Coy. formation maintaining a distance of 200 yards between Coys.
- DRESS. (7) Fighting order plus one blanket and Ground Sheet. Water bottles to be filled. A change of socks to be carried.
- RATIONS. (8) Two days Iron Rations to be carried on the men.
- AMMUNITION. (9) 220 Rounds S.A.A., two bombs per man will be carried.
- SANDBAGS. (10) Two per man will be carried on the man.
- BAGGAGEM (11) Packs and surplus kit will be left under Officers Guard at the present camp. Blankets to be rolled neatly in bundles of ten, securely fastened and labelled with the Coy. and Section designation. Baggage to be stacked near present Aid Post by 1400 tomorrow. The Officer in charge of Baggage Guard is responsible that Baggage is properly stacked and secured from the weather by being covered by a tarpaulin.
- BAGGAGE GUARD. (12) O.C. A Coy. will detail 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 4 men as Baggage Guard. to remain at present camp in charge of Baggage and to hand over camp to incoming Battalion.
- CAMP. (13) Company Commanders will ensure that their lines are left in a clean and sanitary condition before marching out.
- ADVANCE PARTIES. (14) Advance Parties as under will report at Battalion Hqrs. at 1345 tomorrow for detailed instructions:- Battalion Hqrs. I.O., R.S.M., & 2 Runners, Sig. Officer & 2 Signallers, 1 Pioneer and 1 N.C.O. from Bombing Platoon, C & D Coys 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O & 2 men per Coy., A & B Coys Same as C & D Coys. Stores and maps etc., will be taken over by the above parties from the units being relieved and receipts given for same. Receipts being sent to Battalion Hqrs. at FLERS on taking over.

P.T.O.

REPORTS.

(15) Coy. Commanders will report by messenger to Battalion Hqs. at FLERS, immediately on completion of the relief.

IN THE FIELD.

INFORMATION. (1) The 11th Battalion will relieve the 1st Battalion on the night of 6/7th Nov 1918 and move to support 1st Sector.

1st Battalion will move to BERNHARTY. The 11th Battalion will occupy this trench, C on the left, D on the right. A & B Coy. will move to dugouts situated about 100 yds. of DELVILLE WOOD from E. 17. 2. 4. to D. 9. 8. A Coy. taking dugouts closer to DELVILLE WOOD.

TRANSPORT. (2) The Transport will remain in present position in support of A & B Coy. Kitchens of A & B Coy. will move to support 1st Battalion. Those returning to transport lines on Coy. moving forward. Those of C & D Coy. will remain in support lines at BERNHARTY Camp. C & D Coy. will carry an adequate number of camp kettles for use while in support lines.

(4) Time of move will be notified later.

ROUTE. (5) Headquarters, C & D Coy. by path from E. 22. 3. 1. 8. running parallel with road through LONGUEVAL crossing road near WATER POINT thence along GOOGA ALLEY. A & B Coy. by above path to DELVILLE WOOD.

ORDER OF MARCH. (6) Coys. will move independently in the following order:- Headquarters and attached, C, D, A & B Coys. Head quarters and C & D Coy. will move in parties of not more than platoon strength maintaining a distance of 200 yards between each platoon. A & B Coy. will move in Coy. formation maintaining a distance of 200 yards between Coys.

PREP. (7) Fighting order plus one blanket and ground sheet. Water bottles to be filled. A change of socks to be carried.

RATIONS. (8) Two days Iron Rations to be carried on the men.

AMMUNITION. (9) 200 Rounds S.A.A., two bombs per man will be carried.

SANDBAGS. (10) Two per man will be carried on the men.

BAGGAGE. (11) Packs and surplus kit will be left under Officers Guard at the present camp. Blankets to be rolled neatly in bundles of ten, securely fastened and labelled with the Coy. and Section designation. Baggage to be stacked near present Aid Post by 1400 tomorrow. The Officer in charge of Baggage Guard is responsible that Baggage is properly stacked and secured from the weather by being covered by a tarpaulin.

BAGGAGE GUARD. (12) C. Coy. will detail 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 4 men as Baggage Guard to remain at present camp in charge of Baggage and to hand over camp to incoming Battalion.

CAMP. (13) Company Commanders will ensure that their lines are left in a clean and sanitary condition before marching out.

CHANGE PARTIES. (14) Advance Parties as under will report at Battalion Hqs. at 1445 tomorrow for detailed instructions:- Battalion Hqs. 1 O.C., R.S.M., & 2 Runners, Sig. Officer & 2 Signallers, 1 Pioneer and 1 N.C.O. from Bombing Platoon, C & D Coy. 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. & 2 men per Coy., A & B Coys same as C & D Coy. Stores and maps etc. will be taken over by the above parties from the units being relieved and receipts given for same. Receipts being sent to Battalion Hqs. at FLERS on taking over.

MOVE ORDER FOR 9TH & 11TH BATTALIONS.

by

Lieut-Colonel E. HILMER SMITH, C.B., Major (SI) Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

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Reference Map ALBERT 1/40,000.

INFORMATION. (1) The 9th & 11th Battalions will discontinue marching at midday today, 18th inst. and will march to billets to BUIRE this afternoon.

STARTING POINT. (2) Starting Point will be at F.S.B.6.4. on main road FRICOURT-MEAULTE.

TIME. (3) The head of column will pass starting point at 1430

ROUTE. (4) FRICOURT via MEAULTE - DERNANCOURT thence to BUIRE.

ORDER OF MARCHING. (5) 9th Battalion, 11th Battalion. 9th Battalion will move as detailed by C.O. 11th Battalion will move as under:- D, A, B & C Coys., Bombers and Machine Gun Detachments will move with Coys. to which they are attached. Other units as per standing orders.

TRANSPORT. (6) The Transport ~~at~~ will move with Battalions.

FORMING UP. (7) 9th Battalion as detailed by C.O. 11th Battalion will be formed up in mass facing Railway on Right of Officers' new mess hut at Markers will report to R.S.M. at 1415.

MOVEMENT. (8) Movement of troops on route march will be as per 4th Army Standing Order i.e. 200 yards between Coys. & Transport, 400 yards between Battalions.

RATIONS. (9) The unexpended portion of the days rations will be carried.

EXERCISE. (10) Marching Order plus Ground Sheet. Water Bottles to be filled.

DRESS. BAGGAGE. (11) 3 Lorries per Battalion will call at F.I.D. 91 at 1400 today to collect baggage and blankets of 9th & 11th Battalions. Baggage and Blankets will be stacked at a spot which will be pointed out by Q.M. near road in rear of camp at 2 p.m. Blankets will be rolled tightly in bundles of 10 securely fastened and labelled with Coy. and Section designation.

BAGGAGE LOADING PARTY AND GUARD. (12) The Duty Coy. will detail 1 N.C.O. & 10 men as loading party to report to Q.M. at 2 p.m. Guard will be furnished as under from loading party to travel with lorries :- 2 men per lorry. The Q.M.S. & N.C.O. will also travel with lorry. 9th Battalion, as per instructions issued by C.O.

ADVANCE PARTY (13) Advance Party for billeting at BUIRE as under :- 9th Battalion to be details by C.O. 11th Battalion - Lieut. BICKFORD, 1 N.C.O. per Coy., and 1 Horse Runner will report at once to Actg. Staff Captain (Lieut. GARRON) at Brigade Hqs. BUIRE.

REAR PARTY. (14) The duty Coy. will detail 1 Officer and 10 O.Rs. as Rear Party for purpose of handing over to incoming units and will receive a statement from incoming unit as ~~soon as possible~~ the state of billets. These parties will rejoin units as soon as possible.

CLEANLINESS OF CAMP. (15) Coy. Cmdrs. will ensure before marching out that their huts and lines are left in a clean and sanitary condition.

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MARCH DISCIPLINE. (16) Special attention will be paid to march discipline. Coy. Commanders will see that instructions are issued to prevent straggling and to ensure that while on the march the column is properly organised and moves in formed bodies and that while halted men rest properly and remain on their own ground.

LATRINES. (17) The very strictest attention is to be paid to prevent the fouling of ground by troops. Accommodation is to be immediately provided on the ground at each halt and this accommodation is to be used. (18) Starting Point will be at T.S.S.A. on main road TRICOURT-POINT, MEALITE.

(3) The head of column will pass starting point at 1430 TIME.

(4) TRICOURT to MEALITE - BERNANCOURT thence to BURIE ROUTE.

ORDER OF MARCHING CAPTAIN: *[Signature]* A.I.F. 11th Battalion will move as under:-

(5) The Transport will move with Battalion as per standing orders. (6) The Transport will move with Battalion as per standing orders. (7) 5th Battalion as detailed by C.O. (8) Movement of troops on route march will be as per Standing Order i.e. 200 yards between Coy. & Transport, 400 yards between Battalions.

(9) The unexpanded portion of the Gays ration will be carried. (10) Marching Order plus Ground Sheet. Water Bottles to be filled. (11) 3 Lorryes per Battalion will call at F.I.D.S. at 1400 today to collect baggage and blankets of 5th & 11th Battalions. Baggage and Blankets will be stacked at a spot which will be pointed out by C.O. near road in rear of camp at 3 p.m. Blankets will be rolled tightly in bundles of 10 regularly fastened and labelled with Coy. and Section designation.

(12) The Duty Coy. will detail 1 N.C.O. & 10 men as loading party from loading party to travel with lorry. The M.S. & N.C.O. will also travel with lorry. 5th Battalion as per instructions issued by C.O. (13) Advance Party for billeting at BURIE as under:- 5th Battalion to be detailed by C.O. 11th Battalion - Lieut. BICKFORD, 1 N.C.O. per Coy. and 1 Horse Runner. Will report at once to Adv. Staff Captain (Lieut. GIBSON) at Brigade Hqs. BURIE.

(14) The Duty Coy. will detail 1 Officer and 10 N.C.O.s as Advance Party for purpose of handing over to incoming units and will receive a statement from incoming unit as to their status as soon as state of billeting. These parties will join units as soon as possible. (15) Coy. Sergeants will ensure before marching out that their huts and lines are left in a clean and sanitary condition.

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MOVE ORDER FOR 11TH BATTALION,

Lieut-Colonel E. HILMER SMITH, C.B.

Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

IN THE FIELD.

18/11/1918.

Map Reference ALBERT 2/40,000.

INFORMATION. (1) The Brigade Group will move to "C" Area on 18th inst.

MOVE. (2) Owing to the uncertainty of the time of the transport will be available to carry the Battalion to new area and in order to obviate the necessity of the troops standing in the cold waiting the following procedure will be adopted:

(1) By 1100 all details and Coys. will be at their billets and ready to move. Coy. Officers will be with their Coys.

(2) A message will be sent from Brigade to Battalion Hqrs. for Battalion to move. Lieut. ROSS with 2 Runners will report to Brigade Hqrs. at 1100 to arrange communication re order to move.

(3) As the Battalion must be formed up and ready to move in five minutes Coy. Cmdrs. will make such arrangements as will ensure that on receipt of the message their Coys. will be ready to move in the time stated.

(4) The following instructions will be strictly adhered to:

(a) The head of the column at Battalion Hqrs. in main street BUERE near Church.

(b) Details of B, A & C Coys, Bombers and Machine Gun detachments will move with the Coys. to which they are attached.

(c) The M.G.O. will detail a sufficient number of men to man the M.G. carts and move with the Transport. Coys. will form up on road in front of billets and close independently to column of route in the order named above.

(5) Marching Order, Greatcoats to be worn, 1 blanket to be carried in the pack.

(6) Transport will move at 0800 on the 18th inst. under the orders of Capt. BURGESS.

(7) 1 Lorry will be available for baggage instead of 2 baggage wagons. Baggage will be at Q.M.'s Store by 0830 on 18th inst.

(8) These will be stored in billet No. 31. This billet will be vacated by 0830.

Blankets will be stored in the following order:- 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Battalions, M.G. Coy., T.M.B., Bgde. Hqrs. & details.

Blankets will be rolled in bundles of ten and secured by fasteners and Coy. Cmdrs. and all Officers in charge of these details will send a return to Battalion Hqrs. by 1030 stating the number of blankets that have been dumped.

The greatest care must be exercised in the counting and stowing of blankets in order that an accurate account of the number dumped be furnished.

Lieut. AITKEN will supervise the stowing of blankets for the Brigade at Billet No. 31 and on completion will hand over blankets to the Town Major and report to Brigade Hqrs.

Lieut. AITKEN will assist in this duty (from the Duty Coy.).

(9) Dixies are to be carried on the cookers and not with the troops. The cookers will be ready to move at 0730 breakfast hour will be 0700.

(10) The unexpended portion of the day's ration will be carried by the men.

(11) The Duty Coy. will detail 1 Officer and 10 men as rear party for purpose of handing over billets to Town Major and will receive a statement as to the state of the billets. This party will report as soon as possible at embarkation point.

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CLEANLINESS OF BILLETTS. (12) Coy. Cmdrs. will ensure that their billettts are left in a clean and sanitary condition.

DAMAGE TO TREES AND WOOD. (13) Men are not to cut down trees or take any timber whatever for fuel purposes. Any man found disobeying this instruction will be severely dealt with.

TENTS. (14) Units vacating tents will leave them in a neat and tidy condition.

MARCH DISCIPLINE. (15) Special attention will be paid to march discipline. Coy. Cmdrs. will see that instructions are issued to prevent straggling and to ensure that while on the march the column is properly organized and moved in formed bodies and that while halted men rest properly and remain in their own ground. On no account will men be allowed to leave the ranks without permission.

LATRINES. (16) Accommodation is to be immediately provided on the ground at each halt and this accommodation is to be used. The very greatest attention is to be paid to prevent the fouling of ground by the troops.

EMBARKATION IN BUSES. (17) The following instructions will be strictly adhered to by troops embarking in French buses:

- (1) The French Officers (Mechanical Transport Services) are alone responsible for the embarkation.
- (2) The vehicles are of different types and it is the duty of the French Officers to attach to the various vehicles as many as possible to ensure that the troops are transported in the most comfortable manner.
- (3) On no account are troops to break ranks and the strict discipline will be maintained by the troops embarking.

PROCEDURE. In order that troops may embark without delay the following instructions will be observed:

- (1) Troops for embarkation will be drawn up off the road in column of route at right angles to the road or on a road leading in to that on which embarkation is taking place.
- (2) On embarking men are to march in a single file following each other without interval. All N.C.O.s in the ranks will always take place from the rear of the bus or group towards the front of leading vehicles and not from the front to the rear.
- (3) The order of embarkation will be given by a French Officer who allots to suitable number to each vehicle. The order of the vehicles has been given in the order of march and no additional orders will be given.
- (4) The Officers of the unit will usually travel in the leading vehicles or vehicles of the convoy under instructions issued by the French Officer in charge.
- (5) Field Officers are conveyed in the cars of the French Convoy Officers.
- (6) In no case are any orders to be given except by French officers either as regards the embarkation of troops or as regards allotment of vehicles to the troops.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. (18) The Officer Commanding each unit will be made aware of the position of the bus conveying the Medical Officer of that unit.

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 ... Captain,
 Adjutant, 15th Battalion, A.I.F.

(19) The Duty Coy. will detail 1 Officer and 10 men as rear party for purpose of handing over billettts to Town Major and will receive a statement as to the state of the billettts. This party will report as soon as possible at embarkation point.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

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for week ending 25th November 1916.

DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	REMARKS.
20/11/1916.	0900-1200	Cleaning Clothing and Equipment and checking Shortages.	Shortage States will be handed in on Battalion Inspection.
	1400-1500	Coy. Inspection.	
	1500-1600	Batta. Inspection.	
21/11/1916.	0900-1000	Platoon Drill - Close Order.	
	1000-1100	Musketry.	Aiming & Trigger Pressing. Rapid Loading.
	1100-1200	Extended Order Drill.	Platoons. Practice in movement in waves.
	1330-1400	Rifle Exercises.	
	1400-1430	Bayonet Fighting.	
	1430-1530	Company Drill.	Close Order movements, also Marching in Fours & Rifle Exercises.
22/11/1916.	0900-1000	Marching in Line, Fours and File.	Road - COISY to Main Rd. Junction - may be used.
	1000-1030	Rifle Exercises and Saluting Drill.	
	1030-1100	Musketry.	Recognition of Targets and Rapid Firing.
	1100-1200	Company Drill.	Movements in extended Order.
	1330-1400	Musketry.	Visual Training and Judging Distance Tests.
	1400-1430	Platoon Drill.	
	1430-1530	Battalion Drill.	
23/11/1916.	0900-1000	Marching in Line, Fours and File.	
	1000-1200	Skirmishing & Extended Order Drill. Movements in Artillery Formations & Lines of Columns.	As a Company.
	1330-1530	Battalion Drill & Route March.	
24/11/1916.	0900-1000	Company Drill.	
	1000-1100	Guards & Sentries.	
	1100-1200	Battalion Drill.	
	1330-1445	Extended Order Drill.	Platoons practiced in movements in waves, under Coy. Commanders.
	1445-1530	Bayonet Fighting.	
25/11/1916	0900-1000	Platoon Drill.	Rifle Exercises - Marching in Fours and File
	1000-1030	Inspection of Respirators & Gas Drill.	
	1030-1130	Company Drill.	
	1130-1200	Musketry.	Indication of Targets & Rapid Firing.
	1330-1530	Battalion Drill & Route March.	

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E. H. Smith
Lieut-Colonel
 Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

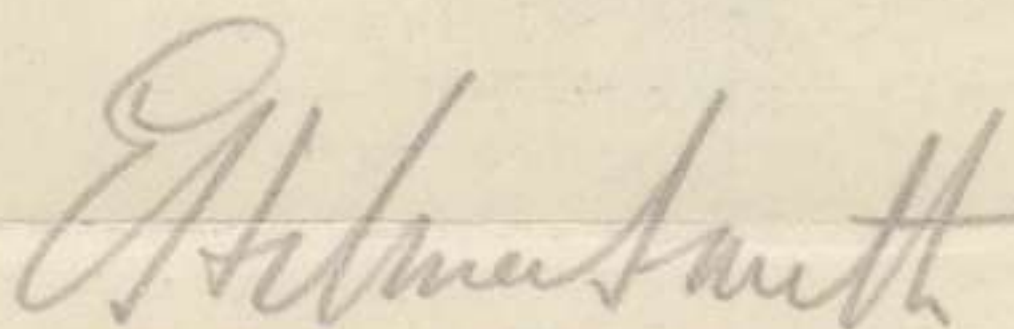
SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

for week ending 3rd December 1916.

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NOTE:- Instructions re Training issued with previous Syllabus are to be read in conjunction with this Syllabus, but delete para re Specialists and substitute para 7 of Battalion Routine Order No. 122 of 22nd inst.

DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	REMARKS.
27/11/16.	0900-1000	Inspection of Clothing and Equipment.	By C.O.
	1000-1100	Musketry.	Aiming & Trigger Pressg
	1100-1200	Battalion Drill.	
	1330-1415	Extended Order Drill.	Movements in Waves.
	1415-1530	Organisation for Company in Attack.	Trench Warfare.
28/11/1916	0900-1200	Battalion in Attack.	Trench Warfare.
	1330-1430	Movement in Artillery Formation and Lines of Columns.	
	1430-1530	Fitting of Equipment.	
29/11/1916	0900-1000	Battalion in Attack.	
		Guards & Sentries Duties.	
	1000-1200	Company in Attack.	Trench Warfare.
	1330-1530	Route March.	With Transport.
30/11/1916	0900-1000	Marching in Fours.	
	1000-1130	Organisation of Battalion in Attack.	
	1130-1200	Inspection of Respirators & Gas Drill.	
	1330-1430	Guards & Sentries.	
	1430-1530	Musketry.	Indication of Targets & Fire Discipline.
1/12/1916	0900-1030	Company in Attack.	Trench Warfare.
	1030-1100	Bayonet Fighting.	
	1100-1200	Battalion Drill.	Close Order.
	1330-1530	Route March.	With Transport.
2/12/1916	0900-1000	Battalion Drill.	
	1000-1200	Company in Attack.	Exercise will be set by C.O.
	1330-1430	Guards & Sentries.	
	1430-1530	Bayonet Fighting.	



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"SMOKE-HO" LECTURES.

27/11/1918. Care of Feet on the March and in the Trenches.
 28/11/1918. March Disciplines.
 29/11/1918. Sanitation in Billets.
 30/11/1918. Promulgation of Orders.
 1/12/1918. Care of Clothing and Government Issues - National
 need for Economy.
 2/12/1918. Esprit de Corps.

Edmund Smith

24/11/1918.

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

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OPERATION
BATTALION ~~NEW~~ ORDER NO.

by
Lieut-Colonel E. HILMER SMITH C.B.,
Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
COISY. 29/11/1916.

Reference Map - AMIENS 17 1/100,000.

- INFORMATION (1) The Brigade Group will move to LA HOUSOYE - FRANVILLIERS on Thursday, 30th inst.
- STARTING POINT. (2) The head of column to be 200 yards East of Battalion Parade Ground on COISY-ALLONVILLE Road at 0730.
- ROUTE. (3) COISY-ALLONVILLE- QUERRIEU.
- ORDER OF MARCH. (4) A, B, C, & D Coys. Hqs. Details as per Standing Orders.
- TRANSPORT. (5) Transport will accompany Unit.
- DRESS. (6) Marching Order plus one blanket and ground sheet. Water Bottles to be filled. Leather Jerkins will be worn.
- FORMATION. (7) The following intervals will be maintained on the march:-
200 yards between Battalions, 200 yards between units and their Transport, 100 yards between Coys.
- BAGGAGE. (8) The Second Blanket will be rolled in bundles of ten, securely fastened and labelled with the Coy., and Section designation and stacked at the Q.M.'s Store at 0630 together with Officers' and Coy. Baggage.
- BAGGAGE GUARD. (9) O.C. 'B' Coy., will detail 1 N.C.O. & 8 men as Loading Party and Baggage Guard. These will report to the Q.M. at ~~0615~~ 0615. ~~These~~ will travel with lorry to destination, as Baggage Guard. 1 N.C.O. & 2 men
- ADVANCE PARTY. (10) Advance Party for billeting at LA HOUSOYE as under will report at Brigade Hqs. RAINVILLE, at ~~0845~~ 0845 on 30th inst. :- Lieut. A.J. LONG, 1 N.C.O. per Coy. The Officer will be mounted, N.C.O.'s will travel by Lorry from RAINVILLE.
- REAR PARTY (11) B Coy. will detail 1 Officer and 10 other ranks as Rear Party for purpose of handing over to incoming units or Area Commandant. The Officer will receive a statement as to the state of billets from the Area Commandant. The Rear Party Officer to get in touch with Area Commandant as soon as possible and make necessary arrangements.
- CLEANLINESS (12) Coy. Cmdrs. will ensure before marching out that all billets are left in a clean and sanitary condition
- MARCH DISCIPLINE (13) Special attention will be paid to March Discipline, ~~and~~ maintaining of correct intervals and the prevention of straggling from the column. Officers will see that while halted men rest properly and remain on their own ground. Latrines accomodation is to be immediately provided on the ground at each halt and only this accomodation is to be used.

- Copies to:-
No.1 File.
2 A Coy.
3 B
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6 S.O. & I.O.
7 B.O.
8 War Diary.
9 T.O. & Q.M.
10 Adjt.
11 C.O.

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..... Captain,
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.