

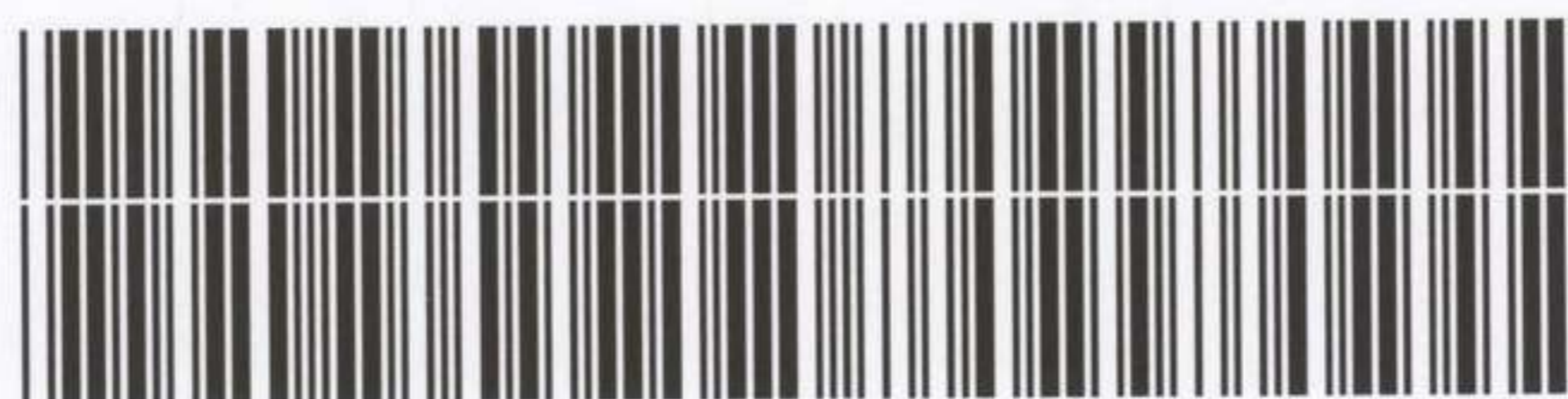
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Date Place 1916 Time	11 th Battalion VOLUME X	Remarks 83 References to Appendices attached	
1/12/16 LAHOUSCOYE	The Battalion left Billiers for DERNANCOURT by route march (Copy of orders attached) arriving at the latter place at 1330. Inspection of equipment and 11 men's feet was carried out during the afternoon.	More orders 180	
2/12/16 DERNANCOURT	The Battalion carried out training during the day in accordance with attached syllabus, and in addition 400 members were paraded for bathing at VIYIERS MILLS, 30 R's were detailed to be attached to the 3 rd A.L.T.M. Bty, 14 R's proceeded to Lewis M.G. School, 60 R's reported for duty, as transferred from the 51 st Battalion (old members of this unit) more orders received for move to FRICOURT.	<p><i>E. McInnes Smith</i></p> <p>11th Dec 1916</p>	
3/12/16 "	The Battalion moved out of DERNANCOURT by route march to Hutancats at FRICOURT, arriving at 1130. During the afternoon the whole of the Battalion		Copy of more orders attached.
FRICOURT F2.d.8.2 1/2 ALBERT 1/40/10	was turned out to clean up and improve the Camp area and surroundings, weather fine but cold with slight frost. Strength of 100 is		

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1916	Time	
3/12/16	Fricourt	24 Officers and 578 other ranks, 11 A.P.s were evacuated E.2 & 2 1/2 to Hospital with various ailments.
14/12/16	"	The Battalion left Fricourt at 1030 by route march to Hutments at MELBOURNE CAMP, MAMETZ arriving at 1100, during the afternoon the Camp and Huts were cleaned up and improved otherwise no instructional work was done.
5/12/16	MAMETZ	The following instructional work was carried out by the Battalion during the day, the work was carried out in the Huts owing to the muddy state of the Camp:- Physical Instructions, Inspection of Arms, Equipment and S.A.A, Special attention to be paid to the fitting of boots, Inspection of Gas Helmets and Box Respirators, Gas Drill, Musketry Coy Organisation, Lectures - French discipline and gaities (see Booklet "French orders"). The weather conditions are very bad, cold and wet.

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C/o. 11th Bn., A.I.F.

Date	Place		Remarks
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6/12/16	MAMETZ		Appendices attached
		<p>The Battalion left MAMETZ at 1200 by Route march for BAZENTIN LE GRANDE (S. 15 6 5 Central) Copy of Map ALBERT 1/40 000, arriving at 1415. The 1st line transport remaining at BELLEVIEW FARM with the exception of the Pack Horses who are Brigaded at RAIL HEAD for the purpose of Transport by "Pack" of Rations and supplies for the Brigade, 44 other ranks joined the Battalion from Reinforcements, Details, Sick & wounded. Weather conditions cold, but fine. The roads are somewhat improved from the date of our previous visit to this district, but there is still plenty of room for further improvement.</p>	<p>Copy of map order attached</p>
7/12/16	CARLTON CAMP	<p>The Battalion finished the following working parties today 4 Officers & 250 ORs (S. 15.6. Central) from 0815 to 1600 for work on The Light-Railway, No 199A. Plt T PERRY was wounded while on the above duty. one Officer and</p>	<p>attached</p>

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 o/o. 11th Batta., A.I.F.

Date 1916	Place Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached.
7/12/16	CARLTON CAMP	<p>and 500 ranks reported at Brigade Head Qtr LONGUEVAL VALLEY at 1800 for duty as carrying party (Lt. SIMMONS in Charge) The following reported back from School etc: 70 Rk from M.G. School, 80 Ranks from J.M. B School, also the Rev. Father HAYES arrived from England to relieve Father FAHEY as Chaplain.</p>
8/12/16	"	<p>Camp was cleaned up and Tents and Shelters made as comfortable as possible, weather fine but cold.</p> <p>The whole of the available fit men of the Battalion were employed on fatigue duties on the roads & light-Railways, a total total of 5 officers and 335 other ranks, The weather conditions are at the present time very severe, rain falling almost continuously during the day, The Camp and vicinity was shelled by the enemy during the early part of the night, No. 4298 Plt H. STEVENS was</p>

Edmund Smith
 c/o. 71th Bn., A.I.F. Colonel.

Date 1916	Place and Time		Remarks or References to Appendices attached.
8/12/16	CARLTON CAMP	Slightly wounded by shell splinters, No 5166 Lt A. NICHOLSON attached to 1st PIONEER BN was killed on the 6th inst. by shell fire.	
9/12/16	"	Every available fit member was again employed on fatigue duty on the Light Railways and roads i.e. 5 Officers & 322 O.Rs Weather conditions are still very uncomfortable rain falling all day. A drying room has been established where men are able to get their socks & clothing dried, and the scheme works well. The following officers reported for duty from England: 2/Lt K. J. BECKWITH 18/11 Reinforcements, & 2/Lt G. F. PRIESTLEY 16/11 Reinforcements, three other ranks proceeded on leave of absence to England & 2 O.Rs returned.	
10/12/16	"	Fatigue Parties furnished by Battalion for work on Light Railways & Roads to the number of 4 Officers & 339 O.Rs. 2/Lt C. POPE 18/11 Reinforcements	

E. J. Smith
 Major-General
 6/10. 17th Bn.

Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appendices attached,
10/12/16	CARLTON Camp	Reported for duty from England. The weather conditions are improving slightly.
11/12/16	"	4 O.R.s proceeded on leave of absence for 10 days to England. Fatigue parties were furnished by the Battalion today as usual a total of 4 officers and 277 other ranks, they were employed on the construction of Light-Railway, dugouts at Bon Head Qtr's N 31.5.3.0. In addition a party was employed on building huts in this Camp. Weather conditions cold in the morning with some frost; towards night some rain fell. Situation fairly quiet; Air Craft active during early morning.
12/12/16		All available fit men were again employed on fatigue work on Light Railways and roads, and in addition

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1st Lt. A.I.F.
c/o. 11th Bn., A.I.F.

Date	Place		Remarks or References to Appendix attached
1916	Time		
12/12/16	CARLTON Camp	Some small parties were employed on Camp improvements. Weather conditions very cold, some snow falling & generally very uncomfortable, Lieut. J. M. HITCHEN reported from England (10 days leave of absence) 2/Lieut. Bickwith took over the duties of Area Commandant for New Carlton Area.	
13/12/16	"	The Battalion supplied the usual fatigue parties for work on Light Railway & repairs etc, and hut building in Camp. weather conditions fine, but cold. The Australian Comforts fund Representative from London visited the unit today (Mr Budden) in connection with supply of comforts etc. Situation quiet generally.	
14/12/16	"	Fatigue parties employed on Light Railway & Roads, 4 Officers & 281 O. Ranks, in addition parties were employed on erection of Huts in this Camp, weather fine. Situation quiet generally. Two O. Ranks returned from M. G. School	

W. J. Smith
 c/o. 17th Batn. A.I.F.

Date	Place	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
1916	Tinne	
15/12/16	CARLTON Camp	Fatigue parties were employed on Light-Rails, Roads & Carrying parties to the same extent as yesterday and 5 Officers 291 O.Ranks, the balance of the fit men were employed on Hut building in this Camp. 2/LT. B. C. LEHMANN and 16 O.Ranks reported for duty from Sick and Reinforcements, Actual Reinforcements 1 Officer (as above) and one man, Sicut LYON P.W. reported for duty from "Road Supervisors" 1st Amalg Corp S, Weather conditions, some rain fog. Situation normal.
16/12/16	"	Working parties were furnished by the Pon today to the number of 5 Officers and 288 O.Ranks on Light-Railway, Carrying party, etc in addition to party of 28 O.Ranks building Huts in Camp, Weather conditions very cold with some sleet, The general situation quiet;
17/12/16	"	Fatigue parties were furnished by the Pon

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 c/o. 11th Batn., A.I.F.

Date	Place	Remarks or References as appears attached.
1916	Time	
17/12/16	CARLTON CAMP	for work on Railways and Roads, 5 Officers & 266 O.Ranks were employed, in addition 1 officer and 32 O.Ranks were employed on Hut building in this Camp, R.C. Church Service was held in the Camp, and C. of E. Communion Service in the 12 th Coy Camp adjoining. Major Dixon HEARDER was evacuated sick today (Influenza) Weather, conditions mild & foggy.
18/12/16	"	The Battalion furnished working parties for Railway and Road making as usual, 5 Officers and 281 other ranks were employed on this work, 1 Officer and 32 O.Rs were employed in building Huts in this Camp and good progress was made, 11 O.Rs reported for duty from the Base, Hospitals etc including two from Reinforcements, Weather, conditions fine but cold.
19/12/16	"	Working parties as follows were furnished by the Battalion. 5 Officers and 281 O.Ranks

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19/12/16	Lima CARLTON for construction of Railways & Roads etc. Office Camp 12/11 O.Ranks were employed on Hut building in this Camp, weather conditions cold with some frost. Situation quiet.	
20/12/16	" Fatigue parties were furnished by the Battalion for work on Railways, and Carrying as follows 14 officers & 200 O.Ranks for Railway work, 1 officer and 50 O.Ranks for Carrying material from the Head Quarters to FLERS, 11 officers and 35 O.Rs for Hut building in this Camp, 11 O.Ranks reported for duty from Hospitals Divisional Area. The A. Tro Hon Lt. EGG sent to Hospital suffering from the effects of influenza, weather conditions fine and frosty. The vicinity of the Camp was fairly heavily shelled during the day without causing any damage, one man was slightly wounded. <u>NR 5336 Pte H. LANG</u> while at work on Railway construction.	<p><i>John Smith</i> C/O 7th Bn. A.I.F.</p>
21/12/16	" Fatigue parties furnished by Battalion as	

Date Place 1916 Time		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
21/12/16 CARLTON Camp	follows: - 4 officers and 180 men for work on construction of railways and roads, 1 officer and 30 O.Ranks carrying party from 3 rd Pde Hd Qtr to N31.6.3.0, 1 officer & 50 O.Rs for Resetting at N31.6.2.0, 1 officer & 30 O.Rs for carrying to smoke trench and HAY AVENUE. The Battalion relieved the 9 th Pbn at FLERS ("B" Battalion) "A" & "B" Coys in GAP and SWITCH TRENCHES respectively, "C" & "D" Coys working over Camp occupied by two Coys of 9 th Pbn at New CARLTON Camp. The relief was carried out without incident. Copy of operation order attached. The relief was completed by 1755. Order attached. Lieut. ARCHIBALD and 3 O.Rs returned from L.M.G. School.	<p style="text-align: center;">McLennan c/o. 77th Bn.</p>
22/12/16 FLERS N.31.6.30.98	The following fatigue parties was supplied by the Battalion for work as follows: - 2 officers and 100 O.Ranks Resetting HAY RESERVE, Parties of 10 O.Rs working in 3 shifts of 6 hours, working from 0915 to 1515 and 1515 to 2115 to 0315, also a party of.	<p style="text-align: center;">S.P.</p>

Date	Place	Remarks or References to
1916	Time	Appendices attached
22/12/16	FLERS	<p>1 Officer & 30 ORanks as Carrying party from N.31.C.30.95 to N.31.B.30. Weather conditions were bad, some rain falling during the morning. The enemy shelled the vicinity of the Pon Hd Qtrs causing the following casualties casualties:- No 5135 Pte LEVER F, (shell wd right arm & back) No 4921 Pte WOODMAN M (shell wd left cheek) No 5332 Pte H. BIDDINS (shell wd left arm) No 4206 Pte W.H. GAZELEY (shell wd neck). Pte J. L. BARRY (shell splinter hand) Situation generally quiet.</p>
23/12/16	"	<p>The following fatigue parties were supplied by the Battalion today:- 5 Officers & 216 ORanks on resetting, Hut building, railway construction, and carrying. Weather conditions wet and very cold with a strong wind blowing from the West. 48 ORanks joined the Battalion from Reinforcements. The shelling by the enemy was not so heavy during the day & the general situation was fairly quiet.</p>

John Smith
C/O 11th Bn A.I.F.

Date 1916	Place and Time		Remarks or References to appendices attached
24/12/16	FLERS N. 31. 30. 95	<p>The Battalion supplied the following numbers of officers & other ranks for fatigue work in re-laying trenches, also carrying party, and one party for building Huts:- 5 officers and 208 other ranks. The weather conditions were good, a fine bright day but somewhat cold. General Situation very quiet until after night fall when the enemy ^{shelled} the sector on our right flank rather heavily, our Guns replied rather vigorously.</p>	
25/12/16	"	<p>The following fatigue parties were furnished by the Battalion for duty today:- 1. Officers and 50 ORs for Re-laying in HAY RESERVE (A Coy) at 1800. 1 officer and 50 ORs, as above at 0915 (B Coy). 1 officer and 30 ORs for Carrying from N. 31. 5. 39. to HAY AVENUE and SMOKE TRENCH, from 1800. (A Coy). 1. Officers and 30 ORs at 1600, Carrying from Bed Hd Qtrs to TANK DUMP (D Coy). 1. N.C.O & 24 ORs at 0900 for re-laying work in GROVE ALLEY (BOMBING PLATOON), I.N.C.O. and</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> E. H. Smith 11/12/16 11/12/16 11/12/16 </p>

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1916	Time		Appendix
25/12/16	FLERS	24 ORs for Bde Hd Otis Railway repairs 1730 (B Coy)	attached
11.31.0.00.95		The weather conditions fine with strong S.W. wind blowing. The general situation very quiet. Few shelling falling near the coy positions, one man was however wounded. N° 3452 L/Corpl W. E. ROWE 'B' Coy. 96 ORanks joined the Battalion as reinforcements HQ yesterday, and H7 today. Captain R. HEMINGWAY and 2 other ranks returned from Divisional School at FLEXECOURT.	
26/12/16	"	The Battalion supplied the following fatigue parties for duty today:- 1 officer & 50 ORanks at 0915 for resetting in HAY RESERVE (B Coy). I.N.C.O & 25 ORanks at 0900 for reclaiming work GROVE ALLEY (Bombing Platoon) 1. Officer & 30 ORanks building Huts at S. 22. d. 9.4 at 0830 (D Coy). 1 Officer & 30 ORanks at 1600 carrying from Bde Hd. Otis to TANK DUMP ('C' Coy) I. N. C. O & 24 ORanks at Bde Hd Otis at 1730 preparing material for intermediate Line (B Coy). 1. Officer & 50 ORanks at 1800 for resetting HAY RESERVE (A Coy). 1. Officer & 30 ORanks for carrying to	

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 c/o. 77th Bn, A.I.F.

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1916	Time		
26/12/16	FLERS	HAY AVENUE and SMOKE TRENCH at 1800 (A Coy) The general situation fairly quiet except in the early morning when shelling was heavy. The weather was good during early part of the day, but rain began to fall at about 1600, continued during the night.	
27/12/16	"	Working parties were furnished by the Battalion today as under:- 1 officer & 30 O.Rs for Hut building at CURRY at 0830 (C Coy) 1 N.C.O. & 24 other ranks at 0900 for Reclaiming work in GROVE ALLEY (Bombers), 1 officer and 50 other ranks reporting at 0915 for Resetting HAY RESERVE (B Coy) 1 N.C.O. and 24 other ranks reporting at 1730 preparing material for intermediate Railway (B Coy), 1 officer, and 50 other ranks reporting at 1800 for Resetting HAY RESERVE (A Coy), 1 officer and 30 O.Rs reporting at 1800 for Carrying material to HAY AVENUE and SMOKE TRENCH (A Coy), 1 officer & 30 O.Rs reporting at 1600 for carrying material to TANK DUMP (D Coy) one man	<p><i>John Smith</i></p> <p><i>1st Lt. A.I.F.</i></p> <p><i>c/o. 71st Bn. A.I.F.</i></p>

Date	Place		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
1916	Trench		
27/12/16	FLERS N.31E.30.96	<p>was wounded last night with A^o Coys working party, N^o 5036, WIGHAM R.J. (slightly) The C.O. LT COL HILMER SMITH C.B visited the front line early this morning with a view of taking over the Sector. (A) HATKEN (D) and SIMMONS (C) visited SMOKE TRENCH during the day with a similar object in view. Weather conditions good and the situation generally quiet. Lt E. EGG The A.M. reported back for duty from Hospital.</p>	
28/12/16	"	<p>The following working parties were furnished by the Battalion today:- 1 officer and 50 other ranks reporting for duty at 0915 for setting HAY RESERVE. (B Coy) 1 N.C.O and 24 other ranks reporting for duty at 0900 for reclaiming work in GROVE ALLEY (Bombers). 1 N.C.O. & 5 other ranks reporting at 0900 for tunnelling in BOLL'S Rd (B Coy). 1 officer and 30 other ranks reporting at Quarry S 22.d.g.4 for Hut building (D Coy). 1 officer and 30 other ranks reporting for duty at 1700 for carrying material from Bde Hd Qtrs to HAY AVENUE</p>	

E. Hilmer Smith C.B. Colonel
 c/o. 11th Bn., A.I.F. 1916

Date 1916	Place and Time	Remarks or References to Appendices (if any)
28/12/16	FLERS and SMOKE TRENCH (A Coy) 1. N.C.O and 24 ranks reporting N.31.0.30.95	<p>for duty at 1730 at Bde Hd Qtrs preparing material for work on Intermediate Railway (B Coy). 1 officer and 50 ranks reporting for duty at 1600 at Bde Hd Qtrs for carrying material from Bde Hd Qtrs to TANK DUMP (C Coy). 1 officer and 50 ranks reporting for duty at 1800 at N.31.0.30 for resetting HAY RESERVE (H Coy). The following officers left for DIVISIONAL School Course at TIRAN COURT. Srs LYON, LONG & PROUT together with 8 N.C.Os. Lieut L. G. RICHES reported for duty from Hospital. No 388 Sgt. A. R. RITCHFORD left for England to undergo training with a Cadet Battalion with a view of obtaining a Commission. Major J. B. ARONS and Captain HEMINGWAY visited the front line of the Battalion Sector to be taken over. The undermentioned member was wounded by shell fire while at Bde Hd Qtrs with B Coys working party: No 6459 Pte J. R. ROBERTSON. The weather was cold and frosty today with some fog. Situation quiet and normal.</p>

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 c/o, 11th Bn., A.I.F.

Date 1916	Place and Time		Remarks or References to Appendix attached
29/12/16	FLERS N. 21. 2. 20. 95	<p>The following working parties were furnished by the Battalion today:-</p> <p>1. Officer and 30 O.Ranks reporting at 0830 to Hd Qtrs Corps Light Railway for Hut building (C Coy). 1 N.C.O and 24 O.Ranks reporting at 0900 at TANK DUMP - GRASS LANE for reclaiming work in GROVE ALLEY (Bombers), 1 N.C.O and 5 O.Ranks reporting at 0900 at BULL'S Rd carrying from Tunnel (B Coy). 1 Officer and 30 O.Ranks reporting at 1700 at "A" Bn Hd. Qtrs N. 31. 6. 3. 0. for carrying material to Front Line (A Coy). 1 Officer and 50 O.Ranks reporting at 0915 at "A" Bn Hd. Qtrs for resetting HAY AVENUE (B Coy). 1 N.C.O and 24 O.Ranks reporting at 1730 at 3rd Bde Hd. Qtrs for work preparing material for Intermediate Railway (B Coy). 1 Officer and 50 O.Ranks reporting at 1600 at 3rd Bde Hd. Qtrs for carrying material to TANK DUMP from DECAUVILLE Rail Head (D Coy). 1 Officer and 50 O.Ranks reporting at 1800 at "A" Bn Hd. Qtrs N. 31. 6. 3. 0 for resetting HAY AVENUE (A Coy).</p>	

E. Williams Smith
 Lt Col. 11th Bn. A.I.F.

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1916	Time		
29/12/16	FLERS	The following officers reported for duty from Divisional School: - LT. R. HALL, A. B. BROOKS & R. BEATTIE and 9 O.Ranks, Lt. L. J. BICKFORD was also returning from this course, but was admitted to Hospital on arrival at BELLEVUE FARM. Weather conditions wet and rather mild. Situation rather quiet than usual.	
30.12/16	"	The following working parties were furnished by the Battalion today - 1. Officer and 50 other ranks reporting at Hd Qtrs N. 31. 6. 3. 0 for re-laying HAY AVENUE (B Coy working from 0915 to 1200). 1. Officer and 30 O.Ranks reporting at 0830 and working to 1200, but building at Hd Qtrs Corps Light Railway at QUARRY S. 22. d 9. 4 (D. Coy). 1. N. C. O and 24 O.Ranks reporting at 0900 at TANK DUMP, GRASS LANE for reclaiming work in GROVE ALLEY (A Coy working to 1200). 1. N. C. O and 5 O.Ranks reporting at 0900 for carrying Spoil out of Tunnel BULL'S ROAD (A Coy working to 1200). 1. N. C. O and 12 O.Ranks reporting at Hd Qtrs at 1630 for	

E. H. M. Smith
 Major, 17th Bn., A.I.F.

Date 1916	Place and Time		Remarks or References to Appendices attached.
30/12/16	FLERS N. 31. 2. 30. 95	Carrying Material to GRASS LANE (A' Coy) I. N. E. O and 12 other points reporting at TUNNEL BULL'S ROAD for carrying Spoil from TUNNEL (D' Coy working from 1900). The Battalion relieved the 9th Battalion in the front line, the relief began at 1600 and was completed by 1910 without incident. FLERS was rather heavily shelled from 1700 to 1800, and the following member was rather severely wounded: No. 5667 Pte C. BARRON 'C' Coy, weather conditions fine and mild, but owing to heavy rain during the night many of the shelters and dugouts fell in, making the condition of the trenches very uncomfortable.	Copy of Operation attached.
31/12/16	BULLS ROAD N. 31. 6 30. 05	During the night 30/31 the companies in the front & support trenches were employed in repairing the damage caused to the trenches by the heavy rain, this was continued during the day, as far as possible, the amount of damage was considerable, the resetting in many places. Having given way, Shelters and dugouts	Edmund Smith c/o. 11th Bata., A.I.F.

Date 1916	Place Time	Place	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
31/12/16	BULLS ROAD N. 31.6.30.05	<p>in several places having fallen in, consequently the Garrison had to work continuously until the trenches were made habitable. Hot food was cooked in dugouts in FLERS and conveyed in Hot food containers to the front line trenches during the early morning and after dusk. The C.O. (Lt. Col. HUMMER SMITH C.B.) and the Intelligence officer (Lt. C. G. ROSS) visited the front line & support trenches in the early morning.</p> <p>Owing the day one of the dugouts in FLERS, used by A Coy as a Cook House was struck by a shell and the following men were wounded by the falling debris:- No 2708 Plt A. J. ASPREY, No 2407 Plt D. MACKAY, and No 304 Plt G. STEWART. No 4572 Plt C. PRETTY was wounded by shell fire on his way to the Field Ambulance Sick, Enemy Shelling about normal. The weather conditions are still very wet but mild.</p>	<p><i>E. H. Smith</i> Lieut. Col. c/o. 77th Bn., A.I.F.</p>

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BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 12,
by
Lieut-Colonel E. HILMER SMITH C.B.,
Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
DERRANGOURT. 2/13/1916.

Reference Map - ALBERT 1/40,000.

INFORMATION (1) The Brigade Group will move to FRICOURT tomorrow, 3rd Inst.

STARTING POINT. (2) Cross Road N. 31. A. 9. 9.

TIME. (3) Time for head to pass Starting Point = 0900

ORDER OF MARCH (4) C, D, A & B Coys. Move Details as per Standing Orders.
Coy. will form up on Road in front of billets in line, being careful to avoid blocking road ready to move at 0900. Move. Details will form up in Hqs. Courtyard.

TRANSPORT. (5) Transport will accompany unit. L.M.S. Handcarts will march with Transport.

FORMATION. (6) The following intervals will be maintained on the march:-
A distance of 500 yards between Coys. and 500 yards between Battns. Troops will move in file.

ADVANCE PARTY (7) Lieut. A.J. LONG & 1 N.S.C. per coy. will report to the Staff Captain at Hqs. Hqs. DERRANGOURT, at 0830. The C.C. Advance Party will make arrangements to send guides to meet their units and guide them to camp. N.S.Cs. will report to Lt. LONG at Batta Orderly Room at 0830.

REAR PARTY. (8) C.C. 'A' Coy. will detail Lieut. BENT-YOUNG and 10 other ranks as Rear Party for purpose of handing over billets to incoming unit or Area Commandant. The Officer will receive a statement as to the state of billets from the Area Commandant. Coy. Chiefs, with ~~survival certificates~~

CLEANLINESS. (9) Coy. Chiefs will ensure bef re marching out that all billets are left in a clean and sanitary condition. Certificates to this effect will be rendered to the Adjutant on Coys. forming up.

MARCH DISCIPLINE. (10) Strict attention is to be paid to the following:- The correct carrying of equipment and also wearing of clothing. All ranks will remain with their unit while halted. More attention is to be paid to units moving off road during halt and immediate construction of latrines. Halts of 10 minutes each will be at 0930 and every clock half hour thereafter. There will be no special midday halt.

DRESS. (11) Marching Order, ground sheet, leather jerkins will be worn, greatcoats inside packs. The question whether 1 or 2 blankets will be carried on packs will be advised later.

BAGGAGE. (12) Information re Baggage and Baggage Guard will be advised later.

E. Hilmer Smith
..... Captain,
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

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AFTER ORDERS

Addendum to Battalion Operation Order No. 13. of 2/12/16.

Blanket

Dress. (1) Greatcoats will be worn, 1 blanket carried in the pack - the other rolled in ground sheet and secured over top and sides of pack. Jerkins will be carried under the crossstraps of pack.

Baggage. (2) Baggage will be stacked at the Q.M.'s Store by 0800, as only 1 lorry is available for 11th, 12th Battns. T.M. Coy. & Bde. Here, quantity of baggage must be cut down to a minimum. The Duty Coy. will detail 1 N.C.O. & 4 men to act as loading party and baggage guard.

[Signature]
.....Captain,
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 18,
 by
 Lieut-Colonel E. HILMER SMITH C.B.,
 Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
 HANUZE. 8/12/1918.

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Map Reference - ALBERT 1/40,000.

- INFORMATION. (1) The Battalion will move to NEW CAMLTON Camp at 8.15. a.m. on 8th inst.
- TIME. (2) The head of column will pass point at junctions NORTH Camp Rd Road and HANUZE-MONTAUBAN Road at 1400.
- ORDER OF MARCH. (3) Hqs. Coy., D, A, B & C Coys. Coys will form up in front of their huts ready to move by 1130. Hqs. Coy. will form up in front of Orderly Room.
- DRESS. (4) Marching Order plus two blankets and ground sheet. Leather jerkins will be worn. Goggles inside packs.
- FORMATION. (5) Coys. will march in single file with an interval of 200 yards between Coys.
- ADVANCE PARTY. (6) Lieut. ^{H. DEPT-YOUNG} ~~WILSON~~, 1 N.C.O. per Coy. and 1 Hqs. Detail will proceed to new camp at 1130. Details will report to Lieut. ^{H. DEPT-YOUNG} at 8.0.0. at 1130.
- REAR PARTY. (7) O.C. 'D' Coy. will detail Lieut. COCKE and 10 other ranks as Rear Party for purpose of handing to the incoming unit or Area Commandant. The Officer will receive a statement as to the state of billets from the Area Commandant.
- SAGGAGE. (8) All baggage will be stacked at C.M.'s store by 1000.
- SAGGAGE GUARD. (9) O.C. 'D' Coy. will detail 1 N.C.O. & 4 men as Saggage Guard.
- CLEANLINESS. (10) Coy. Cmdrs. will ensure before marching out that all billets are left in a clean and sanitary condition. Certificates to this effect will be rendered to the Adjutant on forming up.
- MARCH DISCIPLINE. (11) It was noticed in the last march that in some cases the pace set was too fast resulting in men being unable to keep up with the Coy. Coy. Cmdrs. will see that every attention is paid to length of pace and cadence while men are carrying the present heavy loads.
 HALTS. - The Officer marching in rear of each party is responsible to see that time of halts the length of time of each halt is passed to Coys. in rear. Connecting files for this purpose are to be established between Coys.

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

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by
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Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
In the Field.

20th December 1918.p

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- INFORMATION. 1. The 11th Battalion will relieve the 9th BN. in FLERS (HD. QRS.) NEW CARLTON CAMP. (2 Coys.) SWITCH TRENCH (1 Coy.) GAP TRENCH (1 Coy.) on night of the 21/22 DEC.
- MOVE. 2. Hd. Qrs., Signallers, Bombers, and Intelligence will move to FLERS. "A" Coy. to GAP TRENCH "B" Coy. to SWITCH TRENCH, "C" and "D". Coys. to new area NEW CARLTON CAMP.
- TIME. 3. Time of move will be notified later.
- ROUTE. 4. Head QRS and Details via LONGUEVAL-DELVILLE WOOD and Brigade HD. QRS. to new Position, "A" and "B" Coys. via LONGUEVAL, to GAP and SWITCH TRENCHES.
- ORDER OF MARCH. 5. Coys. will move independently in the following order:- Hd. Qrs. "A" "B" "C" and "D" Coys. . No Movement is to take place NORTH of DELVILLE WOOD in day light except in small parties.
- DRESS. 6. Fighting order plus 2 blankets, overcoat, and Ground Sheets will be carried en BANDEROLE.
- Socks. 7. All ranks are enjoined before discarding Packs to take at least 2 or 3 pairs of sox with them, arrangements will be made for drying sox daily in Battalion area.
- RATIONS. 8. The unexpended portion of the day's ration will be carried
- TRANSPORT. 9. The Transport will arrange for necessary horses to be available for package of Supplies to Forward area. Kitchens of "A" and "B" Coys. will move to E 12 Central for over haul and repair. Kitchens of "C" and "D" Coys. will move to New Area NEW CARLTON CAMP.
- SUPPLIES. 10. The Q.M. will arrange for proper distribution of supplies in accordance with above dispositions.
- COOKING. 11. 10 dixies per Coy. will be taken to FORWARD AREA. The SGT Cook will remain at present with Kitchens at NEW CARLTON CAMP. All COY. Cooks will move forward with their unit.
- BAGGAGE. 12. Packs and surplus Kit will be left Parked at spot near present camp, exact spot will be notified to units by Second in Command. The N.C.O. in charge of baggage Guard will be held responsible to see that Baggage is properly Stacked and secured from the weather. Packs and Kit of "C" and "D" Coys. will NOT be stacked until next move.
- Baggage Guard. 13. O.C. "D" Coy. will detail 1 SGT and 3 men to act as baggage Guard. The Q.M. will make the necessary arrangements for rationing this Guard.
- ADVANCE PARTY. 14. Advance Parties as under will report at Battalion HD. QRS. at 0900 on the 21st December. BN. HD. QRS. Intelligence Officer, R.S.M. 2 runners, 1 signaller, 1 pioneer, and 2 Bombers from Bombing Platoon.
"A" Coy. 1 Officer and 4 other ranks
"B" Coy. 1 Officer and 4 other ranks. these parties will proceed to new area and make full arrangements to take over. O.C. "D" Coy will make necessary arrangements for taking over area in NEW CARLTON CAMP.
- Rear Party. 15. O.C. "D" Coy will detail 1 Officer and 10 other ranks to act as rear party to hand over present Camp to 10th Battalion
- STORES. 16. All Stores will be taken over by Officer in Charge of the respective Advance Parties. These Stores must be carefully checked, receipts must be made out in triplicate and sent to Battalion Head Qrs. immediately on completion of Relief. In addition a summary of the Stores taken over will be attached and forwarded with the receipts.
- Camp. 17. Company Commanders will ensure that their lines are left tidy and in a sanitary condition.
- Sick Parade. 18. Sick parade for "C" and "D" Coys. while remaining at NEW CARLTON CAMP will be conducted by the R.M.O. 12th BN. (Captain Johnston A.A.M.C.)

- CANTEEN. 19. Arrangements have been made to forward Canteen Supplies to Forward Area.
- RELIEF. 20. Completion of relief will be reported immediately by special Messenger to Battalion Head Qrs.

E. Hilmer Smith

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OPERATION ORDER. No.15.

Headquarters. I.A.33.
29/12/1916.

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Map Reference. 57 C.S.W. 1/30000.

INFORMATION. The 11th. Battalion (B) will relieve the 9th. Battalion (A) in front line on night 30/31st Dec 1916.

RELIEF. "B" Company from Switch Trench to Front Line relieving Right Company.
"A" Company from Gap Trench to Front Line relieving Left Company.
"C" Company from New Carlton Camp to Smoke Trench.
"D" Company from New Carlton Camp to Grass Lane.
Reliefs will change in front line every 48 hours.

SPECIALISTS. Will move into front line 84 hours before relief.
Lewis Guns.-

The Lewis Gun Officer will arrange for the necessary reliefs of Lewis Machine Gun Crews.
Bombers.-

The Bombing Officer will arrange for manning and relief of bombing posts in Right Sector. The O/C Left Company will arrange for the manning and relief of the Bombing Post (3 men) in Left Sector. Company Bombers to be detailed.
Intelligence.-

The Intelligence Officer will make arrangements for the collecting of Intelligence, and establishing of observation posts.

TIME. Relief will commence at 4.p.m. unless visibility is too great when it will commence at 5.p.m.

ORDER OF MARCH. Companies will move independently in the following order.- A.B.C.D. Headquarters & details will move as ordered.

DRESS. Fighting Order, plus two blankets, Overcoat and Ground Sheet, Water bottles to be filled. Sheep Skins worn. Details of Companies or Specialists moving into front line will not take blankets with them. These blankets should be rolled in bundles of ten and securely fastened and labelled. They will be dumped at Battalion Headquarters on the way in, where they will be kept dry.

TRANSPORT. The Transport Officer will arrange for necessary horses to be available for package of Supplies to Forward Area. Kitchens of C & D Companies will move to E.12 Central for overhaul and repair.

RATIONS. The unexpended portion of the days ration will be carried except that Companies should hand over Meat etc to Cooks to ensure hot meal and drinks for following morning.

COOKING. All cooking will be done in Flers under arrangements to be made by the Sergt. Cook. One Cook per Company will report to the Q.M. at Montauban. Hot Food will be sent to Forward Coys by carrying parties. Dixies will be brought forward by Coys to Cook House in Flers.

ADVANCE PARTIES. Company Commanders will arrange for necessary advance parties to take over all Trench Stores etc.

TRENCH STORES. Special attention is directed to the following:-
On taking over Trench Stores receipts must be made out in triplicate. One copy will be given to the Unit

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Trench Stores Continued.-
 relieved and two copies sent to Battalion Headquarters immediately Stores are handed over.
 In addition a summary of the Stores taken over will be attached and forwarded with receipts.
 While in the line should any shortage of stores occur through legitimate wastage or damage by Artillery fire the matter is to be immediately reported to Battalion Headquarters with full explanation.

RECONNAISSANCE. On taking over the front line each Company Commander will furnish to Battalion Headquarters a rough sketch showing position of front line, Company Distribution and any information which he considers of value such as airing drainage, communications etc.

TRENCH FEET. Special attention will be paid to instructions issued with reference to trench feet. Company Commanders will make such arrangements as to ensure that instructions are carefully carried out.

WORKS. The Battalion is now directly responsible for all work done in the front line during its tour of duty. A special Works Officer will be appointed who will be responsible that working parties are given full instructions as to the work they are to perform, An Engineer Officer will be available to give technical advice. Company Commanders will give every assistance to the Works Officer in supplying the necessary labour. It is hoped that all ranks will realize the importance of making our position as a secure and inhabitable as possible during our tour of duty in the front line.

RELIEF. Completion of relief will be reported immediately to Battalion Headquarters - Bulls Road.

E. H. Smith

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- 10. Q.M.
- 11. T.O.