

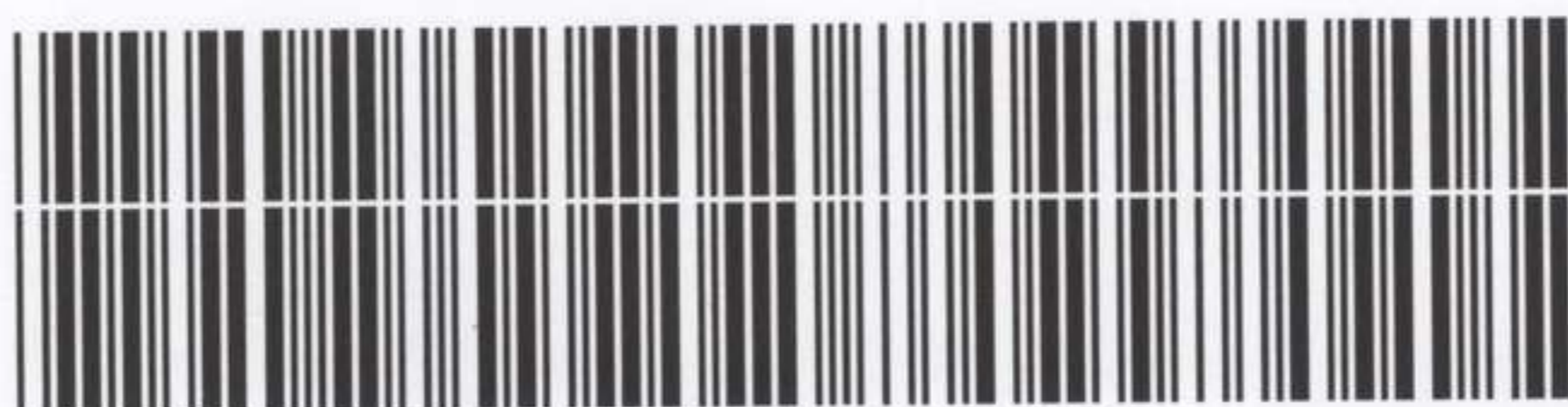
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**Title:** 11th Infantry Battalion

April 1917



AWM4-23/28/26

Date	Place		Remarks or references to appendices attached
1.4.17	Heneacourt Wood Camp	The commander of 5th Army, General GROUCH, attended Battalion Church Parade. Weather fine, very cold. 11 other ranks returned from Hospital. 13 Sgt Williams left for 3rd Training Bn. 15 Sgt T. Hetherington left for New Formation - 7th Bn.	
2.4.17	.	Lieut FR BERSLEY, 2/Lt F DALE 1/Lt F STAHL & 8 MOS left for Divisional School Heneacourt. Training General Inspection Parade of Bde for Divisional Command held at BRESLE in morning. Weather very cold. Heavy snowstorm in afternoon. Officers attended lecture on TANKS at BRESLE by Col T. BLANEY.	
3.4.17	✓	Training carried on as per syllabus attached weather very cold, (snowstorm)	
4.4.17	MONTAUBAN S26 D	Bn. left Heneacourt Wood for front line at 0900. 1st Ltaps, MONTAUBAN, reached 1500. Snow fell during morning. Afternoon, weather clear. Capt McFennan (Stipulant) arrived back from Rome.	
5.4.17	✓	Bn moved from MONTAUBAN at 1000, arrived at HAPLINCOURT at 1700. Weather sunny & fine	

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6.4.17 HAPLINGCOURT. Lieut W. GRAHAM returned from Lewis Gun School.  
✓ Left HAPLINGCOURT at 1700 for MORCHIES in Support.  
✓ MORCHIES Bn. in position at 2100.

Lieut W. GRAHAM + 20 OTR to Bangalore Mining Coy.  
Weather fine during day, Showery towards Evening + during night. Enemy shelling about 2330 caused casualties as follows. Killed No 2596 Pte E. Elbourn, No 1063 Pte R. Fenwick, 1988 Pte L.P. Murray, 3187 Pte P. Rebbucki, 6270 Pte R. Hewitt, 5106 Pte W.A. Hansen, 3364 Pte H. Hood, 2246 Pte A. Waaga, Pte A. Jolley - wounded eight (8) other ranks including R.Ser. N. Patterson, (badly)

7.4.17 ✓ Intermittent Shelling by Enemy during day + evening. Weather slightly misty, Sleet falling in morning. Afternoon + Evening clear + fine. D Coy moved at 2100 to a position in support of 12th Bn at J 2 and J 8. (Sheet 57C France). No 5441 Pte A. McINNES, D Coy wounded. (Shell splinter).

8.4.17 ✓ Shelling by Enemy during day + night. Normal weather very sunny + fine. No 4110 Pte C. DUFF Coy Killed by shell fire.

Lieut. Colonel  
R. Rafferty  
c/o. 7th Bn. A.I.F.

Date	Place	Reference	Remarks to appendix attached
1917	Time		
9/4/17	MORCHIES	<p>'B' &amp; 'D' Coys are still supporting the 12<sup>th</sup> Bn in the vicinity of LOUVERVAL where they moved on the night-7/8/17, 'C' &amp; 'A' Coys holding themselves in readiness to move up to assist the 10<sup>th</sup> Bn, these Coys moved forward 'C' Coy at 1900 &amp; 'A' Coy at 2400. The following casualties took place during the day &amp; night-9/10/17</p> <p>KILLED:- By shell fire 3458 Plt SCHULTZ W. 3533 Corp'l SMITH W.J., 1551 Plt LEAHY W.J. Wounded by shell fire Lt. K.J. BICKWITH, 3116 Plt STACE H, 5117 Plt HUTTON E.F., 1664 Plt GORDON H, 5141 Corp'l LARSEN L, 6068 Plt KEATING H.C, 5066 Plt BROWN H.T. 3068 Plt JOHNSTON W.H, 6354 Plt WILSON J.C, 1583 Corp'l Mc GOWAN J.P., 694 Lt R. SMITH JELFS W., 1993 Plt Mc LEAN, 558 Plt Mc CAVANA.</p>	
	1.12.a.4.5	<p>The 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> Bns advanced about 1500 yds with but little opposition, the advance began at 0320, on the morning of 10<sup>th</sup> inst; The Battalion dug in &amp; consolidated. Lt. A.C BRODIE left for 3<sup>rd</sup> T. Battalion.</p>	<p>Referenced Remarks to appendix attached</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Lient.-Colo. R. R. Raperly c/o. 11th Batn., A.I.F.</p>

Date	Place		Reference or Remarks to Appointments attached
1917	Time		
10/4/17	MORCHIES 1.12.6.45	<p>The whole of the battalion is now in the line, 2 coys in support of 12<sup>th</sup> Bn and two coys. in support of 10<sup>th</sup> Bn. Casualties in B. Coy 2/Lt. B. Bunn &amp; 2/Lt. Campbell. Battalion Headquarters changed over with 12<sup>th</sup> Bn. Capt. McLenman (Adjutant) left for Scotland on 10 days leave.</p> <p>Rain fell during the day, and it was very wet and cold.</p>	
11/4/17	LOUVERVAL J.H.C. 45	<p>The battalion relieved the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion in the line in front of LOUVERVAL from D.20 d.3.6 to J.5. central.</p> <p>Dispositions. D. Coy from D.20 d.3.6 to D.21 d.0.0. B. Coy from D.21 d.0.0 to D.28. a.8.8. C. Coy D.28. a.8.8 to D.29 c.5.7. A. Coy from D.29 c.5.7 to J.5. central.</p> <p>The relief was completed without incident at 2355.</p> <p>During the evening Snow fell, and conditions were miserable.</p>	<p>MacRafferty Lt. Col. 11th Bn., A.I.F.</p>

Date	Place		Reference or Remarks or Appendix
1917	Line		
12/4/17	LOUVERVAL I.4.C.45	<p>The C.O. Major R. A. RAFFERTY and the J. O. Lieut. C. G. ROSS, M.C. visited the lines in the morning &amp; again in the afternoon.</p> <p>It was decided to alter the dispositions and to move the line forward as soon as the present line had been improved and consolidated. The consolidation was completed during the night.</p> <p>During the day the enemy intermittently shelled the front line and LOUVERVAL.</p> <p>In the evening another heavy fall of snow occurred.</p>	
13/4/17	do.	<p>The C.O. met the Coy Commanders at 1500, when dispositions and arrangements for inter-company reliefs were arranged. See B.O. attached No 1 of 13/4/17.</p> <p>Immediately after the issue of this order, an order was received from Brigade on Divisional instructions to move forward along the whole battalion front to an approximate line as follows: - D30 central; D23. C.96 D22 central. D21. a. 2.8 See B.O. attached No 2 of 13/4/17</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Rafferty Lieut.-Colonel c/o. 71th Batn., A.I.F.</p>

Date	Place		Reference or Remarks to Appendix attached.
1917	June		
13/4/17	LOUVERVAL	This order was carried out after dusk.	
	J.H.C. 45.	The front line and LOUVERVAL were again submitted to intermittent shelling.	
		A liaison officer of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Bn. visited Bn. HQ's.	
		The weather was dry and a little milder.	
		Lt. RICHES reported back from England for 10 days leave.	
14/4/17	LOUVERVAL	Two posts of "C" Company were attacked +	
	J.H.C. 45.	Captured by the enemy. These posts were at	
		approximately D23.C.18 & D23.C.9.5. These	
		posts were re-established by "C" company during	
		the afternoon.	
		Through the day the front line was	
		heavily shelled, especially the centre Coy. "C" Coy.	
		Two companies of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Bn. were sent up to	
		LOUVERVAL to act as supports under the orders	
		of the C.O. 11 <sup>th</sup> Bn. (See narrative of operations attached	
		for 15/4/17).	
		The day was fine & mild.	

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Lieut.-Col.

c/o. 17th Bn., A.I.F.

Date	Place	Reference or Remarks to attacks attached
1917	Time	
15/4/17	LOUVERVAL J.45.45	<p>at 0400 the Battalion was submitted to an Artillery attack, followed by an infantry attack, (See narrative of operations attached 15/4/17).</p> <p>The number of casualties were see list attached.</p>
16/4/17	LOUVERVAL	<p>Two prisoners were sent to Brigade Headquarters at 7.10pm</p> <p>at about 1000 Major WATSON with two companions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion arrived as supports at disposal of C.O. 11<sup>th</sup> Bn.</p> <p>The 10<sup>th</sup> Bn took over the left half of the front line during the night. Refer to "Shaken line order" of 15/4/17 attached.</p>
16/4/17	LOUVERVAL	<p>The two companies <sup>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion</sup> were withdrawn from Support XI.</p> <p>A prisoner was brought through at midnight &amp; sent to Bde Hqs.</p> <p>at 0515 a company of the 30<sup>th</sup> Bn arrived with instructions to carry out certain construction works in front of LOUVERVAL WOOD.</p>

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



Date	Place		References or Remarks to Appendix attached.
1917	Line		
16/4/17	LOUVERVAL	<p>At 0400. D Coy had reported all secure on left of Sector taken over by 10<sup>th</sup> Bn.</p> <p>The C.O visited the line in the early morning, and arrangements were made for further securing the line. Patrols were sent out to try to gain touch with the enemy Light Snipers by enemy at this point. During afternoon patrols were again sent out to search for our wounded and dead, and collection of enemy identifications commenced.</p> <p>Orders for relief by the 6<sup>th</sup> Bn were received and arrangements made. See operation order attached.</p> <p>owing to darkness of night and bad weather the relief was not completed until 0200 on morning of the 17/4/17. The battalion moved</p>	<p>References or Remarks to Appendix attached.</p> <p>Limut-Cole c/o. 77th Bn., A.I.F.</p> <p>R. Rafferty</p>
17/4/17	VELU	<p>back to bivouacs in the village of VELU.</p> <p>The men were rested for the remainder of the day.</p> <p>Rain continued to fall all day.</p>	

Date	Place		Remarks from which Appendix Attached
1917	June		
18/4/17	VELU J25.01.1	<p>A working party of 2 officers and 110 men were supplied for road mending near LEBUCQUIERE.</p> <p>At mid-day a building was blown up in VELU by a mine left by the Germans. There were no casualties sustained by this battalion.</p> <p>Fifty (50) Cents were received and were pilched in inconspicuous places, round buildings and in the woods for the housing of the battalion.</p> <p>The weather is fine and cold.</p>	<p>R. Rafferty Lieut.-Col. c/o. 11th Batn., A.I.F.</p>
19/4/17	VELU	<p>The men were rested during the day.</p> <p>A Special Carrying party of 4 officers and 200 O.R. left for front line at 2100 and returned at 0200 on the 20/4/17. The C.O. visited the transport line at FREMICOURT.</p>	
20/4/17	VELU	<p>The Brigade Commander Brig-General H.G. BENNET C.M.G. visited the battalion.</p> <p>The day was fine.</p>	
21/4/17	VELU	<p>The Army Coy's Commander Lt.-Genl. W. BIRDWOOD K.C.S.I. visited the battalion at mid-day.</p>	

Date	Place	Remarks
1917	Line	
22/4/17	VELU	<p>Major D. HERDER and C Coy (equal to half a company) left for BEAUMETZ to act as escort for guns.</p> <p>Lieut DENT-YOUNG reported for duty from attached duty with Brigade.</p> <p>Lieut LONG reported for duty from hospital.</p> <p>The day was fine though cold.</p>
23/4/17	VELU	<p>The Battalion is still holding the same line &amp; duties as on 22/4/17. Enemy activity normal. Captain R. McFinnon (adjt) reported for duty from leave. Lieut W. V. Graham &amp; 20 other ranks reported for duty from Brigade Training Coy.</p>
24/4/17	HAPLINCOURT	<p>During the day the Battalion was relieved by the 5<sup>th</sup> DORSETS at VELU the relief being completed by 1500. This Battalion in turn relieving the 6<sup>th</sup> LINCOLNS in the HAPLINCOURT area. Two Coy's B &amp; D holding the BEUGNY-YTRES line with A &amp; C Coy's in support in the Village of HAPLINCOURT. 76 Reinforcements from the Base arrived, dispositions and were allotted to Coy's. The G.O.C.'s Guard of 1 Sgt. &amp; 29 OR's of Coy's reported back for duty from HENECOURT where they have been</p>

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 Lieut.-Col  
 c/o. 71th Bn. A.I.F.

Date	Place	Remarks References to appearances attached
1917	Drome	
24/4/17	FREMICOURT	
Stationed since 26 <sup>th</sup> March 1917.		
The general situation was normal during the day, the weather being fine.		
25/4/17	"	
The night 24/25/4/17 passed without incident so far as our line of defence was concerned. 'B' & 'D' Coys were busy improving the shelters in their positions & 'A' & 'C' Coys were similarly employed improving shelters in the village, some men were employed in fixing up a building for the purpose of baths for the Battalion.		Lieut.-Colo.
12/Lieut. G. A. LAMERTON reported for duty from 1 <sup>st</sup> Divisional School (Late Coy Ser. 'C' Coy).		c/o. 11th Batn. A.I.F.
General situation very quiet, weather fine.		RARafferty
26/4/17	"	
'A' Coy was employed on Railway construction work at FREMICOURT from 0530 to 1700. The remaining Coys were employed in fumigating their blankets and bathing, in addition to holding the line, a few men (15) being taken away at a time, temporary baths (tubs) which were collected by the M.G. in the ruins of the village were used for the purpose. The Divisional Comd		

Date	Place	Remarks or References to
1917	Time	Appendix attached
26/4/17	HARLINGCOURT	(Genl. A. B. WALKER, C.B.) visited the line held by the Battalion, General situation quiet, the weather conditions were fine.
27/4/17	"	"C" Coy was employed on Railway construction work at FREMICOURT during the day, the remaining Coy's were employed on improving their positions, by constructing fire steps etc. 2/Lieut. G. W. MATTHEWS & 6 other ranks reported for duty, the officers from Reinforcements (21/11) and the 6 other ranks from Hospitals, the General situation was quiet during the day, weather conditions were fine.
28/4/17	"	"A" Coy was employed on Railway construction work at FREMICOURT during the day, "C" Coy was employed on Barrage work during the morning resulting in a fair quantity of useful material being collected. The remaining Coy's were employed on improvements to shelters & positions. Situations quiet, weather fine.

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

Date	Place		Remnants of References to Affidavits attached
1917	Time		
29/4/17	HAPLIN COURT	"C" Coy, was employed during the day on Railway construction work at FREMICOURT and vicinity, "A" Coy carried out the Polling for the Commonwealth Elections, "B" & "D" Coys were employed on improving their positions & Shelters. The general situation very quiet on this front. weather fine & warm.	
30/4/17	"	Polling in connection with the Commonwealth Elections was carried out & completed during the day a total of 502 votes being recorded. "A" Coy was employed on Railway Construction in the vicinity of FREMICOURT. No 968 Sgt. M. B. GASTON left for Divisional School of Instruction with a view of qualifying for a commission. Situation quiet. Weather fine.	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">                     11th Batn. A.I.F.                      REAR RALLY                      11th Batn. A.I.F.                 </p>

T R A I N I N G.

(To be attached to Syllabus)

LOCATION. Train Ground, HENENCOURT WOOD.

HOURS. 9 a.m. - 12 noon. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

METHOD OF FORMING UP AND INSPECTION. The complete Platoon will form up on its own parade ground, be inspected by its Commander and marched on to Company Parade. The Company Commander will make his inspection and march on to Battalion Parade by 9 a.m.

LECTURES. Syllabus of Lectures for Officers and N.C.O's is attached.

STRENGTH. Every available man is to be taken on Parade.

DRESS. Fighting Order. Water Proof Sheet to be carried.  
All ranks to be dressed uniformly.  
During attack practices steel helmets will be worn.

CLASSES. Classes for Officers and N.C.O's in special subjects will be held daily from 1630 to 1715.  
Chief Instructor. - The Adjutant.  
Assistant Instructors - Intelligence Officer, Lewis M.G. Officer, Bombing Officer, Battalion Musketry Instructor.

*A. Brodie*  
.....Lieutenant,  
Asst. Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

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T R A I N I N G    S Y L L A B U S.

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For 2nd & 3rd April 1917.

Day.	Forenoon.	Afternoon.
1st Day.:	Battalion Drill, Extended : : Order Drill, Platoon & Company: : Musketry - Range Practice. : :	Outposts. Bayonet Fighting. Musketry - Range Practice. :
2nd Day. :	Battalion Drill - Artillery : : Formations. Bayonet Fighting: : Musketry - Range Practice. : :	Battalion in Attack. Musketry - Range Practice. :



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L E C T U R E S.

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OFFICERS.

30 minutes Lectures, followed by Questions and Answers.

Day	Time	Nature of	By whom.
1st Day.	1930	Outposts.	Officer Commanding 'D' Company.
2nd Day.	1930	Musketry.	Commanding Officer.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

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30 minutes Lectures, followed by Questions and Answers.

Day.	Time	Nature of	By whom.
1st Day	1815	Outposts.	Officer Commanding 'D' Company.
2nd Day.	1815.	Musketry.	Battalion Musketry Instructor.

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## BATTALION MOVE ORDER NO. 6,

by

Major R. A. RAFFERTY,  
Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

HENENCOURT WOOD. 3/4/1917.

Reference - ALBERT (combined sheet) Sheet 57 C.

- INFORMATION. (1) The 3rd Inf. Bgde. will move in two stages to FREMICOURT. First stage will be MONTAUBAN Brigade Camp, S.86.D.
- PARADE. (2) Battalion will form up ready to move off at 0900 tomorrow in paddock East of Wood on Right of WARLOY - HENENCOURT Road. markers will report to R.S.M. at 0840 with marching out states
- ROUTE. (3) WELLEN COURT - ALBERT - cross roads - F.S.A. HANETZ.
- ORDER OF MARCH. (4) Hqrs. Details, C, D, A & B. Coys., Transport.
- TRANSPORT. (5) Transport will be drawn up on Right of WARLOY - HENENCOURT Road at edge of Wood ready to move at 0900.
- INTERVALS. (6) 300 yards between Battalions and Transport, 100 yards between Coys. will be maintained on the march.
- DRESS. (7) Marching Order plus 1 blanket, greatcoat in pack, ground-sheet under flap, jerkins to be worn, steel helmets on pack under supporting straps.
- REAR PARTY. (8) O.C. 'D' Coy. will detail Lieut. A.J. LONG to act as Rear Party. This Officer will report to Adjutant at 0800 for instructions.
- BAGGAGE. (9) All baggage will be delivered to baggage wagons by 0800.
- BAGGAGE LOADING PARTY. (10) O.C. 'D' Coy. will detail 1 N.C.O. & 10 men to act as loading party to report to Q.M. at 0800 on 4th last. The N.C.O. & 3 men will travel with wagons to new area to act as baggage Guard. The remainder will rejoin their Coy. on completion of work.
- RATIONS AND WATER. (11) Unexpended portion of days ration will be carried. Water bottles will be filled.
- FALLING OUT. (12) Any man falling out of the column must be in possession of a certificate signed by an Officer of his Company. This certificate will be endorsed by the R.M.O.
- CAMP. (13) All huts and Coy. lines must be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Certificates to this effect will be handed to the Adjutant on Battalion falling in.
- MARCH DISCIPLINE. (14) The strictest March Discipline will be maintained. O's C. Coys. will see that touch is maintained with Coys. in front and will ensure that the distances laid down are correctly kept. Attention is directed to notes on March Discipline issued with B.R.O. 17. These instructions will be strictly enforced.
- REPORTS. (15) Reports will be furnished to Battalion Headquarters on Companies arriving at new area.
- ROUTINE. (16) Routine for tomorrow will be :-  
Reveille 0600, Sick Parade 0630, Breakfast 0700.

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.....Lieutenant  
Asst. Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A. I. F.

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BATTALION MOVE ORDER NO. 7,  
by  
Major R.A. RAFFERTY,  
Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.  
MONTAUBAN. 4/4/1917.

Copy No. 7<sup>18</sup>

Reference - ALBERT (combined sheet) Sheet 57 C.

- INFORMATION. (1) The 3rd Inf. Bgde. will move to FREMIGOURT tomorrow, 5th inst.
- PARADE. (2) The Battalion will form up by Coys. in front of huts occupied ready to move at 0930 tomorrow. Marching Out States to be furnished to Battn. Orderly Room by 0900.
- ROUTE. (3) LONGUEVAL - ELLIOTS WALK - ETERNAL ALLEY - BEAULENCOURT to HAPLINCOURT.
- ORDER OF MARCH (4) Hqrs. Details, D, A, B & C Coys.
- TRANSPORT. (5) Transport, brigaded, will move with usual intervals in same order via LA BOISSELLE - BAPAUME. Head of column to move at 0830. Baggage and Supply wagons of 11th Battalion moving to HAPLINCOURT.
- INTERVALS. (6) 900 yards between Battalions and 100 yards between Coys. will be maintained on the march.
- DRESS. (7) Marching Order plus 1 blanket, greatcoat in pack, ground sheet under flap of pack, jerkins and steel helmets to be worn.
- REAR PARTY. (8) O.C. 'A' Coy. will detail Lieut. POPE and 8 men to act as Rear Party. This Officer will report to Adjutant at 0830 for instructions.
- BAGGAGE. (9) All baggage will be delivered at Q.M.'s Store by 0745.
- BAGGAGE LOADING PARTY. (10) O.C. 'A' Coy. will detail 1 N.C.O. & 10 men as Loading Party. to report to Q.M. at 0745 on 5th inst. The N.C.O. & 8 men will travel with wagons to new area to act as Baggage Guard. The remainder will rejoin the Coy. on completion of work.
- RATIONS AND WATER. (11) Unexpended portion of days ration to be carried. Water bottles will be filled.
- FALLING OUT. (12) Any man falling out of the column must be in possession of a certificate signed by an Officer of his Coy. This certificate must be endorsed by the R.M.O.
- Camp. (13) All huts and Coy. lines must be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Certificates to this effect to be handed to Battn. Orderly Room by 0900.
- REPORTS. (14) Reports will be furnished to Battn. Hqrs. on Coys. arriving at new area.
- ROUTINE. (15) ~~Reports will be furnished to B~~  
Routines for tomorrow will be :-  
Ravalls 0600, Sick Parade 0630, Breakfast 0700.

*M. J. J. J.*  
.....Captain,  
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A. I. F.

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## OPERATION ORDER

by  
Major R. A. RAFFERTY,  
Commanding 11th Battalion. 11/4/17.

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- INFORMATION.** ( 11th Battalion will relieve the 10th Battalion on night of 11/12th inst. taking over the line from on the Left D.20.d.3.6. D.26.b.9.9., D.21.d.10.8., D.29.a.0.0., J.5.Central. on the Right. 9th Battalion are on our Left, 1st Battalion are on our Right.
- DISPOSITIONS.** D Coy.(11th Bn.) holds from D.20.d.3.6. to D.21.d.0.0.  
B Coy.(11th Bn.) holds from D.21.d.0.0. to D.28.a.8.8.  
C Coy.(11th Bn.) holds from D.28.a.8.8. to D.29.c.5.7.  
A Coy.(11th Bn.) holds from D.29.c.5.7. to J.5.Central.
- DUMPS.** S.A.A., Bombs and Rifle Grenades at J.3.d.8.8.
- Battalion Headquarters.** At J.4.c.7.2.
- TOOLS.** If none available in line report at once to Bn.Hqrs.
- RATIONS.** D, B & C Coys. delivered to J.2.b.5.6. Coys. will make arrangements to carry from there. A Coy. rations delivered near dressing station at J.4.c.1.4. Coy. arrangements as to carrying from there. Hqrs. Details will be delivered at same position as A Coy. and will make similar arrangements as to carrying.
- DRESSING STATION.** For A, C, & Hqrs. Details at J.4.c.1.4. For B & D Coys. through relay at J.7.d.9.9.
- GENERAL.** As soon as Coys. are in position and various posts located, these orders will be destroyed.
- TIME.** Coys. will move to positions allotted as soon as it is sufficiently dark and report to Hqrs. when in position giving distributions of Company with rough sketch.
- INTELLIGENCE.** Reports to reach Battalion Headquarters at 0500 daily.

(sgd) H. COLVIN, 2/Lieut.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

To/  
O.C., DORA.

12/4/1917.

You will select a position to which your ration wagon can get with convenience and safety. You will detail 2 reliable men to whom you will shew this spot. They will then report to Major AARONS. at old B.H.Q. of LOVE in Sunken Road by 1900 today to be ready to guide ration wagon to spot indicated. Suggest D.27.d.3.7. which is close to B Coy's Hqrs.

Also suggest you move your Hqrs. to a position further towards East.

Also send one man to report with other two to follow water cart and guide from B Coy. filling point to yours.

Extend your Right flank 50 yards to 100 yards to your Right taking over any posts therein contained from B Coy.

(sgd) H. COLVIN, 2/Lieut.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

To/  
O.C., CONNIE.

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You will extend your Left flank another 100 yards to your Left, taking over any posts therein contained by B Coy. Report when done.

13/4/17.

(sgd) H. COLVIN, 2/Lieut.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

BATTALION ORDER

by  
Major R. A. RAFFERTY,  
Commanding 11th Battalion.

EXAMINING POSTS You will establish posts on any roads running from enemy's territory through your position.  
WORK. You will improve and enlarge existing posts wherever possible.

GENERAL. You will establish posts well in advance of your present line ~~positions~~ to act as advanced sentry groups. It is also necessary to patrol between mainline of posts and to flank companies. The ground in front of your positions should be patrolled well out.

REPORTS giving following particulars to reach Battalion Hqrs. at 0500  
(1) Map Reading for new posts established. (2) Work done by forward patrols with their reports. (3) Consolidation work. (4) Any information respecting casualties and intelligence. The usual situation reports will be sent per phone daily at 0330 and 1530.

/4/1917.

(sgd) H. COLVIN, 2/Lieut.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

Battalion Order

by  
Major R. A. RAFFERTY,  
Commanding 11th Battalion. 13/4/1917.

INFORMATION. The line held by 11th Battalion is divided into 4 sectors each sector being held by 1 Company in order from the Left, D, B, C & A.

Each Company will be distributed as follows:-  $\frac{1}{2}$  Coy. in defensive (picquet) line and forward sentry groups,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Coy. resting in close support. Reliefs between the half Coys. will be arranged by O's C. Coys. Line indicated to Coy. Cmdrs. will be reached tonight (13/14th).

PATROLS will be sent out as usual and reports given.

REPORTS. All reports and intelligence to reach Hqrs. by 0500 daily.

(sgd) H. COLVIN, 2/Lieut.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

NOTE. This order was cancelled in favor of following order consequent on further orders from Bde. R.

BATTALION ORDER

by  
Major R. A. RAFFERTY,  
Commanding 11th Battalion. 13/4/1917.

- In accordance with instructions issued by 3rd Aust. Inf. Bgde., 11th Battalion will move forward tonight (13th/14th).
- INFORMATION. 9th Battalion will move forward its Right flank to cross Roads at D.31.a.2.8. where they establish a strong post and connect with the Left flank of 11th Battalion.  
1st Inf. Bgde. on Right are moving in conjunction with 11th Battalion who will maintain close connection with Left of 1st Inf. Bgde. whose Left post will be near D.30.d.9.2.

2. INFORMATION. (contd). forward  
 11th Battalion will move/along its whole front to an approximate line as under:-  
 D.30.Central, D.23.c.2.6.; D.22.Central; D.21.a.2.8.  
 Day Posts will be established in vicinity of D.30.Central, D.23.d.2.3.; D.23.c.2.6.; D.23.b.2.0.; D.21.b.5.4.; In addition Night Posts at D.30.A.2.8.; D.23.c.1.8.; D.22.a.1.2.
3. TIME. Line will commence ~~for~~ moving forward at 2200 tonight. Support lines will move forward to correspond.  
 Battalion will be in three sectors in order D Coy.(Left) from D.21.a.2.8. to D.22.Central.  
 C Coy. (Centre) from D.22.Central to ~~D.23.d.Central~~ D.23.d.Central.  
 A Coy.(Right) from D.23.d.Central to D.30.Central.  
Note.- Our Right boundary runs through D.30.d.Central (approx.)  
 B Coy. will remain concentrated as near as possible to its present position and will act as Battalion reserve.
4. REPORTS. Coys. will report by Runner as soon as new line is established.

(sgd) H. COLVIN, 2/Lieut.,  
 A.Asst.Adjutant.

To/  
 O.C., CONNIE:

You will maintain posts as ordered to take last night and hold on at all costs. See to this personally.

14/4/17. 1030.

(sgd) R. A. RAFFERTY,  
 O.C. LORD.

To/  
 All Companies.

Hold your line with strong picquet posts, full platoons if necessary, sentry groups reasonable distance in front. Supports are being provided by 2 Coys. of LOOT. Get into position as soon as possible after dusk on the line required to be held.

Report when in position.

14/4/17.

(sgd) R. A. R.  
 C.O. LORD.

Special to B. If necessary to move forward a little to fill gap between D & C do so.

R.A.R.

To/  
 O.C. 'C' Coy. LOOT.

Send half your Coy. to support Major HEARDER who holds a line D.22.Central. Your position is directly in his rear. Report to Major HEARDER when in position also to H.Q.LORD. Take up with you S.A.A. 10 boxes, 10 boxes bombs.

14/3/17. 2325.

C.O. LORD.

To/  
 O.C., 'C' Coy. LOOT.

Take your second half Coy. on to C.O. 'A' Coy. from where you will be put into proper support position for Major HEARDER to whom you will report. He will report to me. Stay with your forward half.

15/4/17. 0,50.

C.O. LORD.

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To/ O.C. A Coy. Capt. HEMINGWAY.

SHORTEN LINE ORDER.

Hold the line you are on by a line of piquet posts protected by sentry groups in front sufficiently far to prevent surprise. A Coy. provides its own supports and hold the piquet line at all costs.

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Piquet Platoon. Piquet Platoon. Piquet Platoon.

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Support Platoon.

Sentry groups may be withdrawn by day if advisable. Gap from your Left to D.98.a.5.8. will be occupied at dusk by a Company of 2nd Battn, who in turn will be relieved by our B Coy. as soon as B Coy. is relieved by A Coy., 10th Battn.

Our frontage has been shortensd and runs from your Right to D.98.a.5.8.

15/4/17.

C.O. LORD.

To/ O.C. A Coy.

Futher instructions as regards Capt. BORNISH and Capt. IRELAND you are to allow the men of 10th Battn. to withdraw as soon as your line is fixed. Capt. BORNISH with his two platoons goes first and proceed to Hqrs. of our D Coy. at D.97.a.3.5. where they support our D Coy. now in line at that sector.

Capt. IRELAND with his men will withdraw as soon as opportunity occurs and will proceed to road in J.3.a and c. reporting to his C.O. at D.95.b.5.9.

15/4/17.

(sgd) R. A. RAFFERTY,  
C.O. LORD.

Should you have any men of A Coy., 10th., they are to go to their Coy. who lies to the ~~Right~~ Left of B Coy. when in position on your Left.

"SHORTEN LINE" ORDER  
by C.O. LORD.

To/ O.C. 'B' Coy.

You will hand over section of line D.98.a.5.8. to 91.d.3.2. (approx) to A Coy. of 10th Battn. (Capt. HURCOMBE). As soon as he is in position you will go to section of line D.98.a.5.8. to about D.98.b.7.2. the approximate Left of Capt. HEMINGWAY and take over that line from the Coy. of 2nd Batt. who hold it till you arrive. When you are in position they withdraw.

Line you will be held by piquet posts of platoons with sentry groups sufficiently far in front to prevent surprise. The piquet line must be held and supports for which provision is made comes from the rear. Report when in position.

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Platoon. Platoon. Platoon.

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Support Platoon.

Sentry groups may withdraw by day if advisable.

15/4/17.

R.A.R.

## "SHORTEN LINE" ORDER.

To/  
C.C. D Coy.

You will remain where you are tonight and take orders from C.O., 10th Battn. in whose area you now are. You will have a Coy. of 10th on your Right. This Coy. is changing places with our B Coy. You may have to draw back your Right a little to conform to the alignment D.31. a.3.8. to D.38.a.5.8.

If you do not get instructions as to method of holding line do it like this:-

* * * *	* * * *	* * * *	Sentry Groups as required.
<u>Platoon.</u>	<u>Platoon.</u>	<u>Platoon.</u>	
Piquet Post.	Piquet Post.	Piquet Post.	
=====			
Support Platoon.			

The other two platoons of 10th are going to you as soon as light is right.

(sgd) R. A. R.

## MOVE ORDER

by  
Major R. A. RAFFERTY,  
Commanding 11th Battalion. 16/4/17.

- (1) Companies on being relieved will move independently to VEIU, Coy. Cmdrs. reporting personally to C.O. of relieving Battalion at present Headquarters before moving off.
- (2) All trench stores and tools will be handed over to incoming unit and a receipt obtained (in duplicate).
- (3) Guides to conduct incoming parties to each piquet post will be provided. Guides will report to Bn. Hqrs. by 1900.
- (4) Packs will be carried by transport to new location.
- (5) Rations will be issued on arrival at new location.

(sgd) H. COLVIN, S/Lieut.,  
a. Asst. Adjutant, 11th Battalion.

The above is subject to orders from LGOT not being altered.



REPORT by C.O., 11th Battalion on  
Enemy Attack  
on morning of 15th April 1917.

On the night of 14/15th April the line held by 11th Battalion was approximately D.21.a.0.4., D.21.b.5.4. thence to D.23.d.7.4. to D.30.a.4. 6X. to D.30.c.1.4.

The line was held by three Companies. D Coy. Left, C Coy. Centre, A Coy. Right, B Coy. Battalion reserve at D.21.d.5.0. to D.28.a.7.8.

Each Coy. held its Sector with picquet posts, one platoon per Coy. forming its own close support.

This was my disposition at dusk of 14th.

At 2300 on night of 14th two companies from LOOT were placed at my disposal. I placed one Company on Sunken Road running through D.28.c.

A half Company I placed at disposal of my 'A' Coy. on Right and a half Coy. at disposal of 'C' Coy. Centre.

The half for A Coy. were placed at approximately D.29.c.3.2.

The half for C Coy at approximately D.29.a.4.4.

At about 0400 an intense enemy artillery barrage was opened on picquet line and worked back to LOUVERVAL and beyond that to our rear. The barrage appeared to last about 15 minutes and shells were coming from flanks and front. At this time I received reports from D Coy. Left flank that enemy was attacking. And a report from A Coy. Right flank that they suspected enemy attack, this was shortly after confirmed.

Some little time after this 'A' Coy. reported that the enemy had broken through the Coy. on his left and had lodged himself in an old trench commanding A Coy's positions and enemy was still advancing from direction of D.28.d. Central.

I sent forward another half Company to A Coy. from my reserve in Sunken road through D.28.c. Captain HEMINGWAY then organised a local counter-attack and drove the enemy from the positions he had gained.

At this time the Right Coy. Picquet posts were still holding out but were being hard pressed by weight of numbers. Conforming to the movements of the Battalion on our Right 'A' Coy's Right flank picquet withdrew gradually until it reached approximately D.29.0.5.0. where it held on.

Just prior to this it was seen that A Coy's centre picquet was surrounded and had evidently used up all their ammunition, for with fixed bayonets the remainder of the post charged into the large body of the enemy who had surrounded them. Lieut. POPE was in charge of this post and our patrol since report having found his dead body.

The Left picquet ~~and~~ of 'A' Coy. under command of Lieut. LYON (missing) held out after Coy. in left had been broken thereby gaining time for his Coy. Commander to make sound his rear line of resistance which was the support line. This effort caused the complete loss of Lieut. LYON and his platoon.

By this time 'A' Coy. had established a line approximately D.29.d.5.0. to D.29.A.0.0. The Gap on their left being covered by two Vickers Guns and 1½ Coy. of LOOT in Sunken Road at D.28.c. (the 3rd Coy. of LOOT having arrived at about 0830).

The position held by B Coy. which had not been moved was now in prolongation of line held by A Coy., the gap being covered as before mentioned.

The attack on 'B' Coy. being light compared with others were held off with comparative ease.

D Coy. on our left flank were successful in holding their position although for a time their Left was much exposed owing to the Battalion on our Left having to draw back for a short period. Wire in front of the posts prevented the enemy from rushing this position. The enemy eventually drew off to a ridge about 300 yards distance and dug in. All through the day our Left flank position was shelled.

At dusk on evening of 15th inst. I sent over half Coy. from Sunken Road in D.28.c. to report to O.C. 'D' Coy. (our Left Coy) to support him. Events shew that this was warranted for the enemy attacked again and succeeded in mopping up the Right picquet post of the Left Coy. D Coy. then consolidated from approximately D.30.b.8.2. to Left of B Coy. at D.21.d.5.0. A Company of 2nd Battalion which had reported during the day I put into the gap between Right of 'B' Coy. & Left of 'A' Coy.

thereby/

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thereby consolidating the whole which now ran approximately D.80.b.8.3. D.88.a.5.6.; D.89.d.0.5. to our Right boundary.

The situation now became normal. Inter-Battalion relief as instructed by Brigade was now carried out.

Although our outpost line was forced back to a line decided upon and prepared in case of such events as had happened we were, in spite of heavy losses, able to prevent the enemy (on whom heavy casualties had been inflicted) from breaking through the line held by 11th Battalion.

20/4/1917.

*R. Rafferty*  
..... Major,  
C.O., 11th Battalion, A. I. F.

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ARMY FORM NO. 1810  
1917

BATTALION MOVE ORDER NO. 8,

by

Major E. A. RASBERTY,

Commanding Battalion

V.H.U. 25/4/17.

Use Reference Sheet 27 C.

Unit

DAILY ORDERS PART II

Information (1) The 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved by 34th Inf. Bde. on 25/4/17. Relief to be completed by 1400.

PARADE. (2) Coys. will be ready to move off at 0830 tomorrow, 24th inst and will move independently on receiving orders from C.O. A & C Coys. moving to HAWLINGCOURT village relieving A & B Coys. of 6th Lincolnns respectively. B & D Coys. moving to BEUGHY - 6th Lincolnns line Right Sector relieving B & C Coys. 6th Lincolnns respectively.

ROUTE. (3) From V.H.U. through Squares J.25.C, I.30, I.30.D., I.35, C.1. to HAWLINGCOURT.

FORMATION. (4) Coys. will move in Artillery formation.

DRESS. (5) Marching Order plus two blankets, greatcoat in pack, ground sheet under flap of pack, steel helmets to be worn.

BAGGAGE. (6) Officers' valises and baggage will be left at Batta.Hqrs. by 0830 tomorrow. Officers valises that are over the prescribed weight will not be taken.

LOADING PARTY. (7) C.O. 'A' Coy. will detail 1 N.C.O. & 8 men as loading party to report to Bn.Hqrs. at 0830, the N.C.O. & 2 men will travel with wagon to new area and act as baggage guard. The remainder will rejoin their Coy. on completion of work.

TRANSPORT. (8) Transport officer will arrange necessary transport for baggage and removal of kits to new area.

RATIONS & WATER. (9) The unexpended portion of the days ration to be carried. Waterbottles to be filled.

CAMP. (10) All bivouacs and lines must be left in a sanitary condition. Certificates to this effect to be handed in by Coy.Cadre. to Battalion Orderly Room at 1000.

SHELTERS & TENTS. (11) Shelters and tents will be handed over and receipts obtained (in duplicate) from incoming unit. Receipts to be handed into Batta.Orderly Room with reports.

REPORTS. (12) Reports to be furnished to B.C.R. by Coy.Cadre. on completion of relief.

REAR PARTY. (13) C.O. 'A' Coy. will detail 1 Officer and 6 men to act as Rear Party.

*E. A. Rasberty*  
.....Captain,  
Adjutant, 13th Battalion, A. I. F.

Each issue of Orders will be numbered consecutively throughout the year. A fresh series will be commenced with the first issue in each year.

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### DAILY ORDERS. PART II.

N.B.—The Sub. No. of Order and Subject are to be shown in Columns 1 and 2 thus:—1—Courts-Martial.

No. ....  
Date .....

Regimental No., Rank, and Name.	Sqdn., Batty., or Co.	Particulars of Casualties, etc., and Date.
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11th Battalion.

24/4/1917.

To/  
Q.C. Company.

The following shows the dispositions of 'B' and 'D' Coys. holding the BEUGNY - YTRES Line.

'B' Coy. on the Right and 'D' Coy. on the Left, with 'A' and 'C' Companies in Support at HAPLINCOURT.

Right Company.

Three Platoons in BEUGNY - YTRES Line from O.11.b.8.6. to road at I.35.a.4.6. - approximately 2,200 yards, and one platoon in shelters in road at I.34.d.8.0. ~~1 Standing Patrol (examining post) at earth track~~ Garrison is accommodated in shelters and dugouts in the trench. Company Headquarters at present in shelters in bank I.35.b.3.5.

PATROLS.

1 Standing Patrol on Right flank at O.12.a.5.6. 1 Standing Patrol (examining post) at road O.5.d.8.6. 1 Standing Patrol (examining post) at earth track I.35.b.5.5.

Patrols from each platoon to move around wire from 'Stand To' to 'Stand To'.

Trench Gas Guard on each platoon sector.

Standing Patrol at I.34.d.8.0. (support platoon).

LEFT COMPANY.Moving Patrols - Left.

3 N.C.O.'s and 15 men in three reliefs move out from I.28.a.3.2. and patrol to old German dump at I.29.a. 2 men then return to wire at I.28.d.8.2. and return to starting point where they meet remainder of patrol.

Moving Patrols - Right.

3 N.C.O.'s and 15 men in three reliefs move out from I.35.a.4.7. and patrol to German dump at I.29.a. 2 men return to wire at I.28.d.8.2. and then return along wire to starting point. These two patrols meet at the German Dump.

Standing Patrols.

1 N.C.O. and 6 men each in three reliefs at breaks in wire at roads in each

I.29.c.8.0.	:	I.28.d.8.2.
I.28.a.7.2.	:	I.35.a.4.7.

GAS GUARDS.

Each platoon furnishes Gas Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men.

Anti-Aircraft Post.

1 N.C.O. & 3 men from 'Stand To' in the morning until 'Stand Down' in evening at Company Headquarters.

Stand To.

From 4.30 a.m. to 5.30 a.m.  
From 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Troops live in trench - 1 platoon on Left of sector - 3 platoons on Right of sector.

*H. J. German*  
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A. I. F.