

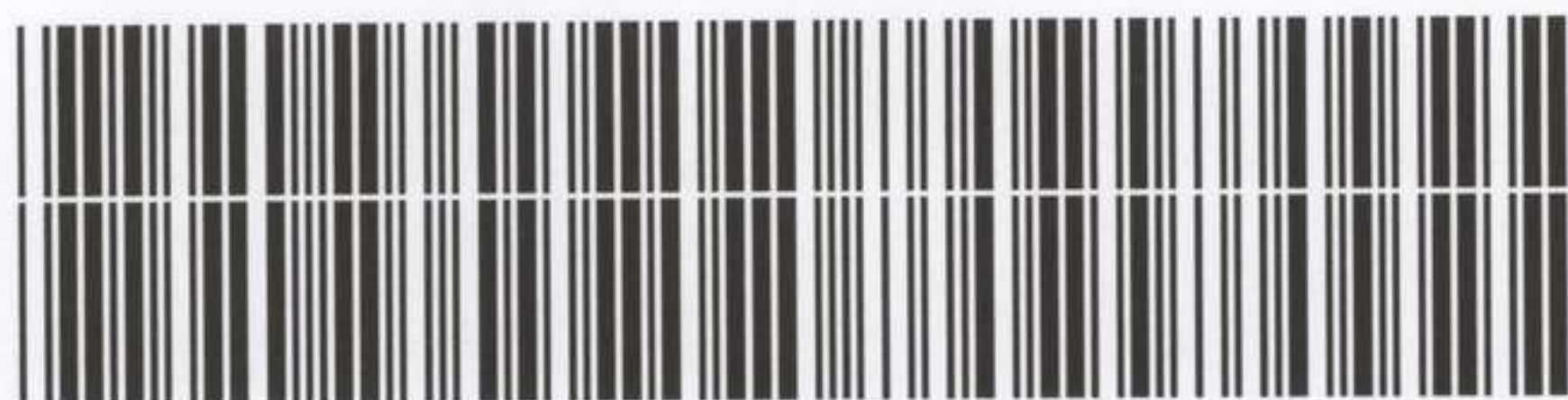
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Date	Place	11 Br	Remarks or References to Appendices attached
1/5/17	HAPLIN COURT 57.6.5.W.	<p>"C" Coy was employed on Railway construction work during the day in the vicinity of FREMICOURT, "A" "B" & "D" Coys were employed on improving their positions for defence. The Divisional Commander (Genl. H. B. WALKER C. B.) visited the various Posts & Positions manned by the Battalion, and certain suggestions were made by him for the further improvement of same. The following officers and other ranks reported for duty today:- Major H. H. DARNELL & Lt F. W. MACKEN from Details 2/Lt M. E. CLARKE from Cadet Training Battalion England, 2/Lt D. A. JAMES & Lt. SUMMERS from Reinforcements, 6 Ranks 22 partially trained, 113 from Details, Situation quiet, weather bright and fine.</p>	<p>Boyd Adams Major</p>
2/5/17	"	<p>"A" Coy was employed on Railway construction work during the day near FREMICOURT. A working party of 1000, of 0.2000 was supplied to TOWN MAJOR of HAPLIN COURT. Situation quiet, weather Sunshiny and warm.</p>	

Date	Place		Remarks References to Appendices
1917	June		
3/5/17	HAPLINCOURT	"C" Coy employed in railway construction work near	
	570.S.W	V.E.L.U. 2 nd Bn D Coy completing strong	
		posts on BEUGNY-YTRES line.	
	1445	Order received from Brigade to assemble battalion to	
		be ready to move off on receipt of further orders.	
	1930	Order from Brigade to resume normal conditions on	
		BEUGNY-YTRES line, but to be ready to move	
		at short notice.	
		2 nd Lt D.A. JAMES sick evacuated to Hospital	
		Situation quiet. Weather fine and warm	
	2130	Orders were received to move the battalion to	
		BEUGNY-YTRES line at H126.9.9. All first	
		line transport in readiness to move. The Battalion	
		left HAPLINCOURT at 2300. Companies moving	
		independently, via FREMICOURT arriving at	
		new position at 0200 4/5/17	
	4/5/17	H126.9.9	The C.O. (Lieut - Col. R.A. RAFFERTY)
			reported to the G.O.C. 7 th Australian Bde (Brig - Gen
			E.A. WISDOM. D.S.O) at 0530, and was instructed

Boyd Carson
 17th Bn. A.I.F.

Date	Place Time		Remarks References to Appendix sheets
4/5/17	NOREUIL 57 ^c S.V	<p>To move the battalion to a Sunken road near NOREUIL. Map Location C16 b.1.5. Move to be completed at noon. Transport and details remained at FREMICOURT. Cookhouse at H12 b.9.9. The Cookhouse and rations were brought up under cover of darkness, after the men had supper were returned to H12 b.9.9. 1500 Orders were received to relieve the 4th Bn. A.I.F. in the line. (Send Map 20000 O. 31.-D. 24. 2nd edition) from U29 b.6.6. to U23 d.6.0, along O.G.1 = O.G.2 (HINDENBERG LINE) to No 5 road in U29 a. aff. side. The battalion moved at 2350. (See Operation order 4/5/17 attached) The day was fine and warm The enemy shells of the village and Sunken road was intense.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> Floyd Lawrence Martin Lieut. Colonel, 17th Bn. A.I.F. </p>
5/5/17	C5 d.9.4	<p>The relief of the 4th Bn. was completed at 0430, without casualty. The Companies were employed during the day in improving and consolidating their positions and the C.O. inspected the line at 0530 the nucleus garden which had been left in the BEUCNY-YTRES line was withdrawn during the day.</p>	

Date	Place & Time	Remarks & References & Attachments
5/5/17.	C5 d.g. 4	<p>and rejoined their companies during the evening.</p> <p>The front lines and supports were heavily bombarded during the early morning. Casualties Lieutenant W. DENT - YOUNG, killed by shell fire.</p> <p>Up to noon the enemy artillery was quiet, enabling the front trench being re-paired. During the afternoon our left flank and communications trench in U29 were heavily shelled. There were a few casualties and the trenches were considerably damaged. At 2200 the enemy, who had been digging a jumping off trench since dusk 75 yards from our front, made a demonstration with flares, amongst which he used numerous green flares. This immediately caused our artillery to place its barrage on the S.O.S. line, just as the enemy commenced their attack. This barrage completely smashed the enemy's attack. (See Narrative of Operations for 5th, 6th & 7th May '17, attached)</p> <p>The weather was fine and bright.</p> <p>The rations, cooked food, water & tea were carried forward in limbers from H12 699 to C16 615 and</p>

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 17th Bn., A.I.F.

Date	Place Line	Remarks Reference to Appendix etc
5/5/17	C5 dq. H	from there were carried forward to the Companies by carrying parties.
6/5/17	"	<p>at 0700 the enemy again made an infantry attack after a similar demonstration of light. On this occasion our artillery did not respond to the enemy's light. And no response was made to S.O.S. signals when fired from our own line. This attack was eventually beaten off by machine-gun, Lewis-gun, rifle fire, & rifle grenades. The enemy inflicted several casualties with egg bombs.</p> <p>At 0500 the enemy made a third attack, he was stopped from making a frontal attack, by our artillery barrage which opened at 0503. But he attacked from the right flank using flamethrowers and bombs. 2 O.G. 2 after driving in the right flank post for 30 yds. he was checked and was held up by our post situated in No 1 Sap. In O.G. 1 however, he succeeded in driving the garrison back to the sunken road in U29. The garrison immediately re-organized, and delivered a counter-attack, which was successful in driving the enemy out, and we regained the whole of our former line. (See Narrative of Operations 5th 6th of May, attached.)</p>

Lloyd Dawson Major
 17th Battalion, A.I.F.

Date	Place Line	Remarks References to Appendix - d/b
6/5/17	C5 d q. H	<p>During these attacks the battalion suffered heavy casualties (See list attached) including Lieut. V. B. DANIELLS killed and Captains R. HEMINGWAY, J. P. O'NEIL, and A. BURGESS, and Lieutenants H. COLVIN and L. L. SUMMERS wounded.</p> <p>Throughout the day the line was subjected to spasmodic bombardments.</p> <p>The night was fairly quiet.</p> <p>The C.O. visited the line at 1130, and was wounded in the hand, but remained on duty.</p> <p>2/Lt. G. CAMPBELL reported back from hospital, and remained at H12 699.</p>
7/5/17	C5 d q. 4	<p>The day was fairly quiet. Our Lewis guns inflicted from 30 to 40 casualties on the enemy moving to and from a strong point situated in U23 C.</p> <p>During the night the battalion was relieved in the front line by the 12th Bn. Relief being completed at 2320. The battalion taking up a position in close support in sunken roads in C5 a + b + C5 d.</p>

Boyd Carone Major
 M.C.O. 71th Bn. A.I.F.

Date	Time & Place	Remarks Reference to file
7/5/17	C5 dg. 4	Lieuts J. A. ARCHIBALD & C. S. M. WALKER. D reported back from 5 th Army School. Lieuts F. R. BEASLEY and 2 nd Lt F. H. DALE & F. STAHL reported back from 1 st Aust. Div. School. The following N.C.O.s left for England for duty with the 3 rd Training Battalion:- 126 Sgt HOUGH. W. E., 332 Sgt NICOL. R. 471 Sgt OFFER F. T., 3298 T/CORP CHAMBERS E., 816 T/CORP OVERTON G., 748 Sgt BAGGS F. H., 884 Sgt CORIN. W. L., 901. Corp. PARKER. W., 1855 Sgt FOWLES H. J., 5163 T/CORP MULLIN. 2195 Sgt RENNIE. J. The following N.C.O.s left for 5 th Army Musketry Camp, Warley:- 1105326 L/CORP R. WEARMOUTH, 99. Pte J. SHIER, 963 Pte W. HESKETH, 1306 Pte H. BLAKE, 5439 Pte D. MCCULLOCK, 3395 Pte J. A. KING, 2822 L/CORP C. A. LOCKYER,

Lloyd Dawson's Battalion
 10th Bn. A.I.F.

Date	Place & Time		Remarks (to be filled in by the writer)
8/5/17	C5dq.H	The situation is quiet. Rain fell during the morning.	
		The I.O. Lt. C.G. ROSS was sent out by order of Brigade to locate a trench situated in U29 b.s.d. He was successful in doing so.	
	1800	The C.O. left for the Main Dressing Station and was relieved by 2nd in command (Major J. Boyd Arrows.)	
		Relief Order received from Brigade which is being relieved by the 14th Infy Bde A.I.F. Battalion to move out when front line is relieved by 53rd Battalion. The Battalion moved out from Sunken Roads in C.5 a.s.	Floyd Curran, Major A.I.F.
9/5/17		+ C5d at 0230 moving independently to V444X where they arrived at 0500 thence to H.12. b.99, where a halt of 2 hours was made for breakfast & roll call. The following casualties took place during the march out of the line: - 6324 Pte ROWE J.H., 5805 Pte DREW J.H. Killed by shell fire, wounded No 5057 Pte BROOMHALL B.V., Missing No 1998 Pte NORRIER.	
		At 0800 the Battalion moved to billets in BAPAUME arriving at 1000, the men were told off to their billets and allowed to rest for the day. Weather fine & warm.	

Date	Place	Remarks or References to
1917	Tins	References to
10/5/17	BAPAUME	Appendix attached
	H.27.C.9.5	The day was devoted to a general overhaul of clothing & equipment, arms etc and resting. The C.O. left for England on leave of absence, and Major J.B. HAKONS took over the Command of the Battalion during his absence. Weather, fine and warm.
11/5/17	"	The Battalion was resting during the greater part of the day with the exception of necessary fatigues etc. A party of 1 Officer (Lieut F.W. MACKEAN) and 30 other ranks left for the 5th Reel-Camp at VALERY-SUR-SOMME. Capt. G. EGG reported from leave England. The following officers reported for duty from Reinforcements 2/Lt G. GEMMELL, 1 from Div School 2/Lt G.M. McKINLEY & E.S. INMAN, also Lt PROUT from sick, in addition the following Reinforcements arrived 104 O.Rands, Weather, conditions fine & warm.
12/5/17	"	The Battalion is still resting and reorganising, 3 other ranks left for 5th Army

Lloyd Carsons
 Capt. 71th Bn
 41-c/o. 71th Bn

Date	Place		Remarks or References to Appendices attached
1917	France		
12/5/17	BAPAUME	<p>Musketry Camp at WARLOY, 2/Lts G. CAMPBELL & LAMERTON together with 4 other ranks proceeded on 10 days leave of absence to England. The weather conditions are now all that could be desired.</p>	
13/5/17	"	<p>Drill Service was held today as follows, R.Cs at 0930, and a Combined Brigade Service for all other denominations at 1000, Lieut. W. W. GRAHAM and 1 other rank left for England on 10 days leave of absence. The following officers left for the 1st Aust. Div. Wing School - Lt RICHES, MATTHEWS & GEMMEL, 15 other ranks two Corp., McNeil & Gilman left for England to join the 3rd Training Batt, 8 other ranks joined the Battalion from details. weather fine and warm, Capt. C. HARRIS, A.H.M.C. reported for duty (Temporary) during the absence of Capt. ROBINSON.</p>	<p>Major James [unclear] Adj. Gen. 11th Bde, A.I.F.</p>
14/5/17	"	<p>The following working parties were supplied by the Battalion - 4 Parties of 4 N.C.Os & 10 men for duty under the op 2nd Sanitary Section, on Sanitary work in BAPAUME, in addition</p>	

Date	Place	Remarks or References to
1917	June	Appendix attached
14/5/17	BAPAUME	<p>The whole of the Battalion were able to use the Divisional Baths at FREMICOURT - 2/Lieut. W. G. MURRAY reported for duty from Pt. Auzas Divisional School.</p> <p>Weather conditions - showery with some slight thunder storms.</p>
15/5/17	"	<p>Working parties of 6 N. C. O's & 42 other ranks were furnished for work under the O/C 2nd Sanitary Section for Sanitary duty in BAPAUME.</p> <p>A Class for N. C. O's was arranged during the day, they were instructed by CSM Walker who has recently returned from the 5th Army School, in addition classes for L. M. G's were carried on during the day.</p> <p>10 ranks reported for duty from details.</p> <p>Weather conditions fine.</p>
16/5/17	"	<p>Instructional work was carried out by 3 Corps of the Battalion (A. B. C.) in accordance with the programme attached, D. Day</p>

Lloyd Cairns Major
 Lieut Colonel
 A.I.F. 7th Bn.

Date	Place	Time	Remarks
16/5/17	BARRACKS	<p>was employed on work under the O/c 2nd Sanitary Section, in Town, 4 other ranks reported for duty from details, 6 other ranks were transferred to the 3rd A.L.T.M.B. The weather turned out somewhat cold wet. Lieut ARCHIBAND left for 10 days leave England.</p>	References to Appendices attached
17/5/17	"	<p>Instructional work was carried out by the Battalion during the day in accordance with attached Syllabus, 'A' Coy was employed under the Area Commandant on Sanitary work in the Town, weather conditions showery.</p>	Syllabus of Training
18/5/17	"	<p>The Battalion carried out instructional work during the day in accordance with Syllabus, 'B' Coy furnished a working party of 48 other ranks for sanitary work in Town, under O/c 2nd Sanitary Section, Lieut A.J. LONG reported for duty from leave of absence in England, weather conditions fine. Lieut C.G. ROSS (Intelligence officer) left for 10 days leave to Scotland.</p>	Syllabus of Training Lieut. Col. M. J. ... A.I.F.

Date	Place	Remarks or Reference to appendices attached
1917 19/5/17	Lima BAPAUME	Instructional work was carried out during the morning as per Syllabus attached. During the afternoon Battalion sports were carried out in order to decide on Candidates to compete in the Brigade Sports which are to take place in a few days. C Coy was employed as a working party under the Area O/C 2nd Sautany Section, in addition a party of 1 N.C.O. & 10 men striking Camp for Area Commandant M. Area at 11.6.9.5, weather conditions fine.
20/5/17	"	A Combined Brigade Church Parade was held at 1000, which was attended by The 1st Anzac Corps Commander (Lt General SIR W. R. BIRDWOOD K.C.S.I. K.C.M.G. C.B. C.I.E. D.S.O.) and Major Genl SIR NEWTON MOORE K.C.M.G. V.D. Captain W. R. HALLAHAN D.C.S.M. McIndoe left for Course of instruction at 5th Army School. 2/Lt. McKINLEY and 10 O.Rs left for

Boyd Carson Major
 Lieut. Colonel
 A.I.F. 11th Bn.

Date	Place	Remarks or References to	Appendices attached
1917	Ireland		
20/5/17	BAPAUME	BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT, as an assigned Billeting Party. Weather conditions fine.	
21/5/17	"	The Chaplain, Captain P. HAYES (R.C.) left for IRELAND on 10 days leave of absence.	
21/5/17	"	Instructional work was carried out during the day in accordance with syllabus attached. The Town & vicinity of BAPAUME was shelled during the day. No damage was done. Weather showery.	
22/5/17	"	The Battalion moved out of BAPAUME with the Brigade at 0700, for BAZENTIN LE-PETIT where we arrived at 1245 on the same day. Lieut. L. C. COOK left for England on 10 days leave of absence.	
		Some showers fell during the day. The following officers reported for duty from England: Lieut. L. J. BICKFORD from Sick list, Lt. A. R. RETCHFORD from Cadet Bn. 30 other ranks also reported from Hospital & details.	

Boyd Cairns
Major

Date	Place		Remarks or References to
1917	Time		Appendix
23/5/17	BAZENTIN	The Battalion with the Brigade Group left BAZENTIN LE PETIT at 0800 en route for RIBEMONT moving via CONTALMAISON - FRICOURT. MEAULTE. VILLE sur VANOIRE arriving at RIBEMONT at 1530. The Battalion was told off to its Billiting area, weather conditions fine & warm.	attached.
24/5/17	RIBEMONT	Instructional work was carried out during the day in accordance with Syllabus attached. Lieut. A. J. LONG took over the duties of Brigade Marketing Officer, temporary, 5 other ranks reported from hospital. weather conditions fine.	
25/5/17	"	The Battalion carried out instructional work during the day in accordance with Syllabus. weather conditions fine and warm.	
26/5/17	"	The Battalion carried out instructional work during the day as per attached Syllabus, 2/Lieut G. CAMPBELL returned from leave in England. Major Dixon Alexander reported for duty from Hospital in France. weather conditions fine and warm. 5% of members	

Major James [unclear]
 Lieut. [unclear]
 Coy. 7th Bn. A.I.F.

Date	Place	Remarks or References to appendices attached
1917	June	
25/5/17	RIBEMONT	of the Battalion were granted leave of absence to AMIENS for the day, and the same number daily until further orders.
27/5/17	"	A combined Church Service of the Brigade was held today at 0950, and R.C. Mass at 1000. The Rest Camp party of 2 Officers & 30 other ranks returned from VALLEY SOMME SOMME (Capt. Robinson (A.A.M.C.) and Lieut. F.W. Mackean. weather conditions fine and warm.
28/5/17	"	The 3rd Inf. Brigade Sports were held during the day, consequently no duty, outside of the usual Routine work was carried out; The members of the Battalion took part in all the events, with good results. The following officers reported for duty. 2/Lt. G.A. LAMERTON from leave (England) & 2/Lieut. C.O. PIESSE from Reinforcements together with 74 other ranks. Capt G.S. ROBINSON M.C. (A.A.M.C. attached) left for England for the purpose of being presented with his Military Cross by

Boyd Adams Major
 Lt-Col. 7th Bn. A.I.F.

Date	Place		Remarks or Reference
1917	RISBON	by His Majesty The King.	Approved
22/5/17	RISBON	Weather conditions fine and warm.	
29/5/17	"	Instructional work was carried out by the Battalion during the day in accordance with Syllabus attached. Lt A. MORRIS reported for duty from England (Seconded List) and 2/Lt D. A. JAMES from Hospital. 16 other ranks reported for duty from 1st Aust Base Depot. Weather conditions fine. Major D. HENDER left for England.	Lloyd James M.D. 11th Bn. 11th Div. I.I.F.
30/5/17	"	The Battalion carried out instructional work as per Syllabus attached. 2/Lt D. A. JAMES was evacuated to Hospital ill.	
31/5/17	"	Instructional duties were carried out in accordance with Syllabus attached. 1/Lt W. GRAHAM reported for duty from leave of absence in England. Weather conditions fine.	

OPERATION ORDER

by
Lieut-Colonel R.A. RAFFERTY,
Commanding LORD.
IN THE FIELD. 4/5/17.

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INFORMATION. The 11th Battalion will relieve the 4th Battalion in the line on the night of 4/5/17 from U.23.d.6.0. to U.29.b.6.6. inclusive back along O.G.1. and O.G.2. to North and South and in U.29.a. (approx). O.G.1. is the nearest line from our side. O.G.2. is the furthest line from our side. B Coy. on Right in O.G.2. and C Coy. on the Left in O.G.2. D Coy. on Right in O.G.1. and A Coy. on Left in O.G.1.

ORDER OF MOVE. B, C, D & A Coys., Hqrs. to move independently to B.H.Q.

RATIONS. Carried forward on men. Waterbottles to be filled.

DRESS. Fighting Order - Waterproof Sheet to be taken.

AMMUNITION. Carried forward on men. (170 Rounds). 6 Mills Bombs to be carried on men. 6 Boxes Rifle Grenades per Company to be carried by Companies.

TOOLS. Company Tools to be carried forward.

DUMP. Ammunition Dump at C.50.7.7.

B.H.Q. Bn.H.Q. in Sunken Road at C.5.d.9.4.

GUIDES. Guides from 4th Battalion will meet Coys. at C.5.a.5.3.

ADVANCE PARTIES. 1 Officer and 1 O.R. per Coy. will proceed at once to 4th Battalion Hd.Qrs. to take over stores, etc. Receipts will be given for all stores taken over (in duplicate). Copy being sent to Bn. Hqrs.

REPORTS. Relief will be reported to Battn.H.Qrs. immediately on completion.

Battalion will move on order from C.O.

(sgd) K. MCLENNAN Captain,
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

OPERATION ORDER

by
Lieut-Colonel R.A. RAFFERTY,
Commanding LORD.
IN THE FIELD. 5/5/1917.

Tonight, 5/6th May the 11th Battalion ~~and 12th Battalion~~ will extend the line now held by 11th & 12th Battalions to the Right to a line running from U.30.a.2.9. on O.G.2. to U.30.a.2.5. on O.G.1.

The frontage ~~now~~ at present held by 11th & 12th Battalions will be held by 12th Battalion.

METHOD. - B & C Coy., 11th Battalion, under Major DARNELL work along O.G.2. to point specified.

A & D Coys. under Capt. O'NEILL will work along O.G.1 to point indicated.

Capt. O'NEILL's Command will establish and be responsible for posts at points indicated (3) on old communication trenches.

Major DARNELL's Command will establish and be responsible for post at point indicated (1) also at communication trench at point indicated (2) and at point indicated (3).

It will be necessary for each command to organise bombing parties and supports for same.

(3)

Trench Mortars will establish positions at such points as will command sunken road at point indicated. Communication trench indicated and point indicated on objective.

Preliminary change over to be accomplished by midnight, i.e., the positions now occupied by 11th Battalion will be taken over and occupied by midnight by 12th Battalion leaving 11th Battalion to make arrangements according to orders.

(sgd) K. MCLENNAN Captain,
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

SECRET.

11th Battalion, A.I.F.

1. On night 6/7th May units will be disposed as under:-
 - (a) 11th Battalion will hold Left half of O.G.2. and will establish posts on road at U.29.a.35.99. and U.29.a.85.65.
 - (b) 10th Battalion will be disposed as under:-
 - 2 Companies Right half O.G.2.
 - 2 Companies O.G.1.
 During night the Right flank will be extended to sunken road U.29.b.75.65 - U.29.b.80.90. and will establish posts on this road.
 - (c) 12th Battalion will take up positions in sunken road in C.5.a. & b. Any overflow to be put in Railway cutting.
2. Two Battalions of the 8th Aust. Infy. Brigade will be ready to support 3rd Aust. Infy. Bgde.
3. 3rd Machine Gun Coy. will emplace Vickers Gun in post at U.29.a.85.99.
4. Listening Posts will be established by 11th & 10th Bns. North of O.G.2.
5. Engineers will be working between road in U.29.b.75.65. - U.29.b.80.9. and communication trench 66 - 60.
6. Trench Mortars will be emplaced as under:-
 - One in O.G.2. to command sunken road in U.23.C. and communication trench in U.23.D.
 - One in O.G.2. to command sunken road in U.23.d. and communication trench in U.24.c.
7. In accordance with the above Major DARNELL will assemble the 11th Battalion in the position mentioned above (approximately 225 yards frontage) and will establish posts as per para 1 (a) and para 4.
8. Definite portions of the 11th Battalion defensive line will be allotted to Officers.

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- 9. S.A.A., Bombs and Rifle Grenades Dumps will be established at convenient points along the line.
- 10. Send in report to Bn.H.Qrs. when in position shewing location of Lewis Guns.
- 11. Position occupied by 11th Bn. MUST be held.
- 12. The following additional reports are required at Bn.H.Qrs.daily:-

Morning Situation Report	To reach B.H.Q.	0330.
Daily Intelligence Report.	"	0600.
Afternoon Situation Report.	"	1530.
Unusual Occurrences.	Report on Immediately.	
Daily State & Casualty Lists)		
giving Reg.No., Rank & Name)		0900.

6/5/1917.
1830.

(sgd) K. MCLENNAN Captain,
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

OPERATION ORDER NO.3,
by
Lieut-Colonel R.A. RAFFERTY,
Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
In the Field. 7/5/17.

INFORMATION. - LOVE will relieve LORD in the Line tonight 7/8th May 17. Bn.H.Q. remaining as at present. Companies of LORD will act under instructions from Major DARNELL who will make arrangements as follows:-

On being relieved 3/4 of present strength will proceed to sunken road and take position occupied by LOVE (Sunken Road running through G.5.a. & b.) 1/4 of present strength to Railway Cutting through G.5.d.

On arrival of nucleus of relieving garrison of LOVE and equivalent number of LORD will be sent out to take over their new positions as indicated in para 2.

Ration parties will be sent to NOREUIL as usual but will return to the new positions.

2. TOOLS. Receipts will be obtained (in duplicate) for all tools and material handed over, otherwise tools will be taken to new position.

3. AMMUNITION. Ammunition will be checked and receipts (in duplicate) taken on handing over. All receipts as above will be forwarded to Bn.H.Q. when reporting relief complete.

All duties pertaining to the role of LOVE will be taken over by LORD - this includes "stand to" night and morning.

Report to Bn.Hqrs. on completion of Relief.

7/5/17.
1535.

(sgd) K. MCLENNAN Captain,
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 4,
by
Major J.B. AARONS,
Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
IN THE FIELD. 8/5/17.

1. INFORMATION:
Reference Sheets O.31. - D.24 1/20,000.
57.C. N.W. 1/20,000.
2. The 14th Aust. Infy. Bgde. will relieve the 3rd Aust. Infy. Bgde. in the HINDENBURG Line on night 8/9th May in accordance with the attached programme.
3. All details of relief will be ~~re-~~arranged between Unit Commanders concerned. All maps, orders, &c. will be handed over.
4. Advance Parties from details at H.13.b.9.9. will proceed at once to BAPAUME to make arrangements for billeting, &c. of Battalion - Reporting to Town Major on Arrival.
5. Companies will move off on order from C.O.
6. Route - via NORIEUL, VAULX, halting at H.13.b.9.9. for breakfast, thence via BEUGNATRE to BAPAUME.
7. Order of March. - Hqrs., B, A, C & D Coys. Coys. will move in small parties (single file) until arrival at VAULX - thence in complete platoons with a distance of 100 yards between platoons & 200 yards between Coys.
8. Salvage rifles or other material will be parked at 3rd Bgde. Hqrs. at NORIEUL en route.
9. Present bivouac lines will be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Certificates to this effect will be handed to the Adjutant on halting for breakfast.

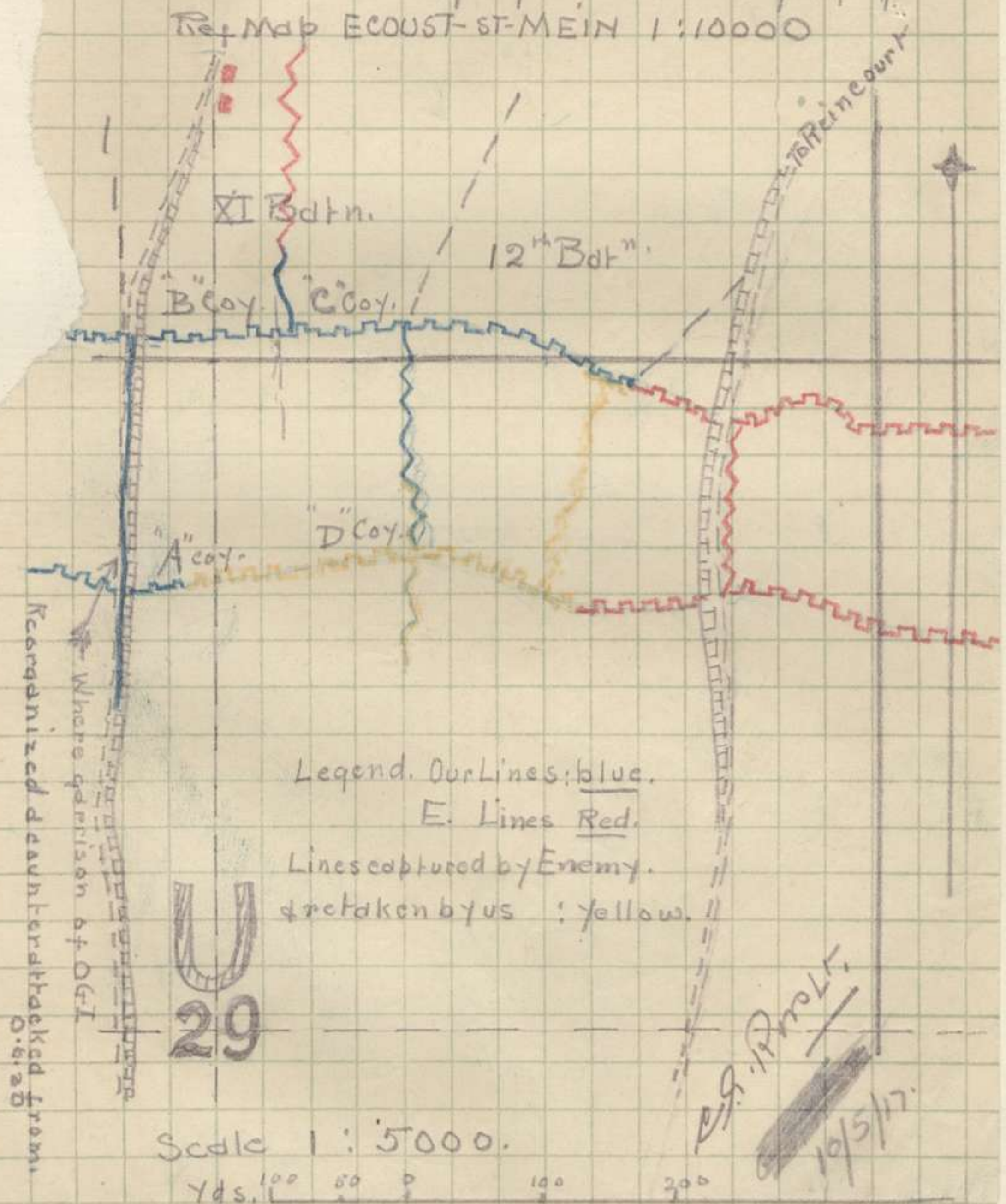
PROGRAMME to accompany 3rd A.I. Bgde. Order No. 31.

Troops	Relieved by.	On Relief move to	Remarks.
3rd Bde. H.Q.	14th Bde. H.Q.	Camp H.20.a.	
9th Bn.		BAPAUME.	Will leave present position when notified.
10th Bn. 13th Bn.	53rd Bn.	Camp H.20.a.	53rd Bn. takes over 10th Bn. Hqrs.
11th Bn.		BAPAUME.	Move out when 53rd Bn. has relieved in line.
3rd M.G. Coy.	14th M.G. Coy.	BAPAUME.	
3rd A.L.T.M. Bty.	14th A.L.T.M. Bty.	BAPAUME.	

(sgd) K. MCLENNAN Captain,
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

Sketch map illustrating dispositions of XI Bdeⁿ A.I.F. during enemy attack on the morning of the 6th May 1917.

Ref. Map ECOUST-ST-MEIN 1:10000



Legend. Our Lines: blue.
 E. Lines Red.
 Lines captured by Enemy.
 & taken by us : yellow.

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Scale 1:5000.

Yds. 100 50 0 100 300

E. G. Arnold
10/5/17

Reorganized down the track from 0.6.20

Where division of O.G.I.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME.

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Unit
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
DAILY ORDERS. PART II.

No. 11
Date

TUESDAY - 15/5/17.

Lecture by C.O. to Officers on Characteristics of, and cooperation between Lewis Gunners, Rifle Bombers, Bombers, etc. (as below).

WEDNESDAY - 16/5/17.

Morning.

- 9. - 9.30. Battalion Parade.
- 9.30 - 10.30 Platoon movement from Close Formation into attack formation.
- 10.30 - 11. Lecture by Company Commanders on "Characteristics of and Co-operation between Lewis Gunners, Rifle Bombers, Bombers and Riflemen, Stokes Guns and Vickers Machine Guns in action".
- 11 - 12 Artillery Formation and Movement to Attack Formation by Companies.

Afternoon.

- 2 - 3 p.m. Specialist Training.
Bombers, Lewis Gunners (Mechanism).
Rifle Bombers, Musketry for Riflemen including Rapid Loading and Firing, Care of Arms and Distance Judging.

Machine Gun Coy. and Light T.M. Battery will carry out specialist training except between 10.30 and 11 a.m. when lectures as above will be delivered.
- 8 p.m. Lecture by C.O. to Officers -
"Attack on enemy trench system (one & two objectives)".

THURSDAY - 17/5/17.

Morning.

- 9. - 9.30 Battalion Parade.
- 9.30-10.30 Movement from Close Formation to Attack Formation by Platoons.
- 10.30 - 11 Lecture by Company Commanders - "Attack on enemy trench (one & two objectives) with Artillery Barrage."
- 11- 12 Platoon attack on one and two objectives with artillery barrage.

Afternoon.

- 2 - 3.30. Specialist Training. All ranks to learn to throw MILLS Grenade, to fire rifle grenade and Lewis Gun.
Machine Gun Coy. and Light T.M. Battery will carry out Specialist Training.
- 8 p.m. Lecture by C.O.'s or Snd's in Command - "Establishment of and attack on Bomb Stop" and how to deal with Flammenwerfer attack.

FRIDAY - 10/5/17.

Morning.

- 9.30 - 10.30 Battalion Parade.
- 10.30 - 11.30 Movement from Close Formation to Attack Formation (two waves) by Companies.
- 11.30 - 12.30 Lecture by Company Commanders "Establishment of and attack on Bomb Stop".
- 12.30 - 1.30 Construction of Bomb Stop and attack on same by platoons. Stokes Guns will co-operate as far as possible - one section being attached to each Battalion. Barrage of Mortars and Bombs to be represented by flags.

Afternoon.

- 3.30 - 5.30 Same as for 17/5/17. Machine Gun Coy. & Trench Mortar Bty. - Specialist Training except for Trench Mortar Battery as above.
- 8 p.m. Lecture by C.O. or 2nd in Command - "Attack on Machine Gun Strong Point".

SATURDAY - 19/5/17.

Morning.

- 9.30 - 10.30 Battalion Parade.
- 10.30 - 11.30 Attack on two objectives by Companies.
- 11.30 - 12.30 Lecture by Company Commanders "Attack on Machine Gun Strong Point".
- 1.30 - 2.30 Attack on Machine Gun Strong Point with co-operation of Stokes Guns.

Afternoon.

- 3.30 - 5.30 Same as for 17/5/17. Machine Gun Coy. and Trench Mortar Bty. Specialist Training - except for Trench Mortar Bty. as above.

(sgd) W.J.M. LOCKE Major,
Brigade Major, 3rd Aust. Infy. Bgde.

14/5/17.

One marker per Company will report to the R.S.M., at Batta. Hqs. at 0845 daily when they will move to the Battalion Parade Ground.

Regimental No., Rank, and Name	of Co. Batta. Bgde.	Particulars of Qualifications etc. and Date
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Column 1 and 2 only - 1 - Course-Material
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DAILY ORDERS PART II

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BATTALION MOVE ORDER NO. 9,

by
Major J. B. AARONS,

Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

BAPAUME. 21/5/17.

Reference Map Sheet 57 C 1/40,000 & ALBERT Combined Sheet 1/40,000.

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INFORMATION. (1) The 3rd Aust. Inf. Bgde. will move in accordance with attached March Table.

MOVE. (2) The 11th Battalion will form up in line on the road occupied by B & D Coys. at 0845 tomorrow, 22nd inst.

STARTING POINT (3) Starting Point N.27.2.6.1.

ORDER OF MARCH (4) Bn. Hqs., A, B, C & D Coys. Regimental Transport.

DISTANCES. (5) The following distances will be maintained on the march :- 300 yards between Transport & Units & other troops, 100 yards between Coys., 100 yards between rear Coy. of Batta. & Transport

DRESS. (6) Marching Order, Great Coat in Pack, Ground Sheet under pack supporting straps. Waterbottles filled.

RATIONS. (7) The unexpended portion of the days ration carried on the man.

SUPPLIES. (8) The Q.M. will arrange for drawing supplies on 22nd inst. at SINGERS CIRCUS, BAZENTIN, at 0800, and at RIBEMONT on 23rd inst for 24th & 25th insts.

AMMUNITION. (9) The Q.M. will arrange to hand over all mobile ammunition to 5th Aust. Division.

BAGGAGE. (10) Officers' Valises and Coys. Blankets packed in rolls of ten (10) securely fastened and legibly addressed with Platoon & Coy. designation will be parked on vacant space of ground on left of lane in rear of Regtl. Canteen by 0800. Batta. & Coy. Orderly Room Boxes will be parked at Q.M.'s Store by 0830.

BAGGAGE GUARDS. (11) The Duty Company will detail 1 N.C.O. & 2 men to act as Baggage Guard to accompany the two Baggage Wagons. The N.C.O. will report to R.S.M. at 0730 at Bn.O.R. for instructions. The following members will report to Q.M. at 0630 to act as loading party & Guard to accompany Lorrys to RIBEMONT, 48 hours rations will be carried (See list attached).

LOADING PARTY (12) The Duty Coy. will detail 1 N.C.O. & 4 men to report to Q.M.'s Store at 0730 as Blanket loading party. This party will join their Coy. immediately on completion of loading.

REAR PARTY. (13) The Duty Company will detail 1 Officer & 10 O.R.'s to act as Rear Party to hand over Billets to incoming Unit, or Area Commandant. The Officer will obtain a certificate as to condition of Billets.

BILLETS. (14) Coy. Cmdrs. will ensure that Billets are left in a clean and sanitary condition before moving out. Certificates to this effect will be handed to the Adjutant on the Battalion forming up.

STRAGGLERS. (15) The 3rd Field Ambulance are providing Ambulance Wagons to follow in rear of Brigade Group to collect men who fall out on the line of march through sickness. Any man falling out MUST be in possession of a note from an Officer.

- Copies to:-
- No. 1 to File. 8 to A Coy.
 - 3 B Coy. 4 C
 - 5 D 6 Hq. Details.
 - 7 War Diary. 8 to T.O.
 - 9 Q.M. 10 C.O.
 - 11 Adjt.

[Signature]

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

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ARMY FORM O. 1810
All Arms

M A R C H T A B L E.

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(To be attached to Battalion Move Order No. 9 of 21/5/17).

- 30/5/17 Advanced Parties 3rd A.I. Bgds. Group, 1 Section 3rd F. Coy.
From BAPAUME to BAZENTIN.
Route - ALBERT Road M. 25. d. Central.
Officers in Command will report to Staff Captain, 3rd A.I. Bgds. at H.Q. 1st A.I. Bgds. at 3.15 a.m. at 3 p.m.
- 31/5/17. Advanced Parties 3rd A.I. Bgds. Group, 1 Section 3rd F. Coy.
From BAZENTIN to RIBEMONT.
Route - FRICOURT - MEAULTE - VILLE-sur-ANCRE.
Conducting Party to be left at BAZENTIN. Move under orders of G.O.C., 1st A.I. Bgds.
- 32/5/17. 3rd A.I. Bgds. 3rd Field Ambulance.
From BAPAUME to BAZENTIN.
Route - ALBERT Road M. 25. d. Central.
Starting Point - H. 27. a. C. 1. Time to Pass - 9 a.m.
Order of March - Bde. H.Q., 9th, 11th, & 13th Battns., 3rd T.M. Bty., 3rd M.G. Coy., 10th Bn., 3rd Fld. Ambulance.
- 33/5/17. 3rd A.I. Bde.
From BAZENTIN to RIBEMONT.
Route - CONTALMAISON - FRICOURT - MEAULTE - VILLE-sur-ANCRE.
Head of Column moves out at 8 a.m. Order of March as on previous days march.
3rd Fld. Ambce. From BAZENTIN to BUIRE. Route as above. Moves out after Bde. is clear.

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To be attached to Batta. New Order No. 9 of 31/5/17, reference para 11.

No. 6002	Pte.	INVERNIZZI	A Coy.	No. 5096	Pte.	PINNELL	A Coy.
1730	"	COOKSLEY.	C Coy.	3965	"	SMITH	D Coy.
1071	"	SPILSBURY.	D Coy.				

Officer Commanding or Adjutant.

(1588). Wt. W.882B/M942. 7,000m. 12/16. P.P.Ltd. Est. No. 710.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME.

Date.	9 a.m. 12 noon.	Afternoon.
THURSDAY 24th May 1917.	Section & Platoon Drill. (a) Close Order Drill. (b) Rifle Exercises.	Recreational Training.
FRIDAY 25th May 1917.	Section & Platoon Drill. (a) Close Order Drill. See (b) Rifle Exercises	Recreational Training.
SATURDAY 26th May 1917.	Section, Platoon & Company Drill. (a) Close Order Drill. (b) Rifle Exercises.	Recreational Training.
MONDAY. ²⁸ 26 th May 1917.	Brigade Sports Day.	

23/5/17

W. J. ...
Adjutant, 11th Bn., A.I.F.

3RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.

25th May 1917.

TRAINING PROGRAMME NO. 4.

1. Herewith Training Programme for week ending Saturday 2nd June 1917.
2. Specialist Training of the Machine Gun Company and Trench Mortar Battery will continue as before but will also include at least one route march of at least eight miles.
3. For week ending 2nd June, the present allotment of ranges will remain. Battalion and Company Commanders must ensure that when on the rifle range the men who are not actually shooting are instructed in elementary musketry, theory of rifle fire, mechanism of the rifle, etc.
4. Specialist Training of Lewis Gunners, bombers, etc. will be carried on as far as is possible without seriously interfering with the work of the Companies in close order drill, etc.
5. On the days allotted Battalion will carry out a route march of at least eight miles. Fighting Order. Transport will not parade. Strict attention will be paid to keeping to the right of the road.

(sgd) W.J.M. LOCKE Major,
Brigade Major, 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Regimental No., Rank, and Name	of Co. Battal. Squad	Particulars of Complaint, etc., and Date
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Columns 1 and 2 must be filled in by the commanding officer of the unit concerned. The date of the order must be given in Column 3. The number of the order must be given in Column 4.

DAILY ORDERS - PART II

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These orders will be issued daily at 10.00 a.m. and will be numbered consecutively from 1 to 31 in each month.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME-NO. 4.

Date	Time	
TUESDAY 29th May.	0830 - 0930 0930 - 1030 1100 - 1200 Afternoon.	Battalion Parade, Inspection, etc. Close order Drill (Company). Standard Tests Musketry, Judging Distance, etc. Recreational Training. (Remarks) (One Coy. of each Battn. on Rifle Ranges).
WEDNESDAY.		
30th May.	0830 - 0930 0930 - 1030 1200 - 1200 Afternoon.	Battalion Parade, Inspection of Arms, etc. Complete Standard Tests Musketry, Judging Distance etc. Close Order drill (Company). Recreational Training. (Remarks) (1 Coy. of each Bn. on Rifle Ranges. 9th Bn. will carry out a route march of at least eight miles).
THURSDAY. 31st May.	0830 - 0930 0930 - 1030 1100 - 1200 (Afternoon)	Battalion Parade, Inspection of Arms, etc. Bayonet Fighting. Training of Specialists. Fire Control. Practices by Platoons. Recreational Training. (Remarks.) (1 Coy. of each Bn. on Rifle Ranges. 10th Bn. will will carry out a route march of at least 8 miles).
FRIDAY 1st June.	0830 - 0930 0930 - 1030 1100 - 1200 (Afternoon)	Battalion Parade, Inspection, etc. Battalion Drill. Close Order Drill. (Companies). Recreational Training. (Remarks) (1 Coy. of each Bn. on Rifle Ranges. 11th Bn. will carry out a route march of at least eight miles).
SATURDAY. 2nd June.	0830 - 0930 0930 - 1030 1200 - 1200 (Afternoon)	Battalion Parade, Inspection, etc. Fire control practices by Companies. Bayonet Fighting, Training of Specialists. Recreational Training . (Remarks) (1 Coy. of each Bn. on Rifle Ranges. 12th Bn. will carry out a route march of at least eight miles).

Regimental No., Rank, and Name: _____ of Co. _____ Bn. _____

Participants of Companies, etc., and Date: _____

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