

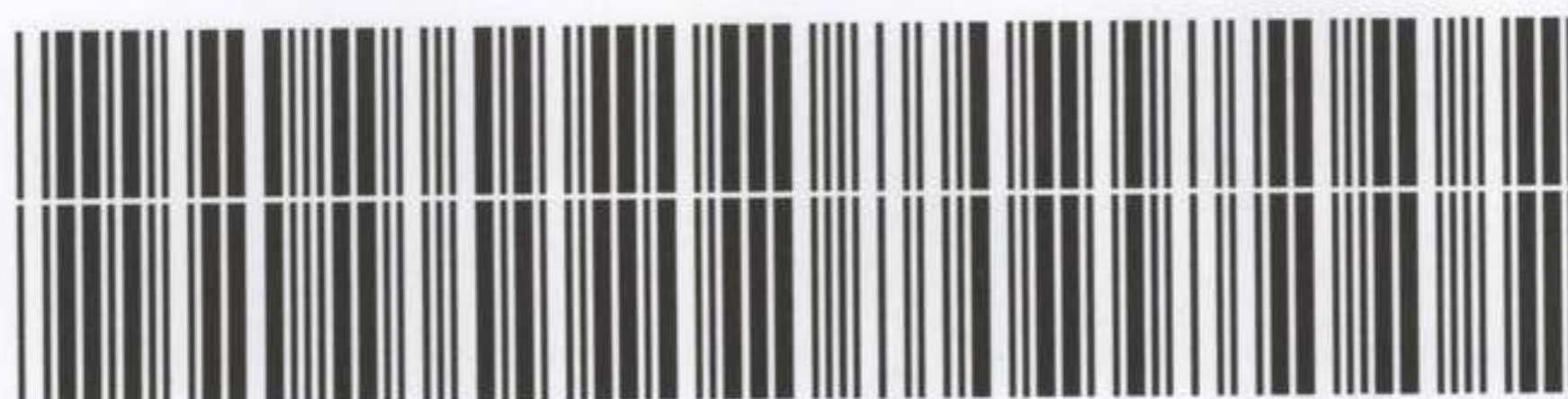
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ZONNEBEKE (J.23 a 29)	1/11/ 17		<p>Weather fine. Our lines heavily shelled by enemy during the day & but his luck was out. "D" & "B" Co's relieved "A" & "C" in the front line. Relief carried out without incident.</p> <p>Strong patrols sent out but failed to locate enemy. Ground very boggy. Casualties - 4 O.R's Killed, 11 O.R's Wounded.</p> <p>Capt. L L LeNAY evacuated owing to eyes being affected by Mustard Gas.</p>	
ZONNEBEKE J.23a 29.)	2/11/ 17		<p>At 1220 a.m. Post in DECOY WOOD blown in. 2/Lt. W IRVING & 4 O.R's killed, 5 O.R's wounded. Post re-established immediately.</p> <p>Weather - Slight drizzling rain & cold.</p> <p>Our Transport was heavily shelled near ZONNEBEKE but finished their job. 5 O.R's wounded, 2 horses killed & 3 wounded.</p> <p>The 9th & 12th Battalions took over our Front Line supports. Relief carried out without incident.</p> <p>Casualties for 24 hours - 5 6 killed 10 wounded.</p>	
-- do -	3/11/ 17.		<p>WEATHER Fine.</p> <p>At 4.50 a.m. enemy attacked along YPRES - ROULERS Railway on 9th Battn. Front. The Battalion was ready to move to the assistance of 9th but our aid was not required. The enemy succeeded in taking an advanced post but soon afterwards his garrison was taken prisoners.</p> <p>The enemy shelled Railway very heavily during the day, not quietening until 6 p.m.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 O.R. Killed, 14 O.R. Wounded, 3 O.R's Sick.</p>	
-- do -	4/11/ 17		<p>WEATHER Fine.</p> <p>Still in Supports. The day passed quietly.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 O.R. Wounded.</p> <p>Reconnoitring Parties from 3rd Bn. visited line.</p>	

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES.	5/11/	17.	The Battalion relieved by 3rd Battalion - Relief completed by noon. Battalion moved to No.8 LOCK CANAL Dugouts near YPRES, relief carried out without a casualty. Weather fine. Battalion in new position by 3 p.m.	
"	6/11/	17.	WEATHER cold - Drizzling rain. The men resting and bathing at Div. Bathes LILLE GATE.	
"	7/11/	17.	WEATHER cold- slight rain. The men resting generally cleaning equipment and clothing.	
"	8/11/	17.	Cleaning up and improving shelters. Weather fine.	
VANCOUVER CAMP.	9/11/	17.	The Battalion moved to VANCOUVER camp arriving at 1400. Weather Drizzling rain.	
"	10/11/	17.	Training under Company arrangements. Weather - Drizzling rain and very cold.	
CAMPAGNE.	11/11/	17.	The Battalion embussed at VANCOUVER Camp at 1100 and arrived at destination at 1500 settled down at 1600. Weather fine. Movement order attached. The following Officers rejoined Bn. :- Major J. Newman, Lt. F.R. Beasley. (1st A.D.Reinf. Camp.) Capt. A. Burgess, Lt. Gemmell, Lt. M.E. Clarke. (From Hosp.) Lt. C.A.P. Gostellow, Lt. A.C. Elliot, 2/Lt. S.M. Wood. (70th Bn. U.K.) Lt. C. Prout, 2/Lt. H.A. Holly. (From School.) Capt. A.S. Keighley, Lt. Bickford. (From leave U.K.)	

J. Newman
11/11/17

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INTELLIGENCE-SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CAMPAGNE.	12/11/	17.	<p>The Battalion rested and our new Band played before the Troops for the first time.</p> <p>Lt. BLAIR rejoined from U.K. leave.</p> <p>2/Lt. HETHERINGTON from Rfct. Camp.</p> <p>Capt. KNIGHTLEY left for Corps School.</p> <p>Lt. AITKEN left for 2nd Army School.</p> <p>Lt. RETCHFORD leave to U.K.</p> <p>WEATHER fine.</p>	
CAMPAGNE. & WISMES.	13/ 11/ 17.		<p>The Battalion moved by route march to WISMES a distance of 17 miles Dress fighting order - 1 O.R. fell out on the line of march.</p> <p>WEATHER fine.</p>	
WISMES.	14/11/	17.	<p>Training under Company arrangements.</p> <p>WEATHER fine.</p>	
WISMES.	15/11/	17.	<p>Training as per syllabus.</p> <p>Colonel RAFFERTY D.S.O. C.O. left on leave to U.K.</p> <p>WEATHER fine.</p>	
WISMES.	16/11/	17.	<p>Major J. NEWMAN assumed command of Battalion vice Col: RAFFERTY D.S.O. on leave to U.K. After Battalion Parade training carried on under Company arrangements.</p> <p>Weather fine.</p> <p>2/Lt. H. NAYLOR & G.C. MURRAY left for Corps School.</p> <p>Lt. INMAN M.C. & W. GUDGEON M.C. left for PARIS on leave.</p>	
WISMES.	17/11/	17.	<p>Work as per SYLLABUS.</p> <p>Lt. NORRIE left for U.K. on leave.</p> <p>Weather fine.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WISMES & COURSET.	18/11/17.		Battalion moved off from WISMES at 0830 and arrived destination COURSET AREA 1500, after a good march, during which no one fell out. WEATHER fine.	
COURSET.	19/11/17.		Day devoted to cleaning of arms, equipment and Billets. Lt. F. ROOKE reported from leave to United Kingdom.	
COURSET.	20/11/17.		Training as per SYLLABUS. Lt. C.C. PORTER left for U. K. on leave. Lt. G.W. MURRAY left for DIW. Intelligence School.	
COURSET.	21/11/17.		Training as per SYLLABUS and inspection of Anti Gas Appliances by Div: Gas N. C. O. Daily leave (25 per Battalion) opened for BOULOGNE. Lt. W. GRAHAM, M.C. reported for duty from 3rd T.B. Lt. INMAN M.C. re turned from leave, Lt. GUDGEON M.C. reported direct to Div: Intelligence School.	
COURSET.	22/11/17.		Training as per SYLLABUS. Major A.M. PHILLIPS and 2/Lt's SHARP, McKENNA, and LOCKYER reported for duty from England. WEATHER fine.	
COURSET.	23/11/17.		Training as per SYLLABUS.	
COURSET.	24/11/17.		Battalion Route March carried out. WEATHER fine.	
COURSET.	25/11/17.		R. C. Mass held in COURSET Church. No Protestant Church Parade.	
COURSET.	26/11/17.		Training as per SYLLABUS. 2/Lt. GEORGE reported from School. 2/Lt. KEELEY reported from Hospital. WEATHER showery.	

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COURSET.	27/11/	17.	Owing to rain very little out-side work was done during morning. Recreational Training carried out during the afternoon. WEATHER showery.	
COURSET.	28/11/	17.	Syllabus carried out as far as possible but rain interfered with work. Captain G G CAMPBELL left for U. K. on leave and Lieut. H V HOWE for PARIS.	
COURSET.	29/11	17	Training as per Syllabus. Lieut E H SANDERS SALTER left for U K on leave. Lieut. RETCHFORD reported from leave U K. WEATHER showery.	
COURSET.	30/11/	17.	Training syllabus suspended and teams selected to represent Battalion at Brigade sports. D" Company chosen to represent us in Company competition. Lieut. F R BEASLEY for for U K on leave and Captain F J GRIFFIN reported for duty from U K. Major J NEWMAN attended attack demonstration at LE TOQUET.	

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO: 392

by

Lieut-Colonel R A RAFFERTY D S O

commanding 11th Battalion, A I F

YBRES. 6/11/17.

P A R T I

- DUTIES.** (1). Battalion Duty Company. 6/7/11/17. A Company.
Next For Duty. B Company.
Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lt. G C MURRAY.
- RATE OF EXCHANGE.** (2). The rate of exchange for the month of November has been fixed at
5 francs - 3/8d.
- LEAVE.** (3). D.R.O. 40 is republished for information :-
"Officers will not apply for an extension of leave (except on Medical grounds) whilst on leave in England, unless such extension has been authorised by Divisional Headquarters. This particularly applies to an extension of leave to visit Training battalions."
2nd D R O No. 1267 is republished for information :-
"From the date of the next allotment, Nov 1st 17., the normal periods for leave from this Army during the winter months will be 14 days.
No extended leave will now be granted to the Orkneys, Hebrides, Isle of Man, or the Channel Islands".

HONORS & AWARDS The Army Corps Commander wishes to express his appreciation of the gallant services rendered by the following Officers

(4) and other ranks during the recent operations :-

Lieut. J A ARCHIBALD	LIEUT W D BROWN
46a L/C G CLEVERLEY	1738 L/C G COOKESLEY
6786 L/C R F LUKIS	7345 Pte D BRONKHORST
3795 Pte N GILES	3387 " M MURRAY
6782 " P E MARLOW	

The Commanding Officer wishes to thank the above mentioned for gallant work which they have done.

P A R T II.

- SUPERNUMARY.** (5) No. 915 Sgt T HOLLINGS, Hqrs Pioneer Sect. is placed on Supernumary List on evacuating to Hospital. 5/8/17.
- APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS.** (6) Lieut. A R RETCHFORD to be Bn Signalling Officer vice Lt. L C COOKE M.C. killed in action.
Lt. F R BEASLEY to be Bn Lewis Gun & Bombing Officer vice Lt F DALE wounded.
No. 241 Temp. Cpl. D W THOMAS, Hq. Pioneers Sect. to be Corporal vice Hollings to supernumary. Dated 5/11/17.
Capt. L MAY, A.A.M.C. attached 11th Bn to be Major. (A.I.F. List 251 of 30/10/17) Dated 12/10/17.
- POSTINGS.** (7) Major L MAY, A.A.M.C. from 3rd Fld Ambul. to be R.M.O. 11th Bn
- SECONDED.** (8) Capt. E W TULLOCH resumes duty from Seconded List. (A.I.F. List 251 of 30/10/17) Dated 16/10/17.
- STRENGTH.** (9) Lt. E PARSONAGE is struck off strength on invaliding to Australia. (A.I.F. List 250 of 26/10/17)

R. W. Law Lieutenant.
Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO: 393

by

Lieut-Colonel ROJA RAFFERTY D.S.O.

Commanding 11th Battalion A.I.F.

YPRES. 7/11/17.

PART 1.

DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 7/8/11/17. B Company.
Next for Duty. " "
Battalion Orderly Officer. Lt H L EVANS
Next for Duty. " " J R GEORGE

CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS

(2) G.O. No. 2766 is republished for information :-

"There is no objection to the following being written on
Field Service Post Cards :-

" A merry Christmas and a Hapy New Year"

Attention is called to censorship orders, para 11 by which
the sending of Christmas and New Year Cards, books,
photographs etc., to enemy or neutral countries is forbidden"

CONGRATULATIONS

(3) Special Order of the day by Field Marshal Sir Douglas HAIG
K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O. K.C.I.E., is republished for information
"From Field-Marshal Sir Douglas HAIG to General Sir E H H
ALLENBY, Commanding-in-Chief, EGYPT. 2/11/17.

On behalf of all ranks of the British Armies in France
I send to you, your Staff, and your gallant troops our
warmest congratulations on your victory at BEERSHEBA. The
News of your success has caused profound satisfaction among
your former comrades who wish you all good fortune for the
future ".

PART 11.

TRANSFERS. (4). No. 3016 Pte F H BLINCO, B Coy. to 1st Aust. Divl. Hqrs.
(Authy 1st Anzac 187/1738.)
No. 3238 Pte C E HUTTON, 11th Bn. to Ordnance, 1st Aus. Div.
(Authy. DADOS 1st Aus. Div. 1239. 2/11/17.) 19.10.17.
The following are transferred to Hqrs. Pioneer Sect.
From A Company. 6574 Pte R RICHARDS.
From C Company. 7226 Pte CASSELL. 6933 Pte W B WIDDUP
627 Pte W ANDERSON..

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS. (5) No. 127 L/C H HARN, Transport Sect. to be Temp. Cpl.
vice Cpl. LEA wounded. dated 2nd Nov. 17.
No. 295 Dvr D CARLSON, Transport Sect. to be Lance Cpl.
Dated 2nd Nov. 17.

R. W. Clark Lieutenant.
Adjutant. 11th Battalion.

NOTICES.

"Fighting Australia" An illustrated souvenir entitled "Fighting
Australasia" has been published, and copies may be obtained at 2/6 each
from "Fighting Australasia", 170 Piccadilly. Part proceeds of sales is
being devoted to the Australian Comforts Fund and the N.Z. Comfort Fund.

The following cablegram received from the Mayor of Kalgoorlie, W.A.
and the reply thereto are published for information :-

From the Mayor of Kalgoorlie -

"People Kalgoorlie congratulate Western Australian Troops
magnificent achievements. ~~xxxxxx~~ Filled admiration their heroic work.
Wish continued success. Davidson, Mayor"

Reply.

"The very cheery and hearty message from people Kalgoorlie much
appreciated by all our West Australian Troops here. None have done better
and proved themselves stauncher or braver soldiers than those from West
Australia, of whom you must indeed be proud".

General BIRDWOOD.

11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER NO. 36.

Battalion Headquarters.
8th November 1917.

Map Reference - Sheet 28 1/40,000-

1. The 11th Aust. Infy. Battn. will move ~~by~~ March Route to HALIFAX Area on 9th instant.
Destination - VANCOUVER CAMP.
2. Transport, with the exception of Baggage Wagons and Cookers which will move with Unit, will move independently.
3. Route - I.13.C.O.V. - H.16.D.11 and H.14.B.4.8.
4. The following distances will be maintained :-
100 yards between each Co. and 100 yards between rear Co. & Transport.
5. Order of March - Hqrs. & B, C, D & A Co's., Transport.
4. Head of Column will pass B.O.R. at 0932, the remaining Co's following on at correct distances.
5. Dress - Marching Order ~~is~~ plus blanket, waterbottle filled and unexpired portion of day's ration carried.
6. Advance Party has gone forward.
Each Co. will detail 1 N.C.O. & 1 man to remain behind to hand over their present positions to relieving Units of Brigade Group of 66th Division. O.C. "C" Co. will detail Lieut. NORRIE to take charge of this Party. This Officer will report B.O.R. at 0830 and remain there until position is handed over. N.C.O. of each Co. will report to Lt. NORRIE as soon as he has handed over to Advance Party of incoming Unit.
7. Officers' Baggage and Mess Gear to be ready at Co. Hq. for collection at 0845.
8. Watches will be synchronised at 0630 9th inst.
9. All dugouts and surrounding premises must be left in a clean and sanitary condition and certificates handed to Adjutant to that effect by 0915. Rear Parties will also get a certificate signed by Advance Party of incoming Unit that Camp is in a sanitary condition.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. Campbell
Lieutenant,
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A. I. F.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO: 394.

by
 Lieut-Colonel R A RAFFERTY D S O
 Commanding 11th Battalion A I F.
 YPRES. 8/11/17.

P A R T 1.

DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 8/9/11/17. C Company.
 Next for duty. D "
 Battalion Orderly Officer 2/Lt J R GEORGE.
 Next for duty. 2/Lt D A JAMES.

ROUTINE. (2) Routine for tomorrow will be :-
 Reveille 0600, Breakfast 0630. Sick Parade 0700.

COMPLIMENTARY. (3) The following message from 1st Aust Div. received by 3rd
 Aust. Infy. Brigade is published for information :-
 "The G O C Division wishes to express his appreciation
 of the excellent work done by your Brigade during your
 recent occupation of the line with special reference to
 the recovery of the lost post in the railway by the 9th Bn.
 your organisation of work on improvements, and your excellent
 defence scheme".

HOURS. (4) The Corps Commander has awarded decorations to the
 undermentioned Officers and men :-
MILITARY CROSS.
 2nd Lieut. L L SUMMERS. 2nd Lieut. W A W GUDGEON.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No. 1874 Pte. E BALL.

In publishing the above the Commanding Officer
 wishes to congratulate the recipients.

P A R T 11.

REVERSION. (5) No. 3827 L/C R L HOLDEN, "C" Company, reverts to ranks
 at own request. Dated 8/11/17.

R W D
 Lieutenant.
 Adjutant. 11th Battalion.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO: 395

by

Lieut-Colonel R A RAFFERTY D S O.,
Commanding 11th Battalion A I F.

VANCOUVER CAMP. 9/11/17.

DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 9/10/11/17. D Company.
Next for duty. A Company.
Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lt. D A JAMES.
Next for duty. Lieut. G W MURRAY.

PARADE. (2) The Battalion will be formed up on Parade ground at 0925
tomorrow, 10th inst.

All duties must be present on this Parade and will be
formed up in rear of Battalion.

Before the parade is dismissed the Commanding Officer
will inspect the huts and lines and he expects everything
to be in perfect order.

Dress - Drill Order with rifles.

R W Blair Lieutenant.
Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER NO. 37

Battalion Headquarters.
10th November 1917.

Sheets 27 & 28 1/40,000.

- 1- The 11th Aust. Infy. Bn. minus Transport will move Brigaded by Bus to RENESCUREX Area tomorrow, 11th instant.
2. Head of Bgde. Bus Column will be at Road Junction H.13.D.9-2. Head of 11th Bn. will be at H.14.B.1.7. - 20 yards behind 10th Bn. Flag will denote exact spot.
3. The Battalion will be formed up on Battalion Parade Ground at 1015 and will be marched to embussing point where bus parties will be formed up by 1045 on the Eastern side of road in file and facing S.W. in the following order:- Hq., C, D, A, B.
4. Embusment will be carried out in accordance with "Notes on Embussing of Troops" issued under 3rd Bde. G 1186 of 25th Oct. except that Para 4 will be amended to read as follows:-
"Intervals of 5 yards between bus parties and 20 yards between Battalion or other Units will be maintained".
5. The number of ~~men~~ to be allotted to each lorry will be advised later.
6. The debussing point is T.13.A.9.2. (Sheet 27) where we will be met by guides.
7. Dress - Marching Order, greatcoats will be worn, blanket will be carried in pack and waterproof sheet folded and carried under the pack fastenings, steel hats will be carried on back of pack and held in position by supporting straps.
Just prior to embussing ~~equipment~~ will be removed.
8. All cooking utensils and Co. material to be delivered to Q.M.'s Store not later than 0900 tomorrow.
9. Huts and adjoining premises must be left in a clean and sanitary condition. Special attention will be paid to Cook Houses and latrines. Lines must be ready for inspection by 1000.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. Campbell
Lieutenant,
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 2000.

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 2 C.O.
 3 Hqrs.
 4 A Co.
 5 B Co.
 6 C Co.
 7 D Co.
 8 Q.M.
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Battalion Headquarters.
12th November 1917.

Map Reference - HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100,000.

1. The 11th Aust. Infy. Bn. will proceed by march route to WISMES tomorrow, 13th instant.
2. STARTING POINTS. Battalion - CAMPAGNE Church. Head of column will pass at 0736.
Brigade - Road Junction 500 yards North of P in CAMPAGNE. Head of column will pass at 0746.
3. ROUTE - Towards ARQUES but turning S.W. after crossing BLENDÉCQUES-St.OMER Road, thence via BLENDÉCQUES WISMES Station, CLEFY, OUVÉ - WIRQUIN.
4. ORDER OF MARCH Hqrs. & D, A, B, C, Transport. The following distances will be maintained:- Between Co's 100 yards, between rear Co. & Transport 100 yards.
5. HALTS will be of ten (10) minutes. The first halt will be at 0830 and thereafter will be every hour at 10 minutes to the clock hour. The Battalion will halt at 12 noon for lunch and will resume march at 1330. Units will not halt in towns.
6. DRESS Fighting Order. Waterproof sheet carried under flap of haversack.
7. MEDICAL In the event of an N.C.O. or man falling out he will be given a chit by an Officer of his Co. who will instruct him to report to R.M.O. at rear of column. Men must be warned prior to moving off.
8. BLANKETS & PACKS. Blankets rolled in bundles of ten properly labelled will be delivered to Q.M. Store not later than 0630.
Packs must be dumped at Q.M.'s Store en route to Starting Point. Co.Cmdrs. must ensure that their Co's arrive at S.P. complete at time ordered.
Officers' valises and mess gear will be packed up at Co.Hqrs. at 0615.
Sheepskin coats will NOT be worn but will be either inside rucksack or attached securely to it.
9. BILLETS must be left in a clean and sanitary condition and certificate handed to Adjutant at Starting Point. Certificate will state that each billet was inspected by whom.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. Campbell Lieutenant,
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

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8 D Co.
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by
 Lieut-Colonel R A RAFFERTY, D S O
 Commanding 11th Battalion, A I F.
 WISMES. 14/11/17.

PART I.

DUTIES. (1) Battalion Duty Company. 14/15/11/17. A Company.
 Next for duty. B "
 Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut. W E CLARKE.
 Next for duty. 2/Lt. S M WOOD.
 In future duties will mount at 1600 daily.

WORK. (2) 0900 - 0930 Under Company Arrangements.
 1000 - 1200 Battalion Parade. (Dress - Fighting Order)
 The Battalion will be formed up on ground (300 yards South
 of M in WISMES) at 0955.
 All Reinforcements who have just joined will attend this
 parade and be drawn up in rear of Battalion. The only people
 to be off parade are those excused by R.M.O. ,R.Q.M. & Staff
 C.Q.M.S's, Cooks and Sanitary Police.
 LECTURES will be delivered during afternoon by R.M.O. as
 under :-
 A & B Co's - 1400 - 1430. C & D Co's 1500 - 1530.
 Subject. Sanitation and Hygiene.
 The balance of time between 1400 & 1600 will be devoted
 to Organised games.

HAIRCUTTING (3). Bde. R.O. No. 19 is republished for information :-
 " It is noticed that a large number of the personnel of
 this Brigade are wearing their hair too long. Units will
 take steps to cause an inspection to be made and personnel
 treated by the barber on a system which will ensure that
 everyone who requires it, gets his hair cut. This should be
 done under supervision of officers as in many cases men get
 their hair trimmed around the edges and still allow it to
 grow to a great length under the hat".

AUSTRALIAN WAR MUSEUM. (4) ANZAC R-O- No.474 is republished for information :-
 "The O.C. Divisional Salvage Co. will receive from
 Units or individual men any articles which they may consider
 suitable for the Australian War Museum. He will give
 receipts for all articles and keep a book recording all
 transactions. All trophies should be clearly labelled with
 the name of the donor and will be returned to him if not
 accepted."

FURLOUGH PAY. (5) A.I.F. Order No.942 is republished for information :-
 " A.I.F. Order No. 696 of 12/6/17 is amended as shown here
 under. para 3 to read as follows :-
 The Paymaster attached to Hqrs. will assess an amount to be
 advanced, which must not exceed £10, and which amount will
 be advanced as an overdraft against the soldier's active pay
 in the case of an applicant on a drawing rate of 3/- or
 upwards, but who has been on such rate for a period of
 less than three months prior to application, the Paymaster will,
 when assessing the amount to be advanced, take into
 consideration the efforts of the soldier to accumulate a
 credit balance on his pay account for the period during
 which he has been on the higher drawing rate of 2/- per
 diem or upwards. he, the paymaster, will also issue an
 advice note to the soldier, which will be presented to the
 Chief Paymaster A.I.F. 130 Herseferry Rd. London, unless the
 soldier is not proceeding to London, in which case the
 advance will be made by the Paymaster in France.
 Para 4, sub-para (a) to read as follows :-
 (a) The soldier has, for a period of three months or longer
 been on a net drawing rate of 2/- per diem or upwards.

PART II.

TRANSFERS. (6) Following are transferred to Hqrs. Pioneer Section :-
 6727 Pte BEDFORD J from A Co. 3144 Pte WALKER F H from D Coy

Rowland L.

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by

Major J. NEWMAN
 Tempy. Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
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- DEMAND. (1) During absence of Lt-Col. H.A. RAFFERTY D.S.O. on leave, Major J. NEWMAN assumes temporary Command of 11th Battalion.
- OFFICERS. (2) Battalion Duty Company. 15/16/11/1917 B Company.
 Next for Duty A Company.
 Battalion Orderly Officer do S/Lt. S M WOOD.
 Next for Duty S/Lt. H A HOLLEY.
- ROUTINE. (3) Reveille 0700 Breakfast 0730
 Sick Parade - At R.A.P. 0715 At "D" Co. 0800.
- WORK. (4) Work for tomorrow will be as per Brigad Training Memo. No. 1 (attached).
 Battalion to be formed up on same ground as today at 0930.
 In addition to work as laid down, men who have not previously gone through them whilst with the Battalion will complete Musketry Tests.
 These Tests may be carried out with Ball Ammunition but suitable ground must be selected. An Officer to be in charge of Party whilst Tests are being carried out and will make necessary arrangements re safety.
- DRESS. (5) Platoon Commanders will not carry Sticks on Parade.

COMPLIMENTARY (6) The following has been received from 1st ANZAC and is republished for information:-

"The Corps Commander very much appreciates the good work done by the Units of the 1st Australian Division in improving the conditions of the forward area recently occupied by them. The comfort of the men depends on them recognizing that if every Unit does its best to improve the accommodation occupied by it, even for a short time, a high standard of comfort for all will be attained".

PART II.

- APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS. (7) No. 406 Pte. C BRAIDWOOD to be Corporal vice Sgt. O'NEILL killed in action.
 No. 3243 Pte. W ARMSTRONG, Hq. Signal Sec., to be Lce.Cpl.
 No. 6814 Pte. H J SMITH, A Co., to be Lance Corporal.
 The following Appointments & Promotions are approved: To date from 15/11/17:- "C" Company. To be Sergeants:-
 3048 L/Sgt. J A FERGUSON vice Black killed in action.
 4802 L/Sgt. J E SUGARS vice Helm killed in action.
 To be Temporary Sergeants:-
 6731 Cpl. C B CARTER vice Harvey wounded.
 511 Cpl. J ASHTON vice Beck wounded.
 To be Lce. Sgt.:- 2410 Cpl. B McNEAN vice Ferguson promoted.
 To be Corporals:-
 6088 L/C T NICHOLLS vice Ferguson promoted.
 3500 E/C J WALSH vice Sugars promoted.
 1400 L/C G POBSON to be Tem.Cpl. vice Ashton promoted.
 To be Lance Corporals:- 6774 Pte. E E HILL
 6883 Pte. P B WIDDUP 6008 Pte. J J BROWN
 6058 Pte. W H S HILL 5342 Pte. F B BAKER.

TRANSFER. (8) No. 3200a Pte. J W FRENCH, C Co., 11th Bn., to 3rd Field Co Engineers
 Dated 16/11/17.

G. Campbell
 Lieutenant,
 Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

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by
Major J. NEWMAN,
Tempy. Co mmanding 11th Battalion A.I.F.
WISNES. 16/11/17.

PART 1.

DUTIES. (1) Battalion Duty Company. 16/17/11/17. A Company.
Next for Duty. B "
Battalion Orderly Officer. do 2/Lt ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~.
H.A. HOLLEY.
Next for Duty. 2/Lt T- WETHERINGTON.

WORK. (2) 0800 Company Parade and marching to Battalion Parade
Ground.
0930 - 1000 Battalion Drill.
1000 - 1200 Specialist Training.
1400 - 1600 Recreational Training.

SALVAGE. (3) Extract from 1st Aus. Div Administrative Memorandum No. 40 is published for information :-
"The credit of this work rests almost entirely with the Divisional Salvage Co's which have worked continuously in YPRES and East of YPRES in areas subject to 'strafe'.
The following table may be of intrest shewing the tonnag of the salvage handled by the Salvage personnel whilst in area.

Nature of Transport.	Number of Tons.
On broadguage railway	1,282
By light railway.	4,078
By Lorries	4,833
By G.S. Wagons.	2,769
	<u>12,962</u>

The tonnage was chiefly ammunition, but among the items were

S.A.A. .303	7,333,750 Rds.
18-pdr. & 4.5 amm.	129,664 "
Heavy Gun amm.	19,346 Boxes.
Bombs and Grenades	19,014 Boxes.
Fired Brass Ctge. Cases 18-pdr & 4.6	299,358
Rifles	8,225.

R.W. Star Lieutenant.
Adjutant, 11th Battalion A.I.F.

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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER NO. 39.Battalion Headquarters.
17th November 17.

1. The 11th Australian Infantry Battalion will move by march route to COURSET area tomorrow 18th instant.
2. Head of Column to pass DRIONVILLE cross roads at 0830. The Battalion will be formed up at above cross roads ready to move off at 0820.
3. Order of march - Headquarters, A. B. C. D and Transport C. & D. Companies and Transport will form up on road which they now occupy with head resting at junction of road. On moving off, after each halt, the second Company will take position of Company in front prior to halt, the latter Company will then fall back to rear of Column.

Distance.

10 yards between Companies, 10 yards between rear Company and Transport.

4.

Route.

DRIONVILLE - LEMESNIL - BECOURT - DINGAPORE.

5.

Dress.

Full marching order pluss blanket which will be carried horseshoe fashion around pack and Companies without packs, blanket around haversack. Unexpended portions of days ration carried in haversack.

6.

Officers Baggage.

Headquarters, "A" and "B" Companies to deliver Officers Baggage and mess gear to R.Q.M. Store at 0700. "C" & "D" to be ready at their respective Hqrs. at 0700.

7.

Medical.

Men must not be allowed to fall out without permission from one of their Company Officers who will give a chit and instruct each man who falls out to report to R.M.O. at rear of Battalion.

8.

General.

Company Commanders will arrange to have a drink of hot tea ready for midday meal.

Billets must be left in a clear and sanitary condition and certificate handed to Adjutant. Each certificate to shew by whom Billet was inspected.

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John D. Laird Lieutenant,
 Adjutant, 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 399

by
Major J. NEWMAN
Tempy. Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
COURSESET. 18/11/19.

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- DUTIES.** (1). Part 1.
Battalion Duty Company 18/19/11/17. "C" Company
Next for Duty. " " "D" "
Battalion Orderly Officer. " Lt. P. E. M. VOWLES
Next for Duty. " Lt. C. PROUT.
- ROUTINE.** (2). Until further notice routine will be as follows:
Reveille, 0700. Breakfast, 0730.
Sick Parade, 0800. Parades, 0900 to 1200.
Dinner, 1230. Parades, 1400 to 1600.
Tea, 1630. Lights out, 2145.
- PARADES.** (3). Tomorrow morning will be devoted to cleaning up
under Company arrangement. Particular attention
will be paid to,
(1). Billets.
(2). Arms and equipment.
(3). Clothing.
- DUTIES.** (4). The Duty Company will provide the following
duties daily. Tour of duty from 1800 to 2100.
1 N.C.O. and 10 men to patrol COURSESET.
1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 10 other ranks to
patrol SACRIQUIER.
Their duties will be maintenance of good order
and discipline in their respective villages and
the clearing of Estaminets punctually at 2000.
- DRESS & DEPARTMENT.** (5). It is very noticeable that men do not pay
sufficient attention to their appearance and
bearing. It must be impressed on the men that
they are not to slouch about the village with
their hands in their pockets, buttons undone and
hats carelessly worn. Hats must be turned up at
the side and chin straps on the point of the chin
not under the throat or at the back of the head.
Belts are to be worn when walking out.
Officers are ordered to take the names of, and
send men back to their billets who do not carry
out above orders.
- HAIRCUTTING.** (6). Immediate attention to be paid to this matter.
- SPORTS.** (7). Companies will detail 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O.
to arrange a sports programme under the presidency
of Major DARNELL.
- MEALS.** (8). Company Commanders will ensure that the Company
Orderly Officer is present at the issue of mens'
meal.
- SERGEANTS MESS.** (9). Where possible, a Sergeants Mess will be started
- FIRES.** (10). Company Commanders will take all precautions
to guard against fires. Special attention is
drawn to G.R.O. 2717 as republished and issued
under S.S. 611.
Each Company to mount a fire Piquet each day
for the protection of their own Billets.

W. W. D. D.

G. A. S. S.
Lieutenant.
Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 400
 by
 Major J. STEWART,
 Tempy. Commanding 11th Battalion A. I. F.

COURSET. 19/11/17.

PART I.

DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Coy. 19/20/11/17. "B" Company.
 Next for duty. "A" "
 Battalion Orderly Officer. " Lt. C. PROUT.
 Next for duty. " Lt. G. GEMMELL.

WORK. (2). As per attached Syllabus.
 PARADE GROUND. (3). Battalion Parade Ground is situated 500 yards
 South of g in COURSETAU.

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

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 400
 by
 Major J. STEWART,
 Tempy. Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

COURSET. 19/11/17.

PART I.

DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Coy. 19/20/11/17. "D" Company.
 Next for Duty. "A" "
 Battalion Orderly Officer. " Lt C. PROUT.
 Next for duty. " Lt. G. GEMMELL.

WORK. (2). As per attached Syllabus.
 PARADE GROUND. (3). Battalion Parade Ground is situated 500 yards
 South of g in COURSETAU.

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

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO 401.
 by
 Major J NEWMAN
 Tempy. Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
 COURSET 20/11/17. 19

Part 1.

DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Coy. 20/21/11/17. A Company.
 Next for duty. B. "
 Battalion Orderly Officer. Lt. G. GEMMELL.
 Next for duty. Lt. R.V. HOWE.

WORK. (2). As per Syllabus when not on Inspection Anti Gas Appliances Parade.

INSPECTION ANTI GAS APPLIANCES. (3). There will be an inspection of Anti Gas Appliances tomorrow 21st inst. by Brigade Gas N.C.O. Times as under :-

Hqrs.	9	to	10.
A Coy.	10	to	11
B "	11	to	12
C "	1	to	2
D "	2	to	3

A and B Companies will wear both Box Respirator and Gas Helmet on Battalion Parade.

LEAVE. (4). A.I.F. Order No. 964 of 16/11/17 is republished for information.

"It has been brought to notice that A.I.F. Order No. 772 dated 26/6/17, is not being complied with. This Order is repeated hereunder and must be strictly observed.

(1). Immediately on arrival in London, Officers proceeding to England on duty from France will report personally, and Officers on leave either personally or in writing, to Room 13, at Administrative Hqrs. A.I.F. 130 Horseferry Road. If reporting in writing the following particulars must be given :-

- Rank and name.
- Unit.
- Leave from / / to / /
- No. of combined leave and railway warrant.
- Address on Leave.

Any change of address whilst on leave must also be notified immediately.

(11) Warrant and non-commissioned Officers and men proceeding to England on duty or on leave from France must, on arrival in London, report themselves personally to Furlough Department, Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. 130 Horseferry Rd.

An escorting party of N.C.O's will be on duty at arrival stations in London to meet each leave

train and these N.C.O's will be responsible for conducting all soldiers on leave to Administrative Hqrs.

Arms and Equipment must be left at Cloak Room provided for the purpose at Administrative Hqrs.

Under no circumstances are men to take equipment to any other address. (Authority D.A.G., A.I.F. 42/579 9/11/17)

HONORS & AWARDS. (1). The Corps Commander has awarded the Military Medal to No. 7381 L/Cpl. W.C. WORTIMER, 11th Battalion.

Please convey the congratulations of the Divisional Commander to the recipient.

Max Dawkins

G. Gemmell Lieutenant.
 Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 402

Major J. NEWMAN,
 Tempy. Commanding 11th Battalion/A.I.F.
 COURSET, 20/11/17.

Part 1.

- DUTIES.** (1). Battalion Duty Company. 21/22/11/17. "B" Company.
 Next for Duty. "C" "
 Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut. H.V. HOWE.
 Next for Duty. 2/Lieut. D.A. JAMES.
- WORK.** (2). As per Syllabus, with the exception of Battalion
 Drill, which will be substituted by Company Drill.
- EQUIPMENT
 CLEANING OF** (3) It is noticed that although other parts of
 equipment are satisfactory, the brass work still
 requires polishing. Company Commanders to have
 this matter attended to at once.

Part 2.

- STRENGTH.** (4). Lieutenant D. HARDY having been reported "died
 of wounds", is struck off strength.
 (A.I.F. List 259 dated 16/11/17)

R.W. Star LIEUT.
 ADJUTANT 11th INFY., 2nd AIF.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 403.

by
Major J. NEWMAN
Tempy. Commanding 11th. Battalion, A.I.F.
COURSET, 22/11/17.

Part 1.

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- DUTIES (1). Battalion Duty Company, 22/23/11/17. "C" Company.
Next for duty "D" Company.
Battalion Orderly Officer 2/Lt. D-A-JAMES
Next for duty Lt. E. INMAN M.C.
- WORK. (2). As per Syllabus.
- TRAINING. (3). It has been decided that recruits other than Cavalry recruits shall no longer receive instruction in the use of the cut-off.
The necessary amendments to regulations will be made.
(Authority G. 1329 dated 21/11/17.)
- COURT MARTIAL WITNESSES. (4). Under no circumstances whatever must Court Martial Witnesses be sent on leave of to schools outside Brigade.
N.C.O's who are C.N.W. and detailed for such schools shall have same shown in remarks column of Nominal Roll submitted to B.O.R.
- CHARGE SHEETS. (5). Any charges which are remanded to Commanding Officers for disposal must reach B.O.R. one clear hour before Orderly Room starts. It must have Conduct Sheet and Paybook attached.
- SANITATION. (6). Till Latrines seats are available short trench Latrines are being used, men are to straddle these and not to squat on one edge and thus foul the two edges of the Trench. Men are still fouling the ground under Trees and along hedges near Billets. This practice must cease at once.
All food refuse and Scrapings especially tea-leaves must be carefully put into receptacles or strained into grease-traps. Soakage-pits are not to be used as refuse dumps. Mess Orderlies to be warned.
- WELLS. (7). The only well-water to be used in this area without chlorination is to be drawn from the well at the green in SACRIQUIER. This applies to ablution as well as drinking water.
The wells in the vicinity of D and A Companies are contaminated and not to be used.
Village ponds are not to be used for ablution.

Part 2.

- APPOINTMENTS and PROMOTIONS. (8). No. 874 Private CHAPMAN F. to be L/Corporal.
- TRANSFER. (9). No. 3144 Private WALKER F.H. from Headquarters Pioneers to "D" Company.

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

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 404

by
 Major T. WEBMAN,
 Tempy. Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
 COURSET. 23/11/17.

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Part 1.

- DUTIES.** (1). Battalion Duty Company. 23/24/11/17. "D" Company.
 Next for Duty. "A" Company.
 Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut. W.S. INMAN. M-C.
 Next for Duty. S/Lieut. D. SHARPE.
- WORK.** (2). Route March. Battalion will be formed up by 0930.
 Starting Point, Battalion Parade Ground 0945.
Route. Travelling S. E. to cross roads 100 yards
 west of S in SACRIQUIER thence South to Cross Roads
 200 yards South of E in La CARNOYE thence West to Cross
 Roads 100 yards East of E in COURSE thence via COURSET
 to Billets.
Dress. Full Marching Order.
- PARADES.** (3). Company Commanders must take steps to ensure that all
 available men are on Parade. Duties must be reduced to a
 minimum and full use made of Light Duty Men. In the case
 of Billets occupied by "A", "B" and part of "D" Company
 only one small Billet Guard is considered necessary for
 the purpose.
- STRAW IN (4).
 BILLETS.** It is noticed in several Billets that straw is allowed
 to remain on ground. This is decidedly unhealthy and straw
 must be raked into a heap in the centre of Billets and
 this will have the effect of airing the straw and the
 ground slept on.
- BATHS.** (5). All details who have not been bathed during this week
 will assemble at B. O. R. at 1400 and be marched to Baths.
 "D" Company will detail an Officer to report and take
 charge of this Party.

Part 2.

- APPOINTMENTS (6).
 and
 PROMOTIONS.** Temporary Corporal No. 127 HARRIS to be Corporal
 vice Lee died of wounds.

Rev. G. J. a. Lieutenant,
 Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

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C O P Y.

I hereby certify that the troops
 billeted upon me from
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 have not done any damage and I have no
 claim to make against them.

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
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Je declare que les troupes
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 degat et que je n' ai aucune
 reclamation a faire contre elles.

- (e)

- (a) Name of owner where troops billeted.
- (b) Name of Village.
- (c) Comune.
- (d) Department.
- (e) Signature of owner where troops billeted.

N. B. If there is any claim, it must be stated in detail on
 the back.

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by
Major J. NEWMAN

Tempy Commanding 11th Battalion A.I.F.

COURSET. 24/11/17.

Part 1.

DUTIES (1). Battalion Duty Company. 24/25/11/17. "A" Company.
Next for Duty. "B" "
Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lt. D. SHARP.
Next for Duty. Lt. W. GRAHAM.

DEVINE SERVICE. (2). Roman Catholic Mass will be celebrated at COURSET Church tomorrow at 0900. Parade will assemble in road in front of Church at 0850, senior officer to take charge of party.
Dress. - Belt and side-arms.
There will be no Protestant Church Parade.

CERTIFICATES RE DAMAGE IN BILLETS. (3) (Extract from Brigade Routine Orders dated 21/11/17.)
The attached pro forma is circulated as being a satisfactory form for use on vacating billets, and is recommended for use throughout the Brigade.
Unfortunately supplies cannot be obtained but Units can either type out or have printed supplies sufficient for their requirements. Their use would be a safeguard against subsequent claims.

AWARDS. (4). (Extract from G.R.O. dated 20/11/17.)

1328 - Posthumous Awards of Orders, Decorations & Medals.

(a). Orders, Decoration and Medals may, in future, be granted to officers or soldiers who are killed in action, or who die of wounds or sickness after they have been recommended for reward.

(b). In cases of officers or other ranks recommended for the "immediate award" of an order, decoration or medal, approval will be given from the date on which the act was first brought to notice officially, provided that the officer or soldier was alive on that date, and that the deed is considered wholly worthy of reward.

The original recommendation, signed and dated by the recommending officer, will accompany Army Form W.3131 in all cases of immediate reward. Unless documents is produced, no recommendation will be considered.

(c). The date on which the act " is first brought to notice officially" shall be deemed to be the date on which the recommendation was signed by the officer with whom it origin ated

(d). In the case of recommendations for "Honours Gazettes the name of any officer or soldier may be brought forward for the award of an order, decoration or medal, provided that the individual so recommended was alive on the last day of the period covered by the "Honour Gazette".

(e). No retrospective effect in connection with Gazettes already published is permissible nor does the procedure now authorised qualify in any way the restrictions as to recommendations for prisoners of war, see A.R.O.1329.

1329 - Recommendations for the rewards of Prisoners of War.

(a) Recommendations for the rewards of an officer or soldiers who have become prisoners of war may be submitted only in cases in which the act for which it is proposed to reward the officer or soldier was performed prior to, and was unconnected with, the circumstances of his capture.

(b) When a recommendation for a prisoner of war is submitted, Army Form W.3121 will be clearly marked "Prisoner of War" in red ink on the head of the form.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 408

Part 2 Major

TRANSFERS (5) Temporary Commanding Officer 11th Battalion A.I.F. No. 7321 Private TAQUER A. C. and 6323 Private Rosekelly W of "C" Company, 706 Private PAINE H.L. and 4723 Private WALDON H. of "A" Company to Headquarters Intelligence.

DUTIES (1) Battalion Duty Company. 24 "B" Company. Next for Duty. Battalion Orderly Officer. Next for Duty. Lt. W. GRAHAM. R/Lt. D. SHARP.

DRIVING (2) Lieutenant. Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F. There will be no Protestant Church Parades. Press. - Belt and side-arms.

RE DAMAGE IN BILLETS (3) Extract from Brigade Routine Orders dated 21/11/17. The attached pro form is circulated as being a satisfactory form for use on vacating billets, and is recommended for use throughout the Brigade. Unfortunately supplies cannot be obtained but Units can either type out or have printed supplies sufficient for their requirements. Their use would be a safeguard against subsequent claims.

AWARDS (4) Extract from G.R.O. dated 20/11/17.

1328 - Posthumous Awards of Orders, Decorations & Medals.

(a) Orders, Decoration and Medals may, in future, be granted to officers or soldiers who are killed in action, or who die of wounds or sickness after they have been recommended for reward.

(b) In cases of officers or other ranks recommended for the "immediate award" of an order, decoration or medal, approval will be given from the date on which the act was first brought to notice officially, provided that the officer or soldier was alive on that date, and that the deed is considered wholly worthy of reward.

The original recommendation, signed and dated by the recommending officer, will accompany Army Form W.3121 in all cases of immediate reward. Unless documents are produced, no recommendation will be considered.

(c) The date on which the act is first brought to notice officially shall be deemed to be the date on which the recommendation was signed by the officer with whom it originated.

(d) In the case of recommendations for "Honour Gazette" the name of any officer or soldier may be brought forward for the award of an order, decoration or medal, provided that the individual so recommended was alive on the last day of the period covered by the "Honour Gazette".

(e) No retrospective effect in connection with Gazettes already published is permissible nor does the procedure now authorized qualify in any way the restrictions as to recommendations for prisoners of war, see A.R.O.1329.

1329 - Recommendations for the rewards of Prisoners of War.

(a) Recommendations for the rewards of an officer or soldiers who have become prisoners of war may be submitted only in cases in which the act for which it is proposed to reward the officer or soldier was performed prior to, and was unconnected with, the circumstances of his capture.

(b) When a recommendation for a prisoner of war is submitted, Army Form W.3121 will be clearly marked "Prisoner of War" in red ink on the head of the form.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 406

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by
Major J NEWMAN
Tempy. Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
COURSET. 25/11/1917.

Part 1.

- DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 25/26/11/1917 "B" Company.
Next for Duty. "C" "
Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut. W. GRAHAM.
Next for Duty. 2/Lieut. C. LOCKYER.
- ROUTINE. (2). Until further notice REVEILLE will be at 0645.
- WORK. (3). As per SYLLABUS.
- KIT INSPECTION. (4). For the purpose of inspection by C. O. Companies will
Parade at following times on Square, SACRIQUIER :-
"A" Company ... 1400, 26th instant.
"B" " ... 1500, 26th "
"C" " ... 1400, 27th "
"D" " ... 1500, 27th "
DRESSE - Marching Order. Company Commanders to see that
every man is present at this parade.
- VENEREAL DISEASE. (5). This is prevalent in BOULOGNE, DESVRES, and the surrounding
Villages, and a prophylactic station is now established at the
Aid Post. All men who have exposed themselves to the risk of
infection should report to the Aid Post in SACRIQUIER at
8. O.a.m. the following morning for preventive treatment
This will considerably ~~prevent~~ lower the risk of disease,
but should not prevent other precautions being taken.
- TRANSFER OF ANIMALS. (6). Extract from Routine Orders dated 20/11/17.
1339-Inspection of Animals before Transfer.
Before Animals are transferred from one Unit to another, or
to a field remount section, they must be examined by a
veterinary Officer, and a certificate must be furnished that
they are free from contagious disease and ~~fit~~ fit for
immediate ^{Duty} ~~supervision~~, or ~~under a guard~~. ~~Ye issue~~
- IRON RATIONS. (7) Extract from Routine Orders dated 20/11/17.
1348-Iron Rations.
The preserved meat and biscuit portions of the iron
rations are to be consumed once a month and replaced from the
daily issue of preserved meat and biscuits.
As soon as the special tins for the grocery portion of the
iron ration are received, the grocery portion of the iron
ration is to be returned over in a similar manner.
- LIGHTS. (8). 1335-Lights.
A number of the lights shown in the Army area are likely
to serve as guides to hostile ~~XX~~ aircraft.
For the safety of the troops and civilian inhabitants, and
of factories, railways etc., engaged on work for the Armies, it
is essential that such lights shall cease to be shown.
All lights will, therefore, be extinguished or completely
shaded one hour after sunset.
This order is to be repeated in the orders of all formations
down to units. All ranks will assist the Police and gendarmes
both by complying with the order themselves and by bringing
to notice any infringement of the order.
As C. units will ensure that this order is carried out by
periodical inspections of billets occupied by troops under
their command

W. J. Newman LIEUT.
ADJUTANT 11TH BATTALION, A.I.F.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 407

by
Major J NEWMAN,
Tempy. Commanding 11th Battalion. A.I.F.
COURSET. 26/11/1917.

P A R T 1.

- DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 26/27/11/17. "C" Company.
Next for Duty. "D" Company.
Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lieut. C. LOCKYER.
Next for Duty. Lieut. A. ELLIOT.
- WORK. (2) As per Syllabus, with the exception that "A" Companies
Lewis Gunners will report to 2/Lieutenant H. HOLLEY
at 0900 on Rifle Range ready to commence firing at
0915. Lieutenant HOLLEY to make all necessary
arrangements for safety of Range i.e. placing of Red
Flags and posting sentries where necessary.
- NOMINAL (3) Company Commanders will submit to B. O. R. by 12 noon
ROLL. 28th instant a Nominal Roll of Companies (Alphabetical)
showing dates of all promotions of N. C. O's. Date of
joining Battalion and date of last leave to United
Kingdom.

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Adjutant Lieutenant.
11th Battalion.

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by
Major J. NEWMAN,
Tempy. Commanding 11th Battalion A.I.F.
COURSET. 27/11/1917.

P A R T 1.

- DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 27/28/11/1917. "D" Company.
Next for Duty. "A" Company.
Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut. A. ELLIOTT.
Next for Duty. 2/Lieut. G. MCKENNA.
- WORK. (2). As per Syllabus, with the exception that "A" Company's
Lewis Gunners will report to 2/Lieutenant H. HOLLEY at 0900
on Rifle Range ready to commence firing at 0915.
Lieutenant HOLLEY to make all necessary arrangements
for safety of Range i.e. placing of Red Flags and posting
of Sentries where necessary.
- CLOTHING. (3). Company's will arrange to collect and have ready for
transport by 1600 tomorrow the extra pair of drawers and
shirt per man, which will in future be carried by Divisional
Laundry.
- MESS (4)
ACCOMMODATION. Extract from Div: Routine Orders dated 24/11/1917.
"Cases have lately come to notice of Officer's and Sergeants
messes being included on billeting certificates.
Attention is drawn to the instruction on this matter laid
down in "Instructions as to Requisitions, Billeting and
Quartering in FRANCE and BELGIUM, which are republished for
information.
Premises which are used for this purpose will be paid for
by the mess concerned.:-
Premises occupied as Officer's, N.C.O's and mens' messes
must be subject of private arrangements and a reasonable
price paid for the accomodation by the individuals concerned.
From one to two francs a day per room is suggested as a
suitable bases for settlement, in addition to whatever is
due for fuel or light provided by the inhabitant.
Expenses under this head cannot be borne by the public,
and must not be included in a Billeting Certificate.
Officers Commanding Units will satisfy themselves, prior
to departure from a locality, that the amounts due to the
inhabitants for messes have been discharged from private
funds.
Cases still occur in which premises are occupied as messes
without any agreement being made with the owner, and without
payment being made before leaving.
Commanding Officers will be held personally responsible
that all expenses incurred with the Owners of houses which
are so occupied are settled before their Units leave."
In future Company Commanders will render a certificate
to Bn. Hqrs. that the above order has been complied with
before leaving Billeting Areas.
- DISCIPLINE. (5). Extract from Brigade R. O. dated 26/11/1917.
"The shooting of game and the destruction of timber are
strictly forbidden, and all offenders against this order
will be severely dealt with.
This order is to be read to all ranks on one parade
daily for 3 days."
- PAY. (6). Applications for advances of extra pay are becoming too
frequent and in future, Coy. Commanders will ascertain if £5
Christmas Concession has been drawn before submitting to
B.O.R. If already drawn very substantial reasons must be
brought forward before applications will be considered.

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R. W. Blair Lieutenant.
adjutant, 11th Battalion.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 409.
 by
 Major J NEWMAN,
 Tempy. Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
 COURSET. 28/11/1917.

P A R T 1.

- DUTIES. (1). Battalion ~~Routine~~ duty Company. 28/29/11/17. "A" Company.
 Next for Duty. "B" Company.
 Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lieut. G. McKENNA.
 Next for Duty. Lieut. M.W. CLARKE.
- WORK. (2). As per Syllabus. "B" Company Lewis Gunners to report
 to 2/Lieutenant H. HOLLEY on Rifle Range at 0900 and be
 ready to commence firing at 0915.
 One Platoon of "A" Company to report to Lieutenant
 INMAN M.C. on Rifle Range at 0900 for Firing Practice.
 Lieut. INMAN and HOLLEY to make all necessary arrangements
 for safety of Range during Firing.
- C. O's (3). During the C. O's inspection the following glaring faults
 INSPECTION. were noticed :-
 (1). Cartridges in pouches were in a dirty condition
 and unfit for immediate use.
 (2). Brass work on Equipment, in a number of cases, had
 not been polished. Headquarters Company was particularly bad.
 (3). Mess tins were in a dirty condition. These tins
 must be cleaned both outside and inside.
 Steps must be taken to remedy the above faults at once.

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Lieutenant.
 Adjutant. 11th Battalion.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO: 900

by
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Tempy. Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

COURSET. 29/11/1917.

P A R T 1.

DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 29/30/11/1917. "B" Company.
Next for Duty. "C" Company.
Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut. M. E. CLARKE.
Next for Duty. 2/Lieut. S. W. WOOD.

WORK. (3). Training as per syllabus is suspended. Battalion will be
formed up on Parade Ground at 0915 and during morning teams
selected to represent this Battalion at Brigade Rm Competition

CORRESPONDENCE. G. R. O. 2041 is republished for information.
(3). " It is forbidden to send or attempt to send to unauthorised
persons Intelligence summaries, Orders, Report Maps or any
other Official documents, or to disclose or attempt to
disclose their contents, except in the course of Official
duty.

It is forbidden to send or attempt to send to any
unauthorised persons any documents captured from the enemy,
or found in places occupied by the enemy or other documents
which may contain information about the enemy.

It is forbidden to dispatch or attempt to dispatch to
enemy or neutral countries :-

(1) Photographic or pictorial illustrations of any kind .
This term includes picture postcards, cards with silk
embroidered designs, illustrations cut from newspapers,
magazines or books,

(2) Newspapers, books, prospectuses etc., except when
sent through the medium of publishers or authorised agents.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE PRESS.-All communications to the
press on the subject of the war or on matters directly
or indirectly connected with military subjects are forbidden.
All ranks are reminded that under Kings Regulations,
para. 453 they are responsible if persons to whom they write
letters publish them. The fact of a communication bearing
a censor stamp is not in any sense to be regarded as an
authority for publication.

PHOTOGRAPHS.-The taking of photographs is not permitted
and the sending of photographs and films through the post
is prohibited. This prohibition does not include photographs

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taken officially and bearing an endorsement that they have been passed by the Chief Field Censor.

(See also G. R. O. 464 H&T 1348)

CIPHER.-All correspondence must be in "clear". The use of codes ciphers or shorthand is prohibited.

This order is to be read on parade and a copy initialled by every Officer as it is reported that picture postcards, silk postcards, photographs are being sent to neutral countries from units of the Corps franked by Officers and are being intercepted and stopped, causing disappointment and useless expense to the senders.

PART 2.

PROMOTIONS. (4). No. 5478 Private REEVES W. T. to be Lance Corporal

HONORS & AWARDS. (5). The Corps Commander has awarded decorations to the undermentioned Officer :-

Lieutenant F. E. M. VOVELS. Bar to Military Cross.
In publishing the above the Commanding Officer wishes to congratulate the recipients.

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R. W. Shaw

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

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO: 301
 by
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 Tempy Commanding 11th Battalion, A. I. F.
 COURSET. 30/11/1917

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30/11/1/12/17. "C" Company.
 "D" "

DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company.
 Next for Duty.
 Battalion Orderly Officer. S/Lieut. S.E. WOOD.
 Next for Duty. S/Lt T HETHERINGTON.

SPORTS. (2) Companies will be marched to parade ground arriving there not later than 0945. Competitors will arrive at 0930. Company Commanders will arrange for Cooks to provide midday meal.

DRESS. (3) ~~Marching~~ out. Each man to carry his own mess tin.
Walking

BRIGADE (4) The following points are drawn attention to and Coy. Comds. are advised that they will cost us a lot of points if not complied with :-
 COMPETITIONS.

- (1). Identity discs must be worn around the neck.
- (2). Pay-books must be carried in left hand pocket.
- (3). Colours must be worn.
- (4). Field dressings must be carried in the pocket provided.
- (5). Bayonets must be cleaned and placed correctly in scabbards i.e rings to the rear.
- (6). Puttees must be correctly worn and
- (7). S.A.A. must not be inserted in the keeper of rifle sling
- (8). The buckles on the web slings to be placed uniformly an equal distance from each end.

Specified programmes has been forwarded tonight.

EQUIPMENT. (5) All equipment minus the web belt, which is to be worn at sports, will be thoroughly scrubbed on early morning parade tomorrow.

J. H. Hetherington

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

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