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5th Bn. A.I.F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	VOLUME IX	Remarks and references to Appendices
1916					
November	1 st		<p>1. Other ranks to Lewis Gun School, 1. N.C.O. to Cadet Training Bn. BALLIOL OXFORD.</p> <p>2. Other ranks wounded. "C" boy relieved "A" boy 6th Bn in front line GREASE TRENCH.</p> <p>"D" boy relieved "B" boy 6th Bn in support at BISCUIT TRENCH.</p>		
	2 nd		2. Other ranks killed and 6 other ranks wounded.		
	3 rd		2 Lieut. F. J. SMITH and one other ranks reinforcements, reported for duty, 3 other ranks wounded.		
	4 th		2. Other ranks to 1 st ANZAC STOKES MORTAR course, 3 other ranks wounded.		
	5 th		<p>5. Other ranks killed, 6 other ranks wounded, 2 Lieut. H. C. MORRISON wounded.</p> <p>Bn relieved in front and support line trenches by two boys of 8th Battalion (GREASE & BISCUIT TRENCHES). Two boys relieved by two boys of 8th Battalion in PIONEER TRENCH and PILGRIMS WAY. Relief completed about 2200. Bn then proceeded to GAP and SWITCH TRENCHES.</p>		
	6 th		Bn left GAP and SWITCH TRENCHES and proceeded to BERNAFAY CAMP.		
	7 th		2 other ranks returned from 2nd Army School of Signalling		
	10 th		Lt. J. W. DWYER and 2 other ranks returned from Stokes Gun course		
	11 th		<p>1 other ranks wounded, 1 other ranks returned from Lewis Gun School</p> <p>During period 6/11/16 to 11/11/16 Bn was engaged in carrying fatigues</p>		

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November	12 th		Left BERNAFAY CAMP at 0830 and route marched to billets at BERNACOURT arriving about 1500. 2 other ranks to Lewis Gun School, 2 other ranks to Stokes Mortar course	
	13 th		Bn left BERNACOURT at 1300 and proceeded to billets at RIBEMONT, arriving at 1400. Lt E.T. McVEA and 14 other ranks reinforcements reported for duty.	
	15 th		CAPT. C.M. LILLIE and one other rank to Lewis Gun School, Lt. H.M. GRIFFITHS and 5 other ranks reported for duty.	
	16 th		2 other ranks to Lewis Gun School, 2 other ranks to Trench Mortar course 15 other ranks reinforcements reported for duty. MAJOR. J. WALSTAB appointed temp. LIEUT-COL and to command 5th Bn. dated 8/11/16.	
	17 th		22 other ranks reinforcements reported for duty.	
	18 th		Bn left billets at RIBEMONT at 1145 and proceeded to billets at VIGNACOURT by motor bus, arriving at 1500.	
	20 th		Inspection of billets by G.O.C. Division.	
	21 st		Inspection of billets by G.O.C. Army Corps and G.O.C. Division, - afternoon.	
			Inspection of reinforcements by G.O.C. Division.	

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November	22 nd		2/Lt. W. B. GRANTHAM evacuated sick to hospital. Lt. J. A. ANDERSON and 2 other ranks to 4 th Army School FLEXICOURT. 30 other ranks returned from Guard duty at 1 st ANZAC.	
	23 rd		2 other ranks to Lewis Gun School & 2 other ranks to Stokes Gun Course. 1 other rank to Lewis Gun Course.	
	24 th		2/Lt. E. W. CHENW and 36 other ranks reinforcements reported for duty. 2 other ranks to Divisional School.	
	25 th		1 other rank to Machine Gun School. CAMIERS. CAPT. C. M. LILLIE and 1 other rank returned from Lewis Gun School LA. TORQUET.	
	26 th		1 other rank to Cadet Training Battalion ENGLAND.	
	29 th		7 other ranks reinforcements reported for duty, four officers 2/Lts F. J. SMITH, E. A. HAY, M. E. THOMPSON, R. A. CUFF and 7 other ranks to Divisional School. 1 other rank accidentally wounded.	
	30 th		Bn left billets VIGNACOURT at 0445 and proceed to Rly Str. Entrained at 0830 and proceeded to BUIRE arriving about 1215. Detrained and marched to Billets.	Appendices 1, 2 & 3.

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5th Div. A.I.F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1916				
November	30 th		Effective Strength as at.	
		3: 11: 16	34 Officers 862 Other ranks	
		10: 11: 16	32 ✓ 852 ✓	
		17: 11: 16	31 ✓ 833 ✓	
		24: 11: 16	31 ✓ 826 ✓	
			<i>H. Douglas</i> Lieut. Adjutant	

Headquarters 5th Bn
13/11/16

— Operation Order No. 1 —
By Major D A Luskon, Temporary Commandy
Reference Maps Albert 1/400,000 and
Amiens 17 - 1/100,000.

MOVE 1. The Battalion will move from
DERMANCOURT to RIBEMONT
via BUIRE. The 7th Battalion
will follow 5th Battalion in line
of march.
The head of column to pass
starting point at 1300.

STARTING POINT 2. Corner of MAIDSTONE and
CANTERBURY STREETS (Map
Reference E20 695).

ORDER OF MARCH 3. HQ signallers A B C and
D Coy. Pioneers will act as
Police and move in rear of
manned machine guns. Cooks
in rear of Battalion. Interval
of 200 yards to be kept between

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companies. Manned machine
guns and transport will
conform.

DRESS 4. Full marching order blanket
to be rolled in approved manner
round pack. Sheepskin jackets
will not be worn outside bivouac.

STORES 5. Officers Mess stores to be at
2 M. store not later than
1230.

Walter Meyer
Adj. Genl
5th Bn.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 3,
BY MAJOR D.A. LUXTON, TEMPORARILY COMMANDING.Reference Maps AMIENS 1/100,000.
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- MOVE. 1. The Battalion will move from RIBEMONT to "T" Area per Motor Buses on 18th inst.
The Battalion will fall in in column of route facing North at 0945.
- STARTING POINT. 2. RIBEMONT-BUIRE Cross Roads.
- TIME OF STARTING. 3. The head of column will pass starting point at 1000.
- ORDER OF MARCH. 4. Headquarters, D.Coy., B Coy., C.Coy., and A.Coy., with Bombing Platoon with B.Coy. H.Q.Pioneers will act as police in rear of column.
- DRESS. 5. Marching Order, cloaked, with one blanket, sheepskin jerkin and steel helmet packed in approved manner; unexpired portion of day's ration to be carried and waterbottles filled.
- MARKERS. 6. 1 Marker per Company under Lt.F.J.SMITH will report to Divisional Staff Officer Major BROWN at D.28 Central at 1030.
- EMBARKATION ON BUSES. 7. On no account is there to be any breaking of ranks, and the strictest discipline must be maintained by all troops embarking.
- COFFEE STALLS. 8. If Coffee Stalls are provided it is to be clearly understood that troops will only be allowed to make use of them by units and at stated times.
- LATRINES. 9. Latrines are to be provided on the embarkation ground and are to be used. Very strict attention is to be paid to prevent the fouling of ground by troops.
- BAGGAGE. 10. Officers Valises, mess stores, office records &c. to be at Q.M.Store by 0830.

(Signed) H.H.G.O'LOUGHLIN,
Lieutenant and Adjutant.

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Headquarters 5th Battalion. A.I.F.
29/11/16.

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SECRET OPERATION ORDER NO. 3
BY MAJOR D.A. LUXTON, TEMPORARILY COMMANDING.

Reference Map LENS 1/100,000
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- MOVE. 1 The Right Half Brigade will move from VIGNACOURT to BUIRE on 30/11/16, by Rail in the following order- Brigade Headquarters, 5th & 6th Battalions & 3rd Light Trench Mortar Battery.
- STARTING POINT. 2 5th Battalion Headquarters.
- TIME OF STARTING. 3 Head of Column will pass Battalion Headquarters at 0445
- BATTALION ORDER OF MARCH. 4 Headquarters Signallers, Intelligence Platoon, "A, B, C, & D" Companies, Machine Gunners, & Carts, & Pioneers. Regimental Police will move in rear of Battalion to collect stragglers.
- DRESS. 5 Full Marching Order, cloaked, one blanket, unexpired portion of day's ration & iron ration to be carried.
- ROUTINE. 6 Reveille. 0330
Breakfast. 0345
Parade. 0430
- PARADE STATES. 7 Companies will forward Parade States to reach Regimental Office by 0400
- STORES. 8 Extra blanket will be rolled in bundles of ten, clearly marked and dumped at Q.M. Store by 0400. Officers' valises and all Regimental and Coy., office stores will be dumped at Q.M. Store by 0415.
- BAGGAGE GUARD. 9 A Baggage Guard of 1 Corporal and 3 men from "B" coy., and 3 men from each of "A, C, & D" coys will report to Q.M. Store at 0400.
- INSPECTION OF BILLETTS. 10 Coy., and unit Commanders will personally inspect Billets prior to marching off, and furnish a certificate to reach Battalion Headquarters by 0430, that they are in a clean and sanitary condition.

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	7	"	Q.M. & T.O.
	8	"	BOMB. & SIG., O,
	9	"	M.G.O. & Dr.
	10	"	R.S.M. & DETAILS.

(Signed) H.H.G.O'LOUGHLIN.
Lieutenant & Adjutant.