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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1917 July			2 LIEUT. D. ROBERTSON. rejoined from Hospital. 21 other ranks to 2 nd A.I. Brigade class of Instruction. 4 NCO's to 2 nd A.I. B'de. bayonet fighting & physical training class. 2 other ranks to POWER Buzzer course. bpl Rainbow & Pte M. J. Mc Caffrey recommended for Belgian Order Militaire	
	2		LIEUT. MAUNSELL rejoined from Corps Bombing School. LIEUT WILCOCK. M.L.C. to training base at Harve, as instructor. 6 other ranks to Pigeon Flying school.	
	3		B ^{de} attended a Gas Demonstration at RIBEMONT. LIEUT GILMOOR and 1 NCO. to 5 th Army Infantry School.	
	4		2 other ranks proceeded to Lewis Gun course at 1 st ANZAC Corps School.	
	7		16 other ranks rejoined from the Base.	
	8		5 other ranks to 2 nd A.I. B'de. B.F & P.T. class	
	9		1 other rank to 2 nd A.I. B'de class of Instruction	
	13		B ^{de} moved from camp at HENENCOURT to camp near BRAY-SUR-SOMME	Order N ^o 27

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July	14		2 nd LIEUT. H. BURLEIGH. reported for duty from Hospital. 13 other ranks joined up.	
	19		LIEUT CHENU and 4 NCO's to 2 nd Training Battalion (ENGLAND).	
	20		2 nd LIEUT'S. J. W. JONES; E. KERNAN; B. TAVERNER; E. COHEN. and 12 other ranks joined up from 2 nd Training Battalion, ENGLAND.	
	21		2 NCO's proceeded to 1 st ANZAC Signalling School.	
	22		2 nd LIEUTS GASH & TWAITS; and 5 other ranks proceeded to 1 st ANZAC Corps School	
	23		SGT. C. C. HANSON appointed to the rank of Second Lieutenant.	
	24		B ⁿ moved from camp, near BRAY-SUR-SOMME, to billets in MEAULTE	Order N ^o 28.
	25		LIEUT. G. L. FINLAY. appointed Adjutant, to date from 15.5.17 (A.I.F. list 207)	
	26		B ⁿ moved from MEAULTE and entrained at AVELUY at 2145.	Order N ^o 29.
	27		B ⁿ detrained at CAESTRE, and moved by road to billets at HONDEGHEM.	
	29		16 other ranks joined up.	

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July	1 st to 13		B ⁿ in training at HENENCOURT.																					
	14 - 24		B ⁿ in training at camp near BRAY-SUR-SOMME.																					
	25 - 26		B ⁿ in billets at MEAULTE.																					
	27 - 31		B ⁿ in billets at HONDEGHEM.																					
				<p><i>W. H. M. Layton</i> Adjutant 5th Batt. A. I. F.</p>																				

Headquarters 5th. Battalion A.I.F.
12/7/17.

BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 27.
BY LT. COL. D.A. LUXTON D.S.O. COMMANDING.

Reference Map. Albert Combined Sheet 1/40000.

- MOVE. 1. 5th. Battalion will move by route march from HENENCOURT via LAVIEVILLE tomorrow 13th. inst. to camp at Square L.2.
- DRESS. 2. Marching order. Felt Hats.
- ROUTE. 3. V.27.d.9.5 Cross roads D.16.b.9.2, BUIRE? DERNANCOURT, MEAULTE, Square L.2.
- STARTING POINT. 4. Cross roads V.27.d.9.5. Head of column will pass Starting Point at 0645 ⁰⁶³⁰ and but will ~~not~~ pass eastern end of BUIRE before 0800.
- ORDER OF MARCH. 5. Signallers, Intelligence, Band, Headquarters, "B", "C"; "D", "A", Pioneers, A.M.C. Police.
- HALTS. 6. Of 10 minutes half an hour after passing Starting Point and thereafter at every 10 minutes to clock hour.
- REAR PARTY. 7. Each Company will detail rear party of four men to remain in camp under the instructions of Lt. MOLONY and to report to him at 0620. "B" Coy. will in addition detail 1 N.C.O. to remain behind.
- TRANSPORT. 8. To move in rear of Battalion. Cookers with Transport.
- CERTIFICATES. 9. Certificates as to cleanliness of lines to be handed in by 0615-⁰⁶⁰⁰
- REPORTS. 10. Reports to head of column.
- 11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) G.L. FINLAY,
Lieut. & Acting Adjutant.

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2	File	
3	O.C. "A" COY.	Runner.
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5	O.C. "C" COY.	"
6	O.C. "D" COY.	"
7	Q.M. & Transport Off.	"

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Headquarters 5th. Battalion A.I.F.
23/7/17.BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 28.
BY LT. COL. D.A. LUXTON D.S.O. COMMANDING.

Reference Map . ALBERT Combined Sheet 1/40000.

MOVE.8th. Battn.
7th. "
5th. "
6th. "
2nd. M.G. Coy.
2nd. A.L.T.M.Bty.
2nd. Bgde? H.Q.

1. Battalion will move by route march from Camp to Billets in MEAULTE on the 24th. inst. with the 2nd. Brigade column which will move in order as per margin.

ORDER OF MARCH.

2. (a) H.Q. Sigs., Intelligence, Band; Headquarters, "B", "C", "D", "A", Pioneers, Police, A.M.C.
(b) Coys. will be in position on Main road facing West ready to move at 1650.

STARTING POINT.

3. Cross roads F.25.b.9.5.
Head of column will pass Starting Point at 1700.

ROUTE.

4. Route will be via Le CARCAILLOT E.18.a.5.7.

INTERVALS.

5. Intervals will be maintained on the march as in Field Service Regulations.

TRANSPORT.

6. Transport will move in rear of column. Cookers will move with Transport, evening meal in preparation.

ADVANCE PARTY.

7. Lt. RIGG and 1 N.C.O. per Coy. will move forward on the 23rd. inst. to arrange billeting accommodation in MEAULTE.

REAR PARTY.

8. Lt. H.C. MORRISON and 3 other ranks per Coy. will remain in Camp and move in rear of Brigade column. Certificates will be obtained in triplicate from the Area Commandant that the Camp is clean.

GUARD.

9. Battalion Guard will be relieved at 1630 and prisoners will be returned to Coy. Commanders and be kept under escort until taken over at Battalion Guard Room in MEAULTE.

VALISES & RECORDS.

10. Valises and records to be at Q.M. Store by 1530.

BRIGADE DUTIES.

11. Will report back to Coys. before the Unit moves.

SALVAGE.

12. All salvage left behind will be in one dump and an inventory taken of it by the rear party and handed to Battalion Headquarters immediately on arrival in MEAULTE.

MARCHING OUT STATES.

13. To be at Regimental Office by 1600.

DRESS.

14. Full marching order carried as per Brigade Standing Order.

SYNCHRONIZATION.

15. All watches will be synchronised at 1615.

REPORTS.

16. Coys. will report completion of move to Battalion Headquarters. Other reports to head of column.

17. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) G.L. FINLAY,
Lieut. & Acting Adjutant.

APPENDIX

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 O.C. "D" Coy.
 Q.M. & Transport
 Sig. Officer.

Runner.

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Headquarters
 BATTALION OPERATIONS
 Reference Map
 B. Off. Transport
 Billets
 8th. Brigade column which will move in order as per margin.

8th. Bn.
 7th. Bn.
 6th. Bn.
 5th. Bn.
 4th. Bn.
 3rd. Bn.
 2nd. Bn.
 1st. Bn.

(a) H.Q. Signal, Intelligence, Band, Headquarters
 "B" "C" "D" "A" Pioneers, Police, A.M.C.
 (b) Coy. will be in position on main road facing West ready to move at 1800.

ORDER OF MARCH

5. Cross roads F. 25. 2. 2. 5.
 Head of column will pass starting point at 1700.

STARTING POINT

4. Route will be via La GARCAILLON N. 18. 2. 5. 7.

ROUTE

3. Intervals will be maintained on the march as in Field Service Regulations.

INTERVALS

2. Transport will move in rear of column. Cooks will move with transport, evening meal in preparation.

TRANSPORT

1. Lt. RIGG and 1 N.C. per Coy. will move forward on the 2nd. met. to arrange billeting accommodation in MNAUTE.

ADVANCE PARTY

8. Lt. H.C. MORRISON and 3 other ranks per Coy. will remain in camp and move in rear of Brigade column. Certificates will be obtained in triplicate from the area Commandant that the camp is clean.

REAR PARTY

9. Battalion Guard will be relieved at 1800 and prisoners will be returned to Coy. Commanders and be kept under escort until taken over at Battalion Guard Room in MNAUTE.

GUARD

10. Valises and records to be at Q.M. Store by 1800.

VALISES & RECORDS

11. Will report back to Coy. before the Unit moves.

BRIGADE DUTIES

12. All salvage left behind will be in one dump and an inventory taken of it by the rear party and handed to Battalion Headquarters immediately on arrival in MNAUTE.

SALVAGE

13. To be at Regimental Office by 1800.

MARCHING OUT

14. Full marching order carried as per Brigade Standing Order.

ORDER

15. All watches will be synchronized at 1815.

SYNCHRONIZATION

16. Coy. will report completion of move to Battalion Headquarters. Other reports to head of column.

REPORTS

(Signed) G. L. KILBY
 Lieut. & Acting Adjutant.

IV. ACKNOWLEDG.

BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 29.
BY LT. COL. D.A. LUXTON D.S.O. COMMANDING.Reference Maps. - ALBERT Combined Sheet 1/40000.
HAZEBROUK 5A.MOVE.

1. The 2nd. Brigade Group (less Motor vehicles) will be transferred by rail from the Third Army Area to the Second Army Area, commencing on the 26th. inst. 5th. Battalion and 2nd. A.L.T.M. Battery, less "D" Coy., will entrain at AVELUY at 2100 on 26th. inst. "D" Coy. will entrain at 1700.

ENTRAINING
& DETRAINING
STATIONS.

2. The entraining and detraining stations will be AVELUY and CAESTRE respectively. On detraining, the Brigade will be concentrated in the St. MARIE - CAPPEL Area.

ROUTE.

3. From MEAULTE - E.LL.D.8.5. - E.4.B.3.3.- E.5.A.2.7.- W.29.C.0.2. - W.28.B.3.8. - Station.

STARTING
POINT.

4. Junction of High Street and Bray Road.
Head of column will pass Starting Point at 1900.

ORDER OF
MARCH.

5. Signallers, Intelligence, Band, Headquarters, "C", "B", "A", Pioneers, A.M.C., Q.M. Staff, Police.

ADVANCED
ENTRAINING
OFFICER.

6. Capt. CAUGHEY and one other rank mounted, will precede the Battalion and will report to Brigade Entraining Officer, Capt. CUTHBERT, at 1800 in order to supervise the entraining of the Battalion.

TRANSPORT.

7. Will move from Transport lines at 1715. Transport Officer will report to Capt. CAUGHEY at AVELUY and will arrange for a reconnaissance of the route to the station to be made.
"A", "B", and "C" Coy. Cookers will move with Transport.

A.L.T.M.Bty.

8. O.C. 2nd. A.L.T.M. Battery will report to Capt. CAUGHEY at AVELUY.

DETACHED COY.

9. "D" Coy. will move from billets at 1430 and entrain at 1657. O.C. "D" Coy. will report to Capt. CUTHBERT, Brigade entraining officer, at AVELUY, with Marching Out state in triplicate showing number of Officers, other ranks, Horses; and Vehicles.
Cooker will move with Coy. with meal in preparation. On arrival at CAESTRE Lt. MAKIN will report to Capt. F.L. MOORE and will detail 100 men to act as an unloading Coy. under Capt. MOORE'S instructions. Staff Captain will give particulars as to billets to be occupied by 5th. Battalion.

TRAIN PIQUETS.

10. O.Cs. of "A", "B", and "C", will detail Piquets of 2 N.C.Os. and 6 men each, who will act in carriages occupied by their Coys? as per instructions issued.

DRESS.

11. Marching order, blankets and waterproofs rolled as per Brigade Standing Order.
Water bottles to be filled by 1200 26th. inst.

INSTRUCTIONS.

12. No member of a Unit will be permitted to enter the railway premises until permission is obtained from the R.T.O.

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- MARCHING OUT STATES. 13. To be at Regimental Office by 1200 26th. inst.
- CERTIFICATES. 14. Certificates as to cleanliness of billets to be handed to Regimental Office by 1600 26th. inst.
- SYNCHRONIZATION. 15. Watches will be synchronised at 1400.
- REPORTS. 16. Units will report to Battalion Headquarters when settled in Billets. Other reports to O.C. Train.
- 17. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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