

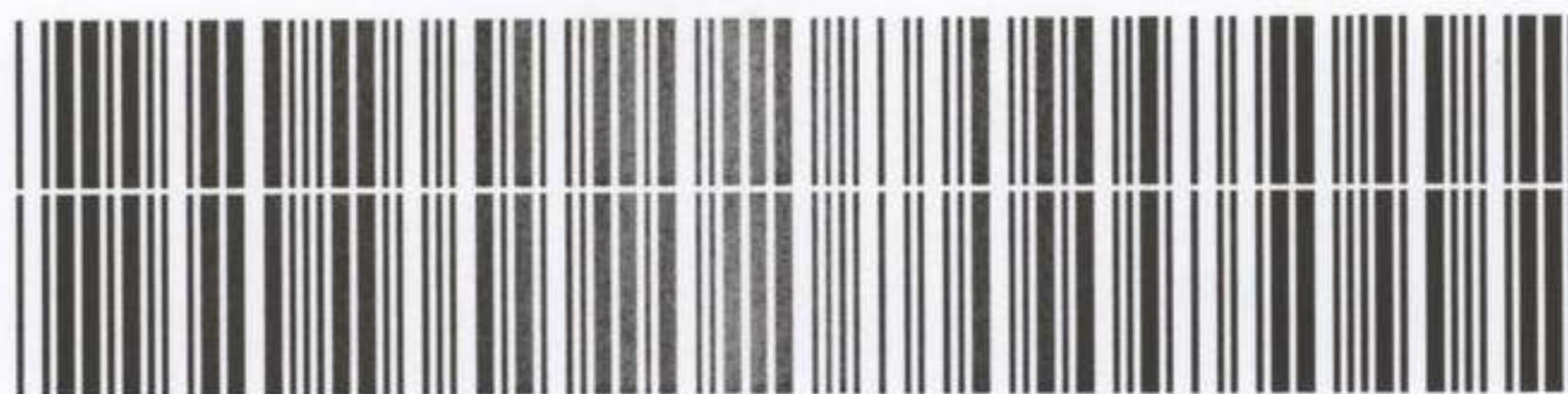
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5th INF BN AIF

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRANCE	1918 JAN 1.		B ^N in close reserve. Supplied working parties for forward area wiring & constructing strong points in the reserve lines	
		3	Lieut. COL D. A. LUXTON D.S.O. to 2 nd A.I. Bde as BRIGADIER during the absence of BRIG. GEN HEARNE, C.B. C.M.G. D.S.O. MAJOR H. CARTER took charge of the B ^N	
		4	LIEUT. G. L. FINLAY to 2 nd A.I. Bde for training as a staff officer.	
		7	B ^N relieved by the 6 th B ^N A.I.F. A & B boys moved to RAMILLES	ORDER NO 59
		8	Camp near KEMMEL. D' Coy to camp at LINDENHOEK. C' Coy to MULVERGHEM	
		8	C & D Companies supplied working parties. Work, burying cable to forward area.	
		9	MILITARY CROSS awarded to CAPT. H. BURKE, CAPT. L.V. ROACH, LIEUT. H. F. MORRISON, Q.M. & HON. CAPT. H.S. HAWKER. The following were mentioned in Sir D. HAIG'S despatch of 7 Nov 1917. Lt. Col D. A. LUXTON D.S.O., Lt. J.A. ANDERSON, & Lt. R. A. CUFF.	
		10	CAPT. F. ANGEL to Lewis Gun School LE TOUQUET. Lts. W. R. VOLUN & R. G. HAMILTON to I. E. CORPS SCHOOL. I.A. CO. to Corps GAS SCHOOL.	
		13.	The CORPS Commander presented decorations to members of the CORPS at KEMMEL. B ^N supplied a Guard of Honour.	
		14	To be Lieuts. 2 nd LIEUTS. P. NASH, A. J. ROBINSON, 28-9-17, 2Lt G. W. P. KAY, 27-11-17, 2Lt S. E. COHEN, C. C. HANSON. (A.I.F. LIST 282 11-1-18)	

5th INF. Bⁿ A.I.F

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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FRANCE	JAN. 15		<p>The Bⁿ relieved the 4th Bⁿ A.I.F on the night of the 15th/16th. Bⁿ occupied the same sector with the same dispositions as handed over to the 4th Bⁿ A.I.F on the 30/31st DEC. 17. with the exception that the Outpost Coy was strengthened with one platoon from the 1st RESERVE Coy. This platoon was used solely for Patrol work. No YAMS LAND was patrolled at least twice a night but no enemy were met with. Relief was completed without incident by 8.30 p.m.</p>	
	17/18		Inter. Coy relief took place on the night 17/18 th	
	18		a German stretcher bearer wandered into our lines and was taken prisoner.	
	19		Inter. Coy relief on the night 19/20 th	
	22		" " " " " 21 st /22 nd	
	23		B ⁿ was relieved by the 10 th B ⁿ A.I.F and moved to camps at GABLE Fm. on the WULVERGHEM-LINDENHOEK Rd. While in this area B ⁿ supplied working parties to the forward area of the Divisional Area.	

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FRANCE	JAN 29		B ⁿ relieved by the 53 rd B ⁿ AIF and moved to camp at BIRR BARRACKS (Shut 28. 1.40.000 429. A29.	
	30		FIRE broke out in officers Quarters and three huts destroyed. Parade. - The day was spent in scrubbing and cleaning equipment and refitting.	
	31		Parade 9 AM to 12.30 pm. Squad + Platoon drill with and without Arms.	
SUMMARY				
JAN	1 - 7		B ⁿ in close reserve. Working parties supplied.	
	8 - 14		B ⁿ in camp in KEMMEL AREA " " "	
	15 - 24		B ⁿ in the line.	
	25 - 29		B ⁿ in reserve at GABLE FM.	
	30 - 31		B ⁿ in training at BIRR CAMP near LOCRE.	
WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTHS for				
	Week ending		OFFICERS	OTHER RANKS
	4 th JAN	38	"	656 " "
	11 th JAN.	34	"	678 " "
	18 th JAN	36	"	540 " "
	25 th JAN.	31	"	639 " "

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PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS TO
BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 59.

APPENDIX

RELIEF.

1. The 5th Bn. will be relieved by the 6th Bn. tomorrow, 7th inst.

OFFICERS' VALISES.

2. Valises of Hdqtrs., & "C" & "D" Coys. will be stacked near "C" & "D" Coy. cookers at 1100. Valises of "A" & "B" Coys. will be stacked outside their respective Coy. Hdqtrs. at 1630. Coys. will supply their own guard for valises.

BLANKETS.

3. Company blankets, of 1 per man, will be rolled in bundles of 10 and clearly marked. "C" & "D" Coy. blankets will be dumped with valises at 1100 at cookers. "A" & "B" Coys. blankets will be stacked near their respective Coy. Hdqtrs. at 1630. Coys. will supply guard for blankets.

RECORDS., etc.

4. Regtl. Office and Coy. records, etc., will be dumped at "C" & "D" Coys. cookers at 1100.

LEWIS GUNS.

5. "C" & "D" Coys. will be loaded near cookers at 1630. "A" & "B" Coys. at their respective Coy. Hdqtrs. at the same time.

COOKERS.

6. Cookers will be ready to move at 1300.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) A.O. RIGG,
Lieut. & Asst. Adjt.

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APPENDIX

5th BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 60.

Reference Map - WYTSCHAETE 1 : 10000.

RELIEF.

1. The 5th Bn. will relieve the 4th Bn. on the night of 15/16th.

MOVE.

2. The Bn. will move from present camp at 1600 on 15th inst.
A.M.C. will move at 1430.

DISPOSITIONS.

"A" Coy. will occupy the Picquet line and will have one platoon (3 Officers) from "D" Coy. attached.
"B" Coy. will occupy the Support line.
"D" Coy. (less 1 platoon) will occupy the 1st Reserve Coy. position.
"C" Coy. will have one platoon in ORME TRENCH and 3 platoons in 2nd Reserve position.

ORDER OF MARCH.

Hqtrs. Sigs. Intell. Bugle Band, "A" Coy. and 1 platoon from "D" Coy; "B" Coy; "D" Coy. less 1 platoon; and "C" Coy.

DISTANCES.

5. 150 yards between Coys.

LEWIS GUNS.

6. L.G. limbers will follow Coys.

DRESS.

7. "A" Coy. and 1 platoon from "D" Coy; and "B" Coy - Fighting Order with greatcoat and waterproof sheet on belt and 1 blanket rolled; "C" & "D" Coys. - Full marching order.

PACKS.

8. Packs of "A" Coy; "B" Coy; and 1 platoon from "D" Coy. will be dumped at the Q.M. Store before 1500 today.

OFFICERS' VALISES, BLANKETS & COY. STORES.

9. The extra blankets which will be collected and rolled in bundles of 10 and clearly marked will be dumped at Q.M. store before 1500 on the 15th inst.

RATIONS.

10. Will be issued before leaving camp.

DEFENCE SCHEMES ETC.

11. All maps, photographs, and defence schemes will be taken over.

DISPOSITION SKETCHES.

12. Coy. Commanders will forward disposition sketches to Bn. Hqtrs. by 2000 on the 15th inst.

TRENCH STORES.

13. To be taken over and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Bn. Hqtrs. by 2000 on the 15th inst.

GUM BOOTS.

14. Gum boots in Coy. area will be taken over by Coy. Commander and special receipts in duplicate forwarded to Bn. Hqtrs. Gum boots at ULSTER HOUSE will be taken over by Lieut. DWYER who will not issue except on order from Bn. Hqtrs.

COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

15. Will be notified to Bn. Hqtrs. in code.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) A.C. RIGG,
Lieut. & Asst. Adjt.

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4	Bde.	Runner
5	Snr. Major	"
6	O.C. "A" Coy.	"
7	" "B" "	"
8	" "C" "	"
9	" "D" "	"
10	Sig. Off. & Intell. Off.	
11	Q.M. & P.O.	

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Date of Recommendation

Recommended by
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Brigade.

Division.

Corps.

Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)

APPENDIX
 TO THE
 REPORT OF THE
 COMMISSIONER OF THE
 DEFENCE DEPARTMENT
 FOR THE YEAR 1917
 PART I
 CHAPTER I
 SECTION I
 SUBSECTION I
 PARAGRAPH I
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