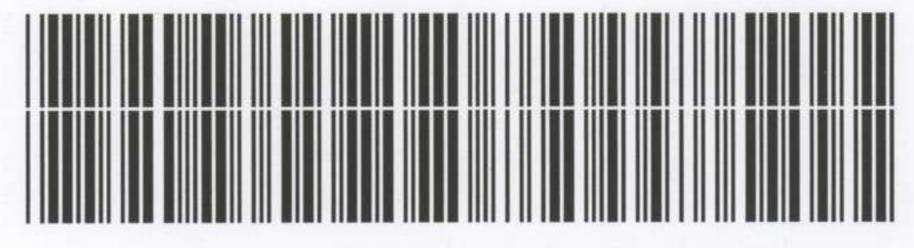
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AMIENS. Map. Ref.	lst	Novr.	Fine day. Trai ning as per Syllabus.	
62E. 1/40,00 HANGEST.	2nd.		Weather dull. Battalion had a round up for all Absentees. Afternoon Football Match, between Companies.	
	3rd.		Weather fine. Morning - Church Parade.	
	4th.		Weather splendid - Funeral in morning - later marriage - put smoke barrage on bride and bridegroom - things rather lively. Divisional Boxing Tournament in afternoon at Bovelles. Strength of Battalion - 30 Officers and 482 Other Ranks.	
	5th.		Wet and drizzling rain all day. Training in Billets. Boxing Tournament at Bovelles in afternoon. This Battalion did very well in Tournament securing two finals. Pyte. Moran winning the Lightweight. Pyte. Ramsay winning the Middleweight. Both won easily. This nominates these two for the Corps Matches to take place at a later date at Abbeville.	
	6th.		Weather fine. Training as per Syllabus.	
	7th.		Weather fine but dull during afternoon . Training as per syllabus.	
	8th.		Fine day. Training as per syllabus. Heard first news of proposed Armistice.	
	9th.		Weather fine. Training as per Syllabus. Football match "D" Company versus "C" Company in afternoon. "D" Company won.	
	loth.		Morning fine. Church Parade. Afternoon dull: Strength of Battalion - 30 Officers and 475 Other Ranks.	
	ilth.		Fine day. Training as per syllabus. Confirmation of Armistice received.	
	12th.		Weather fine. Preparing for a move forward and general clean up of equipment, billets, etc.	
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	•	13th	Novr.	Weather fine. Preparations for move forward continued.	
		14th.		Move from Hangest to Tincourt by rail, starting at 3 a.m. Arrived at Tincourt about 2 p.m. Journey very cold. Arrived at Billets which was an old German Artillery Camp at about 2.30 p.m. Settled very comfortably for the night.	
		15th.		Move from Tincourt to Brancourt by Light Railway 9 a.m. Arrived at Brancourt 11.30 a.m. Weather very cold but fine. Journey very interesting, as we passed over the ground near where the Battalion had its last fight and also over the St Quentin Canal which was the great barrier in front of the Hindenburg Line. Battalion settled in billets by 12.30 p.m. Billets were as Germans left them, but after cleaning were very comfortable.	
		16th.		Weather fine but cold. "A" Company went for a route march. Others general cleaning up etc.	
		17th		Weather fine. Morning Church Parade, held near Fresnot-le-Grand. After Church Parade Brigade formed up and addressed by Brig-General Drake-Brockman and men told of proposed move forward into Germany. March Past General. Strength of Battalion - Officers 35 Other Ranks 481.	
		18th.		Weather fine but very cold. General cleaning up of equipment and preparing for a move forward.	
		19th,		Fine day. Battalion went for a route march to Bohain.	
		20th.		Weather fine but cold. Battalion went for Baths at Fresnoy-le-Grand and had complete clean	
	(**	22nd		Change of clothing. Inspection Parade. Weather fine. Battalien went for a route march to Ramicourt and return. Weather good. Concert held in evening Y.M.C.A. Hall. Lieut-Col. H.A.Crowther.D.S.O. took the Chair. Major.W.L.Arrell marched in from	
		25rd.		the 49th Battalion and took over Temporary Command of Battalion. Battalion moved from Brancourt by Route March for St Souplet. Arrived at 2.30 p.m. Battalion settled down comfortably by 3.30 p.m. in billets. Lieut-Colonel.H.A.Crowther.D.S.O. said good-bye to Battalion and left for Australia same day.	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Novr	24th	Battalion moved from St. Souplet to Prisches by Route March. Arrived about 2,45 p.m. Battalion settled down by 5 p.m. and billets very good. Weather dull. Strength Of Battalion 32 Officers and 472 Other Ranks.	
		25th.	. Weather dull and showery. Company inspection of feet, etc.	
		26th	Battalion moved from Prisches to Sains. Arrived about 2.35 p.m. Weather dull and roads muddy. Battalion settled at 3 p.m. The whole of Battalion billeted in large factory, formerly used by Germans as a Hospital. This was as Germans left the place in a very dirty condition and a lot of time has been spent in cleaning it up.	
		27th	. Weather dull and cold. Company training and cleaning up of Billets and equipment etc.	
		28th	. Weather fine. Company Training.	
		29th	. Weather dull and showery. Lecture given in Fac tory to whole of Brigade by Brig-General Drake-Brockman on the proposed Demobilization scheme.	
		30th	. Morning fine, later on very musty. Battalion went for a route march to Ramesies. Strength Of Battalion - Officers 30 Other Ranks 465 Other Ranks.	
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vember 31	st.		The following Decorations have been awarded to the Battalion duri	ing the Month.
			THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.	MILITARY CROSS.
	*		Major W.R. Wadsworth. "MC"	Lieut. T.H. Griffith.
			The Distinguished Conduct Medal.	Bar to Military Medal.
			No.7316 Pvte.J.L.Schmidt. No.2435 R.Q.M.S.W.F.P.Ryan. No.5688 Cpl.V.W.Lalor."MM"	No.1578 Sgt.CJ.Clarke."DGM""MM"
			Military Medals.	
			No. 5112 Pyte. Harris.N. No. 6804 L/Cpl. Croker.W. No. 3328 L/Cpl. Grieves.J. No. 7605 Pyte. Sergeant.W.T. No. 4543 Cpl. Lumsden.J.P. No. 7602 Pyte. Metcalfe.C. No. 416 Sgt. Blackburn.D.W. No. 3252 Cpl. Booker.C.E. No. 2342a Pyte. Notting.F.G. No. 6773 Cpl. Lovejoy.H.G. No. 5456 Sgt. Sommerville.H.J. No. 799 Pyte. Voce.F.H. No. 7587 Pyte. Butterworth.L. No. 4650 Pyte. Dietrich.G.A. No. 1790 Pyte. O'Brien.J.	
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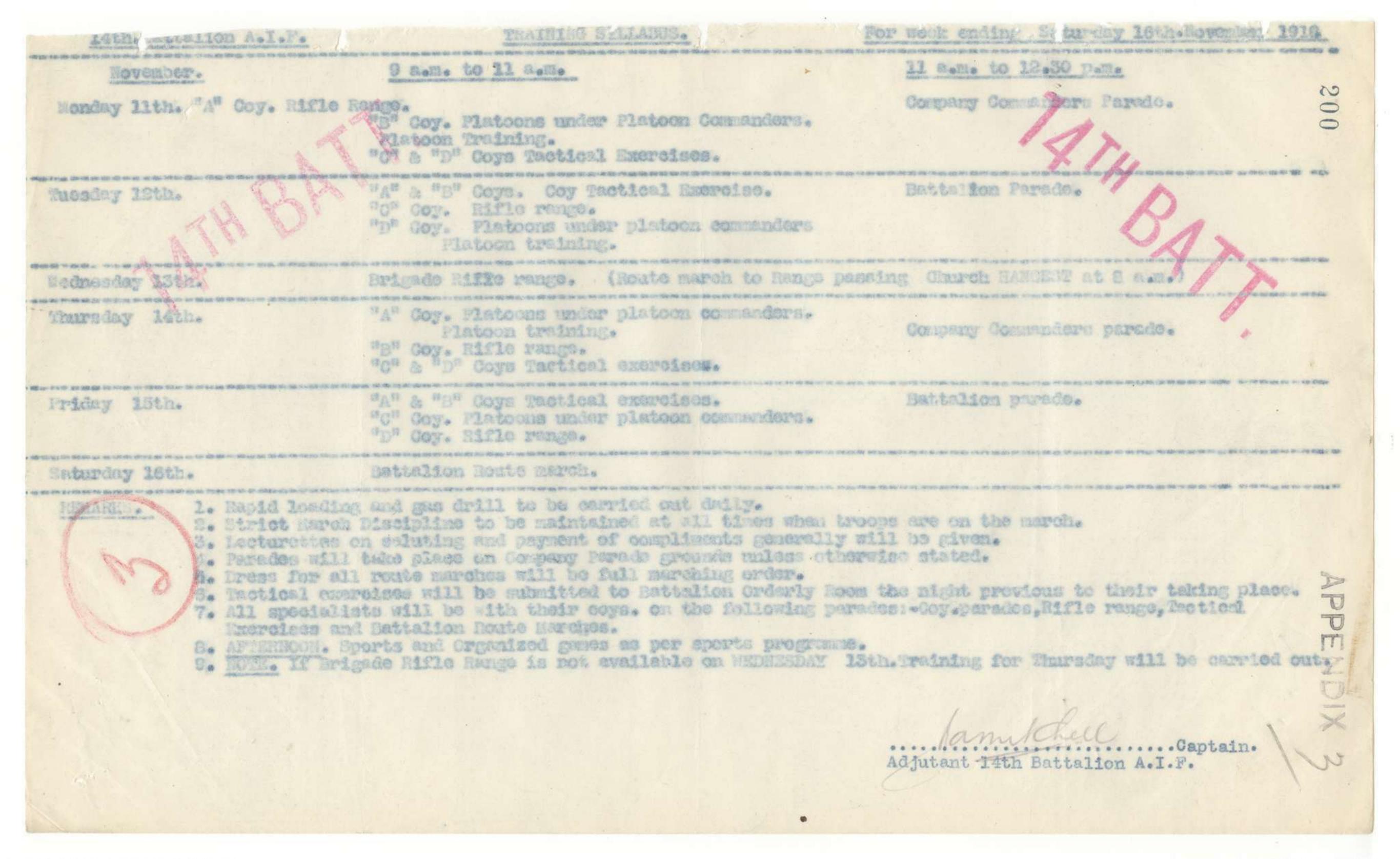
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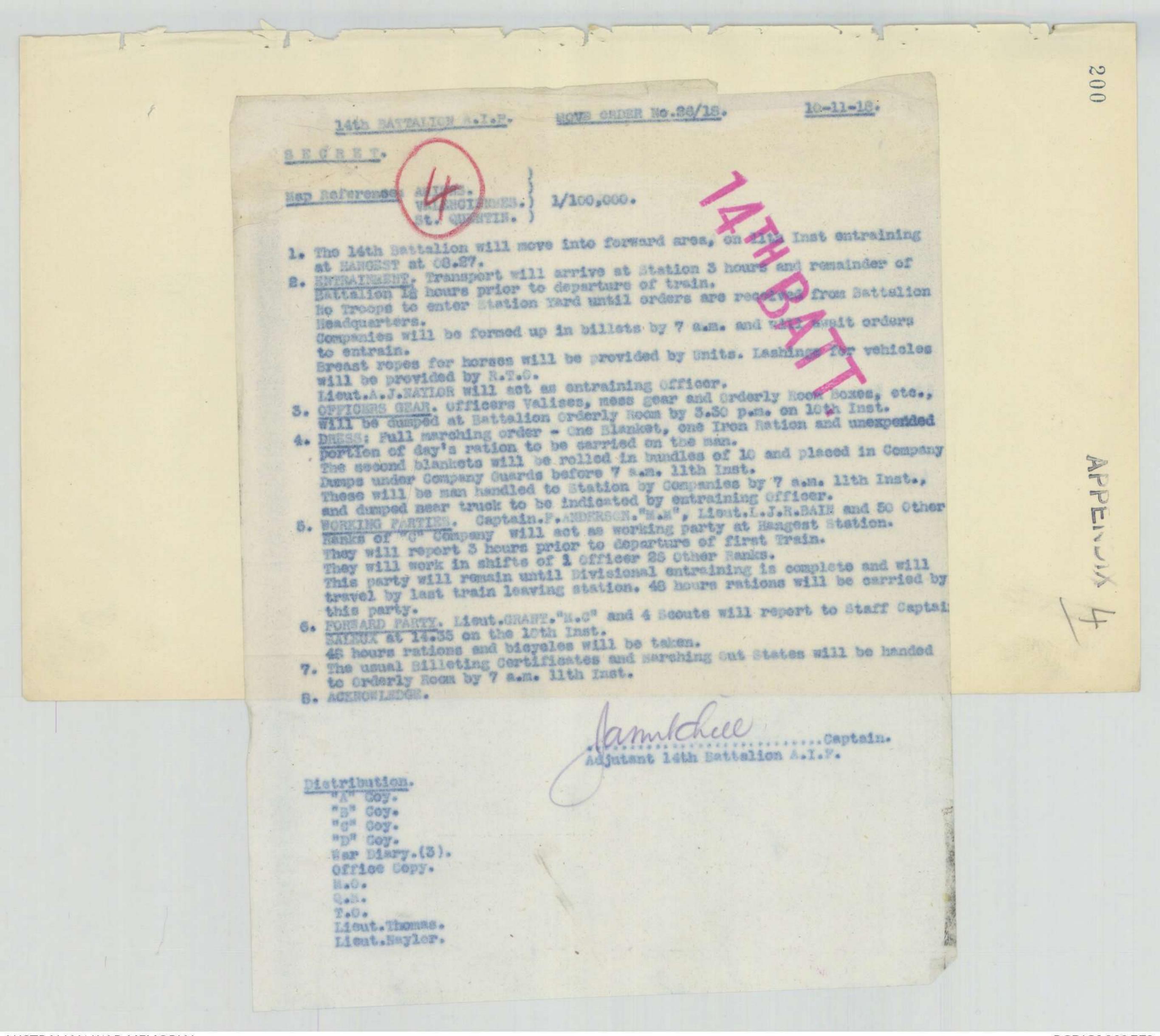
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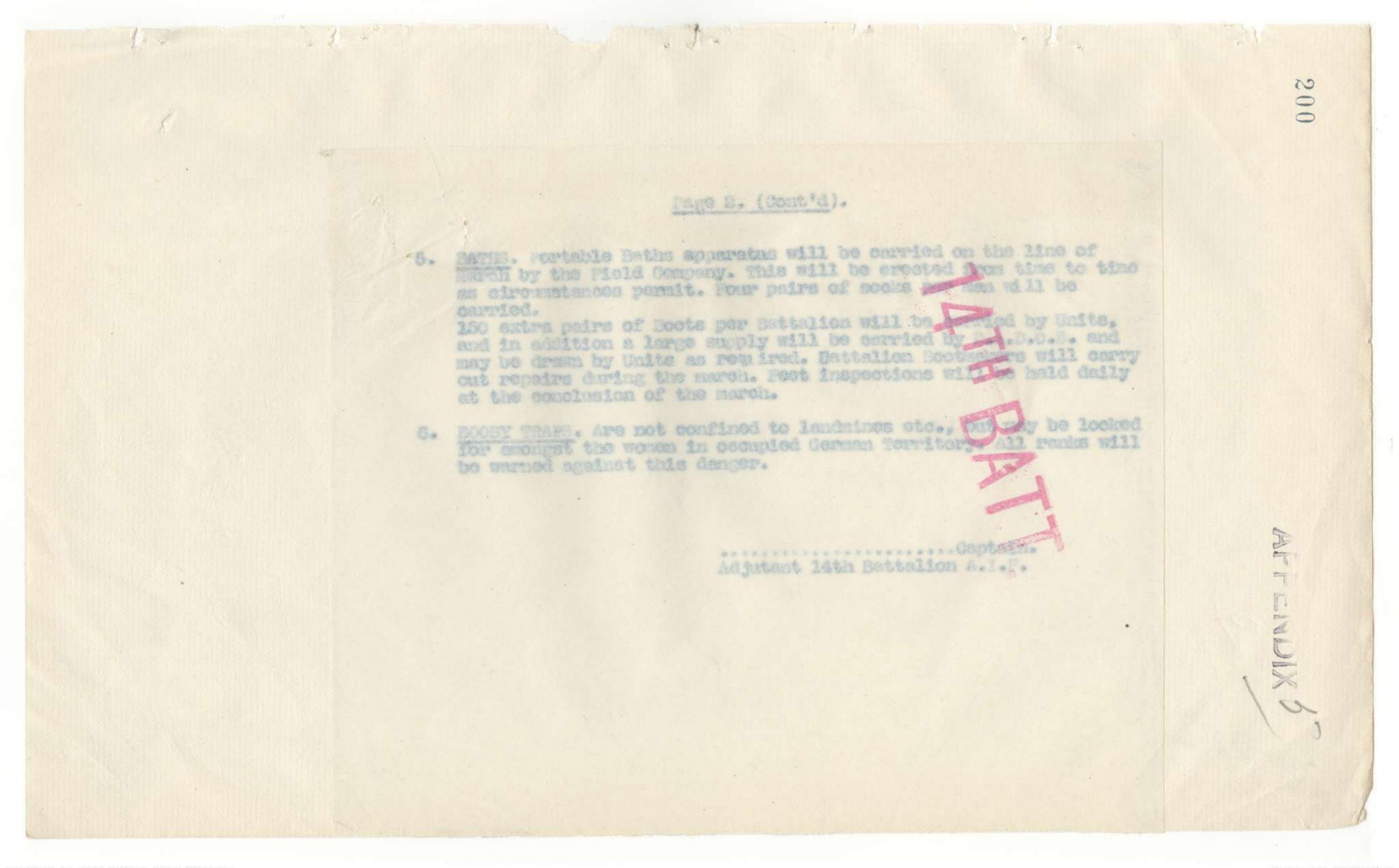
Monday 4th.	"A" Coy. Rifle Range. 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Company Commanders Parade.	70
	"B" Coy. Platoons under Platoon Commanders. Platoon Training. "C" & "D" Coys. Company Tactical Exercises.	0.0
Tuesday 5th.	Company Commanders Parade. "O" Coy. Rifle Range. "D" Coy. Platoons under Platoon Commanders. Platoon Training.	
Wednesday 6th.	BRIGADE RIFTE RANGE. (Route MARCH to Range passing CHURCH, HANGEST at 8 a.m.)	
Thursday 7th.	"A" Coy. Platoons under Platoon Commanders. Company Commanders Parade. Platoon Training. "B" Coy. Rifle Range. "C" & "D" Coys. Company Tactical exercises.	
Friday 8th.	"A" & "B" Coys. Company Tactical exercises. Company Commanders Parade. "C" 'Coy. Platoons under Platoon Commanders. "D" Coy. Rifle Range.	
Saturday 9th.	BATTALION ROUTE MARCH. Route: - HANGEST-SOUES-CROUY. Starting Point, Church HANGEST at 9.30 a.m.	
2. Strice 3. Lecture 4. Parace 5. Dress	d loading and gas drill to be carried out daily. ct March discipline to be maintained at all times when troops are on the march. arettes on saluting and payment of compliments generally will be given. des will take place on Company Parade Grounds unless otherwise stated. s for all route marches will be full marching order. ical exercises will be submitted to Battalion Headquarters the night previous to their taking place. Specialists will be with the Company on the following parades: - Company Parades, Rifle Range, Tactical	70

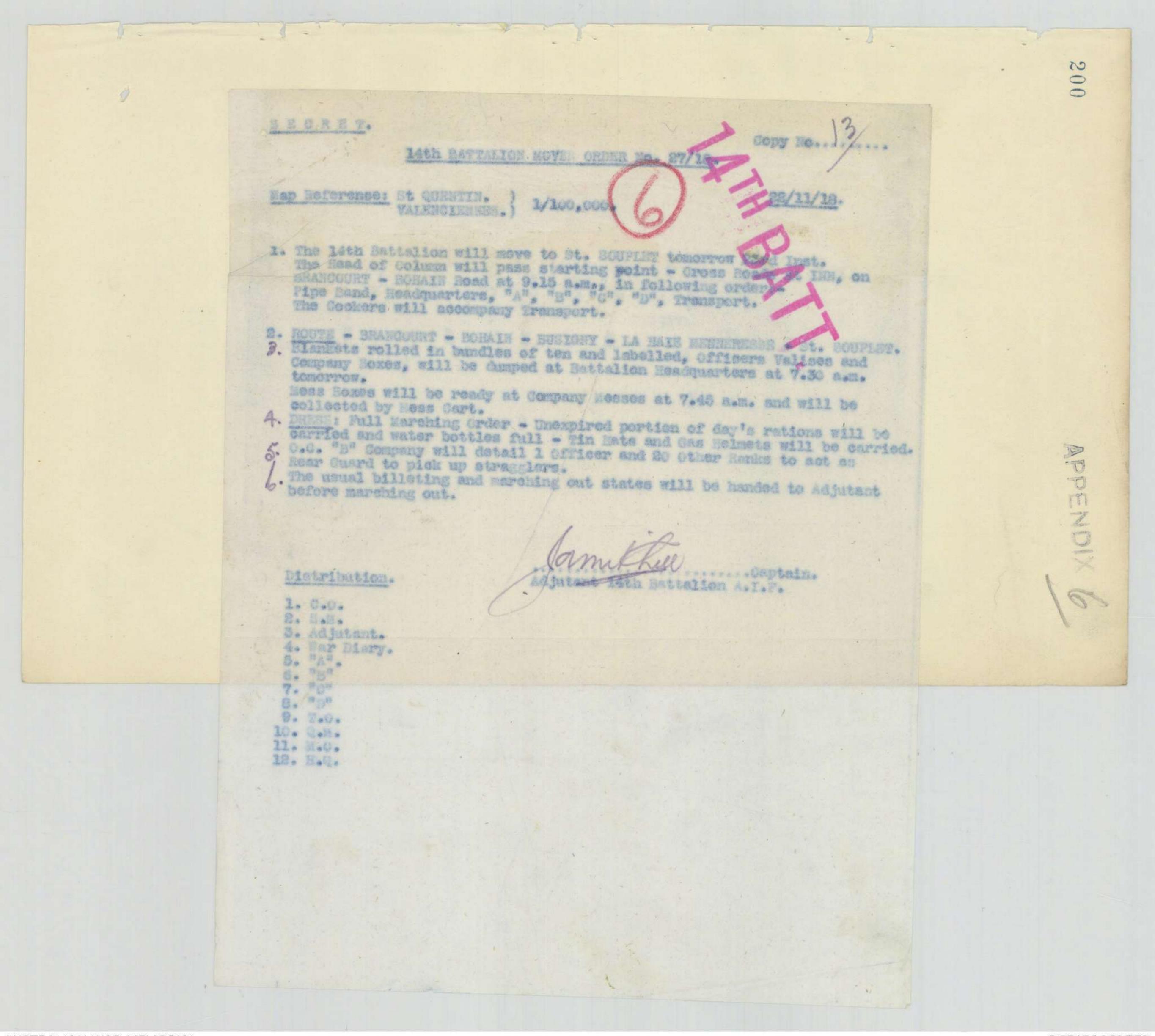
Exercises and Battalion Route Marches.

8. AFTERNOON: Sports and organized games as per Sports Programme.
9. NOTE: If Brigade Rifle Range not available on Wednesday 6th., Training for Thursday will be carried out.









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14th BATTALION MOVE CRDER NO.28/18. 25-11-18.

Map Reference: VALENCIENNES

- 1. 14th Battalion will move to PRISCHES tomorrow 24th Inst.
- 2. ROUTE L'ARBRE-de-GUISE MAZINGHIEN CATILLION LA GROTSE PRISCHES
- 3. Starting Point. Battalion will pass the starting point CHURCH at SOUPLET at 8.45 a.m. in the following order:Pipe Band, "D", "C", "B", "A", Headquarters, 4th A.L.T.M.Battery and Transport.
- 4. Officers Valises, blankets and all gear to be dumped at "B" Company Headquarters at 4-a.m. 7.30 a.m.
- 5. MID-DAY MEAL. A halt will be made from 12.50 to 13.30 for mid-day meal. If possible Companies will draw off road to adjacent Fields. Careful attention to be paid to March Discipline throughout the March.
- 6. The usual states will be rendered to Battalion Orderly Room at beginning and completion of march.

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