

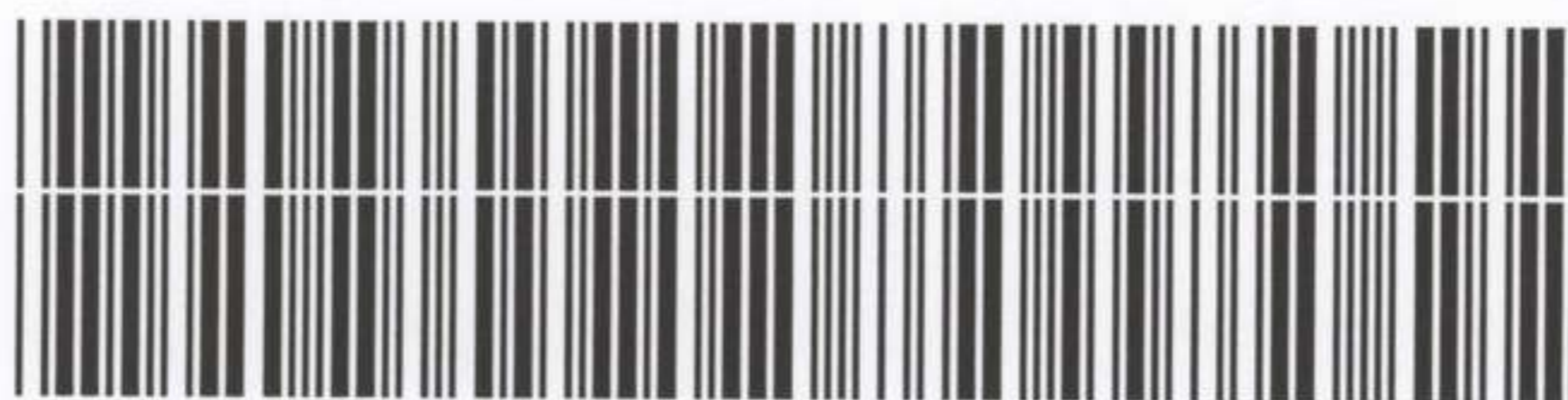
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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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By Lt.-Colonel B.O.C. Duggan
 Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
FROMENTEL.	1918. Feb. 1st.		<p>Battalion in Rest Area. Training. Inspection and Muster Parades. Lieut. H. Smitheram and 4 N.C.O.s to 6th Training Battalion, England, for tour of duty. Capt. A.E. Richards and 1 N.C.O. to Australian Flying Corps, England. Lieut. T.W. Eales D.C.M. to X Corps Musketry School. Capt. R.L. Poulton to R.M.O.'s School. Capt. R.G. Burnard, R.M.O., attached for Temporary Duty.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> - Heavy Frost and Foggy.</p>	(D)	
"	"	2nd.	<p>Training. Inspection. Reorganisation of Companies. Capt. P.T. Hurrey returned from Army School. 25 Other Ranks to BOULOGNE on daily leave.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> - Fine. Very Cold.</p>	<p>Appendix No. 1. Syllabus of Training for week ending 9th February 1918.</p>	(D)
"	"	3rd.	<p>Church Parade. Protestant Parade. 10 a.m. Chaplain G.E. Lambie. Roman Catholic Parade 11 a.m. at BULESCAMP. Capt. N.F. Wellington to 16th British Infantry Brigade as Brigade Major. Lieut. W.H. Roberts returned from England. 25 Other Ranks on daily leave to BOULOGNE.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> - Fine.</p>		(D)
"	"	4th.	<p>Training. G.O.C., 6th A.I. Brigade, interviews Battalion Officers. 2 Officers 25 O.R. on daily leave to BOULOGNE.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> - Fine.</p>		(D)
"	"	5th.	<p>Training. Major H.A. Crowther D.S.O. and Lieut. J.L. Watt left on English Leave. Recreational Training. 1 Officer, 26 O.R. on daily leave to BOULOGNE. 12 Other Ranks arrived from Base.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> - Fine.</p>	<p>Appendix No. 2. Resolutions of En Sports Committee.</p>	(D)
"	"	6th.	<p>Training. 26 Other Ranks under an Officer on BOULOGNE Leave. 1 O.R. on Paris Leave.</p>		(D)

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Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FROMENTEL.	1918. Feb.	6th.	<p>Recreational Training. Football. The following were the matches with results.- Football (Australian Game). "A" v "D". A Coy 5 Goals. 9 Behinds. D " 9 " 5 " " " " " "B" v "C". B " 4 " 13 " C " 3 " 2 "</p> <p><u>Weather</u> - Light Rain. Cold.</p>	(B)
"	"	7th.	<p>Training. Lectures in Billets. Improvements effected to Rifle Range, near HARLETTES. 1 Officer and 26 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. <u>Weather</u> - Rain. Cold.</p>	(B)
"	"	8th.	<p>Training. Lectures in Billets. 8 Other Ranks on English Furlough. 5 Other Ranks on Paris Leave. 30 All Ranks to BOULOGNE (Daily Leave.). Lieut. F.P. Buddon from 6th Training Battalion, England. <u>Weather</u> - Rain. Very Inclement.</p>	(B)
"	"	9th.	<p>Training and Recreation. Football. "B" v "C" "B" v "C". B Coy 7 Goals 7 Behinds. C " 2 " 8 " Hqrs v "A". Hqrs 2 " 3 " A Coy 0 " 3 "</p> <p>Major A.E. Reed on Paris Leave. 5 O.R. On Paris Furlough. 3 Officers and 20 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. Lieut. E.J. Quirk to IV Army School, WISQUES. 2/Lt. R.A. Ball to V Army Gas School. 7 Officers to Pigeon School. <u>Weather</u> - Windy and Cold.</p>	(B)
"	"	10th.	<p>Church Parades. Protestant Parade 10 a.m. (Cancelled owing to inclement weather). Roman Catholic Parade. 11 a.m. BULESCAMP. 2 Officers and 20 Others to BOULOGNE on Daily Leave. Lieut. R.B. Hogg proceeds to Forward Area on duty. Lieut. H.N. Garton reported for duty. 10 Other Ranks arrived from Base.</p>	(B)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FROMENTEL.	1918.			
	Feb.	10th.	Capt. R.L. Poulton from R.M.O.'s School. BAILLEUL. Capt. R.G. Burnard (R.M.O. Temp. Attached). to R.M.O.'s School. BAILLEUL. 12 Other Ranks to Div. Bomb School. Lieut. J.G. English to Lewis Gun School, CAMIERS, for instruction. Football - "A" Company v "B" Company B Coy 4 Goals 8 Behinds. <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> A " 2 " 7 " D " 4 " 22 " C " 0 " 7 " </div> Weather - Cold. Windy.	Appendix No. 3. Syllabus of Training for Week ending 16th February 1918.
	"	11th.	Training. Organised Games. Chaplain G.E. Lamble departs for A.I.F. Headquarters for return to Australia. 4 Officers and 200 Other Ranks working on Australian Corps Gas School Site under Engineer Supervision. 1 Officer and 25 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. 6 Other Ranks on Paris Furlough. HONOURS & REWARDS - Capt H.C.A. Sandford awarded the CROIX DE GUERRE (BELGIAN). 450 Cpl J.C. McMahon awarded the CROIX DE GUERRE (BELGIAN). Weather - Cold. Muddy.	
	"	12th.	Training and Sports. Lieut. P.E. Reynolds returns from English Leave. 6 Other Ranks on Paris Leave. 5 Officers 200 Others on work at Aust. Corps Gas School near HARLETTES. 1 Officer and 25 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. Lieut. R.B. Hogg returns from duty in Forward Area. Weather - Rainy. Fog.	
"	"	13th.	Training. Lectures in Billets. Football - "D" Coy v "B" Coy D Coy 5 Goals 11 Behinds <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> B " 5 " 4 " </div> 1 Officer and 25 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. 12 Officers to 2nd A.G.H., BOULOGNE, for <i>Social Evening</i> . 6 Other Ranks on Paris Leave. 8 Other Ranks on English Furlough. 11 Other Ranks arrived from Base. Weather - Continual rain. 7 Officers to Div. Pigeon School for Lecture.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FROMENTEL	1918. Feb.	14th.	Training and Musketry. Infantry Task of 2 Officers and 100 Others on Corps Gas Ground, HARLETTES. 4 Other Ranks on Paris Leave. 2 Officers & 25 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. <u>Weather</u> - Improving.	(D)
"	"	15th.	Training and Musketry. Infantry Task of 2 Officers and 100 Others on Corps Gas Ground, HARLETTES. 6 Other Ranks arrived from Base. 4 Other Ranks on Paris Leave. 1 Officer and 14 Other Ranks on BOULOGNE Leave. Football (Australian Rules). 21st Battalion v 24th Battalion on 21st Bn Ground. 21st Bn - 6 Goals 5 Behinds. 24th Bn - 13 " 15 " <u>Weather</u> - Cloudy, with slight showers.	(D)
"	"	16th.	Bathing Parade; 2 Companies at Baths, ALQUINE. Infantry Task of 1 Officer and 50 Others on Corps Gas Ground, HARLETTES. Lieut. G.R. Dearden returned from Hospital. 1 Other Rank on Paris Leave. 3 Officers and 25 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. Football (Australian Rules) . Hqrs v "B" Company. Hqrs 9 Goals 15 Behinds. B Coy 1 " 6 " "C" Coy v "A" Coy. C Coy 5 " 1 " A Coy 3 " 12 " <u>Weather</u> - Fine, but cold and windy.	Appendix No. 4. Syllabus of Training for week ending 23rd Feb. 1918. (D)
"	"	17th.	Church Parade - Protestant 11 a.m. FROMENTEL. Chaplain Cleverdon. Roman Catholic. 11 a.m. BULESCAMP. Chaplain Campbell. Chaplain-General Holden on Parade. Football - "D" Coy v "A" Coy. D Coy 5 Goals 11 Behinds. Hqrs v "C" Company. Hqrs 2 Goals 5 Behinds. A Coy 3 " 7 " C Coy 1 " 4 " 1 Officer and 25 Others on BOULOGNE Leave. Bathing Parade. 2 Coys at Baths, ALQUINE. <u>Weather</u> - Fine.	(D)
"	"	18th.	Chaplain T.C. Robinson reports for duty. Major A.E. Reed from PARIS Leave. 1 Officer 25 Others on leave to BOULOGNE. 2/Lt. J.M. Burr on PARIS Leave. Company Training. Musketry. Platoon Elimination Contests. Infantry Task, as above, 1 Off. 30. O.R. <u>Weather</u> - Fine, Sunny.	(D)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	<u>1918.</u>			
FROMENTEL	Feb.	19th.	<p>Training. Commencement of Platoon Elimination Contests (Musketry Competition). 12 Other Ranks arrived from Base. Capt. M.B. Kelly on Paris Leave. 1 Officer and 25 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. Capt. A.J. Reye reports for Temp. Duty as R.M.O. <u>Weather</u> - Fine.</p>	Ⓟ
"	"	20th.	<p>Training. Platoon Elimination Contests continued. 1 Officer & 26 Others on BOULOGNE Leave. Infantry Task of 2 Officers and 100 O.R. for work on Gas School Ground. Lt. S.J. Bennie and Lt. W.B.F. McKiernan return from X Corps School. 1 Officer and 10 Others visit Salvage and Bye-Products Depot at CALAIS. Lt. L.R. Brookes in charge. Capt. R.L. Poulton R.M.O. and Lt. J. Sullivan M.M. and 8 Others on English Leave. <u>Football</u> - Inter-Company matches. "B" Coy v "C" Coy. C Coy 3 Goals 1 Behind. <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> B Coy 1 " 6 " "D" Coy v Hqrs. Hqrs 4 " 6 " D Coy 5 " 7 " </div> <u>Weather</u> - Fine. Windy.</p>	Ⓟ
"	"	21st.	<p>Training. Platoon Elimination Contests continued. Infantry Task of 1 Officer & 100 Others on Gas School Ground, and 1 N.C.O. & 10 Others on Musketry 3 Officers and 24 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. (Range. Lt. J.L. Watt returned from English Leave. Lt. J.G. English returned from G.H.Q. School, CAMIERS (L.G.). <u>Weather</u> - Fine.</p>	Ⓟ
"	"	22nd.	<p>Training. Termination of Platoon Elimination Contests. No. 8 Platoon, "B" Company chosen to represent the Battalion in the Brigade Contest. The following were the scores:- "A" Coy - 371. "B" Coy - 403. "C" Coy - 361. "D" Coy - 334. 2 Officers and 25 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. Lt. W. Power returned from Australian Corps School. <u>Weather</u> - Dull and Showery.</p>	Ⓟ
"	"	23rd.	<p>Training. Half-Holiday. 2 Officers and 24 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. Lt. M. McGregor to X Corps Infantry School. <u>Football</u> - Inter-Company Matches. "C" Coy v "D" Coy. C Coy 6 Goals 13 Behinds. <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> D Coy 9 " 13 " "A" Coy v "B" Coy. A Coy 3 Goals 12 Behinds. B Coy 16 " 7 " </div> <u>Weather</u> - Dull.</p>	Ⓟ

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	<u>1918.</u>			
FROMENTEL.	Feb.,	24th.	<p>Church Parades - Protestant 9.45 a.m. FROMENTEL. Chaplain T.C. Robinson. Roman Catholic. 10 a.m. ALQUINE. Chaplain T.A. Campbell E.J. SIDES (att'd 4th A.F.A.)</p> <p>Presentation of Medals won at Battalion Sports Meeting at LOCRE. 1 Officer and 25 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. Lt. G.R. Dearden and 9 O.R. on English Leave. 5 Other Ranks arrived from Base. Lt. T.W. Eales D.C.M. returned from IV Army School. (Musketry). Football.- Hqrs v "A" Coy. Hqrs 7 Goals 5 Behinds. "A" Coy 8 Goals 7 Behinds. Weather.- Dull.</p>	(P)
"	"	25th.	<p>Training. Bathing Parade at SENINGHEM. 2 Officers and 24 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. Divisional Commander visits the Unit. Weather - Rain.</p>	(P)
"	"	26th.	<p>Training. Battalion goes through Gas Demonstration on Gas Ground, near HARLETTES. Lt. W.H. Taylor M.M. to IV Army Musketry School. 2 Officers and 25 Others on BOULOGNE leave. 7 Other Ranks arrived from Base. Weather.- Fine.</p>	(P)
"	"	27th.	<p>Training, as per Battalion Operation Order No. 001. Appendix No. 5. Lt. J.M. Burr returned from Paris Leave. 12 Other-Ranks 1 Officer and 25 Others on daily leave to BOULOGNE. 12 O.R. on Paris Leave. Final Football Match of Inter-Company Competition. Hqrs being Premiers. Hqrs 6 Goals 6 Behinds. Weather.- Fine. D Coy 2 " 10 "</p>	(P)
"	"	28th.	<p>Training. Major H.A. Crowther D.S.O. returned from English leave. Capt. M.B. Kelly returned from Paris Leave. Bde Snipers Plate Competition. 21st Bn Team Second. Bde Horse Show. Event No. 7. Rapid turn-out of Limbers. Won by this unit. Weather - Fine Morning. Snow Storm towards evening.</p>	(P)

Syllabus of Training for
Week ending 2nd March 1918
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Q.M.'s Report. App. No. 8.

B. Duggan Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 21st Battalion A. I. F.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 9.2.18.

Date.	9.30 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	9.45 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	10.30-10.40.	10.40 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	2 p.m.- 4 p.m.
Monday, 4th.	Roll Call, Inspection.	Platoon Drill.	Smoke.	Bayonet Fighting.	Organised Games.
Tues. 5th.	Roll Call, Inspection.	Gas Drill & Inspection of Apparatus.	Smoke.	Muscle Exercises. Rapid Loading.	Organised Games.
Wed. 6th.	Roll Call, Inspection.	Rifle Exercises, Company Drill.	Smoke.	Bayonet Fighting, Rapid Loading.	Inter-Coy Football.
Thurs. 7th.	Roll Call, Inspection.	Route March.	Smoke.	Firing Positions, Rapid Loading.	Organised Games.
Frid. 8th.	Roll Call, Inspection.	Company Drill, Rapid Loading.	Smoke.	Platoon in Attack.	Organised Games.
Sat. 9th.	Roll Call, Inspection.	Gas Drill, Inspection of Apparatus.	Smoke.	Company Drill.	Half Holiday.

- N.B. 1. As soon as a Rifle Range is available one Company per morning will be on Range.
 2. In addition 1 Platoon per Company will carry out bombing practice each morning from 9.45 - 10.30 a.m. (s
 3. Specialists to report for training, after inspection each morning, under the arrangement of their respective Officer
 4. R.S.M. will take a class of N.C.C.s each morning for instruction, as per Battalion Routine Orders already issued.

Distribution.-

1. Brigade.
2. C.O.
3. Second in Command.
4. Adjutant.
5. A Coy.
6. B Coy.
7. C Coy.
8. D Coy.
9. Hqs.
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 Captain,
 21st Battalion A.I.F.

Appendix 1.

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21st Battalion Hqrs,
5th February 1918.

BATTALION SPORTS.
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At a Meeting of the Executive Committee held this afternoon, the following business was transacted.
Lieut.-Colonel B.O.C.Duggan D.S.O.was in the Chair.

Moved by Lieut.W.H.Roberts, seconded by Pte Hogan, that -
"The various Sports Committees continue to arrange Matches or submit fresh Programmes to the Executive Committee."

Moved by Sgt Lowerson, seconded by Sgt Lamont, that -
"Lieut.L.R.Brookes be requested to take the Presidency of the 'Other Sports' Committee, vice Capt.F.Sale M.C."

Moved by L/Cpl Doyle, seconded by Sgt Lowerson, that -
"Each member of the Battalion Soccer Team, which won the Brigade Soccer Cup, be given a Bronze Medal and the Captain of the Team a Silver Medal."

J.J.O'Neill,
(Signed.) C.Q.M.S., "D" Coy,
21st Battalion A.I.F.
Hon. Secretary,
Executive Committee.

Distribution.-

- 1. File.
- 2. C.O.
- 3. Adjutant.
- 4. Q.M.
- 5. Major Reed.
- 6. A Coy.
- 7. B "
- 8. C "
- 9. D "
- 10. Hqrs.
- 11. War Diary.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 16th FEBRUARY 1918.

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Date.	9.30-9.45 a.m.	9.45-10.25 a.m.	10.25-10.35.	10.35 - 11.30 a.m.	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Localities of Training
Mon.11th.	Roll Call, Inspection.	Company Drill.	Smoko.	Judging Distances & Description of Targets.	Organised Games.	
Tues.12th.	Roll Call, Inspection.	Physical Tng, Bayonet Fighting,	Smoko.	Gas Drill & Inspection od Apparatus.	Organised Games.	A Coy - FROMENTAL.
Wed.13th.	Roll Call, Inspection.	Company Drill.	Smoko.	Physical Training, Bayonet Fighting.	Inter-Coy Football.	B Coy - HARLETTES.
Thurs.14th.	Roll Call, Inspection.	Triangle of Errors Use of Cover.	Smoko.	Practice for Platoon Competitions.	Organised Games.	C Coy - HARLETTES.
Frid.15th.	Roll Call, Inspection.	Gas Drill & Inspec- tion of Apparatus.	Smoko.	Rifle Exercises, Platoon Drill.	Organised Games.	D Coy - BULESCAMP.
Sat.16th.	Roll Call, Inspection.	B a t t a l i o n D r i l l.			Inter-Coy Football.	

- × N.B.1. Specialists to report for training, after inspection each morning, under the arrangements of their respective Officers.
- × 2. 1 Platoon per Company will carry out ½ hours bombing practice daily.
- 3. One Company per day will be on the Rifle Range in the following order - A, B, C, D.
- 4. Each Platoon will carry out half an hour Rapid Loading every morning.
- × 5. R.S.M. will take a class of N.C.O.s for instruction each morning at Bn Hqrs.

Distribution.-

- 1/2. Brigades
- 3/6. Companies.
- 7. Hqrs.
- 8. C.O.
- 9. File.
- 10/11. War Diary.

(Signed.) O.V. Hoad, Captain,
Act. Adjutant,
For C.O. 21st Battalion.



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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 23rd FEBRUARY 1918.

DATE.	9.30 - 9.45 a.m.	9.45 - 10.25.	10.25 - 10.35.	10.35 - 11.30.	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Localities of Training.
Mon. 18th.	Inspection, Roll Call.	Fire Orders, Description of Targets.	Smoke-o.	Company Drill.	Organised Games.	
Tues. 19th.	Inspection, Roll Call.	Platoon in Attack.	Smoke-o.	Gas Drill, Inspect- ion of Apparatus.	Organised Games.	A Coy - FROMNTEL.
Wed. 20th.	Inspection, Roll Call.	Rifle Exercises Platoon Drill.	Smoke-o.	Physical Training, Bayonet Fighting.	Inter-Company Football.	B Coy - HARLETTES.
Thurs. 21st.	Inspection, Roll Call.	Platoon in Attack.	Smoke-o.	Use of Ground.	Organised Games.	C Coy - HARLETTES.
Frid. 22nd.	Inspection, Roll Call.	Inter-Company Platoon Competition.			Organised Games.	D Coy - BULESCAMP.
Sat. 23rd.	Inspection, Roll Call.	Battalion Drill.			Inter-Company Football.	Hqrs - Opposite Bn Hqrs, FROMNTEL.

- N.B. 1. One Company per day will be on the Rifle Range.
 2. Each Platoon will carry out half an hour Rapid Loading every morning.
 3. The Armourer will inspect the Battalion Rifles during the week.

DISTRIBUTION.-

1. Brigade.
2. Brigade.
3. A Company.
4. B Company.
5. C Company.
6. D Company.
7. Headquarters.
8. C.O.
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(Signed.) G.V. HOAD, Captain,
Acting Adjutant,
For C.O. 21st Battalion A.I.F.

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Appendix No. 5.

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21st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 001.

Ref. Map.-As per Attached Sketch.

21st Feb., 1918.

1. The 5th A.I. Brigade, in conjunction with other units, on its Left, is attacking at Zero Hour on "Y" Day.
2. The general objective is BIG WOOD and command of the gully between BIG WOOD and B. De L'EGLISE.
3. The 21st Battalion will attack on the Right with the 22nd Battalion on their Left; the 23rd Battalion is in Brigade Reserve.
4. Objectives.- 1st. A line of shell holes occupied by the enemy about 350 yds from our present front line called GREEN LINE.
2nd. Enemy Trench System, shown on sketch. RED LINE.
5. The attack will be in three waves on a front of approximately 300 Yards, extending from the South West edge of BIG WOOD (exclusive) in a South Easterly direction.
Waves will be at 80 Yds distance each of two lines 20 Yds apart.
6. 1st Wave.- To first objective GREEN LINE, 1 Platoon of "C" Coy on left and 3 Platoons of "B" Company. Capt. C.V. Duncan - Senior Officer.
Right directing. This wave will attack in 2 Lines 20 Yds apart.
2nd Wave.- To second objective. 2 Platoons of "C" Company on left (plus L.M.G. Section) and 3 Platoons of "B" Coy (plus L.M.G. Section).
Right directing. Capt. H.C.A. Sandford, C. De G., - Senior Officer.
This wave will remain in column of sections in file until passing through 1st wave, when they will extend into 2 lines and remain as close to the barrage as possible until it lifts from RED LINE.
3rd Wave.- 1 Platoon each of "B", "C", & "D" Companies. Lieut. G.R. Dearden - Senior Officer. (Less L.M.G. Sections) as carrying platoons, and will carry to their respective Companies coming under command of their Company Commanders on delivery of their various loads to their Companies.
Distances will be gained on moving off from J.O.T.
7. "A" Company will take over the present front line before daylight on "X" Day, and on "X" Night will dig a J.O.T. about 100 Yds in front of present front line sufficient to accommodate the first and second waves. The J.O.T. will be completed by midnight. During this work "A" Coy will provide necessary covering party, and also during the forming-up on J.O.T. An Officer of Aust. Engineers will report to "A" Coy Commander, to assist in marking the J.O.T., before 6 p.m. "X" Day.
8. First and Second Waves to be in J.O.T. by Zero - 1 Hour 30 Min.
Third Wave in old front line by Zero - 1 Hour.
Guides - 1 per Platoon of incoming troops to be provided by "A" Company and to be at Bn Hqs at Zero - 4 Hours.
9. On taking Second Objective a message will be sent by runner and by message rocket to Advanced Bn Hqs. Objectives will be consolidated by mutually supporting posts of not less than a half platoon each, and on the general alignment of the objectives "A" Coy will detail 2 Lewis Guns for Anti-Aircraft work. "B" Coy will be responsible for the Right Flank from the present front line to the first objective. "D" Coy for the right flank between the first & second objectives.
10. The Divisional Artillery will put down a barrage on the GREEN LINE at Zero - 5 to Zero, then it will creep at the rate of 40 Yds per minute to the second objective where it will remain from plus 5 to plus 20. on RED LINE. Then creeping at the same rate and forming a protective barrage on the BLUE

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LINE about 200 Yds past the second objective until plus 60.

1. 2 Sections of 6th A.L.T.M.Bty will bombard enemy M.G. Position in GREEN LINE until Zero plus 1. One section will then remain established in present front line and one will go forward into first objective after the second objective is captured.
12. The 6th A.M.G. Coy will co-operate with the Artillery by bringing indirect fire on to tracks, roads, etc.
1 Section will go forward after the third wave and take up the best available defensive position.
13. Water in petrol tins (40), S.A.A. (20 Boxes), Bombs, (20 Boxes), Sandbags (1,000) Stretchers (50), Shovels (100), and Picks (50), will be drawn from "K" Dump and packed up to "A" Coy's Ration Dump ^{by 11 p.m. X day.} "A" Coy to arrange for unloading party and to remove supplies to new dump at "A" Coy Hqrs.
14. Bn Hqrs will be at "C" Coy Hqrs in HARLETTES moving to "A" Coy Hqrs ^{in the line.} on second objective being taken.
Advanced Bn Hqrs and Forward Command Post at "A" Coy Hqrs.
All Reports, etc., to be sent to Advanced Bn Hqrs.
15. R.A.P. at South West corner of BIG WOOD.
16. Dress - Fighting Order. 48 Hrs Rations. Full Water Bottles. 220 Rounds S.A.A., 2 Bombs. 4 Sandbags. Carrying Platoons - 1 pick or shovel per man, 4 tins of water and 1 box S.A.A. per platoon. No extra S.A.A. or Bombs.
17. Capt. *Smith.* will act as Liaison Officer with 22nd Battalion.
18. Prisoners to be sent through R.A.P. and will be used to convey wounded to the rear.
19. Zero Time and ~~X~~ Day to be notified later.
20. Watches to be synchronised at noon, 6 p.m., and midnight on "X" Day.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed.) J.L. Watt,
Lieutenant & Adjutant,
21st Battalion A.I.F.

- NOTES.
1. Barrage will be represented by White Signal Flags.
 2. J.O.T. will be represented by white tape.
 3. Defensive position will be marked out on the ground not dug.
 4. Enemy positions marked by paper tied on sticks.
 5. Bayonets to be fixed at Zero.

DISTRIBUTION.-

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| 1. File. | 13. Transport Officer. |
| 2. C.O. | 14. Quartermaster. |
| 3. Bde. | 15. Second in Command. |
| 4-7. Coys. | 16. Adjutant. |
| 8. 6th L.T.M. Bty. | 17-18. War Diary. |
| 9. 6th M.G. Coy. | 19. Bn on Right. |
| 10. 22nd Bn. | 20. Spare. |
| 11. 23rd Bn. | |
| 12. Sig. Officer. | |

Issued by Runner at _____ p.m. on /2/18.

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ADDENDUM TO 21st BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No.001.
Reference Map - As per Sketch.

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26th Feb., 1918

1. X Day will be 26th February 1918.
2. Zero Time - 10.30 a.m. ~~on Y Day, 27th inst.~~ *B*
3. Carrying Parties will draw their supplies of bombs, water, and S.A.A. from Dump situated at C Company Hqrs in HARLETTES.
4. A C K N O W L E D G E.

APPENDIX 5

(Signed.) J.L. WATT,
 Lieutenant and Adjutant,
 21st Battalion A.I.F.

NOTES.- "A" Company will be in position in time to send back guides to the incoming Companies.
 Companies to be in position by Zero - 45 minutes.
 Carrying Platoons in position by Zero - 30 minutes.
 Messages reporting progress, etc., are to be sent back frequently from Platoon Commanders to Company Commanders, and from Coy Commanders to Advanced Battalion Headquarters.

DISTRIBUTION.-

As per Operation Order.

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Appendix No.6.

21st BATTALION A.I.F.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 2nd MARCH 1918.

Date.	9.50 - 9.45 a.m.	9.45 - 10.25 a.m.	10.25 - 10.35.	10.35 - 11.30.	2 p.m.- 4 p.m.	LOCALITY
Monday, 25th.	Battalion Tactical Exercises.				Organised Games.	HAZEBROUCK & CALAIS.
Tuesday, 26th.	Inspection, Roll Call.	Demonstration at Corps Gas School.			Organised Games.	1/100,000.
Wednesday, 27th.	Inspection, Roll Call.	Company Drill.	Smoke-o.	Use of Cover, Indication of Targets.	Inter-Company Football.	A Coy - U.20.b.5.6. B Coy - U.27.b.2.3.
Thursday, 28th.	Battalion Tactical Exercises.				Organised Games.	C Coy - U.21.d.5.3.
Friday, 1st.	Inspection, Roll Call.	Judging Distances, Indication of Targets.	Smoke-o.	Company Drill.	Company Tactical Schemes.	D Coy - U.27.d.0.4. Hqrs - U.21.a.7.8.
Saturday, 2nd.	Inspection, Roll Call.	Battalion Drill.			Inter-Coy Football.	5th Bde Area Map Sheet. 1/40,000.

1. One Company per day will be on Rifle Range, unless otherwise ordered.
2. Each Platoon will carry out half an hour Rapid Loading each morning.
3. The Armourer will inspect the Battalion Rifles on dates to be notified in E.R.O.

DISTRIBUTION.-

1. File.
- 2-3. War Diary.
4. C.O.
- 5-8. Coys.
9. Hqrs.
10. Adjutant.
- 10-11. War-Diar Brigade.

W. H. ... Capt
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

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Appendix No. 7.

21st
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BATTN.

21st Battalion Hqrs,
28th February 1918.

EFFECTIVE STRENGTH OF UNIT ON DATES AS SHOWN.

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		Off.	O.R.
2.2.18.	Effective Strength	43	883
	Attached.	1	2
	Detached.	11	129
9.2.18.	Effective Strength	42	895
	Attached.	1	2
	Detached.	10	130
16.2.18.	Effective Strength.	43	919
	Attached.	1	2
	Detached.	13	140
23.2.18.	Effective Strength.	44	936
	Attached.	1	2
	Detached.	11	113

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AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BATTN.

21st Battalion Hqs,
28th February 1918.

Date.....

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT FOR MONTH.

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During the period under review the Battalion has been resting. The work of the Quartermaster's Staff has therefore been just a matter routine.

The first part of the month was occupied with reorganisation, and refitting men with shortages after the tour of duty in the forward area. The necessary indents were submitted to Ordnance and stores and clothing were issued as received.

Rations were drawn daily from A.S.C. by 1st Line Transport and distributed to Companies.

As the Battalion was rather scattered and occupied a large area the work of distribution entailed a fair amount of extra labour.

During the month P.H. Helmets belonging to the Battalion were withdrawn and returned to Ordnance.

The Badges for Gallipoli Service were also issued to those entitled to wear them.

There is nothing of an unusual nature to report.

Regimental Tailor.- There was a fair amount of repairs to be effected to men's clothing, etc. and the tailor was well employed.

Pioneers.- General routine work was carried out in attending to the Sanitary arrangements of the area. These were in a very poor condition on arrival.

Bootmakers.- Engaged repairing defective boots during the rest period. The boots of the Battalion are now in a good condition.

Armourer Sergeant.- The Armourer Sergeant has been busily engaged in repairing and inspecting the rifles of the Battalion.

The Bicycles have also been put into good repair, ready for further service.

During the month supplies of vegetables have been obtainable locally, and these have been used to supplement the daily issue.

By this means it has been possible to see that all ranks obtained good, nourishing meals during the rest period.

(Signed.) L.R. Brookes, Lieutenant,
Quartermaster, 21st Battalion A.I.F.