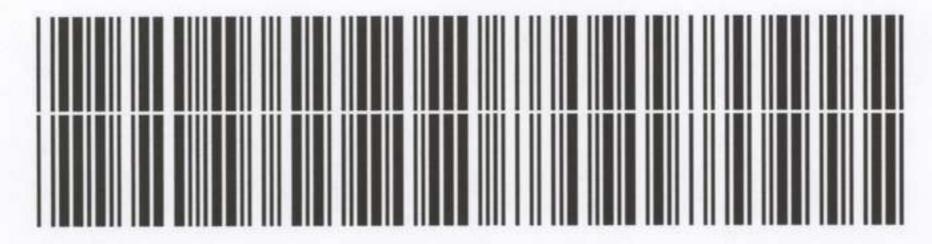
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## Infantry

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			150 of enemy from 933. B 5.5. 2 casualties B Coy. Olders for dated attack on like trench 833 B 4.6 to 57 to 827. Dg 1100clusin. A + D Coys attacked
			same 3rd Wave went forward at 6.30 pm taking tools with them
	25		assisting in consolidating the line. Communication trenches
			bosition + OCI also cleared out bapt Love, Live hewton wounded. In
	22		bonsolidating new position & improving excepting trenches , constructing communication trenches. Level Butter wounded,
			Leint Hearpolmissing. Relieved by 54 & Battalion at 8 pm om
	23.		Battalion beronaced at Brickfields +moved to WARLOY at
	24.		3pm. 84 Reinforcements forcied Battalem 278/16. Casualter Killed 45 Monded 137 / MONED to BEAUNAL march about 12 miles. Messing 41 operation
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Pattalion WAR DIARY Army Form C. 2118. Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages (Erase heading not required.) will be prepared in manuscript. Remarks and Summary of Events and Information references to Appendices Weather fine Company training. went Cheppard to Hospital Teft BEAUVAL for DOULLENS at Jaw and entrained for PROVEN arrived at 5.45 pm + marched to POPERINGE to Bullets Church Parade weather Jene Weather fine Company traceing Thather fine moved to ONTARIO CAMP in fevere area Weather Wet Company training Jane Company tracing 4.0.C. Visited Camp: Juit a. J. Tonine reported Sunofficially President of War Commanding 12 12 1577 Wt. W10791/1773 500,000 1/15 D. D. & L. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118. CT



OPERATION ORDER SNo. 7.
By Lieut.Col. C.H.Elliott Commanding 12th Battalion.

IN THE FIELD. 8/8/16.

MOVE. 1. The 12th Battalion will march to billets in BONNEVILLE Area tomorrow the 9th inst.

STARTING POINT.

2. Starting Point Road Junction LA RUCHE Store.
Headquarters and "C" Company will halt on the Southern
Road while A, B, and D Companies will halt on the Northern
Road.

ROUTE. 3. Route, PERNOIS ROAD JUNCTION East of FME DUBOIS DES DAMES, MONTRELET.

TIME. 4. Head of Battalion will pass Starting Point at 0935.

ORDER OF MARCH.5. Headquarters, C, A, B, D, Companies.

BILLETTING 6. One Officer will be detailed from each Company under PARTY. Lieutenat Webber to report to Staff aptain at Brigade H.Q. at 0830 with Bicycles as Billetting party.

REAR PARTY. 7. Each Company and Bombing Platoon will detail two men under Lieutenant Richardson to inspect area vacated. A report will be submitted in writing certifying that Billets and surrounding ground were left clean.

BLANKETS
8. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of twenty and labelled "20 Blankets 12th Battalion" These will be collected by G.S. Wagon at 0700"

"C" Company will make a pile near Billet in front of Quarry. "A" Company will make a pile outside their billet at Cafe Globe. Headquarters and Transport will carry their blankets and put with "B" Company's pile outside the latter billet. Lewis Machine Gun and "D" Company will make a pile in yard of Lewis Machine Gun Billet.

All spare luggage will be sent along for storage with

the blankets.

The undermentioned men will remain behind as a Guard over the Blankets and will receive subsequent orders :-

No. 4143 Pvt. Cook G.R. No. 2854 Pvt. Weaving H.

Duty Company will supply a Fatigue Party of 1 N.C.O and 10 men to accompany G.S. Wagon and will stack blankets in the barn allotted for their storage.

BAGGAGE. 9. All baggage requiring transport will be placed in same position as blanket piles by 0830.

Ligutenant and Adjutant.



OPERATION ORDER No. 8.
By Lieut.Col. C.H.Elliott Commanding 12th Battalion.

IN THE FIELD.

Reference FERME DU MOUQUET. Sheet 1/5000 and Sheet 57 D.S.E.

- INTENTION. 3rd Infantry Brigade will attack enemy position R. 28 c 9.5. C 36.c 03,c 01,R 27 D 91,R 33 B t u to B # 6 at Zeron hour on 21st inst. "A" Company will attack from R 27 d 9 1 exclusive to R 33 b 5 8. "D" Company will make good the line R 33 b 57 to b 46.
- POSITION. "B" and "C" Companies will hold their present positions in trenches from R 34 a 16% (near wire S.W. of present Company Headquarters dugout) to R 33 b 4 6 inclusive. "A" and "D" Companies will take up position in trenches R 34 a 4 3 to R 33 d 7 3. At 1745 "A" and "D" Companies will move into trenches occupied by "B" and "C" Companies.
- TIME. Zeron time will be 1800.
- ARTILLERY. The Artillery barrage will commence at 1800 zero hour and after two minutes will lift to objective where it will remain until 1805. At 1802 first wave of "A" and "D" Companies will leave trenches and creep as close as possible to objective which will be rushed immediately barrage lifts at 1805.
- WAVES. The first wave will consist of two platoons of "A" Company on right, and one platoon of "D" Company on left. The former will take front from left of 11th Battalion to R 33 b 4 6.
- BOMBERS. Company Bomb teams will be held ready to go with second wave consisting of two platoons of "A" Company and one platoon of "D" Company. Company Bombers will act as clearing parties for all dugouts.
- TOOLS. Second wave will take forward picks and shovels to consolidate position.
- LEWIS M.G. Lewis Machine Guhs of "A" and "D" Companies will go with second wave and will take up position in shell holes to protect new line while it is being consolidated.
- BLOCKING One platoon of "D" Company will be detailed to block enemy trenches leading N.W. from N.W. 33 b 5 7 and b 6 4, party to be provided with necessary tools and sandbags.
- BOMBERS. (Contd) "A" Section Battalion Bombers will be located at 33 b 55 to move on orders from O.C. "D" Company.
- AEROPLANES. Contact aeroplanes will fly over at 0800 and 1100 on 22nd inst. Flares will be lighted in foremost trenches on each occasion.

Captain and Adjutant.

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OPERATION ORDER No 8. (SUPPLEMENTARY)
By Lieut Col. Ch C.H. Elliott Commanding 12th Battalion.

IN THE FIELD. 21/8/6.

Reference FERME DU MOUQUET Sheet 1/5000 and Sheet 57D.S.E.

WAVES.

The 12th Battalion will attack in four waves. Two waves of "A" and "D" Companies will be in front line trench also first wave of "B" and "C" Companies. The fourth wave will be in shell holes at bottom of gully. Each wave to consist of two plateons per Company. O.C. "B" and "C" Companies will remain in front line trench until they consider it necessary to send forward their waves. The fourth wave will only move on order from G.O. Battalion. Gare must be taken to keep in touch with Units on flank. Position once gained must be held at all costs.

REPORTS"

Units will report to Battalion Headquarters when in position ready for attack.

Captain and Adjutant.



## OPERATION ORDER Mo. 9. By Lieut.col. C.H.Elliott Commanding 12th Battalion.

IN THE FIELD. 23/8/16.

M O V E. 1. The 12th Battalion will march to Billets in BEAUVAL AREA tomorrow the 24th inst.

T I M E. 2. Head of Birgade will pass Starting Point at 0800"

ORDER OF MARCH. 3. Headquaters, "B", "C", "D", "A", Transport.

BILLETTING 4. One Officer will be detailed from each Company under PARTY. 2/Lieut.Mitchell to report to Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters at 0815 with bivyvles as Billitting party

BRAKEMEN. 5. Brakemen will report to Sergeant Taylor as usual at 0730

BOADERS. 6. Usual Company Loaders willalso report at same time to Sergt. Taylor.

W A T E R. 7. All water bottles to be filled before leaving.

BAGGAGE.

8. All Offices' baggage will be at Company Headquarters at 0700" Transport Sergt will send wagons to collect same at time stated above.

Batmen will be there to load same.

ROUTINE. 9. Reveille 0530. Breakfast 0630.

Companies will be ready to move from their billets at 0745.

REINFORCEMENTS. 10. Reinforcements will march with the Companies they have been rationing with.

REAR PARTY.

11. A rear party of 1 N.C.O and 3 men per Company under Lieutenant Holyman will act as rear party and see that Billets are left in clean and sanitary condition.

Officer in charge of this party to report that the same are clean on arrival at destination.

same are clean on arrival at destination.

PACKS. 12. Attention is drawn to Routine Orders para.8 dated 23/8/16.

Captain and Adjutant.



IN THE FIELD. 25/8/16.

MOVE.

1. The 12th Battalion plus one Section of 3rd Bde.M.G.Co will march for Entrainment at DOULLENS tomorrow the 26th inst.

TIME. 2. Head of Battalion will pass Starting Point at 0700.

STARTING 3. Junction of RUE DE CANDAS and RUE DE HACDEES.

POINT. ORDER OF 4. Headquarters, D, B, A, C, and 1 Section 3rd Bde. M.G. Co.

MARCH. LOADERS. 4. Loaders will report to Transport Officer at 0530.

BRAKEMEN.5. Brakemen will also report at same time to T.O. 0530.

WATER. 6. All water bottles to be filled before leaving.

BAGGAGE. 7. All Officers' valises will be stacked at Battalion H.Q. by 0515. Transport Officer will collect same at stated time.

DRESS. 9. Full Marching Order with blankets round packs in horse shoe fashion.

ROUTINE. 10. Reveille 0500. Breakfast 0530. Companies will be ready to move from their Billets by 0645.

COOKERS. 11. Horses will call for Cookers at 0530.

DIXIES. 12. Company Commanders will retain sufficient dixies for tea for breakfast. These will be carried to Station by men of the Companies who have no packs or rifles.

ENTRAINING 13. Lieut. Houghton will act as Entraining Officer and will OFFICER. accompany Transport to Station.

TRANSPORT. 14. Transport will leave BEAUVAL in sufficient time to enable it to reach Station at DOULLENS by 0700.

TRAIN GUARD. 15. Officers Commanding D & C Coys will detail 1 Officer

1 Sgt & 12 Other Ranks each to act as Train Guard. "D" Coy

Guard will take first half of train & C the remainder.

REAR PARTY. 16. 3 men per Company will be detailed as Rear Party under an Officer from "A" Coy.Officer in charge of this party will report that billets are clean on arrival at Station.

RATIONS. 17. Rations will be carried as follows:
Iron Rations on man.

One day's rations on man or in cookers.

One day's rations in supply section of train.

FORAGE. 18. One day's forage ( oats ) will be carried in supply section of train.

Captain and Adjutant.

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By Lieut. Col. C.H. Hillott Commanding 18th Battalion.

Reference Map. Belgium Shoet 28. IN THE FIELD 20/6/10.

M C V E. Brigade moves today to take over Buts from and Aus.

STARTING POINT. Junction of Roads 6 7 5 50.

TIME. . Head of Battalion will pass Starting Point at 1300.

ORDER OF HAROE, Houdquartors, "O", "D", "B", "A".

LOADERS. Loaders will report to Transport Officer at 1800.

Brakemen will also report at same time to T.O. (1800)

WATER. All mater bottles to be filled before leaving.

DAGGAGE. All Officers' valises will be stacked at Battalion H.Q. by 1145. Transport Officer will collect same at stated time

DRESS. Full Marching Order will blankets round pack in borse thoe fashion.

COOKERS. Horses will call for Cookers at 484 1915.

ADVANCE PARTY. An advance party consisting of one Officer per Company Liout. Sandy will not for Headquarterswill proceed to Ontario Camp on Bioyeles at 6 34 d 8 8 at 1800 and will report to 8th Battalion Headquarters.

TRANSPORT. Transport will accompany Battalion. T.O. will arrange so that same is ready to join on rear of Battalion as it moves out.

REAR PARTY. Fivo mon per Company under an Officer to be detailed from "C" Company will set as a rear party. Officer in charge of this party will report that Billets have been left clean on arrival at new Camp.

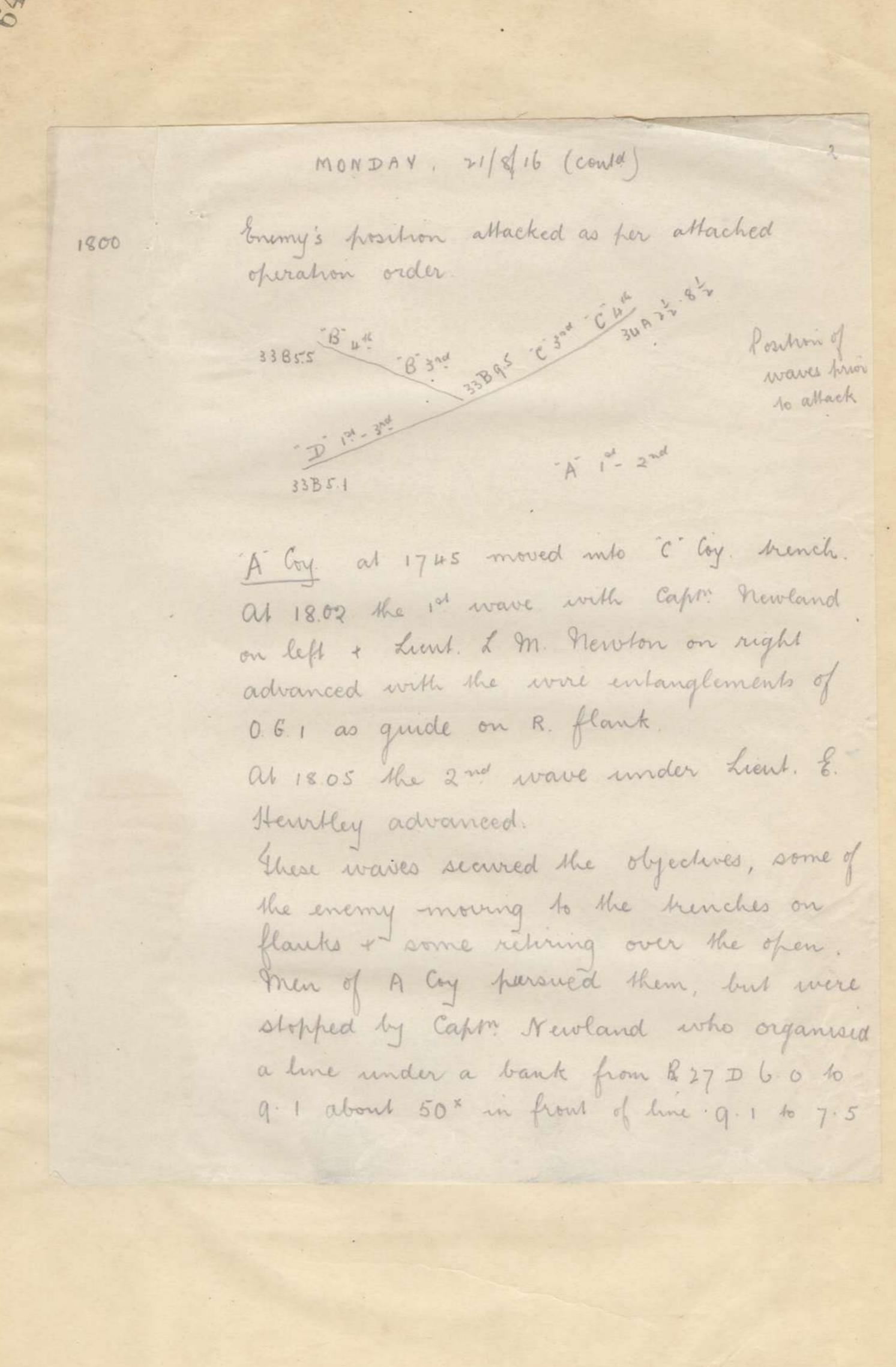
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Mandeller and Adjubant.

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12th Barn, A. 1. F. Report on operations near MOUQUET FARM. FRIDAY, 18th august 1916 moved from BRICKFIELDS to SAUSAGE VALLEY. SATURDAY 19th august 1916 B Coy (capter w.a. bonnell) + b. Coy. (major 17.30 R.a. Rafferty) arrived at POZIERS 16 relieve 4th Ar moved into position along line R33 B5.5 - R34 A 22 72 2230 Kelief complète SUNDAY, 20th august 1916. Patrols sent to R27 D91 + R33 B 4.8 04.00 reported same occupied by enemy. Our artillery shelling enemy trenches. MONDAY 21th august 1916 A Coy ( Capper J. E. newland) moved from 1100 WIRE TRENCH to RATION TRENCH at about R 3 4 A 0.0 D Coy (Capr. A. Love) moved from WIRE 1400 TRENCH to brench about 33 B 6.4





MONDAY, 21/8/16 (conta)

1800 m

a party from this Coy bombed the strong post R 27 D q. 1 killing over 20 Germans, taking 3 prisoners + a Machine Gun which was afterwards. Sent into our support trench where it was smashed by a shell:

1830

B' Coy - The 3rd wave under 2/ hiert.

W. H. E. Hale moved coordinated to
MOURUET FARM up the hunch B3B 5.5

to H. 8 on the R. of the row of brees. They
found this trunch full of from 100 to 150
dead Germans who had rum from the 1st
objective + had been met by the bombing
harry with D Coy. A wounded man
bere directed them to the R where they
foined the left of D Coy, digging in on
ofen ground where a good view of the
Country in front including THIEPVAL Could
be seen. The line was dug by connecting
who shell holes + all 22 ms.

The 4th wave (Lient & I Gould)

MONDAY 2/8/16 remained in the original front line + dug a communication hench from R33B5.6 toward the front which was finally connected right through. C'Coy. 3rd wave under Hiert. K. Field advanced across the open + reinforced A Cry: 4th wave under Lient E. L. a. Butter stayed in the fring line + held the line 33B95-34A2282 till same was taken over by 11th Am about 19:30 some of them started to clear out O. G. 1 bowards R27799.1 continuing tell about 24.00 when Cappe Sownsend of the Proneer Br took over i completed the work, sending back 13 prisoners from a dug out there. D'Coy 1st 2nd wowes were sent simultaneously. That on the left under Lieut O. J. Roper with "A section

MONDAY, 21/8/16 of the Ast bomb platoon under 4/9/1. H. E. Lord worked up the brench from 33 B 5:5 10 4.8. a hunch 5.7 to 4.6 which was Their objective was found to be almost obliterated of seeing the Coys, on the K. advancing they moved on & bombed the dugouts at the FARM. Here they tran into our own barrage, bosing 2 men, so worked to the R. + joined A Coy, where they duy in. The right wave of this Coy under 2/ hiert. a. J. Hearps joined in the rush for MOBRUET FARM where Hearps was severely wounded in the neck + left in a dug out under care of 2 men of whom I had been slightly wouteded whilst applying a field dressing of the other (his bahman) was sent back to the firing love by Hearts. who was probably taken prisoner. YChl. Lord's team did splendid work, Morowing over 20 bombs into 4 dug-out

MONDAY, 21/8/16 at about R33B # 8, \* Killing a number of the enemy in them, also killing a number who had run from the trench attacked by "A" Coy. They then bombed several, in the & FARM, entering one dug out where a machine gun was, but which they did not manage to remove or destroy. There were a number of wounded The 3rd wave of D Coy under Capir a. Love started at 18.05, but Capri Love was hit in the hand almost at once + his men joined Lient. Roper. TUESDAY 22/8/16 Dispositions: 0500

TUES DAY, 22/8/16

These were the same dispositions as excited when the relief was carried out by 24th At the men of various platoons were gathered together. The new position was subjected to very little shell fire, but the original front line was knocked about considerably during the day.

Supplies

3 PM. dumps, 10 yds apart, were formed on road R34 C S. 1 near CEMETERY. Supplies were carried up this road to 34 A 4 7 & then straight across the open to the foring line. On might of 21 of the parties were stopped by the heavy barrage but all supplies of bombs amm. food sandbays + water regt, were sent thro' by on oo on 22 mg.

50 men (3 her platoon) were employed ander the RSM. + no houble was experienced + few casualties occurred.

Tuesday, 22/8/16 Relief The 24th Br. are reported to have moved up in too close a formation They were evidently seen by the enemy + an intense barrage was had wh along RATION, KAY + CENTRE WAY TRENCHES. min of 12th 18th were kept in front line till this eased off about 2400. 45 killed 137 wounded 41 missing Casuallies Total 223. I Officer died of wounds ( It Butter) 1 missing ( the Hearts) 2 Slightly wid ( Capt LOVE + the hearton) Hillroll frost Commoly IVE Br 26/8/16

