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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1.12.16	Lime	Scouts patrolled No Mans Land also visited flank ^{pos} during the night. 5 enemy working parties dispersed by Lewis gun fire with heavy casualties. German prisoner with valuable map and documents captured at N. 20 b 8.2. T head from N 21 c 1/2.8 completed and occupied	MAP. GUEUDECOURT 1-10.000.
2.12.16	"	Officer's patrol visited flank ^{pos} in night. Scouts patrolled No Mans Land. Enemy relief seriously inconvenienced by our Lewis gun fire.	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
3.12.16	Line	Officers' patrols visited both flank pos and scouts patrolled No Mans Land. "A" and "B" Coys. relieved "C" and "D" Coys. in front line. Relief complete by 8 p.m.	
4.12.16	"	Touch kept with both flank pos and scouts patrolled No Mans Land. Large enemy working party dispersed with heavy casualties by our Lewis guns.	
5.12.16	"	Scouts patrolled No Mans Land. Touch kept with both Flank pos . Large enemy working party dispersed by our Lewis guns.	

Date.	Place and Time.			Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
6.12.16	Line		Relieved by 5 th B ⁿ . A.I.F.	
			Relief complete by 6.53 pm no casualties. M ⁿ con-	List of Casualties
			centrated at QUARRY SIDING	Appendix
7.12.16	RIBEMONT	7.15a.	B ⁿ . entrained at QUARRY SIDING	"B 14"
		9a.m	Retrained at MEULTE and march-	
			ed to billets at RIBEMONT.	
8.12.16	"		General re-organisation and	
			cleaning up. Baths at HEILLY.	
9.12.16	"		Re-organisation. Baths at	
			HEILLY.	
10.12.16	"		Inspection of companies by	
			Senior Major. Route marching	
			Elementary Training.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
12.12.16	RIBEMONT	Inspection of H.Q. Details by Senior Major. Route marching by Companies.	
14.12.16	"	rsm on 30 yds range. Three practices fired: two grouping and one application. Standard fairly good.	
15.12.16	"	Address by G.O.C. Brigade to the whole Brigade (less 15 th rsm.)	
16.12.16	COISY	rsm. passed starting point at 9am. Reached COISY at 4pm. 10 men in all fell out. New boots are not standing weather conditions.	Appendix "B 15" —

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
17.12.16	COISY	Church Parade 11 am.	
18.12.16	"	Training by companies commenced. Leave to AMIENS. Fifty per cent commenced.	
19.12.16	"	Coy. Training	
20.12.16	"	Company and Specialist Training	
22.12.16	"	Commenced Musketry on 30' range East of COISY.	
25.12.16	"	Troop presented congratulatory cards for last tour in trenches. One Coy. musketry remainder on route marching + specialist training.	
24.12.16	"	no church parade for C. of E. R.C. Church parade at 11 am.	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
25.12.16	COISY	CHRISTMAS DAY.	
26.12.16	"	B ^{co} . Sports. Very successful meeting.	
27.12.16	"	Coy. and Specialist Training.	
28.12.16	"	Coy. and Specialist Training.	
		G.O.C. Brigade had all company Commanders on a tactical scheme.	
29.12.16	"	Commenced shooting on 200 ⁺ range "B" and "C" coys. put through three practices each. Shooting good.	
30.12.16	"	Company and Specialist Training.	
31.12.16	"	Church Parade 10 a.m. Presentation of ribbons and medals by G.O.C. 1 st A.N.Z.A.C.	
		10 th Strength 31 offs 755 ranks	<p><i>Imation</i></p> <p><i>Commanding 13th 1916</i></p> <p><i>31.12.16</i></p> <p><i>Pt. Col.</i></p>

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Casualties.

Date	Killed		Wounded	
	Offs.	Others	Offs.	Others
1.12.16	-	Two	-	-
2.12.16		NIL		
3.12.16	-	-	-	Five
4.12.16		NIL		
5.12.16		NIL		
6.12.16		NIL		

Total Casualties for TOUR.

Killed 5 Other Ranks.
Wounded 14 " "

6.12.16

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Appendix
"B 15"

Headquarters,
13th Battalion, A.I.F.,
15th December, 1916.

REFERENCE MOVE ORDER.

Para.1. For via ALBERT - AMIENS Road - QUERRIEU.

Read HEILLY, BONNAY, LA NEUVILLE , QUERRIEU.

(Sgd) A.W. Davis, Lieut. & Adjt.
13th Battalion, A. I.F.

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MOVE ORDER

Appendix
"B 15"

by

Lieut-Col. J.M.A. Durrant.

Headquarters,
13th Battalion, A.I.F.,
15th December, 1916

Reference AMIENS 1/100,000.

(1). The Battalion will move to COISY to-morrow, 16th instant, via main ALBERT-AMIENS Road - QUERRIEU Passing the starting point (Battalion Orderly Room) at 9 a.m. in following order:-

- Signallers & Runners.
- "A" Company.
- "B" "
- "C" "
- "D" "
- Bombers, Pioneers & Observers.
- Lewis Gunners, Stretcher Bearers & A.M.C.

✓ (2) An interval of 200 yards between Battalions and 100 yards between Companies will be maintained. The halts will be regulated from the leading Unit and will be more frequent than usual.

At QUERRIEU the Battalion will move by shortest route to COISY.

(3) The Battalion will halt for mid-day meal soon after passing through QUERRIEU. Cookers to march with Companies, and after mid-day halt will proceed to COISY under Quartermaster.

(4) All men unable to march are to rendezvous at the Church RIBEMONT at 9 am. 16/12/16 under Lieuts. Gardiner and Fletcher. These men will be conveyed by motor lorry.

(5) O.C. "D" Company will detail a Rearguard of 1 Officer (Lieut J.P. Trim) and 12 other ranks,

(6) Billets are to be left in a perfectly clean and sanitary condition. Platoon Commanders will hand the following certificate to their Company Commanders:-

"Platoon billets inspected by me after vacation and certified clean and clear of all arms equipment and clothing".

The Company Commander will verify as many of these reports as time permits.

H.Q. Detail Officers will also furnish above certificate which will be handed to the Battalion Orderly Room on arrival at COISY by all concerned.

The Senior Major and R.M.O. will inspect all billets before marching out.

(7) One blanket and waterproof sheet will be carried on the man.

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- (7) Contd. The second blanket will be rolled in bুদ্ধles of 20, distinctly labelled with Section, Platoon and Company, and dumped near CHURCH by 8 a.m. sharp. Dump will be arranged by Quartermaster.
- (8) All Officers gear will be dumped near CHURCH by 8 a.m. sharp.
- (9) Quartermaster to send guide to Brigade Headquarters at 8 a.m. 16/12/16 to guide lorry to site of blanket dump.
- (10) Quartermaster will arrange for all braziers which are regimental property to be taken to new billets.
- (11) On arrival at COISY all Companies and Headquarters Units will report to Battalion Orderly Room in writing as follows:-
- | ".....Coy. |Date |
|---|--|
| (1) Number of men who fell out on line of march | (a) with permission. (b) without permission. |
| (2) Number of men who were brought in by rearguard. | |
| (3) Number of men in Ambulance wagon. | |
- (12) O.C. Rearguard will not pass any man on the road but will with M.O. inspect and report on all stragglers. Only those whom the M.O. passes as medically unfit to march any farther will be permitted to get into the ambulance wagon with rearguard.
- (13) Transport Officer to ensure that water carts are full.

(Sgd) A.W. Davis, Lieut. & Adjt.
13th Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 4.30 p.m.

Copy No.1.	"A" Company.
2	"B" "
3	"C" " & Transport Officer.
4	"D" "
5	L/ G. O., Q.M. & Sig. Officer.
6	Bombers & R.M.O.
7	R.S.M., Band & Details
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