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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

41st. BATTALION. A.I.F.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Assingnem	1/9/17.		Battalion carrying out training in accordance with schedule laid down Strength:- Officers 43 Other Ranks 953. (S.O.S. 3 O.R., 1 Off. TOS).	3.
	2/9/17.		Strength:- Officers 43 Other Ranks 979. (T.O.S. 26 Other Ranks).	
	3/9/17.		Strength:- Officers 43 Other Ranks 976. (S.O.S. 3 O.R.)	
	4/9/17.		Strength:- Officers 43 Other Ranks 977. (T.O.S. 1 O.R.)	
	5/9/17.		Strength:- Officers 43 Other Ranks 977.	
	6/9/17.		Strength:- Officers 43 Other Ranks 976. (S.O.S. 1 O.R.)	
	7/9/17.		Strength:- Officers 42 Other Ranks 969. (Lt. N.T. WATTS transferred to T.M. Bty. 7 O.R., S.O.S.) Lt. A.W. SKEWES act as 2nd. in Com mand "B" Coy.	
	9/9/17.		Strength:- Officers 42 Other Ranks 983 (14 O.R., T.O.S.) Seconded Lt. T. WRIGHT for duty with 11th. T.B. 2/Lt. L.W. NOWIE for duty with 11th. A.L.T.M. Bty.	
	11/9/17.		Lt. C. O. GRANAM (Transport Officer) taken on strength from seconded list.	
	12/9/17.		Strength:- Officers 43 Other Ranks 984 (1 Off. 1 O.R., T. O. S.) Attack in open warfare carried out. vidi appendix #	
	14/9/17.		Strength:- Officers 43 Other Ranks 999 (5 O.R., T.O.S.)	

*AP Heron Lt Col
CO 41 Bn.*

Map Reference 36 D.N.E.

- Assingnam 15/9/1917. Strength 43 Officers, 992 Other Ranks. 7 O.R. (S.O.S.).
- 17/9/1917. Strength 43 Officers, 990 Other Ranks. 2 O.R. (S.O.S.) Lieut. Col. F.J. Board (Wounded) and Capt N.S.P. Moriarty Duty with 11 in T.B. - seconded. Route March with respirators carried out.
- 18/9/1917. Strength 43 Officers, 1003 Other Ranks. 13 O.R. (T.O.S.) Battalion carried out attack vidi appendix 5
- 19/9/1917. Strength 42 Officers, 1002 Other Ranks. 1 Officer 2nd Lieut. Dummer L.S. 1 O.R. (S.O.S.)
- 20/9/1917. Strength 42 Officers, 1015 Other Ranks. 13 O.R. (T.O.S.) Battalion attack in open warfare practiced
- 21/9/1917. Strength 42 Officers, 1013 Other Ranks. 2 O.R. (S.O.S.) Companies exercised in following a barrage
Rearranging for General Inspection by Commander in Chief.
- 22/9/1917. Battalion marched to Drionville J.19.c.0.3. for inspection by General Haig C in C., who inspected the 3rd Division A.I.F.

23-9-17. Strength 42 officers 1022 O.R. (9 O.R. T.O.S.) Battalion won Brigade sports by 11 points.
(A.I.F. list 230) Lt. R. S. Douglas, Lt. W. Chafford placed on Supernumerary list. 2/Lt. L. Jackson on seconded list. Battalion went through gas test.

24.9.17. Battalion practising assault & bayonet fighting.

25.9.17. Strength 42 officers 1019 O.R. (3 O.R. S.O.S.)

26.9.17. Battalion moved to billets in Blaringhem - billets too crowded.

27.9.17. Battalion moved to billets in Eecke - billets only fair & overcrowded.

28.9.17. Strength 41 officers 1019 O.R. (Capt. Wray W. S.O.S.) Promotions - To be Captains
Lieut. R. F. Pickering, Lieut. P. F. Calow. To be Lieutenant, 2/Lt. Parker with.

29.9.17. Battalion practising VPRES attack & bayonet fighting. 9 officers made a reconnaissance of line.
Lieut. J.H. Robertson placed on Supernumerary list. Battalion reached camp
30. (14 a. i. s) South of POPERINGHE.

30.9.17. Strength 42 officers 1025 O.R. (6 O.R. T.O.S.) Major T.A. Ferguson & Lieut. Wiles H.J. taken on strength.
General weather fine - cool nights & misty in morning.

AR. Heron Lt Col
CO 41 B
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41st. BATTALION.

12th. Sept. 1917.

GENERAL IDEA.

1. Our force (4ed) on night 5/6th. Sept. held line ~~xxxxxx~~-LUMBRES-BOULONGE Road. Owing to continued pressure enemy (Blue) has withdrawn his force in S.E. direction, leaving Machine Gun posts and small nucleus garrisons to cover the retirement. On 6th. Sept. our force following up enemy retiring has succeeded in capturing undulating line CANTEMERLE-Cross Roads 1,000 yds. N.W. of FOURDEBECQUES - ELNES.

SPECIAL IDEA.

1. On night 6/7th. Sept. 11th. Inf. Bde. holds line from and including D.24.b.8.3. to and including D.29.b.1.6. with 43rd. Battn. on left and 44th. Battn. in line and two Battalions in support. 41st. Battn. on left and 42nd. Battn. on right.
Left Battalion (43rd.) occupying to and including D.24.c.45.40.
Each Battalion has a line of posts 300 yards to 400 yards S.E. of defended line.
2. 9th. Inf. Bde. is on our left and 13th. Inf. Bde. is on the right
3. On night 6/7th. Sept. orders are issued for advance to line Gd. MANILLET-PLOUY-ASSINGHEM.
4. 11th. Inf. Bde. to hold from and including K.7.b.9.9. to and including J.18.b.55.75.- 2 Battalions in front line, 3 in support.
5. Zero hour, which will be the time our troops advance from line CANTEMERLE - ELNES, will be 10 a.m. on 7th. Sept..
6. 41st. Battn. will be (with 42nd. Battn. on right) the left Battn. in the advance, and has been allotted a frontage of 800 yards.
7. One section of 11th. M.G. Coy. and one section of 11th. A.L.T.M. Bty. will be placed under orders of C.O. 42nd. Battn.
8. 35th. Battalion is operating on left of 42nd. Battalion.
9. 8th. A.F. Bde. is allotted zone covering 88th. Inf. Bde.
10. 11th. Inf. Bde. H.Q. - 1st. position D.18.c.3.2.
do. - 2nd. position K.1.a.8.9. when line ~~xxxxxx~~ WILBEDINGUE - FORESTEL is taken.
11th. Inf. Bde. Signal O.P. D.24.c.5.6.

N O T E S.

- (a). Enemy will be represented by two Coys. of 42nd. Battn. and one Section of 11th. M.G. COY., who will be marked by Steel Helmets, plus one Coy. in WIRQUIN.
- (b). M.G. positions (4 guns) will be shown by four sandbags supporting a ~~Blue~~ White Signalling flag.
- (c). Snipers posts will be shown by 1 sandbag supporting a Blue Flag.
- (d). Lieut. Col. BUTLER (43rd. Battn.) and Lieut. Col. CLARK (44th. Battn.) will act as umpires.
- (e). Each platoon of 41st. Battn. will carry a casualty screen.
- (f). 42nd. Battn. and 11th. A.L.T.M. Bty. will use dummy rifle grenades and shells respectively.
- (g). When troops of 41st. Battn. are within 50 yards of 42nd. Battn. troops holding PLOUY line, latter will stand up and former will assault right through them with fixed bayonets, care being taken that members of 41st. Battn. do not accidentally bayonet opposing members of 42nd. Battn.

Reference:- 36D., N.E. FRANCE -1/20,000.

- SITUATION. (1). Enemy (Blue) has retired South East leaving behind detached Machine Guns and Infantry posts. During night 6/7 Sept. our patrols encountered enemy in D.30. Our force (Red) is holding the line CANTHEMERLE-Cross Roads 1000 yards N.W. of FOURDEBECQUES-ELNES. On our Brigade front "Admiral" is on left and "Armour" on right, each holding frontage of 800 yards, protected by a line of posts 300 yds. to 400 yds. to S.E. Right flank of 43rd. is D.24.b.8.3. Left flank of 43rd. is D.24.c.45.40. An advance has been ordered to line Gd. MANILLET-~~PLOUY~~ - 3118-:23; on a frontage at present occupied by 43rd. Battn. on a 159 degrees Grid bearing.
- INTENTION. (2). To advance to line mentioned in para.1 and to consolidate on a frontage of 800 yards from and including K.7.b.9.9. to and including K.7.c.5.8.
- ~~REQUIREMENTS.~~
INFANTRY. (4). Battalion will advance on a 2 Company frontage. "C" Coy. on right frontage 400 yards.) Skirmishing "D" Coy. on left frontage 400 yards.) order. "A" Coy. on right support) At 600 yds. distance. "B" Coy. on left support) Artillery formation.
- MACHINE GUNS. (5). Lieuts. PARKES and HARDING of "Ampero" will report with their sub-sections to "C" and "D" Coys. respectively at Zero minus 4 hours.
- TRENCH MORTARS. (6). Lieuts. HOWIE and KENNEDY, of "Archlight", will report with their sub-sections to "C" and "D" Coys. respectively at Zero minus 4 hours.
- TRANSPORT. (7). One Grenade G.S. limber plus 3 tool limbers and Battalion Reserve of 2 S.A.A. and 4 Lewis Gun limbers will move on road from D.18.b.5.0. via E.19 Central to J.6 Central to K.1 Central; under orders of Battalion Transport Officer and follow Infantry advance at distance of not less than 500 yards and take up position in vicinity of K.1.a.3.5. 1st. Line Transport (less 3 S.A.A., 2 tool, 4 Lewis Gun, and 1 Grenade limber) under Transport Sergeant will remain in present position.
- MEDICAL. (8). Regimental Aid Post will be established at D.24.a.8.3. and subsequently at E.19.c.1.3. and at K.1.a.9.5.
- ZERO HOUR. (9). Zero hour will be 10 a.m. 12th. September.
- REPORTS. (10). 1st. Position Battalion Headquarters, D.18.c.8.3. 2nd. Position Battalion Headquarters, J.6.d.8.3. when line WELBEDINGUE-FORESTEL is taken

For distribution, P.T.O.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.80.

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Brigade Headquarters.

16th September, 1917.

Reference:- Sneet 36D., N.E., 1/20,000.
Barrage Map, - 1/5,000.

1. SITUATION.

The 28th Infantry Regiment of the 16th Division is holding in depth a strong snell-hole position in front in a similar manner to that laid down by the 4th German Army.

The 2nd ANZAC Corps are co-operating in a General Offensive. This Brigade has the 10th Brigade on right and the 2nd NEW ZEALAND AND Brigade on the left.

Our front line trench runs, J.18.a.70.15-J.18.d.00.85-J.18.d.55.25.

2. INTENTION.

To penetrate the enemy's trench system to a depth of 1800 yards from our front line trench. Frontage allotted to this Brigade being 600 yards; direction of attack being 47 degrees Grid bearing: the road which forms portion of left boundary in J.18.a.7.c. and K.7.B. is inclusive to this Brigade.

3. LINES TO BE CONSOLIDATED.

The three lines to be consolidated are known as :-

- 1st. - White - to be captured and consolidated by "C" Bn.
- 2nd. - Green - to be captured and consolidated by "B" Bn.
- 3rd. - Red - to be captured and consolidated by "A" Bn.

being respectively 800 yards, 1500 yards, and 1800 yards from our present front line.

Observation and protection will be given by a line of posts established 100 yards in advance of line of consolidation.

4. ARTILLERY BARRAGE AND TIME TABLE.

(a) The 18 pdr creeping barrage will commence in enemy snell hole positions, 200 yards from our front line, at Zero hour and remain there till Zero plus 2 minutes.

It then creeps forward at the rate of 100 yards in 2 minutes for the first 200 yards. Then at rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes for the next 600 yards.

Waits for 10 minutes to allow "B" Battalion to leap-frog through "C" Battalion.

Barrage then advances at the rate of 100 yards in 3 minutes for 400 yards.

Waits for 5 minutes.

Creeps 100 yards in three minutes for next three hundred yards.

Waits for 15 minutes to allow of "A" Battalion to leap-frog through "B" and "C" Battalions.

Creeps forward 100 yards in three minutes for 300 yards. Remains on this line for Zero plus 3 hours, gradually slackening rate of fire till it dies out.

Plan of barrage and time attached.

(b)

4.5. Howitzer Barrage will conform to the creeping of 18 pdr. barrage as regards rate and timing, but will commence 400 yards from our present front line.

(c). 6", 8" and 9.2" Howitzers will put down a standing barrage on enemy Support Line 2400 yards from our present front line from Zero to Zero plus 3 hours.

(d) Proportion of Howitzers in Paras. (b) and (c) have been reserved for Counter-Battery work.

(e) Proportion of guns in Paras. (a) and (b) will search zones of considerable depth beyond their respective protective barrages.

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5. S.O.S. S.O.S. line for all groups to be the protective barrage line as per para. 4, Sub-paras. (a), (b) and (c).
6. MACHINE GUN BARRAGE AND TIME TABLE. (a) The 9th Machine Gun Coy. employing 12 guns will form barrage, conforming to 18 pdr. barrage as regards rate and time commencing 400 yards from our front line at Zero hour, continuing until zero plus 1 hour 6 minutes.
- (b) The 11th Machine Gun Coy. employing 12 guns will move forward in rear of "B" Battalion but in advance of "A" Battalion ~~xxxxxxx~~ to positions in J.18.b and K.13.c.
- A barrage will then be put down to cover the advance of "A" Battalion from Zero plus 1 hour 6 minutes to Zero plus 1 hour 15 minutes, coming down after that only on S.O.S. opening on a line 400 yards in advance of the final line of consolidation by "A" Battalion.
- (c) S.O.S. line for machine guns will coincide with the protective barrage as per Para. 6 (b).
7. FIELD COMPANY. 11th Field Company (less 1 section) under Divisional control.
- 1 section to move up with rear wave of "B" Battalion and construct Battalion Headquarters for "A" Battalion in K.13.a.8.9.
8. STOKES MORTARS. 11th Trench Mortar Battery 1 section to move with rear waves of each "B" and "A" Battalions.
- These Battalions will establish necessary liaison to secure co-operation of Stokes Mortars in destruction of enemy machine guns and posts.
- Stokes Mortars will carry 75% of Smoke Snells.
9. AIRCRAFT. Contact Planes will fly at :-
Zero plus 3 hours.
Zero plus 5 hours.
- When flares will be lit on Red, Green and White Lines.
10. APPROACH MARCH AND ASSEMBLE. (a) Separate orders for approach march will be issued.
- (b) "B" and "C" Battalions will assemble in the positions they are to move forward to the attack from. The "C" Battalion being in our front line trenches as per Para. 1 and to occupy a depth of 60 yards. "B" Battalion will be in rear of "C" Battalion, to occupy a depth of 60 yards.
- "A" Battalion in J.18.c.
"D" Battalion (Reserve) in J.24.a.
- (c) Assembly will be complete by Zero minus 30 minutes.
11. INFANTRY. (a) Following is the allotment of Battalions for co-operations:-
- 1st. line - White - "C" Battalion - 42nd Battalion.
2nd. line - Green - "B" Battalion - 44th Battalion.
3rd. line - Red - "A" Battalion - 41st Battalion.
Reserve Battalion -- 43rd.
- (b) "A", "B" and "C" Battalions will each attack with 3 companies in front waves and 1 company in reserve.
- (c) Each of the three front line companies will be distributed as follows:-
- (1) 2 Platoons in one line of skirmishers followed at 15 yards distance by:-
- (2) Moppers up. A Wave of one Section in each line, and the balance of each of the 2 platoons having its remaining 2 sections in files at ten yards distance 30 yards interval.
- ~~(3)~~
- (d) The reserve Companies of "A", "B" and "C" Battalions will move 5 yards distance from rear of centre leading Companies with platoons in line but sections in artillery formation, 100 yards interval between heads of sections. - depth of each platoon 25 yards.

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12. SYNCHRONI-
SATION of
WATCHES.

Officers from Brigade Headquarters will call at Unit Commanders from Zero minus 5 hours to Zero minus 3 hours. 7

13. MEDICAL
ARRANGEMENTS.

Regimental Aid Posts to be established:-
J.18.c.4.8. for 42nd and 41st Battalions.
J.24.a.&.9. for 43rd and 44th Battalions.

14 DUMP.

Brigade Dump at J.18.c.2.1.

15 LIASON.

Following Liason Officers or N.C.Os. will be detailed:-
41st Battalion to 42nd Battalion and 44th Battalion.
44th Battalion to 42nd Battalion, and after 41st Battalion have established themselves:-
44th Battalion to 41st Battalion.
43rd Battalion to 41st Battalion.

Latera l Liason between Companies to be arranged in Battalions.

16. SIGNAL
COMMUNI-
CATIONS.

Signal Communications as per attached plan.

Brigade Headquarters. - J.24.a.5.4.

Brigade O.P. - J.24.a.1.2.

Brigade Forward Station.- J.18.b.9.0.

Magnetic bearing of Brigade O.P. from Brigade Forward Station 230 degrees.

17 REPORTS.

Reports to be sent to Brigade Headquarters in J.24.a.5.4.

(s) W.A.S. Dunlop.

Captain.

A/Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde., A.I.F.

(R.B.). Issued at 6.a.m.17/9/1917.

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	13.	C.R.E.	N.D.
	14.	C.R.A.	N.D.
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22-	27.	42nd Battalion.	D.R.
28-	33.	43rd Battalion.	D.R.
34-	39.	44th Battalion.	D.R.
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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.90.

Brigade Headquarters.

17/9/1917.

Reference:- Sheet 36D.,N .E.,1/20000.

- (1) SITUATION. As per para.1, Brigade order No.89, of 16/9/1917.
- (2) INTENTION. As per paras.2 and 10 of Brigade Order No.89.
- (3) STARTING POINTS OF UNITS.
 - (a) Starting Point of Units billeted in WARNEQUE (41st 42nd and 43rd Battalions) will be J.24.d.75.85 (road junction). Route being track to J.24.a.45.70 and from thence tracks (imaginary) to Assembly positions as per para. 10 Order 89.
 - (b) Starting points of Units billeted in COULONFONTAINE (44t Batt alion, 11tn Trench Mortar Battery and 11tn ~~XXXX~~ Machine Gun Coy.) will be J.17.c.7.7. (Road Junction). Route being track to J.17.b.0.2., thence to J.18.c.05.25 and thence to assembly positions as per para.10 Order 89.
 - (c) Units will move on approach routes in single file with no distance between formations.

(4) TIMES OF PASSING STARTING POINTS.

42nd Battalion.	Zero minus 1 hour 45 minutes
44th Battalion.	Zero minus 1 hour 30 minutes.
1 1tn T.M.Battery.	Zero minus 1 hour.
11tn M.G.Company.	Zero minus 50 minutes.
4 1st Battalion.	Zero minus 1 hour 15 minutes
4 3rd Battalion.	Zero minus 45 minutes.

Note:- 11tn Trench Mortar Battery to detach 1 section to go to 41st Battalion when 44th Battalion is in assembly position.

- (5) GUIDES. Battalions will post guides at all track and road junctions to ensure all their of their troops keeping on the right routes.
- (6) PACK TRANSPORT. J.24.c. Brigade Pack Transport formation will be packed in J.24.c.
- (7) REPORTS. Completion of all moves to be immediately reported to Brigade Headquarters at J.24.a.5.4.

(s)W.A.S.Dunlop Captain.
A/Brigade Major, 11tn Inf.Bde.A.I.F.

(R.B.). Issued at 8.30.p. m. by

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22 -26.	43rd Battalion.	D.R.
27 -31.	44th Battalion.	D.R.
32.	11tn M.G.Coy.	D.R.
33 -34.	11tn T.M.Batt.	D.R.
35 -49.	Umpires and C/O } enemy.	D.R.

This exercise must not be considered in the nature of a drill movement, and the following points are issued as a guide.

1. Training in Leadership, from Battalion Commanders down to Section Leaders.
2. Mutual Co-operation of Companies.
3. Suitable use of the reserve Company for unforeseen situations.
4. Discipline of troops in conforming quickly to the signals and orders of their leaders.
5. Employment of Stokes Mortars in dealing with Strong Points.
6. Accustoming Units to attack in the methods suitable for scheme of defence as laid down in S.S.574 of 4th German Army.
7. By means of a flag Barrage to train troops to get as close up to proper barrage as possible.
8. Proper employment of Rifle Fire.
9. Training in reorganisation and collection of casualties.
10. Distributing personnel during consolidation.
11. Relieving "A" and "B" Battalions by "D". (Assuming this would happen after mid night "Z-A"night; it will take place at Zero plus 2 hours.)
12. Establishment of Covering and Observation Posts.
13. To accustom troops to repel counter attacks at any stage of advance without delaying progress.
14. Mopping up of all area from our front line to within safety limits of protective barrage.
15. Working with Pack Transport.
16. Approach March.
17. Creation of Battalion and Company Dumps, particularly from dead and wounded.
18. To practice all kinds of signal communication from Runner Wireless.

(s) W.A.S. Dunlop.
 Captain.
 A/Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

(F.B.)

1. Enemy. (Battalion representing two Battalions) will be wearing felt hats, and will make dispositions in accordance with S.S.574.
2. Dress. As per S.S.135.
Reserve Company of each Battalion to carry one pick and one shovel per man.
Two rear sections of mopping up platoons to carry one shovel per man.
3. A certificate that no ball ammunition is in possession of men and that all rifles have been inspected, to be sent to Brigade Headquarters at J.24.a.5.4. by all units at 9.30.a.m.
4. No Transport to be brought except cooks and transport mules. Cooks will not be assembled to interfere with manoeuvres but to be ready to move up to respective Battalions on conclusion of manoeuvres.
5. A conference of all officers and platoon sergeants will be held at cross roads at K.7.b.5.5. between "after cease fire" and "officers call!"
6. For purposes of scene the villages of Gd. Mandillet and Plouy cease to exist.
7. When any posts have been dealt with by either side, troops concerned will lie down and noist white screen.
8. For purposes of instruction members of 34th Battalion will allow themselves to be taken prisoners and be escorted back.
9. Nominally it is intended that leading waves will continue to press **closely** up to barrage and dispose of opposition before they can come into action. After lift of barrage, provided that Moppers up are close up, umpires will allow leading waves to continue advance leaving moppers up to clear up intermediate ground.
Umpires will on occasion make casualties of some of leading line to ~~complicate~~ ~~exercise~~ complicate the exercise.
10. No bayonets to be fixed by either side.
11. When a counter-attack is being delivered troops will not be allowed to come closer than 25 yards, but small nucleus Garrisons and posts will be over run and passed.
12. Medical Officers of battalions will write out cnits on basis of:-
One ninth killed.
One ninth wounded (stretcher).
One ninth wounded (Walking).
These cnits to be handed to Headquarters Elmes not later than 8 a.m. Tuesday 18th September 1917. The Staff Captain will take delivery of these and will be responsible for handing them to umpires.
13. For the purpose of this exercise 41st, 42nd and 43rd Bns. will be considered to be billeted in WARNECQUE.
Trench Mortar, Machine Gun Coy., and 44th Battalion in COULONFABTAINE.
14. Each Lewis and Machine Gun to be represented in action by a tin being banged or rattled.

(s) W.A.S. Dunlop
Captain.

A/Brigade Major 11th Aust Inf Brigade A.I.F.

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BATTALION APPROACH MARCH ORDER No. 1.

By Lieut.Col. A.R.Neron. D.S.O.

Commanding "AERIAL"

18th September 1917.

HEADQUARTERS.

- SITUATION. 1.) As per Paras 1 and 2.
- INTENTION. 2.) B.O.No 90.
- STARTING POINT. 3. Battalion Starting Point will be Battalion Headquarters, Brigade Starting Point J.24.d.75.85. (Road Junction). Battalion will move on approach route in single file with no distance between formation.
- ROUTE. 4. Route will be ASSINGHEM-REMILLY WIRQUIN-BOURIFLET-RECQUEBROEUEQ-BLANC PIGNON-OUVE WIRQUIN- to Starting Point, and from thence by track to J.24.a.45.70 thence by imaginary track to assembly positions as per para 10 B.O.89.
- TIMES OF PASSING STARTING POINTS. 5. Battalion7.15 a.m. Brigade.....8.45 a.m.
- ORDER OF MARCH. 6. No. 14 platoon, 13, 16, 15, 12, 11, 10, 9, 2, 1, 4, 3, 8, 7, 6, 5, Battalion Headquarters.
- FORMATION. 7. Platoons at 1/2 minute distances.
- GUIDES. 8. Lieut Murdoon will arrange to post guides at all track and road junctions to ensure that all troops keep on the correct route.
- REPORTS. 9. Companies will report completion of their assembly to Battalion Headquarters at J.18.c.95.55. immediately upon completion of same.

Signed. R.F.Pickering. Lieut.

Adjutant "AERIAL"

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- 6.....Lieut.MURDOON.
- 7.....Major SMERIDAN.
- 8.....Brigade Headquarters.

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DATE.	EARLY MORNING. 6-45 - 7-15 a.m.	FORENOON 8-45 A.M. - 11-45 A.M.	AFTERNOON 1-30 P.M. - 3-30 P.M.
11/9/17.	Platoon Inspection	ROUTE MARCH BATTALION.	Half Holiday. Recreation.
2/9/17.	CHURCH PARADE	ONE HOUR CEREMONIAL.	
3/9/17.	Route March by Platoons. March Discipline.	Platoons in Trench to Trench Attack.	Consolidation of Strong Points (Digging).
4/9/17.	Gas Drill.	Advanced Guard Scheme by platoons.	9 P.M. -- 12 midnight. Outpost Scheme. Picquets-Sentry Groups and Sentries.
5/9/17.	No Parade.	Rear Guard Scheme by platoons.	Half Holiday. Recreation.

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APPENDIX

DATE.	UNIT.	TIME	NATURE OF WORK.	LOCATION	TIME.	NATURE OF WORK.	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
Sunday 9/9/17.			Church Parade.			Half Holiday.		
Monday 10/9/17.	Battn. "A" Coy.)	6-45 - 7.15a.m.	Gas Drill.	E. 27. d. Central				
	"B" Coy.)	8.45 - 11.45a.m.	B.F. & P.T.	E. 27. d. 5.0.				
	"C" Coy.)		Attack on strong	K. 3. a. Central.	1.30	to exercise by Coys. Same as		B.F. & P.T.
	"D" Coy.)		points S.S. 143.	K. 4. a. Central.	3.30p.m.	In Wood Fighting morning,		for one hour each
				E. 28. d. Central.		use of Box Respirators.		rotation.
Tuesday 11/9/17.			BRIGADE ROUTE MARCH.					
Wednesday 12/9/17.			Semi-open attack.			Half Holiday recreation.		
Thursday 13/9/17.	Battn. "A" Coy.)	6.45-7.15a.m.	Rifle exercises.	E. 27. d. Central.				B.F. & P.T.
	"B" Coy.)	8.45-11.45a.m.	B.F. & P.T. Laying	E. 27. d. 5.0.		semi-open warfare		1 hour
	"C" Coy.)		out & organising	K. 3. a. Central.	1.30	to action of platoons. Same as		each Coy.
	"D" Coy.)		for digging of	K. 4. a. Central.	3.30p.m.	in support S.S. 143. morning.		in rota-
			platoon posts &	E. 27. c. Central.				tion.
			C.T's.					
Friday 14/9/17.	Battn. "A" Coy.)	6.45-7.15a.m.	Platoon Inspections.	E. 27. d. Central.				Box Respirator to be
	"B" Coy.)	8.45-11.45a.m.	B.F. & P.T.	E. 27. d. 5.0.		Battn. night route	ASSINGNEM	worn for 1
	"C" Coy.)		attack in semi-	K. 3. a. Central.	7p.m.	march.	WIRQUIN	hour on
	"D" Coy.)		open warfare	K. 4. a. Central.		Combining use of	PLUUY	march.
			Building up	E. 27. c. Central.	10p.m.	Box Respirators.	WAVRANS	
			firing line and				ASSING NEM	
			the assault.					
Saturday 15/9/17.	Battn. "A" Coy.)	6.45-7.15a.m.	Organized Games.	E. 27. d. 5.0.				
	"B" Coy.)	8.45-11.45a.m.	B.F. & P.T.	K. 3. a. Central				
	"C" Coy.)		outpost scene.	K. 4. a. Central.		Recreation		
	"D" Coy.)	8.45-11.45a.m.	Musketry Range	K. 3. b. 4.5.		Half Holiday.		
			practices including					
			firing from nip.					

DATE.	TIME.	SUBJECT.	BY WHOM.
10.9.17.	7 - 8p.m.	Outposts and Patrols.	Captain REDMOND.
11.9.17.	7 - 8p.m.	Tactical employment of Lewis Gun.	Lieut. WOOD.
13.9.17.	7 - 7.30p.m.	Subject of S.S. 163.	Lieut. CALOW.
	7.30 - 8p.m.	Protection F.S. Regs. Part 1, Chapter 5.	Captain SWANSON.
14.9.17.	7 - 8p.m.	Wood Fighting.	Major SHERIDAN.

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10.9.17.	5.30 - 6p.m.	Discipline.	Lieut. ADAIR.
11.9.17.	10 - 10.30a.m.	sniping.	Lieut. CARDEW.
	11 - 11.30a.m.	Fire discipline and control.	Lieut. BUTLER.
12.9.17.	1 - 1.30p.m.	Information and writing of messages.	Lieut. MURDOCH.
13.9.17.	5.30 - 6p.m.	Anti-Gas Measures and Trench Orders.	Lieut. PRICE.
14.9.17.	2 - 2.30p.m.	Digging.	Lieut. McLEAN M.C.
	3.30 - 4p.m.	Platoon Consolidation.	Lieut. SKEDWELL.
15.9.17.	1 - 1.30p.m.	Divisional Standing Orders for War.	Lieut. ARMSTRONG.