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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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16th Bn

Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LISBOURG	Thurs:		Map Reference: HAZEBROUCK 5.a. 1/100,000.	"A"
	Nov:		Steady Training being carried on.	
	1st: & 2nd:			
	Nov:		Inspection by General Birdwood at BEAUMETZ. Each Battalion in the Division sent a representative Platoon to the parade. Medals and Medal-ribbons were distributed.	"B"
	3rd:			
	4th:		Church Parade.	
	5th to 10th:		Training carried out according to Programme. Men very keen and eager to learn. Much lost time owing to very wet weather.	"C"
	11th:		Church Parade.	
	12th to 15th:		Training continued. Weather very much improved.	
	16th:		Cleaning up Billets and inspecting turn-out in anticipation of move to-morrow.	
CREQUY	Sat:		Battalion moved from LISBOURG to CREQUY as part of the 4th Brigade Group. (Map Ref: Sheets HAZEBROUCK 5.a. and LENS 11 1/100,000)	
	17th:		Move carried out under Battalion arrangements. Left LISBOURG Square 9.a.m. Arrived CREQUY 12.30.p.m. Two (2) men fell out on line of march. Weather: Foggy at first, breaking fine later. March: Good. About 8 miles. Billeting arrangements CREQUY: Good.	"D"
BEAURAIN-VILLE	Sun:		Battalion moved from CREQUY to BEAURAINVILLE (Ref: Map Sheets LENS 11 and ABBEVILLE 14 , 1/100,000)	
	18th:		Left CREQUY 9.15.a.m. Arrd: BEAURAINVILLE 12.35.p.m. Two (2) men fell out on line of march. Weather: Dull and Cold but Fine. March: First-class. About 8 miles. Billeting arrangements: Very Good.	"E"



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BEAURAINVILLE	NOV: Mon: 19th:		Resting. Men cleaning up equipment, Cookers, Band Instruments and transport so as to ensure a good turn-out to-morrow.	
DOURIEZ	20th:		Battalion moved from BEAURAINVILLE to DOURIEZ (Ref: Map Sheet ABBEVILLE 14 1/100,000) Left BEAURAINVILLE 9.a.m. Arrived DOURIEZ 12.5.p.m. No men fell out on line of march. Weather: Foggy. March: First-class. About 7 miles. Billeting Arrangements: Good.	"F"
ESTREES-LES-CRECY	21st:		Battalion moved from DOURIEZ to ESTREES-LES-CRECY (Ref: as above). Left DOURIEZ 9.a.m. Arrd: ESTREES-LES-CRECY 11.45.a.m. No men fell out on line of march. Weather: Dull but Fine. March: Good. About 7½ miles. Billeting Arrangements: Fairly Good.	"G"
NEUILLY-L'HOPITAL	22nd:		Battalion moved from ESTREES-LES-CRECY to NEUILLY-L'HOPITAL (Ref: as above). Left ESTREES-LES-CRECY 8.45.a.m. Arrd: NEUILLY-L'HOPITAL 11.45.a.m. Three (3) Men fell out on line of march. Weather: Fine. March: Good. About 7 miles. Billeting Arrangements: Good. Marched past G.O.C., Division en route.	"H"
CHEPY	23rd:		Battalion moved from NEUILLY-L'HOPITAL to CHEPY (Ref: as above) Left NEUILLY-L'HOPITAL 8.40.a.m. Arrd: CHEPY 3.30.p.m. No Men fell out on line of march. Weather: Fine. March: Splendid. Billeting Arrangements: Good. Having regard to the fact that this was a 16 mile march, it says much for the Battalion that every man stuck it to the end, and arrived bright and cheery and with no complaints. The route was through ABBEVILLE.	"I"



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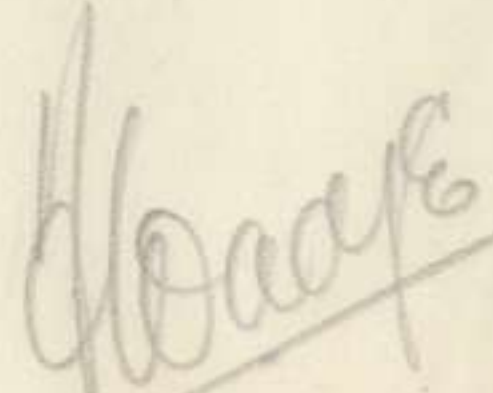
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Place	Date 1917.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
ESCARBOTIN	NOV: Sat: 24th:		Battalion moved from CHEPY to ESCARBOTIN (Ref: Map Sheet ABBEVILLE 14 1/100,000) Left CHEPY 9.a.m. Arrd: ESCARBOTIN 11.20.a.m. No men fell out on line of march. Weather: Dirty, wet for part of journey. March: Good. Billeting arrangements: Good and can be very much improved on still.	"J" & "K"	
	25th:		Brigade Church Parade, after which there was a march past G.O.C., Brigade.		
	Mon: 26th:		All men cleaning up and seeing to fitting of equipment in preparation for an inspection by G. O. C., Division, to-morrow.	"L"	
	27th:		Very wet, and G.O.C., Division's inspection postponed in consequence.		
	28th:		G.O.C., Division's inspection again postponed owing to wet morning. The men to whom cards of congratulation for good work done during recent operations were to be presented, were marched to a Hall at FRIVILLE, where the presentations took place.		
	29th:	9.30		At 9.30.a.m. the whole of the Battalion Transport and the Cookers were inspected by the C. O..	"M"
	30th:			A Brigade Route March took place.	
				3.  For Summary of Appendices, see page 4.	

  
 Capt.,  
 Adjutant 16th Battn. A. I. F.



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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>SUMMARY OF APPENDICES FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1917.</u></p> <p>"A" Map of LISBOURG Area</p> <p>"B" Instructions re inspection and presentation of medals by Gen: BIRDWOOD, and list of recipients with plan of Parade Ground.</p> <p>"C" Training Programme for the month.</p> <p>"D" Battalion Operation Order No: 48</p> <p>"E" do do do 49</p> <p>"F" do do do 50</p> <p>"G" do do do 51</p> <p>"H" do do do 52</p> <p>"I" do do do 53</p> <p>"J" do do do 54</p> <p>"K" Observations by Brigadier on March.</p> <p>"L" Order for inspection by G.O.C., Division, and list of recipients.</p> <p>"M" Training Order No: 1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	

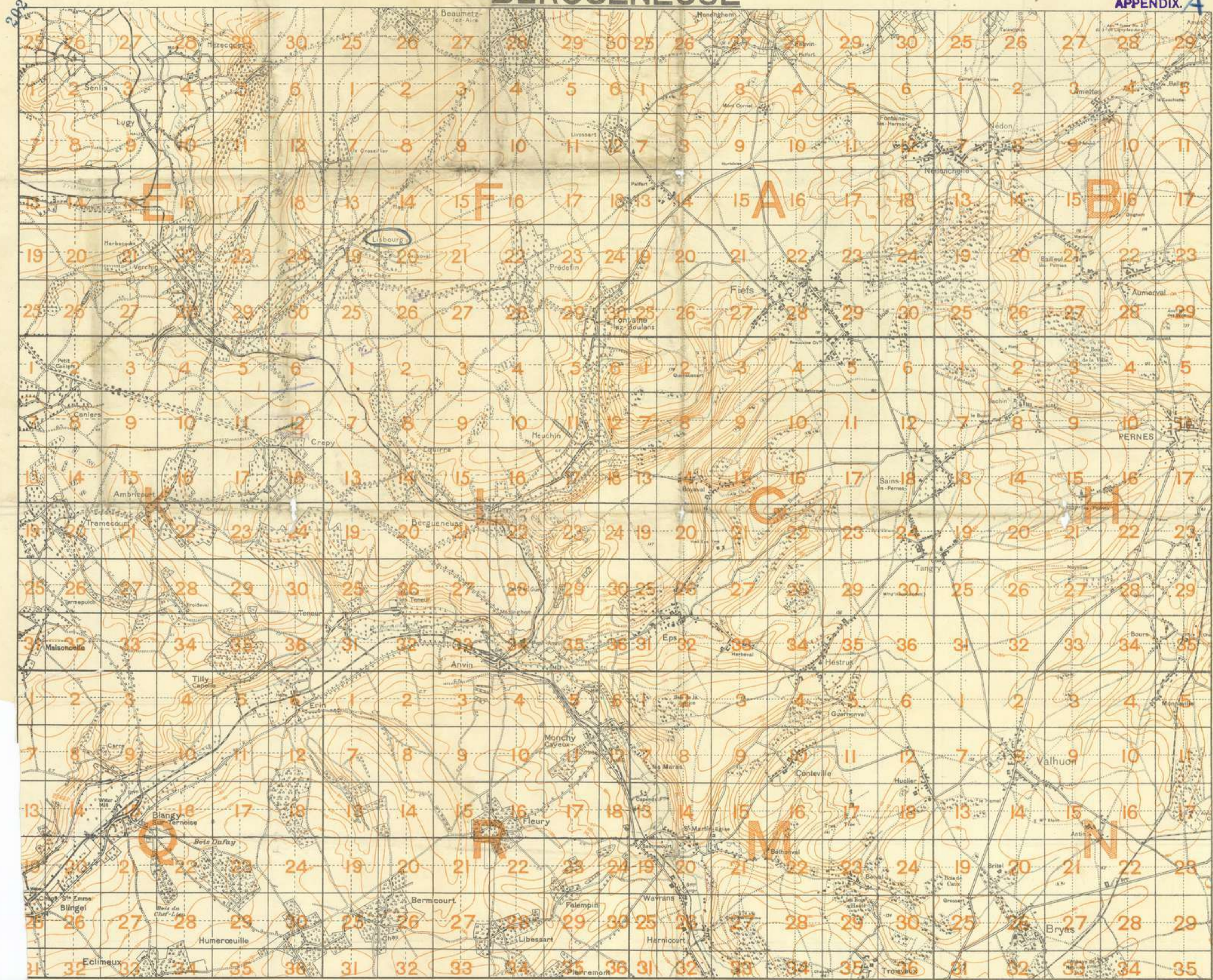
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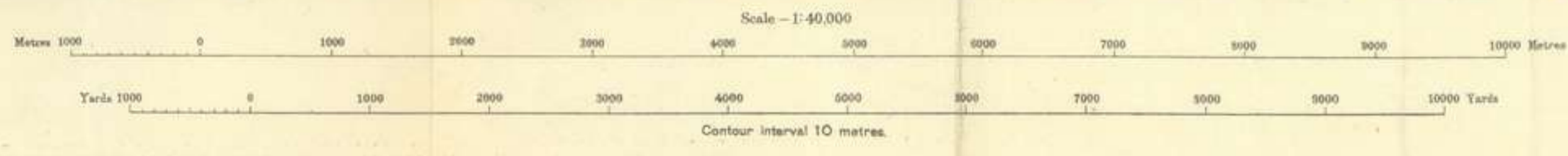
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APPENDIX A

TOWN MAJOR,  
LIBBOURG BRIGADE  
AREA.  
No. ....  
Date .....



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Appendix A.

Map.  
Lisbourg Area

Receipt



Headquarters,  
16th BATTALION. A.I.F.  
2nd November, 1917.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSPECTION BY GENERAL BIRDWOOD.

1. 2/Lieut: SENIOR will be in charge of representative Platoon.
2. The following will parade at Battalion Orderly Room, correctly dressed, at 8-30.a.m., sharp.  
Representative Platoon.  
Band.  
Recipients.  
2 Cookers.
3. Captain TIMEWELL will arrange for Two Cookers and Flags for Cookers.
4. Dress for recipients will be exactly similar to that for Platoon, with the exception of Rifles. These will not be carried.

All Ranks will wear Overcoats.

*Hoade*

Captain.  
Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

ISSUE

Companies.  
Details  
2/Lieut: Senior.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SPECIAL ORDER BY  
Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O.,  
Commanding.

- PARADE. 1. The Lieutenant-General Commanding A.I.F. has signified his intention of presenting Medals and Medal Ribbons awarded for recent operations, on a parade of representatives of the 4th Australian Division at 11.15 a.m. on 3rd instant.
- PLACE. 2. The parade will be held in a field at X.20.b. Central, between GREUPPE and BEAUHETZ. (as on 12th September last)
- DETAIL OF TROOPS. 3. The following troops will attend:-  
A representative Platoon (40 all ranks) from each Infantry Battalion and from the Pioneer Battalion.  
4th Aus. Div. Engineers 20  
4th Aus. Div. Signal Coy. 20  
4th Aus. Div. Train 40  
A.A.M.C. 60
- OFFICERS. 4. Brigadiers, C.R.E., A.D.M.S., C.Os. Battalions, C.O., Div. Train and C.Os., Field Ambulances will attend the Parade.
- COMMAND. 5. Brigadier-General C.H. BRAND, C.M.G., D.S.O., will command the Parade.
- MARKERS. 6. The 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade will detail 10 markers in addition to platoons, to report to D.A.A.G. on ground at 10.30 a.m. All troops will be in position by 11 a.m.
- RECIPIENTS OF MEDALS ETC., 7. Will be formed in Unit parties, the senior of each party to report to D.A.A.G. immediately on arrival.
- BAND. 8. The 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade will detail a Band to attend.
- DRESS. 9. Drill order with arms, haversack and waterbottle to be worn, and mid-day meal to be carried where necessary. Recipients will not carry rifles.
- LISTS OF RECIPIENTS. 10. Which will include Officers, will be prepared by Units and brought on to Parade. Staff Captains will announce names of recipients from Units of their Brigades. The D.A.A.G. will announce others, and lists should be handed to him on arrival.
- NUMBERS FOR EACH DECORATION. 11. Showing Medals and Ribbons will be wired to D.H.Q. by noon to-morrow.
- PLAN. 12. Plan of parade showing position of parties etc., is attached.
- WET WEATHER. 13. If it be necessary to cancel the parade owing to wet weather, this will be done by telephone by 8 a.m. and in this event, recipients only will be conveyed to BOMY by Units by 11 a.m. and the presentation will take place in the Cinema Hall at 11.15 a.m.

*Robson*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
A.A. & Q.M.G.,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,  
1st NOVEMBER 1917.



Headquarters,  
16th BATTALION. A.I.F. NOV. 1917  
2nd November, 1917.



RECIPIENTS AT INSPECTION BY GENERAL BIRDWOOD.

MILITARY CROSS.

Ribbon : Captain C. AHEARN M.C.  
Lieut: H. J. BRADLEY M.C.  
2/Lieut: J. B. MINCHIN M.C.

CROIX DE GUERRE

Medal : 2/Lieut: L. D. MCCARTHY

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

Medal : 2/Lieut: D. B. CRISP  
Ribbon : 4030 Cpl: FFOULKES J. E. "B" Company

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL

Clasp : 3894 T/Cpl: ELLIOT J. "B" Company  
2699 Sgt: ROGERS W. R. B "A" "

MILITARY MEDAL

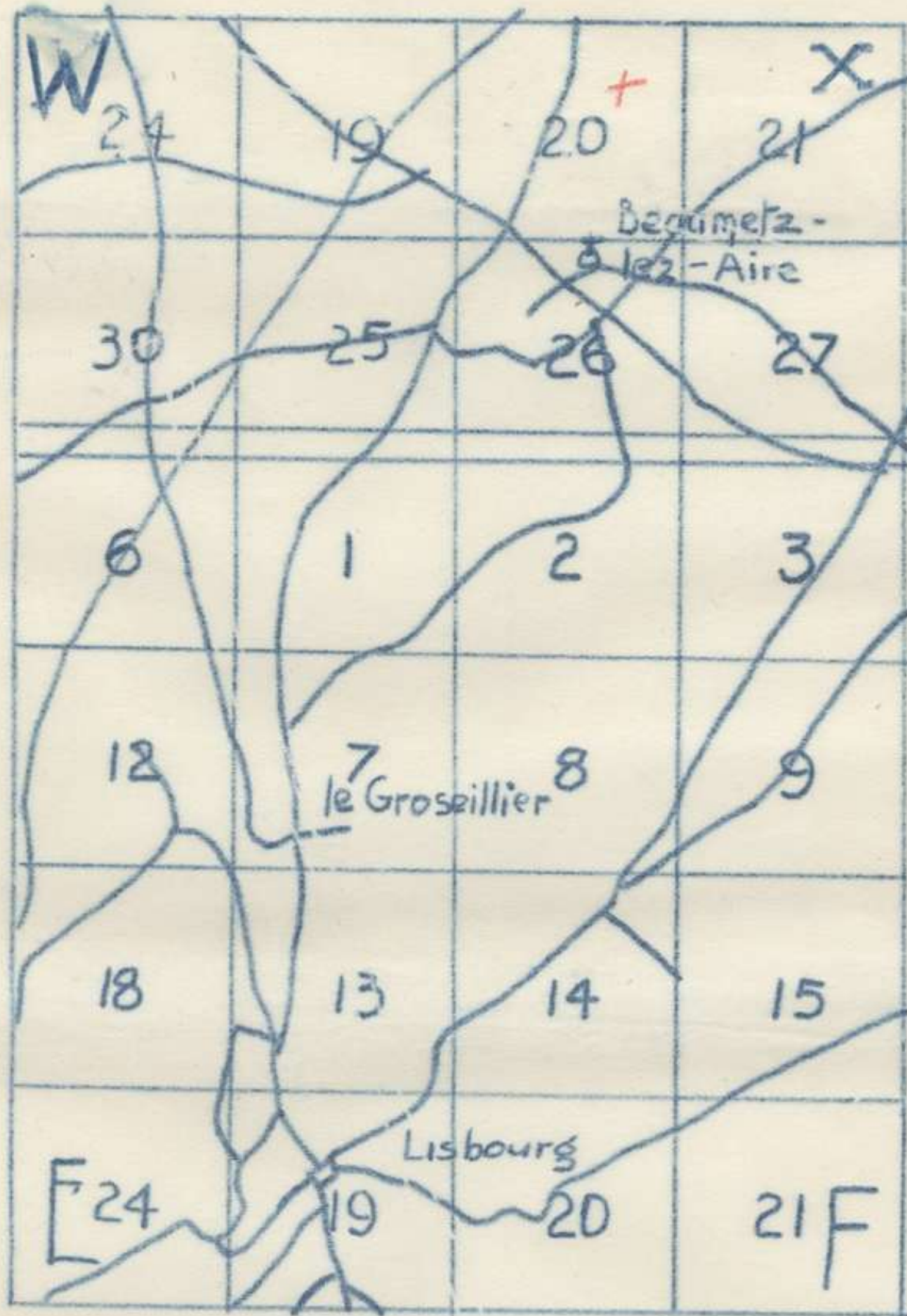
Medal : 234 Pte: AFFLECK W. T. H.Q.  
3415 Cpl: BLOOM A. T. H. Scouts  
5473 Sgt: SPRATLEY W. E. "B" Company

Ribbon : 1807A. Pte ROBBINS F. J. "D" Company  
618 Cpl: TILLBROOK W. W. "D" "  
775 GOONEY J. "A" "  
4904 Sgt: SCHIFF W. A. "A" "  
6276 INGLIS W. E. "D" "  
5436 Pte: SPARROW V. C. "A" "  
\* 4052 MULLEN E. "A" "  
2913 Sgt: MURRAY W. "C" "  
\* 3918 T/Cp HELSIN J. "B" "  
7041 Pte: LEE A. J. "A" "  
2465 Dvr: COWLING A. E. Transport  
6946 T/st BRADSHAW G. W. "B" Company  
5162 Pte: O'SULLIVAN W. "D" "  
3894 T/Cp ELLIOT J. "B" "  
6223 L/Cp BONSER A. J. "D" "  
5160 Pte: NINEHAM C. "B" "  
1656 SCOTT T. W. R. Scouts  
743 Cpl: McQUADE C. H.Q.  
2202 L/Cp DINNIE W. Signallers  
3510 Pte: LOFFMAN P. "A" Company  
1303 McGUINNESS W. "D" "  
5469 WHITE L. "C" "  
6131 OCHILTREE A. "A" "  
6249 DANCE A. "C" "  
\* 157 Sgt: WILSON H. P. "A" "

*Woady*

Captain.  
Adjutant, 16th Battalion. A.I.F.







Band

<u>47<sup>TH</sup> BN</u>	<u>48<sup>TH</sup> BN</u>	<u>51<sup>ST</sup> BN</u>
<u>45<sup>TH</sup> BN</u>	<u>46<sup>TH</sup> BN</u>	<u>49<sup>TH</sup> BN</u>

Recipients.

<u>16<sup>TH</sup> BN</u>	<u>14<sup>TH</sup> BN</u>
<u>15<sup>TH</sup> BN</u>	<u>13<sup>TH</sup> BN</u>
<u>Sigs Coy</u>	<u>Engrs</u>

Medal Table

\* Saluting Point.

<u>50 BN</u>	<u>52 BN</u>	<u>13<sup>TH</sup> Fld Amb</u>
<u>4<sup>TH</sup> Pioneer Bn</u>	<u>4<sup>TH</sup> Div Train</u>	<u>12<sup>TH</sup> " "</u>
<u>4<sup>TH</sup> " "</u>	<u>4<sup>TH</sup> " "</u>	<u>" " "</u>



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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade. T.N. A. I. F.  
HEADQUARTERS. 4th INFANTRY BRIG.

1st November 1917.

3 NOV. 1917

No. 14

O.O.,  
ALL UNITS.

Reference attached

Forwarded for information and necessary action.

Reference para 10 Officers in Charge of parties of recipients will hand to Staff Captain at 9.a.m. on 3rd instant, list showing Officers N.C.O's and Men actually on Parade as to whether for Medal or Ribbon



*D. M. D.*

2/Lieut.

for Staff Captain.

Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.



16th BATTALION, A.I.F.NOVEMBER  
End OCTOBER, 1917.PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 10th NOVEMBER, 1917.Hours of Parade : 9am - 12 noon.  
2pm - 4pm.

- (1) LEWIS GUNNERS. All companies to send four (4) teams for instruction in Lewis Gun. Lieut: HARVEY to be in charge of this branch.
- (2) SIGNALLING. Company and H.Q. Signallers to report on all parades to Sgt: MCGRAVE. Captain LYNAS to supervise this branch of instruction.

All men not occupied as above :-

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| (3) <u>BOMBING &amp;<br/>BAYONET FIGHTING.</u> | <u>BOMBING</u>                         | <u>BAYONET FIGHTING</u>                    |
|  | "A" Co: 9 - 10.15<br>" " 2 - 2.30      | "A" Co: 10.15 - 11.30<br>" " 2.30 - 3.p.m. |
| (4) <u>MUSKETRY &amp;<br/>WIRING.</u>          | <u>MUSKETRY</u>                        | <u>WIRING</u>                              |
|  | "C" Co: 9 - 10.15<br>" " 2 - 2.30      | "C" Co: 10.15 - 11.30<br>" " 2.30 - 3.p.m. |
|  | "D" Co: 10.15-11.30<br>" " 2.30-3.p.m. | "D" Co: 9 - 10.15<br>" " 2 - 2.30          |

Specialist training to cease at 11.30, when platoon commanders will take charge of their own platoons for platoon drill etc:

At 3.p.m., specialist training again ceases, companies falling in under company commanders for development of initiative in junior commanders, also brightening up the men in their command.

INSTRUCTORS List as published to stand.

SUNDRY INSTRUCTIONS, issued with previous programme, also stands good.

*Hoady*  
Captain,  
Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.



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## APPENDIX C

16th BATTALION, A.I.F.

End NOVEMBER, 1917.

SUNDRY INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Some part of instruction in all branches to be done whilst men wearing Gas masks.
2. NIGHT GAS DRILL: Wednesdays from 7 to 7.30 p.m.
3. LECTURES: O's/C., will arrange to give one evening lecture per week to the Officers and N.C.O's of their companies. Times and subjects to be submitted by 2 p.m. Saturday 3-11-17.
4. FOOTBALL: Parades will be suspended on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons to allow the Men to attend the Football matches.
5. PLATOON DRILL: The various Instructors will, as their Platoons come in for Platoon Drill, leave their special job and take their platoons. This will only mean being away from their Groups for about 35 mins; a day.
6. OFFICERS: All officers to so make themselves acquainted with the training Programme that there shall be no waste of time. Platoons will, if everyone does his job, move almost automatically, from one instructor to another at expiration of periods.
7. SCOUTS: To report for every parade on Battalion Parade ground to "B" Company and to be made a part of that Company for training purposes.
8. SIGNALLERS: H.Q. and Coy: Sigs: to report on every parade to Lt: HARVEY.
9. CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: for each Group to submit a programme of proposed work by 2 p.m. the 3rd instant. As we are likely to have a fair time for training, the work must not be hurried.

BATTALION PARADE GROUND: E.18.3 (approx:) (Ref: BERGUENNEUSE Map 1/20,000)  
 O's/C. Coys: to get in touch with Bn: I.O. as regards route)

*[Signature]*  
 Adjutant 16th Battn. A. I. F.



16th BATTALION. A.I.F.

2nd NOVEMBER, 1917.

LIST OF INSTRUCTORS.

MUSKETRY	LEWIS GUN	BOMBING	BAYONET	WIRING AND RETRENCHING
Capt: H.A.C. WILKINSON	Lieut: F.C. HARVEY	2/Lt: L.D. MCCARTHY	2/Lt: J.B. MINCHIN	2/Lieut: V. KETTERER
Lieut: F.A. MOSELEY	2/Lt: J.D. HOWELL	2/Lt: J.E. PIERCY	Cpl: SINGLE W.	and others.
Sgt: ATKINSON L.H.	Sgt: MURRAY W.	Sgt: ENGLAND E.	and each Company	
Sgt: ROGERS H.			to supply one	
Cpl: THORN R.	DRILL			SIGNALLING
L/cp: HOOPER S.	Capt: R.C.H. SLATER.			2/Lt: W. HARVEY and
				Capt: W.J. LYNAS M.C. whilst
				2/Lt: HARVEY is away at school.



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PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 17.11.1917

Hours of Parade :- 9am to 12 noon  
2pm to 4 pm

- (1) LEWIS GUNNERS : All Companies to send four (4) Teams for instruction in Lewis Gun. Lieut. F.C. HARVEY to be in charge of this branch of training.
- (2) SIGNALLING : Company and H.Q. Signallers to report on all parades to Sgt. McGRATH. Captain LYNAS MC to supervise this branch of training.

All men not occupied as above :-

(3) BOMBING : BAYONET FIGHTING

	<u>BOMBING</u>		<u>BAYONET FIGHTING</u>	
"C" Coy.	9 - 10.15	10.15 - 11.30	10.15 - 11.30	11.30 - 3.-
"D" Coy.	10.15 - 11.30	11.30 - 2.30	9.- - 10.15	10.15 - 2.30

(4) MUSKETRY : WIRING

	<u>MUSKETRY</u>		<u>WIRING</u>	
"A" Coy	9.- - 10.15	10.15 - 11.30	10.15 - 11.30	11.30 - 3.-
"B" Coy.	10.15 - 11.30	11.30 - 3.-	9.- - 10.15	10.15 - 2.30

Specialist training to cease at 11.30, when Platoon Commanders will take charge of their own platoons for platoon drill etc.

At 3 pm specialist training again ceases, Companies falling in under Company Commanders for Development of Initiative in Junior Commanders, also brightening up the men in their command.

INSTRUCTORS : List as published to stand.

SUNDRY INSTRUCTIONS : issued with previous programme also stands good.

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adjutant 16th. Battalion AIF  
Captain.



16th BATTALION A.I.F.4th SEPTEMBER 1917SUNDRY INSTRUCTIONSSCOUTS.

To report as follows at 8a.m. tomorrow and to be under the various Company Commanders during stay here -

"A" Company	4.
"B" "	4.
"C" "	4.
"D" "	3.

These will be attached to various platoons as O's C. Companies think fit.

SHOVELS & PICKS

"G" Company to arrange to call at O. Room in morning; collect all picks and shovels, take out to the Battalion Parade ground and dump there in a convenient spot. Tools now available are picks 47, shovels 150. Chief Instructors of each group to pick up the number of each he requires from the Dump above mentioned.

BOMBS.

Any bombs detonated or otherwise, to be carried to the Battalion parade ground in morning by the companies and dumped there.

ORDERLY OFFICER

Will be on all parades and will instruct as laid down in programme.

NIGHT GAS DRILL

Will be carried out as laid down in programme Training, i.e. Wednesday 5-9-17 from 9p.m. to 9.30p.m.

PLATOON DRILL

The various Instructors will, as their Platoons come in for Platoon Drill, leave their special job and take their Platoons. This will only mean being away from their various groups for 40 minutes per day.

All officers will so make themselves acquainted with the Training Programme that there shall be no waste of time. Platoons will, if everyone does his job, move almost automatically from one Instructor to another at expiration of periods.

At 9a.m. tomorrow, on word being sent round, all officers and N.C.O's with the exception of 1 officer and 1 N.C.O. per group, will go to a spot indicated where the G.O.C. will have something to say to them.

Capt.  
Adjutant 16th Battalion A.I.F.



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SECRET.

Copy.....

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 116.

Reference 1/100,000 Maps.

Headquarters.  
15/11/1917.

- HAZELBROOK.
- CALLIAS.
- LEND.
- ABEEVILLE.

1. The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will move by road to G.H.Q. Reserve in L of C Area (about GAMACHES ) in seven stages as per table overleaf. Number of each Area corresponds with special marked maps to be issued later. All roads included inside the boundaries thereon will be available.
2. Brigade Group will comprise -
  - 4th Australian Infantry Brigade.
  - 4th " Field Company.
  - 4th " Field Ambulance.
  - 7th Company A.A.S.C.
3. Each days march to be completed by 1.p.m. Starting Points and times will be notified daily.
4. Billeting parties on bicycles will proceed one day in advance of their Group and will report to the Staff Captain daily under instructions issued by him.
5. "Q" arrangements as per Administrative Instructions herewith.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued through Signals at

Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.

*R. H. Fovell*

Major,  
for Brigade Major.

- Extra Copies to -
- 4th Field Company.
  - 4th Field Ambulance.
  - A.P.M. 4th Aus. Div.
  - Town Major LISBOURG.



MOVE TABLE.

(Showing dates of moving into each Area).

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Move to -</u>
November 17th.	No. 1 Area.
November 18th.	No. 2. Area.
November 19th	- - -
November 20th	No. 3 Area.
November 21st	No. 4 Area.
November 22nd	No. 5 Area.
November 23rd	No. 6 Area.
November 24th	CALACHES AREA.

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SECRET.FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Administrative Instructions issued in connection with  
4th Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 116.Headquarters,  
15/11/1917.

1. TRANSPORT. → Baggage wagons will report to Units on evening of 16th instant and remain with them till completion of move. One lorry for each Battalion will report at 1 p.m. on 16th instant. Lorries to rendezvous at Brigade Headquarters by 3 p.m. each day.
2. CLAIMS. (1) All minor claims to be adjusted before move from this Area and clearance certificates obtained. Claims in dispute to be forwarded direct to 4th Divisional Claims Officer.  
(2) An Officer will be detailed by each Unit to remain behind daily to obtain clearance certificates from inhabitants.
3. BILLETING CERTIFICATES. It is imperative that correct Billeting certificates are complete for each day of the move and to ensure this an Officer will be detailed by each Unit to carry out this duty, reporting to his Unit each evening on completion.
4. REAR PARTIES. Special attention is to be given to leaving billets clean. Rear Parties will be detailed by Units for this purpose.
5. DETAILS AND MEN PROCEEDING ON LEAVE. From 17th instant inclusive details proceeding to Schools, leave, etc. will report to Refilling Points immediately on arrival in a new Area, and proceed to Railhead by returning Supply M.T. Lorries.
6. AREA STORES. All Area Stores, Engineer Stores, targets, etc. will be handed to the Town Major LISBOURG and receipts for same forwarded to this Office.
7. AMMUNITION. Units will hand over to Town Major LISBOURG any spare ammunition of any description. No ammunition will be left in billets.
8. BILLETING PARTIES. Will report to Staff Captain at Main Square BRUGES at 3 p.m. on 16th instant.
9. RAILHEAD. → Will move to HESDIN on 17th, to ABBEVILLE on 20th, and GAMACHES on 25th.  
(b) From Railhead the Supply Column will take rations to Refilling Points where they will be transferred to the Train Wagons.  
(c) Refilling points for each Area will be as follows :-
- |                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| No. 1 Area - CREQUY.            | No. 4 Area - MACHIEL.          |
| No. 2 Area - LEBIEZ.            | No. 5 Area - LAMOTTE - BULLEUX |
| No. 3 Area - ST. REMY AUX BOIS. | No. 6 Area - MIANNAY.          |

*Alex H. Fraser*Captain.  
Staff-Captain.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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16th Bn

## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Table showing move into No. 1 Area.

Issued in connection with 4th Aus. Inf. Brigade Order No. 116).

Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Destination.	Route.	Remarks.
17/11/17.	13th Battn.	FONTAINE-LEZ-BOULANS	As arranged	RUISSEAUVILLE	As	To follow 50th Bn.
	14th Battn.	PREDEFIN		COUELLE VIEILLE		" " 52nd "
	15th Battn.	CREPY	regimentally.	TORCHY & SAINS-LEZ-FRESSIN.	arranged	" " 51st "
	16th Battn.	LISBOURG	March to be	CREQUY	regiment-	" " 49th "
	4th M.G.Coy.) 4th T.M.Bty.)	LISBOURG	completed by 1.p.m.	CREQUY	ally.	" " 13th M.G.Coy. " " 13th T.M.Bty.
	4th Field Coy.	BEAUMETZ		COUELLE-NEUVE		" " 13th Fld.Coy.
	4th Fld.Ambce. (less 1 Sect.)	EQUIRRE		AVONDANCE		" " 13th Fld.Amb.
	7th A.A.S.C.	EQUIRRE		CREQUY		" " 27th A.A.S.C.
	4th Bde.H.Qrs.	LISBOURG		FRUGES		" " 13th Bde.H.Qrs

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*R. W. Fovell*  
Major.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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OPERATION ORDER No: 48

- by -

Major E. J. PARKS M. C.  
Commanding 16th Battalion, A. I. F.

Headquarters,  
16th BATTALION, A.I.F.  
16th November, 1917.

Battalion will move by road to GAMACHES AREA, commencing to-morrow, in the following stages :-

1.	November 17th	No: 1 Area
2	18th	2
3	20th	3
4	21st	4
5	22nd	5
6	23rd	6
7	24th	GAMACHES.

In No: 1 Area, the Battalion will be billeted in GREQUY and in Area No: 2 in LEBIEZ.

2. Each day's march will be completed by 1.p.m.

3. REFILLING POINTS:	No: 1 Area	GREQUY
	2	LEBIEZ
	3	St: REMY AUX BOIS
	4	MACHIEL
	5	LAMOTTE BULEUX
	6	MIANNY

RAILHEAD AT:

HESDIN on 17th November  
ABBEVILLE 20th  
GAMACHES 25th

From Railhead, Supply Column will take Rations to Re-filling Points, where they will be transferred to Train Wagons.

4. Lorries will report to Brigade H.Q. daily at 3.p.m.

5. Battalion will be formed up in Square, LISBOURG, ready to move off by 9.a.m. to-morrow in the following formation, facing Canteen :-

A	Company	Band
B	"	Details
C	"	
D	"	

One marker from each Company and one from Details will report to A/R.S.M. REUNIG in Square at 8.45.a.m. On move the 4 Cookers will follow rear Company and in front of Transport.

6. DRESS: Full Marching Order. NO Blankets.

7. Mules for Company Mess Gear will report to Coy: H.Q. at 7.a.m. and must leave Coy: H.Q. by 8.a.m.

Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and, with Lewis Guns, will be ready to load on Limbers which will call at Coy: H.Q. at 7.a.m.

8. Duty Company daily will detail Rearguard of 1 Officer and 20 O.Ranks to march behind Transport and assist Stragglers.

9. O/C. "A" Coy: will detail a Rear Party of 12 O.Ranks under Lieut: HOWELL, who will remain back when Battalion moves to-morrow to see Billets all clean, and will follow up after Battalion.

10. O's.C., Coys: and Details will hold Foot Inspections after each day's march and report result to B.Orderly Room.

11. Sick Parade will be held daily at 5.p.m.



OPERATION ORDER No: \_\_\_\_\_ (contd:)

12. Parade States will be rendered to Battalion Orderly Room by 8.a.m. to-morrow, and thereafter by 6.p.m. each evening during the move.
13. 2/Lieut: HARLOW will, during the move, attend to obtaining Clearances for Billets, and Billeting Returns.  
2/Lieut: McCARTHY will be in charge of Motor Lorry on the move.
14. On arrival at destination each day, a party from each Company and Details, under an N.C.O. will report to Q.M. to obtain Blankets.
15. O's/Q. Companies will ensure a first-class turn out on March, and that Billets, both inside and outside are clean.

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*Handwritten signature: Hoops*

Captain.  
Adjutant, 16th Battalion. A.I.F.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.  
HEADQUARTERS.  
16th November, 1917.

C. O.,  
All Units Brigade Group.

Owing to the routes for this move being mostly  
along the same roads it has been necessary to fix a uniform starting  
time.

*G. H. Lawell* Lieut.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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APPENDIX E

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OPERATION ORDER No:             
by -           

Major E. J. PARKS M. C.  
T/Battalion Commanding 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters,  
16th BATTALION, A.I.F.  
17th November, 1917.

<u>DUTIES</u>	COMPANY FOR DUTY	"B" Company.
	ORDERLY OFFICER	2/Lieut: H.A. DEVENISH
	" SERGEANT	?
	" CORPORAL	?

1. Battalion will move to BEAURAINVILLE to-morrow 18-11-17.
2. STARTING POINT           Corner by "D" Company Billet
3. STARTING TIME           9-30.a.m.
4. ORDER OF MARCH           "D" Company  
                                  "C"  
                                  band  
                                  "B" and Details  
                                  "A" Company  
                                  Transport.
5. Details to report to "B" Company at 9.a.m.
6. DRESS                     )
7. BLANKETS &C.            ) All as per Operation Order of yesterday
8. REARGUARD              )
9. Duty Company to detail a Rear Party of 1 Officer and 12 O.Ranks to remain behind after Battalion moves off and see Billets all clean, and follow up after Battalion. Sanitary Squad to remain with this party and be under the Officer. This applies every day when the Battalion is moving.
10. Duty Company, each day Battalion is moving, to detail 1 Sergeant and 10 O.Ranks to report to Capt: TIMSWELL at 7.a.m. as Loading Party.

*Hodge*

Captain.  
Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Table showing move into No. 2 Area.

(Issued in connection with 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 116).

Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Destination.	Route.	Remarks.
18/11/1917	13th Battn. X	RUISSEAUVILLE	9.a.m.	WAMBERCOURT	As	to follow 50th Battn.
	14th Battn. X	COUELLE VIEILLE	(Units billeted	LEBIEZ		" " 52nd "
	15th Battn. X	TORCHY & SAINS-LEZ-FRESSIN.	in the same	CAMPAGNE	arranged	" " 51st "
	16th Battn X	CREQUY	village will	BEAURAIWVILLE	regiment-	" " 49th "
	4th M.G.Coy) X	CREQUY	move in the	CAMPAGNE	ally.	" " 13th M.G.Coy
	4th T.M.Bty)		order set down			" " 13th T.M.Bty
	4th Fld.Coy.	COUELLE-NEUVE	in "unit"	HESMOND		" " 13th Fld.Coy
	4th Fld.Amb.	AVONDANCE	column).	LOISIN & OFFIN		" " 13th Fld.Amb
	(Less 1 Sect)					
	7th A.A.S.C. ✓	CREQUY.		LEBIEZ.		" " 27th A.A.S.C
	4th Bde.H.Q. ✓	FRUGES		LEBIEZ		" " 13th Bde.H.Q

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AUSTRALIAN  
 IMPERIAL FORCE  
 2/345/4/7  
 4th Infantry Brigade.

*Riv. Ford*

Major.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade

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Appendix F

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OPERATION ORDER No: 50

- by -

Major R.J. PARKS M.C.

T/Commanding, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters,  
16th BATTALION, A.I.F.  
18th November, 1917.

1. The Battalion will move to DOURINE on 20-11-17.
2. Previous instructions for moves will stand.
3. STARTING POINT: Cross roads south of railway crossing near station  
STARTING TIME: 9.a.m.
4. ORDER OF MARCH:
  - BC" Company
  - "D" and Details
  - Band
  - "A" Company
  - "B"
  - Transport.

Details will report to "D" Company at 8.30.a.m.
5. Brakesmen will carry packs and rifles in future on marches.

B  
A  
C  
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Captain.  
Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

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  - 13 Adjutant
  - 14 Spare

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Table showing move into No. 3 Area.

(Issued in connection with 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 116).

Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Destination.	Route.	Remarks.
20/11/17	13th Bn. ✓	WAMBERCOURT	As arranged	TORTEFONTAINE	As	To follow same Units
	14th Bn. ✓	LEBIEZ	regimentally.	SAULCHOY	arranged	of 13th Brigade
	15th Bn. ✓	CAMPAGNE		MAINTENAY	regiment-	Group as on previous
	16th Bn. →	BEAURAINVILLE	March to be com-	DOURIEZ	ally.	move.
	4th M.G. Coy. }	CAMPAGNE	pleted by 1.p.m.	LE PETIT CHEMIN		
	4th T.M. Bty. }					
	4th Fld. Coy.	HESSMOND		MAINTENAY		
	4th Fld. Amb. (less 1 Sect)	LOISIN		ST. REMY AUX BOIS.		
	7th A.A.S.C.	LEBIEZ		ST. REMY AUX BOIS.		
	4th Bde.H. 2.	LEBIEZ		DOURIEZ.		

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*R. J. Howell*

Major.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Table showing move into No. 3 Area.

This cancels table issued on 17/11/1917 for move into this area.

(Issued in connection with 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 115).

Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Destination.	Route.
20/11/17	13th Bn.	WAMBERCOURT	9.a.m.	TORTEFONTAINE	SAVRON ST. MARTIN - AUBIN - LAMBUS - MOURIEZ.
	14th Bn.	LEBIEZ	9.a.m.	SAULCHOY	OFFIN - BEAURAINVILLE - GOUY - ST. REMY AUX BOIS.
	15th Bn.	CAMPAGNE	9.30.a.m.	MAINTENAY	BUIRE.
	16th Bn. →	BEAURAINVILLE	9.a.m.	DOURIEZ	GOUY. ←
	M.G. Coy.) T.M. Bty.)	CAMPAGNE	9.a.m.	LE PETIT CHEMIN	ST. REMY AUX BOIS - SAULCHOY - ARGOULES.
	4th Fld. Coy.	HESMOND	9.15.a.m.	MAINTENAY	OFFIN - BEAURAINVILLE - CAMPAGNE BUIRE.
	4th Fld. Amb. (less 1 Sect)	LOISIN	9.15.a.m.	ST. REMY AUX BOIS	BEAURAINVILLE - CAMPAGNE.
	7th A.S.C.	LEBIEZ	9.15.a.m.	ST. REMY AUX BOIS	do. do.
	4th Bde. H.Q.	ROYON	9.15.a.m.	DOURIEZ	BEAURAINVILLE - GOUY.

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*R.W. Gould*  
Major.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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OPERATION ORDER No: 51.

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Major E.J.PARKS M. C.  
T/Commanding 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters,  
16th BATTALION. A.I.F.  
20th November, 1917.

1. To-morrow, the 21st, the Battalion will move to ESTREES-LES-CRECY.
2. Previous instructions for moves will stand.
3. STARTING POINT: Bridge past Battalion Headquarters.
4. STARTING TIME: 9.a.m.
5. ORDER OF MARCH: "B" Company  
"A" and Details  
Band  
"D" Company  
"C"  
Transport

Details will report to "A" Coy: at 8.30.a.m.

Captain.  
Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

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13. Adjutant
14. Spare



Appendix C  
March 1917  
Nov. 1917

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OPERATION ORDER No: 51

Headquarters,  
15th Battalion, A.I.F.  
20th November, 1917.

Major R. J. PARKS M. C.  
Commanding 15th Battalion, A.I.F.

To-morrow, the 21st, the Battalion will move to ESTREES-LES-GRÉCY.

Previous instructions for moves will stand.

STARTING POINT: Bridge past Battalion Headquarters.

STARTING TIME: 9.30 a.m.

ORDER OF MARCH:  
"B" Company  
"A" and Details  
Band  
"D" Company  
"C"  
Transport

Details will report to "A" Coy: at 8.30 a.m.

*[Signature]*

Adjutant, 15th Battalion, A.I.F.  
Captain.

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- 13 Adjutant
- 12 S/lt: McGarthy
- 11 C.M.
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- 3 Bde HQ
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- 1. Rifle

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Table showing moves into No. 4 Area.

(Issued in connection with 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 116.)

Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Destination.	Route.	Remarks.
21/11/17	13th Bn.	TORTEFONTAINE	As arranged	FONTAINE SUR MAYE	As arranged	To follow same
	14th Bn.	SAULCHOY	regimentally.	ESTREES LES CRECY	arranged	Units of 13th
	15th Bn.	MAINTENAY		LIGESCOURT		
	16th Bn.	DOURIEZ	March to be completed by 1.p.m.	ESTREES LES CRECY	regimentally.	Brigade Group as on previous
	4th M.G. Coy)	LE PETIT CHEMIN		FROYELLES.		
	4th T.M. Bty)					
	4th Fld. Coy.	MAINTENAY		WADICOURT.		
	4th Fld. Amb. (less 1 Sect)	ST. REMY AUX BOIS		MACHIEL.		
	7th A.A.S.C.	ST. REMY AUX BOIS		MACHIEL		
	4th Bde.H.Q.	DOURIEZ		LIGESCOURT CHATEAU		

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*R. W. [Signature]*  
Major.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Destination.	Route.
21/11/1917	13th Bn.	TORREFONTAINE	9.a.m.	FONTAINE SUR MAYE	DOMPIERRE - WADICOURT - ESTREES LES CRECY.
	14th Bn.	SAULCHOY	9.a.m.	ESTREES LES CRECY	DOURIEZ - DOMPIERRE - WADICOURT.
	15th Bn.	MAINTENAY	9.30.a.m.	LIGESCOURT	SAULCHOY - DOURIEZ.
	16th Bn.	DOURIEZ	9.a.m.	ESTREES LES CRECY →	ESTURAL - PONCHES - DOMPIERRE - WADICOURT.
	4th M.G. Coy 4th T.M. Bty	LE PETIT CHEMIN	9.a.m.	FROYELLES	LIGESCOURT - CRECY - FONTAINE SUR MAYE.
	4th Fld. Coy.	MAINTENAY	9.a.m.	WADICOURT	SAULCHOY - DOURIEZ - LIGESCOURT
	4th Fld. Amb. (less 1 Sect)	ST. REMY AUX BOIS	9.10.a.m.	MACHIEL	SAULCHOY - ARGOULES - LE PETIT CHEMIN. - VIRCNCHAUX.
	7th A.A.S.C.	ST. REMY AUX BOIS	9.a.m.	MACHIEL	do. do. do.
	4th Bde.H.Q.	DOURIEZ	10.a.m.	LIGESCOURT CHATEAU	Direct.

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*R. J. Powell*  
Major.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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① Capt Slater

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OPERATION ORDER No: 52

- by -  
Major E. J. PARKS M. C.  
T/Commanding, 16th Battalion, A. I. F.

Headquarters,  
16th BATTALION, A.I.F.  
21st November, 1917.

DUTIES

COMPANY FOR DUTY  
ORDERLY OFFICER  
" SERGEANT  
" CORPORAL  
SERGEANT OF GUARD

"B" Company  
Lieut: J.M. PIENRY  
Sgt: O'CONNOR F.R.  
Cpl: THORN R.  
Sgt: PRESCOTT W.J.

1. The Battalion will move to-morrow to NEUILLY-L'HOPITAL
2. Previous instructions for moves will stand
3. STARTING POINT Road Junction in centre of town by Q.M. Store
4. STARTING TIME 9.a.m.
5. ORDER OF MARCH  
"A" Company  
"B" and Details  
Band  
"C" Company  
"D"

Details will report to "B" Coy: at 8.30.a.m.

6. Men exempted daily by R.M.O., from carrying packs, will report to Battalion Orderly Room at 8.30.a.m. daily.

Captain.  
Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Table showing move into No. 5 Area.

(Issued in connection with 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 116).

Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Destination.	Route.
22/11/17	13th Bn.	FONTAINE SUR MAYE	9.a.m.	HAUTVILLERS	FROYELLES - LAMOTTE - BULEUX.
	14th Bn.	ESTREES LES CRECY	9.30.a.m.	CANCHY	FONTAINE SUR MAYE - FROYELLES.
	15th Bn.	LIGESCOURT	9.a.m.	LE TITRE	CRECY - FONTLHEIR - FOREST L'ABBAYE
	16th Bn.	ESTREES LES CRECY ← →	9.a.m.	NEUILLY L'HOPITAL	FONTAINE SUR MAYE - FROYELLES - CANCHY.
	4th M.G.Co) 4th T.M.By)	FROYELLES	9.a.m.	NEUILLY L'HOPITAL	CANCHY.
	4th Fld.Coy.	WADICOURT	9.a.m.	BUIGNY ST.MACLOU	CRECY - FOREST L'ABBAYE - LAMOTTE - BULEUX - HAUTVILLERS.
	4th Fld.Amb. (less 1 Sect)	MACHIEL	9.a.m.	LAMOTTE-BULEUX	CRECY - FOREST L'ABBAYE.
	7th A.A.S.C.	MACHIEL	9.10.a.m.	LAMOTTE-BULEUX	CRECY - FOREST L'ABBAYE.
	4th Bde.H.Q.	LIGESCOURT CHATEAU	9.15.a.m.	BUIGNY ST.MACLOU	CRECY - FOREST L'ABBAYE - LAMOTTE - BULEUX - HAUTVILLERS.

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*R. J. Fovell*  
Major.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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S E C R E T.

Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.  
HEADQUARTERS.  
21st November, 1917.

C. O.,

16th Battalion.

With reference to to-morrow's march the following amended starting times will be adhered to :-

15th Battalion	9.a.m.	} C. O's. to arrange starting point mutually.
13th "	9.a.m.	
14th "	9.a.m.	
16th "	9.a.m.	
4th M.G. Company)	9.15.a.m.	
4th T.M. Battery)	9.a.m.	

As these marches are training in march discipline all transport must march with Battalion and be under the supervision of the C.O. Cookers must march with Units.



*[Signature]*  
Major.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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OPERATION ORDER No: 53.

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- by -  
Major E. J. PARKS M.C.  
R/Commanding 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters,  
16th BATTALION, A.I.F.  
22nd November, 1917.

DUTIES

COMPANY FOR DUTY  
ORDERLY OFFICER  
" SERJEANT )  
" CORPORAL )  
SERJEANT OF GUARD )

"G" Company.  
Lieut: KEMPNER  
detailed by Company

1. The Battalion will move to-morrow 23-11-17 to CHEPY.
  2. LOADING PARTY (1sgt: and 10 men) will report to Q.M. at 6.30.a.m.
  3. STARTING POINT Junction of 3rd Class Road running past <sup>BATTN</sup> ~~Q.M.~~:H.Q. and main GANOHY-ABBEVILLE road.
  4. STARTING TIME 8.40.a.m.
  5. ORDER OF MARCH  
"D" Company  
"G" and details  
Band  
"B" Company  
"A"  
Transport.
- Details will report to "G" Coy: at 8.a.m. SHARP
6. Limbers will call for Blankets at "A" and "G" Coys: at 6.20.a.m.  
"B" and "D" will dump blankets at Q.M. Store by 7.a.m.
  7. All other instructions for move will stand.
  8. One hour's halt for mid-day meal will be made between 11-15.a.m. and 12 noon.

Captain.  
Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Table showing move into No. 5 Area.

(Issued in connection with 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 115).

Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Destination.	Route.	Remarks.
23/11/17	13th Bn.	HAUTVILLERS	8.40.a.m.	FRANLEU	BUIGNY - PORT LE GRAND - CAHON - QUESNOY.	1 hour's
	14th Bn.	CANCHY	8.40.a.m.	MIANNAY	LE PLESSIEL - ABBEVILLE - CAMBRON	halt for
	15th Bn.	LE TITRE	8.40.a.m.	QUESNOY LE MONTANT	QUESNOY - HAUTVILLERS - BUIGNY ST. MACLOU - PORT LE GRAND - CAHON.	mid-day
	1st Bn.	NEUILLY L'HOPITAL	8.40.a.m.	CHEPY	LE PLESSIEL - ABBEVILLE - CAMBRON - MIANNAY - MANCHAUX	meal will
	4th M.G. Coy 4th T.M. Bty	NEUILLY L'HOPITAL	8.30.a.m.	VALINES	LE PLESSIEL - ABBEVILLE - CAMBRON - MIANNAY.	to be made
	4th Fld. Coy	BUIGNY ST. MACLOU	8.35.a.m.	NIBAS	PORT LE GRAND - CAHON - QUESNOY - FRANLEU - OCHANCOURT.	on the road.
	4th Fld. Amb (less 1 Sect)	LAMOTTE BULEUX	8.50.a.m.	OCHANCOURT	HAUTVILLERS - BUIGNY ST. MACLOU - PORT LE GRAND - CAHON - QUESNOY - FRANLEU.	
	7th A.A.S.C.	LAMOTTE BULEUX	8.55.a.m.	MIANNAY	HAUTVILLERS - BUIGNY ST. MACLOU - Gd. LAVIERS - CAMBRON.	
	4th Bde.H.Q.	BUIGNY ST. MACLOU	8.30.a.m.	NIBAS	PORT LE GRAND - CAHON - QUESNOY - FRANLEU - OCHANCOURT.	

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As for Brigade Order No. 115.

*R. J. Fovell*  
 Major.  
 for Brigade-Major.  
 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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Appendix J APPENDIX J  
Wednesday Nov. 1917

OPERATION ORDER No: 54.

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- by -  
Major E. J. PARKS. M.C.  
T/Commanding, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters,  
16th BATTALION. A.I.F.  
23rd November, 1917.

1. The Battalion will move to ESCARBOTIN to-morrow 24-11-17.
2. STARTING POINT: Battalion Headquarters.
3. STARTING TIME: 9.a.m.
4. ORDER OF MARCH: "C" Company  
"D" and Details  
Band  
"A" Company  
"B"  
Transport.

Details will report to "D" Coy: at 8.30.a.m.

5. Previous instructions for marches, where starting time is 9.a.m. will stand.
6. Men exempt from marching by R.M.O., will report to Q.M.Store and not Battalion Orderly Room as previously
7. G.O.C., Division will see Battalion between 9.15.a.m. and 10.15.a.m. to-morrow.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Captain.  
Adjutant, 16th Battalion. A.I.F.



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4TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Table showing move into GAMACHES Area.

(Issued in connection with 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 116).

Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Destination.	Route.
					VALINES → FRESSENNEVILLE.
24/11/17	13th Bn.	FRANLEU	9.a.m.	WOINCOURT	VALINES.
	14th Bn.	MIANNAY	9.a.m.	FRESSENNEVILLE	FRANLEU - OCHANCOURT - NIBAS -
	15th Bn.	QUESNOY	9.a.m.	FRIVILLE	ESCARBOTIN.
	16th Bn.	CHEPY	9.a.m.	ESCARBOTIN	VALINES - FRESSENNEVILLE - FRIVILLE.
	4th M.G. Coy	VALINES	9.a.m.	ESCARBOTIN	FRESSENNEVILLE.
	4th T.M. Bty	VALINES	9.10.a.m.	WOINCOURT	FRESSENNEVILLE.
	4th F. Coy.	NIBAS	8.30.a.m.	BEAUCHAMPS	FRIVILLE - WOINCOURT - DARGNIES. At conclusion of march 4th Field Company will come under C.R.E. 4th Aus. Div.
	4th F. Amb. (less 1 Sec)	OCHANCOURT	9.a.m.	FRESSENNEVILLE	Direct.
	7th A.A.S.C.	MIANNAY	8.45.a.m.	WOINCOURT	VALINES - FRESSENNEVILLE.
	4th Bde.H.Q.	NIBAS	9.30.a.m.	FRIVILLE	ESCARBOTIN.

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*R. J. Tovey*

Major.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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APPENDIX. *K*

Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.  
HEADQUARTERS.  
17th November, 1917.

*War Diary Nov 1917*

C. O. All Units Brigade Group.

re Daily Marches.

G.O.C. Division wishes particular attention to be paid to halts. These will be made at 10 minutes to clock hour.

The Brigadier noticed the following points this morning -

- (a) It is the custom of the service for troops to march at attention, with band playing, through townships and villages. This was not done in one instance this morning and the custom must be observed in future, as it brings great discredit on the Brigade.
- (b) Every man in Battalion except Transport personnel, cyclists, despatch riders, two cooks per cooker, and those under medical treatment, must wear their packs on the march. It was noticed that in far too many instances, batmen, brakesmen and Headquarters personnel of all kinds were not wearing packs. It was also noticed that some brakesmen had put their rifles on the limbers. This must be rectified with a firm hand and special checks made throughout the march.
- (c) Several stragglers were found in FRUGES. It is the duty of rear guards to collect these men.
- (d) Cooks not acting as brakesmen must march in a formed body either in fours or file. In one instance this morning seven men were seen following a vehicle in no formation at all.

*(e) Too many men are being carried on motor lorries.*

*[Signature]*  
Major.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.





Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.  
HEADQUARTERS.  
21st November, 1917.

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Dear *Nark*

Just a few points in some units that I want attending to -

- (a) Muck quicker step by the Band.
- (b) Smarter transport - vehicles to be washed and harness cleaned after each march. I saw a Battalion in 13th Brigade to-day whose transport was a credit to any Brigade.
- (c) Uniformity in fitting equipment in each Battalion.
- (d) Transport to march with Battalions. This ensures C.O.'s. looking to the march discipline.
- (e) Cookers free from rubbish, kits, etc.
- (f) Only the regulation interval between Companies i.e. 6 yards, not 100 yards. We are not in Front Area now.
- (g) Units must march by the road laid down in Brigade Order.
- (h) All men marching to have steel helmets. If necessary they should take over the helmets of those who travel by motor lorries.

The Divisional Commander and myself will be at the Cross Roads S.E. of the V in MARCHEVILLE at 10.a.m. to-morrow 22nd instant to see 4th M.G. Company, 4th T.M. Battery, 13th, 14th and 16th Battalions go by and will also see the 4th Field Company and 15th Battalion on the Northern outskirts of FOREST L'ABBAYE.

I hope he will not see the same faults as I have seen to-day.

Yours sincerely,

*C. H. ...*





Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.  
HEADQUARTERS.  
22nd November, 1917.

C. O.,

All units, 4th Flt. Coy., 4th Flt. Ambce.

after seeing all units of the Brigade to-day, the Brigadier desires attention paid to the following points :-

- (a) Hour of starting. Some units do not adhere strictly to the hour of starting as laid down in Brigade Order, consequently the Divisional Commander or Brigadier cannot be sure of seeing a unit pass a point where it is calculated that unit should pass at a certain hour.
- (b) In spite of orders one unit sent its Cookers on ahead. There is no objection to doing this normally at the last halt, but the Divisional Commander particularly desired to see Cookers at 9.30. a.m. to-day.
- (c) Still lack of uniformity in wearing equipment even in the same Company, shows that Platoon and Company Commanders do not thoroughly overhaul their men before starting.
- (d) The step of the Bands generally greatly improved but it is open to question whether the men after the Band stops do 120 to the minute. Opinions vary. Train the Band to play the same time as men march naturally.
- (e) Transport generally on the improve, but it is still "galling" to have the 13th Brigade transport held up as a sealed sample mainly through the neglected steel work in the majority of cases.
- (f) Men riding on wagons. If a man with an M.O. cart is put on the wagon then the brakeman must walk.
- (g) Several men still wearing the specialist badge on shoulder straps instead of on the sleeve.
- (h) Units generally march in middle of road instead of allowing room for vehicles approaching from behind to pass without going into the ditch.
- (i) This morning one Unit Commander gave the order "fall in", "attention", "by the left quick march". This is 20 years out of date.  
At the 10 minute to hour halt, a whistle is blown by someone in authority, the men immediately should move to the side of road and rest. 10 seconds ought to be the maximum time from the blowing of whistle to the men lying down resting.  
Again 2 minutes before the move off Platoon Commanders should warn all ranks to get ready, and just before the time to move, the C.O. column should blow one whistle blast which means "fall in" on the road following shortly after by another as a signal to move off at ease.
- (j) Better synchronization of watches. A good way is for the Adjutant to check all officers watches as they pass the starting point.
- (k) Hames of all animals to be logged and tails pulled.
- (l) C.O.'s. unit are responsible for the cleanliness of Train Wagons temporarily attached to their units.
- (m) The "march reports" forwarded to Brigade for transmission to Div. Headquarters on the conclusion of a march often do not coincide with actual facts. The Brigadier has seen two or three men of a unit with an M.O. cart yet a "nil" return has been submitted.
- (n) Some officers still salute by putting their finger tips somewhere behind the right ear.
- (o) The next time the Divisional Commander decides to see units on the march he will probably stand in the middle of road about 5 minutes before the unit passes to see if all sections of force

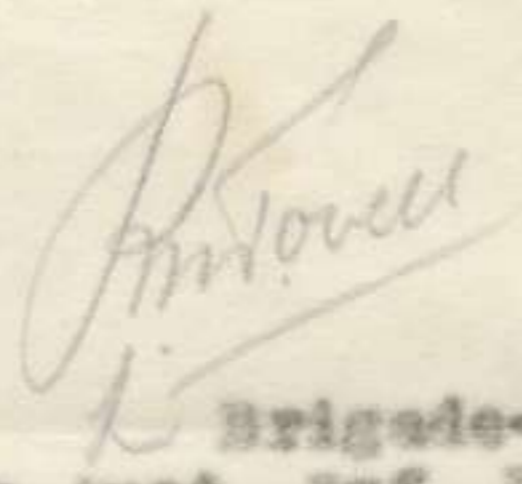


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are covered off. To-day one Battalion was very much webby.

If time does not permit of discussing these points with all Company Officers to-night at the usual conference the Brigadier desires at the first 10 minute to clock hour halt to-morrow all officers be assembled and these points explained. The C.O.C. Division will see the Brigade when it moves into the final area (FRIVILLE - PRESSONVILLE - WOIRCOURT) on 24th instant.



Major.  
Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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APPENDIX. L

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ORDERS FOR INSPECTIONBY G. O. G.

1. The Battalion will be formed up at 9.a.m. to-morrow 27th instant, on square, in same formation as to-day.
2. DRESS: OFFICERS: Open Tunics, Hats and Web Equipment.  
MEN: Greatcoats and Drill Order. No Respirators. Equipment to be worn outside Greatcoats.
3. MARKERS will report to H. B. M., on square at 8.30.a.m. SHARP.
4. STATES on attached pro forma showing details of all men off parade, to be in orderly room by 7.30.a.m.

~~Handwritten signature~~  
Captain.  
Adjutant, 10th Battalion, I.F.



## APPENDIX L

SPECIAL PARADE STATE  
OF 16th BATTALION. A.I.F.

28th NOVEMBER, 1917.

	Offs:	O. Ranks
TOTAL STRENGTH OF UNIT ... ..	38	597
ON DETACHMENT ... ..	7	49
	31	548
<u>LESS:</u> DUTIES ... ..	3	143
	28	405
ON PARADE ... ..	28	405

DUTIES:

Orderly Officer (1 - 0), Ord: Sgt: & Cpl: (2)  
 Escort (9), Q.M. Store, Bootmaker, Tailor (1 - 10)  
 Coy: Ord: Cpls: (4), Storemen (4), Mess Cooks (5)  
 Coy: Cooks (11), Local Leave (10), Pioneers (7)  
 Sanitary (8), Waiter (1), Grooms (2), Guard (11),  
 Ord: Room, Pay Sgt: & Runners (9), Sick (7),  
 Detention (2). TRANSPORT (1-41)

*[Signature]*  
Major.

P/Commanding, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.



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## APPENDIX L

FOR PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

## MILITARY CROSS:

Captain C. Ahearn M.C.  
 Lieut: H.J. Bradley M.C.  
 2/Lieut: J. B. Minchin M.C.

## DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL:

4030 Cpl: Ffoulkes J. E.

## BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL:

317 Sgt: McKinnon A.J.

## MILITARY MEDAL:

1807.a. Pte Robbins F.J.  
 618 Cpl Tilbrook W.W.  
 775 ~~Geaney~~ Gooney J.  
 4904 Sgt Schiff W.A.  
 6276 Inglis W.E.  
 5436 Pte Sparrow V.C.  
 2913 Sgt Murray W.  
 7041 Pte Lee A.J.  
 2465 Dvr Cowling A.E.  
 6946 Sgt Bradshaw G.W.  
 5162 Pte O'Sullivan W.  
 3894 Cpl Elliot J.  
 6223 L/Cpl Bonser A.J.  
 5160 Pte Nineham C.  
 1656 Scott T.H.R.  
 743 Cpl McQuade C.  
 2202 L/Cpl Dinnie W.  
 3510 Pte Loffman P.  
 1303 McGuinness W.  
 5469 White L.  
 6131 Ochiltree A.  
 6249 Dance A.

## MILITARY MEDAL RIBBON:

749 Sgt McGrath M.  
 341 McGrath S.  
 1042 Cpl Halliday W.J.P.  
 78 Sgt Martin G.H.  
 6085 Pte Robinson J.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

TRAINING ORDER NO. 1.

Reference Map ABBEVILLE 1/100,000.

1. A Brigade Route March will take place on 30th November, 1917, as per table below.
2. All transport (less that required for drawing rations) will accompany units. Vehicles and pack animals to be reasonably loaded.
3. A halt for mid-day meal will be made from about 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at a spot South of YZENGREMER between railway and DARGNIES.

Unit.	Starting point.	Time to pass.	Route.
15th Bn.		9 a.m.	TULLY - MARTAIGNEVILLE
4th M.G. Coy.	Church	9.8 a.m.	
16th Bn.		9.12 a.m.	ALLENAY - BETHENCOURT
13th Bn.	FRIVILLE.	9.20 a.m.	
4th T.M. Bty.		9.28 a.m.	YZENGREMER - DARGNIES
14th Bn.		9.31 a.m.	WOINCOURT.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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*C. W. Johnston*  
 Major,  
 Brigade-Major,  
 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Extra copies to -  
 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade.  
 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

*Starting Time of*  
*Point (B<sup>4</sup> to be formed up, in square in mass ready to move by 8/40 am).*  
*Right to left: D. C. B. A*

*Parade states per pro forma 7.30 AM*  
*Markers 8/30 am*

*Transport, headed by cooks, to be in road to right of square facing White Horse Hotel*

*Dress: Full marching order. Turn out to be up to standard set by guards of last 4 days*  
*Washing clean. After the march all mess gear to be washed in Cuddy's shed. Officers to separate & report R.M.C. to supply necessary Cuddy's to be drawn*



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APPENDIX M  
WAR DIARY  
November 17

TRAINING ORDER No: 1

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by -  
Major E. J. PARKS M.C.  
T/Commanding 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters,  
16th BATTALION. A.I.F.  
29th November, 1917.

1. A Brigade Route March will take place on 30th November, 1917.
2. Battalion will be formed up in Square in Mass ready to move by 8.45.a.m. Right to Left D. C. B. A. One marker per company and one from Details will report to R.S.M. in Square at 8.15.a.m.
3. DRESS: Full Marching Order with Steel Helmets and Respirators. Turn-out must be up to Standard set by Guards ps past four days. Transport, headed by Cookers to be in road to right of Square, facing White Horse Hotel.
4. All Transport (Less that required for drawing rations) will be on this parade. Vehicles and Pack animals to be reasonably loaded.
5. Parade States to be in Orderly Room by 7.30.a.m.
6. Sick Parade at 7.15.a.m.
7. A halt for mid-day meal will be made from about 11.30.a.m. to 1.p.m. at a spot South of YZENGREMER between railway and DARGNIES.
8. After the march all mens feet to be washed in Condy's Fluid, Officers to supervise and report. R.M.O., will supply necessary Condy's Fluid. Companies and Details will draw from R.M.O. direct.
9. SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS: O.C., Details to arrange that one man from the Sanitary Section be told off to each Company for every Route March, to march with that Company, carrying a shovel instead of a Rifle, and at each halt to dig latrine, filling in same before moving off again. O's. C., Company to see that this man does his work properly.
10. OFFICERS MESS GEAR. Mess Cart will be available to carry all Officers' Mess Gear.
11. Men inoculated are exempt from the Route March, but they are to be in Billets whilst Battalion is on parade, and not walking around the town.
12. "B" Company will have a Rear Guard of 1 Officer and 20 O.Ranks told off. This party will march with Company and not at rear of Battalion unless specially ordered to do so during march.

*Woods*

Captain.  
Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

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