

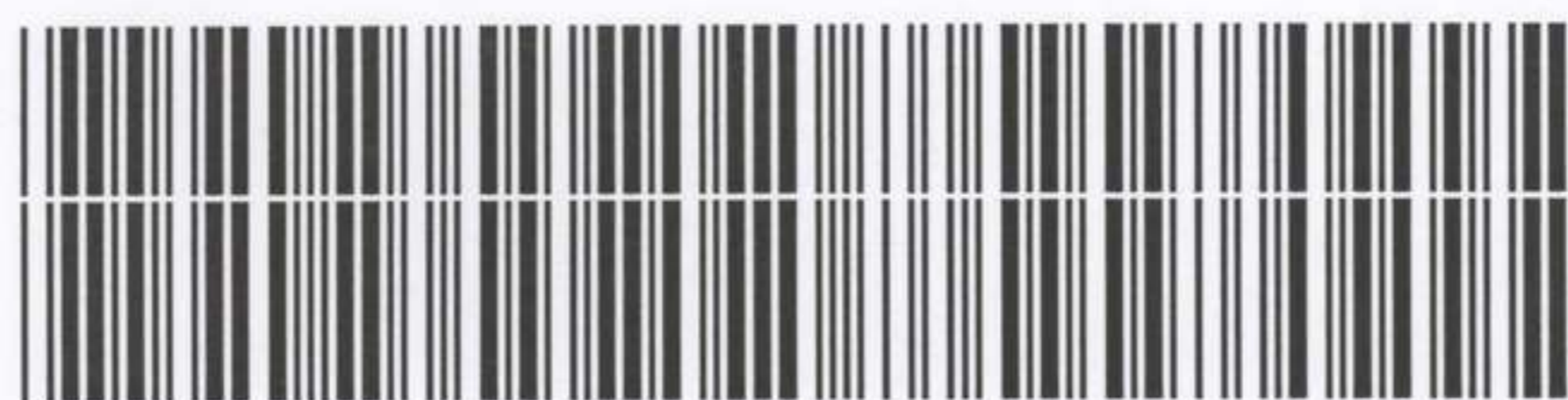
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LA. ROMARIN	Jan 1st 1918		Cold wind blowing with some snow. Preparations made for Battalion to proceed to the Line to relief 25th A. I. BN. The following Officer & NCOs proceeded to England to Sixth Training Bn. Lieut S. C. Stockham, Sgt Curgenven W. F. Cpl Marra W. Cpl Allen G. W. Major P. C. Raper proceeded to Artillery course (4 days).	
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PLOEGSTEERT AREA.	Jan 2nd		A little snow falling, but milder. - "A" & B boys entrained at ROMARIN SIDING at 3 PM. "C" & "D" boys & HQ Qns at 3-15. The Bn was conveyed by light railway to RACINE DUMP (U. 31. 3. 9) and proceeded to trenches by way of hook SLIPPY ALLEY - ST. YVES AVENUE & ULTIMO AVENUE. The Bn took over the duties of the 25th Bn "A" Bn. Right Section, LEFT BRIGADE, SECOND DIVISION. The relief was effected without any casualties and report sent by telephone to Brigade at 6-20 PM. The situation was quiet during the night. Several T. Mortars of the enemy fired a few MINENWERFER on the front line but without effect. The support line received some attention from enemy 4.2s. - Casualties Nil - Work - General work on improvement of trenches and wire in front of posts was carried on throughout the night. No special working party was detailed. Disposition of troops - A & B boys front line posts. "D" boy supports a "C" boy Reserve at PROUSE POINT. U 14. D. B. 9.	
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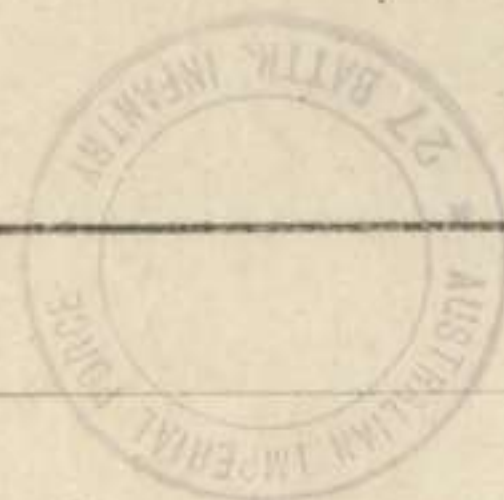
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PHOENIX STREET AREA.	Jan 3 rd		Jan 3 rd Very cold, freezing hard. - The normal amount of enemy shelling took place. Enemy aircraft showed considerable activity, and engagements with our machines took place without apparent result. Our F.A. Guns were active at times, and drove the enemy machines back over his lines. Many of our planes flew over the enemy lines and were heavily engaged with F.A. Guns but without any damage to our machines. The day was calm and visibility the best experienced for many days. Between 5-30 ^{PM} 6-30 ^{PM} 'D' Coy support relieved 'A' Coy front line. A systematic straffing of the enemy T.M.S positions was carried out by our own artillery between 9-55 ^{PM} 9-11-15 ^{PM} . Our Scouts reconnoitred the whole of our left Coy front between 6-30 ^{PM} 9-11-30 ^{PM} . They saw only 3 guns behind their own wire and effectually scattered them with bombs. The enemy wire was carefully examined from the Riverbys to the WARNETON - LA BASSE VILLE Railway, and found to be very strong everywhere, except a short span by the railwayline. Casualties Pt READ A.W. evacuated with slight abrasion of Right Leg. General improvement of Posts in front line proceeded with. Duck boards 'A' frames & barbed wire were carried forward. 50 yds of Duckboards placed in Support Trench.	
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PLOEGSTEET AREA.	Jan 4 th		Very cold winds, but fine & clear. During the day and night enemy artillery was very quiet. Several T.M.s fired intermittently on our front line but without inflicting any harm to garrison or defences. Our artillery strafed various suspected T.M. positions both by day and night. Aerial activity was considerable on both sides, many of our planes returned from German territory in the early morning, apparently from bombing stunts. One of our "Bombers" was forced by five enemy planes to descend behind WARNETON in the enemy lines. Sgt Roberston (Scout Sgt) with 5 men & L.C. patrolled between Left Coy frontage & WARNETON, and were assailed with eight bombs, but without any injury. They subsequently patrolled the whole of this front and returned about 9-30 PM. The usual relief of the Left Coy in the line was effected between 5-30 PM & 6-30 PM without casualties. 'A' Coy going into the line & 'D' Coy into Support. Work on the improvement of posts and connection of same proceeded with. More barbed wire was placed out in front, and stores carried forward from the Dump to the line. 80 yds of Support Trench cleared for drainage under Duckboards, and 30 yds furnished with pavements and duckboards.	
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PHOEG STREET AREA.			Jan 5 th Misty & cold. The situation was quiet throughout the day. Owing to the heavy mist observation was limited. The usual relief in the	
MAP REF SHEET 28 S.W. & S.E.			left front line took place. D Coy going into the line & A Coy into Support. Scout Sgt Robertson with 5 men & Lewis Gun reconnoitred the enemys wire on our left front and saw no enemy, but heard	
"			coughing & talking. The enemys wire had not been improved during the past 24 hours. Large enemy mineexplosives from the direction of	
"			WARNETON fired on No 3 post, the trench was blown in in several places but no casualties occurred. More wire was put out in front	
"			of the Outpost line and the posts further improved. A party of 2 NCO's & 30 men under the direction of the works Officer, Lieut Riggs	
"			27 th Bn, continued resetting & draining Support Trench.	
"			casualties for the 24 hours. Nil.	
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PLOEG STEERT AREA.	Jan 6 th		<p>The day was very quiet except for the activity of our Aeroplanes, which flew freely over the enemy lines, and some were apparently bent of bombing stunts. Enemy F.A. Guns and M.G.S as well as his artillery unusually quiet. A thaw commenced the previous night and continued throughout the day, but the sky cleared later, and frost set in once more during the evening. Between 5 P.M. & 6-30 P.M. "C" Coy Reserves relieved "B" Coy Right front line and "A" relieved "D" in left front line. Our Scouts again reconnoitred No Mans Land but did not see or hear any of the enemy, the whole front was unusually quiet during the whole 24 hours. Repairs of damage to posts on the Right, caused by enemy Minenwerfers finished, general improvement of all trenches continued. The thaw necessitated much work in the front trenches to keep them fairly dry and to prevent the sides falling in.</p> <p>Casualties for the day Nil</p>	
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PLOEGSTEERT AREA	Jan 7 th		<p>The front was quiet throughout the day, the usual amount of artillery being directed by our guns against enemy targets but little retaliation was drawn. During heavy mist, observation was poor in the morning. During the afternoon the sky cleared & many of our planes were busy on patrol & reconnaissance work. D'boy relieved F' boy as usual. Revetting the front line trenches was proceeded with as rapidly as possible. This was much impeded during the night through the darkness. Work of cleaning, draining, and preparing for revetting carried out. 2 NCO's 30 O'Rank employed under Works Officer Lieut Riggs on support line.</p> <p>Casualties for the day Nil.</p>	
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PHOENIXSTEERT AREA	Jan 8 th		<p>The situation was normal throughout the day. Our heavies directed 100 rounds of 9.2" shells into a target in DEULEMONT. with apparently good results. The day was very cold with several very heavy falls of snow, which made observation poor. - Sgt Robertson & 5 men with a Lewis Gun went out to patrol No Mans Land, they fired several bombs & rifle grenades into a machine gun position. The enemy immediately sent up flares all along his line & called for a barrage which was put down lightly on our support line, and in rear of our forward posts. No casualties occurred & the patrol returned to our lines. Minenwerfers were active throughout the night, and our Leason patrol returning from a visit from the Bn on our right were all killed apparently with the one projectile. Retreating of front line posts further advanced. Casualties for the day 3 Killed Cpl. Harvey Pte Allen Pte Francis.</p>	
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PLOEGSTEERT AREA.	Jan 9 th		The front was very quiet during the day. The 4-5 Battery in our rear carried out a shoot on WICART FARM with an Officer observing in front line trenches. The result was excellent, the farm being totally destroyed.	
MAP REF SHEET 28. SW + SE.			A heavy fall of snow fell between 2-30 PM & 3-30 PM. During the morning there was considerable aerial activity & two planes believed to be ours, were seen to fall in rear of WARNETON as the result of a collision in the air.	
RED LODGE			The 25 th Battalion relieved the 27 th Battalion in the line between 5-30 PM and 7-30 PM without any casualties. Not a shot was fired on our front during the whole relief. The 27 th Bn took over the billets vacated by the 25 th Bn at RED LODGE (T. 18.D.7.4.). Casualties during our tour of duty in the front line trenches from January 2 nd to Jan 9 th were 3 Killed and 1 wounded.	
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PLOEGSTEERT AREA	Jan 10 th		Cold but fine. During the day the following work was done by the Battalion				
RED LODGE			PLACE	SIZE OF PARTY	HOURS WORKED	NATURE OF WORK	REMARKS
MAP REF. SHEET	U.17.A.6.1		15	O/Ranks	4 1/2	Trucking & carrying	1 Officer in Charge
28.S.W. & S	"		18	"	4	Digging & erecting Dugouts 8" x 6" x 5"	
	U 16. B. 24		35	O/Ranks	4	Constructing Dugouts & Trucking	1 Officer in charge
	U 17. A.		38	"	4	Excavating 2 Dugouts Digging berm in trench 25yds Trucking & carrying	1 Officer in charge
Decorations -	The following awards appeared in orders today —						
	Lt Colonel J.C.F. Slane V.D.				D.S.O.		
	Lieut. H. R. Neale				M.C.		
	O.M. & Hon Lieut F.B. Newell				M.C.		
	Lieut S.P. Woods				M.C.		

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PLOEGSTEERT AREA	Jan 11 th		<p>Light rain fell during the day making the ground very wet & sloppy. The following work was carried out by the Bn.</p> <p>Deepening & widening Support Trench in the forward area.</p> <p>Constructing accommodation trench, Pumping out Pill Boxes.</p> <p>Lapping wiring and constructing shelters in V. 17. A. 4. 7.</p> <p>Trucking and carrying from Racine Dump, 50 sheets of iron</p> <p><u>50 'A' frames</u> and <u>6 bales of sandbags</u></p>	
RED LODGE MAP REF SHEET 28.S.W. & S.E.				
Schools			<p>The following Officers & NCOs were selected to attend Infantry Course at the Australian Corps School -</p> <p>Lieut Devonshire G.S. No 398 Sgt. Murray W.W.</p> <p>a 1507 Cpl Williams R.S.</p>	
Posting			<p>Lieut J.W.K. Beddome to 'B' Coy to be 2nd in Command.</p> <p>2/Lieut H.V. Neuman to 'C' Coy</p> <p>2/Lieut W. Read to 'D' Coy.</p>	
				<p>AM More Lt T.O. 27th Bn.</p>

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PLOEGSTEERT AREA RED LODGE MAP REF SHEET 28. SW. + SE	Jan 12 th		<p>Snow fell during the morning but clear + fine in the afternoon. Forty eight men were employed during the day on the following work. Clearing trenches in V.17.A.6.1 to "A" frame gauge + revetting. Repairing duckwalks + laying 30 yds of new ones in the forward area. The 27th Bn was relieved of its present works programme by the 23rd Aust Inf Bn. The 27th Bn took over the forward posts garrisoned by the 21st Bn. The garrisons consist of a nucleus of 1 NCO + 4 men and Lewis Gun per post:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> 'A' Coy 1. 2. + 3 Posts forming 1st Line of Posts 'B' Coy 4 5 + 6 " " 2nd " " " " " " " 3rd " " " B Coy 7 8 + 9 " " " " </p> <p>One guide from each post of 21st Bn met our garrisons at Leyde Park corner near Red Lodge and all posts were relieved in daylight.</p>	
			<p>Ammunition Lt I O. 27th Bn.</p>	

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PLOEGSTEERT AREA RED LODGE MAP REF SHEET 28. SW. & SE	Jan 13 th		Dull but fine. 150 men & 3 Officers were employed on the following work. Trucking material for revetting & duckboarding trenches in the forward area. Wiring in front of nucleus garrisons and revetting & improving accommodation of same. Constructing Machine Gun positions at posts. Improving overland tracks to Posts.	
"	Jan 14 th		Heavy snow fall during the night. Improvement to Posts was continued during the day 100 men employed.	
"			Lieut. V. A. W. Riggs to Corps School. Lieut. E. Holloway to School. The following Officers marched in - Lieut. Gatley from Corps School Lieut. Coleman from Engineer working party. 34 O/Ranks marched in from Engineer working party.	
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			<u>Jan 14th</u>	
PL. DEEGSTEEBART AREA			Cold damp day - Bn on fatigue & working parties. Trucking & carrying material from dump to trenches, constructing machine gun positions at Nucleus Garrison Posts. Enemy artillery active against our heavy batteries in rear of RED LODGE.	
RED LODGE			Major W. P. Devonshire DSO to English Leave. 2/Lieut Gally from School. 2/Lt Coleman from Engineer Working Party. Lieut Devonshire Lt. to school.	
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			<u>Jan 15th</u>	
"			Light rain. Battalion on work in connection with Nucleus Garrison Posts, and carrying material from dumps forward. Enemy artillery, and aircraft normal, our heavy batteries fired 150 rounds on targets in rear of our lines, which brought retaliation from enemy batteries, but no damage was done.	
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PHOEGSTEERT	Jan 16 th		Heavy rain at intervals during the day.	
AREA			Battalion on work in connection with Defences in the forward area carrying material, wire, duckboards, & resetting	
RED LODGE			material from Racine Dump to AVENUE FARM. U. Q. C. 3. 8.	
MAP REF SHEET			Boils of concertina wire placed in gaps near U. Q. 6. & U. 15. 8.	
28. S. W. & S. E.			Flank parapets were constructed at HASTED HOUSE. One party intended wiring along the banks of the RIVER DOUVRE, but the recent rains rendered work impossible, the river was in flood, so material was dumped near by. Owing to shortage of team Boole's	
"			much work was unable to be completed. One complete Platoon from 'A' Coy reported to the Adjutant 'Emu Camp' for special	
"			training, in connection with Brigade Training School Camp	
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PHOENIX STEERT AREA.	Jan 17 th		Misty rain & dull. B Coy salvaging. "A B & D" companies on work in connection with Nucleus	
RED LODGE MAP REF SHEET 28.S.W.9.S.E.			Garrisons. Owing to the sodden condition of the ground work was greatly hindered. Enemy artillery active searching for our batteries, but the shooting was wide of the mark. 2/Lt Neuman proceeded to Emu Camp.	
	Jan 18 th		Finer conditions prevailed. Bn on work. —	
			1400 yds of Apron Wire completed. Material for construction & repairing of defences carried from Dump to work.	
			Angle Irons for wiring carried from Light Railway Head. Lieut R H Harris proceeded on English Leave. Lieut's Peltaw & Kosking to Paris.	

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PHOEGSTEERT AREA.	Jan 19 th		Fine day. 1 company on salvage work, 3 Corps on work in forward area. Trucking & carrying material for wiring, levelling overland track to posts, draining & revetting trenches in & around Posts at AVENUE FARM. DONNINGTON HALL & HASTED HOUSE	
RED LODGE MAP REF SHEET 28 SW & SE.			4 Officers & 189 Other Ranks employed on this work. 2/Lt Hughes R 76 to school. Lieut J.A. Mitchell from English Leave.	
"	Jan 20 th		Dull but fine. Bn resumed work as per programme. improving & constructing trenches and tracks in the forward area. Lieut A.F. Wood marched in from Hospital.	
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PLOEGSTEERT AREA	Jan 21 st		Very sloppy underfoot; light rain. Bn working in forward area; constructing & improving strong points	
RED LODGE			trucking & carrying material for trenches. 400 yds of apron wire completed.	
MAP REF SHEET			Enemy shells, 8 in Howitzers on Red Lodge	
28-S.W. & SE			no casualties. Lieut b.b.g M'Conn to English Leave	
"			Lieut R G. Howwood appointed Works Officer for 27 th Bn.	
Congratulatory			Prior to going on leave the C.O. Mjr F.R. Chalmers expressed	
"			to all ranks his keen appreciation of the excellent manner in	
"			which they have carried out their duties, during the Bn's tour of	
"			duty in the forward area. During the coming month the Bn	
"			will go into a Rest Area. During the stay there the Brigade	
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PLOEGSTEERT AREA	Jan 24 th		Beautiful day, like Spring. The Bn still at work in the forward area, trucking, carrying, wiring	
RED LODGE M.P. REF SHEET 28.5 W.			9 improving trenches & Strong Points. One Company on Salvage Work. Lieut Coombe W.S. to Hospital evacuated sick.	
	Jan 25 th		The Spring weather continues. The ground is rapidly drying up. Work was still continued in the forward area, the dryer conditions making tasks much easier. Enemy aircraft active over our lines, enemy artillery particularly aggressive, searching for our batteries, no damage done.	
	Jan 26 th		Fine & warm. Work on Strong Posts, trenches & overland tracks continued. Dugouts in the vicinity of HASTED HOUSE Strong Post were pumped out & cleaned. The following Officers proceeded on English Leave - Capt Matheson C.N. Lt J.H. Lapthorne M.C.	



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PLOEGSTEERT AREA	Jan 27 th		The Battalion left PLOEGSTEERT AREA, RED LODGE at 12-30, and marched to LOCRE by way of NEUVE EGLISE	
RED LODGE.			DRAUCOTRE and LOCRE. Order of march Hd Q ^{rs} . 'A', 'B', 'C', & 'D' companies. The Nucleus Garrisons in the forward area were	
LOCRE			relieved at 1-30 PM & marched to LOCRE to rejoin Bn.	
MAP REF			The 40 th Bn took over from the 27 th at RED LODGE, &	
HAZERBROEK SA			the 34 th relieved our Nucleus Garrisons on the Strong	
1/10,000, SHEET			Posts in the forward area. All trench stores were handed	
28. SW. 1/20,000.			over & receipts received in triplicate, a clearance certificate	
			was obtained from Gun Boat store. During the Battalion's	
			stay in the forward area, not one man was evacuated	
			with Trench Fat, which is a splendid record. The constant	
			attention paid to mens feet & the application of powder &	
			the issue of dry socks daily was a boon to all ranks.	
			Much work was carried out, sometimes under very wet conditions, but	
			through it all the health of all ranks was all that could be desired.	20

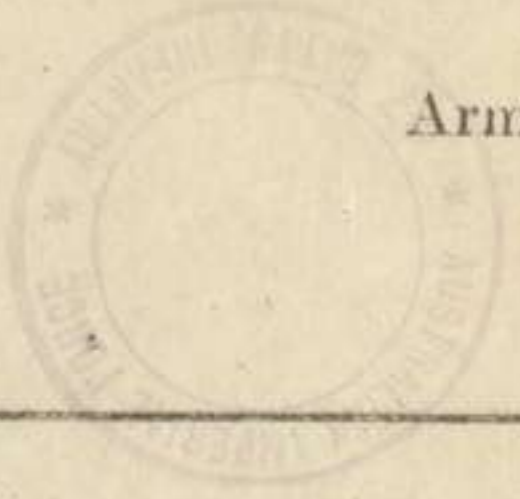
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LOCRE MAP REF SHEET 28.SW. 1/20,000.	Jan 28 th	at 10-30	Beautiful Day. Bn resting. Battalion parade inspection by Mjr Raper T/Commanding. In a short address to the troops the Commanding Officer complimented the Bn on its good work & behaviour in the line, & hoped that during the months rest, that all ranks will enjoy themselves & return to the fray strengthened & invigorated. During the afternoon the 27 th Bn played the 48 th Bn. Aust Rules Football. Score 27 th Bn 11 ⁴ - 8 ³ . 48 th 8 ⁴ QB.	
LOCRE "	Jan 29 th		The Bn continued its march back to the Rest Area, marching from Loere to DE KENNERBAK SIDING where it entrained for LOTTINGHAM at 1-18 PM, arriving LOTTINGHAM at 5-38 PM. Hot Coffee was served at this detraining point & the Bn then marched to CREMAREST & BELLEBRUNE, arriving in billets at 1-30 AM on the 30 th Jan. The distance marched was 28 miles & very few fell out on the journey.	amm.

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HENNEVEUX AREA MAP REF CALAIS. 13	Jan 30 th		Glorious day. Battalion resting & footwashing. Companies are situated some distance apart. Each Coy Commander conducts his own Parades.	
1/100,000.	Jan 31 st		Still warm & bright. Companies, under direction of Coy Commanders. Commenced training.	
BELL BRUNE			Light physical drill, & smartening up exercises were carried out; hours of work from 9.30 to 11.30 AM & from 2 PM until 4 PM.	
			During the past month the amount of material salvaged by this battalion amount is valued at £6,475.15.6.	
				<p>P. C. Rapier Major Commanding 27th Batt</p>

WAR DIARY

OF

27th Aust Inf Battalion

FOR

January 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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*Ammono Lt**27th Bn A. I. F*

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27th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

No (1)

OPERATION ORDER No. 17

51/12/17.

1. The 27th Battalion will relieve the 25th Battalion in the line on the 2nd Jan. and the night of the 2nd/3rd Jan. 1918.
2. The following are the details of the relief :
 - 'B' Coy 27th Bn. will take over the Right Coy's Sector in the line.
 - 'A' Coy., 27th Bn. will take over the left Coy's Sector in the line.
 - 'D' Coy., 27th will take over the Support Coy's position.
 - 'C' Coy., 27th will take over the Reserve Coy's position.
3. Maps, Aeroplane photos, Trench and Area Stores, will be taken over on relief and duplicate copies of all receipts forwarded to Bn. Hqs. by 10 a.m. on the 3rd Jan.
4. The present works policy will be taken over by Coys and carried on.
5. The Transport Lines of Units will remain as situated at present.
6. Dress: Battle Order, 48 hours rations and full water bottles. Each man will carry one blanket.
7. Packs will be plainly marked with each man's number and name and stacked at R.Q.M. Store by 11.30 a.m. on the 2nd. Jan. 1 blanket per man to be rolled in bundles of 10, each bundle being plainly labelled with Section, Platoon and Company, and stacked at R.Q.M. Store by 11.30 a.m., 2nd. Jan.
8. The Battalion will entrain at ROWARIN SIDING on 2nd Jan. Details of train arrangements and time will be notified later.
9. Completion of Relief will be wired to Bn.Hqs in code.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Adj. 27th Aus. Inf. Battalion.

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A. W. L. Davies M.C.

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APPENDIX

27th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Narative from 3 p.m., 3/1/18 to 6.30 p.m., 9/1/18.

3 p.m., 3rd.
to
6 a.m., 3rd
January.

The Battalion entrained at Le ROMARIN Siding at 3 and 3.15 p.m. for the trenches and took over the duties of "A" Battalion, Right Section, Left Brigade, Second Division. The relief was effected without any casualties and report sent by telephone to Brigade at 6.20 p.m.

The Distribution of the Unit was as follows :-

Right Coy, front line - "B" Company.

No. 1 Post		6	O/Ranks	
2 "	2 Offs.	28	"	1 Lewis Gun.
3		7	"	1 " "
4	1 "	19	"	1 " "
5	1 "	27	"	1 " "
Coy. H. Q.	1 "	26	"	
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TOTAL.	5 "	113	"	4 " "

Left Coy, front line - "A" Company

No. 6 Post	1 N.C.O.	15	O/Ranks	1 Lewis Gun.
7 "	1 Off.	14	"	1 Lewis Gun.
8 "	1 N.C.O.	15	"	1 Lewis Gun.
9 "	1 Off.	14	"	1 " "
Tunnel dug out	4 N.C.Os.	36	"	
Coy H. Q.	2 Off.	13	"	
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TOTAL	4 Offs.	6 N.C.Os.	107 O/Ranks	4 Lewis Guns.

Support Coy: "D" Company

Support Line		32	O/Ranks	2 Lewis Guns.
Iron Gate		32	"	2 " "
Coy Hqrs.	5 Off.	32	"	
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TOTAL.	5 "	96	"	4 Lewis Guns.

Reserve Coy: "C" Company.

Crater	1 Off.	28	O/Ranks	1 Lewis Gun
Coy Hqrs.	5 "	95	"	3 Lewis Guns
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TOTAL.	6 "	123	"	4 " "

The situation was quiet during the night. Several T. M's. fired on the front line but without effect. The Support Line received some attention from enemy 4.2s.

Casualties: Nil.

Work: General work on improvement of trenches and wire in front was carried on throughout the night. No special Working Party was detailed.

6.30 a.m., 3rd. The normal amount of enemy shelling took place. Enemy to aircraft showed considerable activity, and engagements with our 6.30 am. 4th. machines took place but without apparent result. Our A.A. January. guns were active at times and drove the enemy machines back over their own lines. Many of our planes flew over the enemy's

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lines and were heavily engaged with A.A. guns but with no visible damage to our machine. Many of our machines passed over our lines in both directions during the night.

The day was calm and visibility the best experienced for many days.

Between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m. 'D' Coy relieved 'A' Coy in the left Coy front and the latter Coy went into Support.

A systematic straffing of the enemy T.M. positions was carried out by our artillery between 9.55 p.m. and 11.15 p.m.

Out scouts reconnoitred the whole of our Left Coy Front between 6.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. They saw only 3 huns behind their own wire and threw three bombs at them which effectually scattered them. The enemy's wire was carefully examined from the river to the railway line and found to be very strong everywhere except for a few yards near the railway line.

Casualties: No.429 Pte. READ, A.W. evacuated with slight abrasion of Right Leg.

Work: General improvement of posts in front line proceeded with. Duck Boards, A Frames and barbed wire carried forward. 50 yards of duck boards placed in Support Trench and parapet renovated where blown in by enemy shell fire.

6.30 am. 4th
to
6.30 am. 5th
January.

During the day and night the enemy's artillery was very quiet. Several T.M.'s fired intermittently on our front line but without result. Our artillery straffed various suspected T.M. positions during the day and night.

Aerial activity was considerable on both sides. Many of our 'planes returned over our lines in the early morning, apparently from bombing stunts. One of our 'planes was forced by a squadron of enemy 'planes to descend behind WARNETON in the enemy lines.

A patrol of 1 Sgt. and 5 men with a L.G. patrolled between Left Coy frontage and WARBETON, and were assailed with 8 bombs but without any injury. They subsequently patrolled the whole of this front and returned about 9.30 p.m.

The usual relief of the left company in the front line was effected between 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. without casualties 'A' Coy going into the line and 'D' Coy going into Support.

Casualties: Nil.

Work: Work on the improvement of posts and connection of same proceeded with, more barbed wire placed out in front and stores carried forward from the dump to the line.

Support Trench: 80 yards cleared for drainage under "A" Frames and 30 yards furnished with revetments and duckboards.

6.30 am. 5th
to
6.30 am. 6th
January.

The situation was quiet throughout the 24 hours. The day was misty and observation limited.

The usual relief in the left front line took place, 'D' Coy going into the line and 'A' Coy going into Support.

A patrol of 1 Sgt and 5 men with a Lewis Gun reconnoitred the enemy's wire on our left front and saw no enemy, but heard coughing and talking. The enemy's w/wire had not been improved during the last 48 hours.

Large enemy minnenwerfer from WARNETON fired on No.3 Post but no casualties occurred although the trench was blown in in several places.

Casualties: Nil.

Work: More wire was put out in front of the Outpost Line and the posts further improved.

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Support Line: The work on drainage and revetting was continued, a party of 2 N.C.O's and 30 men working under the Works Officer, Lieut. RIGGS.

6.30 am. 6th to 6.30 am. 7th January. The day was very quiet except for the activity of our aeroplanes which flew freely over the enemy's lines and some were apparently bent on bombing stunts. Enemy A.A. and M.Gs. as well as his artillery unusually quiet.

A thaw commenced the previous night and continued throughout the day but the sky cleared later and frost set in once more during the night 6/7th.

Between 5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m., 'C' Coy relieved 'B' Coy on the right coy. frontage and 'A' Coy relieved 'D' Coy in the left Coy front line.

Our scouts reconnoitred NO MAN'S LAND in front of our Left Coy but did not see or hear any of the enemy. The front was unusually quiet during the 24 hours.

Casualties: Nil.

Work: Repairs of damage to posts on the Right Coy sector, caused by enemy minnenwerfers, and general improvement of the trenches by revetting with sheet iron and "A" frames in places and duckboarded. The thaw necessitated much work in the front trenches to keep them fairly dry and to prevent the sides from falling in.

Support Line: 2 N.C.Os. and 30 men cleaned up 86 yards of the berm on either side of the trench and cleared under the duckboards for drainage.

6.30 am. 7th to 6.30 am. 8th January. The front was quiet throughout the day, the usual amount of artillery fire being directed by our guns against enemy targets but little retaliation was drawn. Observation was only fair throughout the day.

Our aircraft were pretty busy flying in groups of 8 and 10 into the enemy's territory and returning over our lines. They appeared to be engaged on bombing work. One group flew over WARNETON and did some observation work for our heavy artillery.

'D' Coy relieved 'A' Coy in the left of the front line, the latter company going into Support.

Casualties: Nil.

Works: Revetting the front line trenches was proceeded with as rapidly as possible. This was much impeded during the night through the darkness.

Support Line: Work of cleaning, draining and preparing for revetting carried out, 2 N.C.Os. and 30 O/ Rank s employed.

6.30 am. 8th to 6.30 am. 9th January. The situation was normal throughout the day. Our heavies directed 100 rounds of 9.2" shells into a target in DOULEMONT with apparently good results. None of our planes were seen in our immediate front. The day was cold with several heavy falls of snow which made observation impossible while they lasted. While the heavies were firing in the afternoon the snow stopped falling and observation was good.

A patrol of 1 Sgt. and 5 men (scouts) went out with a Lewis Gun from No. 5 post and discovered an enemy M.G. position. Rifle grenades were obtained and a number dropped around the gun; the enemy sent up flares which were repeated in rear and almost at once the enemy artillery opened on our Support Line and just in rear of our Outpost Line. No casualties occurred and the patrol returned in safety to our lines. The enemy's artillery was more active than usual during the night, and appeared to be restive after the bombing incident.

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by the Scout patrol/ Minnenwerfers were active throughout the night and a liaison patrol returning from a visit from the Battalion on our right were all killed, 3 in number, apparently from the one shell.

The usual relief on the left front took place, 'A' Coy going into the front line and 'D' Coy coming back into Support

Casualties: 3 Killed.
Col. Harry
Pte. Allen
" Francis.

when on liaison patrol with the Battalion on our right.

Work: Revetting of the front line posts further advanced, 2 N.C.Os. and 30 men again employed under Lieut. RIGGS, Works Officer.

6.30 am, 9th
to
6.30 pm, 9th
January.

The front was very quiet during the day. The 4.5" Battery in our rear carried out a shoot on WICQUART FARM with an officer observing in the front line of trenches. The result was excellent, the farm being totally destroyed.

A heavy fall of snow fell between 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

During the morning there was considerable aerial activity and two 'planes', believed to be ours, were seen to fall near WARNETON as the result of a collision in the air.

The 25th Battalion relieved the 27th Battalion in the front line between 5.30 and 7.30 p.m. without any casualties. The enemy's artillery did not fire a shot on our front during the whole relief.

J. Rehamer Major,
Commanding 27th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

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27th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 20.

11/1/18.

(No 11)

Reference: Sheet 28.S.W., 1/10,000
 " 28.S.W. & S.E., 1/20,000.

1. On the 12th inst., the 27th Aust. Inf. Battalion will be relieved of its present Works Programme by the 23rd Aust. Inf. Bn.
2. The 27th Bn. will take over and garrison the forward posts at present garrisoned by the 21st Battalion.
3. Garrisons will consist of a nucleus of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men and Lewis Gun per post.
 Posts will be manned as follows -

'A' Coy	Posts Nos. 1, 2 & 3.
'C' "	" " 4, 5 & 6.
'B' "	" " 7, 8 & 9.

4. 21st Battalion Guides from each post will meet garrisons at 9 a.m., 12th inst. at HYDE PARK CORNER.
5. 27th Battalion will not move from its present position.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Davis
 Lieut.,
 A/Adjt., 27th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

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27th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Copy No 6

MAP REF SHEET 24 SW 1111

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Headquarters
7th Aust Inf Brigade.

War Diary

(No 5)

"Addendum to Provisional Defence Scheme for Second Zone Left Brigade Sector", 2nd Aust Division."

(1) Action on order "Stand To"

On the issue of the order "Stand To" all units will be assembled in fighting order, and the issue of 100 rounds of additional ammunition and two bombs per man will be carried out as expeditiously as possible. All units must be ready to move in 30 minutes. Runners will be despatched by Companies to any Working Parties which may be out, with orders to return immediately.

(2) Action on order "Occupy Corps Line"

On the issue of the order "Occupy Corps Line" Coy Commanders will despatch the platoons allotted to Strong Posts direct to their posts and will themselves follow to the Coy Headquarters with the fourth platoon of their companies.

(3) Other units.

The 28th Battalion will occupy the Corps Line on our right, the 1st Aust Div on our left, and the 28th Battalion at RED LODGE in support.

(4) Transport.

On the order "Stand To" the transport will be loaded and animals harnessed, but not hooked in.

(5) Ammunition.

Brigade Reserve of Ammunition will be established at T. 27.d. 90. 90.

(6) Reports

Reports to be furnished by companies as soon as in position to the BAKERY where B.H.Q. and the Reserve will be established.

P.C. Raper

Major.

T/Commanding 27th A.I. Battalion.

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APPENDIX 6

27th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

By Lt Col F.R. Chalmers,
Commanding.



Supplement to Battalion Order No 218.
In the Field. 22/1/18.

1 Congratulatory.

Prior to going on English Leave the C.O. wishes to express to all ranks his keen appreciation of the excellent manner in which they have carried out their duties during the Battalions tour of duty in the forward area.

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During the coming month the Battalion will go into a Rest Area. During the stay there the Brigade and Divisional Sports will be held and it is hoped that the 27th will, as usual, carry off the greater share of honors.

W. Davis Capt.
Adjutant, 27th A.I. Battalion.

W. Shacker
[Signature]

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SECRETORDER No 18.

January 26th 1918.

Reference Sheet 28 S.W. 1-20,000.

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- (1) The 27th Battalion will march to LOCRE AREA on the 27th inst, and will entrain on the 29th inst at DE KENNEBAK SIDING for the HENNEVEUX AREA.
- (2) Routine for the 27th inst.
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|-----------|---------|
| Reveille, | 7 a.m. |
| Breakfast | 8 a.m. |
| Lunch | 11 a.m. |
- (3) Starting Point Road Junction T. 24. a. 8. 9.
- (4) Starting Time. Head of Column to pass starting point at 12 noon.
- (5) Route Starting Point-T. 22. d. 25. 35. -LA TROMPE CABt (T. 9. d. 3. 1)
-T. 15. a. 05. 35. -DRANOUTRE-DONCASTER HUTS (M. 29. a. 35. 99.)
- (6) Order of March. Head-quarters: 'A' Coy: 'B' Coy: Band: 'C' Coy:
'D' Coy.
- (7) Distances. Distances of 250 yards between Coys and 50 yards between platoons will be maintained.
- (8) Halts. Halts of 10 minutes duration will be maintained each hour. The first halt will be made at 12-5 0 p.m.
- (9) Dress. Full Marching Order. Blankets to be carried on the man. Felt hats to be worn.
- (10) Officers baggage to be stacked at RED LODGE ready for loading at 11 a.m. Mess Gear to be stacked at RED LODGE ready for loading at Noon.
- (11) This camp is to be left scrupulously clean. All latrine buckets are to be emptied and disinfected just prior to marching out. Capt J. W. K. BEDDOME will remain behind with one N.C.O. and six men to be detailed from 'C' Coy. This officer will make a final inspection of the camp and will utilise the party above-mentioned to do any additional cleaning that may be necessary. A certificate will be obtained from the Area Commandant RED LODGE to the effect that the camp has been left in a clean and sanitary condition.
- (12) The Nucleus Garrison at present supplied by this Battalion will be relieved about noon by the 34th Aus Inf Bn. On relief the personnel of this garrison will report to Capt J. W. K. Beddome at this camp and will then march to LOCRE AREA, by the above route.
- (13) Completion of relief will be wired in code to Bde H Qrs by the above named officer.
- (14) Bde H Qrs will close at LE TROIS ROIS at 1 p.m. 27th inst and open at LOCRE at the same hour.
- (15) Transport Lines will be located at TRALEE LINES (M. 23. c. 9. 7.)

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APPENDIX 7

- (16) Advance party from the 40th Aus Inf Battalion will report to this camp at 9-30 a.m. 27th inst. Coy Commanders will arrange to hand over stores of Reserve Ammunition and Area Stores to this advance party.

Receipts are to be obtained in triplicate and forwarded to Battalion H Qrs by 4 p.m. 27th inst.

- (17) Watches are to be synchronised with the Adjutant at 9 a.m on the 27th inst.

- (18) Acknowledge.



Adjutant, 27th A.I. Battalion

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4	'C' "	9	War Diary
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Lieut. A. M. Moore

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27th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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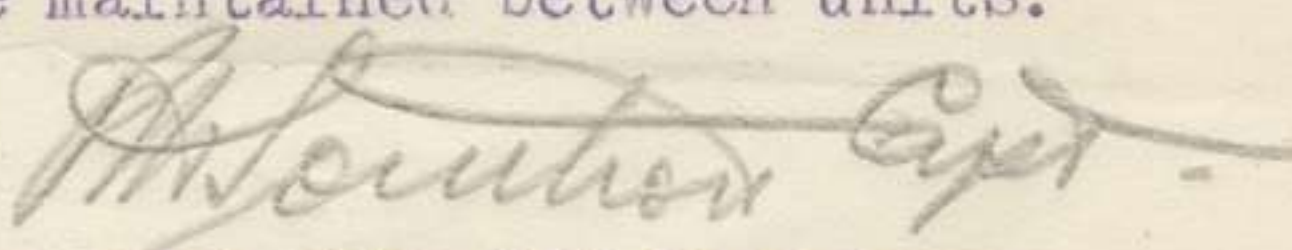
ORDER No 13.

January 27th 1918.

Reference Maps. HAZEBROUCK, 5A. 1/100,000.
CALAIS, 13. 1/100,000.

- (1). The Transport of the 7th A.I. Bde Group will move by road from LOCRE AREA to HENNEVEUX AREA between 28th and 31st inst.
- (2). The Transport Column will be under the command of Captain J.C. Little. M.C. 26th Battalion.
- (3). The Transport of 27th Aust Inf Battalion will be under the command of Lieut L.V. Parkes.
- (4). One billeting N.C.O. detailed by Lieut L.V. Parkes will go forward each day so as to reach the succeeding staging area at least six hours before the arrival of the column.
Lieut ~~JANNATT~~ J. ANNATT 25th Battalion will be in charge of the billeting party.
On the 28th instant the billeting N.C.O. will meet Lieut ANNATT at the Area Commandant's Office STRAZEELE at 8-30 a.m.
- (5). The supply arrangements are as follows:-
27th Supplies for consumption on 29th instant will be loaded in train supply wagons at LOCRE and proceed with column.
28th Supplies for 30th instant will be dumped at STRAZEELE under guard arranged by O.C. 17th Coy A.A.S.C. These will be re-loaded into train wagons at refilling point STRAZEELE Church.
29th Supplies for consumption on 30th inst will be refilled at RENESCURE SQUARE on arrival into first line transport.
30th Supplies for consumption on 31st will be refilled at LUMBRES on arrival.
Supply wagons will move empty from LUMBRES.
- (6). Detail. The move will be carried out in three stages, and Transport will halt for the night at STRAZEELE, RENESCURE and LUMBRES.
Starting point. Cross Roads immediately west of BAILLEUL where road to STRAZEELE leaves BAILLEUL-CASSELL Road.
Starting Time. Column will pass starting point at 11-10 a.m.
Route. BAILLEUL, STRAZEELE- PRADELLES- HAZEBROUCK- EBLINGHAM- RENESCURE- CAMPAGNE BRIDGE via Second Class Road to AIRE ARQUES, Road to Railway Line, thence via BLENDIQUES- WIZERNES- LUMBRES- HARLETTES- ESCOUILLES.
Distances. of 100 yards will be maintained between units.

(7) Acknowledge.


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Reference Maps. HAZEBROUCK SA. 1/100,000.
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- (1) The Transport of the 7th A.I. The Group will move by road from LOGRR AREA to HENNEVILLIERS AREA between 22th and 24th inst.
- (2) The Transport Column will be under the command of Captain J.G. Little. M.C. 28th Battalion.
- (3) The Transport of 27th Inst Inf Battalion will be under the command of Lieut J.V. Parkes.
- (4) One platoon M.C.O. detailed by Lieut J.V. Parkes will go forward each day so as to reach the succeeding staging area at least six hours before the arrival of the column. Lieut J.A. ... will be in charge of the ...

J.A. ...

- (5) The supply arrangements are as follows:-
Supplies for consumption on 27th inst will be loaded in train supply wagons at LOGRR and proceed with column. Supplies for 30th inst will be dumped at STRAZELLE under guard arranged by O.C. 17th Coy A.A.S.C. These will be re-loaded into train wagons at refilling point STRAZELLE Church.
Supplies for consumption on 30th inst will be refilled at RENNESCOUR SQUARE on arrival into first line transport. Supplies for consumption on 31st will be refilled at LUMBERS on arrival.
Supply wagons will move empty from LUMBERS.

- (6) Detail. The move will be carried out in three stages, and Transport will halt for the night at STRAZELLE, RENNESCOUR and LUMBERS.
Starting point. Cross Road immediately west of BAILLUL where road to STRAZELLE leaves BAILLUL-CASSIN Road.
Starting Time. Column will pass starting point at 11-10 a.m.
Route. BAILLUL, STRAZELLE, PRADIERE, HAZEBROUCK - BELLINGHAM - RENNESCOUR - CAMPAGNE BRETON vi Second Class Road to AIRR ARCHES Road to Railway line, thence vi BLENVILLIERS - WISERRES - LUMBERS - HAZEBROUCK - ESCOULLIER.

Distances of 100 yards will be maintained between units.

(7) Acknowledges.
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January 28th 1918.

Ref Maps: Sheet 28, S. W. 1/20,000
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INFORMATION

1. The 7th A I Bde will be relieved in the LOCRE AREA by the 2nd A I Bde.

INTENTION.

2. The 27th Aust Inf Battalion (less Transport) will move by train to the HENNEVEUX AREA on 29th inst.

DEFENCE SCHEMES.

3. Defence Schemes, Local Maps, and all information regarding the LOCRE AREA will be handed over to the incoming unit.

ADVANCE PARTIES.

4. An advance party consisting of one N C O per Coy, one N.C.O. for Battalion H Qrs, and one N.C.O. for R.Q.M. and T.O. in charge of Liet J. A. BLACKET has already proceeded to the HENNEVEUX AREA where they will meet this unit and guide their respective Coys &c to billets

DETAILS.

5. Routine. Reville 6.30 a.m.
Breakfast 7-30 a.m.
Sick Parade 8-0 a.m.

Starting Point. Road Junction at M29. a. 65. 65.

Starting Time. Head of column to pass starting point at 10-25 a.m.

Route. M. 29. a. 65. 65. - DRANOUTRE - N. 31. d. 10. 00 - N. 33. c. 90. 70. - DE KENNEBAK (T. 3. b. 3. 0)

Order of March. Battalion H Qrs, 'A' and 'B' Coys, Band, 'C' and 'D' Coys.

Distances. The following distances will be kept:-
500 yards between Units.
100 yards between Coys.

Dress. Full Marching Order: Felt Hats: Great Coats to be carried inside packs: one blanket per man to be rolled horse-shoe fashion over pack: Water proof sheet to be rolled and carried under the flap of haversack, ready for use in case of inter inclement weather. Water bottles to be filled. Steel Helmets to be carried on pack, secured by supporting straps. The unexpended portion of the days ration will be carried.

Train Arrangements. Train leaves DE KENNEBAK Siding at 1-18 p.m. and arrives at LOTTINGHEN at 5-33 p.m. The unit will then march to CRIMAREST and BELLEBRUNE where it will be met by the advance party. Further orders relative to entraining and detraining are issued separately.

ADMINISTRATION.

6. Administrative Instructions are issued separately.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. Mouton Capt

Adjutant. 27th Aust Inf Battalion.

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Headquarters,
27th Australian Infantry Battalion.
January 28th 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

(Issued in conjunction with 27th Bn Order No 14)

Reference Maps: Sheet 28. S. W. 1/20,000.
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1. TRANSPORT.

The Battalion Transport will be divided into two sections. viz:-

- (a) 10 limbered wagons .
2 G. S. Wagons. (baggage)
1. Water Cart.
1. Maltese Cart.

Under the command of Lieut L. V. Parkes, this section will move by road to HENNEVEUX AREA on 28th inst according to orders already issued.

- (b) 4. Cookers.
1. Water Cart.
1. G. S. Wagon. (Supply).
1. Mess Cart.
4. Officers Chargers.
Cyclists.

This section together with similar quotas from other units of the 7th A I Bde under the command of Lieut R. T. BARP, will entrain at BAILLEUL WEST. at 5-30 p.m. 29th instant, and detrain at DESVRES at 9-40 p.m. 29th inst.

Lieut Barp will take charge of entraining and detraining of the Transport Train and will command the Transport.

Senior Officer present will be O.C. Train.

Lieut Barp and loading party (consisting of one Company detailed by 25th Aust Inf Battalion) will report to R.T.O. at 2-30 p.m. 29th instant.

Lieut R. F. Trundle (Brigade Staff) will make preliminary arrangements, for, and be present at Detraining of Transport at DESVRES.

In addition to the above mentioned Transport Two Motor Lorries will report to this unit at 8 a.m. 29th inst, and will convey one blanket per man and officers baggage to HENNEVEUX AREA. The Quartermaster will detail 3 men to each of these lorries to act as loading and unloading parties, and as baggage guard en route.

2. STORES.

Officers' Valises and one blanket per man rolled and tied in bundles of ten and plainly marked will be dumped at the side of the road in front of B.O.R. at 7-30 a.m. 29th inst ready for loading.

O.C. 'A' Coy will detail a loading party of 2 N.C.O's and 12 men to report at this dump at 7-45 a.m. for the purpose of loading stores into motor lorries.

3. SUPPLIES.

Personnel and horses will entrain with the unconsumed portion of the days ration, plus 24 hours reserve ration on Supply Wagon, and Iron Rations.

Rations for consumption on 31 st instant will be delivered to Units by the D.S.C. in HENNEVEUX AREA

(2)

3. SUPPLIES.
continued.

The Quartermaster will report to refilling point HENNEVEUX AREA at 10 a.m. 30th inst to take over rations and guide lorries to billets.

Supplies for consumption on 1st February will be delivered to units by the D.S.C.

Any details not provided for above, will be arranged direct between Brigade Supply Officer and the Quartermaster.

4. WATER.

The water cart included in section (b) para 1. will be entrained full.

All water bottles are to be filled immediately prior to entraining.

5. AMMUNITION.

The Transport will move out with the Mobile Echelon of Ammunition complete.

6. AREA STORES.

All area stores will be handed over to the relieving unit, and triplicate receipts obtained and forwarded to Bn Hd Qrs by 6 p.m. on the 29th instant.

7. CANTEEN.

A branch of the Divisional Canteen will open at HENNEVEUX on 29th inst.

8. DETRAINING.

Arrangements have been made for the men to have a hot drink after detraining at LOTTINGHEN.

9.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. S. Section Capt.

Adjutant, 27th A.I. Battalion

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Headquarters,
27th Aust Inf Battalion,
January 28th 1918.

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MEMORANDUM No 1.

SUBJECT:- Entraining and Detraining.

1. The Brigade Entraining Officer will be Capt ROYDHOUSE, M.C. 28th Aust Inf Battalion. The Brigade Detraining Officer will be Capt C.H. HARRISON M.C. Staff Captain 7th A I Bde. The 27th Battalion Entraining and Detraining Officer will be Capt J.W.K. BEDDOME. He will report to the Brigade Entraining Officer at 11-15 a.m. with an exact entraining state. One N.C.O. per Coy and one N.C.O. from H Qrs will accompany him. He will work in conjunction with the Brigade Entraining Officer, marking off accomodation on the train and selecting positions of assembly at DE KENNEBAK. The Brigade Detraining Officer will select assembly position at LOTTENCHEN.
2. The Senior combatant Officer will command the train.
3. O.C. 'B' Coy will mount guards at positions of assembly (at both entraining and detraining stations) to prevent straggling. Latrines will be dug near the assembly positions by Battalion and Company pioneers. These are to be plainly marked and will be filled in prior to moving off. No person will be allowed on the entraining assembly position or in the vicinity of the train, unless on duty. When the train is ready for the entrainment the Troops will be marched on ~~marke~~ parallel with the train and turned inwards in fours.
4. The train will not be entered before the signal to do so is given by the Brigade Entraining Officer. The signal will be two blasts of the whistle. This signal will not be given until the party for each compartment is placed opposite its compartment.
5. Troops will not leave the train without permission.
6. On arrival at LOTTINGHEN the Btn Detraining Officer will at once report to the Bde Detraining Officer. Troops will be already equipped, ready to detrain on receiving the signal (2 blasts of the whistle) from the Brigade Detraining Officer.

J. W. K. Beddome Capt.

Adjutant. 27th A.I. Battalion.

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MEMORANDUM

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1. The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of the results of the investigation conducted by the Security Council regarding the activities of the [redacted] in the [redacted] area.

2. It is noted that the [redacted] has been active in the [redacted] area since [redacted].

3. The [redacted] has been observed in the [redacted] area on several occasions. It is believed that the [redacted] is engaged in [redacted] activities.

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Lieut. Moore

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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