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N.E. FOUCAUCOURT	1/9/18		<p>Bn. ordered to move at 3pm. to area vacated by 32nd Bn. where we took over trenches in which most of the men were able to find cover. Nothing of importance happened on the march and though there was considerable enemy shelling, no casualties were sustained. The area now occupied by the Bn. is immediately N.W. of BARLEUX. <u>Weather</u> fine - very cold at night.</p>	
N.W. BARLEUX				
do.	2/9/18		<p>Bn. still in same position. Scattered shelling during the morning - 2 casualties sustained. 5pm. Bn. warned to be prepared to move forward at 3 am on 3rd inst. Men resting all day. C.O. visited C.O. 32nd Bn. and obtained information re positions of 14th & 15th Bdes. in vicinity of PERONNE. C.O. also visited 30th Bn. on our Right flank. <u>Weather</u> - stormy.</p>	
do	3/9/18		<p>Orders were received shortly after midnight 2/3rd inst. to march to HALLE area - the 8th Bde. relieving 14th Bde. in support positions. 3am. Advance party moved out. 6am. Bde. marched out in following order :- 31st, 30th, 29th, and 32nd Bns through FLAUCOURT, over bridge (pontoon) thence through HALLE to trench</p>	
HALLE.				

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HALLE	3/9/18		<p>system immediately E. of HALLE. - The position just vacated by 14th Bde. Part of 17th Bn. (2nd DIV) were occupying the shelters in these trenches and it was therefore necessary for our men to again build shelters. The whole day was devoted to resting and improving this position. <u>Weather</u> was fine and visibility good. Several enemy balloons were observed whilst on the march, but it was not until our two leading Coy. had crossed the river that any shelling took place. C. & R. Coy. waited until shelling had ceased and then went on in parties of fours. At dusk, enemy shelling became fairly active over the whole area although we received less than the other Bns. During the night it was necessary to order Gas masks to be worn several times and we had 4 or 5 gas casualties. The Brigadier visited our positions during the afternoon C.O. visited 32nd Bn. on our left.</p>	
	4/9/18	10am	C.O. attended conference at Bde. H.Q. at HALLE, and on his return, I.O. and 2 men visited trenches N.E. of MT. ST. QUENTIN where 21 st Bn. were in position.	
		2pm	Areas for support Bns. allotted.	
		2.30pm	C.O. with one officer from each Coy. made reconnaissance of positions NE of HALLE. Coy Officers then took Platoon guides and allotted areas.	

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N.E. of HALLE	4/9/18	8.30 Pm	<p>(contd.) Coys., after having a hot meal, moved independ^{den}tly to new positions NE. HALLE, where they arrived without casualties. Deep dugouts were available for Aid post, Coy & Bn. H.Q., but men had again to dig in. Weather fine.</p>	
	5/9/18	12.30 Am	<p>15th Bde. Fighting Patrols reported at Station E. of PERONNE and 7th Bde. established 3 posts in DAMSTRADT Trench, both positions well in advance of former line. Further enemy retirement suspected. Lt. Mickle sent to 32nd Bn for liaison. Bn. is now supporting 32nd Bn. on left of Bde. sector and is under orders to keep in touch continually, and, if necessary, to move forward and conform to their movements. The 32nd Bn. did not move forward consequently we spent the day in this position.</p>	
		3pm	<p>Bde. Major issued verbal order to be in readiness to move S. to a position E. of SOMME R. on our old area. The I. O. and 31st Bn. I. O. together with Bde. I. O. made reconnaissance of routes forward. All bridges over SOMME had been destroyed and the Engineers had only been able to reconstruct one at PERONNE capable of carrying transport, although several foot bridges had been erected between PERONNE and ETERPIGNY.</p>	

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N.E. HALLE	5/9/18	9.30 P.M.	The Bn. moved out through <u>PERONNE</u> whilst this town was being heavily shelled. Gas masks had to be worn when passing through the low lying areas.	
E. LE MESNIL	6/9/18	2 AM	Moving steadily along, we eventually took up Outpost positions in front of <u>LE MESNIL</u> . Coy. reported settled in these positions.	
S. of CARTIGNY	7 AM	7 AM	Bn. less Adj. & H.Q. details, moved forward to the "green line" which was immediately <u>S. of CARTIGNY</u> , where outpost positions were again taken up.	
	8.15 AM	8.15 AM	In this advance, English troops had preceded us and were now a few thousand yards in front. We had no casualties although a squadron of Red. E. low flying planes made things uncomfortable.	
			31 st BN. on our Right came up 2 hours later.	
			Both Bns. remained here "Green Line" for the remainder of the day and all ranks appreciated the rest.	
			Hot meals were brought forward at 1.30 pm and 11 pm.	
	7 pm	7 pm	Coy. Comdres. meeting was held when C.O. explained programme for the following day.	
			Attached to the Bn. here were: - 1 Section, N. Battery, 18 pdr. R. H. A. 1 Section L.T. Mortars Cyclists.	
			Weather fine & promises to continue so.	

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S. of <u>CARTIGNY.</u>	7/9/18	4 AM	Hot meal served to all ranks.	
		6 AM	Bn. moved forward as Advance Guard to Div. left front - the 31 st	
		6.25 AM	Bn. acting similarly on our Right.	
<u>BEAUMETZ</u>		6.40 AM	Scouts reported <u>BEAUMETZ</u> clear of enemy.	
		7 AM	We passed through the 32 nd English Division's outpost line and continued the advance without opposition.	
			Positions of Coys: - "B" Right front, "D" Left front. "A" Right Support, "C" Left Support.	
<u>HANCOURT</u>		7 AM	Scouts passing through <u>HANCOURT</u> . In touch with 31 st Bn. on right <u>Not</u> in touch with 30 th Div. on left.	
		7.40 AM	Enemy M.G. firing from <u>S.W. VENDELLES</u> . Section of 18 pdr. came into action & silenced same. Enemy seen withdrawing.	
<u>AIX FARM</u>		7.45 AM	Scouts moving through <u>AIX FARM</u> . Left front Coy. held up by M.G. fire. In touch with 31 st Bn. on Right. Light Horse patrols report enemy in large numbers on "Blue Line", E. of <u>FLECHIN</u> .	
E. <u>BERNES</u> <u>FLECHIN</u>		8 AM	Line running E. of <u>BERNES</u> and <u>FLECHIN</u> . No enemy in these villages. Considerable M.G. & 7.7 & 4.2 Artillery fire encountered. In touch with 31 st Bn on Right, and 44 th Bn. on Left. 3 rd Am. Div. not up in line with our advance.	
		8.10 AM	Front Line Coys established on "Blue Line". Fairly heavy Artillery fire on "Blue Line" and in rear. Casualties up to this stage 1 O. Rank wounded.	

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E. BERNES FLECHIN	7/9/18	8.10 AM	(contd) 44 th Bn. on Left. about 1000 ^x behind our line, 31 st Bn. on Right on the Objective and in line with our Right.	
		8.30 AM	"Blue" Line consolidated and Support Coy. about 500 ^x in rear. Enemy holding trench system W. of SENAVES FARM. in strength. Section of 18 pdrs. again brought into action from vicinity AIX FARM engaging SENAVES FARM and Sunken Road S.W. VENDELLES. Light Horse Patrols returned.	
VENDELLES		8.45 AM	Left Coy. moved forward to VENDELLES and reported enemy E. of village. Enemy L.M.G. captured in this village. Battery of .77's seen firing from vicinity S.E. VENDELLES. Enemy limbered up and galloped out of action. Two of his limbers blown up by direct hits from our 18 pdrs.	
SOYECOURT		8.50 AM	Fighting Patrols moved forward and mopped up SENAVES FARM and SOYECOURT.	
		11 AM	Heavy enemy shelling of "Blue" Line, BERNES and FLECHIN. with 4.2 and .77 m.m.	
			Casualties up to this stage, 4 OR wounded.	
			31 st Bn. in touch on R. Flank immediately SW SOYECOURT; 44 th Bn. 1000 ^x in rear on left flank at Cuscisno N. BERNES. Left flank thrown back to this point - one platoon of Left Support Coy being used for this.	
		11 AM	Pn. HQ. established in FLECHIN.	
		2.20 PM	Owing to heavy shelling of "Blue" Line and bad fighting position, the line was moved forward to immediately W of SOYECOURT, SENAVES FARM. Left flank thrown back to NO 14 COPSE - E of BERNES.	

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SOYECOURT	7/9/18	7.15 pm	<p>3rd Austr. Div. moved to "Blue" Line.</p> <p>Weather fine though cloudy.</p> <p>8 pm Hot meal provided for all ranks.</p>	Report attached.
			<p>8/9/18 4 AM Another hot meal brought forward. Troops now resting in the shelters which they have made.</p> <p>Cops. in front are keeping a close watch on the enemy and are holding ground 1500' in front of "Blue Line".</p> <p>10 AM Cops., acting under instructions received by HQ through Division withdrew to the original "Blue Line".</p> <p>1.30 pm Acting under further instructions from Div., the original positions in front of "Blue Line" were again occupied. No opposition was met with, and by making use of "dead" ground, no noticeable increase in enemy artillery fire took place.</p> <p>Line is now held as follows:- Front Line, "A" on Right, "C" on Left. Support do B do D do</p> <p>Our Right is in touch with 31st BN. - The Left is having difficulty to conform with position of 3rd Div. which seems to be constantly changing position.</p> <p>all ranks are feeling very fatigued</p> <p>Dusk After dusk both front Cops. provided patrols which went out 1000' in front without meeting with opposition.</p>	

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SOYECOURT	8/9/18	4.40 AM	<p>Light Horse patrols have been out all day in front and whilst at a position 1500^x out met with M.G. fire.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> a little rain fell during the early morning. Throughout the day light rain fell and a strong wind was blowing.</p>	
	9/9/18	4.40 AM	<p>Hot meal brought forward.</p> <p>Patrols from both front Coy. covered the front to 1000^x in advance of our line. No opposition, although flares were fired from position occupied the previous day.</p> <p>During the morning our left flank (C^o Coy) had again to conform to movement of 3rd Division.</p> <p>Four M.G.'s. established in the front line.</p> <p>Artillery Liaison Officer still with us from 5th English Bde. This Bde has been working with us since the 7th inst.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> fine.</p>	
	10/9/18	3 AM	<p>Very heavy rain fell and continued in showers throughout the day.</p> <p>Nothing important happened during the day.</p> <p>Advance Party left to take over position where Bn. will be quartered after relief.</p> <p>Relieved by 50th Bn. A.I.F. at night.</p> <p>Bn. moved to by march route, through HAYCOURT, CARTIGNY, to trenches immediately NE LE MESNIL - arrived about midnight.</p>	

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N.E. LE. MESNIL	11/9/18		Men Rested. all ranks paid Everybody very busy improving their shelters. Weather improved - still inclined to be showery	
	12/9/18	11 AM	Shelters improved and now weather proof. Coy. Comdros. carried out an inspection of their Coys. Actg. Brigadier (Col. Davies) and the Bde. major visited the Bn. and inspected our accommodation. Men resting Bn. Canteen reopened. Weather showery	
	13/9/18	9.30 10.30 AM NOON	Coys. inspected Supply of beer obtained and issued to men. all Bn. shortages requisitioned for. Lists submitted by Coys. of names of men to be trained as:- Lewis Gunners, Rifle Grenadiers, Signallers & Stretcher Bearers. Received supply of goods from Australian Comforts Fund which was issued to the men. Weather fine. Bde. Band played programme in our area. Enemy bombing machines active at night - two of which were brought down in flames by one of our planes working in conjunction with searchlights.	9

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N.E. LE MESYIA	14/9/18	9 AM 11.30 AM 11.30 AM 4 PM 3 PM 15/9/18 9.30 AM	<p><u>Training</u> carried out as follows:- Physical Training Bayonet Fighting Close Order Drill Platoon Drill & Rifle Exercises</p> <p>Bn. was formed up in "Mass" when <u>C.O.</u> addressed all ranks and spoke in very complimentary terms of the excellent work performed by all ranks during the past month.</p> <p>Two Officers per Coy with C.O. attended Bde. H.Q. to meet the <u>Prime Minister of the Commonwealth</u> (Hon. Wm. Hughes).</p> <p>In the afternoon - a <u>football</u> match was played between teams from A & B. Coy and the match resulted in a win for "A" Coy.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> - Stormy at intervals.</p> <p>A Church Parade was held - The Bn. Padre (Chaplain (Cora) officiating. The Bde. Band assisted with the musical portion of the service. Holy Communion was celebrated after the service.</p> <p><u>Football</u> "C" Coy played "D" Coy which resulted in a win for "C" Coy.</p> <p>Three of our observation balloons were brought down in flames by enemy aircraft.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> - A sunny fine day</p>	

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NE LE MESNIL	16/9/18		<p><u>Bathing</u> all ranks paraded for Hot Bath and Clean Change of underclothing at the baths at DOINGT.</p> <p>The afternoon was devoted to recreational training and sports of all descriptions engaged in. Competitors for forthcoming Bn. Sports (on 18th inst) actively training.</p> <p>Enemy bombing planes active at night.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> Fine warm day - Thunderstorms at night.</p>	
	17/9/18		<p><u>Training</u> Specialist training for Lewis Gunners, Rifle Bombers, Runners, Signallers, Observers & Stretcher Bearers carried out during the morning.</p> <p><u>Disinfecting "Todesu"</u> Disinfecter was allotted to the Bn. and all blankets were put through.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> Fine day - strong wind blowing all day.</p>	
	18/9/18		<p>Coy. paraded in turn to Bde. Rifle Range and all were put through Musketry during the morning, at NW of ST. CREN.</p> <p>In the afternoon the Bn. Sports were held and an excellent meeting resulted. A lengthy programme of 21 events was carried out in a very fine manner by the committee. The Brigadier & Staff were in attendance as well as C. O's. & officers of sister Bns.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> A fine warm day.</p>	Programme Results attached.

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N.E. LE MESNIE	19/9/18		<p><u>Training</u> during morning.</p> <p>Specialist training was carried out for Lewis Gunners, Rifle Bombers, Signallers, Runners, Observers & Stretcher Bearers, as well as Coy. training which included Gas drill.</p> <p>In the afternoon recreational games actively indulged in.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> fine.</p>	
	20/9/18		<p><u>Training</u> in morning as for 19th.</p> <p>In the afternoon the Bn. marched to a very fine concert given by the performers belonging to the 5th Div. Concert Party ("Kookoburra").</p> <p><u>Weather</u> fine & warm.</p>	
	21/9/18		<p>Bn. route march, through CARTIGNY, BIAS WOODS and BIAS., which occupied the morning.</p> <p><u>Football</u> In the afternoon the Bn. team played a match against 31st Bn. A good game resulted and our team came out winners. The scores being: - 11 goals 10 bds. to 4 goals 4 bds.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> A fine cool day.</p>	

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NE LE NIESNIA	22/9/18		<p><u>Church Parades</u> were held during the morning for R.C.'s and Protestant <u>Dememorations</u>. The latter parade was conducted by Pbn. Chaplain (Capt. Era). Mr. F.W. Norwood of South Australia delivered an address.</p> <p><u>Bathing</u>. All ranks of the Pbn. paraded for hot bath and clean underclothing at 5th DIV. Baths at DOINGT.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> fine</p>	
	23/9/18		<p><u>Specialist and Coy. training</u> was actively carried out.</p> <p><u>Extra pay</u>. Authority was received to the effect that any man, who had the necessary credit in his pay book, can draw £5 in excess of usual amounts for purpose of purchasing Christmas gifts.</p> <p><u>Tin discs</u>. Arrangements made that all men will have the disc sewn on inside of Respirator, for use as signal to aeroplanes.</p> <p><u>Pde. Sports</u> were held on a well arranged sports ground in the vicinity of DOINGT. The winners in our Pbn. meeting competed against the Sister Bns. and upheld the reputation of the Bn. A splendid meeting resulted and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> Showery, but generally fine.</p>	<p>Program attached</p>

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NE. LE. MESNIA	24/9/18		<p><u>Training.</u> A Route march was carried out, through BIAS, BIAS WOOD and CARTIGNY.</p> <p><u>Gas.</u> Bde. Gas Officer delivered a lecture to a class consisting of 2 NCOs per Coy.</p> <p><u>Intelligence.</u> Divisional I. O. visited the Bn. and delivered a lecture to I. Section, Coy. Observers, and 1 Officer per Coy.</p> <p><u>Weather fine.</u></p>	
	25/9/18		<p><u>Training.</u> Specialist and Coy. training carried out</p> <p><u>Gas.</u> 1 NCO and 20 men per Coy. put through Bde. Gas Chamber to test S.B. Respirators.</p> <p><u>Foot Inspection.</u> Coys held inspection and parade held for men requiring medical attention.</p> <p><u>Scabies.</u> Parade held (medical) for any men suffering.</p> <p><u>Boots.</u> all boots were dubbined under Coy. arrangements.</p> <p><u>Weather.</u> Showery in morning - fine in afternoon.</p>	

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NE LE MESNIL	26/9/18		<p><u>Training</u>. The Bn. carried out a Route march through BIAS, BOUVINCOURT and CARTIGNY. All ranks were in very fine form and the march discipline good.</p> <p><u>Weather</u>. Fine, occasional showers.</p>	
HESBECOURT	27/9/18	<p>10 AM</p> <p>4.30 pm</p> <p>11 pm</p>	<p>All arrangements completed for move forward and orders issued for forthcoming operations</p> <p>S.O. left with advance party for HESBECOURT area.</p> <p>Bn. moved out and marched via LE CATALET, CARTIGNY thence E to N. HANCOURT, HERVILLY to HESBECOURT, which was reached at 11 pm. Hot tea was supplied en route N of BEAUMETZ.</p> <p>Bn. bivouaced in HARGICOURT trench system immediately N.E. HESBECOURT. No shelters were available & the men had to make the best use of their ground sheets & greatcoats.</p> <p>Bn. had 4 O.Rankers slightly wounded by enemy shell fire during the night.</p> <p>Great road activity prevailed all night - our numerous tanks, tractors with guns etc making their way forward.</p> <p><u>Weather</u>. Showery in early morning - fine day.</p>	

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HESBECOURT	28/9/15		<p>All ranks supplied with a hot breakfast from Bn. Cookers which arrived at 1 AM. Two more hot meals were served during the day. Men busy all day making shelters in available banks, terraces and trenches.</p> <p>11 AM Adjutant + J. O. made a forward reconnaissance.</p> <p>2.30 PM C.O. (Capt C.A.M. Derham M.C.) attended a conference at Bde. One officer per Coy. made forward reconnaissance. Final orders were issued for operations of 29th & maps and aerial photographs issued to Coys.</p> <p>Weather Showery all day - roads in bad state.</p>	
HESBECOURT	29/9/15	4 AM	<p>5.15 Reveille 5.15 AM</p> <p>6.0 Breakfast.</p> <p>7.15 Bn. moved off from bivouac area for the advance through the HINDENBERG LINE and the 30th AMERICAN Division who were to go to the "Green Line" E. of NAUROJ.</p> <p>Bn. moved in Artillery formation: - along "BLACK ROAD"</p> <p>"A" Capt. C.H. Read OC. on Right</p> <p>"C" Lieut. E. Baum OC. on Left.</p> <p>"B" Lieut. C.L. Lacey M.C. " Support.</p> <p>"D" Lieut. H.W. Graham " Reserve.</p>	<p>MAP ATTCHD.</p> <p>16</p>

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YILLERET	29/9/18	8.30 ^{AM}	<p>Owing to the very dense fog & smoke in the valleys it was found impossible to move in the present formation & keep in touch and the Bn. was therefore halted near YILLERET and reorganised into closer formation and the advance continued at 8.40 a.m.</p>	
		8.40 ^{AM}		
		9.30 ^{AM}	<p>"Brown Line" Crossed.</p>	
BELLICOURT		10.15 ^{AM}	<p>Bn. passed through BELLICOURT to the E side of the village where our 4 tanks were found intact, and joined in our advance.</p>	
		10.35 ^{AM}	<p>Bn. now on E outskirts of BELLICOURT. Situation very obscure as no information could be obtained from the American troops in the vicinity who were withdrawing in large numbers towards BELLICOURT. Enemy fire from Field Guns and MG. was intense from the front, both flanks and left rear. Enemy could be seen in strength on left flank in vicinity of CARABET WOOD FARM in A 29.C. This position was strongly held by the enemy. After consultation with CO. of 31st BN, who were our support, we decided to dig in on present area until definite information could be obtained of position in front and on flanks. Bn. now distributed in depth W. of NAUROY - squares G 11 a to b and G 10 d.</p>	
W. of NAUROY				17

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W. NAUROY	29/9/18	11.10 ^{AM}	<p>Three of our tanks were put out of action from direct hits from enemy guns in NAUROY WOOD. (G 12a)</p> <p>11.30 Large numbers of the enemy found emerging from dug outs in the vicinity and sniping from outskirts of BELLIQUART. An enemy MG crew found getting gun into position 30^x from Ptn. H.Q. all captured.</p> <p>12.40 PM Patrols cannot obtain information as to 15th Bde. on our Left. Enemy offering vigorous opposition from NAUROY and LE CATALET-NAUROY LINE. Decided to move with 31st BN. on our Right to E. of NAUROY.</p> <p>3pm Three enemy .77 Field Guns firing from vicinity NAUROY WOOD were silenced the gun crews being either bayoneted or shot. Owing to the heavy fire from enemy artillery and MG's. from the left flanks, it was decided that it was too costly to advance to E of NAUROY and Coys. were ordered to consolidate on LE CATALET-NAUROY LINE.</p> <p>One Coy. of ours and 1 Coy of 30th BN. formed a defensive flank on our left facing N.E.</p> <p>6pm 57th BN. moved up and joined up our left flank at G 5d. 5.7.</p> <p>6.10 PM Right flank was not yet in touch with 31st BN on Right and the two Coys from Left defensive flank were transferred to Right flanks and filled the breach between 29th + 31st BNs.</p> <p>Three of our Coys and 1 Coy 30th BN. now in front line with one of our Coys. in Support.</p> <p>9pm Orders issued for front line Coys. to advance to E side of NAUROY</p> <p>Light rain falling.</p>	

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E. of NAUROY	30/9/18	4 AM	<p>Coy. reported on E. side of NAUROY with Pn. front intact and in touch with 31st BN. on Right and 57th BN. on left. Line now runs G 18 a. 7.6 to G 5 d. 5.7. Village of NAUROY now completely mopped up. Many M.G., Anti-tank rifles, signalling gear captured. All opposition had been removed and many of the enemy killed and taken prisoners.</p>	
		2.40 Pm.	<p>Orders for further advances were issued, the object being to capture the high ground NE of NAUROY.</p>	
		4 pm.	<p>Field Artillery barrage fell and 60 pdrs. fell short on left sector causing casualties in our ranks. "B" Coy, 30th BN. in Support on Right were compelled to evacuate the position owing to the 18 pdrs. falling on them.</p>	
		4.10 Pm.	<p>Left Coy. report great opposition from enemy M.G.'s on front and flank enemy being particularly strong in vicinity of Lamp Sig. Stn. (G. 6 d. 4.3) M.G.'s firing from a Pill Box & enfilading whole line. B. Coy. had now reached H 7 3.6 and were threatening SUGAR FACTORY. from Northern flank, but owing to extremely heavy M.G. fire were unable to advance.</p> <p>Enemy seen massing for counter attack and as this Coy. was entirely exposed it withdrew to conform with flank Coy.</p> <p>Casualties for this particular operation had now reached 50 and as there was no sign of 31st BN. coming up on Right it was decided to bring Coy. back to original line to save further casualties and possibly</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
E. NAUROY	30/9/18	4.45 pm	<p>entire isolation of forward Coys. by the obvious enemy counter attack.</p> <p>Coys. now in original position E of NAUROY and the enemy shelling our line very heavily.</p> <p>During the night orders were issued to withdraw to LE CATALET-NAUROY-LINE preparatory to 54th & 56th BNS. A.I.F. going through us at 6 AM 1/10/18.</p> <p><u>Prisoners captured</u> by the Bn. in these operations totalled:- 1 Officer, 58 O. Ranks.</p> <p><u>War material captured:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 .77 Field Guns 3 L.M.W. guns. 5 Light M.G.'s. 1 Heavy M.G. 2 Anti tank rifles. <p>and in addition a large number of rifles, flare pistols, enemy equipment, signalling gear, documents, maps etc.</p> <p><u>Our casualties</u> were:- Killed 14, wounded 63, missing 3. <u>Total 80.</u></p> <p>Magnificent work was performed by all ranks of the Bn.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> Showery but generally fine.</p>	<p>CO's report attached</p>

PROGRAMME.

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29TH BATTALION SPORTS.

IN THE FIELD....WEDNESDAY...18th Sept. 1918.

PRESIDENT.

Major P. CHARLTON, M.C.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Lieut. Colonel C.S. DAVIES, D.S.O.
Lieut. R.F. HAYES.

Chairman :- Lieut. R.F. HAYES. Secretary :- Lieut. L. WALTER.

Committee :- Lieut. J. Anderson, Lieut. E. Baum, Lieut. L.W. Mitchell,
Lieut. W.P. Pryor.

Judges :- Major P. Charlton, M.C., Capt. C.A.M. Derham, M.C., Capt. Eva,
Lieut. T.H. Taylor, Lieut. C.L. Lacey, M.C. Lieut. L. Bolitho.

Judges, Specialists Events:-

Lewis Gun.....Lieut. A.H. Stevens.
Gas.....R.S.M. J.T. Reedy.
Cycling.....C.Q.M.S. M. McFerran.
P.T.....2/Lt. H.T. Williams.

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Judges, Horse Events :- Lieut. Colonel C.S. Davies, D.S.O.
Lieut. Colonel M.M. Freeman, D.S.O.

Starters :- Lieut. C.A. Mickle, Lieut. E.J. Stanton, Lieut. A.H. Stevens

Stewards :- Lieut. C.R. Gibbs, Lieut. W.J. Lambden, M.C., Lieut. G.J. Davern,
Lieut. M.D. Graham, Lieut. E.J. Stanton, 2/Lt. H.A. Day, 2/Lt. S.W. Pheiley,
2/Lt. L.C. Thackeray, C.S.M. Scott, C.S.M. Ross, C.S.M. McConnell, C.S.M. Birdsey,
S/Sgt. R.E. Charles, Sergt. B.B. Welch, Sergt. A.W. Cook, Sgt. M.A. Pitt, Sgt. R.A. Peachey, Cpl. D. McDowell.

1.	2 p.m.	Heats, 100 yards.
2.	do	Putting the Weight.
3.	2.10 p.m.	Gas Test.
4.	do	High Jump.
5.	2.15 p.m.	Heats, Tug-of-War.
6.	2.30 p.m.	P.T. Squads.
7.	do	220 Yards.
8.	do	Lewis Gun.
9.	3 p.m.	PERONIE Cup.
10.	3.10 p.m.	Officers' Relay Race.
11.	3.20 p.m.	Broad Jump.
12.	do	Kicking Football.
13.	3.30 p.m.	Heats, Hurdle Race.
14.	3.40 p.m.	Throwing Cricket Ball.
15.	3.40 p.m.	Officers' Chargers Race.
16.	3.45 p.m.	Final Tug-of-War.
17.	4 p.m.	440 Yards.
18.	4.10 p.m.	Runners' Cycle Race.
19.	4.20 p.m.	Men's Relay Race.
20.	4.30 p.m.	Officers' Cycle Race.
21.	4.30 p.m.	Final, 100 Yards.
22.	4.45 p.m.	Mile Open Flat Race.
23.	5 p.m.	Obstacle Race.
24.	5.15 p.m.	Musical Chairs on Bicycles.

25 5.20 PM

Final Hurdle

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2 Entries per Battalion for each Event.

29 TH Battalion SPORTS?

18th Sept. 1918.

Entries for Battalion Sports close at 1.p.m. 17th Sept. 1918 with the Secretary, Lieut. L. WALTER.

RULES:- No Spikes to be used in Shoes.
Trunks and Singlets to be worn.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

1. 100 Yards Championship.
2. 220 Yards Championship.
3. 440 Yards Championship.
4. Relay Race. ~~100~~ Teams of 4 men each. 880 Yards.
5. 220 Yards Obstacle Race.
6. High Jump.
7. Broad Jump.
8. Hurdle Race. 130 Yards. 6 Hurdles.
9. Mile Flat Race.
10. Bn. Officers' Relay Race. Teams of 4. 440 Yards.
11. Tug-of-War. Teams of 8 men.
12. PROMER CUP. Mile Race. 3 Furlongs. Qualified Drivers only.
13. Officers' Chargers' Race. 3 furlongs. Compulsory for all mounted Officers.
14. Throwing Cricket Ball. 1 Throw.
15. Kicking Football. Drop, Place or Punt. 1 Kick.
16. Putting the Weight - 28 lbs. 2 Throws.
17. Gas Test. 8 men.
18. Lewis Gun. Gun Stripped and laid out. Team 20 Yards behind. Assemble, run 20 yards and fire one shot.
19. P.T. 8 ~~10~~ men, 5 exercises.

CONDITIONS : For Events 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 3 Entries per Coy. and Headquarters.

For Events, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, ~~2~~ ^{1 Team} Entries per Coy. and Headquarters.

No Spikes to be worn in Shoes.

Trunks and Singlets to be worn.

Competitors to be at Starting Point on time.

The Committee ask for the co-operation of all ranks to ensure the successful carrying out of the long and varied programme.

Cash Prizes will be given for each Event.

First and Second in each Event will represent the Battalion at Brigade Sports on Monday, 23rd inst.

Arrangements are being made to establish a wet canteen on the ground.

8th Brigade Band will play selections during the afternoon.

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COMPANY.....CHAMPIONSHIP.

18/9/18.

EVENT.	'A'.	'B'.	'C'.	'D'.	'HQ'.
100 Yards.	3			3	
Putting Weight	4	2		2	
Gas Test	4	5		3	
High Jump			3 1/2	2 1/2	
Tug-of-War	5		3	4	
P. T. Squads	4	5			
220 Yards	2			3	1
Lewis Gun	4				3
Broad Jump		1	3		2
Kicking Football	3	3			
Hurdle Race	1	3	2		
Throwing Cricket Ball	1	5			
440 Yards	1	2			
Runners' Cycle Race			3		4
Coy. Relay Race	4		5	3	
1/2 Mile Flat Race	1	2	3		
Obstacle Race		3	3		
Musical Chairs	3	3			
	40	34	27 1/2	18 1/2	10

Points awarded as follows :-

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	POINTS.
Teams Events	5	4	3	
Lewis Gun	4	3	2	
Other Events	3	2	1	

Lex Haller

Lieutenant.

For Committee.

19/9/18.

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8th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP.

SPORTS MEETING:

23rd Sept. 1918

In the Field.

Judges - Lt.-Col. F. L. FREEMAN, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. F. STREET.
Major B. A. MARK, D.S.O., Major P. CHARLTON, R.O.,
Major COPPLESON, Captain Stradwick.

M.C. - Lieut. NAGLE.

Stewards Lieuts. HARVEY, HAMILTON, ANDERSON, DAVIS, GRAHAM,
BAUM, AVERY, SKINNER, WALTERS, BULL, DAVERN,
WONNACOTT.

Starters Captain WOODWARD, CAPT. CHALMERS.

Timekeeper. Lieut. MORPETH.

Time	Event	Conditions	Prize Money.	
			1st.	2nd.
P.M. 1.00	100x Championship (heats)	2 entries per unit! Any footgear! No Spikes. Neck to knee costume.	Chapman Bucc Bryan	Eys 32
1.10	440x Championship	ditto 30 McKernan 1 29 Symons 2 32 Giles 3	32.10.	10/-
1.20	Broad Jump 32 (Hopkins 17-7 29 Hunter 17-6 1/4)	3 tries (costume as above)	31.	Keiler 30 May AME
1.30	220x Championship	Costume as above Bryan 30	32.10.	10/-
1.40	Gas Contest 30 32	Teams of 5. 50x. Begin to adjust masks at word Go.	31.	
1.50.	High jump	3 tries. Chapman 31 1/4 Bradshaw 32 1/4	31.	4-10"
2.00	Throwing Cricket Ball	One throw	31.	31 1/4 - 1 1/4 29 - 2 1/4
2.05	Kicking football	1 Kick: drop, place or punt. Distance kick.	31.	Barnes 29
2.15	Officers Relay	Teams of 4: 440x. 30 32 29		

P.T.O.

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Time	Event	Conditions	Prize Money
			1st. 2nd
9.30			
2.20	Lewis Gun Competition	Teams of 4: run 20x: assemble gun, run another 20x and fire one shot.	24. 32 29
2.50	Final 100x	Costumes as above	23.10 10/
2.55	Heats Tug of War.	8 pulls. 1 team each unit. 29 <i>less Energy</i> 31 ✓ 30 32 ✓ <i>Ambr</i>	
3.00	P.T. Competition	Teams of 16. 5 exercises. Off. or M.C.O. in charge.	28.
3.20	Heats 150x hurdles.	6 hurdles 18x between hurdles. 3' hurdles.	
3.35	Mile flat race	Costumes as above	23.10 10/
3.40	Putting the Shot	20 lbs weight. one throw.	21
3.50	Obstacle race 220x	All corners.	21 10/
4.05	Final Hurdles	As for heats	23.10 10/ 30 31 29
4.15	Final T. of W.		29
4.30	PERONNE CUP 3 furlongs. Donks ridden by Transport O.R.'s. only. Donks to belong to unit entering same.		21.10
4.50	Relay Race. 1 team of 4 per unit. 220x each man. flag to be carried by runners should if possible be the Unit's colours. Stick 16" flag not less than 6" sq.		25.13.4.

Judges' decision to be final in all events.