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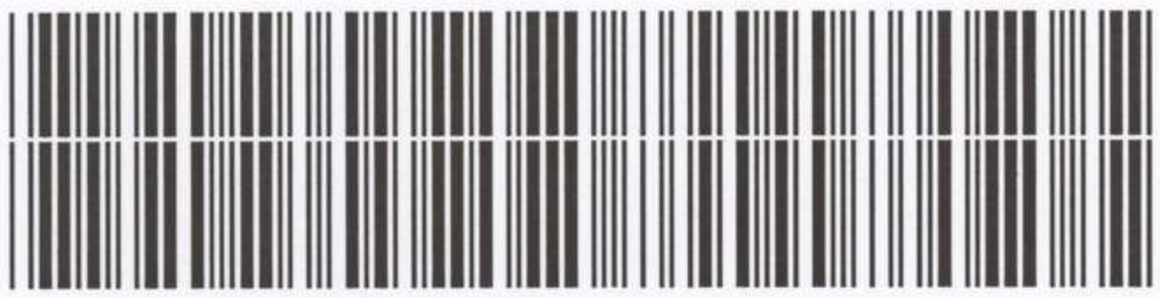

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MERICOURT -TREUX.	APRIL 1st		Enemy movement much increased & our observers provided out targets to 18 pdrs, which dispersed many enemy parties & attacked M.G. positions. Enemy Aircraft very active but were always heavily engaged by our planes, M.G. Fire, & A.A. Guns. Patrols moved out 400 x from trenches & B Coys Patrol brought in a Machine Gun (German 08/15 Pattern) Casualties Nil.	
	" 2nd		Enemy activity steadily increasing with Artillery, M.G. fire & Aeroplanes but movement has greatly decreased evidently enemy has got into fixed positions & secured some cover in posts. Snipers have been very busy wherever enemy has shown himself jumping from post & now he keeps to cover. 4 Huns claimed by Snipers & also a messenger dog whose body could not have been recovered. Scouts brought in another E. Machine Gun also many documents & other spoil. Casualties Nil.	
	" 3		Again marked increase in all activities of Enemy, seven Observation Balloons were used by enemy from near MORLENCOURT. Enemy now using very Light Night Flares & putting up wire. The B attalion sector has now been greatly improved & organized, & the posts nearly all connected, some wire entanglements constructed & a communication trench commenced. Our observers indicated enemy targets & our artillery which engaged them accurately & inflicted casualties. Relief of the trenches by 40th Bn A.I.F. commenced at 8.30 p.m. & was accomplished systematically & without interference by enemy & completed by 11.15 pm. when the 38th Bn became D Bn in reserve at RIBEMONT. Casualties — Nil.	
RIBEMONT	4		Uneventful. Conference of O's C. Coys, Working party 300 Strong sent out to dig new Shelter Trench.	
	"	4.40 pm	Read Bde Wire warning of possibility of an attack, from prisoners statement troops were already in position, so our artillery opened on his posts & probable points of assembly & maintained a heavy fire for three hours. Night passed quietly. Casualties — Nil.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RIBEMONT	APRIL 5th	5 am 7 am	All our artillery fired rapidly on enemy post & possible points of formation. Enemy Howitzers commenced to counter-battery work in an attempt to neutralise our field guns EAST of the village & a great deal of shelling ensued. but our guns remained in action throughout. Gas shell used by Enemy but only a faint trace of it reached RIBEMONT.	
		7.50 am	Shelling lifted to village & the cross roads, vicinity of C. & D Billets & H.Q. Billet were heavily bombarded for 60 minutes only slight casualties occurred. for troops either took to cellars or dispersed over the fields. Casualties 1 Killed 4 Wounded.	
		8.50 am	Bombardment lifted WEST towards HEILLY. but intermittent shelling of village continued all day which otherwise was without local incident. Troops retained at billets all day as enemy was attacking our F.L. Troops left was beaten off & therefore no movement on our part was necessary.	
			Original Messages received this day attached.	
	6th		While in reserve but little training has been possible owing to enemy observation & shelling of back areas, but Signallers have been organized for the next relief of the trenches by the Signalling Officer (Lt Potter) & the Scout Officers has organized & lectured the Scouts on their work under the new & unusual conditions of semi-open warfare. Casualties 1 Killed 4 Wounded (Coy)	
			A quiet day was passed in the billets but at midday we received notice that we should relieve the Left Bn in the BUIRE-TREUX Sector during the night. During the afternoon the sector was reconnoitred by many officers & at 8.30 p.m. relief commenced it was carried out systematically & without interruption during heavy rain & completed by 11 p.m. Casualties Nil.	Bn O. No 71
	7th		A quiet day. BUIRE village was shelled but its garrison were safe in the cellars & not casualties occurred. The 4pt	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	APRIL 7th contd		C/O Major Hurry spent the day in the Front Line, viewing the dispositions which it was decided were not the best possible & a scheme for their improvement submitted to higher authority, it was immediately approved & steps taken to commence the wiring & digging of the new posts proposed. The Line was held by "C" Coy on the Left. A Coy central & B Coy Right with D Coy as reserve Coy. "C" Coy occupies portion of Railway Line & outskirts of BUIRE Village & up to RIVER ANCRE A & B Coy in TREUX Village & up to MARETT WOOD with D Coy in BUIRE VILLAGE.	
	8th		The Day & night passed without special incident. Casualties Nil. A quiet day with low visibility, the troops were fully occupied in improving defences & endeavouring to obtain a little comfort & shelter from the inclement weather. Enemy artillery very active, snipers & M. Gs active although but little movement in forward areas. Our observers brought fire to bear upon a party of enemy observed in E27C. the artillery shot accurately & the party 90 strong dispersed from huts in which they had encamped. Enemy using Kite Balloons to observe our area. Division (4th Austn) on our left relieved about 1 am by 2nd Austn Divn. Their right Bn 27th Bn A.I.F. During the hours of darkness we advanced portion of our line on a front of 700 x from J6C40-30 to J6a 65 35, constructed new posts & placed out wire this done by A & B. Coys mainly by B Coy. Scouts of "B" Coy executed a daring patrol to a distant objective & obtained close touch with enemy & brought in documents & Verey Lights from dead enemy. Casualties Nil.	
	9th		Day very misty & observation poor. Enemy carried out harrassing fire over our Areas all day. Between hours of 8.30 & 9.30 he distributed over a thousand shells on BUIRE & TREUX villages & on the RAILWAY LINE held by our Bn. Although the day was favourable to enemy attack & shelling seemed to indicate an intention ~~Same~~ there was no infantry action, but shelling continued all day varying considerably in violence, but usually increasing at the clock hours.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
F. Line TRUEX-BUIRE Sector,	9th (contd)	3 oc pm	Shelling seemed to quieten down & conditions drop to Normal again. In the evening commencing at 9 p.m. we were relieved by the 40th Bn A.I.F. relief was accomplished in a systematic & orderly manner & without enemy interference. We moved out to near ~~Mericourt~~ MERICOURT & occupied Support Trenches becoming "C" Battalion Dispositions are A Coy Right, B Coy left, & D Coy Central with H.Q. in CHATEAU at ARTILLERY ROW, MERICOURT, & "C" Coy in reserve in same village.	BBO No 72
MERICOURT L'Abbe.	10th		Quick reliefs are now the Brigade policy in order to preserve the health of the fat. Casualties 1 Killed 1 Wound "C" Coy 1 Wounded B Coy. No Casualties from the gas. Aerial activity has been rather notable today, formations flying East were given much attention by our AA Guns & Machine Guns but none crashed. Our Artillery very active harrassing enemy. Rain has made the trenches uncomfortable but our lads have now prepared numbers of quite snug "Bivuys" & secured a measure of comfort. Although rations as issued are now in a somewhat limited scale & lack variety the manner & condition of their issue to the lads requires special mention reflecting very creditibly on the work of the Quartermaster & his staff & also the Battalion Transport. Rations are prepared & cooked at the Q.M's Store at HEILY, the vessels are then packed in straw filled boxes & carried in limbers to the front line areas being issued to the troops hot, in pleasant variety & satisfying quantity two hot meals being given, one before daylight & one after dusk as transport is impossible during daylight. Trench feet have been prevented too by the daily exchange of soiled wet socks for clean dry & warm ones, though no laundries are instituted in this as yet unorganized front our Q.M. has secured by salvage & other means a surplus of socks which are washed & dried at the store & issued & reissued daily in exchange for soiled pairs. The O.C. O. Major G. Murry has expressed his absolute satisfaction with the loyal & untiring efforts of our Q.M. Lieut P. J. Telfer & desired that these matters be recorded, for they have greatly contributed the high standard of efficiency maintained in the Battalion. — Casualties Nil	

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Place	Date April	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MERICOURT SUPPORT POSITIONS	11th	—	The activities of today have been those of artillery & aeroplanes on both sides. Enemy Observation Balloons (4) have been spotted from the vicinity of MORLANCOURT. Defences have been further improved by covering & entrenchments & area is rapidly becoming organized in depth. Casualties	Nil.
do,	12th		Continued artillery & Aircraft Activity on both sides, but this did not interfere with the progress of work which consisted in the siting & digging of posts in the rear zones. Our infantry observers have been busy & directed attention of a battery on to favourable targets which were engaged with much success. Enemy movement confined to his rear zones & seems to be mainly towards the South East. Casualties Nil	
			In accordance with Bde Order No 73 38th Batt'n relieved the 40th Batt'n astride the River ANCRE. From right to left the front line is as follows.—B and A Coy (left of ~~river~~ river). D coy is on right bank of river and parallel to it with the left post astride the BUIRE—VILLE SUR ANCRE Rd. C coy is in reserve in BUIRE. The relief passed without incident and was reported complete at 10.30 P.M.	App A.
	13th.		A and B Coy H.Q. are in cellars in TREUX. C" coy in cellar in BUIRE, D" Coy in cellar under signal box at Rlwy crossing D30 C.8.9. (Sheet 62D). TREUX lightly shelled during day. Otherwise day was without incident. Bn H.Q in farm at J5a 10.95. QM store at HEILLY.	
	14th.		At 4AM this morning an A Coy patrol of six men encountered enemy patrol of eight	

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38th Battn Sheet No. 39. Original

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BUIRE	April 14th	(Contd)	men near disabled tank 400 yds east of our line. Enemy threw two grenades which wounded four of our men (two very slightly) and then scattered. Our men brought in the two wounded men. Apparently none of the enemy were hit by our rifle fire. BUIRE lightly shelled during the day. Our artillery fired on enemy movement K1 a 3.2 which was notified to them by our observers.	
d.	15th		BUIRE shelled at intervals during day; enemy fired 20 small minenwerfers at the tank. This gun was spotted by our observers and reported to artillery. Artillery fired on it and it did not fire again during our tour in the line. Front line in K6 a lightly shelled. Lt KENNEDY M.C. killed	
	16th		Patrols pushed out to J6 b 8.2. without seeing enemy. Abandoned enemy MG found at J6 b 4.5 and brought in. BUIRE ~~ab~~ intermittently shelled all day.	
			On the night of 12th 13th. A Coy patrol brought in an enemy rifle with cup attachment ~~of~~ for firing grenades. Several grenades were brought in and proved to be the first of their kind captured. G.H.Q asked for specimens.	
			In accordance with Bn Order No 74 the 38th battn was relieved by 40th battn and moved to RIBEMONT becoming D (reserve) battn	App. A.
Work done during			4 days in line ÷ 350 yds new wire put up; 250 yds existing wire strengthened; B Coy posts connected up A Coy posts connected up. 50 yds new trench dug towards battn on right; 50 yds between A & B coy dug 180 yds new trench dug on GREEN LINE (2nd line of resistance)	

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April. 38th Battn Sheet No 40. Original

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RIBEMONT	17th		All men were given hot bath at flour mill. - day very quiet	
do	18th		Following work was done by our men on rear defences. ÷ 560 yds double apron wire, 1000 posts cut for use in wiring; 335 yds trench dug; 22 ft breastwork erected.	
do.	19th		Work for today; 440 yds double apron wire; 420 yds hedge cut down; 500 posts for wiring; 466 yds trench; 22 ft breastwork.	
do	20th		Work done today 150 yds wire; 475 yds trench; 52 ft breastwork. RIBEMONT was intermittently shelled to-day with gas and H.E.	
do	21st		Coy specialists will go into line to-night preparatory to relieving 27th batt'n in new sector. Work done ÷ 165 yds new trench; 35 yds double apron wire; 38 yds breastwork; cut 50 pickets; cleared 203 yds undergrowth; completed and camouflaged two strong pts.	
do.	22nd		RIBEMONT intermittently shelled during the night. In accordance with battalion order No 75 38th batt'n took over portion of the front occupied by 27th batt'n A.I.F. and relieved one coy of 40th batt'n. Our front now extends from approx D30c 5.2 to E19b 4.0., being held by B.C,D Coys (right to left) with A coy in reserve in E.24d, 19c. The front consists of a series of posts not yet linked up.	App. A.
BUIRE			The relief passed without incident and was complete by midnight. Bn HQ is at the Tn a 10.95.	

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38th Batt Sheet No 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BUIRE	23/4/18		A few shells fell in neighbourhood of Bn Hq during early morning. Our artillery was very active during day and night. Our patrols lay up as Listening posts during the night and saw nothing except Verey light and rifle flash from about D30d 90.50 and E25c 10.55 respectively. At 6.35 PM a plane with British markings dropped bombs behind our posts in D30c. Two fragments of bomb with British broad arrow brand were secured and forwarded to Bgde Hq.	Ref. Sheet 62d or ALBERT 1/20000.
do	24.4.18.		Enemy artillery not active. Our artillery very active as usual. Our patrols report no sign of enemy except sounds of digging and coughing at E25c 10.50 and 10.70. Visibility very bad.	
do	25.4.18		Enemy artillery was very active about 125 rounds of 4.2 and 5.9 falling in BUIRE. Rly line in J5 and main road in D28 and 29 were also heavily shelled. During last night our patrols pushed well out and discovered enemy post at Approx E25b 10.25, which was too strong to rush with the men available. Patrol of B coy pushed well out along BUIRE-VILLE road to capture suspected post at E25c.10.50. This was found to be unoccupied and patrol pushed out 600 yds further without finding any trace of the enemy. One prisoner 8th coy 246 R.I.R. 54th R. Div was captured by D coy in E19d	
do	26.4.18		Enemy artillery active during the night firing mainly on rly line and roads. Our our artillery was again very active. Working party E25b 30.40 reported on by our patrol was fired on at 1.15 AM and dispersed. In accordance with Bn Order No 76, 38th Batt was relieved by 40th Batt and became D Batt (Reserve) at RIBEMONT; living in ~~tz~~ cellars.	

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RIBEMONT 27.4.18. The battalion being now Reserve battalion is being fully employed on rear defensive lines. The day passed without incident

" 28.4.18. Without incident; a few shells fell in RIBEMONT at intervals during the day

29.4.18 A few shells were thrown into RIBEMONT one of them directly hitting Bn HQ. The adjutant's batman was severely wounded

30.4.18. In accordance with Bn order No 77. 38th Battn relieved the 40th Battn in front of BUIRE. The line is held from right to left by A.C. and D coys respectively with "B" Coy in reserve in BUIRE.

Casualties for the month Killed in action 1 Off. 5 OR
Wounded. 2 " 34 "

Work done during 4 days in Reserve. ÷ 285 yds trench dug 3'6" deep; 400 yds trench 2 ft deep 235 yds parapet and parados camouflaged; an average of 110 men daily were employed building dug outs in a quarry and bank to provide ~~shelter~~ living accomodation and so enable D battn to move from RIBEMONT.

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38TH. BATTALION ORDER NO.70

3rd. April 1918

Reference Map:- 62 D N.E.1/40,000

1. The 40th Battalion will relieve the 38th Battalion tonight 3rd/4th.April. No movement of troops will take place before 8.30.p.m.

2. The following will be the new dispositions of Units:-

"A" Battalion - 40th Bn. MARETTE WOOD, Southwards to Brigade boundary.
"B" " - 39th Bn. N.E. corner MARETTE WOOD to BUIRE Rly Station.
"C" " - 37th Bn. MERICOURT.
"D" " - 38th Bn. RIBEMONT.

A.B.C.&.D. Companies will take over dispositions of A.B.C.&.D. Companies 40th Battalion respectively.

3. The relief will be covered by patrols which will not be withdrawn till the whole of the new "A"&"B" Battalions are in position.

4. While on the move troops must be prepared to fight at any time should occasion arise and precautions must be taken against possible casualties from shelling.

5. Billets - "A" Coy will take over billets now occupied by "A"Coy 40th Battalion.
"B" Coy will take over billets now occupied by "B"Coy 40th Battalion.
"C" Coy will take over billets now occupied by "C"Coy 40th Battalion.
"D" Coy will take over billets now occupied by "D"Coy 40th Battalion.

6. Guides - The 40th Battalion will have guides (one per Coy) at the Railway Crossing at MERICOURT Railway Station at 9.30.p.m. to guide 38th ~~Battalion~~ Companies into billets. Guides for incoming unit will report as arranged by Company Commanders of 38th Coys and 40th Coys last night.

7. Coys will arrange at once by sending an N.C.O. to reconnoitre their respective billets.

8. Tools - Companies will arrange to dump all picks and shovels on the road at the S.W. corner of the Wood where they will be picked up by the Transport.
Each Company will leave one man in charge of and load picks and shovels on to Transport.

9. Completion of relief will be report to Battalion Headquarters.

10. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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for Captain.
Adjutant, 38th. Battalion. A. I. F.

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38TH. BATTALION ORDER NO.71

April 6th. 1918

1. 38th. Battalion will relieve 39th Battalion on the left Sector.

2. After relief the following will be the dispositions of Battalion

"A" Battalion - 37th Battn. on Right
"B" " - 38th Battn. on Left
"C" " - 40th Battn.in AMIENS line near MERICOURT
"D" " - 39th Battn in RIBEMONT.

Companies will relieve Companies of 39th Battn as follows:-

"A" Coy. 38th Battn. will relieve "B"Coy. 39th Battn.
"B" " 38th Battn. will relieve "A"Coy. 39th Battn.
"C" " 38th Battn. will relieve "D"Coy. 39th Battn.
"D" " 38th Battn. will relieve "C"Coy. 39th Battn.

3. No movement of troops to take place before 8.30.p.m.

4. Patrols of 39th Battn will not be relieved until Patrols from 38th Battn. are sent out to relieve them.

5. Precautions must be taken to minimise casualties from hostile fire.

6. Ingoing Companies will take over dispositions of Companies relieved also trench tools, ammunition &c., receipts being given - copies of receipts to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters.
The work of improving trenches, wiring etc. must be pushed on vigorously.

7. 39th. Battn. will provide 1 Guide per Coy. to be at 38th Battn. H.Qrs at about 7.p.m. tonight to guide Coys into their positions.
A.B.C.&.D.Coys 38th Battn. will have available 1 Guide each to guide 39th Coys into their billets. Os.C. Coys will give guides written instructions showing what Coys they belong to.

8. Reports of completion of relief to be sent by the word "POSSUM" wired to Battn. H.Qrs.

9. A C K N O W L E D G E.

A Shaw
Captain.
Adjutant, 38th Battalion. A. I. F.

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38TH. BATTALION.A.I.F. ORDER NO. 72 9th. April 1918.

Reference Map 62.d. N.E.
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INTENTION. 1. The 38th Battalion will be relieved by the 40th Battalion on the night of 9/10th April 1918.

DISPOSITIONS.2. After relief the following will be the dispositions of Battalions:-

A. Battn.	39th Btn.
B. "	40th "
C. "	38th "
D. "	37th "

The following will be dispositions of Coys of 38th Btn. in the new sector after relief:-

A.Coy	-	Right Coy.
D. "	-	Centre "
B. "	-	Left "
C. "	-	Reserve"

Companies will arrange for a reconnaissance of their respective Coy Sectors forthwith - Existing dispositions will be handed over to incoming Companies.

GUIDES. 3. 1 Guide per Platoon will report at H.Qrs. 40th Battalion at 7.30.p.m. tonight with written instructions stating Coy and Platoon of 38th Bn. they represent and the Coy of the 40th. Bn. they are to guide to the line.
1 Guide per Platoon from the 40th Battn will report to these H.Qrs. at 8.30.p.m. tonight and will then be sent on to their respective opposite numbers.

MOVEMENT. 4. No movement of troops will take place before 8.30.p.m.

PATROLS. 5. Patrols of 38th.Battn will not be relieved until patrols of 40th Battn are sent out to relieve them.

PRECAUTIONS 6. Precautions must be taken to minimise casualties from hostile fire.

TRENCH STORES. 7. All trench stores, maps, air photographs and works will be handed over . Receipts to be obtained for former.

REPORTS. 8. Reports of completion of relief to be wired to these present H.Qrs. and later at new H.Qrs. MERICOURT.

9. A C K N O W L E D G E.

(Signed) H.ROBBINS. Lieut.
A/Adjutant, 38th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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38TH. BATTALION ORDER NO. 73

12th. April 1918.

Reference Map:- Sheet 62d. N.E. 1/20,000.

1. The 38th. Battalion will relieve 40th Battalion in the left Sector tonight 12th/13th. inst. Dispositions will be as follows:-

Battns.	37th. Battn.	-	"A" Battn.
	38th. "	-	"B" "
	39th. "	-	"C" "
	40th. "	-	"D" "

38th. Companies.

B. Coy	-	Right Company
A. "	-	Centre Company
D. "	-	Left Company
C. "	-	Reserve Company.

2. No movement of troops will take place before 8.30.p.m. "D" and "B" Coys will move out at 8.30.p.m. "A" and "C" Coys. will move out at 9.p.m.

3. The dispositions of the 40th Battalion will be taken over by 38th. Battalion.
Trench Maps, Air Photographs, Works, will also be taken over, receipts for the two former being given.

4. Patrols will be put out to cover reliefs and will not be withdrawn till patrols from 38th. Battalion are sent out to relieve them.

5. Precautions against casualties from hostile fire during moves are to be taken.

6. Reports of completion of relief to be wired by the word "KANGAROO".

7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Captain.
Adjutant, 38th Battalion.A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No.1. to 10th A.I.B.
2. C.O.
3. A.Coy.
4. B. "
5. C. "
6. D. "
7. 40th Bn.
8. Town Major.MERICOURT.
9. Transport Officer &.Q.M.
10.11.12.War Diary.
13 File.
14 Spare.

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38TH. BATTALION ORDER NO. 74

15th. April 1918

Reference Map:- Sheet 62d. N.E. 1/20,000

1. The 40th Battalion will relieve the 38th. Battalion in the TREUX-BUIRE sector on night 16th/17th. April.
After relief dispositions of Battalions will be as under:-

"A" Battalion - 39th. Battalion
"B" " - 40th "
"C" " - 37th. "
"D" " - 38th. "

Dispositions of Companies:-

"A"Coy. 38th. Bn. will take over billets now occupied by "A" Coy. 40th. Bn.
"B"Coy. 38th. Bn. will take over billets now occupied by "B" Coy. 40th Bn.
"C"Coy. 38th. Bn. will take over billets now occupied by "C" Coy. 40th. Bn.
"D"Coy. 38th. Bn. will take over billets now occupied by "D" Coy. 40th. Bn.

2. No movement of troops will take place before 8.30.p.m.

3. The present dispositions of the 38th. Battalion will be taken over by the relieving Battalion.
Trench Maps, Air photographs, Works, Books with plans and works, Ammunition, and S.O.S. Signals will also be handed over, receipts obtained and copies forwarded to Battalion H.Qrs.

4. Patrols will be sent out to cover reliefs and will not be withdrawn till patrols from the relieving Unit are sent out to relieve them.

5. Companies will bring out all Mobilization Store picks and shovels, and a return of numbers taken out will be forwarded to Battalion H.Qrs.

6. Precautions against casualties from hostile fire during move will be observed.

7. Reports of completion of relief to be wired to present Battn. H.Qrs. and later to new H.Qrs. by the word "WALLABY".

8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

A Shaw Captain.

Adjutant, 38th. Battalion. A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No. 1. H.Q. 10th.A.I.B. by runner at
2. C.O.
3. A.Coy
4. B "
5. C. "
6. D. "
7. 40th Bn.
8. Town Major, RIBEMONT.
9. Q.M. &. Transport Officer.
10. O.C. Nucleus Coy.
11.)
12.) War Diary
13.)
14. File.

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21st April 1918.

58TH BATTALION ORDER NO.75.

Reference Map 62d.N.E. 1/20,000.

1. Reliefs in accordance with the following instructions will be carried out on 20th,21st and 22nd instants.

2. On night 21st/22nd instant the 44th Battalion will take over from 37th Battalion,posts South of the grid running West and West through J.12.cent. The 37th Battalion will re-dispose their troops so as to hold the front system from J.12.central to the double post No. 4 of the left Coy.North of ANCRE at D.30.c.5.1. River from this point Westward is inclusive to "A" Battalion.

NIGHT 21/22nd.

37th Battalion will have one Company in close support in trenches West of THIEPVAL.

The two Companies of 44th Battalion so relieved will be withdrawn to RIBEMONT.

The 39th Battalion will be relieved from the portion of ANCRE line to the South of East and West line through J.12.central by 44th Battalion and will withdraw troops so relieved to MERICOURT for the night.

3 On night 22nd/23rd the 38th Battalion will take over from 40th Battalion and 27th Battalion the line from Railway Crossing at D.29.d.5.2 to K.19.b.4.0. which is No.9.Post of left Coy of right Battalion 7th A.I.Bde. This Post will be held by one rifle section, 10 A.I.Bde,and one L.G.Section of 7th A.I.Bde under command of Platoon Commander of 10th A.I.Bde.

NIGHT 22/23rd.

Companies will move in the following order and times :-

Left Coy	"D" Coy	at	9-0 p.m.
Centre Coy	"C" Coy	at	9-15 p.m.
Right Coy	"B" Coy	at	9-30 p.m.
Reserve Coy	"A" Coy	at	9-45 p.m.

"B" Coy 3rd Australian Pioneers will also be relieved by 38th Battalion in Posts East of BUIRE.

The two Companies of 40th Battalion so relieved will withdraw to RIBEMONT.

The 39th Battalion will dispose two Companies in trenches North of ANCRE between BUIRE and RIBEMONT with left flank about D.23. .7.7.

Machine Guns covering the Brigade front South of J.12.cent. will,when relieved by 11th A.M.G.Coy guns,relieve 5 guns covering the portion of 7 A.I.Bde front which is being taken over by the 38th Battn.

4. There are two Trench Mortars of 7th A.L.T.M.Battery in D.30.b. which will be relieved by 10th A.L.T.M.Battery on 22nd/23rd instant.

5. Maps,Air Photos,Works book with plans,etc. will be handed over on relief,receipt being taken. The incoming Unit will also be advised of any works which are under construction in the Battalion Area.

6. On night of 21st/22nd Advance Parties consisting of :-

Battalion Signal Officer
Lewis Gun Officer
1 Officer per Company
20% of Scouts,Snipers,Signallers.
Nos.1 & 2 of Lewis Gun Teams.
Battalion Gas N.C.O.

will go into the line to be taken over from 7th A.I.Bde.

7. The outcoming Unit will send out patrols to cover the relief. These patrols will not be withdrawn till relieved by patrols of incoming Unit.

8. Completion of the relief will be reported by wire to Battalion Headquarters,the word "LIZARD". being used. Disposition reports accompanied by sketches will be forwarded to Battalion H.Qrs by 12 noon on 23rd instant.

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9. 150 No movement of troops to take place before 9-0 p.m. Precautions against casualties from hostile shelling must be taken.

10. Packs will be stacked in a room in S.W. corner of the Town Major's Billet. These will be neatly stacked by Companies. No party to be stronger than two sections at a time. Companies will stack their packs during the following hours tomorrow, 22nd instant :-

"A" Company between 1-0 P.M. and 2-0 P.M.
"B" Company .. 2-0 P.M. and 3-0 P.M.
"C" Company .. 3-0 P.M. and 4-0 P.M.
"D" Company .. 4-0 P.M. and 5-0 P.M.

Advance Parties will stack their packs between the hours of 5-0 P.M. and 6-0 P.M. today.

11. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Athaus Captain.

Adjutant 38th Battalion A. I. F.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No. 1. H.Q. 10th Mdstn. Infantry Brigade.
2. C.O.
3. "A" Company
4. "B" ..
5. "C" ..
6. "D" ..
7. 37th Battalion
8. 40th Battalion
9. T.O. & Q.M.
10. Town Major RICHMOND
11. O.C. 38th Bn. Bucaleus Coy. "B" Echelon.
12.)
13.) War Diary.
14.)
15. File.

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38TH BATTALION A.I.F. ORDER NO.76.

Reference Map : 62 D.1/40,000. 25th April 1918.

1. On night 26th/27th, 40th Battalion will relieve 38th Battalion as "B" Battalion, 38th Battalion becoming "D" Battalion.

2. Trench Maps, Air Photographs, Work schemes, dumps will be handed over, receipts obtained, one copy of which will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 9 a.m. on 27th instant.

3. Patrols to cover relief will be sent out and will not be withdrawn until the patrolsof the incoming unit are sent out.

4. Precautions to minimise casualties from enemy shelling must be taken and no movement of troops must take place before 9 p.m.

5. Disposition reports to bef forwarded to Battalion H.Qrs by 9 a.m. on 27th instant.

6. Details of billet accommodation will be issued later.

7. All mobilisiation picks and shovels, also all food tins will be dumped at "A" Coys dump where transport will pick up and convey to RIBEMONT.

8. Completion of relief to be wired to present Headquarters and later at RIBEMONT H.Qrs (by runner) by the word "WOMBAT".

9. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Captain.

Adjutant. 38th Battalion. A.I.F.

Distribution.

Copy No.1. H.Qrs., 10th A.I.Bde.
2. C.O.,
3. A Coy.
4. B ..
5. C ..
6. D ..
7. 40th Battalion.
8. Town Major,RIBEMONT.
9. Q.M and Transport Officer.
10. O.C., 38th Nucleus Coy. "B" Echelon.
11.)
12.) War Diary.
13.)
14. File.
15. Spare.

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38TH BATTALION A.I.F. ORDER NO 77.

29th April 1918.

REFERENCE MAP : 62d.1/40,000.

1. On the night 30th/April/1st May the 38th Battalion will relieve the 40th Battalion as "B" Battalion,40th Battalion becoming "D" Battn.
The dispositions of Companies will be as follows :-

Right Coy	-	"A" Coy.
Centre Coy	-	"C" Coy.
Left Coy	-	"D" Coy.
Support Coy	-	"B" Coy.

2. Trench Maps,Air Photos,works schemes,dumps etc must be taken ove receipt being exchanged,one copy of which will be forwarded to Battn. Headquarters by 9 a.m. 1st May.

3. Patrols to cover relief will be put out by Battalion in ~~xxxx~~ the line and will not be withdrawn till the patrols of 38th Battn. are sent out.

4. Precautions to minimise casualties from enemy shelling must be taken,and no movement of troops must take place before 9 p.m.

5. Companies will move in to the line in the following order :-
Headquarters at 9.p.m.
"D" Coy (Left) at 9 p.m.
"C" Coy (Centre) at 9-15 p.m.
"A" Coy (Right) at 9-30 p.m.
"B" Coy (Support) at 9-45 p.m.

6. Disposition reports and sketches to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 9 a.m. 1st May.

7. Completion of relief to be wired to Battalion Headquarters by the word "EMU".

8. A C K N O W E D G E.

A Chase
Captain.
Adjutant, 38th Battalion A. I. F.

DISTRUBUTION.

Copy No. 1 H.Q. 10th Australian Infantry Brigade.
2 C.O.
3. "A" Coy.
4. "B" Coy.
5. "C" Coy.
6. "D" Coy.
7. 40th Battalion A.I.F.
8. Town Major RIBEMONT.
9. O.C.38th Bn.Nucleus."B" Echelon.
10. Transport Officer & Q.M.
11.)
12.)War Diary
13)
14. File. 15. Spare.

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Handed in by Major Howard at 5.30 10/5/18.

War Records

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Account of operations taken part in by the 53rd Battalion between 22nd and 30th September 1917:

(1) In Reserve and Support:

At about 5.30 p.m. on 22nd Sept. the Battalion moved from the Chateau Segard Area to the HALFWAY HOUSE AREA where it bivouaced in trenches and shelters. The strength of the battalion was 21 Officers and 676 Other ranks.
The Battalion remained here in Reserves until the night of the 24th Sept. Parties from the battalion were on various tactical working parties, the remainder resting. The enemy shelled this vicinity at periods and caused a number of casualities.
On the night of the 24/25th Sept. the Battn. moved into Support in front of GLENCORSE WOOD where it remained till moving up to the Assembly Point. Only 3 casualties were suffered moving up. Very heavy shell fire was encountered during the whole time the Battn. remained in support. "B" Coy. especially suffering very heavy losses and having one officer (Lieut. C.C. JENNINGS) killed.

(2) Assembly and Formations.

At 12 midnight 25/26th Sept the Battn. moved up to take its position at the Assembly Point, 1 Officer and 5 O/R being wounded on the way up (the officer Lieut. A.O. Correy subsequently dying of his wounds).
The Battn. reached its position at 3 15 a.m. being delayed owing to a barrage being put up by the enemy, the crossing of which would have entailed heavy casualties.
The Battn. were assembled on a 2 Coy. front covering an area of 550 yds by 20yds. "A" Coy were in front on the left with "B" Coy in support, "D" Coy were in front on the right with "C" Coy in support. The formation (as far as the natural cover afforded by the shell-holes allowed) was lines of sections in single file. Battn. H.Q. was in the middle of the two support Coys.
The Signalling Officer (Lieut. J.G. Blackney) had been sent back to details by the R.M.O. that afternoon and the Lewis Gun Officer (Lieut. H.C.W. Payne) was evacuated with shell-shock as the Battn. was moving up to the Assembly Point.
While waiting at the Assembly Point the enemy shelled the Area at intervals most of the shells however burst behind the Battn and only one casualty was sustained.
The R.M.O. established his Aid Post on the outskirts of Glencorse Wood.
The strength of the Battn at zero hour was 16 Officers and 507 Other Ranks.

(3) The Attack.

Punctually at zero hour (5.50 a.m.) our barrage opened and the Battn immediately rose and doubled across No Mans Land till reaching about 60yds short of the barrage where the men knelt down waiting for it to begin to creep forward.
The formation of sections in single file was kept here and throughout the operations.
When the barrage began to creep two platoons preceded by a line of scouts went forward the remainder following when the proper distances had been set up. The two rear Coys moved in column of platoons with each platoon in lines of sections in single file, the two rear platoons of each rear Coy keeping behind Battn. H.Q. as the Battn. reserve.

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The formations and methods of attacking strong posts as laid down and practised proved entirely satisfactory and effective, and I cannot suggest anything to better these principles.
Resistance from Pill Boxes and Strong Posts was encountered almost immediately but in no case was the advance checked:
In one case a Strong Post was encountered and machine-gun fire opened on the attackers; immediately a C.S.M. and qbout half-a-dozen men worked round the flanks while q Lewis Gun qnd team opened up direct fire on the position drawing the enemy fire off the enveloping parties who were then easily able to work round, rush the position with bombs and the bayonet, and account for the occupants and capture the gun.
In spite of q fairly heavy mist direction was well maintained by working on compass bearings which had beeen previously taken.
On reaching the Butte the two platoons which had been previously detailed to occupy it rushed the position and established themselves on the top after slight fighting.
Sentries were placed on all entrances to the dug-outs and bombing parties were organised and worked down the passages, several of these were met with fire from inside the dug-outs and retaliated with grenades, eventually driving the occupants into one compartment, and as they still continued firing grenades were thrown amongst them qnd several wounded; remainder consisting of 6 Officers and 56 others then surrendered.
The objective was reached qt 6.25.a.m.
Companies were at once organized and began to consolidate under cover of the protective barrage.
Just before reaching the objective the Commanding Officer (Lt.Col.O.M.Croshaw D.S.O.) was reported missing and Capt.P.T. Roberts assumed command of the Battn.
The casualties in the actual attack are estimated at 2 Officers (Lt.Col.Croshaw whom it afterwards transpired died of wounds, and Capt.C.A.Johnson, who was wounded in the arm) and about 40 other Ranks.

(4) Communications.

Immediately the mist lifted communication was established with brigade by means of the Lucas lamp and during the whole of the operations communication was maintained by pigeon service, relay runner posts and power buzzer.

(5) Consolidation, counter-attacks, etc.

By the time the barrage moved on towards the second objective the Battn. was established on the red line having dug well in though under heavy fire from machine-guns and snipers on the right front and enemy planes which were flying very low over our lines. Communication had also been established on both flanks. Very shortly after reaching the objective an immediate counter-attack was launched against the Butte but was easily repulsed with Lewis and machine gun fire and about 60 more prisoners including 1 Officer surrendered.
During the attack 9 machine-guns were captured one being used from a strong point on the left flank and 2 by the party from the 14th Brigade M.G.Coy. attached to the Battn., the remainder; all of which were wholly or partially destroyed:, were also handed to the machine gun Coy. No difficulty was experienced in getting ammunition for the supply of these guns.

(6) Several patrols were sent out in and around the Battn.area to deal with individual snipers and in every case these were successful.
Machine-guns were mounted on top of the Butte where they had the very best of observation and a splendid field of fire and were able to render invaluable service in assisting to beat off all threatened counter-attacks, and the excellent work done by this party from the 14th Bgde.M.G.Coy. is deserving of every praise; observation of their shooting shewed the

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excellent results achieved by them and the casualties inflicted by them were enormous. Communication was maintained with the advance battalions and at the request of the O.C. firing line, 56th Battn., three machine guns and all S.A.A. that could be spared were sent forwaed.
The Battn. had consolidated in depth but owing to heavy shell fire on all back areas and heavy casualties these parties had to be brought forward to the red line. One and a half Coys were kept well under cover on the Butte as a Battn.reserve. Two Aid Posts were established and stretcher-bearers dealt with all wounded at these posts. As far as possible prisoners were used as bearers, but before long all means for the removal of wounded were exhausted.
This lasted till next morning when the R.M.O. came forward bringing 20 bearing parties with him and from that time the steady evacuation of all wounded was maintained.

The first heavy counter-attack on the blue line was at about 7.p.m.that evening when the enemy made several attempts to attack, but on each occasion was frustrated and very severe casualties inflicted by the artillery and machine-guns. The artillery F.O.O. attached to this Battn. (2nd.Lt.Money) rendered invaluable service in this connection.

The supply of ammunition and rations under Brigade arrangements could not have been better.

The period from the night of 26/27th Sept. till the Battn. came out on the night of 29/30th Sept. was occupied by improving the line and continuing the work of consolidation, wire being erected along the whole front and good trenches dug. The enemy shelling was heavy but not continuous. Serious attempts to counter-attack were made but none at any time reached the stage of becoming really serious, owing to the magnificent barrage put up by our artillery and machine guns. On the morning of the 27th Sept. an enemy plane of the Gotha type flew low along our lines firing its machine gun; several Lewis and machine guns opened fire and the plane was brought down just in rear of our lines and behind the battalion on our right flank.

The spirit of the men at all times was excellent and shewed them to be in splendid physical condition. On the night of 29/30th Sept. the Battn returned to the Halfway House Area and on the following night to Pioneer Camp.
On both occasions getting through with no casualties.

The total casualties suffered by the Battn were :-

	Officers.	Other Ranks.
Killed and died of wounds.	3.	65.
Wounded.	4.	222.
Hospital. (N.Y.D.N.)	I.	41.
Missing.		18.
Total:	8.	342.

The new method of wearing the entrenching-tool head proved very efficacious. At least three instances in this Battn. casualties were averted as machine gun bullets were found embedded in the web covering of the entrenching-tool head.

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A.F.B. 213. No. 107 6th. April 1918.

(a) Promotions to Acting, Temporary and Lance Rank.

2820 Cpl Huggins P.L. ~~xxxSgt~~ to be L/Sgt. 1.4.18 vice L/Sgt. Brook to Training Battalion 31.12.17.
383 L/Cpl. Strickland L. to be T/Cpl. 1.4.18 vice Cpl. Piggott wounded i/a 29.3.18. P.B.No.107693.

(b) Promotions to Permanent Rank.

965 Pte.(A/Sgt). Preston H.F. to be Sgt. 31.3.18 to complete establishment (A.I.F.Order 1164 of 22.3.18) P.B.No. 107926.

(c) Casualties

2556 Pte Egan W. Wounded i/a 29.3.18
1836 L/Cpl. Fisher George Edward Charles, Wounded i/a 2.4.18
3220 Pte Rimmer Richard, Wounded i/a 5.4.18
822 " Carter Joseph Lesley, Wounded i/a 5.4.18
2039 Sgt Brown Adrien Spalding, Wounded i/a 5.4.18
564 Sgt Hillerman William Ernest, Wounded i/a 5.4.18
3189 Pte Matson John Henry, Killed i/a 5.4.18

(d) Rejoined Unit ex sick and wounded.

1233	Cpl. Maitland J.A.	3.4.18
7005	Pte Forrester J.P.	1.4.18

(e) Leave

	ENGLISH	Date of returning
1941	Sgt Marquis S.C.	3.4.18
2272	Pte Irwin C.E.	3.4.18
7628	" Joiner A.H.	3.4.18
3201	" McKenzie D.A.	3.4.18
2876	" Sample H.F.	3.4.18
2517	" Andrews H.V.	3.4.18
3062	" Hart W.H.	3.4.18
722	C.S.M. Sharp J.H.	3.4.18
707	L/Cpl.Braddy W.	3.4.18
6854	Pte Hannant G.	3.4.18
7653	" Holmes P.J.	3.4.18
2697	" Sercombe F.S.	3.4.18
7803	" Boyle W.C.	3.4.18
1048	Sgt Lehman F.	3.4.18
1056	Cpl. Stanley F.	3.4.18
5918	Pte Binion F.	3.4.18
3020	" Amiet H.	3.4.18
2786	" Constable W.	3.4.18
1788	" Barndon C.J.	3.4.18
1167	Sgt Fiven J.E.	3.4.18
1113	L/Cpl.Burton H.O.	3.4.18
2163	" Wiseman R.O.S.	3.4.18
1196	Pte Howard G.H.	3.4.18

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(e) Leave (Contd)

ENGLISH

		Date of Returning
2797	Pte Edwards C.R.	3.4.18
1290	" Richard W.H.	3.4.18
1309	" Smith R.A.	3.4.18
1783	" Lewis R.C.	3.4.18
615	Sgt McNeill J.D.	3.4.18
2296	L/Cpl. Chisholm A.	3.4.18
6096	Pte Thompson H.	3.4.18
	Lieut McCULLOCH W.H., M.C.	3.4.18

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	Lieut BULT R.B.	2.4.18
750	Cpl McDonald N.A.	2.4.18
1128	Pte Bullen R.W.	2.4.18
571	" Harris E.J.	2.4.18
763	C.S.M. Duckland R.J.	2.4.18

(f) Detachment

139 Sgt. Onley R.E. temporarily detached for duty with G.H.Q. Lewis Gun Battalion 29.3.18

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To be made up to and for Saturday in each week

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FIELD RETURN.

Army Form B. 213

(To be furnished by all arms, services, and departments (except A.S.C. units) to the A.G.'s Office at the Base in accordance with Field Service Regulations, Part II.)

RETURN showing numbers (a) Effective strength of Unit. 878 (b) Rationed by Unit. 775. 38th Battalion A.I.F. at In the Field 6th April 1918 Date.

DETAIL	Personnel: Officers	Personnel: Other ranks	Personnel: Natives	Animals: Horses: Riding	Animals: Horses: Draught	Animals: Horses: Heavy Draught	Animals: Horses: Pack	Animals: Mules: Large	Animals: Mules: Small	Guns and transport vehicles: Guns, showing description	Ammunition wagons	Machine guns	Aircraft, showing description	Horsed: 4 Wheeled	Horsed: 2 Wheeled	Mechanical: Motor Cars	Mechanical: Tractors	Mechanical: Lorries, showing description	Mechanical: Trucks, showing description	Mechanical: Trailers	Motor Bicycles	Bicycles	Motor Ambulances	Remarks
Effective Strength of Unit.....	46	832	·	11	8	9	·	20	7		10	20		4	4							9		
Details *by Arms* attached to unit as in War Establishment :—																								
M.C.	1																							
Total	47	832	·	11	8	9	·	20	7		10	20		4	4							9		
War Establishment	49	967	·	11	8	9	·	20	7		10	16		4	4							9		
Wanting to complete (Detail of Personnel and Horses below)	2	135																						
Surplus	·	·										4												
*Attached (not to include the details shown above).....	7	56																						
Civilians :— Employed with the Unit																								
Accompanying the Unit																								
TOTAL RATIONED.....	40	735	·	*13	8	9	·	20	6															

*1 Riding horse missing
1 Small mule evacuated sick.

* Attached	Off	OR
A.A.V.C	1	3
A.A.R.C		1
A.S.C		2
Chaplain	1	
Artillery Offr & Observer	1	1
40th Battn attached	2	4
Town Major & Piquet (Missouri C'Abbe)	1	45
	7	56

* 3 riding horses attached for rations only.

Appendix "B"

* In the case of field ambulances, hospitals or depots, the number of patients are to be included here, the names being shown in A. F. A. 36.

Major. Signature of Commander.

A/C.O, 38th Battalion. A.I.F.

6th April. 1918. Date of Despatch.

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Appendix "B"

Demands made on this sheet should consist of personnel required from the Base only, and should not include any demands for personnel which can be completed by promotions or appointments within the unit.

Perforated Sheet giving detail of personnel and horses wanting to complete, shown on Army Form B. 213.

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Detail of Wanting to Complete.	Drivers						Gunners	Smith Gunners	Range Takers	Farriers		Shoeing, or Shoeing and Carriage Smiths	Cold Shoers	Wheelers			Saddlers or Harness Makers.	Blacksmiths	Bricklayers and Masons	Carpenters and Joiners	Fitters & Turners (R.E.)	
	R.A.	R.E.	A.S.C.	Car	Lorry	Steam				Serjeants	Corporals			R.A.	H.T.	M.T.					Wood	Iron
CAVALRY																						
R.A.																						
R.E.																						
INFANTRY																						
R.A.M.C.																						
A.O.C.																						
A.V.C.																						

Detail of Wanting to Complete.	Fitters		Plumbers	Electricians		Signalmen	Engine Drivers		Air Line Men	Permanent Line Men	Operators, Telegraph	Cablemen	Brigade Section Pioneers	General-duty Pioneers	Signallers	Instrument Repairers	Motor Cyclist	Motor Cyclist Artificers	Telephonists	Clerks	Machine Gunners	Armament Artificers		Armourers	Storemen	Privates
	R.A.	Wireless		Ordinary	W.T.		Loco.	Field														Fitters	Range Finders			
CAVALRY																										
R.A.																										
R.E.																										
INFANTRY																										
R.A.M.C.																										
A.O.C.																										
A.V.C.																										

Detail of Wanting to Complete.	W.O's. and N.C.O's. (by ranks) not included in trade columns											"TOTAL to agree with wanting to complete		Horses			
												Officers	Other Ranks	Riding	Draught	Heavy Draught	Pack
CAVALRY																	
R.A.																	
R.E.																	
INFANTRY												2	435		-	-	-
R.A.M.C.																	
A.O.C.																	
A.V.C.																	

Remarks :—

[signature] Major
Signature of Commander.

A/C.O, 38th Battalion. A.I.F.
Unit.

10th Aust. Inf. Bde
Formation to which attached.

6th April. 1918.
Date of Despatch.

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(a) Promotions to Permanent Rank

To be Lieutenants:-

2nd.Lieut.	L.W.MITCHELL	1.2.18.	P.B.No 269763
" "	E.J.H.SCHLITZ M.C.	1.2.18.	P.B.No.108407
" "	J.S.SHILLIDAY D.C.M.	3.2.18	" 107913
" "	A.S.MARLOW	3.2.18	" 108006
" "	J.C.DAVIS	12.2.18	" 88277
" "	S.B. VERSO	12.2.18	" 107901
" "	E.M. BARKER	1.3.18	" 103925
" "	A.J.B.CHURCHILL M.C.	1.3.18	" 103917
" "	E.POTTER	1.3.18	" 108316
" "	R.B.BUIT	1.3.18	" 99958
" "	F.J.EASON	1.3.18	" 118617

(A.I.F. List No. 314 dated 2.4.18)

(b) Evacuations to Hospital Sick

1813	Pte	Carey A.J.R.	10.4.18	N.Y.D.N.
	Lieut.	McCOIL H.	6.4.18	
3121	Pte	Anderson W.	7.4.18	
211	"	Broadbent J.E.	30.3.18	While on English Leave.
434	Sgt	Pascoe J.T.	31.3.18	do
4872	Pte	Pike J.W.	6.4.18	
3251	"	Wilson W.G.	21.3.18	
2663	"	Wilson D.T.	21.3.18	
4889	"	Scown J.	23.3.18	
4794	"	Drever J.	23.3.18	

(c) Casualties

4768	Pte	Barrow F.	Killed i/a	9.4.18
1060	"	Wishart H.S.	Wounded i/a	9.4.18
3412	"	Hill A.W.	do	9.4.18
2694	"	Nicholls E.A.V.	do	9.4.18
2544	"	Cogan J.	do	7.4.18
2126	"	McGann T.J.	do	5.4.18

~~3863 Pte Williams W.~~.

(d) Rejoined Unit ex Sick and Wounded

3251	Pte	Wilson W.G.	22.3.18
2663	"	Wilson D.T.	22.3.18
2764	"	Alberd R.D.	9.4.18
6639	"	Brown R.S.	11.4.18

(e) Rejoined Unit ex Detachment

139 Sgt Onley R.E. rejoined Unit 11.4.18 ex Detachment to G.H.Q. Lewis Gun Battn.

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(f) Leave

	ENGLISH	Date of Returning
1129	Sgt Coffey J.	9.4.18
5974	" Burke J.	9.4.18
2678	Pte Gidley A.V.	9.4.18
40	" Taylor G.	9.4.18
665	" Tucker E.H.V.	9.4.18
1889	" McQueen R.A.	9.4.18
1195	" McRae W.G.	9.4.18
3058	" Dunn E.C.	9.4.18
1678	L/Cpl McKenzie P.	9.4.18
268	Dvr. Easton F.J.	9.4.18
2537	Pte Chamberlain W.A.	11.4.18
2917	" Mitchell P.D.	11.4.18
2875	" Schmidt C.B.	11.4.18
2336	" Handel T.	11.4.18
	Lieut ANGUS J.W.	(Leave cancelled)
7211	Pte Clark W.A.	do do
2037	" Butler E.	11.4.18
1883	" McDonald A.	11.4.18
2922	" McIntosh J.	11.4.18

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FIELD RETURN.

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RETURN showing numbers (a) Effective strength of Unit. 868 (b) Rationed by Unit. 829 38th Battalion. A.I.F at In the Field 13th April 1918 Date.

DETAIL	Personnel: Officers	Personnel: Other ranks	Personnel: Natives	Animals: Horses: Riding	Horses: Draught	Horses: Heavy Draught	Horses: Pack	Mules: Large	Mules: Small	Guns and transport vehicles: Guns, showing description	Ammunition wagons	Machine guns	Aircraft, showing description	Horsed: 4 Wheeled	Horsed: 2 Wheeled	Mechanical: Motor Cars	Tractors	Lorries, showing description	Trucks, showing description	Trailers	Motor Bicycles	Bicycles	Motor Ambulances	Remarks
Effective Strength of Unit.....	46	822	-	11	8	9	-	20	7	-	10	20	-	4	4							9		
Details by *Arms* attached to unit as in War Establishment :—																								
M.O.	1																							
Total	47	822	-	11	8	9	-	20	7	-	10	20	-	4	4							9		
War Establishment	49	967	-	11	8	9	-	20	7	-	10	16	-	4	4							9		
Wanting to complete (Detail of Personnel and Horses below)	2	145																						
Surplus	-	-										4												
*Attached (not to include the details shown above).....	6	76																						
Civilians :— Employed with the Unit																								
Accompanying the Unit																								
TOTAL RATIONED.....	45	784	-	*13	8	13	-	20	*6															

* 1 riding horse missing
1 mule evacuated sick

* attached	Off	OR
A.A.V.C	1	3
A.S.C		2
A.A.P.C		1
Chaplain	1	
Town Majors & Prequests	2	40
Salvage duty		2
Y.M.C.A		25
Artillery Observers		2
Liaison Offs.	1	1
Interpreter	1	
	6	76

* 3 riding horses, 4 H.D. " } attached for rations only.

* In the case of field ambulances, hospitals or depots, the number of patients are to be included here, the names being shown in A. F. A. 36.

[signature] Major Signature of Commander.

for A/C.O., 38th Battalion. A.I.F.

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Detail of Wanting to Complete.	Drivers						Gunners	Smith Gunners	Range Takers	Farriers		Shoeing, or Shoeing and Carriage Smiths	Cold Shoers	Wheelers			Saddlers or Harness Makers.	Blacksmiths	Bricklayers and Masons	Carpenters and Joiners
	R.A.	R.E.	A.S.C.	Car	Lorry	Steam				Serjeants	Corporals			R.A.	H.T.	M.T.				
CAVALRY																				
R.A.																				
R.E.																				
INFANTRY																				
R.A.M.C.																				
A.O.C.																				
A.V.C.																				

Detail of Wanting to Complete.	Fitters & Turners (R.E.)		Fitters		Plumbers	Electricians		Signalmen	Engine Drivers		Air Line Men	Permanent Line Men	Operators, Telegraph	Cablemen	Brigade Section Pioneers	General-duty Pioneers	Signallers	Instrument Repairers	Motor Cyclist	Motor Cyclist Artificers	Telephonists	Clerks	Machine Gunners	Armament Artificers		Armourers	Storemen	Privates
	Wood	Iron	R.A.	Wireless		Ordinary	W.T.		Loco.	Field														Fitters	Range Finders			
CAVALRY																												
R.A.																												
R.E.																												
INFANTRY																												
R.A.M.C.																												
A.O.C.																												
A.V.C.																												

Detail of Wanting to Complete.	W.O's. and N.C.O's. (by ranks) not included in trade columns											TOTAL to agree with wanting to complete		Horses			
												Officers	Other Ranks	Riding	Draught	Heavy Draught	Pack
CAVALRY																	
R.A.																	
R.E.																	
INFANTRY												2	145	-	-	-	
R.A.M.C.																	
A.O.C.																	
A.V.C.																	

Remarks :—

[signature] Capt. ~~Major~~ Signature of Commander.

for A/C.O., 38th Battalion A.I.F. Unit,

10th Aust. Inf. Bde Formation to which attached.

13th April 1918 Date of Despatch.

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FIELD RETURN.

Army Form B. 213

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RETURN showing numbers (a) Effective strength of Unit. 906 (b) Rationed by Unit. 847 38th Battalion. A.I.F. at IN THE FIELD. 20th April 1918 Date.

DETAIL	Personnel: Officers	Personnel: Other ranks	Personnel: Natives	Animals: Horses: Riding	Horses: Draught	Horses: Heavy Draught	Horses: Pack	Mules: Large	Mules: Small	Guns and transport vehicles: Guns, showing description	Ammunition wagons	Machine guns	Aircraft, showing description	Horsed: 4 Wheeled	Horsed: 2 Wheeled	Mechanical: Motor Cars	Tractors	Lorries, showing description	Trucks, showing description	Trailers	Motor Bicycles	Bicycles	Motor Ambulances	Remarks
Effective Strength of Unit.....	50	856	-	11	8	9	-	20	7		10	20		4	4							9		
Details *by Arms* attached to unit as in War Establishment :—																								
M.O.	1																							
Total	51	856	-	11	8	9	-	20	7		10	20		4	4							9		
War Establishment	49	967	-	11	8	9	-	20	7		10	16		4	4							9		
Wanting to complete (Detail of Personnel and Horses below)		111																						
Surplus	2											4												
*Attached (not to include the details shown above).....	*6	46																						
Civilians :— Employed with the Unit																								
Accompanying the Unit																								
TOTAL RATIONED.....	50	797	-	*13	8	*13	-	20	*6															

* 1 riding horse missing
1 small mule evacuated sick

* Attached	Off	OR
A.A.V.C	1	3
A.A.P.C		1
A.S.C		2
Y.M.C.A		17
Chaplain	1	1
Salvage		1
Town Major & Picquet	2	19
40th Battn	2	3
	6	46

3 riding Hond } attached for
4 HD horses } rations only

* In the case of field ambulances, hospitals or depots, the number of patients are to be included here, the names being shown in A. F. A. 36.

[signature] Lieut-Col Signature of Commander.

C.O., 38th Battalion. A.I.F.

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Perforated Sheet giving detail of personnel and horses wanting to complete, shown on Army Form B. 213.

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Detail of Wanting to Complete.	Drivers						Gunners	Smith Gunners	Range Takers	Farriers		Shoeing, or Shoeing and Carriage Smiths	Cold Shoers	Wheelers		
	R.A.	R.E.	A.S.C.	Car	Lorry	Steam				Serjeants	Corporals			R.A.	H.T.	M.T.
CAVALRY																
R.A.																
R.E.																
INFANTRY																
R.A.M.C.																
A.O.C.																
A.V.C.																

Detail of Wanting to Complete.	Saddlers or Harness Makers	Blacksmiths	Bricklayers and Masons	Carpenters and Joiners	Fitters & Turners (R.E.)		Fitters		Plumbers	Electricians		Signalmen	Engine Drivers	
					Wood	Iron	R.A.	Wireless		Ordinary	W.T.		Loco.	Field
CAVALRY														
R.A.														
R.E.														
INFANTRY														
R.A.M.C.														
A.O.C.														
A.V.C.														

Detail of Wanting to Complete.	Air Line Men	Permanent Line Men	Operators, Telegraph	Cablemen	Brigade Section Pioneers	General-duty Pioneers	Signallers	Instrument Repairers	Motor Cyclist	Motor Cyclist Artificers	Telephonists	Clerks	Machine Gunners	Armament Artificers		Armourers	Storemen	Privates
														Fitters	Range Finders			
CAVALRY																		
R.A.																		
R.E.																		
INFANTRY																		
R.A.M.C.																		
A.O.C.																		
A.V.C.																		

Detail of Wanting to Complete.	W.O's. and N.C.O's. (by ranks) not included in trade columns											"TOTAL to agree with wanting to complete		Horses			
												Officers	Other Ranks	Riding	Draught	Heavy Draught	Pack
CAVALRY																	
R.A.																	
R.E.																	
INFANTRY												-	111	-	-	-	-
R.A.M.C.																	
A.O.C.																	
A.V.C.																	

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Remarks :—

[signature] Lieut-Col Signature of Commander.

C.O., 38th Battalion, A.I.F. Unit,

10th Aust: Inf. Bde Formation to which attached.

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A.F.S.213 No.109. 20th April 1918.

(a) Promotions to ~~Acting~~ Permanent Rank.

1043 T/Sgt Grinton J.W. to be Sgt 14.4.18 vice Sgt King evacuated to hospital sick 12.12.17. P.B.No.107867.
1056 T/Cpl Stanley T to be Cpl 14.4.18 vice Cpl Sullivan evacuated to hospital sick 2.12.17. P.B.No.107908.

(b) Evacuations to Hospital Sick.

2767 Pte Bailey J 16.4.18
2687
689 Pte White F.L. 17.4.18
2355 " Hodger A.W. 12.4.18
2281 " Pugh V.A. 19.4.18
2764 " Alberd R.D? 19.4.18
Lieut McCULLOCH W.H. "MC" 17.4.18
2291 Cpl Cayless R.G.J. 18.4.18

(c) Casualties.

"Killed I/A"

1938.Pte. Young T. 15-4-18 1973.L/Cpl.Sullivan.J.W. 15-4-18.
Lieut. KENNEDY T.H.15-4-18

"Wounded I/A"

2517.Pte. Andrews H.V. 14-4-18 3114.Pte.Battley E.A. 14-4-18
4855. " Morrison.D.H. 14-4-18 449.L/Cpl.Edwards.H.R. 14-4-18.
(Remained on duty.)
2377. " Parsons.T.C. 15-4-18 4138 Pte Ward. H. 15-4-18
2788. " Costello.R. 16-4-18 6585 L/Cpl.McCormack N.J. 16-4-18
(Remained on duty)
2812 " Hooper G.H. 20-4-18 287 Pte Hocking D. 20-4-18
355 " Pocock J. 20-4-18 2199 " McLean G.L. 19-4-18
(Remained on duty)
2785 " Constable W.H.20-4-18

(d) Rejoined Unit ex sick and wounded.

281 Pte Gill H. 16.4.18
Lieut DUTTON G.A. 14.4.18
Lieut CHURCHILL ~~KIA~~ A.J.B. "MC" 12.4.18

(e) ~~Reinforcements~~ Reinforcements Taken on strength. 17.4.18

6 S/Sgt McCallum H
2306 L/Cpl Duncan A.
2638 Pte Smyth G.P.
2624 L/Cpl Batty J.F.
649 Cpl Rhodes J
2199 Pte McLean G.L.
3294 " Clarke H.C.
3057 " Doyle P
839 " Cole R.J.
1276 Sgt Roberts H.
1137 Pte Cassiday R.A.G.
2850 " McInnes A.A.
1201 " Hodgson J.C.
2/Lieut HOLMBERG J.
262 C.S.M. Durward W.
2773 Pte Wilkins P
390 Pte Smith E.
2108 " Leach W.R.
3123 " McGladdery G
3222 " Randle T
2331 " Hyde E.T.
2400 " Swainston E.G.
2552 " De la Ray F.J.
1331 " Haslet W.A.
1674 " Morrison C.J.
3084 " Herbert R.T.
2/Lieut BOWMAN G.G.
Lieut HERRING P.C.

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(e) Reinforcements Taken on Strength (Continued.

7.4.18

2284 Pte Bennett C.J.
2825 " Lynch A.E.
980 L/Cpl Risby G.H.
3510 RQMS Watt T.O.
1946 Pte Krug W.
76 Cpl McPhee A.
1289 L/Sgt Rangecroft H.C.

13.4.18

3136 Pte Price E.G.F.

18.4.18

3150 Pte Feran C.
387 " Speers L.J.
2395 " Seymour G.P.
3351 Sgt Hick H.B.
3157 Pte Rowan J.
3119 " Montiford J.D.
Lieut. ADDISON. D. McG.
834 Pte Barclay C.O.
3024 " Boyle A.
3108 " Melburn L.P.
3056 " Dickerson T.W.
3152 " Verso A.J.J.
3852 " Moslin P.

(f) Leave. -- ENGLISH -- Date of Returning.

Lieut-Colonel. C.H. DAVIS.,D.S.O.,V.D. 16-4-18.

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FIELD RETURN.

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RETURN showing numbers (a) Effective strength of Unit. 910 (b) Rationed by Unit. 869 — 38th Battalion. A.I.F. at In the Field. — 27th April 1918. Date.

DETAIL	Personnel: Officers	Personnel: Other ranks	Personnel: Natives	Animals: Horses: Riding	Horses: Draught	Horses: Heavy Draught	Horses: Pack	Mules: Large	Mules: Small	Guns and transport vehicles: Guns, showing description	Ammunition wagons	Machine guns	Aircraft, showing description	Horsed: 4 Wheeled	Horsed: 2 Wheeled	Mechanical: Motor Cars	Tractors	Lorries, showing description	Trucks, showing description	Trailers	Motor Bicycles	Bicycles	Motor Ambulances	Remarks
Effective Strength of Unit.....	49	861	-	11	8	8	-	20	7		10	20	-	4	4	-	-					9		
Details by *Arms* attached to unit as in War Establishment :—																								
M.O.	1																							
Total	50	861	-	11	8	8	-	20	7		10	20	-	4	4	-						9		
War Establishment	49	967	-	11	8	9	-	20	7	-	10	16	-	4	4							9		
Wanting to complete (Detail of Personnel and Horses below)	1	106				1																		
Surplus	1	-				≠						4												
*Attached (not to include the details shown above).....	9	54																						
Civilians :— Employed with the Unit																								
Accompanying the Unit																								
TOTAL RATIONED.....	49	820		*13	8	12	-	20	*6															

*1 riding horse missing
1 small mule evacuated.

*Attached
A.A.V.C 1- 3
A.A.P.C 1
A.S.C 2
Y.M.C.A 5
Chaplain 1-
Salvage Corps 1
Town Major (Mericourt) 1- 12
" (Ribemont) 1- 6
40th Btn attached 2- 3
Tank Corps 3- 21
9- 54

*3 riding & 4 H.D. Horses attached for rations only.

* In the case of field ambulances, hospitals or depots, the number of patients are to be included here, the names being shown in A. F. A. 36.

A Robbins Lt for Lieut-Col Signature of Commander.
C.O., 38th Battalion A.I.F.

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Perforated Sheet giving detail of personnel and horses wanting to complete, shown on Army Form B. 213.

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Detail of Wanting to Complete.	Drivers R.A.	Drivers R.E.	Drivers A.S.C.	Drivers Car	Drivers Lorry	Drivers Steam	Gunners	Smith Gunners	Range Takers	Farriers Serjeants	Farriers Corporals	Shoeing, or Shoeing and Carriage Smiths	Cold Shoers	Wheelers R.A.	Wheelers H.T.	Wheelers M.T.	Saddlers or Harness Makers	Blacksmiths	Bricklayers and Masons	Carpenters and Joiners	Fitters & Turners (R.E.) Wood	Fitters & Turners (R.E.) Iron	Fitters R.A.	Fitters Wireless	Plumbers	Electricians Ordinary	Electricians W.T.	Signalmen	Engine Drivers Loco.	Engine Drivers Field	Air Line Men	Permanent Line Men	Operators, Telegraph	Cablemen	Brigade Section Pioneers	General-duty Pioneers	Signallers	Instrument Repairers	Motor Cyclist	Motor Cyclist Artificers	Telephonists	Clerks	Machine Gunners	Armament Artificers Fitters	Armament Artificers Range Finders	Armourers	Storemen	Privates	W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s (by ranks) not included in trade columns											TOTAL to agree with wanting to complete Officers	TOTAL Other Ranks	Horses Riding	Horses Draught	Horses Heavy Draught	Horses Pack
CAVALRY																																																																		
R.A.																																																																		
R.E.																																																																		
INFANTRY																																																													-	106	·	·	1	·
R.A.M.C.																																																																		
A.O.C.																																																																		
A.V.C.																																																																		

Remarks :—

H. Robbins Lt for Lt-Col. Signature of Commander.

C.O., 38th Battalion. A.I.F. Unit.

10th Aust. Inf. Bde Formation to which attached.

29th April 1918. Date of Despatch.

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(a) Promotions to Permanent Rank.

944 T/Cpl McLeod C.W. to be Corporal 14.4.18 vice Cpl Roake promoted Sergeant 8.11.17. P.B.No.108236.

(b) Evacuations to Hospital Sick.

1784	Pte Anderson R.F.	24.4.18
3152	" Sorrell W.J.	20.4.18
2916	" Hinton D.G.	25.4.18
Lieut	EASON J.F.	26.4.18
Lieut	DUTTON G.A.	24.4.18. (see Casualties below, evacuated with G.S.W. hand reported hereunder)

(c) Rejoined Unit ex Sick and Wounded

4895	Pte Tyler J.	24.4.18.
2366	" Falconbridge W.	24.4.18.
2893	" Vagg F.	24.4.18.
4894	" Turney G.R.	24.4.18.
2556	" Egan W.	24.4.18.
684.	" Robinson R.	24.4.18.
Lieut	McCOLL H.	24.4.18 (at Div.Wing).
31	Pte Petter W.	24.4.18 (at Div.Wing).
1170	" Fisk H.W.	24.4.18. (at Div.Wing).
~~3171~~	" ~~Noonan J.~~	~~20.4.18.~~
355	" Pocock J.	27.3.18.
1945	" Low A.L.C.	19.4.18.
4907	" Thrum G.	19.4.18.
592	" Marshall W.C.	19.4.18.
2350	" Lock H.	19.4.18.
2379	" Parnall F.	19.4.18.

(d) Reinforcements Taken on Strength.

3122	Pte McCutcheon W.F.	19.4.18.
3171	" Noonan J.	20.4.18.
Lieut	MACKAY F.I.	24.4.18.

(e) Casualties

Lieut	DUTTON G.A.	wounded i/a	20.4.18 Remained at Duty. G.S.W.hand.
6024	Pte Graham L.F.	wounded i/a	20.4.18.
2578	L/Cpl Hulme F.W.	..	24.4.18.
4829	Pte Harley J.H.	..	24.4.18.
Lieut	McCULLOCH W.H.	..	9.4.18. (prev reported evac to hospital sick 17.4.18. Hospital report shews "Gassed".
1159	Pte Dawtrey S.G.	wounded i/a	24.4.18.
1294	L/Sgt Robson G.H.E.	.. ..	25.4.18.
3463	Pte Ross W.H.	.. ..	26.4.18.
2123	L/Sgt Marlow C.E.	Killed i/a	26.4.18.

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(f) Proceeded to Base for Medical Board.

2694 Pte McLean G. 11.4.18 (auth D.A.G. A.I.F. 19/5/10 dated 6.4.18.)

(g) Detachment.

Lieut O'DONNELL J.B. detached to H.Q. 3rd Austn.Division. for duty as Div.A.A.Lewis Gun Officer. 22.4.18.
130 Pte Wilkie G.M. detached for duty to H.Q. 10th Austn.Infty.Bde. 16.4.18.

(h) Corrigendi.

Reference Field Return of 20.4.18. "Reinforcements taken on Strength".
For "3157 Pte Rowan J" read "3157 Pte Rohan J".
For "3108 Pte Melburn L.P." read "3108 Pte Meldrum L.P."
For "3056 Pte Dickerson T.W." read "3056 Pte Dickinson T.W."
For "3252 Pte Hoslin P." read "3252 Sgt Heslin P."
Reference Field Return of 16.3.18. "Reinforcements taken on Strength"
For "827 L/Sgt Byrne V.B." read "827 Cpl Byrne V.B."(see your 133957 of 16.3.18)

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Corps 38th Battalion A.I.F.

Offence Report (*Field Service only*).

Army Form B. 2069.
(In pads of 50.)

Squadron, Troop, Batty. or Company	Regt. No.	Rank	Name	Place and Date of offence	Offence	By whom reported and Names of Witnesses	Initials of Officer Comdg. Company, &c.	Punishment awarded	Signature of Officer by whom ordered and date of award	Date of entry in Conduct Sheet	Remarks
B	5102	Pte	GOLDSMITH E.G. P.B. No. 12031/?	FIELD 8/4/18	Whilst on active service being illegally in the billets of the 11th Battn A.I.F at BERTANGLES.	Documentary	H.F.S. Capt.	28 days F.P. No. 2.	G. HURRY. Major a/C.O. 38th Battn A.I.F.	13. 4. 18.	Forfeiture 28 days @ 5/- = £7-
B	4848	Pte.	MAHER W. J. P.B. No. 63375/	FIELD 8/4/18.	Whilst on active service being illegally in the billets of the 11th Battn A.I.F at BERTANGLES.	Documentary	H.F.S. Capt.	28 days F.P. No. 2	G. HURRY. Major. a/C.O. 38th Battn A.I.F.	13. 4. 18	Forfeiture 28 days @ 5/- = £7-
B	3154	Pte.	STRATTON. J. P.B. No. 269736/26	FIELD 8/4/18	Whilst on active service being illegally in the billets of the 11th Battn A.I.F at BERTANGLES.	Documentary	H.F.S. Capt.	28 days F.P. No. 2.	G. HURRY. Major. a/C.O. 38th Btn. A.I.F.	13. 4. 18.	Forfeiture. 28 days @ 5/- = £7-
B	3260	Pte	BROWN. C. P.B. No 200571/23	FIELD 8/4/18.	Whilst on active service being illegally in the billets of the 11th Battn A.I.F at BERTANGLES.	Documentary.	H.F.S. Capt.	28 days F.P. No. 2.	G. HURRY. Major A/C.O. 38th Battn A.I.F	13. 4. 18.	Forfeiture 28 days @ 5/- = £7-

Reference A.F.B. 2069. of 16/3/18. The sentence of 2 years I.H.L. awarded to 4189. Pte. J. MEADOWS on 1/3/18 has been suspended.
(Third Army. CM/12098 of 5/4/18)

[signature] Capt. Major
for A/C.O. 38th Battn A.I.F.

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Offence Report *(Field Service only).*

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Squadron, Troop, Batty. or Company	Regt. No.	Rank	Name	Place and Date of offence	Offence	By whom reported and Names of Witnesses	Initials of Officer Comdg. Company, &c.	Punishment awarded	Signature of Officer by whom ordered and date of award	Date of entry in Conduct Sheet	Remarks
C.	2824	Pte	JOHANSEN C. P.B.No. 1815744/37	Field 31.3.18	When on active service absence without leave from 8.p.m. 31.3.18 to 6.p.m. 4.4.18	Sgt.Fraser H.J. Cpl.Willis R.A.P.	F.E.F. Capt	28 days F.P. No.2	G.HURRY Major A/C.O.38th Battn.A.I.F 5.4.18	6 4 18	Forfeiture 32 days @ 5/- £8.
C	3110	Pte	MANNING W.A. P.B. No. 2/5227/30	Field 31.3.18	When on active servic e absence without leave from 8.p.m. 31.3.18 to 6.p.m. 4.4.18	Sgt Fraser H.J. Cpl. Willis R.A.P.	F.E.F. Capt.	28 days F.P. No.2.	G. HURRY Major A/C.O.38th Battn.A.I.F. 5.4.18	6 4 18	Forfeiture 32 days @ 5/- £8.
D	1183	Pte	HOOKE T.E. P.B.No. (not obtainable)	Field 4.4.18	When on active servic e failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his Commanding Officer thereby avoiding a working party	Sgt Duffy C.J.A.	A.J.A. Major	M. 7 days F.P. No.2	G. HURRY Major A/C.O.38th Battn.A.I.F. 5.4.18	6 4 18	Forfeiture 7 days pay at 5/- £1.15.0

A/C.O. 38th. Battalion. A.I.F.

Major.

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20th April 1918.

Squadron, Troop, Batty. or Company	Regt. No.	Rank	Name	Place and Date of offence	Offence	By whom reported and Names of Witnesses	Initials of Officer Comdg. Company, &c.	Punishment awarded	Signature of Officer by whom ordered and date of award	Date of entry in Conduct Sheet	Remarks
B	4782	Pte.	CLACK. S. P.B. No. 163316/72	Field 27/3/18	When on active service being absent without leave from 1-30 p.m. on 27/3/18 until reporting back at 8 p.m. on 7/4/18	Cpl. HALL. C.E Sgt. McTAGGART.	H.F.S. Capt.	28 days F.P. NO. 2.	G. HURRY. Major. A/C.O. 38th Bn. A.I.F. 13/4/18.	20. 4. 18.	Forfeiture 46 days @ 5/- = £10-
D	2934	Pte	MONGAN W. P.B. No 538/16/2	Field 23/3/18	When on active service absent without leave from Unit from 3 p.m. 23/3/18 until apprehended by the military police at 10 a.m. on 24/3/18.	Documentary	R.M.M Capt.	28 days F.P. No. 2.	G. HURRY. Major a/C.O. 38th Bn. A.I.F 15.4.18	20. 4. 18.	Forfeiture 34 days @ 5/- = £7-10/-
B	4809	Pte	FINNEGAN M.A P.B. No. 163346/19	FIELD 28/3/18.	When on active service absent without leave from unit from 9p.m. 28/3/18 until surrendering himself at 5.45 p.m. on 30/3/18	Documentary	R.M.M Capt	28 days F.P. No. 2.	G. HURRY. Major. a/C.O. 38th Bn A.I.F. 15/4/18	20. 4. 18.	Forfeiture 34 days @ 5/- = £7-10/-

Reference A.F.B. 2069. of 16/3/18.

The sentence of 2 years I.H.L awarded 657. Pte. A.R. JACKSON on 1st March 1918 has been suspended.
(Authy. Fourth Army C.M/6/94 of 12/4/18.)

Lieut. Colonel
C.O., 38th Battalion. A.I.F.

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Corps 38th Battalion A.I.F.

Offence Report (*Field Service only*).

27th April 1918.

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Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company	Regt. No.	Rank	Name	Place and Date of offence	Offence	By whom reported and Names of Witnesses	Initials of Officer Comdg. Company, &c.	Punishment awarded	Signature of Officer by whom ordered and date of award	Date of entry in Conduct Sheet	Remarks.
B	620	Pte	McCORMACK S. P.B. 10834 1/2 (Not in possession)	Field 31/3/18.	When on active service absent without leave from 9.30 p.m. on 31/3/18 until rejoining his unit at 11 a.m 22/4/1918.	Sgt. Mulqueeny E.	R.M.O. Capt.	28 days F.P. No 1	C.H. DAVIS, Lt-Col. C.O, 38th Batt A.I.F. 22/4/18.	27. 4. 18	Forfeiture 56 days @ 5/- = £12-10
D	3010	Pte	DOUGLAS T.M. P.B. No. 27149 1/30	Field 21/4/18	When on active service failing to appear at the place of parade appointed by his commanding officer thereby avoiding a working party.	358. A/C.S.M. Phillips. J.D. 1612. Sgt. Adams J.E.	W.H.O Capt.	28 days F.P. No. 1.	C.H. DAVIS Lt-Col. C.O, 38th Batt A.I.F. 22/4/18.	27. 4. 18.	Forfeiture 28 days @ 5/- = £7-
B	5102	Pte	GOLDSMITH. E.G. P.B. No. 19201 1/3 (Not in possession)	Field 19/4/18	Refusing to obey the lawful command of his superior officer in that he refused to join a working party which ordered to do so.	C.S.M. Sharp J.H. Sgt. McNeil. J.D. Cpl McDonald W.H.	R.M.O. Capt.	28 days F.P. No1	C.H. DAVIS Lt-Col. C.O, 38th Bn. A.I.F. 23/4/18	27. 4. 18.	Forfeiture 28 days @ 5/- = £7—

H. Robbins Lt for Lieut-Col.
C.O, 38th Battalion A.I.F.

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WAR DIARY Medical Officer
April 1918. 38th Battalion.

During the month there has been little to report. The battalion has been in & out of the Bunrie sector with four days reliefs, the periods out of the line being spent in reserve at Ribemont. Casualties for the month have been

	Officer	OR
Killed in Action	1	5
Wounded	2	34.

for this battalion. Of these. about half were evacuated from other AidPosts & we attended to a similar number of wounded from other units. The evacuation by Field Ambulance has been good & there has been no delay in sending cases on

The AidPost at Bunrie has been situated in a very substantial cellar of large size on the western edge of the village. It is now gasproof. The AidPost at Ribemont has also been in a cellar.

General Health. This has been excellent throughout the month & the sick rate has been lower than when the battalion was out at rest. Some men have been sent to Echelon at Framicllers from the line, to keep down evacuations as far as possible. The trenches have been in good order & no foot troubles has occurred. Improvised baths at Ribemont have been used & skin affections are very few.

G Davies Capt
Regd 38 Battn.

20.4.18.

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S P E C I A L O R D E R.

By

Major-General SIR JOHN MONASH, K.C.B., V.D.

Commanding Third Australian Division.

The Divisional Commander has much pleasure in promulgating to all Troops of the Division the following extracts from a Special Despatch from the Commander-in-Chief which has been published in the British Press, received in FRANCE today.

"The THIRD and FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONS at MERICOURT l'ABBE and DERNANCOURT, the NEW ZEALAND DIVISION at SERRE, and, at a later date, the FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION South of the SOMME all performed most valuable and gallant service during the latter stages of the German attack on the SOMME. With their aid the enemy's progress was definitely checked, and by the vigour of their Defence all his attempts to continue his Advance have been repulsed with the heaviest losses to his Troops."

(Sgd) Robt.E.Jackson. Lt-Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. Third Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters,
25th April 1918.

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38th Battalion. A. I. F.

RATIONS FOR MONTH OF APRIL 1918.

Bread.	6517 loaves.
Bacon.	5087 lbs.
Fresh Meat.	11674 ..
Bully beef.	7714 tins.
Meat & Vegetable.	2628 ..
Pork & Beans.	865 ..
Biscuits.	4920 lbs.
Cheese.	2343 ..
Milk.	1867 tins.
Tea.	790 lbs.
Sugar.	4038 ..
Jam.	4055 ..
Margarine.	1287 ..
Salt.	240 ..
Pepper.	19 ..
Mustard.	28 ..
Onions.	2310 ..
Potatoes.	10849 ..
Carrots.	100 ..
Turnips.	75 ..
Candles.	5590 ..
Matches.	4066 boxes.
Cigarettes.	10219 packets.
Tobacco.	397 lbs.
Pickles.	92 bottles.
Rice.	1071 lbs.
Sauce.	37 bottles.
Dates	280 lbs.
Soup.	13288 packets.
Veal Loaf.	318 tins.
Oatmeal.	50 lbs.
Rum.	28 Galls.

Extras received from Australian Comforts Fund.

112 lbs Biscuits.	96 tins Milk.
560 Tommy Coolers.	1204 tins Cocoa & Milk.

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LIST OF CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES (WITH COSTS) ISSUED TO COYS & H.Q.DETAILS
FOR MONTH OF APRIL 1918.

Article.		"A" Coy.		"B" Coy		"C" Coy.		"D" Coy.		"H.Qrs."		Transport.
Tunics.	19	£16-17- 3	21	£18-12- 9	23	£20- 8- 3	13	£11-10- 9	15	£13-16- 3	9	£ 7-19- 9
Breeches. M.S.											9	£10- 3
do. D.S.	23	£15-10- 6	16	£10-16-	27	£18- 4- 6	17	£12- 3-	15	£10- 2- 6	2	£ 1- 7-
Puttees	23	4- 8- 2	18	3- 9-	21	4- 6	16	3- 1- 4	22	4- 4- 4	8	1-10- 8
Hats, Felt.	2	12-	1	6-					1	6-	2	12-
Boots, Ankle.	40	47-10-	31	36-16- 3	48	57-	30	35-12- 6	22	26- 2- 6	8	9-10-
Patches Color.	19	3- 2	21	3- 6	23	3-10-	13	2- 2	15	2- 6	9	1- 6
Socks, woollen.	62	5- 3- 4	62	5- 3- 4	62	5- 3- 4	62	5- 3- 4				
Braces.	7	7- 3½	4	4- 2	7	7- 3½			15	15- 7½		
Brushes, Tooth.	3	10½	1	3½								
.. , Shaving.	2	8										
Bottles, Water.			2	5- 8							5	14- 2
.. , Oil.			1	5½			5	2- 3½	28	12-10		
Covers, Mess tin.	17	17-	4	4-	7	7-	1	1-	3	3-	12	12-
.. , Breech.	1	8	1	8	2	1- 4					4	2- 8
Forks, Table.	9	3- 6¾	2	9½	1	4¾	2	9½	1	4¾		
Knives, ..	7	2- 5¾	2	8½	1	4¼	2	8½	1	4¼		
.. , Clasp.	3	3- 9	2	2- 6					3	3- 9		
Pullthrough.	2	8	3	1-	1	4	17	5- 8	28	9- 4		
Slings, rifle.			1	1-								
Spoons, Table.	4	1- 8					1	5	1	5		
Tins, Mess.	15	1-	7	9- 4	6	8-	21	1- 8-	3	4-	14	18- 8
Razors.	2	2- 2-	1	1-	1	1-						
		£93- 5-10½		£~~81~~ 76-18- 5		£106- 6- 1½		£69-11-11½		£57- 3- 9½		£33- 8- 8
Boots repaired.		95		112		149		137		76		51
Tunics Altered & repaired.		79		55		65		54		37		8
Trousers		81		29		36		48		39		12
Solder								Rendered down at Q.M.Store.		62½lbs.		
Paper & Cardboard.								..		568 lbs.		
Fat		176lbs		100lbs.		50lbs		150lbs.		45lbs.		--
Haircutting.		112		143		167		121		79		37

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