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November 1916



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33rd Bn A.I.F.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
21 Nov/16	LARK HILL	Battalion left LARK HILL Camp of Bn RO 118 for SOUTHAMPTON.	d/20/11/16 (2) ✓
	SOUTHAMPTON	Bn Transport and 186 men embarked on HUNSLET. sailed 7.30 pm	and Bn CO. 14 d/19/11/16 ✓ attached (1)
		Bn less transport & 186 men embarked on MONA'S QUEEN sailed 4.30 pm.	
22/11/16	HARVRE	MONA'S QUEEN arrived HARVRE 12 MN disembarked 7.0 am proceeded to rest camp N°1 HUNSLET arrived HARVRE 7.30 am Disembarked 10. am proceeded to rest camp N°1.	

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2.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23/11/16	NAVRE:	Leveillé 4:30 am. Bu less 250 mds Capt LINKLATER en- trained at 8. am. Train pulled out 10. am Train halted MONTRONIER BUCHY at 8:30 pm for 30 mins	
24/11/16	ABBVILLE BAILLEUL	ABBVILLE at 6:0 am for 45 mins Arrived BAILLEUL 2:0 pm. De- trained. Proceeded to Billets Guides took wrong road. Bu did not arrive at Billets till 9:0 pm. Bu HQ at LA BLANC MARSH	
25/11/16		Bu HQ moved to WALTER'S FARM. Capt POLLARD 94 th DIV CDR	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
26/11/16	BARRULEN	<p>GAS officer lectured to all XXXX officers & sets to new respirators Advanced party as per Bn special order No 1 proceeded to RIGHT WISECTOR trenches CHAPPELLE d'ARMENTIERES to arrange to take over from 27th NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILEERS</p>	<p>Cf Bn Special order No 1 of 24 (atta) (3)</p>
27/11/16	CHAPPELLE d'ARMENTIERES	<p>2 sections per Pl relieved half 27th N.F. to learn trench routine</p>	
28/11/16	"	<p>Remaining 2 sections per Pl changed with above to learn T. R.</p>	
29/11/16	"	<p>Relief completed. CO took over command.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29/12/16	CHAPPEL d'ARMENTIERES RIGHT COY SECTOR.	<p>3 pm Our artillery & Light T. M. bombarded enemy front & support line with apparently good results.</p> <p>2:55 pm Enemy shelled L.T.M. emplacements with MINENWERFER</p> <p>Enemy played on our parapet all night with MG & light fire. Enemy bombed his own wire during night & fired many VEREV LIGHTS.</p> <p>10 pm 10 pm Gas masks worn by all troops in front & support line</p> <p>10:11 pm Enemy working party in front NOY locality dispersed with L. fire</p>	4.

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5.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29/12/16	CHAPPELA ARMENTIERES RIGHT (O) SECTOR	Patrols & listening posts report all quiet. Enemy wearing round blue caps observed moving behind their line. One enemy hit by snipes.	
30/12/16	"	Our artillery quiet all day. Enemy put 4 MINNIES over LEFT Co without damage.	
		10pm Our Patrol from T. 10. 1 reported enemy wire strong. Enemy working on parapet repairing damage done by our L T M on 29 th inst. Spn Patrol from post C report enemy quiet	

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WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	CHAPPEL d'ARMENTIERES. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RIGHT (1) SECTOR	30/11/16.		<p>Enemy used great number of VEREY LIGHTS, also 3 search lights all night. 3 of enemy said to have been shot by our snipers. Enemy bombed his own wire during night. Enemy used rifle grenades on our Right during day without result. Enemy used M.G. and Rifle fire along our parapet all night.</p> <p>(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month and filed with volume for that month).</p>	

COPY No. 4

33rd BATTALION ORDER No. 14.

Headquarters,
33rd Battalion, A.I.F.,
19th November, 1916.

- MOVE.** The 33rd Battalion will entrain at AMESBURY STATION loading dock (down side line) on Tuesday 21st inst. as per time table issued with this order.
- CAMP.** Attention is directed to R.O. No. 116 of 18.11.16 and to Circular Memorandum No. 24 a copy of which has been issued to all Officers. These instructions must be carried out in every detail.
- ARRIVAL TIME, AT AMESBURY STATION.** O.C., Trains will arrange that troops and transport will arrive at AMESBURY STATION at the following times ~~before~~ trains are due to start.
- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Dismounted troops baggage) | One and a half hours |
| with fatigue party) | |
| Dismounted troops | One hour |
| All animals | One and a half hours |
- RULE OF ROAD.** From AMESBURY VILLAGE to the Station troops are to keep to RIGHT side of road in order to leave entrance to Station clear for ordinary traffic.
- FATIGUE PARTIES.** All fatigue parties to be entrained in rear passenger coaches so that they can assist at the docks if necessary. O.C., "Trains" will detail their own fatigue parties in accordance with "Instructions for Entrainment and Embarkation, Part I".
- ANIMALS.** All animals will be fed and watered before leaving Camp. They will be entrained saddled and harnessed but before being loaded they must have (a) bits out (b) head ropes down ready for fastening (c) traces hitched up.
- WAGONS.** Wagons to be properly sheeted and tied before leaving Camp. No chaff or hay to be on open trucks, limbers, etc.,
- O.C. TRAINS.** O.C., Trains have been appointed as follows :-
- | | | |
|-------------|----|----------------------|
| First train | -- | Major R.J.A. Massie |
| Second " | -- | Capt. G.H. Linklater |
| Third " | -- | Major H.F. White |
- These Officers will report to R.T.O., before troops are taken onto station.
- RAIL WARRANTS.** O.C., Trains must hand in at AMESBURY STATION a warrant to cover journey from AMESBURY to DOCKS. These warrants can be obtained on application to Battalion, Headquarters.
- LATRINE.** The Pioneer Section will dig latrines which are to be screened. These will be filled in after troops have gone under arrangements which have been made by Superintending Officer, Details. Troops must use these latrines only.
- OFFICERS' BAGGAGE.** This must not exceed the proper weight (55 lbs) and must be stacked in Vehicle shed by 7.a.m. on Tuesday 21st inst. Kits which are delivered late or are overweight cannot be dealt with.

- 2.
- ROLL CALL.** A careful roll call must be made before each trainload leaves Battalion lines, and carefully checked with Company Nominal Rolls. A marching out state will then be handed in to Adjutant showing No. of Officers, other ranks, animals, 4 wheel and 2 wheel vehicles marching out.
- DRESS.** Full marching order, 2 blankets per man rolled in waterproof sheet and secured to pack with ends hanging down on either side. Greatcoats will be worn.
- MAN FALLING OUT.** All officers will carry "falling out permits" and keep a careful record of all men who fall out on the line of march.

R. G. JONES, 2nd Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.,

DISTRIBUTION.

No.	File	Method	Time
" 1	File		
" 2	O.O.,	By Orderly	"
" 3	2nd in Command	"	"
" 4	Adjutant	"	"
" 5-11	A.Co.,	"	"
" 11-17	B.Co.,	"	"
" 17-25	C.Co.,	"	"
" 25-33	D.Co.,	"	"
" 34	Q.Master	"	"
" 35	Transport Officer	"	"
" 36	Sig. Officer	"	"
" 37	R.M.O.	"	"
" 38	L.G. Officer	"	"

The following is the distribution to the various trains :-

346
 First train No. X103 Troops to reach Amesbury
 Station at 6.50.a.m.
 Train leaves Amesbury 7.50.a.m.
 Train arrives Southampton 9.35.a.m.
 12 Officers 334 Other ranks.

343
 Second Train No. X105 Troops reach Amesbury 8.15.a.m.
 Train leaves Amesbury 9.15.a.m.
 Train arrives Southampton 11.0.a.m.
 12 Officers 331 Other ranks

Third train No. X107 Troops reach Amesbury 10.0a.m.
 Train leaves Amesbury 11.0.e.m.
 Train arrives Southampton 12.0.a.m.
 10 Officers 333 Other ranks.

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 331
 333
 998
 34
 1032

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 FIRST TRAIN

FIRST TRAIN.
 Major Massie ✓ R.Q.M.S., 1- A.Byrne C 1 ✓
 Lieut. Duncan ✓ Sgt. Garrett 1- J.Hanley }
 Capt. Rosenthal ✓ 3 drivers 1st A.Cantwell } A 3
 " Hinten ✓ line transport 8- J.F.Ellis }
 " Douglas ✓ Band 17 H.J.Judge - B 1
 Lieut. Fraser ✓ A.M.C. Details 7 T.Milburn - R 1
 " Cormack ✓ Pioneers 11 N.S.Lloyd C 1
 " Duesbury ✓ Signallers 17 J.P.McGuire C 1
 " Clarence ✓ Band Cos., A 4 } A. Co., 218
 " Coombs ✓ " B 2 } 10 B. Co., 36
 Capt. Sorenson ✓ " C 1 } 334
 Chaplain Richmond X " D 2 }

SECOND TRAIN

Capt. Linklater Pte. G. Cartwright (H.Q.) 1 2 drivers 1st
 Lieut. Fry Dvr. T. Smith A } line trans-
 " Cohen " R. Milne B } port (H.Q.) 2
 " Stockham " C.B. Blackadder C } C. Co., 220
 " Kirby " J. Fairburn D } 4 B. Co., 95
 " Saunders 1 cook from each Co., 4
 " Fletcher as brakeman 4
 " Chapman Dvr. T. Keating D }
 Capt. Craigie " C.W. McGuire D }
 Lieut. Lark " C.R. Good C }
 " Armstrong " E.B. Blackadder C }
 D.A.D.M.S. " H. Lee B } 5

THIRD TRAIN.

Major H.F. White R.S.M., Sgt. Cook, S/Sgt, S.R.S.
 Lieut. T.W. Tollis Sgt. Shoemaker, Armourer Sgt, 7
 " McKenzio Lewis Gun Sgt, 5
 " King Batman (H.Q.), 4
 " Smith 4 A.S.O. Drivers 4
 " Harman Dvr. A.W. Keith A }
 C. Co., " H. Read A }
 Adjutant " A. Kinkade B }
 Quartermaster " W. Pollock B }
 Lieut. Lazor " A.F. Weidornan D } 5
 2 drivers 1st line transport (H.Q.) 2
 D. Co., 221
 B. Co., 89
 333

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33rd BATTALION, A.I.F.
ROUTINE ORDER NO. 118.

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding. No. 21 Camp, Lark Hill.
20th November, 1916.

PART I.
ADMINISTRATION.

SCOUTS. The following have been selected for the Scout Platoon:-
163. No. 183, I/Sgt. C. Sinclair,
2037, Pte. L.J. Byrnes.
2163. " R.E. Harrison.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having been discharged from V.D. Hospital
164. is taken on strength and posted to "A" Co. Pay commences
from 20:11:16.
No. 45, Pte. J.H. Coleman.

The following have been struck off the strength from this date:-

No. 483,	Pte. F.E. Morrissey	"B" Co.	Hospital.
" 377	" G. Butler.	"B" Co.	Absentee.
" 1462,	" H.M.S. Long,	"D" Co.	"
" 1937.	" O. Stewart,	"A" Co.	"
" 5006A	" E. Ryan.	"D" Co.	"
" 4971A	" D.C. Anderson	"A" Co.	"
" 1025.	" C.T. Gillan.	"O" Co.	Hospital.
" 5091A	" J.A. Pearce.	"B" Co.	"
" 318.	" A.H. Petts.	"B" Co.	"
" 72.	" G. Goodwin.	"A" Co.	"

The following have been selected to remain behind as a rear party, and are struck off the strength of the Battalion:-

Lieut. W. Layton.			
No. 1450,	Sgt. J. Lawman.		Pioneers.
" 587,	Pte. O.D. Clarke.		
" 586.	Dvr. F.W. Smith.		
" 1614,	Pte. G. Watson.		
" 1519.	" P.E. Anshaw.	"B" Co.	
" 5108A	" L. Sherman.	" "	
" 352.	" E.A.C. Paul.	"C" Co.	
" 5051B	" W.S.C. Hudson.	"A" Co.	

The undermentioned who are attached to the Bn., awaiting transfer, will report to Lieut. Layton at 6.30 a.m. on 21:11:16. The Cos. who are rationing these men will see that they report.

No. 124.	Cpl. D.M. McKillop.	Attached to	"A" Co.
" 5003A	Pte. J. Curtis.	"	" "
" 1930	" W. Bagshaw.	"	" "
" 256.	" T.O. Jones.	"	" " Co.
" 5100A	" J.H. Roberts.	"	" "B" Co.
" 2114.	" G.C. McLeod.	"	" "C" Co.
" 2103.	" H.A. Moodie.	"	" "
" 2119.	" W.C. Nagel.	"	" "
" 2146.	" Lance Ward.	"	" "
" 5061A	" H.J. Matheson.	"	" "D" Co.
"	" Galloway.	"	" "C" Co.

TRANSFER. The following transfer has been approved:-
165. No. 1092, Cpl. A. Burkett, from "D" Co. to Pioneers.

GREATCOATS. Reference Battalion Order No. 14 - that portion re greatcoats
166. is cancelled. Greatcoats will not be worn, but will be placed in pack so that it may readily be withdrawn.

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PROMOTIONS. The following promotions have been approved :-
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A. Company.

No. 77 L/Opl. E.G. Gess to be Opl. vice No. 124
Opl. D.M. McKillop, struck off strength.
No. 216 L/Opl. A. Young to be Opl. vice No. 127
Opl. A.F. Mayne, reverted to ranks.
No. 2148 Pte. W.P. Whithill to be L/Opl. to
complete establishment.
No. 2 Pte. E.P. Austin to be L/Opl. to complete
establishment.

D. Company.

No. 1266 L/Sgt. G.D. Thomas to be Sgt. to complete
establishment.
No. 1245 Opl. W.H. Simpson to be L/Sgt. vice No.
1266 L/Sgt. G.D. Thomas, promoted.
No. 2034 Pte. L.R. Boulton to be Opl. vice
No. 1245 Opl. W.H. Simpson, promoted.
No. 1197 L/Opl. T.F. McMahon to be Opl. to complete
establishment.
No. 1142 Pte. W.L. Haddins to be L/Opl. to complete
establishment.

ROUTE.
167

Lieut. Cohen will proceed to Amesbury and arrive there
6.20 a.m. 21.11.16 for the purpose of making all
preliminary arrangements with R.T.C. for entraining
the first draft from this Bn. He will get copy of
States and full particulars of officers, other ranks,
animals and vehicles and after entrainment await arrival
of second draft with whom he will entrain after handing
state to Lieut. King. The latter officer will reach
Amesbury Station at 7.45 a.m. 21.11.16 and act simil-
arly for second draft and in turn hand both sets of
states to the Adjutant who will travel on third train.

PIONEERS
168

The Pioneer Section will move off Bn. Parade Ground
at 5 a.m. 21.11.16 and proceed to Amesbury Station,
where they will arrive at 6.20 a.m. and receive orders
as to rigging latrines etc., Provision must be made
for erecting temporary canvas screens which will be
dismantled after the troops have been entrained.

STATES.
169

O.C., "B" Co., and O.C., Headquarters Sections will
hand parade states for their parties or sections to
O.C., Trains on which they are travelling. This must
be done before moving off Bn. Parade Ground at Camp
21.

(Signed) R. O. JONES, 2nd Lt.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.,

NOTICES.

The Regimental Canteen will be closed at 6 p.m.
today and no further purchases can be made after that
hour.

Cheque for £30. 6. 6. being amount subscribed by
Officers N.C.O's. and men of 33rd Battalion towards
Lord Kitchener's National Memorial Fund, has been
forwarded to the Hon. Secy.

33rd BATTALION, A.I.F.
SPECIAL ORDER NO. 1.

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSEHEAD,
Commanding.

Waltre's Farm, near
Steenwerke.
25th November, 1916.

1. The following Officers and Specialists will parade at Bn. Hdqrs. at 8.45 a.m. on the 26th November, 1916, and will proceed to the trenches.

OFFICERS.

C.O.
Intelligence Officer.
Adjutant.
Q.M.
Transport Officer.
Lewis Gun Officer,
Signalling Officer,
Scout Officer.
Second in Command Co's.

2. The C.O., Adjutant, Q.M., and Transport Officer will return to billets in the afternoon, the others will remain in the trenches and will take their batmen.

3. HEADQUARTERS.

12 Lewis Gunners.
8 Signallers.

4. COMPANIES.

- 1 N.C.O per platoon, 3 snipers, 1 Signaller, 1 Gas N.C.O.
3 Scouts, 1 Runner, 3 Lewis Gunners.
5 This party will proceed to Armentieres in motor lorries.
6 Co's. C. Co's. will be careful in the selection of their specialists for this Advance Party.
7 Officers will take their valises.
8 2 Companies of the Battalion will move forward to the trenches on the 27th inst., the remainder on the 28th.

(Signed) R.C. Jones, 2/Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Copy No. 1	to	C.O. A.Co.
2	"	" B.Co.
3	"	" C.Co.
4	"	" D.Co.
5	"	Intelligence Officer.
6	"	Q.M.
7	"	Transport Officer.
8	"	Lewis Gun Officer.
9	"	Bombing Officer.
10	"	Scout Officer.

NOT TO BE TAKEN IN FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

APPENDIX

33rd BATTALION. A.I.F.
ROUTINE ORDER No 120.

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD.
Commanding.

Chapelle D'Armentieres.
30-11-16.

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- BATTALION AREA.** No one is allowed in the Battalion area without permission of the C.O. O's C. Cos. will question all officers whether they have first reported to En. Hdqrs. before visiting the trenches. Yesterday a party of officers from another Battalion made an inspection without the knowledge of the C.O. Officers not belonging to this Brigade or Division Staff must have a pass signed by the C.O. or Adjutant.
- 1183.**
- SPECIALIST OFFICERS.** The following Officers will report daily to the C.O. at times specified.
- 1184.**
- | | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Signalling Officer. | 9.30 a.m. |
| Scout Officer. | 10 a.m. |
| Lewis Gun Officer. | 10.30 a.m. |
| Bombing Officer. | 10.45 a.m. |
| Sniping Officer. | 9 p.m. |
- VERY LIGHTS.** Apart from intelligence reports the C.O. must be informed when, where, how many, and why Very Lights are used.
- 1185.**
- DISTRIBUTION OF ORDERS.** The Signalling Officer is responsible for seeing that all specialist officers read and sign all copies of orders sent to him.
- 1186.**
- The senior Officer in charge of Subsidiary Line is responsible that the other officers there read and sign copy which will be sent care of him.
- MESSAGES.** There is too much delay in replying to messages sent from En. Hdqrs to Companies. These messages should be sent out to responsible officers by Company runners if necessary as soon as they are received from Headquarters runners. More attention must be paid to promptly detailing any specialists who are asked for.
- 1187.**
- SKIPERS.** Battalion snipers will take up their position at Cemetery Post in the Subsidiary Line. They will report there to Lieut Saunders at 8 a.m. See R.O. No 119. para 1177. re rations.
- 1188.**
- TELEPHONE MESSAGES.** All ranks must be warned of the serious results that may follow from telephone messages giving particulars of strength, casualties, dispositions, etc. These matters are invariably to be sent by runners except in cases of extreme urgency when the officer sending same will be held responsible. Instances have already occurred of units using their Designations instead of station calls. In future disciplinary action will be taken against the offender.
- 1189.**
- WATER.** The water supply of the town may be used for drinking by troops from the fountains in the streets. All water supply is cut off from dark till daylight. Cooks, &c. should therefore be warned to obtain a sufficient supply to last overnight and for breakfast. Water used in houses and obtained from wells should not be drunk by troops unless boiled, i.e. in the form of tea, etc.
- 1190.**
- STRENGTH.** No 4971A. Pte D.O. Anderson, is taken on strength of this Battalion from 30/11/1916.
- 1191.**

ROUTINE ORDER No 120.

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67 PUNISHMENTS.

1192.

The following punishments were awarded on the 25th Nov. 1916.

No 4971. Pte D.O. Anderson. Absent without leave from
"A" Coy. 6 a.m. 20-11-16 to 4.30 a.m.
21-11-16.
Forfeit 1 days pay.
28 days F.P. No 2.

No 4968. Pte H. Long. Absent without leave from
"D" Coy. 6 a.m. 20-11-16 to 10 p.m.
21-11-16.
Forfeit 2 days pay.
28 days F.P. No 2.

No 5056. Pte E. Ryan. Absent without leave from
"D" Coy. 6 a.m. 20-11-16 to 10 p.m.
21-11-16.
Forfeit 2 days pay.
21 days F.P. No 2.

(Signed) R.C. Jones. S/Lieut.

Adjutant. 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.