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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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33<sup>rd</sup> Bn A.I.F. Aug  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			IN THE FIELD.	
NEUIVE ECLUSE	1/8/17		In billets. Rain prevented training. Men rested	
	2/8/17			
VIEUX BERQUIN	3/8/17		Moved to billets at VIEUX BERQUIN. Good billets. Men rested after arrival. Cf Bn O.O. 52. 2/8/17.	Bn O.O. 52 2/8/17 No 1
"	4/8/17		Troops in billets Training commenced out 4 hours	
"	5/8/17		day. PT - BF - Musketry - close order drill. Men much brighter & better for rest. SSM Wilcox put Bn through B.F. on 7th.	
DRANOUTRE	8/8/18		Moved to billets in Dranoutre.	
"	9/8/18		Rest billets. Training 5 hrs per day Musketry - BF - PT	
"	to 10/8/17		- close order drill. Musketry weak	
"	11/8/17		SSM Wilcox reported and took class of 8 N.C.O.'s per co. from 9 to 11 am in P.T. & BF. Bn inspected by Gen Plumer at 145 hrs. Parade dismissed 2.30 pm.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			IN THE FIELD.	
DRANDOUTRE	12/8/17		Church parade held at Bn H.Q. Troops tested.	
"	13/8/17		Troops carried out 5 hours training during day. Work done on 30 <sup>x</sup> rifle range. Grouping only fair, reinforcements being particularly weak.	
"	14/8/17		Training as above. Portion of transport marched out as per Bn O.O. 53 dated 14/8/17. In preliminary training carried out up to this date it is noticeable how little training the reinforcements, who have lately joined, have had.	
to CAMPAGNE 123 BOURNAIS	15/8/17		Bn Moved from billets as per Bn O.O. 53 dated 14/8/17. Entraining satisfactory except that transport was late at station. Company ovens carried satisfactorily on top of front part of Field Kitchen March from Chumbre to billeting area was unsatisfactory as many of the men lately joined fell out on the line of march.	B.O. 53 14/8/17 No 2.

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Place	Date	Hour	IN THE FIELD.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CAMPAGNE le3 BOURNAIS.	16/8/17		In Billets resting. Inspection parade and kit.		
	18/8/17		inspections held. Games + recreation engaged in.		
	19/8/17		Church parade held at 10.30 am.		
	20/8/17		Training carried out as per training syllabus dated 18/8/17.		No. 3
	25/8/17				
	26/8/17		Church Parade at 10.30 am. All officers met Brig. Gen. Rosenthal at Bn H.Q. at 11.30 am.		
	27/8/17		Brigade Parade in morning when Brig. Gen. Johnson handed over to Brig. Gen. Rosenthal. Training carried out indoors in afternoon owing to rain.		No. 4. 5,
	28/8/17		Training carried out indoors owing to rain and wind.		No. 6. 7.
	29/8/17				No. 8.
	30/8/17		Training carried out as per syllabus.		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
IN THE FIELD.				
CHAMPAGNE LEZ BOURNAY	31/8/17		<p>Weather conditions favourable. Syllabus carried out in detail.</p> <p>During the month of August the men have greatly benefited by the rest out of the line and by the training and recreation. The ration has been good but it has been supplemented frequently by purchasing <sup>from the comfort fund</sup> fresh vegetables locally, which have been greatly appreciated. The severe weather experienced during the month especially at the latter end, has told on the condition of the transport animals as they were in very bad standings and absolutely without rugs or covering of any kind.</p> <p>Lt. Col Morshead. Commanding 33<sup>rd</sup> Bu A.I.F.</p>	

SECRET.

33RD BATTALION, A.I.F.

Copy No. 10

No. 1.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 52.

Reference Map: HAZEBROUCK 5A - 1:100,000

Battalion Headquarters,  
2nd August, 1917.

FRANCE 36A - 1:40,000.

MOVE. 1. The 33RD BATTALION will move from billets in NEUVE EGLISE to billets in VIEUX BERQUIN area on 3rd inst. Head of column will pass the Battalion starting point at T.4.d.85.70 at 7.52 a.m. and Brigade Starting Point at T.20.a.90.00 at 8 a.m.

ORDER OF MARCH & ROUTE. 2. The following will be the order of march:-

Regimental Band.

D. Company, Signallers and H.Q. Details.

C. Company.

A. Company.

B. Company.

Regimental Transport and Baggage wagons.

Companies will move at 200 yards intervals and connecting files will be told off to maintain the interval. Strict march discipline will be maintained throughout. The route will be NEUVE EGLISE - DE SOULE STEINWERCK - LE VERRIER - to billeting area EAST OF VIEUX BERQUIN.

BILLETING. 3. Billeting party consisting of 2 N.C.Os from Battalion H.Q. and one from each Company will proceed to billeting area under Lieut. C.A.K. Cohen on night 2/3rd inst. and will arrange billeting details and meet Companies half a mile East of Billeting area. Present billets must be left thoroughly clean.

BLANKETS, OFFICERS KITS, &c. 4. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and stacked in one heap for Headquarter Details and one per Company by 5 a.m. Stores, mess gear, &c. to be ready by 6.30 a.m. on 2nd inst. An N.C.O. and 2 men per Company and similar party from Battalion Headquarters will be detailed as baggage guard.

TRANSPORT. 5. Quartermaster will arrange transport details. Regimental transport and baggage wagons will move in rear of Battalion. One motor wagon will be available and will transport blankets, kits, &c. commencing 5.30 a.m.

MEDICAL. 6. An ambulance wagon will join the Battalion at Cross Roads 7/8th of a mile east of LE CRECHIE and accompany it to billets.

REPORTS. 7. Reports will be furnished to Battalion Headquarters when troops are settled in billets.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.  
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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6. " D.Co.
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8. " Transport Officer.
9. " R.M.O.
10. " File.
11. " War Diary.
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SECRET. 33RD BATTALION, A.I.F. Copy No. 13 No 26  
OPERATION ORDER NO. 53.  
Reference Map: HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100,000. Battalion Headquarters, 14th August, 1917.

MOVE. 1. The 33RD BATTALION less proportion of Transport which proceeded under separate orders on 14th inst - will move from DRAMOUTRE area on 15th inst. to billets in WIZERNES area at a time to be notified later. The move will be by route march to BAILLEUL, thence by tactical train to WIZERNES, thence route march to billets.

ORDER OF MARCH. 2. The Starting Point will be at entrance to DURGAN LINES -M.35.d.7.9. and this will be passed in following order. Troops to entrain 1 1/2 hours before train starts.  
Regimental Band.  
A. Company & H.Q. details.  
B. "  
C. "  
D. "  
Transport details.  
Intervals (if any) will be notified later. Strict march discipline will be maintained throughout.

BILLETING. 3. Billeting arrangements will be made by parties which moved ahead on 13th inst. Guides from these parties will meet the Battalion on detrainment at WIZERNES.

STORES, KITS, &c. 4. Motor lorry will be available to carry officers kits and these must be stacked as follows:-  
C and D Companies. at D. Cos. encampment.  
H.Q., A & B. " at Transport lines M.35.d.75.90.  
Blankets will be carried on the man. All surplus stores and other stores not required in the Training Area will be stored at shed near Battalion Headquarters. M.35.d.7.9. and A. Company will detail Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.R. to take charge of stores which will be transferred to Divisional Stores at S.25.d.95.80. under Divisional arrangements. An officer detailed by 35th Battalion will take charge of all rear parties who will return to unit under Divisional arrangements.  
All Mobilisation stores will be taken to Training Area.

RATIONS. 5. Rations for 15th inst. will be carried, plus iron rations. Rations for 16th inst. will be delivered to Battalion in the new area.

TRANSPORT. 6. The following personnel will move with Battalion and will entrain on OMNIBUS Train at BAILLEUL. Each Company will detail 1 cook to march with Travelling Kitchens and act as brakemen. D. Company will detail 1 Officer and 6 O.R. used to handling horses, the remainder will be furnished from Regimental Transport.

	Personnel.		Animals.		Vehicles.		
	Off.	O.R.	R.	D.	Packs. & wheel.	2 wheel.	Auto.
Field Kitchens.	1	7	8	-	-	-	8
Carts. Off. Mess.	-	8	-	8	-	4	-
Cart, water.	-	2	-	1	-	-	1
Cart, Maltese.	-	2	-	4	-	-	1
Cart, Maltese.	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
Pack Animals.	4	-	-	-	7	-	-

The above transport will move off to arrive at BAILLEUL WEST SIDING and entrain 2 1/2 hours before OMNIBUS Train is timed to start.

ENTRAINMENT. 7. Careful preliminary instructions should be given to all ranks to ensure quick entrainment. No man will entrain or detrain without specific orders from an officer or N.C.O. and at least one N.C.O. must be placed in charge of each compartment. Water bottles will be filled on 14th inst. and no one will be allowed to leave the ranks to fill bottles or procure water at BAILLEUL.  
B. Company will detail 1 senior N.C.O. and 10 men to report to O.C. Transport to accompany transport and assist in loading at BAILLEUL and unloading at WIZERNES. This party will report to ...

REPORTS. 8. Reports will be forwarded to head of column on the march and to Battalion Headquarters as soon as troops are settled in billets in new area. Accurate marching out states to be handed to Adjutant at Starting Point.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*R. Jones*

Lieut.

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

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## 33RD BATTALION TRAINING SYLLABUS.

Week ending 24th August, 1917.

Date.	P.T. & B.F.	Specialist Section Training.			Musketry. Rapid loading Aiming, firing.	Vis. Train. J.D.	Route Marches.		Platoon Tactics.	REMARKS.
		Bombing	Rifle Grenade	Lewis Gun.			Day	Night.		
Monday, 20th.										<u>TRAINING GROUNDS.</u> Will be as follows- A & C Cos. Paddock on Southern side of HAPPE - Rd due south of A in HAPPE. HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100,000.
A.Co. )	9-9.30 a.m.									
B.Co. )		10-11 a.m.	-	-	11 a.m.-12 noon.	9.30-10 a.m.	2 p.m.			
C.Co. )							-4 pm.			
D.Co. )	9.30-10 am.	<del>11-12 noon</del>	-	-	<del>10-11 a.m.</del>	9-9.30 a.m.	2 p.m.			
							-4 pm.			
Tuesday 21st.										
A.Co. )	9-9.30 a.m.	-	11-12 noon.		10-11 a.m.	9.30-10 am.				
B.Co. )										
C.Co. )	9.30-10 am.		10-11 a.m.		11-12 noon.	9-9.30 a.m.				
D.Co. )										
								7 pm.	2 pm	
								-	-	
								9 pm.	4 pm	
								approx.		
Wednes. 22nd.										
A.Co. )	9-10 a.m.	-	-	10-11 am.	11-12 noon					
B.Co. )										
C.Co. )	10-11 am.	-	-	11-12 noon	9-10 a.m.	Half Holiday.				
D.Co. )										
Thurs. 23rd.										B & D Cos.
A.Co. )	9-9.30 a.m.	10-11 am.	-	-	11-12 noon.	9.30-10 am.	2 p.m.			Paddock
B.Co. )										enclosed
C.Co. )	9.30-10 am.	11-12 noon	-	-	10-11 a.m.	9-9.30 a.m.	4 p.m.			by V junc-
D.Co. )										tion of
										road
Friday 24th.										approx. 1
A.Co. )	9-9.30 a.m.	-	11-12 noon.	-	10-11 a.m.	9.30-10 am.			2 pm	mile N. of
B.Co. )									-	A in GANPA
C.Co. )	9.30-10 am.	-	10-11 a.m.	-	11-12 noon.	9-9.30 a.m.			4 pm	-GNE.
D.Co. )										Calais
										Sheet.
										1/100,000.

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Wednesday and Saturday afternoons will be devoted to sports.

For Musketry training aiming discs will be improvised until supply is available and will be used to check aiming and firing (trigger pressing). In J.D. practice distances will be measured off and men placed off to mark them, this will afford practice in noting apparent decrease in size (visual angle) at varying distances and degree of visibility.

When moving to and from training grounds troops will move in full marching order. The time taken to move to and from training grounds will not constitute part of the 4 hours set down for marching, neither will it constitute part of the time set down for training in the various subjects. Careful inspections to be held before leaving billets to see that men are properly equipped and that equipment is well fitted.

The night march will be approximately of 2 hours duration - not less than 2 miles and the men will march with box respirator fully adjusted.

SNIPERS. Companies will bring strength of snipers up to 6 per Company. These will report daily to Sgt. McKenzie who will prepare syllabus. They will parade at vacant ground off roadway about 1/3 mile S.W. of Cross Roads at HAFRE.

SCOUTS AND GUIDES. Each Company will select 5 men (including those already detailed as Scouts) to be trained as Scouts and guides, to report daily to Sgt. Shatwell for instruction. Lieut. King will submit syllabus of training. The training of Scouts and Guides will commence on 21st inst.

SIGNALLERS. All Battalion and Company Signallers will train under Signalling Officer who will submit syllabus forthwith.

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Lieut.

Adjutant, 35th Battalion, A.I.F.

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# 33RD BATTALION SYLLABUS OF LECTURES.

Week ending 24th August, 1917.

ALL OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'s. IN CHARGE OF PLATOONS WILL ATTEND.

Date.	Subject.	Lectures.	Place.	Time.	Remarks.
Monday 20th.	Consolidation.	Capt. Cox, O.C. 9th Field Co. Engineers.	Schoolroom. Divisional Canteen (Campagne)	11 a.m.	O.C. A.Co. will notify 9th M.G. Co. of time and place.
	Intelligence.	Capt. Jackson, G.S.O. III.	"	5 p.m.	" " " " "
Tuesday 21st.	Aeroplane Photographs.	Lt. Cutlack. Divisional Intelligence Officer.	"	5 p.m.	" " " " "
Thursday 23rd.	Map Reading.	Lectures by G.S.C. Companies.		{ 5 p.m.	
				{	
Friday 24th.	Message writing.			{ 5 p.m.	

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33RD BATTALION, A.I.F. SYLLABUS OF  
TRAINING.

Hours of Parade - 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

The following is the work laid down for Monday, 27th inst. This will be carried out as time permits before or after the Brigade parade. The route marching to Brigade parade will count in time laid down for route marching. Os.C. Companies will submit syllabus before 8 a.m. to Battalion Headquarters.

Close Order Drill	--	1/2 hour.
Visual Training.	)	1/2 hour.
Fire orders and control		
Tactical handling of	)	1 hour.
platoon - Semi-open warfare.		
Specialist Training.	--	1 1/2 hrs. 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Musketry - aiming;	)	1 hour.
trigger pressing, muscle exercises and rapid loading.		
Route Marching.		2 hours.
Night marching and deploying.		2 hours.

Specialists will receive special instruction and practice during specialist training. These will include

Rifle Grenadiers	)	Company arrangements.
Bombers.		
Lewis Gunners		
Bayonet men.		
Snipers	)	Battalion arrangements.
Scouts.		

Snipers will report to Sgt. McKenzie at Snipers parade ground. Scouts to 2/Lt. W.R. Reynolds at paddock on CAMPAGNE-HAPPE Road at top of C in CAMPAGNE.

Advantage will be taken of this time to train reserves: There are to be 48 trained Lewis Gunners and 16 snipers per Company, and 18 Scouts per Company and 20 Scouts (Battalion Headquarters). Signalling and M.C.O's Schools will continue as at present.



Lieut.

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

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Headquarters.  
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.  
27-8-17.

SYLLABUS FOR SCOUTS TRAINING.

TUESDAY.

Prismatic Compass.	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
How to tell North )	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
by Sun and Watch. )		
Map reading,		
(i) Fixing position. )	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
(ii) Methods of setting. )		

THURSDAY.

Map reading.		
(i) Contours. )	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
(ii) Visibility of points. )		
Co-ordinate cards. )	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
and Co-ordinates. )		
Reports and Messages )	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
and use of sketches )		
and sketch maps. )		

FRIDAY.

Reports and Messages )	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
and use of sketches )		
and sketch maps. )		
Formations and Movements )	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
of patrols. )		
(i) night. )		
In open (ii) day )		
Woods and (i) night )	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
No Man's (ii) day. )		
Land. )		

*Edmund H. H. H.* Lieut.

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

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Headquarters,  
33rd Battalion, A.I.F.  
28th August, 1917.

All Companies,

TRAINING.

Night marches will be under Company direction. Also the marches on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. O.C. Cos. will notify Battalion Headquarters by 9 a.m. of the route which they will take. 10

March on Friday.

Reference Map Calais 1/100,000.

STARTING POINT.

BOUR Road.

Cross Roads at B.Co. billets on HARPE CHA-LES-

Order of March. B, A, Band, D. C.

Time head to pass Starting Point at 2 p.m.

ROUTE.

Post Battalion Headquarters towards FRAQUEMBURGES to cross Road WEST of Hill 178, thence through THIEBROMME to Southern Angle of Triangle N.S.W. of BRIONVILLE, thence to billets through HARPE.

ADMINISTRATION.

O.C. has approved the issue of 12 lbs. of Golden Syrup per Company per week from Comfort Funds, for use in puddings. O.C. Cos. will see that it is properly used.

*Adjutant* Lieut.

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

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33RD BATTALION, A.I.F.SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

Tuesday, 28th.	Close Order Drill.	--	1 hour.
	Visual Training, etc.	--	1 hour.
Friday, 31st.	Specialist Training. (11 am to 12.30 pm.)		1 1/2 hrs.
	Musketry. (Tuesday only)		1 hour.
	P.T. & B.F. (Friday only)		1 hour.
	Route Marching. (2 to 5 p.m.)		3 hours.
Wednesday, 29th.	Close Order Drill.		1 hour.
	P.T. & B.F.		1 hour.
Saturday, 1.9.17.	Musketry.		1 hour.
	Route Marching. (11.30 am to 12.30 pm.)		1 hour.
Thursday, 30th.	Close Order Drill.		1 hour.
	Visual Training.		1 hour.
	Tactical Handling of Platoons. (2 p.m. to 4 p.m.)		2 hours.
	Specialist Training. (11 am to 12.30 pm.)		1 1/2 hours.
	Musketry.		1 hour.
	P.T. & B.F. (4 to 5 p.m.)		1 hour.
	Night Training (Marching) (7.30 to 9.30 pm.)		2 hours.

Company syllabi to be in by 8 a.m., 28th instant.

Night training will consist of Route Marching for 1 hour with gas helmet on and 1 hour without it.

Arrangements for Specialist training hold as for Monday.

*R. Jones* Lieut.  
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters.  
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.  
29-8-17.

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SYLLABUS FOR N.C.Os.

THURSDAY.

9-10.a.m. P.T. and B.F.  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour each.  
10-11.a.m. Squad Drill. Sec. 40-46. I.T.  
11-11.30.a.m. Visual Training.  
11.30.-12.30.p.m. Communication Drill.  
2.-4.p.m. Exercise with Companies, Tactical handling of Platoons.  
4-5.p.m. Mutual instruction. Sec. 40-46. I.T. on Company Parade Ground.  
7.30.-9.30.p.m. Night Marching with Company.

FRIDAY.

9-10.a.m. P.T. and B.F.  
10-11.a.m. Rifle Exercises. Sec. 57-61. I.T.  
11-11.30.a.m. Communication Drill, Words of Command.  
11.30.-12.30.p.m. Section and Platoon Drill. Sec. 75-78. I.T.  
2-3.p.m. Mutual Instruction, Rifle Exercises. 57-61. I.T.  
3-3.30.p.m. Lecture, Extended Order. General Rules.  
3.30.-4.30.p.m. Platoon Drill. Sec. 79-80. I.T.  
4.30.-5.p.m. Extended Order Drill. Sec. 93-94. I.T.

SATURDAY.

9-10.a.m. Mutual Instruction, P.T. and B.F.  
10-11.a.m. Mutual Instruction, Saluting.  
11.-11.30.a.m. Lecture. - Duties of N.C.Os. Standing Orders.  
11.30.-12.30.p.m. Mutual Instruction, - Platoon Drill, special attention to words of command.

Battalion Headquarters,  
31.8.1917.

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O.C. A.Co.  
O.C. B.Co.  
O.C. C.Co.  
O.C. D.Co.  
Transport Officer.  
Quartermaster.  
Signalling Officer.

### BRIGADE SPORTS.

The Brigade Sports will be held at a ground situated at the western end of LE MESNIL BOUTRY on 1st September, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

Troops will be marched as a Battalion to and from the sports and strict march discipline will be maintained throughout. Troops will be dismissed on arrival at ground but will be warned to fall in immediately "Fall in" bugle is sounded.

DRESS. Drill Order, Service dress and felt hats. Waterproof sheets will be carried

Officers will wear open neck tunics and Sam Browne Belts.

Officers will give every possible assistance to Lieut. Clarence who will arrange for all competitors to be at Starting Point 10 minutes before event commences.

Instructions have already been issued for Officers Messing arrangements.

Midday meal will be carried

Each Company will have an orderly Officer detailed to look after the men's feeding arrangements at midday. Water bottles will be filled at billets.

Travelling Kitchen (C.Co.) will move to and from Sports Ground independently.

4 Regimental Police under Provost Sergeant will accompany Battalion and be available for police duties at or near the ground.

Starting Point will be road junction about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile due North of E in CAMBAGNE (Calais Sheet 1/100,000) and Head of Column will pass at 9 a.m. in following order D.Co., Regimental Band, B.Co., A.Co. C.Co. will join tail of column at road junction  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile due south of S in LE MESNIL, This point will be passed by head of column about 9.40 a.m.

*R. Jones*

Lieut.

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

"A" Company. 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.DIET SHEET for Week ending 1st Sept. 1917.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>BREAKFAST.</u>	<u>DINNER.</u>	<u>TEA.</u>
Sunday. 26.8.17.	Rissoles & Gravy. Fried Bacon. Porridge. Baked Beans.	Biscuit Duff. Custard. Tea. and Fish.	Meat Pie. Cabbage, Carrots. Potatoes.
Monday. 27.8.17.	Rissoles. Boiled Bacon.	Fish. Tea.	Boiled Meat. Cabbage. Cauliflower. Onion Sauce.
Tuesday. 28.8.17.	Rissoles. Fried Bacon. Onion Sauce.	Hot Pot. Rice & Fruit. Tea.	Boiled Meat. Turnip Tops. Onion Sauce.
Wednesday. 29.8.17.	Rissoles. Pork & Beans. Fried Bacon.	Brawn & Salad. Fruit & Rice.	Curry & Rice. Cabbage. Potatoes.
Thursday. 30.8.17.	Rissoles. Fried Bacon.	Biscuit Pudding. Fish Paste. Tea.	Australian Pie. Cabbage. Cauliflower.
Friday. 31.8.17.	Fried Bacon. Porridge.	Bread & Butter Pudding. Tea.	Roast Meat. 2 Pints. Hot Pot. " Vegetables.
Saturday. 1.9.17.	Rissoles. Pork & Beans. Fried Bacon.	Haversack Lunch.	Irish Stew. Vegetables.

(Signed) O.R. Cormack. Lieut.  
for O.C. "A" Company. 33rd Bn.

"B" Company. 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.DINET SHEET for Week ending 1st Sept. 1917.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>BREAKFAST.</u>	<u>DINNER.</u>	<u>TEA.</u>
Sunday. 26.8.17.	Porridge. Fried Bacon & Beans.	Brawn & Veal Leaf. Sardines, Herrings and Tomato Sauce.	Roast Beef. Biscuit Pudding and Custard.
Monday. 27.8.17.	Boiled Bacon and Baked Beans.	Sardines.	Curry & Rice. Sultana Pudding and Custard.
Tuesday. 28.8.17.	Porridge. Fried Bacon.	Hot Pot.	Roast Mutton. Rice Custard.
Wednesday. 29.8.17.	Fried Bacon & Fried Beans.	Baked Rice & Custard.	Roast Beef, Cabbage Carrots and Potatoes
Thursday. 30.8.17.	Fried Bacon & Beans. Hot Pot.	Brawn & Salad.	Dry Hash. Sultana Pudding.
Friday. 31.8.17.	Porridge. Boiled Bacon.	Dry Hash.	Boiled Beef and Onion Sauce and Vegetables. Baked Rice Custard.
Saturday. 1.9.17.	Fried Bacon. Bubble and Squeak.	Haversack Lunch.	Boiled Beef and Onion Sauce and Vegetables. Baked Rice Custard.

Tea with each meal.

(Signed) T.A. Armstrong. Lieut.  
for O.C. "B" Company. 33rd Battalion.  
A. I. F.

Appendix No 10  
 "C" Company. 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

DIET SHEET for week ending 1st Sept. 1917.

DATE.	BREAKFAST.	DINNER.	TEA.
Sunday. 26.8.17.	Porridge. Fried Bacon. Baked Beans.	Hot Pot. Fruit Pudding. Bread. Butter. Cheese.	Curry & Rice Stew. with Vegetables.
Monday. 27.8.17.	Fried Bacon. Brawn. Baked Beans.	Cheese. Biscuits. Sardines.	Roast Beef, Seasoning. Boiled Cabbage. Cauliflower. Potatoes.
Tuesday. 28.8.17.	Fried Bread. Rissoles. Onion Gravy.	Bacon & Army Ration. Hot Pot. Salad.	Boiled Meat. Mashed potatoes. Turnips. Spinnage.
Wednesday. 29.8.17.	Porridge. Fried Bacon. Baked Beans.	Baked Rice & Fruit. Pudding. Jam. Cheese.	Roast Beef, Seasoning. Boiled Cabbage, Cauliflower, Potatoes. Carrots.
Thursday. 30.8.17.	Porridge. Rissoles. Baked Beans.	Fried Bread & Sardines.	Dry Hash. Boiled Spinnage, Potatoes, Carrots & Turnips.
Friday. 31.8.17.	Porridge. Fried Bacon. Brown. Fried Vegetables.	Hot Pot. Cheese. Butter. Jam.	Roast Beef, Seasoning. Boiled Potatoes, Turnips & Carrots.
Saturday. 1.9.17.	Fried Rissoles. Fried Vegetables.	Lunch carried.	Boiled Meat, Boiled Potatoes, Carrots, Onion Sauce.

(Signed) A.H. Fletcher. Lieut.  
for O.C. "C" Company. 33rd Bn.

"D" Company. 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.PICT SHEET for Week ending 1st Sept. 1917.

Date.	BREAKFAST.	DINNER.	TEA.
Sunday. 26.8.17.	Porridge. Fried Bacon, Beans and Bread. Jam, Butter, Tea.	Bread, Jam. Cheese. Tea.	Boiled Meat. Mashed vegetables. Raisin pudding. Bread. Tea.
Monday. 27.8.17.	Bacon and M & V rissoles. Bread, Jam, Tea.	Cheese cakes. Bread Jam Tea.	Roast Mutton. Mashed vegetables. Bread. Jam. Tea.
Tuesday. 28.8.17.	Cheese hash. Biscuits. Jam. Butter. Tea.	Fried Fish and Bully Beef. Biscuits. Butter. Jam. Tea.	Australian Pie. Biscuits. Butter. Jam. Tea.
Wednesday. 29.8.17.	Anzac Hash. Bread. Jam. Tea.	Bread. Jam. Cheese. Tea.	Roast Meat. Mashed vegetables. Bread. Jam. Tea.
Thursday. 30.8.17.	Fried Bread. " Fish. Fried Bacon. Bread. Jam. Tea.	Baked Rice and raisins. Bread. Jam. Cheese. Tea.	Australian Pie. Bread. Jam. Tea.
Friday. 31.8.17.	Porridge. Bully Beef and Bacon. Rissoles. Bread. Jam. Tea.	Cheese Cakes. Bread. Jam. Tea.	Curry and Rice. Bread. Jam. Tea.
Saturday. 1.9.17.	Dry Hash and pickles. Biscuits. Jam. Tea.	Biscuits. Jam. Cheese. Tea.	Boiled Meat. Mashed vegetables. Onion sauce. Boiled Rice and Raisins. Biscuits. Tea.

(Signed). H.F. White. Major.  
O.C. "D" Company. 33rd Bn.

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## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 345.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD, D.S.O.  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
1st August, 1917

HONOURS AND REWARDS. The Corps Commander has awarded the MILITARY MEDAL to:-

No. 752, Private WILLIAM CHARLES DELANEY, 33rd Battalion.

At MESSINES on July 15th, 1917, for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty. Under a continuous heavy barrage Private DELANEY attended to many of our wounded, and carried them to the Regimental Aid Post in full view of the enemy. Casualties that occurred in his sector could not be evacuated expeditiously through our trenches and this gallant man repeatedly carried them overland, absolutely regardless of all personal danger. During the period from July 11th to 17th he worked continuously and although badly shaken he refused any rest. By his untiring efforts and gallantry he undoubtedly saved the lives of several of his comrades. His splendid devotion to duty together with his cheerful readiness greatly inspired the whole Battalion. Private DELANEY accompanied two of our raids and did excellent work in the Battle of MESSINES also he displayed great courage and devotion to duty and worked without relief for the 96 hours we were in the line. The Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders desire their congratulations be conveyed to the recipient.

The Commanding Officer also desires to congratulate Private DELANEY.

ANTI-GAS MEASURE. G.S. Circular No. 49A is issued herewith, one copy per Company - for information and compliance of all ranks. All Gas M.C.O.s will make themselves thoroughly acquainted with contents and see that the precautions mentioned therein are complied with.

JACKS FOR LEWIS GUN BARRELS. The issue of a modified "Jack" to enable Lewis Gun Barrels to be changed in the line is approved. (Authority G.H.Q., 7/55 (Q.S. of 22/7/1917)). Issues will be made on the scale of one per Battalion at present; this scale will be increased to one per Company as supplies become available. A bulk indent will be submitted by the D.A.D.O.S. to complete first issue.

DUMMY DETONATORS USE OF. Serious accidents have recently occurred owing to the use of live detonators during instructional lectures in bombing, and it has been found in some cases that dummy detonators are not used. Attention is called to S.S. 126, "The Training and employment of Bombers", September, 1916, p. 14, Secs (1) and (2). The precautions therein laid down have been adopted as the result of experience, and it is not permissible for any individual officer to introduce a practice differing therefrom, on grounds of personal opinion. Officers and other ranks who are instructing in bombing will be held responsible for any accidents which may occur through neglect of these precautions.

EXPLOSIVES. The attention of all concerned is directed to the danger of leaving explosives, such as detonators, friction tubes, etc. lying about unguarded. Trench mortar and bombing grounds will be carefully searched at the conclusion of practice and measures taken to dispose of all unexploded bombs, grenades, detonators and fuzes. Should there be any reason to suppose that a piece of ground is dangerous to civilians by reason of explosives having been left in it the Police of the Commune will be informed and if possible the area will be fenced in. Several accidents have lately occurred to children and others who have picked up such articles, and precaution must be taken to prevent such articles being left lying about.

PAIRM The following is the daily allotment for the PAIRM BATHS from 2nd August, inclusive, until further notice.

Each Company. 14. )  
H.Q. Details. 4 ) 2.30 p.m. (over)

One officer will accompany each parade and will be detailed from Companies in following rotation. A.B.C.D. He will be responsible for mustering the parties and for maintenance of march discipline to and from the baths.

(Signed) R.C. JONES., Liout.

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

## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 346.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSEHEAD, D.S.O.

Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
4th August, 1917.

TRANSPORT SCHOOL, ABBEVILLE. 2647. The undermentioned N.C.O. is detailed for 32nd Course of Instruction in Transport Duties at ABBEVILLE, commencing 11th inst. No. 1409. L/Cpl. J. Gleaves, Reg. Transport. Transport arrangements will be notified later.

GRENADA & STOKES MORTAR COURSE, TERDEGHEM. 2648. The undermentioned officer has been selected to attend Grenade and Stokes Mortar Course at TERDEGHEM commencing on 6th inst. and dispersing on 19th inst. 2/Lieut. G.C.W. Reid, A.Co. Candidate will report to R.T.O. STEENWERCK at 7.30 a.m. on 6th inst. and proceed by 7.59 a.m. train to School. Movement order is in hands of R.T.O. STEENWERCK.

LEWIS GUN COURSE, MOREBECQUE. 2649. The undermentioned N.C.O.s have been detailed to attend Lewis Gun Course at MOREBECQUE commencing 8th inst. for instruction in Mechanism and Tactical handling of the Lewis Gun. No. 1058. L/Cpl. G. Byrnes, D.Co. 1860. L/Cpl. W.E. Lang, C.Co. Transport arrangements will be notified later.

STRENGTH. 2650. The undermentioned having returned from C.C.S. are taken on strength.

A.Co.		B.Co.	
No. 2375. Pte. G.V. Blom.	No. 5133. Pte. T. Wardley.		
2289. " G.H. Collier.	5110. " V.L. Smodley.		
4991A. " D. Brooks.	2115. " K.M. McLeod.		
16. " F.J. Briggs.	2801. " E.J. Mackay.		
C.Co.		D.Co.	
No. 919. Pte. C. Fulmer.	No. 1799. Pte. A.E. Chapman.		
2592. " W.J. Morris.	1869. " H.O. Meehan.		
1784. " R.S. Bartlett.	2027. " C.W. Antaw.		

734. Pte. H.J. Chapman.

853. L/Cpl. J.H. Payton.

The undermentioned having reported from Training Battalion are taken on strength and posted to Companies as under:-

A.Co.		B.Co.	
No. 3056. Pte. J. Fraser.	No. 2867. Pte. F.E. Lewis.		
3133. " L.F. O'Shea.	3021. Pte. J. Bain.		
3126. " G. Stanlon.	3158. " J. Banks.		
	3153. " G.R. Watkins.		
C.Co.		D.Co.	
No. 3119. Pte. J.B. Pryor.	No. 3111. Pte. B.O. Nerlick.		
1909. " W.H. Stafford.	3129. " H.T. Sell.		
3152. " V. Weatherløy.	3131. " R.M. Symonds.		
3101. " J.H. Merris.	3132. " S. Stevens.		

PUNISHMENT. The following punishments have been awarded.

2651. No. 841. Pte. A.T. Nelson.	Absent without leave from billets. 7 days F.P. No. 2. 2.8.1917.
C.Co.	
2059. Pte. W.M. Grady.	Absent without leave from billets. 7 days F.P. No. 2. 2.8.1917.
C.Co.	
1840. L/Cpl. H.V. Hall.	Absent without leave from billets. Forfeits Lance stripe. 2.8.1917.
C.Co.	
2535. Pte. C. Coleman.	Absent without leave from billets. 7 days F.P. No. 2. 2.8.1917.
A.Co.	
197. Pte. E.A. Thompson.	When on active service absenting himself without leave from Brigade Rest Camp from 9 p.m. 22.7.1917. till 6 p.m. 27.7.1917. 6 days.
A.Co.	
	14 days F.P. No. 2.
	Forfeits 6 days pay. 2.8.1917.
2153. Pte. S. Withy.	Absent without leave from 9 p.m. 31.7.1917. to 3.30 a.m. 2.8.17. 36 hrs
A.Co.	Forfeits 3 days pay.
	28 days F.P. No. 1. 4.8.1917.

(over)

PROMOTIONS. The following promotions have been approved:-  
2652.

A. Co.  
To be Temp. Cpl. No. 52. E. C. H. Callcott vice Shelton wounded.  
To be Lance Corporal. No. 2858. Pte. A. Fletcher vice Callcott promoted.  
C. Co.  
To be Sergeant temp. No. 985. Cpl. C. F. Morrisby vice Nelson wounded.  
To be L/Sergeant. No. 940. Cpl. J. Reid, vice Russell promoted.  
948. Cpl. H. C. Smith, vice Chapman sick.  
To be Corporal. No. 1860. L/Cpl. W. E. Lang, vice Wallis killed in Action.  
To be Corporal temp. No. 5043. L/Cpl. H. F. Lane vice Graphell evacuated sick.  
1497. L/Cpl. A. W. Shearer, vice Reid promoted.  
1661. L/Cpl. T. E. Sattie vice O. J. Phifer wounded.  
929. L/Cpl. W. T. Noble vice Davis wounded.

(Signed) R. C. JONES, Lieut.

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

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...No. 985. Cpl. C. F. Morrisby vice Nelson wounded.  
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...No. 929. L/Cpl. W. T. Noble vice Davis wounded.

HONOURS AND REWARDS. 2653. His Majesty the King approves of the award of the VICTORIA CROSS to, dated 2.8.1917.

No.1804, Private John CARROLL, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

At ST. YVES during the offensive of 7/12th June, 1917, this soldier showed most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On June 7th, Private John CARROLL acted as a Mopper Up. Immediately the barrage lifted he rushed the enemy's trench and bayoneted four Germans. He then noticed a comrade in difficulties with one of the enemy; he at once proceeded to his comrade's assistance and killed the German. He continued working ahead with grim determination and wonderful fearlessness, and came across a Machine Gun and team of four men in a shell hole; they offered resistance, but single-handed he attacked the entire team, killed three of them and captured the gun. Later two of his comrades were buried by a shell and in spite of very heavy shelling and Machine Gun fire, he extricated them. During the 96 hours the Battalion was in the line Private CARROLL displayed most wonderful courage and fearlessness. Each night he went out wiring in front of the new line, and did excellent work. On two occasions he brought wounded men back to our lines. His magnificent example inspired the whole of the Battalion.

The Army, Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders desire that their congratulations be conveyed to the recipient.

The Commanding Officer also desires to congratulate Private CARROLL.

BICYCLES. 2656. Those to whom Bicycles are issued are absolutely responsible for their safety. If lost they will be held liable to pay for a new bicycle.

Chains can be supplied by D.A.D.O.S. on demand.

Padlocks can be purchased from fr. and 1.50 upwards.

SCHOOLS. 2657. The undermentioned candidates have been selected to attend schools as under:

SCHOOL.	NO.	RANK.	NAME.	CO.	REPORT TO.	TIME.
Power Buzzer						
BAILLEUL.	1440.	Pte.	R. Webb.	H.Q.	C.O. Wireless section, The Mairie, BAILLEUL.	10 a.m. 6.8.17.
DIV. BOMB. SCHOOL.	1152.	L/Cpl.	R.T. Hull.	D	Bombing School.	4 p.m. 7.8.1917.
RAVELSBERG.	124.	Cpl.	D.T. McKillop.	A.	Div. H.Q.	
GENERAL COURSE		2/Lt.	W.G. Mason.	C.		
		2/Lt.	V.S. Barnes.	A.	To be notified later.	
MOREBECQUE.	580.	Cpl.	L.H. Young.	B.		
14.8.1917.	985.	Cpl.	C.F. Morrisby.	C.		

Officers will take batman.

Officers and other ranks must proceed fully equipped in marching order with rifle and side arms and those joining for instruction should have note-books and pencil. Officers will be in possession of compasses.

DISCIPLINE. 2658. Heavy Draught Horses will not move at a pace faster than a walk.

Riding horses will move only at the trot or walk on all roads, and will not be trotted on the pave.

Officers, N.C.Os, Military Police and Traffic Control will take the names of persons contravening these orders and send them with a signed and dated statement of the facts to the A.P.M.

PAY. 2639. Requisitions for pay up to and including fortnight ending on Wednesday, 8th inst. must be submitted to reach Battalion H.Q. not later than 9 a.m. on Monday, 6th inst. (over)

The following are the approximate dates of posting of letter mails:-

Sydney.....	30 May - 12 June.
Melbourne.....	31 May - 13 June.
Brisbane.....	29 May - 11 June.
Adelaide.....	1 June - 19 June.
Perth.....	6 June - 19 June.
Hobart.....	30 May - 12 June.

2641. It is notified that all non selected for training as co  
SHOERS, shoers should at the time of selection be privates. 0  
TRAINING OF their being promoted to the rank of Corporal they shoul  
cease to be employed as cold shoers and should return t  
regimental duty, additional pay being inadmissable for  
from the date of such promotion.

No. 3103. Pte. D. Murdock. A. Co.  
2579. " D. James. A. Co.

<u>H.Q.</u>		<u>C.Co.</u>	
No. 21.	Pfc. H.R. Bowden.	No. 1954.	Pfc. W. Burling.
<u>B.Co.</u>		5137A.	" W.E. LeNessurier.
No. 1988.	Pfc. W.H.S. Swoodman.	927.	" L.M. McIntyre.
2622.	" A.E. Nott.	754.	" J.J. Dever.
2639.	" C.W. Silva.	<u>D.Co.</u>	

No. 1092. D. Co. L/Cpl. A. Cobcroft.  
2359. Pte. A. McRae.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 53rd Battalion, A.I.F.

## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 348.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD, D.S.O.  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.In the Field,  
7th August, 1917.

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FIELD MESSAGES. Field Messages will NOT be delivered from Battalion H.Q. beyond Company Orderly Room when the Battalion is stationary or to Head of Company when on the march. Arrangements must therefore be made by Companies and Headquarters sections to receive such messages and transmit them to the persons for whom they are intended. When a circular message is sent to "All Companies" during parade hours from which an extract has to be made this will be delivered to the orderly room, when an extract should be made and the runner allowed to proceed to next Company and extract forwarded to Company Commander or other responsible officer.

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS. The undermentioned promotions have been approved, vide A.I.F. List No. 212, dated 31.7.17.

2643. To be Lieutenant, dated 23.6.17.

2/Lieut. E.A. Clarence.

2/Lieut. I.C. Dight.

2/Lieut. E.C.P. Thomas.

2/Lieut. K.J. Campbell. M.C.

2/Lieut. W. McLean. M.C.

The undermentioned appointment is approved:-

No. 923. W.O. (Class 1) J.B. Marsden to be 2/Lieut. dated 1.8.17.  
(Authority, D.A.G. A.I.F. 45/11/57 - 2.8.17.)

D. Company.To be Corporal.

No. 112. Pte. W.L. Frauenfelder. vice Cpl. Hadkins transferred to 9th Training Bn.

No. 5096A. Pte. J.L. Tolmie. vice Cpl. Boulton Killed in action. To be Corporal Temp.

No. 2365. L/Cpl. T.H. McMahon vice Cpl. Archibald evacuated wounded 1244. Pte. J. Spence. vice Cpl. Carney evacuated wounded. To be Lance Corporal.

No. 1072. Pte. G.H. Berry vice McMahon promoted.

No. 1152. Pte. R.T. Hull. vice Stark promoted.

No. 1498. Pte. L.N. Scholz. vice Parry promoted.

No. 1058. Pte. G. Burns. vice Lennon promoted.

No. 5106A. Pte. A.E. Wenban. to complete establishment.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned are taken on strength.

2645. Lieut. E.J. Harman. resumed duty from Hospital 1.8.17.

2/Lieut. L.R. Brownlow reported from 9th Training Bn dated 6.8.1917. and posted to A. Col for duty.

PUNISHMENT. The following punishment was awarded 6.8.17.:-

2646.

No. 38. Sgt. F.C. Clear. When on active service H.Q. Pioneers. "Drunkennes". Reprimanded.

(Signed) R.C. Jones. Lieut.

Adjutant 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 349.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD, D.S.O.,  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.In the Field,  
9th August, 1917.TRAINING.

SYLLABUS The syllabus of training for 10th inst. will be as follows:-  
FOR 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Close Order Drill.  
10.8.17. Bayonet Fighting.  
2647. Musketry.

2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Physical Training.

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Route Marching.

Band will accompany A. Company on  
the route march.

G.H.Q.

SMALL

ARMS

SCHOOL,

LE TOUQUET.

2648.

The undermentioned officer has been selected to attend  
Lewis Gun Course at the G.H.Q. Small Arms School, LE TOUQUET  
assembling on 15th inst.

2/Lieut.L.R.Brownlow.

Candidate will take field glasses, compasses, note book  
and pencil.

Transport arrangements will be notified later.

BOMBING

COURSE,

CORPS

SCHOOL,

MOREBECQUE.

2649.

The undermentioned N.C.Os have been selected to attend  
Bombing Course at Corps School, MOREBECQUE, assembling on  
12th inst. and dispersing on 25th inst.

No.1487. Cpl.A.W.Shearer.

C.Co.

441. L/Cpl.G.D.Hunt.

B.Co.

Transport arrangements will be notified later.

ADMINISTRATION.

PROMOTIONS. The undermentioned promotion is confirmed:-

2650.

No.12, Tempy. Cpl.A.H. Bushell to be Cpl. vice

Cpl.H.G.Murray away from unit over 3 months.

STRENGTH.

2651.

The undermentioned having returned from C.C.S. is taken  
on strength.

No.1101. Pte.W.Crew. D.Co.

The undermentioned having been admitted into C.C.S. are  
struck off strength.

A.Co.

No.189, Pte.V.R.Shalders.

B.Co.

No.2379, Pte.T.Richardson.

2101. " T.R.Mathews.

C.Co.

No.2171. Pte.R.Murdock.

D.Co.

No.1300, Pte.W.H.Billsborough.

1907A. L/Cpl.B.Smith.

1901A. " W.Schofield.

2930. Pte.G.Houston.

2041. " T.H.Cocksedge.

REVERSION. The undermentioned having been admitted into Hospital  
temporary appointment ceases from 7.8.17.

2652.

No.374. Tempy Cpl. (L/Cpl) G.H. Betts.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

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

## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 350.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD, D.S.O.  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.U.F.In the Field,  
10th August, 1917.DIVISIONAL  
BOMBING AND  
RIFLE GRENADE  
SCHOOL.  
RAVELSBERG.  
2653.

The undermentioned H.C.Os have been selected to attend next course at Divisional Bombing and Rifle Grenade School, RAVELSBERG, commencing on 14th inst.

No. 61. L/Cpl. W. Edwards. A.Co.  
1238. L/Cpl. W.A. Read. D.Co.

Candidates will report to Transport Park at 2 p.m. and Transport Officer will arrange transport to enable them to report at School at 4 p.m. on 13th inst.

DIVISIONAL  
GAS SCHOOL.  
RAVELSBERG.  
2654.

The undermentioned H.C.O. has been selected to attend 7th Course at Divisional Gas School, RAVELSBERG, commencing on 12th inst. and dispersing on 18th inst.

No. 1121. Cpl. M.L. Fraunfelder. D.Co.

Candidate will report to Transport Park at 2 p.m. and Transport Officer will arrange transport to enable him to report at School.

Unexpended portion of days ration will be carried.

POWER BUZZER  
SCHOOL,  
BAILLEUL.  
2655.

The undermentioned men have been selected to attend 8th Course of Instruction in the use of Power Buzzer commencing on 13th inst.

No. 554. Pte. J.B. Smith. )  
1262. " L.A. Tierney. ) H.Q. Signallers.

Candidates will report to O.C. Wireloss Station at Signal Office not later than noon on 12th inst.

GRENADE  
SCHOOL,  
TERDEGHEM.  
2656.

The undermentioned Officer has been selected to attend Course at Grenade School, TERDEGHEM, assembling on 20th inst. and dispersing on 2nd Sept.

2/Lieut. J.B. Marsden. D.Co.

Transport arrangements will be notified later.

RESULTS,  
DIVISIONAL  
GAS SCHOOL.  
RAVELSBERG.  
2657.

The following results were obtained by the undermentioned H.C.Os at Gas School for week ending 4th inst.

No. 1251. L/Cpl. E.A. Smith. Good.  
1242. L/Cpl. G.E. Stark. Good.BOUNDS.  
2658.DRANOUTRE.

The BRASSERIE THIBAUT at DRANOUTRE having been placed out of bounds for medical reasons, troops are forbidden to eat beer or other liquor there.

ARMENTIERES.

The following extract from 57th Division Routine Orders dated 6.8.17, is republished for information of all concerned:-

(1) No Officer or soldier is permitted to enter ARMENTIERES except when on duty, in which case he must be in possession of a pass signed by his C.O. This does not apply to Staff Officers or formed bodies of troops.

(2) Troops are not permitted to enter any house or building other than those in which troops are billeted, or which are used for any military purpose.

(3) Property of civilians, in any form, which is left in billets or buildings hitherto occupied by civilians is to be left untouched and on no account are any articles of furniture or personal effects to be removed on any condition whatsoever.

(4) Any Officer or soldier who infringes these orders will be tried by Court Martial.

(Authority Corps Order 1301 - 7.8.17.)

SALVAGE,  
2659.

All Salvage in or about the lines occupied by this unit will be collected and the Quartermaster notified. The Quartermaster will then arrange for Regimental Transport to deliver it to Divisional Salvage Dump (Sheet 36 H.W. A.17.d.9.2.)

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**SANITARY.** Owing to the outbreak of DYSENTERY in the DRAMOUTRE area the following precautions will be adopted:-

- 2660.
- (a) All water for drinking and cooking purposes must be boiled as well as chlorinated before use.
  - (b) All excreta must be burnt.
  - (c) All manure not disposed of to farmers must be burnt.

**PROMOTIONS.** The following promotions are approved:-

- 2661.
- No. 108. Pte. H. Lewis to be Sgt. dated 5.7.1917.
  - 103. Sgt. H. Lewis to be Sgt. Cook dated 30.7.17.
  - 2073. Pte. C. H. Howard to be E/Cpl. 10.8.1917.

**TRANSFERS.** The following transfers have been approved:-

- 2662.
- No. 103. Pte. H. Lewis from A. Co. to Bn. H. Q. dated 5.7.17.
  - 1203. Pte. T. H. McAlin from C to D. Co.

**STRENGTH.** The undermentioned having been transferred to 9th Training Battalion are struck off strength.

- 2663.
- E/Lieut. W. E. Chapman.
  - No. 130. Sgt. D. V. Moss.
  - 940. L/Sgt. J. Reid.
  - 1825. Cpl. J. Fennolly.
  - 1254. Cpl. G. E. See.

**PUNISHMENTS.** The following punishments were awarded this date:-

- 2664.
- No. 2302. Pte. T. B. Delaney, A. Co. When on active service absent from billets after 9 p.m. and not in possession of a pass contrary to Camp Orders. 7 days F.P. No. 2
  - No. 1415. Dvr. H. W. Lee, Reg. Trans. When on active service being in an examination during prohibited hours contrary to G.R.O. 1661.

7 days C.B.

(Signed) R. C. JONES, Lieut.

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

#### NOTICE.

##### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Commanding Officer gratefully acknowledges the gift of two cricket balls from No. 1258, Pte. H. C. Stollman.

By  
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD, D.S.O.  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
11th August, 1917.

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BUGLE The Band Sergeant will detail one orderly bugler  
CALLS. daily for hutments at Battalion Headquarters and one at  
2665. encampment occupied by C and D. Companies. The following  
routine will be adopted forthwith.

Reveille.	6 a.m.
Sick Parade.	7 a.m. A & B. 8 a.m. C & D.
Cookhouse.	7.30 a.m.
Warning for parade.	8.30 a.m.
Fall in.	8.45 a.m.
Advance.	9 a.m.
Cookhouse.	12.30 p.m.
Warning.	1.30 p.m.
Fall in.	1.45 p.m.
Advance.	2 p.m.
Cookhouse.	6 p.m.
Tattoo.	9 p.m.
Last Post.	9.15 p.m.
Lights out.	9.30 p.m.

Tattoo Roll Call will be made by hut or tent Commanders at 9 p.m. and Orderly Sergeant will visit each hut or tent to collect reports and list of absentees. Names of absentees at tattoo roll call will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters with parade states the following morning.

REVERSION. No. 511 Pte. (tomp. Dvr.) E. Nelson reverts to permanent  
2666. rank on return to duty of No. 1411, Dvr. K. Irving, dated  
26.7.1917.

STRENGTH. No. 1423, Driver W.S. Smith is taken on strength and  
2667. posted supernumerary to establishment.  
The undermentioned Officers are struck off strength for reasons stated in accordance with A.I.F. Order No. 777.

Capt. R.F. Craigie.	Sickness.
Capt. J.W. Shreeve.	To 3rd A.D.B.D.
Capt. C.F. Rosenthal.	Wounded.
Lieut. L.C.B. Smith.	Wounded.
2/Lieut. C.S. Crowley.	9th Train. Bn.
2/Lieut. S. Muddle.	9th Train. Bn.
2/Lieut. H.J.G. Harvie.	Sickness.
2/Lieut. G. Wilkinson.	Wounded.
2/Lieut. F.W. Stackleberg.	Wounded.

The undermentioned having been admitted into C.C.S. are struck off strength.

No. 5021. Pte. P.N. Bezy.  
5070. " J.P. Maher.  
1813. " P.C. Dale.

The undermentioned having reported from 9th Train. Bn. are taken on strength and posted to Companies.

A. Co.	B. Co.
No. 3055. Pte. T. Fuller.	No. 2920. Pte. H. Mallaby.
C. Co.	2430. " W.J. Moore.
No. 1791. Pte. A.J. Browse.	2295. " J.T. Cruse.
3109. " F. Noonan.	

D. Co.  
No. 3144. Pte. H. Todd.  
3121. " S. Rogers.  
3091. " A. McPherson.  
1391. " F. Gosson.

The undermentioned having returned from C.C.S. are taken on strength.

No. 406. Pte. T.R. Edwards.	H.Q.	C. Co.	No. 2555. Pte. C.H. Dillon.
B. Co.			763. " J.J.V. Esquivien.
No. 384. Pte. C. Gebcroft.		D. Co.	No. 1306. Pte. F.J. Simshauser
1826. " H.S. Filmer.			1169. " J. Johnston.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.  
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 352.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD, D.S.O.  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.In the Field,  
13th August, 1917.

INSPECTION. Particular care will be taken at inspection parades to see that hat badges, colour patches, and chin straps are not deficient. Men must be instructed to replace all buttons which are deficient on their clothing and to repair, new bootlaces, &c. Platoon Commanders or Sergeants (if in charge) should indent at once for all articles required. Companies and Headquarter sections will certify by noon on 19th inst. that all the above articles which have been found lacking have been actually issued to those requiring them.

WEARING  
TRENCH  
HELMETS.  
2669.

Trench helmets will be worn by all ranks east of the following roads till further orders:-  
LESS 3 TILLEULS, MIEPPE, ROMARIN, NEUVE EGLISE, LINDENHOEK, KEMMEL, LA CLYTTE, DICKESBUSCH.

PERCHES FOR  
G.S. LIMB-  
ERED WAGONS.  
2670.

It has been brought to notice that the manufacture of the Base of Perches for G.S. Limbered wagons, which has become necessary owing to difficulty in obtaining sufficient from home, is being delayed in the non-return of fittings from unserviceable perches. In future these will be returned to the Base in every case without delay. In this connection attention is drawn to the fact that many breakages of these perches are avoidable, being due to careless driving; steps should be taken at once to prevent this in future.

PROMOTIONS  
AND  
APPOINTMENTS.  
2671.

Para 2470 of R.O. No. 315, dated 25th June, 1917 is amended to read as follows:-

B.Co.

To be Temp. Lance Corporals.

No. 2385, Pte. J.R. Soutar	vice	No. 365, L/Cpl. Booth	promoted.	19.7.17.
379. " R.S. Capel	"	547 " Spencer	"	29.12.16.
543. " C.S. Russell	"	442. " Halloran	"	25.6.17.
441. " C.D. Hunt	"	374 " Betts	"	7.8.17.

Para 2533 of R.O. No. 324, dated 4th July, 1917 is amended to read:-

To be Temp. Lance Corporals.

No. 2107, Pte. J.W. Morse	vice	No. 387, L/Cpl. Connolly	promoted.	4.7.17.
527. " J. Parkin	"	508. Cpl. R. White	wounded	8.6.17.
568. " A.A. Witten	"	592. L/Cpl. McElroy	"	14.7.17.

The undermentioned temporary appointments are terminated as from dates shown:-

No. 547. L/Cpl (Temp Cpl.) H.I. Spencer	vice	No. 416 Sgt. G.T. Faint.	12.8.17.
379. Pte. (Temp L/Cpl) R.S. Capel	vice	547 L/Cpl. Spencer	12.8.17.

527. Pte. (temp Cpl) J. Parkin vice No. 1508, Cpl. R. White.

The following reversions are approved to date as shown. 12.8.17.

No. 365. L/Cpl (Temp Cpl) W.D. Booth - 7.8.17 - vice 417 Sgt. L.G. Faint resumed duty 8.7.17.

This cancels notice regarding this N.C.O. in para 2625 of R.O. No. 342, dated 9.7.1917.

No. 2385. Pte (Temp L/Cpl) W.R. Soutar - 6.8.17 - vice 365, L/Cpl. Booth reverted 7.8.17.

442. L/Cpl. (temp Cpl) A.B. Halloran - 18.7.17 - vice 396, Sgt. Clifton resumed duty 19.7.17.

543. Pte. (temp L/Cpl) C.S. Russell - 17-7-17 - vice 442, L/Cpl. Halloran reverted 18.7.17.

441. Pte. (temp L/Cpl.) C.D. Hunt - 6.8.17 - 374, L/Cpl Betts reverted 7.8.17.

2107. Pte. (temp L/Cpl.) J.W. Morse - 19-7-17 - 387 L/Cpl. Connolly reverted 20.7.17.

1925. L/Cpl (temp Cpl) J. Fennelly - 10.8.17 - on transfer to 9th Training Battalion.

(over)

The following promotions are approved:-

To be Sergeants.

No. 580. Cpl. L. E. Young vice 1509. Sgt. C. Beresford Died of Wounds 31.7.17.  
541. Cpl. R. A. G. Richards. vice 389, Sgt. C. S. Crowley commissioned 26.6.17.

To be temporary Sergeant.

No. 387, L/Cpl. V. P. Connolly -30-7-17- vice 506 Sgt. H. C. McLean wounded.  
To be Corporal.

No. 547, L/Cpl. H. I. Spencer -13.8.17- vice 580 Cpl. L. E. Young promoted.  
2385. Pte. W. R. Soutar -13.8.17- " 1470 Cpl. L. R. Bell commissioned.  
516. L/Cpl. T. Polson -13.8.17- vice 564. Cpl (L/Sgt) Taylor Killed in Action  
543. L/Cpl. C. S. Russell -13.8.17- vice 532 Cpl. Roach to 9th Training Bn.

To be Temporary Corporals.

No. 442. Pte. A. B. Halloran -19.7.17- vice 422 Cpl. J. R. Gratton wounded.  
482. L/Cpl. G. A. McIlveen -7.8.17- " 1508. " R. White. "  
379. Pte. R. S. Capel -7.8.17- vice 527 Cpl. G. H. Woods "  
441. Pte. C. D. Hunt -7.8.17- vice 2140 Cpl. F. A. Thurston "  
527. Pte. J. Parkin -7.8.17- vice 1299 Cpl (L/Sgt) W. J. Tufrey "

To be Lance Corporals.

No. 2107. Pte. J. H. Morse -13.8.17- vice 547 L/Cpl. H. I. Spencer promoted.  
568. " A. A. Witten -13.8.17- vice 516 L/Cpl. T. Polson "  
1895. " D. J. O'Brien -13.8.17- vice 543 L/Cpl. C. S. Russell "  
1795. " F. H. Cameron -13.8.17- vice 1825 L/Cpl. J. Fennelly transferred.  
409. " A. P. Forbes -13-8-17- vice 2112 L/Cpl. J. H. McIlveen Killed in Action.

To be Temporary Lance Corporals.

No. 561. Pte. H. S. Tutt -13.8.17- vice 365 L/Cpl. W. D. Booth wounded.  
8108. " L. G. Murray -13.8.17- vice 374 L/Cpl. G. H. Betts sick.

Regimental Transport.

No. 1417. Cpl (Temp. Sgt) J. McDonald to be Sgt. (Transport Sergeant) dated 5.6.1917.

TRANSFER. The undermentioned transfer is approved:-

2672. No. 2849, Pte. W. G. Harvey to 2nd Battalion, 21.7.17.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned Officers having been evacuated to C.C.S. are struck off strength.

Lieut. P. F. Lark.

Lieut. E. C. F. Thomas.

(Signed) R. C. JONES, Lieut.

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

## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 353.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSEHEAD, D.S.O.  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
14th August, 1917.

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WATERPROOF A waterproof carrier envelope for S.S. Publications has been  
COVERS FOR approved and is being issued to all officers. The envelope  
S.S. PUB- has been designed to hold such Pamphlets as Officers find it  
LICATIONS. necessary to carry about with them, and to prevent the  
2674. wastage which now occurs through these Pamphlets becoming  
lost or damaged by mud and wet.

The following books will be carried.

C.O. SS 143, 148, 40/W.O./3995 with leaflets, SS 155, 534, 535.

Company Commanders. SS 127, 143, 534, 535, 40/W.O./3995.

Platoon Commanders. SS 127, 143, 534, 535, 40/W.O./3995.

NOTE. S.S.127.- Drills with Small Box Respirator.

S.S.143 - Instructions for the Training of Platoons for  
offensive action.

S.S.148 - Forward Inter-communication in Battle.

S.S.155 - Notes on dealing with hostile Machine Guns  
in an advance.

S.S.534 - Defensive measures against Gas attacks.

S.S.535 - Gas Defence Card.

40/W.O./3995 - The Organisation of an Infantry Battalion  
and the normal formation for the attack.

40/W.O./4188 - Questions a Platoon Commander should  
ask himself before an attack.

Requisitions for books or leaflets required to complete will  
be submitted to reach Battalion Headquarters by noon on 16th inst

CLOTHING, Economy in Clothing is of very great importance, and demands  
ECONOMY IN. for new Clothing must be cut down to a minimum.

2675. Company Commanders and Officers in charge of Headquarters  
sections must not demand new Clothing to replace Clothing  
which is serviceable but looks worn.

LEWIS GUN As there appears to be some uncertainty as to the method of  
MAGAZINE wearing new Carrier for Lewis Gun Magazine it is notified for  
CARRIER. information that four Pouches constitute the set. Each Pouch  
2676. can be used to hold either one or two Magazines according to  
the distance to be traversed.

The Pouches are suspended in pairs over each shoulder and should  
be connected to each other by the adjustable Web Straps  
attached to each Pouch in such a manner as to form a belt round  
the body. The Web Strap over the shoulder can be kept in  
position by the shoulder strap of the coat.

The essence of this Equipment is that it leaves the hands free  
to use the rifle, and can be so adjusted by means of the Web  
Connecting Straps as to clear the S.A.A. Pouches and allow of  
ammunition being extracted from them without taking off the  
Carrier.

RABBIT Rabbit Skins are no longer to be consigned to the Base.  
SKINS. Every endeavour, however, should be made to dispose of them  
2677. by sale locally, but when this is not possible, they should be  
destroyed.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned Officers having reported from Base Details  
are taken on strength and posted to Companies as under.

2678. Capt. J.W. Shreeve, D.Co.  
2/Lt. A.G. Kilpatrick. C.Co.

PUNISHMENT. The following punishment was awarded by F.G.C.M. on 6.8.17.  
2679. No. 2281, Pte. G.M. Breakwell, Conduct to the prejudice of Good  
A.Co. Order and military discipline in  
wounding himself in the foot  
through negligently handling a  
rifle.  
42 days F.P. No. 1.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.  
Adjutant 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

RCO U T I N E O R D E R N O. 354.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD, D.S.O.  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.In the Field,  
17th August, 1917.

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LAUDATORY. The following telegram from the GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the  
2680. COMMONWEALTH of AUSTRALIA to the SECRETARY of STATE for the  
COLONIES, is published for information:-

"Government of Commonwealth of Australia will be glad if  
arrangements can be made for transmitting following messages  
to Commonwealth Naval and Military Forces on active service  
begins - The Government of the Commonwealth of Australia on  
behalf of the people of Australia send to the brave sons and  
daughters of Australia who have won deathless fame on sea  
and land and who after three years of war are gloriously  
maintaining the splendid traditions of our race a message of  
heartfelt gratitude and appreciation and an assurance of  
loyal support - ends. FERGUSON."

DRESS. When out of billets men must be properly dressed, shaven and  
2681. boots cleaned. The web belt will invariably be worn (except  
on parades) and must be adjusted to sit exactly over the belt  
on the tunic. The end of belt will be turned inwards - the  
loop and tab end should be of equal length when measured from  
the centre of buckle.

SCHOOLS. Candidates have been selected to attend schools as under:-  
2682.

School.	No.	Rank	Name.	Co.	Report to.	Time.
Lewis Gun.						
LE TOUQUET.		Lieut.	R.C.King.	H.Q.	School.	23.8.1917.
Lewis Gun.	1895.	L/Cpl.	D.J.O'Brien.	B.	"	23.8.1917.
MOREBECQUE.	25.	Pte.	R.Byron.	A.	"	"
Signalling.						
MOREBECQUE.	1440	Pte.	R.Wobb.	H.Q.	"	24.8.1917.
Musketry.						
TILQUES.	944.	Sgt.	C.S.Russell.	C.	"	25.8.1917.

Candidates will proceed fully equipped, except steel helmets.  
If pay is required ample notice must be given to enable this  
to be drawn through Brigade Headquarters at least 2 days before  
dates shown above.

Transport arrangements will be notified later.

DESPATCH The following will be the timetable for Despatch Rider Letter  
SERVICES. Service whilst in training area.  
2683.

Bn.H.Q. to Cos. 10 a.m., 12 noon, 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.

SICK Sick parades will be held at Sick Inspection Room as follows:-  
PARADES. B and D. Companies, & Bn.H.Q. 7 a.m. daily.  
2684. A and C. " 7.30 a.m. daily.

LOSS OF A mail for India, Australia and New Zealand was recently lost  
MAIL. at sea through enemy action. Correspondence, etc. reaching  
2685. LONDON between the dates indicated hereunder would probably  
be included in that mail:-

Destination.	Letters.	Printed Matter.	Parcels.
India.	25-31st May.	24-30th May.	17-23rd May.
Australia.	20-31st May	20-30th May.	20-30th May.
New Zealand.	16-31st May.	16-30th May.	No parcels to New Zealand were carried.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned officers having reported from Hospital are  
2686. taken on strength.

Capt.R.F.Craigie.

Lieut.T.A.Armstrong.

The undermentioned Officer having reported from Training Bn. is  
taken on strength.

2/Lt.W.R.Reynolds. 15.8.1917.

The undermentioned Officer having been admitted into C.C.S. is  
struck off strength.

2/Lt.V.S. Barnes.

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The aforementioned having been admitted into C.C.S. are struck off strength.

A.Co.  
No. 77. Sgt. E.C. Gess.  
2582. Pte. C.R. Maicopp.  
2165. " R. Hope.  
2905. " J. Collins.

D.Co.  
No. 1160. Pte. H.H. Hopkins.  
2091. " C.R. Lisle.

B.Co.  
No. 374. L/Cpl. G.H. Betts.  
2310. Pte. T.W. Gooda.  
C.Co.  
No. 1572. Pte. J. Kemple.  
2064. " J. Hackett.  
2312. " W.J. Glover.

REVERSION. No. 1601. L/Cpl. (Temp. Cpl.) T.A. Suttie having evacuated sick 2687. 14.8.17, temporary rank ceases from that date.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

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

By  
LIEUT-COLONEL. L.J. MORSHEAD, D.S.O.  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the field,  
20th Aug. 1917.

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- .....
- RUM & LIME JUICE JARS. 2688. It has been brought to notice that empty Rum Jars and empty Lime Juice Jars are not being returned to Railhead for despatch to Base in sufficient quantities. To enable the Base to maintain a regular supply of Rum in Jars, it is essential that all empty Jars are returned to Railheads in their cases.
- OIL DRUMS. 2689. Arrangements are in hand and will shortly be completed to import Lubricating Oils in bulk and decant into drums at the Base - instead of importing in drums as hitherto.
- RATIONS FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS. 2690. All men sent to Brigade Hospital for admission must have with them the unconsumed portion of the days ration.
- MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. 2691. Ambulance cars will pay routine visits to R.A.P.s. between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. daily to collect sick for hospital. A Field Hospital and a Blue Light Establishment has been formed at ECUIRE on HARPE-ECUIRE ROAD.
- P.T. & P.F. SCHOOL. 2692. The undermentioned M.C.O.s. have been selected to attend G.H.Q. P.T. & P.F. School.  
No. 541. Sgt. R.A.G. Richards. B. Co.  
1244. Temp. Cpl. J. Sponcer. D. Co.  
Date of assembly and Transport arrangements will be notified later.
- PANNIERS, SIGNALLING. 2693. Approval is given for the number of Panniers, Signalling allowed for Infantry Battalions to be increased from 3 to 4 per Battalion in consequence of the increased amount of Signalling equipment which has now to be carried. Demands for the numbers required to complete to this scale should be submitted through the usual channels, and issue will be made as supplies become available.
- TRANSFERS. 2694. The undermentioned transfers are approved:-  
No. 81. Pte. J. Hanley, A.Co. to B.H.Q.  
1410. Dvr. L. Irving, H.Q. to C.Co.
- STRENGTH. 2695. The undermentioned having been admitted into C.C.S. are struck off strength.  
No. 172. Pte. E.G. Shaunnesy, A.Co.  
1449. " V.G. Lothberg. "  
2435. " E. Downes. "  
2916. " N.D. Wilkinson. "  
5070. " J.P. Maher. "  
2396. " G.H. Thom. B.Co.  
2380. " R. Batterley. "  
834. " J.J. McGuire. "  
2028. " G.E. Aspinall. H.Q.  
The undermentioned having reported from C.C.S. are taken on strength.  
A.Co. C.Co.  
No. 2291. Pte. C.E. Castledine. No. 708. Pte. H.S. Bentley.  
1804A. " J. Carroll. V.Co. 1928. " A.J. Taylor.  
B.Co. 866. " G.F. Seagrott.  
2322. Pte. F.H. Hill.  
The undermentioned having reported from Training Battalion, are taken on strength and posted to Companies as under.  
A.Co. B.Co.  
No. 3894. Pte. M. J. Phillips. No. 2893. Pte. A.J. Shepherd.  
3941. " W. Tweddie. 2929. " E.W. Swan.  
3655. " C.J. Roberts. 3842. " J. Hardie.  
3115. " C.W. Potter. 2793. " A.P. Hutton.  
2659. " R.C. J. Phelan.  
3858. " J. Largin. (over)

## Appendix No. //

No. 3011. Pte. A. J. Andrews.  
 3040. " W. P. Donohay.  
 3089. " J. Denning.  
 3088. " A. Denning.  
 2585. " J. P. Lally.  
 3135. " H. B. Shelton.

No. 3080. Pte. W. R. Jamieson.  
 3124. " A. Richards.  
 3137. " R. Smith.

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PUNISHMENTS. The following punishments were awarded this date.

a696. No. 1517. Pte. H. Lake. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he attempted to refill his water bottle on the march without permission.  
 7 days C.B.  
 1917A. Pte. A. J. Toovey. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he attempted to refill his water bottle on the march without permission.  
 7 days C.B.  
 1203. Pte. H. T. McIlpin. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he attempted to refill his water bottle on the march without permission.  
 7 days C.B.  
 3089. Pte. J. Denning. When on active service absent from C.Co. 9.30 p.m. until accosted by the Military Police at 9.30 p.m.  
 7 days C.B.

(Signed) R. C. JONES, Lieut.

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

By  
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD, D.S.O.  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
22nd August, 1917

HISTORY OF DIVISION. 2697. The work of writing a historical account of the formation, organisation, war training and service at the Front of the Third Australian Division has been entrusted to Chaplain G.P. CUTTRISS (attached to 3rd Australian Pioneer Battalion). The Divisional Commander desires and authorizes all ranks of the Division, whether on the request of Chaplain Cuttriss or voluntarily, to render him every help and facility in their power, by supplying information, by permitting him to have access to documents and records, and in any other manner that will assist the object in view, in the interests of the whole Division.

TRANSFERS. 2698. The undermentioned transfers have been approved:-  
No. 611. C.S.M. (W.O.II) C.J. Lloyd from C.Co. to Bn.H.Q.  
406. Pte. T.R. Edwards from Bn.H.Q. to B.Co. attached to Regtl. Band.  
2405. " P.H. Woole from Bn.H.Q. to B.Co. attached to Regtl. Band.

STRENGTH. 2699. The undermentioned Officers having reported from C.C.S. are taken on strength.  
Lieut. E.C.P. Thomas. 19.8.1917.  
2/Lieut. V.S. Barnes. 21.8.1917.  
The undermentioned having reported from Training Bn. is taken on strength and posted to C.Co.  
2/Lieut. C.E. Clarke, 22.8.1917.  
The undermentioned having been transferred to 9th A.L.T.M. Bty. are struck off strength.

No. 2823. Pte. R. Casey. A.Co.  
5060A. " H.H. Kilpatrick. B.Co.  
The undermentioned having reported from 9th A.L.T.M. Bty are taken on strength.

No. 5037B. Pte. G.A. Hamilton. A.Co.  
5113A. " A. Webster. C.Co.  
The undermentioned having reported from C.C.S. are taken on strength.

A.Co.	C.Co.
No. 2660. Pte. H.T. Weick.	No. 1913. Pte. J. Schofield.
1501. " J.F. Swilks.	1996. " H. Rogers.
1950. " R. Clarke.	5076A. " W.J. Quinn.
2664. " W.J. Baldock.	2564. " H.S. Gidley.
B.Co.	719. " E. Byrnes.
480. Pte. D.J. Mulholland.	1070. " E.E. Biddle.
2063. " T.R. Holtsbaum.	2539. " L.S. Crossingham.
D.Co.	745. " S.H. Corsie.
1500. L/Cpl. D.G. Smith.	A.Co.
1231. L/Cpl. T.J. Pillar.	2368. Pte. R. Nathan.
1185. Pte. L.V.W. Maynes.	2903. " E.H. Willis.
1885. " A.E. McNeil.	D.Co.
	1801. Pte. R.A. Chapman.
	1286. " C.W. Younan.

The undermentioned having reported from Training Bn. is taken on strength and posted to Bn.H.Q. Signallers.  
No. 2789. Pte. R.J. Fraser.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS. 2700. The undermentioned appointments have been approved:-  
To be 2/Lieutenants.  
No. 559. Sgt. E.A. Turnbull. dated 18.8.17. Posted to B.Co. temporarily.

1860. Cpl. W.E. Lang. dated 18.8.1917.  
1851. Pte. F.G. Johnstone, dated 18.8.1917, posted to C.Co. tempy.

(Authority - D.A.G., A.I.F. No. 45/11/61 of 17.8.17.)  
The undermentioned promotions have been approved:-

C.Co.  
To be Lance Sergeant.  
No. 938. Cpl. H.W. Quinnell vice Reid transferred.  
To be Corporal.  
No. 853. L/Cpl. J.H. Payton, vice Quinnell promoted.  
1806A. L/Cpl. H. Conway, to complete establishment. (over)

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To be Lance Corporals.

No. 2592. Pte. W. J. Morris vice Payten promoted.

1478. " A. S. Howell vice Conway promoted.

978. " H. E. Weekes vice Lang promoted.

2635. " C. G. Rolls, to complete establishment.

To be Lance Corporals, tempy.

No. 964. Pte. A. W. Kerrond vice Noble promoted tempy.

841. " A. T. Nelson vice Shearer promoted tempy.

1470. " C. E. Wills, vice Lane promoted tempy.

PUNISHMENT. The following punishment was awarded on 20.8.1917.

No. 1456. Pte. L. E. Wallace, Conduct to the prejudice of good order  
 701. D. Co. and military discipline in that he failed  
 to carry out the orders of his superior  
 in a soldierly and efficient manner.  
 28 days F.D. No. 2.

(Signed) R. C. JONES, Lieut.

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

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 357.  
 BY  
 LIEUT-COLONEL. L.J. MORSEHEAD. D.S.O.  
 Commanding 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

In the field.  
 23-8-17.

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**BATTALION SPORTS.** Battalion Sports for the purpose of deciding who shall represent the Battalion at Brigade Sports will be held at 2703. "D" Company's parade ground at 2.30 p.m. on 24.8.17. Troops will be paraded to and from the ground, but will be allowed to break off there to watch the sports. O.C. "D" Company will warn the Band to be in attendance and render musical selections throughout the afternoon.

**LEAVE.** S.O. 153. "Regulations regarding Leave" is issued herewith 2703. as under and must be kept in a conspicuous place for ready reference.  
 One copy each Company.  
 One copy Quartermaster (for use of Q.M. and Transport Staff.)  
 Officers in charge of Companies and Headquarter Section will be responsible for seeing that all ranks proceeding on leave are fully instructed in these regulations before leaving the Battalion.

**TRANSFERS.** The following transfers are approved:-  
 2704.

No. 1484. Sgt. B. McDonald. from D. Co. to B.H.C.

No. 4342. Pte. W.J. Housman. from 29th Battalion and posted to C. Company. Dated 22.8.17.

**PUNISHMENTS.** The following punishments were awarded this date.  
 2705.

No. 723. Pte. S.J. Capes. Absent from billets after 9 p.m. on 9.8.17. and not in possession of a pass.  
 C. Co. 4 days F.P. No. 2.

No. 2819. Pte. H. Bowen. Whilst on active service  
 A. Co. Drunkenness.  
 7 days C.B.

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

By  
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD, D.S.O.  
Commanding 38th Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
28th August, 1917.

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STEEL HELMETS With reference to S.S.127, 534 and 535, it has been  
AND S.B. found that with the strap worn at the back of the head,  
RESPIRATORS. the Steel Helmet will not remain in place during  
2706. vigorous action, such as bayonet fighting, bombing,  
jumping over trenches, and that as a result the men are  
frequently without any head protection at the very moment  
when it is most urgently needed.

In future, therefore the strap will be worn on the point  
of the chin at all times when on duty, special stress being  
laid on the word point. If it is behind the point of  
the chin and round the gullet, the strap has to be so tight  
in order to retain the helmet during vigorous action as  
almost to cause strangulation, whereas on the point of the  
chin a grip can be taken of it by a natural movement of the  
jaw.

Instructions for drill with the Small Box Respirator,  
Practice B.1 in S.S.127 and page 35, S.S.534 should be  
amended as follows :-

After "Nose clip" add "At the same time knock off  
the Steel Helmet from behind with the left hand."  
It has been proved by experience that no delay worth  
considering in the matter of adjusting the Respirator  
is imposed by this change.

(Authority G.H.Q. letter No. O.B./188, dated 17/8/17.)

NOTE. - S.S.534 - Defensive Measures against Gas  
Attacks.

S.S.535 - Gas Defence Card.

S.S.127 - is embodied in Appendix 1 of S.S.534.

SALVAGE,  
2707.

Companies will arrange to collect all Salvage Material  
in their Areas, and forward it to the Quartermaster for  
transmission to Divisional Salvage Dump at FAUCONBERGUES.

BAGS AND  
JARS,  
2708.

All bags and jars issued to Companies and Headquarter  
details with rations must be returned to Quartermaster's  
Store the following day.

ANTI-GAS  
APPLIANCES,  
2709.

It has been decided that the tapes and buckles on the  
haversack of the small box respirator which tie in the  
container will be omitted in future manufacture, as they  
are considered unnecessary and interfere with the  
inspection of the container.

(Authority G.H.Q. 10/2 (A.A.3) dated 10.8.17.)

PRECAUTIONS  
AGAINST  
DYSENTERY -  
DRINKING  
WATER SUPPLY,  
2710.

Every effort must be made for the provision of an adequate  
supply of chlorinated water for drinking purposes for all  
troops, especially those occupying the front line, and if  
found necessary, arrangements must be made for carrying  
up supplies of drinking water in petrol tins, or other  
suitable containers.

Cases will occur in which it will not be found possible for  
certain front line troops to be kept supplied with bottles  
of sterilising tablets of bisulphate of soda, which are to  
be used strictly in accordance with the instructions issued  
with each bottle.

These tablets are to be added to the filled water bottles,  
not more than one hour before drinking, and on account of  
likelihood of corrosion of the bottle they must be cleaned  
out as early as possible.

It is to be clearly understood that the sterilising action  
of bisulphate of soda is inferior to that of chlorination,  
and no effort must be spared to provide a satisfactory  
supply of chlorinated water, whenever possible. It is  
only when a supply of chlorinated water fails that recourse  
is to be had to the use of these sterilising tablets.  
Fresh warnings must be issued to troops against the use of  
water from shell holes for drinking purposes.

These tablets can be obtained on indent from Supply  
Railheads. (Authority 2nd Army R.O. 1104.) (over)

LEWIS GUN SCHOOL, LE TOUQUET. The undermentioned N.C.O. has been detailed to attend next course at the Lewis Gun Branch of the C.E.F. Small Arms School, LE TOUQUET, commencing 3.9.17 and dispersing 11.3.17. 145

No.1832, L/Cpl. I.A. Gainty. A.Co.  
Transport arrangements will be notified later.

DIVISIONAL GAS SCHOOL RESULT. The following is the result obtained by candidate at the Divisional Gas School which terminated 18th inst.  
2712. No.1121. Cpl. H.L. Fraunfelder. Good.

APPOINTMENT. The following appointment is approved:-  
2713. Capt. M.H. Moller to be R.M.O. dated 12.8.17.  
(Authority A.I.F. List 218. 17.8.17.)

TRANSFER. The undermentioned transfer is approved:-  
2714. No.2035. Pte. A.H. Barwick from "D" Co. to B. Co.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having reported from C.C.S. are taken on strength:-

A.Co.		B.Co.	
No.213. Pte. A.J. Williams.		No.2318. Pte. H.J.A. Herrmann.	
165. " B.R. Rowe.		440. " J.R. Hanton.	
163. " A.F. Rose.		2099. " R. Masson.	
2354. " J.M. Marshall.		497. " J.P. McDermott.	
1934. " J. Morgan.		548. " W.C. Spencer.	
2337. " J. Hickey.		C.Co.	
2513. " G.W. Gardiner.		No.1604. Cpl. H.E. Thomas.	
2525. " H.T. Bath.		951. Pte. F. Stannard.	
D.Co.		1471. Pte. H.G. Coppock.	
No.1241. Pte. F.H. Stior.		805. " G. King.	
2433. " J.E. Ramsay.			
1462. " H.M.S. Long.			
1382. " E.W. Davis.			
1140. " J.A. Hay.			

The undermentioned having reported from Training Bn. are taken on strength.

A.Co.		D.Co.	
No.2557. Pte. R.H. Evans.		No.3125. Pte. A. Rayworth.	
D.Co.		3038. " E.H. Dorman.	
No.3067. Pte. J.L. Grinter.		2890. " C.S. Porter.	
2193. " H.G. Reid.		3469. " R. Ball.	
3095. " W.L.W. McGinnity.		3070. " R. Horn.	
		3063. " W. Guest.	

The undermentioned having been admitted into C.C.S. are struck off strength.

B.Co.		C.Co.	
Capt. R.F. Craigie.		No.2215. Pte. W.J. Newman.	
No.466. Pte. R.H. King.		884. " B.R. King.	

D.Co.	
No.1061. Pte. C. Bryant.	
1452. " F. Mayers.	

PUNISHMENTS. The following punishments were awarded this date.  
2716. No.5091A Pte. J.A. Pearce, Absent without leave from 9 p.m. 24.8.17. till 12 noon 25.8.17.  
21 days F.P. No.2.  
Forfeits 2 days pay.  
1. Absent from tattoo roll call till 10 p.m. 1 hour.  
2. Failing to appear at place of parade appointed by his C.O. in that he was absent from the 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. parades on 24.8.17.  
7 days F.P. No.2.  
Whilst on active service absent without leave from billets.  
4 days F.P. No.2.  
Drunkenness.  
7 days C.B.

149. Pte. W.E. Peel, A.Co.  
2833. Pte. J. Deane, D.Co.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.  
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 359.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL. E.J. MORSHEAD, D.S.O.  
Commanding 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

In the field.  
29-8-17.

STANDING  
ORDERS.  
SECOND  
ARMY  
TRAINING  
AREA.  
2617.

The following extracts from Standing Orders for Second Army Training Area are published for compliance by all ranks and will be read out on parade at frequent intervals and to all reinforcements on arrival.:-

ON DEPARTURE.

That no rations, arms, clothing, ammunition or articles of equipment are left in billets.

That no Area Stores, i.e. bunks, latrine screens, seats, ablution stands, washing basins are removed.

ESTAMINETS.

Soldiers are forbidden either to buy or accept as gifts from inhabitants any alcohol or alcoholic drinks, whether such are offered for sale or acceptance in Cafes, Cabarets, Estaminets, Wine Shops, Farms or private houses. The gift or retail sale of alcohol by inhabitants in the Zone of the British Army is forbidden by French Law.

WATER.

(a) Water for drinking purposes must be chlorinated.

(b) Flying sentries are to be placed over all wells used by troops to prevent the well tackle being broken.

(c) All wells used by troops must be marked with the amount of bleaching powder required for sterilisation.

SANITATION.

(a) Troops occupying billets are entirely responsible for their sanitation, this includes yards, gardens, and roads in front of them. Billets must be left thoroughly clean when vacated.

(b) No refuse of any kind, empty tins or other rubbish is to be thrown into any stream or ditch. All such stuff should be taken to the Incinerators and burnt.

(c) Ditches near farms should be kept clean by the troops in occupation.

PREVENTION OF FIRES.

(a) Striking matches, kindling fires, smoking, or the use of naked lights in or near buildings where straw, hay, etc., are stored is strictly forbidden.

(b) Attention is drawn to the serious danger incurred by the indiscriminate erection of extemporized fireplaces in or near barns or other buildings occupied by the troops, especially in the vicinity of thatched roofs.

No such structure shall be erected in any billet occupied by troops which might constitute a source of danger from fire. Any billet now occupied and already provided with such a structure erected by troops previously in occupation must not be used unless all necessary steps are taken to obviate danger from fire.

Sufficient copies of these orders are issued herewith and at least one copy must be clearly displayed in every billet occupied by troops of this Battalion.

IRON  
RATIONS,  
2618.

All drafts of reinforcements sent from Base are issued with iron rations before they leave the depot and any demands made to replace these can only be met by an issue on charge to the individual concerned, unless the written instructions of officers in charge of drafts are produced as authority to consume the ration. Every demand for iron rations will therefore be closely investigated before indent is submitted to Quartermaster.

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**SALVAGE.** It is essential that all salvage in the Battalion Area, as surplus or unserviceable Arms, Ammunition, Equipment, Clothing, Stores and Supplies be regularly returned to salvage and not allowed to accumulate. Companies will therefore each form a separate central dump from which salvage can be collected daily by empty ration carts returning to Q.M. Store whence it will be sent to Brigade or Divisional Dump by Quartermaster. Headquarter sections will send all salvage material direct to Q.M. Store for disposal. Open boxes of S.A.A. in good condition, and the contents of which are still in original wrappers, will be returned to Divisional Ammunition Columns for re-issue. They will not be sent to Railhead, even though the boxes are only partially filled.

**PAY.** Attention is again directed to Para 2336, of R.O. 291. dated 2620. 19.5.17. Paying Officers will be held personally responsible to the Adjutant who is the Imprest Holder that pay advances are properly acquitted and returned promptly within 36 hours of notice to draw same. Pay for period up to and including Wednesday 5th September, 1917, will be available at Battalion Headquarters at 12.30.p.m. on that date and acquittance rolls duly checked and completed must be handed in not later than 6.p.m. on 6th September. Requisitions must reach Battalion Headquarters not later than 9.a.m. on Sunday, 2nd September.

**PROMOTIONS.** The following promotions are approved:-

2621. "D" Company.  
To be Sergeant.  
 No. 2365. Temp. Cpl. T.H. McMahon vice Sgt. D. McDonald transferred to Bn.H.Q.  
To be Corporal. Temp.  
 No. 1135. Pte. A.B. Hall vice Cpl. McMahon promoted.

**STRENGTH.** The undermentioned having returned from C.C.S. are taken on 2622. strength:-

<u>"A" Company.</u>	<u>"D" Company.</u>
No. 3. L/Cpl. Peters. J.	
<u>"C" Company.</u>	No. 1844A. Pte. Hudman. W.R.
No. 1821. Pte. Galloway. R.	1099. Pte. Clarke. H.H.
1907A. L/Cpl. Smith. B.	
781. Pte. Harris. F.	
1889. Pte. Turner. F.G.	
2930. Pte. Houston. G.	

(Signed) R.C. JONES. LIEUT.

ADJUTANT 33RD BATTALION. A.I.F.

AFTER ORDER NO. 366.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL. L.J. MORSHEAD. D.S.O.  
Commanding 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

In the field.  
29-8-17.

COURT OF  
INQUIRY.

The detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at 10.a.m. on Thursday, 30th August, 1917, at "A" Company Headquarters, CAMPAGNE les BOULONNAIS to inquire into and report on the accidental wounding on 28th August, 1917, of No. 2182. Private. GEORGE HERBERT. "A" Company. 33RD BATTALION. A.I.F.

PRESIDENT.

Captain W.H. DOUGLAS.

MEMBERS.

One Subaltern Officer to be detailed by "B" Company.

One Subaltern Officer to be detailed by "D" Company.

Witnesses will be warned by C.O. "A" Company and will be required to attend. "A" Company will provide room for Court of Inquiry and will detail Orderly.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters on completion.

(Signed) R.C. JONES. LIEUT.

ADJUTANT 33RD BATTALION. A. I. F.

## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 361.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL. L.J. MORSHEAD. D.S.O.  
 Commanding 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

In the field.  
 31-8-17.

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 ORDERS. Each Officer in the Battalion must be in possession of a copy of Standing Orders (Infantry Battalion, Divisional Standing Orders for War, Trench Orders) and sufficient copies have been requisitioned for to enable a complete issue to be made. To enable officers to be fully informed of the contents of orders received from higher formations, Company Commanders will parade their officers to Battalion Headquarters weekly, at 8 p.m. as under, when complete file of orders will be made available. Officers will initial each copy on the file.

A. Company.	...	...	8 p.m.	Mondays.
B. Company.	...	...	8 p.m.	Tuesdays.
C. Company.	...	...	8 p.m.	Wednesdays.
D. Company.	...	...	8 p.m.	Thursdays.
H.Q. Officers.	...	...	8 p.m.	Fridays.

If the above arrangement is interfered with by reliefs or moves, Company Commanders will arrange for their officers to see orders on the first available opportunity, but the above arrangement will be adhered to as closely as possible.

TRAINEES The undermentioned men have been selected for training with FOR 9TH 9th M.G. Company and will report to O.C., 9th M.G. Company by M.G.Co. 9 a.m. on 2.9.1917. They will be completely equipped and 2624. will carry unexpended portion of days ration.

<u>A. Company.</u>	<u>B. Company.</u>
No. 1525. Pte. H.R. Buckley.	No. 2622. Pte. A.H. Nott.
<u>C. Company.</u>	<u>D. Company.</u>
No. 1934. Pte. A.J.J. Weigold.	No. 1099. Pte. H.H. Clarke.
987. " A.E. Taylor.	2822. " T.R. James.
	2355. " H. Morgan.
	1844A. " W.R. Hudman,

BOOTS. It has been decided that Australian Pattern Boots issued for the AUSTRAL- by Infantry are to have toe-plates fitted before being taken in IAN PAT-use, and arrangements will be made to have this work carried out TERN. at the D.A.D.O.S. Dump. When these boots are received fitted 2625. with nails only, sufficient nails must be drawn to allow of the toe-plates being put on. Steps should be also taken to ensure that toe-plates are fitted on all Australian pattern boots re-soled in regimental repair shops. Toe-plates can be obtained from Ordnance and kept in stock. This matter is one of great importance, as, without protection at the toe, the boots will wear out rapidly, thus necessitating large replacements and our boots will acquire a reputation for unsuitability for use on active service, which may cause their issue to be stopped.

RIFLE 2 cartridges will be inserted in the leather "D" at the loop SLINGS. end of each rifle sling, to keep the sling taut when set. In 2626. every case the laced end will be attached to the butt swivel of the rifle. Inspections will therefore be held and rifle slings adjusted when necessary to comply with this order.

CEREMON- In future a guard of 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal and 9 men will be IAL. mounted at Battalion Headquarters daily at Reveille and will 2627. dismount at Retreat. Guard will be furnished by each Company in rotation and special care will be taken to ensure that the guard is completely equipped and well turned out. Guard duty will be given only to men deserving of this as a reward for good services and must not under any circumstances be looked on as a punishment for minor offences. Routine Bugle calls will be blown from Battalion Headquarters by Orderly Bugler. Reveille and Retreat will be blown by massed bugles. When Retreat is being sounded all ranks will stand to "Attention". The Regimental Band will render musical selections and march through the village, commencing from Battalion Headquarters immediately on the conclusion of "Retreat" being sounded.

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SCHOOLS. Candidates have been selected to attend schools as  
2628. under.

School.	No.	Rank.	Name.	Co.	Report to.	Time.
Map Reading.	2/Lt.	R.M.	Genge.	B.	Bn.H.Q.	2 pm 2.9.17.
Div. H.Q.						
Signalling	5106	L/Cpl.	A.E. Wenban.	D	School.	3.9.17.
Sch.	2/Lt.	W.E.	Lang.	D	"	3.9.17.

ZUYTPEENE.

Transport arrangements will be notified later. Pay  
should be drawn before candidates proceed to School.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned personnel at Forest Control, LA MOTTE  
2629. are struck off strength.

A.Co.  
No. 181. Pte. H.J. Sly.  
76. " M.J. Grimes.

B.Co.  
No. 487. Pte. W.G. Morris.

439. Pte. H. Hagan.

C.Co.  
No. 988. Pte. A. Sutherland.  
880. " R. Sutherland.

D.Co.  
No. 1190. Pte. M.W. McClenaghan.  
1194. " H.F. Menzies.

The undermentioned men having been transferred to  
9th A.M.G. Co. are struck off strength.

No. 2922. Pte. V.H. Mackie. A.Co.  
2671. " A.W. Dennis. B.Co.  
1867A. " B.J. Marshall. C.Co.

The undermentioned men having been transferred to  
A.P.M. Traffic Control are struck off strength.

No. 2179. Pte. H.W. Barr. A.Co.  
2867. " F.E. Lewis. B.Co.  
934. " R.H.H. Peard. C.Co.

The undermentioned having reported from 9th A.M.G. Co.  
is taken on strength.

No. 4971. Pte. W.C. Abbott. B.Co.

PROMOT- The undermentioned promotions, supernumerary to  
IONS: establishment, are approved:-  
2630.

D.Co.  
To be Lance Corporals.

No. 1308. Pte. J. Cook.  
1232. " H.H. Partridge.  
1220. " D. Nixon.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

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

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

June 16th, 1917.

Operations of Battalions of Third Australian Division  
night of June 6th/7th to night of June 12th/13th, in the Battle for  
MESSINES RIDGE.

The following account has been obtained from Battalions  
of their Operations, and Reference is to Map Sheet 28 S.W., PLOEG-  
STEERT, 1/10,000.

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Lieut.-I.C.  
for Lieut-Colonel.-G.S.

*For Lintack*

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38th BATTALION.

The Battalion assembled between ASH Trench and the left of SEAFORTH FARM, with centre on MESSINES ROAD. About SEAFORTH FARM there was some crowding with the 40th Battalion.

The three waves were -

1st wave D Coy., and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of B Coy.

2nd wave A Coy., and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of B Coy.

3rd wave C Coy.

At ZERO plus 3 minutes the waves went over and the 40th Battalion having disposed of PETIT DOUVE resistance, the first wave reached ULCER RESERVE without difficulty. There was no Machine Gun fire from the Left Flank. At ULCER RESERVE the second wave went on, leapfrogging the first wave, and later were joined by half of D and half of B from the first wave, which left half of D in ULCER RESERVE. From UNGODLY Trench the second and third waves went on together and the BLACK LINE was reached with 12 Platoons and 12 Lewis Guns. Casualties were very small.

During the halts for about 10 minutes east of SCHNITZEL Farm, and about 1 hour 6 minutes before UNGODLY Trench, there was very little enemy shell fire. The enemy barrage, such as it was, remained on his old front line and NO MAN'S LAND until well on into the forenoon. At about 10.30 a.m. near UNGODLY Trench one of our aeroplanes flew over the Battalion's lines and called for flares. Shortly after these had been given the enemy Batteries shortened their range, and from that time onwards they never lifted off the UNGODLY and BLACK LINE vicinity.

Battalion established the BLACK LINE and put in a block on UNGODLY AVENUE just east of the POTTERIES-MESSINES Road in U.3.d. By the morning of the 9th the BLACK LINE had been dug 7 ft. deep and fire-stepped in places. A strong point had also been established at U.3.d.8.9. with a good field of fire north, east and south (1 machine gun and 2 Lewis guns), and another strong point just North of the DOUVE behind the BLACK LINE with 2 Lewis Guns. Connection on right and left flanks was very good throughout.

On morning of June 8th 4 enemy aeroplanes flew low over the BLACK LINE and enemy barrage again came down heavily.

Mules came up as far as the old front line on the MESSINES Road. Hot food was brought up on the afternoon of June 8th.

Battalion Headquarters were on our old front line on MESSINES Road, with Forward Report Station on ULCER Trench just north of ULNA Avenue.

Battalion was relieved early on the morning of June 9th by 42nd Battalion

37TH BATTALION.

The 37th Battalion assembled ~~between the houses~~ and ADVANCED ESTAMINET with Battalion Headquarters at the latter place. At ZERO plus 7 hours the Battalion moved forward in Artillery formation with A Coy. and D Coy. in the first wave, C Coy. and D Coy. of the 44th Battalion in the second wave, and B Coy. in reserve behind the second wave. There was heavy enemy barrage on the Subsidiary line. Two Platoons of 42nd Battalion were carrying behind B Coy. After the Battalion had moved off an order was received saying that new ZERO was delayed two hours and instructions were sent out to the Battalion to halt for that period in any available cover in the vicinity of the BLACK LINE. The Battalion moved up to SCHNITZEL FARM across country and then advanced in extended order to the BLACK LINE. By the time they arrived at the BLACK LINE they had lost about 10% of their effectives. They lay down in open order about 150 yards behind the BLACK LINE for a little over 2 hours.

At 3.10 p.m. the waves having been reformed passed through the BLACK LINE behind our barrage and advanced towards the GREEN LINE. The Left Flank reached UNCANNY SUPPORT without difficulty, and joined up at HUN'S WALK with the 47th Battalion. There was some fighting with 3 machine guns and their crews in the 2 houses immediately North of WHITE SPOT COTTAGE Road by UNCANNY SUPPORT, but these were put out of action. The small wood in the angle of UNDULATING Trench and UNDULATING Support hid a nest of Snipers and Machine Guns which could not be overcome, and the line was bent back around that angle. The second wave on the Right entered and consolidated UNCANNY Trench. The leading wave arrived in UNCANNY Support with 43 other ranks, of whom 5 or 6 were N.C.Os. Their last Officer was wounded after bombing the machine guns in the houses already referred to. Along the whole of this GREEN LINE, which including the bend at UNDULATING CORNER was about 1200 yards long, the Battalion had only about 230 men. The 4th Division on their left seem to have fallen back at some time towards the end of the day on to the BLACK LINE, that is what the 37th Battalion understood, and in the evening they too fell back to the BLACK LINE. About 3.30 a.m. (June 8th) the 44th Battalion came up to their relief, found them not established on the GREEN LINE, and on completing the relief had no difficulty in making an advanced line which ran from SEPTIEME BARN south-west to the MESSINES Road about 200 yards North of the DOUVE Bridge.

On the following night (June 8th/9th) the 37th Battalion again came up to relieve the 44th Battalion, and did in fact relieve it for about 10 minutes. The order for this relief was then cancelled and the 44th Battalion took over again.

Headquarters of Battalion June 8th were triangular wood on the DOUVE in U.S.d. On the night of the 8th/9th it was established in a shell hole on ULCER RESERVE near ULNA AVENUE Junction.

There were no communication trenches at all during this period and enemy shell fire on the southern MESSINES Slope was heavy and consistent from DEULLEMONT and WARNETON. There was a telephone from Cable head at SEAFORTH FARM to Advanced Brigade H.Q. on ULCER RESERVE, and the Battalion made a connection up to BETHHEEM Farm. Nearly all Battalion Runners were put out of action.

A and C Companies had most of the fighting. D Coy. to the South had no trouble. Four of our M.Gs. were put out of action. The Battalion T.M. was blown up with its crew before it got to UNCANNY SUPPORT. Battalion had about 8 Lewis Guns between UNCANNY and the River, but only one on the left flank where the fighting was heaviest. Rations were got up on the evening of the 8th by messes as far as SEAFORTH, thence by hand. Water was scarce and men got some out of shell holes.

39th BATTALION.

The route up to the assembly trenches on the night of 6th/7th June lay from OOSTHOVE FARM via PLOEGSTEERT Corner and ANSCROFT AVENUE. The Battalion set out with A, B, and D Coys. less 1 Platoon (Battalion Reserve). C Coy. was Brigade Reserve. Considerable enemy shell fire hampered the progress of the Battalion almost from the beginning. At PLOEGSTEERT Corner one enemy shell burst in the middle of the leading Platoon, and this, with a heavy bombardment by gas shell in this vicinity, disorganised the Battalion. It was almost impossible for Officers and some of the N.C.Os. to wear their masks properly owing to the necessity for directing the men. As it was Officers and men were overcome at every few yards, and their track up through BUNHILL ROW and MUD LANE was strewn with men overcome by the gas. The Battalion leader was one of the casualties. A Senior Company Commander reached the R.A.P. in ANSCROFT AVENUE at about 2.20 a.m. with only about 12 men, though stragglers, much dazed, gradually dribbled in afterwards. This Officer procured all available Ammonia Capsules from the R.A.P. and distributed them amongst all the men whom he could collect along ANSCROFT AVENUE.

At about 20 minutes before ZERO there were about 120 men (out of 360) in the Battalion assembly trenches to the left of ANTON'S Farm. These men were reorganised and it was decided that they should go to the assault in one wave instead of two. At ZERO hour the enemy barrage opposite them came down on the enemy front line very heavily. It was a zig-zag barrage and the Battalion got through a gap successfully without a casualty. The Left Flank successfully bombed several dugouts south-west of DOUVE Farm. The enemy barrage was put on his front line while his men were in that line in dugouts. The two flanks joined up about the line of the track from the DOUVE down to ULRICA Avenue at about U.9.c.6.7. Flares were sent up to aeroplanes to show position at about 3.45 a.m. When the Battalion was advancing at about the situation of the hedge running from the DOUVE at U.9.b.2.5. to U.9.d.4.8. Almost immediately our barrage lifted from this point to beyond GREY FARM, thus leaving unharmed 2 Machine Guns to North of GREY FARM. One of them mounted on the roof of the dugout at U.9.b.6.3. temporarily held up the Battalion which took cover in the hedge already mentioned and shell holes along it. The Officer in charge of the left flank shot the enemy Machine Gunner who was working the M.G. on the roof of the dugout, and his men then rushed the position. Two machine guns were captured here. The Battalion then linked up with the 34th Battalion on the right which had advanced across ULSTER RESERVE to the right of GREY FARM, and they consolidated together on the BLACK LINE.

The portion of the Battalion when reorganised on the BLACK LINE at about 4.30 a.m. numbered 88 men.

The 34th Battalion was to have taken over from 39th Bn. at about 7 a.m. but was unable to do so until 11 a.m. During this time the 39th continued digging without much interference by enemy fire.

At 11 a.m. the 39th Battalion was ordered to stand by on the North side of the River below SCHNITZEL FARM. C Coy. (100 strong) came up to reinforce at about 8 p.m. on the evening of June 7th.

Mules came up to South of SCHNITZEL FARM on the night of June 7th and brought hot food.

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40TH BATTALION.

D Coy. of 40th Bn. made the assault with the 38th Battalion. One Platoon of A, and one Platoon of B, made the assault with the 37th Battalion. This left 40th Battalion for the assault with 10 Platoons, 5 of which (C Coy. and 1 Platoon of B) assembled North of the DOUVE, and 5 (3 Platoons of A and 2 of B) South of the River.

The 5 Northern Platoons went up to their assembly trenches by the BROWN route. There was much shelling on the way which caused some temporary disorganisation and delay. They arrived in their assembly trenches about 10 minutes before ZERO and 50 strong. The Company Commander re-allotted objectives - he and his Bateman, for example, took one, and the others were distributed in similar proportions. They reached UNLA Support 27 strong. The right hand Platoon of the Northern Party laid bridges across the DOUVE between MESSINES Road and the enemy old front line and maintained them.

The Southern 5 Platoons assembled between SEAFORTH Farm and the MESSINES Road. They crossed NO MAN'S LAND and reached ULNA SWITCH without difficulty at about 3.30 a.m. The 10 Platoons having joined up then advanced and dug in along a ditch between ULNA AVENUE and DOUVE FARM running almost due North of the Farm. Their total casualties between assembly trenches and this point were about 100. By 10.0 a.m. the ditch trench was dug and some beginning made with a communication trench running forward to ULCER RESERVE.

Some casualties were caused by enemy machine guns - one on the tip of ULNA BEAK on the MESSINES Road, and one in ULNA SUPPORT near ULNA SWITCH Junction. Another Machine Gun was captured in ULNA SWITCH. Most of our casualties, however, were due to the eagerness of the men who ran into our own barrage, especially one Platoon of B Coy. This was due to inexperience, as was also the fact that in advancing across NO MAN'S LAND some of the men of the Southern 5 Platoons put on gas masks, believing that fumes from the shell holes were asphyxiating gas fumes. There was not much fighting, and the enemy surrendered rather than ran.

After digging the ditch line the 40th Battalion went up to the BLACK LINE to reinforce. There was no enemy barrage short of his old front line until about 10.30 a.m. although there was occasional shooting along ULNA AVENUE and the DOUVE.

Some of the men went on through our barrage as far as UNGODLY Trench and came back through it. Most of them were re-collected in the ditch trench by about 5 a.m.

The 10 Platoons were re-organised at about 3 p.m. and at about 9 p.m. went up to BLACK LINE to reinforce. They had to get through enemy barrage, but reached the BLACK LINE without heavy loss, and were then about 100 strong. The BLACK LINE was then a good trench. At 3.0 a.m. Battalion retired to the ditch trench in U.S.b. and remained there until relieved (early morning June 9th). The 10 Platoons came out of the fight 70 or 80 strong.

44TH BATTALION.

The 44th Battalion was on the night of June 7th attached to 10th Brigade for operations and at 11 p.m. on the night of June 7th/8th they were ordered to proceed from Reserve in CATACOMBS and retake the GREEN LINE North of the DOUVE. The Battalion marched up HEATH Trench and ONLY WAY, crossed NO MAN'S LAND and entered old front line about PETIT DOUVE Farm. They proceeded across country south of ULNA Avenue, and deployed at SCHNITZEL Farm, taking their line by the trees of BETLHEEM. The order was - C Coy. to take UNCANNY Trench; B Coy. to leapfrog them and take UNCANNY Support, and the trench junctions at UNCANNY CORNER; A Coy. to take the GREEN LINE on the right, and link up with a Company of the 40th Bn. which was supposed to be on the GREEN LINE just North of the DOUVE. D Coy. was in reserve, but half of D Coy. was detailed to swing in to the right of A in case the Company of the 40th should not be in the position North of the DOUVE where they were expected.

At 3.30 a.m. C Coy. went forward and reached UNCANNY Trench. They began digging in on a line almost due South of SEPTIEME BARN from about U.4.a.5.5. to U.4.a.4.1. At this time the 48th Battalion on their left had not made touch and as the left flank of C Coy. was in the air, B Coy. was ordered to form a defensive flank which bent back from C Coy's left almost due west towards the BLACK LINE. Meanwhile A Coy. made good the line on the right from C Coy's right flank from a distance of about 500 yards south. The half of D Coy. already detailed came out from BETLHEEM FARM (the reserve position) and established on A Coy's right flank down to DOUVE Bridge. This position was maintained till about 1 p.m. on June 8th, when patrols reported that the 48th Bn. had got up to OWL Trench. B Coy. then swung round from their defensive flank and connected with the 48th near SEPTIEME BARN.

During the night of June 8th/9th the 48th on the left apparently went forward into OWL Support, Patrols of the 44th reported their situation there with right flank in the air at about 10 a.m. on June 9th. At noon B Coy. were ordered to advance to UNCANNY Support and connect up with the 48th, and C Coy. to swing round half right and join up with B. This position was successfully established by 4.30 p.m. Patrols put a block forward in UNDULATING Trench where the track crosses it at about U.4.c.8.7. During the night June 9th/10th a Patrol worked down UNDULATING Trench to about U.4.d.00.35 and reported Southern end strongly held by the enemy. A patrol from the right flank which went out south of UNGODLY AVENUE were driven back by rifle and machine gun fire. The original GREEN LINE, however, was established during June 10th, and on the night of June 10th/11th the Battalion was relieved on it by the 43rd, in small parties under heavy enemy bombardment.

On the afternoon of June 8th at about 4 p.m. considerable numbers of the enemy were seen massing for counter-attack between GAPAARD and STEIGNAST Farm, but they were smashed by our barrage. On the following afternoon there were evidences of enemy massing in the little copse in U.11.a. but these also were dispersed.

At about 5 p.m. on June 9th B Coy. was obliged temporarily to withdraw from the GREEN LINE by our own barrage which was short. An hour later however on our Artillery lengthening they returned to it. On the evening of June 10th at about 7 p.m. the Coys. on the right flank had similarly to retire for about 150 yards because our Heavy Artillery was falling short. After they had retired some of our heavy rounds fell still shorter and they retired again almost to the BLACK LINE. They returned however to the GREEN LINE about an hour later.

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42ND BATTALION.

At 1 a.m. on night of June 8th/9th the Battalion received orders to take over BLACK LINE from the 10th Brigade and clear up the situation between BLACK and GREEN LINES. The Battalion marched from CATACOMBS up the MESSINES Road to the enemy old front line. A and C Companies moved overland south of SCHNITZEL Farm, B Coy. North of SCHNITZEL Farm and D Coy. into Reserve in the ditch between ULNA Avenue and the DOUVE previously consolidated by 39th and 40th Battalions.

A Coy. took over from the River DOUVE to the SUNKEN Road U.3.d.65.10.

B Coy. took over the line left of A up to hedge corner U.3.d.8.6.

C Coy. took over remainder up to boundary with Left Division just South of WHITE SPOT SOTTAGE. This was about 3.30 a.m. June 8th/9th. There was a slow fire of 15cm. shell going on at the time, which ceased about an hour later. The fire was directed principally on SCHNITZEL and BETLHEEM Farms.

The Battalion continued organising the BLACK LINE which was completed to 6 ft. deep, fire-stepped and revetted all along. There were good fire-bays. Strong points were established at

U.3.b.75.00.

U.3.d.65.50.

U.3.d.65.30.

U.9.b.5.9.

These were in good order by the afternoon of June 9th.

From 4.30 to 8 a.m. June 9th enemy fire was very quiet. There was some intermittent shelling up to early afternoon. At 3 p.m. a very heavy enemy fire opened and lasted until about 4 a.m. June 10th. UNGODLY Trench and BETLHEEM Farm, also the DOUVE VALLEY, were especially bombarded.

By 5 p.m. June 9th wire had been put out in front of BLACK LINE to a depth of about 12 ft. with tracks through it.

A captured enemy Machine Gun with 2,000 rounds of ammunition was installed at U.9.b.45.95. and used against the enemy. 8 Vickers guns were set up along the BLACK LINE.

Enemy bombardment continued all day on June 10th and during the night of June 10th/11th. The morning of June 11th was quiet, but at noon bombardment was resumed and lasted with short intervals throughout the night.

Battalion was relieved on the night of June 11th/12th by the 4th Australian Division. Casualties during the three days were about 200.

During the night of June 10th/11th patrols were sent out along the middle line from SEPTIEME BARN to the DOUVE Bridge.

Each morning and evening (about 4 a.m. and 8.30 p.m.) enemy aeroplanes flew at about 300 feet over the BLACK LINE spotting for Artillery fire and on at least one occasion firing into our trenches with his machine gun. There was no interference with this by our aeroplanes. The Battalion directed heavy fire on these aeroplanes with machine guns and Lewis guns and it could be seen that his wings were riddled with bullets but otherwise the fire appeared to have no effect.

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43RD BATTALION.

The 43rd Battalion relieved 44th at about 10 p.m. June 10th/11th.

While A and C Coys. were relieving the 44th, D and B Coys. were ordered at 11 p.m. to the attack on UNDULATING Trench. One Platoon of D on the left was detailed to take the collection of houses at U.4.b.2.3. The other 3 Platoons and the whole of B Coy. were to assault UNDULATING Trench and establish Lewis Gun posts beyond. There was a strong communication trench not shown on the map running from about U.4.d.5.7. to about U.4.c.95.30. UNDULATING Trench was taken without much difficulty by 12.30 a.m. and blocks were made forward of it in the communication trench just mentioned, in another communication trench parallel with it about 200 yards to the North, and in UNDULATING Support at about U.4.b.0.1. Lewis Gun posts were established at U.4.c.9.8. and U.4.d.2.1. The Platoon of D Coy. on the left was unable to take the houses for which it was detailed owing to the fact that both our barrage and the enemy's was on this spot. On the next day (June 11th) a patrol from A Coy. found a large number of our dead belonging to 37th and 38th Battalions in these ruins. These men must have got out beyond our barrage on the first day of the battle and been unable to return.

Communication trenches were dug on June 11th from about U.4.c.9.4. to U.4.c.4.4., and from about U.4.c.8.7. to U.4.c.75.55. By the morning of June 11th UNDULATING Trench was cleared to 6 ft. deep, traversed, and fire-stepped, down to the DOUVE, where touch was made with the 9th Brigade. 2 Lewis Guns were captured from the enemy in this trench during the night and a 7.7 cm. gun was found on the DOUVE at U.10.b.10.95. A Battery of abandoned guns of the same calibre could be seen in STEIGNAST Farm, but were not firing. The enemy however was still in this place, for several machine guns opened fire during the morning from the Farm upon one of our aeroplanes.

The Artillery barrage during the night's operation was excellent.

On the morning of June 11th patrols reported UNDULATING Support as far as U.4.d.7.4. to be unoccupied by the enemy.

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41ST BATTALION.

41st Battalion was in reserve throughout the battle in our old lines.

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All the Battalions of the 9th Brigade on their way up to the assembly trenches suffered severely through enemy gas shelling. Only one Battalion reached its assembly trenches with good time to spare before the attack — the 35th. This Battalion, which wore its gas masks throughout, got through the approach march without any casualties at all, and attribute this to the valuable reconnaissance work done on the practice approach march on "Y" night, when all four Companies marched up through an enemy gas shell bombardment, but only one Company succeeded in reaching the assembly trenches.

11.

35TH BATTALION.

The 35th Battalion assembled between ONTARIO and TORONTO Avenues, and were drawn up for the assault in the order B Coy. C Coy. D Coy. from right to left. A Coy. was carrying. During the approach march they had considerable difficulty under enemy fire from DELENELLE Farm onwards. They had assembled, however, at 2 a.m. without casualties. The Battalion was intended to go over in two waves but assaulted actually in only one. The men were rather over-eager and some of them ran into our own barrage. D Coy. on the left went over NO MAN'S LAND in gas masks. The enemy barrage was on our old front line and did not come down until the Battalion was well across. The enemy did not put up any severe resistance in his front line system, and heavy casualties were caused to him by the bombing of dugouts found there.

The Battalion reached its objective on the site of the BLACK DOTTED LINE and dug in on it. They also dug communication trench from ULSTER AVENUE back towards the enemy old front line at about U.5.a.7.7.

The Battalion remained on the BLACK DOTTED LINE digging until relieved on the night of June 9th/10th by the 36th Battalion. From the afternoon of June 7th onwards enemy shell fire was especially heavy along the BLACK DOTTED LINE and in rear of it, and the Battalion suffered rather heavy casualties.

By 4 a.m. on the morning of June 10th the Battalion was back in BUNHILL ROW and at 2.30 a.m. on June 10th/11th it relieved the 33rd Battalion in the sector immediately south. At daybreak on June 11th the Battalion had established a post at FUZE COTTAGE, but later the post was withdrawn from this point to about 200 yards further back along the same road at U.10.d.15.30. During the following night (June 11th/12th) a patrol established a post at U.16.b.7.9. The enemy were in occupation of KNOLL 30 with machine guns.

The Battalion was relieved by New Zealand Division during the night of June 12th/13th.

P. T. O.

12.

34TH BATTALION.

The 34th Battalion had 40 casualties on the approach march owing to gas and the last Company reached the assembly trenches just in time to take part in the assault. The order of the assault was from right to left, C Coy. B Coy. A Coy.— with A Coy. on ANTON'S FARM. Half of D Coy. was on the right of C, and half was kept in reserve for the assault on the GREEN LINE. The Battalion got over NO MAN'S LAND ahead of the enemy barrage and met with very little resistance in the enemy front line system. All enemy dugouts were bombed and their occupants killed or wounded. During the advance towards GREY FARM system there was some distant machine gun fire from the front, probably from GREY FARM, but damage caused was slight. The BLACK LINE was reached by 4.15 a.m. There was practically no resistance in GREY FARM and ULSTER RESERVE, as our men got into the works there smartly behind our barrage. Four machine guns were captured in this position.

The BLACK LINE was consolidated without interference by enemy shell fire, which seemed to be directed mainly on GREY FARM, the BLACK DOTTED LINE, and on carrying parties in the rear.

By 7.20 a.m. the BLACK LINE was about two-thirds complete, and by the morning of June 8th was a continuous trench sandbagged, and fire-stepped. At 7.45 a.m. June 7th the enemy could be seen assembling in POTTERIE FARM and also just east of the MESSINES Road in U.10.a. Stokes Mortars, however, dispersed them. They looked like new troops as their uniforms were bright and clean.

The attack on the GREEN LINE by D Coy. was timed originally for 1.10 p.m. The order depaying the new ZERO did not reach these troops until late. The Officer in charge of the operation waited until 1.30 p.m. and then failing our Artillery barrage which he expected, he moved out without it to the site of the GREEN LINE and commenced digging in along it. The Company continued organising this line while the delayed attack on the GREEN LINE on their Left continued shortly afterwards.

During the night of June 7th/8th an enemy party attempted to advance towards GREY FARM from POTTERIE direction but were dispersed by rifle and machine gun fire.

Shelling on the BLACK LINE was not heavy until the afternoon of June 8th. During the morning of June 8th an enemy aeroplane reconnoitred the line flying very low. Enemy bombardment of the BLACK LINE was very heavy throughout the day of June 9th.

At intervals on June 7th/8th some of our 6" howitzers were firing short and caused a number of casualties. One gun that was particularly short seemed to be directing its fire on TILLEUL FARM.

The Battalion was relieved on night of June 9th/10th by the 36th Battalion.

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36TH BATTALION.

The 36th Battalion relieved the 34th and 35th Battalions in the sector immediately South of the DOUVE on the night of June 9th/10th. The Battalion took over the line with C, D, and A Companies from Right to Left, and B Coy. in reserve. During the same night forward posts were established on the MESSINES road at U.10.a.3.1. and U.10.c.4.7.

At 11 p.m. on the night of June 10th/11th under a heavy 18-pdr barrage 200 men left the GREEN LINE to the assault of POTTERIE FARM Trenches. Their objective was the line from the DOUVE down to about U.10.c.9.9. Just prior to the hour when our men left the trenches a heavy enemy barrage came down on our parapet in response to red light signals which began at a point on the DOUVE and followed along the whole POTTERIE System. The assaulting party was disorganised for a moment, but quickly recovered and got forward up to our barrage. The POTTERIE LINE, North of POTTERIE FARM, was held by Bavarians (elements of the 9th Bavarian I.R. principally), but POTTERIE FARM itself was held by a Company of the 1st Guard R.I.R. The Bavarians put up a poor fight, and what was left of them fled after the first encounter back towards CROIX FARM. The Garrison of POTTERIE FARM itself came out from the North evidently to offer resistance but were caught under our Lewis Gun fire from the parapet of UNCERTAIN Trench and practically annihilated. The Battalion established four strong posts forward of UNCERTAIN Support at U.10.a.85.78, U.10.a.90.50, U.10.b.05.10., U.10.d.15.90. The Officer in charge reconnoitred UNCERTAIN Support as far down as U.10.d.0.7., where, not finding connection with assaulting troops from the right, he put in a block.

A half-hearted counter-attack was attempted on these POTTERIE FARM posts by the enemy shortly before dawn, but was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. Enemy shelling on POTTERIE FARM was heavy throughout the day of June 11th. On the afternoon enemy aeroplanes flew over POTTERIE FARM and the BLACK LINE at a height of about 1,000 ft. The men had orders for this emergency to conceal themselves, and it is considered that owing to this precaution the enemy aeroplanes did not detect the location of our advanced posts, which afterwards remained practically immune from bombardment. During June 12th enemy shelling was severe especially in the afternoon, but enemy Batteries did not appear to have the range of the Farm.

Prior to the attack on POTTERIE FARM at about 6 p.m. June 10th, while our Heavy Artillery was bombarding the Farm, one gun appeared to be shooting very short, and shells

began falling on our own trenches in the BLACK LINE. The Heavy Artillery lengthened on request but one gun was still short and a shell from it completely knocked out a Lewis Gun Team in the Northern post on the MESSINES Road.

P.T.O.

The Battalion was relieved on the night of

June 12th/13th.

P.T.O.

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33RD BATTALION.

The 33rd Battalion assembled between ST. YVES and the North of LONE HOUSE AVENUE. Two Companies were in position by 2.50 a.m. (20 minutes prior to ZERO hour); but one Company did not get into the assembly trenches until just as the mines went up, and another Company, which arrived just in time to join the assault, was never in the assembly trenches at all. The delay on the march up was due to Gas-Shelling by the enemy and the bad state of the trenches, particularly HAYMARKET. The assault went over in some confusion but the Companies quickly righted themselves on reaching the enemy front line. The order of the assault from right to left was D, C, and B Coys. with A Coy. in reserve. Ten minutes after ZERO the right Company was digging in on the BLACK LINE, and a little later the whole of the BLACK LINE was established. By noon the trench was about 4 ft. deep in localities. The Battalion had some opportunity of bayonet work in the enemy front and support lines but the enemy generally surrendered readily. The only disturbance on the right flank was from one machine gun a little to the south-east of ULTIMO LANE, but this was put out of action by bombing. There was no enemy shelling on the BLACK LINE until about 4 hours after ZERO. An enemy aeroplane at about 6 a.m. flying at 500 ft. up evidently detected the Battalion's location.

Enemy shell fire during the day of June 7th was limited almost entirely to a 15 cm. Battery firing from near DEULEMONT. A heavy bombardment, however, began at about 7 p.m. and lasted with intervals throughout the ensuing 48 hours. By the end of the second day the trench here was dug to 6 ft. deep, linked up, and fire-stepped. A support line was dug to connect with LONE HOUSE AVENUE from a point in the old enemy support trench about U.15.b.65.60. At 2 p.m. on June 9th a post was established of 25 men in THATCHED COTTAGE at 11 p.m. on the same night another post 15 strong was installed in the house on ASH AVENUE, U.10.c.5.3. A field gun was captured in the ASH AVENUE house.

At 11 p.m. under Artillery barrage an organised attack was made on the trenches south of POTTERIE FARM in conformity with the operations of the 36th Battalion on POTTERIE FARM, North trenches. The attack on the front of the 33rd Battalion met with little opposition, and posts were established in UNCERTAIN Support at U.10.d.1.6. and at FUZE COTTAGE. The latter post was afterwards withdrawn about 150 yards in rear.

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Appendix No 12

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Please read this as following notes from 35th Battalion :- (43)

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"By 4.0 a.m. on the morning of the 10th of June, the Battalion was back in BUNHILL ROW, with the object of getting a few hours rest before relieving the 33rd Battalion in the ST YVES SECTOR, Black Line.

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Little or no rest was obtained in BUNHILL ROW owing to the large quantity of test gas shells falling in the vicinity causing the men great discomfort.

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We commenced to relieve the 33rd Battalion early in the night 10th /11th June, but owing to enemy activity and the barrage being put down on our old front line and Bosche old front line a great deal of time was lost awaiting an opportunity to get through. Eventually we relieved the 33rd Battalion by 2.30 a.m.

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During the night that we relieved the 33rd Battalion it was arranged to take over two posts that they were to capture and consolidate in the vicinity of FUZE COTTAGE. We succeeded in relieving No. 2 Post, which was located in shell holes at U.10.d.10.30. Towards daybreak a patrol from this Post entered FUZE COTTAGE.

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The following night this post was reinforced, touch was gained with the 36th Battalion on the left, and another post was pushed out and established in the enemy trenches in the vicinity of U.16.b.55.95. The post located enemy Machine Guns in position on Hill 30, and some enemy posts 300 yards to their front.

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The Battalion was relieved by the New Zealand Division during the night of 12th/13th June, 1917."